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## APPROXIMATION OF GENERAL ZERO-RANGE POTENTIALS

## АПРОКСИМАЦІЯ ЗАГАЛЬНИХ ПОТЕНЦІАЛІВ НУЛЬОВОГО РАДІУСА

A norm resolvent convergence result is proved for approximations of general Schrödinger operators with zero-range potentials. An approximation of the  $\delta'$ -interaction by non-local non-Hermitian potentials (without a renormalization of the coupling constant) is also constructed.

Наведено результати про апроксимацію загальних операторів Шредінгера з потенціалом нульового радіуса в сенсі резольвентної збіжності за нормою. Побудовано апроксимацію  $\delta'$ -взаємодії за допомогою нелокальних неермітових потенціалів (без перенормування константи взаємодії).

1. Introduction. Zero-range potentials play an important role in solvable models of quantum mechanics [1]. Schrödinger operators with zero-range potentials are self-adjoint extensions of the free operator  $-\Delta$  defined on the set  $C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$ . In the one-dimensional case, extensions form a four parameter family of operators [1-5]. The case of a  $\delta$ -potential has been well studied. The case of  $\delta$ '-potentials has also been considered in some papers [1, 6, 7]. In particular, there were studies on approximation (in the strong resp. norm resolvent sense) of Schrödinger operators with a zero-range potential using regular potentials [1, 4, 6, 8, 9]. In [10] new results were obtained concerning the possibility of approximating a  $\delta$ '-interaction (and a general zero-range interaction) with a triple  $\delta$ -functions that have appropriate strengths and approach each other. In this article we give a more general construction of approximations of  $\delta$ '-interaction and general zero-range interaction.

2. Zero-range potentials. A one-dimensional Schrödinger operator corresponding to a zero-range potential at the point x = 0 can be given by the following expression:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}u(x) = -\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + \alpha\delta(x)u_{\text{reg}}(0) + \beta\delta'(x)u'_{\text{reg}}(0) + \gamma\delta(x)u'_{\text{reg}}(0) - \bar{\gamma}\delta'(x)u_{\text{reg}}(0).$$
(1)

Here  $\alpha = \overline{\alpha}$ ,  $\beta = \overline{\beta}$ , and  $\gamma$  are given numbers,  $\delta(x)$  and  $\delta'(x)$  are the Dirac  $\delta$ -function and its derivative (with support at 0),  $u_{\text{reg}}(0) = \frac{1}{2}[u(+0) + u(-0)]$ ,  $u'_{\text{reg}}(0) = \frac{1}{2}[u'(+0) + u'(-0)]$  are regularized values of the function u(x) and its

derivative at the point x = 0, the operator  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  is understood in the distribution sense.

Expression (1) defines an operator with the domain

$$W_2^2(-\infty,0) \oplus W_2^2(0,+\infty) \subset L_2(-\infty,+\infty).$$

The values of  $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}u$  belong to the space  $H_{-}$  which is the direct sum of the space  $\mathcal{L}_{2}$  and a two-dimensional space containing  $\delta(x)$  and  $\delta'(x)$ .

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Expression (1) defines a self-adjoint operator  $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$  in the space  $\mathcal{L}_2$  with the domain consisting of all u such that  $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}u\in\mathcal{L}_2$ . The operator  $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$  acts on these functions as pure differentiation for  $x\neq 0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}u(x)=-u''(x)$ .

Note that the domain of the self-adjoint operator  $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$  can be described in terms of boundary conditions at the point x=0. These conditions can be obtained from (1) by using rules for generalized differentiation of piecewise discontinuous functions,

$$u(+0) - u(-0) = \beta u'_{\text{reg}}(0) - \overline{\gamma} u_{\text{reg}}(0),$$
  

$$u'(+0) - u'(-0) = \alpha u'_{\text{reg}}(0) + \gamma u'_{\text{reg}}(0).$$
(2)

These conditions can also be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{\overline{\gamma}}{2} & -\frac{\beta}{2} \\ -\frac{\alpha}{2} & 1 - \frac{\gamma}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(+0) \\ u'(+0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\overline{\gamma}}{2} & \frac{\beta}{2} \\ \frac{\alpha}{2} & 1 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(-0) \\ u'(-0) \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3}$$

We remark that (3) is the general form of self-adjoint conditions at the point 0 for the operator  $-\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  in the space  $L_2(-\infty, +\infty)$ .

