

ASYMPTOTIC FORMULAS FOR EIGENVALUES OF A HILL'S EQUATION
WITH PIECEWISE CONSTANT COEFFICIENT

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we obtain the asymptotic formulas for eigenvalues of a Hill's equation with piecewise constant coefficient.

1. Introduction

Let us consider the differential equation

$$-y'' + q(x)y = \lambda r(x)y, \quad (-\infty < x < \infty), \quad (1.1)$$

where λ is a complex parameter, $q(x)$ is real valued function with period $\omega > 0$, and for positive constants α , β and fixed point $a \in (0, \omega)$ $r(x)$ is defined by

$$r(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha^2, & \text{if } 0 < x \leq a, \\ \beta^2, & \text{if } a < x \leq \omega. \end{cases}$$

Following [1; 2; 5; 6] we first present some necessary facts about Hill's equation. We consider the periodic

$$\begin{cases} -y'' + q(x)y = \lambda r(x)y & 0 \leq x \leq \omega, \\ y(0) = y(\omega), \quad y'(0) = y'(\omega) \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

and the semi-periodic (or anti-periodic)

$$\begin{cases} -y'' + q(x)y = \lambda r(x)y & 0 \leq x \leq \omega, \\ y(0) = -y(\omega), \quad y'(0) = -y'(\omega) \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

boundary value problems associated with the equation (1.1).

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Let $\theta(x, \lambda)$ and $\varphi(x, \lambda)$ be solutions of the equation (1.1) satisfying the initial conditions

$$\theta(0, \lambda) = 1, \quad \theta'(0, \lambda) = 0; \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(0, \lambda) = 0, \quad \varphi'(0, \lambda) = 1 \quad (1.4)$$

respectively. We define the Hill discriminant of the equation (1.1) by the function

$$F(\lambda) = \theta(\omega, \lambda) + \varphi'(\omega, \lambda). \quad (1.5)$$

Thus the eigenvalues of the periodic boundary value problem (1.2) coincide with the roots of $F(\lambda) = 2$ and also the eigenvalues of the anti-periodic boundary value problem (1.3) coincide with the roots of $F(\lambda) = -2$.

Each of the problems (1.2) and (1.3) has a countably infinite number of real eigenvalues with the points accumulate at $+\infty$. The eigenvalues μ_{2k}^{\pm} and μ_{2k+1}^{\pm} ($k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$) of the problem (1.2) and (1.3) respectively occur in the order

$$\dots < \mu_{-2}^{-} \leq \mu_{-2}^{+} < \mu_{-1}^{-} \leq \mu_{-1}^{+} < \mu_0^{-} \leq \mu_0^{+} < \mu_1^{-} \leq \mu_1^{+} < \mu_2^{-} \leq \mu_2^{+} < \dots$$

In the case of an even piecewise constant function $\rho(x)$ the equation (1.1) when $q(x) = 0$ was studied earlier in [4]. Guseinov and Karaca [3] have investigated the asymptotic formulas for eigenvalues of the Hill's equation (1.1) with coefficients $q(x)$ and $r(x)$ where $q(x) = 0$ and $r(x)$ is piecewise constant.

In this paper we are concerned with the cases when $q(x)$ is first arbitrary constant and later any real valued.

2. Preliminaries

We consider $\theta(x, \lambda)$ and $\varphi(x, \lambda)$ solutions of the equation (1.1) satisfying the initial conditions

$$\theta(0, \lambda) = 1, \quad \theta'(0, \lambda) = 0; \quad \varphi(0, \lambda) = 0, \quad \varphi'(0, \lambda) = 1;$$

$\theta_0(x, \lambda)$ and $\varphi_0(x, \lambda)$ solutions of the equation

$$-y'' = \lambda r(x)y \quad (0 \leq x \leq \omega) \quad (2.1)$$

satisfying the initial conditions

$$\theta_0(0, \lambda) = 1, \quad \theta_0'(0, \lambda) = 0; \quad \varphi_0(0, \lambda) = 0, \quad \varphi_0'(0, \lambda) = 1.$$

Using the method of parameter variable, the solutions of equation (1.1) can be investigated as linear combination of the solutions of equation (1.2).

These solutions verify the following integral equations;

$$\theta(x, \lambda) = \theta_0(x, \lambda) + \int_0^x [\varphi_0(x, \lambda)\theta_0(t, \lambda) - \theta_0(x, \lambda)\varphi_0(t, \lambda)]q(t)\theta(t, \lambda)dt,$$

$$\varphi(x, \lambda) = \varphi_0(x, \lambda) + \int_0^x [\varphi_0(x, \lambda)\theta_0(t, \lambda) - \theta_0(x, \lambda)\varphi_0(t, \lambda)]q(t)\varphi(t, \lambda)dt.$$

If we take $\lambda = s^2$, then we get

$$\theta(x, \lambda) = \cos s\alpha x + \int_0^x \frac{\sin s\alpha(x-t)}{s\alpha} q(t)\theta(t, \lambda)dt \quad x \in (0, a], \quad (2.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(x, \lambda) &= \cos s\alpha a \cos s\beta(x-a) - \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \sin s\alpha a \sin s\beta(x-a) \\ &+ \int_0^a \left[\frac{\cos s\beta(x-a) \sin s\alpha(a-t)}{s\alpha} + \frac{\sin s\beta(x-a) \cos s\alpha(a-t)}{s\beta} \right] q(t)\theta(t, \lambda)dt \\ &+ \int_a^x \frac{\sin s\beta(x-t)}{s\beta} q(t)\theta(t, \lambda)dt \quad x \in (a, \omega], \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$\varphi(x, \lambda) = \frac{\sin s\alpha x}{s\alpha} + \int_0^x \frac{\sin s\alpha(x-t)}{s\alpha} q(t)\varphi(t, \lambda)dt \quad x \in (0, a], \quad (2.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x, \lambda) &= \frac{\sin s\alpha a}{s\alpha} \cos s\beta(x-a) + \cos s\alpha a \frac{\sin s\beta(x-a)}{s\beta} \\ &+ \int_0^a \left[\frac{\cos s\beta(x-a) \sin s\alpha(a-t)}{s\alpha} + \frac{\sin s\beta(x-a) \cos s\alpha(a-t)}{s\beta} \right] q(t)\varphi(t, \lambda)dt \\ &+ \int_a^x \frac{\sin s\beta(x-t)}{s\beta} q(t)\varphi(t, \lambda)dt \quad x \in (a, \omega]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Using integral equations (2.2), (2.3), (2.4), (2.5) we have for $x \in (0, a]$,

$$\theta(x, \lambda) = \cos s\alpha x + O\left(\frac{e^{|\tau|\alpha x}}{|s|}\right) \quad (2.6)$$

and

$$\varphi(x, \lambda) = \frac{\sin s\alpha x}{s\alpha} + O\left(\frac{e^{|\tau|\alpha x}}{|s|}\right) \quad (2.7)$$

and for $x \in (a, \omega]$,

$$\theta(x, \lambda) = \cos s\alpha a \cos s\beta(x-a) - \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \sin s\alpha a \sin s\beta(x-a) + O\left(\frac{e^{|\tau|(\alpha a + \beta(\omega-a))}}{|s|}\right), \quad (2.8)$$

$$\varphi(x, \lambda) = \frac{\sin s\alpha a}{s\alpha} \cos s\beta(x-a) + \cos s\alpha a \frac{\sin s\beta(x-a)}{s\beta} + O\left(\frac{e^{|\tau|(\alpha a + \beta(\omega-a))}}{|s|}\right), \quad (2.9)$$

and

$$\varphi'(x, \lambda) = -\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \sin s\alpha a \sin s\beta(x-a) + \cos s\alpha a \cos s\beta(x-a) + O\left(\frac{e^{|\tau|(\alpha a + \beta(\omega - a))}}{|s|}\right). \quad (2.10)$$

Therefore, according to (2.8) and (2.10) we find the explicit formula for the Hill discriminant:

$$F(\lambda) = A \cos s\delta + B \cos s\gamma + O\left(\frac{e^{|\tau|(\alpha a + \beta(\omega - a))}}{|s|}\right), \quad (2.11)$$

where $A = 1 + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)$, $B = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)$, $\delta = \alpha a + \beta(\omega - a)$, and $\gamma = \alpha a - \beta(\omega - a)$.

From (2.11), we have the formula

$$\Phi^+(\lambda) = F(\lambda) - 2 = -2A \sin^2 \frac{s\delta}{2} - 2B \sin^2 \frac{s\gamma}{2} + O\left(\frac{e^{|\tau|(\alpha a + \beta(\omega - a))}}{|s|}\right).$$

Take

$$s = \frac{2\pi}{\delta} z. \quad (2.12)$$

Then we get

$$\Phi^+(\lambda) = \Phi^+\left(\frac{4\pi^2}{\delta^2} z^2\right) = \Phi_1^+(z), \quad (2.13)$$

where

$$\Phi_1^+(z) = -2A \sin^2 \pi z - 2B \sin^2 \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \pi z + O\left(\frac{e^{2\pi|Imz|}}{|z|}\right). \quad (2.14)$$

Further, for any natural number n define the square contour

$$\Gamma_n = \left\{z \in \mathbf{C} : |Re z| = n + \frac{1}{2}, \quad |Im z| = n + \frac{1}{2}\right\}.$$

We will use the following well-known theorem;

Theorem. [Rouché] *If $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ are analytic functions inside and on a closed contour Γ , and $|g(z)| < |f(z)|$ on Γ , then $f(z)$ and $f(z)+g(z)$ have the same number of zeros inside Γ .*

We apply the Rouché theorem by putting

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_n, \quad f(z) = -2A \sin^2 \pi z - 2B \sin^2 \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \pi z, \quad g(z) = O\left(\frac{e^{2\pi|Imz|}}{|z|}\right).$$

We need the following Lemmas proved in [3].

Lemma 1. *There is a positive number C such that*

$$|\sin \pi z| \geq Ce^{|\operatorname{Im} z|\pi}, \quad \forall z \in \Gamma_n,$$

where C does not depend on z and n .

