

## ON DETERMINATION OF STURM-LIOUVILLE OPERATOR WITH DISCONTINUITY CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO SPECTRAL DATA

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**Abstract.** In the paper, the uniqueness of the inverse problem with respect to eigenvalues and normalizing numbers was proved for Sturm-Liouville operator with a discontinuity condition on a finite segment and an algorithm for constructing a potential was given.

### 1. Introduction

Let us consider the equation

$$-y'' + q(x)y = \lambda y, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad (1.1)$$

with discontinuity conditions at a point  $a \in (0, \pi)$

$$y(a+0) = \alpha y(a-0), \quad y'(a+0) = \alpha^{-1} y'(a-0), \quad (1.2)$$

and boundary conditions

$$y(0) = y(\pi) = 0. \quad (1.3)$$

Here  $\lambda$  is a complex parameter,  $q(x), \alpha$  are real;  $q(x) \in L_2(0, \pi)$ ,  $\alpha \neq 1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ .

Let  $S(x, \lambda)$  be the solution of equation (1.1) with discontinuity conditions (1.2) and initial conditions  $S(0, \lambda) = 0$ ,  $S'(0, \lambda) = 1$ .

Denote by  $\lambda_n$  the eigenvalues and by  $\alpha_n$  the normalized numbers of problem (1.1) - (1.2):

$$\alpha_n = \int_0^\pi S^2(x, \lambda_n) dx. \quad (1.4)$$

The numbers  $\{\lambda_n, \alpha_n\}$  are said to be spectral data of problem (1.1) - (1.3). In the case  $q(x) \equiv 0$  denote the spectral data by  $\{\lambda_n^0, \alpha_n^0\}$ . We are interested in the following inverse problem: determine the function  $q(x)$  in equation (1.1) with respect to spectral data  $\{\lambda_n, \alpha_n\}$  of problem (1.1) - (1.3).

Another variants of inverse problems for the Sturm-Liouville operator with discontinuity conditions (the inverse problem with respect to Weyl's function, with respect to scattering data, etc.) were considered in the papers [1] - [4] (see also the references therein).

The inverse problem with respect to spectral data, and also various variants of inverse problems for the Sturm-Liouville operator without discontinuity conditions were given in detail in monographs and review papers (see e.g. [2] - [8]).

## 2. Completeness of eigen functions

Let  $S_\pi(x, \lambda)$  be the solution of equation (1.1) with discontinuity conditions (1.2),  $S_\pi(\pi, \lambda) = 0$ ,  $S'_\pi(\pi, \lambda) = 1$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\beta_n$  such that

a)  $S_\pi(x, \lambda_n) = \beta_n S(x, \lambda_n)$ ,  $\beta_n \neq 0$ ;

b)  $\beta_n \alpha_n = -\Delta(\alpha_n)$ , where

$$\Delta(\lambda) = S(\pi, \lambda) \quad (2.1)$$

c)  $\sqrt{\lambda_n} = \sqrt{\lambda_n^0} + \frac{a_n}{\sqrt{\lambda_n^0}} + \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\sqrt{\lambda_n^0}}$ ,  $\{\varepsilon_n\} \in l_2$ , (see [10])

d)  $\alpha_n = \alpha_n^0 + \frac{\delta_n}{\sqrt{\lambda_n^0}}$ ,  $\{\delta_n\} \in l_2$ .

The Green function of problem (1.1) - (1.3) is of the form

$$G(x, t, \lambda) = -\frac{1}{\Delta(\lambda)} \begin{cases} S(x, \lambda) S_\pi(t, \lambda), & x \leq t, \\ S(t, \lambda) S_\pi(x, \lambda), & x \geq t. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.1.** 1) The system of eigen functions  $\{S(x, \lambda_n)\}$  of problem (1.1) - (1.3) is complete in  $L_2(0, \pi)$ ;

2) Let  $f(x) \in AC[0, a] \cap AC[a, \pi]$  and  $f(a+0) = \alpha f(a-0)$ ,  $f(0) = f(\pi) = 0$ . Then

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n S(x, \lambda_n),$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\alpha_n} \int_0^\pi f(t) S(t, \lambda_n) dt$$

and the series converges uniformly on  $[0, \pi]$ .

