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# On the band functions and Bloch functions 

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Abstract: In this paper, we consider the continuity of the band functions and Bloch functions of the differential operators generated by the differential expressions with periodic matrix coefficients.

Key words: Differential operator, band functions, Bloch functions

## 1. Introduction

In this paper, we consider the continuity of the Bloch eigenvalues, band functions and Bloch functions with respect to the quasimomentum of the differential operator $T$, generated in the space $L_{2}^{m}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ by formally self-adjoint differential expression

$$
\begin{equation*}
T u=\sum_{|\alpha|=2 s} Q_{\alpha} D_{\alpha} u+\sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1} Q_{\alpha}(x) D_{\alpha} u+B u \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $d \geq 1, \alpha=\left(\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \ldots, \alpha_{d}\right)$ is a multi-indeks, $|\alpha|=\alpha_{1}+\alpha_{2}+\cdots+\alpha_{d}$,

$$
D_{\alpha}=\left(\frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{1}}\right)^{\alpha_{1}}\left(\frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{2}}\right)^{\alpha_{2}} \ldots\left(\frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{d}}\right)^{\alpha_{d}}
$$

$Q_{\alpha}$, for each $\alpha$, is an $m \times m$ matrix. Here the entries of $Q_{\alpha}(x)$, for $|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1$, are bounded functions that are periodic with respect to a lattice $\Omega$, the entries of $Q_{\alpha}$, for $|\alpha|=2 s$, are real numbers and $B$ is a bounded operator commuting with the shift operators $S_{\omega}: u(x) \rightarrow u(x+\omega)$, for $\omega \in \Omega$. Note that $L_{2}^{m}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$ is the space of the vector-valued functions $f=\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{m}\right)$ with $f_{k} \in L_{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right)$, for $k=1,2, \ldots, m$.

To describe briefly the scheme of this paper, let us introduce the following notations. Let $\Gamma$ be the lattice dual to $\Omega$. Denote by $F$ and $F^{\star}$ the fundamental domains of the lattices $\Omega$ and $\Gamma$, respectively. Let $T_{t}$ be the operator generated in $L_{2}^{m}(F)$ by (1.1) and the quasiperiodic conditions

$$
\begin{equation*}
u(x+\omega)=e^{i\langle t, \omega\rangle} u(x), \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $t \in F^{\star}$ and $\langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle$ is the inner product in $\mathbb{R}^{d}$. Denote by $S B C(H)$ the set of below-bounded self-adjoint operators, with compact resolvents acting in the Hilbert space $H$. If

$$
\begin{equation*}
T_{t} \in S B C\left(L_{2}^{m}(F)\right) \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

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then the spectrum of $T_{t}$ consists of the eigenvalues. Let $\lambda_{1}(t), \lambda_{2}(t), \ldots$ be the eigenvalues of $T_{t}$ numerated in the nondecreasing order

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda_{1}(t) \leq \lambda_{2}(t) \leq \cdots \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

The eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of $T_{t}$, for $t \in F^{\star}$, are called the Bloch eigenvalues and Bloch functions of $T$, respectively. The function $\lambda_{n}: F^{\star} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be the $n$-th band function of $T$.

