Discrete Singular Operators and Equations in a Half-Space

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Abstract. Discrete multidimensional singular integral equations with Calderon-Zygmund kernels are considered in a discrete half-space. The solvability of such equations is studied using the properties of discrete Fourier transform and corresponding properties of Calderon-Zygmund operators.

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1. Introduction

We consider discrete operator generated by Calderon-Zygmund kernel K(x), which is defined for discrete argument function $u_h(\tilde{x})$, $\tilde{x} \in \mathbf{Z}_h^m$, where \mathbf{Z}_h^m is an integer lattice (modulo h) in \mathbf{R}^m . We also consider the corresponding equation

$$au_h(\tilde{x}) + \sum_{\tilde{y} \in \mathbf{Z}_{h,+}^m} K(\tilde{x} - \tilde{y})u_h(\tilde{y})h^m = v_h(\tilde{x}), \quad \tilde{x} \in \mathbf{Z}_{h,+}^m, \tag{1}$$

in discrete half-space $\mathbf{Z}_{h,+}^m = \{ \tilde{x} \in \mathbf{Z}_h^m : \tilde{x_m} > 0 \}, u_h, v_h \in L_2(\mathbf{Z}_{h,+}^m) \equiv l_h^2$. By definition, we let K(0) = 0, and define the symbol of operator

$$u_h(\tilde{x}) \mapsto au(\tilde{x}) + \sum_{\tilde{y} \in \mathbf{Z}_h^m} K(\tilde{x} - \tilde{y}) u_h(\tilde{y}) h^m, \quad \tilde{x} \in \mathbf{Z}_h^m,$$

as a periodic function

$$\sigma_h(\xi) = a + \sum_{\tilde{x} \in \mathbf{Z}_h^m} e^{-i\xi\tilde{x}} K(\tilde{x}) h^m,$$
(2)

with period $[-\pi h^{-1}; \pi h^{-1}]^m$.

The sum in (2) is defined as a limit of partial sums over cubes Q_N

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{\tilde{x} \in Q_N} e^{-i\xi \tilde{x}} K(\tilde{x}) h^m$$

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$$Q_N = \left\{ \tilde{x} \in \mathbf{Z}_h^m : |\tilde{x}| \le N, |\tilde{x}| = \max_{1 \le k \le m} |\tilde{x}_k| \right\}$$

This reminds us of the symbol of classical Calderon-Zygmund operator [7] defined as a Fourier transform of kernel K(x) in the sense of principal value

$$\sigma(\xi) = \lim_{\substack{N \to \infty \\ \varepsilon \to 0}} \int_{\varepsilon < |x| < N} K(x) e^{i\xi x} dx.$$

It has been shown by earlier studies [9] that the images of $\sigma(\xi)$ and $\sigma_h(\xi)$ coincide with each other, and this makes it possible to treat such equations in more detail in a half-space.

2. Background

The continual analog of equation (1) is the equation

$$au(x) + \int_{\mathbf{R}^m_+} K(x-y)u(y)dy = v(x), \ x \in \mathbf{R}^m_+,$$
 (3)

in the space $L_2(\mathbf{R}^m_+)$.

This is a well-studied equation [5]. Using the Fourier transform, it can be reduced to the classical Riemann boundary value problem for upper and lower half-planes [1] with the coefficient $\sigma(\xi', \xi_m)$, where ξ is a dual (in the Fourier sense) variable and $\xi' = (\xi_1, ..., \xi_{m-1})$ is a parameter.

For discrete convolution in a half-axis, one of the authors of this paper showed [8] that such equation is equivalent to certain Riemann boundary value problem in a strip. It is easy to verify that for discrete half-space we have the similar problem in a strip for which the coefficients are defined by symbol $\sigma_h(\xi', \xi_m)$, and ξ' is a parameter. For continual equation we have the Riemann boundary value problem with parameter ξ' and a coefficient defined by $\sigma(\xi', \xi_m)$. The unique solution of this problem is determined by topological index with respect to the variable ξ_m .

The topological index of such problem is determined, roughly speaking, by the variation of the argument of function $\sigma(\cdot, \xi_m)$, as the argument ξ_m varies from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$ and does not depend on $\xi'(m \ge 3)$. The same is true for the discrete equation (1), and its solvability is determined by the variation of argument $\sigma(\cdot, \xi_m)$, as the variable ξ_m varies in the interval $[-\pi h^{-1}, \pi h^{-1}]$.

