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ABSTRACT. This paper studies impulsive dynamic Sturm-Liouville boundary value problems. The existence of a countably infinite set of eigenvalues and eigenfunctions is proved and a uniformly convergent expansion formula in the eigenfunctions is established.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

This paper deals with one-dimensional impulsive dynamic Sturm-Liouville problems

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} -y^{\Delta\nabla}(\zeta) + q(\zeta)y(\zeta) = \lambda y(\zeta), & \zeta \in (a, d) \cup (d, b), \\ y(a) - h_1 y^\nabla(a) = 0, \\ y(d-) = \eta y(d+), \\ y^\nabla(d-) = \frac{1}{\eta} y^\nabla(d+), \\ y(b) + h_2 y^\nabla(b) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Here  $\mathbb{T}$  is a time scale,  $I_1 := [a, d)$ ,  $I_2 := (d, b]$ ,  $-\infty < a < d < b < +\infty$ ,  $I := I_1 \cup I_2$ ,  $I \subset \mathbb{T}$ ,  $\lambda$  is a complex eigenvalue parameter,  $h_1 > 0$ ,  $h_2 > 0$ ,  $\eta > 0$  and  $q$  is a real-valued continuous function on  $I$ . We will show that the boundary value problem (1.1) has a countably infinite set of eigenvalues and eigenfunctions. Moreover, a uniformly convergent eigenfunction expansion is obtained for this problem. Eigenfunction expansions are

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intensively researched not only for solving partial differential equations with the Fourier method, but also because they are important for spectral theory (see [1, 3, 4, 6–14]).

Guseinov [6] investigated the uniform convergence of eigenfunction expansions for the Sturm-Liouville problem defined as

$$\begin{aligned} -y^{\Delta\nabla}(\zeta) &= \lambda y(\zeta), \quad \zeta \in (a, b) \\ y(a) &= y(b) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

on the time scale in 2007. Then Huseynov and Bairamov [7] obtained similar results for the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} -[p(\zeta)y^\Delta(\zeta)]^\nabla + q(\zeta)y(\zeta) &= \lambda y(\zeta), \quad \zeta \in (a, b), \\ y(a) - h_1 y^{[\Delta]}(a) &= 0, \\ y(b) + h_2 y^{[\Delta]}(b) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The difference in this work from the previous ones is that it deals with the problem of impulsive boundary conditions.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

Firstly, we assume that the reader is familiar with the basic facts of time scales (see [5]). Now, we consider the following boundary value problem (BVP)

$$\begin{aligned} (2.1) \quad (Ly)(\zeta) &:= -y^{\Delta\nabla}(\zeta) + q(\zeta)y(\zeta) \\ &= \lambda y(\zeta), \quad \zeta \in (a, d) \cup (d, b) \end{aligned}$$

with the boundary conditions

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} y(a) - h_1 y^\nabla(a) &= 0, \\ y(b) + h_2 y^\nabla(b) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and impulsive conditions

$$(2.3) \quad y(d-) = \eta y(d+),$$

$$(2.4) \quad y^\nabla(d-) = \frac{1}{\eta} y^\nabla(d+),$$

where  $\mathbb{T}$  is the time scale,  $h_1 > 0$ ,  $h_2 > 0$ ,  $\eta > 0$ ,  $I_1 := [a, d)$ ,  $I_2 := (d, b]$ ,  $-\infty < a < d < b < +\infty$ ,  $I := I_1 \cup I_2$ ,  $I \subset \mathbb{T}$ ,  $\lambda$  is a complex eigenvalue parameter,  $q$  is a real-valued continuous function on  $I$ ,  $d \in \mathbb{T}$  is a regular point for  $L$ , one-sided limits  $q(d\pm)$  exist and are finite.

Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be a time scale. The forward jump operator  $\sigma : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  is defined by

$$\sigma(t) = \inf \{s \in \mathbb{T} : s > t\}, \quad t \in \mathbb{T}$$

and the backward jump operator  $\rho : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  is defined by

$$\rho(t) = \sup \{s \in \mathbb{T} : s < t\}, \quad t \in \mathbb{T}.$$

If  $\sigma(t) > t$ , we say that  $t$  is right scattered, while if  $\rho(t) < t$ , we say that  $t$  is left scattered. Also, if  $t < \sup \mathbb{T}$  and  $\sigma(t) = t$ , then  $t$  is called right dense, and if  $t > \inf \mathbb{T}$  and  $\rho(t) = t$ , then  $t$  is called left-dense. Some function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{T}$  is said to be  $\Delta$ -differentiable at some point  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  if there exists a number  $f^\Delta(t)$  such that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a neighborhood  $U \subset \mathbb{T}$  of  $t$  such that

$$|f(\sigma(t)) - f(s) - f^\Delta(t)(\sigma(t) - s)| \leq \varepsilon|\sigma(t) - s|, \quad s \in U.$$

Analogously one may define the notion of  $\nabla$ -differentiability of some function using the backward jump  $\rho$ .

$H = L^2(I_1) \dot{+} L^2(I_2)$  is a Hilbert space endowed with the following inner product

$$\langle \psi, \omega \rangle := \int_a^d \psi^{(1)} \overline{\omega^{(1)}} \Delta \zeta + \int_d^b \psi^{(2)} \overline{\omega^{(2)}} \Delta \zeta,$$

where

$$\psi(\zeta) = \begin{cases} \psi^{(1)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in I_1 \\ \psi^{(2)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in I_2, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\omega(\zeta) = \begin{cases} \omega^{(1)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in I_1 \\ \omega^{(2)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in I_2. \end{cases}$$

Let

$$\mathcal{T} : \mathcal{D} \subset H \rightarrow H, \quad \mathcal{T}y = Ly, \quad y \in \mathcal{D},$$

where

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ y \in H : \begin{array}{l} y \in \Delta\text{-}AC(I), \\ y^\Delta \in \nabla\text{-}AC(I), \\ y(d^\pm) \text{ exist and are finite,} \\ y(a) - h_1 y^\nabla(a) = 0, \\ y(b) + h_2 y^\nabla(b) = 0, \\ y(d^-) = \eta y(d^+), \\ y^\nabla(d^-) = \frac{1}{\eta} y^\nabla(d^+) \\ Ly \in H \end{array} \right\}.$$

Then, for  $y, z \in \mathcal{D}$ , we have

$$(2.5) \quad \int_a^b Ly \bar{z} \Delta \zeta - \int_a^b y \overline{Lz} \Delta \zeta = [y, z]_{d^-} - [y, z]_a + [y, z]_b - [y, z]_{d^+},$$

where

$$[y, z]_\zeta = y(\zeta)z^\nabla(\zeta) - z^\nabla(\zeta)y(\zeta), \quad (\zeta \in I).$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *The operator  $\mathcal{T}$  is a positive self-adjoint in  $H$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $y, z \in \mathcal{D}$ . It follows from conditions (2.2)-(2.4) and (2.5) that

$$(2.6) \quad \langle \mathcal{T}y, z \rangle = \langle y, \mathcal{T}z \rangle.$$

Since  $\mathcal{D}$  is a dense subset in  $H$ , we see that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a self-adjoint operator.

