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Accurate Asymptotic Formulas for Eigenvalues and Eigenfunctions of a Boundary-Value Problem of Fourth Order

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In the present paper, we consider a nonself-adjoint fourth-order differential operator with the periodic boundary conditions. We compute new accurate asymptotic expression of the fundamental solutions of the given equation. Then, we obtain new accurate asymptotic formulas for eigenvalues and eigenfunctions.

1. Introduction

In the present work, we consider a nonself-adjoint fourth-order operator which is generated by the periodic boundary conditions:

$$y^{(4)} + q(x)y = \lambda y, \quad (0 \leq x \leq \pi), \quad (1.1)$$

$$y^{(j)}(0) - y^{(j)}(\pi) = 0, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, 3, \quad (1.2)$$

where $q(x)$ is a complex-valued function. Without loss of generality, we can assume that $\int_0^\pi q(x)dx = 0$.

Spectral properties of Sturm-Liouville operator which is generated by the periodic and antiperiodic boundary conditions have been investigated by many authors, the results on this direct and references are given details in the monographs [1–5].

In this paper we obtain asymptotic formulas for the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the fourth-order boundary-value problem (1.1), (1.2). For second-order differential equations, similar asymptotic formulas were obtained in [6–9]. We note that in [6, 10, 11],

using the obtained asymptotic formulas for eigenvalues and eigenfunctions, the basis properties of the root functions of the operators were investigated.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we compute new asymptotic expression of the fundamental solutions of (1.1). In Section 3, we obtain new accurate asymptotic estimates for the eigenvalues. In Section 4, we have asymptotic formulas for eigenfunctions under the distinct conditions on $q(x)$.

2. The Expression of the Fundamental Solutions

It is well known that (see [2, page 92]) if the complex s -plane ($s^4 = \lambda$) is divided into eight sectors S_ℓ ($\ell = \overline{0,7}$), defined by the inequalities

$$\frac{\ell\pi}{8} \leq \arg s \leq \frac{(\ell+1)\pi}{8}, \quad (\ell = \overline{0,7}), \quad (2.1)$$

then in each of these sectors (1.1) has four linear independent solutions $y_k(x, s)$ ($k = 1, 2, 3, 4$), which are regular with respect to s in the sector S_ℓ for $|s|$ sufficiently large and which satisfy the relation

$$y_k(x, s) = e^{\omega_k s x} \left[\sum_{v=0}^7 \frac{u_{v,k}(x)}{s^v} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right) \right], \quad (k = 1, 2, 3, 4), \quad (2.2)$$

where the numbers ω_k are the fourth roots of unity, that is, $\omega_1 = -\omega_4 = i$ and $\omega_2 = -\omega_3 = 1$. In general, the term $O(s^{-(N+1)})$ at the formula (2.2) depends upon the smoothness of the function $q(x)$. If $q(x)$ has m continuous derivatives, then one can assert the existence of a representation (2.2) with $N = m + 3$. Here, we assume that $q(x) \in C^{(4)}[0, \pi]$. The functions $u_{v,k}(x)$ satisfy the following recursion relations:

$$\begin{aligned} 4u'_{v,k}(x) + 6\omega_k^3 u''_{v-1,k}(x) + 4\omega_k^2 u'''_{v-2,k}(x) \\ + \omega_k u_{v-3,k}^{(4)}(x) + \omega_k q(x) u_{v-3,k}(x) = 0, \quad u_{v,k}(x) \equiv 0, \quad v < 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Let us put, moreover, $u_{0,k}(x) \equiv 1$, $u_{v,k}(0) \equiv 0$, for $v \geq 1$. Thus, the functions $u_{v,k}(x)$ are uniquely determined. Thus, we can find from (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} u_{0,k}(x) = 1, \quad u_{1,k}(x) = 0, \quad u_{2,k}(x) = 0, \quad u_{3,k}(x) = -\frac{1}{4\omega_k^3} \int_0^x q(t) dt, \\ u_{4,k}(x) = \frac{3}{8} [q(x) - q(0)], \quad u_{5,k}(x) = -\frac{5\omega_k^3}{16} [q'(x) - q'(0)], \\ u_{6,k}(x) = \frac{3\omega_k^2}{32} [q''(x) - q''(0)] + \frac{\omega_k^2}{32} \left(\int_0^x q(t) dt \right)^2, \\ u_{7,k}(x) = -\frac{\omega_k}{64} [q'''(x) - q'''(0)] - \frac{3\omega_k}{32} [q(x) - q(0)] \int_0^x q(t) dt - \frac{3\omega_k}{32} \int_0^x q^2(t) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

