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## CORRECT SINGULAR PERTURBATIONS OF THE LAPLACE OPERATOR

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**Abstract.** The work is devoted to the study of the Laplace operator when the potential is a singular generalized function and plays the role of a singular perturbation of the Laplace operator. Abstract theorem obtained earlier by B.N. Biyarov and G.K. Abdrasheva can be applied in this case. The main purpose of the paper is studying the related spectral problems. Singular perturbations for differential operators have been studied by many authors for the mathematical substantiation of solvable models of quantum mechanics, atomic physics, and solid state physics. In all those cases, the problems were self-adjoint. In this paper, we consider non-self-adjoint singular perturbation problems. A new method has been developed that allows investigating the considered problems.

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## 1 Introduction

Let us present some definitions, notation, and terminology.

In a Hilbert space  $H$ , we consider a linear operator  $L$  with domain  $D(L)$  and range  $R(L)$ . By the *kernel* of  $L$  we mean the set

$$\text{Ker } L = \{f \in D(L) : Lf = 0\}.$$

**Definition 1.** An operator  $L$  is called a *restriction* of an operator  $L_1$ , and  $L_1$  is called an *extension* of  $L$ , briefly  $L \subset L_1$ , if:

- 1)  $D(L) \subset D(L_1)$ ,
- 2)  $Lf = L_1f$  for all  $f$  from  $D(L)$ .

**Definition 2.** A linear closed operator  $L_0$  in a Hilbert space  $H$  is called *minimal* if there exists the bounded inverse operator  $L_0^{-1}$  on  $R(L_0)$  and  $R(L_0) \neq H$ .

**Definition 3.** A linear closed operator  $\widehat{L}$  in a Hilbert space  $H$  is called *maximal* if  $R(\widehat{L}) = H$  and  $\text{Ker } \widehat{L} \neq \{0\}$ .

**Definition 4.** A linear closed operator  $L$  in a Hilbert space  $H$  is called *correct* if there exists the bounded inverse operator  $L^{-1}$  defined on the whole space  $H$ .

**Definition 5.** We say that a correct operator  $L$  in a Hilbert space  $H$  is a *correct extension* of a minimal operator  $L_0$  (a *correct restriction* of a maximal operator  $\widehat{L}$ ) if  $L_0 \subset L$  ( $L \subset \widehat{L}$ ).



**Definition 6.** We say that a correct operator  $L$  in a Hilbert space  $H$  is a *boundary correct* extension of a minimal operator  $L_0$  with respect to a maximal operator  $\widehat{L}$  if  $L$  is simultaneously a correct restriction of the maximal operator  $\widehat{L}$  and a correct extension of the minimal operator  $L_0$ , that is,  $L_0 \subset L \subset \widehat{L}$ .

Let  $\widehat{L}$  be a maximal linear operator in a Hilbert space  $H$ , let  $L$  be any known correct restriction of  $\widehat{L}$ , and let  $K$  be an arbitrary linear bounded (in  $H$ ) operator satisfying the following condition:

$$R(K) \subset \text{Ker } \widehat{L}.$$

Then the operator  $L_K^{-1}$  defined by the formula (see [10])

$$L_K^{-1}f = L^{-1}f + Kf \quad (1.1)$$

describes the inverse operators to all possible correct restrictions  $L_K$  of  $\widehat{L}$ , i.e.,  $L_K \subset \widehat{L}$ .

Let  $L_0$  be a minimal operator in a Hilbert space  $H$ , let  $L$  be any known correct extension of  $L_0$ , and let  $K$  be a linear bounded operator in  $H$  satisfying the conditions

- a)  $R(L_0) \subset \text{Ker } K$ ,
- b)  $\text{Ker } (L^{-1} + K) = \{0\}$ ,

then the operator  $L_K^{-1}$  defined by formula (1.1) describes the inverse operators to all possible correct extensions  $L_K$  of  $L_0$  (see [10]).

Let  $L$  be any known boundary correct extension of  $L_0$ , i.e.,  $L_0 \subset L \subset \widehat{L}$ . The existence of at least one boundary correct extension  $L$  was proved by Vishik in [12]. Let  $K$  be a linear bounded (in  $H$ ) operator satisfying the conditions

- a)  $R(L_0) \subset \text{Ker } K$ ,
- b)  $R(K) \subset \text{Ker } \widehat{L}$ ,

then the operator  $L_K^{-1}$  defined by formula (1.1) describes the inverse operators to all possible boundary correct extensions  $L_K$  of  $L_0$  (see [10]).

