

SZEGŐ-TYPE INEQUALITY FOR THE 2-D DIRAC OPERATOR WITH INFINITE MASS BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

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In this talk, we will discuss spectral features of the Dirac operator with infinite mass boundary conditions in a smooth bounded domain of \mathbb{R}^2 . Motivated by spectral geometric inequalities, we derive a non-linear variational formulation to characterize its principal eigenvalue. This characterization turns out to be very robust and allows for a simple proof of a Szegő type inequality as well as a new reformulation of a Faber-Krahn type inequality for this operator. We will also present strong numerical evidence supporting the validity of a Faber-Krahn type inequality.

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