3. The Asymptotic Formulas of Eigenvalues

It follows from the classical investigations (see [4, page 65]) that the eigenvalues of the problem (1.1), (1.2) (in $[0, 1]$) consist of the pairs of the sequences $\{\lambda_{k,1}\}$, $\{\lambda_{k,2}\}$ satisfying the following asymptotic formula:

$$\lambda_{k,1} = \lambda_{k,2} + O(k^{1/2}) = (2k\pi)^4 \left(1 + \frac{\xi_0}{k} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^{3/2}}\right) \right) \quad (3.1)$$

for sufficiently large integer k , where ξ_0 is a constant.

Theorem 3.1. *Assume that $q(x) \in C^{(4)}[0, \pi]$. Then, the eigenvalues of the boundary-value problem (1.1), (1.2) form two infinite sequences $\lambda_{k,1}, \lambda_{k,2}$ ($k = N, N+1, \dots$), where N is a big positive integer and have the following asymptotic formulas:*

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{k,1} &= (2ki)^4 + \frac{3}{8\pi} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t) dt}{(2ki)^4} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^8}\right), \\ \lambda_{k,2} &= (2k)^4 + \frac{3}{8\pi} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t) dt}{(2k)^4} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^8}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Proof. By derivation of (2.2) up to third order with respect to x , the following relations are obtained:

$$y_k^{(m)}(x, s) = (\omega_k s)^m e^{\omega_k s x} \left[\sum_{v=0}^7 \frac{u_{v,k}^{(m)}(x)}{s^v} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right) \right], \quad (3.3)$$

where $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$, $m = 1, 2, 3$ and

$$\begin{aligned} u_{0,k}^{(m)}(x) &= 1, & u_{1,k}^{(m)}(x) &= 0, & u_{2,k}^{(m)}(x) &= 0, & u_{3,k}^{(m)}(x) &= -\frac{1}{4\omega_k^3} \int_0^x q(t) dt, \\ u_{4,k}^{(1)}(x) &= \frac{1}{8}q(x) - \frac{3}{8}q(0), & u_{4,k}^{(2)}(x) &= -\frac{1}{8}q(x) - \frac{3}{8}q(0), & u_{4,k}^{(3)}(x) &= -\frac{3}{8}q(x) - \frac{3}{8}q(0), \\ u_{5,k}^{(1)}(x) &= \frac{\omega_k^3}{16}q'(x) + \frac{5\omega_k^3}{16}q'(0), & u_{5,k}^{(2)}(x) &= \frac{3\omega_k^3}{16}q'(x) + \frac{5\omega_k^3}{16}q'(0), \\ u_{5,k}^{(3)}(x) &= \frac{\omega_k^3}{16}q'(x) + \frac{5\omega_k^3}{16}q'(0), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u_{6,k}^{(1)}(x) &= -\frac{5\omega_k^2}{32}[q''(x) + q''(0)] + \frac{\omega_k^2}{32}\left(\int_0^x q(t)dt\right)^2, \\
u_{6,k}^{(2)}(x) &= -\frac{3\omega_k^2}{32}q''(x) - \frac{5\omega_k^2}{32}q''(0) + \frac{\omega_k^2}{32}\left(\int_0^x q(t)dt\right)^2, \\
u_{6,k}^{(3)}(x) &= \frac{3\omega_k^2}{32}q''(x) - \frac{5\omega_k^2}{32}q''(0) + \frac{\omega_k^2}{32}\left(\int_0^x q(t)dt\right)^2, \\
u_{7,k}^{(1)}(x) &= \frac{9\omega_k}{64}q'''(x) + \frac{\omega_k}{64}q'''(0) - \frac{\omega_k}{32}[q(x) - 3q(0)]\int_0^x q(t)dt - \frac{3\omega_k}{32}\int_0^x q^2(t)dt, \\
u_{7,k}^{(2)}(x) &= -\frac{\omega_k}{64}q'''(x) + \frac{\omega_k}{64}q'''(0) + \frac{\omega_k}{32}[q(x) + 3q(0)]\int_0^x q(t)dt - \frac{3\omega_k}{32}\int_0^x q^2(t)dt, \\
u_{7,k}^{(3)}(x) &= -\frac{7\omega_k}{64}q'''(x) + \frac{\omega_k}{64}q'''(0) + \frac{3\omega_k}{32}[q(x) + 3q(0)]\int_0^x q(t)dt - \frac{3\omega_k}{32}\int_0^x q^2(t)dt.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Now let us substitute all these expressions into the characteristic determinant

$$\Delta(s) = \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix}, \tag{3.5}$$

where

$$U_{j+1}(y_k) = y_k^{(j)}(\pi) - y_k^{(j)}(0), \quad (j = 0, 1, 2, 3). \tag{3.6}$$

