

**THE BEST CONSTANT OF  $L^p$  SOBOLEV INEQUALITY  
CORRESPONDING TO DIRICHLET-NEUMANN  
BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM**

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ABSTRACT. We have obtained the best constant of the following  $L^p$  Sobolev inequality

$$\sup_{0 \leq y \leq 1} |u^{(j)}(y)| \leq C \left( \int_0^1 |u^{(M)}(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p},$$

where  $u$  is a function satisfying  $u^{(M)} \in L^p(0, 1)$ ,  $u^{(2i)}(0) = 0$  ( $0 \leq i \leq [(M - 1)/2]$ ) and  $u^{(2i+1)}(1) = 0$  ( $0 \leq i \leq [(M - 2)/2]$ ), where  $u^{(i)}$  is the abbreviation of  $(d/dx)^i u(x)$ . In [9], the best constant of the above inequality was obtained for the case of  $p = 2$  and  $j = 0$ . This paper extends the result of [9] under the conditions  $p > 1$  and  $0 \leq j \leq M - 1$ . The best constant is expressed by Bernoulli polynomials.

1. INTRODUCTION

For  $M = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , let us consider the following 1-dim Sobolev inequality:

$$\sup_{0 \leq y \leq 1} |u(y)| \leq C \left( \int_0^1 |u^{(M)}(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2},$$

where  $u$  is an element of Sobolev-Hilbert space  $H(X, M) = \{u | u^{(M)} \in L^2(0, 1), u \text{ satisfies } A(X)\}$ . Here the condition  $A(X)$  assumes

$$\begin{aligned} A(P) & : u^{(i)}(1) - u^{(i)}(0) = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq M - 1), & \int_0^1 u(x)dx = 0, \\ A(AP) & : u^{(i)}(1) + u^{(i)}(0) = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq M - 1), \\ A(C) & : u^{(i)}(0) = u^{(i)}(1) = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq M - 1), \\ A(D) & : u^{(2i)}(0) = u^{(2i)}(1) = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq [(M - 1)/2]), \\ A(N) & : u^{(2i+1)}(0) = u^{(2i+1)}(1) = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq [(M - 2)/2]), \\ & \int_0^1 u(x)dx = 0, \\ A(DN) & : u^{(2i)}(0) = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq [(M - 1)/2]), \\ & u^{(2i+1)}(1) = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq [(M - 2)/2]), \end{aligned}$$

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Boundary condition of Sobolev space	$p = 2$	$1 < p < \infty$ (general case)
P (Periodic)	[10]	[3]
AP (Anti Periodic)	[10]	—
C (Clamped)	[8]	$M = 1, 2, 3$ [7]
D (Dirichlet)	[10]	$M = 2m$ [4], $M = 1, 3, 5$ [5]
N (Neumann)	[10]	[6]
DN (Dirichlet-Neumann)	[10]	this paper

TABLE 1. Various boundary conditions and best constants.

etc., and  $u^{(i)}$  denotes  $i$ -th derivative in a distributional sense. It should be noted that if  $M = 1$  the boundary conditions for  $u$  in  $A(N)$  and for  $u$  on  $x = 1$  in  $A(DN)$  are not required. In our previous work, we obtained the best constant of the following  $L^p$  Sobolev inequality (1.1) in some boundary conditions:

$$(1.1) \quad \sup_{0 \leq y \leq 1} |u(y)| \leq C \left( \int_0^1 |u^{(M)}(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p},$$

where  $u$  is an element of  $W(X, M, p) = \{u | u^{(M)} \in L^p(0, 1), u \text{ satisfies } A(X)\}$ . From this table, we see that the difficulty in obtaining the best constant seems to increase in the case of  $p \neq 2$ . Here, we would like to stress that each result in the case of  $p \neq 2$  was obtained through a different method. The unified approach (maximizing the diagonal value of reproducing kernels; see [8, 10]) as in the case of  $p = 2$  does not exist in the case of  $p \neq 2$ .

