

## GENERALIZED EIGENVECTOR EXPANSION FOR WEAKLY PERTURBATED DISCRETE OPERATORS

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**Abstract.** In this paper we consider the expansion theorem in generalized eigenvectors of the operator  $A = L + T$ , where  $L$  is a discrete, positive selfadjoint operator in a separable Hilbert space, and  $T$  is a closed operator which is subordinated to  $L$  in a certain sense.

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a separable Hilbert space over  $\mathbf{C}$  and let  $L$  be a discrete, positive selfadjoint operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Vector  $x \neq 0$  is a generalized eigenvector (for the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ ) if for some  $k \geq 1$   $(\lambda - L)^k x = 0$ . Denote by  $N(\cdot)$  the eigenvalue distribution function of  $L$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}(L)$  and  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  denote the domain of the operators  $L$  and  $T$ , respectively.

In this paper we consider the expansion theorem for the operator  $A = L + T$ , where  $T$  is a closed operator which is subordinated to  $L$  in a certain sense.

In the case when  $T$  is a bounded operator,  $L = L^*$  is a discrete operator and  $\lambda_{n+1}(L) - \lambda_n(L) \rightarrow \infty$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) the problem was solved in [3].

**THEOREM 1.** *Suppose that  $T$  is a closed operator on  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $L = L^*$  is a positive discrete operator,  $\mathcal{D}(L) \subset \mathcal{D}(T)$ ,  $A = L + T$ ,*

$$\|Tx\| \leq C\|L^\beta x\|, \quad x \in \mathcal{D}(L), \quad (1)$$

and numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  satisfy one of the following two conditions:

- a)  $0 < \beta < 1$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{2}{3}(1 - \beta)$  and  $N(t) = C_0 t^\alpha (1 + o(1))$  ( $t \rightarrow +\infty$ );
- b)  $0 < \beta < 1$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1 - \beta$  and  $N(t) = C_0 t^\alpha (1 + O(t^{-\delta}))$ ,  $\alpha < \delta < 1$  ( $t \rightarrow +\infty$ ).

Then for every  $f \in \mathcal{D}(L)$  we have

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{s=1}^{n_k} c_{ks} x_{ks} \right), \quad (2)$$

where  $x_{ks}$  are generalized eigenvectors of  $A$  and  $c_{ks} \in \mathbf{C}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is the system of eigenvectors of  $L$  ( $Le_n = \lambda_n e_n$ ). Since  $L = L^*$ ,  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then

$$(L - \lambda)^{-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\cdot, e_n) e_n}{\lambda_n - \lambda}$$

and

$$T(L - \lambda)^{-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\cdot, e_n) T e_n}{\lambda_n - \lambda}. \quad (3)$$

From (1) and (3), applying Cauchy's inequality, we conclude that

$$\|T(L - \lambda)^{-1}\| \leq C^{1/2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n^{2\beta}}{|\lambda - \lambda_n|^2} \right)^{1/2}. \quad (4)$$

By the following Lemma, the righthandside of this inequality tends to zero if  $\lambda$  belongs to a certain sequence of circles with radii tending to infinity.

LEMMA. *If either of the conditions a) and b) of the Theorem 1 is satisfied, then there exists a sequence of circles  $\Gamma_k = \{\lambda : |\lambda| = r_k\}$ ,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} r_k = \infty$ , such that*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max_{\lambda \in \Gamma_k} \left( \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{\nu}^{2\beta}}{|\lambda - \lambda_{\nu}|^2} \right) = 0. \quad (5)$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{\lambda \in \Gamma_n} \|T(\lambda - L)^{-1}\| = 0$  (follows from (4) and the Lemma), it follows from  $(\lambda - A)^{-1} = (\lambda - L)^{-1}(I - T(\lambda - L)^{-1})^{-1}$  that the operator  $A$  is discrete and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max_{\lambda \in \Gamma_k} \|(\lambda - A)^{-1}\| = 0. \quad (6)$$

From (6) and Naymark's theorem [4] we obtain the relation (2), for all  $f \in \mathcal{D}(L)$ , where  $x_{k_s}$ ,  $s = 1, 2, \dots, n_k$ , are the generalized eigenvectors corresponding to eigenvalues lying in the ring  $\{\lambda : r_k < |\lambda| < r_{k+1}\}$ . ■

REMARK. In the case when in each interval  $I$  of the fixed length  $l$  the number of eigenvalues  $\lambda$  of  $A$  with property  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda \in I$  is uniformly bounded, the Riesz basis property of the generalized eigenvectors system was proved in [1] (under some additional conditions).

*Proof of the Lemma.* Case a). It follows from  $N(t) = C_0 t^\alpha (1 + o(1))$  that  $\lambda_n = C_0^{-1/\alpha} n^{1/\alpha} (1 + o(1))$ . Let  $q$  be a real number such that

$$0 < \alpha q < C_0^{-1/\alpha}. \quad (7)$$

Denote by  $S$  the set of natural numbers  $n$  such that  $\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n \geq q n^{1/\alpha-1}$ . Suppose that  $S$  is finite, i.e.  $S = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s\}$ . Then we have  $\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n < q n^{1/\alpha-1}$  for all  $n > n_s + 1$  and

$$\lambda_{N+1} - \lambda_{n_s+1} < q \sum_{\nu=n_s+1}^N \nu^{1/\alpha-1} < q \int_{n_s+1}^{N+1} x^{1/\alpha-1} dx = \alpha q [(N+1)^{1/\alpha} - (n_s+1)^{1/\alpha}],$$

i.e.

$$\frac{\lambda_{N+1} - \lambda_{n_s+1}}{N^{1/\alpha}} \leq \alpha q \frac{(N+1)^{1/\alpha} - (n_s+1)^{1/\alpha}}{N^{1/\alpha}}$$

for each  $N > n_s$ . When  $N \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain  $C_0^{-1/\alpha} \leq \alpha q$ , i.e. a contradiction with (7). So, it follows that  $S$  is an infinite set.

