

# THE BEST CONSTANT OF THE DISCRETE SOBOLEV INEQUALITIES ON THE COMPLETE BIPARTITE GRAPH

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ABSTRACT. We have the best constants of three kinds of discrete Sobolev inequalities on the complete bipartite graph with  $2N$  vertices, that is,  $K_{N,N}$ . We introduce a discrete Laplacian  $\mathbf{A}$  on  $K_{N,N}$ .  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $2N \times 2N$  real symmetric positive-semidefinite matrix whose eigenvector corresponding to zero eigenvalue is  $\mathbf{1} = {}^t(1, 1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbf{C}^{2N}$ . A discrete heat kernel, a Green's matrix and a pseudo Green's matrix play important roles in giving the best constants.

## 1. DISCRETE LAPLACIAN

For any fixed  $N = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , we set the indices of vertices on the complete bipartite graph  $K_{N,N}$  as Figure 1.

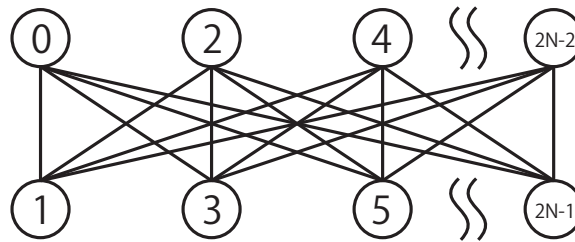


FIGURE 1. Complete bipartite graph  $K_{N,N}$ .

We introduce the edge set

$$e = \left\{ (2i, 2j + 1) \mid 0 \leq i, j \leq N - 1 \right\},$$

where the vertices  $2i$  and  $2j + 1$  are connected to an edge. The discrete Laplacian  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined as

$$\mathbf{A} = \left( a(i, j) \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq 2N-1}, \quad a(i, j) = \begin{cases} N & (i = j) \\ -1 & ((i, j) \in e) \\ 0 & (\text{otherwise}) \end{cases}.$$

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$\mathbf{A}$  is rewritten as

$$(1.1) \quad \mathbf{A} = \left( N\delta(i-j) - \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \delta(i-j+2k+1) \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq 2N-1},$$

where the delta function

$$(1.2) \quad \delta(i) = \begin{cases} 1 & (\text{Mod}(i, 2N) = 0) \\ 0 & (\text{Mod}(i, 2N) \neq 0) \end{cases} \quad (i \in \mathbf{Z}).$$

Here, we show the concrete form of  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_N$  as

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{A}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$\mathbf{A}$  is a  $2N \times 2N$  real symmetric positive-semidefinite matrix which has an eigenvalue 0 and whose eigenvector is  $\mathbf{1} = {}^t(1, 1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbf{C}^{2N}$ . We introduce the following three matrices

$$(1.3) \quad \text{Discrete heat kernel : } \mathbf{H}(t) = \exp(-t\mathbf{A}),$$

$$(1.4) \quad \text{Green's matrix : } \mathbf{G}(a) = (\mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I})^{-1} = \int_0^\infty e^{-at} \mathbf{H}(t) dt,$$

$$(1.5) \quad \text{Pseudo Green's matrix : } \mathbf{G}_* = \lim_{a \rightarrow +0} (\mathbf{G}(a) - a^{-1} \mathbf{E}_0),$$

where  $a$  is a positive number and

$$\mathbf{E}_0 = (2N)^{-1} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^t = \frac{1}{2N} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{0 \leq i, j \leq 2N-1}$$

is a projection matrix to the eigenspace corresponding to the eigenvalue 0 of  $\mathbf{A}$ .  $\mathbf{G}_*$  satisfies

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{G}_* = \mathbf{G}_* \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{E}_0, \quad \mathbf{G}_* \mathbf{E}_0 = \mathbf{E}_0 \mathbf{G}_* = \mathbf{O}.$$

Here,  $\mathbf{I}$  is the  $2N \times 2N$  identity matrix and  $\mathbf{O}$  is the  $2N \times 2N$  zero matrix. Thus,  $\mathbf{G}(a)$  is an inverse matrix of  $\mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{G}_*$  is a Penrose-Moore generalized inverse matrix of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

This paper is composed of five sections. In section 2, we show Theorem 2.1~2.3 corresponding to  $\mathbf{H}(t)$ ,  $\mathbf{G}(a)$  and  $\mathbf{G}_*$ . In section 3, we prepare

some basic matrices and explain the difference equations. In section 4, we present a reproducing relation. Section 5 is devoted to the proof of Theorem 2.1~2.3.

