

# Inverse Spectral problem for the Sturm-Liouville Operator with Eigenvalue Parameter Dependent Boundary Conditions

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**Abstract.** To solve the inverse problem for the Sturm-Liouville operator with eigenvalue parameter dependent boundary conditions we reconstruct the spectral distribution function from two spectra of the boundary-value problems with equal  $\Theta(\lambda)$  and different real constants in the boundary conditions. The well-known results of A.V. Strauss [5] concerning the connection between the eigenvalue problems with the spectral parameter in the boundary conditions and the theory of generalized resolvents is used.

I. Let us consider the regular differential equation

$$-y'' + q(x)y = \lambda y, \quad (1)$$

where  $q(x)$  ( $0 \leq x \leq l$ ) is a real-valued continuous function and two boundary-value problems:

$$y'(0) - h_1 y(0) = 0, \quad y(l) = \Theta(\lambda)y'(l), \quad (2)$$

$$y'(0) - h_2 y(0) = 0, \quad y(l) = \Theta(\lambda)y'(l), \quad (3)$$

where  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are finite real numbers,  $h_1 \neq h_2$  and  $\Theta(\lambda)$  is a rational function for which  $\text{Im } \Theta(\lambda) \text{Im } \lambda \leq 0$ . We write  $\Theta(\lambda) = \frac{\Theta_1(\lambda)}{\Theta_2(\lambda)}$ , where  $\Theta_1(\lambda)$  and  $\Theta_2(\lambda)$  are relatively prime polynomials. If the boundary conditions (2), (3) do not contain the eigenvalue parameter  $\lambda$ , then the solution of the inverse problem from two spectra is given by M.G. Krein, B.M. Levitan, I.M. Gelfand [1,2,3].

Let  $u_1(x, \lambda)$  and  $u_2(x, \lambda)$  be the solutions of (1) satisfying the following initial conditions:

$$u_1(0, \lambda) = 1, \quad u_1'(0, \lambda) = h_1,$$

$$u_2(0, \lambda) = 1, \quad u_2'(0, \lambda) = h_2.$$

Then the spectra of the boundary-value problems (1), (2) and (1), (3) are the zero-sequences  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  $\{\mu_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  of the entire functions:

$$\Phi_1(\lambda) = \Theta_2(\lambda)u_1(l, \lambda) - \Theta_1(\lambda)u_1'(l, \lambda),$$

$$\Phi_2(\lambda) = \Theta_2(\lambda)u_2(l, \lambda) - \Theta_1(\lambda)u_2'(l, \lambda).$$

As the spectra of these problems are bounded from below we can number the eigenvalues so that  $\lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_n < \dots$ ;  $\mu_0 < \mu_1 < \dots < \mu_n < \dots$ .

The spectral distribution function  $\rho(\lambda)$  of the problem (1), (2) is a jump function [4,5] and it is determined by equality

$$\rho(\lambda) = \sum_{\lambda_n < \lambda} \frac{1}{\alpha_n}.$$

The numbers  $\alpha_n$  are known as the normalizing numbers [3]. In the classical case ( $\Theta(\lambda) = \text{const}$ ) the equality  $\alpha_n = \int_0^l |u_1(x, \lambda_n)|^2 dx$  takes place. Next we will show how to use  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  and  $\{\mu_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  to obtain  $\alpha_n$ , the normalizing numbers of eigenfunctions of the first boundary-value problem.

