

## Application of complex analysis to second order equations of mixed type

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**Abstract.** This paper deals with an application of complex analysis to second order equations of mixed type. We mainly discuss the discontinuous Poincaré boundary value problem for a second order linear equation of mixed (elliptic-hyperbolic) type, i.e. the generalized Lavrent'ev–Bitsadze equation with weak conditions, using the methods of complex analysis. We first give a representation of solutions for the above boundary value problem, and then give solvability conditions via the Fredholm theorem for integral equations. In [1], [2], the Dirichlet problem (Tricomi problem) for the mixed equation of second order  $u_{xx} + \operatorname{sgn} y u_{yy} = 0$  was investigated. In [3], the Tricomi problem for the generalized Lavrent'ev–Bitsadze equation  $u_{xx} + \operatorname{sgn} y u_{yy} + Au_x + Bu_y + Cu = 0$ , i.e.  $u_{\xi\eta} + au_{\xi} + bu_{\eta} + cu = 0$  with the conditions:  $a \geq 0$ ,  $a_{\xi} + ab - c \geq 0$ ,  $c \geq 0$  was discussed in the hyperbolic domain. In the present paper, we remove the above assumption of [3] and obtain a solvability result for the discontinuous Poincaré problem, which includes the corresponding results in [1]–[3] as special cases.

**I. Formulation of the discontinuous Poincaré problem for mixed equations of second order.** Let  $D$  be a simply connected bounded domain  $D$  in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  with boundary  $\partial D = \Gamma \cup L$ , where  $\Gamma (\subset \{y > 0\}) \in C_{\mu}^2$  ( $0 < \mu < 1$ ) with end points  $z^1 = 0$ ,  $z^2 = 2$  and  $L = L_1 \cup L_2$ ,  $L_1 = \{x = -y, 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$ ,  $L_2 = \{x = y + 2, 1 \leq x \leq 2\}$ , and define  $D_1 = D \cap \{y > 0\}$ ,  $D_2 = D \cap \{y < 0\}$  and  $z^0 = 1 - i$ . Using a conformal mapping, we may assume that  $\Gamma = \{|z - 1| = 1, y \geq 0\}$ .

We consider the second order linear equation of mixed type

$$(1.1) \quad u_{xx} + \operatorname{sgn} y u_{yy} = Au_x + Bu_y + \varepsilon Cu + E \quad \text{in } D,$$

where  $A, B, C, E$  are functions of  $z (\in D)$  and  $\varepsilon$  is a real parameter. Its complex form is the following equation of second order:

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$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} u_{z\bar{z}} &= \operatorname{Re}[A_1(z)u_z] + \varepsilon A_2(z)u + A_3(z), \quad z \in D_1, \\ u_{\bar{z}z^*} &= \operatorname{Re}[A_1(z)u_z] + \varepsilon A_2(z)u + A_3(z), \quad z \in \bar{D}_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{aligned} z &= x + iy, \quad u_z = \frac{1}{2}[u_x - iu_y], \quad u_{\bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2}[u_x + iu_y], \quad u_{z\bar{z}} = \frac{1}{4}[u_{xx} + u_{yy}], \\ u_{z^*} &= \frac{1}{2}[u_x + iu_y] = u_{\bar{z}}, \quad u_{\bar{z}z^*} = \frac{1}{2}[(u_{\bar{z}})_x - i(\overline{u_{\bar{z}}})_y] = \frac{1}{4}[u_{xx} - u_{yy}], \\ A_1 &= \begin{cases} (A + iB)/2 & \text{in } D_1, \\ (A - iB)/2 & \text{in } D_2, \end{cases} \quad A_2 = C/4, \quad A_3 = E/4 \quad \text{in } D. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that the equation (1.2) satisfies the following conditions:

CONDITION C.  $A_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3$ ) are measurable in  $z \in D_1$  and continuous on  $\bar{D}_2$  and their  $L_p$  and  $\alpha$ -Hölder norms satisfy

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} L_p[A_j, \bar{D}_1] &\leq k_0, \quad j = 1, 2, \quad L_p[A_3, \bar{D}_1] \leq k_1, \\ C_\alpha[A_j, \bar{D}_2] &\leq k_0, \quad j = 1, 2, \quad C_\alpha[A_3, \bar{D}_2] \leq k_1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p (> 2), \alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha < 1$ ),  $k_0, k_1$  are nonnegative constants. ■

