# Isoperimetric Inequalities for the Cauchy-Dirichlet Heat Operator 

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#### Abstract

In this paper we prove that the first $s$-number of the Cauchy-Dirichlet heat operator is minimized in a circular cylinder among all Euclidean cylindric domains of a given measure. It is an analogue of the Rayleigh-Faber-Krahn inequality for the heat operator. We also prove a Hong-Krahn-Szegö and a Payne-Pólya-Weinberger type inequalities for the Cauchy-Dirichlet heat operator.


## 1. Introduction

The classical Rayleigh-Faber-Krahn inequality asserts that the first eigenvalue of the Laplacian with the Dirichlet boundary condition in $\mathbb{R}^{d}, d \geq 2$, is minimized in a ball among all domains of the same measure. However, the minimum of the second Dirichlet Laplacian eigenvalue is achieved by the union of two identical balls. This fact is called a Hong-Krahn-Szegö inequality. In this paper analogues of both inequalities are proved for the heat operator. That is, we prove that the first s-number of the CauchyDirichlet heat operator is minimized in the circular cylinder among all Euclidean cylindric domains of a given measure and the second s-number of the Cauchy-Dirichlet heat operator is minimized in the union of two identical circular cylinders among all Euclidean cylindric domains of a given measure.

Payne, Pólya and Weinberger (see [6] and [7]) studied the ratio $\frac{\lambda_{2}(\Omega)}{\lambda_{1}(\Omega)}$ for the Dirichlet Laplacian and conjectured that the ratio $\frac{\lambda_{2}(\Omega)}{\lambda_{1}(\Omega)}$ is maximized in the disk among all domains of the same area. In 1991 Ashbaugh and Benguria [1] proved this conjecture for any bounded domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{d}$. In the present paper we also investigate that the same ratio for $s$-numbers of the Cauchy-Dirichlet heat operator and prove an analogue of this Payne-Pólya-Weinberger inequality for the heat operator. These isoperimetric inequalities have been mainly studied for the Laplacian related operators, for example, for the $p$-Laplacians and biLaplacians. However, there are also many papers on this subject for other type of compact operators. For

[^0]instance, in the recent work [8] the authors proved Rayleigh-Faber-Krahn type inequality and Hong-KrahnSzegö type inequality for the Riesz potential (see also [9], [10] and [11]). All these works were for self-adjoint operators. Our main goal is to extend those known isoperimetric inequalities for non-self-adjoint operators (see, e.g. [4]). The main reason why the results are useful, beyond the intrinsic interest of geometric extremum problems, is that they produce a priori bounds for spectral invariants of operators on arbitrary domains.

Summarizing our main results of the present paper, we prove the following facts:

- Rayleigh-Faber-Krahn type inequality: the first s-number of the Cauchy-Dirichlet heat operator is minimized on the circular cylinder among all Euclidean cylindric domains of a given measure;
- Hong-Krahn-Szegö type inequality: the minimizer domain of the second s-number of the CauchyDirichlet heat operator among cylindric bounded open sets with a given measure is achieved by the union of two identical circular cylinders ;
- Payne-Pólya-Weinberger type inequality: the ratio $\frac{s_{2}}{s_{1}}$ is maximized in the circular cylinder among all cylindric domains of a given measure;

In Section 2 we discuss some necessary tools. In Section 3 we present main results of this paper and their proofs.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let $D=\Omega \times(0, T)$ be a cylindrical domain, where $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{d}$ is a simply-connected set with smooth boundary $\partial \Omega$. We consider the heat operator with the Cauchy-Dirichlet problem (see, for example, [12]) $\diamond: L^{2}(D) \rightarrow L^{2}(D)$ in the form

$$
\diamond u(x, t):=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t}-\Delta_{x} u(x, t),  \tag{1}\\
u(x, 0)=0, \quad x \in \Omega, \\
u(x, t)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega, \quad \forall t \in(0, T) .
\end{array}\right.
$$