*Proof.* Consider the function

$$Y(x, \lambda) = \int_0^\pi G(x, t, \lambda) f(t) dt.$$

It is easy to show that the function  $Y(x, \lambda)$  is the solution of the equation

$$-Y'' + q(x)Y - \lambda Y + f(x) = 0, \quad (2.2)$$

satisfies discontinuity conditions (1.2) and boundary conditions (1.3). Furthermore, taking into account (1.4), we have

$$\operatorname{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_n} Y(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{\alpha_n} S(x, \lambda_n) \int_0^\pi f(t) S(t, \lambda_n) dt. \quad (2.3)$$

Let the function  $f(x) \in L_2(0, \pi)$  be such that

$$\int_0^\pi f(t) S(t, \lambda_n) dt = 0, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (2.4)$$

Then from (2.3) we get  $\operatorname{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_n} Y(x, \lambda) = 0$ , and consequently for every  $x \in [0, \pi]$  the function  $Y(x, \lambda)$  is entire with respect to  $\lambda$ . On the other hand, for  $\rho \in G_\delta = \{\rho : |\rho - \rho_{k,0}| \geq \delta, k = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots\}$  and  $|\rho| \geq \rho^*$ , where  $\lambda = \rho^2$ ,  $\rho_{k,0}$  are the zeros of the function  $\Delta_0(\rho) = \alpha^+ \frac{\sin \rho \pi}{\rho} + \alpha^- \frac{\sin \rho(2a-\pi)}{\rho}$ ,  $\delta$  is a fixed positive number,  $\rho^*$  is rather large, the inequality

$$|\Delta(\lambda)| \geq \frac{C'_\delta}{|\rho|} e^{|Im \rho| \pi},$$

and consequently the inequality

$$|Y(x, \lambda)| \leq \frac{C''_\delta}{|\rho|}$$

are fulfilled.

Using the Liouville theorem, we conclude that  $Y(x, \lambda) \equiv 0$ .

Hence and from (2.2) it follows that  $f(x) = 0$  a.e. on  $[0, \pi]$ . Thus, subject to equalities (2.4), we get that  $f(x) = 0$  a.e. on  $[0, \pi]$ . Consequently, the system of eigen functions  $\{S(x, \lambda_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of problem (1.1) - (1.3) is complete in  $L_2(0, \pi)$ . Prove statement 2) of the theorem. Let  $f(x) \in AC[0, a] \cap AC[a, \pi]$ ,  $f(0) = f(\pi) = 0$  and  $f(a+0) = \alpha f(a-0)$ . We transform the function  $Y(x, \lambda)$  to the form

$$Y(x, \lambda) = \frac{f(x)}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda} (z_1(x, \lambda) + z_2(x, \lambda)), \quad (2.5)$$

$$z_1(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{\Delta(\lambda)} (S_\pi(s, \lambda)) \int_0^x S'(t, \lambda) f'(t) dt + S(x, \lambda) \int_x^\pi S'_\pi(t, \lambda) f'(t) dt,$$

$$z_2(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{\Delta(\lambda)} (S_\pi(x, \lambda)) \int_0^x q(t) S(t, \lambda) f(t) dt + S(x, \lambda) \int_x^\pi q(t) S_\pi(t, \lambda) f(t) dt$$

Using the lower bound for  $\Delta(\lambda)$ , by the standard method we establish that (see [10])

$$\lim_{\substack{|\rho| \rightarrow \infty \\ \rho \in G_\delta}} \max_{0 \leq x \leq \pi} |z_j(x, \lambda)| = 0, \quad j = 1, 2. \quad (2.6)$$

Consider the contour integral

$$I_N(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_n} Y(x, \lambda) d\lambda,$$

where  $\Gamma_n = \{\lambda : |\lambda| = |\lambda_N^0| + \frac{\beta}{2}\}$  (counter anti-clockwise),  $\lambda_N^0 = \rho_{N,0}^2$ ,  $\beta = \inf_{n \neq k} |\lambda_n^0 - \lambda_k^0| > 0$ . From (2.5)-(2.6) it follows

$$I_N(x) = f(x) + \varepsilon_N(x), \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq x \leq \pi} |\varepsilon_N(x)| = 0 \quad (2.7)$$

On the other hand,

$$I_N(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \operatorname{Res}_{\lambda=\lambda_n} Y(x, \lambda) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n S(x, \lambda_n),$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\alpha_n} \int_0^\pi f(t) S(t, \lambda_n) dt.$$

