

Inverse nodal problem for the Sturm-Liouville operator with a weight

ZHANG Ran Murat Sat YANG Chuan-fu*

Abstract. In this work, we consider the inverse nodal problem for the Sturm-Liouville problem with a weight and the jump condition at the middle point. It is shown that the dense nodes of the eigenfunctions can uniquely determine the potential on the whole interval and some parameters.

§1 Introduction

Consider the following Sturm-Liouville problem $L := L(P(x), r(x), h, H, b_1, b_2)$:

$$-y''(x) + P(x)y(x) = \lambda r(x)y(x), \quad x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \cup (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi), \quad (1)$$

with the boundary conditions

$$U(y) := y'(0) - hy(0) = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$V(y) := y'(\pi) + Hy(\pi) = 0, \quad (3)$$

and the jump conditions

$$\begin{cases} y(\frac{\pi}{2} + 0) = b_1 y(\frac{\pi}{2} - 0), \\ y'(\frac{\pi}{2} + 0) = b_1^{-1} y'(\frac{\pi}{2} - 0) + b_2 y(\frac{\pi}{2} - 0). \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Here λ is the spectral parameter, $P(x)$ is a real-valued function in $L^2(0, \pi)$, h, H, b_1, b_2 are real, $b_1 > 0$, $r(x) = 1$ for $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $r(x) = \beta^2$ for $\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi$ with $0 < \beta < 1$.

Generally, the boundary value problem with discontinuous conditions which are related to discontinuous material characters often appear in many aspects of natural sciences (see [1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 18]) and has been studied by many authors (see, e.g., [3, 15, 19–22, 24]).

We see that the equation (1) with the weight function $r(x)$ arises in studying interaction of electromagnetic waves with layered agent which have dielectric and magnetic characters (see [1, 2, 6, 10, 23]). Moreover, by using the classical Fourier method, one can reduce a class of

Received: 2019-05-04. Revised: 2019-06-26.

MR Subject Classification: 34A55, 34B24, 47E05.

Keywords: inverse nodal problem, Sturm-Liouville operator, discontinuous conditions, weight function.

Digital Object Identifier(DOI): <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11766-020-3806-y>.

The research work was supported in part by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (11611530682 and 11871031).

*Corresponding author.

problems for Sturm-Liouville equations on curves to the boundary value problem like the form (1)-(4) (see, e.g., [11, 23] and the references therein).

Ozkan et al. in [11] studied the so-called half-inverse problem $L(P(x), r(x), 0, 0, b_1, 0)$. Nabiev and Amirov considered a boundary value problem $L(P(x), r(x), h, H, 1, 0)$ and gave some integral representations of solutions for the equation (1) (see [10]). Shieh and Yurko in [14] studied the inverse nodal problems for $L(P(x), 1, h, H, b_1, b_2)$ and gave the uniqueness theorem and a procedure of the reconstructing the potential $P(x)$, h and H .

Inverse nodal problems consist in reconstructing operators from the given nodes of the eigenfunctions (see, e.g., [5, 7-9, 12, 13, 16, 17] and the references therein). In this paper, we consider the problem $L(P(x), r(x), h, H, b_1, b_2)$, where b_1 and b_2 are assumed to be known a priori, and prove that a set of nodal points of the eigenfunctions which is dense on $(0, \pi)$ can uniquely determine the potential $P(x)$ and h .

§2 Preliminaries

Denote $\phi(x) = \int_0^x \sqrt{r(t)} dt$, $q(x) = \frac{P(x)}{r(x)}$ and $\rho^2 = \lambda$, $\rho = \sigma + i\tau$. Let $\varphi(x, \lambda)$ be the solutions of the equation (1), satisfying the initial conditions $\varphi(0, \lambda) = 1$, $\varphi'(0, \lambda) = h$, and the jump condition (4).