The operator $\diamond$ is a non-selfadjoint operator in $L^{2}(D)$. An adjoint operator $\diamond^{*}$ to operator $\diamond$ is

$$
\diamond^{*} v(x, t)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
-\frac{\partial v(x, t)}{\partial t}-\Delta_{x} v(x, t)  \tag{2}\\
v(x, T)=0, \quad x \in \Omega \\
v(x, t)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega, \quad \forall t \in(0, T) .
\end{array}\right.
$$

Recall that if $A$ is a compact operator, then the eigenvalues of the operator $\left(A^{*} A\right)^{1 / 2}$, where $A^{*}$ is the adjoint operator to $A$, are called s-numbers of the operator $A$ (see e.g. [2]). A direct calculation gives that the operator $\diamond^{*} \diamond$ has the formula

$$
\diamond^{*} \diamond u(x, t)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
-\frac{\partial^{2} u(x, t)}{\partial t^{2}}+\Delta_{x}^{2} u(x, t)  \tag{3}\\
u(x, 0)=0, \quad x \in \Omega \\
\left.\frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t}\right|_{t=T}-\left.\Delta_{x} u(x, t)\right|_{t=T}=0, \quad x \in \Omega \\
u(x, t)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega, \quad \forall t \in(0, T) \\
\Delta_{x} u(x, t)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega, \quad \forall t \in(0, T)
\end{array}\right.
$$

## 3. Main Results and their Proofs

We consider a (circular) cylinder $C=B \times(0, T)$ where $B \subset \mathbb{R}^{d}$ is an open ball. Let $\Omega$ be a simply-connected set with smooth boundary $\partial \Omega$ with $|B|=|\Omega|$, where $|\Omega|$ is the Lebesgue measure of the domain $\Omega$.

Let us introduce operators $T, L: L^{2}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^{2}(\Omega)$

$$
T z(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
-\Delta z(x)  \tag{4}\\
z(x)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega
\end{array}\right.
$$

and we denote an eigenvalue of $T$ by $\mu$.
Similarly,

$$
L z(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\Delta^{2} z(x)  \tag{5}\\
z(x)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega \\
\Delta z(x)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega
\end{array}\right.
$$

and we denote an eigenvalue of $L$ by $\lambda$.
Lemma 3.1. The first eigenvalue of the operator $L$ is minimized in the ball B among all domains $\Omega$ of the same measure with $|B|=|\Omega|$.

Proof. The Rayleigh-Faber-Krahn inequality is valid for the Dirichlet Laplacian, that is, the ball is a minimizer of the first eigenvalue of the operator $T$ among all domains $\Omega$ with $|B|=|\Omega|$. A straightforward calculation from (4) gives that

$$
T^{2} z(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\Delta^{2} z(x)=\mu^{2} z(x)  \tag{6}\\
z(x)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega \\
\Delta z(x)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega
\end{array}\right.
$$

Thus, $T^{2}=L$ and $\mu^{2}=\lambda$. Now using the Rayleigh-Faber-Krahn inequality we establish $\lambda_{1}(B)=\mu_{1}^{2}(B) \leq$ $\mu_{1}^{2}(\Omega)=\lambda_{1}(\Omega)$, i.e. $\lambda_{1}(B) \leq \lambda_{1}(\Omega)$.

Theorem 3.2. The first s-number of the operator $\diamond$ is minimized in the circular cylinder $C$ among all cylindric domains of a given measure, that is,

$$
s_{1}(C) \leq s_{1}(D)
$$

for all $D$ with $|D|=|C|$.
Proof. Recall that $D=\Omega \times(0, T)$ is a bounded measurable set in $\mathbb{R}^{d+1}$. Its symmetric rearrangement $C=B \times(0, T)$ is the circular cylinder with the measure equals to the measure of $D$, i.e. $|D|=|C|$. Let $u$ be a nonnegative measurable function in $D$, such that all its positive level sets have finite measure. With the definition of the symmetric-decreasing rearrangement of $u$ we can use the layer-cake decomposition [5], which expresses a nonnegative function $u$ in terms of its level sets as

$$
\begin{equation*}
u(x, t)=\int_{0}^{\infty} \chi_{\{u(x, t)>z\}} d z, \quad \forall t \in(0, T) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\chi$ is the characteristic function of the domain. The function

$$
\begin{equation*}
u^{*}(x, t)=\int_{0}^{\infty} \chi_{\{u(x, t)>z\}^{*}} d z, \quad \forall t \in(0, T) \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

is called the (radially) symmetric-decreasing rearrangement of a nonnegative measurable function $u$.
Consider the following spectral problem

$$
\diamond^{*} \diamond u=s u
$$

$$
\diamond^{*} \Delta u(x, t)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
-\frac{\partial^{2} u(x, t)}{\partial t^{2}}+\Delta_{x}^{2} u(x, t)=s u(x, t)  \tag{9}\\
u(x, 0)=0, \quad x \in \Omega \\
\left.\frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t}\right|_{t=T}-\left.\Delta_{x} u(x, t)\right|_{t=T}=0, \quad x \in \Omega \\
u(x, t)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega, \quad \forall t \in(0, T) \\
\Delta_{x} u(x, t)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega, \quad \forall t \in(0, T)
\end{array}\right.
$$

Our domain $D$ is the cylindrical domain, we can write $u(x, t)=X(x) \varphi(t)$ and $u_{1}(x, t)=X_{1}(x) \varphi_{1}(t)$ is the first eigenfunction of the operator $\diamond^{*} \diamond$. We can rewrite above fact,

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\varphi_{1}^{\prime \prime}(t) X_{1}(x)+\varphi_{1}(t) \Delta^{2} X_{1}(x)=s_{1} \varphi_{1}(t) X_{1}(x) \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

By the variational principle for the operator $\diamond^{*} \diamond$, we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
& s_{1}(D)=\frac{-\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{\prime \prime}(t) \varphi_{1}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} X_{1}^{2}(x) d x+\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} X_{1}(x) \Delta^{2} X_{1}(x) d x}{\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} X_{1}^{2}(x) d x} \\
& =\frac{-\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{\prime \prime}(t) \varphi_{1}(t) d t \int_{\Omega}\left(X_{1}(x)\right)^{2} d x+\mu_{1}^{2}(\Omega) \int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega}\left(X_{1}(x)\right)^{2} d x}{\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega}\left(X_{1}(x)\right)^{2} d x}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\mu_{1}(\Omega)$ is the first eigenvalue of the operator Laplace-Dirichlet.
For each non-negative function $X_{1} \in L^{2}(\Omega)$, we obtain (see [5])

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\Omega}\left|X_{1}(x)\right|^{2} d x=\int_{B}\left|X_{1}^{*}(x)\right|^{2} d x \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $X_{1}^{*}$ is the symmetric decreasing rearrangement of the function $X_{1}$.
Applying Lemma 3.1 and (11), we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
& s_{1}(D)=\frac{-\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{\prime \prime}(t) \varphi_{1}(t) d t \int_{\Omega}\left(X_{1}(x)\right)^{2} d x+\mu_{1}^{2}(\Omega) \int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega}\left(X_{1}(x)\right)^{2} d x}{\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega}\left(X_{1}(x)\right)^{2} d x} \\
& \geq \frac{-\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{\prime \prime}(t) \varphi_{1}(t) d t \int_{B}\left(X_{1}^{*}(x)\right)^{2} d x+\mu_{1}^{2}(B) \int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{B}\left(X_{1}^{*}(x)\right)^{2} d x}{\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{B}\left(X_{1}^{*}(x)\right)^{2} d x} \\
& =\frac{-\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{\prime \prime}(t) \varphi_{1}(t) d t \int_{B}\left(X_{1}^{*}(x)\right)^{2} d x+\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{B} X_{1}^{*}(x)\left(\mu_{1}^{2}(B) X_{1}^{*}(x)\right) d x}{\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{B}\left(X_{1}^{*}(x)\right)^{2} d x} \\
& =\frac{-\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{\prime \prime}(t) \varphi_{1}(t) d t \int_{B}\left(X_{1}^{*}(x)\right)^{2} d x+\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{B} X_{1}^{*}(x) \Delta^{2} X_{1}^{*}(x) d x}{\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{B}\left(X_{1}^{*}(x)\right)^{2} d x} \\
& =\frac{-\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B} u_{1}^{*}(x, t) \frac{\partial^{2} u_{1}^{*}(x, t)}{\partial t^{2}} d x d t+\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B} u_{1}^{*}(x, t) \Delta_{x}^{2} u_{1}^{*}(x, t) d x d t}{\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B}\left(u_{1}^{*}(x, t)\right)^{2} d x d t} \\
& \geq \inf _{z(x, t) \neq 0}^{-\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B} z(x, t) \frac{\partial^{2} z(x, t)}{\partial t^{2}} d x d t+\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B} z(x, t) \Delta_{x}^{2} z(x, t) d x d t} \int_{0}^{T} \int_{B} z^{2}(x, t) d x d t
\end{aligned}
$$

The proof is complete.

Corollary 3.3. The norm of the operator $\diamond^{-1}$ is maximized in the circular cylinder $C$ among all cylindric domains of a given measure, i.e. $\left\|\diamond^{-1}\right\|_{D} \leq\left\|\diamond^{-1}\right\|_{C}$.

Theorem 3.4. The second s-number of the operator $\diamond$ is minimized in the union of two identical circular cylinders among all cylindric domains of the same measure.

Let $D^{+}=\{(x, t): u(x, t)>0\}$, and $D^{-}=\{(x, t): u(x, t)<0\}$. In proofs we will use the notations

$$
u_{2}^{+}(x, t):= \begin{cases}u_{2}(x, t), & (x, t) \in D^{+} \\ 0, & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

and

$$
u_{2}^{-}(x, t):= \begin{cases}u_{2}(x, t), & (x, t) \in D^{-} \\ 0, & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

To proof Theorem 3.4 we need the following lemma:
Lemma 3.5. For the operator $\diamond{ }^{*} \diamond$ we obtain the equalities

$$
s_{1}\left(D^{+}\right)=s_{1}\left(D^{-}\right)=s_{2}(D)
$$

Proof. For the operator $T$ we have the following equality [3]

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{1}\left(\Omega^{+}\right)=\mu_{1}\left(\Omega^{-}\right)=\mu_{2}(\Omega) \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let us solve the spectral problem (9) by using Fourier's method in the domain $D^{ \pm}$, so

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
-\frac{\partial^{2} u(x, t)}{\partial t^{2}}+\Delta_{x}^{2} u(x, t)=s\left(D^{ \pm}\right) u(x, t)  \tag{13}\\
u(x, 0)=0, \quad x \in \Omega^{ \pm}, \\
\left.\frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t}\right|_{t=T}-\left.\Delta_{x} u(x, t)\right|_{t=T}=0, \quad x \in \Omega^{ \pm}, \\
u(x, t)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega^{ \pm}, \quad \forall t \in(0, T) \\
\Delta_{x} u(x, t)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega^{ \pm}, \quad \forall t \in(0, T)
\end{array}\right.
$$

Thus, we arrive at the spectral problems for $\varphi(t)$ and $X(x)$

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\Delta^{2} X(x)=\mu^{2}\left(\Omega^{ \pm}\right) X(x), \quad x \in \Omega^{ \pm}  \tag{14}\\
X(x)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega^{ \pm} \\
\Delta X(x)=0, \quad x \in \partial \Omega^{ \pm}
\end{array}\right.
$$

and

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\varphi^{\prime \prime}(t)+\left(s\left(D^{ \pm}\right)-\mu^{2}\left(\Omega^{ \pm}\right)\right) \varphi(t)=0, t \in(0, T)  \tag{15}\\
\varphi(0)=0 \\
\varphi^{\prime}(T)+\mu\left(\Omega^{ \pm}\right) \varphi(T)=0
\end{array}\right.
$$

It also gives that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tan \sqrt{s\left(D^{ \pm}\right)-\mu^{2}\left(\Omega^{ \pm}\right)} T=-\frac{\sqrt{s\left(D^{ \pm}\right)-\mu^{2}\left(\Omega^{ \pm}\right)}}{\mu\left(\Omega^{ \pm}\right)} . \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now for the domains $D$ and $D^{ \pm}$we have

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\tan \sqrt{s_{1}\left(D^{+}\right)-\mu_{1}^{2}\left(\Omega^{+}\right)} T=-\frac{\sqrt{s_{1}\left(D^{+}\right)-\mu_{1}^{2}\left(\Omega^{+}\right)}}{\mu_{1}\left(\Omega^{+}\right)} \\
\tan \sqrt{s_{1}\left(D^{-}\right)-\mu_{1}^{2}\left(\Omega^{-}\right)} T=-\frac{\sqrt{s_{1}\left(D^{-}\right)-\mu_{1}^{2}\left(\Omega^{-}\right)}}{\mu_{1}\left(\Omega^{-}\right)} \\
\tan \sqrt{s_{2}(D)-\mu_{2}^{2}(\Omega)}, \\
=-\frac{\sqrt{s_{2}(D)-\mu_{2}^{2}(\Omega)}}{\mu_{2}(\Omega)}
\end{array}\right.
$$

By using (12) we establish that

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\tan \sqrt{s_{1}\left(D^{+}\right)-\mu_{1}^{2}\left(\Omega^{-}\right)} T=-\frac{\sqrt{s_{1}\left(D^{+}\right)-\mu_{1}^{2}\left(\Omega^{-}\right)}}{\mu_{1}\left(\Omega^{-}\right)} \\
\tan \sqrt{s_{1}\left(D^{-}\right)-\mu_{1}^{2}\left(\Omega^{-}\right)} T=-\frac{\sqrt{s_{1}\left(D^{-}\right)-\mu_{1}^{2}\left(\Omega^{-}\right)}}{\mu_{1}\left(\Omega^{-}\right)} \\
\tan \sqrt{s_{2}(D)-\mu_{1}^{2}\left(\Omega^{-}\right)} T=-\frac{\sqrt{s_{2}(D)-\mu_{1}^{2}\left(\Omega^{-}\right)}}{\mu_{1}\left(\Omega^{-}\right)}
\end{array}\right.
$$

Finally, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
s_{1}\left(D^{+}\right)=s_{1}\left(D^{-}\right)=s_{2}(D) \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. [Proof of Theorem 3.4] Let us state the spectral problem for the second s-number of the CauchyDirichlet heat operator (that is, the second eigenvalue of (3)) in the circular cylinder $C$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
s_{2}(C) v_{2}(x, t)=-\frac{\partial^{2} v_{2}(x, t)}{\partial t^{2}}+\Delta_{x}^{2} v_{2}(x, t) \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $v_{2}(x, t)$ is the second eigenfunction of the operator $\diamond^{*} \diamond$ in the circular cylinder $C$.
Let $B=B^{+} \cup B^{-}$. Then by multiplying $v_{2}^{+}(x, t)$ to (18) and integrating over $B^{+} \times(0, T)$ we establish,

$$
\begin{align*}
s_{2}(C) \int_{0}^{T} \int_{B^{+}} v_{2}(x, t) v_{2}^{+}(x, t) d x d t & =s_{2}(C) \int_{0}^{T} \int_{B^{+}}\left(v_{2}^{+}(x, t)\right)^{2} d x d t \\
=-\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B^{+}} v_{2}^{+}(x, t) \frac{\partial^{2} v_{2}(x, t)}{\partial t^{2}} d x d t & +\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B^{+}} v_{2}^{+}(x, t) \Delta_{x}^{2} v_{2}(x, t) d x d t \\
& =-\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B^{+}} v_{2}^{+}(x, t) \frac{\partial^{2} v_{2}^{+}(x, t)}{\partial t^{2}} d x d t+\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B^{+}} v_{2}^{+}(x, t) \Delta_{x}^{2} v_{2}^{+}(x, t) d x d t \tag{19}
\end{align*}
$$