Lemma 2. *There is a natural number n_1 such that*

$$\left| \frac{\sin \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \pi z}{\sin \pi z} \right| \leq 1, \quad \forall z \in \Gamma_n, \quad \forall n \geq n_1.$$

Using $|\frac{B}{A}| < 1$ and Lemma 2, we obtain

$$\left| \frac{B}{A} \right| \left| \frac{\sin^2 \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \pi z}{\sin^2 \pi z} \right| \leq \left| \frac{B}{A} \right| = 1 - r_0 \quad (0 < r_0 < 1). \quad (2.15)$$

Since $g(z) = O(\frac{e^{2\pi|\operatorname{Im} z|}}{|z|})$, there exists a positive number C_1 such that

$$|g(z)| \leq C_1 \frac{e^{2\pi|\operatorname{Im} z|}}{|z|}. \quad (2.16)$$

By (2.16), Lemma 1 and inequality (2.15),

$$\left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right| \leq \frac{C_2}{|z|}$$

occurs, where $C_2 = \frac{C_1}{2C^2|A|r_0}$. Since for all $z \in \Gamma_n$,

$$|z| \geq n + \frac{1}{2},$$

and there exists a natural number n_2 such that for all $n \geq n_2$,

$$C_2 < n + \frac{1}{2},$$

we have $|\frac{g(z)}{f(z)}| < 1$ for all $z \in \Gamma_n$, $n \geq n_0$, where $n_0 = \max\{n_1, n_2\}$. By Rouché's Theorem $f(z)$ and $\Phi^+(z)$ have same number of zeros on the square contour Γ_n . In [3], it has been shown that $f(z)$ has $4n+2$ zeros on the square contour Γ_n . So $\Phi^+(z)$ has $4n+2$ zeros on the same contour. Since by (2.12), $\Phi_1^+(z)$ is an even function, we can denote the zeros of $\Phi_1^+(z)$ lying inside Γ_n by

$$\pm z_{-2n}^-, \pm z_{-2n}^+, \dots, \pm z_{-2}^-, \pm z_{-2}^+, \pm z_0^-, \pm z_0^+, \pm z_2^-, \pm z_2^+, \dots, \pm z_{2n}^-, \pm z_{2n}^+.$$

We note that the zeros of $\Phi_1^+(z)$ are real in virtue of (2.12) and (2.13), since the eigenvalues of the periodic boundary value problem (1.2) are non-negative.

Similarly for $n \geq n_0 + 1$ the function $\Phi_1^+(z)$ has $4n - 2$ zeros on the square

contour Γ_{n-1} . There are four zeros between Γ_{n-1} and Γ_n . Two of them lie in the region

$$D_n = \left\{ z \in \mathbf{C} : n - \frac{1}{2} < \operatorname{Re} z < n + \frac{1}{2}, \quad |\operatorname{Im} z| < n + \frac{1}{2} \right\}.$$

Therefore, the zeros z_{2n}^- and z_{2n}^+ of $\Phi_1^+(z)$ lie in the interval $(n - \frac{1}{2}, n + \frac{1}{2})$ for $n \geq n_0 + 1$.

Now let's consider circles $C_\rho = \{z \in \mathbf{C} : |z - \dot{z}_{2n}^\mp| = \rho\}$ where ρ is any number such that $0 < \rho < \frac{1}{4}$ and $\dot{z}_{2n}^-, \dot{z}_{2n}^+$ are zeros of $f(z)$. Functions $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ are analytic on the circles and the region bounded by these circles. In order to show the inequality $|f(z)| > |g(z)|$ on these circles we need to prove that there exists a positive number M such that for all $z \in C_\rho$

$$|f(z)| \geq M\rho^2 e^{2\pi|\operatorname{Im} z|}. \quad (2.17)$$

It can be easily seen that for all $z \in C_\rho$

$$|f(z)| \geq 2|A| |\sin \pi z|^2 \left| 1 - \left| \frac{B}{A} \right| \left| \frac{\sin^2 \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \pi z}{\sin^2 \pi z} \right| \right|. \quad (2.18)$$

So it remains to show that there exists a positive number N such that for all $z \in C_\rho$

$$|\sin \pi z|^2 \geq N\rho^2 e^{2\pi|\operatorname{Im} z|} \quad (2.19)$$

and

$$\left| 1 - \left| \frac{B}{A} \right| \left| \frac{\sin^2 \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \pi z}{\sin^2 \pi z} \right| \right| \geq \varepsilon_0, \quad (2.20)$$

where ε_0 is an arbitrary positive number.

First let's show inequality (2.19). It is clear that the equality

$$|\sin \pi z|^2 = \frac{1}{4} [e^{2\pi y} + e^{-2\pi y} - 2 \cos 2\pi x].$$

holds. Let $F(y) = \frac{1}{4} [e^{2\pi y} + e^{-2\pi y} - 2 \cos 2\pi (\dot{z}_{2n}^\mp \mp \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2})]$. Since F is even, it is enough to consider $F(y)$ for all $y \in [0, \rho]$. We must show that there is a positive number K such that $F(y) \geq K\rho^2$.

Case 1: Let $x = \dot{z}_{2n}^\mp - \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2}$. Then we have

$$F(y) = \frac{1}{4} [e^{2\pi y} + e^{-2\pi y} - 2 \cos 2\pi \dot{z}_{2n}^\mp \cos 2\pi \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2} - 2 \sin 2\pi \dot{z}_{2n}^\mp \sin 2\pi \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2}].$$

Case 1.1: Let $\cos 2\pi \dot{z}_{2n}^\mp > 0$ and $\sin 2\pi \dot{z}_{2n}^\mp > 0$. Then $F'(y) > 0$. Therefore F is increasing for $y \in [0, \rho]$ and then we can find a positive number K_1 such that

$$F(y) \geq F(0) = \sin^2 \pi (\dot{z}_{2n}^\mp - \rho) \geq K_1 \rho^2.$$

Case 1.2: Let $\cos 2\pi z_{2n}^{\mp} < 0$ and $\sin 2\pi z_{2n}^{\mp} > 0$. Then we get

$$F(y) \geq \frac{1}{4}[e^{2\pi y} + e^{-2\pi y} - 2 \sin 2\pi z_{2n}^{\mp} \sin 2\pi \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2}].$$

Let

$$G(y) = \frac{1}{4}[e^{2\pi y} + e^{-2\pi y} - 2 \sin 2\pi z_{2n}^{\mp} \sin 2\pi \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2}].$$

Since $G'(y) > 0$, the inequality $G(0) \leq G(y)$ holds. On the other hand there exists a positive number K_2 such that

$$G(0) \geq \frac{1}{2}[1 - \sin 2\pi \rho] \geq K_2 \rho^2,$$

and hence we have $F(y) \geq K_2 \rho^2$.

