# Tail Behaviour of Mexican Needlets

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### Abstract

In this paper we study the tail behaviour of Mexican needlets, a class of spherical wavelets introduced by Geller and Mayeli in [11]. More specifically, we provide an explicit upper bound depending on the resolution level j and a parameter s governing the shape of the Mexican needlets.

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## 1. Introduction

A lot of interest has recently been focussed on various forms of spherical wavelets (see, for example, [2, 4, 7, 14, 24, 31] and the references therein). This attention has also been fuelled by strong applied motivations, for instance in Astrophysics and Cosmology. More specifically, we refer to spherical Mexican hat wavelets (see, for instance, [20]), axisymmetric, directional, and steerable wavelets (cf., for example, [19, 21, 22, 31]), ridgelets and curvelets (see, for instance, [23, 28]).

Many theoretical and applied papers have been concerned, in particular, with the so-called spherical needlets, which were introduced into the Functional Analysis literature by [24, 25]. Loosely speaking, the latter can be envisaged as a convolution of the spherical harmonics with a weight function which is smooth and compactly supported in the harmonic domain (more details will be given below). Localization properties in this framework were fully investigated by [24, 25]. Needlets have been recently generalized to various directions. Spin and mixed needlets were constructed over spin fiber bundles in [8, 9], respectively. Needlet-like wavelets were also developed on the unitary ball in [6, 26] and over compact manifolds in [15]. This framework has been also extended to allow for an unbounded support in the frequency domain by [11], see also [10, 12]; the latter construction is usually labelled as Mexican needlets. Examples of

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applications, mainly related to the study of Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) radiation, can be found in [3, 5, 16, 18, 27].

As described in details below, Mexican needlets enjoy excellent localization properties in the real domain; in this paper, we investigate the relationship between the tail decay and the exact shape of the weight function. Indeed, the aim of this work is to provide analytic expressions to bound the tail behaviour in the real domain. We prove here that the tails are Gaussian up to a polynomial term, whose dependence on the choice of the kernel can be identified explicitly. More specifically, for any (multi)resolution level j, consider a partition of the sphere into a set (of cardinality  $N_j$ ) of spherical subregions of area  $\lambda_{jk}$  and midpoint  $\xi_{jk}$ ,  $k = 1, \ldots, N_j$ . For any k, let  $\vartheta := \vartheta_{jk}(x)$  denote the geodesic distance between a generic coordinate  $x \in \mathbb{S}^2$  and  $\xi_{jk}$ . For the scale parameter B > 1 and the shape parameter  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ , we shall consider wavelet filters of the form

$$\Psi_{jk;s}\left(\vartheta\right) := \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_{jk}}}{2\pi} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left( \left(\frac{\ell+\frac{1}{2}}{B^{j}}\right) \right)^{2s} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\ell+\frac{1}{2}}{B^{j}}\right)^{2}\right) \left(2\ell+1\right) P_{\ell}\left(\cos\vartheta\right),$$

where  $P_{\ell}(\cdot)$  denotes the standard Legendre polynomial of degree  $\ell$ . In Theorem 3.1, we shall be able to show that

$$\left|\Psi_{jk;s}\left(\vartheta\right)\right| \leq C_{s}B^{j}e^{-\left(2B^{j}\varepsilon\right)^{2}}\left(1+\left|H_{2s}\left(B^{j}\vartheta\right)\right|\right),$$

where  $C_s$  is a positive constant and  $H_{2s}(\cdot)$  identifies the Hermite polynomial of degree 2s.

It is important to remark that in [11] the authors obtained an analogous expression for the *n*-dimensional sphere, limiting their investigation to the case of the shape parameter s = 1, which can be linked to the spherical Mexican hat wavelets (see Remark 3.3 and [27]). In this paper, we will extend this bound for any choice of  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Our argument exploits a technique similar to the one used by Narcowich, Petrushev and Ward in [24] (see also [25] and the textbook [17, Section 13.3]). Furthermore, an analogous method was developed in [22] to establish concentration properties of spin directional wavelets. In our proof, we will also exploit the analytic form of the weight function to compute exactly its Fourier transform in terms of Hermite polynomials; this will also allow us to investigate explicitly the roles of the resolution level j and of the shape parameter s. We also establish bounds on the  $L^p$ -norms of the Mexican needlets, depending on the resolution level j and on the scale parameter B (see Corollary 3.2). Furthermore, in Proposition 2.1 we provide an explicit connection between Mexican needlets with different shape by means of the spherical Laplacian operator.

The plan of this paper is as follows. In Section 2 we recall the definition and some pivotal properties of Mexican needlets; in Section 3 we exploit our main theorem while Section 4 collects some auxiliary results.

#### 2. The construction of Mexican needlets

In this Section we shall review Mexican needlets, as developed by Geller and Mayeli, see [10, 11, 12]. As already mentioned and similarly to standard needlets (cf. [24, 25]), Mexican needlets can be viewed as a combination of Legendre polynomials weighted by a smooth window function.

On one hand, recall the well-known decomposition of  $L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)$ , the space of the square-integrable functions over the sphere, given by

$$L^2\left(\mathbb{S}^2\right) = \bigoplus_{\ell \ge 0} H_\ell,$$

where  $H_{\ell}$  is the space of the homogeneous polynomials of degree  $\ell$ , spanned by the spherical harmonics  $\{Y_{\ell m}, m = -\ell, \ldots, \ell\}$ . Therefore, spherical harmonics provide an orthonormal basis for  $L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)$ . For further details, the reader is referred, for example, to the textbook [29]); here we just recall the so-called summation formula, i.e., for any  $\ell \geq 0$  and for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{S}^2$ ,

$$\sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \overline{Y}_{\ell m}\left(x\right) Y_{\ell m}\left(y\right) = \frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi} P_{\ell}\left(\langle x, y \rangle\right),\tag{1}$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the geodesic distance over the sphere and  $P_{\ell}(\cdot)$  is the Legendre polynomial of order  $\ell$ , given by

$$P_{\ell}(u) := \frac{1}{2^{\ell} \ell!} \frac{d^{\ell}}{du^{\ell}} (u^2 - 1)^{\ell}, \quad u \in [-1, 1],$$

see, for example, [1, Chapter 22, Eqq. (22.1.6) and (22.2.10)]. On the other hand, consider the window (or weight) function  $f_s : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^+$ 

$$f_s(t) := t^{2s} e^{-t^2}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$
(2)

for  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ , so that, for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have that

$$0 < \frac{m_{B;s}}{\log B} \le \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} f_s^2\left(\frac{t}{B^j}\right) \le \frac{M_{B;s}}{\log B} < \infty,$$

where

$$m_{B;s} := \eta_s \left( 1 - O\left( \left| \left( \frac{B^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1}{B^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^2 \log\left( \frac{B^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1}{B^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \right| \right) \right) ,$$
  
$$M_{B;s} := \eta_s \left( 1 + O\left( \left| \left( \frac{B^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1}{B^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^2 \log\left( \frac{B^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1}{B^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \right| \right) \right) ,$$

as  $B \to 1$ , B > 1, and

$$\eta_s := \int_0^\infty f_s^2\left(t\ell\right) \frac{dt}{t} = \frac{\Gamma\left(2s\right)}{2^{2s+1}},$$

see also see also [11].