By long computations, for sufficiently large $|s|$, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta(s) &= 16is^6 \left\{ e^{s\pi} \left[1 - \frac{3q(0)}{2s^4} - \frac{3}{32} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t)dt}{s^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right) \right] \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 2 \left[1 - \frac{3q(0)}{2s^4} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right) \right] + e^{-s\pi} \left[1 - \frac{3q(0)}{2s^4} + \frac{3}{32} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t)dt}{s^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right) \right] \right\} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ e^{is\pi} \left[1 - \frac{3i}{32} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t)dt}{s^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right) \right] - 2 \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right) \right] \right. \\
&\quad \left. + e^{-is\pi} \left[1 + \frac{3i}{32} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t)dt}{s^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right) \right] \right\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Multiplying the last equation by

$$e^{s\pi} \left[1 + \frac{3q(0)}{2s^4} + \frac{3}{32} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t)dt}{s^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right) \right] e^{is\pi} \left[1 + \frac{3i}{32} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t)dt}{s^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right) \right], \quad (3.8)$$

it becomes

$$\left\{ e^{s\pi} - \left[1 + \frac{3}{32} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t)dt}{s^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right) \right] \right\}^2 \left\{ e^{is\pi} - \left[1 + \frac{3i}{32} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t)dt}{s^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right) \right] \right\}^2. \quad (3.9)$$

Hence, by $\Delta(s) = 0$, for sufficiently large $|s|$, the following equations hold:

$$e^{s\pi} - 1 = \frac{3}{32} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t)dt}{s^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right), \quad (3.10)$$

$$e^{is\pi} - 1 = \frac{3i}{32} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t)dt}{s^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^8}\right). \quad (3.11)$$

By Rouché's theorem, we have asymptotic estimates for the roots $s_{k,1}$ and $s_{k,2}$, $k = N, N + 1, \dots$, of (3.10) and (3.11), respectively, where N is a big positive integer

$$s_{k,1} = 2ki + \frac{3}{32\pi} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t)dt}{(2ki)^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^8}\right), \quad (3.12)$$

$$s_{k,2} = 2k + \frac{3}{32\pi} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t)dt}{(2k)^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^8}\right). \quad (3.13)$$

From the relations (3.12), (3.13) and the relations $\lambda_{k,j} = s_{k,j}^4$, ($j = 1, 2$), the asymptotic formulas (3.2) are valid for $k \geq N$. \square

4. The Asymptotic Formulas for the Eigenfunctions

Now, we obtain asymptotic formulas for eigenfunctions under the distinct conditions on $q(x)$.

Case 1. Assume that $q(x) \in C^{(1)}[0, \pi]$ and the condition $q(\pi) - q(0) \neq 0$ holds. Based on the asymptotic expressions of the fundamental solutions of (1.1) and the asymptotic formulas for eigenvalues of the boundary-value problem (1.1), (1.2) up to order $O(s^{-5})$, the following result is valid.

Theorem 4.1. *If the condition $q(\pi) - q(0) \neq 0$ holds, then eigenfunctions of the boundary-value problem (1.1), (1.2) corresponding the eigenvalues $\lambda_{k,1}$ and $\lambda_{k,2}$ are of the form*

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \sin(2kx) - \sinh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right), \quad (4.1)$$

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \cos(2kx) + \cosh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right), \quad (4.2)$$

where k is sufficiently large integer.

