

EXTENDED BITSADZE-LAVRENT'EV PROBLEM WITH TWO PARABOLIC LINES OF DEGENERACY AND TWO ELLIPTIC ARCS IN EUCLIDEAN PLANE

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As known, Lavrent'ev a. Bitsadze [1] established a uniqueness theorem for the mixed type equation: $\text{sgn}(y) \cdot u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ with special boundary conditions. In this paper we establish a uniqueness theorem for the extended equation

$$(+)\quad Lu = \text{sgn}(y \cdot (y-1)) \cdot u_{xx} + u_{yy} + r(x, y) \cdot u = f(x, y)$$

with new boundary conditions, the two parabolic lines of degeneracy: $y=0$, $y=1$, and two 'elliptic' arcs g_0 and g'_0 , such that: $x \cdot dy - (y-1) \cdot dx \geq 0$ on g_0 , and $x \cdot dy - y \cdot dx \geq 0$ on g'_0 .

Consider equation (+) in the region $G \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ bounded by the curves: A piecewise smooth curve g_0 in the region $G_1: x > 0, y > 1$ and intersecting the line $y=1$ at the points $A(0, 1)$, and $B(2, 1)$, another smooth curve g'_0 in the region $G'_1: x > 0, y < 0$ and intersecting the line $y=0$ at the points $A'(0, 0)$, and $B'(2, 0)$, the characteristic curve $g_1: x = -y + 1$ of (+) through $A(0, 1)$ meeting the characteristic $g'_1: y = x$ of (+) issued from $A(0, 0)$ at the point $C(1/2, 1/2)$ in $G_2: x > 0, 0 < y < 1$, and the characteristic $g_2: y = x - 1$ of (+) through $B(2, 1)$ meeting the characteristic $g'_2: y = -x + 2$ of (+) issued from $B'(2, 0)$ at the point $D(3/2, 1/2)$. Therefore, the boundary ∂G of G is given by

$$\partial G = (g_0) \cup (AC) \cup (CA') \cup (g'_0) \cup (B'D) \cup (DB).$$

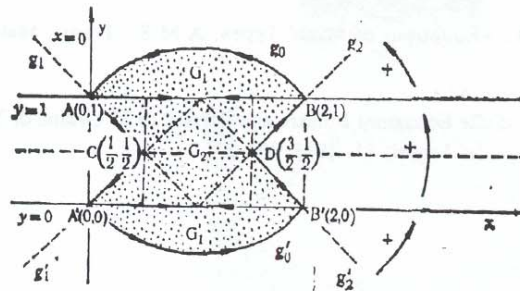


Fig. 1

We assume the following conditions

- (1): $K = \text{sgn}(y \cdot (y-1))$ is a discontinuous function in \bar{G} (= closure of $G := G \cup \partial G$), such that $K=1$ for $y < 0$ and $y > 1$, $=-1$ for $0 < y < 1$, $=0$ for $y=0$, $y=1$,
- (2): $r = r(x, y) \in C^1(\bar{G})$, $f = f(x, y) \in C^0(\bar{G})$,
- (3): $r \leq 0$ on $(AC) \cup (CA')$, $2 \cdot r + x \cdot r_x + (y-1) \cdot r_y \leq 0$ in \bar{G}_1 ,
 $2 \cdot r + x \cdot r_x + y \cdot r_y \leq 0$ in \bar{G}_2 , $r + x \cdot r_x \leq 0$ in \bar{G}_2 ,
 $x \cdot dy - (y-1) \cdot dx \geq 0$ on g_0 'star-likeness on g_0 '
 $x \cdot dy - y \cdot dx \geq 0$ on g'_0 'star-likeness on g'_0 '

where

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{G}_1 &= G_1 \cup \partial G_1 : \partial G_1 = (g_0) \cup (AB), \\ \bar{G}_2 &= G_2 \cup \partial G_2 : \partial G_2 = (AC) \cup (CA') \cup (A'B') \cup (B'D) \cup (DB) \cup (BA), \\ \bar{G}'_1 &= G'_1 \cup \partial G'_1 : \partial G'_1 = (g'_0) \cup (B'A').\end{aligned}$$

In addition, we assume boundary condition

$$(4) \quad u = 0 \text{ on } (g'_0) \cup (B'D) \cup (DB) \cup (g_0)$$

The **Extended Bitsadze-Lavrent'ev Problem** consists in finding a solution $u = u(x, y)$ of (+) satisfying (4).

Theorem. Assume domain $G \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ described above. If we assume conditions (1—4), then the extended Bitsadze-Lavrent'ev Problem has at most one quasi-regular solution u (i. e. if there exists a solution $u = u(x, y)$ for the extended Bitsadze-Lavrent'ev Problem and if Green's theorem holds, then $u = 0$ in G).

Proof. Assume u_1 and u_2 two solutions of (+) satisfying boundary condition (4). Denote $u = u_1 - u_2$. Then claim that

$$(5) \quad u = 0 \text{ in } G.$$

The proof of (5) follows if we apply the energy integral method in each region G_1, G_2, G'_1 separately (because of the discontinuity of K in G , Green's theorem cannot be applied directly in the whole region G) and then the maximum principle for elliptic and hyperbolic equations [2].

