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**ON THE PROBLEM WITH A SLOPING  
DERIVATIVE FOR A MIXED TYPE EQUATION  
IN THE CASE OF A TWO-DIMENSIONAL  
DEGENERATION DOMAIN**

**Abstract.** The paper considers a mixed type equation when the parabolic degeneration is two-dimensional. For this equation we study the problem with a sloping derivative and show that this problem is Noetherian.

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We consider the equation

$$K(y)u_{xx} + u_{yy} + p(x, y)u_y + q(x, y)u = 0, \quad (1)$$

where

$$K(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } y > 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } -\delta < y < 0, \\ -1 & \text{for } y < -\delta. \end{cases}$$

For  $\delta > 0$  equation (1) is a mixed type model equation with two independent variables, whose domain of parabolicity, like the domains of ellipticity and hyperbolicity, is two-dimensional.

Let  $\Omega$  be a finite domain bounded by a simple arc  $\sigma \in C^2$  with ends  $C_1(0, 0)$  and  $C_2(1, 0)$  that lies in a half-plane  $y > 0$ , by the segments  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 1$  and by the characteristics  $C_{1\delta}C : y = -x - \delta$  and  $C_{2\delta}C : y = x - 1 - \delta$ ,  $\delta = \text{const} > 0$ , of equation (1), where  $p$  and  $q$  are the given functions. These characteristics outgo from the points  $C_{1\delta}(0, -\delta)$  and  $C_{2\delta}(1, -\delta)$ .

Let further  $\Omega_1 = \Omega \cap \{(x, y) : y > 0\}$ ,  $\Omega_2 = \Omega \cap \{(x, y) : -\delta < y < 0\}$ ,  $\Omega_3 = \Omega \cap \{(x, y) : y < -\delta\}$ ,  $I_\delta = \{(x, -\delta) : \delta > 0, 0 < x < 1\}$ .

Below it is assumed that the coefficients  $p(x, y)$  and  $q(x, y)$  of equation (1) are constant in the domain  $\Omega_2$ .

Let us consider the problem formulated as follows: find a function  $u(x, y)$  with the following properties: 1)  $u(x, y)$  is a regular solution of equation (1) in the domains  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3$ ; 2)  $u(x, y)$  is continuous in the closed domain  $\Omega$  and has continuous first derivatives in the same domain everywhere except perhaps for the points  $C_1(0, 0)$  and  $C_2(1, 0)$  in whose neighborhood  $u_x$  and  $u_y$  may reduce to infinity of order less than unity; 3)  $u(x, y)$  satisfies the boundary conditions

$$(p_1u_x + q_1u_y + \lambda_1u)|_\sigma = \varphi, \quad (2)$$

$$(p_2u_x + q_2u_y + \lambda_2u)|_{C_{1\delta}C} = \psi, \quad (3)$$

where  $p_i, q_i, \lambda_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ),  $\varphi, \psi$  are the given real functions.

Below it is assumed that  $\partial\Omega_1 \in C^{2,h}$ ,  $\varphi, p_i, q_i, \lambda_i \in C^{1,h}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ),  $\psi \in C^{2,h}$ ,  $0 < h < 1$ .

We introduce the following notation:  $u(x, -\delta) = \tau_\delta(x)$ ,  $u_y(x, -\delta) = -\nu_\delta(x)$ ,  $u(x, 0) = \tau(x)$ ,  $u_y(x, 0) = \nu(x)$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $2\alpha = -p$ ,  $2\beta = \sqrt{|p^2 - 4q|}$ . Using this notation, the solution  $u(x, y)$  of problem (1), (2), (3) is representable in the domain  $\Omega_2$  for  $p^2 - 4q = 0$ ,  $p^2 - 4q > 0$  and  $p^2 - 4q < 0$ , respectively, in the form

$$u(x, y) = [(1 - \alpha y)\tau(x) + y\nu(x)] \exp(\alpha y),$$

$$u(x, y) = [(\beta \operatorname{ch} \beta y - \alpha \operatorname{sh} \beta y)\tau(x) + \nu(x) \operatorname{sh} \beta y] \beta^{-1} \exp(\alpha y),$$

$$u(x, y) = [(\beta \cos \beta y - \alpha \sin \beta y)\tau(x) + \nu(x) \sin \beta y] \beta^{-1} \exp(\alpha y).$$

