

71. Singular Hadamard's Variation of Domains and Eigenvalues of the Laplacian

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§ 1. Introduction. Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbf{R}^n with C^3 boundary γ and w be a fixed point in Ω . For any sufficiently small $\varepsilon > 0$, let B_ε be the ball defined by

$$B_\varepsilon = \{z \in \Omega; |z - w| < \varepsilon\}.$$

Let Ω_ε be the bounded domain defined by $\Omega_\varepsilon = \Omega \setminus \bar{B}_\varepsilon$. Then the boundary of Ω_ε consists of γ and ∂B_ε .

Let $0 > \mu_1(\varepsilon) \geq \mu_2(\varepsilon) \geq \dots$ be the eigenvalues of the Laplacian with the Dirichlet condition on $\gamma \cup \partial B_\varepsilon$. And let $0 > \mu_1 \geq \mu_2 \geq \dots$ be the eigenvalues of the Laplacian in Ω with the Dirichlet condition on γ . We arrange them repeatedly according to their multiplicities.

The main aim of this note is to give an asymptotic expression of $\mu_j(\varepsilon)$ when ε tends to zero.

We have the following

Theorem 1. *Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbf{R}^3 with C^3 boundary γ . Fix j . Assume that the multiplicity of μ_j is equal to one, then*

$$(1.1) \quad \mu_j(\varepsilon) - \mu_j = -2\pi(\log(1/\varepsilon))^{-1} \varphi_j(w)^2 + O((\log(1/\varepsilon))^{-2})$$

holds when ε tends to zero. Here φ_j denotes the eigenfunction of the Laplacian with the Dirichlet condition on γ satisfying

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi_j(x)^2 dx = 1.$$

For the case $n=3$, we have the following

Theorem 2. *Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbf{R}^3 with C^3 boundary γ . Fix j . Assume that the multiplicity of μ_j is equal to one, then*

$$(1.2) \quad \mu_j(\varepsilon) - \mu_j = -4\pi\varepsilon\varphi_j(w)^2 + O(\varepsilon^{3/2})$$

holds when ε tends to zero. Here φ_j denotes the normalized eigenfunction associated with μ_j .

In § 2 we give a rough sketch of proof of Theorem 1. To prove Theorem 1 we employ the singular Hadamard variational formula for the Green's function of the Laplacian due to [5]. The details of this paper will be given in [4].

§ 2. Outline of proof of Theorem 1. In this section we give a rough sketch of proof of Theorem 1.

Let $G(x, y)$ be the Green's function on Ω , that is, it satisfies the following: