



Green Function and Self-adjoint Laplacians on Polyhedral Surfaces

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Abstract. Using Roelcke's formula for the Green function, we explicitly construct a basis in the kernel of the adjoint Laplacian on a compact polyhedral surface X and compute the S -matrix of X at the zero value of the spectral parameter. We apply these results to study various self-adjoint extensions of a symmetric Laplacian on a compact polyhedral surface of genus two with a single conical point. It turns out that the behaviour of the S -matrix at the zero value of the spectral parameter is sensitive to the geometry of the polyhedron.

1 Introduction

The spectral geometry of a Riemannian manifold X with singularities is more involved than that of smooth manifolds, because it may happen that the symmetric Laplacian Δ (usually defined on smooth functions supported in $X \setminus \{\text{singularities}\}$) is not essentially self-adjoint and in order to consider the spectrum of the Laplacian, one has to make a choice from (infinitely) many possible self-adjoint extensions of Δ .

In dimension one, this leads to the rich theory of quantum graphs; the case of Euclidean spaces \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{R}^3 with punctures is investigated in great detail in [3] (see also the references therein); manifolds of higher dimension with cone-like singularities are considered, *e.g.*, in the papers [13, 14, 19, 24] to mention a few. In this paper, we consider the case of compact polyhedral surfaces (closed surfaces glued from Euclidean triangles). These are compact Riemann surfaces equipped with flat conformal metrics with conical singularities at the vertices of the corresponding polyhedron (it should be noted that the metric of a polyhedron does not see the edges: interior points of an edge are ordinary smooth point of the corresponding Riemannian manifold).

A question of general interest here can be formulated as follows: how do the spectral characteristics of the polyhedron depend on the choice of the self-adjoint extension of the symmetric Laplacian, the choice of conformal polyhedral metric, and moduli of the underlying Riemann surface? This question was partially addressed in [10], where the dependence on the choice of the self-adjoint extension of an important spectral invariant, the ζ -regularized spectral determinant of the Laplacian, was analysed. It turned out that one can write a comparison formula for two determinants of the Laplacian corresponding to different self-adjoint extensions and the main ingredient of this formula is the so-called S -matrix of the polyhedral surface. The S -matrix depends on the spectral parameter λ and is defined through the coefficients

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in the asymptotical expansions near the conical points of some special solutions (in classical sense) to the homogeneous Helmholtz equation $(\Delta - \lambda)u = 0$ on the polyhedron. Moreover, the behaviour of $S(\lambda)$ at the zero value of the spectral parameter plays especially important role, say, the order of the zero of a certain minor of $S(\lambda)$ at $\lambda = 0$ is related to the number of zero modes of the corresponding self-adjoint extension; most of the entries of the matrix $S(0)$ admit explicit expression through holomorphic invariants of the underlying Riemann surface (Bergman kernel, Schiffer projective connection), and in case of a smooth surface with punctures (which can be considered as conical points of angle 2π) entries of $S(0)$ are related to the Robin mass of the surface, etc.

In this paper, we apply and further develop the results of [10]. In the first part of the paper, we discuss the general properties of the symmetric Laplacian Δ on arbitrary polyhedral surface. We give an explicit description of the domain of its adjoint Δ^* and, in particular, explicitly construct a basis of the kernel $\text{Ker } \Delta^*$. Using the latter basis, we compute the matrix $S(0)$ expressing its entries through holomorphic invariants of the underlying Riemann surface. Our main technical tool here is the Roelcke formula for the Green function of a closed surface, which we briefly discuss in the very beginning of the paper. In the second part of the paper, we apply the results of the first part to the simplest example of a polyhedral surface of (the lowest possible) genus two with one conical point. We study three concrete self-adjoint extensions of the symmetric Laplacian on this surface: the Friedrichs extension, the so-called holomorphic extension, and the maximal singular extension. Using the results of [10] and the explicit formulas for $S(0)$, we write down the precise (with all the auxiliary constants computed) comparison formulas relating the ζ -regularized determinants of these three extensions. It turns out that properties of the S -matrix depend on geometric properties of the polyhedral surface. We show that the dimension of the kernel of the holomorphic extension (related to the order of the zero of a certain minor of $S(\lambda)$) depends on the class of linear equivalence of the divisor $(2P)$, where P is the vertex of the polyhedron (this effect was previously found in [11], where the polyhedra of genus g with $2g - 2$ vertices were considered) and that the dimension of the kernel of the maximal singular extension can be higher than usual if the surface has a very large group of symmetry.

2 Green Function and Kernel of the Adjoint Laplacian for Compact Polyhedral Surfaces

2.1 Roelcke's Formula for the Green Function

Let X be a compact Riemann surface and let ρ be a conformal metric on X ; we assume that ρ is either smooth or flat with conical singularities. Let Δ^ρ be the corresponding self-adjoint Laplace operator (in the case of a conical metric we define Δ^ρ as the Friedrichs extension of the symmetric Laplace operator with domain consisting of smooth functions vanishing near the conical points; the functions from the domain of the Friedrichs extension are known to be bounded near the conical points) and let $G(x, y)$ be the corresponding Green function, *i.e.*, the constant term in the expansion

of the resolvent kernel, $R(x, y; \lambda)$, of the operator Δ^p at $\lambda = 0$:

$$R(x, y; \lambda) = -\frac{1}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} + G(x, y) + O(\lambda).$$

The Green function is real-valued and satisfies

- (1) $G(x, y) = G(y, x)$.
- (2) $\Delta_x^p G(x, y) = \Delta_y^p G(x, y) = -\frac{1}{\text{Area}(X, \rho)}$ for $x \neq y$.
- (3) $G(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log|x - y| + O(1)$ as $x \rightarrow y$.
- (4) In the case of a conical metric, the Green function $G(\cdot, y)$ is bounded near all the conical points (unless y is a conical point itself and the first argument approaches to y).
- (5) For any $x \in X$, one has

$$(2.1) \quad \int_X G(x, y) dS(y) = 0,$$

where dS is the volume element of the metric ρ .

In the case of a smooth metric, the explicit formula (2.3) below for the Green function is given in [8, p. 31, f-la (2.19)] and is called Roelcke’s formula (without any reference). Unfortunately, we were unable to identify the primary source and it seems that [8] is the only published text containing this result in its full generality (it should be noted that the “Green function of a closed orientable surface” from [29, §4.2] is just the function F_{p_i, p_k} from Proposition 2.7 below and has nothing to do with the Green function discussed here).

Formula (2.3) and its proof are also valid for conical metrics. For the reader’s convenience, we decipher the derivation of this formula given in passing in [8].

Choosing a standard basis of a - and b -cycles on X and the corresponding basis $\{v_\alpha\}_{\alpha=1}^g$ of the normalized $(\oint_{a_\beta} v_\alpha = \delta_{\alpha\beta})$ holomorphic one-forms, introduce (see, e.g., [7, p. 4] with different normalization of the basic holomorphic differentials) a meromorphic one-form Ω_{p-q} via

$$\Omega_{p-q}(z) = \int_p^q W(z, \cdot) - 2\pi i \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^g (\mathfrak{I}\mathbb{B})_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} v_\alpha(z) \mathfrak{I} \int_p^q v_\beta,$$

where W is the canonical meromorphic bidifferential on X . It is straightforward to check that this one-form is the unique differential of the third kind with simple poles at p and q with residues 1 and -1 and with purely imaginary periods. Thus, the real part of the integral $\int_x^y \Omega_{p-q}$ is well defined (i.e., is independent of the path of the integration) and gives a harmonic function (with logarithmic singularities) with respect to all four arguments x, y, p, q . Using the known singularities of the latter function, one can express it as

$$(2.2) \quad \Re \int_x^y \Omega_{p-q} = 2\pi(G(y, p) - G(y, q) + G(x, q) - G(x, p)).$$

Integrating (2.2) over X twice (first with respect to $dS(x)$ and then with respect to $dS(q)$), making use of (2.1), and renaming the arguments in the resulting expression,

one gets an explicit formula for the Green function

$$(2.3) \quad G(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi(\text{Area}(X, \rho))^2} \int_X dS(q) \int_X dS(p) \mathfrak{R} \int_p^x \Omega_{y-q}.$$

2.2 Harmonic Functions with Prescribed Singularities

2.2.1 Domain of the adjoint operator and Gelfand symplectic form

Let P_1, \dots, P_M be the conical points of the metric ρ and let β_1, \dots, β_M be the corresponding conical angles. Introduce the integers $n_k, k = 1, \dots, M$ via

$$2\pi n_k < \beta_k \leq 2\pi(n_k + 1).$$

In the proof of Proposition 2.4, we will need to consider a conical point with conical angle 2π . In this case, $n_k = 0$ and all the sums $\sum_{l=1}^{n_k}$ are equal to 0 by definition. Let $X_0 = X \setminus \{P_1, \dots, P_M\}$ and let Δ^* be the adjoint operator to the standard symmetric Laplacian Δ^ρ with domain $C_0^\infty(X_0)$. Introduce the distinguished local parameter ζ_k near P_k : we remind the reader that in this local parameter one has $\rho(\zeta_k, \bar{\zeta}_k) |d\zeta_k|^2 = (b_k + 1)^2 |\zeta_k|^{2b_k} |d\zeta_k|^2$, where $2\pi(b_k + 1) = \beta_k$.

In the vicinity of the point P_k , a function u from $\mathcal{D}(\Delta^*)$ has the asymptotics

$$(2.4) \quad u = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathfrak{L}_k(u) \log |\zeta_k| + \sum_{m=1}^{n_k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi m}} \mathfrak{H}_{k,m}(u) \frac{1}{\zeta_k^m} + \sum_{m=1}^{n_k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi m}} \mathfrak{A}_{k,m}(u) \frac{1}{\bar{\zeta}_k^m} \\ + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} c_k(u) + \sum_{m=1}^{n_k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi m}} \mathfrak{h}_{k,m}(u) \zeta_k^m + \sum_{m=1}^{n_k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi m}} a_{k,m}(u) \bar{\zeta}_k^m + \chi v,$$

where χ is a cut-off C^∞ -function equal to 1 in a small vicinity of P_k with support in another small vicinity of P_k , and v is a function from the domain of the closure $\mathcal{D}\Delta^\rho$. One has the asymptotics $v = o(|\zeta_k|^{n_k})$ as $\zeta_k \rightarrow 0$. The notation for the coefficients comes from the form of the corresponding term in the asymptotics: growing holomorphic (\mathfrak{H}), growing antiholomorphic (\mathfrak{A}), (growing) logarithm (\mathfrak{L}), constant (c), and decreasing holomorphic and antiholomorphic (\mathfrak{h} and a). The normalizing factors ($\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi m}}$, etc) are introduced to obtain the standard Darboux basis for the symplectic form in (2.5). We give the proof of (2.4) in the Appendix.