This paper studies the best constant of the following  $j$ -th  $L^p$  Sobolev inequality:

$$(1.2) \quad \sup_{0 \leq y \leq 1} |u^{(j)}(y)| \leq C \left( \int_0^1 |u^{(M)}(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p},$$

where  $u \in W(DN, M, p)$  for any fixed  $p > 1$  and  $0 \leq j \leq M - 1$ . To see that the inequality (1.2) itself is valid, we express  $u$  as follows; see [1, Th.VIII.2]

$$u^{(M-1)}(y) = \begin{cases} \int_0^y u^{(M)}(x) dx & (M = 2n - 1), \\ - \int_y^1 u^{(M)}(x) dx & (M = 2n), \end{cases}$$

where the boundary conditions  $u^{(M-1)}(0) = 0$  ( $M = 2n - 1$ ) and  $u^{(M-1)}(1) = 0$  ( $M = 2n$ ) are used. Applying Hölder inequality, we obtain (1.2) for  $j = M - 1$ , and similar argument leads (1.2). Now, to state the result, let

us introduce Bernoulli polynomials  $b_j(x)$  defined by

$$\begin{cases} b_0(x) = 1, \\ b'_j(x) = b_{j-1}(x), \quad \int_0^1 b_j(x)dx = 0 \quad (j = 1, 2, 3, \dots). \end{cases}$$

Hence, we have

$$b_1(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}, \quad b_2(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{12}, \quad b_3(x) = \frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x}{12}, \quad \dots$$

The main result is as follows:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $M, m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  be integers,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, M - 1$  and  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then, the best constant  $C(M, j, q)$  of (1.2) is given by*

$$(1.3) \quad C(M, j, q) = \begin{cases} 2^{2(M-j)-1} \left( \int_0^1 \left| (-1)^{M+1} b_{M-j} \left( \frac{1-x}{4} \right) + b_{M-j} \left( \frac{1+x}{4} \right) \right|^q dx \right)^{1/q} \\ (j = 2l), \\ 2^{2(M-j)-1} \left( \int_0^1 \left| b_{M-j} \left( \frac{x}{4} \right) + (-1)^M b_{M-j} \left( \frac{2-x}{4} \right) \right|^q dx \right)^{1/q} \\ (j = 2l + 1), \end{cases}$$

where  $q$  satisfies  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ . Moreover, the equality of (1.2) attained by

$$(1.4) \quad u(x) = \begin{cases} (-1)^l \int_0^1 \partial_z G(n; x, z) \left( \partial_z G(n-l; z, 1) \right)^{q-1} dz \\ (M = 2n - 1, \quad j = 2l), \\ (-1)^l \int_0^1 \partial_z G(n; x, z) \left( \partial_y \partial_z G(n-l; z, y)|_{y=0} \right)^{q-1} dz \\ (M = 2n - 1, \quad j = 2l + 1), \\ (-1)^l \int_0^1 G(n; x, z) \left( G(n-l; z, 1) \right)^{q-1} dz \\ (M = 2n, \quad j = 2l), \\ (-1)^l \int_0^1 G(n; x, z) \left( \partial_y G(n-l; z, y)|_{y=0} \right)^{q-1} dz \\ (M = 2n, \quad j = 2l + 1), \end{cases}$$

where

$$(1.5) \quad G(m; x, y) = (-1)^{m+1} 4^{2m-1} \left[ b_{2m} \left( \frac{|x-y|}{4} \right) - b_{2m} \left( \frac{x+y}{4} \right) \right] +$$

$$b_{2m} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x+y}{4} \right) - b_{2m} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{|x-y|}{4} \right) \Big]$$

is Green function of the following Drichlet-Neumann boundary value problem

BVP (DN,  $m$ )

$$\begin{cases} (-1)^m u^{(2m)} = f(x) & (0 < x < 1), \\ u^{(2i)}(0) = u^{(2i+1)}(1) = 0 & (0 \leq i \leq m-1). \end{cases}$$

The following are concrete forms of  $C(M, j, q)$  for small value of  $M$ .