To investigate the continuity of the band functions and Bloch functions of $T$, first we study the continuity of the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions for the family $\left\{A_{t}: t \in E\right\}$ of the operators $A_{t} \in S B C(H)$, where $E$ is a metric space and $A_{t}$ continuously depends on $t \in E$ in the generalized sense defined in [2, Chap. 4, page 202]. For the simplicity of the notations, the parameter of the family $\left\{A_{t}: t \in E\right\}$ is also denoted by $t$, the eigenvalues of $A_{t}$ also are denoted by $\lambda_{1}(t), \lambda_{2}(t), \ldots$ and are numerated in the nondecreasing order as in the case $T_{t}$ (see (1.4)). In Theorems 2.4-2.6, we prove that the eigenvalue $\lambda_{n}(t)$ and corresponding eigenspace of $A_{t}$ continuously depend on $t \in E$. Moreover, we prove that if $\lambda_{n}\left(t_{0}\right)$ is a simple eigenvalue, then the eigenvalues $\lambda_{n}(t)$ are simple in some neighborhood of $t_{0}$ and the corresponding normalized eigenfunctions $\Psi_{n, t}$ of $A_{t}$ can be chosen so that $\left\|\Psi_{n, t}-\Psi_{n, t_{0}}\right\| \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow t_{0}$, where $\|\cdot\|$ is the norm of $H$. Then, we use these results for the family $\left\{T_{t}: t \in F^{\star}\right\}$ of the operators $T_{t}$. Namely, in Theorem 2.7 we prove that, if (1.3) and an additional condition (2.6) hold, then $T_{t}$ continuously depends on $t \in F^{\star}$ in the generalized sense and hence the results obtained for $A_{t}$ continue to hold for $T_{t}$. In order not to deviate from the purpose of this paper, we do not discuss the conditions on (1.1) under which (1.3) and (2.6) hold, since the consideration of these conditions is long technical. Nevertheless, in the end of this paper (see Corollary 2.8), we give an example which shows that the obtained results include the continuity of the band functions and Bloch functions of a large class of the differential operators generated by (1.1).

Note that, as was noted in the physical and mathematical literature (see for example the books $[1,3,5]$ and paper [4]), the continuity of the band functions of the Schrödinger operator with a periodic potential and some other periodic operators is well-known or immediately follows from the perturbation theory described in [2]. Here we do not discuss all the numerous investigations about this, and give only detailed proof of the continuity of the band functions and Bloch functions for the large class of the systems of differential operators by using the generalized convergence in the sense of [2]. Finally, we note that, using the results of [3, Chapter 13] in a standard way, one can easily verify that $T$ can be expressed as the direct integral of the operators $T_{t}$, for $t \in F^{\star}$ and that the spectrum of the operator $T$ is the union of the spectra of the operators $T_{t}$ for $t \in F^{\star}$.

## 2. Main results

First, we consider the general operators by using the generalized convergence of the closed operators defined in [2, Chap. 4, page 202]. Let us state the definition of the generalized convergence in the notation which is suitable for this investigation. Let $A$ and $B$ be self-adjoint operators in the Hilbert space $H$. Since the self-adjoint operators are closed, the graphs $G(A)=\{(u, A u): u \in D(A)\}$ and $G(B)=\{(u, B u): u \in D(B)\}$ of these operators are closed linear manifolds of the Hilbert space $H^{2}$. Let $S_{A}$ and $S_{B}$ be respectively the unit spheres of $G(A)$ and $G(B)$. The gap $g(T, S)$ between the self-adjoint operators $A$ and $B$ is defined as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
g(A, B)=\max \left\{\sup _{v \in S_{A}}\left(\inf _{w \in G(B)}\|w-v\|\right), \sup _{v \in S_{B}}\left(\inf _{w \in G(A)}\|w-v\|\right)\right\} . \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

We use the following definitions and theorems of [2].

Definition 2.1 (See [2, Chap. 4, page 202]). We say that the sequence of the closed operators $A_{n}$ converges to the closed operator $A$ in the generalized sense if $g\left(A_{n}, A\right) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

This convergence determines the following definition of continuity.

