

# EIGENFUNCTION EXPANSION ASSOCIATED WITH ELLIPTIC EIGENVALUE PROBLEM WITH EIGENVALUE PARAMETER IN THE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

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الخلاصة :

ندرس في هذا البحث مسألة القيمة الذاتية المنتظمة والمكونة من معادلة تفاضلية جزئية بالاضافة الى الشروط الحدية التي تحتوي القيمة الذاتية البارامترية ، وسنبني لهذه المسألة مؤثراً ذا ترافق ذاتي أساسي في فراغ هيلبرت المُعرَّف والمناسب لهذه المسألة ، وكذلك نظور نظرية مفكوك دالة القيمة الذاتية المرتبطة بهذه المسألة .

## ABSTRACT

In this paper we shall study a regular right-definite eigenvalue problem for elliptic partial differential equation with eigenvalue parameter in the boundary conditions. We associate with it an essentially self-adjoint operator in suitably defined Hilbert space and develop associated eigenfunction expansion theorem.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Regular eigenvalue problem for the Laplace operator in  $R^1$  with eigenvalue parameter in the boundary conditions have been studied by many authors, see for example, Fulton [1], Hinton [2], Walter [3], Schneider [4], Zayed and Ibrahim [5, 6], and Zayed [7]. But regular eigenvalue problems for the Laplace operator in  $R^n, n \geq 2$  with eigenvalue parameter in the boundary conditions have been studied by Canavati and Minzoni [8], Odhnoff [9], Eastham [10, 11], Zayed and Ibrahim [12], and many others. In the present paper we shall study a regular eigenvalue problem for the elliptic operator in  $R^n, n \geq 2$  with eigenvalue parameter in the boundary conditions.

The problem to be discussed here can be formulated as follows: Let  $\Omega$  be a normal domain in  $R^n, n \geq 2$  with the smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . We consider the following elliptic eigenvalue equation

$$\tau u = \frac{1}{r}(-E_n + q)u = \lambda u \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad (1.1)$$

with the mixed boundary condition

$$u_{\mathbf{v}} + \sigma(\mathbf{x})u = \lambda u, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega, \quad (1.2)$$

where we assume throughout that:

- (i)  $E_n u = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( p_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right)$ ;
- (ii)  $u_{\mathbf{v}} = \sum_{i,j=1}^n p_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) u_{x_j} v_i$ , where  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is the outer unit normal of  $\Omega$  on its boundary  $\partial\Omega$  and  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a generic point in  $R^n$ , where  $u_{x_j} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j}$ ;
- (iii)  $q(\mathbf{x})$  is a real-valued continuous function, and  $r(\mathbf{x}) > 0$  is a real-valued function such that  $r(\mathbf{x}) \in C(\overline{\Omega})$ ,  $\overline{\Omega} = \Omega \cup \partial\Omega$  and  $C(\overline{\Omega})$  is the space of all continuous functions which are defined on  $\overline{\Omega}$ ;
- (iv)  $p_{ij}(\mathbf{x}), i, j = 1, \dots, n$  are real-valued functions which are continuously differentiable and  $p_{ij} = p_{ji}$ ;
- (v)  $\sigma(\mathbf{x})$  is a real-valued continuous function for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega$ ;
- (vi) For an arbitrary complex function  $f(\mathbf{x})$  and a positive constant  $c_0$ , we have the "ellipticity condition";
 
$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n p_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) f_{x_i} \bar{f}_{x_j} \geq c_0 \sum_{i=1}^n |f_{x_i}|^2, \quad (1.3)$$
 for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega$ ;
- (vii)  $\lambda$  is a complex number.

**Definition 1.1.** The eigenvalue problem (1.1) – (1.2) is said to be "regular" if  $\Omega$  is bounded and  $r(\mathbf{x})$  is defined on  $\overline{\Omega}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** The regular eigenvalue problem (1.1) – (1.2) is said to be "right-definite" if  $r(\mathbf{x})$  is positive on  $\overline{\Omega}$ .

In this paper we give an operator-theoretic formulation of problem (1.1) – (1.2), by associating with it an essentially self-adjoint operator  $A$  with compact resolvent, and prove that the spectrum of  $A$  consists of unbounded

sequence of real eigenvalues. Moreover, we show that the eigenfunctions of  $A$  form a complete fundamental system in the Hilbert space  $H = L^2(\Omega; r) \oplus L^2(\partial\Omega)$ , and then we prove an expansion theorem for  $A$ .