Comparing these expression with (2.7) we arrive to statement 2) of the theorem.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.1.** *The system of eigen functions  $\{S(x, \lambda_n)\}$  is complete and orthogonal in  $L_2(0, \pi)$ , therefore it forms an orthogonal basis in  $L_2(0, \pi)$  and the Parseval equality is valid:*

$$\int_0^\pi |f(t)|^2 dx = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \alpha_n |a_n|^2$$

**Corollary 2.2.** *The system of functions  $\{S_0(x, \lambda_n^0)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , where  $(\lambda = \rho^2)$*

$$S_0(x, \lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin \rho x}{\rho}, & 0 < x < a, \\ \alpha^+ \frac{\sin \rho x}{\rho} + \alpha^- \frac{\sin \rho(2a-x)}{\rho}, & a < x < \pi, \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda_n^0 = \rho_{n,0}^2, \quad \alpha^\pm = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha \pm \frac{1}{\alpha})$$

*is complete in the space  $L_2(0, \pi)$ .*

### 3. Uniqueness of inverse problem and an algorithm for constructing the potential

Denote by  $e(x, \lambda)$  the solution of problem (1.1) - (1.2) with initial conditions

$$e(0, \lambda) = 1, \quad e'(0, \lambda) = i\lambda. \quad (3.1)$$

Obviously,  $e(x, \lambda)$  satisfies the integral equation

$$e(x, \lambda) = e_0(x, \lambda) + \int_0^x g_0(x, t, \lambda) q(t) e(t, \lambda) dt, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $(\lambda = \rho^2)$

$$e_0(x, \lambda) = \begin{cases} e^{i\rho x}, & 0 < x < a, \\ \alpha^+ e^{i\rho x} + \alpha^- e^{i\rho(2a-x)}, & a < x < \pi, \end{cases}$$

$$g_0(x, t, \lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin \rho(x-t)}{\rho}, & (t < x < a) \vee (a < t < x), \\ \alpha^+ \frac{\sin \rho(x-t)}{\rho} + \alpha^- \frac{\sin \rho(2a-x-t)}{\rho}, & t < a < x, \end{cases}$$

and vice versa, the solution of integral equation (3.2) is the solution of problem (1.1), (1.2), (3.1). The solution  $e(x, \lambda)$  is representable in the form

$$e(x, \lambda) = e_0(x, \lambda) + \int_{-x}^x K(x, t) e^{i\lambda t} dt. \quad (3.3)$$

Substituting (2.2) in integral equation (3.2), for the kernel  $K(x, t)$  we get the equation

$$K(x, t) = K_0(x, t) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x q(u) \int_{t-x+u}^{t+x-u} K(u, \xi) d\xi du$$

if  $0 < x < a$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} K(x, t) = & K_0(x, t) + \frac{\alpha^+}{2} \int_0^a q(u) \int_{t-x+u}^{t+x-u} q(u) K(u, \xi) d\xi du + \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int_a^x q(u) \int_{t-x+u}^{t+x-u} K(u, \xi) d\xi du + \frac{\alpha^-}{2} \int_0^a q(u) \int_{t-2a+x+u}^{t+2a-x-u} K(u, \xi) d\xi du \end{aligned}$$

if  $a < x < \pi$ .

Here

$$K_0(x, t) = \frac{\alpha^+}{2} \int_0^{\frac{x+t}{2}} q(u) du,$$

for  $x < a$  and

$$\begin{aligned} K_0(x, t) = & \frac{\alpha^+}{2} \int_0^{\frac{x+t}{2}} q(u) du + \\ & + \frac{\alpha^-}{2} \begin{cases} 0, & -x < t < -(2a-x), \\ \int_0^{\frac{t+2a-x}{2}} q(u) du, & -(2a-x) < t < 2a-x, \\ \int_a^{\frac{x+2a-t}{2}} q(u) du - \int_{\frac{t+2a-x}{2}}^a q(u) du, & 2a-x < t < x, \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

for  $a < x < \pi$ .