Let Ω be the symplectic form on the factor space $\mathcal{D}(\Delta^*)/\mathcal{D}(\bar{\Delta}^\rho)$:

$$\Omega([u], [v]) := \langle \Delta^* u, \bar{v} \rangle - \langle u, \Delta^* \bar{v} \rangle,$$

where $\langle u, v \rangle = \int_X u \bar{v} dS$ is the usual hermitian product. It is straightforward to show that

$$(2.5) \quad \Omega([u], [v]) = \sum_{k=1}^M X_k(u) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I_{2n_k+1} \\ I_{2n_k+1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} X_k(v)^t,$$

where

$$X_k(u) = \left(\mathfrak{L}_k(u), \mathfrak{H}_{k,1}(u), \dots, \mathfrak{H}_{k,n_k}(u), \mathfrak{A}_{k,1}(u), \dots, \mathfrak{A}_{k,n_k}(u), c_k(u), \mathfrak{h}_{k,1}(u), \dots, \mathfrak{h}_{k,n_k}(u), \mathfrak{a}_{k,1}(u), \dots, \mathfrak{a}_{k,n_k}(u) \right).$$

2.3 Special Growing Solutions and the S-matrix of the Polyhedral Surface X

We remind the reader that the Friedrichs self-adjoint extension Δ_F of the operator Δ^p with domain $C_0^\infty(X_0)$ has the domain

$$\mathcal{D}(\Delta_F) = \left\{ u \in \mathcal{D}(\Delta^*) : \forall k = 1, \dots, M \ \mathfrak{L}_k(u) = \mathfrak{H}_{k,1}(u) = \dots = \mathfrak{H}_{k,n_k}(u) = \mathfrak{A}_{k,1}(u) = \dots = \mathfrak{A}_{k,n_k}(u) = 0 \right\};$$

in particular, all the functions from the domain of the Friedrichs extension are bounded near the conical points. The kernel of Δ_F is one-dimensional and consists of constant functions. Let λ not belong to the spectrum of Δ_F . We define the unique *special growing solutions*,

$$(2.6) \quad G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(\cdot; \lambda), \quad G_{1/\bar{\zeta}_k^l}(\cdot; \lambda), \quad G_{\log|\zeta_k|}(\cdot; \lambda),$$

$k = 1, \dots, n, l = 1, \dots, n_k$ of the homogeneous equation

$$(2.7) \quad \Delta^* u - \lambda u = 0$$

via their asymptotic expansions at the conical points. The unique growing term in these asymptotical expansions is that shown as the subscript of the special solution. For instance, one defines G_{1/ζ_k^s} via

$$G_{1/\zeta_k^s}(\zeta_k; \lambda) = \frac{1}{\zeta_k^s} + O(1)$$

as $\zeta_k \rightarrow 0$ and

$$G_{1/\zeta_k^s}(x; \lambda) = O(1)$$

as $x \rightarrow P_l$ with $l \neq k$.

Definition 2.1 (see [10]) The constant terms and the coefficients near the decreasing (= positive) powers ζ_l^s and $\bar{\zeta}_l^s$; $s = 1, \dots, n_l$; $l = 1, \dots, M$ in the asymptotic expansions of the special growing solutions form the so-called S-matrix, $S(\lambda)$, of the polyhedral surface X .

Say the entry $S^{1/\zeta_k^r, \bar{\zeta}_l^s}(\lambda)$ of the S-matrix is given by the coefficient near $\bar{\zeta}_l^s$ in the asymptotical expansion of the special growing solution $G_{1/\zeta_k^r}(\cdot; \lambda)$ near the conical point P_l ; similarly, the entry $S^{\log|\zeta_k|, 1_l}(\lambda)$ is the constant term in the asymptotic expansion of the special growing solution $G_{\log|\zeta_k|}(\cdot; \lambda)$ near P_l .

The following proposition is a slightly improved version of [12, Proposition 7].

Proposition 2.2 All the entries of the matrix $S(\lambda)$ except $S^{\log|\zeta_k|, 1_l}(\lambda)$ admit holomorphic continuation to $\lambda = 0$; the entries $S^{\log|\zeta_k|, 1_l}(\lambda)$ have a simple pole at $\lambda = 0$.

Proof We start with reminding the reader of the construction of the special growing solutions (2.6). Let F be one of the following functions defined on the whole X :

$$\chi \log |\zeta_k|, \quad \chi \frac{1}{\zeta_k^l}, \quad \chi \frac{1}{\bar{\zeta}_k^l},$$

where χ is a C^∞ cut off function supported in a small vicinity of P_k such that $\chi = 1$ in some smaller vicinity of P_k . Let Δ_F be the Friedrichs Laplacian and let λ not belong to the spectrum of Δ_F . Introduce

$$f := (\Delta^* - \lambda)F$$

and define $g(\cdot; \lambda)$ as the (unique) solution of the equation

$$(2.8) \quad (\Delta_F - \lambda)g = (\Delta^* - \lambda)F$$

(it should be noticed that the right-hand side of this equation belongs to $L_2(X, \rho)$). Then

$$G(\cdot; \lambda) = F(\cdot) - g(\cdot; \lambda)$$

is the special growing solution with principal part F . It follows from the above construction that

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} g(\cdot; \lambda) &= g(\cdot; \lambda) + \frac{1}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} \int_X f(\cdot; \lambda) - \frac{1}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} \int_X f(\cdot; \lambda) \\ &= [(\Delta_F - \lambda)|_{1^\perp}]^{-1} \left((\Delta^* - \lambda)F - \frac{1}{\text{Area}(X)} \int_X (\Delta^* - \lambda)F \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} \int_X f(\cdot; \lambda). \end{aligned}$$

The first term in (2.9) is holomorphic in a vicinity of the point $\lambda = 0$ (a simple eigenvalue of Δ_F). The behaviour of the second term at $\lambda = 0$ depends on the choice of the principal part F . In the case $F = \chi 1/\zeta_k^l$ or $\chi 1/\bar{\zeta}_k^l$, the second term is again holomorphic at $\lambda = 0$, thanks to the obvious relation

$$(2.10) \quad \int_X f(\cdot; 0) = 0.$$

If the principal part F is logarithmic ($F = \chi \log |\zeta_k|$), then (2.10) is no longer true and $g(\cdot; \lambda)$ has a simple pole with residue

$$-\frac{1}{\text{Area}(X)} \int_X \Delta^* F = -\frac{2\pi}{\text{Area}(X)}.$$

Summing up, the special growing solution $G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(\cdot; \lambda)$ and $G_{1/\bar{\zeta}_k^l}(\cdot; \lambda)$ are holomorphic with respect to λ at $\lambda = 0$, whereas

$$G_{\log |\zeta_k|}(\cdot; \lambda) = \frac{2\pi}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} + h(\cdot; \lambda),$$

where $h(\cdot; \lambda)$ is holomorphic near $\lambda = 0$. Thus, all the coefficients in the asymptotic expansion of $G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(\cdot; \lambda)$ and $G_{1/\bar{\zeta}_k^l}(\cdot; \lambda)$ are holomorphic at $\lambda = 0$. The constant term in the asymptotics $G_{\log |\zeta|}(\cdot; \lambda)$ blows up at $\lambda = 0$. All other coefficients in the asymptotics $G_{\log |\zeta|}(\cdot; \lambda)$ are holomorphic at $\lambda = 0$. ■

Remark 2.3 The values at $\lambda = 0$ of nonsingular entries of the S -matrix depend on the choice of a metric ρ within a given conformal class through their dependence on the distinguished local parameters of the metric near the conical points. The opposite statement in [12, Proposition 7] was made under the implicit assumption that the conformal factor is equal to one in small vicinities of the conical points.

The values of nonsingular entries of the S -matrix at $\lambda = 0$ can be found from the asymptotics of the (unique) special growing solutions $G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(\cdot; 0)$, $G_{1/\bar{\zeta}_k^l}(\cdot; 0)$ of the equation

$$(2.11) \quad \Delta^* u = 0$$

subject to the condition

$$(2.12) \quad \int_X u dS = 0.$$

It should be noted that there is no harmonic function on X with a single logarithmic singularity, so the special growing solutions $G_{\log|\zeta_k|}(\cdot; 0)$ do not exist.

The following proposition is the first new result of this paper. A closely related statement for the Green functions of elliptic boundary value problems in domains with conical points at the boundaries can be found in [22].

Proposition 2.4

- The special growing solutions $G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(y; 0)$, $G_{1/\bar{\zeta}_k^l}(y; 0)$; $l = 1, \dots, n_k$ of the equation (2.11) are related to the coefficients of the asymptotic expansion of the Green function $G(\cdot, y)$ at the conical point P_k via

$$(2.13) \quad G(\zeta_k, y) = G(P_k, y) - \sum_{l=1}^{n_k} \frac{1}{4\pi l} G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(y; 0) \zeta_k^l - \sum_{l=1}^{n_k} \frac{1}{4\pi l} G_{1/\bar{\zeta}_k^l}(y; 0) \bar{\zeta}_k^l + o(|\zeta_k|^{n_k}).$$

- The constant term, $G(P_k, y)$, in (2.13) can be represented as

$$(2.14) \quad G(P_k, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \left[G_{\log|\zeta_k|}(y; \lambda) - \frac{2\pi}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} \right].$$

Proof Until the end of this proof, we assume that $X_0 = X \setminus \{P_1, \dots, P_M, y\}$; i.e., we consider the point y as a conical point of angle 2π . Then $G(\cdot, y)$ belongs to the domain of the operator Δ^* ; the latter operator is now the adjoint to the symmetric Laplacian with domain $C_0^\infty(X \setminus \{P_1, \dots, P_M, y\})$.

It should be noted that the functions u from $\mathcal{D}(\Delta^*)$ have the asymptotics

$$u(\zeta(x)) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathfrak{L}_y(u) \log|\zeta| + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} c_y(u) + o(1)$$

as $x \rightarrow y$ (here the local parameter ζ is defined via $\rho = |d\zeta|^2$ near y and $\zeta(y) = 0$). Since $\int_X G_{1/\zeta_k^l} dS = 0$ and $\Delta_x^* G(x, y) = \text{const} = -\frac{1}{\text{Area}(X)}$, one has

$$\Omega([G(\cdot, y)], [G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(\cdot; 0)]) = 0.$$

On the other hand, (2.5) implies

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega([G(\cdot, y)], [G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(\cdot; 0)]) &= \mathfrak{h}_{k,l}(G(\cdot, y)) \mathfrak{H}_{k,l}(G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(\cdot; 0)) - \mathfrak{L}_y(G(\cdot, y)) \mathfrak{c}_y(G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(\cdot; 0)) \\ &= \sqrt{4\pi l} \mathfrak{h}_{k,l}(G(\cdot; y)) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi i}} \left[\frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{i} G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(y; 0) \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mathfrak{h}_{k,l}(G(\cdot; y)) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi l}} G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(y; 0).$$

Similarly,

$$\mathfrak{a}_{k,l}(G(\cdot; 0)) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi l}} G_{1/\bar{\zeta}_k^l}(y; 0),$$

and (2.13) follows.

