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## ON THE SOLUTIONS OF A CONVOLUTION EQUATION IN A SEMI-STRIP

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We consider a convolution type equation for the Smirnov spaces in a semi-strip. An estimation of a solution in terms of analytic extension is obtained.

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Рассматривается уравнение типа свертки для пространств Смирнова в полуполосе. Получена оценка решения в терминах аналитического продолжения.

Let  $H^p(\mathbb{C}_+)$ ,  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ , be the Hardy space of analytic in the half-plane  $\mathbb{C}_+ = \{z: \operatorname{Re} z > 0\}$  functions with the condition

$$\|f\|_* := \sup_{x>0} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x+iy)|^p dy \right\}^{1/p} < +\infty.$$

Properties of these spaces are described in details in [1]. There it is shown, particularly, that each  $H^p(\mathbb{C}_+)$ ,  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ , is a Banach space with respect to the above norm.

The following result is very famous (see [2, 3]).

**Theorem A.** *Let  $q \in L_2(-\infty; 0)$  and  $Q(z) = \int_{-\infty}^0 q(t)e^{tz} dt$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

1) the equation

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 \psi(t+\tau)q(t)dt = 0, \quad \tau \leq 0, \tag{1}$$

has a nontrivial solution in  $\psi \in L_2(-\infty; 0)$ ;

2) the system  $\{Q(z)e^{\tau z} : \tau \leq 0\}$  is not complete in  $H^2(\mathbb{C}_+)$ ;

3)  $Q$  is not outer for  $H^2(\mathbb{C}_+)$ .

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A function  $Q \in H^2(\mathbb{C}_+)$  is said to be outer for  $H^2(\mathbb{C}_+)$  if  $G(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}_+$ ,

$$\overline{\lim}_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln |Q(x)|}{x} = 0$$

and the singular boundary function of  $Q$  is constant.

The necessity part of above theorem is based on the following result.

**Theorem B.** Suppose  $q \in L_2(-\infty; 0)$ ,  $Q(z) = \int_{-\infty}^0 q(t)e^{tz} dt$ . A function  $\psi \in L_2(-\infty; 0)$  is a solution of equation (1) if and only if the function  $Q(iy)\Psi(iy)$ , where  $\Psi(z) = \int_{-\infty}^0 \psi(t)e^{-tz} dt$  is an angular boundary function on  $i\mathbb{R}$  of some function  $P \in H^1(\mathbb{C}_+)$ .

Let  $H_\sigma^p(\mathbb{C}_+)$ ,  $\sigma \geq 0$ ,  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ , be the space of analytic functions in  $\mathbb{C}_+$  with

$$\|f\| := \sup_{-\frac{\pi}{2} < \varphi < \frac{\pi}{2}} \left\{ \int_0^{+\infty} |f(re^{i\varphi})|^p e^{-pr\sigma|\sin \varphi|} dr \right\}^{1/p} < +\infty.$$

Let  $E^p[D_\sigma]$  and  $E_*^p[D_\sigma]$ ,  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ ,  $\sigma > 0$ , be the spaces of analytic functions respectively in the domains  $D_\sigma = \{z: |\operatorname{Im} z| < \sigma, \operatorname{Re} z < 0\}$  and  $D_\sigma^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \overline{D}_\sigma$ , for which

$$\sup \left\{ \int_\gamma |f(z)|^p |dz| \right\}^{1/p} < +\infty,$$

where supremum is taken over all segments  $\gamma$ , that lay in  $D_\sigma$  and  $D_\sigma^*$ , respectively. The spaces  $E^p[D_\sigma]$  and  $E_*^p[D_\sigma]$  are studied in [4], where it has been shown that the functions  $f$  that belong to these spaces have a. e. on  $\partial D_\sigma$  the angular boundary values which will be denoted by  $f(z)$  and  $f \in L^p[\partial D_\sigma]$ .

In [5, 6] the following equation is considered

$$\int_{\partial D_\sigma} f(w + \tau)g(w)dw = 0, \quad \tau \leq 0, \quad g \in E_*^2[D_\sigma]. \quad (2)$$

In [7] the following analogue of Theorem A is obtained.