Proof. Let us calculate $U_{j+1}(y_v(x, s_{k,1}))$ ($j = 0, 1, 2$) up to order $O(s_{k,1}^{-5})$. Since

$$e^{s_{k,1}\pi} - 1 = \frac{3}{32} \frac{\int_0^\pi q^2(t) dt}{s_{k,1}^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}^8}\right), \quad (4.3)$$

we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} U_1(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) &= \frac{3}{8} \frac{q(\pi) - q(0)}{s_{k,1}^4} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}^5}\right), \\ U_2(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) &= \omega_v s_{k,1} \left[\frac{1}{8} \frac{q(\pi) - q(0)}{s_{k,1}^4} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}^5}\right) \right], \\ U_3(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) &= (\omega_v s_{k,1})^2 \left[-\frac{1}{8} \frac{q(\pi) - q(0)}{s_{k,1}^4} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}^5}\right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Follows from the condition $q(\pi) - q(0) \neq 0$ that $U_{j+1}(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) \neq 0$ for $j = 0, 1, 2$. Thus, we can seek eigenfunction $y_{k,1}(x)$ corresponding $\lambda_{k,1}$ in the form

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x, s_{k,1}) & y_2(x, s_{k,1}) & y_3(x, s_{k,1}) & y_4(x, s_{k,1}) \\ U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix}. \quad (4.5)$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} y_{k,1}(x) &= y_1(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\ &\quad - y_2(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + y_3(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\
& - y_4(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \end{vmatrix}.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

By simple computations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{3}{2^7} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^9} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right], \\
& \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{3i}{2^7} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^9} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right], \\
& \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{3i}{2^7} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^9} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right], \\
& \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{3}{2^7} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^9} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

Hence, using the formula (2.2), we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
y_{k,1}(x) &= -\frac{3}{2^7} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^9} \left[e^{is_{k,1}x} - ie^{s_{k,1}x} + ie^{-s_{k,1}x} - e^{-is_{k,1}x} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right] \\
&= -\frac{3}{2^7} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^9} \left[2i \sin s_{k,1}x - 2i \sinh s_{k,1}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right] \\
&= -\frac{3i}{2^6} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^9} \left[\sin s_{k,1}x - \sinh s_{k,1}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

Therefore, for the normalized eigenfunction, we get

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \sin s_{k,1}x - \sinh s_{k,1}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right). \tag{4.9}$$

Using the relations (3.3) and (3.12), for sufficiently large integer k , we obtain (4.1)

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \sin(2kx) - \sinh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right). \quad (4.10)$$

Similarly, since $U_{j+1}(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) \neq 0$ for $j = 1, 2, 3$, we can seek eigenfunction $y_{k,2}(x)$ corresponding $\lambda_{k,2}$ in the form

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x, s_{k,2}) & y_2(x, s_{k,2}) & y_3(x, s_{k,2}) & y_4(x, s_{k,2}) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix}. \quad (4.11)$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} y_{k,2}(x) &= y_1(x, s_{k,2}) \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\ &\quad - y_2(x, s_{k,2}) \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\ &\quad + y_3(x, s_{k,2}) \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\ &\quad - y_4(x, s_{k,2}) \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) \end{vmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

By similar computations we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{3i}{2^7} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^6} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right], \\ \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= -\frac{3i}{2^7} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^6} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{3i}{2^7} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^6} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right], \\ \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) \end{vmatrix} &= -\frac{3i}{2^7} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^6} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

Hence, using the formula (2.2), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} y_{k,2}(x) &= \frac{3i}{2^7} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^6} \left[e^{is_{k,2}x} + e^{s_{k,2}x} + e^{-s_{k,2}x} + e^{-is_{k,2}x} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{3i}{2^7} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^6} \left[2 \cos s_{k,2}x + 2 \cosh s_{k,2}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{3i}{2^6} \frac{(q(\pi) - q(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^6} \left[\cos s_{k,2}x + \cosh s_{k,2}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

Therefore, for the normalized eigenfunction, we get

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \cos s_{k,2}x + \cosh s_{k,2}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right). \quad (4.15)$$

Hence, for sufficiently large integer k , we obtain (4.2)

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \cos(2kx) + \cosh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right). \quad (4.16)$$

□

Case 2. Assume that $q(x) \in C^{(2)}[0, \pi]$ and the conditions $q(\pi) - q(0) = 0$ and $q'(\pi) - q'(0) \neq 0$ hold. Based on the asymptotic expressions of the fundamental solutions of (1.1) and the asymptotic formulas for eigenvalues of the boundary-value problem (1.1), (1.2) up to order $O(s^{-6})$, the following result is valid.

Theorem 4.2. *If the conditions $q(\pi) - q(0) = 0$ and $q'(\pi) - q'(0) \neq 0$ hold, then eigenfunctions of the boundary-value problem (1.1), (1.2) corresponding the eigenvalues $\lambda_{k,1}$ and $\lambda_{k,2}$ are of the form*

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \cos(2kx) - \cosh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right), \quad (4.17)$$

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \sin(2kx) - \sinh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right), \quad (4.18)$$

where k is sufficiently large integer.