Without loss of generality we assume that

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{P(x)}{\sqrt{r(x)}} dx = 0. \quad (5)$$

Then the following asymptotic relations hold as $|\rho| \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x, \lambda) = & \cos(\rho\phi(x)) + (h + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x \sqrt{r(t)} q(t) dt) \frac{\sin(\rho\phi(x))}{\rho} \\ & + o(\frac{1}{\rho} \exp(|\tau|\phi(x))) \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x, \lambda) = & b^+ \cos(\rho\phi(x)) + b^- \cos \rho(\pi - \phi(x)) \\ & + \xi_1(x) \frac{\sin(\rho\phi(x))}{\rho} + \xi_2(x) \frac{\sin \rho(\pi - \phi(x))}{\rho} \\ & + o(\frac{1}{\rho} \exp(|\tau|\phi(x))) \quad \text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'(x, \lambda) = & -\rho \sin(\rho\phi(x)) + (h + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x \sqrt{r(t)} q(t) dt) \cos(\rho\phi(x)) \\ & + o(\exp(|\tau|\phi(x))) \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'(x, \lambda) = & \rho\beta(-b^+ \sin(\rho\phi(x)) + b^- \sin \rho(\pi - \phi(x))) \\ & + \beta\xi_1(x) \cos(\rho\phi(x)) - \beta\xi_2(x) \cos \rho(\pi - \phi(x)) \\ & + o(\exp(|\tau|\phi(x))) \quad \text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where $\tau = \Im \rho$, $b^\pm = \frac{1}{2}(b_1 \pm \frac{1}{\beta b_1})$ and

$$\xi_1(x) = b^+(h + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt) + \frac{b_2}{2\beta}, \tag{10}$$

$$\xi_2(x) = b^-(h - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt) - \frac{b_2}{2\beta}. \tag{11}$$

Denote $\Delta(\lambda) = V(\varphi)$. The function $\Delta(\lambda)$ is called the characteristic function of $L(P(x), r(x), h, H, b_1, b_2)$, which is entire in λ , and it has an at most countable set of zeros $\{\lambda_n\}_{n \geq 0}$. From (7) and (9), we get that as $|\rho| \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\lambda) = & \beta\rho[b^+ \sin(\rho\phi(\pi)) - b^- \sin \rho(\pi - \phi(\pi))] - \omega_1 \cos(\rho\phi(\pi)) \\ & - \omega_2 \cos \rho(\pi - \phi(\pi)) + o(\exp(|\tau|\phi(\pi))), \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 = & b^+(\beta h + H + \frac{\beta}{2} \int_0^\pi q(t)\sqrt{r(t)}dt) + \frac{b_2}{2}, \\ \omega_2 = & b^-(H - \beta h + \frac{\beta}{2} \int_0^\pi q(t)\sqrt{r(t)}dt - \beta \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} q(t)\sqrt{r(t)}dt) - \frac{b_2}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 1. *The boundary value problem $L(P(x), r(x), h, H, b_1, b_2)$ possesses real eigenvalues $\{\lambda_n\}_{n \geq 0}$. Moreover, for $n \rightarrow +\infty$, there holds*

$$\rho_n = \rho_n^0 + \frac{\theta_n}{\rho_n^0} + \frac{\kappa_n}{\rho_n^0}, \tag{13}$$

where $\rho_n = \sqrt{\lambda_n}$, $\{\kappa_n\} \in l_2$, and $\rho_n^0 = \sqrt{\lambda_n^0}$ are zeros of the function

$$\Delta_0(\lambda) := \beta\rho[b^+ \sin(\rho\phi(\pi)) - b^- \sin \rho(\pi - \phi(\pi))], \tag{14}$$

and

$$\theta_n = \frac{\omega_1 \cos(\rho_n^0\phi(\pi)) + \omega_2 \cos \rho_n^0(\pi - \phi(\pi))}{2\dot{\Delta}_0(\lambda_n^0)}, \tag{15}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\Delta}_0(\lambda_n^0) = & \left(\frac{d}{d\lambda} \Delta_0(\lambda) \right) \Big|_{\lambda=\lambda_n^0} = \frac{\beta}{2} [b^+ \phi(\pi) \cos(\rho_n^0\phi(\pi)) \\ & - b^-(\pi - \phi(\pi)) \cos \rho_n^0(\pi - \phi(\pi))]. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Proof. Using the Rouch's theorem, it follows from (12) and (16) that

$$\rho_n = \rho_n^0 + \eta_n, \quad n \rightarrow +\infty, \tag{17}$$

here $\eta_n = o(1)$. The following is the proof for more accurate asymptotic of ρ_n . According to $\Delta(\lambda_n) = 0$ and (17), we obtain

$$b^+ \sin(\rho_n\phi(\pi)) - b^- \sin \rho_n(\pi - \phi(\pi)) = O(\frac{1}{\rho_n^0}). \tag{18}$$

