

# Hadamard-type variation formulas for the eigenvalues of the $\eta$ -Laplacian and applications

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**Abstract.** We consider an analytic family of Riemannian metrics on a compact smooth manifold  $M$ . We assume the Dirichlet boundary condition for the  $\eta$ -Laplacian and obtain Hadamard-type variation formulas for analytic curves of eigenfunctions and eigenvalues. As an application, we show that for a subset of all  $C^r$  Riemannian metrics  $\mathcal{M}^r$  on  $M$ , all eigenvalues of the  $\eta$ -Laplacian are generically simple, for  $2 \leq r < \infty$ . This implies the existence of a residual set of metrics in  $\mathcal{M}^r$  that makes the spectrum of the  $\eta$ -Laplacian simple. Likewise, we show that there exists a residual set of drifting functions  $\eta$  in the space  $\mathcal{F}^r$  of all  $C^r$  functions on  $M$ , that again makes the spectrum of the  $\eta$ -Laplacian simple, for  $2 \leq r < \infty$ . Besides, we provide a precise information about the complement of these residual sets as well as about the structure of the set of deformations of a Riemannian metric (respectively, of the set of deformations of a drifting function) which preserves double eigenvalues. Moreover, we consider a family of perturbations of a domain in a Riemannian manifold and obtain Hadamard-type formulas for the eigenvalues of the  $\eta$ -Laplacian in this case. We also establish generic properties of eigenvalues in this context.

## 1. Introduction

In [4], Berger derived variation formulas for the eigenvalues of the Laplace–Beltrami operator with respect to a differentiable one-parameter family of Riemannian metrics  $g(t)$  on a smooth manifold  $M$ . Such formulas are known as *Hadamard-type variation formulas*. In a seminal work, Uhlenbeck [15] proved results on generic properties of the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the Laplace–Beltrami operator  $\Delta_g$  on a compact Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  without boundary. In order to prove her results on the genericity of the eigenvalues of  $\Delta_g$ , she used the Thom transversality theorem.

Here we work on the Dirichlet problem for the  $\eta$ -Laplacian  $L_\eta := \Delta_g - g(\nabla\eta, \nabla\cdot)$  on a compact Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Our main tools are Hadamard-type variation formulas, where the differentiable function  $\eta: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is known as *drifting*

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*function*. Such formulas are the optimal device to apply Teytel's approach [14]. The crucial step in Teytel's work has been to impose a condition that is closely related to the strong Arnol'd hypothesis [2] for double eigenvalues, but significantly easier to check. More precisely, let  $\mathcal{M}^r$  denote the space of all  $C^r$  Riemannian metrics on  $M$  equipped with the  $C^r$  topology, for  $2 \leq r < \infty$ , and let  $\Gamma$  be the set of all  $g \in \mathcal{M}^r$  such that the eigenvalues of  $L_g$  are all simple, so that each  $g \in \Gamma$  can be obtained as a generic member of a differentiable family of self-adjoint operators  $A(q)$  indexed by a parameter  $q \in \mathcal{M}^r$ . In this setting, we know a precise information about the complement of  $\Gamma$  as well as about the structure of the set of deformations of a Riemannian metric  $g$  which preserves double eigenvalues of  $L_g$ ; see Gomes and Marrocos [7], or Teytel's paper for an abstract setting.

The use of Hadamard-type formulas appears in works such as Albert [1], El Soufi and Ilias [6], Henry [8], and Pereira [12], which are good references in the literature on this topic. These formulas have also been used by Gomes and Marrocos [11] to show a density theorem for a class of warping functions that make the spectrum of the Laplacian a warped-simple spectrum. As an application, they provided a partial answer to a question about the generic situation of the multiplicity of the eigenvalues of the Laplacian on principal bundles posed by Zeldich [17]. More importantly, they partially answered a more general question regarding the generic G-simple spectrum of the real Laplace–Beltrami operator on a G-manifold, which was formulated as number 42 in Yau's list of open problems (Yau, 1993).

The interest in understanding how the eigenvalues of a family of self-adjoint operators change emerges naturally in quantum mechanical systems. For instance, von Neumann and Wigner [16] studied the behavior of eigenvalues (energy values) in adiabatic processes. These energy values are eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix  $H_{ij}$ , which can be finite or infinite dimensional. Assuming that  $\{H_{ij}\}$  is a family of  $n$ -dimensional real Hermitian matrices depending on  $n^2$  real parameters, they showed that the set of parameters for which  $H_{ij}$  has double eigenvalues has codimension 2 in  $\mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ . If one considers only a family of (not the set of all) self-adjoint operators, some transversality hypothesis is necessary to guarantee this type of result. Arnol'd [2] dealt with this question in more detail in the context of membrane vibration frequencies.

In this paper, we consider the Dirichlet problem for the  $\eta$ -Laplacian parametrized by three types of parameters: Riemannian metrics, drifting functions, and bounded domains in  $M$ . We derive generic properties of the eigenvalues of the  $\eta$ -Laplacian with respect to variation metrics and/or drifting functions. We also work with perturbations of a bounded domain  $\Omega$  (given by diffeomorphisms) in a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  and establish generic properties of eigenvalues with respect to these perturbations. For this, we consider a family of operators  $\eta(t)$ -Laplacian where the drifting function  $\eta$  depends on the parameter  $t$ , see equations (3.5) and (3.7). Besides,

we consider a family  $\{L_\eta\}$  of  $\eta$ -Laplacians parameterized by drifting functions  $\eta$  in order to obtain analogous results as in [7, Sections 5 and 6], see Theorem 4.

Before stating our theorems, we recall that a subset  $\Gamma \subset \mathcal{M}^r$  is called residual if it contains a countable intersection of open dense sets. The property of metrics in  $\Gamma$  is called generic if it holds on a residual subset.

In the following, we assume all manifolds to be oriented and those that are compact are assumed to have a boundary.

**Theorem 1.** *Given a compact smooth manifold  $M^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , there exists a residual subset  $\Gamma \subset \mathcal{M}^r$ ,  $2 \leq r < \infty$ , such that for all  $g \in \Gamma$  the eigenvalues of the Dirichlet problem for the  $\eta$ -Laplacian  $L_g$  are simple.*

Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain in a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ , and  $D^r(\Omega)$  (with the fixed  $C^r$  topology,  $2 \leq r < \infty$ ) be the set of all  $f: \Omega \rightarrow M$  which are  $C^r$  diffeomorphisms from  $\Omega$  to  $f(\Omega)$ . It is known that this set is an affine manifold of a Banach space (see [5]). Then, we show that the following property is generic.

**Theorem 2.** *Given a Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , define  $\mathcal{D} \subset D^r(\Omega)$ ,  $2 \leq r < \infty$ , to be the subset of  $f: \Omega \rightarrow (M, g)$  such that all eigenvalues of the  $\eta$ -Laplacian  $L_g$  on  $C_c^\infty(f(\Omega))$  (with Dirichlet boundary condition on  $f(\Omega)$ ) are simple. Then  $\mathcal{D}$  is a residual subset.*

Let  $\mathcal{F}^r$  (with the fixed  $C^r$  topology,  $2 \leq r < \infty$ ) be the set of all  $C^r$  drifting functions  $\eta$ , and let us use the notation  $L_\eta := \Delta_g - g(\nabla\eta, \nabla\cdot)$  just to emphasize that the parameter is  $\eta$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Given a compact Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , there exists a residual subset  $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{F}^r$ ,  $2 \leq r < \infty$ , such that, for all  $\eta \in \mathcal{E}$ , the eigenvalues of the Dirichlet problem for  $L_\eta$  are simple.*

Now, we discuss an interesting case of the spectrum of  $L_\eta$  which stems from work of Teytel [14].

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $(M^n, g)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , be a compact Riemannian manifold, and let  $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{F}^r$ ,  $2 \leq r < \infty$ , be a residual subset such that for all  $\eta \in \mathcal{E}$ , the eigenvalues of the Dirichlet problem for  $L_\eta$  are simple.*

- (1) *The set  $\mathcal{F}^r \setminus \mathcal{E}$  has meager codimension 2 in  $\mathcal{F}^r$ .*
- (2) *Take  $\eta_0 \in \mathcal{F}^r$ , and let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of the operator  $L_{\eta_0}$  of multiplicity 2. Then, in a neighborhood of  $\eta_0$ , the set of all  $\eta \in \mathcal{F}^r$  such that  $L_\eta$  admits an eigenvalue  $\lambda(\eta)$  of multiplicity 2 near  $\lambda$  form a submanifold of meager codimension 2 in  $\mathcal{F}^r$ .*

- (3) Consider the same setup as in (2). Then, in a neighborhood of  $\eta_0$ , the set of all  $\eta \in \mathcal{F}^r$  which preserves double eigenvalues, i.e.,  $L_\eta$  admits an eigenvalue  $\lambda(\eta)$  of multiplicity 2 such that  $\lambda(\eta) = \lambda(\eta_0)$ , form a submanifold of meager codimension 3 in  $\mathcal{F}^r$ .

**Remark 1.** Theorem 4 is also true in the context of the family of bounded domains in a Riemannian manifold under the same setting as in Theorem 2. The proof follows the same steps as in the proofs of these theorems.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let us consider an oriented compact Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  with boundary  $\partial M$  and volume form  $dV$ . It is endowed with a weighted measure of the form  $dm = e^{-\eta}dV$ , where  $\eta: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function. Let  $d$  be the volume form induced on  $\partial M$  and  $d\mu = e^{-\eta}d$  be the corresponding weighted measure on  $\partial M$ . We define the  $\eta$ -Laplacian by  $L_g = \Delta_g - g(\nabla\eta, \nabla\cdot)$  which is essentially self-adjoint on  $C_c^\infty(M)$ . Observe that this allows us to use perturbation theory for linear operators [10]. To do this, we consider the set  $\mathcal{M}^r$  of all  $\mathcal{C}^r$  Riemannian metrics on  $M$ . Then every  $g \in \mathcal{M}^r$  determines the sequence  $0 = \mu_0(g) < \mu_1(g) \leq \mu_2(g) \leq \dots \leq \mu_k(g) \leq \dots$  of the eigenvalues of  $L_g$  counted with their multiplicities. We regard each eigenvalue  $\mu_k(g)$  as a function of  $g$  in  $\mathcal{M}^r$ . Note that, in general, the functions  $g \mapsto \mu_k(g)$  are continuous but not differentiable (see [10]). They are differentiable when  $\mu_k$  is simple. With these notations, the divergence theorem remains valid under the form  $\int_M L_g f \, dm = \int_{\partial M} g(\nabla f, \nu) \, d\mu$ . Thus, the integration by parts formula is given by

$$\int_M \ell L_g f \, dm = - \int_M g(\nabla \ell, \nabla f) \, dm + \int_{\partial M} \ell g(\nabla f, \nu) \, d\mu$$

for all  $f, \ell \in C^\infty(M)$ .

The inner product induced by  $g$  on the space of  $(0, 2)$ -tensors on  $M$  is given by  $\langle T, S \rangle = \text{tr}(TS^*)$ , where  $S^*$  denotes the adjoint tensor of  $S$ . Clearly, we get in local coordinates

$$\langle T, S \rangle = \sum_{i,j,k,l} g^{ik} g^{jl} T_{ij} S_{kl}.$$

Furthermore, we have  $\Delta_g f = \langle \nabla^2 f, g \rangle$ , where  $\nabla^2 f = \nabla df$  is the Hessian of  $f$ . We also recall that each  $(0, 2)$ -tensor  $T$  on  $(M, g)$  can be associated to a unique  $(1, 1)$ -tensor by  $g(T(Z), Y) := T(Z, Y)$  for all  $Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . We shall slightly abuse notation here and will also write  $T$  for this  $(1, 1)$ -tensor. So, we consider the  $(0, 1)$ -tensor given by

$$(\text{div } T)(v)(p) = \text{tr}(w \mapsto (\nabla_w T)(v)(p)),$$

where  $p \in M$  and  $v \in T_p M$ . Moreover, we can define a  $(0, 1)$ -tensor  $\operatorname{div}_\eta T$  putting  $\operatorname{div}_\eta T := \operatorname{div} T - d\eta \circ T$ .

Before proving our main results, we present the following one.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $T$  be a symmetric  $(0, 2)$ -tensor on a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then*

$$\operatorname{div}_\eta(T(\phi Z)) = \phi \langle \operatorname{div}_\eta T, Z \rangle + \phi \langle \nabla Z, T \rangle + T(\nabla \phi, Z),$$

for each  $Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and any differentiable function  $\phi$  on  $M$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be a local orthonormal frame on  $(M, g)$ . Using the properties of  $\operatorname{div}_\eta$  and the symmetry of  $T$ , for each  $Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  and any differentiable function  $\phi$  on  $M$ , we compute

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}_\eta(T(\phi Z)) &= \phi \operatorname{div}_\eta(T(Z)) + g(\nabla \phi, T(Z)) \\ &= \phi (\operatorname{div} T)(Z) + \phi \sum_i g(T(\nabla_{e_i} Z), e_i) \\ &\quad - \phi g(\nabla \eta, T(Z)) + T(\nabla \phi, Z) \\ &= \phi (\operatorname{div}_\eta T)(Z) + \phi \langle \nabla Z, T \rangle + T(\nabla \phi, Z). \end{aligned}$$

To complete the proof is sufficient to use the duality  $(\operatorname{div}_\eta T)(Z) = \langle \operatorname{div}_\eta T, Z \rangle$ . ■

Let us observe that for every  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$  the operator  $\operatorname{div}_\eta X = \operatorname{div} X - g(\nabla \eta, X)$  has the same properties of the operator  $\operatorname{div} X$  as well as is valid

$$\int_M \operatorname{div}_\eta X \, dm = \int_{\partial M} g(X, \nu) \, d\mu.$$

### 3. Hadamard-type variation formulas

Consider a differentiable variation  $g(t)$  of the metric  $g$ , so that  $(M, g(t), dm_t)$  is a Riemannian manifold with a differentiable measure. Denoting by  $H$  the  $(0, 2)$ -tensor given by  $H_{ij} = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} g_{ij}(t)$  and writing  $h = \langle H, g \rangle$ , we easily get  $\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} dm_t = \frac{1}{2} h \, dm$ . From now on, we shall write in local coordinates  $f_i = \partial_i f$ . We first prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold and  $g(t)$  be a differentiable variation of the metric  $g$ . Then, for all  $f \in C_c^\infty(M)$ , we have*

$$L' f = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} dh - \operatorname{div}_\eta H, df \right\rangle - \langle H, \nabla^2 f \rangle,$$

where  $L' := \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} L_{g(t)}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\langle df, d\ell \rangle = g^{ij}(t) f_i \ell_j$ , for  $\ell \in C_c^\infty(M)$ , and

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} g^{ij}(t) = -g^{ik} g^{js} H_{ks},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \langle df, d\ell \rangle &= -g^{ik} g^{js} H_{ks} f_i \ell_j = -H(g^{ik} f_i \partial_k, g^{js} \ell_j \partial_s) \\ &= -H(\nabla f, \nabla \ell). \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

By integration by parts formula, we get

$$\int_M \ell L_{g(t)} f \, dm_t = - \int_M \langle d\ell, df \rangle \, dm_t.$$

Hence, from equation (3.1), we have at  $t = 0$

$$\int_M \ell L' f \, dm + \frac{1}{2} \int_M \ell h L f \, dm = \int_M H(\nabla f, \nabla \ell) \, dm - \frac{1}{2} \int_M h \langle d\ell, df \rangle \, dm. \quad (3.2)$$

Applying Lemma 1 for  $T = H$ ,  $\phi = \ell$  and  $Z = \nabla f$  we have

$$\operatorname{div}_\eta(H(\ell \nabla f)) = \ell \langle \operatorname{div}_\eta H, df \rangle + \ell \langle H, \nabla^2 f \rangle + H(\nabla f, \nabla \ell). \quad (3.3)$$

Moreover,

$$\operatorname{div}_\eta(\ell h \nabla f) = \ell h L f + \ell \langle dh, df \rangle + h \langle d\ell, df \rangle. \quad (3.4)$$