Definition 2.2 We say that, a family of the closed operators $A_{t}$ is continuous at $E$ in the generalized sense, if for each $t_{0} \in E$ and for any sequence $\left\{t_{n}\right\} \subset E$ converging to $t_{0}, g\left(A_{t_{n}}, A_{t_{0}}\right) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Besides these definitions, we use Theorems 3.1 and 3.16 of [2, see Chap. 4, pages 208 and 212]. Let us formulate these theorems in the suitable form by using the above notations. Theorem 3.1 of [2] states that if the closed curve $\gamma$ belongs to the resolvent set $\rho(A)$ of $A \in S B C(H)$, then there exists $\delta>0$ such that $\gamma \in \rho(B)$, for any operator $B \in S B C(H)$ with $g(A, B)<\delta$. Theorem 3.16 of [2] states that, in this case the numbers of the eigenvalues (counting the multiplicity) of $A$ and $B$ lying inside $\gamma$ are the same. Moreover,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\int_{\gamma}(A-\lambda I)^{-1} d \lambda-\int_{\gamma}(B-\lambda I)^{-1} d \lambda\right\| \rightarrow 0 \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

as $g(A, B) \rightarrow 0$.
Now using these statements, we consider a continuous family $\left\{A_{t} \in S B C(H): t \in E\right\}$ of the operators by using the following notations.

Notation 2.3 In (1.4), the eigenvalues of the operator $A_{t_{0}}$ are denoted by counting the multiplicity. Let us denote by $\mu_{1}\left(t_{0}\right), \mu_{2}\left(t_{0}\right), \ldots$ the eigenvalues of $A_{t_{0}}$ without counting the multiplicity. In other words, $\mu_{1}\left(t_{0}\right)<\mu_{2}\left(t_{0}\right)<\cdots$ are the eigenvalues of $A_{t_{0}}$ with the multiplicities $k_{1}, k_{2}, \ldots$, respectively. Since $\lambda_{n}\left(t_{0}\right) \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for each $n$ there exists $p$ such that $n \leq k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{p}$. This notation, together with the notation (1.4) implies that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{1}\left(t_{0}\right) & =\lambda_{2}\left(t_{0}\right)=\cdots=\lambda_{s_{1}}\left(t_{0}\right)=\mu_{1}\left(t_{0}\right) \\
\lambda_{s_{1}+1}\left(t_{0}\right) & =\lambda_{s_{1}+2}\left(t_{0}\right)=\cdots=\lambda_{s_{2}}\left(t_{0}\right)=\mu_{2}\left(t_{0}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\lambda_{s_{p-1}+1}\left(t_{0}\right)=\lambda_{s_{p-1}+2}\left(t_{0}\right)=\cdots=\lambda_{s_{p}}\left(t_{0}\right)=\mu_{p}\left(t_{0}\right)
$$

where $s_{p}=k_{1}+k_{2}+\cdots+k_{p}$ and $n \leq s_{p}$.
Now we prove the following theorems for the continuous family $\left\{A_{t} \in S B C(H): t \in E\right\}$.
Theorem 2.4 Let $\left\{A_{t}: t \in E\right\}$ be the continuous family of the operators $A_{t} \in S B C(H), t_{0} \in E$ and $\left\{t_{k} \in E: k \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$ be a sequence converging to $t_{0}$. Then, for every $r>0$ satisfying the inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
r<\frac{1}{2} \min _{j=1,2, \ldots p}\left(\mu_{j+1}\left(t_{0}\right)-\mu_{j}\left(t_{0}\right)\right) \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

there exists $N>0$ such that, each of the operators $A_{t_{k}}$, for $k>N$, has $k_{j}$ eigenvalues in the interval $\left(\mu_{j}\left(t_{0}\right)-r, \mu_{j}\left(t_{0}\right)+r\right)$, where $j=1,2, \ldots, p$, the numbers $p$ and $\mu_{j}\left(t_{0}\right)$ are defined in Notation 2.3. Moreover, the eigenvalues lying in $\left(\mu_{j}\left(t_{0}\right)-r, \mu_{j}\left(t_{0}\right)+r\right)$ are $\lambda_{s_{j-1}+1}\left(t_{k}\right), \lambda_{s_{j-1}+2}\left(t_{k}\right), \ldots, \lambda_{s_{j}}\left(t_{k}\right)$, where $s_{0}=0$ and $s_{j}$ 's, for $j \geq 1$, are defined in Notation 2.3.

