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**SECTION 1. Theoretical research in mathematics.**

**AN INTEGRAL EQUATION WITH A SPECIAL KERNEL**

**Abstract:** In this paper we investigate the question of the spectrum and the solvability of equation Volterra under conditions  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .

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**ОБ ОДНОМ ИНТЕГРАЛЬНОМ УРАВНЕНИИ С ОСОБЫМ ЯДРОМ**

**Аннотация:** В данной работе исследуется вопрос спектра и разрешимость уравнения Вольтерра при условиях  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  и  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .

**Ключевые слова:** спектр, разрешимость, уравнение Вольтерра.

**Statement of the problem.** Consider the integral equation of Volterra type of the second kind:

$$\mu(t) - \lambda \int_0^t \frac{\mu(\tau) d\tau}{\tau^\alpha (t - \tau)^{1-\alpha}} = f(t), t \in \mathbb{R}_+, \quad (1)$$

$$0 < \alpha < 1, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}.$$

We assume that the right-hand side and the solution of equation (1) belong to the class of integrable functions with corresponding weights:

$$e^{-t} f(t) \in L_1(\mathbb{R}_+), \quad t^{-\alpha} e^{-t} \mu(t) \in L_1(\mathbb{R}_+). \quad (2)$$

**Objective.** To investigate the solvability of special Volterra integral equation of the second kind (1) under the conditions (2).

We write the equation (1) in the form

$$\mu(t) - \lambda \int_0^t \mathcal{K}(t, \tau) \mu(\tau) d\tau = f(t), \quad (3)$$

$$t \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

where

$$\mathcal{K}(t, \tau) = \frac{1}{\tau^\alpha (t - \tau)^{1-\alpha}}, 0 < \tau < t < \infty. \quad (4)$$

Note that the norm of the integral operator defined by the kernel  $\mathcal{K}(t, \tau)$  and acting in the space of integrable functions is  $\frac{\pi}{\sin \pi \alpha} \neq 0$ . The validity of this follows from

$$\int_0^t \frac{d\tau}{\tau^\alpha (t - \tau)^{1-\alpha}} = B(\alpha, 1 - \alpha) = \frac{\pi}{\sin \pi \alpha} > 0.$$

If to enter function  $k(z)$  by a formula

$$k(z) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 < z < 1; \\ \frac{1}{(z-1)^{1-\alpha}}, & 1 < z < \infty, \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

we can rewrite equation (3) as

$$\mu(t) - \lambda \int_0^t k\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right) \mu(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{\tau} = f(t). \quad (6)$$

We investigate the homogeneous integral equation and corresponds to (6):

$$\mu(t) - \lambda \int_0^t k\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right) \mu(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{\tau} = 0. \quad (7)$$

Applying the Mellin transform [7], taking into account the convolution theorem, we obtain

$$\tilde{\mu}(s)[1 - \lambda \tilde{k}(s)] = 0, s = s_1 + is_2,$$

where

$$\tilde{\mu}(s) = \int_0^\infty \mu(\tau) \tau^{s-1} d\tau, \operatorname{Re} s > 0,$$

image of function  $\mu(t)$  and of the kernel has a form

$$\tilde{k}(s) = \int_0^1 z^{-s-\alpha} (1-z)^{\alpha-1} dz = B(\alpha, -s+1-\alpha), \quad (8)$$

$\operatorname{Re} s < 1-\alpha,$

here  $B(x, y)$  –Veta function.

The presence and form of the eigenfunctions of the homogeneous integral equation (7) is determined by the presence and quantity of roots of the equation transcendence

$$1 - \lambda \tilde{k}(s) = 0 \quad (9)$$

concerning the complex parameter  $s$ .

Investigate in more detail the question of the roots of equation (9), i.e., according to (8) of the equation

$$\lambda \cdot B(\alpha, -s+1-\alpha) = 1. \quad (10)$$

Given the properties of the beta function  $B(\alpha, \beta) = B(\beta, \alpha)$  and using its representation as a series [9], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & B(1-\alpha-s, \alpha) \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)(\alpha-3) \dots (\alpha-n)}{n!(n+1-\alpha-s)} \\ &= \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-\alpha-s} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n+1-\alpha-s}, \quad (11)$$

where

$$b_n = \frac{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha) \dots (n-\alpha)}{n!} = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{k}\right) > 0.$$

Thus, the image of the kernel of the integral equation (7) can be represented as follows

$$B(-s+1-\alpha, \alpha) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n+1-\alpha-s}, \quad b_0 = 1.$$

Writing the equation (11) in the form

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_1 + i\lambda_2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{n+1-\alpha-s_1 - is_2},$$

obtain the relations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\lambda_1}{|\lambda|^2} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \frac{n+(1-\alpha-s_1)}{(n+1-\alpha-s_1)^2 + s_2^2}, \\ -\frac{\lambda_2}{|\lambda|^2} &= s_2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \frac{n+(1-\alpha-s_1)}{(n+1-\alpha-s_1)^2 + s_2^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

We have the following

**Proposition 1.** For all values of  $s$ , such that  $\operatorname{Re} s = s_1 < 1-\alpha$ , values sum on the right equalities (12) are positive. This means that the value of  $\lambda_1 = \operatorname{Re} \lambda > 0$  and  $\lambda_2 = \operatorname{Im} \lambda$  has a sign equal to antipositive sign of number  $s_2 = \operatorname{Im} s$ .