In [11] (see also [10, 12]), it was proven that, for any given resolution level  $j \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , there exists a finite set of measurable subregions of the sphere  $\{E_{jk}\}_{k=1}^{N_j}$ , of diameter  $\rho_{jk}$  and area  $\lambda_{jk}$ , such that

$$\begin{split} \cup_{k=1}^{N_j} E_{jk} &= \mathbb{S}^2, \\ E_{jk_1} \cap E_{jk_2} &= \emptyset, \text{ for any } k_1 \neq k_2, \\ \rho_{jk} &\leq c_B B^{-j}, \end{split}$$

where  $c_B > 0, B > 1$ . Each of these regions can be indexed by a point  $\xi_{jk} \in E_{jk}$ , typically chosen as its midpoint. For  $x, y \in \mathbb{S}^2$ , let  $W_{j;s} : \mathbb{S}^2 \times \mathbb{S}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$  be defined as follows

$$W_{j;s}(x,y) := \sum_{\ell \ge 0} f_s\left(\frac{\ell + \frac{1}{2}}{B^j}\right) \frac{\left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{2\pi} P_\ell\left(\langle x, y \rangle\right).$$

Consider now the kernel operator  $K_{j;s}$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)$ :

$$K_{j;s}F(x) = \int_{S^2} W_{j;s}(x,y) F(y) \, dy, \quad F \in L^2\left(\mathbb{S}^2\right).$$

For  $\delta_0 > 0$  sufficiently small, it is shown in [11] that if, for any k and for any j so that  $c_B B^{-j} < \delta_0$ , the area  $\lambda_{jk}$  is comparable with  $(c_B B^{-j})^2$ , then, for  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$(m_{B;s} - \varepsilon) \|F\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{S}^{2})}^{2} \leq \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{j}} \lambda_{jk} |K_{j;s}F(\xi_{jk})|^{2} \leq (M_{B;s} + \varepsilon) \|F\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{S}^{2})}^{2}.$$

**Remark 2.1.** Let us introduce preliminarily the notation  $a \approx b$  if there exist c', c'' > 0 so that  $c'b \leq a \leq c''b$ . In many practical applications, the set of  $E_{jk}$ , labelled by the pair  $(\xi_{jk}, \lambda_{jk})$ , can be identified with those evaluated by common packages such as HealPix (see for instance [13]), where, for any  $j, \lambda_{jk} \approx 4\pi \rho_{jk}^2$ . Partitioning the sphere into  $N_j \approx B^{2j}$  regions  $E_{jk}$ , we have that

$$\mu\left(\cup_{k=1}^{N_j} E_{jk}\right) = 4\pi = \mu\left(\mathbb{S}^2\right),\,$$

where  $\mu$  denotes the area. Hence, for the sake of simplicity, we consider, for any j,

$$\lambda_{jk} \approx B^{-2j}, \ k = 1, ..., N_j,$$
  
 $N_j \approx B^{2j}.$ 

Let us now define  $\Psi_{jk;s}: \mathbb{S}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$  as

$$\Psi_{jk;s}\left(x\right) := \sqrt{\lambda_{jk}} K_{j;s}\left(x,\xi_{jk}\right) \ . \tag{3}$$

An alternative form of Mexican needlets can be given by

$$\psi_{jk;s}\left(x\right) := \sqrt{\lambda_{jk}} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f_s\left(\frac{\sqrt{-e_\ell}}{B^j}\right) \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \overline{Y}_{\ell m}\left(\xi_{jk}\right) Y_{\ell m}\left(x\right)$$
$$\sqrt{\lambda_{jk}} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f_s\left(\frac{\sqrt{-e_\ell}}{B^j}\right) \frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi} P_\ell\left(\langle x, \xi_{jk} \rangle\right), \tag{4}$$

 $\{e_{\ell}\}$  denoting the spectrum of the spherical Laplacian  $\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^2}$  associated to the eigenfunctions  $\{Y_{\ell m}\}$ , i.e.,  $e_{\ell} = -\ell(\ell+1)$ , whence

$$\left(\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^2} - e_\ell\right) Y_{\ell m}\left(x\right) = 0.$$

Note that the last equality in (4) is due to (1).

**Remark 2.2.** (4) is the standard definition of Mexican needlets in the literature, while Theorem 3.1 is focussed on (3). Consider, anyway, that the difference between (3) and (4) concerns only the argument of  $f_s(\cdot)$ . In the former, the argument is given by the square root of the eigenvalue of the Laplacian operator  $-e_{\ell}$ , while in the latter it is replaced by  $\ell + \frac{1}{2}$ . This formulation is instrumental for the derivation of the localization property in Section 3 (cf., more specifically, (7)), as in [24] for the standard needlet case (see also Section 13.3 in the Appendix of [17]). This is a minor difference, asymptotically negligible considering that, trivially,

$$\lim_{j \to \infty} \lim_{\ell \to \infty} \frac{f_s\left(\frac{\sqrt{-e_\ell}}{B^j}\right)}{f_s\left(\frac{\ell+\frac{1}{2}}{B^j}\right)} = \lim_{j \to \infty} \lim_{\ell \to \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{B^{2j}}\right)^s \exp\left(-\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{B^{2j}}\right)}{\left(\frac{(\ell+\frac{1}{2})^2}{B^{2j}}\right)^s \exp\left(-\frac{(\ell+\frac{1}{2})^2}{B^{2j}}\right)} = 1 .$$

As a consequence, for any  $x \in \mathbb{S}^2$ , we obtain an asymptotic equivalence between  $\Psi_{jk;s}(x)$  and  $\psi_{jk;s}(x)$ . Hence, the localization property, proved in Theorem 3.1 for (3), holds also for the Mexican needlets given by (4).