Let  $A_1$  be the differential operator of the second order acting in  $L^2(0, l)$  which is defined by the expression

$$l[f] = -f'' + q(x)f$$

and the boundary conditions

$$f_1'(0) = h_1 f_1(0), \quad f_1'(l) = f_1(l) = 0.$$

Let  $m$  be the number of poles  $\Theta(\lambda)$ . The selfadjoint extension  $\tilde{A}$  of the differential operator is in some sense a coupling of the operators  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  ( $A_2$  is a difference operator) acting in the orthogonal spaces  $L^2(0, l)$  and  $C^m$ , respectively [4,6]. Eigenfunctions of the selfadjoint operator  $\tilde{A}$  are discretely extended into the space  $C^m$ . Therefore we can write

$$\alpha_n = \alpha_{n1} + \alpha_{n2},$$

where

$$\alpha_{n1} = \int_0^l |u_1(x, \lambda_n)|^2 dx, \quad \alpha_{n2} = -\Theta'(\lambda_n) |u_1'(l, \lambda_n)|^2.$$

**Example 1.** Let us consider the boundary-value problem

$$\begin{aligned} -y'' + q(x)y &= \lambda y, \\ y(0) &= \lambda y'(0), \quad y'(l) = hy(l). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\tilde{A}$  be the selfadjoint operator

$$D(\tilde{A}) = \{\langle f, f'(0) \rangle : f(x) \in L^2(0, l), f'(l) = hf(l)\},$$

$$\tilde{A}\langle f(x), f'(0) \rangle = \langle -f''(x) + q(x)f(x), f(0) \rangle.$$

The eigenfunction system  $u(x, \lambda_n)$  is complete in  $L^2(0, l)$ , but not minimal.

$$\tilde{A}u = \lambda u, \quad u(x, \lambda_n) = \langle u_2(x, \lambda_n) + \alpha(\lambda)u_1(x, \lambda_n), -1 \rangle.$$

Denote by

$$f(x, \lambda) = u_2(x, \lambda) + m(\lambda)u_1(x, \lambda),$$

where the Weyl function  $m(\lambda)$  is defined by the condition

$$f(l, \lambda) = \Theta(\lambda)f'(l, \lambda)$$

and hence

$$m(\lambda) = \frac{\Theta_2(\lambda)u_2(l, \lambda) - \Theta_1(\lambda)u_2'(l, \lambda)}{\Theta_1(\lambda)u_1'(l, \lambda) - \Theta_2(\lambda)u_1(l, \lambda)} = -\frac{\Phi_1(\lambda)}{\Phi_2(\lambda)}.$$

The formula shows that  $m(\lambda)$  is a meromorphic function, whose poles and zero-sequences are the spectra of the appropriate boundary-value problems (1), (2) and (1), (3) respectively. In addition, by the Green's formula, we have

$$(\lambda - \bar{\mu}) \int_0^l f(x, \lambda) \overline{f(x, \mu)} dx = (h_1 - h_2)(m(\lambda) - \overline{m(\mu)}) + (\Theta(\lambda) - \overline{\Theta(\mu)})f'(l, \lambda) \overline{f'(l, \mu)}.$$

If  $\mu = \lambda$ , then, because  $\text{Im } \Theta(\lambda) \text{Im } \lambda \leq 0$ ,

$$(h_1 - h_2) \frac{\text{Im } m(\lambda)}{\text{Im } \lambda} = \int_0^l |f(x, \lambda)|^2 dx - \frac{\text{Im } \Theta(\lambda)}{\text{Im } \lambda} |f'(l, \lambda)|^2 \geq 0.$$

Hence, in the case  $h_1 > h_2$ ,  $m(\lambda)$  is a Nevanlinna function and in the case  $h_1 < h_2$ ,  $-m(\lambda)$  is a Nevanlinna function [8]. We have thus proved

**Theorem 1.** *The spectra of boundary-value problems with equal  $\Theta(\lambda)$  and different real constants in boundary conditions are alternating.*