Case 1.3: Let $\cos 2\pi z_{2n}^{\mp} < 0$ and $\sin 2\pi z_{2n}^{\mp} < 0$. Then we can find a positive number K_3 such that

$$F(y) \geq \frac{1}{2} \cosh y \geq \frac{1}{2} \geq K_3 \rho^2.$$

Case 1.4: Let $\cos 2\pi z_{2n}^{\mp} > 0$ and $\sin 2\pi z_{2n}^{\mp} < 0$. Then the inequality

$$F(y) \geq \frac{1}{4}[e^{2\pi y} + e^{-2\pi y} - 2 \cos 2\pi z_{2n}^{\mp} \cos 2\pi \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2}]$$

holds. Let

$$H(y) = \frac{1}{4}[e^{2\pi y} + e^{-2\pi y} - 2 \cos 2\pi z_{2n}^{\mp} \cos 2\pi \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2}].$$

It is easy to see that $H'(y) > 0$. Thus $H(0) \leq H(y)$. From this observation a positive number K_4 can be found such that

$$F(y) \geq H(0) \geq \sin^2 \pi \rho \geq K_4 \rho^2.$$

Take $K = \min\{K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4\}$. Then $|\sin \pi z|^2 \geq K \rho^2$.

Case 2: Let $x = z_{2n}^{\mp} + \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2}$.

Similarly one can easily show that the inequality

$$|\sin \pi z|^2 \geq K \rho^2.$$

So we get $|\sin \pi z|^2 \geq K \rho^2$ for all cases. Since

$$\frac{e^{2\pi |Imz|}}{|\sin \pi z|^2} \leq \frac{e^{\pi/2}}{K \rho^2},$$

we get the inequality

$$|\sin \pi z|^2 \geq N \rho^2 e^{2\pi |Imz|},$$

where $N = \frac{K}{e^{\pi/2}}$.

Let $k = \frac{\gamma}{\delta}$. Then we have

$$\left| \frac{\sin k\pi z}{\sin \pi z} \right|_{x=\dot{z}_{2n}^{\mp} \mp \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2}}^2 = \frac{e^{2|k|\pi y} + e^{-2|k|\pi y} - 2 \cos 2|k|\pi(\dot{z}_{2n}^{\mp} \mp \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2})}{e^{2\pi y} + e^{-2\pi y} - 2 \cos 2\pi(\dot{z}_{2n}^{\mp} \mp \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2})}.$$

Substitute

$$\frac{e^{2|k|\pi y} + e^{-2|k|\pi y} - 2 \cos 2|k|\pi(\dot{z}_{2n}^{\mp} \mp \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2})}{e^{2\pi y} + e^{-2\pi y} - 2 \cos 2\pi(\dot{z}_{2n}^{\mp} \mp \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2})}$$

for

$$\frac{e^{2\pi y\varepsilon} + e^{-2\pi y\varepsilon} - 2 \cos 2\pi\varepsilon(\dot{z}_{2n}^{\mp} \mp \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2})}{e^{2\pi y} + e^{-2\pi y} - 2 \cos 2\pi(\dot{z}_{2n}^{\mp} \mp \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2})} \quad (0 \leq y < \infty, \quad 0 \leq \varepsilon < 1).$$

Let $f(\varepsilon) = e^{2\pi y\varepsilon} + e^{-2\pi y\varepsilon} - 2 \cos 2\pi\varepsilon(\dot{z}_{2n}^{\mp} \mp \sqrt{\rho^2 - y^2})$. It is clear that the function $f(\varepsilon)$ is non-decreasing. Hence for $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$, $f(\varepsilon) \leq f(1)$. Thus for $z \in C_\rho$, we have the inequality

$$\left| \frac{\sin^2 \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \pi z}{\sin^2 \pi z} \right| \leq 1.$$

Since the inequality

$$\left| \frac{B}{A} \right| \left| \frac{\sin^2 \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \pi z}{\sin^2 \pi z} \right| \leq \left| \frac{B}{A} \right| = 1 - \varepsilon_0 \quad (0 < \varepsilon_0 < 1)$$

holds we get the inequality (2.20). Therefore by the equations (2.18), (2.19), (2.20), the inequality

$$|f(z)| \geq 2|A|\varepsilon_0 N \rho^2 e^{2\pi|Imz|}$$

holds for $z \in C_\rho$. So we obtain

$$|f(z)| \geq M \rho^2 e^{2\pi|Imz|},$$

where $M = 2|A|\varepsilon_0 N$.