For  $F \in L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)$  and for any j, k, let the Mexican needlet coefficients be given by

$$\beta_{jk;s} := \langle F, \psi_{jk;s} \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)}$$

It is proven in [11] that there exists a constant  $C_0 = C_0(B, c_B, f_s)$  such that

$$(m_{B;s} - C_0) \|F\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2 \le \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{N_j} |\beta_{jk}|^2 \le (M_{B;s} + C_0) \|F\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2$$

Hence, if  $m_{B;s} - C_0 > 0$ ,  $\{\psi_{jk;s}\}$  is a frame for  $L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)$  bounded by  $(m_{B;s} - C_0)$ and  $(M_{B;s} + C_0)$ . It holds that

$$\frac{M_{B;s} + C_0}{m_{B;s} - C_0} \sim \frac{M_{B;s}}{m_{B;s}} = 1 + O\left( \left| \left( \frac{B^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1}{B^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)^2 \log\left( \frac{B^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1}{B^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \right| \right) ,$$

as  $B \to 1, B > 1$ , and that

$$\begin{split} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{N_j} |\beta_{jk;s}|^2 &= \frac{\eta_s \left(1+\delta\right)}{\log B} \left\|F\right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)}^2 \ , \\ \text{where } \delta &:= \delta\left(B\right) = O\left(\left|\left(\frac{B^{\frac{1}{2}}-1}{B^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right)^2 \log\left(\frac{B^{\frac{1}{2}}-1}{B^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right)\right|\right) \text{ as } B \to 1, B > 1, \text{ is such that} \\ \lim_{B \to 1} \delta\left(B\right) &= 0, \end{split}$$

cf. [11].

**Remark 2.3.** As well-known in the literature, standard needlets describe a tight frame with tightness constant equal to 1, allowing for an exact reconstruction formula (cf. [24, 25] and the textbook [17, Section 10.3]). On the other hand, Mexican needlets are characterized by a non-compact support in the harmonic domain, and this makes perfect reconstruction unfeasible for the lack of an exact cubature formula. Despite these features, Mexican needlets enjoy some remarkable advantages with respect to the standard ones. More specifically, they are characterized by an extremely good concentration properties in the real domain. In addition, it is possible to choose the measurable disjoint sets  $E_{ik}$  with minimal conditions, and still ensure frame constants arbitrarily close to unity (and hence almost exact reconstruction).

Note that, in this paper, we investigate the exact dependence of localization properties upon s, an issue which is extremely relevant for applications (see, for example, [27]). It may be noted that the choice of s represents a tradeoff between localization in real and harmonic domain; the latter improves as sincreases, while the reverse holds for the former.

We add here the following result, which establishes a link between Mexican needlets with different shape parameter  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** For any  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ , where s > 1, and  $x \in \mathbb{S}^2$ ,

$$\psi_{jk;s}(x) = (-1)^{s} B^{-2js} (\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^{2}})^{s} \psi_{jk;1}(x)$$

*Proof.* Easy calculations lead to

$$-B^{-2j}\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^{2}}\psi_{jk;s}(x)$$

$$= -\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^{2}}\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda_{jk}}}{B^{2j}}\sum_{\ell\geq 0}\left(\frac{-e_{\ell}}{B^{2j}}\right)^{s}\exp\left(\frac{e_{\ell}}{B^{2j}}\right)\sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell}\overline{Y}_{\ell m}\left(\xi_{jk}\right)Y_{\ell m}\left(x\right)\right)$$

$$= \sqrt{\lambda_{jk}}\sum_{\ell\geq 0}\left(\frac{-e_{\ell}}{B^{2j}}\right)^{s+1}\exp\left(\frac{-e_{\ell}}{B^{2j}}\right)\sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell}\overline{Y}_{\ell m}\left(\xi_{jk}\right)Y_{\ell m}\left(x\right)$$

$$= \psi_{jk;s+1}\left(x\right).$$

Iterating the procedure, we obtain the statement.

Before concluding this Section, for  $\xi_{jk}, x \in \mathbb{S}^2$ , let us label the geodesic distance by

$$\vartheta := \vartheta_{jk} \left( x \right) = \langle x, \xi_{jk} \rangle,$$

so that we can express the Mexican needlets given by (3) in terms of  $\vartheta$ 

$$\Psi_{jk;s}\left(\vartheta\right) := \sqrt{\lambda_{jk}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f_s\left(\frac{\left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{B^j}\right) \left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right) P_\ell\left(\cos\vartheta\right).$$
(5)

#### 3. The localization property

The aim of this Section is to achieve an exhaustive proof of the so-called localization property, i.e., to establish an upper bound for the supremum of the modulus of the Mexican needlet defined by (5), remarking its dependence on the resolution level j and on the shape parameter s, up to a multiplicative constant. This result is given in the Theorem 3.1. We stress again that this achievement was pursued implicitly by Geller and Mayeli in [11], where the authors anyway found a similar result studying (5) for small and large angles, even if they limited their investigations to the case s = 1. Here, instead, we extend this result to any value of the shape parameter s in (2), holding for any value of  $\vartheta$  by means of a unique procedure, which resembles the one employed by Narcowich, Petrushev and Ward in [24] to exploit the localization property for standard needlets on the *n*-dimensional sphere  $\mathbb{S}^n$  (see also [25] and the textbook [17, Section 13.3]). In this case, howsoever, we will take advantage of the explicit formulation of the weight function (2), which allows us to compute exactly its Fourier transform in terms of Hermite polynomials and, through that, to exploit precisely the dependence on the resolution level j of the sup  $|\Psi_{ik;s}(\vartheta)|$ . For the sake of simplicity, let us introduce the following notation

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon (B, j) := B^{-j}$$

so that, we can define

$$\Psi_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\vartheta\right) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f_s\left(\varepsilon\left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right) P_\ell\left(\cos\vartheta\right).$$
(6)

Remark 3.1. Observe that

$$\Psi_{jk;s}\left(x\right) = \Psi_{jk;s}\left(\vartheta\right) = \sqrt{\lambda_{jk}}\Psi_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\vartheta\right)$$

Furthermore, in (6), while the index  $\varepsilon$  substitutes j, the index k is no more necessary. As stressed above,  $\lambda_{jk}$  does not appear in (6), while Theorem 3.1 holds for any  $\vartheta \in [0, \pi]$ . The dependence on k arises when we choose  $\vartheta = \vartheta_{jk}(x)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\Psi_{jk;s}(\vartheta)$  be given by (3). Then, for any  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k = 1, \ldots, N_j$ , there exists  $C_s > 0$  such that

$$\left|\Psi_{jk;s}\left(x\right)\right| \leq C_{s}B^{j}e^{-\frac{B^{2j}}{4}\vartheta^{2}\left(x\right)}\left(1+\left|B^{j}\vartheta\left(x\right)\right|^{2s}\right),$$

uniformly over j.