Let $R(x, y; \lambda)$ be the resolvent kernel of Δ_F . Consider the expression

$$(2.15) \quad E(\lambda) = \left\langle (\Delta^* - \lambda) \left[R(\cdot, y; \lambda) + \frac{1}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} \right], G_{\log|\zeta_k|}(\cdot; \lambda) - \frac{2\pi}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} \right\rangle - \left\langle R(\cdot, y; \lambda) + \frac{1}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda}, (\Delta^* - \lambda) \left[G_{\log|\zeta_k|}(\cdot; \lambda) - \frac{2\pi}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} \right] \right\rangle.$$

Since $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} R(\cdot, y; \lambda) + \frac{1}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} = G(\cdot, y) \perp 1$ and¹

$$\int_X \left[G_{\log|\zeta_k|}(\cdot; \lambda) - \frac{2\pi}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} \right] = 0$$

one has $E(\lambda) = o(1)$ as $\lambda \rightarrow 0$. On the other hand, computing $E(\lambda)$ via (2.5), one gets

$$E(\lambda) = \left[G_{\log|\zeta_k|}(y; \lambda) - \frac{2\pi}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} \right] - 2\pi \left[R(P_k, y; \lambda) + \frac{1}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} \right],$$

which implies (2.14). ■

The next proposition immediately follows from (2.13), (2.14), and Roelcke’s formula (2.3).

Proposition 2.5 *One has the following explicit expressions for the special growing solutions of the homogeneous Laplace equation (2.11) subject to (2.12):*

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{aligned} G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(y; 0) &= -\frac{1}{(l-1)! \text{Area}(X)} \int_X \Omega_{y-q}^{(l-1)}(P_k) dS(q) \quad l = 1, \dots, n_k, \\ G_{1/\bar{\zeta}_k^l}(y; 0) &= \overline{G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(y; 0)}. \end{aligned}$$

¹The latter equality can be checked as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X G &= \int_X (F - g) = \int_X F - \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \int_X \Delta^* g - \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_X f \right) \\ &= \int_X F + \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_X f = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_X \Delta^* F = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}, \end{aligned}$$

Here, the expression $\Omega_{y-q}^{(l-1)}(P_k)$ should be understood as follows. Write the one-form Ω_{y-q} in the distinguished local parameter ζ_k in a vicinity of the conical point P_k :

$$\Omega_{y-q} = \omega(\zeta_k) d\zeta_k.$$

Then

$$\Omega_{y-q}^{(l-1)}(P_k) := \left(\frac{d}{d\zeta_k}\right)^{l-1} \omega(\zeta_k)|_{\zeta_k=0}.$$

Moreover, one has the relation

$$(2.17) \quad \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \left[G_{\log|\zeta_k|}(y; \lambda) - \frac{2\pi}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} \right] = \frac{1}{\text{Area}(X)^2} \int_X \int_X \Re \int_p^{P_k} \Omega_{y-q} dS(q) dS(p).$$

2.3.1 Explicit Expressions for $S(0)$

Rewriting Ω_{y-q} as

$$(2.18) \quad \Omega_{y-q}(z) = \int_y^q W(z, \cdot) - \pi \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^g (\mathfrak{I}\mathbb{B})_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} v_\alpha(z) \int_y^q v_\beta + \pi \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^g (\mathfrak{I}\mathbb{B})_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} v_\alpha(z) \overline{\int_y^q v_\beta}$$

and using in (2.17) the reciprocity law for normalized differentials of the third kind

$$\Re \int_S^R \Omega_{p-Q} = \Re \int_Q^P \Omega_{R-S}$$

(see, e.g., [6, p. 67]), one can easily find all the terms of the asymptotic expansions of $G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(y; 0)$ and $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} [G_{\log|\zeta_k|}(y; \lambda) - \frac{2\pi}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda}]$ as $y \rightarrow P_l$; $l = 1, \dots, M$. This results in explicit formulas for all the finite entries of the matrix $S(0)$. For instance, (2.17) and the reciprocity law immediately imply that

$$(2.19) \quad S^{\log|\zeta_k|, \zeta_l}(0) = \frac{1}{2 \text{Area}(X)} \int_X \Omega_{P_k-P}(P_l) dS(p), \quad l \neq k.$$

Similarly, from (2.16) and (2.18), one gets the relation

$$(2.20) \quad S^{\frac{1}{\zeta_k}, \bar{\zeta}_l}(0) = \pi \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^g (\mathfrak{I}\mathbb{B})_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} v_\alpha(P_k) \overline{v_\beta(P_l)} = \pi B(P_k, P_l),$$

where B is the Bergman reproducing kernel for holomorphic differentials (see, e.g., [8, (1.25)]). (Here, the value of a differential at P_l means its value in the distinguished local parameter at this point.) Following [7, 33], introduce the Schiffer bidifferential on X as

$$(2.21) \quad \mathfrak{S}(P, Q) = W(P, Q) - \pi \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^g (\mathfrak{I}\mathbb{B})_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} v_\alpha(P) v_\beta(Q).$$

The Schiffer projective connection, S_{Sch} , is defined via the asymptotics of the Schiffer bidifferential at the diagonal $P = Q$:

$$(2.22) \quad \mathfrak{S}(x(P), x(Q)) = \left(\frac{1}{(x(P) - x(Q))^2} + \frac{1}{6} S_{\text{Sch}}(x(P)) + O(x(P) - x(Q)) \right) dx(P)dx(Q),$$

as $Q \rightarrow P$. From (2.16) and (2.18) together with (2.21) and (2.22), one gets (cf. [11])

$$(2.23) \quad S^{\frac{1}{\zeta_k}, \zeta_l}(0) = -\mathfrak{S}(P_k, P_l); \quad l \neq k,$$

$$(2.24) \quad S^{\frac{1}{\zeta_k}, \zeta_k}(0) = -\frac{1}{6} S_{\text{Sch}}(\zeta_k)|_{\zeta_k=0}.$$

In the same manner, one can find explicit expressions for all the remaining (finite) entries of $S(0)$; we leave the details to the reader.

Remark 2.6 It looks natural to define the regularized values of the singular entries of $S(\lambda)$ at $\lambda = 0$ via

$$\text{reg } S^{\log|\zeta_k|, 1_l}(0) := \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \left(S^{\log|\zeta_k|, 1_l}(\lambda) - \frac{2\pi}{\text{Area}(X)\lambda} \right).$$

In the case of a smooth surface X with a puncture P , considered as a conical point of angle 2π (see, e.g., [1, 5]), the special growing solution $G_{\log d(\cdot, P)}(\cdot; \lambda)$ coincides with $2\pi R(\cdot, P; \lambda)$, where R is the resolvent kernel of the Friedrichs extension of the Laplacian on $X \setminus P$ and d is the geodesic distance on X ; the above regularization of a (single) entry of $S(0)$, coincides with $2\pi m(P)$, where $m(P)$ is the so-called Robin's mass (see, e.g., [26, 30])

$$\text{reg } S^{\log d(P, \cdot), 1}(0) = m(P) = \lim_{Q \rightarrow P} G(P, Q) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \log d(P, Q).$$

In particular, formula (2.17) leads to an explicit expression for $m(P)$. Unfortunately, the latter expression contains the finite part of a diverging line integral and, therefore, is not as effective as formulas (2.19), (2.20), (2.23), (2.24). It should be noted that using the technique of string theorists ([27, 34]), one can get a nice expression for the centered Robin's mass $m(P) - \frac{M(X)}{\text{Area}(X)}$, where $M(X) = \int_X m(P) dS(P)$. Following [34], define the function Φ on $X \times X$ via

$$-4\pi\Phi(z, w) := -2\pi \left[\int_w^z \vec{v} \right] (\mathfrak{I}\mathbb{B})^{-1} \mathfrak{I} \int_w^z \vec{v} + \log(|E(z, w)|^2 (\rho(z)\rho(w))^{1/2}).$$

Here, $\rho(z, \bar{z})|dz|^2$ is the (smooth) metric on X and $E(z, w)$ is the prime-form (see, e.g., [7]), $\vec{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_g)^t$. The results from [34, §5] imply the relation

$$(2.25) \quad -G(z, w) + \frac{1}{2}m(z) + \frac{1}{2}m(w) = \Phi(z, w) + C$$

with some constant C . Integrating (2.25), one gets

$$(2.26) \quad \frac{M(X)}{2} + \frac{1}{2}m(w) \text{Area}(X) = \int_X \Phi(z, w) dS(z) + C \text{Area}(X)$$

and

$$M(X) \text{Area}(X) = \iint_{X \times X} \Phi(z, w) dS(z) dS(w) + C \text{Area}(X)^2.$$

This gives the following explicit expression for centered Robin’s mass:

$$m(w) - \frac{M(X)}{\text{Area}(X)} = \frac{2}{\text{Area}(X)} \int_X \Phi(z, w) dS(z) - \frac{2}{\text{Area}(X)^2} \iint_{X \times X} \Phi(z, w) dS(z) dS(w).$$

Moreover, an interesting counterpart of Roelcke formula (2.3) follows from (2.25) and (2.26):

$$G(z, w) = \frac{1}{2} \left(m(z) - \frac{M(X)}{\text{Area}(X)} \right) + \frac{1}{\text{Area}(X)} \int_X \Phi(z, w) dS(z) - \Phi(z, w),$$

mentioned in the last lines of [34, §5].

2.3.2 Kernel of Δ^*

Motivated by the recent paper [20], we will write the basis in the kernel of the adjoint operator Δ^* (we remind the reader that Δ is the symmetric Laplacian with domain $C_0^\infty(X \setminus \{P_1, \dots, P_M\})$). This makes the constructions from [20, Theorem 1] more explicit.

Putting $\nu = 1$ in (2.5), one gets

$$\sum_{k=1}^M \mathfrak{L}_k(u) = 0$$

for any $u \in \text{Ker } \Delta^*$. On the other hand, for any two points P and Q of X , there exists a harmonic function u on $X \setminus \{P, Q\}$ with asymptotics $u(x) = \log d(x, P) + O(1)$ as $x \rightarrow P$ and $u(x) = -\log d(x, Q) + O(1)$ as $x \rightarrow Q$. Thus, Proposition 2.5 and the equality $\text{Ker } \Delta_F = \{\text{const}\}$ imply the following statement.