**Definition 7.** A bounded operator  $A$  in a Hilbert space  $H$  is called *quasinilpotent* if its spectral radius is zero, that is, the spectrum consists of the single point zero.

**Definition 8.** An operator  $A$  in a Hilbert space  $H$  is called a *Volterra operator* if  $A$  is compact and quasinilpotent.

**Definition 9.** A correct restriction  $L$  of a maximal operator  $\widehat{L}$  ( $L \subset \widehat{L}$ ), a correct extension  $L$  of a minimal operator  $L_0$  ( $L_0 \subset L$ ) or a boundary correct extension  $L$  of a minimal operator  $L_0$  with respect to a maximal operator  $\widehat{L}$  ( $L_0 \subset L \subset \widehat{L}$ ), will be called *Volterra* if the inverse operator  $L^{-1}$  is a Volterra operator.

**Definition 10.** A densely defined closed linear operator  $A$  in a Hilbert space  $H$  is called *formally normal* if

$$D(A) \subset D(A^*), \quad \|Af\| = \|A^*f\| \quad \text{for all } f \in D(A).$$

**Definition 11.** A formally normal operator  $A$  is called *normal* if

$$D(A) = D(A^*).$$

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we present some results for correct restrictions and extensions [4] which are used in Section 3.

Let  $L_0$  be some minimal operator, and let  $M_0$  be another minimal operator related to  $L_0$  by the equation  $(L_0 u, v) = (u, M_0 v)$  for all  $u \in D(L_0)$  and  $v \in D(M_0)$ . Then  $\widehat{L} = M_0^*$  and  $\widehat{M} = L_0^*$  are maximal operators such that  $L_0 \subset \widehat{L}$  and  $M_0 \subset \widehat{M}$ . The existence of at least one boundary correct extension  $L$  was proved by Vishik in [12], that is,  $L_0 \subset L \subset \widehat{L}$ . In this case,  $L^*$  is a boundary correct extension of the minimal operator  $M_0$ , that is,  $M_0 \subset L^* \subset \widehat{M}$ . The inverse operators to all possible correct restrictions  $L_K$  of the maximal operator  $\widehat{L}$  have the form (1.1), then  $D(L_K)$  is dense in  $H$  if and only if  $\text{Ker}(I + K^* L^*) = \{0\}$ . Thus, it is obvious that any correct extension  $M_K$  of  $M_0$  is the adjoint of some correct restriction  $L_K$  with a dense domain, and vice versa [2]. Finally, all possible correct extensions  $M_K$  of  $M_0$  have inverses of the form

$$M_K^{-1} f = (L_K^*)^{-1} f = (L^*)^{-1} f + K^* f, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $K$  is an arbitrary bounded linear operator in  $H$  with  $R(K) \subset \text{Ker } \widehat{L}$  such that

$$\text{Ker}(I + K^* L^*) = \{0\}.$$

It is also clear that  $R(M_0) \subset \text{Ker } K^*$ . In particular,  $M_K$  is a boundary correct extension of  $M_0$  if and only if  $R(M_0) \subset \text{Ker } K^*$  and  $R(K^*) \subset \text{Ker } \widehat{M}$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $L$  be a densely defined correct restriction of the maximal operator  $\widehat{L}$  in a Hilbert space  $H$ . Then the operator  $KL$  is bounded on  $D(L)$  (that is,  $\overline{KL}$  is bounded in  $H$ ) if and only if*

$$R(K^*) \subset D(L^*).$$

*Proof.* Let  $R(K^*) \subset D(L^*)$ . Then, by virtue of  $(KL)^* = L^* K^*$ , we have that  $\overline{KL}$  is bounded in  $H$ , where  $\overline{KL}$  is the closure of the operator  $KL$  in  $H$ . Here we have used the boundedness of the operator  $L^* K^*$ . Then the operator  $KL$  is bounded on  $D(L)$ . Conversely, let  $KL$  be bounded on  $D(L)$ . Then  $\overline{KL}$  is bounded on  $H$ , by virtue of  $(KL)^* = (\overline{KL})^*$  and that  $(KL)^*$  is defined on the whole space  $H$ . Then the operator  $K^*$  transfers any element  $f$  in  $H$  to  $D(L^*)$ . Indeed, for any element  $g$  of  $D(L)$  we have