Hence, plugging (3.3) and (3.4) into (3.2), we obtain

$$\int_M \ell L' f \, dm = \int_M \ell \left( \frac{1}{2} \langle dh, df \rangle - \langle \operatorname{div}_\eta H, df \rangle - \langle H, \nabla^2 f \rangle \right) \, dm,$$

which concludes the proof of the lemma. ■

Next, we consider a differentiable function  $\eta: I \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and write for simplicity  $\dot{\eta} = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \eta(t)$ . For all  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ , we define

$$\bar{L}_t f := \Delta_t f - g(t)(\nabla \eta(t), \nabla f). \quad (3.5)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \bar{L}_t f &= \Delta' f - \left( \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} g^{ij}(t) \right) \eta_i f_j - g^{ij} \partial_i \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \eta(t) f_j \\ &= L' f - \langle \nabla \dot{\eta}, \nabla f \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The next result extends Berger's [4, Lemma 3.15] to the  $\eta$ -Laplacian. Firstly, we note that given an eigenvalue  $\lambda(g_0)$  of  $\bar{L}_{g_0}$  with multiplicity  $m(\lambda(g_0))$ , there are a positive number  $\epsilon_{\lambda(g_0), g_0}$  and a neighborhood  $\mathcal{V}_\epsilon$  in  $\mathcal{M}^r$ ,  $2 \leq r < \infty$ , such that for all  $g \in \mathcal{V}_\epsilon$  one has

$$\sum_{\{|\lambda - \lambda(g_0)| < \epsilon_{\lambda(g_0), g_0}\} \cap \text{spec}(\bar{L}_g)} m(\lambda) = m(\lambda(g_0)). \quad (3.6)$$

Indeed, equation (3.6) is a consequence of the continuity of a finite system of eigenvalues, see [10, Section 5, Chapter 4]. In this setting, we prove the following generic result.

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact Riemannian manifold. Consider a real analytic one-parameter family of Riemannian metrics  $g(t)$  on  $M$  with  $g = g(0)$ . If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of multiplicity  $m > 1$  for the  $\eta$ -Laplacian  $L_g$ , then there exist  $\epsilon > 0$ , scalars  $\lambda_i(t)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ ), and functions  $\phi_i(t)$  varying analytically in  $t$  such that for all  $|t| < \epsilon$  the following relations hold:*

- (1)  $L_{g(t)}\phi_i(t) = \lambda_i(t)\phi_i(t)$ ;
- (2)  $\lambda_i(0) = \lambda$ ;
- (3)  $\{\phi_i(t)\}$  is orthonormal in  $L^2(M, \text{dm}_t)$ .

*Proof.* First, let us consider an extension  $g(z)$  of  $g(t)$  to a domain  $D_0$  of the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . So, we consider the operator

$$L_{g(z)}: \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; \mathbb{C}),$$

which in a local coordinate system is given by

$$L_{g(z)}f = g^{ij}(z) \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} - \Gamma_{ij}^k(z) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} - \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; \mathbb{C})$ , with

$$\Gamma_{ij}^k = \frac{1}{2} g^{k\ell} \left( \frac{\partial g_{i\ell}}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial g_{j\ell}}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x_\ell} \right).$$

Now, we observe that the domain  $D = H^2(M) \cap H_0^1(M)$  of the operator  $L_{g(z)}$  is independent of  $z$ , since  $M$  is compact, any two metrics are equivalent. Besides, the application  $z \mapsto L_{g(z)}f$  is holomorphic for  $z \in D_0$  and for every  $f \in D$ . Thus,  $L_{g(z)}$  is a holomorphic family of type (A) in [10]. Now, we need to prove that the operator  $L_{g(z)}$  is self-adjoint with fixed inner product. For this purpose, for each  $t$ , we can construct an isometry

$$P: L^2(M, \text{dm}) \rightarrow L^2(M, \text{dm}_t)$$

taking, for each  $u$ ,  $P(u) = \frac{\sqrt[4]{\det(g_{ij}(0))}}{\sqrt[4]{\det(g_{ij}(t))}}u$ . In fact,

$$\int_M P(u)P(v) \, dm_t = \int_M \frac{\sqrt{\det(g_{ij}(0))}}{\sqrt{\det(g_{ij}(t))}}uv \, dm_t = \int_M uv \, dm.$$

Thus, the operator  $\tilde{L}_t := P^{-1} \circ L_t \circ P$  will have the same eigenvalues of

$$L_t: H^2(M, dm_t) \cap H_0^1(M, dm_t) \rightarrow L^2(M, dm_t).$$

But the compactness of  $M$  implies that  $\tilde{L}_t$  is self-adjoint, since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_M v \tilde{L}_t u \, dm &\stackrel{(\text{isom.})}{=} \int_M P(v)L_t P(u) \, dm_t = \int_M P(u)L_t P(v) \, dm_t \\ &\stackrel{(\text{isom.})}{=} \int_M P^{-1}P(u)P^{-1}L_t P(v) \, dm = \int_M u \tilde{L}_t v \, dm. \end{aligned}$$

Under these conditions, we can apply a theorem due to Rellich [13] or in Kato's [10, Theorem 3.9] to obtain the result of the proposition.  $\blacksquare$

We observe that the same result of Proposition 1 holds for the operator  $\bar{L}_t$  defined in (3.5). Now, we will derive the first Hadamard-type variation formula which generalizes substantially one of Berger's formulas [4].