In order to introduce the discontinuous Poincaré boundary value problem for the equation (1.2), let functions  $a(z), b(z)$  have discontinuities of the first kind at  $m + 2$  distinct points  $z_0 = 2, z_1, \dots, z_m, z_{m+1} = 0 \in \Gamma$ , where  $Z = \{z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m+1}\}$  is arranged according to the positive direction of  $\Gamma$  and  $m$  is a positive integer, and let  $c(z) = O(|z - z_j|^{-\beta_j})$  in the neighborhood of  $z_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, m + 1$ ) on  $\Gamma$ , where  $\beta_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, m + 1$ ) are small positive numbers. Define  $\lambda(z) = a(x) + ib(x)$  and suppose  $|a(x)| + |b(x)| \neq 0$ ; there is no harm in assuming that  $|\lambda(z)| = 1$  for  $z \in \Gamma^* = \Gamma \setminus Z$ . Suppose that  $\lambda(z), c(z)$  satisfy the conditions

$$(1.5) \quad \lambda(z) \in C_\alpha(\Gamma_j), \quad |z - z_j|^{\beta_j} c(z) \in C_\alpha(\Gamma_j), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, m + 1,$$

where  $\Gamma_j$  is the open arc from  $z_j$  to  $z_{j+1}$  on  $\Gamma$ , with  $z_{m+2} = 2$ , and  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha < 1$ ) is a constant.

PROBLEM P. Find a continuously differentiable solution  $u(z)$  of (1.2) in  $D^* = \bar{D} \setminus \tilde{Z}$  ( $\tilde{Z} = \{x \pm y = 2, y \leq 0\} \cup \{z_1, \dots, z_{m+1}\}$  or  $\tilde{Z} = \{z_0, \dots, z_m\} \cup \{x \pm y = 0, y \leq 0\}$ ), which is continuous in  $\bar{D}$  and satisfies the boundary conditions

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} + \varepsilon \sigma(z)u &= \operatorname{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)}u_z] + \varepsilon \sigma(z)u \\ &= r(z) + Y(z)h(z), \quad z \in \Gamma, \quad u(0) = c_0, \end{aligned}$$

$$(1.7) \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \operatorname{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)}u_z] = r(z), \quad z \in L_1 \text{ or } L_2, \quad \operatorname{Im}[\overline{\lambda(z)}u_z]|_{z=z^0} = b_0,$$

where  $\nu$  is a vector at every point on  $\Gamma \cup L_j$  ( $j = 1$  or  $2$ ),  $c_0, b_0$  are real constants,  $\lambda(z) = a(x) + ib(x) = \cos(\nu, x) - i \cos(\nu, y)$  for  $z \in \Gamma$ ,  $\lambda(z) = a(x) + ib(x) = \cos(\nu, x) + i \cos(\nu, y)$  for  $z \in L_j$  ( $j = 1$  or  $2$ ), and  $\lambda(z), r(z), c_0, b_0$  satisfy the conditions

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{aligned} &C_\alpha[\lambda(z), \Gamma] \leq k_0, \quad C_\alpha[\sigma(z), \Gamma] \leq k_0, \quad C_\alpha[r(z), \Gamma] \leq k_2, \quad |c_0|, |b_0| \leq k_2, \\ &C_\alpha[\lambda(z), L_j] \leq k_0, \quad C_\alpha[\sigma(z), L_j] \leq k_0, \quad C_\alpha[r(z), L_j] \leq k_2, \quad j = 1 \text{ or } 2, \\ &\max_{z \in L_1} \frac{1}{|a(x) - b(x)|} \leq k_0 \quad \text{or} \quad \max_{z \in L_2} \frac{1}{|a(x) + b(x)|} \leq k_0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha$  ( $1/2 < \alpha < 1$ ),  $k_0$  and  $k_2$  are nonnegative constants. Moreover, the functions  $Y(z), h(z)$  are as follows:

$$(1.9) \quad \begin{aligned} Y(z) &= \eta \prod_{j=0}^{m+1} |z - z_j|^{\gamma_j} |z - z_*|^l, \quad z \in \Gamma^*, \\ h(z) &= \begin{cases} 0, & z \in \Gamma, & \text{if } K \geq -1/2, \\ h_j \eta_j(z), & z \in \Gamma^j, & \text{if } K < -1/2, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Gamma^j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, m$ ) are arcs on  $\Gamma^* = \Gamma \setminus Z$  and  $\Gamma^j \cap \Gamma^k = \emptyset$ ,  $j \neq k$ ,  $h_j \in J$  ( $J = \emptyset$  if  $K \geq -1/2$ ;  $J = \{1, \dots, 2K' - 1\}$  if  $K < -1/2$ ;  $K' = [|K| + 1/2]$ ) are unknown real constants to be determined;  $h_1 = 0$ ,  $l = 1$  if  $2K$  is odd,  $z_*$  ( $\notin Z$ )  $\in \Gamma^*$  is any fixed point, and  $l = 0$  if  $2K$  is even;  $\Gamma^j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, 2K' - 1$ ) are non-degenerate, mutually disjoint arcs on  $\Gamma$ , and  $\Gamma^j \cap Z = \emptyset$  for  $j = 1, \dots, 2K' - 1$ ;  $\eta_j(z)$  is a positive continuous function on the interior of  $\Gamma^j$  such that  $\eta_j(z) = 0$  on  $\overline{\Gamma} \setminus \Gamma^j$  and

