

**NON-STATIONARY INVERSE SCATTERING PROBLEM  
FOR PERTURBATION WAVE EQUATION**

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In this work the non-stationary inverse scattering problem for perturbation wave equation is studied

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + c(x, t)u(x, t) = 0 \quad 0 \leq x < \infty, -\infty < t < \infty, \quad (1)$$

with the boundary condition

$$u(0, t) = \varphi(t) \quad (2)$$

and the irradiation conditions

$$|u(x, t)| \leq C, \left| \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial x} \right| \leq C, \left| \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} \right| \leq C, C - \text{const},$$

$$\frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3)$$

The non-stationary inverse scattering problem for equation (1) with condition (2) which equals zero was resolved in [1]. First we examine the non-homogeneous wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \rho(x, t) \quad (4)$$

We demonstrate the following lemma

**Lemma 1.** The solution of problem (4), (2)–(3) is unique.

**Proof:** We suppose that there are two solutions of this problem. Thus, their difference  $\tilde{u}(x, t)$  satisfies the homogenous equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}(x, t)}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad (5)$$

the boundary condition

$$\tilde{u}(0, t) = 0 \quad (6)$$

and irradiation conditions (3).

The solution of Cauchy's problem for equation (5) with the boundary condition (6) and initial date by  $t = t_0$  has following form by  $x \leq t - t_0$ :

$$\tilde{u}(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\tilde{u}(x + t - t_0, t_0) - \tilde{u}(t - t_0 - x, t_0)] +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{t-t_0-x}^{x+t-t_0} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}(y, t_0)}{\partial t} dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_{t-t_0-x}^{x+t-t_0} \left[ \frac{\partial \tilde{u}(y, t_0)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \tilde{u}(y, t_0)}{\partial y} \right] dy, \quad (7)$$

From (7) it is easy to obtain the valuation

$$|\tilde{u}(x, t)| \leq x \max_{t-t_0-x \leq y \leq t-t_0+x} \left| \frac{\partial \tilde{u}(y, t_0)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tilde{u}(y, t_0)}{\partial t} \right|, \quad (8)$$

Taking into consideration that from the condition  $y \in [t - t_0 - x, t - t_0 + x]$  and  $t_0 \rightarrow -\infty$  it results  $y \rightarrow \infty$ , and using the irradiation conditions (3) we find that the right member of inequality (8), as  $t_0 \rightarrow -\infty$ , becomes zero. Thus  $\tilde{u}(x, t) = 0$  for any point  $(x, t)$ . Therefore the uniqueness of solution is proved.

**Lemma 2.** Let the right member of equation (4) satisfy the condition

$$|\rho(x, t)| \leq \frac{C}{(1+x)^{1+\varepsilon}(1+|t|)^{1+\varepsilon}}, \quad \varepsilon > 0 \quad (9)$$

and the function  $\varphi(s)$ ,  $-\infty < s < \infty$ , of boundary condition (2) be a continuously differentiable function and

$$|\varphi(s)| \leq C, \quad \left| \frac{d\varphi(s)}{ds} \right| \leq C \quad (10)$$

Thus function

$$u(x, t) = \varphi(t-x) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{t-x} d\tau \int_{t-x-\tau}^{t+x-\tau} \rho(y, \tau) dy + \frac{1}{2} \int_{t-x}^t d\tau \int_{x-t+\tau}^{t+x-\tau} \rho(y, \tau) dy, \quad (11)$$

is solution of problem (4), (2)–(3).

**Proof:** We verify directly that (11) is solution of equation (4) with  $u(0, t) = \varphi(t)$ . Furthermore by using (9)–(10), from (11) we obtain the regular limitation of function  $u(x, t)$  and its first derivatives, except that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} \right| &= \left| \int_{-\infty}^t \rho(x+t-\tau, \tau) d\tau \right| \leq \\ &\leq \frac{C}{(1+x)^{1+\varepsilon}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\tau}{(1+|\tau|)^{1+\varepsilon}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

In (12), when  $x \rightarrow \infty$  the right member tends to zero regularly in  $t$ , i.e. function  $u(x, t)$  satisfies the irradiation conditions (3) So this lemma is proved.