Note that

$$\Delta_0(\lambda_n^0) := \beta\rho_n^0(b^+ \sin(\rho_n^0\phi(\pi)) - b^- \sin \rho_n^0(\pi - \phi(\pi))) = 0. \tag{19}$$

Substituting ρ_n into (18), and direct calculation yield

$$\eta_n(b^+ \phi(\pi) \cos(\rho_n^0\phi(\pi)) - b^-(\pi - \sigma(\pi)) \cos \rho_n^0(\pi - \phi(\pi))) = O(\frac{1}{\rho_n^0}) + O(\eta_n^2). \tag{20}$$

Combining (16) and (19), we obtain

$$\eta_m \Delta_0(\lambda_n^0) = O\left(\frac{1}{\rho_n^0}\right) + O(\eta_n^2). \tag{21}$$

Moreover, we can conclude that

$$\eta_n = O\left(\frac{1}{\rho_n^0}\right). \tag{22}$$

Substituting (22) into the formula $\Delta(\lambda_n) = 0$ and using (22), we can get that $\eta_n = \frac{\theta_n}{\rho_n^0} + \frac{\kappa_n}{\rho_n^0}$. This completes the proof. \square

§3 Main results

Together with the problem $L := L(P(x), r(x), h, H)$ we consider a boundary value problem $\tilde{L} = L(\tilde{P}(x), \tilde{r}(x), \tilde{h}, \tilde{H})$ of the same form but with the different coefficients $\tilde{P}(x), \tilde{r}(x), \tilde{h}, \tilde{H}$. We agree that if a certain symbol v denotes an object related to L , then \tilde{v} denote the analogous object related to \tilde{L} . Note that $\varphi(x, \lambda_n) = \varphi_n(x)$ are real-valued functions.

Lemma 2. *the following asymptotic formulaes hold as $n \rightarrow +\infty$.*

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_n(x) = & \cos(\rho_n^0 x) + \frac{1}{2\rho_n^0} (2h - 2\theta_n x + \int_0^x \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt) \sin(\rho_n^0 x) \\ & + o\left(\frac{1}{\rho_n^0}\right) \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_n(x) = & [b^+ + b^- \cos(\rho_n^0 \pi)] \cos(\rho_n^0 \phi(x)) + \frac{1}{\rho_n^0} [\xi_1(x) - \cos(\rho_n^0 \pi) \xi_2(x) \\ & - \theta_n (b^+ \phi(x) - b^- (\pi - \phi(x)) \cos(\rho_n^0 \pi))] \sin(\rho_n^0 \phi(x)) \\ & + o\left(\frac{1}{\rho_n^0}\right) \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi, \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

where $\xi_1(x)$ and $\xi_2(x)$ are given as (10) and (11).

Proof. Substituting (13) into (6) and (7), we can get (23) and (24). \square

Refer to [11], we get $\rho_n^0 = \frac{2n}{1+\beta} [1 + o(1)]$, then $[\frac{1+\beta}{2} \rho_n^0] = n$.

Lemma 3. *For sufficiently large n , the eigenfunction $\varphi_n(x)$ has exactly n nodes $\{x_n^j : j = \overline{1, n}\}$ in the interval $(0, \pi)$, which are simple.*

Proof. Firstly, we consider the case $x_n^j \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$. It follows from (23) that the zeros of $\varphi_n(x)$ is

$$x_n^j = (j - \frac{1}{2}) \frac{\pi}{\rho_n^0} + o(1). \tag{25}$$

Since $0 < x_n^j < \frac{\pi}{2}$, we can get $j = 1, [\frac{\rho_n^0}{2}]$.

When $x_n^j \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$, it follows from (24) that

$$x_n^j = (j - \frac{1}{2}) \frac{\pi}{\rho_n^0 \beta} - \frac{\pi}{2\beta} + \frac{\pi}{2} + o(1). \tag{26}$$

Using the similar method, we can get that $j = [\frac{\rho_n^0}{2}] + 1, [\frac{1+\beta}{2} \rho_n^0]$. In conclusion, we can get the results. \square