$$(Lg, K^* f) = (KLg, f) = (g, (KL)^* f).$$

Therefore,  $K^* f$  belongs to the domain  $D(L^*)$ . □

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $L_K$  be a densely defined correct restriction of the maximal operator  $\widehat{L}$  in a Hilbert space  $H$ . Then  $D(L^*) = D(L_K^*)$  if and only if  $R(K^*) \subset D(L^*) \cap D(L_K^*)$ , where  $L$  and  $K$  are the operators from representation (1.1).*

*Proof.* If  $D(L^*) = D(L_K^*)$ , then from representation (1.1) we easily get

$$R(K^*) \subset D(L^*) \cap D(L_K^*) = D(L^*) = D(L_K^*)$$

Let us prove the converse. If

$$R(K^*) \subset D(L^*) \cap D(L_K^*),$$

then we obtain

$$(L_K^*)^{-1} f = (L^*)^{-1} f + K^* f = (L^*)^{-1} (I + L^* K^*) f, \quad (2.2)$$

$$(L^*)^{-1} f = (L_K^*)^{-1} f - K^* f = (L_K^*)^{-1} (I - L_K^* K^*) f, \quad (2.3)$$

for all  $f$  in  $H$ . It follows from (2.2) that  $D(L_K^*) \subset D(L^*)$ , and taking into account (2.3) this implies that  $D(L^*) \subset D(L_K^*)$ . Thus  $D(L^*) = D(L_K^*)$ . □

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $L_K$  be any densely defined correct restriction of the maximal operator  $\widehat{L}$  in a Hilbert space  $H$ . If  $R(K^*) \subset D(L^*)$  and  $\overline{KL}$  is a compact operator in  $H$ , then*

$$D(L^*) = D(L_K^*).$$

*Proof.* Compactness of  $\overline{KL}$  implies compactness of  $L^*K^*$ . Then  $R(I + L^*K^*)$  is a closed subspace in  $H$ . It follows from the dense definiteness of  $L_K$  that  $R(I + L^*K^*)$  is a dense set in  $H$ . Hence  $R(I + L^*K^*) = H$ . Then from equality (2.2) we get  $D(L^*) = D(L_K^*)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** *If  $R(K^*) \subset D(L^*) \cap D(L_K^*)$ , then bounded operators  $I + L^*K^*$  and  $I - L_K^*K^*$  from (2.2) and (2.3), respectively, have a bounded inverse defined on  $H$ .*

*Proof.* By virtue of the density of the domains of the operators  $L_K^*$  and  $L^*$  it follows that the operators  $I + L^*K^*$  and  $I - L_K^*K^*$  are invertible. Since from (2.2) and (2.3) we have  $\text{Ker}(I + L^*K^*) = \{0\}$  and  $\text{Ker}(I - L_K^*K^*) = \{0\}$ , respectively. From representations (2.2) and (2.3) we also note that  $R(I + L^*K^*) = H$  and  $R(I - L_K^*K^*) = H$ , since  $D(L^*) = D(L_K^*)$ . The inverse operators  $(I + L^*K^*)^{-1}$  and  $(I - L_K^*K^*)^{-1}$  of the closed operators  $I - L_K^*K^*$  and  $I + L^*K^*$ , respectively, are closed. Then the closed operators  $(I + L^*K^*)^{-1}$  and  $(I - L_K^*K^*)^{-1}$ , defined on the whole of  $H$ , are bounded.  $\square$

Under the assumptions of Lemma 2.3 the operators  $KL$  and  $KL_K$  will be (see [3]) restrictions of the bounded operators  $\overline{KL}$  and  $\overline{KL_K}$ , respectively, where the bar denotes the closure of operators in  $H$ . Thus  $(I - L_K^*K^*)^{-1} = I + L^*K^*$  and  $(I - \overline{KL_K})^{-1} = I + \overline{KL}$ .