We go on to the solution of scattering problem (1)–(3).

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\varphi(s)$  be a continuously differentiable function and

$$|\varphi(s)| \leq C, \quad \left| \frac{d\varphi(s)}{ds} \right| \leq C, \quad C = \text{const} \text{ and potential } c(x, t) \text{ satisfies the condition}$$

$$|c(x, t)| \leq \frac{C}{(1+x)^{1+\varepsilon}(1+|t|)^{1+\varepsilon}}, \quad \varepsilon > 0 \quad (13)$$

Thus the solution  $u(x, t)$  of scattering problem (1)–(3) exist and is unique. This solution as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  presents in form

$$u(x, t) = f(t-x) + 0 \quad (14)$$

where  $f(t-x)$  – scattering wave which is given by function  $\varphi(t-x)$  and connected with this by equality

$$f(s) = \varphi(s) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} dy \int_{s-y}^{s+y} c(y, \tau) u(y, \tau) d\tau \quad (15)$$

**Proof:** Using lemmas 1 and 2 we found that problem (1) – (3) is equivalent to the following integral equation in the space  $C(E^2)$  of continuous functions in Euclidean 2-dimensional space  $E^2$ :

$$u(x, t) = \varphi(t-x) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{t-x} d\tau \int_{t-x-\tau}^{t+x-\tau} c(y, \tau) u(y, \tau) dy - \frac{1}{2} \int_{t-x}^t d\tau \int_{x-t+\tau}^{x+t-\tau} c(y, \tau) u(y, \tau) dy, \quad (16)$$

Using the valuation (13) and the properties of function  $\varphi(s)$  we can easily demonstrate the uniqueness of solution of equation (16) and the convergence consecutive approximating method for (16), i.e. equation (16) has a unique solution.

If we examine the scattering wave  $f(t-x)$  after (15), equation (16) has following form

$$u(x, t) = f(t-x) + \frac{1}{2} \int_x^{\infty} dy \int_{t+x-y}^{t-x+y} c(y, \tau) u(y, \tau) d\tau \quad (17)$$

From (17) in consideration of (13) we obtain easily (14). So the theorem is demonstrated.

According to the theorem 1 each function  $\varphi(s)$  giving wave  $\varphi(t-x)$  is correspondent to the function  $f(s)$  which determines the scattering wave  $f(t-x)$ . Thus the operator  $S$  which transfers  $\varphi(s)$  in  $f(s)$  is determined. This operator is called the operator of scattering

$$S\varphi(s) = f(s) \quad (18)$$

The operator  $S$  will be examined in space  $L_2(-\infty, \infty)$ .

We remark that in case the potential  $c(x, t) = 0$ , the scattering wave  $f(t-x) = \varphi(t-x)$  and in this case the operator  $S$  is equal to the unit operator.

In order to resolve the inverse scattering problem (1) – (3) we prove following lemma.

**Lemma 3.** The solution  $u(x, t)$  of equation (17) with any right member  $f(t-x) \in C(E)$  exists and is unique in space  $C(E^2)$ . The solution of this equation can be written in following form

$$u(x, t) = f(t-x) + \int_{-\infty}^t H_+(x, t, \xi) f(\xi-x) d\xi = (I + H_+(x)) T_{-x} f(t). \quad (19)$$

where the operator  $H_+(x)$  by fixed  $x$  is operator of Hilbert-Schmidt and  $T_{-x}$  is operator of translation  $T_{-x} f(t) = f(t-x)$ . By  $x \rightarrow \infty \|H_+(x)\|_{L_2} \rightarrow 0$  (20)