Proof. It is clear that

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_1(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) &= \frac{3}{8} \frac{q(\pi) - q(0)}{s_{k,1}^4} + \frac{5\omega_v}{16} \frac{q'(\pi) - q'(0)}{s_{k,1}^5} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}^6}\right), \\
 U_2(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) &= \omega_v s_{k,1} \left[\frac{1}{8} \frac{q(\pi) - q(0)}{s_{k,1}^4} - \frac{\omega_v}{16} \frac{q'(\pi) - q'(0)}{s_{k,1}^5} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}^6}\right) \right], \\
 U_3(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) &= (\omega_v s_{k,1})^2 \left[-\frac{1}{8} \frac{q(\pi) - q(0)}{s_{k,1}^4} - \frac{3\omega_v}{16} \frac{q'(\pi) - q'(0)}{s_{k,1}^5} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}^6}\right) \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.19}$$

It follows from the conditions $q(\pi) - q(0) = 0$, $q'(\pi) - q'(0) \neq 0$ that $U_{j+1}(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) \neq 0$ for $j = 0, 1, 2$. Thus, we can seek eigenfunction $y_{k,1}(x)$ corresponding $\lambda_{k,1}$ in the form

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x, s_{k,1}) & y_2(x, s_{k,1}) & y_3(x, s_{k,1}) & y_4(x, s_{k,1}) \\ U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix}. \tag{4.20}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{k,1}(x) &= y_1(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\
 &\quad - y_2(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + y_3(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\
& - y_4(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \end{vmatrix}.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.21}$$

By simple computations, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} = \frac{15i}{2^{10}} \frac{(q'(\pi) - q'(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{12}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right], \\
& \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} = \frac{15i}{2^{10}} \frac{(q'(\pi) - q'(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{12}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right], \\
& \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{15i}{2^{10}} \frac{(q'(\pi) - q'(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{12}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right], \\
& \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{15i}{2^{10}} \frac{(q'(\pi) - q'(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{12}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{4.22}$$

Hence, using the formula (2.2), we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
y_{k,1}(x) &= \frac{15i}{2^{10}} \frac{(q'(\pi) - q'(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{12}} \left[e^{is_{k,1}x} - e^{s_{k,1}x} - e^{-s_{k,1}x} + e^{-is_{k,1}x} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right] \\
&= \frac{15i}{2^9} \frac{(q'(\pi) - q'(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{12}} \left[\cos s_{k,1}x - \cosh s_{k,1}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{4.23}$$

Therefore, for the normalized eigenfunction, we get

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \cos s_{k,1}x - \cosh s_{k,1}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right). \tag{4.24}$$

Using the relations (3.3) and (3.12), for sufficiently large integer k , we obtain (4.17):

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \cos(2kx) - \cosh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right). \quad (4.25)$$

In similar way, we can seek eigenfunction $y_{k,2}(x)$ corresponding $\lambda_{k,2}$ in the form

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x, s_{k,2}) & y_2(x, s_{k,2}) & y_3(x, s_{k,2}) & y_4(x, s_{k,2}) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix}. \quad (4.26)$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} y_{k,2}(x) = & y_1(x, s_{k,2}) \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\ & - y_2(x, s_{k,2}) \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\ & + y_3(x, s_{k,2}) \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\ & - y_4(x, s_{k,2}) \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) \end{vmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.27)$$

By simple computations, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{3}{2^{10}} \frac{(q'(\pi) - q'(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^9} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right], \\ \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{3i}{2^{10}} \frac{(q'(\pi) - q'(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^9} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{3i}{2^{10}} \frac{(q'(\pi) - q'(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^9} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right], \\ \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{3}{2^{10}} \frac{(q'(\pi) - q'(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^9} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.28)$$

Hence, using the formula (2.2), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} y_{k,2}(x) &= \frac{3}{2^{10}} \frac{(q'(\pi) - q'(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^9} \left[e^{is_{k,2}x} - ie^{s_{k,2}x} + ie^{-s_{k,2}x} - e^{-is_{k,2}x} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{3i}{2^9} \frac{(q'(\pi) - q'(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^9} \left[\sin s_{k,2}x - \sinh s_{k,2}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.29)$$

