

# AN $L_p$ ESTIMATE FOR THE DIFFERENCE OF DERIVATIVES OF SPECTRAL EXPANSIONS ARISING BY ONE-DIMENSIONAL SCHRÖDINGER OPERATORS

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**Abstract.** We prove the estimate

$$\|\sigma'_\mu(x, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(x, f)\|_{L_p(G)} \leq C \|f\|_{BV(G)} \cdot \mu^{1-1/p},$$

where  $2 \leq p < +\infty$ , and  $\sigma_\mu(x, f), \tilde{\sigma}_\mu(x, f)$  are the partial sums of spectral expansions of a function  $f(x) \in BV(G)$ , corresponding to arbitrary non-negative self-adjoint extensions of the operators  $\mathcal{L}u = -u'' + q(x)u$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}u = -u'' + \tilde{q}(x)u$  ( $x \in G$ ) respectively; the operators are defined on an arbitrary bounded interval  $G \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

## 1. Introduction

Let  $G = (a, b)$  be an arbitrary bounded interval, and let the operators

$$\mathcal{L}u = -u'' + q(x)u, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{L}}u = -u'' + \tilde{q}(x)u \tag{1}$$

be defined on  $G$ , with potentials  $q(x), \tilde{q}(x) \in L_s(G)$ ,  $1 < s \leq 2$ . Denote by  $L, \tilde{L}$  arbitrary non-negative self-adjoint extensions, with discrete spectrum, of the operators (1) respectively (see §17, [1]). Let  $\{u_n(x)\}_{n=1}^\infty, \{\tilde{u}_n(x)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be complete (in  $L_2(G)$ ) and orthonormal systems of eigenfunctions of those extensions, and  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^\infty, \{\tilde{\lambda}_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  the corresponding systems of non-negative eigenvalues, enumerated in non-decreasing order. If  $f(x) \in L_1(G)$  and  $\mu \geq 2$ , we can form the partial sums of order  $\mu$ :

$$\sigma_\mu(x, f) = \sum_{\sqrt{\lambda_n} < \mu} f_n u_n(x), \quad \tilde{\sigma}_\mu(x, f) = \sum_{\sqrt{\tilde{\lambda}_n} < \mu} \tilde{f}_n \tilde{u}_n(x),$$

where  $f_n = \int_a^b f(x) u_n(x) dx$ ,  $\tilde{f}_n = \int_a^b f(x) \tilde{u}_n(x) dx$ . Let  $AC(G)$  be the set of absolutely continuous functions on the closed interval  $\overline{G}$ . Denote by  $BV(G)$  the Banach space of functions having bounded variation on  $\overline{G}$ , with the norm  $\|f\|_{BV(G)} = \sup_{x \in \overline{G}} |f(x)| + V_a^b(f)$ , where  $V_a^b(f)$  stands for the total variation of  $f(x)$  on  $\overline{G}$ .

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The problem of behavior of function  $\sigma_\mu(x, f)$  (and its derivatives) on subsets of  $\overline{G}$ , as  $\mu \rightarrow +\infty$ , is the classical one. One of the most fruitful approaches to the problem is so-called “equiconvergence approach”: one studies the behavior of the difference  $\sigma_\mu(x, f) - S_\mu(x, f)$ , as  $\mu \rightarrow +\infty$ , where  $S_\mu(x, f)$  is the corresponding partial sum of the trigonometrical Fourier series of function  $f$  (for a review see [2]). It seems that the first results concerning the equiconvergence rate estimates, in the case of arbitrary self-adjoint Sturm-Liouville operators, were obtained by V.A. Il'in and I. Joo in [3]. They obtained the following estimate:

If  $q(x), \tilde{q}(x) \in L_s(G)$  ( $s > 1$ ),  $f(x) \in AC(G)$ , and  $K \subset G$  is an arbitrary compact set, then there exists a constant  $C(K, f) > 0$  such that

$$\max_{x \in K} |\sigma_\mu(x, f) - \tilde{\sigma}_\mu(x, f)| \leq C(K, f) \cdot \frac{1}{\mu}, \quad \mu \geq 2; \quad (2)$$

$C(K, f)$  does not depend on  $\mu$ . The estimate is exact in order with respect to  $\mu$ .