**Theorem C.** Let  $g \in E_*^2[D_\sigma]$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- 1) equation (2) has a nontrivial solution  $f \in E^2[D_\sigma]$ ;
- 2) the system  $\{G(z)e^{\tau z}: \tau \leq 0\}$ , where  $G(z) = \frac{1}{i\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\partial D_\sigma} g(w)e^{-zw} dw$ , is not complete in  $H_\sigma^2(\mathbb{C}_+)$ ;
- 3) the function  $G$  has zero in  $\mathbb{C}_+$  or the singular boundary function of  $G$  is not constant or

$$\overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{1 < |t| < r} \left( \frac{1}{t^2} - \frac{1}{r^2} \right) \ln |G(it)| dt - \frac{\sigma}{\pi} \ln r \right) > -\infty.$$

The singular boundary function  $h$  of  $G \in H_\sigma^p(\mathbb{C}_+)$  is uniquely defined (up to a constant) at points of continuity  $t_1, t_2$  by the equality

$$h(t_2) - h(t_1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \ln |G(x + iy)| dy - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \ln |G(iy)| dy.$$

The aim of this article is to obtain the analogue of Theorem B for equation (2). Results of this type can be used to describe the translation invariant subspaces for weighted Hardy spaces (see [3], [7]). We denote by  $F_j$ ,  $j \in \{1; 2; 3\}$  the functions

$$F_j(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{l_j} f(w) e^{-zw} dw, \quad j \in \{1; 2; 3\},$$

where  $l_1, l_3$ , and  $l_2$  are the legs of  $\partial D_\sigma$ , respectively the rays laying under and above of the real axis, and the segment  $[-i\sigma; i\sigma]$ , and their orientation corresponds to the positive orientation of  $D_\sigma$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Suppose  $f \in E_2[D_\sigma]$  is a solution of equation (2). Then  $F_1(iy)G(iy)e^{\sigma y}$  is an angular boundary function on  $i\mathbb{R}$  of a function  $P$  analytic in  $\mathbb{C}_+$  such that*

$$\sup \left\{ \int_0^{+\infty} |P(re^{i\varphi})| e^{-\sigma r |\sin \varphi|} dr : \varphi \in (-\pi/2 + \delta; -\delta) \cup (\delta; \pi/2 - \delta) \right\} < +\infty \quad (3)$$

for each  $\delta \in (0; \pi/4)$ .

For the proof of Theorem 1 we need some auxiliary results (see [5]).

**Theorem D.** *If  $g \in E_*^2[D_\sigma]$ ,  $f \in E^2[D_\sigma]$ , then for all  $\tau \leq 0$  the equality*

$$\int_{\partial D_\sigma} f(w + \tau)g(w)dw = \int_0^{+\infty} \Phi_1(z)e^{\tau z} dz + \int_{-i\infty}^0 \Phi_3(z)e^{\tau z} dz + \int_0^{+\infty} \Phi_2(z)e^{\tau z} dz, \quad (4)$$

is valid, where  $\Phi_j(it) = F_j(it)G(it)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Suppose  $f \in E^2[D_\sigma]$  is a solution of equation (2) and*

$$S(z) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{+\infty} \Phi_1(w) \frac{1}{w-z} dw + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^0 \Phi_3(w) \frac{1}{w-z} dw - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{+\infty} \Phi_2(w) \frac{1}{w-z} dw.$$

Then  $S(z) = 0$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}_-$ .