After we get,

$$
\begin{align*}
s_{2}(C)=\frac{-\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B^{+}} v_{2}^{+}(x, t) \frac{\partial^{2} v_{2}^{+}(x, t)}{\partial t^{2}} d x d t+\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B^{+}} v_{2}^{+}(x, t) \Delta_{x}^{2} v_{2}^{+}(x, t) d x d t}{\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B^{+}}\left(v_{2}^{+}(x, t)\right)^{2} d x d t} \\
\leq \sup _{z(x, t) \neq 0} \frac{-\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B^{+}} z(x, t) \frac{\partial^{2} z(x, t)}{\partial t^{2}} d x d t+\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B^{+}} z(x, t) \Delta_{x}^{2} z(x, t) d x d t}{\int_{0}^{T} \int_{B^{+}} z^{2}(x, t) d x d t}=s_{1}\left(C^{+}\right) \tag{20}
\end{align*}
$$

Similarly, if (18) multiplying by $v_{2}^{-}(x, t)$ and intergrating over $B^{-} \times(0, T)$, we have

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
s_{2}(C) \leq s_{1}\left(C^{+}\right)  \tag{21}\\
s_{2}(C) \leq s_{1}\left(C^{-}\right)
\end{array}\right.
$$

From the Rayleigh-Faber-Krahn inequality Theorem 3.2, we obtain

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
s_{1}\left(C^{+}\right) \leq s_{1}\left(D^{+}\right)  \tag{22}\\
s_{1}\left(C^{-}\right) \leq s_{1}\left(D^{-}\right)
\end{array}\right.
$$

By using Lemma 3.5 we arrive at

$$
s_{2}(C) \leq \min \left(s_{1}\left(C^{+}\right), s_{1}\left(C^{-}\right)\right) \leq s_{1}\left(D^{+}\right)=s_{1}\left(D^{-}\right)=s_{2}(D) .
$$

Theorem 3.6. The ratio $\frac{s_{2}(D)}{s_{1}(D)}$ is maximized in the circular cylinder $C$ among all cylindric domains of the same measure, i.e.

$$
\frac{s_{2}(D)}{s_{1}(D)} \leq \frac{s_{2}(C)}{s_{1}(C)}
$$

for all $D$ with $|D|=|C|$.
Proof. Let us restate the second and the first s-numbers in the forms

$$
\begin{align*}
& s_{2}(D)=\frac{-\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{\prime \prime}(t) \varphi_{1}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} X_{2}^{2}(x) d x}{}+\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} \Delta^{2} X_{2}(x) d x \\
& \int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} X_{2}^{2}(x) d x  \tag{23}\\
&=\frac{-\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{\prime \prime}(t) \varphi_{1}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} X_{2}^{2}(x) d x+\mu_{2}^{2}(\Omega) \int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} X_{2}^{2}(x) d x}{\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} X_{2}^{2}(x) d x}
\end{align*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{align*}
& s_{1}(D)=\frac{-\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{\prime \prime}(t) \varphi_{1}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} X_{1}^{2}(x) d x}{}+\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} \Delta^{2} X_{1}(x) d x \\
& \int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} X_{1}^{2}(x) d x  \tag{24}\\
&=\frac{-\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{\prime \prime}(t) \varphi_{1}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} X_{1}^{2}(x) d x+\mu_{1}^{2}(\Omega) \int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} X_{1}^{2}(x) d x}{\int_{0}^{T} \varphi_{1}^{2}(t) d t \int_{\Omega} X_{1}^{2}(x) d x} .
\end{align*}
$$

From [1] we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\mu_{2}(\Omega)}{\mu_{1}(\Omega)} \leq \frac{\mu_{2}(B)}{\mu_{1}(B)} \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

Applying this and (11) we obtain

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