Let us use Green's formula once more

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda - \lambda_n) \int_0^l f(x, \lambda) u_1(x, \lambda_n) dx &= h_2 - h_1 + (\Theta(\lambda) - \Theta(\lambda_n)) f'(l, \lambda) u_1'(l, \lambda_n), \\ (\lambda - \lambda_n) \int_0^l f(x, \lambda) u_1(x, \lambda_n) dx & \\ &= (\lambda - \lambda_n) \int_0^l u_2(x, \lambda) u_1(x, \lambda_n) dx - (\lambda - \lambda_n) \frac{\Phi_2(\lambda)}{\Phi_1(\lambda)} \int_0^l u_1(x, \lambda) u_1(x, \lambda_n) dx \\ &= h_2 - h_1 + (\Theta(\lambda) - \Theta(\lambda_n)) u_2'(l, \lambda) u_1'(l, \lambda_n) \\ &\quad - (\Theta(\lambda) - \Theta(\lambda_n)) \left( \frac{\Phi_2(\lambda)}{\Phi_1(\lambda)} \right) u_1'(l, \lambda) u_1'(l, \lambda_n). \end{aligned}$$

Change the formula in the form of

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^l u_1(x, \lambda)u_1(x, \lambda_n)dx - \frac{\Theta(\lambda) - \Theta(\lambda_n)}{\lambda - \lambda_n}u_1'(l, \lambda)u_1'(l, \lambda_n) \\ = \frac{\Phi_1(\lambda)}{\Phi_2(\lambda)} \int_0^l u_2(x, \lambda)u_1(x, \lambda_n)dx - (h_2 - h_1) \frac{\Phi_1(\lambda_n)}{\Phi_2(\lambda_n)(\lambda - \lambda_n)} \\ - \frac{\Theta(\lambda) - \Theta(\lambda_n)}{\lambda - \lambda_n} \frac{\Phi_1(\lambda_n)}{\Phi_2(\lambda_n)} u_2'(l, \lambda)u_1'(l, \lambda_n). \end{aligned}$$

But now as  $\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_n$  we see that

$$\int_0^l |u_1(x, \lambda_n)|^2 dx - \Theta'(\lambda_n)|u_1'(l, \lambda_n)|^2 = -(h_2 - h_1) \frac{\Phi_1'(\lambda_n)}{\Phi_2(\lambda_n)},$$

since  $\Phi_1(\lambda_n) = 0$ .

$$\alpha_n = -(h_2 - h_1) \frac{\Phi_1'(\lambda)}{\Phi_2(\lambda)}. \quad (4)$$

Using (4) we find that

$$\alpha_n = \frac{h_2 - h_1}{\mu_n - \lambda_n} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_n}{\mu_k - \lambda_n}. \quad (5)$$

$\Phi_1(\lambda)$  and  $\Phi_2(\lambda)$  are entire functions which behave as  $O(1/|\lambda|^{1/2})$  [1,2]. We can write the infinite product

$$\Phi_1(\lambda) = c_1 \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_k}\right), \quad \Phi_2(\lambda) = c_2 \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu_k}\right),$$

where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants. It follows from the statement above and (4) that

$$\alpha_n = (h_1 - h_2) \frac{c_1}{c_2} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_k}\right)}{\prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{\mu_k}\right)} = \frac{h_2 - h_1}{\mu_n - \lambda_n} \frac{c_1}{c_2} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_k}{\lambda_k} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_n}{\mu_k - \lambda_n}.$$

Therefore, to obtain (5) we must show that

$$\frac{c_1}{c_2} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_k}{\lambda_k} = 1.$$

Let us consider two cases.

**(a)** In this case  $\deg \Theta_1(\lambda) \geq \deg \Theta_2(\lambda)$  [5]. Using the classical asymptotic formulas for the solutions of Sturm-Liouville equation to obtain the limit

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\Phi_1(\lambda)}{\Phi_2(\lambda)} &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\Theta_2(\lambda)u_1(l, \lambda) - \Theta_1(\lambda)u_1'(l, \lambda)}{\Theta_2(\lambda)u_2(l, \lambda) - \Theta_1(\lambda)u_2'(l, \lambda)} \\ &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{Hu_1(l, \lambda) - u_1'(l, \lambda)}{Hu_2(l, \lambda) - u_2'(l, \lambda)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $H = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\Theta_2(\lambda)}{\Theta_1(\lambda)}$ .