Furthermore, the following conditions are fulfilled:

$$K(x, x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x q(s) ds, \quad 0 < x < a,$$

$$K(x, x) = \frac{\alpha^+}{2} \int_0^x q(s) ds, \quad a < x < \pi$$

$$K(x, -x) = 0.$$

Obviously, that solutions  $S(x, \lambda)$  and  $e(x, \lambda)$  are connected with the equality  $S(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2i\lambda} \left[ e(x, \lambda) - \overline{e(x, \lambda)} \right]$ . Therefore, taking into account (3.3), for the solution  $S(x, \lambda)$  we get the following representation

$$S(x, \lambda) = S_0(x, \lambda) + \int_0^x A(x, t) \frac{\sin \rho t}{\rho} dt, \quad (\lambda = \rho^2) \quad (3.5)$$

where  $A(x, t) = K(x, t) - K(x, -t)$  and

$$A(x, x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x q(s) ds, & 0 < x < a, \\ \frac{\alpha^+}{2} \int_0^x q(s) ds, & a < x < \pi \end{cases} \quad (3.6)$$

Show that we can write representation (3.5) in the form of a transformation operator.

Indeed, from the formula for solution  $S_0(x, \lambda)$  (see. Corollary 2.1), we have

$$\frac{\sin \rho x}{\rho} = \begin{cases} S_0(x, \lambda), & 0 < x < a, \\ \frac{1}{\alpha^+} S_0(x, \lambda) - \frac{\alpha^-}{\alpha^+} S_0(2a - x, \lambda), & a < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, taking into account this formula in the integral member in representation (3.5), for  $a < x < \pi$  we get:

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, \lambda) &= S_0(x, \lambda) + \int_0^a A(x, t) S_0(t, \lambda) dt + \\ &+ \int_a^x A(x, t) \left[ \frac{1}{\alpha^+} S_0(t, \lambda) - \frac{\alpha^-}{\alpha^+} S_0(2a - t, \lambda) \right] dt, \quad a < x < \pi, \end{aligned}$$

or finally

$$S(x, \lambda) = S_0(x, \lambda) + \int_0^a \tilde{A}(x, t) S_0(t, \lambda) dt, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad (3.7)$$

where

$$\tilde{A}(x, t) = \begin{cases} A(x, t), & 0 < t < x, \quad 0 < x < a \\ A(x, t), & 0 < t < 2a - x, \quad a < x < \pi \\ A(x, t) - \frac{\alpha^-}{\alpha^+} A(x, 2a - t), & 2a - x < t < a, \quad a < x < \pi \\ \frac{1}{\alpha^+} A(x, t), & a < t < x, \quad a < x < \pi \end{cases} \quad (3.8)$$

Transformation operator (3.8) admits to obtain a link between the kernel  $\tilde{A}(x, t)$  and spectral data of problem (1.1) - (1.3). Solving relation (3.8) with respect to  $S_0(x, \lambda)$ , we find

$$S_0(x, \lambda) = S(x, \lambda) + \int_0^x \tilde{H}(x, \xi) S(\xi, \lambda) d\xi, \quad (3.9)$$

Using (3.8) and (3.9) we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{S(x, \lambda_n) S_0(t, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{S_0(x, \lambda_n) S_0(t, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} + \int_0^x \tilde{A}(x, \xi) \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{S_0(\xi, \lambda_n) S_0(t, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} d\xi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{S(x, \lambda_n) S_0(t, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{S(x, \lambda_n) S(t, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} + \int_0^t \tilde{H}(x, \xi) \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{S(x, \lambda_n) S(\xi, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} d\xi \end{aligned}$$

Equating the right hand sides of these equalities and assuming

$$\Phi_N(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{S(x, \lambda_n) S(t, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} - \frac{S(x, \lambda_n^0) S(t, \lambda_n^0)}{\alpha_n^0} \right),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_N(x, t) + \int_0^t \tilde{H}(t, \xi) \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{S(t, \lambda_n) S(\xi, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} d\xi = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{S_0(x, \lambda_n) S_0(t, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} - \frac{S_0(x, \lambda_n^0) S_0(t, \lambda_n^0)}{\alpha_n^0} \right) + \\ &+ \int_0^x \tilde{A}(x, \xi) \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{S_0(\xi, \lambda_n) S_0(t, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} - \frac{S_0(\xi, \lambda_n^0) S_0(t, \lambda_n^0)}{\alpha_n^0} \right) d\xi + \\ &+ \int_0^x \tilde{A}(x, \xi) \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{S_0(\xi, \lambda_n^0) S_0(t, \lambda_n^0)}{\alpha_n^0} d\xi \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Let  $f(x) \in AC[0, a] \cap AC[a, \pi]$ ,  $f(0) = f(\pi) = 0$  and  $f(a+0) = \alpha f(a-0)$ .