$$(1.10) \quad C_\alpha[\eta_j(z), \Gamma] \leq k_0, \quad j = 1, \dots, 2K' - 1;$$

and  $\eta = 1$  or  $-1$  on  $\Gamma_j$  ( $0 \leq j \leq m + 1$ ,  $\Gamma_{m+1} = (0, 2)$ ) as in [4], [6].

The above discontinuous Poincaré boundary value problem for (1.2) is called *Problem P*. Problem P for (1.2) with  $A_3(z) = 0$  for  $z \in \overline{D}$ ,  $r(z) = 0$  for  $z \in \Gamma \cup L_j$  ( $j = 1$  or  $2$ ) and  $c_0 = b_0 = 0$  will be called *Problem P<sub>0</sub>*.

Denote by  $\lambda(z_j - 0)$  and  $\lambda(z_j + 0)$  the left and right limits of  $\lambda(z)$  as  $z \rightarrow z_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, m + 1$ ) on  $\Gamma \cup L_0$ , and

$$(1.11) \quad \begin{aligned} e^{i\phi_j} &= \frac{\lambda(z_j - 0)}{\lambda(z_j + 0)}, \quad \gamma_j = \frac{1}{\pi i} \ln \left( \frac{\lambda(z_j - 0)}{\lambda(z_j + 0)} \right) = \frac{\phi_j}{\pi} - K_j, \\ K_j &= \left[ \frac{\phi_j}{\pi} \right] + J_j, \quad J_j = 0 \text{ or } 1, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, m + 1; \end{aligned}$$

here  $z_{m+1} = 0$ ,  $z_0 = 2$ ,  $\lambda(z) = e^{i\pi/4}$  on  $L_0 = (0, 2)$  and  $\lambda(z_0 - 0) = \lambda(z_{m+1} + 0) = \exp(i\pi/4)$ , or  $\lambda(z) = e^{-i\pi/4}$  on  $L_0$  and  $\lambda(z_0 - 0) = \lambda(z_{m+1} + 0) = \exp(-i\pi/4)$ ; and  $0 \leq \gamma_j < 1$  when  $J_j = 0$  and  $-1 < J_j < 0$  when  $J_j = 1$ ,

$0 \leq j \leq m + 1$ . The quantity

$$(1.12) \quad K = \frac{1}{2}(K_0 + K_2 + \dots + K_{m+1}) = \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} \left( \frac{\phi_j}{2\pi} - \frac{\gamma_j}{2} \right)$$

is called the *index* of Problem P and Problem  $P_0$ . If  $\lambda(z)$  is continuous on  $\Gamma \cup L_0$ , then  $K = \Delta_{\Gamma \cup L_0} \Gamma \arg \lambda(z)/(2\pi)$  is a unique integer. If  $\lambda(z)$  is not continuous on  $\Gamma \cup L_0$ , we may choose  $J_j = 0$  or  $1$ , hence the index  $K$  is not unique.

Let  $\beta_j + \gamma_j < 1$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, m + 1$ . We can require that the solution  $u(z)$  satisfies the condition  $u_z = O(|z - z_j|^{-\delta_j})$  in the neighborhood of  $z_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, m + 1$ ) on  $D^*$ , where

$$(1.13) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau_j &= \begin{cases} \beta_j + \tau & \text{for } \gamma_j \geq 0, \text{ and } \gamma_j < 0, \beta_j > |\gamma_j|, \\ |\gamma_j| + \tau & \text{for } \gamma_j < 0, \beta_j \leq |\gamma_j|, \end{cases} \\ \delta_j &= \begin{cases} 2\tau_j, & j = 0, m + 1, \\ \tau_j, & j = 1, \dots, m, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and  $\tau, \delta$  ( $< \tau$ ) are small positive numbers. To ensure that the solution  $u(z)$  of Problem P is continuously differentiable in  $D^*$ , we need to choose  $\gamma_1 > 0$  or  $\gamma_2 > 0$  respectively.