Therefore, for the normalized eigenfunction, we get

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \sin s_{k,2}x - \sinh s_{k,2}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right). \quad (4.30)$$

Hence, for sufficiently large integer k , we obtain (4.18):

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \sin(2kx) - \sinh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right). \quad (4.31)$$

□

Case 3. Assume that $q(x) \in C^{(3)}[0, \pi]$ and the conditions $q^{(j)}(\pi) - q^{(j)}(0) = 0, j = 0, 1$ and $q''(\pi) - q''(0) \neq 0$ hold. Based on the asymptotic expressions of the fundamental solutions of (1.1) and the asymptotic formulas for eigenvalues of the boundary-value problem (1.1), (1.2) up to order $O(s^{-7})$, the following result is valid.

Theorem 4.3. *If the conditions $q^{(j)}(\pi) - q^{(j)}(0) = 0, j = 0, 1$ and $q''(\pi) - q''(0) \neq 0$ hold, then eigenfunctions of the boundary-value problem (1.1), (1.2) corresponding the eigenvalues $\lambda_{k,1}$ and $\lambda_{k,2}$ are of the form*

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \sin(2kx) + \sinh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right), \quad (4.32)$$

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \cos(2kx) - \cosh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) \quad (4.33)$$

where k is sufficiently large integer.

Proof. It is clear that

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_1(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) &= \frac{3}{8} \frac{q(\pi) - q(0)}{s_{k,1}^4} + \frac{5\omega_v}{16} \frac{q'(\pi) - q'(0)}{s_{k,1}^5} - \frac{5\omega_v^2}{32} \frac{q''(\pi) - q''(0)}{s_{k,1}^6} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}^7}\right), \\
 U_2(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) &= \omega_v s_{k,1} \left\{ \frac{1}{8} \frac{q(\pi) - q(0)}{s_{k,1}^4} - \frac{\omega_v}{16} \frac{q'(\pi) - q'(0)}{s_{k,1}^5} - \frac{5\omega_v^2}{32} \frac{q''(\pi) - q''(0)}{s_{k,1}^6} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}^7}\right) \right\}, \\
 U_3(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) &= (\omega_v s_{k,1})^2 \left\{ -\frac{1}{8} \frac{q(\pi) - q(0)}{s_{k,1}^4} - \frac{3\omega_v}{16} \frac{q'(\pi) - q'(0)}{s_{k,1}^5} - \frac{3\omega_v^2}{32} \frac{q''(\pi) - q''(0)}{s_{k,1}^6} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}^7}\right) \right\}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.34}$$

From the conditions $q^{(j)}(\pi) - q^{(j)}(0) = 0$ ($j = 0, 1$) and $q''(\pi) - q''(0) \neq 0$, we have $U_{j+1}(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) \neq 0$ for $j = 0, 1, 2$. Thus, we can seek eigenfunction $y_{k,1}(x)$ corresponding $\lambda_{k,1}$ in the form

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x, s_{k,1}) & y_2(x, s_{k,1}) & y_3(x, s_{k,1}) & y_4(x, s_{k,1}) \\ U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix}. \tag{4.35}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{k,1}(x) &= y_1(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\
 &\quad - y_2(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\
 &\quad + y_3(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\
 &\quad - y_4(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \end{vmatrix}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.36}$$

By simple calculations, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= -\frac{75}{2^{13}} \frac{(q''(\pi) - q''(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{15}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right], \\
 \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{75i}{2^{13}} \frac{(q''(\pi) - q''(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{15}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right], \\
 \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{75i}{2^{13}} \frac{(q''(\pi) - q''(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{15}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right], \\
 \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \end{vmatrix} &= -\frac{75}{2^{13}} \frac{(q''(\pi) - q''(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{15}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.37}$$

Hence, using the formula (2.2), we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{k,1}(x) &= -\frac{75}{2^{13}} \frac{(q''(\pi) - q''(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{15}} \left[e^{is_{k,1}x} + ie^{s_{k,1}x} - ie^{-s_{k,1}x} - e^{-is_{k,1}x} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right] \\
 &= -\frac{75i}{2^{12}} \frac{(q''(\pi) - q''(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{15}} \left[\sin s_{k,1}x + \sinh s_{k,1}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.38}$$

Therefore, for the normalized eigenfunction, we get

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \sin s_{k,1}x + \sinh s_{k,1}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right). \tag{4.39}$$

Using the relations (3.3) and (3.12), for sufficiently large integer k , we obtain (4.32)