Proposition 2.7 *The basis of $\text{Ker } \Delta^*$ consists of*

- (i) 1,
- (ii) functions $G_{1/\zeta_k^l}(\cdot; 0)$; $k = 1, \dots, M$; $l = 1, \dots, n_k$ from Proposition 2.5,
- (iii) functions $G_{1/\bar{\zeta}_k^l}(\cdot; 0)$; $k = 1, \dots, M$; $l = 1, \dots, n_k$ from Proposition 2.5,
- (iv) functions $F_{P_1, P_k}(P) = \Re \int^P \Omega_{P_1 - P_k}$; $k = 2, \dots, M$, where $\Omega_{P_1 - P_k}$ is the meromorphic one-form from (2.15).

3 Self-adjoint Laplacians on Genus Two Polyhedral Surfaces with one Conical Point

Here we consider several applications of the results of the previous section to concrete classes of polyhedral surfaces. In order to avoid unnecessary technical complications, we choose the simplest case of genus two surfaces with a single conical point P of conical angle 6π . Thus, using the setting of Section 2.2.1, one has $M = 1$, $n_1 = 2$, $\beta := \beta_1 = 6\pi$,

$$\Omega([u], [v]) = X(u) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I_5 \\ I_5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X(v)^t,$$

$$X(u) = (\mathfrak{L}(u), \mathfrak{H}_1(u), \mathfrak{H}_2(u), \mathfrak{A}_1(u), \mathfrak{A}_2(u), c(u), \mathfrak{h}_1(u), \mathfrak{h}_2(u), \mathfrak{a}_1(u), \mathfrak{a}_2(u)),$$

and the asymptotics in the vicinity of the point P of a function u from $\mathcal{D}(\Delta^*)$ in the distinguished local parameter ζ has the form

$$\begin{aligned} u = & \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \mathfrak{H}_2(u) \frac{1}{\zeta^2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \mathfrak{A}_2(u) \frac{1}{\bar{\zeta}^2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \mathfrak{H}_1(u) \frac{1}{\zeta} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \mathfrak{A}_1(u) \frac{1}{\bar{\zeta}} \\ & + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathfrak{L}(u) \log |\zeta| + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} c(u) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \mathfrak{h}_1(u) \zeta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \mathfrak{a}_1(u) \bar{\zeta} \\ & + \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \mathfrak{h}_2(u) \zeta^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \mathfrak{a}_2(u) \bar{\zeta}^2 + \chi v \end{aligned}$$

with $v = o(|\zeta|^2)$.

We will be working with the following three self-adjoint extensions of the symmetric Laplacian Δ with domain $C_0^\infty(X \setminus \{P\})$:

- the Friedrichs extension, Δ_F , corresponding to the lagrangian subspace of $\mathcal{D}(\Delta^*)/\mathcal{D}(\bar{\Delta})$

$$\mathfrak{L}(u) = \mathfrak{H}_1(u) = \mathfrak{H}_2(u) = \mathfrak{A}_1(u) = \mathfrak{A}_2(u) = 0,$$

- the maximal singular extension, Δ_{sing} , corresponding to the lagrangian subspace

$$\mathfrak{L}(u) = \mathfrak{h}_1(u) = \mathfrak{h}_2(u) = \mathfrak{a}_1(u) = \mathfrak{a}_2(u) = 0;$$

- the holomorphic extension, Δ_{hol} , corresponding to the lagrangian subspace

$$\mathfrak{L}(u) = \mathfrak{A}_1(u) = \mathfrak{A}_2(u) = \mathfrak{a}_1(u) = \mathfrak{a}_2(u) = 0.$$

Remark 3.1 The above subspaces are lagrangian with respect to the symplectic form $([u], [v]) \mapsto \Omega([u], [\bar{v}])$.

Proposition 3.2 The operators $(\Delta_{\text{sing}} - \lambda)^{-1} - (\Delta_F - \lambda)^{-1}$ and $(\Delta_{\text{hol}} - \lambda)^{-1} - (\Delta_F - \lambda)^{-1}$ are finite dimensional and one has the following representations for their traces:

$$(3.1) \quad \text{Trace}[(\Delta_{\text{sing}} - \lambda)^{-1} - (\Delta_F - \lambda)^{-1}] = -\text{Trace}(T^{-1}(\lambda)T'(\lambda)),$$

$$(3.2) \quad \text{Trace}[(\Delta_{\text{hol}} - \lambda)^{-1} - (\Delta_F - \lambda)^{-1}] = -\text{Trace}(P^{-1}(\lambda)P'(\lambda)),$$

where the matrices $T(\lambda)$ and $P(\lambda)$ are given in (3.5) and (3.10).

Proof Notice that the kernel of the operator $\Delta^* - \lambda$ with $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \text{Spectrum}(\Delta_F)$ is generated by the special growing solutions

$$G_{1/\zeta^2}(\cdot; \lambda), G_{1/\bar{\zeta}^2}(\cdot; \lambda), G_{1/\zeta}(\cdot; \lambda), G_{1/\bar{\zeta}}(\cdot; \lambda), G_{\log|\zeta|}(\cdot; \lambda)$$

of the equation $\Delta^* u - \lambda u = 0$, and, therefore, the deficiency indices of Δ are $(5, 5)$. So we are in a position to use the Krein formula for the difference of the resolvents of two self-adjoint extensions of a symmetric operator with (equal) finite deficiency indices (see, e.g., [2, §84]):

$$(3.3) \quad [(\Delta_{\text{sing}} - \lambda)^{-1} - (\Delta_F - \lambda)^{-1}](f) = \sum_{\alpha=1/\zeta^2, 1/\zeta, 1/\bar{\zeta}^2, 1/\bar{\zeta}} G_{\alpha}(\cdot; \lambda) \sum_{\beta=1/\zeta^2, 1/\zeta, 1/\bar{\zeta}^2, 1/\bar{\zeta}, \log|\zeta|} x_{\alpha\beta}(\lambda) \langle f, G_{\beta}(\cdot, \bar{\lambda}) \rangle = \sum_{\alpha=1/\zeta^2, 1/\zeta, 1/\bar{\zeta}^2, 1/\bar{\zeta}} X_{\alpha}(\lambda) G_{\alpha}(\cdot; \lambda).$$

Introducing $u \in \mathcal{D}(\Delta_F)$ via $(\Delta_F - \lambda)u = f$ and comparing the coefficients in the asymptotic expansion of the left- and right-hand sides of (3.3), one gets

$$(3.4) \quad \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} h_1(u), \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi}} h_2(u), \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} a_1(u), \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi}} a_2(u) \right)^t = T(\lambda)(X_{1/\zeta}, X_{1/\zeta^2}, X_{1/\bar{\zeta}}, X_{1/\bar{\zeta}^2})^t$$

with

$$(3.5) \quad T(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} S^{1/\zeta, \zeta}(\lambda) & S^{1/\zeta^2, \zeta}(\lambda) & S^{1/\bar{\zeta}, \zeta}(\lambda) & S^{1/\bar{\zeta}^2, \zeta}(\lambda) \\ S^{1/\zeta, \zeta^2}(\lambda) & S^{1/\zeta^2, \zeta^2}(\lambda) & S^{1/\bar{\zeta}, \zeta^2}(\lambda) & S^{1/\bar{\zeta}^2, \zeta^2}(\lambda) \\ S^{1/\zeta, \bar{\zeta}}(\lambda) & S^{1/\zeta^2, \bar{\zeta}}(\lambda) & S^{1/\bar{\zeta}, \bar{\zeta}}(\lambda) & S^{1/\bar{\zeta}^2, \bar{\zeta}}(\lambda) \\ S^{1/\zeta, \bar{\zeta}^2}(\lambda) & S^{1/\zeta^2, \bar{\zeta}^2}(\lambda) & S^{1/\bar{\zeta}, \bar{\zeta}^2}(\lambda) & S^{1/\bar{\zeta}^2, \bar{\zeta}^2}(\lambda) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since (3.4) holds with an arbitrary left-hand side (one can take as u an arbitrary function from $\mathcal{D}(\Delta_F)$), the matrix $T(\lambda)$ is invertible.

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\Delta^* - \lambda)u, G_{1/\bar{\zeta}}(\cdot; \bar{\lambda}) \rangle &= \langle (\Delta^* - \lambda)u, \overline{G_{1/\zeta}(\cdot; \lambda)} \rangle - \langle u, \overline{(\Delta^* - \lambda)G_{1/\zeta}(\cdot; \lambda)} \rangle \\ &= \Omega(u, G_{1/\zeta}(\cdot; \lambda)) = \sqrt{4\pi} h_1(u). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle (\Delta^* - \lambda)u, G_{1/\zeta}(\cdot; \bar{\lambda}) \rangle &= \sqrt{4\pi} a_1(u), \\ \langle (\Delta^* - \lambda)u, G_{1/\bar{\zeta}^2}(\cdot; \bar{\lambda}) \rangle &= \sqrt{8\pi} h_2(u), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\langle (\Delta^* - \lambda)u, G_{1/\zeta^2}(\cdot; \bar{\lambda}) \rangle = \sqrt{8\pi} a_2(u).$$

Differentiating (2.8) with respect to λ and using (3.6), one gets the relations

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\lambda} S^{*,\zeta}(\lambda) &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \langle G_*(\cdot, \lambda), G_{1/\bar{\zeta}}(\cdot; \bar{\lambda}) \rangle, \\ \frac{d}{d\lambda} S^{*,\zeta^2}(\lambda) &= -\frac{1}{8\pi} \langle G_*(\cdot, \lambda), G_{1/\bar{\zeta}^2}(\cdot; \bar{\lambda}) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\lambda} S^{*,\bar{\zeta}}(\lambda) &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \langle G_*(\cdot, \lambda), G_{1/\zeta}(\cdot; \bar{\lambda}) \rangle, \\ \frac{d}{d\lambda} S^{*,\bar{\zeta}^2}(\lambda) &= -\frac{1}{8\pi} \langle G_*(\cdot, \lambda), G_{1/\zeta^2}(\cdot; \bar{\lambda}) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

with

$$* = 1/\zeta, 1/\bar{\zeta}, 1/\zeta^2, 1/\bar{\zeta}^2.$$

Now (3.3) can be rewritten as

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} & [(\Delta_{\text{sing}} - \lambda)^{-1} - (\Delta_F - \lambda)^{-1}](f) \\ &= (G_{1/\zeta}(\cdot; \lambda), G_{1/\zeta^2}(\cdot; \lambda), G_{1/\bar{\zeta}}(\cdot; \lambda), G_{1/\bar{\zeta}^2}(\cdot; \lambda)) \\ & \quad \times T^{-1}(\lambda) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \mathfrak{h}_1(u), \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \mathfrak{h}_2(u), \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \mathfrak{a}_1(u), \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \mathfrak{a}_2(u) \right)^t \\ &= (G_{1/\zeta}(\cdot; \lambda), G_{1/\zeta^2}(\cdot; \lambda), G_{1/\bar{\zeta}}(\cdot; \lambda), G_{1/\bar{\zeta}^2}(\cdot; \lambda)) T^{-1}(\lambda) \\ & \quad \times \left(\frac{1}{4\pi} \langle f, G_{1/\bar{\zeta}}(\cdot, \bar{\lambda}) \rangle, \frac{1}{8\pi} \langle f, G_{1/\bar{\zeta}^2}(\cdot, \bar{\lambda}) \rangle, \frac{1}{4\pi} \langle f, G_{1/\zeta}(\cdot; \bar{\lambda}) \rangle, \right. \\ & \quad \left. \frac{1}{8\pi} \langle f, G_{1/\zeta^2}(\cdot; \bar{\lambda}) \rangle \right)^t. \end{aligned}$$

Relation (3.1) immediately follows from (3.8), the elementary relation

$$\text{Trace } g\langle \cdot, h \rangle = \langle g, h \rangle,$$

and identities (3.7).