Hence we easily conclude that the functions  $\tau_\delta(x)$  and  $\nu_0(x)$  are related to the functions  $\tau(x)$  and  $\nu(x)$  as follows:

- a) for  $p^2 - 4q = 0$  by
- $$\begin{aligned}\tau_\delta(x) &= [(1 + \alpha\delta)\tau(x) - \delta\nu(x)] \exp(-\alpha\delta), \\ \nu_\delta(x) &= [\alpha^2\delta\tau(x) + (1 - \alpha\delta)\nu(x)] \exp(-\alpha\delta); \end{aligned}$$
- b) for  $p^2 - 4q > 0$  by
- $$\begin{aligned}\tau_\delta(x) &= [(\beta \operatorname{ch} \beta\delta + \alpha \operatorname{sh} \beta\delta)\tau(x) - \nu(x) \operatorname{sh} \beta\delta] \beta^{-1} \exp(-\alpha\delta), \\ \nu_\delta(x) &= [(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\tau(x) \operatorname{sh} \beta\delta + (\beta \operatorname{ch} \beta\delta - \alpha \operatorname{sh} \beta\delta)\nu(x)] \\ &\quad \times \beta^{-1} \exp(-\alpha\delta); \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$
- c) for  $p^2 - 4q < 0$  by
- $$\begin{aligned}\tau_\delta(x) &= [(\beta \cos \beta\delta + \alpha \sin \beta\delta)\tau(x) - \nu(x) \sin \beta\delta] \beta^{-1} \exp(-\alpha\delta), \\ \nu_\delta(x) &= [(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)\tau(x) \sin \beta\delta + (\beta \cos \beta\delta - \alpha \sin \beta\delta)\nu(x)] \\ &\quad \times \beta^{-1} \exp(-\alpha\delta). \end{aligned}$$

If we assume that conditions (3) are fulfilled on the characteristic  $C_{1\delta}C$  as in [1], then we obtain the following relation between  $\tau_\delta(x)$  and  $\nu_\delta(x)$  on  $I_\delta$ :

$$\frac{1}{2}(p_2 - q_2)\tau_\delta(x) - \frac{1}{2}(p_2 - q_2)\nu_\delta(x) + [T(\tau_\delta, \nu_\delta)](x) = \tilde{\psi}(x), \quad (5)$$

where  $T(\tau_\delta, \nu_\delta)$  is a completely defined linear integral operator,  $\tilde{\psi} = \frac{\psi}{R(x, -x, x, 0)}$ , and  $R(x, y, \xi, \eta)$  is a Riemann function [2].

As will be seen below, assuming that  $p_1(C_1) = 0$ ,  $q_1(C_1) \neq 0$  at the point  $C_1$  we can conclude that the derivatives  $u_x$  and  $u_y$  of the solution of problem (1), (2), (3) are continuous. In addition to this, we assume that  $p_2(t) - q_2(t) \neq 0$ ,  $t \in C_{1\delta}C$ .

If  $\tau_\delta(x)$  and  $\nu_\delta(x)$  are sewn continuously on  $I_\delta$  from (4), (5), then we obtain the equalities