Let  $\Gamma_\nu = \{ \lambda : |\lambda| = r_\nu = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_{n_\nu+1} + \lambda_{n_\nu}) \}$ . We will prove now the relation (5). If  $\lambda \in \Gamma_k$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_\nu^{2\beta}}{|\lambda - \lambda_\nu|^2} &\leq \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_\nu^{2\beta}}{(r_k - \lambda_\nu)^2} \\ &= \sum_{\nu=1}^{n_k-1} \frac{\lambda_\nu^{2\beta}}{(r_k - \lambda_\nu)^2} + \sum_{\nu=n_k+2}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_\nu^{2\beta}}{(r_k - \lambda_\nu)^2} + \frac{\lambda_{n_k}^{2\beta}}{(r_k - \lambda_{n_k})^2} + \frac{\lambda_{n_k+1}^{2\beta}}{(r_k - \lambda_{n_k+1})^2}. \end{aligned}$$

As we have  $0 < \alpha < \frac{2}{3}(1 - \beta)$ , by direct computation we get

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\lambda_{n_k}^{2\beta}}{(r_k - \lambda_{n_k})^2} + \frac{\lambda_{n_k+1}^{2\beta}}{(r_k - \lambda_{n_k+1})^2} \right] = 0. \quad (8)$$

Since the function  $\varphi(x) = x^\beta / (r_k - x)$  is nondecreasing on  $[0, r_k)$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^{n_k-1} \frac{\lambda_\nu^{2\beta}}{(r_k - \lambda_\nu)^2} \leq \text{const} \cdot n_k \frac{\lambda_{n_k}^{2\beta}}{(r_k - \lambda_{n_k})^2} \leq \frac{\text{const}}{n_k^{\frac{2}{3}-3-\frac{2\beta}{\alpha}}} \rightarrow 0 \quad (k \rightarrow \infty). \quad (9)$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\nu=n_k+2}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_\nu^{2\beta}}{(r_k - \lambda_\nu)^2} &= \int_{\lambda_{n_k+1}}^{\infty} \frac{t^{2\beta}}{(r_k - t)^2} dN(t) \\ &= \frac{n_k \lambda_{n_k}^{2\beta}}{(r_k - \lambda_{n_k+1})^2} - \int_{\lambda_{n_k+1}}^{\infty} N(t) \left( \frac{t^{2\beta}}{(r_k - t)^2} \right)' dt, \end{aligned}$$

it is enough to prove that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\lambda_{n_k+1}}^{\infty} t^\alpha \left( \frac{t^{2\beta}}{(r_k - t)^2} \right)' dt = 0. \quad (10)$$

The function  $G(x) = \int_x^\infty [(\beta - 1)u - \beta] / (u - 1)^3 du$  ( $x > 1$ ) has the following asymptotical behavior in the neighborhood of  $x = 1$ :  $G(x) \sim \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)^{-2}$ . Then (10) follows from

$$\int_{\lambda_{n_k+1}}^{\infty} t^\alpha \left( \frac{t^{2\beta}}{(r_k - t)^2} \right)' dt = 2r_k^{\alpha+2\beta-2} G(c_k) \sim \frac{r_k^{\alpha+2\beta}}{(\lambda_{n_k+1} - r_k)^2} \rightarrow 0 \quad (k \rightarrow \infty),$$

where  $c_k = \lambda_{n_k+1} / r_k$  ( $\rightarrow 1$ ). From (8), (9) and (10) we obtain (5).

Case b). It follows from b) that

$$\lambda_n = C_0^{-1/\alpha} n^{1/\alpha} (1 + O(n^{-\delta/\alpha})). \quad (11)$$

Let  $\mu_n = C_0^{-1/\alpha} n^{1/\alpha}$  and  $\Gamma_n = \{ \lambda : |\lambda| = r_n = \frac{1}{2}(\mu_n + \mu_{n+1}) \}$ . From (11) we get

$$\sup_{n, \nu} \left| \frac{\lambda_\nu - \mu_\nu}{r_n - \lambda_\nu} \right| < \infty. \quad (12)$$

If  $\lambda \in \Gamma_n$ , then from (12) we obtain

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_{\nu}^{2\beta}}{|\lambda - \lambda_{\nu}|^2} \leq \text{const} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_{\nu}^{2\beta}}{(r_n - \mu_{\nu})^2}.$$

As in the case a) it can be proved that

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_{\nu}^{2\beta}}{(r_n - \mu_{\nu})^2} \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

for  $0 < \alpha < 1 - \beta$ . The Lemma is proved. ■

EXAMPLE. Suppose  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $r$  are integers,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $0 < r < m$ ,  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  with sufficiently smooth boundary,  $L$  is a formal selfadjoint elliptic differential expression

$$L = (-1)^{m/2} \sum_{|k|=m} a_k(x) D^k$$

with smooth coefficients and  $T$  is a linear differential expression

$$T = \sum_{|k| \leq r} b_k(x) D^k$$

with smooth complex functions  $b_k$ . Let  $A: \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)$  ( $\mathcal{D}(A) = W_2^m \cup \overset{\circ}{W}_2^{m/2}$ ) be a differential operator defined by  $A = L + T$ . Then we get

THEOREM 2. *If  $n/m < \frac{2}{3}(1 - r/m)$ , then for  $f \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  the expansion theorem in generalized eigenvectors of the operator  $A$  holds.*

*Proof.* The statement of the theorem is obtained from Theorem 1 for  $\alpha = n/m$ ,  $\beta = r/m$  (see [2]). ■

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