Similarly,

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & [(\Delta_{\text{hol}} - \lambda)^{-1} - (\Delta_F - \lambda)^{-1}](f) = \sum_{\alpha=1/\bar{\zeta}^2, 1/\zeta} X_\alpha(\lambda) G_\alpha(\cdot; \lambda), \\ & \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \mathfrak{a}_1(u), \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \mathfrak{a}_2(u) \right)^t = P(\lambda) (X_{1/\zeta}(\lambda), X_{1/\zeta^2}(\lambda))^t \end{aligned}$$

with

$$(3.10) \quad P(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} S^{1/\zeta, \bar{\zeta}}(\lambda) & S^{1/\zeta^2, \bar{\zeta}}(\lambda) \\ S^{1/\zeta, \bar{\zeta}^2}(\lambda) & S^{1/\zeta^2, \bar{\zeta}^2}(\lambda) \end{pmatrix}$$

and (3.2) follows from the same considerations as above. ■

The following proposition is an immediate corollary of (2.16) (cf. Section 2.3.1).

Proposition 3.3 Introduce the function $H(\cdot, \cdot)$ (both arguments are distinguished local parameters in a small vicinity of P) via

$$W = \left[\frac{1}{(\zeta(Q) - \zeta(R))^2} + H(\zeta(Q), \zeta(R)) \right] d\zeta(Q)d\zeta(R)$$

as $Q, R \rightarrow P$, where W is the canonical meromorphic bidifferential on X (in particular, one has the relation

$$6H(\zeta(P), \zeta(P)) = S_B(\zeta(P)),$$

where S_B is the Bergman projective connection). Then the matrix $T(0)$ is given via

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{pmatrix} T_{11}(0) & T_{12}(0) \\ T_{21}(0) & T_{22}(0) \\ T_{31}(0) & T_{32}(0) \\ T_{41}(0) & T_{42}(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{6}S_{Sch}(0) & -H'_\zeta(\zeta, \zeta')|_{(0,0)} + \pi \sum (\mathfrak{I}\mathbb{B})_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} v_\alpha(0)v'_\beta(0) \\ -\frac{1}{2}H'_{\zeta'}(\zeta, \zeta')|_{(0,0)} + \frac{\pi}{2} \sum (\mathfrak{I}\mathbb{B})_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} v_\alpha(0)v'_\beta(0) & -\frac{1}{2}H''_{\zeta'}(\zeta, \zeta')|_{(0,0)} + \frac{\pi}{2} \sum (\mathfrak{I}\mathbb{B})_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} v'_\alpha(0)v'_\beta(0) \\ \pi B(0, 0) & \pi \sum (\mathfrak{I}\mathbb{B})_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} v'_\alpha(0)v'_\beta(0) \\ \frac{\pi}{2} \sum (\mathfrak{I}\mathbb{B})_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} v_\alpha(0)v'_\beta(0) & \frac{\pi}{2} \sum (\mathfrak{I}\mathbb{B})_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} v'_\alpha(0)v'_\beta(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} T_{13}(0) & T_{14}(0) \\ T_{23}(0) & T_{24}(0) \\ T_{33}(0) & T_{34}(0) \\ T_{43}(0) & T_{44}(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{T_{31}(0)} & \overline{T_{32}(0)} \\ \overline{T_{41}(0)} & \overline{T_{42}(0)} \\ \overline{T_{11}(0)} & \overline{T_{12}(0)} \\ \overline{T_{21}(0)} & \overline{T_{22}(0)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

One also has

$$(3.12) \quad P(0) = \begin{pmatrix} T_{31}(0) & T_{32}(0) \\ T_{41}(0) & T_{42}(0) \end{pmatrix}.$$

The next proposition describes the asymptotic behaviour of the S -matrix as $\lambda \rightarrow -\infty$.

Proposition 3.4 All the entries of the matrix $T(\lambda)$ except $S^{1/\zeta, \bar{\zeta}}(\lambda)$, $S^{1/\zeta^2, \bar{\zeta}^2}(\lambda)$, and their conjugates $S^{1/\bar{\zeta}, \zeta}(\lambda)$, $S^{1/\bar{\zeta}^2, \zeta^2}(\lambda)$ are $O(|\lambda|^{-\infty})$ as $\lambda \rightarrow -\infty$. One has the asymptotics

$$S^{1/\zeta, \bar{\zeta}}(\lambda) = -\frac{2^{1/3}\sqrt{3}\Gamma(2/3)}{\pi\Gamma(4/3)}(-\lambda)^{1/3} + O(|\lambda|^{-\infty}),$$

$$S^{1/\zeta^2, \bar{\zeta}^2}(\lambda) = -\frac{2^{-1/3}\sqrt{3}\Gamma(1/3)}{\pi\Gamma(5/3)}(-\lambda)^{2/3} + O(|\lambda|^{-\infty}),$$

and

$$(3.13) \quad \det T(\lambda) = \left(\frac{27}{2\pi^2}\right)^2 \lambda^2 + O(|\lambda|^{-\infty}), \quad \det P(\lambda) = -\frac{27}{2\pi^2} \lambda + O(|\lambda|^{-\infty})$$

as $\lambda \rightarrow -\infty$.

Proof (cf. [12]) Passing to polar coordinates, r, ϕ such that $\zeta = r^{1/3} e^{i\phi/3}; 0 \leq \phi \leq 6\pi$, one finds that the functions

$$K_\nu(\sqrt{-\lambda}r)e^{-i\nu\phi}; \quad \nu = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3},$$

where K_ν is the modified Bessel function, satisfy the equation (2.7) in a vicinity of P . The well-known asymptotics of the modified Bessel function (with $\nu > 0$) reads as

$$K_\nu(y) = \frac{\pi}{2 \sin(\nu\pi)} \left[\frac{y^{-\nu}}{2^{-\nu}\Gamma(1-\nu)} - \frac{y^\nu}{2^\nu\Gamma(1+\nu)} + O(y^{2-\nu}) \right]$$

as $y \rightarrow 0$. Thus, the functions

$$\Phi_\nu := \pi^{-1} 2^{-\nu} \Gamma(1-\nu) \sin(\pi\nu) (\sqrt{-\lambda})^\nu K_\nu(\sqrt{-\lambda}r) e^{-i\nu\phi},$$

$\nu = 1/3, 2/3$ satisfy (2.7) in a vicinity of P and have the asymptotics

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{aligned} \Phi_{1/3}(\zeta, \bar{\zeta}; \lambda) &= \frac{1}{\zeta} - \frac{2^{1/3} \sqrt{3} \Gamma(2/3)}{\pi \Gamma(4/3)} (-\lambda)^{1/3} \bar{\zeta} + o(|\zeta|^2), \\ \Phi_{2/3}(\zeta, \bar{\zeta}; \lambda) &= \frac{1}{\zeta^2} - \frac{2^{-1/3} \sqrt{3} \Gamma(1/3)}{\pi \Gamma(5/3)} (-\lambda)^{2/3} \bar{\zeta}^2 + o(|\zeta|^2) \end{aligned}$$

as $\zeta \rightarrow 0$.

Now, notice that one can change the construction of the special growing solutions from the proof of Proposition 2.2 replacing function F by Φ_ν ; this gives

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{aligned} G_{1/\zeta}(\cdot; \lambda) &= \Phi_{1/3}(\cdot; \lambda) - (\Delta_F - \lambda)^{-1} (\Delta^* - \lambda) [\chi \Phi_{1/3}(\cdot; \lambda)], \\ G_{1/\zeta^2}(\cdot; \lambda) &= \Phi_{2/3}(\cdot; \lambda) - (\Delta_F - \lambda)^{-1} (\Delta^* - \lambda) [\chi \Phi_{2/3}(\cdot; \lambda)]. \end{aligned}$$

Since $K_\nu(x)$ and all its derivatives are $O(e^{-x})$ as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ and the support of $(\Delta^* - \lambda) [\chi \Phi_\nu(\cdot; \lambda)]$ is separated from the origin, all the coefficients in the asymptotic expansions (2.4) of second terms in the right-hand sides of (3.15) are exponentially decreasing as $\lambda \rightarrow -\infty$, and, therefore, all the statements of the proposition follow from (3.14). ■

The next proposition is a direct consequence of [10, Theorem 2] and (3.13).

Proposition 3.5 *Introduce the zeta-regularized determinants of the operators $\Delta_F - \lambda$, $\Delta_{\text{sing}} - \lambda$ and $\Delta_{\text{hol}} - \lambda$ via*

$$\det A = \exp\{-\zeta'_A(0)\},$$

where $\zeta_A(s)$ is the operator zeta-function of an operator A (without zero modes). Then

$$(3.16) \quad \det(\Delta_{\text{sing}} - \lambda) = \left(\frac{2\pi^2}{27}\right)^2 \det T(\lambda) \det(\Delta_F - \lambda)$$

for real λ not belonging to the union of the spectra of Δ_F and Δ_{sing} . Similarly,

$$(3.17) \quad \det(\Delta_{\text{hol}} - \lambda) = \frac{2\pi^2}{27} \det P(\lambda) \det(\Delta_F - \lambda)$$

for real λ not belonging to the union of the spectra of the operators Δ_F and Δ_{hol} .

Since $\dim \text{Ker } \Delta_F = 1$, Proposition 3.5 shows that the order of the zero of $\det T(\lambda)$ (resp. $\det P(\lambda)$) at $\lambda = 0$ is one unit less than the dimension of the kernel of Δ_{sing} (resp. Δ_{hol}). We will prove in the next subsection that generically $\dim \text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{hol}} = 1$. We conjecture that this is also the case for Δ_{sing} (i.e., that generically $\det T(0) \neq 0$). However, we will show that by choosing a “very symmetric” polyhedron X , one can get $\dim \text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{sing}} = 3$.