Next we consider the following statement.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $L_K$  be a densely defined correct restriction of the maximal operator  $\widehat{L}$  in a Hilbert space  $H$ . If  $R(K^*) \subset D(L^*) \cap D(L_K^*)$ , where  $L$  and  $K$  are the operators in representation (1.1), then*

- 1) *the operator  $B_K = (I + \overline{KL})L_K$  is relatively bounded correct perturbations of correct restriction  $L_K$  and the spectra of the operators  $B_K$  and  $L$  coincide, that is,  $\sigma(B_K) = \sigma(L)$ ;*
- 2) *the operator  $L$  is a quasinilpotent (the Volterra) boundary correct extension of  $L_0$ , and  $B_K$  is a quasinilpotent (the Volterra) correct operator, simultaneously;*
- 3) *if  $L$  is an operator with discrete spectrum, then the system of root vectors of  $L$  is complete (the basis) in  $H$  if and only if the system of root vectors of  $B_K$  is complete (the basis) in  $H$ ;*
- 4) *in particular, when  $L$  is a normal operator with discrete spectrum, then the system of root vectors of the operator  $B_K$  forms a Riesz basis in  $H$ .*

*Proof.* 1. Note that  $B_K^{-1} = L_K^{-1}(I - \overline{KL_K})$ , and  $(I - \overline{KL_K})L_K^{-1} = L_K^{-1} - K = L^{-1}$ . The correctness of the operator  $B_K$  is obvious. For bounded operators  $R$  and  $S$  it is known (see [1]) that  $\sigma(RS) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(SR) \setminus \{0\}$ . Thus, Statement 1) is proved.

2. Note that  $B_K^{-1} = (I - \overline{KL_K})^{-1}L^{-1}(I - \overline{KL_K})$ . It follows easily by Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3 that the operators  $I - \overline{KL_K}$  and  $(I - \overline{KL_K})^{-1}$  are bounded and defined on the whole of  $H$ . It is then obvious that the operators  $L^{-1}$  and  $B_K^{-1}$  are quasinilpotent (the Volterra), simultaneously. Statement 2) is proved.

3. From the known facts of functional analysis (see [11]) it follows that the systems root vectors of the operators  $L$  and  $B_K$  are complete (the basis), simultaneously.

4. The system of root vectors of the normal discrete correct operator  $L$  forms an orthonormal basis in  $H$ . Hence, the system of root vectors of the correct operator  $B_K$  forms a Riesz basis in  $H$ .  $\square$

**Example 1.** In the Hilbert space  $L_2(0, 1)$ , let us consider the minimal operator  $L_0$  generated by the differentiation operator

$$\widehat{L}y = y', \quad D(\widehat{L}) = W_2^1(0, 1).$$

Then

$$D(L_0) = \{y \in W_2^1(0, 1) : y(0) = y(1) = 0\}.$$

The action of the maximal operator  $\widehat{M} = L_0^*$  has the form

$$\widehat{M}v = -v', \quad D(\widehat{M}) = W_2^1(0, 1).$$

Then

$$D(M_0) = \{v \in W_2^1(0, 1) : v(0) = v(1) = 0\}.$$

As a fixed boundary correct extension  $L$  of  $L_0$  we take the operator acting as the maximal operator  $\widehat{L}$  on the domain

$$D(L) = \{y \in D(\widehat{L}) : y(0) = 0\}.$$

Then all possible correct restrictions  $L_K$  of  $\widehat{L}$  have the following inverses

$$L_K^{-1}f(x) = L^{-1}f(x) + Kf(x) = \int_0^x f(t)dt + \int_0^1 f(t)\overline{\sigma(t)}dt,$$

where  $\sigma \in L_2(0, 1)$  defines the operator  $K$ . The domain  $D(L_K)$  of  $L_K$  is defined as

$$D(L_K) = \{y \in W_2^1(0, 1) : y(0) = \int_0^1 y'(t)\overline{\sigma(t)}dt\}.$$

Then  $D(L_K)$  is not dense in  $L_2(0, 1)$  if and only if  $\sigma \in W_2^1(0, 1)$ ,  $\sigma(1) = 0$ , and  $\sigma(0) = -1$ . If we exclude such  $\sigma$  from  $L_2(0, 1)$ , then there exists  $L_K^*$  which has the inverse of the form

$$(L_K^*)^{-1}g = (L_K^{-1})^*g = (L^*)^{-1}g + K^*g \quad \text{for all } g \in L_2(0, 1).$$