Proof By (2.3), Definition 2.2 and Theorem 3.1 of [2], there exists $N>0$ such that the circle $D_{j}(r)=$ $\left\{z \in \mathbb{C}:\left|z-\mu_{j}\left(t_{0}\right)\right|=r\right\}$ belongs to the resolvent set of the operators $A_{t_{k}}$, for $k>N$. Therefore, by Theorem 3.16 of [2], $A_{t_{k}}$ has $k_{j}$ eigenvalues inside $D_{j}$. In the same way, we prove that $A_{t_{k}}$, for $k>N$, has no eigenvalues in the intervals $\left(-\infty, \mu_{1}\left(t_{0}\right)-r\right]$ and $\left[\mu_{j}\left(t_{0}\right)+r, \mu_{j+1}\left(t_{0}\right)-r\right]$, for $j=1,2, \ldots, p$, since $A_{t_{0}}$ has no eigenvalues in those intervals. Therefore, the eigenvalues of $A_{t_{k}}$, for $k>N$, lying in $\left(\mu_{j}\left(t_{0}\right)-r, \mu_{j}\left(t_{0}\right)+r\right)$ are $\lambda_{s_{j-1}+1}(t), \lambda_{s_{j-1}+2}(t), \ldots, \lambda_{s_{j}}(t)$, for $j=1,2, \ldots, p$.

Now, we are ready to prove the main results for this continuous family.

Theorem 2.5 Let $\left\{A_{t}: t \in E\right\}$ be the continuous family of the operators $A_{t} \in S B C(H)$. Then, the eigenvalues (1.4) of $A_{t}$ continuously depend on $t \in E$.

Proof Consider the sequence $r_{s} \rightarrow 0$. By Theorem 2.4, there exists $N_{s}$ such that, if $k>N_{s}$ then the eigenvalues $\lambda_{s_{j-1}+1}\left(t_{k}\right), \lambda_{s_{j-1}+2}\left(t_{k}\right), \ldots, \lambda_{s_{j}}\left(t_{k}\right)$ lie in $\left(\mu_{j}\left(t_{0}\right)-r_{s}, \mu_{j}\left(t_{0}\right)+r_{s}\right)$. Therefore, we have $\left|\lambda_{n}\left(t_{k}\right)-\lambda_{n}\left(t_{0}\right)\right|<$ $r_{s}$, for $k>N_{s}$, since $n \in\left[s_{j-1}+1, s_{j}\right]$ and $\lambda_{n}\left(t_{0}\right)=\mu_{j}\left(t_{0}\right)$ due to Notation 2.3. Now letting $s$ tend to infinity, we obtain that $\lambda_{n}\left(t_{k}\right) \rightarrow \lambda_{n}\left(t_{0}\right)$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, for any sequence $\left\{t_{k} \in E: k \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$ converging to $t_{0}$. Thus $\lambda_{n}$ is continuous at $t_{0}$.

Now, suppose that $\lambda_{n}\left(t_{0}\right)$ is a simple eigenvalue. Then, by Theorem 2.4, for every $r>0$ satisfying (2.3), there exists $N>0$ such that the operator $A_{t_{k}}$, for $k>N$, has a unique eigenvalue (counting the multiplicity) in the interval $\left(\lambda_{n}\left(t_{0}\right)-r, \lambda_{n}\left(t_{0}\right)+r\right)$ and this eigenvalue is $\lambda_{n}\left(t_{k}\right)$. Since $\lambda_{n}\left(t_{k}\right)$ is a simple eigenvalue, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\gamma}\left(A_{t_{k}}-\lambda I\right)^{-1} f d \lambda=\left(f, \Psi_{n, t_{k}}\right) \Psi_{n, t_{k}} \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $f \in H, k=0$, and $k>N$, where $\gamma$ is a closed curve that encloses only the eigenvalue $\lambda_{n}\left(t_{k}\right)$ and $\Psi_{n, t_{k}}$ is a normalized eigenfunction corresponding to $\lambda_{n}\left(t_{k}\right)$. Using (2.2) and (2.4), we obtain the following relations:

$$
\left(f, \Psi_{n, t_{k}}\right) \Psi_{n, t_{k}} \rightarrow\left(f, \Psi_{n, t_{0}}\right) \Psi_{n, t_{0}}
$$

as $t_{k} \rightarrow t_{0}$, for each $f \in H$. Here replacing $f$ by $\Psi_{n, t_{0}}$, we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\Psi_{n, t_{0}}, \Psi_{n, t_{k}}\right) \Psi_{n, t_{k}} \rightarrow \Psi_{n, t_{0}} \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $\left|\left(\Psi_{n, t_{0}}, \Psi_{n, t_{k}}\right)\right| \rightarrow 1$ as $t_{k} \rightarrow t_{0}$. Since a normalized eigenfunction is still normalized if it is multiplied by a factor of absolute value $1, \Psi_{k, t_{k}}$ and $\Psi_{k, t_{0}}$ can be chosen so that $\left|\left(\Psi_{n, t_{0}}, \Psi_{n, t_{k}}\right)\right|=\left(\Psi_{n, t_{0}}, \Psi_{n, t_{k}}\right)$. Thus

$$
\left(\Psi_{n, t_{0}}, \Psi_{n, t_{k}}\right) \rightarrow 1
$$

as $t_{k} \rightarrow t_{0}$. This, together with (2.5) implies that

$$
\left\|\Psi_{n, t_{k}}-\Psi_{n, t_{0}}\right\| \leq\left\|\left(1-\left(\Psi_{n, t_{0}}, \Psi_{n, t_{k}}\right)\right) \Psi_{n, t_{k}}\right\|+\left\|\left(\Psi_{n, t_{0}}, \Psi_{n, t_{k}}\right) \Psi_{n, t_{k}}-\Psi_{n, t_{0}}\right\| \rightarrow 0
$$

as $t \rightarrow t_{0}$. It means that, $\Psi_{n, t}$ is continuous at $t_{0}$. Thus, we have:

Theorem 2.6 Let $\left\{A_{t}: t \in E\right\}$ be the continuous family of the operators $A_{t} \in S B C(H)$ and $t_{0} \in E$. If $\lambda_{n}\left(t_{0}\right)$ is a simple eigenvalue, then the eigenvalues $\lambda_{n}(t)$ are simple in some neighborhood of $t_{0}$ and the corresponding normalized eigenfunctions $\Psi_{n, t}$ can be chosen so that $\left\|\Psi_{n, t}-\Psi_{n, t_{0}}\right\| \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow t_{0}$.

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Now, we consider the application of Theorems 2.4-2.6 to the differential operators $T_{t}$ defined in $L_{2}^{m}(F)$ by (1.1) and (1.2). Without loss of generality, we assume that the measure of $F$ is 1 .

Theorem 2.7 Suppose that (1.3) holds and there exist $\varepsilon>0$ and $c>0$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|T u+c u-B u\|+\|u\| \geq \varepsilon \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1}\left\|D_{\alpha} u\right\| \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $u \in D\left(T_{t}\right)$ and $t \in F^{*}$, where $D\left(T_{t}\right)$ is the domain of definition of $T_{t}$, Tu and $B$ are defined in (1.1). Then $\left\{T_{t}: t \in F^{*}\right\}$ is a continuous family of the operators in the sense of Definition 2.2 and hence Theorems 2.4-2.6 continue to hold for this family.

Proof For the simplicity of the notation, denote $T_{t}+c I-B$ by $A_{t}$. By Theorem 2.23 (c) of [2, Chap. 4, page 206], it is enough to prove that, the sequence $\left\{A_{t_{n}}\right\}$ converges to $A_{t_{0}}$ in the generalized sense, for any sequence $\left\{t_{n}\right\} \subset F^{*}$ converging to $t_{0}$. If $u \in D\left(A_{t_{0}}\right)$, then $e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} u \in D\left(A_{t_{n}}\right)$. By the product rule of differentiation, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
A_{t_{n}} e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} u=e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} A_{t_{0}} u+\left|t_{n}-t_{0}\right| S u \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} A_{t_{0}} u$ is the sum of the terms of $A_{t_{n}} e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} u$ for which no differentiation is applied to $e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle}$ and $\left|t_{n}-t_{0}\right| S u$ is the sum of the other terms of $A_{t_{n}} e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} u$, that is the sum of the terms of $A_{t_{n}} e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} u$ for which some differentiations are applied to $e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle}$. It is clear that $S u$ is the differential expression of order $\leq 2 s-1$, with bounded coefficients. Therefore, there exists $M$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|S u\|<M \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1}\left\|D_{\alpha} u\right\| \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now, using (2.6)-(2.8), (2.1) and Definition 2.1, we prove that $\left\{A_{t_{n}}\right\}$ converges to $A_{t_{0}}$ in the generalized sense. Let $S_{t}$ be the unit sphere of $G\left(A_{t}\right)$. If $v=\left(u, A_{t_{0}} u\right) \in S_{t_{0}}$, then $w=\left(e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} u, A_{t_{n}} e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} u\right) \in G\left(A_{t_{n}}\right)$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|w-v\| \leq\left\|e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} u-u\right\|+\left\|A_{t_{n}} e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} u-A_{t_{0}} u\right\| \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

For the second term of (2.9), we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|A_{t_{n}} e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} u-A_{t_{0}} u\right\| \leq\left\|A_{t_{n}} e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} u-e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} A_{t_{0}} u\right\|+\left\|\left(e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle}-1\right) A_{t_{0}} u\right\| \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

On the other hand, using (2.7), (2.8) and (2.6), we obtain

$$
\begin{gather*}
\left\|A_{t_{n}} e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} u-e^{i\left\langle t_{n}-t_{0}, x\right\rangle} A_{t_{0}} u\right\|=\left|t_{n}-t_{0}\right|\|S u\|<\left|t_{n}-t_{0}\right| M\left(\sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1}\left\|D_{\alpha} u\right\|\right) \leq  \tag{2.11}\\
\frac{\left|t_{n}-t_{0}\right| M}{\varepsilon}\left(\left\|A_{t_{0}} u\right\|+\|u\|\right)
\end{gather*}
$$

Moreover, the inclusion $\left(u, A_{t_{0}} u\right) \in S_{t_{0}}$ implies that $\left\|A_{t_{0}} u\right\|+\|u\|<2$. This inequality, together with (2.9)(2.11) implies that there exists $C>0$ such that

$$
\sup _{v \in S_{t_{0}}}\left(\inf _{w \in G\left(A_{t_{n}}\right)}\|w-v\|\right) \leq C\left|t_{n}-t_{0}\right|
$$

In the same way, we prove that

$$
\sup _{v \in S_{t_{n}}}\left(\inf _{w \in G\left(A_{t_{0}}\right)}\|w-v\|\right) \leq C\left|t_{n}-t_{0}\right|
$$

Therefore by (2.1), $g\left(A_{t_{n}}, A_{t_{o}}\right) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence, by Definition 2.2, $\left\{T_{t}: t \in F^{*}\right\}$ is a continuous family in the generalized sense.

By the standard estimation, one can find a large class of differential operators for which (2.6) and (1.3) hold and hence Theorems 2.4- 2.6 continue to hold. For example, we find a class of the partial differential operators satisfying (2.6) and (1.3) in the following manner. Let us write (1.1) in the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
T u=L u+P u+B u \tag{2.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
L u=\sum_{|\alpha|=2 s} Q_{\alpha} D_{\alpha} u, P u=\sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1} Q_{\alpha}(x) u
$$

First we note that, there exists $c_{1}>0$ for which

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|P u\| \leq c_{1} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1}\left\|D_{\alpha} u\right\| \tag{2.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

since the coefficients of the expression $P u$ are matrices with bounded entries. Here and in subsequent relations we denote by $c_{1}, c_{2}, \ldots$ the positive constants. Then, we find a condition on the main term $L u$ of (2.12) for which, there exists $c>0$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|L u+c u\| \geq\left(c_{1}+\varepsilon\right) \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1}\left\|D_{\alpha} u\right\| \tag{2.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

It is clear that (2.6) follows from (2.14) and (2.13). The condition on $L$, namely on the principal symbol of (1.1) is the following. Suppose that

$$
\begin{equation*}
L=\sum_{|\alpha|=2 s} q_{\alpha} I_{m} D_{\alpha} \tag{2.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $I_{m}$ is $m \times m$ unit matrix, and there exists $c_{2}>0$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{|\alpha|=2 s} q_{\alpha}(\xi)^{\alpha} \geq c_{2}|\xi|^{2 s} \tag{2.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

for each $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$, where $q_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $(\xi)^{\alpha}=\xi_{1}^{\alpha_{1}} \xi_{2}^{\alpha_{2}} \ldots \xi_{d}^{\alpha_{d}}$. Now we prove that if (2.15) and (2.16) hold, then there exists $c>0$ such that (2.14) and hence (2.6) hold. Moreover, we prove that (1.3) also holds and obtain the following consequence of Theorem 2.7.

Corollary 2.8 Suppose that $L$ has the form (2.15), inequality (2.16) holds, and that Pu is a formally selfadjoint differential expression. Then, the Bloch eigenvalues (1.4) of the differential operator $T_{t}$ generated in $L_{2}^{m}(F)$ by (1.1) and (1.2) continuously depend on $t \in F^{*}$. Moreover, if $\lambda_{n}\left(t_{0}\right)$ is a simple eigenvalue, then the eigenvalues $\lambda_{n}(t)$ are simple in some neighborhood of $t_{0}$ and the corresponding normalized eigenfunctions $\Psi_{n, t}$ can be chosen so that $\left\|\Psi_{n, t}-\Psi_{n, t_{0}}\right\| \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow t_{0}$.

Proof First we prove the validity of (2.14) if (2.15) and (2.16) hold. Instead of (2.14), we prove

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|L u+c u\|^{2} \geq\left(c_{1}+\varepsilon\right)^{2}\left(\sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1}\left\|D_{\alpha} u\right\|\right)^{2} \tag{2.17}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $u \in L_{2}^{m}(F)$ such that $\partial^{\alpha} u \in L_{2}^{m}(F)$, for $|\alpha| \leq 2 s$. It follows from (2.15) and (2.16) that

$$
\left\|L\left(e^{i\langle\gamma, x\rangle} e_{k}\right)+c e_{k} e^{i\langle\gamma, x\rangle}\right\|^{2} \geq\left(c_{2}|\gamma|^{2 s}+c\right)^{2}
$$

where $\left\{e_{1}, e_{2}, \ldots, e_{m}\right\}$ is the standard basis of $\mathbb{R}^{m}$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Using this and the decomposition

$$
\begin{equation*}
u=\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma}\left(\sum_{k=1,2, \ldots, m} u_{\gamma, k} e^{i\langle\gamma, x\rangle} e_{k}\right) \tag{2.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

of $u$ by the orthonormal basis $\left\{e^{i\langle\gamma, x\rangle} e_{k}: \gamma \in \Gamma, k=1,2, \ldots, m\right\}$, we obtain that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|(L u)+c u\|^{2} \geq \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma}\left(\sum_{k=1,2, \ldots, m}\left|u_{\gamma, k}\left(c_{2}|\gamma|^{2 s}+c\right)\right|^{2}\right) . \tag{2.19}
\end{equation*}
$$