Note the integral expressions

$$(6) \quad 2 \cdot (lu, Lu)_{G_i} = 2 \cdot \iint_{G_i} lu \cdot Lu \cdot dx dy \quad (i=1, 2),$$

$$(7) \quad 2 \cdot (lu, Lu)_{G'_1} = 2 \cdot \iint_{G'_1} lu \cdot Lu \cdot dx dy,$$

where

$$(8) \quad lu = x \cdot u_x + (y-1) \cdot u_y \text{ in } \bar{G}_1, = x \cdot u_x \text{ in } \bar{G}_2, = x \cdot u_x + y \cdot u_y \text{ in } \bar{G}'_1.$$

By applying Green's theorem in (6) and (7), using (8) and if $v = (v_1, v_2)$ is the outer normal vector on ∂G , then

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned}2 \cdot (lu, Lu)_{G_i} &= - \iint_{G_i} [(2 \cdot r + x \cdot r_x + (y-1) \cdot r_y) \cdot u^2] \cdot dx dy \\ &\quad + \int_{\partial G_i} [N_i^2 \cdot (x \cdot dy - (y-1) \cdot dx) \cdot (v_1^2 + v_2^2)] \cdot ds \\ &\quad + 2 \cdot \int_{AB} [(x \cdot v_2) \cdot u \cdot u_y] \cdot ds = I_1 + I_2 + I_3\end{aligned}$$

(N_1 =normalizing factor: $u_x=N_1 \cdot v_1$, $u_y=N_1 \cdot v_2$ on g_0 , because $u=0$ on g_0 by (4)),

$$(10) \quad 2 \cdot (lu, Lu)_{G'_1} = - \iint_{G'_1} [(2 \cdot r + x \cdot r_x + y \cdot r_y) \cdot u^2] \cdot dx dy \\ + \int_{B'A'} [2 \cdot (x \cdot v_2) \cdot u_x u_y] \cdot ds \\ + \int_{g'_0} [(N'_1)^2 \cdot (x \cdot dy - y \cdot dx) \cdot (v_1^2 + v_2^2)] \cdot ds \\ = I'_1 + I'_2 + I'_3$$

(N'_1 =normalizing factor: $u_x=N'_1 \cdot v_1$, $u_y=N'_1 \cdot v_2$ on g'_0 , because $u=0$ on g'_0 by (4)),

$$(11) \quad 2 \cdot (lu, Lu)_{G_2} = - \iint_{G_2} [(r + x \cdot r_x) \cdot u^2] \cdot dx dy + \iint_{G_2} (u_x^2 + u_y^2) \cdot dx dy \\ + \int_{(AC) \cup (CA')} \{x \cdot [(-v_1) \cdot u_x^2 + (-v_1) \cdot u_y^2 + 2 \cdot v_2 \cdot u_x u_y]\} \cdot ds \\ + \int_{(B'D) \cup (DB)} [N_2^2 \cdot (x \cdot v_1) \cdot (-v_1^2 + v_2^2)] \cdot ds \\ + 2 \cdot \int_{(BA)} [(x \cdot v_2) \cdot u_x u_y] \cdot ds \\ + \int_{A'B'} [2 \cdot (x \cdot v_2) \cdot u_x u_y] \cdot ds \\ + \int_{(AC) \cup (CA')} [r \cdot (x \cdot v_1) \cdot u^2] \cdot ds = \sum_{i=1}^7 J_i$$

(N_2 =normalizing factor: $u_x=N_2 \cdot v_1$, $u_y=N_2 \cdot v_2$ on $(B'D) \cup (D'B)$, because $u=0$ on $(B'D) \cup (D'B)$ by (4)).

It is clear that

$l_1 \geq 0$, because: $2 \cdot r + x \cdot r_x + (y-1) \cdot r_y \leq 0$ in \bar{G}_1 by (3),

$l_2 \geq 0$, because: $x \cdot dy - (y-1) \cdot dx \geq 0$ on g_0 by (3),

$l_3 + J_6 = 0$, because: v_2 (on AB) = $-v_2$ (on BA),

$l'_1 \geq 0$, because: $2 \cdot r + x \cdot r_x + y \cdot r_y \leq 0$ in \bar{G}'_1 by (3),

$l'_2 + J_6 = 0$, because: v_2 (on $A'B'$) = $-v_2$ (on $B'A'$),

$l'_3 \geq 0$, because: $x \cdot dy - y \cdot dx \geq 0$ on g'_0 by (3),

$J_1 \geq 0$, because: $r + x \cdot r_x \leq 0$ in \bar{G}_2 by (3),

$J_2 \geq 0$, obvious,

$J_3 \geq 0$, because: $v_1 < 0$ on $(AC) \cup (CA')$, and $\begin{vmatrix} -v_1 & v_2 \\ v_2 & -v_1 \end{vmatrix} = v_1^2 - v_2^2 = 0$

on $(AC) \cup (CA')$, because AC , and CA' are characteristic segments of (+),

$J_4 = 0$, because: $-v_1^2 + v_2^2 = 0$ on $(B'D) \cup (DB)$, because $B'D$, and DB are characteristic segments of (+),

$J_7 \geq 0$, because: $r \leq 0$ on $(AC) \cup (CA')$ by (3), and $v_1 < 0$ on $(AC) \cup (CA')$.

Therefore, by adding (9), (10), and (11), and by taking into account the above results on the integrals I_t , I'_t ($t=1, 2, 3$), J_k ($k=1, 2, \dots, 7$), we conclude that $u=0$ on ∂G .

Thus, by employing the maximum principle, we prove that $u=0$ in G (that is, (5) holds) and this completes the proof of the theorem.

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