In the particular case where  $\beta = \gamma = 0$ , the boundary conditions (3) are reduced to the form

$$u(+0) = u(-0) = u_{reg}(0),$$
  
 $u'(+0) - u'(-0) = \alpha u_{reg}(0),$  (4)

and correspond to a  $\delta$ -interaction at the point x = 0 with coupling constant  $\alpha$ .

In the case where  $a = \gamma = 0$ , the boundary conditions (3) become

$$u'(+0) = u'(-0) = u'_{reg}(0),$$
  
 $u(+0) - u(-0) = \beta u'_{reg}(0),$ 
(5)

and correspond to a  $\delta'$ -interaction at the point x = 0 with coupling constant ("strength")  $\beta$ .

Together with the operator  $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$  with zero-range potential, we consider a sequence of Schrödinger operators  $-\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_n(x)$  with usual absolutely integrable potentials  $V_n(x)$  having compact support such that the supports shrink to the point x = 0.

**Definition 1.** We say that a sequence of regular potentials  $V_n(x)$  approximates a zero-range potential with characteristics  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  if  $-\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_n(x) \to L_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma}$  in the norm resolvent sense, i. e.

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| \left( -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_n - k^2 \right)^{-1} - \left( \mathcal{L}_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} - k^2 \right)^{-1} \right\| = 0 \tag{6}$$

(where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the operator norm in  $L_2(-\infty,\infty)$ ).

Let  $V_n(x)$  be a sequence which approximates a  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ -zero range potential. Then for any  $u \in \mathcal{D}(L_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma})$  there exists a sequence  $u_n \xrightarrow{L_2} u$  such that

$$-\frac{d^2}{dx^2}u_n \xrightarrow{W_2^{-2}} -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}u,$$

$$V_n u_n \xrightarrow{W_2^{-2}} \alpha \delta(x)u_r(0) + \beta \delta'(x)u_r'(0) + \gamma \delta(x)u_r'(0) - \overline{\gamma}\delta'(x)u_r(0), \qquad (7)$$

$$\left(-\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_n\right)u_n = \mathcal{L}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}u = -u''(x) \quad (x \neq 0).$$

It is well known that if  $V_n(x) \xrightarrow{W_2^{-1}} \alpha \delta(x)$  for  $n \to \infty$ , then the sequence  $V_n(x)$  approximates a  $\delta$ -potential with coupling constant  $\alpha$ . In particular, if  $\phi(x) \in C_0^{\infty}$  and  $\int \phi(x) dx = 1$ , then we can take  $V_n(x)$  to be  $\alpha n \phi(nx)$ .

To construct a sequence of regular potentials that approximates a  $\delta'$ -potential, let us consider some auxiliary notions.

## 3. Oscillatory potentials.

**Definition 2.** We say that a locally integrable function V(x) is purely oscillatory on an interval [a, b] if the Cauchy data for solutions of the equation

$$-y''(x) + V(x)y(x) = 0 (8)$$

on the interval [a, b] satisfy the coinditions

$$\begin{pmatrix} y(b) \\ y'(b) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b-a+\omega \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y(a) \\ y'(a) \end{pmatrix}. \tag{9}$$

The number w = w[V; [a, b]] is called oscillatory characteristic of the function V(x) on the interval [a, b].