**II. The representation of solutions for the oblique derivative problem for (1.2).** Now we give the representation theorems for solutions of the equation (1.2)

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let the equation (1.2) satisfy Condition C in  $D_1$  and  $\varepsilon = 0$ ,  $A_2(z) \geq 0$  in  $D_1$ , and  $u(z)$  be a continuous solution of Problem P for (1.2) in  $D_1$ . Then  $u(z)$  can be expressed as*

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} u(z) &= U(z)\Psi(z) + \psi(z) \quad \text{in } D_1, \\ U(z) &= 2 \operatorname{Re} \int_0^z w(z) dz + c_0, \quad w(z) = \Phi(z)e^{\phi(z)} \quad \text{in } D_1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\psi(z), \Psi(z)$  are solutions of the equation (1.2) in  $\overline{D}_1$  and of

$$(2.2) \quad u_{z\bar{z}} - \operatorname{Re}[A_1 u_z] - A_2 u = 0 \quad \text{in } D_1,$$

respectively and satisfy the boundary conditions

$$(2.3) \quad \psi(z) = 0, \quad \Psi(z) = 1 \quad \text{on } \Gamma \cup L_0.$$

Furthermore,  $\psi(z), \Psi(z)$  satisfy the estimates

$$(2.4) \quad C_\beta^1[\psi, \overline{D}_1] \leq M_1, \quad \|\psi\|_{W_{p_0}^2(D_1)} \leq M_1,$$

$$(2.5) \quad C_\beta^1[\Psi, \overline{D}_1] \leq M_2, \quad \|\Psi\|_{W_{p_0}^2(D_1)} \leq M_2, \quad \Psi(z) \geq M_3 > 0, \quad z \in \overline{D}_1,$$

where  $\beta$  ( $0 < \beta \leq \alpha$ ),  $p_0$  ( $2 < p_0 \leq p$ ),  $M_j = M_j(p_0, k, \alpha, D_1)$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3$ ) are nonnegative constants, and  $k = (k_0, k_1, k_2)$ . Moreover,  $U(z)$  is a solution of the equation

$$(2.6) \quad U_{z\bar{z}} - \operatorname{Re}[AU_z] = 0, \quad A = -(\ln \Psi)_{\bar{z}} + A_1 \quad \text{in } D_1,$$

with  $\operatorname{Im}[\phi(z)] = 0$  for  $z \in L_0 = (0, 2)$  and

$$(2.7) \quad C_\beta[\phi, \bar{D}_1] + L_p[\phi_{\bar{z}}, \bar{D}_1] \leq M_4,$$

where  $\beta$  ( $0 < \beta \leq \alpha$ ) and  $M_4 = M_4(p, \alpha, k_0, D)$  are nonnegative constants. Furthermore,  $\Phi(z)$  is analytic in  $D_1$ , and  $w(z)$  satisfies the boundary conditions

$$(2.8) \quad \operatorname{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)}w(z)] = r(z) - \operatorname{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)}(\psi_z + \Psi_z U(z))] \quad \text{on } \Gamma,$$

$$\operatorname{Re}[\overline{\lambda(x)}w(x)] = s(x) - \operatorname{Re}[\overline{\lambda(x)}(\psi_z(x) + \Psi_z(x)U(x))] \quad \text{on } L_0,$$

$$(2.9) \quad \lambda(x) = \begin{cases} 1+i & \text{or} \\ 1-i, & \end{cases} \quad x \in L_0 = (0, 2), \quad C_\beta[s(x), L_0] \leq k_3,$$

and the estimate

$$(2.10) \quad C_\delta[u(z), \bar{D}_1] + C_\delta[w(z)X(z), \bar{D}_1] \leq M_5(k_1 + k_2 + k_3);$$

here  $k_3$  is a nonnegative constant,  $s(x)$  is given in (2.19) below,  $X(z) = \prod_{j=0}^{m+1} |z - z_j|^{\delta_j}$ ,  $\delta_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, m+1$ ) are as stated in (1.13), and  $M_5 = M_5(p, \delta, k_0, D_1)$  is a nonnegative constant.

*Proof.* According to the method of proof in Chapter 3 of [6], the equations (1.2) and (2.2) have solutions  $\psi(z)$ ,  $\Psi(z)$  respectively which satisfy the boundary condition (2.3) and the estimates (2.4) and (2.5). Setting

$$(2.11) \quad U(z) = [u(z) - \psi(z)]/\Psi(z),$$

it can be derived that  $U(z)$  is a solution of (2.6) and can be expressed by the second formula in (2.1), where  $\phi(z)$  satisfies the estimate (2.7),  $\Phi(z)$  is an analytic function in  $D_1$ , and  $u(z)$ ,  $w(z) = U_z$  satisfy the boundary conditions (2.8), (2.9) and the estimate (2.10). If  $s(x)$  in (2.9) is a known function, then by the result in Chapter 4 of [6], the boundary value problem (2.8), (2.9) has a unique solution  $w(z)$  as stated in (2.1).