$M \setminus j$	0	1	2	3
1	1	-	-	-
2	$(q+1)^{-1/q}$	1	-	-
3	$32\pi^{\frac{1}{2q}} \left( \frac{2^{-6q-1}\Gamma(q+1)}{\Gamma(q+\frac{3}{2})} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$	$(q+1)^{-1/q}$	1	-
4	$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{{}_2F_1(-q, \frac{q+1}{2}; \frac{q+3}{2}; \frac{1}{3})}{q+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$	$32\pi^{\frac{3}{2q}} \left( -\frac{2^{-6q-1} \csc(\pi q)}{\Gamma(-q)\Gamma(q+\frac{3}{2})} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$	$(q+1)^{-1/q}$	1

TABLE 2.  $C(M, j, q)$  for  $M = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , where  ${}_2F_1$  is Gaussian hypergeometric function; see [2, Section 5.5].

## 2. LEMMAS

In this section, lemmas necessary for proving Theorem 1.1 are enumerated. We assume that  $M, m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, j = 0, 1, \dots, M-1$  and  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . First, we prepare the lemma concerning the properties of Bernoulli polynomials.

**Lemma 2.1.**  $u(x) = (-1)^{m+1} b_{2m}(x)$  satisfies the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{0 \leq x \leq 1} u(x) &= u(0) = u(1) > 0, & \min_{0 \leq x \leq 1} u(x) &= u(1/2) < 0, \\ u'(x) < 0 & \quad (0 < x < 1/2) & > 0 & \quad (1/2 < x < 1), \\ \max_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |u(x)| &= u(0) = u(1). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* See; [2, Section 9.5]. Figure 1 shows the graphs of  $u$  for  $m = 1$  and 2. In fact, we show the case of  $m = 1$ . For  $u(x) = b_2(x) = x^2/2 - x/2 + 1/12$ , we have  $u(0) = u(1) = 1/12$  and  $u(1/2) = -1/24$ . Since  $u'(x) = b_1(x) = x - 1/2 < 0$  ( $0 < x < 1/2$ ),  $> 0$  ( $1/2 < x < 1$ ), we have  $\max_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |u(x)| = u(0) = u(1)$ . □

Next, we introduce lemmas for  $G(m; x, y)$ .

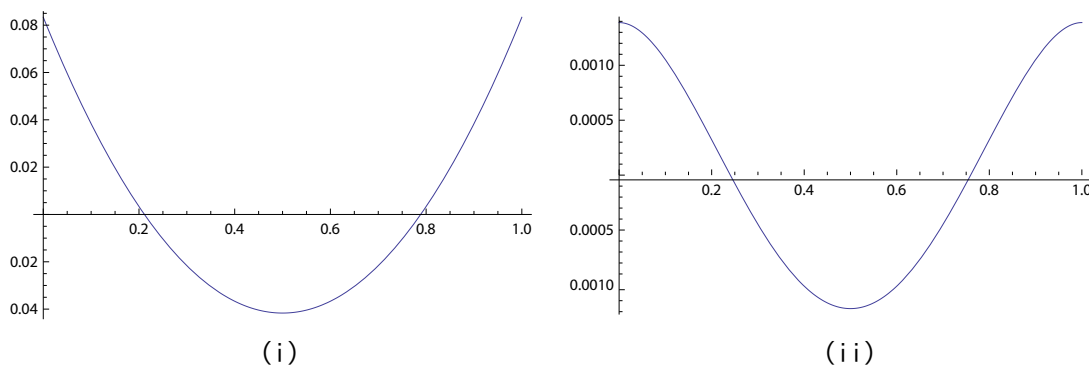


FIGURE 1. The graphs of (i)  $u(x) = b_2(x)$  ( $m = 1$ ) and (ii)  $u(x) = -b_4(x)$  ( $m = 2$ ).