## 2. DISCRETE SOBOLEV INEQUALITY

In this section, we state the best constants of three kinds of discrete Sobolev inequalities on  $K_{N,N}$ . For  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{C}^{2N}$ , we introduce sesquilinear forms

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) &= \mathbf{v}^* \mathbf{u}, & \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 &= (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}), \\ (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})_H &= ((\mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I})\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}^*(\mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I})\mathbf{u}, & \|\mathbf{u}\|_H^2 &= (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u})_H, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{u}^*$  denotes  $\mathbf{u}^* = {}^t\bar{\mathbf{u}}$ . For  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{C}_0^{2N} := \{\mathbf{u} \mid \mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{C}^{2N} \text{ and } {}^t\mathbf{1}\mathbf{u} = 0\}$ , we introduce a sesquilinear form

$$(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})_A = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}^* \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}, \quad \|\mathbf{u}\|_A^2 = (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u})_A.$$

$(\cdot, \cdot)_H$  and  $(\cdot, \cdot)_A$  are proved to be an inner product afterwards. We rewrite  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_H^2$  and  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_A^2$  as

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|_H^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|_A^2 + a \sum_{i=0}^{2N-1} |u(i)|^2, \quad \|\mathbf{u}\|_A^2 = \sum_{(i,j) \in e} |u(i) - u(j)|^2.$$

The concrete forms of  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_A^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|_{AN}^2$  are as

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{A1}^2 &= |u(0) - u(1)|^2, \\ \|\mathbf{u}\|_{A2}^2 &= \\ &|u(0) - u(1)|^2 + |u(0) - u(3)|^2 + |u(2) - u(1)|^2 + |u(2) - u(3)|^2, \\ \|\mathbf{u}\|_{A3}^2 &= \\ &|u(0) - u(1)|^2 + |u(0) - u(3)|^2 + |u(0) - u(5)|^2 + \\ &|u(2) - u(1)|^2 + |u(2) - u(3)|^2 + |u(2) - u(5)|^2 + \\ &|u(4) - u(1)|^2 + |u(4) - u(3)|^2 + |u(4) - u(5)|^2. \end{aligned}$$

To describe theorems, for any  $j$  ( $0 \leq j \leq 2N - 1$ ) fixed, we use the  $2N$ -dimensional vector

$$\boldsymbol{\delta}_j = {}^t(\cdots, \delta(i - j), \cdots)_{0 \leq i \leq 2N-1},$$

where  $\delta(i)$  is defined in (1.2).

**Theorem 2.1.** For any  $\mathbf{u} = {}^t(u(0), u(1), \dots, u(2N-1)) \in \mathbf{C}_0^{2N}$ , there exists a positive constant  $C$  which is independent of  $\mathbf{u}$ , such that the discrete Sobolev inequality

$$(2.1) \quad \left( \max_{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1} |u(j)| \right)^2 \leq C \|\mathbf{u}\|_A^2$$

holds. Among such  $C$ , for any  $j_0$  ( $0 \leq j_0 \leq 2N-1$ ), the best constant is

$$C_0 = \max_{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1} {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}_* \delta_j = {}^t\delta_{j_0} \mathbf{G}_* \delta_{j_0} = \frac{4N-3}{4N^2}.$$

If we replace  $C$  by  $C_0$  in (2.1), the equality holds if and only if  $\mathbf{u}$  is parallel to

$$\mathbf{G}_* \delta_{j_0} = \frac{1}{4N^2} \left( 4N\delta(i-j_0) - 2 - (-1)^{i-j_0} \right)_{0 \leq i \leq 2N-1}.$$

**Theorem 2.2.** For any  $\mathbf{u} = {}^t(u(0), u(1), \dots, u(2N-1)) \in \mathbf{C}^{2N}$ , there exists a positive constant  $C$  which is independent of  $\mathbf{u}$ , such that the discrete Sobolev inequality

$$(2.2) \quad \left( \max_{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1} |u(j)| \right)^2 \leq C \|\mathbf{u}\|_H^2$$

holds. Among such  $C$ , for any  $j_0$  ( $0 \leq j_0 \leq 2N-1$ ), the best constant is

$$C_0(a) = \max_{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1} {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}(a) \delta_j = {}^t\delta_{j_0} \mathbf{G}(a) \delta_{j_0} = \frac{N + 2Na + a^2}{a(N+a)(2N+a)}.$$

If we replace  $C$  by  $C_0(a)$  in (2.2), the equality holds if and only if  $\mathbf{u}$  is parallel to

$$\mathbf{G}(a) \delta_{j_0} = \frac{1}{N+a} \left( \delta(i-j_0) + \frac{1}{2a} - \frac{(-1)^{i-j_0}}{2(2N+a)} \right)_{0 \leq i \leq 2N-1}.$$