*Proof.* By using the Mehler-Dirichlet representation formula (see, for instance, [30, Formula 4.8.7, pag. 86]), the Legendre polynomial of degree  $\ell$  can be written as

$$P_{\ell}\left(\cos\vartheta\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \int_{\vartheta}^{\pi} \frac{\sin\left(\left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right)\phi\right)}{\sqrt{\cos\vartheta - \cos\phi}} d\phi.$$

Hence, using (6), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\vartheta\right)| &= \left|\frac{1}{2\pi}\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}f_s\left(\varepsilon\left(\ell+\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)\left(\ell+\frac{1}{2}\right)\int_{\vartheta}^{\pi}\frac{\sin\left(\left(\ell+\frac{1}{2}\right)\phi\right)}{\sqrt{\cos\vartheta-\cos\phi}}d\phi\right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{\vartheta}^{\pi}\frac{\left|\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}f_s\left(\varepsilon\left(\ell+\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)\left(\ell+\frac{1}{2}\right)\sin\left(\left(\ell+\frac{1}{2}\right)\phi\right)\right|}{\sqrt{\cos\vartheta-\cos\phi}}d\phi \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{\vartheta}^{\pi}\frac{\Lambda_{\varepsilon,s}\left(\phi\right)}{\sqrt{\cos\vartheta-\cos\phi}}d\phi \;, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Lambda_{\varepsilon;s}(\phi) := \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f_s\left(\varepsilon\left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right)\left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right)\sin\left(\left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right)\phi\right) \\
= \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} g_{\varepsilon,\phi;s}\left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\
= \frac{1}{2}\sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} g_{\varepsilon,\phi;s}\left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right).$$
(7)

In the last equality, we use the fact that

$$g_{\varepsilon,\phi;s}\left(u\right) := f_s\left(\varepsilon u\right) u \sin\left(u\phi\right) \ , \ u \in \mathbb{R}$$

is an even function. Using Lemma 4.1, we obtain

$$|\Psi_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\vartheta\right)| \leq \frac{\widetilde{C}_{2s+1}}{\varepsilon^2} \left| \int_{\vartheta}^{\pi} \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)}{\sqrt{\cos\vartheta - \cos\phi}} d\phi \right|.$$
(8)

Note that

$$\cos\vartheta - \cos\phi = 2\left(\phi^2 - \vartheta^2\right)\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\vartheta + \phi}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\phi - \vartheta}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{\vartheta + \phi}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\phi - \vartheta}{2}\right)} . \tag{9}$$

In order to estimate (8), we consider three different cases. In case I, we have that  $\vartheta \in (\delta, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , where  $0 < \delta < \varepsilon$ . In case II,  $\vartheta \in [\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi]$ . Finally, in case III, we have that  $\vartheta \in [0, \delta]$ ,  $0 < \delta < \varepsilon$ , as in [24]. In cases I and II, we will prove that there exists a constant  $\tilde{C}_s$  so that

$$\left|\Psi_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\vartheta\right)\right| \leq \frac{\widetilde{C}_{s}}{\varepsilon^{2}} e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \left|H_{2s}\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)\right|.$$

We distinguish between the two cases for technical reasons. Indeed, in case II, the integral in (8) will be estimated by using supplementary angles. As far as case III is concerned, we will prove that there exists  $C_s^{\prime\prime\prime}$  such that

$$\left|\Psi_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\vartheta\right)\right| \leq \frac{C_{s}^{\prime\prime\prime}}{\varepsilon^{2}}.$$

Case I. We have that

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 0 & < & \displaystyle \frac{\vartheta + \phi}{2} \leq \frac{3}{4}\pi \ , \\ 0 & \leq & \displaystyle \frac{\phi - \vartheta}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \ . \end{array}$$

On one hand, note that (9) can be bounded as:

$$\cos \vartheta - \cos \phi \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( \phi^2 - \vartheta^2 \right) \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{4}{3\pi} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{4}{\pi}$$
$$= C_I \left( \phi^2 - \vartheta^2 \right),$$

where  $C_I > 0$ . On the other hand, the integral (8) can be rewritten as

$$\left|\Psi_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\vartheta\right)\right| \leq \frac{\widetilde{C}_{2s+1}'}{\varepsilon^2} \left| \int_{\vartheta}^{\pi} \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)}{\sqrt{(\phi^2 - \vartheta^2)}} d\phi \right|,$$

where  $\widetilde{C}'_{2s+1} > 0$ . Recall that, for n odd and  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ , the Hermite polynomials can be rewritten as

$$H_n(u) = n! \sum_{r=0}^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n-1}{2}-r}}{(2r+1)! \left(\frac{n-1}{2}-r\right)!} (2u)^{2r+1}, \qquad (10)$$

(see, for instance, [1, Chapter 22]). Therefore, we have that

$$\left|\Psi_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\vartheta\right)\right| \leq \frac{\widetilde{C}_{2s+1}'}{\varepsilon^2} \left(2s+1\right)! \left|\sum_{r=0}^s \frac{\left(-1\right)^{s-r} 2^{2r+1}}{\left(2r+1\right)! \left(s-r\right)!} Q_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right)\right|,$$

where

$$Q_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) := \int_{\vartheta}^{\pi} \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1}}{\sqrt{(\phi^{2} - \vartheta^{2})}} d\phi.$$

Using Lemma 4.2, which establishes that

$$Q_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) \leq C_{r}e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}}\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r},$$

where  $C_r > 0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\vartheta\right)| &\leq \frac{\widetilde{C}'_{2s+1}}{\varepsilon^2} \left| (2s+1)! \sum_{r=0}^s \frac{(-1)^{s-r} 2^{2r+1}}{(2r+1)! (s-r)!} Q_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\widetilde{C}'_{2s+1}}{\varepsilon^2} e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} \left| (2s)! \sum_{r=0}^s C_r \frac{(-1)^{s-r} 2^{2r+1}}{(2r)! (s-r)!} \left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r} \right| \\ &= \frac{C'_s}{\varepsilon^2} e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} \left| H_{2s}\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right) \right|, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C'_s > 0$ .

Case II. As in [24] (see also [17, Section 13.3], we use the supplementary angles to  $\phi$  and  $\vartheta$ , denoted by  $\tilde{\phi} = \pi - \phi$  and  $\tilde{\vartheta} = \pi - \vartheta$ , respectively. We can easily observe that

$$0 \leq \frac{\widetilde{\vartheta} + \widetilde{\phi}}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{2};$$
  
$$0 \leq \frac{\widetilde{\vartheta} - \widetilde{\phi}}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{2};$$

so that we get

$$\cos\widetilde{\phi} - \cos\widetilde{\vartheta} \geq 2\left(\widetilde{\vartheta}^2 - \widetilde{\phi}^2\right) \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta} - \widetilde{\phi}}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta} + \widetilde{\phi}}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta} - \widetilde{\phi}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta} + \widetilde{\phi}}{2}\right)} \\ \geq C_{II}\left(\widetilde{\vartheta}^2 - \widetilde{\phi}^2\right),$$

where  $C_{II} > 0$ . By substitution in (8), following the same procedure as above yields

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\vartheta\right)| &\leq \frac{\widetilde{C}_{2s+1}''}{\varepsilon^2} \left| \int_0^{\widetilde{\vartheta}} \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{\pi-\widetilde{\varphi}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{\pi-\widetilde{\varphi}}{2\varepsilon}\right)}{\sqrt{\left(\widetilde{\vartheta}^2 - \widetilde{\varphi}^2\right)}} d\widetilde{\varphi} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\widetilde{C}_{2s+1}''}{\varepsilon^2} \left| (2s+1)! \sum_{r=0}^s \frac{(-1)^{s-r}}{(2r+1)! (s-r)!} \widetilde{Q}_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) \right| \end{aligned}$$