**Lemma 2.2.** For any bounded continuous function  $f(x)$  ( $0 < x < 1$ ), BVP(DN, $m$ ) has a unique classical solution  $u(x)$  ( $0 < x < 1$ ) expressed as

$$u(x) = \int_0^1 G(m; x, y) f(y) dy,$$

where  $G(m; x, y)$  ( $0 < x, y < 1$ ) is given by (1.5).

*Proof.* See; Yamagishi [9, Theorem 3.1]. □

**Lemma 2.3.** For any  $u \in W(\text{DN}, m, p)$  and for any fixed  $y$  ( $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ), the following reproducing relation holds:

$$(2.1) \quad u(y) = \int_0^1 u^{(m)}(x) \partial_x^m G(m; x, y) dx.$$

*Proof.* See; Yamagishi [9, Theorem 5.1] (although the proof of Theorem 5.1 is written in the case of  $u \in H(\text{DN}, m)$ , it still applies to our case of  $u \in W(\text{DN}, m, p)$  without modification). □

**Lemma 2.4.** The following relations hold in  $0 < x, y < 1$  and  $x \neq y$ .

- (1)  $\partial_x^2 G(m; x, y) = \partial_y^2 G(m; x, y) = -G(m - 1; x, y).$
- (2)  $\partial_y^j \partial_x^M G(M; x, y) =$ 

$$\begin{cases} (-1)^{n-1+l} \partial_x G(n - l; x, y) & (M = 2n - 1, \quad j = 2l), \\ (-1)^{n-1+l} \partial_y \partial_x G(n - l; x, y) & (M = 2n - 1, \quad j = 2l + 1), \\ (-1)^{n+l} G(n - l; x, y) & (M = 2n, \quad j = 2l), \\ (-1)^{n+l} \partial_y G(n - l; x, y) & (M = 2n, \quad j = 2l + 1). \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Differentiating  $G(m; x, y)$  with respect to  $x$  twice, we have

$$(2.2) \quad \partial_x G(m; x, y) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (-1)^{m+1} 4^{2m-2} \left[ \operatorname{sgn}(x-y) b_{2m-1} \left( \frac{|x-y|}{4} \right) - b_{2m-1} \left( \frac{x+y}{4} \right) - \right. \\
& \left. b_{2m-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x+y}{4} \right) + \operatorname{sgn}(x-y) b_{2m-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{|x-y|}{4} \right) \right], \\
& \partial_x^2 G(m; x, y) = \\
& - (-1)^m 4^{2(m-1)-1} \left[ b_{2(m-1)} \left( \frac{|x-y|}{4} \right) - b_{2(m-1)} \left( \frac{x+y}{4} \right) + \right. \\
& \left. b_{2(m-1)} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x+y}{4} \right) - b_{2(m-1)} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{|x-y|}{4} \right) \right] = \\
& - G(m-1; x, y).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $G(m, x, y) = G(m; y, x)$ , we have  $\partial_y^2 G(m; x, y) = \partial_y^2 G(m; y, x) = -G(m-1; y, x) = -G(m-1; x, y)$ . So, (1) is obtained. Using (1), we have the following relation:

$$\partial_y^j \partial_x^M G(M; x, y) = \begin{cases} \partial_y^{2l} \partial_x^{2(n-1)+1} G(2n-1; x, y) = \\ (-1)^{n-1+l} \partial_x G(2n-1-(n-1)-l; x, y), \\ \partial_y^{2l+1} \partial_x^{2(n-1)+1} G(2n-1; x, y) = \\ (-1)^{n-1+l} \partial_y \partial_x G(2n-1-(n-1)-l; x, y), \\ \partial_y^{2l} \partial_x^{2n} G(2n; x, y) = (-1)^{n+l} G(2n-n-l; x, y), \\ \partial_y^{2l+1} \partial_x^{2n} G(2n; x, y) = (-1)^{n+l} \partial_y G(2n-n-l; x, y). \end{cases}$$