In order to “globalize” the estimate (2), I.S. Lomov has considered the  $L_p$  metric instead of the uniform one; in paper [4] he proved the following assertion: If  $q(x), \tilde{q}(x) \in L_s(G)$  ( $s > 1$ ),  $f(x) \in BV(G)$ , and  $2 \leq p < +\infty$ , then the estimate

$$\|\sigma_\mu(x, f) - \tilde{\sigma}_\mu(x, f)\|_{L_p(G)} \leq C \|f\|_{BV(G)} \cdot \frac{1}{\mu^{1/p}}, \quad \mu \geq 3, \quad (3)$$

holds, where  $C > 0$  does not depend on  $f$  and  $\mu$ . (Note that in earlier paper [5] Lomov obtained estimate (3) with  $\mu^{-1/p} \ln \mu$  instead of  $\mu^{-1/p}$ .)

A local uniform estimate for the difference of the first derivatives  $\sigma'_\mu(x, f)$ ,  $\tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(x, f)$  was obtained by I. Joo and N. Lažetić in paper [6]. They proved: If  $q(x)$  and  $\tilde{q}(x)$  belong to  $L_s(G)$  ( $1 < s \leq 2$ ),  $f(x) \in AC(G)$ , and  $K \subset G$  is an arbitrary compact set, then the estimate

$$\max_{x \in K} |\sigma'_\mu(x, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(x, f)| \leq C(K, f), \quad \mu \geq 2, \quad (4)$$

holds, where  $C(K, f) > 0$  is independent of  $\mu$ . This estimate is exact in order with respect to the spectral parameter  $\mu$ .

Recently, the estimate (4) has been extended on the set  $BV(G)$ . Namely, the authors of this paper have proved ([7]) that for every function  $f(x) \in BV(G)$  and every compact set  $K \subset G$  the following estimate is valid:

$$\max_{x \in K} |\sigma'_\mu(x, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(x, f)| \leq C(K) \|f\|_{BV(G)}, \quad \mu \geq 2. \quad (5)$$

It is supposed that  $q(x), \tilde{q}(x) \in L_s(G)$  ( $s > 1$ ).

In this paper we propose an  $L_p$  estimate for the difference mentioned above. That estimate “globalizes” (5), and shows how the estimate (3) is affected by the operation of differentiation (compare with estimates (8)-(9) below). Hence, our result is the following assertion.

**THEOREM.** Suppose  $q(x), \tilde{q}(x) \in L_s(G)$  ( $1 < s \leq 2$ ),  $f(x) \in BV(G)$ ,  $p \in [2, +\infty)$ , and  $\mu \geq 2$ . There exists a constant  $C > 0$ , independent of  $f$  and  $\mu$ , such that the following estimate holds:

$$\|\sigma'_\mu(x, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(x, f)\|_{L_p(G)} \leq C \|f\|_{BV(G)} \cdot \mu^{1-1/p}. \quad (6)$$

## 2. Auxiliary results

Proof of the theorem is based on estimate (5). But we will also use a variety of known results listed below.

Let  $q(x) \in L_1(G)$ . Then for systems of eigenfunctions and eigenvalues of an arbitrary non-negative self-adjoint extension  $L$  of the operator  $\mathcal{L}$  the following estimates are valid:

$$\sum_{|\sqrt{\lambda_n} - \mu| < 1} 1 \leq A, \quad \mu > 0, \quad (7)$$

where  $A > 0$  does not depend on  $\mu$  (see [8] and [9]);

$$\sup_{x \in G} |u_n(x)| \leq C(G), \quad (8)$$

where  $C(G) > 0$  is independent of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  ([8]);

$$\sup_{x \in G} |u'_n(x)| \leq C_1(G)(\sqrt{\lambda_n} + 1), \quad (9)$$

with  $C_1(G) > 0$  non-depending on  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  ([10]).

