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**ON SOLVABILITY OF A MIXED PROBLEM FOR A
HYPERBOLIC SYSTEM WHEN THE
CORRESPONDING SPECTRAL PROBLEM IS
ALMOST REGULAR**

Abstract

One-dimensional mixed problem for a hyperbolic system under boundary conditions regular by Birkhoff, has been solved in [1] by the Fourier method. The case when the spectral problem is almost regular, is investigated here by Rasulov's residue method [2], and the fact that real parts of its eigen-values may infinitely increase, is of principle.

Let $Q_T = \{(t, x) : 0 < t < T, 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$, $Q'_T = \{(t, x) : 0 \leq t < T, 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$. Let us consider the mixed problem

$$L\left(x, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) u(t, x) \equiv -\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + A_1(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + A_0(x) u = 0, \quad (t, x) \in Q_T, \quad (1)$$

$$u(0, x) = \varphi(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (2)$$

$$lu \equiv \alpha u(t, 0) + \beta u(t, 1) = 0, \quad 0 < t < T, \quad (3)$$

where $A_j(x)$, α , β are n -th order square matrices, $u(t, x)$ and $\varphi(x)$ are columns of height n .

We shall call the vector-function $u(t, x) \in C^1(Q_T) \cap C(Q'_T)$ satisfying the equalities (1)-(3) in the usual sense, a classical solution of this problem.

It is assumed that the following conditions are satisfied.

1°. At $x \in [0, 1]$ the characteristic numbers (functions) $\theta_j(x)$ ($j = \overline{1, n}$) of the matrix $A_1(x)$ are real, various, and non-zero.

2°. At some m , $A_j(x) \in C^{m+j}[0, 1]$ ($j = 0, 1$) and the spectral problem

$$L\left(x, \lambda, \frac{d}{dx}\right) y(x, \lambda), \quad ly = 0 \quad (4)$$

is almost regular [3],[4] of the order p ($0 \leq p \leq m - 1$).

Under these conditions we can divide λ -plane into finite number of sectors in each of which as $|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty$ the characteristic determinant $\Delta(\lambda)$ of the Green matrix $G(x, \xi, \lambda)$ of the spectral problem (4) is represented in the following form [5]:

$$\Delta(\lambda) = \sum_{j=0}^{n_0} \lambda^{\nu_j} \left[\alpha_j + O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) \right] e^{\lambda \Omega_j}, \quad (5)$$

where n_0 is a natural number, ν_j ($-p \leq \nu_j \leq 0$) is an integer, $0 \neq \alpha_j$ is a complex number, Ω_j ($j = \overline{0, n_0}$) are real, different

$$\Omega_j \in \left\{ 0, \sum_{k=1}^r \int_0^1 \theta_{l_k}(\xi) d\xi, \quad 1 \leq r \leq n, \quad 1 \leq l_k \leq n \right\}.$$

Moreover, we can introduce such numeration of the functions θ_j that it were

$$\theta_1(x) < \theta_2(x) < \dots < \theta_{n_1}(x) < 0 < \theta_{n_1+1} < \dots < \theta_n(x).$$

$1 < n_1 < n$ and under such numeration

$$\Omega_0 = \sum_{j=0}^{n_1} \int_0^1 \theta_j(x) dx, \quad \Omega_{n_0} = \sum_{j=n_1+1}^n \int_0^1 \theta_j(x) dx.$$

It is known [4], [6] that the function of the form (5) has a denumerable set of the zeros λ_N with the unique limit point $\lambda = \infty$ and these zeros admit the asymptotic representation

$$\lambda_N = aN + b \ln N + O(1) \quad (N \rightarrow \infty), \tag{6}$$

where b is a complex, a is a pure imaginary number. Outside the δ -neighbourhood of the points λ_N for the Green matrix (rather for its elements), the estimation

$$\left| \frac{\partial^k G(x, \xi, \lambda)}{\partial x^k} \right| \leq C |\lambda|^{p+k} \quad (k = 0, 1) \tag{7}$$

is valid. Besides, any vector-function $\varphi(x) \in D_p[0, 1]$ is expanded into the uniformly convergent series

$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \operatorname{res}_{\lambda=\lambda_N} \int_0^1 G(x, \xi, \lambda) A_1^{-1}(\xi) \varphi(\xi) d\xi,$$

where

$$D_0[0, 1] = \{f(x) : f(x) \in C^1[0, 1], lf(x) = 0\}.$$

$$D_k[0, 1] = \left\{ f(x) : \left[A_1(x) \frac{d}{dx} + A_0(x) \right]^j f(x) \in D_0[0, 1], j = 0, 1, \dots, k \right\}.$$

It is also known that the formal solution of the problem (1)-(3) is represented in the following form

$$u(t, x) = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \operatorname{res}_{\lambda=\lambda_N} e^{\lambda t} \int_0^1 G(x, \xi, \lambda) A_1^{-1}(\xi) \varphi(\xi) d\xi \tag{8}$$

In the present paper on the basis of the formula (8), we prove the existence of solution of the problem (1)-(3).