Choose

$$\rho = \sqrt{\frac{2C_1}{M(n - \frac{1}{2})}}.$$

There exists a positive number m_0 such that for all $n \geq m_0$, $\rho < \frac{1}{4}$. Hence $|\frac{g(z)}{f(z)}| < 1$, for all z on these circles, $n \geq m_0$. From the Rouché theorem, $f(z)$ and $\Phi^+(z)$ have same number of zeros inside these circles. Thus the function $\Phi^+(z)$ has one zero inside the circle

$$|z - \dot{z}_{2n}^-| = \rho$$

and also has one zero inside the circle

$$|z - \dot{z}_{2n}^-| = \rho.$$

Denote these zeros by z_{2n}^- , z_{2n}^+ respectively. Let $z_{2n}^- - \dot{z}_{2n}^- = \frac{r_{2n}^-}{\sqrt{n}}$. Then inequality

$$|r_{2n}^-| < \sqrt{\frac{2C_1 n}{K(n - \frac{1}{2})}}$$

holds. Therefore $\text{Sup}|r_{2n}^-|$ is bounded above i.e. the sequence r_{2n}^- is bounded. Thus we have $z_{2n}^- = \dot{z}_{2n}^- + O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$. Since $z_{2n}^- = \frac{s_{2n}^- \delta}{2\pi}$, the equality

$$s_{2n}^- = \dot{s}_{2n}^- + O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$$

holds. So we get an asymptotic formula for eigenvalues of periodic problem.

Similarly, for antiperiodic boundary value problem, we have

$$s_{2n+1}^- = \dot{s}_{2n+1}^- + O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}).$$

Combining these two results, we get

$$s_n^- = \dot{s}_n^- + O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}).$$

Our aim is to find better asymptotic formula.

3. Special case

Let $q(x) = c$. In this case, we investigate asymptotic formula for eigenvalues of equation (1.1).

Theorem 1. *If we have $q(x) = c$, then*

$$\mu_n^- = (\dot{s}_n^-)^2 + \frac{\dot{s}_n^- c}{n\pi} \frac{1}{A \sin \dot{s}_n^- \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin \dot{s}_n^- \gamma} [A(\frac{a}{\alpha} + \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}) \sin \dot{s}_n^- \delta + B(\frac{a}{\alpha} - \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}) \sin \dot{s}_n^- \gamma] + O(\frac{1}{n^2}).$$

PROOF. When its solutions $\theta(x, \lambda)$ and $\varphi(x, \lambda)$ with initial value conditions

$$\theta(0, \lambda) = 1, \quad \theta'(0, \lambda) = 0; \quad \varphi(0, \lambda) = 0, \quad \varphi'(0, \lambda) = 1.$$

are researched, we have

$$\theta(x, \lambda) = \begin{cases} \cos s' x, & \text{if } 0 < x \leq a, \\ \cos s' a \cos s''(x - a) - \frac{s'}{s''} \sin s' a \sin s''(x - a), & \text{if } a < x \leq \omega, \end{cases}$$

$$\varphi(x, \lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin s'x}{s'}, & \text{if } 0 < x \leq a, \\ \frac{\sin s'a}{s'} \cos s''(x-a) + \cos s'a \frac{\sin s''(x-a)}{s''}, & \text{if } a < x \leq \omega, \end{cases}$$

where $\lambda\alpha^2 - c = s'^2$, $\lambda\beta^2 - c = s''^2$.

Moreover we get

$$F(\lambda) = \theta(\omega, \lambda) + \varphi'(\omega, \lambda) = 2 \cos(s'a + s''(\omega - a)) - \frac{(s' - s'')^2}{s's''} \sin s'a \sin s''(\omega - a).$$

Define

$$\Phi^+(\lambda) = F(\lambda) - 2 = -4 \sin^2\left(\frac{s'a + s''(\omega - a)}{2}\right) - \frac{(s' - s'')^2}{s's''} \sin s'a \sin s''(\omega - a).$$

Since eigenvalues of periodic problem coincide with $F(\lambda) = 2$, the equation

$$-4 \sin^2\left(\frac{s'_{2n} a + s''_{2n}(\omega - a)}{2}\right) - \frac{(s'_{2n} - s''_{2n})^2}{s'_{2n} s''_{2n}} \sin s'_{2n} a \sin s''_{2n}(\omega - a) = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

holds. Since $s_{2n}^{\mp} = \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} + \frac{1}{\delta} \delta_{2n}^{\mp}$ and $\delta_{2n}^{\mp} = O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$, we have

$$s_{2n}^{\mp} = \sqrt{(s_{2n}^{\mp})^2 \alpha^2 - c} = s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha - \frac{c}{2s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right)$$

and

$$s_{2n}^{\mp} = \sqrt{(s_{2n}^{\mp})^2 \beta^2 - c} = s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta - \frac{c}{2s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right).$$

Then the following equalities hold;

$$\sin^2\left(\frac{s'_{2n} + s''_{2n}(\omega - a)}{2}\right) = \sin^2 \frac{\dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \delta}{2} + \frac{\delta_{2n}^{\mp}}{2} \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \delta + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), \quad (3.2)$$

$$\frac{(s'_{2n} - s''_{2n})^2}{s'_{2n} s''_{2n}} = \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{\alpha \beta} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right), \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$\sin s'_{2n} a \sin s''_{2n}(\omega - a) = -\frac{1}{2} [\cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \delta - \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \gamma] + \frac{\delta_{2n}^{\mp}}{2} [\sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \delta - \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \gamma] + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right). \quad (3.4)$$

When we put the equalities (3.2), (3.3), (3.4) in the equation (3.1), we get

$$\delta_{2n}^{\mp} [A \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \gamma] = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right).$$

Since $A \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \gamma \neq 0$, we have

$$\delta_{2n}^{\mp} = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right).$$