According to Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 2.2

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq x \leq \pi} \left| \int_0^\pi f(t) \Phi_N(x, t) dt \right| = \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq x \leq \pi} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N a_n S(x, \lambda_n) - \sum_{n=1}^N a_n^0 S_0(x, \lambda_n^0) \right| \leq \\ &\leq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq x \leq \pi} \left| f(x) - \sum_{n=1}^N a_n S(x, \lambda_n) \right| + \\ &+ \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq x \leq \pi} \left| f(x) - \sum_{n=1}^N a_n^0 S_0(x, \lambda_n^0) \right| = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

Similarly, we can show that uniformly with respect to  $x \in [0, \pi]$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^x \tilde{A}(x, \xi) \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{S_0(\xi, \lambda_n^0)}{\alpha_n^0} \int_0^\pi f(t) S_0(t, \lambda_n^0) dt d\xi = \int_0^x \tilde{A}(x, \xi) f(\xi) d\xi \quad (3.12) \\ & \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\pi f(t) \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{S_0(x, \lambda_n) S_0(t, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} - \frac{S_0(x, \lambda_n^0) S_0(t, \lambda_n^0)}{\alpha_n^0} \right) dt = \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} f(t) F(x, t) dt \quad (3.13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\pi} f(t) \left[ \int_0^x \tilde{A}(x, \xi) \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{S_0(\xi, \lambda_n) S_0(t, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} - \frac{S_0(\xi, \lambda_n^0) S_0(t, \lambda_n^0)}{\alpha_n^0} \right) d\xi \right] dt = \\ = \int_0^{\pi} f(t) \left( \int_0^x \tilde{A}(x, \xi) F(\xi, t) d\xi \right) dt, \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\pi} f(t) \left[ \int_0^t \tilde{H}(t, \xi) \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{S(x, \lambda_n) S(\xi, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} d\xi \right] dt = \\ = \int_x^{\pi} f(t) \tilde{H}(t, x) dt, \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

where

$$F(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{S_0(x, \lambda_n) S_0(t, \lambda_n)}{\alpha_n} - \frac{S_0(x, \lambda_n^0) S_0(t, \lambda_n^0)}{\alpha_n^0} \right). \quad (3.16)$$

Now multiply the both sides of relation (3.10) by  $f(t)$  and integrate with respect to  $t \in [0, \pi]$ . Then passing to limit as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  and taking into account (3.11) - (3.15), we arrive at the equality

$$\begin{aligned} \int_x^{\pi} \tilde{H}(t, x) f(t) dt = \\ = \int_0^{\pi} f(t) F(x, t) dt + \int_0^{\pi} f(t) \left( \int_0^x \tilde{A}(x, \xi) F(\xi, t) d\xi \right) dt + \int_0^x f(t) \tilde{A}(x, t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Define  $\tilde{A}(x, t) = \tilde{H}(x, t) = 0$  for  $x < t$ .

By arbitrariness of  $f(x)$  we arrive at the relation

$$\tilde{H}(t, x) = F(x, t) + \int_0^x \tilde{A}(x, \xi) F(\xi, t) d\xi + \tilde{A}(x, t).$$

Hence, for  $t < x$  we have

$$F(x, t) + \int_0^x \tilde{A}(x, \xi) F(\xi, t) d\xi + \tilde{A}(x, t) = 0. \quad (3.17)$$

So we proved the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.1.** *For every fixed  $x \in (0, \pi)$  the kernel  $\tilde{A}(x, t)$  from representation (3.8) satisfies linear integral equation (3.17), and the function  $F(x, t)$  is completely determined by the spectral data  $\{\lambda_n, \alpha_n\}$  according to formula (3.16). Equation (3.17) is called the basic equation of the inverse problem.*



We now study solvability of the basic equation (3.17). At first we prove the auxiliary lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** *The system of functions  $\{S_0(x, \lambda_n)\}_{n \geq 1}$  is complete in the space  $L_2(0, \pi)$ .*

*Proof.* Let

$$\int_0^\pi f(t) S_0(t, \lambda_n) dt = 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (3.18)$$