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact Riemannian manifold,  $g(t)$  be a differentiable variation of the metric  $g$ ,  $\phi_i(t) \in C^\infty(M)$  be a differentiable family of functions, and  $\lambda(t)$  be a differentiable family of real numbers such that  $\lambda_i(0) = \lambda$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and, for all  $t$ ,*

$$\begin{cases} -\bar{L}_t \phi_i(t) = \lambda_i(t)\phi_i(t) & \text{in } M, \\ \phi_i(t) = 0 & \text{on } \partial M, \end{cases}$$

with  $\langle \phi_i(t), \phi_j(t) \rangle_{L^2(M, dm_t)} = \delta_{ij}$ . Then the derivative of  $t \mapsto (\lambda_i(t) + \lambda_j(t))\delta_{ij}$  is given by

$$(\lambda_i + \lambda_j)' \delta_{ij} = \int_M \left\langle \frac{1}{2}L(\phi_i \phi_j)g - 2d\phi_i \otimes d\phi_j, H \right\rangle dm + \int_M \langle \nabla \eta, \nabla(\phi_i \phi_j) \rangle dm. \quad (3.7)$$

*Proof.* We begin by proving the case when  $\eta$  does not depend on  $t$ . Differentiating the equation  $-L_{g(t)}\phi_i(t) = \lambda_i(t)\phi_i(t)$ , we have at  $t = 0$ ,  $-L'\phi_i - L\phi'_i = \lambda'_i\phi_i + \lambda_i\phi'_i$ , so

$$-\int_M (\phi_j L'\phi_i + \phi_j L\phi'_i) \, dm = \int_M (\lambda'_i \phi_i \phi_j + \lambda_j \phi_j \phi'_i) \, dm = \lambda'_i \int_M \phi_j \phi_i \, dm - \int_M \phi'_i L\phi_j \, dm.$$



By integration by parts and the fact that  $\phi_i = 0$  on  $\partial M$ , we obtain

$$\lambda'_i \delta_{ij} = - \int_M \phi_j L' \phi_i \, dm.$$

Thus, writing  $s_{ij} = (\lambda'_i + \lambda'_j)$ , we deduce from Lemma 2

$$\begin{aligned} -s_{ij} \delta_{ij} &= \int_M \phi_j L' \phi_i \, dm + \int_M \phi_i L' \phi_j \, dm \\ &= \int_M \left( \left\langle \frac{1}{2} dh - \operatorname{div}_\eta H, \phi_j d\phi_i + \phi_i d\phi_j \right\rangle - \langle H, \phi_j \nabla^2 \phi_i + \phi_i \nabla^2 \phi_j \rangle \right) dm, \end{aligned}$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} -s_{ij} \delta_{ij} &= \int_M \left\langle \frac{1}{2} dh, d(\phi_i \phi_j) \right\rangle dm - \int_M \phi_j (\langle \operatorname{div}_\eta H, d\phi_i \rangle + \langle H, \nabla^2 \phi_i \rangle) dm \\ &\quad - \int_M \phi_i (\langle \operatorname{div}_\eta H, d\phi_j \rangle + \langle H, \nabla^2 \phi_j \rangle) dm. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we use Lemma 1 and again the integration by parts formula to get

$$-s_{ij} \delta_{ij} = - \int_M \frac{h}{2} L(\phi_i \phi_j) \, dm + 2 \int_M H(\nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j) \, dm,$$

or equivalently

$$s_{ij} \delta_{ij} = \int_M \left\langle \frac{1}{2} L(\phi_i \phi_j) g - 2 d\phi_i \otimes d\phi_j, H \right\rangle dm.$$

In the general case, we differentiate the equation  $-\bar{L}_t \phi_i(t) = \lambda_i(t) \phi_i(t)$  at  $t = 0$  to obtain

$$-\bar{L}' \phi_i - L \phi'_i = \lambda'_i \phi_i + \lambda_i \phi'_i.$$

So,  $-L' \phi_i - L \phi'_i = \lambda'_i \phi_i + \lambda_j \phi'_i - \langle \nabla \dot{\eta}, \nabla \phi_i \rangle$ . Thus, we have that

$$\lambda'_i \delta_{ij} = - \int_M \phi_j L' \phi_i \, dm + \int_M \phi_j \langle \nabla \dot{\eta}, \nabla \phi_i \rangle \, dm.$$

A calculation analogous to the one above completes the proof. ■

Now, we show how to extend for the  $\eta$ -Laplacian a result by El Soufi and Ilias [6, Corollary 2.1].

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold,  $\Omega \subset M$  be a bounded domain,  $f_t: \Omega \rightarrow (M, g)$  be an analytic family of diffeomorphisms from  $\Omega$  to  $\Omega_t = f_t(\Omega)$  such that  $f_0$  is the identity map, and  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of multiplicity  $m > 1$ . Then there exist an analytic family of  $m$  functions  $\phi_i(t) \in C^\infty(\Omega_t)$  with  $\langle \phi_i(t), \phi_j(t) \rangle_{L^2(\Omega_t, \text{dm})} = \delta_{ij}$  and real numbers  $\lambda_i(t)$  with  $\lambda_i(0) = \lambda$ , such that, for all  $t$  and  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , they are solutions for the Dirichlet problem*

$$\begin{cases} -L\phi_i(t) = \lambda_i(t)\phi_i(t) & \text{in } \Omega_t, \\ \phi_i(t) = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega_t. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, the derivative of the curve  $t \mapsto (\lambda_i(t) + \lambda_j(t))\delta_{ij}$  is given by

$$(\lambda_i + \lambda_j)' \delta_{ij} = -2 \int_{\partial\Omega} \langle V, \nu \rangle \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \nu} \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial \nu} \, d\mu, \quad (3.8)$$

where  $\langle V, \nu \rangle = g(V, \nu)$  and  $V = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} f_t$ .