Let

$$y(\zeta) = \begin{cases} y^{(1)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in I_1 \\ y^{(2)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in I_2, \end{cases} \quad y \in \mathcal{D}.$$

Then we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{T}y, y \rangle &= \int_a^d \left[ - \left[ y^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \right]^\nabla + q(\zeta) y^{(1)}(\zeta) \right] \overline{y^{(1)}(\zeta)} \Delta\zeta \\ &\quad + \int_d^b \left[ - \left[ y^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \right]^\nabla + q(\zeta) y^{(2)}(\zeta) \right] \overline{y^{(2)}(\zeta)} \Delta\zeta \\ &= \int_a^d - \left[ y^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \right]^\nabla \overline{y^{(1)}(\zeta)} \Delta\zeta + \int_a^d q(\zeta) \left| y^{(1)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta \\ &\quad + \int_d^b - \left[ y^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \right]^\nabla \overline{y^{(2)}(\zeta)} \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b q(\zeta) \left| y^{(2)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta \\ &= - \int_a^d \left[ y^{(1)\Delta}(\rho(\zeta)) \right]^\Delta \overline{y^{(1)}(\zeta)} \Delta\zeta + \int_a^d q(\zeta) \left| y^{(1)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta \\ &\quad - \int_d^b \left[ y^{(2)\Delta}(\rho(\zeta)) \right]^\Delta \overline{y^{(2)}(\zeta)} \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b q(\zeta) \left| y^{(2)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta \\ &= - \left[ y^{(1)\Delta}(\rho(d-)) \overline{y^{(1)}(d-)} \right] + \left[ y^{(1)\Delta}(a) \overline{y^{(1)}(a)} \right] \\ &\quad - \left[ y^{(2)\Delta}(\rho(b)) \overline{y^{(2)}(b)} \right] + \left[ y^{(2)\Delta}(d+) \overline{y^{(2)}(d+)} \right] \\ &\quad + \int_a^d \left| y^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta + \int_a^d q(\zeta) \left| y^{(1)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta \\ &\quad + \int_d^b \left| y^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b q(\zeta) \left| y^{(2)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta \\ &= h_1 \left| y^{(1)\Delta}(a) \right|^2 + h_2 \left| y^{(2)\Delta}(\rho(b)) \right|^2 \\ &\quad + \int_a^d \left| y^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta + \int_a^d q(\zeta) \left| y^{(1)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta \\ &\quad + \int_d^b \left| y^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b q(\zeta) \left| y^{(2)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta \\ &> 0, \end{aligned}$$

since  $h_1, h_2 > 0$  and  $q(\zeta) \geq 0$  for  $\zeta \in I$ . □

Let

$$u(\zeta) = \begin{cases} u^{(1)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in I_1 \\ u^{(2)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in I_2 \end{cases}$$

and

$$\chi(\zeta) = \begin{cases} \chi^{(1)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in I_1 \\ \chi^{(2)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in I_2 \end{cases}$$

be solutions of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} -[y^\Delta(\zeta)]^\nabla + q(\zeta)y(\zeta) &= 0, \\ y(d-) = \eta y(d+), \quad y^\nabla(d-) &= \frac{1}{\eta}y^\nabla(d+), \end{aligned}$$

satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} u^{(1)}(a) &= h_1, \quad u^{(1)\nabla}(a) = 1, \\ \chi^{(2)}(b) &= -h_2, \quad \chi^{(2)\nabla}(b) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.2.** *Since  $\mathcal{T}$  is the positive operator and positive operators have positive eigenvalues, zero is not an eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{T}$ .*

**Definition 2.3** ([5]). The  $\Delta$ -Wronskian of the functions  $y$  and  $z$  is defined by the formula

$$W_\Delta(y, z) := yz^\Delta - zy^\Delta.$$

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let*

(2.7)

$$G(\zeta, t) = -\frac{1}{W_\Delta(u, \chi)} \begin{cases} u(\zeta)\chi(t), & a \leq \zeta \leq t \leq b, \zeta \neq d, t \neq d, \\ u(t)\chi(\zeta), & a \leq t \leq \zeta \leq b, \zeta \neq d, t \neq d. \end{cases}$$

*Then  $G(\zeta, t)$  is a  $\Delta$ -Hilbert-Schmidt kernel, i.e.,*

$$\int_a^d \int_a^d |G(\zeta, t)|^2 \Delta\zeta \Delta t < \infty, \quad \int_d^b \int_d^b |G(\zeta, t)|^2 \Delta\zeta \Delta t < \infty.$$