*Proof.* Denote by  $\mu_1(\tau)$ ,  $\mu_2(\tau)$  and  $\mu_3(\tau)$  the summands in the right hand side of (4) respectively. Then by Theorem A  $\mu_1(\tau) + \mu_2(\tau) + \mu_3(\tau) = 0$ ,  $\tau \in (-\infty; 0)$  and also  $\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-\tau z} (\mu_1(\tau) + \mu_2(\tau) + \mu_3(\tau)) d\tau = 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} z < 0$ . But by Fubini's Theorem for  $\operatorname{Re} z < 0$

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-\tau z} \mu_2(\tau) d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-\tau z} \int_0^{+\infty} \Phi_2(u) e^{\tau u} du d\tau = \int_0^{+\infty} \Phi_2(u) du \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{\tau(u-z)} d\tau = - \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\Phi_2(u)}{u-z} du.$$

Analogously,

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-\tau z} \mu_1(\tau) d\tau = -i \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\Phi_1(iv)}{iv-z} dv, \quad \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-\tau z} \mu_3(\tau) d\tau = i \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\Phi_3(iv)}{iv-z} dv.$$

Hence

$$0 = - \int_0^{+i\infty} \Phi_1(w) \frac{1}{w-z} dw + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^0 \Phi_3(w) \frac{1}{w-z} dw - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{+\infty} \Phi_2(w) \frac{1}{w-z} dw, \quad \operatorname{Re} z < 0.$$

□

**Lemma 2.** *The function  $S$  has the angular boundary values almost everywhere (a. e.) on  $\partial\mathbb{C}_+$  from  $\mathbb{C}_+$ . These values are equal to  $\Phi_1(iv)$  for  $v > 0$  and  $-\Phi_3(iv)$  for  $v < 0$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 1 we have  $S(-\bar{z}) = 0$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}_+$ , that is,

$$-\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{+i\infty} \Phi_1(w) \frac{1}{w+\bar{z}} dw + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^0 \Phi_3(w) \frac{1}{w+\bar{z}} dw - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{+\infty} \Phi_2(w) \frac{1}{w+\bar{z}} dw = 0.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} S(z) &= S(z) - S(-\bar{z}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{+i\infty} \Phi_1(w) \left( \frac{1}{w-z} - \frac{1}{w+\bar{z}} \right) dw + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^0 \Phi_3(w) \left( \frac{1}{w-z} - \frac{1}{w+\bar{z}} \right) dw - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{+\infty} \Phi_2(w) \left( \frac{1}{w-z} - \frac{1}{w+\bar{z}} \right) dw = \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{+i\infty} \Phi_1(w) \frac{2x}{(w-z)(w+\bar{z})} dw + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^0 \Phi_3(w) \frac{2x}{(w-z)(w+\bar{z})} dw - \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{+\infty} \Phi_2(w) \frac{2x}{(w-z)(w+\bar{z})} dw. \end{aligned}$$

The latter integral ([1]) is equal to zero everywhere on an imaginary axis except for, probably, point  $z = 0$ . Obviously,

$$-\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{+i\infty} \Phi_1(w) \frac{2x}{(w-z)(w+\bar{z})} dw = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{+i\infty} \Phi_1(iv) \frac{x}{((v-y)^2 + x^2)} dv$$

is the Poisson integral formula, hence has angular boundary values a. e. on  $\partial\mathbb{C}_+$  from  $\mathbb{C}_+$  and values of the latter integral is equal to  $\Phi_1(iv)$  for  $v > 0$  and 0 for  $v < 0$ . Analogously we can prove that the angular boundary values on  $\partial\mathbb{C}_+$  from  $\mathbb{C}_+$  of the function

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^0 \Phi_3(w) \frac{2x}{(w-z)(w+\bar{z})} dw$$

is equal a. e. to  $-\Phi_3(iv)$  for  $v < 0$  and 0 for  $v > 0$ . □

Let  $E^p(D)$  be the Smirnov space (see [8]) over a domain  $D$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.* We claim that the function

$$P(z) = e^{-i\sigma z} \begin{cases} S(z), & z \in \mathbb{C}(0; \pi/2); \\ S(z) - \Phi_2(z), & z \in \mathbb{C}(-\pi/2; 0) \end{cases}$$

is the desired function. Indeed, by Lemma 2 the angular boundary values of the function  $S$  a.e. on  $\partial\mathbb{C}_+$  from  $\mathbb{C}_+$  is equal to  $\Phi_1(iv)$ ,  $v > 0$ , and  $-\Phi_3(iv)$ ,  $v < 0$ . But  $\Phi_1(iv) = -\Phi_3(iv) - \Phi_2(iv)$ ,  $v \in \mathbb{R}$ , hence the angular boundary values of the function  $P$  on  $\partial\mathbb{C}_+$  from  $\mathbb{C}_+$  a.e. is equal to  $\Phi_1(iv)$ .