**Theorem 2.3.** For any  $\mathbf{u}(t) = {}^t(u(0,t), u(1,t), \dots, u(2N-1,t)) \in \mathbf{C}^{2N}$ , there exists a positive constant  $C$  which is independent of  $\mathbf{u}(t)$ , such that the discrete Sobolev-type inequality

$$(2.3) \quad \left( \sup_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1 \\ -\infty < s < \infty}} |u(j,s)| \right)^2 \leq C \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \left( \frac{d}{dt} + \mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I} \right) \mathbf{u}(t) \right\|^2 dt$$

holds. Among such  $C$ , the best constant is

$$C_1(a) = \frac{1}{2} C_0(a),$$

where  $C_0(a)$  is given in Theorem 2.2. If we replace  $C$  by  $C_1(a)$  in (2.3), for any  $j_0$  ( $0 \leq j_0 \leq 2N - 1$ ), the equality holds if and only if  $\mathbf{u}(t)$  is parallel to

$$(2.4) \quad \int_{|t|}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} e^{-a\sigma} \mathbf{H}(\sigma) \delta_{j_0} d\sigma = \frac{1}{2(N+a)} \left( e^{-(N+a)|t|} \delta(i - j_0) + \frac{N+a}{2Na} e^{-a|t|} - \frac{1}{2N} e^{-(N+a)|t|} - \frac{(-1)^{i-j_0}}{2N} e^{-(N+a)|t|} + \frac{(-1)^{i-j_0}(N+a)}{2N(2N+a)} e^{-(2N+a)|t|} \right)_{0 \leq i \leq 2N-1} \quad (-\infty < t < \infty).$$

In our previous papers, we obtained the best constant of the discrete Sobolev inequalities (2.1) and (2.2) on graphs such as the complete graph  $K_N$  [10],  $N$ -sided polygons [4, 5, 9], regular polyhedra [2, 7, 8], and truncated regular polyhedra [1, 3, 6].

### 3. DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS

Let us put  $\omega$  as  $\omega = \exp(\sqrt{-1} \pi/N)$  which satisfies  $\omega^{2N} = 1$  and put normalized orthogonal vectors as

$$\varphi_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2N}} {}^t(\cdots, \omega^{ik}, \cdots)_{0 \leq i \leq 2N-1} \quad (0 \leq k \leq 2N - 1),$$

which satisfies  $\varphi_l^* \varphi_k = \delta(k - l)$ . Hereafter, we introduce some  $2N \times 2N$  matrices.  $\mathbf{Q}$  is defined as

$$\mathbf{Q} = \left( \varphi_0 \cdots \varphi_{2N-1} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2N}} \left( \omega^{ij} \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq 2N-1}.$$

$\mathbf{E}_k$  are orthogonal projection matrices defined as

$$\mathbf{E}_k = \varphi_k \varphi_k^* = \frac{1}{2N} \left( \omega^{(i-j)k} \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq 2N-1} \quad (0 \leq k \leq 2N - 1),$$

which satisfy  $\mathbf{E}_k \mathbf{E}_l = \delta(k - l) \mathbf{E}_k$  and  $\mathbf{E}_k^* = \mathbf{E}_k$ . Using  $\mathbf{E}_k$ , we have the spectral decomposition of  $\mathbf{I}$  as

$$(3.1) \quad \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q}^* = \sum_{k=0}^{2N-1} \varphi_k \varphi_k^* = \sum_{k=0}^{2N-1} \mathbf{E}_k.$$

$L$  is a rotate-left matrix defined as

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 1 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \left( \delta(i-j+1) \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq 2N-1},$$

which satisfies  $L^* = {}^t L = L^{-1} = L^{2N-1}$  and

$$L^k = \left( \delta(i-j+k) \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq 2N-1} \quad (0 \leq k \leq 2N-1), \quad L^{2N} = I.$$

Thus  $L$  is a unitary matrix.  $L$  has eigenvalues  $\omega^k$  ( $0 \leq k \leq 2N-1$ ) corresponding to the normalized orthogonal eigenvectors  $\varphi_k$  ( $0 \leq k \leq 2N-1$ ). So  $L$  is diagonalized by the matrix  $Q$  as

$$L = Q\widehat{L}Q^*, \quad \widehat{L} = \left( \omega^i \delta(i-j) \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq 2N-1}.$$

Using  $E_k$ , we have the spectral decomposition of  $L$  as

$$(3.2) \quad L = Q\widehat{L}Q^* = \sum_{k=0}^{2N-1} \omega_k \varphi_k \varphi_k^* = \sum_{k=0}^{2N-1} \omega^k E_k.$$