## 2. HILBERT SPACE FORMULATION

Let  $L^2(\Omega; r)$  and  $L^2(\partial\Omega)$  be two complex Hilbert spaces of Lebesgue measurable functions  $f(\mathbf{x})$  in  $\Omega$  and  $\partial\Omega$  respectively satisfying:

$$(i) \quad \int_{\Omega} r(\mathbf{x}) |f(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x} < \infty;$$

$$(ii) \quad \int_{\partial\Omega} |f(\mathbf{x})|^2 ds < \infty;$$

where  $d\mathbf{x} = dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n$  is the volume element corresponding to  $\Omega$ , while  $ds$  is the surface element corresponding to  $\partial\Omega$ .

**Definition 2.1.** We define a Hilbert space  $H$  of two component vectors by

$$H = L^2(\Omega; r) \oplus L^2(\partial\Omega); \quad (2.1)$$

with inner product

$$\begin{aligned} [f, g]_H &= \langle f_1, g_1 \rangle_{\Omega} + \langle f_2, g_2 \rangle_{\partial\Omega} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} r(\mathbf{x}) f_1(\mathbf{x}) \overline{g_1(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial\Omega} f_2(\mathbf{x}) \overline{g_2(\mathbf{x})} ds; \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

and norm

$$\|f\|_H^2 = \int_{\Omega} r(\mathbf{x}) |f_1(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial\Omega} |f_2(\mathbf{x})|^2 ds; \quad (2.3)$$

for each  $f = (f_1, f_2)$  and  $g = (g_1, g_2)$  in  $H$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $H^*$  be a set of all those elements  $f(\mathbf{x})$  satisfying

$$(i) \quad f \in C^1(\overline{\Omega}) \cap C^2(\Omega);$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{1}{r}(-E_n + q)f \in L^2(\Omega; r).$$

We define a linear operator  $A: D(A) \rightarrow H$  by

$$Af = \left( \frac{1}{r}(-E_n + q)f_1, f_{1v} + \sigma(\mathbf{x})f_1 \right); \quad (2.4)$$

for each  $f = (f_1, f_2)$  in  $D(A)$ , in which the domain  $D(A)$  of  $A$  is defined as follows:

$$D(A) = \left\{ (f|_{\Omega}, f|_{\partial\Omega}) \in H: f \in H^* \right\}, \quad (2.5)$$

where  $f|_{\Omega}$  (or  $f|_{\partial\Omega}$ ) is a restriction of  $f$  on  $\Omega$  (or on  $\partial\Omega$ ) respectively.

**Remark 2.1.** The parameter  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue and  $f_1$  is a corresponding eigenfunction of problem (1.1) – (1.2) if and only if

$$f = (f_1, f_2) \in D(A) \text{ and } Af = \lambda f.$$

Therefore, the eigenvalues and the eigenfunctions of problem (1.1) – (1.2) are equivalent to the eigenfunctions of  $A$  in  $H$ .

**Lemma 2.1.**  $D(A)$  is a dense subset of  $H$  with respect to the inner product (2.2).

*Proof.* Suppose that  $D(A)$  is not a dense subset of  $H$  with respect to the inner product (2.2), then there exists a non-zero element  $\mathbf{0} \neq f = (f_1, f_2) \in H$  such that

$$[f, g]_H = 0 \text{ for all } g = (g_1, g_2) \in D(A).$$

In particular

$$\langle f_1, g_1 \rangle_\Omega = 0 \text{ for all } g_1 \in C^1(\bar{\Omega}) \cap C^2(\Omega),$$

which means that  $f_1 \equiv 0$ . Hence, using (2.5) we obtain

$$0 = \langle f_2, g_2 \rangle_{\partial\Omega} = \langle f_2, g_1|_{\partial\Omega} \rangle_{\partial\Omega} \text{ for all } g_1 \in C^1(\bar{\Omega}) \cap C^2(\Omega),$$

which means that  $f_2 \equiv 0$ . Thus  $f \equiv \mathbf{0}$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $D(A)$  is dense in  $H$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** The linear operator  $A$  in  $H$  is symmetric.

*Proof.* Let  $f = (f_1, f_2)$  and  $g = (g_1, g_2)$  be any two elements in  $D(A)$ , then

$$[Af, g]_H = \int_{\Omega} \left\{ -\sum_{i,j=1}^n (p_{ij} f_{1x_j})_{x_j} + q f_1 \right\} \bar{g}_1 \, dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} \left\{ \sum_{i,j=1}^n p_{ij} f_{1x_j} \nu_i + \sigma f_1 \right\} \bar{g}_2 \, ds. \tag{2.6}$$

Making use of the formula (4) of Section 4.3 in [13], the above formula (2.6) becomes

$$[Af, g]_H = \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \sum_{i,j=1}^n p_{ij} f_{1x_j} \bar{g}_{1x_i} + q f_1 \bar{g}_1 \right\} dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} \sigma f_1 \bar{g}_2 \, ds + \int_{\partial\Omega} \left\{ \sum_{i,j=1}^n p_{ij} f_{1x_j} \nu_i \right\} (\bar{g}_2 - \bar{g}_1) \, ds. \tag{2.7}$$

Because of (2.5) the last integral in (2.7) vanishes, and consequently

$$[Af, g]_H = \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \sum_{i,j=1}^n p_{ij} f_{1x_j} \bar{g}_{1x_i} + q f_1 \bar{g}_1 \right\} dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} \sigma f_1 \bar{g}_1 \, ds. \tag{2.8}$$

Applying a similar argument, it follows that

$$[f, Ag]_H = \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \sum_{i,j=1}^n p_{ij} f_{1x_j} \bar{g}_{1x_i} + q f_1 \bar{g}_1 \right\} dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} \sigma f_1 \bar{g}_1 \, ds. \tag{2.9}$$

From (2.8) and (2.9) we find that

$$[Af, g]_H = [f, Ag]_H. \tag{2.10}$$

Therefore  $A$  is a symmetric linear operator in  $H$ .

**Remark 2.2.**

- (i) Since  $A$  in  $H$  is symmetric, then it has only real eigenvalues
- (ii) Since  $A$  in  $H$  is symmetric and its domain;  $D(A)$ , is densely defined in  $H$ , then  $A$  is self-adjoint in  $H$ .
- (iii) The density of the domain  $D(A)$  in  $H$  gives us the completeness of the orthonormal system of eigenfunctions of  $A$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $f(\mathbf{x})$  be a complex-valued function such that  $|f(\mathbf{x})| \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$ , then

$$\int_{\Omega} |f_1(\mathbf{x})|^2 \, dx \leq 4\mu^2 \int_{\Omega} |\text{grad } f_1(\mathbf{x})|^2 \, dx + 2\mu \int_{\partial\Omega} |f_1(\mathbf{x})|^2 \, ds, \tag{2.11}$$

where

$$\mu = \sup\{|x_1| : \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Omega\}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $|f_1(\mathbf{x})|$  is a real-valued function and  $|f_1(\mathbf{x})| \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$ , then by using Theorem 2 in [13, p.67], we have

$$\int_{\Omega} |f_1(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x} \leq 4\mu^2 \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \{|f_1(\mathbf{x})|_{x_i}\}^2 d\mathbf{x} + 2\mu \int_{\partial\Omega} |f_1(\mathbf{x})|^2 ds. \quad (2.12)$$

Substituting the well known inequality:

$$\{|f_1(\mathbf{x})|_{x_i}\}^2 \leq |f_{1,x_i}(\mathbf{x})|^2, \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \quad (2.13)$$

into (2.12) we arrive at (2.11).

**Lemma 2.4.** The linear operator  $A$  in  $H$  is bounded from below.

*Proof.* Let  $f = (f_1, f_2)$  be any element in  $D(A)$ . We have

$$[Af, f]_H = \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \sum_{i,j=1}^n p_{ij} f_{1,x_i} \bar{f}_{1,x_j} + q|f_1|^2 \right\} d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial\Omega} \sigma |f_1|^2 ds. \quad (2.14)$$

Making use of the ellipticity condition (1.3), the above formula (2.14) reduces to

$$[Af, f]_H \geq c_0 \int_{\Omega} |\text{grad } f_1|^2 d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\Omega} q|f_1|^2 d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial\Omega} \sigma |f_1|^2 ds. \quad (2.15)$$

With  $\beta = \max(4\mu^2, 2\mu)$ , Lemma 2.3. gives the inequality

$$\frac{1}{\beta} \int_{\Omega} |f_1|^2 d\mathbf{x} - \int_{\partial\Omega} |f_1|^2 ds \leq \int_{\Omega} |\text{grad } f_1|^2 d\mathbf{x}. \quad (2.16)$$