*Proof.* We consider the family of metrics  $g(t) = f_t^* g$  on  $\Omega$ . So, we can apply Proposition 1 for  $\bar{L}_t$ . Considering

$$\bar{L}_t(\phi_i(t) \circ f_t) := \Delta_t(\phi_i(t) \circ f_t) - g(t)(\nabla(\eta \circ f_t), \nabla(\phi_i(t) \circ f_t)),$$

we obtain

$$\bar{L}_t(\phi_i(t) \circ f_t)(p) = -\lambda_i(t)\phi_i(t) \circ f_t(p).$$

For  $\bar{\phi}_i(t) = \phi_i(t) \circ f_t$ , for all  $t$  we have  $\langle \bar{\phi}_i(t), \bar{\phi}_j(t) \rangle_{L^2(\Omega, \text{dm}_t)} = \delta_{ij}$  and

$$\begin{cases} -\bar{L}_t \bar{\phi}_i(t) = \lambda_i(t) \bar{\phi}_i(t) & \text{in } \Omega \\ \bar{\phi}_i(t) = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

Since  $\phi_i \circ f_0 = \phi_i$  and  $\eta(t) = \eta \circ f_t$ , we have by Proposition 2

$$s_{ij} \delta_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{h}{2} L(\phi_i \phi_j) \, \text{dm} - 2 \int_{\Omega} H(\nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j) \, \text{dm} + \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \eta, \nabla(\phi_i \phi_j) \rangle \, \text{dm}.$$

Recall that  $H = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} f_t^* g = \mathcal{L}_V g$ , where  $V = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} f_t$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} s_{ij} \delta_{ij} &= \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} L(\phi_i \phi_j) \langle g, H \rangle \, \text{dm} - 2 \int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} f_t^* g \right) (\nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j) \, \text{dm} \\ &\quad + \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \eta, \nabla(\phi_i \phi_j) \rangle \, \text{dm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{\Omega} L(\phi_i \phi_j) \operatorname{div} V \, \mathrm{d}m - 2 \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla_{\nabla \phi_i} V, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m \\
 &\quad - 2 \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla_{\nabla \phi_j} V, \nabla \phi_i \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m + \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \dot{\eta}, \nabla(\phi_i \phi_j) \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m.
 \end{aligned}$$

But,

$$\langle \nabla_{\nabla \phi_i} V, \nabla \phi_j \rangle = \operatorname{div}_{\eta}(\langle V, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \nabla \phi_i) + \lambda \langle V, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \phi_i - \nabla^2 \phi_j(V, \nabla \phi_i).$$

Since  $\lambda = \lambda_i(0) = \lambda_j(0)$  and  $\frac{s_{ij}}{2} \delta_{ij} = a_{ij}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{ij} &= -\lambda \int_{\Omega} \phi_i \phi_j \operatorname{div} V \, \mathrm{d}m + \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \operatorname{div} V \, \mathrm{d}m - \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}_{\eta}(\langle V, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \nabla \phi_i) \, \mathrm{d}m \\
 &\quad - \lambda \int_{\Omega} \langle V, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \phi_i \, \mathrm{d}m + \int_{\Omega} \nabla^2 \phi_j(V, \nabla \phi_i) \, \mathrm{d}m - \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}_{\eta}(\langle V, \nabla \phi_i \rangle \nabla \phi_j) \, \mathrm{d}m \\
 &\quad - \lambda \int_{\Omega} \langle V, \nabla \phi_i \rangle \phi_j \, \mathrm{d}m + \int_{\Omega} \nabla^2 \phi_i(V, \nabla \phi_j) \, \mathrm{d}m + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \dot{\eta}, \nabla(\phi_i \phi_j) \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m \\
 &= -\lambda \int_{\Omega} (\phi_i \phi_j \operatorname{div} V + \langle V, \nabla(\phi_i \phi_j) \rangle) \, \mathrm{d}m - \int_{\partial \Omega} \langle V, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nu \rangle \, \mathrm{d}\mu \\
 &\quad - \int_{\partial \Omega} \langle V, \nabla \phi_i \rangle \langle \nabla \phi_j, \nu \rangle \, \mathrm{d}\mu + \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \operatorname{div} V \, \mathrm{d}m + \int_{\Omega} \nabla^2 \phi_j(V, \nabla \phi_i) \, \mathrm{d}m \\
 &\quad + \int_{\Omega} \nabla^2 \phi_i(V, \nabla \phi_j) \, \mathrm{d}m + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \dot{\eta}, \nabla(\phi_i \phi_j) \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m.
 \end{aligned}$$

