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ON THE BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM OF LINEAR CONJUGATION  
OF AN UNCLOSED CARLESON ARC

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The aim of the present paper is to improve our results obtained in [1], i.e. to solve the boundary value problem not imposing the condition (2') from [1] on the contour.

Just as in [1], we denote by  $\Gamma_{ab}$  the arc with the ends  $a$  and  $b$  directed from  $a$  to  $b$ . By  $\{\mathcal{K}_p(\Gamma_{ab})\}$  we denote a class of functions representable by the Cauchy type integral

$$\{\mathcal{K}_p(\Gamma_{ab})\} = \left\{ \phi_0 : \phi_0(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_{ab}} \frac{\varphi(t)dt}{t-z} = (\mathcal{K}_p\varphi)(z), z \notin \Gamma, \varphi \in L_p(\Gamma_{ab}) \right\},$$

and by  $\{\mathcal{K}_p(\Gamma_{ab}) + P_n\}$  we denote a class  $\{\mathcal{K}_p(\Gamma_{ab}) + P_n\} = \{\phi : \phi(z) = \phi_0(z) + P_n(z), P_n(z) \text{ is the } n\text{th degree polynomial}\}$ ,

The boundary value problem of linear conjugation for the arc  $\Gamma_{ab}$  is called the following problem: Find the function  $\phi(z) \in \{\mathcal{K}_p(\Gamma_{ab}) + P_n\}$  which satisfies the condition

$$\phi^+(t) = G(t)\phi^-(t) + g(t), \quad t \in \Gamma, \tag{1}$$

where  $G(t)$  and  $g(t)$  are the given functions. In our case,  $G(t)$  is continuous on  $\Gamma_{ab}$ , and  $g(t) \in L_p(\Gamma_{ab}), p > 1$ . Moreover, we will seek, as commonly, for a solution vanishing at infinity, i.e.  $\phi(z) \in \{\mathcal{K}_p(\Gamma_{ab})\}$ . The arc  $\Gamma_{ab}$  is assumed to satisfy David's condition ([2]); in this case we write  $\Gamma_{ab} \in R$ , and the arc is called regular, or Carleson's arc.

Short description of the results for the problem (1) can be found in [1].

In what follows, the use will be made of the results obtained by Seiffulaev [3]. If  $\Gamma_{ab} \in R$  and  $c = a$ , or  $b$ , then

$$\overline{\lim} \frac{\arg(z-c)}{|\ln|z-c||} = \overline{\Delta}_c, \quad \lim \frac{\arg(z-c)}{|\ln|z-c||} = \underline{\Delta}_c, \tag{2}$$

where  $\overline{\Delta}_c$  and  $\underline{\Delta}_c$  are finite numbers.

To solve the problem (1), we represent the function  $G(t)$  in the form

$$\ln G(t) = \omega_1(t) + \omega_2(t),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1(t) &= \ln G(t) - \ln G(a) - \frac{\ln G(b) - \ln G(a)}{b-a}(t-a), \\ \omega_2(t) &= \ln G(a) + \frac{\ln G(b) - \ln G(a)}{b-a}(t-a). \end{aligned}$$

As is shown in [1], if  $\Gamma_{ab} \in R, \overline{\Delta}_c = \underline{\Delta}_c$  then

$$X_1(z) \equiv \exp(K\omega_1)(z) \in \prod_{p>1} \{\mathcal{K}_p(\Gamma_{ab}) + P_0\}$$

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and moreover,  $X_1^+ \in \prod_{p>1} \{W_p(\Gamma_{ab})\}$ , where  $\{W_p(\Gamma_{ab})\}$  denotes a class of the functions  $\{W_p(\Gamma_{ab})\} = \{\rho : \|\rho S_p^{-1}\varphi\|_p \leq M_p \|\varphi\|_p, \forall p \in L_p\}$ ;  $S_{\Gamma_{ab}}$  is the singular integral

$$(S_{\Gamma_{ab}} \psi)(\tau) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_{ab}} \frac{\varphi(t) dt}{t - \tau}.$$

Regarding  $(\exp \mathcal{K}\omega_2)(z)$ , it is proved in [1] that if the integers  $\varkappa_a$  and  $\varkappa_b$  are chosen such that

$$-\frac{\ln |G(b)|}{2\pi} \Delta_b + \frac{\arg G(b)}{2\pi} = \varkappa_b + \alpha_b \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\ln G(a)}{2\pi} \Delta_a - \frac{\arg G(a)}{2\pi} = \varkappa_a + \alpha_a \quad (4)$$

and

$$-\frac{1}{p} < \alpha_a < \frac{1}{q}, \quad ; \quad \frac{1}{p} < \alpha_b < \frac{1}{q}, \quad (5)$$

then

$$X_2(z) = (z-a)^{-\varkappa_a} (z-b)^{-\varkappa_b} (\exp \mathcal{K}\omega_2)(z) \in \{\mathcal{K}_p(\gamma_{ab}) + P\}. \quad (6)$$

As a result, we obtain

$$X(z) \equiv X_1(z)X_2(z) = (z-a)^{-\varkappa_a} (z-b)^{-\varkappa_b} \exp(\mathcal{K} \ln G) \in \{\mathcal{K}_p(\Gamma_{ab}) + P\}.$$

In the sequel, we have to show that  $X^+ \in W_p(\Gamma_{ab})$ . In [1] we have done this with supplementary restriction to the contour. Here we will perform this without any restriction. Towards this end, we have to show that  $X_2^+(t) \in W_p(\Gamma_{ab})$ .