Using (3.1) and (3.2), we rewrite  $A$  given in (1.1) as

$$A = NI - \sum_{k=0}^{2N-1} L^{2k+1} = NQQ^* - \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} Q\widehat{L}^{2k+1}Q^* = Q\widehat{A}Q^*,$$

where

$$\widehat{A} = NI - \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \widehat{L}^{2k+1} = \left( \lambda_i \delta(i-j) \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq 2N-1},$$

$$\lambda_i = N - \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \omega^{i(2k+1)} = \begin{cases} 0 & (i=0) \\ N & (i \neq 0 \text{ and } i \neq N) \\ 2N & (i=N) \end{cases}.$$

Hence  $A$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_k$  ( $0 \leq k \leq 2N-1$ ) corresponding to the normalized orthogonal eigenvectors  $\varphi_k$  ( $0 \leq k \leq 2N-1$ ). Then, the Jordan canonical form of  $A$  is given as

$$A = Q\widehat{A}Q^*, \quad \widehat{A} = \left( \lambda_i \delta(i-j) \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq 2N-1}.$$

Using  $E_k$ , we have the spectral decomposition of  $A$  as

$$(3.3) \quad A = Q\widehat{A}Q^* = \sum_{k=0}^{2N-1} \lambda_k \varphi_k \varphi_k^* = \sum_{k=0}^{2N-1} \lambda_k E_k = N(I - E_0 + E_N).$$

First, we explain three difference equations concerning the discrete heat kernel (1.3), the Green's matrix (1.4) and the pseudo Green's matrix (1.5).

**Proposition 3.1.** *For any  $\mathbf{f}(t) \in \mathbf{C}^{2N}$ , the discrete heat equation*

$$(3.4) \quad \left( \frac{d}{dt} + \mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I} \right) \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}(t) \quad (-\infty < t < \infty)$$

has the unique solution given as

$$(3.5) \quad \mathbf{u}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{H}_*(t-s) \mathbf{f}(s) ds \quad (-\infty < t < \infty),$$

$$(3.6) \quad \mathbf{H}_*(t) = Y(t)e^{-at} \mathbf{H}(t) \quad (-\infty < t < \infty),$$

where  $Y(t) = 1$  ( $0 \leq t < \infty$ ),  $0$  ( $-\infty < t < 0$ ) is the Heaviside step function and  $\mathbf{H}(t)$  is the discrete heat kernel expressed as

$$(3.7) \quad \mathbf{H}(t) = \exp(-\mathbf{A}t) = e^{-Nt} \mathbf{I} + (1 - e^{-Nt}) \mathbf{E}_0 - (e^{-Nt} - e^{-2Nt}) \mathbf{E}_N = \left( e^{-Nt} \delta(i-j) + \frac{1}{2N} (1 - e^{-Nt}) - \frac{(-1)^{i-j}}{2N} (e^{-Nt} - e^{-2Nt}) \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq 2N-1}.$$

The concrete forms of  $\mathbf{H}(t) = \mathbf{H}_N(t)$  ( $N = 1, 2, 3$ ) are as follows:

$$\mathbf{H}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} h_0 & h_1 \\ h_1 & h_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} h_0 \\ h_1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + e^{-2t} \\ 1 - e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} h_0 & h_1 & h_2 & h_1 \\ h_1 & h_0 & h_1 & h_2 \\ h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & h_1 \\ h_1 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} h_0 \\ h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} (1 + e^{-2t})^2 \\ 1 - e^{-4t} \\ (1 - e^{-2t})^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{H}_3(t) = \begin{pmatrix} h_0 & h_1 & h_2 & h_1 & h_2 & h_1 \\ h_1 & h_0 & h_1 & h_2 & h_1 & h_2 \\ h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & h_1 & h_2 & h_1 \\ h_1 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & h_1 & h_2 \\ h_2 & h_1 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & h_1 \\ h_1 & h_2 & h_1 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} h_0 \\ h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 4e^{-3t} + e^{-6t} \\ 1 - e^{-6t} \\ (1 - e^{-3t})^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Proof of Proposition 3.1** Using the Fourier transform

$$\mathbf{u}(t) \xrightarrow{\widehat{\phantom{x}}} \widehat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\sqrt{-1}\omega t} \mathbf{u}(t) dt,$$

we transform (3.4) into

$$(\sqrt{-1}\omega \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I}) \widehat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega) = \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(\omega) \quad (-\infty < \omega < \infty).$$

Solving this relation, we have  $\widehat{\mathbf{u}}(\omega) = \widehat{\mathbf{H}}_*(\omega) \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(\omega)$ , where

$$\widehat{\mathbf{H}}_*(\omega) = (\sqrt{-1}\omega\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I})^{-1} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\sqrt{-1}\omega t} Y(t) e^{-at} \mathbf{H}(t) dt.$$