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \sin(2kx) + \sinh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right). \tag{4.40}$$

In similar way, we can seek eigenfunction $y_{k,2}(x)$ corresponding $\lambda_{k,2}$ in the form

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x, s_{k,2}) & y_2(x, s_{k,2}) & y_3(x, s_{k,2}) & y_4(x, s_{k,2}) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix}. \tag{4.41}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{k,2}(x) = & y_1(x, s_{k,2}) \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\
 & - y_2(x, s_{k,2}) \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\
 & + y_3(x, s_{k,2}) \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\
 & - y_4(x, s_{k,2}) \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) \end{vmatrix}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.42}$$

By simple computations, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= -\frac{45i}{2^{13}} \frac{(q''(\pi) - q''(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^{12}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right], \\
 \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= -\frac{45i}{2^{13}} \frac{(q''(\pi) - q''(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^{12}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right], \\
 \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{45i}{2^{13}} \frac{(q''(\pi) - q''(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^{12}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right], \\
 \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{45i}{2^{13}} \frac{(q''(\pi) - q''(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^{12}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.43}$$

By the formula (2.2), we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{k,2}(x) &= -\frac{45i}{2^{13}} \frac{(q''(\pi) - q''(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^{12}} \left[e^{is_{k,2}x} - e^{s_{k,2}x} - e^{-s_{k,2}x} + e^{-is_{k,2}x} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{45i}{2^{12}} \frac{(q''(\pi) - q''(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^{12}} \left[\cos s_{k,2}x - \cosh s_{k,2}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.44}$$

Therefore, for the normalized eigenfunction, we get

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \cos s_{k,2}x - \cosh s_{k,2}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right). \quad (4.45)$$

Hence, for sufficiently large integer k , we obtain the relation (4.33)

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \cos(2kx) - \cosh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right). \quad (4.46)$$

□

Case 4. Assume that $q(x) \in C^{(4)}[0, \pi]$ and the conditions $q^{(j)}(\pi) - q^{(j)}(0) = 0$, $j = \overline{0, 2}$ and $q'''(\pi) - q'''(0) \neq 0$ hold. Based on the asymptotic expressions of the fundamental solutions of (1.1) and the asymptotic formulas for eigenvalues of the boundary-value problem (1.1), (1.2) up to order $O(s^{-8})$, the following result is valid.

Theorem 4.4. *If the conditions $q^{(j)}(\pi) - q^{(j)}(0) = 0$, $j = \overline{0, 2}$ and $q'''(\pi) - q'''(0) \neq 0$ hold, then eigenfunctions of the boundary-value problem (1.1), (1.2) corresponding the eigenvalues $\lambda_{k,1}$ and $\lambda_{k,2}$ are of the form*

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \cos(2kx) + \cosh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right), \quad (4.47)$$

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \sin(2kx) + \sinh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right), \quad (4.48)$$

where k is sufficiently large integer.

Proof. It is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} U_1(y_\nu(x, s_{k,1})) &= \frac{3}{8} \frac{q(\pi) - q(0)}{s_{k,1}^4} + \frac{5\omega_\nu}{16} \frac{q'(\pi) - q'(0)}{s_{k,1}^5} \\ &\quad - \frac{5\omega_\nu^2}{32} \frac{q''(\pi) - q''(0)}{s_{k,1}^6} - \frac{\omega_\nu}{64} \frac{q'''(\pi) - q'''(0)}{s_{k,1}^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}^8}\right), \\ U_2(y_\nu(x, s_{k,1})) &= \omega_\nu s_{k,1} \left\{ \frac{1}{8} \frac{q(\pi) - q(0)}{s_{k,1}^4} - \frac{\omega_\nu}{16} \frac{q'(\pi) - q'(0)}{s_{k,1}^5} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{5\omega_\nu^2}{32} \frac{q''(\pi) - q''(0)}{s_{k,1}^6} + \frac{9\omega_\nu}{64} \frac{q'''(\pi) - q'''(0)}{s_{k,1}^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}^8}\right) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$U_3(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) = (\omega_v s_{k,1})^2 \left\{ -\frac{1}{8} \frac{q(\pi) - q(0)}{s_{k,1}^4} - \frac{3\omega_v}{16} \frac{q'(\pi) - q'(0)}{s_{k,1}^5} - \frac{3\omega_v^2}{32} \frac{q''(\pi) - q''(0)}{s_{k,1}^6} - \frac{\omega_v}{64} \frac{q'''(\pi) - q'''(0)}{s_{k,1}^7} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}^8}\right) \right\}. \quad (4.49)$$