*Proof.* By (2.7), we deduce that

$$\int_a^d \Delta\zeta \int_a^d |G(\zeta, t)|^2 \Delta t < \infty, \quad \int_d^b \Delta\zeta \int_d^b |G(\zeta, t)|^2 \Delta t < \infty$$

since  $u(\cdot)\chi(\cdot) \in H \times H$ . Then, we find

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_a^d \int_a^d |G(\zeta, t)|^2 \Delta\zeta \Delta t &< \infty, \\ \int_d^b \int_d^b |G(\zeta, t)|^2 \Delta\zeta \Delta t &< \infty. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.5** ([10]). *Let  $A$  be an operator defined as*

$$A\{\zeta_i\} = \{y_i\},$$

where  $i \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and

$$(2.9) \quad y_i = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{ik} \zeta_k.$$

If

$$(2.10) \quad \sum_{i,k=1}^{\infty} |a_{ik}|^2 < \infty$$

then  $A$  is compact in  $l^2$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $K : H \rightarrow H$  be an operator defined as*

$$(2.11) \quad (Kf)(\zeta) = \begin{cases} \int_a^d G(\zeta, \gamma) f^{(1)}(\gamma) \Delta\gamma, & \zeta \in [a, d), \\ \int_d^b G(\zeta, \gamma) f^{(2)}(\gamma) \Delta\gamma, & \zeta \in (d, b], \end{cases}$$

where

$$f(\zeta) = \begin{cases} f^{(1)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in [a, d), \\ f^{(2)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in (d, b], \end{cases} \quad y \in H.$$

Then  $K$  is a compact operator.

*Proof.* Let  $\{\phi_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ , be a complete, orthonormal basis of  $H$ , where

$$\phi_i = \phi_i(\zeta) = \begin{cases} \phi_i^{(1)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in [a, d), \\ \phi_i^{(2)}(\zeta), & \zeta \in (d, b]. \end{cases}$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_i &= \langle f, \phi_i \rangle \\ &= \int_a^d f^{(1)}(\zeta) \overline{\phi_i^{(1)}(\zeta)} \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b f^{(2)}(\zeta) \overline{\phi_i^{(2)}(\zeta)} \Delta\zeta, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} y_i &= \langle g, \phi_i \rangle \\ &= \int_a^d g^{(1)}(\zeta) \overline{\phi_i^{(1)}(\zeta)} \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b g^{(2)}(\zeta) \overline{\phi_i^{(2)}(\zeta)} \Delta\zeta, \end{aligned}$$

also

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ik} &= \int_a^d \int_a^d G(\zeta, t) \overline{\phi_i^{(1)}(\zeta)} \phi_k^{(1)}(t) \Delta\zeta \Delta t \\ &\quad + \int_d^b \int_d^b G(\zeta, t) \overline{\phi_i^{(2)}(\zeta)} \phi_k^{(2)}(t) \Delta\zeta \Delta t, \quad i, k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $H$  is mapped isometrically  $l^2$ .  $K$  transforms into  $A$  in  $l^2$ . By Theorem 2.5, we conclude that  $A$  is compact. Hence,  $K$  is compact.  $\square$

Since  $K = \mathcal{T}^{-1}$ , the completeness of the system of all eigenfunctions of  $\mathcal{T}$  is equivalent to the completeness of the system of all eigenfunctions of  $K$ . From the Hilbert-Schmidt theorem, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.7.** *For the BVP (2.1)-(2.4), there exists an orthonormal basis  $\{\psi_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $H$ . For  $f \in H$ , we get*

$$(2.12) \quad f(\zeta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \psi_k(\zeta),$$

where

$$c_k = \langle f, \psi_k \rangle, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Thus, we have

$$(2.13) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int_a^d \left| f^{(1)}(\zeta) - \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \psi_k^{(1)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta \\ + \int_d^b \left| f^{(2)}(\zeta) - \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \psi_k^{(2)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta \end{array} \right\} = 0,$$