The key moment is to get the following relation:

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \int_{-\pi h^{-1}}^{\pi h^{-1}} d\arg \sigma_h(\cdot, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\arg \sigma(\cdot, t).$$
(4)

The validity of (4) implies the solvability (or unsolvability) of equations (1) and (3). Based on the results of [2], we can assert that the relation (4) is satisfied at least for continuous symbol $\sigma(\xi)$ on sphere S^{m-1} , if $\sigma(0; +1) = \sigma(0; -1)$.

3. Discrete Convolutions on a Half-Axis

A convolution of two functions f and g on a straight line is defined by the integral

$$(f \star g)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x-y)g(y)dy,$$

which exists if $f, g \in L_2(\mathbf{R})$. This is a continual convolution. Discrete convolution is defined in the same way. If f and g are functions of discrete argument, i.e. if they are sequences, then

$$(f \star g)(n) \equiv \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} f(n-k)g(k) \equiv \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} f_{n-k}g_k,$$

$$f_k \equiv f_k, \ g(k) \equiv g_k, \ k \in \mathbf{Z},$$
(5)

which exists for $f, g \in l_2$.

The Fourier transform of discrete function is defined by the following formula:

$$(Ff)(\xi) \equiv \tilde{f}(\xi) = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} f_k e^{-ik\xi}, \ \xi \in [-\pi, \pi].$$

Applying the Fourier transform to (5), we come to the standard formula

$$F(f \star g) = \tilde{f} \cdot \tilde{g},$$

which immediately provides a solvability condition for discrete convolution equation

$$au(n) + \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} M(n-k)u(k) = v(n), \tag{6}$$

where a is a constant, M and v are the given discrete functions, and u is a sought function. Function $a + \tilde{M}(\xi)$, $\xi \in [-\pi, \pi]$, is called a symbol of the equation (6).

Thus, the equation (6) has a unique solution if its symbol never vanishes, $M, v \in l_2$.

The situation gets much more complicated if we suppose that the equation (6) is defined not on the whole space \mathbf{Z} , but only on $\mathbf{Z}_{+} = \{0, 1, 2, ...\}$, i.e.

$$au(n) + \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} M(n-k)u(k) = v(n), \ n \in \mathbf{Z}_+,$$
(7)

where discrete function M is defined on the whole \mathbf{Z} , while the given v (and the sought u) are only defined on \mathbf{Z}_+ .

Consider two projectors:

$$(P_+u)(n) = \begin{cases} u(n), \ n \ge 0\\ 0, \ n < 0, \end{cases} \quad (P_-u)(n) = \begin{cases} 0, \ n \ge 0\\ u(n), \ n < 0, \end{cases}$$

and discrete convolution operator $M : u(n) \mapsto au(n) + \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} M(n-k)u(k)$. Then the equation (7) can be rewritten as follows:

$$P_+Mu_+ = f_+,\tag{8}$$

where functions u_+ (the sought one) and f_+ (the given one) are defined on \mathbf{Z}_+ . It is clear that the equation (8) is equivalent (from the viewpoint of solvability) to so called paired equation

$$(M_1P_+ + M_2P_-)U = F, (9)$$

on the whole lattice \mathbf{Z} , $M_2 = I$.

The use of discrete Fourier transform leads us to the summation of divergent series

$$\sum_{\varsigma \in \mathbf{Z}_+} e^{-ik\xi}.$$
 (10)

To get rid of divergence, we add a multiplier e^{is} and then pass to the limit as $s \to 0$. As a result, we obtain operator P_+ in terms of Fourier images.

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So,

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} e^{-ik\xi} e^{iks} = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} e^{-ik(\xi+is)} = \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} e^{-ik\zeta}, \ \zeta = \xi + is$$

The obtained series is convergent and its sum is equal to

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}_+} e^{-ik\zeta} = 1/2 - i/2\cot(\zeta/2)$$

Thus,

$$(FP_+u) = 1/2\tilde{u}(\xi) - i/2\lim_{s \to 0+} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cot \frac{\zeta - \tau}{2} \tilde{u}(\tau) d\tau.$$

Note that we would come to the similar integral (in the sense of principal value) if we summed the series (10) in a usual way (using Dirichlet kernel and passage to the limit in partial sums [4]). That would lead us to the periodical version of Hilbert transform

$$(Hu)(x) = v.p. \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cot \frac{x-t}{2} u(t) dt.$$