Using the inverse Fourier transform, we have (3.5) and (3.6). From

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}(t) &= \exp(-\mathbf{A}t) = \mathbf{Q} \exp(-\widehat{\mathbf{A}}t) \mathbf{Q}^* = \sum_{k=0}^{2N-1} e^{-\lambda_k t} \mathbf{E}_k = \\ &= \mathbf{E}_0 + e^{-Nt} (\mathbf{E}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{E}_{N-1} + \mathbf{E}_{N+1} + \cdots + \mathbf{E}_{2N-1}) + e^{-2Nt} \mathbf{E}_N = \\ &= \mathbf{E}_0 + e^{-Nt} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{E}_0 - \mathbf{E}_N) + e^{-2Nt} \mathbf{E}_N, \end{aligned}$$

we have (3.7). It should be noted that  $\mathbf{H}_*(t)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{d}{dt} + \mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I} \right) \mathbf{H}_*(t) &= \mathbf{O}, \\ \mathbf{H}_*(t-s) \Big|_{s=t-0} - \mathbf{H}_*(t-s) \Big|_{s=t+0} &= \mathbf{I} \quad (-\infty < t < \infty). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 3.1. ■

**Proposition 3.2.** *For any  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbf{C}^{2N}$ , the difference equation  $(\mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I})\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$  has the unique solution given as  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{G}(a)\mathbf{f}$ , where  $\mathbf{G}(a)$  is the Green's matrix expressed as*

$$(3.8) \quad \mathbf{G}(a) = (\mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I})^{-1} = \frac{1}{N+a} \left( \mathbf{I} + \frac{N}{a} \mathbf{E}_0 - \frac{N}{2N+a} \mathbf{E}_N \right) = \frac{1}{N+a} \left( \delta(i-j) + \frac{1}{2a} - \frac{(-1)^{i-j}}{2(2N+a)} \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq 2N-1}.$$

The concrete forms of  $\mathbf{G}(a) = \mathbf{G}_N(a)$  ( $N = 1, 2, 3$ ) are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}_1(a) &= \begin{pmatrix} g_0 & g_1 \\ g_1 & g_0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \begin{pmatrix} g_0 \\ g_1 \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{1}{a(a+2)} \begin{pmatrix} a+1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{G}_2(a) &= \begin{pmatrix} g_0 & g_1 & g_2 & g_1 \\ g_1 & g_0 & g_1 & g_2 \\ g_2 & g_1 & g_0 & g_1 \\ g_1 & g_2 & g_1 & g_0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \begin{pmatrix} g_0 \\ g_1 \\ g_2 \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{1}{a(a+2)(a+4)} \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + 4a + 2 \\ a + 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$



$$\mathbf{G}_3(a) = \begin{pmatrix} g_0 & g_1 & g_2 & g_1 & g_2 & g_1 \\ g_1 & g_0 & g_1 & g_2 & g_1 & g_2 \\ g_2 & g_1 & g_0 & g_1 & g_2 & g_1 \\ g_1 & g_2 & g_1 & g_0 & g_1 & g_2 \\ g_2 & g_1 & g_2 & g_1 & g_0 & g_1 \\ g_1 & g_2 & g_1 & g_2 & g_1 & g_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_0 \\ g_1 \\ g_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{a(a+3)(a+6)} \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + 6a + 3 \\ a + 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Proof of Proposition 3.2** Using (3.1) and (3.3), we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2N-1} \mathbf{E}_k \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{I} \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f} = (\mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{u} = \sum_{k=0}^{2N-1} (\lambda_k + a) \mathbf{E}_k \mathbf{u}.$$

Multiplying  $\mathbf{E}_l$  on both sides of the above relation from the left and using the relation  $\mathbf{E}_k \mathbf{E}_l = \delta(k-l) \mathbf{E}_k$ , we obtain  $\mathbf{E}_l \mathbf{u} = (\lambda_l + a)^{-1} \mathbf{E}_l \mathbf{f}$ . Then, we see that

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{I} \mathbf{u} = \sum_{l=0}^{2N-1} \mathbf{E}_l \mathbf{u} = \sum_{l=0}^{2N-1} \frac{1}{\lambda_l + a} \mathbf{E}_l \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{G}(a) \mathbf{f},$$

$$\mathbf{G}(a) = \sum_{l=0}^{2N-1} \frac{1}{\lambda_l + a} \mathbf{E}_l =$$

$$\frac{1}{a} \mathbf{E}_0 + \frac{1}{2N+a} \mathbf{E}_N +$$

$$\frac{1}{N+a} (\mathbf{E}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{E}_{N-1} + \mathbf{E}_{N+1} + \cdots + \mathbf{E}_{2N-1}) =$$

$$\frac{1}{a} \mathbf{E}_0 + \frac{1}{2N+a} \mathbf{E}_N + \frac{1}{N+a} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{E}_0 - \mathbf{E}_N).$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 3.2. ■