As  $\phi_i = 0$  on  $\partial \Omega$ , we have  $\nabla \phi_i = \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nu \rangle \nu = \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \nu} \nu$  on  $\partial \Omega$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\operatorname{div}_{\eta}(\langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle V) + \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \langle \nabla \eta, V \rangle \\
 &= \operatorname{div}(\langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle V) \\
 &= \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \operatorname{div} V + \langle \nabla \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle, V \rangle \\
 &= \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \operatorname{div} V + \nabla^2 \phi_j(V, \nabla \phi_i) + \nabla^2 \phi_i(V, \nabla \phi_j).
 \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{ij} &= -\lambda \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\phi_i \phi_j V) \, \mathrm{d}m - 2 \int_{\partial \Omega} \langle V, \nu \rangle \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \nu} \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial \nu} \, \mathrm{d}\mu + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}_{\eta}(\langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle V) \, \mathrm{d}m \\
 &\quad + \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \langle \nabla \eta, V \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \dot{\eta}, \nabla(\phi_i \phi_j) \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{ij} &= -\lambda \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\phi_i \phi_j V) \, \mathrm{d}m - 2 \int_{\partial\Omega} \langle V, \nu \rangle \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \nu} \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial \nu} \, \mathrm{d}\mu + \int_{\partial\Omega} \langle V, \nu \rangle \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \nu} \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial \nu} \, \mathrm{d}\mu \\
 &\quad + \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \langle \nabla \eta, V \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \dot{\eta}, \nabla(\phi_i \phi_j) \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m \\
 &= - \int_{\partial\Omega} \langle V, \nu \rangle \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \nu} \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial \nu} \, \mathrm{d}\mu - \lambda \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\phi_i \phi_j V) \, \mathrm{d}m \\
 &\quad + \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle \langle \nabla \eta, V \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \dot{\eta}, \nabla(\phi_i \phi_j) \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$0 = \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}_{\eta}(\phi_i \phi_j V) \, \mathrm{d}m = \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\phi_i \phi_j V) \, \mathrm{d}m - \int_{\Omega} \phi_i \phi_j \langle \nabla \eta, V \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{ij} &= - \int_{\partial\Omega} \langle V, \nu \rangle \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \nu} \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial \nu} \, \mathrm{d}\mu + \int_{\Omega} (\langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle - \lambda \phi_i \phi_j) \langle \nabla \eta, V \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \dot{\eta}, \nabla(\phi_i \phi_j) \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m. \tag{3.9}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\eta(t, p) = \eta \circ f(t, p)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{\eta} &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \eta(t, p) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (\eta \circ f)(t, p) \\
 &= d\eta \Big|_{f(0,p)} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} f_t(p) = d\eta|_p(V) = \langle \nabla \eta, V \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, we use that  $\lambda_i(0) = \lambda_j(0) = \lambda$ ,  $L(\phi_i \phi_j) = \phi_i L\phi_j + \phi_j L\phi_i + 2\langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle$  and the integration by parts formula to calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \dot{\eta}, \nabla(\phi_i \phi_j) \rangle \, \mathrm{d}m &= - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \dot{\eta} L(\phi_i \phi_j) \, \mathrm{d}m + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial\Omega} \dot{\eta} \langle \nu, \nabla(\phi_i \phi_j) \rangle \, \mathrm{d}\mu \\
 &= \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla \eta, V \rangle (\lambda \phi_i \phi_j - \langle \nabla \phi_i, \nabla \phi_j \rangle) \, \mathrm{d}m.
 \end{aligned}$$

This computation tells us that the last two terms in (3.9) cancel each other, which concludes the proof of the proposition.  $\blacksquare$

## 4. Applications

In this section, we concentrate on the applications of the Hadamard-type formulas. We first prove the following.

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $(M, g_0)$  be a compact Riemannian manifold and  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $L_{g_0}$  for the Dirichlet problem with multiplicity  $m > 1$ . Take the positive number  $\epsilon_{\lambda, g_0}$  and the neighborhood  $\mathcal{V}_\epsilon$  of  $g_0$  in  $\mathcal{M}^r$  as in (3.6). Then, for each open neighborhood  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{V}_\epsilon$ , there is  $g \in \mathcal{U}$  such that all eigenvalues  $\lambda(g)$  of  $L_g$  with  $|\lambda(g) - \lambda| < \epsilon_{\lambda, g_0}$  are simple.*

*Proof.* We argue by contradiction. Suppose that there is an open neighborhood  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{V}_\epsilon$  of  $g_0$  such that for all  $g \in \mathcal{U}$  the eigenvalue  $\lambda(g)$  of  $L_g$  with  $|\lambda(g) - \lambda| < \epsilon_{\lambda, g_0}$  has multiplicity  $m > 1$ . In this case, for any symmetric  $(0, 2)$ -tensor  $T$  on  $(M, g)$  the perturbation  $g(t) = g + tT$  fails to split the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . The eigenvalue curves  $\lambda(t)$  satisfy

$$\begin{cases} -L_{g(t)}\phi_i(t) = \lambda(t)\phi_i(t) & \text{in } M, \\ \phi_i(t) = 0 & \text{on } \partial M. \end{cases}$$

Since  $H = \frac{d}{dt}g(t) = T$  and  $L = L_g$ , by Proposition 2 we have

$$\lambda' \delta_{ij} = \int_M \left\langle \frac{1}{4}L(\phi_i \phi_j)g - d\phi_i \otimes d\phi_j, T \right\rangle dm.$$

Now, considering the symmetrization tensor  $S_{ij} = \frac{d\phi_i \otimes d\phi_j + d\phi_j \otimes d\phi_i}{2}$  and using the fact that

$$\langle d\phi_i \otimes d\phi_j, T \rangle = \langle d\phi_j \otimes d\phi_i, T \rangle,$$

we deduce the identity

$$\lambda' \delta_{ij} = \int_M \left\langle \frac{1}{4}L(\phi_i \phi_j)g - S_{ij}, T \right\rangle dm.$$

If  $i \neq j$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{4}L(\phi_i \phi_j)g = S_{ij}. \quad (4.1)$$

Furthermore, taking the trace in equation (4.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(\nabla\phi_i, \nabla\phi_j) &= \frac{n}{4}L(\phi_i \phi_j) = \frac{n}{4}(\phi_i L\phi_j + \phi_j L\phi_i + 2g(\nabla\phi_i, \nabla\phi_j)) \\ &= \frac{n}{2}(-\lambda\phi_i \phi_j + g(\nabla\phi_i, \nabla\phi_j)). \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

For  $n \neq 2$  we can write

$$\frac{n\lambda}{n-2}\phi_i\phi_j = g(\nabla\phi_i, \nabla\phi_j).$$

Fixing  $p \in M$ , we consider an integral curve  $\alpha$  in  $M$  such that  $\alpha(0) = p$  and  $\alpha'(s) = \nabla\phi_i(\alpha(s))$ . Defining  $\beta(s) := \phi_j(\alpha(s))$ , we compute

$$\begin{aligned} \beta'(s) &= \langle \nabla\phi_j(\alpha(s)), \alpha'(s) \rangle = g(\nabla\phi_j, \nabla\phi_i)(\alpha(s)) = \frac{n\lambda}{n-2}\phi_i\phi_j(\alpha(s)) \\ &= \frac{n\lambda}{n-2}\phi_i(\alpha(s))\beta(s), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction, since  $M$  is compact. For the case  $n = 2$ , we have from equation (4.2) that  $\phi_i\phi_j = 0$ . Then, it follows from the principle of the unique continuation [9] that at least one of the eigenfunctions vanishes, which is again a contradiction. Therefore, we completed the proof of the proposition. ■