Example 1. Consider a three step function

$$V_{\text{th}} = \begin{cases} V_{1}, & |x| \leq a, \\ V_{2}, & a + l \leq |x| \leq b, \\ 0, & \text{other } x. \end{cases}$$
 (10)

If  $V_1 > 0$  and  $V_2 < 0$ , the condition for the function  $V_{th}$  to be purely oscillatory is

$$|V_2|^{1/2} \tan k_2 - |V_1|^{1/2} \tanh k_1 + l|V_1V_2|^{1/2} \tanh k_1 \tan k_2 = 0, \tag{11}$$

where  $k_1 = |V_1|^{1/2} a$ ,  $k_2 = |V_2|^{1/2} (b - a - l)$ .

Here the oscillatory characteristic of the function  $V_{\mathrm{th}}$  is determined from the formula

$$w[V_{\text{th}}] = |V_1|^{1/2} |V_2|^{-1/2} \frac{\sinh 2k_1}{\tan k_2} (|V_1|^{-1/2} \tanh k_1 + |V_2|^{-1/2} \tan k_2 + l) - 2b.$$
 (12)

We can pass to the case of  $V_1 < 0$  and  $V_2 > 0$  by replacing  $\tanh k_1$  by  $-\tan k_1$  in formula (11) and hyperbolic functions by corresponding trigonometric ones in formula (12).

**Property 1.** If a purely oscillatory function V(x) on an interval [a, b] is extended with the zero value outside of [a, b], then the resulting function  $\tilde{V}(x)$  is purely oscillatory on any interval  $[a', b'] \supset [a, b]$ , and the oscillatory characteristic is preserved,

$$w\big[\tilde{V};[a',b']\big] = w[V;[a,b]].$$

This identity allows to regard purely oscillatory functions as compactly supported functions defined on the whole axis. The oscillatory characteristic of a function with compact support will be denoted by w[V]. Regardless the fact that purely oscillatory functions do not form a linear space, some of them can still be added. More precisely, we have the following Properties, which are easily proved.

**Property 2.** If the supports of two compactly supported purely oscillatory functions  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  belong to nonintersecting intervals, the sum  $V_1 + V_2$  is a purely oscillatory function, and

$$w[V_1 + V_2] = w[V_1] + w[V_2].$$

**Property 3.** If V(x) is a purely oscillatory function on intervals [a, b] and [a, c], where b < c, then V(x) is a purely oscillatory function on the interval [b, c], and

$$w[V;[b,c]] = w[V;[a,c] - w[V;[a,b]].$$

**Definition 3.** Let V(x) be a purely oscillatory function with compact support. We say that the function V(x) admits a purely oscillatory restriction to the interval [a, b], if V(x) is purely oscillatory on the intervals  $(-\infty, a)$ ,  $(b, +\infty)$ , and, hence, on the interval [a, b].

Since the oscillatory characteristic is an additive function of intervals on which the function admits a purely oscillatory restriction, one can introduce a local density of oscillatory characteristic.

**Definition 4.** Let V(x) be a purely oscillatory function with compact support. The function  $\omega(x) = \omega(x; V)$  is called density of the oscillatory characteristic w of the function V(x), if for any interval [a, b] on which V(x) admits a purely oscillatory restriction,

$$w[V;[a,b]] = \int_{a}^{b} \omega(x;V)dx.$$
 (13)

**Lemma 1.** Let V(x) be an absolutely integrable purely oscillatory function with compact support. Then its oscillatory characteristic admits a density  $\omega(x; V)$ .

**Proof.** Consider a minimal algebra S of subsets containing all intervals [a, b) on which V(x) admits an oscillatory restriction. The values of the oscillatory characteristic w[V;[a,b]] on intervals  $[a,b) \in S$  define an additive set function on S. Since for small intervals one has  $|w(V;[a,b])| \le c(b-a)^2$ , this function is absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure. By the Radon – Nikodym theorem, there exists a unique function  $w(x) \in L_1(-\infty, +\infty; S; dx)$  such that (13) holds, i.e. w(x) is the density of the oscillatory characteristic, w(x) = w(x; V).

Very important is how the oscillatory characteristic depends on the scaling properties of the function.