**Proposition 3.3.** For any  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbf{C}^{2N}$  with the solvability condition  ${}^t \mathbf{1} \mathbf{f} = 0$ , the difference equation  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$  with the orthogonality condition  ${}^t \mathbf{1} \mathbf{u} = 0$  has the unique solution given as  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{G}_* \mathbf{f}$ , where  $\mathbf{G}_*$  is the pseudo Green's matrix expressed as

$$(3.9) \quad \mathbf{G}_* = \lim_{a \rightarrow +0} (\mathbf{G}(a) - a^{-1} \mathbf{E}_0) = \frac{1}{N} \left( \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{E}_0 - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E}_N \right) =$$

$$\frac{1}{4N^2} \begin{pmatrix} 4N\delta(i-j) - 2 - (-1)^{i-j} \\ \end{pmatrix}_{0 \leq i, j \leq 2N-1}.$$

The concrete forms of  $\mathbf{G}_* = \mathbf{G}_{*N}$  ( $N = 1, 2, 3$ ) are as follows:

$$\mathbf{G}_{*1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{G}_{*2} = \frac{1}{16} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 & -3 \\ -3 & -1 & 5 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 & -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{*3} = \frac{1}{36} \begin{pmatrix} 9 & -1 & -3 & -1 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & 9 & -1 & -3 & -1 & -3 \\ -3 & -1 & 9 & -1 & -3 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 & -1 & 9 & -1 & -3 \\ -3 & -1 & -3 & -1 & 9 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 & -1 & -3 & -1 & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Proof of Proposition 3.3** Using (3.1), (3.3) and  $\mathbf{E}_0 \mathbf{f} = N^{-1} \mathbf{1}^t \mathbf{1} \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$ , where  $\mathbf{0}$  is zero vector, we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2N-1} \mathbf{E}_k \mathbf{f} = \sum_{k=0}^{2N-1} \mathbf{E}_k \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{I} \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} = \sum_{k=1}^{2N-1} \lambda_k \mathbf{E}_k \mathbf{u}.$$

Multiplying  $\mathbf{E}_l$  on both sides of the above relation from the left and using the relation  $\mathbf{E}_k \mathbf{E}_l = \delta(k-l) \mathbf{E}_k$ , we obtain  $\mathbf{E}_l \mathbf{u} = \lambda_l^{-1} \mathbf{E}_l \mathbf{f}$  ( $1 \leq l \leq 2N-1$ ). Then, using  $\mathbf{E}_0 \mathbf{u} = (2N)^{-1} \mathbf{1}^t \mathbf{1} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ , we see that

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{I} \mathbf{u} = \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \mathbf{E}_l \mathbf{u} = \sum_{l=1}^{N-1} \mathbf{E}_l \mathbf{u} = \sum_{l=1}^{N-1} \lambda_l^{-1} \mathbf{E}_l \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{G}_* \mathbf{f},$$

where

$$\mathbf{G}_* = \sum_{l=1}^{N-1} \lambda_l^{-1} \mathbf{E}_l =$$

$$\frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{E}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{E}_{N-1} + \mathbf{E}_{N+1} + \cdots + \mathbf{E}_{2N-1}) + \frac{1}{2N} \mathbf{E}_N =$$

$$\frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{E}_0 - \mathbf{E}_N) + \frac{1}{2N} \mathbf{E}_N = \frac{1}{N} \left( \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{E}_0 - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E}_N \right).$$

On the otherhand, taking the limit as  $a \rightarrow +0$  on both sides of

$$\mathbf{G}(a) - a^{-1} \mathbf{E}_0 = \frac{1}{N+a} \left( \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{E}_0 - \frac{N}{2N+a} \mathbf{E}_N \right),$$

we have the same  $\mathbf{G}_*$ . This completes the proof of Proposition 3.3. ■

Next, we show that the diagonalvalues of  $\mathbf{G}_*$  and  $\mathbf{G}(a)$  are equal to the best constants of the discrete Sobolev inequalities (2.1) and (2.2), respectively. The most important fact is that the diagonal elements of  $\mathbf{G}_*$  and

$\mathbf{G}(a)$  are the same. Using the diagonalvalues of  $\mathbf{G}(a)$ , we have the square of  $L^2$  norm of  $\|\mathbf{H}_*(t)\delta_j\|$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *For any fixed  $j$  ( $0 \leq j \leq 2N - 1$ ), we have the following relations:*

$$(3.10) \quad {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}_* \delta_j = \frac{4N - 3}{4N^2},$$

$$(3.11) \quad {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}(a) \delta_j = \frac{N + 2Na + a^2}{a(N + a)(2N + a)},$$

$$(3.12) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\mathbf{H}_*(t)\delta_j\|^2 dt = \frac{1}{2} {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}(a) \delta_j.$$