,

where  $\widetilde{C}_{2s+1}^{\prime\prime}>0$  and

$$\widetilde{Q}_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) := \int_{0}^{\widetilde{\vartheta}} \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{\widetilde{\phi}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \left(\frac{\pi - \widetilde{\phi}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1}}{\sqrt{\left(\widetilde{\vartheta}^{2} - \widetilde{\phi}^{2}\right)}} d\widetilde{\phi}.$$

Finally, using Lemma 4.2 leads to

$$\widetilde{Q}_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) \leq \widetilde{C}_{r}\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r} e^{-\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}},$$

and, as a straightforward consequence, we get

$$|\Psi_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\vartheta\right)| \leq \frac{C_s''}{\varepsilon^2} e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} \left| H_{2s}\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right) \right| \; .$$

Case III. Following again [24], we have that

$$\begin{split} \Lambda_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\phi\right) &\leq \quad \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \sum_{\ell \geq 0} f_s\left(\varepsilon\left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \varepsilon^2\left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \quad \frac{C_{III}}{\varepsilon^2} \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \left(\varepsilon\ell\right)^{2s+1} e^{-\left(\varepsilon\ell\right)^2} \int_{\varepsilon\ell}^{e\left(\ell+1\right)} du \\ &\leq \quad \frac{C_{III}}{\varepsilon^2} \int_0^\infty u^{2s+1} e^{-u^2} du \\ &= \quad \frac{C_{III}}{\varepsilon^2} \frac{\Gamma\left(s + \frac{3}{2}\right)}{2} = \frac{C_s'''}{\varepsilon^2} \,. \end{split}$$

Combining these results yields

$$\left|\Psi_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\vartheta\right)\right| < C_s \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2}}{\varepsilon^2} \left(1 + \left|H_{2s}\left(\frac{\vartheta}{\varepsilon}\right)\right|\right),$$

for  $\vartheta = [0, \pi]$ . From Remark 3.1 and since  $\lambda_{jk} \leq cB^{-2j}$ , we have that

$$\left|\Psi_{jk;s}\left(x\right)\right| \leq C_{s}B^{j}e^{-\frac{B^{2j}}{4}\vartheta^{2}\left(x\right)}\left(1+\left|B^{j}\vartheta\left(x\right)\right|^{2s}\right),$$

as claimed.

**Remark 3.2.** In view of Remark 2.2, it holds

$$\left|\psi_{jk;s}\left(x\right)\right| \le C_{s}B^{j}e^{-\frac{B^{2j}}{4}\vartheta^{2}\left(x\right)}\left(1+\left|B^{j}\vartheta\left(x\right)\right|^{2s}\right).$$

**Remark 3.3.** As suggested in [27], Mexican needlets in the case s = 1 provide a valid asymptotic approximation to the spherical Mexican hat wavelets. Recall that the discretized version of spherical Mexican hat wavelets use a stereographic projection on the sphere (see [2]). These wavelets conserve the most crucial properties of the flat Mexican hat wavelets and, for this reason, they are widely used in Astrophysics and Cosmology, even if they lack of a reconstruction formula (see, for example, [20], for a quick review). In [27], it is proved that the bound between the absolute value of the difference between spherical Mexican hat wavelets and Mexican needlets is of order  $B^{-j} \min(\vartheta^4 B^{4j}, 1)$ . This bound

matches exactly with the results proved in Theorem 3.1. Indeed, fixed s = 1, the bound for small angles is controlled by  $B^{-j}$ , which depends, on one hand, on the normalization factor of the spherical Mexican hat wavelet and, on the other, on  $\sqrt{\lambda_{jk}}$ . Up to a proper normalization, for larger angles, this factor has to be multiplied by a series expansion of even powers of  $\vartheta$ , controlled by leading term of order 4 (cf. [10]). Heuristically, it implies that spherical Mexican hat wavelets can be approximated to Mexican needlets in the corresponding  $E_{jk}$ and that this approximation is better for large j. For this reason, the spatial concentration properties here discussed and the correlation properties studied in [16, 18] can be helpful for the study of the asymptotic behaviour of the random spherical Mexican wavelet coefficients hat in the high-frequency limit.

Before concluding this Section, as for the standard needlets (see [24, 25]), we can also establish the order of the  $L^p$ -norms of Mexican needlets as follows.

**Corollary 3.2** (Bounds on  $L^p(\mathbb{S}^2)$ -norms). For any  $p \in [1,\infty)$ , there exist  $c_p, C_p \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$c_p B^{2j\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{p}\right)} \le \|\Psi_{jk;s}\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^2)} \le C_p B^{2j\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{p}\right)}.$$

Furthermore, there exist  $c_{\infty}, C_{\infty} \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$c_{\infty}B^{j} \le \left\|\Psi_{jk;s}\right\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{S}^{2})} \le C_{\infty}B^{j}$$

*Proof.* The proof of this Corollary is very close to the one developed in the standard needlet framework in [25]. The only remarkable difference concerns the estimate of the bounds for  $L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)$  norms. In [25], this bound is proven as corollary of the tight-frame property. We establish a similar result for the Mexican needlet framework as follows. Let dx denote the uniform spherical measure. Hence, we have that

$$\begin{split} \|\Psi_{jk;s}\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{S}^{2})}^{2} &= \int_{\mathbb{S}^{2}} |\Psi_{jk;s}\left(x\right)|^{2} dx \\ &= \lambda_{jk} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{2}} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell'=0}^{\infty} f_{s}\left(\frac{\ell}{B^{j}}\right) f_{s}\left(\frac{\ell'}{B^{j}}\right) \\ &\times \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \sum_{m'=-\ell'}^{\ell'} Y_{\ell m}\left(x\right) \overline{Y}_{\ell'm'}\left(x\right) \overline{Y}_{\ell m}\left(\xi_{jk}\right) Y_{\ell'm'}\left(\xi_{jk}\right) dx \\ &= \lambda_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f_{s}^{2}\left(\frac{\ell}{B^{j}}\right) \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \overline{Y}_{\ell m}\left(\xi_{jk}\right) Y_{\ell m}\left(\xi_{jk}\right) \delta_{\ell}^{\ell'} \delta_{m}^{m'} \\ &= \lambda_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f_{s}^{2}\left(\frac{\ell}{B^{j}}\right) \frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}. \end{split}$$