This is a description of inverse operators of all possible correct extensions  $L_K^*$  of  $M_0$ . Let the condition of Theorem 2.1 hold. Then  $\sigma \in W_2^1(0, 1)$ ,  $\sigma(1) = 0$ , and  $\sigma(0) \neq -1$ . Let us construct the following operators

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{KL}f &= - \int_0^1 f(t)\sigma'(t)dt, \\ \overline{KL_K}f &= - \frac{1}{1 + \sigma(0)} \int_0^1 f(t)\sigma'(t)dt. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} L_K^*v(x) &= -v'(x) + \frac{\sigma'(x)}{1 + \sigma(0)}v(0), \\ D(L_K^*) &= D(L^*) = \{v \in W_2^1(0, 1) : v(1) = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then the operator  $B_K$  has the following form

$$\begin{aligned} B_Ku(x) &= u'(x) - \int_0^1 u'(t)\overline{\sigma'(t)}dt, \\ D(B_K) &= D(L_K) = \{u \in W_2^1(0, 1) : u(0) = \int_0^1 u'(t)\overline{\sigma(t)}dt\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma \in W_2^1(0, 1)$ ,  $\sigma(1) = 0$ , and  $\sigma(0) \neq -1$ . By virtue of Theorem 2.1  $B_K$  is a Volterra correct operator. We know that for a first order differentiation operator there are no Volterra correct restrictions or correct extensions, except for the Cauchy problem at some point  $x = d$ ,  $0 \leq d \leq 1$ . However, the operator  $B_K$  is neither a correct restriction of  $\widehat{L}$  nor a correct extension of  $L_0$ . This Volterra problem is obtained by perturbation of the differentiation operator itself and the Cauchy boundary conditions, simultaneously.

**Example 2.** If in Example 1 as a fixed boundary correct operator  $L$  we take the operator  $\widehat{L}$  with the domain

$$D(L) = \{y \in W_2^1(0, 1) : y(0) + y(1) = 0\},$$

then  $L$  is a normal operator. In this case, the operator  $B_K$  has the form

$$B_K y(x) = y'(x) - \int_0^1 y'(t) \overline{\sigma'(t)} dt,$$

$$D(B_K) = \{y \in W_2^1(0, 1) : y(0) + y(1) = 2 \int_0^1 y'(t) \overline{\sigma(t)} dt\},$$

where  $\sigma(x) \in W_2^1(0, 1)$ ,  $\sigma(0) + \sigma(1) = 0$ , and  $\sigma(0) \neq -\frac{1}{2}$ . The operator  $B_K$  is correct and its system of root vectors forms a Riesz basis in  $L_2(0, 1)$ . The eigenvalues of the normal operator  $L$  and the correct operator  $B_K$  coincide.

**Corollary 2.2.** *The results of Theorem 2.1 are also valid for the operator*

$$B_K^* = L_K^*(I + L^* K^*).$$

*All four statements are valid for the pair of operators  $B_K^*$  and  $L^*$ .*

**Remark 1.** The results of Examples 1–2 are also valid for the operator  $B_K^*$ , which has the form

$$B_K^* v(x) = -\frac{d}{dx} [v(x) - \sigma'(x) \int_0^1 v(t) dt],$$

$$D(B_K^*) = \{v \in L_2(0, 1) : v(x) - \sigma'(x) \int_0^1 v(t) dt \in D(L^*)\},$$

where  $\sigma \in W_2^1(0, 1)$ ,  $\sigma(1) = 0$ , and  $\sigma(0) \neq -1$ , in the case of Example 1, and

$$\sigma \in W_2^1(0, 1), \quad \sigma(0) + \sigma(1) = 0,$$

and  $\sigma(0) \neq -\frac{1}{2}$ , in the case of Example 2.

We recall that the conditions  $\sigma(0) \neq -1$  and  $\sigma(0) \neq -\frac{1}{2}$  provide the density of the domain  $D(L_K)$  in  $H$ .

The latest results that are closely related to our area of study one may find in [6]–[9]. In these papers singular perturbations of the Laplace operator were investigated. There the method of Green's function was used. They studied various spectral properties of the singular perturbations of Laplace operator.