**Proof of Lemma 3.1** (3.10) and (3.11) follows from (3.9) and (3.8), respectively. Noting  ${}^t\mathbf{H}(t) = \mathbf{H}(t)$ ,  $(\mathbf{H}(t))^2 = \mathbf{H}(2t)$  and (3.6), we have (3.12) as

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\mathbf{H}_*(t)\delta_j\|^2 dt &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} {}^t(\mathbf{H}_*(t)\delta_j) (\mathbf{H}_*(t)\delta_j) dt = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{H}_*(2t) \delta_j dt = \frac{1}{2} {}^t\delta_j \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{H}_*(\tau) d\tau \delta_j = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} {}^t\delta_j \int_0^{\infty} e^{-a\tau} \mathbf{H}(\tau) d\tau \delta_j = \frac{1}{2} {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}(a) \delta_j. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 3.1. ■

#### 4. REPRODUCING RELATION

We show that  $\mathbf{G}(a)$  and  $\mathbf{G}_*$  are a reproducing matrix for the inner products  $(\cdot, \cdot)_H$  and  $(\cdot, \cdot)_A$ , respectively.

**Lemma 4.1.** *For any  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{C}_0^{2N}$  and fixed  $j$  ( $0 \leq j \leq 2N - 1$ ), we have the following reproducing relations:*

$$(4.1) \quad u(j) = (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{G}_* \delta_j)_A.$$

$$(4.2) \quad {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}_* \delta_j = \|\mathbf{G}_* \delta_j\|_A^2.$$

**Proof of Lemma 4.1** Noting  $\mathbf{G}_*^* = \mathbf{G}_*$ , we have (4.1) as

$$(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{G}_* \delta_j)_A = {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}_* \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} = {}^t\delta_j (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{E}_0) \mathbf{u} = {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{1}^t \mathbf{1} \mathbf{u} = u(j).$$

Putting  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{G}_* \delta_j$  in (4.1), we obtain (4.2). ■

**Lemma 4.2.** *For any  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{C}^{2N}$  and fixed  $j$  ( $0 \leq j \leq 2N - 1$ ), we have the following reproducing relations:*

$$(4.3) \quad u(j) = (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{G}(a) \delta_j)_H.$$

$$(4.4) \quad {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}(a) \delta_j = \|\mathbf{G}(a) \delta_j\|_H^2.$$

**The proof of Lemma 4.2** Noting  $(\mathbf{G}(a))^* = \mathbf{G}(a)$ , we have (4.3) as

$$(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{G}(a) \delta_j)_H = {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}(a) (\mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{u} = {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{I} \mathbf{u} = u(j).$$

Putting  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{G}(a) \delta_j$  in (4.3), we obtain (4.4). ■

## 5. PROOF OF THEOREMS

This section is devoted to the proof of main theorems.

**Proof of Theorem 2.1** For any  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{C}_0^{2N}$ , applying the Schwarz inequality to (4.1) and using (4.2), we have

$$|u(j)|^2 \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|_A^2 \|\mathbf{G}_* \delta_j\|_A^2 = {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}_* \delta_j \|\mathbf{u}\|_A^2.$$

Taking the maximum with respect to  $j$  on both sides, we obtain the discrete Sobolev inequality

$$(5.1) \quad \left( \max_{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1} |u(j)| \right)^2 \leq C_0 \|\mathbf{u}\|_A^2,$$

where for any  $j_0$  ( $0 \leq j_0 \leq 2N-1$ ), we put

$$C_0 = \max_{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1} {}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}_* \delta_j = {}^t\delta_{j_0} \mathbf{G}_* \delta_{j_0}.$$

From the above inequality (5.1),  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_A^2 = 0$  holds if and only if  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ . This shows that the sesquilinear form  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})_A$  is an inner product of vector space  $\mathbf{C}_0^N$ . If we take  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{G}_* \delta_{j_0}$  in (5.1), then we have

$$\left( \max_{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1} |{}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}_* \delta_{j_0}| \right)^2 \leq C_0 \|\mathbf{G}_* \delta_{j_0}\|_A^2 = (C_0)^2.$$

Combining this with the trivial inequality

$$(C_0)^2 = |{}^t\delta_{j_0} \mathbf{G}_* \delta_{j_0}|^2 \leq \left( \max_{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1} |{}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}_* \delta_{j_0}| \right)^2,$$

we have

$$\left( \max_{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1} |{}^t\delta_j \mathbf{G}_* \delta_{j_0}| \right)^2 = C_0 \|\mathbf{G}_* \delta_{j_0}\|_A^2.$$

