

# ESTIMATES FOR EIGENVALUES OF THE ELLIPTIC OPERATOR IN WEIGHTED DIVERGENCE FORM ON THE CIGAR SOLITON

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we investigate the Dirichlet eigenvalue problem of the elliptic operator in weighted divergence form  $\mathfrak{L}_{A,f}$  on the cigar soliton  $(\mathbb{R}^2, g, f)$  as follows

$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{L}_{A,f}u + Vu = \lambda\rho u, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where  $V$  is a non-negative continuous function and  $\rho$  is a positive continuous function on  $\Omega$ . We establish some inequalities for eigenvalues of this problem.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional complete Riemannian manifold. The Dirichlet eigenvalue problem of the Laplacian  $\Delta$  on a bounded domain  $\Omega$  of  $M$  is described by

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = -\lambda u, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Many mathematicians have obtained some universal inequalities for eigenvalues of problem (1.1) (cf. [1–4]).

Let  $A : \Omega \rightarrow \text{End}(T\Omega)$  be a smooth symmetric and positive definite section of the bundle of all endomorphisms of the tangent bundle  $T\Omega$  of  $M$ . Define the following elliptic operator in divergence form

$$L_A = -\text{div}(A\nabla), \quad (1.2)$$

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where  $\operatorname{div}$  is the divergence operator and  $\nabla$  is the gradient operator. It is easy to see that the operator  $L_A$  defined in (1.2) includes the Laplacian operator as a special case. In 2010, Do Carmo, Wang and Xia [5] considered the eigenvalue problem of  $L_A$  as follows

$$\begin{cases} L_A u + V u = \lambda \rho u, & \text{in } M, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \partial M, \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

where  $V$  is a non-negative continuous function and  $\rho$  is a positive continuous function on  $M$ . They obtained the following Yang-type inequality

$$\sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i)^2 \leq \frac{4\xi_2 \rho_2^2}{n\rho_1^2} \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) \left[ \frac{1}{\xi_1} \left( \lambda_i - \frac{V_0}{\rho_2} \right) + \frac{n^2 H_0^2}{4\rho_1} \right], \quad (1.4)$$

where  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \rho_1, \rho_2$  are positive constants,  $H_0 = \max_{x \in M} |\mathbf{H}(x)|$ ,  $V_0 = \min_{x \in M} V(x)$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  is the mean curvature vector of  $M$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . For more reference about  $L_A$ , we refer to [6].

In recent years, metric measure spaces have received a lot of attention in geometry and analysis. For some significant results about metric measure spaces, we refer to [7, 8] and the references therein. A smooth metric measure space is actually a Riemannian manifold equipped with some measures which is absolutely continuous with respect to the usual Riemannian measure. More precisely, for a given  $n$ -dimensional complete Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  with a smooth metric  $g$ , we say that the triple  $(M, g, d\mu)$  is a smooth metric measure space, where  $d\mu = e^{-f} dv$ ,  $f$  is a smooth real-valued function on  $M$  and  $dv$  is the Riemannian volume element related to  $g$ .

Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain in a smooth metric measure space  $(M, g, e^{-f} dv)$ . Define the elliptic operator in weighted divergence form  $\mathfrak{L}_{A,f}$  as

$$\mathfrak{L}_{A,f} = -\operatorname{div}_f A \nabla, \quad (1.5)$$

where  $\operatorname{div}_f X = e^f \operatorname{div} (e^{-f} X)$  is the weighted divergence of the vector field  $X$  on  $M$ . When  $A$  is an identity map,  $-\mathfrak{L}_{A,f}$  becomes the drifting Laplacian  $\Delta_f = \operatorname{div}_f \nabla$ . Moreover, when  $f$  is a constant,  $\mathfrak{L}_{A,f}$  becomes  $L_A$  defined in (1.2). There have been some interesting results for  $\mathfrak{L}_{A,f}$  (see [9–11]).