If  $f(x) \in BV(G)$ , then for its Fourier coefficients  $f_n$  (with respect to the system  $\{u_n(x)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ ) the estimate

$$|f_n| \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \cdot \|f\|_{BV(G)} \quad (10)$$

holds, where  $C > 0$  does not depend on  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (see [5]).

We will also use so-called “mean value formula” for the derivatives  $u'_n(x)$  ([10]): If  $x \in G$  and  $t > 0$  are such that  $x \pm t \in G$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} u'_n(x+t) - u'_n(x-t) &= -2\sqrt{\lambda_n}u_n(x)\sin\sqrt{\lambda_n}t + \\ &+ \int_{x-t}^{x+t} q(\xi)u_n(\xi)\cos\sqrt{\lambda_n}(|x-\xi|-t)d\xi. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

(Note that a function  $u_\lambda(x)$  is called an eigenfunction corresponding to an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of the operator  $L$  if  $u_\lambda(x), u'_\lambda(x) \in AC(G)$  and the equality

$$-u''_\lambda(x) + q(x)u_\lambda(x) = \lambda u_\lambda(x)$$

holds a.e. on  $G$ .)

Finally, recall the “second part” of the known Riesz theorem ([11]): Let  $\{v_n(x)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be an orthogonal system of functions defined on a bounded interval  $G$ , and such that  $\sup_{x \in G} |v_n(x)| \leq M$ , where  $M > 0$  is independent on  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $1 < r \leq 2$  and  $1/r + 1/p = 1$ , then for every sequence of (complex) numbers  $\{g_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , satisfying  $(\sum_{n=1}^\infty |g_n|^r)^{1/r} < +\infty$ , there exists a function  $g(x) \in L_p(G)$  such that  $g_n = \int_a^b g(y)\overline{v_n(y)}dy$  and

$$\|g\|_{L_p(G)} \leq M^{2/r-1} \left( \sum_{n=1}^\infty |g_n|^r \right)^{1/r}. \quad (12)$$

Note that in proving the estimate (5) we have used all the results (7)–(12).

### 3. Proof of the theorem

The first step of the proof is the same as the one in the proof of Lemma 2 [5]. Let  $K = [c, d] \subset G$  be an arbitrary fixed closed interval. Then we have

$$\|\sigma'_\mu(x, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(x, f)\|_{L_p(G)}^p = \|(\cdot)\|_{L_p((a, c))}^p + \|(\cdot)\|_{L_p(K)}^p + \|(\cdot)\|_{L_p((d, b))}^p. \quad (13)$$

In estimating the members on the right-hand side, we will assume, with no loss of generality, that  $\lambda_n \geq 1$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ). (This assumption is based on the equation  $-u''_n(x) + [q(x) + 1]u_n(x) = (\lambda_n + 1)u_n(x)$ .) Set  $\mu_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sqrt{\lambda_n}$ .

Let us consider the first member. Introducing a new variable  $z = x + h$ , with  $h \in (0, (d - c)/2)$  fixed, we obtain

$$\|\sigma'_\mu(x, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(x, f)\|_{L_p((a, c))} = \int_{K_1} |\sigma'_\mu(z - h, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(z - h, f)|^p dz, \quad (14)$$

where  $K_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [a + h, c + h] \subset G$ . By the mean value formula (11), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma'_\mu(z - h, f) &= \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} f_n u'_n(z + h) + \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} 2\mu_n f_n u_n(z) \sin \mu_n h - \\ &\quad - \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} f_n \int_z^{z+h} q(\xi) u_n(\xi) \cos \mu_n(\xi - z - h) d\xi + \\ &\quad + \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} f_n \int_{z-h}^z q(\xi) u_n(\xi) \cos \mu_n(z - \xi - h) d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Analogous equality can be written for  $\tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(z - h, f)$ . Therefore, the following equality holds on  $K_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma'_\mu(z - h, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(z - h, f) &= \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} f_n u'_n(z + h) - \sum_{\tilde{\mu}_n < \mu} \tilde{f}_n \tilde{u}'_n(z + h) + \\ &\quad + \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} 2\mu_n f_n u_n(z) \sin \mu_n h - \sum_{\tilde{\mu}_n < \mu} 2\tilde{\mu}_n \tilde{f}_n \tilde{u}_n(z) \sin \tilde{\mu}_n h - \\ &\quad - \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} f_n \int_z^{z+h} q(\xi) u_n(\xi) \cos \mu_n(\xi - x - h) d\xi + \\ &\quad + \sum_{\tilde{\mu}_n < \mu} \tilde{f}_n \int_z^{z+h} \tilde{q}(\xi) \tilde{u}_n(\xi) \cos \tilde{\mu}_n(\xi - z - h) d\xi + \\ &\quad + \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} f_n \int_{z-h}^z q(\xi) u_n(\xi) \cos \mu_n(z - \xi - h) d\xi - \\ &\quad - \sum_{\tilde{\mu}_n < \mu} \tilde{f}_n \int_{z-h}^z \tilde{q}(\xi) \tilde{u}_n(\xi) \cos \tilde{\mu}_n(z - \xi - h) d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