In this paper, we study correct singular perturbations of the Laplace operator in explicit form by using Theorem 2.1.

### 3 Main results

In the Hilbert space  $L_2(\Omega)$ , where  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  with an infinitely smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ , let us consider the minimal  $L_0$  and maximal  $\widehat{L}$  operators generated by the Laplace operator

$$-\Delta u = -\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_2^2} + \cdots + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_m^2}\right). \quad (3.1)$$

The closure  $L_0$ , in the space  $L_2(\Omega)$  of Laplace operator (3.1) with the domain  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ , is *the minimal operator corresponding to the Laplace operator*. The operator  $\widehat{L}$ , adjoint to the minimal operator  $L_0$  corresponding to Laplace operator, is *the maximal operator corresponding to the Laplace operator* (see [5]). Note that

$$D(\widehat{L}) = \{u \in L_2(\Omega) : \widehat{L}u = -\Delta u \in L_2(\Omega)\}.$$

Denote by  $L_D$  the operator, corresponding to the Dirichlet problem with the domain

$$D(L_D) = \{u \in W_2^2(\Omega) : u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0\}.$$

Then, by virtue of (1.1), the inverse operators  $L^{-1}$  to all possible correct restrictions of the maximal operator  $\widehat{L}$  corresponding to the Laplace operator (3.1) have the following form:

$$L^{-1}f = L_D^{-1}f + Kf,$$

where, by virtue of (1.1),  $K$  is an arbitrary linear operator bounded in  $L_2(\Omega)$  with

$$R(K) \subset \text{Ker } \widehat{L} = \{u \in L_2(\Omega) : -\Delta u = 0\}.$$

Then the operator  $L$  is determined by

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{L}u &= -\Delta u, \\ D(L) &= \{u \in D(\widehat{L}) : [(I - K\widehat{L})u]|_{\partial\Omega} = 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $I$  is the identity operator in  $L_2(\Omega)$ . There are no other linear correct restrictions of the operator  $\widehat{L}$  (see [2]). The operators  $(L^*)^{-1}$ , corresponding to the adjoint operators  $L^*$

$$(L^*)^{-1}g = L_D^{-1}g + K^*g,$$

describe the inverse operators to all possible correct extensions of  $L_0$  if and only if  $K$  satisfies the condition (see [2])

$$\text{Ker } (I + K^*L^*) = \{0\}.$$

Note that the last condition is equivalent to  $\overline{D(L)} = L_2(\Omega)$ .

By applying Theorem 2.1 to this particular case we have

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let the operator  $K$  have the form*

$$Kf(x) = \omega(x) \iint_{\Omega} f(\xi) \overline{g(\xi)} d\xi, \quad x, \xi \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m,$$

where  $\omega$  is a harmonic function in  $L_2(\Omega)$ ,  $g \in L_2(\Omega)$ , and

$$K^*f(x) = g(x) \iint_{\Omega} f(\xi) \overline{\omega(\xi)} d\xi.$$

If  $K$  satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 2.1, then  $g \in W_2^2(\Omega)$ ,  $g(x)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$ ,

$$\iint_{\Omega} (\Delta g)(\xi) \overline{\omega(\xi)} d\xi \neq 1,$$

and the correct operator

$$B_K u(x) = -\Delta u(x) - \omega(x) \iint_{\Omega} (\Delta u)(\xi) (\Delta \bar{g})(\xi) d\xi,$$

$$D(B_K) = \left\{ u \in W_2^2(\Omega) : (u(x) + \omega(x) \iint_{\Omega} (\Delta u)(\xi) \overline{g(\xi)} d\xi) |_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \right\}$$

describes a relatively bounded perturbation of  $L$  which has the same eigenvalues as the Dirichlet operator  $L_D$ .