If projector P_{-} , is considered, then the sum (9) becomes

$$= i/2 + i/2\cot(\zeta/2),$$

and we get the following formula:

$$(FP_{-}u) = -1/2\tilde{u}(\xi) + i/2\lim_{s \to 0+} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cot \frac{\zeta - \tau}{2} \tilde{u}(\tau) d\tau.$$

4. Periodic Riemann Boundary Value Problem

Consider the function

$$\Phi(\zeta) = \frac{1}{4\pi i} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cot \frac{\zeta - t}{2} \phi(t) dt,$$

and suppose that $\phi(t)$ satisfies Hölder condition on $[-\pi,\pi]$:

$$|\phi(t_1) - \phi(t_2)| \le c|t_1 - t_2|^{\alpha},$$

 $\forall t_1, t_2 \in [-\pi, \pi], \ 0 < \alpha \le 1, \ \phi(-\pi) = \phi(\pi).$

Boundary values $(s \to \pm 0)$ can be calculated by passing from $[-\pi, \pi]$ to the unit circumference and applying classical Sokhotskii-Plemelj formulas. As a result, we get

Theorem 1. The formulas

$$\Phi^{\pm}(\xi) = \pm \frac{\phi(t)}{2} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} v.p. \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cot \frac{\xi - t}{2} \phi(t) dt, \qquad (11)$$

are true, where $\Phi^{\pm}(\xi)$ denote the boundary values $\Phi^{\pm}(\zeta)$ as $s \to \pm 0$.

These formulas lead us to the following formulation of periodic Riemann boundary value problem: find the pair of functions $\Phi^{\pm}(z)$, analytic in half-strips

$$\Pi_{\pm} = \{ z \in \mathbf{C} : z = t + is, t \in [-\pi, \pi], \pm s > 0 \},\$$

for which their boundary values satisfy linear relation

$$\Phi^+(t) = G(t)\Phi^-(t) + g(t), \ t \in [-\pi,\pi],$$

as $s \to 0\pm$, where G(t) and g(t) are the given functions on $[-\pi, \pi]$.

If we suppose that $G(t) \in C[-\pi, \pi]$, $G(-\pi) = G(\pi)$, then the index of function G on the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$ is defined as the variation of $\arg G(t)$ divided by 2π as t varies from $-\pi$ to π . This is an integer denoted by α .

Theorem 2. If G(t) satisfies Hölder condition, $\mathfrak{a}=0$, then the periodic Riemann boundary value problem has a unique solution $\Phi^{\pm}(t) \in L_2[-\pi,\pi]$, which is constructed using function $\Phi(\zeta)$.

5. Equations in Continual Case and the Classical Riemann Boundary Value Problem

5.1. Half-Axis Case

Reduction of equation (9) to so called characteristic singular integral equation is realized with the help of special Hilbert transform [1], [2], [6]

$$(Hu)(x) \equiv \frac{1}{\pi i} v.p. \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{u(s)}{s-x} ds$$
$$\equiv \frac{1}{\pi i} \lim_{\substack{N \to +\infty \\ \varepsilon \to 0+}} (\int_{-N}^{x-\varepsilon} + \int_{x+\varepsilon}^{N}) \frac{u(s)}{s-x} ds.$$

The properties of this operator are well-studied. In particular, operator $H: L_2(\mathbf{R}) \to \mathbf{L}_2(\mathbf{R})$ is a bounded linear operator with its spectrum consisting of two points ± 1 , and $H^2 = I$.

Besides, the following two operators

$$P = 1/2(I + H), \ Q = 1/2(I - H),$$

are the projectors on the subspace $A(\mathbf{R}) \subset L_2(\mathbf{R})$ of functions admitting analytic extension to the upper complex half-plane \mathbf{C}_+ and on the subspace $B(\mathbf{R}) \subset L_2(\mathbf{R})$ of functions admitting analytic extension to the lower complex half-plane \mathbf{C}_- , respectively. So

$$A(\mathbf{R}) \oplus B(\mathbf{R}) = L_2(\mathbf{R}).$$

The following identities are true:

$$P^2 = P, \ Q = I - P, \ Q^2 = Q, \ PQ = QP = 0.$$

If we denote by P_+ , and P_- the operators of restriction to the positive and negative half axes, respectively, then it is easy to verify [2] that