Denote by $X_L := \{x_n^j\}_{n \geq 1, j = \overline{1, n}}$ the set of nodal points of the boundary value problem L , $\alpha_n^j := \frac{(j-\frac{1}{2})\pi}{\rho_n^0}$ and $\chi_n^j := \frac{(j-\frac{1}{2})\pi}{\beta\rho_n^0} + (1 - \frac{1}{\beta})\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Lemma 4. *As $n \rightarrow +\infty$, the following asymptotic formulas for nodes hold:*

$$x_n^j = \alpha_n^j + \frac{1}{2(\rho_n^0)^2} [2h - 2\theta_n \alpha_n^j + \int_0^{\alpha_n^j} \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt] + o(\frac{1}{(\rho_n^0)^2})$$

$$\text{for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ and } j = \overline{1, [\frac{\rho_n^0}{2}]}, \tag{27}$$

and

$$x_n^j = \chi_n^j + \frac{1}{\beta(\rho_n^0)^2} \frac{e_n + a_n + c_n}{A_n} + o(\frac{1}{(\rho_n^0)^2})$$

$$\text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi \text{ and } j = \overline{[\frac{\rho_n^0}{2}] + 1, n}, \tag{28}$$

where

$$e_n = (\frac{b^+}{2} - \frac{b^-}{2} \cos(\rho_n^0 \phi(\chi_n^j))) + \frac{b^-}{2} \cos(\rho_n^0 \pi) \int_0^{\chi_n^j} \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt,$$

$$a_n = b^- h \cos(\rho_n^0 \phi(\chi_n^j)) + b^- \cos(\rho_n^0 \phi(\chi_n^j)) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt$$

$$- \frac{b_2}{2\beta} \cos(\rho_n^0 \phi(\chi_n^j)) - b^+ \beta \theta_n \chi_n^j - b^- \beta \theta_n \chi_n^j \cos(\rho_n^0 \pi), \tag{29}$$

$$c_n = b^+ h + \frac{b_2}{2\beta} - b^- h \cos(\rho_n^0 \pi) - b^- \cos(\rho_n^0 \pi) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt$$

$$+ \frac{b_2}{2\beta} \cos(\rho_n^0 \pi) - \frac{\pi}{2} b^+ \theta_n + \frac{\pi}{2} \beta b^+ \theta_n + \theta_n b^- \phi(\pi) \cos(\rho_n^0 \pi), \tag{30}$$

and

$$A_n = b^+ + b^- \cos(\rho_n^0 \pi). \tag{31}$$

Proof. Taking (23) and (24) into account, we can obtain the results. □

Noting that X_L is dense on $(0, \pi)$, and θ_n is bounded. It follows from these formulae that the following results are valid.

Theorem 1. *Fix $x \in (0, \pi)$. There exist a convergent subsequences $\{\theta_{n_k}\}$ of $\{\theta_n\}$ satisfying $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \theta_{n_k} = \theta_0$ and a subsequences $\{x_{n_k}^{j_{n_k}}\} \in X_L$ such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k}^{j_{n_k}} = x$. Then the following finite limit exists:*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2(a_{n_k} + c_{n_k})}{(b^+ - b^- \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \phi(\chi_{n_k}^{j_{n_k}})) + b^- \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \pi))} \stackrel{def}{=} f(x),$$

$$A(x) := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} 2(\rho_{n_k}^0)^2 (x_{n_k}^{j_{n_k}} - \alpha_{n_k}^{j_{n_k}}) \text{ for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \tag{32}$$

and

$$B(x) := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\beta(\rho_{n_k}^0)^2 (x_{n_k}^{j_{n_k}} - \chi_{n_k}^{j_{n_k}}) A_{n_k}}{(b^+ - b^- \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \phi(\chi_{n_k}^{j_{n_k}})) + b^- \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \pi))}$$

$$\text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi. \tag{33}$$

Moreover,

$$A(x) := \int_0^x \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt - 2\theta_0x + 2h \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \tag{34}$$

$$B(x) := \int_0^x \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt + f(x) \quad \text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi, \tag{35}$$

where θ_0 and $f(x)$ are above-mentioned.

Next, we provide a uniqueness theorem and a constructive procedure for the solution of the inverse nodal problem.