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Suppose that the equation (1.2) satisfies Condition C and  $\varepsilon = 1$ ,  $A_2 \geq 0$  in  $D_1$ . Then any solution of Problem P for (1.2) can be expressed as*

$$(2.12) \quad u(z) = 2 \operatorname{Re} \int_0^z w(z) dz + c_0, \quad w(z) = w_0(z) + W(z),$$

where  $w_0(z)$  is a solution of the following Problem A:

$$(2.13) \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} w_{\bar{z}} \\ \overline{w_{z^*}} \end{matrix} \right\} = 0 \quad \text{in} \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} D_1 \\ D_2 \end{matrix} \right\},$$

with the boundary conditions (1.6), (1.7) ( $\sigma(z) = 0, w_0(z) = u_{0z}$ ), and  $W(z)$  has the form

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} W(z) &= w(z) - w_0(z), \quad W(z) = \tilde{\Phi}(z)e^{\tilde{\phi}(z)} + \tilde{\psi}(z), \\ \tilde{\phi}(z) &= \tilde{\phi}_0(z) + Tg = \tilde{\phi}_0(z) - \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{D_1} \frac{g(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\sigma_\zeta, \quad \tilde{\psi}(z) = Tf \quad \text{in } D_1, \\ \overline{W(z)} &= \Phi(z) + \Psi(z), \quad \Psi(z) = \int_2^\nu g_1(z) d\nu e_1 + \int_0^\mu g_2(z) d\mu e_2, \quad z \in D_2; \end{aligned}$$

here  $e_1 = (1 + i)/2, e_2 = (1 - i)/2, \mu = x + y, \nu = x - y$ , and

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{aligned} g(z) &= \begin{cases} A_1/2 + \bar{A}_1 \bar{w}/(2w), & w(z) \neq 0, \\ 0, & w(z) = 0, \end{cases} \\ f(z) &= \text{Re}[A_1 \tilde{\phi}_z] + A_2 u + A_3 \quad \text{in } D_1, \\ g_1(z) &= A\xi + B\eta + Cu + D, \quad g_2(z) = A\xi + B\eta + Cu + D \quad \text{in } \bar{D}_2, \\ A &= (\text{Re } A_1 + \text{Im } A_1)/2, \\ B &= (\text{Re } A_1 - \text{Im } A_1)/2, \quad C = A_2, \quad D = A_3, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\xi = \text{Re } w + \text{Im } w, \eta = \text{Re } w - \text{Im } w$ ; moreover,  $\tilde{\phi}_0(z)$  is an analytic function in  $D_1$  such that  $\text{Im}[\tilde{\phi}(x)] = 0$  on  $L_0 = (0, 2)$ , and  $\tilde{\Phi}(z), \Phi(z)$  are solutions of (2.13) in  $D_1, D_2$  respectively satisfying the boundary conditions

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)} e^{\tilde{\phi}(z)} \tilde{\Phi}(z)] &= r(z) - \sigma(z)u(z) - \text{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)} \tilde{\psi}(z)], \quad z \in \Gamma, \\ \text{Re}[\overline{\lambda(x)} (\tilde{\Phi}(x)e^{\tilde{\phi}(x)} + \tilde{\psi}(x))] &= s(x), \quad x \in L_0, \\ \text{Re}[\overline{\lambda(x)} \Phi(x)] &= -\text{Re}[\overline{\lambda(x)} \Psi(x)], \quad z \in L_0, \\ \text{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)} \Phi(z)] &= -\text{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)} \Psi(z)], \quad z \in L_1 \text{ or } L_2, \\ \text{Im}[\overline{\lambda(z^0)} \Phi(z^0)] &= -\text{Im}[\overline{\lambda(z^0)} \Psi(z^0)]. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, the solution  $w_0(z)$  of Problem A for (2.13) satisfies

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} C_\delta[u_0(z), \bar{D}] + C_\delta[w_0(z)X(z), \bar{D}_1] + C[w_0^\pm(z)\tilde{X}^\pm(z), \bar{D}_2] \\ \leq M_6(k_1 + k_2) \end{aligned}$$