The following one is valid.

Lemma. *Let conditions $1^0, 2^0$ be satisfied. Then there exists a number $R_0 > 0$ such that all zeros of λ_N of the function $\Delta(\lambda)$ are contained in the domain*

$$\Pi = \left\{ \lambda : -\frac{1}{2}R_0 + q_1 \ln |\lambda| < \operatorname{Re} \lambda < \frac{1}{2}R_0 + q_2 \ln |\lambda| \right\} \cup \{ \lambda : |\lambda| < R_0 \}, \tag{9}$$

where

$$q_1 = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n_0} \frac{\nu_k - \nu_0}{\Omega_0 - \Omega_k}, \quad q_2 = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n_0} \frac{\nu_k - \nu_{n_0}}{\Omega_{n_0} - \Omega_k}. \quad (10)$$

Proof. It is clear that all zeros of $\Delta(\lambda)$ having large modulus lie in the domains

$$\{\lambda : -h < (\nu_{k_i} - \nu_{j_i}) \ln |\lambda| + \operatorname{Re} \lambda (\Omega_{k_i} - \Omega_{j_i}) + h\}, \quad (i = \overline{1, n_2}) \quad (11)$$

where $0 < h$ is a sufficiently large fixed number, and k_i, j_i ($i = \overline{1, n_2}$) are such ones from the numbers $0, 1, \dots, n_0$ for which at

$$\{\lambda : \nu_{k_i} \ln |\lambda| + \operatorname{Re} \lambda \Omega_{k_i} = \nu_{j_i} \ln |\lambda| + \operatorname{Re} \lambda \Omega_{j_i}\}$$

the following inequalities are satisfied

$$\nu_{k_i} \ln |\lambda| + \operatorname{Re} \lambda \Omega_{k_i} = \nu_{j_i} \ln |\lambda| + \operatorname{Re} \lambda \Omega_{j_i} \geq \nu_l \ln |\lambda| + \operatorname{Re} \lambda \Omega_l \quad (12)$$

for any $l \in \{0, 1, \dots, n_0\}$. We obtain from (11) that for large N

$$-\frac{\nu_{j_i} - \nu_{k_i}}{\Omega_{k_i} - \Omega_{j_i}} \ln |\lambda_N| - \frac{h}{\Omega_{k_i} - \Omega_{j_i}} < \operatorname{Re} \lambda_n < \frac{\nu_{j_i} - \nu_{k_i}}{\Omega_{k_i} - \Omega_{j_i}} \ln |\lambda_N| - \frac{h}{\Omega_{k_i} - \Omega_{j_i}} \quad (13)$$

is valid, and from (10) we have

$$\nu_{j_i} + \frac{\nu_{k_i} - \nu_{j_i}}{\Omega_{j_i} - \Omega_{k_i}} \Omega_{j_i} \geq \nu_l + \frac{\nu_{k_i} - \nu_{j_i}}{\Omega_{j_i} - \Omega_{k_i}} \Omega_l \quad (l = \overline{0, n_0}). \quad (14)$$

Assuming in (14) $l = 0$, we find

$$\frac{\nu_{k_i} - \nu_0}{\Omega_0 - \Omega_{k_i}} \geq \frac{\nu_{k_i} - \nu_{j_i}}{\Omega_{j_i} - \Omega_{k_i}},$$

and if we take $l = n_0$, then from (14) we obtain

$$\frac{\nu_{j_i} - \nu_{n_0}}{\Omega_{n_0} - \Omega_{j_i}} \geq \frac{\nu_{k_i} - \nu_{j_i}}{\Omega_{j_i} - \Omega_{k_i}}.$$

The last two inequalities subject to the notations (10) and inequalities (13), prove the validity of the assertion of the lemma.