- a)  $\delta\nu'(x) + (1 - \alpha\delta)\nu(x) = \frac{2(\tilde{T}(\tau, \nu) - \tilde{\psi})}{p_2 - q_2} \exp(\alpha\delta)$   
 $+ (1 + \alpha\delta)\tau'(x) - \alpha^2\delta\tau(x)$  for  $p^2 - 4q = 0$ ;
- b)  $\operatorname{sh} \beta\delta\nu'(x) + (\beta \operatorname{ch} \beta\delta - \alpha \operatorname{sh} \beta\delta)\nu(x) = \frac{2\beta(\tilde{T}(\tau, \nu) - \tilde{\psi})}{p_2 - q_2} \exp(\alpha\delta)$   
 $+ (\beta \operatorname{ch} \beta\delta + \alpha \operatorname{sh} \beta\delta)\tau'(x) - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2) \operatorname{sh} \beta\delta\tau(x)$   
for  $p^2 - 4q > 0$ ;
- c)  $\sin \beta\delta\nu'(x) + (\beta \cos \beta\delta - \alpha \sin \beta\delta)\nu(x) = \frac{2\beta(\tilde{T}(\tau, \nu) - \tilde{\psi})}{p_2 - q_2} \exp(\alpha\delta)$   
 $+ (\beta \cos \beta\delta + \alpha \sin \beta\delta)\tau'(x) - (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) \sin \beta\delta\tau(x)$   
for  $p^2 - 4q > 0$ .

Solving (6) as a linear differential equation with respect to  $\nu(x)$ , the relations between  $\tau(x)$  and  $\nu(x)$  after some transformations can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{a) } \nu(t) \exp\left[\frac{1-\alpha\delta}{\delta}t\right] &= \nu(0) \\
&+ \int_0^t \left[ \frac{2(\tilde{T}(\tau, \nu) - \tilde{\psi})}{\delta(p_2 - q_2)} \exp(\alpha\delta) - \alpha^2\tau(x) \right] \exp\left[\frac{1-\alpha\delta}{\delta}x\right] dx \\
&+ \frac{1+\alpha\delta}{\delta} \left[ \tau(t) \exp\left(\frac{1-\alpha\delta}{\delta}t\right) - \tau(0) \right] \\
&- \frac{1-\alpha\delta}{\delta} \int_0^t \tau(x) \exp\left[\frac{(1-\alpha\delta)x}{\delta}\right] dx \quad \text{for } p^2 - 4q = 0; \\
\text{b) } \nu(t) \exp\left[\frac{(\beta \operatorname{ch} \beta\delta - \alpha \operatorname{sh} \beta\delta)}{\operatorname{sh} \beta\delta}t\right] &= \nu(0) + \int_0^t \left[ \frac{2(\tilde{T}(\tau, \nu) - \tilde{\psi})\beta}{\operatorname{sh} \beta\delta(p_2 - q_2)} \exp(\alpha\delta) \right. \\
&- \left. (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\tau(x) \right] \exp\left[\frac{\beta \operatorname{ch} \beta\delta - \alpha \operatorname{sh} \beta\delta}{\operatorname{sh} \beta\delta}x\right] dx \\
&+ \frac{\beta \operatorname{ch} \beta\delta + \alpha \operatorname{sh} \beta\delta}{\operatorname{sh} \beta\delta} \left[ \tau(t) \exp\left(\frac{\beta \operatorname{ch} \beta\delta - \alpha \operatorname{sh} \beta\delta}{\operatorname{sh} \beta\delta}t\right) - \tau(0) \right] \quad (7) \\
&- \frac{\beta \operatorname{ch} \beta\delta - \alpha \operatorname{sh} \beta\delta}{\operatorname{sh} \beta\delta} \int_0^t \tau(x) \exp\left[\frac{\beta \operatorname{ch} \beta\delta - \alpha \operatorname{sh} \beta\delta}{\operatorname{sh} \beta\delta}x\right] dx \\
&\quad \text{for } p^2 - 4q > 0; \\
\text{c) } \nu(t) \exp\left[\frac{(\beta \cos \beta\delta - \alpha \sin \beta\delta)}{\sin \beta\delta}t\right] &= \nu(0) + \int_0^t \left[ \frac{2(\tilde{T}(\tau, \nu) - \tilde{\psi})\beta}{\sin \beta\delta(p_2 - q_2)} \exp(\alpha\delta) \right. \\
&- \left. (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)\tau(x) \right] \exp\left[\frac{\beta \cos \beta\delta - \alpha \sin \beta\delta}{\sin \beta\delta}x\right] dx \\
&+ \frac{\beta \cos \beta\delta + \alpha \sin \beta\delta}{\sin \beta\delta} \left[ \tau(t) \exp\left(\frac{\beta \cos \beta\delta - \alpha \sin \beta\delta}{\sin \beta\delta}t\right) - \tau(0) \right] \\
&- \frac{\beta \cos \beta\delta - \alpha \sin \beta\delta}{\sin \beta\delta} \int_0^t \tau(x) \exp\left[\frac{\beta \cos \beta\delta - \alpha \sin \beta\delta}{\sin \beta\delta}x\right] dx \\
&\quad \text{for } p^2 - 4q < 0 \text{ and } \sin \beta\delta \neq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