As an important example of complete metric measure spaces, we consider Ricci solitons introduced by Hamilton [12, 13]. They are corresponding to self-similar solutions of Hamilton's Ricci flow. We say that  $(M, g, f)$  is a gradient Ricci soliton if there is a constant  $K$ , such that

$$\operatorname{Ric} + \operatorname{Hess} f = Kg. \quad (1.6)$$

The function  $f$  is called a potential function of the gradient Ricci soliton. For  $K > 0$ ,  $K = 0$  and  $K < 0$ , the Ricci soliton is called shrinking, steady or expanding respectively. When the dimension is two, Hamilton discovered the first complete non-compact example of a steady Ricci soliton on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , called the cigar soliton. The metric and potential function of the cigar soliton  $(\mathbb{R}^2, g, f)$  is given by

$$g = \frac{d(x^1)^2 + d(x^2)^2}{1 + |x|^2}$$

and

$$f = -\log(1 + |x|^2),$$

where  $|x|^2 = (x^1)^2 + (x^2)^2$ . In physics, the cigar soliton  $(\mathbb{R}^2, g, f)$  is regarded as the Euclidean-Witten black hole under first-order Ricci flow of the world-sheet sigma model. As an important tractable model for understanding black hole physics (cf. [14]), it is of great significance in both geometry and physics. In 2018, Zeng [15] considered the following Dirichlet eigenvalue problem of the drifting Laplacian  $\Delta_f$  on a bounded domain  $\Omega$  in the cigar soliton  $(\mathbb{R}^2, g, f)$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_f u = -\lambda u, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad (1.7)$$

and derived

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i)^2 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) \left\{ \left[ 2 \left( 1 + \max_{x \in \Omega} |x|^2 \right) + \min_{x \in \Omega} |x|^2 \right] \lambda_i \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \min_{x \in \Omega} |x|^2 \lambda_{k+1} - 2 \left( 2 + 3 \min_{x \in \Omega} |x|^2 \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

In this paper, on a bounded domain  $\Omega$  of the cigar soliton  $(\mathbb{R}^2, g, f)$ , we consider the Dirichlet eigenvalue problem of  $\mathfrak{L}_{A,f}$  as follows

$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} u + V u = \lambda \rho u, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases} \quad (1.9)$$

where  $V$  is a non-negative continuous function and  $\rho$  is a positive continuous function on  $M$ . We obtain the following results.

**Theorem 1.1** Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain in the cigar soliton  $(\mathbb{R}^2, g, f)$ . Let  $\lambda_i$  be the  $i$ -th eigenvalue of problem (1.9). Assume that  $\xi_1 I \leq A \leq \xi_2 I$  throughout  $\Omega$ , and  $\rho_1 \leq \rho(x) \leq \rho_2$ ,  $\forall x \in \Omega$ , where  $I$  is the identity map,  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \rho_1, \rho_2$  are positive constants. Then we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i)^2 \leq \frac{2\rho_2\xi_2^2}{\rho_1\xi_1(1+C_1)} \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) \left[ \frac{(1+C_0)(\lambda_i - \rho_2^{-1}V_0)}{\xi_1} - \frac{2+3C_1}{\rho_2} \right], \quad (1.10)$$

where  $C_0 = \max_{x \in \Omega} \{|x|^2\}$ ,  $C_1 = \min_{x \in \Omega} \{|x|^2\}$  and  $V_0 = \min_{x \in \Omega} \{V(x)\}$ .

**Remark 1.1** If  $A$  is an identity map,  $\rho(x) \equiv 1$  and  $V(x) \equiv 0$ , then  $\xi_1 = \xi_2 = 1$ ,  $\rho_1 = \rho_2 = 1$  and  $V_0 = 0$ . Thus (1.10) becomes (1.8). Therefore, our result generalizes (1.8) of [15].

Moreover, we derive the following result for lower order eigenvalues of problem (1.9).

**Theorem 1.2** Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain in the cigar soliton  $(\mathbb{R}^2, g, f)$ . Let  $\lambda_i$  be the  $i$ -th eigenvalue of problem (1.9). Assume that  $\xi_1 I \leq A \leq \xi_2 I$  throughout  $\Omega$ , and

$\rho_1 \leq \rho(x) \leq \rho_2, \forall x \in \Omega$ , where  $I$  is the identity map,  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \rho_1, \rho_2$  are positive constants. Then we have

$$\sum_{p=1}^2 (\lambda_{p+1} - \lambda_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \frac{2\rho_2}{\rho_1(1+C_1)} \left\{ 2\xi_2(1+C_0) \left[ \frac{(1+C_0)(\lambda_1 - \rho_2^{-1}V_0)}{\xi_1} - \frac{2+3C_1}{\rho_2} \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (1.11)$$

where  $C_0 = \max_{x \in \Omega} \{|x|^2\}$ ,  $C_1 = \min_{x \in \Omega} \{|x|^2\}$  and  $V_0 = \min_{x \in \Omega} \{V(x)\}$ .