Now, by Γ we denote the boundary of the domain Π consisting of the two disconnected lines

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &= \Gamma^{(1)} \cup \Gamma^{(2)}, \quad \Gamma^{(j)} = \left\{ \lambda : \operatorname{Re} \lambda = \frac{(-1)^j R_0}{2} + q_j \ln |\lambda|, \right. \\ &\quad \left. |\operatorname{Im} \lambda| > \left[\frac{3}{4} R_0^2 + (-1)^{j-1} q_j R_0 \ln R_0 - q_j^2 \ln^2 R_0 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \cup \\ &\cup \left\{ \lambda : |\lambda| = R_0, \quad |\operatorname{Im} \lambda| \leq \left[\frac{3}{4} R_0^2 + (-1)^{j-1} q_j R_0 \ln R_0 - q_j^2 \ln^2 R_0 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. (-1)^j \operatorname{Re} \lambda \geq R_0 + (-1)^j q_j \ln R_0 \right\} \quad (j = 1, 2). \end{aligned}$$

Let $\{r_\nu\}$ be a sequence of the positive numbers r_ν such that $r_{\nu+1} > r_\nu$, $\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} r_\nu = \infty$ and the circles $\{\lambda : |\lambda| = r_\nu\}$ do not intersect with δ -neighbourhood of the points λ_N (by virtue of (6), such sequence exists). We accept some more notations

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_\nu^{(j)} &= \Gamma^{(j)} \cap \{\lambda : |\lambda| = r_\nu\}, \quad \gamma_\nu^{(j)} = \left\{ \lambda : |\lambda| = r_\nu, \quad -\frac{R_0}{2} + q_1 \ln r_\nu \leq \operatorname{Re} \lambda \leq \right. \\ &\leq \left. \frac{R_0}{2} + q_2 \ln r_\nu, \quad (-1)^j \operatorname{Im} \lambda < 0 \right\}, \quad (j = 1, 2) \quad S_\nu = \Gamma_\nu^{(1)} \cup \gamma_\nu^{(1)} \cup \Gamma_\nu^{(2)} \cup \gamma_\nu^{(2)}. \end{aligned}$$

After such spade work we can prove the following basic assertion of the given paper.

Theorem. *Let conditions $1^0, 2^0$ be satisfied and $\varphi(x) \in D_{k(p)}[0, 1]$, where*

$$k(p) = \begin{cases} p + 1 + [q_2 T + 1] - \left[\frac{[q_2 T]}{q_2 T} \right], & \text{if } q_2 > 0, \\ p + 2, & \text{if } q_2 = 0, \\ p + 1, & \text{if } q_2 < 0, \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

and $[\alpha]$ is integer part of the number α . Then the problem (1)-(3) has the classical solution $u(t, x)$ represented by the formula (8).

Proof. At first we note that by virtue of the known properties of the Green matrix, under the condition $\varphi(x) \in D_{k(p)}[0, 1]$ we can represent the formula (8) in the following form

$$u(t, x) = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \operatorname{res}_{\lambda=\lambda_N} \lambda^{-k(p)-1} e^{\lambda t} \int_0^1 G(x, \xi, \lambda) A_1^{-1}(\xi) \left[A_1(\xi) \frac{d}{d\xi} + A_0(\xi) \right]^{k(p)+1} \varphi(\xi) d\xi.$$

Then it is clear that for validity of carry of the operations $L(x, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x})$, $t \rightarrow +0$, and l under the sign of series (8), it is sufficient to prove the uniform convergence of the sequences

$$\left\{ J_{\nu}^{(0)}(t, x) \right\}, \left\{ J_{\nu}^{(1)}(t, x) \right\}, \quad (16)$$

respectively, in \overline{Q}_{T_1} and in $\{(t, x) : T_0 \leq t \leq T_1, 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$, for any T_0, T_1 ($0 < T_0 < T_1 < T$), where

$$J_{\nu}^{(j)}(t, x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{S_{\nu}} \lambda^{j-k(p)-1} e^{\lambda t} d\lambda \int_0^1 G(x, \xi, \lambda) A_1^{-1}(\xi) \left[A_1(\xi) \frac{d}{d\xi} + A_0(\xi) \right]^{k(p)+1} \varphi(\xi) d\xi \quad (j = 0, 1).$$

For the investigation of these sequences we note that

$$J_{\nu l}^{(j)}(t, x) \equiv J_{\nu+l}^{(j)}(t, x) - J_{\nu}^{(j)}(t, x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{\mu=1}^2 \int_{S_{\nu l}^{(\mu)}} \lambda^{j-k(p)-1} e^{\lambda t} d\lambda \times \\ \times \int_0^1 G(x, \xi, \lambda) A_1^{-1}(\xi) \left[A_1(\xi) \frac{d}{d\xi} + A_0(\xi) \right]^{k(p)+1} \varphi(\xi) d\xi, \quad (17)$$

where l is a natural number, and

$$S_{\nu l}^{(1)} = a_{1\nu} a_{1\nu+l} \widehat{b_{1\nu+l}} b_{1\nu} a_{1\nu}, \quad S_{\nu l}^{(2)} = a_{2\nu} a_{2\nu+l} \widehat{b_{2\nu+l}} b_{2\nu} a_{2\nu}$$

are closed contours (see Fig.1 which corresponds to the case $q_1 < 0, q_2 > 0$).