On one hand, we get

$$\begin{split} \lambda_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f_s^2 \left(\frac{\ell}{B^j}\right) \frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi} &\leq \frac{c}{2\pi} \frac{1}{B^j} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f_s^2 \left(\frac{\ell}{B^j}\right) \frac{\ell+1/2}{B^j} \\ &= \frac{c}{2\pi} \frac{1}{B^j} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\ell}{B^j}\right)^{4s} e^{-2\left(\frac{\ell}{B^j}\right)^2} \frac{\ell+1/2}{B^j} \\ &\leq \frac{c}{2\pi} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\ell}{B^j}\right)^{4s} e^{-2\left(\frac{\ell}{B^j}\right)^2} \frac{\ell}{B^j} \int_{\frac{\ell}{B^j}}^{\frac{\ell+1}{B^j}} du \\ &\leq \frac{c}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} u^{4s+1} e^{-2u^2} du \leq C_2. \end{split}$$

On the other hand, we obtain

$$\lambda_{jk} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f_s^2 \left(\frac{\ell}{B^j}\right) \frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi} \ge c_2.$$

Following [25], we get

$$c_p B^{2j\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{p}\right)} \le \|\Psi_{jk;s}\|_{L^p(\mathbb{S}^2)} \le C_p B^{2j\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{p}\right)},$$

as claimed.

# 4. Auxiliary results

In this Section we collect some auxiliary results, concerning the upper bounds of  $\Lambda_{\varepsilon;s}$ ,  $Q_{\varepsilon,r}$  and  $\widetilde{Q}_{\varepsilon,r}$ .

We introduce preliminarily the following notation for the Fourier transform of a function  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ :

$$F[f](\omega) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(u) e^{-i\omega u} du =: \hat{f}(\omega) .$$

Let us also recall two standard properties for the Fourier transforms. Under standard conditions, we have that

$$\frac{d^{\alpha}}{d\omega^{\alpha}}\widehat{f}(\omega) = (-i)^{\alpha} F[u^{\alpha}f(u)](\omega);$$
$$F\left[\frac{d^{\alpha}}{du^{\alpha}}f(u)\right](\omega) = (-i)^{\alpha} \omega^{\alpha} F[f(u)](\omega).$$

Finally, the Poisson Summation Formula can be defined as follows. If, for  $\omega \in [0, 2\pi]$  and  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$\left|f\left(u\right)\right| + \left|\widehat{f}\left(\omega\right)\right| \le \frac{C_{a}}{1 + \left|u\right|^{\alpha + 1}},$$

then:

$$\sum_{\tau=-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) e^{-i\omega\tau} = \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f}(\omega + 2\pi\nu) \quad . \tag{11}$$

For more details and discussions about Fourier transforms, the reader is referred, for instance, to the textbook [29].

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $\Lambda_{\varepsilon;s}(\phi)$  be given by (7). Then there exists  $\widetilde{C}_{2s+1} > 0$  such that

$$\Lambda_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\phi\right) \leq \frac{\hat{C}_{2s+1}}{\varepsilon^2} e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} \left| H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right) \right| .$$

Proof. First, note that straightforward calculations lead to

$$F\left[g_{\varepsilon,\phi;s}\left(u+\frac{1}{2}\right)\right](\omega) = e^{i\frac{\omega}{2}}\widehat{g}_{\varepsilon,\phi;s}\left(\omega\right).$$

On one hand, we have that

$$F[f_s(\varepsilon u) u](\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_s(\varepsilon u) u e^{-i\omega u}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} F[f_s(u) u]\left(\frac{\omega}{\varepsilon}\right)$$

On the other hand, note that

$$F\left[e^{-u^2}\right](\omega) = \sqrt{\pi}e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4}}.$$
(12)

Combining (2) and (12) yields

$$F[f_{s}(u)u](\omega) = i^{2s+1} \frac{d^{2s+1}}{d\omega^{2s+1}} F\left[e^{-u^{2}}\right](\omega)$$
  
=  $i^{2s+1} \sqrt{\pi} \frac{d^{2s+1}}{d\omega^{2s+1}} e^{-\frac{\omega^{2}}{4}}$   
=  $(-1)^{\left(s+\frac{1}{2}\right)} \sqrt{\pi} H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right) e^{-\frac{\omega^{2}}{4}}$ ,

where  $H_{2s+1}(\cdot)$  is the Hermite polynomial of order 2s + 1. Recall that the polynomials composing  $H_n(\cdot)$  are all even (odd) if n is even (odd) - for more details, see, for instance, [1, Chapter 22]. Collecting all these results, we get

$$F\left[f_s\left(\varepsilon u\right)u\right]\left(\omega\right) = \frac{\left(-1\right)^{\left(s+\frac{1}{2}\right)}\sqrt{\pi}}{\varepsilon^2}H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{\omega}{2\varepsilon}\right)e^{-\left(\frac{\omega}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2}.$$

Hence, we obtain:

$$\widehat{g}_{\varepsilon,\phi;s}(\omega) = F\left[\sin\left(\phi u\right)\right](\omega) * F\left[f_s\left(\varepsilon u\right)u\right](\omega) \\ = \frac{\left(-1\right)^s \pi^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\varepsilon^2} \left(H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{\omega-\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)e^{-\left(\frac{\omega-\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} - H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{\omega+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)e^{-\left(\frac{\omega+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2}\right).$$

Using (11), we have that

$$\sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} g_{\varepsilon,\phi;s}\left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\frac{2\pi\nu}{2}} \widehat{g}_{\varepsilon,\phi;s}\left(2\pi\nu\right)$$
$$= \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\frac{2\pi\nu}{2}} \frac{(-1)^s \pi^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\varepsilon^2} \left(H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{2\pi\nu-\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)e^{-\left(\frac{2\pi\nu-\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2}\right)$$
$$- H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)e^{-\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2}\right)$$
$$= 2\sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\frac{2\pi\nu}{2}} \frac{(-1)^{s+1} \pi^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\varepsilon^2} H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)e^{-\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2},$$

where the last equality takes into account that  $H_{2s+1}\left(\cdot\right)$  is odd. Therefore, we have that

$$\Lambda_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\phi\right) = \frac{\left(-1\right)^{s+1} \pi^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\varepsilon^{2}} \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\frac{2\pi\nu}{2}} H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}}.$$

Then, we obtain

$$|\Lambda_{\varepsilon;s}(\phi)| = \frac{\pi^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\varepsilon^2} \left| \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} \right| \leq \frac{\pi^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\varepsilon^2} V_{\varepsilon,s}(\phi),$$

where

$$V_{\varepsilon,s}\left(\phi\right) = \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} \left| H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \right|.$$

Note that

$$V_{\varepsilon,s}\left(\phi\right) = \left|H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)\right| e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} + V_+ + V_- , \qquad (13)$$

where

$$V_{+} = \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \left| H_{2s+1} \left( \frac{2\pi\nu + \phi}{2\varepsilon} \right) \right| e^{-\left( \frac{2\pi\nu + \phi}{2\varepsilon} \right)^{2}},$$
$$V_{-} = \sum_{\nu=-1}^{-\infty} \left| H_{2s+1} \left( \frac{2\pi\nu + \phi}{2\varepsilon} \right) \right| e^{-\left( \frac{2\pi\nu + \phi}{2\varepsilon} \right)^{2}}.$$