**Corollary 1.1** Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain in the cigar soliton  $(\mathbb{R}^2, g, f)$ . Denote by  $\lambda_i$  the  $i$ -th eigenvalue of problem (1.7). Then we have

$$\sum_{p=1}^2 (\lambda_{p+1} - \lambda_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \frac{2}{1+C_1} \left\{ 2(1+C_0) \left[ (1+C_0)\lambda_1 - (2+3C_1) \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (1.12)$$

where  $C_0 = \max_{x \in \Omega} \{|x|^2\}$  and  $C_1 = \min_{x \in \Omega} \{|x|^2\}$ .

## 2 Proofs of the Main results

In this section, we give the proofs of the main results.

**Proof of Theorem 1.1** Suppose that  $x^p$  is the  $p$ -th local coordinate of  $x_0 \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ , where  $p = 1, 2$ . Consider the test functions

$$\varphi_i = x^p u_i - \sum_{j=1}^k a_{ij} u_j, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, k. \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$a_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} \rho x^p u_i u_j d\mu.$$

It is easy to find that

$$\varphi_i|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_i u_j d\mu = 0, \forall i, j = 1, \dots, k. \quad (2.2)$$

Hence the Rayleigh-Ritz inequality reads as

$$\lambda_{k+1} \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_i^2 d\mu \leq \int_{\Omega} \varphi_i (\mathfrak{L}_{A,f} + V) \varphi_i d\mu. \quad (2.3)$$

According to the definition of  $\mathfrak{L}_{A,f}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{L}_{A,f}(x^p u_i) &= -\operatorname{div}_f(A \nabla(x^p u_i)) \\ &= -e^f \operatorname{div}(e^{-f}(A(x^p \nabla u_i + u_i \nabla x^p))) \\ &= -\operatorname{div}(A(x^p \nabla u_i + u_i \nabla x^p)) - \langle \nabla f, A(x^p \nabla u_i + u_i \nabla x^p) \rangle \\ &= -x^p \operatorname{div}_f(A \nabla u_i) - \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle - u_i \operatorname{div}_f(A \nabla x^p) - \langle \nabla u_i, A \nabla x^p \rangle \\ &= x^p \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} u_i + u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p - 2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Hence, we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\Omega} \varphi_i (\mathfrak{L}_{A,f} + V) \varphi_i d\mu &= \int_{\Omega} \varphi_i \left[ (\mathfrak{L}_{A,f} + V) (x^p u_i) - \rho \sum_{j=1}^k a_{ij} \lambda_j u_j \right] d\mu \\
&= \int_{\Omega} \varphi_i (x^p \lambda_i \rho u_i + u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p - 2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle) d\mu \\
&= \lambda_i \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_i^2 d\mu + P_i,
\end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

where  $P_i = \int_{\Omega} \varphi_i (u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p - 2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle) d\mu$ . Substituting (2.5) into (2.3), we can get

$$(\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_i^2 d\mu \leq P_i. \tag{2.6}$$

Set

$$b_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} (u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p - 2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle) u_j d\mu, \quad \forall i, j = 1, \dots, k.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{ij} &= \int_{\Omega} 2x^p \langle \nabla u_j, A \nabla u_i \rangle d\mu - \int_{\Omega} 2x^p u_j \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} u_i d\mu + \int_{\Omega} x^p \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} (u_i u_j) d\mu \\
&= \int_{\Omega} x^p u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} u_j d\mu - \int_{\Omega} x^p u_j \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} u_i d\mu \\
&= \int_{\Omega} x^p u_i (\mathfrak{L}_{A,f} + V) u_j d\mu - \int_{\Omega} x^p u_j (\mathfrak{L}_{A,f} + V) u_i d\mu \\
&= (\lambda_j - \lambda_i) a_{ij}.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
P_i^2 &= \left[ \int_{\Omega} \varphi_i \left( u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p - 2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle - \rho \sum_{j=1}^k b_{ij} u_j \right) d\mu \right]^2 \\
&\leq \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_i^2 d\mu \cdot \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left( u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p - 2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle - \rho \sum_{j=1}^k b_{ij} u_j \right)^2 d\mu.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