$$FP_+ = QF, \ FP_- = PF. \tag{12}$$

Next, by applying Fourier transform to one-dimensional equation (9) we get

$$\frac{1}{2}\sigma_{M_1}(\xi)(I-H)\tilde{U}(\xi) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{M_2}(\xi)(I+H)\tilde{U}(\xi) = \tilde{F}(\xi),$$

where $\sigma_{M_1}, \sigma_{M_2}$ are the symbols of operators M_1, M_2 . By grouping terms, we can rewrite the last equation as follows:

$$\frac{\sigma_{M_1}(\xi) + \sigma_{M_2}(\xi)}{2} \tilde{U}(\xi) +$$

$$+ \frac{\sigma_{M_1}(\xi) + \sigma_{M_2}(\xi)}{2\pi i} v.p. \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\tilde{U}(\eta)}{\eta - \xi} d\eta = \tilde{F}(\xi).$$
(13)

Equation (13) is well-known in the theory of singular integral equations [1]. It is called a characteristic singular integral equation, and its solution is closely related to the classical Riemann boundary value problem for upper and lower half-planes \mathbf{C}_{\pm} . This problem is formulated as follows: finding two functions $\Phi^{\pm}(t)$, defined on **R**, which admit analytic extension to \mathbf{C}_{\pm} and satisfy the linear relation

$$\Phi^{+}(t) = G(t)\Phi_{-}(t) + g(t), \tag{14}$$

on straight line **R**, where G(t) and g(t) are the given functions on **R**. If we denote

$$a(t) = \frac{\sigma_{M_1}(t) + \sigma_{M_2}(t)}{2}, \ b(t) = \frac{\sigma_{M_1}(t) - \sigma_{M_2}(t)}{2},$$

then we will see that the equation (13) in space $L_2(\mathbf{R})$ and the problem (14) for $\Phi^{\pm} \in L_2(\mathbf{R})$ are equivalent [1], i.e. coefficient G(t) and the right hand side g(t) are easily calculated by a and b:

$$G(t) = \frac{a(t) + b(t)}{a(t) - b(t)}, \ g(t) = \frac{F(t)}{a(t) - b(t)},$$

and, vice versa, problem (14) corresponds to the characteristic singular integral equation (13). It is also known [1] that the solvability conditions of equation (13) are determined by certain topological invariants called indices. Note that in our case

$$G(t) = \sigma_{M_1}(t)\sigma_{M_2}^{-1}(t).$$
(15)

We assume that the following condition is satisfied for (15). Denote by $\overline{\mathbf{R}}$ the one-point compactification of \mathbf{R} and suppose that G(t) is continuous on $\overline{\mathbf{R}}$ and vanishes nowhere. The variation of argument of G(t) divided by 2π , as t varies from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$, is called the index α of this function. If $\alpha = 0$, then the solution of equation (13) is unique and can be written out explicitly using Hilbert transform [1].

5.2. Half-Space Case

Back to equation (9), where M_1 , and M_2 are Calderon-Zygmund operators (as in equation (3)) and by P_+, P_- we mean the operators of restriction to the half-space $\mathbf{R}^m_{\pm} = \{x = (x_1, ..., x_m), \pm x_m > 0\}.$

It is evident that, slightly complemented, the previous reasoning stays true. If we denote by F the Fourier transform (as we did before), then we have the following relations:

$$FP_+ = Q_{\xi'}F, \ FP_- = P_{\xi'}F,$$

$$P = 1/2(I + H_{\xi'}), \ Q = 1/2(I - H_{\xi'}).$$

Here $H_{\xi'}$ is a Hilbert transform in variables ξ_m , $\xi' = (\xi_1, ..., \xi_{m-1})$:

$$(H_{\xi'}u)(\xi',\xi_m) \equiv \frac{1}{\pi i}v.p.\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{u(\xi',\tau)}{\tau-\xi_m} d\tau.$$

In such case, the equation (13) turns to the following one with the parameter ξ' :

$$\frac{\sigma_{M_1}(\xi',\xi_m) + \sigma_{M_2}(\xi',\xi_m)}{2}\tilde{U}(\xi) + \frac{\sigma_{M_1}(\xi',\xi_m) + \sigma_{M_2}(\xi',\xi_m)}{2\pi i}v.p.\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\tilde{U}(\xi',\eta)}{\eta - \xi_m}d\eta = \tilde{F}(\xi).$$
(16)

This equation corresponds to the Riemann boundary value problem (with parameter ξ') with coefficient

$$G(\xi',\xi_m) = \sigma_{M_1}(\xi',\xi_m)\sigma_{M_2}^{-1}(\xi',\xi_m).$$
(17)

To ensure the unique solvability of equation (16), the index of $G(\xi', \xi_m)$ with respect to variable ξ_m needs to be equal to 0.