Thus the equalities

$$\sin^2\left(\frac{s'_{2n} + s''_{2n}(\omega - a)}{2}\right) = \sin^2 \frac{s_{2n}^\mp \delta}{2} + \left[\frac{\delta_{2n}^\mp}{2} - \frac{c\delta}{8n\pi}\left(\frac{a}{\alpha} + \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}\right)\right] \sin s_{2n}^\mp \delta + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right), \quad (3.5)$$

$$\frac{(s'_{2n} - s''_{2n})^2}{s_{2n}^\mp s_{2n}^\mp} = \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{\alpha\beta} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right), \quad (3.6)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sin s_{2n}^\mp a \sin s_{2n}^\mp (\omega - a) &= -\frac{1}{2}[\cos s_{2n}^\mp \delta - \cos s_{2n}^\mp \gamma] + \frac{\delta_{2n}^\mp}{2}[\sin s_{2n}^\mp \delta - \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin s_{2n}^\mp \gamma] \\ &\quad - \frac{c\delta}{8n\pi}\left[\left(\frac{a}{\alpha} + \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}\right) \sin s_{2n}^\mp \delta - \left(\frac{a}{\alpha} - \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}\right) \sin s_{2n}^\mp \gamma\right] + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

exist. Similarly when the equalities (3.5), (3.6), (3.7) are written in equation (3.1), the equalities

$$\delta_{2n}^\mp = \frac{c\delta}{4n\pi} \frac{1}{A \sin s_{2n}^\mp \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin s_{2n}^\mp \gamma} \left[A\left(\frac{a}{\alpha} + \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}\right) \sin s_{2n}^\mp \delta + B\left(\frac{a}{\alpha} - \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}\right) \sin s_{2n}^\mp \gamma\right] + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$$

and

$$s_{2n}^\mp = s_{2n}^\mp + \frac{c}{4n\pi} \frac{1}{A \sin s_{2n}^\mp \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin s_{2n}^\mp \gamma} \left[A\left(\frac{a}{\alpha} + \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}\right) \sin s_{2n}^\mp \delta + B\left(\frac{a}{\alpha} - \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}\right) \sin s_{2n}^\mp \gamma\right] + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$$

hold. Moreover we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{2n}^\mp &= (s_{2n}^\mp)^2 = (s_{2n}^\mp)^2 + \frac{s_{2n}^\mp c}{2n\pi} \frac{1}{A \sin s_{2n}^\mp \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin s_{2n}^\mp \gamma} \left[A\left(\frac{a}{\alpha} + \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}\right) \sin s_{2n}^\mp \delta \right. \\ &\quad \left. + B\left(\frac{a}{\alpha} - \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}\right) \sin s_{2n}^\mp \gamma\right] + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for μ_{2n+1}^\mp , we can get

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{2n+1}^\mp &= (s_{2n+1}^\mp)^2 + \frac{s_{2n+1}^\mp c}{(2n+1)\pi} \frac{1}{A \sin s_{2n+1}^\mp \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin s_{2n+1}^\mp \gamma} \left[A\left(\frac{a}{\alpha} + \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}\right) \sin s_{2n+1}^\mp \delta \right. \\ &\quad \left. + B\left(\frac{a}{\alpha} - \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}\right) \sin s_{2n+1}^\mp \gamma\right] + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Combining results of $\mu_{2n}^\mp, \mu_{2n+1}^\mp$ we find the formula

$$\mu_n^\mp = (s_n^\mp)^2 + \frac{s_n^\mp c}{n\pi} \frac{1}{A \sin s_n^\mp \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin s_n^\mp \gamma} \left[A\left(\frac{a}{\alpha} + \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}\right) \sin s_n^\mp \delta + B\left(\frac{a}{\alpha} - \frac{\omega - a}{\beta}\right) \sin s_n^\mp \gamma\right] + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right). \quad \blacksquare$$

4. General case

In this section, we investigate a asymptotic formula for eigenvalues of equation (1.1).

Theorem 2. *If $q(x)$ is a real valued function with period $\omega > 0$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n^\mp &= \dot{\mu}_n^\mp + \frac{\dot{s}_n^\mp}{n\pi[A \sin \dot{s}_n^\mp \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin \dot{s}_n^\mp \gamma]} \{A[\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^a q(t)dt + \frac{1}{\beta} \int_a^\omega q(t)dt] \sin \dot{s}_n^\mp \delta \\ &+ B[\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^a q(t)dt - \frac{1}{\beta} \int_a^\omega q(t)dt] \sin \dot{s}_n^\mp \gamma \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{\beta} - \frac{\beta}{\alpha^2}) \sin \dot{s}_n^\mp \beta(\omega - a) \int_0^a \cos \dot{s}_n^\mp \alpha(a - 2t)q(t)dt \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}) \sin \dot{s}_n^\mp \alpha a \int_a^\omega \cos \dot{s}_n^\mp \beta(\omega - 2t + a)q(t)dt\} + O(\frac{1}{n^2}). \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. By the equations (2.3), (2.6), (2.8), we have the formula