Combining (2.6) and (2.8), we infer that

$$\begin{aligned}
(\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) P_i^2 &\leq (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_i^2 d\mu \cdot \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left( u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p - 2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle - \rho \sum_{j=1}^k b_{ij} u_j \right)^2 d\mu \\
&\leq P_i \cdot \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left( u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p - 2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle - \rho \sum_{j=1}^k b_{ij} u_j \right)^2 d\mu.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

It implies that

$$(\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) P_i \leq \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left( u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p - 2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle - \rho \sum_{j=1}^k b_{ij} u_j \right)^2 d\mu. \tag{2.10}$$

Multiplying both sides of (2.10) by  $(\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i)$ , taking the sum over  $i$  from 1 to  $k$  and  $p$  from 1 to 2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i)^2 \sum_{p=1}^2 P_i \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left( u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p - 2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle - \rho \sum_{j=1}^k b_{ij} u_j \right)^2 d\mu. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Using (2.7), we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left( u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p - 2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle - \rho \sum_{j=1}^k b_{ij} u_j \right)^2 d\mu \\ & = \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ (u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p)^2 + 4 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle^2 - 4 u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle \right] d\mu - 2 \sum_{j=1}^k b_{ij}^2 \\ & = \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ (u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p)^2 + 4 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle^2 - 4 u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle \right] d\mu - 2 \sum_{j=1}^k (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2 a_{ij}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p=1}^2 P_i & = \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} (x^p u_i^2 \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p - 2 x^p u_i \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle) d\mu - 2 \sum_{j=1}^k a_{ij} b_{ij} \\ & = \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} u_i^2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla x^p \rangle d\mu + 2 \sum_{j=1}^k (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) a_{ij}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Using (2.12) and (2.13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i)^2 \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} u_i^2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla x^p \rangle d\mu + 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i)^2 (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) a_{ij}^2 \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ (u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p)^2 + 4 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle^2 - 4 u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle \right] d\mu \\ & \quad - 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2 a_{ij}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

Moreover, observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i,j=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i)^2 (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) a_{ij}^2 \\
&= \sum_{i,j=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_j) (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) a_{ij}^2 - \sum_{i,j=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2 a_{ij}^2 \\
&= - \sum_{i,j=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2 a_{ij}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

Therefore, combining (2.14) with (2.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i)^2 \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} u_i^2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla x^p \rangle d\mu \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ (u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p)^2 + 4 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle^2 - 4 u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle \right] d\mu.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

Now it is necessary to calculate and estimate some terms in (2.16). It is not difficult to obtain

$$\langle \nabla x^1, \nabla x^1 \rangle = \langle \nabla x^2, \nabla x^2 \rangle = 1 + |x|^2, \tag{2.17}$$

$$\langle \nabla x^1, \nabla x^2 \rangle = 0 \tag{2.18}$$

and

$$\Delta x^1 = \Delta x^2 = 0. \tag{2.19}$$

Using (2.17) and (2.18), and noticing

$$\nabla(-\log(1 + |x|^2)) = -\frac{1}{1 + |x|^2} \nabla |x|^2 = -\frac{2}{1 + |x|^2} \sum_{q=1}^2 x^q \nabla x^q, \tag{2.20}$$

we infer that

$$\langle \nabla f, \nabla x^p \rangle = -\frac{2}{1 + |x|^2} \sum_{q=1}^2 x^q \langle \nabla x^q, \nabla x^p \rangle = -2x^p. \tag{2.21}$$

It implies

$$\langle \nabla f, \nabla |x|^2 \rangle = -\frac{1}{1 + |x|^2} \sum_{p,q=1}^2 4x^p x^q \langle \nabla x^p, \nabla x^q \rangle = -4|x|^2. \tag{2.22}$$

Hence, (2.19) and (2.21) yield

$$\Delta_f x^p = \Delta x^p - \langle \nabla f, \nabla x^p \rangle = 2x^p. \tag{2.23}$$