**Lemma 2.** Let V(x) be a purely oscillatory function with compact support, and let  $\omega(x; V)$  be the density of the oscillatory characteristic. Then the function  $V_{\varepsilon}(x) = \varepsilon^{-2}V(x/\varepsilon)$  is also a purely oscillatory function, and

$$\omega(x; V_{\varepsilon}) = \omega(x/\varepsilon, V). \tag{14}$$

**Proof.** If x is replaced with  $x/\epsilon$  in equation (8), then we get

$$-y''\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}V\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right)y\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) = 0.$$

Hence, if V(x) is purely oscillatory on the interval [a, b], then  $V_{\varepsilon}(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}V\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right)$  is purely oscillatory on the interval  $[a\varepsilon, b\varepsilon]$ . We also have that  $w[V_{\varepsilon}; [a\varepsilon, b\varepsilon]] = \varepsilon w[V; [a, b]]$ . Formula (14) now follows from (13) as seen from the change of variables in the integral,

$$w[V_{\varepsilon}; [a\varepsilon, b\varepsilon]] = \varepsilon w[V; [a, b]] = \varepsilon \int_{a}^{b} \omega(x, V) dx = \int_{a\varepsilon}^{b\varepsilon} \omega(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}; V) dx.$$

4. Approximation of  $\delta'$ -interaction. We will be considering a Schrödinger operator  $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_n(x)$ , where the real valued regular potential V has a sufficiently small support, supp  $V \subset [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Suppose that the relations for the Cauchy data are defined for the equation  $\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_n(x) \right] y = 0$  at the points  $x = -\varepsilon$ 

and  $x = \varepsilon$  by a matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 \\ \gamma_1 & \delta_1 \end{pmatrix}$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} y(+\varepsilon) \\ y'(+\varepsilon) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 \\ \gamma_1 & \delta_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y(-\varepsilon) \\ y'(-\varepsilon) \end{pmatrix}. \tag{15}$$

One can expect that, for small  $\varepsilon$ , the resolvent of the operator  $\mathcal{L}$ , will be close in norm to the resolvent of a Schrödinger operator with point interaction at the point x = 0 given by the boundary conditions at the point x = 0 in terms of the matrix M:

$$\begin{pmatrix} y(+0) \\ y'(+0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 \\ \gamma_1 & \delta_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y(-0) \\ y'(-0) \end{pmatrix}. \tag{16}$$

In particular, one can expect that a sequence of purely oscillatory potentials  $V_n(x)$  such that the corresponding sequence of densities of oscillatory characteristics  $\omega(x, V_n(x))$  converges to the Dirac  $\delta$ -function as  $n \to \infty$  will approximate a  $\delta$ -interaction. To formulate and prove a precise statement, we will need the following notion.

**Definition 5.** We will say that a family  $\Re$  of locally integrable potentials V(x) is uniformly regular if there exists a constant C such that, for any solution of the equation  $-y'' + V(x)y - k^2y = 0$  ( $\left|k^2\right| \le 1$ ) with a potential  $V \in \Re$ , the following estimate holds:

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} |y(x)|^{2} dx \le C [|y(a)|^{2} + |y'(a)|^{2} + |y(b)|^{2} + |y'(b)|^{2}]. \tag{17}$$

The potentials considered in Example 1 for different values of the parameters  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  form uniformly regular families of potentials. This can be easily seen, since the solution y can be written in an explicit way. Note that these families contain purely oscillating potentials with arbitrarily large values of oscillatory characteristic.

Let us now formulate the main result.

**Theorem 1.** Let a uniformly regular family of purely oscillatory potentials  $V\left(x;\frac{\beta}{\epsilon}\right)$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ , be given, and assume that th supports of the potentials lie in the

finite interval [-1, 1] and that the oscillatory characteristic equals  $\frac{\beta}{\epsilon}$ , where  $\beta = \overline{\beta}$  is a fixed number,

$$w\bigg[V\bigg(x;\frac{\beta}{\varepsilon}\bigg)\bigg]=\frac{\beta}{\varepsilon}.$$

Then the sequence of scaled potentials  $V_{\varepsilon}(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}V\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon};\frac{\beta}{\varepsilon}\right)$  approximates a  $\delta'$ -interaction at the point x = 0 with coupling constant  $\beta$  as  $\varepsilon \to 0$ .