Because of the proved lemma, by fulfilling conditions 1⁰, 2⁰ and at $\lambda \in S_{\nu, l}^{(\mu)}$, sufficiently large ν in the case $t \in [0, T_1]$ we have the estimation

$$|e^{\lambda t}| = e^{t \operatorname{Re} \lambda} \leq \begin{cases} C e^{T_1 q_2 \ln |\lambda|}, & \text{if } q_2 > 0, \\ C, & \text{if } q_2 \leq 0, \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

and in the case $t \in [T_0, T_1]$ we have the estimation

$$|e^{\lambda t}| = e^{t \operatorname{Re} \lambda} \leq \begin{cases} C e^{T_1 q_2 \ln |\lambda|}, & \text{if } q_2 > 0, \\ C, & \text{if } q_2 = 0, \\ C e^{T_0 q_2 \ln |\lambda|}, & \text{if } q_2 < 0, \end{cases}$$

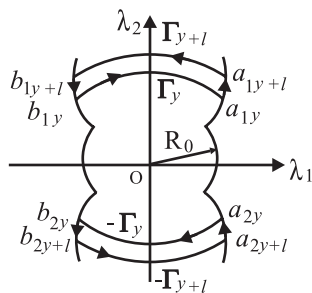


Fig.1.

Subject to these estimations and estimation (7), under the conditions of the theorem for the vector-function, under the sign of contour integral in (16) we obtain the inequality (in the sense of its fulfillment for each element of the given vector-function)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \lambda^{-k(p)} e^{\lambda t} \int_0^1 G(x, \xi, \lambda) A_1^{-1}(\xi) \left[A_1(\xi) \frac{d}{d\xi} + A_0(\xi) \right]^{k(p)+1} \varphi(\xi) d\xi \right| \leq \\ & \leq \begin{cases} C |\lambda|^{p-k(p)+T_1 q_2}, & \text{if } q_2 > 0, \\ C |\lambda|^{p-k(p)}, & \text{if } q_2 = 0, \\ C |\lambda|^{p-k(p)+T_0 q_2}, & \text{if } q_2 < 0, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

in the case $t \in [T_0, T_1]$, and the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \lambda^{-k(p)-1} e^{\lambda t} \int_0^1 G(x, \xi, \lambda) A_1^{-1}(\xi) \left[A_1(\xi) \frac{d}{d\xi} + A_0(\xi) \right]^{k(p)+1} \varphi(\xi) d\xi \right| \leq \\ & \leq \begin{cases} C |\lambda|^{p-k(p)-1+T_1 q_2}, & \text{if } q_2 > 0, \\ C |\lambda|^{p-k(p)-1}, & \text{if } q_2 \leq 0, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

in the case $t \in [0, T_1]$.

It follows from these estimations and notation (15) that in all the cases ($q_2 > 0$, $q_2 = 0$, $q_2 < 0$) the inequality

$$|J_{\nu, l}^{(j)}(t, x)| \leq C \sum_{\mu=1}^2 \int_{S_{\nu, l}^{(\mu)}} |\lambda|^q |d\lambda| \quad (19)$$

holds for $T_0 \leq t \leq T_1$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$, and

$$\left| J_{\nu l}^{(0)}(t, x) \right| \leq C \sum_{\mu=1}^2 \int_{S_{\nu, l}^{(\mu)}} |\lambda|^q |d\lambda| \quad (20)$$

holds for $0 \leq t \leq T_1$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$, where $q < -1$. And from the inequalities (18), (19), subject to the structures of the contours $S_{\nu, l}^{(\mu)}$ we easily obtain that

$$J_{\nu l}^{(j)}(t, x) \rightarrow 0, \quad J_{\nu l}^{(0)}(t, x) \rightarrow 0$$

as $\nu \rightarrow \infty$, uniformly with respect to (t, x) in corresponding sets. The latter means that the sequences (16) are uniformly convergent correspondingly at $0 \leq t \leq T_1$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $T_0 \leq t \leq T_1$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$, for any T_0, T_1 ($0 < T_0 < T_1 < T$).

The theorem is proved.

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