The proof of existence and uniqueness of solution in  $C(E^2)$  of equation (17) with any right member  $f(t-x) \in C(E)$  is analogous with the

demonstration of theorem 1. We get the solution of this equation in form (19). With this aim by replacing  $u(x, t)$  from (19) into (17) with any  $f$  any  $\xi \leq t$  we obtain

$$H_+(x, t, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x + \frac{t-\xi}{2}}^{\infty} c(y, \xi - x + y) dy + \frac{1}{2} \int_x^{\infty} dy \int_{t+x-y}^{t+y-x} c(y+\tau) H_+(y, \tau, \xi+y-x) d\tau - \frac{1}{2} \int_x^{\infty} dy \int_{t+x-y}^{t+y-x} c(y, \tau) H_+(y, \tau, \xi+y-x) d\tau \quad (21)$$

By using the valuation (13) we demonstrate easily that the consecutive approximating method is convergent for equation (21), where

$$|H_+(x, t, \xi)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{x + \frac{t-\xi}{2}}^{\infty} |c(y, \xi - x + y)| \cdot \exp \left\{ \int_x^{\infty} \frac{Cdz}{(1+|z|^{1+\varepsilon})} \right\}, \quad (22)$$

We get easily the uniqueness of solution of equation (21) from the fact, that this equation is that of Volterra type with the variable  $x$ , where  $c(x, t)$  satisfies inequality (13). Furthermore, the valuations (13) and (22) permit to demonstrate the statement (20) and to estimate

$$\int \int_{\xi \leq t} H_+^2(x, t, \xi) dt d\xi < \infty$$

i.e.  $H_+(x, t, \xi)$  with variables  $t$  and  $\xi$  is a kernel of Hilbert-Schmidt. So the lemma is demonstrated.

Here  $H_+(x, t, \xi)$  is the analogy of kernel transformation operator of stationary scattering problem for equation of Sturm-Liouville.

From equation (21), by supposing  $\xi = t$  we get

$$H_+(x, t, t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_x^{\infty} c(y, t-x+y) dy \quad (23)$$

By applying operator  $\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$  for (23) we get

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) H_+(x, t, t) = -\frac{1}{2} c(x, t) \quad (24)$$

The formulas (23), (24) express the potential  $c(x, t)$  through the kernel of the transformation operator.

We designate the operator which transmits the given wave  $\varphi(t)$  in solution  $u(x, t)$  of non-stationary scattering problem by  $U(x)$ , thus

$$U(x)\varphi(t) = u(x, t)$$

In consideration of (18) equality (19) can be written in form

$$U(x)\varphi = [I + H_+(x)]T_{-x}S\varphi \quad (25)$$

From the boundary condition  $u(0, t) = \varphi(t)$  we get

$$U(0)' = I \quad (26)$$

Because  $H_+(x)$  is an operator of Hilbert-Schmidt, therefore the operator  $(I + H_+(x))^{-1}$  exists also. And from (25) in consideration of (26) we obtain the expression of scattering operator in  $L_2(-\infty, \infty)$ :

$$S = (I + H_+(0))^{-1} \quad (27)$$

From the equality (27) we examine operator function

$$S(x_0) = (I + H_+(x_0))^{-1}, \quad x_0 \geq 0.$$

By using equation (21) we can prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.** The operator  $S(x_0)$  is operator of scattering of non-stationary problem on semi-axis  $x \geq x_0$  with boundary condition  $u(x_0, t) = \varphi(t)$ .

We examine the properties of solution of problem (1)–(3) and properties of scattering operator of this problem.

**Lemma 5.** If the given wave  $\varphi(t-x)$  is equal to zero in area  $t-x < \lambda$  the solution  $u(x, t)$  and also the scattering wave  $f(t-x)$  of problem (1)–(3) are equal zero in this area.

If  $\varphi(s)$  is equal to zero by  $s \geq t-x$  the transformation operator is connected with the scattering operator through following equality

$$H_+(x, t, \xi) + F(t-x, \xi-x) + \int_{-\infty}^t H_+(x, t, \eta) F(\eta-x, \xi-x) d\eta = 0, \quad \xi \leq t, \quad (28)$$

where  $F(t, \xi)$  is the kernel of the operator  $S-I$ .