This shows (2). □

**Lemma 2.5.** *The following relations hold.*

$$\begin{aligned}
& G(m; x, y) > 0 \quad (0 < x, y < 1). \\
& \partial_x G(m; x, y), \quad \partial_y G(m; x, y), \quad \partial_y \partial_x G(m; x, y) > 0 \\
& (0 < x, y < 1, \quad x \neq y). \\
& \partial_x^2 G(m; x, y), \quad \partial_y^2 G(m; x, y) < 0 \quad (0 < x, y < 1, \quad x \neq y).
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Considering Lemma 2.1 and

$$0 \leq \frac{|x-y|}{4} < \frac{x+y}{4} < \frac{1}{2}, \quad 0 < \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x+y}{4} < \frac{1}{2} - \frac{|x-y|}{4} \leq \frac{1}{2},$$

we have

$$(-1)^{m+1} \left[ b_{2m} \left( \frac{|x-y|}{4} \right) - b_{2m} \left( \frac{x+y}{4} \right) \right] > 0,$$

$$(-1)^{m+1} \left[ b_{2m} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x+y}{4} \right) - b_{2m} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{|x-y|}{4} \right) \right] > 0.$$

Hence we have  $G(m; x, y) > 0$ . Moreover, from Lemma 2.4 (1), we have

$$(2.3) \quad \partial_x^2 G(m; x, y) = \partial_y^2 G(m; x, y) = -G(m-1; x, y) < 0 \\ (0 < x, y < 1, \quad x \neq y).$$

For any fixed  $y$  ( $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ), since  $\partial_x G(m; x, y)|_{x=1} = 0$  and (2.3), we have  $\partial_x G(m; x, y) > 0$  ( $0 < x < 1, x \neq y$ ). Similarly, for any fixed  $x$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ), since  $\partial_y G(m; x, y)|_{y=1} = 0$  and (2.3), we have  $\partial_y G(m; x, y) > 0$  ( $0 < y < 1, x \neq y$ ). From (2.2) and Lemma 2.4 (2), we have

$$(2.4) \quad \partial_y \partial_x G(m; x, y) = \\ (-1)^{m+1} 4^{2m-3} \left[ -b_{2m-2} \left( \frac{|x-y|}{4} \right) - b_{2m-2} \left( \frac{x+y}{4} \right) + \right. \\ \left. b_{2m-2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x+y}{4} \right) + b_{2m-2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{|x-y|}{4} \right) \right], \\ \partial_y^2 \partial_x G(m; x, y) = -\partial_x G(m-1; x, y) < 0 \quad (0 < x, y < 1, x \neq y).$$

For any fixed  $x$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ), from  $\partial_y \partial_x G(m; x, y)|_{y=1} = 0$  and (2.4), we have  $\partial_y \partial_x G(m; x, y) > 0$  ( $0 < y < 1, x \neq y$ ). □

Using these lemmas, we can prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let us define*

$$g(M, j; y) = \int_0^1 |\partial_y^j \partial_x^M G(M; x, y)|^q dx \quad (0 \leq y \leq 1).$$

Then, it holds that

$$\max_{0 \leq y \leq 1} g(M, j; y) = \begin{cases} g(M, j; 1) & (j = 2l), \\ g(M, j; 0) & (j = 2l + 1). \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.4 (2) and 2.5, we obtain:

$$g(2n-1, 2l; y) = \int_0^1 \left( \partial_x G(n-l; x, y) \right)^q dx > 0, \\ g'(2n-1, 2l; y) = \\ q \int_0^1 \left( \partial_x G(n-l; x, y) \right)^{q-1} dx \partial_y \partial_x G(n-l; x, y) > 0, \\ g(2n-1, 2l+1; y) = \int_0^1 \left( \partial_y \partial_x G(n-l; x, y) \right)^q dx > 0, \\ g'(2n-1, 2l+1; y) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -q \int_0^1 \left( \partial_y \partial_x G(n-l; x, y) \right)^{q-1} dx \partial_x G(n-l-1; x, y) < 0, \\
 g(2n, 2l; y) &= \int_0^1 \left( G(n-l; x, y) \right)^q dx > 0, \\
 g'(2n, 2l; y) &= q \int_0^1 \left( G(n-l; x, y) \right)^{q-1} dx \partial_y G(n-l; x, y) > 0, \\
 g(2n, 2l+1; y) &= \int_0^1 \left( \partial_y G(n-l; x, y) \right)^q dx > 0, \\
 g'(2n, 2l+1; y) &= \\
 & -q \int_0^1 \left( \partial_y G(n-l; x, y) \right)^{q-1} dx G(n-l-1; x, y) < 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $g'$  stands for the derivative with respect to  $y$ . Thus, if  $j$  is even,  $g(M, j, y)$  takes its maximum at  $y = 1$ , else at  $y = 0$ .  $\square$

Next lemma is necessary for the construction of the function, which attains the best constant. Note the difference from BVP(DN,  $m$ ) (it is the odd order differential equation and boundary conditions at  $x = 1$  are slightly different).

**Lemma 2.7.** *For any bounded continuous function  $f(x)$  ( $0 < x < 1$ ), the following boundary value problem:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{BVP (DN}', m) \\
 & \begin{cases} (-1)^{m-1} u^{(2m-1)} = f(x) & (0 < x < 1), \\ u^{(2i)}(0) = 0 & (0 \leq i \leq m-1), \\ u^{(2i+1)}(1) = 0 & (0 \leq i \leq m-2), \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

has a unique classical solution  $u(x)$  ( $0 < x < 1$ ) expressed as

$$(2.5) \quad u(x) = \int_0^1 \partial_y G(m; x, y) f(y) dy.$$

*Proof.* Integrating the equation  $f(y) = (-1)^{m-1} u^{(2m-1)}(y)$  with respect to  $y$  ( $0 < y < x$ ) and noting  $u^{(2m-2)}(0) = 0$ , we have

$$\int_0^x f(y) dy = (-1)^{m-1} \int_0^x u^{(2m-1)}(y) dy = (-1)^{m-1} u^{(2(m-1))}(x).$$

Since  $u$  satisfies  $u^{(2i)}(0) = u^{(2i+1)}(1) = 0$  for  $(0 \leq i \leq m-2)$ ,  $u$  is a solution of BVP(DN,  $m-1$ ). Thus, from Lemma 2.2, we have the solution formula

$$u(x) = \int_0^1 G(m-1; x, z) \int_0^z f(y) dy dz =$$



$$\int_0^1 \int_y^1 G(m-1; x, z) dz f(y) dy.$$

Using Lemma 2.4 (1), we have  $-\partial_z^2 G(m; x, z) = G(m-1; x, z)$ . So, we obtain

$$u(x) = \int_0^1 \int_y^1 \left( -\partial_z^2 G(m; x, z) \right) dz f(y) dy = \int_0^1 \partial_y G(m; x, y) f(y) dy,$$

where we use  $\partial_z G(m; x, z)|_{z=1} = 0$ . The uniqueness easily follows from the expression (2.5).  $\square$

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

**Proof of Theorem 1.1** Let  $u \in W(\text{DN}, M, p)$ . Differentiating (2.1) in Lemma 2.3 with respect to  $y$  ( $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ),  $j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, M-1$ ) times, we obtain

$$u^{(j)}(y) = \int_0^1 u^{(M)}(x) \partial_y^j \partial_x^M G(M; x, y) dx.$$

Applying Hölder inequality, we have

$$\left| u^{(j)}(y) \right| \leq \left( \int_0^1 \left| \partial_y^j \partial_x^M G(M; x, y) \right|^q dx \right)^{1/q} \left( \int_0^1 \left| u^{(M)}(x) \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