That is why we have the inequality

$$\|\sigma'_\mu(z - h, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(z - h, f)\|_{L_p(K_1)}^p \leq C_p \|\sigma'_\mu(z + h, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(z + h, f)\|_{L_p(K_1)}^p +$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + C_p \left\| \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} 2\mu_n f_n u_n(z) \sin \mu_n h \right\|_{L_p(K_1)}^p + \\
& + C_p \left\| \sum_{\tilde{\mu}_n < \mu} 2\tilde{\mu}_n \tilde{f}_n \tilde{u}_n(z) \sin \tilde{\mu}_n h \right\|_{L_p(K_1)}^p + \\
& + C_p \int_{K_1} \left| \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} f_n \int_z^{z+h} q(\xi) u_n(\xi) \cos \mu_n(\xi - z - h) d\xi \right|^p dz + \\
& + C_p \int_{K_1} \left| \sum_{\tilde{\mu}_n < \mu} \tilde{f}_n \int_z^{z+h} \tilde{q}(\xi) \tilde{u}_n(\xi) \cos \tilde{\mu}_n(\xi - x - h) d\xi \right|^p dz + \\
& + C_p \int_{K_1} \left| \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} f_n \int_{z-h}^z q(\xi) u_n(\xi) \cos \mu_n(x - \xi - h) d\xi \right|^p dz + \\
& + C_p \int_{K_1} \left| \sum_{\tilde{\mu}_n < \mu} \tilde{f}_n \int_{z-h}^z \tilde{q}(\xi) \tilde{u}_n(\xi) \cos \tilde{\mu}_n(x - \xi - h) d\xi \right|^p dz. \quad (15)
\end{aligned}$$

Here and further, we denote by  $C_p$  not necessarily equal positive constants.

In order to estimate the first member on the right-hand side of (15), we will use the estimate (5). Having in mind that  $z + h \in K_2$  if  $z \in K_1$ , where  $K_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [a + 2h, c + 2h] \subset G$ , we have the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\sigma'_\mu(z + h, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(z + h, f)\|_{L_p(K_1)}^p & \leq (c - a)C(K_2)^p \|f\|_{BV(G)}^p \\
& \leq C_p \|f\|_{BV(G)} \cdot \mu^{(1-1/p)p}. \quad (16)
\end{aligned}$$

The next two members have the same “structure”, and they will be estimated by the Riesz theorem. First we introduce a new function:

$$g(z) = \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} (2\mu_n f_n \sin \mu_n h) u_n(z), \quad z \in G.$$

It belongs to  $L_p(G) \subset L_2(G)$ , and its Fourier coefficients (with respect to the system  $\{u_n(z)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ ) are given by

$$g_n = \begin{cases} 2\mu_n f_n \sin \mu_n h & \text{if } \mu_n < \mu, \\ 0 & \text{if } \mu_n \geq \mu. \end{cases}$$