Theorem 2. Let $X \subset X_L$ be a subset of nodes which is dense on $(0, \pi)$. If $X = \tilde{X}$, then $q(x) = \tilde{q}(x)$ a.e. on $(0, \pi)$, $\beta = \tilde{\beta}$ and $h = \tilde{h}$. The parameters β , h and the function $q(x)$ can be reconstructed by the following formulae:

$$(i) \beta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2nx_n^j}{(j - \frac{1}{2})\pi} - 1;$$

$$(ii) h = \frac{A(0)}{2}; \tag{36}$$

$$(iii) H = \frac{C_6}{b^+C_4 + b^-C_5} \quad (\text{when } b^+C_4 + b^-C_5 \neq 0); \tag{37}$$

$$(iv) q(x) = A'(x) + \frac{2(K - d)}{\pi} \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}; \tag{38}$$

$$(v) q(x) = \frac{1}{\beta}[B'(x) - f'(x)] \quad \text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi, \tag{39}$$

where $d = A(\frac{\pi}{2}) - A(0) + B(\pi) - B(\frac{\pi}{2})$, $K = f(\pi) - f(\frac{\pi}{2})$ and the representations of C_4 , C_5 and C_6 are given in the following proof.

Proof. Refer to [11], we can get that $\rho_n^0 = \frac{2n}{1+\beta}(1 + o(1))$. Note that for $j = 1, 2, \dots, [\rho_n^0/2]$

$$\begin{aligned} x_n^j &= \alpha_n^j + O\left(\frac{1}{(\rho_n^0)^2}\right) = \frac{(j - \frac{1}{2})\pi(1 + \beta)}{2n}(1 + o(1)) + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{(j - \frac{1}{2})\pi(1 + \beta)}{2n} + o(1), \end{aligned}$$

then $x_n^j \frac{2n}{(j - \frac{1}{2})\pi} = 1 + \beta + o(1)$. Fix j , it yields

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(x_n^j \frac{2n}{(j - \frac{1}{2})\pi}\right) = 1 + \beta, \tag{40}$$

i.e.,

$$\beta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2nx_n^j}{(j - \frac{1}{2})\pi} - 1. \tag{41}$$

Then, we can get the representation of $r(x)$ from (41).

Letting $x = 0$, it follows from (34) that $A(0) = 2h$, i.e. $h = \frac{A(0)}{2}$. Substituting $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ into (34), we can get that $A(\frac{\pi}{2}) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt - \pi\theta_0 + 2h$. Deriving (34), we have

$$\sqrt{r(x)}q(x) = A'(x) + 2\theta_0 \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}. \tag{42}$$

Similarly, letting $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, it follows from (35) that $B(\frac{\pi}{2}) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt + f(\frac{\pi}{2})$. Letting

$x = \pi$, we can get that $B(\pi) = \int_0^\pi \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt + f(\pi)$. Deriving (35), we have

$$\sqrt{r(x)}q(x) = B'(x) - f'(x) \quad \text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi. \tag{43}$$

From above formulae we can get that

$$A\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - A(0) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt - \pi\theta_0, \tag{44}$$

$$B(\pi) - B\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^\pi \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt + K. \tag{45}$$

Then

$$d = A\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - A(0) + B(\pi) - B\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \int_0^\pi \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt - \pi\theta_0 + K. \tag{46}$$

Taking $\int_0^\pi \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt = 0$ into account, it follows that

$$\theta_0 = \frac{K - d}{\pi}. \tag{47}$$

So, from (42), we have

$$\sqrt{r(x)}q(x) = A'(x) + \frac{2(K - d)}{\pi} \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2},$$

that is,

$$q(x) = A'(x) + \frac{2(K - d)}{\pi} \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}. \tag{48}$$

Similarly, it follows from (43) that

$$q(x) = \frac{B'(x)}{\beta} - \frac{f'(x)}{\beta} \quad \text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi. \tag{49}$$

Next, we will calculate H . From (35), we know that $B(\pi) = f(\pi)$. In virtue of Theorem 1, there exists

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2(a_{n_k} + c_{n_k})}{(b^+ - b^- \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \phi(\chi_{n_k}^{j_{n_k}})) + b^- \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \pi))} = f(x).$$

Because

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(b^+ - b^- \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \phi(\chi_{n_k}^{j_{n_k}})) + b^- \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \pi))} \stackrel{def}{=} g(x),$$

we can get that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (a_{n_k} + c_{n_k}) = \frac{f(x)g(x)}{2}. \tag{50}$$