From Lemma 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(z) &= S(z) + S(-z) = \\ &= - \int_0^{+i\infty} f_1(w) K_1(w; z) dw + \int_{-i\infty}^0 f_3(w) K_1(w; z) dw - \int_0^{+i\infty} f_2(w) K_1(w; z) dw, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}_+, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_1(w; z) := \frac{1}{\pi i} \frac{w}{(w-z)(w+z)} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left( \frac{1}{w-z} + \frac{1}{w+z} \right)$ . Also

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} |K_1(it; re^{i\varphi})| dr = \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{|t| dr}{\sqrt{t^2 - 2tr \sin \varphi + r^2} \sqrt{t^2 + 2tr \sin \varphi + r^2}} dr.$$

If  $t \neq 0$ , then

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{|t| dr}{\sqrt{t^2 - 2tr \sin \varphi + r^2} \sqrt{t^2 + 2tr \sin \varphi + r^2}} dr = \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{du}{\sqrt{1 - 2u \sin \varphi + u^2} \sqrt{1 + 2u \sin \varphi + u^2}}.$$

For  $|\varphi| < \pi/2 - \delta$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{du}{\sqrt{1 - 2u \sin \varphi + u^2} \sqrt{1 + 2u \sin \varphi + u^2}} &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{du}{2\sqrt{(1 - 2u|\sin \varphi| + u^2)^2}} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2(1 - \sin(\pi/2 - \delta))} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{du}{1 + u^2} \leq \frac{\pi}{4(1 - \sin(\pi/2 - \delta))}. \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} |K_1(t; re^{i\varphi})| dr &= \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{t}{|(t-z)(t+z)|} dr = \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{t}{\sqrt{t^2 + 2tr \cos \varphi + r^2} \sqrt{t^2 - 2tr \cos \varphi + r^2}} dr = \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{u^2 + 2u \cos \varphi + 1} \sqrt{u^2 - 2u \cos \varphi + 1}} du < +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

if  $\varphi \in (-\pi/2; \pi/2) \setminus (-\delta; \delta)$ .

Therefore by the Fubini theorem  $\int_0^{+\infty} dr \int_0^{+\infty} |\Phi_j(w) K_1(w; re^{i\varphi})| dw < +\infty$ ,  $j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ .  
Hence

$$\sup \left\{ \int_0^{+\infty} |S(re^{i\varphi})| dr : \varphi \in (-\pi/2 + \delta; -\delta) \cup (\delta; \pi/2 - \delta) \right\} < +\infty.$$

Also

$$\sup \left\{ \int_0^{+\infty} |\Phi_2(re^{i\varphi})| e^{-2\sigma r |\sin \varphi|} dr : \varphi \in (-\pi/2 + \delta; -\delta) \right\} < +\infty,$$

therefore Theorem 1 is proved.  $\square$

We do not know, whether estimation (4) for the case  $\delta = 0$  is true,  $P \in H_\sigma^1(\mathbb{C}_+)$ . Remark that in this case the assumptions of Theorem 1 are sufficient for the existence of a nontrivial solution of equation (2).

**Remark.** Analogously we can prove that  $F_3(iy)G(iy)e^{-\sigma y}$  is an angular boundary function on  $i\mathbb{R}$  of such analytic in  $\mathbb{C}_+$  function  $P^*$ , that

$$\sup \left\{ \int_0^{+\infty} |P^*(re^{i\varphi})| e^{-\sigma r |\sin \varphi|} dr : \varphi \in (-\pi/2 + \delta; -\delta) \cup (\delta; \pi/2 - \delta) \right\} < +\infty$$

for each  $\delta \in (0; \pi/4)$ .

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