Furthermore, utilizing (2.17) and (2.19), we have

$$\Delta |x|^2 = \sum_{p=1}^2 \Delta (x^p)^2 = \sum_{p=1}^2 (2x^p \Delta x^p + 2 \langle \nabla x^p, \nabla x^p \rangle) = 4(1 + |x|^2). \tag{2.24}$$

Combining (2.22) and (2.24), we derive

$$\Delta_f |x|^2 = \Delta |x|^2 - \langle \nabla f, \nabla |x|^2 \rangle = 4(1 + 2|x|^2). \quad (2.25)$$

According to the assumptions of the theorem, we have

$$\rho_2^{-1} \leq \int_{\Omega} u_i^2 d\mu = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \rho u_i^2 d\mu \leq \rho_1^{-1}. \quad (2.26)$$

Now we calculate the righthand side of (2.16). Since  $A \leq \xi_2 I$ , we can infer from (2.23) and (2.25) that

$$\sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} (u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p)^2 d\mu \leq \xi_2^2 \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} u_i^2 (\Delta_f x^p)^2 d\mu = 4\xi_2^2 \int_{\Omega} u_i^2 |x|^2 d\mu \quad (2.27)$$

and

$$\sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle^2 d\mu \leq \xi_2^2 \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla x^p, \nabla u_i \rangle^2 d\mu = \xi_2^2 \int_{\Omega} (1 + |x|^2) |\nabla u_i|^2 d\mu. \quad (2.28)$$

Moreover, from

$$\sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} u_i \Delta_f x^p \langle \nabla x^p, \nabla u_i \rangle d\mu = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla |x|^2, \nabla u_i^2 \rangle d\mu = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} u_i^2 \Delta_f |x|^2 d\mu,$$

we obtain

$$\sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} (-u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle) d\mu \leq -2\xi_2^2 \int_{\Omega} u_i^2 (1 + 2|x|^2) d\mu. \quad (2.29)$$

Using (2.26) and noticing that  $A \geq \xi_1 I$ , we have

$$\lambda_i = \int_{\Omega} u_i (\mathfrak{L}_{A,f} + V) u_i d\mu = \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u_i, A \nabla u_i \rangle d\mu + \int_{\Omega} V u_i^2 d\mu \geq \xi_1 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_i|^2 d\mu + \rho_2^{-1} V_0.$$

It implies that

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_i|^2 d\mu \leq \frac{\lambda_i - \rho_2^{-1} V_0}{\xi_1}. \quad (2.30)$$

Then it follows from (2.27–2.30) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ (u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p)^2 + 4 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle^2 - 4u_i \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} x^p \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla u_i \rangle \right] d\mu \\ & \leq 4\xi_2^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ (1 + |x|^2) |\nabla u_i|^2 - (2 + 3|x|^2) u_i^2 \right] d\mu \\ & \leq \frac{4\xi_2^2}{\rho_1} \left[ \frac{(1 + C_0)(\lambda_i - \rho_2^{-1} V_0)}{\xi_1} - \frac{2 + 3C_1}{\rho_2} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.31)$$



Moreover, we acquire

$$\sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} u_i^2 \langle \nabla x^p, A \nabla x^p \rangle d\mu \geq 2\xi_1 \int_{\Omega} u_i^2 (1 + |x|^2) d\mu \geq 2\xi_1 \frac{1 + C_1}{\rho_2}. \quad (2.32)$$

It follows from (2.16), (2.31) and (2.32) that

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\xi_1 \frac{1 + C_1}{\rho_2} \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i)^2 \\ & \leq \frac{4\xi_2^2}{\rho_1} \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_i) \left[ \frac{(1 + C_0)(\lambda_i - \rho_2^{-1}V_0)}{\xi_1} - \frac{2 + 3C_1}{\rho_2} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.33)$$

Hence we can know that (1.10) holds. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

Now we give the proof of Theorem 1.2.