When  $p^2 - 4q < 0$  and  $\sin \beta\delta = 0$ , (6) immediately implies the relation

$$\nu(t) = \frac{2(\tilde{T}(\tau, \nu) - \tilde{\psi})}{(p_2 - q_2) \cos \beta\delta} \exp(\alpha\delta) + \tau'(t).$$

Let us use a general representation of regular solutions of equation (1) in  $\Omega_1$  by analytic functions  $\omega(z)$  [3]

$$u(x, y) = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \alpha(z, \bar{z})\omega(z) + \int_{p_0}^z \beta(z, \bar{z}, t)\omega(t) dt \right\}, \quad (8)$$

where  $\omega(z)$  is an arbitrary analytic function in  $\Omega_1$  that satisfies the condition  $\operatorname{Im} \omega(p_0) = 0$ ,  $p_0 \in \Omega_1$ ;  $\alpha(z, \bar{z})$  and  $\beta(z, \bar{z}, t)$  are entire functions of their arguments. I. Vekua proved that if  $\omega(z) \in C^{1,h}(\Omega_1)$  is an analytic function in a 1-connected domain  $\Omega_1$  satisfying the condition  $\operatorname{Im} \omega(p_0) = 0$ , then there exists a unique real function  $\mu(t) \in C^{0,h}$  such that the formula

$$\omega(z) = \int_{\partial\Omega_1} \mu(t) \log e \left( 1 - \frac{z}{t} \right) dS_t \quad (9)$$

holds, where  $dS_t$  are elements of an arc of the boundary  $\partial\Omega_1$ , while under  $\log e \left( 1 - \frac{z}{t} \right)$ ,  $z \in \Omega_1$ ,  $t \in \partial\Omega_1$ , we understand a branch of this function that is equal to zero for  $z = 0$ . Assuming that (8) is a boundary condition [4], we can rewrite (2) equivalently as

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1(t)\mu(t) + \beta_1(t) \int_{\partial\Omega_1} \frac{\mu(t_1) dt_1}{t_1 - t} \\ + \int_{\partial\Omega_1} K(t, t_1)\mu(t_1) dt_1 = \varphi(t), \quad t \in \partial\Omega_1 \setminus C_1C_2, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1(t) &= \operatorname{Re}[-\pi t' \alpha(t, \bar{t})(p_1(t) + iq_1(t)), \\ \beta_1(t) &= \operatorname{Im}[-i\bar{t}'(p_1(t) + iq_1(t))\alpha(t, \bar{t})], \\ \alpha(z, \bar{z}) &= \exp \left[ \int_0^{\bar{z}} p(z, \bar{t}) dt \right]. \end{aligned}$$

From (8) we find that [4]

$$\tau'(t) = \tilde{\alpha}_1(t)\mu(t) + \tilde{\beta}_1(t) \int_{\partial\Omega_1} \frac{\mu(t_1) dt_1}{t_1 - t} + K_1(\mu), \quad (11)$$

$$\nu(t) = \tilde{\alpha}_2(t)\mu(t) + \tilde{\beta}_2(t) \int_{\partial\Omega_1} \frac{\mu(t_1) dt_1}{t_1 - t} + K_2(\mu), \quad (12)$$

$$\tilde{\alpha}_1(t) = \operatorname{Re}(-\pi i \alpha(t, \bar{t})t'), \quad \tilde{\beta}_1(t) = \operatorname{Im}(-i \alpha(t, \bar{t})\bar{t}'),$$

$$\tilde{\alpha}_2(t) = \operatorname{Re}(\pi \alpha(t, \bar{t})t'), \quad \tilde{\beta}_2(t) = \operatorname{Im}(\alpha(t, \bar{t})\bar{t}').$$

Here  $K_1(\mu)$ ,  $K_2(\mu)$  are completely defined integral operators.

