

## A GENERALIZED CARLEMAN BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM FOR MULTIPLY CONNECTED DOMAINS

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In multiply connected domains  $D_1, D_2$  in the  $z_1$ -plane and  $z_2$ -plane respectively with Ljapunov boundaries  $L^j$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ), there is considered the following boundary value problem : To find two functions  $\phi_1(z_1)$  and  $\phi_2(z_2)$  analytic in  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  and  $H$ -continuous in  $D_j + L^j$  according to the boundary condition

$$\phi_2[\alpha(t)] = a(t)\phi_1(t) + b(t)\overline{\phi_1(t)} + c(t) \quad \dots(A)$$

where the functions  $a(t), b(t)$  and  $c(t)$  satisfy  $H$ -condition on  $L^1$ , and  $\alpha(t)$  preserves the direction of the circuit on  $L^1$ .

The index of problem (A) is calculated, and conditions of its solvability are proved.

Let two complex planes  $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$  and  $z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$  be given, and  $z_2 = \alpha(z_1)$  is the homeomorphism preserving the orientation of the  $z_1$ -plane onto the  $z_2$ -plane. We take a  $(m + 1)$ -connected domain  $D_1$  in the  $z_1$ -plane bounded by the Ljapunov contour  $L^1$  consisting of closed smooth non-intersecting contour  $L_1^1, L_2^1, \dots, L_m^1, L_{m+1}^1$  of which  $L_{m+1}^1$  contains all the others. The domain  $D_2$  bounded by smooth closed contours  $L_1^2, L_2^2, \dots, L_m^2, L_{m+1}^2$  not intersecting one another, the last of which encloses all the others, corresponds to the domain  $D_1$  under the transformation  $z_2 = \alpha(z_1)$ .

Assume that a derivative  $\alpha'(t)$  is different from zero and  $H$ -continuous.

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$$\phi_2[\alpha(t)] = a(t)\phi_1(t) + b(t)\overline{\phi_1(t)} + c(t) \quad (t \in L^1) \quad \dots(1)$$

where the functions  $a(t), b(t), c(t)$  satisfy the Hölder condition on  $L^1$ .

The following lemma holds.

*Lemma*—If  $\alpha(t)$  preserves the direction of the circuit on  $L^1$ , then the functions  $\phi_1(z_1)$ ,  $\phi_2(z_2)$  analytic in  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  can be represented in the form

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \phi_1(z_1) &= -\frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{L^1} \frac{\overline{\phi(\tau)} d\tau}{\tau - z_1} - \int_{L_m^1} \overline{\phi(\tau)} [1 + |\alpha'(\tau)|] d\sigma \quad (z_1 \in D_1) \\ \phi_2(z_2) &= \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{L^2} \frac{\phi[\beta(\tau)] d\tau}{\tau - z_2} + \int_{L_m^2} \phi(\tau) [1 + |\alpha'(\tau)|] d\sigma \quad (z_2 \in D_2) \end{aligned} \right\} \dots(2)$$

where  $\sigma$  is the arc coordinate of the point  $\tau$  on the contour  $L^1$ ;  $\beta(\tau)$  is the inverse of the function  $\alpha(t)$ ; the density  $\phi(t)$  is determined to within a constant term of the form  $\sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \lambda_k \beta_k(t)$ , where  $\lambda_k$  are arbitrary complex constants.

**PROOF :** Consider the following integral representation

$$\phi_j(z_j) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{L^j} \frac{\phi_j^* d\tau}{\tau - z_j} \quad (z_j \in D_j) \quad \dots(3)$$

where the densities satisfy the condition

$$\phi_2^*[\alpha(t)] + \phi_1^*(t) = 0 \quad \dots(4)$$

and are defined to within constant terms of the form  $\sum_{k=1}^m \lambda_k \beta_k(t)$  and  $-\sum_{k=1}^m \lambda_k \beta_k(t)$ , respectively.

By means of the Sokhotski-Plemelj formulae<sup>1</sup> and condition (4) we obtain

$$\phi_2(t) - \phi_2^-(t) = 2\phi_2^*(t) \quad \dots(5)$$

$$\phi_1(t) - \phi_1^-(t) = 2\phi_1^*(t)$$

whence

$$\phi_2^-[ \alpha(t) ] = -\phi_1^-(t) + \phi_2[ \alpha(t) ] + \phi_1(t) \quad (t \in L_k^1) \quad \dots(6)$$

where the function  $\phi_j^-(z_j)$ , ( $j = 1, 2$ ) is analytic in the domain which is the comple-

ment of  $D_j + L^j$  in the plane and is denoted by  $D_{j1}^-$ ,  $D_{j2}^-$ , ...,  $D_{j, m+1}^-$ . As the functions  $\phi_j(t)$  are given, then it is possible from equation (6) to find the functions  $\phi_j^-(t)$  and from equations (5) the required densities  $\phi_j^*(t)$ . The equality (6) represents the boundary value problem for simply connected domains  $D_{j1}^-$ ,  $D_{j2}^-$ , ...,  $D_{j, m+1}^-$ .

Let the functions  $w = w_k^{(t)}(z_j)$  map conformally the domain  $D_{1k}^-$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, m + 1$ ) in the  $z_1$ -plane and the domain  $D_{2k}^-$  in the  $z_2$ -plane into the exterior of a unit circle  $c$  in the  $w$ -plane. By  $z_j = V_k^{(j)}(w)$  we denote the inverse of the functions  $w = w_k^{(j)}(z_j)$ . It is known from the theory of conformal transformation, under the assumed conditions, that not only the functions  $w_k^{(j)}(z_j)$ ,  $V_k^{(j)}(w)$  but also their derivatives are continuously continuable on  $L_k^j$  and  $c$  respectively and satisfy the  $H$ -condition.