From the conditions $q^{(j)}(\pi) - q^{(j)}(0) = 0$ ($j = \overline{0,2}$) and $q'''(\pi) - q'''(0) \neq 0$, we have $U_{j+1}(y_v(x, s_{k,1})) \neq 0$ for $j = 0, 1, 2$. Thus, we can seek eigenfunction $y_{k,1}(x)$ corresponding $\lambda_{k,1}$ in the form

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x, s_{k,1}) & y_2(x, s_{k,1}) & y_3(x, s_{k,1}) & y_4(x, s_{k,1}) \\ U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix}. \quad (4.50)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} y_{k,1}(x) = & y_1(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\ & - y_2(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\ & + y_3(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} \\ & - y_4(x, s_{k,1}) \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \end{vmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.51)$$

By simple computations, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{9i}{2^{16}} \frac{(q'''(\pi) - q'''(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{18}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right], \\ \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= -\frac{9i}{2^{16}} \frac{(q'''(\pi) - q'''(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{18}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_3) & U_1(y_4) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{9i}{2^{16}} \frac{(q'''(\pi) - q'''(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{18}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right], \\ \begin{vmatrix} U_1(y_1) & U_1(y_2) & U_1(y_3) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \end{vmatrix} &= -\frac{9i}{2^{16}} \frac{(q'''(\pi) - q'''(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{18}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.52)$$

By the formula (2.2), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} y_{k,1}(x) &= \frac{9i}{2^{16}} \frac{(q'''(\pi) - q'''(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{18}} \left[e^{is_{k,1}x} + e^{s_{k,1}x} + e^{-s_{k,1}x} + e^{-is_{k,1}x} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{9i}{2^{15}} \frac{(q'''(\pi) - q'''(0))^3}{s_{k,1}^{18}} \left[\cos s_{k,1}x + \cosh s_{k,1}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.53)$$

Therefore, for the normalized eigenfunction, we get

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \cos s_{k,1}x + \cosh s_{k,1}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,1}}\right). \quad (4.54)$$

Using the relations (3.3) and (3.12), for sufficiently large integer k , we obtain (4.47):

$$y_{k,1}(x) = \cos(2kx) + \cosh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right). \quad (4.55)$$

In similar way, we can seek eigenfunction $y_{k,2}(x)$ corresponding $\lambda_{k,2}$ in the form

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x, s_{k,2}) & y_2(x, s_{k,2}) & y_3(x, s_{k,2}) & y_4(x, s_{k,2}) \\ U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix}. \quad (4.56)$$

By simple computations, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= -\frac{63}{2^{16}} \frac{(q'''(\pi) - q'''(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^{15}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right], \\
 \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_3) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_3) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_3) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{63i}{2^{16}} \frac{(q'''(\pi) - q'''(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^{15}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right], \\
 \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_4) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_4) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_4) \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{63i}{2^{16}} \frac{(q'''(\pi) - q'''(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^{15}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right], \\
 \begin{vmatrix} U_2(y_1) & U_2(y_2) & U_2(y_3) \\ U_3(y_1) & U_3(y_2) & U_3(y_3) \\ U_4(y_1) & U_4(y_2) & U_4(y_3) \end{vmatrix} &= -\frac{63}{2^{16}} \frac{(q'''(\pi) - q'''(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^{15}} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.57}$$

By the formula (2.2), we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{k,2}(x) &= -\frac{63}{2^{16}} \frac{(q'''(\pi) - q'''(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^{15}} \left[e^{is_{k,2}x} + ie^{s_{k,2}x} - ie^{-s_{k,2}x} - e^{-is_{k,2}x} + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right] \\
 &= -\frac{63i}{2^{15}} \frac{(q'''(\pi) - q'''(0))^3}{s_{k,2}^{15}} \left[\sin s_{k,2}x + \sinh s_{k,2}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right) \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.58}$$

Therefore, for the normalized eigenfunction, we get

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \sin s_{k,2}x + \sinh s_{k,2}x + O\left(\frac{1}{s_{k,2}}\right). \tag{4.59}$$

Hence, for sufficiently large integer k , we obtain the relation (4.48)

$$y_{k,2}(x) = \sin(2kx) + \sinh(2kx) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right). \tag{4.60}$$

□

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