We take advantage of the fact that it makes no difficulty to calculate  $(\mathcal{K}\omega_2)(z)$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{K}\omega_2(z)) &= \frac{G(b)}{2\pi i} \ln(z-b) - \frac{\ln G(a)}{2\pi i} \ln(z-a) + \\ &+ \frac{\ln G(b) - \ln G(a)}{2\pi i(b-a)} ((z-b) \ln(z-b) - (z-a) \ln(z-a) + (b-a)) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

In [1] we made mechanical error. (in (6) we missed one summand  $(b-a)$ , but the results remains unchanged. Under  $\ln(z-a)$  and  $\ln(z-b)$  are meant branches, analytic on the plane, cut along  $\Gamma_{ab} \cap \Gamma_{b,\infty}$  and chosen such that the function  $\ln \frac{z-b}{z-a}$  is continuous when  $z \in \Gamma_{(b,\infty)}$ .

According to (2), it is clear that in the neighborhood of the points  $c$ ,

$$\arg(z-c) = \Delta_c |\ln |z-c|| + \varepsilon_c(z),$$

where  $\lim_{z \rightarrow c} \varepsilon_c(z) = 0$ .

Consider now the expression

$$N_c(z) \equiv \exp \frac{\ln G(c)}{2\pi i} \ln(z-c).$$

In the neighborhood of the points  $c$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} N_c(z) &= \exp \frac{\ln |G(c)| + i \arg G(c)}{2\pi i} (\ln |z-c| + i \arg(z-c)) = \\ &= M_c(z) \exp \frac{\ln |G(c)|}{2\pi} \arg(z-c) + \frac{\arg G(c)}{2\pi} \ln |z-c|, \end{aligned} \quad (7')$$

where  $|M_c(z)|$  are bounded in the neighborhood of  $c = a$  and  $c = b$  and not equal to zero. Taking into account (7'), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} N_c(z) &= M_c(z) \exp \frac{\ln |G(c)|}{2\pi} \frac{\arg(z-c)}{\ln |z-c|} \ln |z-c| + \\ &+ \frac{\arg G(c)}{2\pi} \ln |z-c| = M_c(z) \exp \frac{\ln |G(c)|}{2\pi} (-\Delta_c + \varepsilon_c(z) \ln |z-c|) + \\ &+ \frac{\arg G(c)}{2\pi} \ln |z-c| = M_c(z) |z-c|^{-\frac{\ln |G(c)|}{2\pi}} \Delta_c + \frac{\ln |G(c)|}{2\pi} \varepsilon_c(z) + \frac{\arg G(c)}{2\pi}. \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of (6), in the neighborhood of  $b$  we have

$$\exp(\mathcal{K}\omega_2)(z) = A_1(z) M_b(z) |z-b|^{-\frac{\ln |G(b)|}{2\pi}} \Delta_b + \frac{\ln |G(b)|}{2\pi} \varepsilon_p(z) + \arg \frac{G(b)}{2\pi}, \quad (8)$$

and in the neighborhood of the point  $a$ ,

$$\exp(\mathcal{K}\omega_2)(z) = A_2(z) M_a(z) |z-a|^{\frac{\ln |G(a)|}{2\pi}} \Delta_a - \frac{\ln |G(a)|}{2\pi} \varepsilon_p(z) - \arg \frac{G(a)}{2\pi} \quad (9)$$

$A_1(z)$  and  $A_2(z)$  are the bounded functions, different from zero.

We now take  $\varkappa_b$  and  $\varkappa_a$  the same as in (3) and (4). Choose  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|\varepsilon_c(z)|$  are sufficiently small in order that if

$$\alpha'_c \equiv \frac{\ln |G(c)|}{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} \varepsilon_c(z) + \alpha_c, \quad \text{then} \quad -\frac{1}{p} < \alpha'_0 < \frac{1}{q}$$

whence it follows that the function

$$X_2(z) = (z-a)^{-\varkappa_a} (z-b)^{-\varkappa_b} \exp(\mathcal{K}\omega_2)(z) = B(z) |z-a|^{\alpha_a} |z-b|^{\alpha_b}, \quad (10)$$

where  $B(z)$  is the function, bounded and not equal to zero in the neighborhood of the points  $a$  and  $b$ . Let  $\Gamma_{aa_1}$  and  $\Gamma_{b_1b}$  be just these neighborhoods, and moreover, the points  $d$  and  $e$  belong to them,  $\Gamma_{aa_1} \subset \Gamma_{ab}$ ,  $d \in \Gamma_{aa_1}$ ,  $\Gamma_{b_1b} \subset \Gamma_{ab}$ ,  $e \in \Gamma_{b_1b}$ . It is seen from (10) that  $X_2^+(t) \in W_p(\Gamma_{aa_1}) \cap W_p(\Gamma_{b_1b})$ . Obviously,  $X_2^+(t) \in W_p(\Gamma_{de})$ . It now follows from the results of [4] that  $X_2^+ \in W_p(\Gamma_{ab})$ . It is not difficult to find that  $X^+ = X_1^+ X_2^+ \in W_p(\Gamma_{ab})$ . Thus we can state that Theorem 2 of [1] is valid without the condition 2'. Indeed, if we denote  $\varkappa = \varkappa_a + \varkappa_b$ , then the solution, vanishing at infinity, of the problem of conjugation has index  $\varkappa$ , and for  $\varkappa < 0$ , both the solution and the condition of solvability have classical form. Here we imposed on the line of class  $R$  only one restriction  $\overline{\Delta}_c = \Delta_c$  which is not necessary, but it provides us with the formula for the index and also a sufficiently simple proof. In the sequel, we will try to eliminate this restriction and to consider the problem in the class  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\Gamma_{ab})$ , like in [5]. Moreover, we will consider piecewise continuous coefficients.

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