Moreover, it follows from (2.13) that

$$(2.14) \quad \int_a^d \left| f^{(1)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b \left| f^{(2)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k|^2.$$

The main result of the article is the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $f, f^\nabla : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous functions on  $I$ , one-sided limits  $f(d^\pm), f^\nabla(d^\pm)$  exist and are finite and satisfying (2.2)-(2.4). Then the series*

$$(2.15) \quad f(\zeta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \psi_k(\zeta),$$

where

$$c_k = \langle f, \psi_k \rangle, \quad k \in \mathbb{N},$$

converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $I$ .

*Proof.* Let

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{aligned} S(y) &:= h_1 \left| y^{(1)\Delta}(a) \right|^2 + h_2 \left| y^{(2)\Delta}(\rho(b)) \right|^2 \\ &+ \int_a^d \left| y^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta + \int_a^d q(\zeta) \left| y^{(1)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta \\ &+ \int_d^b \left| y^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b q(\zeta) \left| y^{(2)}(\zeta) \right|^2 \Delta\zeta, \end{aligned}$$



and  $S(y) \geq 0$ . If we take

$$y = f(\zeta) - \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \psi_k(\zeta)$$

in (2.16), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & S \left( f(\zeta) - \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \psi_k(\zeta) \right) \\ &= h_1 \left[ f^{(1)\Delta}(a) - \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(a) \right]^2 + h_2 \\ & \quad \times \left[ f^{(2)\Delta}(\rho(b)) - \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \left( \psi_k^{(2)\Delta}(b) \right) \right]^2 \\ & \quad + \int_a^d \left( f^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) - \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \right)^2 \Delta\zeta \\ & \quad + \int_d^b \left( f^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) - \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \psi_k^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \right)^2 \Delta\zeta \\ & \quad + \int_a^b q(\zeta) \left( f^{(1)}(\zeta) - \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \psi_k^{(1)}(\zeta) \right)^2 \Delta\zeta \\ & \quad + \int_d^b q(\zeta) \left( f^{(2)}(\zeta) - \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \psi_k^{(2)}(\zeta) \right)^2 \Delta\zeta \\ &= h_1 \left[ f^{(1)\Delta}(a) \right]^2 + h_2 \left[ f^{(2)\Delta}(\rho(b)) \right]^2 \\ & \quad - 2 \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \begin{bmatrix} -h_1 f^{(1)\Delta}(a) \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(a) \\ -h_2 f^{(2)\Delta}(\rho(b)) \psi_k^{(2)\Delta}(b) \end{bmatrix} \\ & \quad - \sum_{k,m=1}^N c_k c_m \begin{bmatrix} -h_1 \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(a) \psi_m^{(1)\Delta}(a) \\ -h_2 \psi_k^{(2)\Delta}(b) \psi_m^{(2)\Delta}(b) \end{bmatrix} \\ & \quad + \int_a^d (f^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta))^2 \Delta\zeta + \int_a^d q(\zeta) f^{(1)2}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \\ & \quad + \int_d^b (f^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta))^2 \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b q(\zeta) f^{(2)2}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2 \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \left[ \int_a^d f^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b f^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \psi_k^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \right] \\
& -2 \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \left[ \int_a^d q(\zeta) f^{(1)}(\zeta) \psi_k^{(1)}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b q(\zeta) f^{(2)}(\zeta) \psi_k^{(2)}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \right] \\
& + \sum_{k,m=1}^N c_k c_m \left[ \int_a^d \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \psi_m^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b \psi_k^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \psi_m^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \right] \\
& + \sum_{k,m=1}^N c_k c_m \left[ \int_a^d q(\zeta) \psi_k^{(1)}(\zeta) \psi_m^{(1)}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b q(\zeta) \psi_k^{(2)}(\zeta) \psi_m^{(2)}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Applications of (2.2)-(2.4) and integration by parts yield