So, under assumption of genericity, passing to the limit $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ in (3.16) and (3.17), one gets the following comparison formulas for modified (i.e., with zero modes excluded) determinants of s. a. extensions $\Delta_F, \Delta_{\text{sing}}$, and Δ_{hol} .

Theorem 3.6 *Let $\dim \text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{sing}} = 1$. Then*

$$(3.18) \quad \det^* \Delta_{\text{sing}} = \left(\frac{2\pi^2}{27} \right)^2 \det T(0) \det^* \Delta_F,$$

where $T(0)$ is explicitly given in (3.11).

Let $\dim \text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{hol}} = 1$ (i.e., P is not a Weierstrass point of X ; see Proposition 3.11). Then

$$\det^* \Delta_{\text{hol}} = \frac{2\pi^2}{27} \det P(0) \det^* \Delta_F,$$

where $P(0)$ is given in (3.12).

Remark 3.7 If $(2P) = C$, where C is the canonical class, the flat metric on X with a single conical point at P has the form $|\omega|^2$, where ω is a holomorphic differential on X with double zero at P . In this case, an explicit expression for $\det^* \Delta_F$ can be found in [16]. An explicit formula for $\det^* \Delta_F$ for an arbitrary P can be found in [15].

Remark 3.8 Let us mention two geometric constructions leading to a flat surface X of genus two with a single conical singularity.

(i) Take a compact Riemann surface X of genus two and choose a point $P \in X$. Then according to the Troyanov theorem ([32]), there exists the unique (up to rescaling) flat conformal metric on X with conical singularity of angle 6π at P . If the divisor $(2P)$ is in the canonical class, then there exists a holomorphic one-form on X with divisor $2P$ and the Troyanov metric necessarily coincides (up to rescaling) with $|\omega|^2$. In this case, the metric has trivial holonomy. If the divisor $(2P)$ does not belong to the canonical class, then the Troyanov metric must have nontrivial holonomy along some nontrivial cycle on X . (It should be noted that the holonomy of the Troyanov metric along a small loop around the conical point is always trivial, since the tangent vector turns to the angle 6π after parallel transform along this loop.)

(ii) (See Figure 1.) In the case of trivial holonomy, the flat surface X can be produced via the well known pentagon construction (see, e.g., [23]). Consider a pentagon Π in the complex plane. Let the center of one of its sides coincide with the origin. Gluing together the parallel sides of the octagon $\Pi \cup (-\Pi)$ one gets a flat surface X of genus 2 with a single conical singularity of conical angle 6π . The one-form dz in the complex plane gives rise to a holomorphic one-form ω on X with a single double

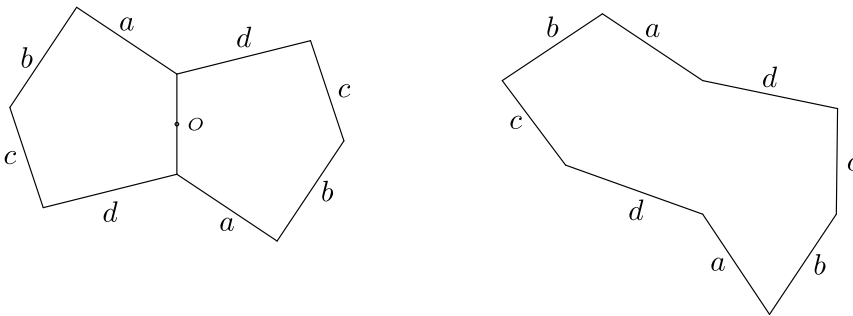


Figure 1: Gluing schemes for X : trivial (left) and nontrivial (right) holonomy.

zero at the point P on X that came from eight vertices of the octagon glued together. The natural flat metric on X has trivial holonomy and coincides with $|\omega|^2$.

Now take the octagon $\Pi \cup (-\Pi)$ and deform it, keeping the lengths of all the sides fixed (after this deformation the opposite sides are no longer parallel). Glue the sides together following the same gluing scheme as before. Again, one gets a flat surface of genus two with a single conical singularity of angle 6π , but now the corresponding flat metric has nontrivial holonomy. The parallel transport along the closed loop that came from a segment connecting two points on the opposite sides of the deformed octagon turns the tangent vector for the angle that is equal to the angle between these two opposite sides.

3.0.1 One More Comparison Formula for Resolvent Kernels

Here we briefly describe an interesting counterpart to formula (3.9), which holds in the case of general conformal flat conical metrics of trivial holonomy on compact Riemann surfaces X of genus $g \geq 2$. All these metrics have the form $|\omega|^2$, where ω is a holomorphic one-form on X . Flat surfaces X of genus 2 with a single conical point P of angle 6π enter this class if and only if P is a Weierstrass point of X .

Proposition 3.9 *Let the metric on X be given by $|\omega|^2$, where ω is a holomorphic one-form. Let P_1, P_2, \dots, P_M and let $M \leq 2g - 2$ be the distinct zeroes of ω or, equivalently, the conical points of the metric $|\omega|^2$. Then there is the following relation between the resolvents, R_{hol} and R_F , of the holomorphic and Friedrichs extensions of the symmetric Laplacian on $X \setminus \{P_1, \dots, P_M\}$:*

$$(3.19) \quad R_{\text{hol}}(x, y; \lambda) = \frac{4}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\omega(x)\overline{\omega(y)}} \partial_x \partial_{\bar{y}} R_F(x, y; \lambda).$$

Proof We start by reminding the reader of the standard relation

$$(3.20) \quad \partial_x \partial_{\bar{y}} G_F(x, y) = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^g (\mathfrak{I}\mathfrak{B})_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} v_\alpha(x) \overline{v_\beta(y)} = -\frac{1}{4} B(x, \bar{y}),$$

where $B(x, \bar{y})$ is the reproducing kernel for holomorphic differentials. Here, G_F is just the Green function from (2.3); the subscript is introduced to emphasize that we are dealing with the Green function of the Friedrichs Laplacian. Equation (3.20) follows directly from (2.3) (the factor 1/4 appears due to the presence of the factor 4 in the definition of the Laplacian; some authors do not introduce these factors).

According to [9], one has the relations

$$(3.21) \quad \Delta_F = 4D_z^* D_z \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_{\text{hol}} = 4D_z D_z^*,$$

where D_z is the closure of the operator

$$\frac{1}{\omega} \partial_z : C_0^\infty(X \setminus \{P_1, \dots, P_M\}) \subset L_2(X, |\omega|^2) \longrightarrow L_2(X, |\omega|^2).$$

Clearly, D_z^* acts as $\frac{1}{\bar{\omega}} \partial_{\bar{z}}$.

Now (3.21) immediately implies that the function ϕ_m is a normalized eigenfunction of Δ_F corresponding to a nonzero eigenvalue λ_m if and only if $\frac{2}{\sqrt{\lambda_m}} D_z \phi_m$ is a normalized eigenfunction of Δ_{hol} corresponding the eigenvalue λ_m . Taking into account that $\text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{hol}}$ is spanned by the functions $\frac{v_a}{\omega}$ and, therefore, the orthogonal projection in $L_2(X, |\omega|^2)$ onto $\text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{hol}}$ is the integral operator with the integral kernel $\frac{B(x, \bar{y})}{\omega(x)\omega(y)}$, one gets the following representation for the resolvent kernel of Δ_{hol} (in the sense of distribution theory):

$$R_{\text{hol}}(x, y; \lambda) = -\frac{B(x, \bar{y})}{\omega(x)\omega(y)} \frac{1}{\lambda} + 4 \sum_{\lambda_m \neq 0} \frac{D_x \phi_m(x) \overline{D_y \phi_m(y)}}{(\lambda_m - \lambda) \lambda_m}.$$

Taking into account the relations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(\lambda_m - \lambda) \lambda_m} &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_m - \lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda_m} \right), \\ R_F(x, y, \lambda) &= -\frac{1}{\text{Area}(X) \lambda} + \sum_{\lambda_m \neq 0} \frac{\phi_m(x) \overline{\phi_m(y)}}{\lambda_m - \lambda}, \\ G_F(x, y) &= \sum_{\lambda_m \neq 0} \frac{\phi_m(x) \overline{\phi_m(y)}}{\lambda_m}, \end{aligned}$$

and making use of (3.20), one arrives at (3.19). ■

Corollary 3.10 For flat metrics $|\omega|^2$ with trivial holonomy the Green function G_{hol} of the holomorphic extension Δ_{hol} is related to the Friedrichs Green function G_F via

$$G_{\text{hol}}(x, y) = \int_X \partial_x G_F(x, z) \partial_{\bar{y}} G_F(z, y) \frac{1}{\omega(x)\omega(y)} dS(z).$$

3.1 Kernels of Δ_{hol} and Δ_{sing}

3.1.1 Kernel of the Holomorphic Extension

The following proposition gives the complete description of the kernel of the holomorphic extension of the symmetric Laplacian on $X \setminus \{P\}$.

Proposition 3.11 *Suppose P is not a Weierstrass point of X . Then the kernel of Δ_{hol} consists of constants: $\dim \text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{hol}} = 1$. If P is a Weierstrass point, then the kernel of Δ_{hol} has dimension 2 and is spanned by 1, and a meromorphic function with single pole at P of multiplicity 2.*

Proof Let $U \in \text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{hol}}$. Let ξ be distinguished parameter near P and let $X_\epsilon = X \setminus \{|\xi| \leq \epsilon\}$. Using Stokes formula, one gets

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -\frac{1}{4} \langle u, \Delta u \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \iint_{X_\epsilon} |\bar{\partial}u|^2 + \oint_{|\xi|=\epsilon} \overline{(A/\xi^2 + B/\xi + C + D\xi + E\xi^2 + o(|\xi|^2))} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \partial_{\bar{\xi}}(A/\xi^2 + B/\xi + C + D\xi + E\xi^2 + o(|\xi|^2)) \right\} \\ &= \iint_X |\bar{\partial}u|^2, \end{aligned}$$

and, therefore, U is meromorphic on X with a single pole of degree less or equal to 2 at P . It remains to notice that

- there are no meromorphic functions with a single pole of order 1 on Riemann surfaces of positive genus;
- for Riemann surfaces X of genus 2 the point $P \in X$ is a Weierstrass point if and only if there exists a meromorphic function on X with single double pole at P . ■

3.1.2 Singular Extension: The Very Symmetric Case

Consider a hyperelliptic surface X of genus 2 via $\mu^2 = \prod_{j=1}^6 (\lambda - \lambda_j)$ with

$$\lambda_k = \lambda_1 + r^2 e^{\frac{2\pi i(k-1)}{5}}, \quad k = 2, \dots, 6; \quad r > 0.$$

Consider a holomorphic one-form ω on X given by

$$\omega = \frac{(\lambda - \lambda_1) d\lambda}{\sqrt{\prod_{j=1}^6 (\lambda - \lambda_j)}}.$$

Clearly, ω has a double zero at $P = (\lambda_1, 0) \in X$, and the metric $|\omega|^2$ is a flat metric on X with unique conical point at P of angle 6π .

