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### ON A NONLOCAL GENERALIZATION OF THE DIRICHLET PROBLEM

Let  $\Omega = \{(x_1, x_2) : 0 < x_k < 1, k = 1, 2\}$  be a unit square with a boundary  $\Gamma$ , and let  $\Gamma_1 = \{(0, x_2) : 0 < x_2 < 1\}$ ,  $\Gamma_* = \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_1$ ,  $\xi \in (0; 1]$ ,  $\varepsilon \in (0; 1)$ .

Consider the nonlocal boundary value problem

$$\mathcal{L}u = f(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad u(x) = 0, \quad x \in \Gamma_*, \quad l(u) = 0, \quad 0 < x_2 < 1, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}u := \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( a_{ij} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right) - a_0 u, \quad l(u) := \int_0^\xi \beta(x) u(x) dx_1, \quad \beta(x) := \varepsilon x_1^{\varepsilon-1} / \xi^\varepsilon$$

and the constant coefficients satisfying the following conditions

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^2 a_{ij} t_i t_j \geq \nu(t_1^2 + t_2^2), \quad \nu > 0, \quad a_0 \geq 0.$$

By  $L_2(\Omega, \rho)$  we denote the weighted Lebesgue space;  $\rho(x) := (x_1/\xi)^\varepsilon$  for  $x_1 < \xi$ ,  $\rho(x) := 1$  for  $x_1 \geq \xi$ .

We denote by  $W_2^1(\Omega, \rho)$  the weighted Sobolev space with the norm

$$\|u\|_{W_2^1(\Omega, \rho)} = \left( \|u\|_{L_2(\Omega, \rho)}^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega, \rho)}^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega, \rho)}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Define the subspace of the space  $W_2^1(\Omega, \rho)$  which can be obtained by closing the set

$$C^{\infty}(\bar{\Omega})^* = \left\{ u \in C^{\infty}(\bar{\Omega}) : \text{supp } u \cap \Gamma_* = \emptyset, \quad l(u) = 0, \quad 0 < x_2 < 1 \right\}$$

with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{W_2^1(\Omega, \rho)}$ . Denote it by  $\dot{W}_2^1(\Omega, \rho)$ .

Let the right-hand side  $f(x)$  in equation (1) be a linear continuous functional on  $\dot{W}_2^1(\Omega, \rho)$  which can be represented as

$$f = f_0 + \partial f_1 / \partial x_1 + \partial f_2 / \partial x_2, \quad f_k(x) \in L_2(\Omega, \rho), \quad k = 0, 1, 2.$$

**Theorem 1.** *Problem (1) has a unique solution from  $\dot{W}_2^1(\Omega, \rho)$ .*

By passing to the limit  $\xi \rightarrow 0$  the nonlocal condition  $l(u) = 0$  transforms to  $u(0, x_2) = 0$ , while Theorem 1 to the well-known theorem on the existence and uniqueness of a solution of the Dirichlet problem. In this sense, the nonlocal problem (1) can be regarded as a generalization of the Dirichlet boundary value problem.