**Proof:** The first conclusion of lemma results from (16) – (17). Indeed' if  $\varphi(t-x) = 0$  by  $t-x < \lambda$ , i.e. the free term of equation (16) is equal to zero by  $t-x < \lambda$ . Because of the Volterra-property of equation with variable  $t$ , we get easily  $u(x, t) = 0$  by  $t-x < \lambda$ . But in equation (17) from condition  $\tau \in [t+x-y, t-x+y]$  we get  $\tau - y \leq t-x < \lambda$  and so  $u(y, \tau) = 0$ , therefore the scattering wave  $f(t-x)$  is equal to zero in area  $t-x < \lambda$ . Now let  $\varphi(s) = 0$  by  $s \geq t-x$ , and by using (16) and (18) from (19) we get

$$\begin{aligned} F\varphi(t-x) + \int_{-\infty}^t H_+(x, t, \xi) \varphi(\xi-x) d\xi + \int_{-\infty}^t H_+(x, t, \xi) F\varphi(\xi-x) d\xi = \\ = \int_{-\infty}^t F(t-x, \xi-x) \varphi(\xi-x) d\xi + \int_{-\infty}^t H_+(x, t, \xi) \varphi(\xi-x) d\xi + \\ + \int_{-\infty}^t \varphi(\xi-x) d\xi \int_{-\infty}^t H_+(x, t, \eta) F(\eta-x, \xi-x) d\eta = 0 \end{aligned}$$

From the last equality we get equality (28) by  $\xi \leq t$ . So the lemma is demonstrated.

Furthermore, by supposing  $F(t-x, \xi-x)$  be the kernel of operator  $F_x$ , we write (28) in operator form

$$- [I + H_+(x)] F_x = H_+(x),$$

therefore

$$- F_x = [I + H_+(x)]^{-1} H_+(x) \quad (29)$$

We suppose

$$F(x) = [I + H_+(x)]^{-1} - I \quad (30)$$

and adding (30) with (29) we get

$$F(x) - F_x = [I + H_+(x)]^{-1} [H_+(x) + I] - I = 0, \quad (31)$$

Supposing  $F(x, t, \xi)$  be the kernel of operator  $F(x)$  we write equality (31) for the kernel of corresponding operators in form

$$F(x, t, \xi) - F(t-x, \xi-x) = 0 \text{ by } \xi \leq t, x \geq 0, \quad (32)$$

Thus, if the operator  $S$  is known, the operator  $F = S - I$  is known also, and the operator  $F(x)$  is determined by formulas (31) - (32). Hereby and from (30) we find operator

$$H_+(x) = [I + F(x)]^{-1} - I,$$

on which kernel the potential  $c(x, t)$  is recovered after formula (24), furthermore the relation between the operator  $S$  and potential  $c(x, t)$  is single-valued. We formulate this result.

**Theorem 2.** The non-stationary potential  $c(x, t)$  of scattering problem which is given by perturbation wave equation (1) and the boundary conditions (2)-(3) is recovered after the scattering operator  $S$ , furthermore the relation between  $S$  and  $c(x, t)$  is single-valued.

The potential  $c(x, t)$  is determined after  $H_+(x, t, \xi)$  by equality

$$c(x, t) = -2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) H_+(x, t, t),$$

where  $H_+(x, t, \xi)$ ,  $\xi \leq t$  is kernel of operator  $[I + F(x)]^{-1} - I$ , and  $F(x)$  is connected with the given operator  $S$  by relation:

$$F(x, t, \xi) = F(t-x, \xi-x), \xi \leq t, x \geq 0,$$

where  $F(x, t, \xi)$ ,  $F(t, \xi)$  are kernel of the operators  $F(x)$  and  $S-I$ .

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