Taking the supremum of the above relation and using Lemma 2.6, we have

$$(3.1) \quad \sup_{0 \leq y \leq 1} \left| u^{(j)}(y) \right| \leq \begin{cases} \left( \int_0^1 \left| \partial_y^j \partial_x^M G(M; x, y) \Big|_{y=1} \right|^q dx \right)^{1/q} \left( \int_0^1 \left| u^{(M)}(x) \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \\ (j = 2l), \\ \left( \int_0^1 \left| \partial_y^j \partial_x^M G(M; x, y) \Big|_{y=0} \right|^q dx \right)^{1/q} \left( \int_0^1 \left| u^{(M)}(x) \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \\ (j = 2l + 1). \end{cases}$$

The equality holds if  $u$  satisfies

$$(3.2) \quad u^{(M)}(x) = \begin{cases} \text{sgn} \left( \partial_y^j \partial_x^M G(M; x, y) \Big|_{y=1} \right) \left| \partial_y^j \partial_x^M G(M; x, y) \Big|_{y=1} \right|^{q-1} & (j = 2l), \\ \text{sgn} \left( \partial_y^j \partial_x^M G(M; x, y) \Big|_{y=0} \right) \left| \partial_y^j \partial_x^M G(M; x, y) \Big|_{y=0} \right|^{q-1} & (j = 2l + 1). \end{cases}$$

Therefore, if the equality holds, the best constant is

$$(3.3) \quad C(M, j, q) = \begin{cases} \left( \int_0^1 \left| \partial_y^j \partial_x^M G(M; x, y) \Big|_{y=1} \right|^q dx \right)^{1/q} & (j = 2l), \\ \left( \int_0^1 \left| \partial_y^j \partial_x^M G(M; x, y) \Big|_{y=0} \right|^q dx \right)^{1/q} & (j = 2l + 1). \end{cases}$$

The concrete expression of (3.3) is (1.3). Finally, we see that the equality of (3.1) is attained by (1.4). From the equation (3.2) and Lemma 2.4 (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} u^{(2n-1)}(x) &= \\ & (-1)^{n-1+l} \begin{cases} \left( \partial_x G(n-l; x, y) \Big|_{y=1} \right)^{q-1} & (M = 2n-1, j = 2l), \\ \left( \partial_y \partial_x G(n-l; x, y) \Big|_{y=0} \right)^{q-1} & (M = 2n-1, j = 2l+1), \end{cases} \\ u^{(2n)}(x) &= \\ & (-1)^{n+l} \begin{cases} \left( G(n-l; x, y) \Big|_{y=1} \right)^{q-1} & (M = 2n, j = 2l), \\ \left( \partial_y G(n-l; x, y) \Big|_{y=0} \right)^{q-1} & (M = 2n, j = 2l+1). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $u$  satisfies boundary condition A(DN), we have the following boundary value problems:

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{cases} (-1)^{n-1} u^{(2n-1)} = \\ (-1)^l \begin{cases} \left( \partial_x G(n-l; x, y) \Big|_{y=1} \right)^{q-1} & (M = 2n-1, j = 2l), \\ \left( \partial_y \partial_x G(n-l; x, y) \Big|_{y=0} \right)^{q-1} & (M = 2n-1, j = 2l+1), \end{cases} \\ u^{(2i)}(0) = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq n-1), \quad u^{(2i+1)}(1) = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq n-2), \end{cases}$$

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{cases} (-1)^n u^{(2n)} = \\ (-1)^l \begin{cases} \left( G(n-l; x, y) \Big|_{y=1} \right)^{q-1} & (M = 2n, j = 2l), \\ \left( \partial_y G(n-l; x, y) \Big|_{y=0} \right)^{q-1} & (M = 2n, j = 2l+1), \end{cases} \\ u^{(2i)}(0) = u^{(2i+1)}(1) = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq n-1). \end{cases}$$

Thus  $u$  in (3.4) is the solution of BVP(DN',  $n$ ) and  $u$  in (3.5) is the solution of BVP(DN,  $n$ ). So, by Lemma 2.7 and Lemma 2.2, we have (1.4).  $\square$

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