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{c_1}{c_2} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_k}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu_k}\right)^{-1} = \frac{c_1}{c_2} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_k}{\lambda_k} \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\infty} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_k - \lambda}{\mu_k - \lambda} = 1.$$

We must show that

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\infty} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_k - \lambda}{\mu_k - \lambda} = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\infty} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{\lambda_k - \mu_k}{\mu_k - \lambda}\right) = 1. \tag{6}$$

The asymptotic behavior of eigenvalues (2), (3) is given by formulas [6,7]

$$\lambda_k = (k - m)^2 + O(1), \quad \mu_k = (k - m)^2 + O(1).$$

Therefore  $\lambda_k - \mu_k = O(1)$ , i.e., the spectra of boundary-value problems are asymptotically close and the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\lambda_k - \mu_k}{\mu_k - \lambda} \right|$  is uniformly convergent in the neighborhood of the point  $\lambda = -\infty$ . This allows us to write

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\infty} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{\lambda_k - \mu_k}{\mu_k - \lambda}\right) = 1.$$

This shows that (5) holds.

**(b)** In this case  $\deg \Theta_1(\lambda) < \deg \Theta_2(\lambda)$ .

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\Phi_1(\lambda)}{\Phi_2(\lambda)} = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{u_1(l, \lambda) - \frac{\Theta_1(\lambda)}{\Theta_2(\lambda)} u_1'(l, \lambda)}{u_2(l, \lambda) - \frac{\Theta_1(\lambda)}{\Theta_2(\lambda)} u_2'(l, \lambda)} = 1.$$

Moreover,  $\lambda_k = (k - m + 1/2) + O(1)$  and  $\mu_k = (k - m + 1/2) + O(1)$ , therefore  $\lambda_k - \mu_k = O(1)$ , i.e., the linear term of  $\Theta(\lambda)$  does not affect the asymptotic closeness of the spectra of boundary-value problems.

Using formula (5) we can reconstruct the spectral distribution function. If  $q(x)$  is a sufficiently differentiable (twice differentiable) function then asymptotic formulas take place

$$\sqrt{\lambda_{n+m}} = n + \frac{a_0}{n} + \frac{a_1}{n^3} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right), \tag{7}$$

$$\sqrt{\mu_{n+m}} = n + \frac{a'_0}{n} + \frac{a'_1}{n^3} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right), \tag{8}$$

where

$$a_0 = (h_1 + H)/l + (2l)^{-1} \int_0^l q(x) dx,$$

$$a'_0 = (h_2 + H)/l + (2l)^{-1} \int_0^l q(x) dx,$$

and therefore

$$a_0 - a'_0 = (h_2 - h_1)/l.$$

**Theorem 2.** *Let two spectra  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  and  $\{\mu_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be given so that  $\lambda_0 < \mu_0 < \lambda_1 < \mu_1 < \dots$ , equalities (7), (8) take place, moreover  $a_0 \neq a'_0$ . Then there exist an absolutely continuous function  $q(x)$ , real numbers  $h_1, h_2$  and a rational function  $\Theta(\lambda)$  for which  $\text{Im } \Theta(\lambda) \text{Im } \lambda \leq 0$ , such that  $\lambda_n$  is the spectrum of the problem (2),  $\mu_n$  is the spectrum of the problem (3).*

**II.** Let us consider the regular differential equation

$$-y'' + q(x)y = \lambda y, \tag{9}$$

where  $q(x)$  ( $0 \leq x \leq l$ ) is a real-valued continuous function and two boundary-value problems:

$$y(0) = \Theta(\lambda)y'(0), \quad y'(l) + H y(l) = 0, \tag{10}$$

$$y(0) = (\Theta(\lambda) + h)y'(0), \quad y'(l) + H y(l) = 0, \tag{11}$$

where  $h$  and  $H$  are finite real numbers,  $h \neq 0$  and  $\Theta(\lambda)$  is a rational function for which  $\text{Im } \Theta(\lambda) \text{Im } \lambda \geq 0$ . Denote by  $\lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots$ ;  $\mu_0 < \mu_1 < \mu_2 < \dots$ , the eigenvalues of boundary-value problems (9), (10) and (9), (11), respectively. Let  $u_1(x, \lambda)$  and  $u_2(x, \lambda)$  be the solutions of (9) satisfying the following initial conditions:

$$u_1(0, \lambda) = 1, \quad u'_1(0, \lambda) = 0,$$

$$u_2(0, \lambda) = 0, \quad u'_2(0, \lambda) = -1.$$

Then the solutions of the differential equation (9)

$$\varphi(x, \lambda) = \Theta_1(\lambda)u_1(x, \lambda) - \Theta_2(\lambda)u'_1(x, \lambda),$$

$$\psi(x, \lambda) = (\Theta_1(\lambda) + h \Theta_2(\lambda))u_1(x, \lambda) - \Theta_2(\lambda)u'_1(x, \lambda)$$

satisfy right boundary condition (10) and right boundary condition (11), respectively.

Then the spectra of the boundary-value problems are the zero-sequences of the entire functions [5]:

$$\Phi_1(\lambda) = \varphi'(l, \lambda) + H\varphi(l, \lambda),$$

$$\Phi_2(\lambda) = \psi'(l, \lambda) + H\psi(l, \lambda).$$

Next we will show how to use  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  and  $\{\mu_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  to obtain  $\alpha_n$  the normalizing numbers of eigenfunctions of the first boundary-value problem. Following the work [3], we shall determine

$$\alpha_n = \alpha_{n1} + \alpha_{n2}, \quad \text{where} \quad \alpha_{n1} = \int_0^l |\varphi(x, \lambda_n)|^2 dx, \quad \alpha_{n2} = \Theta'(\lambda_n)|\Theta_2(\lambda_n)|^2.$$

Let us define

$$f(x, \lambda) = \psi(x, \lambda) + m(\lambda)\varphi(x, \lambda).$$

The Weyl function  $m(\lambda)$  is defined by the condition  $f'(l, \lambda) + H f(l, \lambda) = 0$ . Hence we obtain  $m(\lambda) = -\frac{\Phi_1(\lambda)}{\Phi_2(\lambda)}$ .

The formula shows that  $m(\lambda)$  is a meromorphic function, whose poles and zero-sequences are spectra of appropriate boundary-value problems (9), (10) and (9),

(11) respectively. In addition, by Green's formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\lambda - \bar{\mu}) \int_0^l f(x, \lambda) \overline{f(x, \mu)} dx &= f'(0, \lambda) \overline{f(0, \mu)} - f(0, \lambda) \overline{f'(0, \mu)} \\
 &= (\Theta_2(\lambda) + m(\lambda)\Theta_2(\lambda))(\overline{\Theta_1(\mu)} + h\overline{\Theta_2(\mu)} + \overline{m(\mu)}\overline{\Theta_1(\mu)}) \\
 &\quad - (\Theta_1(\lambda) + h\Theta_2(\lambda) + m(\lambda)\Theta_1(\lambda))(\overline{\Theta_2(\mu)} + \overline{m(\mu)}\overline{\Theta_2(\mu)}) \\
 &= (\overline{\Theta(\mu)} - \Theta(\lambda))\Theta_2(\lambda)\overline{\Theta_2(\mu)} + h\Theta_2(\lambda)\overline{\Theta_2(\mu)}(m(\lambda) - \overline{m(\mu)}) \\
 &\quad + m(\lambda)\overline{m(\mu)}(\overline{\Theta(\mu)} - \Theta(\lambda))\Theta_2(\lambda)\overline{\Theta_2(\mu)} \\
 &\quad + (\overline{m(\mu)} + m(\lambda))(\Theta_2(\lambda)\overline{\Theta_1(\mu)} - \Theta_1(\lambda)\overline{\Theta_2(\mu)}).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, if  $\mu = \lambda$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (12) \quad \int_0^l |f(x, \lambda)|^2 dx &= -\frac{\text{Im } \Theta(\lambda)}{\text{Im } \lambda} |\Theta_2(\lambda)|^2 + h \frac{\text{Im } m(\lambda)}{\text{Im } \lambda} |\Theta_2(\lambda)|^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{\text{Im } \Theta(\lambda)}{\text{Im } \lambda} |\Theta_2(\lambda)|^2 |m(\lambda)|^2 - (\overline{m(\lambda)} + m(\lambda)) \frac{\text{Im } \Theta(\lambda)}{\text{Im } \lambda} |\Theta_2(\lambda)|^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that  $1 + |m(\lambda)|^2 + 2 \text{Re } m(\lambda) \geq 0$ . Hence we obtain