(see [4]), where  $X(z), \delta$  are as stated in (2.10),  $M_6 = M_6(\delta, k_0, D)$  is a

nonnegative constant,

$$w_0^\pm(z) = \operatorname{Re} w_0(z) \mp \operatorname{Im} w_0(z), \quad \tilde{X}^\pm(z) = \prod_{j=1}^2 |x \pm y - t_j|^{\delta_j}$$

and

$$(2.18) \quad u_0(z) = 2 \operatorname{Re} \int_0^z w_0(z) dz + c_0.$$

**Proof.** Let  $u(z)$  be a solution of Problem P for (1.2), and  $w(z) = u_z$ ,  $u(z)$  be substituted in place of  $w, u$  in (2.15). Thus the functions  $g(z), f(z), g_1(z), g_2(z)$ , and  $\tilde{\psi}(z), \tilde{\phi}(z)$  in  $\bar{D}_1$  and  $\Psi(z)$  in  $\bar{D}_2$  in (2.14), (2.15) can be determined. Moreover, we can find the solution  $\tilde{\Phi}(z)$  in  $D_1$  and  $\Phi(z)$  in  $\bar{D}_2$  of (2.13) with the boundary conditions (2.16), where

$$(2.19) \quad s(x) = \begin{cases} r(x/2)/[a(x/2) - b(x/2)] & \text{or} \\ r(x/2 + 1)/[a(x/2 + 1) + b(x/2 + 1)], & x \in L_0. \end{cases}$$

Thus

$$w(z) = \begin{cases} \tilde{\Phi}(z)\tilde{\phi}(z) + \tilde{\psi}(z) & \text{in } D_1, \\ w_0(z) + W(z) = w_0(z) + \overline{\tilde{\Phi}(z)} + \overline{\Psi(z)} & \text{in } D_2, \end{cases}$$

is the solution of Problem A for the complex equation

$$(2.20) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} w_{\bar{z}} \\ \overline{w_{z^*}} \end{array} \right\} = \operatorname{Re}[A_1 w] + A_2 u + A_3 \quad \text{in } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D_1 \\ D_2 \end{array} \right\},$$

which can be expressed by the last formula in (2.12), and  $u(z)$  is a solution of Problem P for (1.2) given by the first formula in (2.12).

**III. The solvability conditions for the discontinuous Poincaré problem for (1.2).** Set  $w = u_z$  and consider the equivalent boundary value problem (Problem Q) for the mixed complex equation

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} w_{\bar{z}} - \operatorname{Re}[A_1(z)w] &= \varepsilon A_2(z)u + A_3(z), & z \in D_1, \\ \overline{w_{z^*}} - \operatorname{Re}[A_1(z)w] &= A_3(z), & z \in D_2, \\ u(z) &= 2 \operatorname{Re} \int_0^z w(z) dz + c_0, \end{aligned}$$

with the boundary conditions

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)}w] &= r(z) - \varepsilon\sigma(z)u + Y(z)h(z), & z \in \Gamma, \\ \operatorname{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)}u_{\bar{z}}] &= r(z), & z \in L_j \ (j = 1 \text{ or } 2), \quad \operatorname{Im}[\overline{\lambda(z)}u_{\bar{z}}]|_{z=z^0} = b_0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_0, b_0$  are real constants. By the result of [4], we can find the general

solution of the following Problem  $Q_1$  for the mixed complex equation:

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} w_{\bar{z}} - \operatorname{Re}[A_1(z)w] &= A_3(z), & z \in D_1, \\ \overline{w_{\bar{z}^*}} - \operatorname{Re}[A_1(z)w] &= A_3(z), & z \in D_2, \end{aligned}$$

with the boundary conditions

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)}w(z)] &= r(z) + Y(z)h(z), & z \in \Gamma, \\ \operatorname{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)}w(z)] &= r(z), & z \in L_j \ (j = 1 \text{ or } 2), \quad \operatorname{Im}[\overline{\lambda(z)}w(z)]|_{z=z^0} = b_0, \end{aligned}$$

which can be expressed as

$$(3.5) \quad \tilde{w}(z) = w_0(z) + \sum_{k=1}^{2K+1} c_k w_k(z)$$

where  $w_0(z)$  is a special solution of Problem  $Q_1$  and  $w_k(z)$  ( $k = 1, \dots, 2K+1$ ) is the complete system of linearly independent solutions for the homogeneous problem corresponding to Problem  $Q_1$ . Moreover, denote by  $H_2u$  the solution of the following Problem  $Q_2$  for the complex equation:

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} w_{\bar{z}} - \operatorname{Re}[A_1(z)w] &= A_2(z)u, & z \in D_1, \\ \overline{w_{\bar{z}^*}} - \operatorname{Re}[A_1(z)w] &= A_2(z)u, & z \in D_2, \end{aligned}$$

with the boundary conditions

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)}w(z)] &= -\sigma(z)u + Y(z)h(z), & z \in \Gamma, \\ \operatorname{Re}[\overline{\lambda(z)}w(z)] &= 0, & z \in L_j \ (j = 1 \text{ or } 2), \quad \operatorname{Im}[\overline{\lambda(z)}w(z)]|_{z=z^0} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and the point conditions