**Proof of Theorem 1.2** Define a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $C = (C_{ps})$ , where  $C_{ps} = \int_{\Omega} \rho x^p u_1 u_{s+1} d\mu$ . Using the orthogonalization of Gram-Schmidt, we know that there exist an upper triangle matrix  $R = (R_{ps})$  and an orthogonal matrix  $T = (T_{ps})$  such that  $R = TC$ . That is to say, for  $1 \leq s < p \leq 2$ , we have

$$R_{ps} = \sum_{k=1}^2 T_{pk} C_{ks} = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{k=1}^2 T_{pk} \rho x^k u_1 u_{s+1} d\mu = 0.$$

Setting  $y^p = \sum_{k=1}^2 T_{pk} x^k$ , we get

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho y^p u_1 u_{s+1} d\mu = 0, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq s < p \leq 2. \quad (2.34)$$

For  $p = 1, 2$ , define the test functions  $\varphi_p$  by

$$\varphi_p = y^p u_1 - a_p u_1, \quad (2.35)$$

where

$$a_p = \int_{\Omega} \rho y^p u_1^2 d\mu.$$

Since (2.34) holds, it yields

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_p u_{s+1} d\mu = 0, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s < p \leq 2. \quad (2.36)$$

According to the Rayleigh-Ritz inequality, we have

$$\lambda_{p+1} \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_p^2 d\mu \leq \int_{\Omega} \varphi_p (\mathfrak{L}_{A,f} + V) \varphi_p d\mu. \quad (2.37)$$

It follows from (2.36) that

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_p^2 d\mu = \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_p y^p u_1 d\mu - a_p \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_p u_1 d\mu = \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_p y^p u_1 d\mu. \quad (2.38)$$

Similar to the proof of (2.4), we acquire

$$\mathfrak{L}_{A,f}(y^p u_1) = y^p \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} u_1 + u_1 \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} y^p - 2 \langle \nabla y^p, A \nabla u_1 \rangle. \quad (2.39)$$

Combining (2.38) and (2.39), we have

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi_p (\mathfrak{L}_{A,f} + V) \varphi_p d\mu = \lambda_1 \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_p^2 d\mu + \int_{\Omega} y^p u_1 (u_1 \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} y^p - 2 \langle \nabla y^p, A \nabla u_1 \rangle) d\mu. \quad (2.40)$$

At the same time, using

$$-2 \int_{\Omega} y^p u_1 \langle \nabla y^p, A \nabla u_1 \rangle d\mu = \int_{\Omega} u_1^2 \langle \nabla y^p, A \nabla y^p \rangle d\mu - \int_{\Omega} y^p u_1^2 \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} y^p d\mu,$$

we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} y^p u_1 (u_1 \mathfrak{L}_{A,f} y^p - 2 \langle \nabla y^p, A \nabla u_1 \rangle) d\mu = \int_{\Omega} u_1^2 \langle \nabla y^p, A \nabla y^p \rangle d\mu. \quad (2.41)$$

Substituting (2.40) and (2.41) into (2.37), we deduce

$$(\lambda_{p+1} - \lambda_1) \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_p^2 d\mu \leq \int_{\Omega} u_1^2 \langle \nabla y^p, A \nabla y^p \rangle d\mu. \quad (2.42)$$

Observing that

$$\int_{\Omega} u_1 \left( \langle \nabla u_1, \nabla y^p \rangle + \frac{1}{2} u_1 \Delta_f y^p \right) d\mu = 0,$$

we infer

$$\begin{aligned} -2 \int_{\Omega} \varphi_p \left( \langle \nabla u_1, \nabla y^p \rangle + \frac{1}{2} u_1 \Delta_f y^p \right) d\mu &= -2 \int_{\Omega} y^p u_1 \left( \langle \nabla u_1, \nabla y^p \rangle + \frac{1}{2} u_1 \Delta_f y^p \right) d\mu \\ &= \int_{\Omega} u_1^2 |\nabla y^p|^2 d\mu. \end{aligned} \quad (2.43)$$

Therefore, using (2.42) and (2.43), and summing over  $p$  from 1 to 2, we derive

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{p=1}^2 (\lambda_{p+1} - \lambda_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\Omega} u_1^2 |\nabla y^p|^2 d\mu \\ &= -2 \sum_{p=1}^2 (\lambda_{p+1} - \lambda_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\Omega} \varphi_p \left( \langle \nabla u_1, \nabla y^p \rangle + \frac{1}{2} u_1 \Delta_f y^p \right) d\mu \\ &\leq \delta \sum_{p=1}^2 (\lambda_{p+1} - \lambda_1) \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_p^2 d\mu + \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left( \langle \nabla u_1, \nabla y^p \rangle + \frac{1}{2} u_1 \Delta_f y^p \right)^2 d\mu \\ &\leq \delta \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} u_1^2 \langle \nabla y^p, A \nabla y^p \rangle d\mu + \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left( \langle \nabla u_1, \nabla y^p \rangle + \frac{1}{2} u_1 \Delta_f y^p \right)^2 d\mu, \end{aligned} \quad (2.44)$$

where  $\delta$  is any positive constant.