**Proof.** The resolvent of the operator  $\mathcal{L}_{\varepsilon} = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V_{\varepsilon}(x)$  and the resolvent of the

operator  $\mathcal{L}_{0,\beta,0}$  with  $\delta'$ -interaction that has coupling constant  $\beta$  are integral operators, the kernels of which are the corresponding Green's functions, which can be given in the form

$$G(x, y; k) = \frac{1}{W} \begin{cases} y_1(x)y_2(x), & x < y, \\ y_1(y)y_2(x), & x > y. \end{cases}$$
 (18)

Here  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are independent solutions of the equation

$$-y_i^{\prime\prime} + V_{\varepsilon}(x)y_i - k^2y_i = 0$$

in the case of the operator  $\mathcal{L}_{\varepsilon}$ , and solutions of the equation  $-\tilde{y}_i'' - k^2 \tilde{y}_i = 0$  subject to boundary conditions (5) at the point x = 0 in the case of a Schrödinger operator with  $\delta'$ -interaction. The number W in (18) is the Wronskian of the corresponding solutions. Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $y_1(x) = \tilde{y}_1(x) = e^{-ikx}$  ( $\tilde{y}_i k > 0$ ) for  $x < -\varepsilon$ , and  $y_2(x) = \tilde{y}_1(x) = e^{ikx}$  for  $x > \varepsilon$ . By using the conditions of the theorem one can show that  $y_1(x)$  and  $\tilde{y}_2(x)$  sufficiently close for  $x > \varepsilon$ , the same is true for  $y_2(x)$  and  $\tilde{y}_2(x)$  for  $x < -\varepsilon$ . Moreover,  $\int_{-\varepsilon}^{+\varepsilon} |y_i(x)|^2 dx \le C\varepsilon$ , i = 1, 2, for some constant C > 0. This leads to the estimate for the resolvents:

$$\left\| \left( \mathcal{L}_{\varepsilon} - k^2 \right)^{-1} - \left( \mathcal{L}_{0, \beta, 0} - k^2 \right)^{-1} \right\| \le C_1 \varepsilon.$$

The proof follows from this inequality by making  $\epsilon$  approach 0.

Remark. The condition of local integrability for purely oscillatory potentials in Theorem 1 can be weakened: An important example is the potential in the form of the sum of three Dirac  $\delta$ -functions,

$$V_{\mathcal{D},\,\varepsilon}(x) = \frac{\beta}{\varepsilon^2} \delta(x) - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left( 1 + \frac{2\varepsilon}{\beta} \right)^{-1} (\delta(x+\varepsilon) + \delta(x-\varepsilon)),\tag{19}$$

considered in [10] and approximating a  $\delta'$ -interaction (as  $\epsilon \to 0$ ).

The sequence of potentials (19) approximates a  $\delta$  '-interaction at the point x=0 in the sense of Definition 1 with the coupling constant  $\beta$  for  $\epsilon > 0$ . It is easy to check this directly, since the resolvent of a one-dimensional Schrödinger operator with potential (19), as it is the case for the resolvent of the Schrödinger operator with a  $\delta$ '-interaction, has a simple explicit form [1].

We also remark that potentials (19) satisfy condition (9) for a purely oscillatory

function with  $a < -\varepsilon$ ,  $b > \varepsilon$ .

5. Approximation of  $\delta'$ -interactions with nonlocal potentials. Consider a free Schrödinger operator perturbed by a one-dimensional operator,

$$\mathcal{L}u(x) = -\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + V_1(x)(u, V_2). \tag{20}$$

If the perturbation is self-adjoint, i. e.  $V_2 = -\beta V_1$ ,  $\beta = \overline{\beta}$  is a real number, then there exists a sequence  $V_n(x) \to \delta'(x)$  and a sequence of real numbers  $\beta_n \to 0$  such that

the sequence of operators  $\mathcal{L}_{\nu} = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - \beta_n V_n(\cdot; V_n)$  converges in the strong resolvent sense to a Schrödinger operator with  $\delta'$ -interaction [1, 3].