Using formulas (8), (11), (12), from the boundary condition (3) we obtain a singular integral equation with Cauchy kernel which, together with equation (10) can be rewritten in the form of a singular equation on the whole boundary  $\partial\Omega_1$

$$\alpha_i^*(t)\mu(t) + \beta_i^*(t) \int_{\partial\Omega_1} \frac{\mu(t_1) dt_1}{t_1 - t} + K_i^* = f_i^*(t) \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4), \quad (13)$$

where  $K_i^*$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) are completely defined compact linear integral operators,  $f_i^*$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) are the known functions, for  $p^2 - 4q = 0$

$$\alpha_1^*(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha_1(t), & t \in \partial\Omega_1 \setminus AB, \\ \tilde{\alpha}_2(t) \exp \left[ \frac{1-\alpha\sigma}{\sigma} f(t) \right], & t \in AB, \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_1^*(t) = \begin{cases} \beta_1(t), & t \in \partial\Omega_1 \setminus AB, \\ \tilde{\beta}_2(t) \exp \left[ \frac{1-\alpha\sigma}{\sigma} f(t) \right], & t \in AB; \end{cases}$$

for  $p^2 - 4q > 0$

$$\alpha_2^*(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha_1(t), & t \in \partial\Omega_1 \setminus AB, \\ \tilde{\alpha}_2(t) \exp [(\alpha - \text{cth } \beta\sigma)f(t)], & t \in AB, \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_2^*(t) = \begin{cases} \beta_1(t), & t \in \partial\Omega_1 \setminus AB, \\ \tilde{\beta}_2(t) \exp \left[ \frac{1-\alpha\sigma}{\sigma} f(t) \right], & t \in AB; \end{cases}$$

for  $p^2 - 4q < 0$ ,  $\sin \beta\sigma \neq 0$

$$\alpha_3^*(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha_1(t), & t \in \partial\Omega_1 \setminus AB, \\ \tilde{\alpha}_2(t) [(\alpha - \text{ctg } \beta\sigma)f(t)], & t \in AB, \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_3^*(t) = \begin{cases} \beta_1(t), & t \in \partial\Omega_1 \setminus AB, \\ \tilde{\beta}_2(t) [(\alpha - \text{ctg } \beta\sigma)f(t)], & t \in AB. \end{cases}$$

for  $p^2 - 4q < 0$ ,  $\sin \beta\sigma = 0$

$$\alpha_4^*(t) = \begin{cases} \beta_1(t), & t \in \partial\Omega_1 \setminus AB, \\ (p_2 + q_2) \cos \sigma \tilde{\beta}_2(t) - 2(p_2 - q_2) \cos \beta \tilde{\alpha}_1(t), & t \in AB, \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \int_0^x \frac{p_2 + q_2}{p_2 - q_2} dt.$$

So, in terms of solvability, problem (1), (2), (3) is equivalently reduced to the integral equation (13).

The solution  $\mu(t)$  of the obtained singular integral equations is sought in the space  $H^*(\partial\Omega_1)$  [5], assuming that the node of the curve  $\partial\Omega_1$  is the point  $C_2(1, 0)$ , while the index of (13) is calculated in the same manner as in [1].

Thus the following theorem is valid.

**Theorem.** *Let the conditions*

- 1)  $H(t) = p_1(t) + iq_1(t) \neq 0$ ,  $t \in \sigma$ ,
- 2)  $p_1(C_1) = 0$ ,
- 3)  $p_2^2(t) - q_2^2(t) \neq 0$ ,  $t \in C_1C_2$ ,  $\varphi(0) = \psi(0)$

*be fulfilled. Then problem (1), (2), (3) is Noetherian.*

In this direction a special mention should be made of work [6].

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