Since  $y^p = \sum_{k=1}^2 T_{pk} x^k$  and  $T$  is an orthogonal matrix, we know that  $y^1$  and  $y^2$  are the standard coordinate functions of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . It is not difficult to check that

$$|y|^2 = |x|^2,$$

$$|\nabla y^p|^2 = 1 + |x|^2, \quad (2.45)$$

$$\Delta_f y^p = 2y^p \quad (2.46)$$

and

$$\Delta_f |y|^2 = 4(1 + 2|x|^2). \quad (2.47)$$

Noticing that  $\rho_2^{-1} \leq \int_{\Omega} u_1^2 d\mu \leq \rho_1^{-1}$ , and using (2.45), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p=1}^2 (\lambda_{p+1} - \lambda_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\Omega} u_1^2 |\nabla y^p|^2 d\mu &= \sum_{p=1}^2 (\lambda_{p+1} - \lambda_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\Omega} u_1^2 (1 + |x|^2) d\mu \\ &\geq \frac{1 + C_1}{\rho_2} \sum_{p=1}^2 (\lambda_{p+1} - \lambda_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.48)$$

and

$$\sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} u_1^2 \langle \nabla y^p, A \nabla y^p \rangle d\mu \leq 2\xi_2 \int_{\Omega} u_1^2 (1 + |x|^2) d\mu \leq 2\xi_2 \frac{1 + C_0}{\rho_1}. \quad (2.49)$$

Similar to the proof of (2.30), we have

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_1|^2 d\mu \leq \frac{\lambda_1 - \rho_2^{-1} V_0}{\xi_1}. \quad (2.50)$$

Then it follows from (2.46), (2.47) and (2.50) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{p=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left( \langle \nabla u_1, \nabla y^p \rangle + \frac{1}{2} u_1 \Delta_f y^p \right)^2 d\mu \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ (1 + |x|^2) |\nabla u_1|^2 - \frac{1}{2} u_1^2 \Delta_f |y|^2 + u_1^2 |y|^2 \right] d\mu \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ (1 + |x|^2) |\nabla u_1|^2 - (2 + 3|x|^2) u_1^2 \right] d\mu \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\rho_1} \left[ \frac{(1 + C_0)(\lambda_1 - \rho_2^{-1} V_0)}{\xi_1} - \frac{2 + 3C_1}{\rho_2} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.51)$$

Substituting (2.48), (2.49) and (2.51) into (2.44), we get

$$\frac{1 + C_1}{\rho_2} \sum_{p=1}^2 (\lambda_{p+1} - \lambda_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \delta \left[ \frac{2\xi_2 (1 + C_0)}{\rho_1} \right] + \frac{1}{\delta} \left\{ \frac{1}{\rho_1} \left[ \frac{(1 + C_0)(\lambda_1 - \rho_2^{-1} V_0)}{\xi_1} - \frac{2 + 3C_1}{\rho_2} \right] \right\}. \quad (2.52)$$

Taking

$$\delta = \frac{\left\{ \frac{1}{\rho_1} \left[ \frac{(1+C_0)(\lambda_1 - \rho_2^{-1}V_0)}{\xi_1} - \frac{2+3C_1}{\rho_2} \right] \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\left[ \frac{2\xi_2(1+C_0)}{\rho_1} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

in (2.52), we obtain (1.11). This finishes the proof of Theorem 1.2.

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## Cigar孤立子上加权散度型椭圆算子的特征值估计

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**摘要:** 本文研究了cigar孤立子 $(\mathbb{R}^2, g, f)$ 上加权散度型椭圆算子 $\mathfrak{L}_{A,f}$ 的如下Dirichlet特征值问题:

$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{L}_{A,f}u + Vu = \lambda\rho u, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

其中 $V$ 和 $\rho$ 分别是 $\Omega$ 上的非负连续函数和正连续函数. 我们建立了该问题的一些特征值不等式.

**关键词:** cigar孤立子; 加权散度型椭圆算子; 特征值

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