Proposition 3.12 *The kernel of the singular self-adjoint extension Δ_{sing} of a symmetric Laplacian on $X \setminus \{P\}$ has dimension 3.*

Proof There are two natural holomorphic local parameters on X near P : the one related to the ramified double covering $X \ni (\lambda, \mu) \mapsto \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \subset \mathbb{P}^1$,

$$\zeta = \sqrt{\lambda - \lambda_1},$$

and the distinguished parameter ξ for the conical metric $|\omega|^2$ related to the parameter ζ via

$$\xi(\zeta) = \left(\int_0^\zeta \frac{2w^2 dw}{\sqrt{w^{10} - r^{10}}} \right)^{1/3}.$$

Since

$$\omega = C(\zeta^2 + O(\zeta^{12}))d\zeta$$

and, therefore,

$$(3.22) \quad \xi^3 = C(\zeta^3 + O(\zeta^{13})),$$

one has

$$(3.23) \quad \frac{1}{\zeta^2} = \frac{C}{\xi^2} + o(|\xi|^3)$$

as $\xi, \zeta \rightarrow 0$ (C is a constant which differs from one formula to another). Now (3.23) implies that the meromorphic function

$$(3.24) \quad P \mapsto f(P) = \frac{1}{\lambda(P) - \lambda_1}$$

on X with a single double pole at P belongs to $\text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{sing}}$. Clearly, \bar{f} and 1 also belong to $\text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{sing}}$. Thus, $\dim \text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{sing}} \geq 3$.

It turns out that in the case of the surface X , one can further specify the asymptotical expansion of the (unique up to a constant) harmonic function g on X with a single singularity at P with

$$g(\xi, \bar{\xi}) = \frac{1}{\xi} + O(1).$$

Namely, one has

$$(3.25) \quad g = \frac{1}{\xi} + C + \alpha \bar{\xi} + o(|\xi|^2)$$

with $\alpha \neq 0$.

According to (2.24), the coefficient near ξ in the asymptotical expansion of g near P is equal to $-\frac{1}{6} S_{\text{Sch}}(\xi)|_{\xi=0}$. Using \mathbb{Z}_5 -symmetry of X , it is easy to show that this coefficient must vanish. First, notice that this quantity vanishes if

$$S_{\text{Sch}}(\zeta)|_{\zeta=0} = 0.$$

This follows from the change of variables rule for a projective connection:

$$(3.26) \quad S_{\text{Sch}}(\xi) = S_{\text{Sch}}(\zeta) \left(\frac{d\zeta}{d\xi} \right)^2 + \{\zeta, \xi\}$$

(due to (3.22), the Schwarzian derivative on the right-hand side of the last equality vanishes at $\xi = 0$).

Without loss of generality, one can assume that $\lambda_1 = 0$. Consider the automorphism of X : $\lambda \mapsto e^{\frac{2\pi i}{5}} \lambda$. Under this automorphism $\zeta \mapsto e^{\frac{\pi i}{5}} \zeta$ and since the Schiffer projective connection is independent of the choice of basic cycles on X , one gets from (3.26) the relation

$$S_{\text{Sch}}(\zeta)|_{\zeta=0} = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{5}} S_{\text{Sch}}(\zeta)|_{\zeta=0},$$

implying $S_{\text{Sch}}(\zeta)|_{\zeta=0} = 0$.

Using (3.11) and (3.24) together, it is easy to show that in the asymptotic expansion of g there are no ξ^2 and $\bar{\xi}^2$ terms. Notice that normalized holomorphic differentials ν_1 and ν_2 on X are linear combinations of

$$\omega_1 = \frac{d\lambda}{\sqrt{\prod_{k=1}^6(\lambda - \lambda_k)}} = \frac{2d\zeta}{\sqrt{\zeta^{10} - r^{10}}},$$

$$\omega_2 = \frac{\lambda d\lambda}{\sqrt{\prod_{k=1}^6(\lambda - \lambda_k)}} = \frac{2\zeta^2 d\zeta}{\sqrt{\zeta^{10} - r^{10}}},$$

and therefore

$$\nu'_{1,2}(\zeta)|_{\zeta=0} = 0.$$

Since $\nu'_{1,2}(\xi) = \nu'_{1,2}(\zeta)\left(\frac{d\zeta}{d\xi}\right)^2 + \nu_{1,2}(\zeta)\frac{d^2\zeta}{(d\xi)^2}$ and $\frac{d^2\zeta}{(d\xi)^2} = 0$ (due to (3.22)), one gets

$$(3.27) \quad \nu'_{1,2}(\xi)|_{\xi=0} = 0.$$

Relation (3.24) implies that one has $T_{12}(0) = 0$ in (3.11) and from the symmetry $H(x, y) = H(y, x)$ of the function H from Proposition 3.3 and (3.27), one concludes that $T_{21}(0) = 0$ and, therefore, there is no ξ^2 term in the expansion of g . Due to (3.27) one has $T_{41}(0) = 0$ and, therefore, the $\bar{\xi}^2$ is also absent.

It remains to notice that the coefficient α near $\bar{\xi}$ equals to $\pi B(\xi, \bar{\xi})|_{\xi=0}$. Since the imaginary part of the matrix of b -periods, $\Im\mathbb{B}$, is positive definite, one has $\alpha \neq 0$ and (3.25) is proved.

To prove that $\text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{sing}} = \text{lin. span}\{f, \bar{f}, 1\}$, it suffices to prove that a function W from $\text{Ker } \Delta^*$ with asymptotics

$$W = \frac{A}{\xi} + \frac{B}{\bar{\xi}} + o(|\xi|^2)$$

cannot belong to $\text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{sing}}$, unless $A = B = 0$. Assuming $W \in \text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{sing}}$, one has $W - Ag - B\bar{g} \in \text{Ker } \Delta_F$ and, therefore,

$$W = Ag + B\bar{g} + C$$

which contradicts (3.25) unless $A = B = 0$. ■

Remark 3.13 In the case of the very symmetric surface X with $\dim \text{Ker } \Delta_{\text{sing}} = 3$, the comparison formula for the determinants (i.e., equation (3.18)) turns into

$$(3.28) \quad \det^* \Delta_{\text{sing}} = 2 \left(\frac{\pi^2}{27}\right)^2 \frac{d^2 \det T(\lambda)}{(d\lambda)^2} \Big|_{\lambda=0} \det^* \Delta_F.$$

It should be noticed that the derivatives of the entries of the matrix $T(\lambda)$ from (3.5) at $\lambda = 0$ (and, therefore, the factor $\frac{d^2 \det T(\lambda)}{(d\lambda)^2} \Big|_{\lambda=0}$ in (3.28)) can be explicitly computed. Namely, explicit expressions for the derivatives of the first order can be obtained via plugging $\lambda = 0$ in (3.7) and then using (2.16). To get expressions for the second derivatives, for instance $\frac{d^2}{(d\lambda)^2} S^{1/\zeta^2}, \zeta(\lambda)|_{\lambda=0}$, introduce (following the proof of Proposition 2.2) $F = \chi \frac{1}{\zeta^2}$ and the solution $g(\cdot; \lambda)$ of the equation

$$(3.29) \quad (\Delta_F - \lambda)g = (\Delta^* - \lambda)F.$$

Then $G_{1/\zeta^2}(\cdot; \lambda) = F - g(\cdot, \lambda)$. Denoting by dot the derivative with respect to λ and differentiating (3.29), one gets

$$-\dot{g} = (\Delta_F - \lambda)^{-1}G_{1/\zeta^2}(\cdot; \lambda) \quad \text{and} \quad (\Delta_F - \lambda)(-\dot{g}) = 2(-\dot{g}).$$

Now (3.6) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{4\pi} \frac{d^2}{(d\lambda)^2} S^{1/\zeta^2, \zeta}(\lambda) \Big|_{\lambda=0} &= \langle 2(-\dot{g}), G_{1/\zeta}(\cdot; \bar{\lambda}) \rangle \\ &= 2 \langle (\Delta_F - \lambda)^{-1}G_{1/\zeta^2}(\cdot; \lambda), G_{1/\zeta}(\cdot; \bar{\lambda}) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since $G_{1/\zeta^2}(\cdot, 0) \perp 1$, this implies

$$\frac{d^2}{(d\lambda)^2} S^{1/\zeta^2, \zeta}(\lambda) \Big|_{\lambda=0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_X \int_X G(x, y) G_{1/\zeta^2}(x, 0) G_{1/\bar{\zeta}}(y; 0) dS(y) dS(x),$$

where $G(x, y)$ is the Green function from (2.3), and the special growing solutions $G_{1/\zeta^2}(\cdot, 0)$ and $G_{1/\bar{\zeta}}(y; 0)$ are explicitly computed in (2.16).

A Appendix

In this appendix, we sketch a proof of (2.4). An alternative proof (of a closely related statement) based on different technical tools can be found in [24].

Step 1. Weighted Sobolev estimate for the infinite cone Here, we closely follow [25, Chapter 2], where a similar estimate was established for the Neumann boundary value problem in an angle lying in Euclidean plane. The only modification is the use of (A.3) instead of the Green function from [25, (2.14)].

Let K be a standard round cone with conical point of conical angle $2\pi B$, $B = b + 1 > 0$. Let $r > 0$, ω ($0 \leq \omega \leq 2\pi B$) be the standard polar coordinates on K . Introduce the weighted Sobolev space $H_\beta^s(K)$ with norm

$$\|u; H_\gamma^l(K)\| = \left(\sum_{|\alpha| < l} \int_K r^{2(\gamma - l + |\alpha|)} |\partial_x^\alpha u(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2},$$

which is equivalent to the norm

$$\left(\sum_{j+k=l} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi B} r^{2(\beta+j)-1} |\partial_r^j \partial_\omega^k u(r, \omega)|^2 dr d\omega \right)^{1/2},$$

where $\gamma = \beta + l - 1$.