$$(3.8) \quad \operatorname{Im}[\overline{\lambda(a_j)}w(a_j)] = 0, \quad j \in J = \begin{cases} \{1, \dots, 2K+1\}, & K \geq 0, \\ \emptyset, & K < 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $a_j \in \Gamma \setminus Z$  are distinct points. It is easy to see that  $H_2$  is a bounded operator mapping a function  $u(z) \in \tilde{C}^1(\overline{D})$  (i.e.  $C(u, \overline{D}) + C(X(z)u_z, \overline{D}_1) + C(\tilde{X}(z)u_z^\pm, \overline{D}_2) < \infty$ ) to  $w(z) \in \tilde{C}_\delta(\overline{D})$  (i.e.  $C_\delta(u, \overline{D}) + C_\delta(X(z)w(z), \overline{D}_1) + C_\delta(\tilde{X}(z)w^\pm(z), \overline{D}_2) < \infty$ ); here  $X(z), \tilde{X}(z)$  are as stated in Theorem 2.2. Furthermore, set

$$(3.9) \quad u(z) = H_1w + c_0 = 2 \operatorname{Re} \int_0^z w(z) dz + c_0$$

where  $c_0$  is an arbitrary real constant. It is clear that  $H_1$  is a bounded operator mapping  $w(z) \in \tilde{C}_\delta(\overline{D})$  to  $u(z) \in \tilde{C}^1(\overline{D})$ . By Theorem 2.2, the function  $w(z)$  can be expressed as an integral. From (3.9) and  $w(z) = \tilde{w}(z) + \varepsilon H_2u$ , we can obtain a nonhomogeneous integral equation ( $K \geq 0$ ):

$$(3.10) \quad u - \varepsilon H_1 H_2 u = H_1 w(z) + c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{2K+1} c_k H_1 w_k(z).$$

Since  $H_1H_2$  is a completely continuous operator in  $\tilde{C}^1(\bar{D})$ , we can use the Fredholm theorem for the integral equation (3.10). Let

$$(3.11) \quad \varepsilon_j \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots), \quad 0 < |\varepsilon_1| \leq |\varepsilon_2| \leq \dots,$$

be the discrete eigenvalues for the homogeneous integral equation

$$(3.12) \quad u - \varepsilon H_1H_2u = 0.$$

Note that Problem Q for the complex equation (1.2) with  $\varepsilon = 0$  is solvable, hence  $|\varepsilon_1| > 0$ .

We first discuss the case of  $K \geq 0$ . If  $\varepsilon \neq \varepsilon_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ), then the nonhomogeneous integral equation (3.10) has a solution  $u(z)$  and the general solution of Problem Q involves  $2K + 2$  arbitrary real constants. If  $\varepsilon$  is an eigenvalue of rank  $q$  as in (3.11), then applying the Fredholm theorem, we obtain solvability conditions for the nonhomogeneous integral equation (3.10), which are a system of  $q$  algebraic equations for  $2K + 2$  arbitrary real constants. Letting  $s$  be the rank of the corresponding coefficient matrix and  $s \leq \min(q, 2K + 2)$ , we can determine  $s$  equalities in the  $q$  algebraic equations, hence Problem Q for (1.2) has  $q - s$  solvability conditions. When these conditions hold, then the general solution of Problem Q involves  $2K + 2 + q - s$  arbitrary real constants.

The case of  $K < 0$  can be similarly discussed. Thus we can state the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Suppose that the linear mixed equation (1.2) satisfies Condition C. Suppose  $\varepsilon \neq \varepsilon_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ), where  $\varepsilon_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ) are the eigenvalues of the homogeneous integral equation (3.12).*

(1) *If  $K \geq 0$ , then Problem P for (1.2) is solvable, and the general solution involves  $2K + 2$  arbitrary real constants.*

(2) *If  $K < 0$ , then Problem P for (1.2) has  $-2K - 1 - s$  solvability conditions and  $s \leq 1$ .*

*Suppose now that  $\varepsilon$  is an eigenvalue of the homogeneous integral equation (3.12) with rank  $q$ .*

(3) *If  $K \geq 0$ , then Problem P for (1.2) has  $q - s$  solvability conditions and  $s \leq q$ .*

(4) *If  $K < 0$ , then Problem P for (1.2) has  $-2K - 1 + q - s$  solvability conditions and  $s \leq \min(-2K - 1 + q, 1 + q)$ .*