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_a^d \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) f^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta + \int_a^d q(\zeta) f^{(1)}(\zeta) \psi_k^{(1)}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \\
& + \int_d^b \psi_k^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) f^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b q(\zeta) f^{(2)}(\zeta) \psi_k^{(2)}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \\
& = \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(\rho(d-)) f^{(1)}(d-) - \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(a) f^{(1)}(a) \\
& + \psi_k^{(2)\Delta}(\rho(b)) f^{(2)}(b) - \psi_k^{(2)\Delta}(d+) f^{(2)}(d+) \\
& - \int_a^d f^{(1)}(\zeta) \left( \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \right)^\nabla \Delta\zeta - \int_d^b f^{(2)}(\zeta) \left( \psi_k^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \right)^\nabla \Delta\zeta \\
& + \int_a^d q(\zeta) f^{(1)}(\zeta) \psi_k^{(1)}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b q(\zeta) f^{(2)}(\zeta) \psi_k^{(2)}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \\
& = -h_2 f^{(2)\nabla}(b) \psi_k^{(2)\nabla}(b) - h_1 f^{(1)\nabla}(a) \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(a) \\
& + \int_a^d f^{(1)}(\zeta) \left[ - \left( \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \right)^\nabla + q(\zeta) \psi_k^{(1)}(\zeta) \right] \Delta\zeta \\
& + \int_d^b f^{(2)}(\zeta) \left[ - \left( \psi_k^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \right)^\nabla + q(\zeta) \psi_k^{(2)}(\zeta) \right] \Delta\zeta \\
& = -h_2 f^{(2)\nabla}(b) \psi_k^{(2)\nabla}(b) - h_1 f^{(1)\nabla}(a) \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(a) + \lambda_k c_k,
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_a^d \psi_k^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \psi_m^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b \psi_k^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \psi_m^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \\
& + \int_a^d q(\zeta) \psi_k^{(1)}(\zeta) \psi_m^{(1)}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b q(\zeta) \psi_k^{(2)}(\zeta) \psi_m^{(2)}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \\
& = \psi_m^{(1)\Delta}(\rho(d-)) \psi_k^{(1)}(d-) + \psi_m^{(2)\Delta}(\rho(b)) \psi_k^{(2)}(b)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\psi_m^{(1)\Delta}(a)\psi_k^{(1)}(a) - \psi_m^{(2)\Delta}(d+)\psi_k^{(2)}(d+) \\
& + \int_a^d \psi_k^{(1)}(\zeta) \left[ -\left(\psi_m^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta)\right)^\nabla + q(\zeta)\psi_m^{(1)}(\zeta) \right] \Delta\zeta \\
& + \int_d^b \psi_k^{(2)}(\zeta) \left[ -\left(\psi_m^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta)\right)^\nabla + q(\zeta)\psi_m^{(2)}(\zeta) \right] \Delta\zeta \\
& = \psi_k^{(2)}(b)\psi_m^{(2)\nabla}(b) - \psi_k^{(1)}(a)\psi_k^{(1)\nabla}(a) \\
& + \lambda_k \left[ \int_a^d \psi_k^{(1)}(\zeta)\psi_m^{(1)}(\zeta)\Delta\zeta + \int_d^b \psi_k^{(2)}(\zeta)\psi_m^{(2)}(\zeta)\Delta\zeta \right] \\
& = -h_1\psi_k^{(2)\nabla}(b)\psi_m^{(2)\nabla}(b) - h_2\psi_k^{(1)\nabla}(a)\psi_m^{(1)\nabla}(a) + \lambda_k\delta_{km},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\delta_{km} := \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } k = m, \\ 0, & \text{if } k \neq m. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
S \left( f(\zeta) - \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \psi_k(\zeta) \right) &= h_1 \left[ f^{(1)\Delta}(a) \right]^2 + h_2 \left[ f^{(2)\Delta}(\rho(b)) \right]^2 \\
&+ \int_a^d (f^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta))^2 \Delta\zeta + \int_a^d q(\zeta) f^{(1)2}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \\
&+ \int_d^b (f^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta))^2 \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b q(\zeta) f^{(2)2}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \\
&- \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k c_k^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we find