Let  $r \in (1, 2]$  be a number such that  $1/p + 1/r = 1$ . By estimates (7) and (10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\left( \sum_{n=1}^\infty |g_n|^r \right)^{1/r} & \leq C \|f\|_{BV(G)} \left( \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} 1 \right)^{1/r} \\
& \leq C \|f\|_{BV(G)} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{[\mu]} \left( \sum_{\mu_n < \mu_{k+1}} 1 \right) \right)^{1/r} \leq 2^{1/r} C A^{1/r} \|f\|_{BV(G)} \cdot \mu^{1/r}. \quad (17)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we can use the second part of the Riesz theorem: from estimate (12) it follows that the inequalities

$$\|g\|_{L_p(K_1)} \leq \|g\|_{L_p(G)} \leq (C(G))^{2/r-1} \left( \sum_{n=1}^\infty |g_n|^r \right)^{1/r}$$

are valid. That is why we can conclude, by (17), that for the second member it holds:

$$\left\| \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} 2\mu_n f_n u_n(z) \sin \mu_n h \right\|_{L_p(K_1)}^p \leq C_p \|f\|_{BV(G)}^p \cdot \mu^{(1-1/p)p}. \quad (18)$$

The same estimate holds for the third member:

$$\left\| \sum_{\tilde{\mu}_n < \mu} 2\tilde{\mu}_n \tilde{f}_n \tilde{u}_n(z) \sin \tilde{\mu}_n h \right\|_{L_p(K_1)}^p \leq \tilde{C}_p \|f\|_{BV(G)}^p \cdot \mu^{(1-1/p)p}. \quad (19)$$

In the case of the fourth member, using estimates (7)–(8), (10), and the Hölder inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{K_1} \left| \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} f_n \int_z^{z+h} q(\xi) u_n(\xi) \cos \mu_n(\xi - x - h) d\xi \right|^p dz \leq \\ & \int_{K_1} \left( \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} |\mu_n f_n| \left| \frac{1}{\mu_n} \int_z^{z+h} q(\xi) u_n(\xi) \cos \mu_n(\xi - x - h) d\xi \right| \right)^p \leq \\ & \left( \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} |\mu_n f_n|^r \right)^{p/r} \int_{K_1} \left( \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} \left| \frac{1}{\mu_n} \int_z^{z+h} q(\xi) u_n(\xi) \cos \mu_n(\xi - x - h) d\xi \right|^p \right) dz \leq \\ & C_p \|f\|_{BV(G)}^p \cdot \mu^{(1-1/p)p} \|q\|_{L_1(G)}^p (c-a) \left( \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} \frac{1}{\mu_n^p} \right) \leq C_p \|f\|_{BV(G)}^p \cdot \mu^{(1-1/p)p}. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $1/p + 1/r = 1$ . Also we have in mind that

$$\sum_{\mu_n < \mu} \frac{1}{\mu_n^p} \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k \leq \mu_n < k+1} \frac{1}{\mu_n^p} \right) \leq A \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^p}.$$

Therefore, the following estimate holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{K_1} \left| \sum_{\mu_n < \mu} f_n \int_z^{z+h} q(\xi) u_n(\xi) \cos \mu_n(\xi - x - h) d\xi \right|^p dz \leq \\ & \leq C_p \|f\|_{BV(G)}^p \cdot \mu^{(1-1/p)p}. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

The estimates of the same form, with possibly different constants  $C_p$ , are valid for the last three members on the right-hand side of (15). So we get, by (14)–(16) and (18)–(20), the final estimate

$$\|\sigma'_\mu(x, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(x, f)\|_{L_p((a,c))}^p \leq C_p \|f\|_{BV(G)}^p \cdot \mu^{(1-1/p)p}. \quad (21)$$

Using the analogous argument, one can prove the estimate

$$\|\sigma'_\mu(x, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(x, f)\|_{L_p((d,b))}^p \leq C_p \|f\|_{BV(G)}^p \cdot \mu^{(1-1/p)p}. \quad (22)$$

Finally, by estimate (5), we obtain

$$\|\sigma'_\mu(x, f) - \tilde{\sigma}'_\mu(x, f)\|_{L_p(K)}^p \leq (b-a)C(K)^p \|f\|_{BV(G)}^p \cdot \mu^{(1-1/p)p}. \quad (23)$$

Now, the estimate (6) follows from (13) and (21)–(23). The theorem is proved. ■

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