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold and let  $\Omega$  a bounded domain in  $M$ . Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $L_g$  for the Dirichlet problem with multiplicity  $m > 1$ . Take the positive number  $\epsilon_{\lambda, \Omega}$  and the neighborhood  $\mathcal{V}_\epsilon$  of the identity in  $D^r(\Omega)$  as in (3.6). Then, for any open neighborhood  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{V}_\epsilon$ , there is a diffeomorphism  $f$  such that all eigenvalues  $\lambda(f)$  with  $|\lambda(f) - \lambda| < \epsilon_{\lambda, \Omega}$  are simple.*

*Proof.* We also argue by contradiction. Suppose that there is an open neighborhood  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{V}_\epsilon$  of the identity such that for all  $f \in \mathcal{U}$  the eigenvalue  $\lambda(f)$  of  $L_g$  with  $|\lambda(f) - \lambda| < \epsilon_{\lambda, \Omega}$  has multiplicity  $m > 1$ . Then, it follows from (3.8) that  $\frac{\partial\phi_i}{\partial v} \frac{\partial\phi_j}{\partial v} = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . In this way, we have either  $\frac{\partial\phi_i}{\partial v} = 0$  or  $\frac{\partial\phi_j}{\partial v} = 0$  in some open set  $U$  of  $\partial\Omega$ . If  $\frac{\partial\phi_i}{\partial v} = 0$  in  $U$ , since  $\phi_i = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ , it follows from the unique continuation principle [9] that  $\phi_i = 0$  on  $\Omega$ , which is a contradiction. ■

*Proof of Theorem 1.* Let  $\mathcal{C}_m$  be the set of metrics in  $\mathcal{M}^r$  such that the first  $m$  eigenvalues of  $L_g$  are simple. It is known that if these eigenvalues depend continuously on the metric (see [3]), then for each  $m$  the set  $\mathcal{C}_m$  is open in  $\mathcal{M}^r$ . On the other hand, by Proposition 4 the set  $\mathcal{C}_m$  is dense in  $\mathcal{M}^r$ . Since  $\mathcal{M}^r$  is a complete metric space in the  $C^r$  topology, the set  $\Gamma = \bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{C}_m$  is dense. ■

*Proof of Theorem 2.* Since  $D^r(\Omega)$  is an affine manifold in a Banach space, similar arguments to those above allow us to obtain Theorem 2. ■

*Proof of Theorem 3.* The proof follows from the analogous steps for the variation of metrics case. We shall present a brief sketch of the last claim. Indeed, the main tool is to show a proposition analogous to Proposition 4 for the  $\eta$ -variation case. For this, first note that from equation (3.7) we get  $(\lambda_i + \lambda_j)' \delta_{ij} = \int_M \langle \nabla\eta, \nabla(\phi_i\phi_j) \rangle dm$ . Second,

by using the integration by parts formula, we obtain  $2\lambda'\delta_{ij} = -\int_M \dot{\eta}L_\eta(\phi_i\phi_j) \, dm$ , since  $\lambda_i = \lambda_j = \lambda$ . Now, we argue as in the proof of the Proposition 4 to get a contradiction, namely, the integral  $\int_M \dot{\eta}L_\eta(\phi_i\phi_j) \, dm = 0$  for all  $\dot{\eta} \in \mathcal{F}^r$ . This is equivalent to  $g(\nabla\phi_i, \nabla\phi_j) - \lambda\phi_i\phi_j = 0$ , but nontrivial eigenfunctions cannot satisfy it. Finally, we can proceed as in the proof of Theorem 1, and this completes our sketch. ■

*Proof of Theorem 4.* Following Teytel's approach as in Gomes and Marrocos [7, Section 5], we define the linear functionals

$$f_{ij}(\dot{\eta}) = \int_M \phi_i L'_\eta \phi_j \, dm,$$

where  $\dot{\eta} \in \mathcal{F}^r$  and  $L'_\eta = \frac{d}{dt}|_{t=0}L_\eta(t) = g(\nabla\dot{\eta}, \nabla\cdot)$ .

In order to prove (1) and (2), it is enough to verify that there exist two orthonormal eigenfunctions  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  associated to  $\lambda$  such that the functionals  $f_{11} - f_{22}$  and  $f_{12}$  are linearly independent, see [7, Remark 2] for details. However, we prove a stronger condition. Namely,  $f_{11}, f_{12}, f_{22}$  are linearly independent, so that we can apply the implicit function theorem as in the proof of [14, Theorem 1.1] to get (3) as well.

First of all, we use the integration by parts formula to obtain

$$f_{ij}(\dot{\eta}) = -\int_M \dot{\eta}L_\eta(\phi_i\phi_j) \, dm.$$

So,

$$0 = \alpha f_{11} + \beta f_{12} + \gamma f_{22} = \int_M \dot{\eta}(\alpha L_\eta(\phi_1^2) + \beta L_\eta(\phi_1\phi_2) + \gamma L_\eta(\phi_2^2)) \, dm.$$

Whence, we conclude that

$$\alpha(|\nabla\phi_1|^2 - \lambda\phi_1^2) + \beta g((\nabla\phi_1, \nabla\phi_2) - \lambda\phi_1\phi_2) + \gamma(|\nabla\phi_2|^2 - \lambda\phi_2^2) = 0.$$

Now, we can proceed as in [7, Section 5.1] to complete our proof. ■

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