The symbol of Calderon-Zygmund operator has a very specific nature. It is a homogeneous function of degree 0, i.e. it is in fact defined on the unit sphere S^{m-1} . Let $m \ge 3$. Take $\xi' \in S^{m-2}$ and suppose that G(0, -1) = G(0, +1). As ξ_m varies between $-\infty$ to $+\infty$, the function $G(\xi)$ will take values on the arc of large semi-circle joining the points (0, -1) and (0, +1). At the same time, the symbol will take values alongside the closed curve in the complex plane. These curves will be homotopic for different values of ξ' , i.e. they will have the same index x with respect to 0. The condition x = 0 provides the uniqueness of the solution of equation (16).

6. Back To Discrete Case

We are back to discrete equations, assuming that P_{\pm} in (9) are the operators of restriction to $\mathbf{Z}_{h,\pm}^m$, and M_1, M_2 are discrete Calderon-Zygmund operators generated by kernels $M_1(x)$, and $M_2(x)$, which are bounded in space $L_2(\mathbf{Z}_h^m)$.

Discrete Fourier transform for discrete argument functions defined on lattice \mathbf{Z}_{h}^{m} is given by the formula

$$u(\tilde{x}) \longmapsto \frac{1}{(2\pi)^m} \sum_{\tilde{x} \in \mathbf{Z}_h^m} u(\tilde{x}) e^{-i\tilde{x} \cdot \xi} h^m \equiv \tilde{u}(\xi), \ \xi \in [-h^{-1}\pi, h^{-1}\pi]^m.$$

Such Fourier transform has the same properties as the classical one [3].

In accordance with Theorem 1 and Section 5, we define the periodical analog of Hilbert transform with respect to the variable ξ_m ($\xi \in [-\pi, \pi]^m$, ξ' is fixed) by the formula

$$(H_{\xi'}^{per}u)(\xi_m) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\pi h^{-1}}^{\pi h^{-1}} u(t) \cot \frac{h(t-\xi_m)}{2} dt.$$
 (18)

Periodical analogs of projectors (12) look as follows:

$$P_{\xi'}^{per} = 1/2(I + H_{\xi'}^{per}), \ Q_{\xi'}^{per} = 1/2(I - H_{\xi'}^{per}).$$

And the periodical analog of equation (16) will be

$$\frac{\sigma_{1,h}(\xi',\xi_m) + \sigma_{2,h}(\xi',\xi_m)}{2}\tilde{U}(\xi) + \\
+ \frac{\sigma_{1,h}(\xi',\xi_m) + \sigma_{2,h}(\xi',\xi_m)}{4\pi i} \times \\
\times v.p. \int_{-\pi h^{-1}}^{\pi h^{-1}} \tilde{U}(\xi',\eta) \cot \frac{h(\eta - \xi_m)}{2} d\eta = \tilde{F}(\xi),$$
(19)

where $\sigma_{1,h}, \sigma_{2,h}$ are the symbols (2) of discrete operators M_1, M_2 . Of course, equation (19) is related to the corresponding Riemann boundary value problem, and the unique solvability condition for this problem is given in Theorem 2. In our case, this condition is

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$$\sigma_{1,h}(\cdot,\xi_m)\sigma_{2,h}^{-1}(\cdot,\xi_m) = 0.$$

7. Passage From Discrete Case To Continual One

First we recall that the images of symbols σ and σ_h coincide with each other [9]. Moreover, index is an integer-valued characteristic in both continual (if the transmission condition $\sigma(0, -1) = \sigma(0, +1)$ is satisfied) and discrete (periodical) cases. Analyzing variations $\arg \sigma_h(\cdot, \xi_m)$ alongside the arcs of large semi-circumferences on S^{m-1} and taking into account that

$$\lim_{h \to 0} \sigma_h(\xi) = \sigma(\xi), \ \forall \xi \in S^{m-1},$$

we arrive at the conclusion that the following theorem is true:

Theorem 3. The equations (1) and (3) are either both solvable or both unsolvable.

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