This shows that  $C_0$  is the best constant of (5.1) and the equality holds for any column of  $\mathbf{G}_*$ . The concrete form of  $C_0$  is given in (3.10). This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1. ■

**Proof of Theorem 2.2** We can show Theorem 2.2 in the same way as Theorem 2.1. So we omit the proof of Theorem 2.2. ■

**Proof of Theorem 2.3** Replacing  $t$  by  $s$  in (3.5), we have

$$\mathbf{u}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{H}_*(s-t) \mathbf{f}(t) dt,$$

or equivalently

$$(5.2) \quad u(j, s) = {}^t \delta_j \mathbf{u}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} {}^t \delta_j \mathbf{H}_*(s-t) \mathbf{f}(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} {}^t \left( \mathbf{H}_*(s-t) \delta_j \right) \mathbf{f}(t) dt.$$

Applying the Schwarz inequality to (5.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |u(j, s)|^2 &\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\mathbf{H}_*(s-t) \delta_j\|^2 dt \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\mathbf{f}(t)\|^2 dt = \\ &\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\mathbf{H}_*(t) \delta_j\|^2 dt \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \left( \frac{d}{dt} + \mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I} \right) \mathbf{u}(t) \right\|^2 dt, \end{aligned}$$

where we use (3.4). Taking the supremum with respect to  $j$  and  $s$ , we obtain the discrete Sobolev-type inequality

$$(5.3) \quad \left( \sup_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1 \\ -\infty < s < \infty}} |u(j, s)| \right)^2 \leq C_1(a) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \left( \frac{d}{dt} + \mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I} \right) \mathbf{u}(t) \right\|^2 dt,$$

where for any  $j_0$  ( $0 \leq j_0 \leq 2N-1$ ), we put

$$C_1(a) = \max_{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\mathbf{H}_*(t) \delta_j\|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\mathbf{H}_*(t) \delta_{j_0}\|^2 dt.$$

Here, we introduce the vector  $\mathbf{U}(t)$  defined as

$$(5.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{U}(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{H}_*(t-s) \mathbf{H}_*(-s) \delta_{j_0} ds, \\ U(j, t) &= {}^t \delta_j \mathbf{U}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} {}^t \delta_j \mathbf{H}_*(t-s) \mathbf{H}_*(-s) \delta_{j_0} ds. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sup_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1 \\ -\infty < s < \infty}} |U(j, s)| \right)^2 &\leq C_1(a) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \left( \frac{d}{dt} + \mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I} \right) \mathbf{U}(t) \right\|^2 dt = \\ C_1(a) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\mathbf{H}_*(-t) \delta_{j_0}\|^2 dt &= (C_1(a))^2. \end{aligned}$$

Combining this with the trivial inequality

$$(C_1(a))^2 = |U(j_0, 0)|^2 \leq \left( \sup_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1 \\ -\infty < s < \infty}} |U(j, s)| \right)^2,$$

we have

$$\left( \sup_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2N-1 \\ -\infty < s < \infty}} |U(j, s)| \right)^2 = C_1(a) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \left( \frac{d}{dt} + \mathbf{A} + a\mathbf{I} \right) \mathbf{U}(t) \right\|^2 dt.$$

This shows that  $C_1(a)$  is the best constant of (5.3) and the equality holds for  $\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{U}(t)$ . The concrete form of  $C_1(a)$  is given in (3.12). From (5.4), we have

$$(5.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{U}(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{H}_*(t-s) \mathbf{H}_*(-s) \delta_{j_0} ds = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Y(t-s) e^{-a(t-s)} \mathbf{H}(t-s) Y(-s) e^{-a(-s)} \mathbf{H}(-s) \delta_{j_0} ds = \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{0 \wedge t} e^{-a(t-2s)} \mathbf{H}(t-2s) \delta_{j_0} ds, \end{aligned}$$

where  $x \vee y = \max\{x, y\}$  and  $x \wedge y = \min\{x, y\}$  satisfies the relation

$$\begin{cases} x \vee y + x \wedge y = x + y \\ x \vee y - x \wedge y = |x - y| \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x \vee y = \frac{1}{2}(x + y + |x - y|) \\ x \wedge y = \frac{1}{2}(x + y - |x - y|) \end{cases}.$$

From this relation, we have

$$0 \wedge t = \frac{1}{2}(0 + t - |0 - t|) = \frac{1}{2}(t - |t|).$$

For (5.5), if we replace  $\sigma = t - 2s$

$$\frac{s}{\sigma} \begin{array}{c|c} -\infty & \rightarrow & 0 \wedge t \\ \infty & \rightarrow & |t| \end{array} \quad ds = -\frac{1}{2} d\sigma,$$

then we have (2.4). This completes the proof of Theorem 2.3. ■

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