Substituting (2.16) into (2.15) we have

$$[Af, f]_H \geq \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \frac{c_0 + \beta q(\mathbf{x})}{\beta r(\mathbf{x})} \right\} r(\mathbf{x}) |f_1(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\partial\Omega} \{\sigma(\mathbf{x}) - c_0\} |f_1(\mathbf{x})|^2 ds. \quad (2.17)$$

Define a real number  $\gamma$  as follows:

$$\gamma = \min \left\{ \inf_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \left[ \frac{c_0 + \beta q(\mathbf{x})}{\beta r(\mathbf{x})} \right], \inf_{\mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega} [\sigma(\mathbf{x}) - c_0] \right\}. \quad (2.18)$$

Then (2.17) can be written in the form

$$[Af, f]_H \geq \gamma \|f\|_H^2. \quad (2.19)$$

This proves that the linear operator  $A$  in  $H$  is bounded from below.

**Remark 2.3.**

- (i) If  $q(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \forall \mathbf{x} \in \bar{\Omega}$  and if  $\sigma(\mathbf{x}) > c_0 \forall \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega$ , then  $\gamma > 0$ . Under these assumptions we deduce that  $A$  in  $H$  is strictly positive and consequently  $\lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue of  $A$  in  $H$ .
- (ii) Since  $A$  in  $H$  is symmetric and bounded from below, then for every eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$  in  $H$ ,  $\lambda \geq \gamma$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** The linear operator  $A$  in  $H$  is unbounded from above.

*Proof.* Let  $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$  be a test function with compact support on  $\bar{\Omega}$ . We define a sequence this test function by

$$\Phi_m(\mathbf{x}) = \Phi(m\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \overline{\Omega}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots \tag{2.20}$$

On using the same argument of Lemma 2.4, we find that

$$[A\Phi_m, \Phi_m]_H \geq \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \frac{m^2}{\beta} + q(\mathbf{x}) \right\} |\Phi_m(\mathbf{x})|^2 \, d\mathbf{x}, \tag{2.21}$$

Taking the limit as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.21), we obtain

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} [A\Phi_m, \Phi_m]_H = \infty. \tag{2.22}$$

This proves that  $A$  in  $H$  is unbounded from above.

### 3. THE RESOLVENT OPERATOR AND THE EXPANSION THEOREM

Under the assumptions that  $q(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \overline{\Omega}$  and  $\sigma(\mathbf{x}) > c_0 \forall \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega$ , we have shown that  $\lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue of  $A$  in  $H$ . Then the inverse operator  $A^{-1}$  of  $A$  exists in  $H$ . To study the operator  $A^{-1}$  it is convenient to give an explicit formula for it in terms of the Green's function for problem (1.1) – (1.2) with  $q(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$ .

Here it is difficult to characterize  $D(A^{-1}) = R(A)$ , the range of  $A$  exactly. In any case, it is not true that

$$D(A^{-1}) = \left\{ (f|_{\Omega}, f|_{\partial\Omega}) \in H : f \in C^0(\overline{\Omega}) \right\};$$

because for such an  $f$  we cannot in general find  $u = (u_1, u_2) \in D(A)$  with  $Au = f$ . Hence, with reference to [13, Section 4.4] if  $G_o(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  denotes the Green's function for problem (1.1) – (1.2) with  $q(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  and if  $G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  denotes the Green's function for the same problem with  $q(\mathbf{x}) > 0$ , then we have define  $A^{-1}$  as follows:

$$D(A^{-1}) = \left\{ (f|_{\Omega}, f|_{\partial\Omega}) \in H : f \in C^1(\overline{\Omega}) \cap C^2(\Omega) \right\}; \tag{3.1}$$

$$A^{-1} : D(A^{-1}) \rightarrow H;$$

$$A^{-1} f = \left( \int_{\Omega} G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, f_1(\mathbf{y}) \, r(\mathbf{y}) \, d\mathbf{y}, \int_{\partial\Omega} G_o(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \, f_2(\mathbf{y}) \, ds \right); \tag{3.2}$$

for each  $f = (f_1, f_2) \in D(A^{-1})$ ; where

$$G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = G_o(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \int_{\Omega} G_o(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \, G(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}) \, q(\mathbf{z}) \, dz. \tag{3.3}$$

**Remark 3.1.**

- (i) Applying a similar argument of Lemma 2.1., we can show that  $D(A^{-1})$  is dense in  $H$ .
- (ii)  $A^{-1}$  is a linear operator in  $H$ .