Justice of the proposition 1 at once follows from representation of Beta function (11), ratios (12) and conditions that to  $b_n > 0$  for  $\forall n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

**Theorem 1.**  $\forall \lambda$  at  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda \geq \frac{\pi}{\sin \pi \alpha}$  homogeneous integral equation (7) has a nontrivial solution of the form  $\mu(t) = t^{-s^*}$ , where  $s^*$  is defined as the root of the equation (9) and  $\operatorname{Re} s^* < 1-\alpha$ . If  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda < \frac{\pi}{\sin \pi \alpha}$ , then the homogeneous equation (7) has only the trivial solution.

Consider the homogeneous equation (6):

$$\mu(t) - \lambda \int_0^t k\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right) \mu(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{\tau} = f(t).$$

Applying to both sides of this equation Mellin transform, we obtain

$$\tilde{\mu}(s)[1 - \lambda \tilde{k}(s)] = \tilde{f}(s),$$

where  $\tilde{k}(s)$  is determined from the equation (8), and  $\tilde{f}(s)$  Mellin transform of the function  $f(t)$ :

$$\tilde{f}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)t^{s-1}dt, \quad \operatorname{Re} s > \gamma,$$

and the parameter  $\gamma$  is chosen so that

$$\int_0^{\infty} |f(t)|t^{\gamma-1}dt < \infty.$$

Thus, a particular solution of equation (6) has the form

$$\mu(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\sigma-i\infty}^{\sigma+i\infty} \frac{\tilde{f}(s)}{1-\lambda\tilde{k}(s)} t^{-s} ds, \quad \gamma < \operatorname{Re} s < 1-\alpha, \quad (13)$$

here  $\gamma < \sigma < 1-\alpha$  is chosen so that  $1-\lambda\tilde{k}(s) \neq 0$  for a given value  $\lambda$  and the integral is taken along the line  $\operatorname{Re} s = \sigma$ , parallel to the imaginary axis of the  $s$ -plane and is understood in the sense of principal value.

Transform a particular solution (13). To do this, we use the relation

$$\frac{\tilde{f}(s)}{1-\lambda\tilde{k}(s)} = \tilde{f}(s) + \frac{\lambda\tilde{k}(s)}{1-\lambda\tilde{k}(s)} \tilde{f}(s).$$

If we now introduce the notation

$$\tilde{r}(s) = \frac{\tilde{k}(s)}{1-\lambda\tilde{k}(s)},$$

then, using the convolution formula for the Mellin transform [1], we obtain

$$\mu(t) = f(t) + \lambda \int_0^{\infty} r\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right) f(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{\tau}, \quad (14)$$

where

$$r(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\sigma-i\infty}^{\sigma+i\infty} \frac{\tilde{k}(s)}{1-\lambda\tilde{k}(s)} \theta^{-s} ds, \quad \gamma < \operatorname{Re} s < 1-\alpha. \quad (15)$$

At  $0 < \theta < 1$  in the contour of integration include a semi-circle, lying in the left half. In this case, if  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > 0$ , the integrand has a unique singularity at  $-s^*$ , which is a zero of  $1-\lambda\tilde{k}(s)$  and a simple pole of the function  $\tilde{r}(s)$ .

Thus, in the case of  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > 0$  we have

$$r(\theta) = l(-s^*)\theta^{-s^*}, \quad 0 < \theta < 1, \quad (16)$$

where  $l(-s^*)$  – the inverse of the logarithmic derivative of the function  $\tilde{k}(s)$  at  $s = -s^*$ :

$$l(-s^*) = -\frac{\tilde{k}(-s^*)}{\tilde{k}'(-s^*)}. \quad (17)$$

Hence, from (14) that a partial solution inhomogeneous integral equation (1) can be written as

$$\mu(t) = f(t) + l(-s^*) \int_0^t \frac{\tau^{-s^*-1}}{t^{-s^*}} f(\tau) d\tau. \quad (18)$$

For a case  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  the statement takes place.

**Proposition 2.** If setpoint  $\lambda_1 = \operatorname{Re} \lambda$  on the half  $s_1 = \operatorname{Re} s < 1-\alpha$  function  $1-\lambda_1\tilde{k}(s_1)$  has a single zero at  $\lambda_1 > 0$  and has no zeros at  $\lambda_1 < 0$ , on the half  $s_1 > 1-\alpha$  for any values  $\lambda_1$  this function has a countable number of zeros.

**Theorem 2.** For any function  $f(t)$  an inhomogeneous integral equation (1) has a solution of class (2):

$$\mu(t) = f(t) + l(-s^*) \int_0^t \frac{\tau^{-s^*-1}}{t^{-s^*}} f(\tau) d\tau + Ct^{-s^*}, \quad \operatorname{Re} \lambda > 0;$$

$$\mu(t) = f(t) + \int_0^t \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} l(s_k^0) \frac{\tau^{s_k^0-1}}{t^{s_k^0}} f(\tau) d\tau, \quad \operatorname{Re} \lambda < 0.$$

Indeed, for  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{-t}\mu(t) \\ &= e^{-t}f(t) + l(-s^*) \int_0^t e^{-(t-\tau)} \left(\frac{\tau}{t}\right)^{-s^*} e^{-\tau} f(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ &+ Ce^{-t}t^{-s^*}. \end{aligned}$$

We need to show that the integral term belongs  $L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . It follows from inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_0^t e^{-(t-\tau)} \left(\frac{\tau}{t}\right)^{-s^*} e^{-\tau} f(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \right| \\ & \leq \int_0^t \left(\frac{\tau}{t}\right)^{-s^*} |e^{-\tau} f(\tau)| \frac{d\tau}{\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

The same holds for the case  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda < 0$ .

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