Combining the expressions of a_{n_k} and c_{n_k} as (29) and (30), and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \theta_{n_k} = \theta_0$, we can get that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_{n_k} = C_1(x) - b^+ \beta \theta_0 x - b^- \beta \theta_0 x \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \pi) \tag{51}$$

and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} c_{n_k} = C_2(x) - \frac{\pi}{2} b^+ \theta_0 + \frac{\pi}{2} \beta b^+ \theta_0 + \theta_0 b^- \phi(\pi) \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \pi), \tag{52}$$

where

$$C_1(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(b^- h \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \phi(\chi_{n_k}^j)) + b^- \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \phi(\chi_{n_k}^j)) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{r(t)}q(t)dt - \frac{b_2}{2\beta} \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \phi(\chi_{n_k}^j)) \right)$$

and

$$C_2(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(b^+ h + \frac{b_2}{2\beta} - b^- h \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \pi) - b^- \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \pi) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{r(t)} q(t) dt + \frac{b_2}{2\beta} \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \pi) \right).$$

Substituting $x = \pi$ into (7), we can obtain that

$$\frac{f(\pi)g(\pi)}{2} = C_1(\pi) + C_2(\pi) - \left(b^+ \beta \pi + b^- \beta \pi \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \pi) + \frac{\pi}{2} b^+ - \frac{\pi}{2} \beta b^+ - b^- \phi(\pi) \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \pi) \right) \theta_0.$$

So,

$$\theta_0 = \frac{C_1(\pi) + C_2(\pi) - \frac{f(\pi)g(\pi)}{2}}{\left(b^+ \beta \pi + b^- \beta \pi \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \pi) + \frac{\pi}{2} b^+ - \frac{\pi}{2} \beta b^+ - b^- \phi(\pi) \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \pi) \right)}.$$

Considering $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \theta_{n_k} = \theta_0$, that is,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\omega_1 \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \phi(\pi)) + \omega_2 \cos \rho_{n_k}^0 (\pi - \phi(\pi))}{\beta \left[b^+ \phi(\pi) \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \phi(\pi)) - b^- (\pi - \phi(\pi)) \cos \rho_{n_k}^0 (\pi - \phi(\pi)) \right]} = \theta_0. \tag{53}$$

Let

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\beta \left[b^+ \phi(\pi) \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \phi(\pi)) - b^- (\pi - \phi(\pi)) \cos \rho_{n_k}^0 (\pi - \phi(\pi)) \right]} \stackrel{def}{=} C_3.$$

Combining the expression of ω_1 and ω_2 in (12) and substituting them into (53), we can arrive at

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left[b^+ (\beta h + H) + \frac{b_2}{2} \right] \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \phi(\pi)) + \left[b^- (H - \beta h - \beta \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} q(t) \sqrt{r(t)} dt) - \frac{b_2}{2} \right] \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 (\pi - \phi(\pi))) \right) = C_3 \theta_0. \tag{54}$$

Then,

$$\left[b^+ (\beta h + H) + \frac{b_2}{2} \right] C_4 + \left[b^- (H - \beta h - \beta \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} q(t) \sqrt{r(t)} dt) - \frac{b_2}{2} \right] C_5 = C_3 \theta_0,$$

where

$$C_4 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 \phi(\pi)), \quad C_5 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \cos(\rho_{n_k}^0 (\pi - \phi(\pi))).$$

Thus, when $b^+ C_4 + b^- C_5 \neq 0$, we can get that

$$H = \frac{C_6}{b^+ C_4 + b^- C_5},$$

where

$$C_6 = C_3 \theta_0 - (b^+ \beta h + \frac{b_2}{2}) C_4 + (b^- \beta h + b^- \beta \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} q(t) \sqrt{r(t)} dt + \frac{b_2}{2}) C_5.$$

If $X = \tilde{X}$, from (32), (33) and (36), we have

$$A(x) = \tilde{A}(x), \quad B(x) = \tilde{B}(x), \quad h = \tilde{h}. \tag{55}$$

According to (55) and $\beta = \tilde{\beta}$, we can get that

$$f(x) = \tilde{f}(x), \quad g(x) = \tilde{g}(x). \tag{56}$$

It follows from (41)-(56), we get the results. This completes the proof. \square

Acknowledgments. The authors would like to thank the editorial department for suggestions. This work was supported in part by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (11611530682 and 11871031).