Using the Mellin transform

$$u(r, \omega) \mapsto \tilde{u}(\lambda, \omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty r^{-i\lambda-1} u(r, \omega) dr,$$

one passes from the problem

$$(A.1) \quad -\Delta u = f$$

in K to the problem with parameter

$$(A.2) \quad (-\partial_\omega^2 + \lambda^2)\tilde{u} = (r^2 f)^\sim := \tilde{F}$$

on the circle $S^1_{2\pi B}$. In what follows, we need an explicit expression for the Green function of the problem (A.2). In order to obtain this expression we start with Green function (integral kernel of the inverse operator)

$$\Phi(|x - y|) = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda|x-y|}$$

of the operator $\lambda^2 - (d/dx)^2$ on \mathbb{R}^1 (see, [31, vol. 1, (5.30), p. 220]). Then the Green function of (A.2) is given by

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \Phi(|\omega_1 - \omega_2 + 2\pi Bn|).$$

Summing geometric sequences, one immediately gets the needed expression for the Green function of (A.2),

$$(A.3) \quad \Gamma(\omega_1, \omega_2; \lambda) = \frac{\pi}{\lambda} \frac{e^{-\lambda|\omega_1 - \omega_2|} + e^{\lambda|\omega_1 - \omega_2|} e^{-2\pi B}}{1 - e^{-2\pi B\lambda}}.$$

Notice that Γ has double pole at $\lambda = 0$ and simple poles at $\lambda = \pm \frac{k}{B}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$

Clearly, one has the estimate

$$\int_0^{2\pi B} \int_0^{2\pi B} |\Gamma|^2 d\omega_1 d\omega_2 \leq C|\lambda|^{-4}$$

for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} + i\beta$, where β is any real number not equal to $\pm \frac{k}{B}$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and therefore, one has an a priori estimate for (A.2),

$$(A.4) \quad \|\tilde{u}\|^2 \leq C|\lambda|^{-4} \|\tilde{F}\|^2,$$

with C independent of λ on the line $\mathbb{R} + i\beta$; $\beta \neq \pm \frac{k}{B}$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Using $\partial_\omega^{k+2} \tilde{u} = -\lambda^2 \partial_\omega^k \tilde{u} - \partial_\omega^k \tilde{F}$, one upgrades (A.4) to

$$(A.5) \quad \sum_{j=0}^{l+2} |\lambda|^{2(l+2-j)} \|\partial_\omega^j \tilde{u}; L_2(S^1_{2\pi B})\|^2 \leq C \sum_{j=0}^l |\lambda|^{2(l-j)} \|\partial_\omega^j \tilde{F}; L_2(S^1_{2\pi B})\|^2.$$

on any horizontal line in \mathbb{C} not passing through the poles of the Green function (A.3) (i.e., $\pm \frac{k}{B}$, $k = 0, 1, \dots$). Returning from the Mellin images to the originals and using estimate (A.5) together with Parseval equality, one derives the following proposition.

Proposition A.1 *Let $\gamma - l - 1 \neq \pm \frac{k}{B}$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and $f \in H^l_\gamma(K)$. Then there exists the unique solution $u \in H^{\gamma+2}_\gamma(K)$ of problem (A.1). One has the estimate*

$$\|u; H^{\gamma+2}_\gamma(K)\| \leq C \|f; H^l_\gamma(K)\|.$$

Step 2. Asymptotics for functions from $\mathcal{D}(\bar{\Delta})$ Let $u \in C^\infty_0(X \setminus \{P\})$ and let χ be a smooth cut off function with a support in a small vicinity of P . One can assume that K and X coincide in the latter vicinity. Choose a small positive δ such that $\delta - 1 \neq \frac{k}{B}$; $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. It should be noted that if B is not an integer (i.e., the conical angle is not an integer multiple of 2π), one can take $\delta = 0$. Using Proposition A.1, one gets

$$\begin{aligned} \|\chi u; H^2_\delta(K)\| &\leq C \|\Delta(\chi u); H^0_\delta(K)\| \leq C \|\Delta(\chi u); L_2(X)\| \\ &\leq C (\|\chi \Delta u; L_2(X)\| + \|(\nabla \chi) \nabla u; L_2(X)\| + \|(\Delta \chi) u; L_2(X)\|). \end{aligned}$$

Since the support of $\nabla\chi$ is separated from P , one can estimate the second term on the right-hand side from the above using the standard elliptic estimate (see, e.g., [4, Theorem 2.1 of Appendix 2]), thus arriving at

$$\|\chi u; H^2_\delta(K)\| \leq C(\|\Delta u; L_2(X)\| + \|u; L_2(X)\|).$$

The latter inequality shows that the functions from $\mathcal{D}(\bar{\Delta})$ in a vicinity of P belong to H^2_δ with (any small) positive δ . Now the standard Sobolev lemma gives

$$\sup_{1/2 \leq |x| \leq 1} |u(x)|^2 \leq C \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2} \int_{1/2 \leq |x| \leq 1} r^{2(\delta-2+|\alpha|)} |\partial_x^\alpha u(x)|^2 dx$$

with a constant C independent of $u \in H^2_\delta$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2} \int_{\epsilon/2 \leq |x| \leq \epsilon} r^{2(\delta-2+|\alpha|)} |\partial_x^\alpha u(x)|^2 dx \\ &= \epsilon^{2(\delta-1)} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2} \int_{1/2 \leq |x| \leq 1} r^{2(\delta-2+|\alpha|)} |\partial_x^\alpha u(\epsilon x)|^2 dx \\ &\geq C^{-1} \epsilon^{2(\delta-1)} \sup_{\epsilon/2 \leq |x| \leq \epsilon} |u(x)|^2 \end{aligned}$$

and, therefore,

$$(A.6) \quad u = O(r^{1-\delta})$$

for $u \in \mathcal{D}(\bar{\Delta})$ near P . The latter estimate can be improved to $u = O(r)$ in the case of conical angles not equal to an integer multiple of 2π .

In particular, (A.6) implies that all the terms in the right-hand side of (2.4) (except the last one) do not belong to $\mathcal{D}(\bar{\Delta})$.

Step 3. Domain of the adjoint operator Let $u \in \mathcal{D}(\Delta^*)$. Then (see [28, §X.1])

$$u = u_1 + u_2 + u_3,$$

with $u_{1,2} \in \text{Ker}(\Delta^* \pm i)$ and $u_3 \in \mathcal{D}(\bar{\Delta})$. It suffices to find the asymptotics of functions from $\text{Ker}(\Delta^* + i)$. (The kernel of $\Delta^* - i$ can be described in the same way.) So let $(\Delta^* + i)v = 0$. This guarantees that $v \in L_2(X)$ and $v \in C^\infty(X \setminus \{P\})$ (due to the standard theory of elliptic equations). To establish the asymptotic behavior of v at P , one has to put v in some weighted Sobolev class. The following lemma (going back to [17], §5.1) is actually the first key point of the whole proof.

Lemma A.2 For some $\epsilon > 0$, one has the inequality

$$\int_{\{x \in X: \text{dist}(x,P) \leq \epsilon\}} r^4 |\nabla^2 v|^2 + r^2 |\nabla v|^2 dx \leq \infty.$$

Proof Let χ be the same cut off function as above and let $v_1 = \chi v$. Then

$$(A.7) \quad \Delta v_1 = -i v_1 + f$$

in K , where $f \in C_0^\infty(K \setminus \{P\})$. Let $\phi, \kappa \in C_0^\infty(K \setminus \{P\})$; $\phi\kappa = \kappa$, $\text{supp } \kappa \subset \{x : 1/4 < |x| < 4\}$. The standard elliptic estimate gives

$$(A.8) \quad \|\kappa v_1; H^2(K)\| \leq c(\|\phi \Delta v_1; L_2(K)\| + \|\phi v_1; L_2(K)\|).$$

Choose a partition of unity $\{\kappa_j\}$ and functions $\phi_j \in C_0^\infty(K \setminus \{P\})$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{supp } \kappa_j &\subset \{x : 2^{j-1} \leq |x| \leq 2^{j+1}\}, \\ \text{supp } \phi_j &\subset \{x : 2^{j-2} \leq |x| \leq 2^{j+2}\}, \end{aligned}$$

$\kappa_j \phi_j = \kappa_j$, and

$$|D^\alpha \kappa_j| + |D^\alpha \phi_j| \leq C_\alpha 2^{-j|\alpha|}.$$

Under the rescaling $x \mapsto 2^j x$, the estimate (A.8) turns into

$$(A.9) \quad \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2} 2^{j(2|\alpha|-4)} \int_K |D_x^\alpha(\kappa_j v_1)|^2 dx \leq C \left(\int_K |\phi_j \Delta v_1|^2 dx + 2^{-4j} \int_K |\phi_j v_1|^2 dx \right).$$

Taking into account (A.7), multiplying (A.9) by 2^{4j} and summing through $j = 0, -1, -2, \dots$, one gets Lemma A.2.

Thus, the solution v_1 of the problem

$$(A.10) \quad \Delta w + iw = f$$

on the cone K with $f \in C_0^\infty(K \setminus \{P\})$ belongs to the weighted Sobolev class $H_2^2(K)$. It is known (see, e.g., [21, Section 1.3.6] for a similar statement for a problem in an angle; the needed modifications in the case of a cone K are obvious) that two solutions v_1 and v_2 of (A.10) from different weighted Sobolev classes $H_{\beta_1}^2(K)$ and $H_{\beta_2}^2(K)$; $\beta_1 < \beta_2$ are related via

$$(A.11) \quad \chi v_1 = \chi \sum_k W_k + \chi v_2,$$

where χ is the usual cut off function and W_k , are those special solutions $W_k(r, \omega) = a_k(r) e^{i \frac{k}{B} \omega}$ of the homogeneous problem

$$\Delta w + iw = 0$$

on K that satisfy $\chi W_k \in H_{\beta_1}^2$ and $\chi W_k \notin H_{\beta_2}^2$ (there is always a finite number of such W_k). In fact, functions $a_k(r)$ can be expressed through Bessel functions. More precisely, from (A.11) one gets the representation

$$(A.12) \quad \begin{aligned} \chi v_1 = \chi \sum_{k=-[B]}^{-1} K_{|k/B|} (e^{\frac{3\pi i}{4}} r) (c_k e^{i \frac{\omega k}{B}} + c'_k e^{-i \frac{\omega k}{B}}) + \chi c_0 K_0 (e^{\frac{3\pi i}{4}} r) \\ + \chi c'_0 I_0 (e^{\frac{3\pi i}{4}} r) + \chi \sum_{k=1}^{[B]} I_{|k/B|} (e^{\frac{3\pi i}{4}} r) (c_k e^{i \frac{\omega k}{B}} + c'_k e^{-i \frac{\omega k}{B}}) + \chi v_2 \end{aligned}$$

with $v_2 = O(r^{1+\epsilon})$ with $\epsilon > 0$. Using (A.12) and the series for Bessel functions [18, (5.7.1), (5.7.2), (5.7.11)] (here is the second key point: the powers of r in the neighbour terms of the series for Bessel functions differ by two!), one arrives at the asymptotic representation of v_1 of the type (2.4) with the remainder $R = O(r^{1+\epsilon})$, which is smooth outside the vertex P (moreover, this asymptotic expansion can be differentiated). Let $\psi = 1 - \chi$; then it is straightforward to show that the sequence $\Delta[\psi(nx)R(x)]$ is uniformly bounded in $L_2(X)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and, therefore, $R \in \mathcal{D}((\Delta^*)^*) = \mathcal{D}(\bar{\Delta})$. ■

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