Using (10), for |u| > 1, we have that

$$|H_{n}(u)| \leq n! \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \left| \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n-1}{2}-k}}{(2k+1)! \left(\frac{n-1}{2}-k\right)!} (2u)^{2k+1} \right| \\ \leq C_{n}' |u|^{n}.$$
(14)

Hence, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right) \right| e^{-\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} &\leq C_{2s+1} \left| \frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon} \right|^{2s+1} e^{-\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} \\ &= C_{2s+1} \left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2s+1} e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^2} e^{-\frac{2\pi\nu\phi}{4\varepsilon^2}} \\ &= e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} C_{2s+1} \left[ \left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon} + \frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2s+1} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^2} e^{-\frac{2\pi\nu\phi}{4\varepsilon^2}} \right] \\ &\leq e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} C_{2s+1} \left[ \left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon} + \frac{\pi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2(s+1)} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\frac{\pi u}{\varepsilon} + \frac{\pi}{2\varepsilon} < \frac{2\pi u}{\varepsilon};$$

furthermore, observing that  $e^{-\nu\phi} < 1$ , we obtain

$$V_{+} \leq C_{2s+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \left| H_{2(s+1)} \left( \frac{2\pi\nu + \phi}{2\varepsilon} \right) e^{-\left(\frac{2\pi\nu + \phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \right|$$
  
$$\leq e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} C_{2s+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon} + \frac{\pi}{2\varepsilon} \right)^{2s+1} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^{2}}$$
  
$$\leq e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} C_{2s+1} 2^{2s+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon} \right)^{2s+1} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^{2}}$$
  
$$\leq C_{2s+1}' e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}}. \tag{15}$$

Indeed, the series  $\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^{2s+1} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^2}$  is convergent, as easily proved by means of the D'Alembert's criterion, i.e.,

$$\lim_{\nu \to \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{\pi(\nu+1)}{\varepsilon}\right)^{2s+1} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi(\nu+1)}{\varepsilon}\right)^2}}{\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^{2s+1} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^2}} = \lim_{\nu \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{v}\right)^{2s+1} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{\varepsilon^2} \left(2\nu + 1\right)\right) = 0,$$

for all  $\nu > 1$ . On the other hand, if  $|u| \le 1$ , we obtain

$$|H_n(u)| \le n! \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \left| \frac{1}{(2k+1)! \left(\frac{n-1}{2} - k\right)!} 2^{2k+1} \right| \le C'_n.$$

Hence, we have that

$$\left| H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right) \right| e^{-\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} \leq C_{2s+1}' e^{-\left(\frac{2\pi\nu+\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} \\ = C_{2s+1}' e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^2} e^{-\frac{2\pi\nu\phi}{4\varepsilon^2}} \\ = e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} C_{2s+1}' \left[ e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^2} e^{-\frac{2\pi\nu\phi}{4\varepsilon^2}} \right] \\ \leq e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} C_{2s+1}' e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^2}.$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$V_{+} \leq C_{2s+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \left| H_{2(s+1)} \left( \frac{2\pi\nu + \phi}{2\varepsilon} \right) e^{-\left(\frac{2\pi\nu + \phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \right|$$
$$\leq e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} C_{2s+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^{2}}$$
$$\leq e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} C_{2s+1} 2^{2s+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^{2}}$$
$$\leq C_{2s+1}' e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}},$$

since the series  $\sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{\varepsilon}\right)^2}$  is convergent. Consider now the sum  $V_-$ . Let us define  $\nu' = -\nu$ , so that

$$V_{-} = \sum_{\nu'=1}^{\infty} \left| H_{2s+1} \left( \frac{\phi - 2\pi\nu'}{2\varepsilon} \right) \right| e^{-\left( \frac{\phi - 2\pi\nu'}{2\varepsilon} \right)^2}.$$

Using (14) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \left| H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{\phi - 2\pi\nu'}{2\varepsilon}\right) \right| e^{-\left(\frac{\phi - 2\pi\nu'}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} &\leq C_{2s+1} \left| \frac{\phi - 2\pi\nu'}{2\varepsilon} \right|^{2s+1} e^{-\left(\frac{\phi - 2\pi\nu'}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} \\ &= e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} C_{2s+1} \left[ \left| \frac{\phi - 2\pi\nu'}{2\varepsilon} \right|^{2s+1} e^{\frac{2\pi\nu'\phi}{4\varepsilon^2}} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu'}{\varepsilon}\right)^2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\phi < \pi$ , straightforward calculations lead to

$$V_{-} \leq C_{2s+1} \sum_{\nu'=1}^{\infty} \left| H_{2s+1} \left( \frac{\phi - 2\pi\nu'}{2\varepsilon} \right) \right| e^{-\left(\frac{\phi - 2\pi\nu'}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2}$$

$$\leq e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} C_{2s+1} \sum_{\nu'=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left| \frac{\phi - 2\pi\nu'}{2\varepsilon} \right|^{2s+1} e^{\frac{2\pi\nu'\phi}{4\varepsilon^2}} e^{-\left(\frac{\pi\nu'}{\varepsilon}\right)^2} \right]$$

$$\leq e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} C_{2s+1} \sum_{\nu'=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left| \frac{\pi - 2\pi\nu'}{2\varepsilon} \right|^{2s+1} e^{\frac{\pi^2\nu'}{2\varepsilon^2}} e^{-\frac{\pi^2}{\varepsilon^2}} (\nu')^2 \right]$$

$$\leq e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} C_{2s+1}' \sum_{\nu'=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left( \frac{\pi\nu'}{\varepsilon} \right)^{2s+1} \exp\left( -\frac{\pi^2}{\varepsilon^2} \nu' \left[ \nu' - \frac{1}{2} \right] \right) \right]$$

$$\leq C_{2s+1}'' e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2}. \tag{16}$$

Indeed, the series  $\sum_{\nu'=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left( \frac{\pi\nu'}{\varepsilon} \right)^{2s+1} \exp\left( -\frac{\pi^2}{\varepsilon^2}\nu' \left[ \nu' - \frac{1}{2} \right] \right) \right]$  can be proved to be convergent by means of the D'Alembert's criterion, as above. Combining (15) and (16) in (13), the term corresponding to  $\nu = 0$  is dominant.

Hence, we have that

$$V_{\varepsilon,s}(\phi) \leq e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} \left( \left| H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right) \right| + C'_{2s+1} + C''_{2s+1} \right)$$
$$\leq C_{2s+1} e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} \left| H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right) \right|.$$

Thus

$$\Lambda_{\varepsilon;s}\left(\phi\right) \leq \frac{\widetilde{C}_{2s+1}}{\varepsilon^2} e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2} \left| H_{2s+1}\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right) \right|,$$

as claimed.