On the other hand, using (2.18) we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1}\left\|D_{\alpha} u\right\|\right)^{2} \leq c_{3} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1}\left\|D_{\alpha} u\right\|^{2}=c_{3} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma}\left(\left.\left.\sum_{k=1,2, \ldots, m}\left|u_{\gamma, k} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1}\right| \gamma\right|^{\alpha}\right|^{2}\right) \tag{2.20}
\end{equation*}
$$

Therefore, (2.17) follows from (2.19) and (2.20), if we prove that there exists $c>0$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{2}|\gamma|^{2 s}+c>\sqrt{c_{3}}\left(c_{1}+\varepsilon\right) \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1}|\gamma|^{\alpha}, \tag{2.21}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Hence, it remains to prove (2.21). Clearly, there exists $c_{4}$ such that $c_{2}|\gamma|^{2 s}$ is greater than the right-hand side of (2.21), for $|\gamma|>c_{4}$. Besides, the number of $\gamma \in \Gamma$ satisfying $|\gamma| \leq c_{4}$ is finite. Therefore, there exists $c>0$ such that (2.21) holds, for $|\gamma| \leq c_{4}$. Thus, (2.21) and hence (2.17), (2.14), and (2.6) hold.

Now, we prove that (1.3) holds, too. Let $L_{t}$ and $P_{t}$ be respectively the operators generated by the differential expression $L u$ and $P u$ and boundary conditions (1.2). Since the basis $\left\{e^{i\langle\gamma+t, x\rangle} e_{k}: \gamma \in \Gamma, k=1,2, \ldots, m\right\}$ of $L_{2}^{m}(F)$ is the set of the eigenfunctions of $L_{t}$ and all eigenvalues of $L_{t}$ are nonnegative numbers, we have $L_{t} \in S B C\left(L_{2}^{m}(F)\right)$.

Now, we prove that $T_{t} \in S B C\left(L_{2}^{m}(F)\right)$, that is, (1.3) holds. It readily follows from the proof of (2.21) that, there exists $c>0$ such that

$$
c_{2}|\gamma|^{2 s}+c>2 \sqrt{c_{3}}\left(c_{1}+\varepsilon\right) \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2 s-1}|\gamma|^{\alpha}
$$

Therefore, arguing as in the proof of (2.14), we see that, there exists $c_{5}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|P u+B u\| \leq c_{5}\|u\|+\frac{1}{2}\|L u+c u\| \tag{2.22}
\end{equation*}
$$

It shows that, $P_{t}+B$ is relatively bounded with respect to $L_{t}+c I$ with relative bound smaller than 1. Therefore, by Theorem 4.11 of [2, Chap.5, page 291], $T_{t}+c I=L_{t}+c I+P_{t}+B$ is self-adjoint and bounded from below. It remains to prove that $T_{t}+c I$ has a compact resolvent. For this, we use Theorem 3.17 of [2, Chap. 4, page 214] which implies that, if (2.22) holds and there exists $\mu \in \rho(L+c I)$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{5}\left\|\left(L_{t}+c I-\mu I\right)^{-1}\right\|+\frac{1}{2}\left\|\left(L_{t}+c I\right)\left(L_{t}+c I-\mu I\right)^{-1}\right\|<1 \tag{2.23}
\end{equation*}
$$

then $T_{t}+c I$ has a compact resolvent. Since $L_{t}+c I$ is a self-adjoint operator, it is clear and well-known that (see, for example (4.9) of [2, Chap. 5, page 290]), if $\mu=i c_{6}$, then

$$
\left\|\left(L_{t}+c I-\mu I\right)^{-1}\right\| \leq \frac{1}{c_{6}}, \quad\left\|\left(L_{t}+c I\right)\left(L_{t}+c I-\mu I\right)^{-1}\right\| \leq 1 .
$$

Thus, if $c_{6}>2 c_{5}$, then (2.23) holds. Hence, $T_{t}+c I$ is a below-bounded self-adjoint operator with a compact resolvent and (1.3) holds. Now, the proof follows from Theorem 2.7.

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