The system of root vectors of  $B_K$  forms a Riesz basis in  $L_2(\Omega)$ . Moreover, if  $\{v_k\}$  is an orthonormal system of eigenfunctions of  $L_D$  (Dirichlet problem), then the system of eigenvectors  $\{u_k\}$  of  $B_K$  has the form

$$u_k(x) = ((I + \overline{KL})v_k)(x) = v_k(x) + \omega(x) \iint_{\Omega} v_k(\xi) (\Delta \bar{g})(\xi) d\xi, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Consider a more visual case when  $m = 2$ , that is,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . To do this, we define the operator  $K$  by using the function  $g$  constructed in the following way. Let  $x^{(k)} = (x_1^{(k)}, x_2^{(k)}) \in \Omega$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  be points lying strictly inside the closed domain  $\overline{\Omega}$ . We take a holomorphic function  $F(z) \in L_2(\Omega)$  in the domain  $\Omega$  such that  $F(z_k) = 0$ , where  $z_k = x_1^{(k)} + ix_2^{(k)}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , with multiplicities  $m_k$ . As functions  $g(x_1, x_2)$  we take the solution of the following Dirichlet problem

$$-(\Delta g)(x) = \ln |F(z)|, \quad g|_{\partial\Omega} = 0. \quad (3.2)$$

Then, in a neighborhood of the point  $z$  where  $F(z) \neq 0$  there is an analytic branch  $\Phi(z)$  of the function  $\ln F$ , hence  $\ln |F| = \operatorname{Re} \Phi$  is a harmonic function. In a neighborhood of  $z_k$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= (z - z_k)^{m_k} \Phi(z), \\ \ln |F(z)| &= m_k \ln |z - z_k| + \ln |\Phi(z)|, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Phi(z_k) \neq 0$ ,  $k = \overline{1, n}$ . Then by Theorem 3.3.2 of [5] and the harmonicity of the function  $\ln |\Phi(z)|$  we get

$$(\Delta \ln |F|)(x) = 2\pi m_k \delta(x - x^{(k)})$$

in this neighborhood. We verify the assumptions of Theorem 2.1, taking into account that  $\Omega$  and

$$Kf(x) = w(x) \iint_{\Omega} f(\xi) \overline{g(\xi)} d\xi, \quad x \in \Omega,$$

where  $w$  is a harmonic function from  $L_2(\Omega)$  and  $g$  is a solution of the Dirichlet problem (3.2). Then  $g \in W_2^2(\Omega)$ ,  $g(x)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$ , and

$$\iint_{\Omega} \ln |F(\zeta)| \overline{w(\xi)} d\xi \neq 1,$$

where  $\zeta = \xi_1 + i\xi_2$  and  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2)$ . If we denote by  $T$  the following bounded operator in  $L_2(\Omega)$

$$Tu(x) = w(x) \int_{\partial\Omega} \left[ \frac{\partial u(\xi)}{\partial n} \ln |F(\zeta)| - u(\xi) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \ln |F(\zeta)| \right] ds,$$

we get the following

$$B_K u(x) = -(\Delta u)(x) + 2\pi w(x) \sum_{k=1}^n m_k u(x^{(k)}) - (Tu)(x),$$

where  $x^{(k)} = (x_1^{(k)}, x_2^{(k)}) \in \Omega$ . The domain of the operator  $B_K$  has the form

$$D(B_K) = \left\{ u \in W_2^2(\Omega) : \left[ u(x) + w(x) \int_{\partial\Omega} u(\xi) \frac{\partial \ln |F(\zeta)|}{\partial n} ds - w(x) \iint_{\Omega} u(\xi) \ln |F(\zeta)| d\xi \right] \Big|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \right\}.$$

We have obtained a relatively bounded perturbation  $B_K$  of  $L_D$  which has the same eigenvalues as the operator  $L_D$ . The system of root vectors of  $B_K$  forms a Riesz basis in  $L_2(\Omega)$ . If  $\{v_k\}$  is an orthonormal system of eigenfunctions of  $L_D$ , then the system of eigenfunctions  $\{u_k\}$  of  $B_K$  has the form

$$u_k(x) = ((I + \overline{KL})v_k)(x) = v_k(x) + w(x) \iint_{\Omega} v_k(\xi) \ln |\overline{F(\zeta)}| d\xi, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus, we have constructed a singular perturbation of the Dirichlet problem for the Laplace operator with a basic system of root vectors. This perturbation is a correct non-self-adjoint operator with real spectrum, which is not a restriction of the maximal operator  $\widehat{L}$  and is not an extension of the minimal operator  $L_0$ .

Using the properties of subharmonic functions, one can obtain a similar result in the case  $m > 2$ .



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