$$\int_0^l |f(x, \lambda)|^2 dx + \frac{\text{Im } \Theta(\lambda)}{\text{Im } \lambda} |\Theta_2(\lambda)|^2 (1 + |m(\lambda)|^2 + 2 \text{Re } m(\lambda)) = h \frac{\text{Im } m(\lambda)}{\text{Im } \lambda} |\Theta_2(\lambda)|^2$$

in the case  $h > 0$ ,  $m(\lambda)$  is a Nevanlinna function (in the case  $h < 0$ ,  $-m(\lambda)$  is a Nevanlinna function). We have thus proved

**Theorem 3.** *The spectra of the boundary-value problems (10) and (11) are alternating.*

Let us use Green's formula once more

$$\begin{aligned}
 (13) \quad (\lambda - \lambda_n) \int_0^l f(x, \lambda) \varphi(x, \lambda_n) dx &= f'(0, \lambda) \varphi(0, \lambda_n) - f(0, \lambda) \varphi'(0, \lambda_n) \\
 &= (\Theta_2(\lambda) + m(\lambda)\Theta_2(\lambda))(\Theta_1(\lambda_n)) \\
 &\quad - (\Theta_1(\lambda) + h\Theta_2(\lambda) + m(\lambda)\Theta_1(\lambda))(\Theta_2(\lambda_n)),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $m(\lambda) = -\frac{\Phi_2(\lambda)}{\Phi_1(\lambda)}$ . On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (14) \quad (\lambda - \lambda_n) \int_0^l f(x, \lambda) \varphi(x, \lambda_n) dx \\
 = (\lambda - \lambda_n) \int_0^l \psi(x, \lambda) \varphi(x, \lambda_n) dx - (\lambda - \lambda_n) \frac{\Phi_2(\lambda)}{\Phi_1(\lambda)} \int_0^l \varphi(x, \lambda) \varphi(x, \lambda_n) dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

But now as  $\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_n$  using the statement (13) we see that

$$\alpha_{n1} = -\Theta'(\lambda_n)|\Theta_2(\lambda_n)|^2 - h|\Theta_2(\lambda_n)|^2 \frac{\Phi_1'(\lambda_n)}{\Phi_2(\lambda_n)}$$

From this it follows that

$$\alpha_n = \frac{h|\Theta_2(\lambda_n)|^2}{\mu_n - \lambda_n} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_k - \lambda_n}{\mu_k - \lambda_n}.$$

**Theorem 4.** *Let two spectra  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{\mu_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  $\Theta_2(\lambda)$  be given so that  $\lambda_0 < \mu_0 < \lambda_1 < \mu_1 < \dots$ , equalities (7), (8) take place, moreover  $a_0 \neq a'_0$ . Then there exist an absolutely continuous function  $q(x)$ , a real number  $h$  and a rational function  $\Theta(\lambda)$  for which  $\text{Im } \Theta(\lambda) \text{Im } \lambda \geq 0$ , such that  $\lambda_n$  is the spectrum of the problem (10),  $\mu_n$  is the spectrum of the problem (11).*

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