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(x, \lambda) &= \frac{1}{s} \int_0^a \left[\frac{\cos s\beta(x-a) \sin s\alpha(a-t) \cos s\alpha t}{\alpha} + \frac{\sin s\beta(x-a) \cos s\alpha(a-t) \cos s\alpha t}{\beta} \right] q(t)dt \\ &+ \frac{1}{s} \int_a^x \left[\frac{\sin s\beta(x-t) \cos s\alpha a \cos s\beta(t-a)}{\beta} - \frac{\alpha \sin s\beta(x-t) \sin s\alpha a \sin s\beta(t-a)}{\beta^2} \right] q(t)dt \\ &+ \cos s\alpha a \cos s\beta(x-a) - \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \sin s\alpha a \sin s\beta(x-a) + O(\frac{1}{|s|^2}) \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

where $a < x \leq \omega$. Using the (2.5), (2.7), (2.9), the formula

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'(x, \lambda) &= \frac{1}{s} \int_0^a \left[\frac{-\beta \sin s\beta(x-a) \sin s\alpha(a-t) \sin s\alpha t}{\alpha^2} + \frac{\cos s\beta(x-a) \cos s\alpha(a-t) \sin s\alpha t}{\alpha} \right] q(t)dt \\ &+ \frac{1}{s} \int_a^x \left[\frac{\cos s\beta(x-t) \sin s\alpha a \cos s\beta(t-a)}{\alpha} + \frac{\cos s\beta(x-t) \cos s\alpha a \sin s\beta(t-a)}{\beta} \right] q(t)dt \\ &- \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \sin s\alpha a \sin s\beta(x-a) + \cos s\alpha a \cos s\beta(x-a) + O(\frac{1}{|s|^2}) \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

holds for $x \in (a, \omega]$. From the equations (4.1), (4.2), it is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} F(\lambda) &= \theta(\omega, \lambda) + \varphi'(\omega, \lambda) \\ &= A \cos s\delta + B \cos s\gamma + \frac{\sin s\alpha a \cos s\beta(\omega - a)}{s\alpha} \int_0^a q(t)dt + \frac{\cos s\alpha a \sin s\beta(\omega - a)}{s\beta} \int_a^\omega q(t)dt \\ &+ \frac{\sin s\beta(\omega - a)}{s\beta} \int_0^a [\cos s\alpha(a - t) \cos s\alpha t - \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha^2} \sin s\alpha(a - t) \sin s\alpha t] q(t)dt \\ &+ \frac{\sin s\alpha a}{s\alpha} \int_a^\omega [\cos s\beta(\omega - t) \cos s\beta(t - a) - \frac{\alpha^2}{\beta^2} \sin s\beta(\omega - t) \sin s\beta(t - a)] q(t)dt \\ &+ O(\frac{1}{|s|^2}). \end{aligned}$$

In [3], it has been shown that $F_0(\lambda) = A \cos s\delta + B \cos s\gamma$ when $q(x) = 0$.

Since the eigenvalue of periodic problem (1.2) is in the form

$$s_{2n}^{\mp} = \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} + \frac{1}{\delta} \delta_{2n}^{\mp},$$

where $\delta_{2n}^{\mp} = O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$, we get

$$F((s_{2n}^{\mp})^2) = 2, \quad \text{and} \quad F_0(\dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp})^2 = 2.$$

Thus the following formula holds,

$$\begin{aligned} F(\mu_{2n}^{\mp}) - 2 &= F_0(\dot{\mu}_{2n}^{\mp}) - 2 + \frac{\sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a)}{s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta} \int_0^a [\cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha(a - t) \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha t - \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha^2} \\ &\sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha(a - t) \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha t] q(t) dt + \frac{\sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a}{s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha} \int_a^{\omega} [\cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - t) \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(t - a) \\ &- \frac{\alpha^2}{\beta^2} \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - t) \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(t - a)] q(t) dt + \frac{\sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a)}{s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha} \int_0^a q(t) dt \\ &+ \frac{\cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a)}{s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta} \int_a^{\omega} q(t) dt + O(\frac{1}{|s_{2n}^{\mp}|^2}) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

where $\mu_{2n}^{\mp} = (s_{2n}^{\mp})^2$, $\dot{\mu}_{2n}^{\mp} = (\dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp})^2$. It is clear that

$$F_0(\dot{\mu}_{2n}^{\mp}) - 2 = -2A \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \delta \sin \frac{\delta_{2n}^{\mp}}{2} - 2B \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \gamma \sin \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \delta_{2n}^{\mp} + O(\frac{1}{n}) \quad (4.4)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{s_{2n}^{\mp}} = O(\frac{1}{n}). \quad (4.5)$$

When we put the equations (4.4) and (4.5) in the equation (4.3), we get

$$\delta_{2n}^{\mp} [A \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \gamma] = O(\frac{1}{n}).$$

Since $A \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \gamma \neq 0$, we have

$$\delta_{2n}^{\mp} = O(\frac{1}{n}). \quad (4.6)$$

Using the equation (4.6) we get the following equalities:

$$\frac{\sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a)}{s_{2n}^{\mp}} = \frac{\delta}{2n\pi} \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a) + O(\frac{1}{n^2}), \quad (4.7)$$

$$\frac{\cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a)}{s_{2n}^{\mp}} = \frac{\delta}{2n\pi} \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a) + O(\frac{1}{n^2}), \quad (4.8)$$

$$\frac{\sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a) \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha(a - 2t)}{s_{2n}^{\mp}} = \frac{\delta}{2n\pi} \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a) \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha(a - 2t) + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right), \quad (4.9)$$

$$\frac{\sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - 2t + a)}{s_{2n}^{\mp}} = \frac{\delta}{2n\pi} \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - 2t + a) + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right), \quad (4.10)$$

$$F_0(\mu_{2n}^{\mp}) - 2 = -2A \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \delta \sin \frac{\delta_{2n}^{\mp}}{2} - 2B \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \gamma \sin \frac{\gamma}{2\delta} \delta_{2n}^{\mp} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right). \quad (4.11)$$

When the equations (4.7), (4.8), (4.9), (4.10), (4.11) are written in formula (4.3), the equality

$$\begin{aligned} F(\mu_{2n}^{\mp}) - 2 &= -2A \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \delta \sin \frac{\delta_{2n}^{\mp}}{2} - 2B \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \gamma \sin \frac{\gamma}{2\delta} \delta_{2n}^{\mp} \\ &+ \frac{\delta}{2n\pi} \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha^2} \right) \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a) \right] \int_0^a q(t) dt \\ &+ \frac{\delta}{4n\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} - \frac{\beta}{\alpha^2} \right) \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a) \int_0^a \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha(a - 2t) q(t) dt \\ &+ \frac{\delta}{2n\pi} \left[\frac{1}{\beta} \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} \right) \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a) \right] \int_a^{\omega} q(t) dt \\ &+ \frac{\delta}{4n\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} \right) \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \int_a^{\omega} \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - 2t + a) q(t) dt + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

exists. Since

$$\sin \frac{\delta_{2n}^{\mp}}{2} = \frac{\delta_{2n}^{\mp}}{2} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right)$$

, and

$$\sin \frac{\gamma}{2\delta} \delta_{2n}^{\mp} = \frac{\gamma}{2\delta} \delta_{2n}^{\mp} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right)$$

, we have the equality

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{2n}^{\mp} &= \frac{\delta}{2n\pi [A \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \gamma]} \left\{ \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha^2} \right) \cos s_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \sin s_{2n}^{\mp} \beta(\omega - a) \right] \int_0^a q(t) dt \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} - \frac{\beta}{\alpha^2} \right) \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - a) \int_0^a \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha (a - 2t) q(t) dt \\
& + \left[\frac{1}{\beta} \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - a) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} \right) \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - a) \right] \int_a^{\omega} q(t) dt \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} \right) \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \int_a^{\omega} \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - 2t + a) q(t) dt \} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we get the formula

$$\begin{aligned}
s_{2n}^{\mp} &= \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} + \frac{1}{\delta} \delta_{2n}^{\mp} \\
&= \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} + \frac{1}{2n\pi [A \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \gamma]} \left\{ \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - a) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha^2} \right) \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - a) \right] \int_0^a q(t) dt \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} - \frac{\beta}{\alpha^2} \right) \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - a) \int_0^a \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha (a - 2t) q(t) dt \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left[\frac{1}{\beta} \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - a) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} \right) \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - a) \right] \int_a^{\omega} q(t) dt \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} \right) \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \int_a^{\omega} \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - 2t + a) q(t) dt \right\} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

So we get the equality

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{2n}^{\mp} &= \dot{\mu}_{2n}^{\mp} + \frac{\dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp}}{2n\pi [A \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \gamma]} \left\{ A \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^a q(t) dt \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{\beta} \int_a^{\omega} q(t) dt \right] \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \delta + B \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^a q(t) dt - \frac{1}{\beta} \int_a^{\omega} q(t) dt \right] \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \gamma \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} - \frac{\beta}{\alpha^2} \right) \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - a) \int_0^a \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha (a - 2t) q(t) dt \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} \right) \sin \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \alpha a \int_a^{\omega} \cos \dot{s}_{2n}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - 2t + a) q(t) dt \right\} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right). \quad (4.12)
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{2n+1}^{\mp} &= \dot{\mu}_{2n+1}^{\mp} + \frac{\dot{s}_{2n+1}^{\mp}}{2(n+1)\pi[A \sin \dot{s}_{2n+1}^{\mp} \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin \dot{s}_{2n+1}^{\mp} \gamma]} \left\{ A \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^a q(t) dt \right. \right. \\ &+ \frac{1}{\beta} \int_a^{\omega} q(t) dt \left. \right] \sin \dot{s}_{2n+1}^{\mp} \delta + B \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^a q(t) dt - \frac{1}{\beta} \int_a^{\omega} q(t) dt \right] \sin \dot{s}_{2n+1}^{\mp} \gamma \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} - \frac{\beta}{\alpha^2} \right) \sin \dot{s}_{2n+1}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - a) \int_0^a \cos \dot{s}_{2n+1}^{\mp} \alpha (a - 2t) q(t) dt \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} \right) \sin \dot{s}_{2n+1}^{\mp} \alpha a \int_a^{\omega} \cos \dot{s}_{2n+1}^{\mp} \beta (\omega - 2t + a) q(t) dt \left. \right\} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

From the equations (4.12) and (4.13), we can get

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n^{\mp} &= \dot{\mu}_n^{\mp} + \frac{\dot{s}_n^{\mp}}{n\pi[A \sin \dot{s}_n^{\mp} \delta + B \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sin \dot{s}_n^{\mp} \gamma]} \\ &\left\{ A \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^a q(t) dt + \frac{1}{\beta} \int_a^{\omega} q(t) dt \right] \sin \dot{s}_n^{\mp} \delta \right. \\ &+ B \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^a q(t) dt - \frac{1}{\beta} \int_a^{\omega} q(t) dt \right] \sin \dot{s}_n^{\mp} \gamma \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} - \frac{\beta}{\alpha^2} \right) \sin \dot{s}_n^{\mp} \beta (\omega - a) \int_0^a \cos \dot{s}_n^{\mp} \alpha (a - 2t) q(t) dt \\ &\left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} \right) \sin \dot{s}_n^{\mp} \alpha a \int_a^{\omega} \cos \dot{s}_n^{\mp} \beta (\omega - 2t + a) q(t) dt \right\} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

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