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.17) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k c_k^2 &\leq h_1 \left[ f^{(1)\Delta}(a) \right]^2 + h_2 \left[ f^{(2)\Delta}(\rho(b)) \right]^2 \\
&+ \int_a^d (f^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta))^2 \Delta\zeta + \int_a^d q(\zeta) f^{(1)2}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta \\
&+ \int_d^b (f^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta))^2 \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b q(\zeta) f^{(2)2}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta.
\end{aligned}$$

since  $S$  is nonnegative for all  $N$ . Thus, the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k c_k^2$$

follows.

Now, we shall prove that the series

$$(2.18) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k \psi_k(\zeta)|$$

is uniformly convergent on  $I$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}\psi_k = \lambda_k \psi_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we obtain

$$\psi_k(\zeta) = \lambda_k (\mathcal{T}^{-1}\psi_k)(\zeta) = \lambda_k \langle G(\zeta, t), \psi_k \rangle, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

If we rewrite the series (2.18), we see that

$$(2.19) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k \psi_k(\zeta)| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k |c_k \Upsilon_k(\zeta)|,$$

where

$$\Upsilon_k(\zeta) = \langle G(\zeta, t), \psi_k \rangle, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

This can be regarded as the Fourier coefficients of  $G(\zeta, t)$  as a function of  $t$ . It follows from (2.17) that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k \Upsilon_k^2(\zeta) &\leq h_1 \left[ G^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta, a) \right]^2 + h_2 \left[ G^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta, \rho(b)) \right]^2 \\ &\quad + \int_a^d (G^{(1)\Delta}(\zeta, t))^2 \Delta t + \int_a^d q(t) G^{(1)2}(\zeta, t) \Delta t \\ &\quad + \int_d^b (G^{(2)\Delta}(\zeta, t))^2 \Delta t + \int_a^b q(t) G^{(2)2}(\zeta, t) \Delta t. \end{aligned}$$

Since all the functions appearing under the integral sign are bounded, we infer that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k \Upsilon_k^2(\zeta) \leq C,$$

where  $C$  is a constant. Applying the Cauchy–Schwartz inequality to (2.19), we obtain

$$(2.20) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} \lambda_k |c_k \Upsilon_k(\zeta)| &\leq \sqrt{\sum_{k=n}^{n+m} \lambda_k c_k^2} \sqrt{\sum_{k=n}^{n+m} \lambda_k \Upsilon_k^2(\zeta)} \\ &\leq \sqrt{C} \sqrt{\sum_{k=n}^{n+m} \lambda_k c_k^2}. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.17) and (2.20), the series (2.18) is uniformly convergent on  $I$ . Since

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \psi_k(\zeta) \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k \psi_k(\zeta)|,$$

the series (2.15) is also uniformly convergent on  $I$ .

Let

$$(2.21) \quad f_1(\zeta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \psi_k(\zeta).$$

Then, for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we obtain

$$\int_a^d f_1^{(1)}(\zeta) \psi_k^{(1)}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta + \int_d^b f_1^{(2)}(\zeta) \psi_k^{(2)}(\zeta) \Delta\zeta = c_k$$

due to the series (2.21) is uniformly convergent on  $I$ . Therefore, the Fourier coefficients of  $f$  and  $f_1$  are the same. From (2.14), we find  $f - f_1 = 0$ , since the Fourier coefficients of  $f - f_1$  are zero. This finishes the proof.  $\square$

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