References

- [1] R K Amirov. *On Sturm-Liouville operators with discontinuity conditions inside an interval*, Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications, 2006, 317(1): 163-176.
- [2] R S Anderssen. *The effect of discontinuities in density and shear velocity on the asymptotic overtone structure of torsional eigenfrequencies of the Earth*, Geophysical Journal Royal Astronomical Society, 1977, 50(2): 303-309.
- [3] G Freiling, V A Yurko. *Inverse Sturm-Liouville Problems and Their Applications*, New York: NOVA Science Publishers, 2001.
- [4] O H Hald. *Discontinuous inverse eigenvalue problem*, Communications on Pure and Applied Mathematics, 1984, 37(5): 539-577.
- [5] O H Hald, J R McLaughlin. *Solution of inverse nodal problems*, Inverse Problems, 1989, 5(3): 307-347.
- [6] R J Krueger. *Inverse problems for nonabsorbing media with discontinuous material properties*, Journal of Mathematical Physics, 1982, 23(3): 396-404.
- [7] C K Law, C F Yang. *Reconstructing the potential function and its derivatives using nodal data*, Inverse Problems, 1998, 14(2): 299-312.
- [8] J R McLaughlin. *Inverse spectral theory using nodal points as data—a uniqueness result*, Journal of Differential Equations, 1988, 73(2): 354-362.
- [9] M Sat, C T Shieh. *Inverse nodal problems for integro-differential operators with a constant delay*, Journal of Inverse and Ill-posed Problems, 2019, 27(4): 501-509.
- [10] A A Nabiev, R K Amirov. *On the boundary value problem for the Sturm-Liouville equation with the discontinuous coefficient*, Mathematical Methods in the Applied Sciences, 2013, 36(13): 1685-1700.
- [11] A S Ozkan, B Keskin, Y Cakmak. *Uniqueness of the solution of half inverse problem for the impulsive Sturm-Liouville operator*, Bulletin of the Korean Mathematical Society, 2013, 50(2): 499-506.
- [12] C L Shen, C T Shieh. *An inverse nodal problem for vectorial Sturm-Liouville equations*, Inverse Problems, 2000, 16(2): 349-356.
- [13] C L Shen, T M Tsai. *On a uniform approximation of the density function of a string equation using eigenvalues and nodal points and some related inverse nodal problems*, Inverse Problems, 1995, 11(5): 1113-1123.
- [14] C T Shieh, V A Yurko. *Inverse nodal and inverse spectral problems for discontinuous boundary value problems*, Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications, 2008, 347(1): 266-272.

- [15] Y P Wang. *Inverse problems for discontinuous Sturm-Liouville operators with mixed spectral data*, Inverse Problems in Science and Engineering, 2015, 23(7): 1180-1198.
- [16] Y P Wang, K Y Lien, C T Shieh. *Inverse problems for the boundary value problem with the interior nodal subsets*, Applicable Analysis, 2017, 96(7): 1229-1239.
- [17] Y P Wang, V A Yurko. *On the inverse nodal problems for discontinuous Sturm-Liouville operators*, Journal of Differential Equations, 2016, 260(5): 4086-4109.
- [18] C Willis. *Inverse Sturm-Liouville problems with two discontinuities*, Inverse Problems, 1985, 1(3): 263-289.
- [19] X C Xu, C F Yang. *Inverse spectral problems for the Sturm-Liouville operator with discontinuity*, Journal of Differential Equations, 2017, 262(3): 3093-3106.
- [20] C F Yang. *An interior inverse problem for discontinuous boundary-value problems*, Integral Equations and Operator Theory, 2009, 65(4): 593-604.
- [21] C F Yang, X P Yang. *Interior inverse problem for the Sturm-Liouville operator with discontinuous condition*, Applied Mathematics Letters, 2009, 22(9): 1315-1319.
- [22] V A Yurko. *Integral transforms connected with discontinuous boundary value problems*, Integral Transforms and Special Functions, 2000, 10(2): 141-164.
- [23] V A Yurko. *Inverse spectral problems for Sturm-Liouville operators with complex weights*, Inverse Problems in Science and Engineering, 2018, 26(10): 1396-1403.
- [24] V A Yurko. *Boundary value problems with discontinuity conditions in an interior point of the interval*, Differential Equations, 2000, 36(8): 1266-1269.

Department of Applied Mathematics, School of Science, Nanjing University of Science and Technology, Nanjing 210094, China.

Emails: ranzhang9203@163.com, chuanfuyang@njust.edu.cn

Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Art and Sciences, Erzincan University, Erzincan, Turkey.

Emails: muratsat24@hotmail.com