**Remark 3.2.** The Green's function  $G_o(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  for fixed  $\mathbf{x} \in \overline{\Omega}$  is a fundamental solution of  $\mathbf{y}$  with respect to  $\Omega$  (see [13, Section 4.3]):

$$G_o(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}). \tag{3.4}$$

where  $S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  is a singularity function defined as follows:

$$S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(n-2)\omega_n} |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^{2-n} & \text{for } n > 2, \\ -\frac{1}{2\pi} \log|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| & \text{for } n = 2. \end{cases} \tag{3.5}$$

which is the solution of the equation  $\Delta_n u = 0$  for  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}$ , where  $\omega_n$  denotes the surface of the unit ball in  $R^n$ , while  $K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  is a regular function satisfying the following:

$$\begin{aligned} K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &\in C^1(\bar{\Omega}) \cap C^2(\Omega); \\ \Delta_n K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= 0 \text{ in } \Omega; \\ K_\nu(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + \sigma(\mathbf{y})K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= -\{S_\nu(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + \sigma(\mathbf{y})S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})\} \text{ on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $G_o(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  and also  $G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  will, by Section 4.4. in [13], satisfy estimates similar to (3.5); that is,

$$|G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})| \leq \begin{cases} c_1 |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^{2-n} + c_2 & \text{for } n > 2, \\ c_1 |\log|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|| + c_2 & \text{for } n = 2, \end{cases} \quad (3.6)$$

where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  can be determined. We can get (3.6) by using the maximum principle. See, for example,  $G$ . Hellwig [14].

**Definition 3.1.** We define linear operators  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  as follows:

$$(i) \quad D(B_1) = \{u \in L^2(\Omega; r) : u \in C^1(\bar{\Omega}) \cap C^2(\Omega)\};$$

$$B_1 u = \int_{\Omega} G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{y}) r(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y};$$

for each  $u \in D(B_1)$ .

$$(ii) \quad D(B_2) = \{u \in L^2(\partial\Omega) : u \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})\};$$

$$B_2 u = \int_{\partial\Omega} G_o(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) u(\mathbf{y}) ds;$$

for each  $u \in D(B_2)$ .

**Remark 3.3.**

(i) With reference to [13, Section 7.4], we conclude that the linear operators  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are compact in  $L^2(\Omega; r)$  and  $L^2(\partial\Omega)$  respectively. Consequently, formula (3.2) shows that  $A^{-1}$  is a compact linear operator in  $H$ .

(ii) Since  $A$  in  $H$  is symmetric, then  $A^{-1}$  in  $H$  is also symmetric.

(iii) Since  $D(A^{-1}) \neq H$ , then  $A^{-1}$  is an essentially self-adjoint operator.

The results of our investigations are summarized in the following expansion theorem:

**Theorem 3.1.** The spectrum of  $A$  consists of an unbounded sequence of real eigenvalues of finite multiplicity without accumulation point in  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Denoting them by

$$0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_3 \leq \dots, \text{ with } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k = \infty,$$

and the corresponding eigenfunctions by  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \Phi_3, \dots$ , we have  $\{\Phi_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  forms a complete fundamental system in  $H$  and for every  $f \in H$  we have the expansion formula

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [f, \Phi_k]_H \Phi_k; \quad (3.7)$$

in the sense of strong convergence in  $H$ .

The above theorem has some corollaries for particular choices of the function  $f \in H$ .

**Corollary 3.1.** If  $f = (f_1, 0) \in H$ ,  $f_1 \in L^2(\Omega; r)$  then

$$f_1 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\Omega} r(\mathbf{x}) f_1(\mathbf{x}) \Phi_{k1}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \right) \Phi_{k1}(\mathbf{x}),$$

and

$$0 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\Omega} r(\mathbf{x}) f_1(\mathbf{x}) \Phi_{k1}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \right) \Phi_{k2}(\mathbf{x}),$$

where  $\Phi_k = (\Phi_{k1}, \Phi_{k2})$  are eigenfunctions of Theorem 3.1.

**Corollary 3.2.** If  $f = (0, f_2) \in H$ ,  $f_2 \in L^2(\partial\Omega)$ , then

$$0 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\partial\Omega} f_2(\mathbf{x}) \Phi_{k2}(\mathbf{x}) \, ds \right) \Phi_{k1}(\mathbf{x}),$$

and

$$f_2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\partial\Omega} f_2(\mathbf{x}) \Phi_{k2}(\mathbf{x}) \, ds \right) \Phi_{k2}(\mathbf{x}).$$

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