**Lemma 4.2.** For any  $\vartheta \in [0, \pi]$ , let  $Q_{\varepsilon, r}(\vartheta)$  and  $\widetilde{Q}_{\varepsilon, r}(\vartheta)$  be given by

$$Q_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) := \int_{\vartheta}^{\pi} \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \left(\frac{\phi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1}}{\sqrt{(\phi^{2} - \vartheta^{2})}} d\phi,$$
$$\widetilde{Q}_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) := \int_{0}^{\widetilde{\vartheta}} \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{\widetilde{\varphi}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \left(\frac{\pi - \widetilde{\phi}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1}}{\sqrt{\left(\widetilde{\vartheta}^{2} - \widetilde{\phi}^{2}\right)}} d\widetilde{\phi}.$$

Then, there exist  $C_r, \widetilde{C}_r > 0$  so that

$$\begin{split} Q_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) &\leq C_{r}e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}}\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r},\\ \widetilde{Q}_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) &\leq \widetilde{C}_{r}\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r}e^{-\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}}. \end{split}$$

*Proof.* First, note that

$$Q_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) = \left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1} \int_{\vartheta}^{\pi} \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon} \cdot \frac{\vartheta}{\vartheta}\right)^2} \left(\frac{\phi}{\vartheta}\right)^{2r+1}}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\phi}{\vartheta}\right)^2 - 1}} \frac{1}{\vartheta} d\phi \; .$$

Then, we use the substitution

$$t = \left( \left( \phi/\vartheta \right)^2 - 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

in order to obtain

$$Q_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) = e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1} \int_{0}^{\left(\left(\frac{\pi}{\vartheta}\right)^{2}-1\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}t^{2}} \left(t^{2}+1\right)^{r} dt$$
$$\leq e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1} \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}t^{2}} \left(t^{2}+1\right)^{r} dt$$
$$= e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1} \left(I_{1}+I_{2}\right),$$

where

$$I_{1} := \int_{0}^{1} e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2} t^{2}} \left(t^{2} + 1\right)^{r} dt,$$
  
$$I_{2} := \int_{1}^{\infty} e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2} t^{2}} \left(t^{2} + 1\right)^{r} dt.$$

On one hand, for  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have that

$$\left(t^2+1\right)^r \le 2^r.$$

On the other hand, for  $t \in (1, \infty)$ , we obtain

$$(t^2+1)^r \le (2t)^{2r}$$
.

Hence, we get

$$I_1 \leq 2^r \int_0^1 e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2 t^2} dt \leq 2^r \int_0^\infty e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2 t^2} dt,$$
  
$$I_2 \leq \int_1^\infty e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2 t^2} (2t)^{2r} dt \leq 4^r \int_0^\infty e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2 t^2} t^{2r} dt.$$

Straightforward calculations lead to

$$I_1 \leq 2^{r-1} \sqrt{\pi} \left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{-1},$$
  
$$I_2 \leq \left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{-(2r+1)} \frac{\Gamma\left(r-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2}.$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) \leq & C_{r}^{''} e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r} \left(1 + \left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{-2r}\right) \\ \leq & C_{r} e^{-\left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \left(\frac{\vartheta}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r}, \end{aligned}$$

as claimed. As far as  $\widetilde{Q}_{\varepsilon,r}(\vartheta)$  is concerned, note that the following inequality holds

$$\exp\left[-\left(\frac{\pi-\widetilde{\phi}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\widetilde{\phi}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2\right] = \exp\left[-\left(\frac{\pi}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2 + 2\frac{\pi\widetilde{\phi}}{2\varepsilon}\right]$$
$$\leq \exp\left[-\frac{\pi^2}{2\varepsilon}\left(\frac{1}{2\varepsilon} - 1\right)\right].$$

Then, let the function  $\gamma(\cdot)$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  be given by

$$\gamma(u) := \exp\left[-\frac{\pi^2}{2u}\left(\frac{1}{2u}-1\right)\right].$$

Note that  $\gamma(\cdot)$  achieves its absolute maximum for u = 1. Indeed, on one hand, we have that

$$\gamma'(u) = \frac{\pi^2}{2u^2} \left(\frac{1}{u} - 1\right) \exp\left[-\frac{\pi^2}{2u} \left(\frac{1}{2u} - 1\right)\right],$$

so that

$$\gamma'(u) = 0 \iff u = 1.$$

On the other hand, we have that

$$\gamma''(u) = \frac{3\pi^2}{2u^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{u^2} + \frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{3} \right] \exp\left[ -\frac{\pi^2}{2u} \left( \frac{1}{2u} - 1 \right) \right],$$

so that

$$\gamma''(1) = -\frac{\pi^2}{2} \exp\left(\frac{\pi^2}{4}\right) < 0.$$

Finally, note that

$$\lim_{u \to \pm \infty} \gamma(u) = 0 < \exp\left(\frac{\pi^2}{4}\right) = \gamma(1).$$

Hence, we have that

$$\exp\left[-\left(\frac{\pi-\widetilde{\phi}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\widetilde{\phi}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^2\right] \le \exp\left[\frac{\pi^2}{4}\right].$$

Furthermore, since

$$\left(\frac{\pi - \widetilde{\phi}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1} = \left(\frac{\widetilde{\phi}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1} \left(\frac{\pi}{\widetilde{\phi}} - 1\right)^{2r+1} \le \left(\frac{\widetilde{\phi}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1},$$

we obtain

$$\widetilde{Q}_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) \leq \widetilde{C}'_{r} \int_{0}^{\widetilde{\vartheta}} \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\frac{\widetilde{\varphi}}{\vartheta}\right)^{2}} \left(\frac{\widetilde{\varphi}}{\widetilde{\vartheta}}\right)^{2r+1} \left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1}}{\sqrt{\left(1-\left(\frac{\widetilde{\varphi}}{\vartheta}\right)^{2}\right)}} \frac{1}{\widetilde{\vartheta}} d\widetilde{\phi}.$$

Using the substitution  $t = \sqrt{1 - \left(\widetilde{\phi}/\widetilde{\vartheta}\right)^2}$ , we get

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{Q}_{\varepsilon,r}\left(\vartheta\right) \leq & \widetilde{C}_{r}^{\prime\prime}\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1} e^{-\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \int_{0}^{1} e^{\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}t^{2}} \left(1-t^{2}\right)^{r} dt \\ \leq & \widetilde{C}_{r}^{\prime\prime}\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r+1} e^{-\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}} \int_{0}^{1} e^{\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}t^{2}} dt \\ \leq & \widetilde{C}_{r}\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2r} e^{-\left(\frac{\widetilde{\vartheta}}{2\varepsilon}\right)^{2}}, \end{split}$$

as claimed.

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