Introduce the new functions  $\psi_j^-(w) = \phi_j^-[V_k^{(j)}(w)]$ . It is easily seen that the boundary conditions (6) assume the form

$$\psi_2^-[z_1(\zeta)] = -\psi_1^-(\zeta) + \psi_2[z_1(\zeta)] + \psi_1(\zeta) \quad (\zeta \in c) \quad \dots(7)$$

where

$$\alpha_1(\zeta) = w_k^{(2)} \left\{ \alpha [V_k^{(1)}(\zeta)] \right\}, \quad \psi_j(\zeta) = \phi_j [V_k^{(j)}(\zeta)].$$

The function  $\alpha_1(\zeta)$  has on  $c$  a derivative  $\alpha_1'(\zeta)$  different from zero, satisfying the  $H$ -condition, and transforms  $c$  one-to-one onto itself while preserving the direction of the circuit when  $\alpha(t)$  possesses this property on  $L^1$ .

Thus, the problems (6) by means of the conformal mapping have been reduced to the problems of Carleman's type for a simply connected domain which are solvable, and the solution of each of them depends linearly on an arbitrary complex constant<sup>2</sup>. The equality (6) in the domain  $D_{j, m+1}^-$  assigns the boundary condition of an exterior problem of Carleman's type and is solvable if to find a solution bounded at infinity; here, the constant  $\lambda_{m+1} = \lambda$  is determined uniquely by functions  $\phi_j(z_j)$ . Having defined  $\phi_j(z_j)$  in that way and substituted them in (5), we find the densities  $\phi_j^*(t)$ .

$$\phi_1^*[\alpha(t)] + \phi_2^*(t) = 0$$

and also the densities  $\phi_j(t)$  shall be defined to within constant terms of the form

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \lambda_k \beta_k(t), - \sum_{k=1}^m \bar{\lambda}_k \beta_k(t).$$

Putting  $\phi_2(t) = \phi[\beta(t)]$ , then it is obvious that  $\phi_1^*(t) = -\overline{\phi(t)}$ , and the function  $\phi(t)$  is defined to within a constant term of the form

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \lambda_k \beta_k(t).$$

Thus, we have shown that for the functions  $\phi_j(z_j)$  there exist the integral representations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \phi_1(z_1) &= - \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{L^1} \frac{\phi(\tau) d\tau}{\tau - z_1} - \bar{\lambda} \quad (z_1 \in D_1) \\ \phi_2(z_2) &= \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{L^2} \frac{\phi[\beta(\tau)] d\tau}{\tau - z_2} + \lambda \quad (z_2 \in D_2). \end{aligned} \right\} \dots (8)$$

We shall show how to obtain formulae (2) from formulae (8). With that end in view, we take any interior contour, for instance  $L_m^1$ , and choose a constant  $\delta$  so as the following equality holds

$$\delta = \int_{L_m^1} \phi(\tau) [1 + |\alpha'(\tau)|] d\sigma.$$

Then changing the density  $\phi(t) + \delta$  to  $\phi(t)$  on the contour  $L_m^1$  and leaving  $\phi(t)$  unchangeable on the others, we obtain the representation (2) where the density is defined completely on the contour  $L_m^1$  and on the others to within a constant term of the form

$$\sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \lambda_k \beta_k(t)$$

where  $\lambda_k$  is an arbitrary complex constant.

The lemma has been proved.

With the aid of the integral representation (2) we reduce the boundary value problem (1) to the singular integral equation

$$[1 + b(t)] \phi(t) + a(t) \overline{\phi(t)} + \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{L^1} \left[ \frac{\alpha'(\tau)}{\alpha(\tau) - \alpha(t)} \right]$$

(equation continued on p. 833)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{b(t) \overline{\tau'^2(\sigma)}}{\tau - t} \Big] \phi(\tau) d\tau + \frac{a(t)}{\pi i} \int_{L^1} \frac{\overline{\phi(\tau)} d\tau}{\tau - t} \\
 & + [1 + b(t)] \int_{L_m^1} \phi(\tau) [1 + |\alpha'(\tau)|] d\sigma + a(t) \int_{L_m^1} \overline{\phi(\tau)} \\
 & [1 + |\alpha'(\tau)|] d\sigma + a(t) = c(t) \quad (t \in L^1). \quad \dots(9)
 \end{aligned}$$

The index of this equation over the field of real numbers is equal to 2 and  $b(t)$  Litvinchuk and Hasabov<sup>3</sup>. The boundary condition of the problem adjoint to (1) is written in the form

$$\psi_1(t) = a(t) \alpha'(t) \psi_2[\alpha(t)] + \overline{b(t) t^2(s) \alpha(t) \psi_2[\alpha(t)]} \quad (t \in L) \quad \dots(10)$$

Let  $l$  and  $l'$  be the numbers of linearly independent solutions of the homogeneous problem (1) and the adjoint problem (10), then it can be shown that

$$l - l' = 2 \operatorname{ind} b(t) - 2m + 2. \quad \dots(11)$$

For solvability of equation (9) it is necessary and sufficient that there hold the condition<sup>2</sup>

$$\operatorname{Re} \int_{L^1} c(t) \psi_2^{(k)}[\alpha(t)] \alpha'(t) dt = 0 \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots) \quad \dots(12)$$

where  $\{\psi_j^{(k)}(t)\}$  is the complex system of linearly independent solutions of the adjoint problem (10).

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