Note that the Dirichlet problem (Problem D) for (1.2) with the boundary conditions

$$(3.13) \quad u(z) = \phi(z) \quad \text{on } \Gamma \cup L_j \quad (j = 1 \text{ or } 2)$$

is a special case of Problem P with index  $K = -1/2$ . In fact, set  $w = u_z$  in  $D$ . Then Problem D for the mixed equation (1.2) is equivalent to Problem A for

the mixed equation (3.1) with the boundary condition (3.2) and the relation

$$(3.14) \quad u(z) = 2 \operatorname{Re} \int_0^z w(z) dz + c_0, \quad z \in D,$$

where

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{aligned} \lambda(z) = a + ib &= \begin{cases} \overline{i(z-1)}, & \theta = \arg(z-1) \text{ on } \Gamma, \\ \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} & \text{on } L_1, \text{ or } \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} & \text{on } L_2, \end{cases} \\ r(z) &= \begin{cases} \phi_\theta & \text{on } \Gamma, \\ \phi_x/\sqrt{2} & \text{on } L_1 \text{ or } \phi_x/\sqrt{2} & \text{on } L_2, \end{cases} \\ b_0 = \operatorname{Im} \left[ \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} u_{\bar{z}}(z^0) \right] &= \frac{\phi_x - \phi_x}{\sqrt{2}} \Big|_{z=z^0} = 0, \text{ or} \\ b_0 = \operatorname{Im} \left[ \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} u_{\bar{z}}(z^0) \right] &= 0, \\ c_0 &= \phi(0); \end{aligned}$$

here  $a = 1/\sqrt{2} \neq b = -1/\sqrt{2}$  on  $L_1$  or  $a = 1/\sqrt{2} \neq -b = -1/\sqrt{2}$  on  $L_2$ .

The index  $K = -1/2$  of Problem D on  $\partial D_1$  can be derived as follows: According to (3.13), the boundary conditions of Problem D in  $D_1$  are

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}[i(z-1)w(z)] &= r(z) = \phi'_\theta && \text{on } \Gamma, \\ \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} w(x) \right] &= \frac{\phi'(x/2)}{\sqrt{2}}, && x \in [0, 2], \text{ or} \\ \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} w(x) \right] &= s(x) = \frac{\phi'(x/2+1)}{\sqrt{2}}, && x \in [0, 2]. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that the possible discontinuity points of  $\lambda(z)$  on  $\partial D_1$  are  $t_1 = 2$ ,  $t_2 = 0$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(t_1+0) &= \frac{3\pi}{2}, \quad \lambda(t_2-0) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ \lambda(t_1-0) &= \lambda(t_2+0) = e^{\pi i/4}, \quad \text{or } \lambda(t_1-0) = \lambda(t_2+0) = e^{7\pi i/4}, \\ \frac{\lambda(t_1-0)}{\lambda(t_1+0)} &= e^{-5\pi i/4} = e^{i\phi_1}, \quad \frac{\lambda(t_2-0)}{\lambda(t_2+0)} = e^{\pi i/4} = e^{i\phi_2} \text{ or} \\ \frac{\lambda(t_1-0)}{\lambda(t_1+0)} &= e^{\pi i/4} = e^{i\phi_1}, \quad \frac{\lambda(t_2-0)}{\lambda(t_2+0)} = e^{-5\pi i/4} = e^{i\phi_2}. \end{aligned}$$

In order to insure the uniqueness of solutions of Problem D, we choose

$$\begin{aligned} -1 < \gamma_1 = \frac{\phi_1}{\pi} - K_1 = -\frac{5}{4} - (-1) = -\frac{1}{4} < 0, \quad 0 \leq \gamma_2 = \frac{\phi_2}{\pi} - K_2 = \frac{1}{4} < 1, \text{ or} \\ 0 \leq \gamma_1 = \frac{\phi_1}{\pi} - K_1 = \frac{1}{4} < 1, \quad -1 < \gamma_2 = \frac{\phi_2}{\pi} - K_2 = -\frac{5}{4} - (-1) = -\frac{1}{4} < 0, \end{aligned}$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 = -1, \quad K_2 = 0, \quad K = (K_1 + K_2)/2 = -1/2, \quad \text{or} \\ K_1 = 0, \quad K_2 = -1, \quad K = (K_1 + K_2)/2 = -1/2. \end{aligned}$$

The unique solution  $w(z)$  is continuous in  $\overline{D}_1 \setminus \{0, 2\}$ . For the second case,  $w(z)$  is bounded in the neighbourhood of  $t_1 = 2$ , and the integral of  $w(z)$  is bounded in the neighbourhood of  $t_2 = 0$ ; for the first case, the integral of  $w(z)$  is bounded in the neighbourhood of  $t_1 = 2$ , and  $w(z)$  is bounded in the neighbourhood of  $t_2 = 0$ . If we require that the solution  $w(z)$  is bounded in  $\overline{D}_1 \setminus \{0, 2\}$ , then it suffices to choose the index  $K = -1$ ; in this case there is one solvability condition.

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