Consider the functions

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\lambda) &= (\pi\alpha^+ + (2a - \pi)\alpha^-) \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda}{\lambda_n^0}, \quad \lambda_n^0 = \rho_{n,0}^2, \\ \Delta_0(\lambda) &= (\pi\alpha^+ + (2a - \pi)\alpha^-) \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_n^0 - \lambda}{\lambda_n^0} = \alpha^+ \frac{\sin \rho \pi}{\rho} + \alpha^- \frac{\sin \rho(2a - \pi)}{\rho}, \\ F(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{\Delta(\lambda)} \int_0^\pi f(t) S_0(t, \lambda_n) dt, \quad \lambda \neq \lambda_n \end{aligned}$$

From (3.18) it follows that  $F(\lambda)$  is a function entire with respect to  $\lambda$ . Further,

$$\frac{\Delta_0(\lambda)}{\Delta(\lambda)} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_n^0}{\lambda - \lambda_n} \right).$$

Hence, by virtue of the estimation

$$|\Delta_0(\lambda)| \geq \frac{C e^{|\tau|\pi}}{\rho}, \quad \left| \frac{\lambda_n - \lambda_n^0}{\lambda - \lambda_n} \right| \leq \frac{C}{\rho_{n,0}^2}, \quad \tau = \arg \rho, \quad \lambda = \rho^2$$

in the sector  $\arg \lambda \in [\delta, 2\pi - \delta]$ , where  $\delta$  - is some fixed positive number, we have

$$|\Delta(\lambda)| \geq \frac{C}{\rho} e^{|\tau|\pi}, \quad \lambda = \rho^2, \quad \arg \lambda \in [\delta, 2\pi - \delta].$$

Consequently, for  $\arg \lambda \in [\delta, 2\pi - \delta]$  we get

$$|F(\lambda)| \leq \frac{1}{|\Delta(\lambda)|} \left| \int_0^\pi f(t) S_0(t, \lambda) dt \right| \leq \frac{C}{|\rho|}.$$

Hence, by means of Fragmen – Lindelof and Liouville theorem we conclude that  $F(\lambda) \equiv 0$ , in particular

$$\int_0^\pi f(t) S_0(t, \lambda_n^0) dt = 0, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

By the completeness of the system of functions  $\{S_0(x, \lambda_n^0)\}_{n \geq 1}$  in  $L_2(0, \pi)$  (see. Corollary 2.2), hence  $f(x) = 0$  a.e. The lemma is proved.  $\square$

Now we prove a theorem on solvability of the basic equation (3.17).

**Theorem 3.2.** *For each fixed  $x \in (0, \pi)$  the basic equation (3.17) has a unique solution  $\tilde{A}(x, \cdot) \in L_2(0, x)$ .*

*Proof.* As (3.17) is the Fredholm equation of the second kind, then it suffices to prove that the homogeneous equation

$$g(t) + \int_0^x F(s, t) g(s) ds = 0 \quad (3.19)$$

has only the zero solution  $g(t) = 0$ . Let  $g(t)$  be a solution of equation (3.19).

Then,

$$\int_0^x g^2(t) dt + \int_0^x \int_0^x F(s, t) g(s) g(t) ds dt = 0,$$

or by (3.16)

$$0 = \int_0^x g^2(t) dt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\alpha_n} \left( \int_0^x g(t) S_0(t, \lambda_n) dt \right)^2 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\alpha_n^0} \left( \int_0^x g(t) S_0(t, \lambda_n^0) dt \right)^2$$

Using the Parseval equality

$$\int_0^x g^2(t) dt = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\alpha_n^0} \left( \int_0^x g(t) S_0(t, \lambda_n^0) dt \right)^2$$

for the function  $g(t)$  (for  $t > x$  assume  $g(t) = 0$ ), we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\alpha_n} \left( \int_0^x g(t) S_0(t, \lambda_n) dt \right)^2 = 0.$$

As  $\alpha_n > 0$ , then

$$\int_0^x g(t) S_0(t, \lambda_n) dt = 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

According to the lemma, we obtain  $g(t) = 0$ . The theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1.** *The coefficient  $q(x)$  of equation (1.1) is uniquely determined with respect to spectral data  $\{\lambda_n, \alpha_n\}$  of problem (1.1) - (1.3).*

The coefficient  $q(x)$  is constructed according to the the following algorithm:

- (1) by the given numbers  $\{\lambda_n, \alpha_n\}$  we construct the function  $F(x, t)$  by formula (3.16);
- (2) find the function  $\tilde{A}(x, t)$  from the equation (3.17);
- (3) calculate  $q(x)$  by formula (see (3.6) and (3.8))

$$\tilde{A}(x, x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x q(s) ds.$$

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