If the one-dimensional perturbation is not self-adjoint, then we can get rid of the renormalization condition imposed on the coupling constant,  $\beta_n \to 0$ , in the same way as it has been done in [11] for a interaction in the three-dimensional space.

**Theorem 2.** Let two sequences of regular potentials  $V_n^{(j)}(x) \xrightarrow{W_2^{-2}} \delta'(x)$  for  $n \to \infty$ , j = 1, 2, and let supp  $V_n^{(1)}$  lie to the left of supp  $V_n^{(2)}$ . Then the sequence of Schrödinger operators  $\mathcal{L}_n$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}_n u = -\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} - \beta V_n^{(1)}(x) (u, V_n^{(2)})$$
 (21)

converges in the strong resolvent sense to a Schrödinger operator with  $\delta$  '-interaction at the point x=0 with density  $\beta$ .

**Proof.** The resolvent of the operator  $\mathcal{L}_n$  can be represented in the form

$$(\mathcal{L}_n - k^2)^{-1} f = \mathcal{R}_k f - \beta \left[ 1 - \beta \left( \mathcal{R}_k V_n^{(1)}, V_n^{(2)} \right) \right]^{-1} \mathcal{R}_k V_n^{(1)} \left( \mathcal{R}_k f, V_n^{(2)} \right),$$
 (22)

where  $\mathcal{R}_k = \left(-\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - k^2\right)^{-1}$  is the resolvent of the free operator which is an integral operator with the kernel  $G(x, y; k) = \frac{i}{2k} e^{ik|x-s|}$ ,  $\Im k > 0$ .

Consider the expression

$$J_n = \left( \mathcal{R}_k V_n^{(1)}, V_n^{(2)} \right) = \frac{i}{2k} \iint e^{ik|x-y|} V_n^{(1)}(y) \overline{V_n^{(2)}}(x) dx dy. \tag{23}$$

Since supp  $V_n^{(1)} < \text{supp } V_n^{(2)}$  and  $V_n^{(j)}(x) \to \delta'(x)$ , we have that

$$J_{n} = \frac{i}{2k} \iint e^{ik(x-y)} V_{n}^{(1)}(y) \overline{V_{n}^{(2)}}(x) dx dy =$$

$$= \frac{i}{2k} \int e^{ikx} \overline{V_{n}^{(2)}}(x) dx \int e^{-ky} V_{n}^{(1)}(y) dy \to \frac{ik}{2}.$$

Because  $R_k V_n^{(j)} \xrightarrow{L_2} -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sign} x e^{ik|x|}$ , we have, due to (22), that  $(L_n - k^2)^{-1}$  converges, relatively to the operator norm, to an integral operator with the kernel

$$G_{\beta}(x, y; k) = \frac{i}{2k} e^{ik|x-y|} - \frac{\beta}{1 - ik\beta/2} \frac{1}{4} \operatorname{sign} x \operatorname{sign} y e^{ik(|x|+|y|)}. \tag{24}$$

This kernel is a Green's function for the Schrödinger operator with  $\delta'$ -interaction with coupling constant  $\beta$  [1].

**Example 2.** As an example of functions  $V_n^{(j)}(x)$ , j = 1, 2, satisfying the conditions of Theorem 2, we can take the following:

$$V_n^{(1)}(x) = \begin{cases} n^2, & -\frac{1}{n} < x < 0, \\ -n^2, & 0 \le x \le \frac{1}{n}, \\ 0, & \text{other } x. \end{cases}$$

$$V_n^{(2)}(x) = V_n^{(1)} \left( x - \frac{2}{n} \right).$$

In this case,  $J_n$  from condition (23) can be explicitly calculated,

$$J_n = \frac{in^4}{2k^3} (1 - e^{-ik/n})^4 \to \frac{ik}{2}$$

as  $n \to \infty$ .

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