## ON SOME BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEMS FOR AN ULTRAHYPERBOLIC EQUATION

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ABSTRACT. The correct formulation of a characteristic problem and a Darboux type problem in the special weighted functional spaces for an ultrahyperbolic equation is investigated.

In the space of variables  $x_1, x_2, y_1$  and  $y_2$  we consider the ultrahyperbolic equation

$$u_{y_1y_1} + u_{y_2y_2} - u_{x_1x_1} - u_{x_2x_2} = F. (1)$$

Denote by  $D: -y_1 < x_1 < y_1$ ,  $0 < y_1 < +\infty$ , a dihedral angle bounded by the characteristic surfaces  $S_1: x_1 - y_1 = 0$ ,  $0 \le y_1 < +\infty$ , and  $S_2: x_1 + y_1 = 0$ ,  $0 \le y_1 < +\infty$ , of equation (1).

We shall consider a characteristic problem formulated as follows: in the domain D find a solution  $u(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2)$  of equation (1) by the boundary conditions

$$u|_{S_i} = f_i, \quad i = 1, 2,$$
 (2)

where  $f_i$ , i = 1, 2, are given real functions on  $S_i$  and  $(f_1 - f_2)|_{S_1 \cap S_2} = 0$ .

Characteristic problems formulated similarly were considered in [1–3].

Let 
$$G = \{(x_1, \xi_1, y_1, \xi_2) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : -y_1 < x_1 < y_1, 0 < y_1 < +\infty; -\infty < \xi_i < +\infty, i = 1, 2\}.$$

Denote by  $\Phi^k(\overline{D})$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , the space of functions  $u(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2)$  of the class  $C^k(\overline{D})$  whose partial Fourier transforms  $\widehat{u}(x_1, \xi_1, y_1, \xi_2)$  with respect to the variables  $x_2$  and  $y_2$  are continuous functions in  $\overline{G}$  together with partial derivatives with respect to the variables  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  up to kth order inclusive and satisfy the following estimates: for any natural N there exist positive

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integers  $C_N = C_N(x_1, y_1)$  and  $K_N = K_N(x_1, y_1)$  not depending on  $\xi_1, \xi_2$  such that the inequalities

$$\left| \partial^{i_1+i_2} / \partial x_1^{i_1} \partial y_1^{i_2} \widehat{u}(x_1, \xi_1, y_1, \xi_2) \right| \le C_N e^{-N(|\xi_1|+|\xi_2|)}, \ \ 0 \le i_1 + i_2 \le k, \ (3)$$

are fulfilled for  $-y_1 \le x_1 \le y_1$ ,  $0 \le y_1 < +\infty$  and  $|\xi_1| + |\xi_2| > K_N$ . Note that

$$C_N^0(x_1, y_1) = \sup_{(x_1^0, y_1^0) \in I(x_1, y_1)} C_N(x_1^0, y_1^0) < +\infty,$$
  

$$K_N^0(x_1, y_1) = \sup_{(x_1^0, y_1^0) \in I(x_1, y_1)} K_N(x_1^0, y_1^0) < +\infty,$$

where  $I(x_1, y_1) = \{(x_1^0, y_1^0) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \le y_1^0 - x_1^0 \le y_1 - x_1, \ 0 \le y_1^0 + x_1^0 \le y_1 + x_1\}$  is the closed rectangle.

The spaces  $\Phi^k(S_i)$ , i=1,2, are introduced similarly. Note that the trace  $u|_{S_i}$  of the function u from the space  $\Phi^k(\overline{D})$  belongs to the space  $\Phi^k(S_i)$ .

When considering a solution of problem (1), (2) in the space  $\Phi^k(\overline{D})$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , it will be assumed that  $F \in \Phi^{k-1}(\overline{D})$ ,  $f_i \in \Phi^k(S_i)$ , i = 1, 2.

If u is a solution of problem (1), (2) of the class  $\Phi^k(\overline{D})$ , then after the Fourier transformation with respect to the variables  $x_2$  and  $y_2$ , equation (1) and conditions (2) can be rewritten as

$$v_{y_1y_1} - v_{x_1x_1} + (\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2)v = F_0,$$

$$v|_{L} = q_i, \quad i = 1, 2,$$
(5)

where v,  $F_0$ ,  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$  are respectively the Fourier transforms of the functions u, F,  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  with respect to the variables  $x_2$  and  $y_2$ , i.e.,

$$v(x_1, y_1, \xi_1, \xi_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2) e^{-ix_2\xi_1 - iy_2\xi_2} dx_2 dy_2,$$

$$F_0(x_1, y_1, \xi_1, \xi_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2) e^{-ix_2\xi_1 - iy_2\xi_2} dx_2 dy_2,$$

$$g_j(x_1, y_1, \xi_1, \xi_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_j(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2) e^{-ix_2\xi_1 - iy_2\xi_2} dx_2 dy_2,$$

$$(x_1y_1) \in l_j, \quad j = 1, 2,$$

and  $l_1: x_1 - y_1 = 0$ ,  $0 \le y_1 < +\infty$ ,  $l_2: x_1 + y_1 = 0$ ,  $0 \le y_1 < +\infty$ , are the beams lying in the plane of variables  $x_1, y_1$  and outgoing from the origin O(0,0).

Remark. Thus by the Fourier transformation with respect to the variables  $x_2$  and  $y_2$  the spatial problem (1), (2) is reduced to the Goursat plane

problem (4), (5) with the parameters  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  lying in the domain  $D_0$ :  $-y_1 < x_1 < y_1$ ,  $0 < y_1 < +\infty$  of the plane of variables  $x_1, y_1$ . It is easy to see that in the class of functions defined by inequalities (3), this reduction is equivalent, i.e., problem (1), (2) is equivalent to problem (4), (5).

Using for the functions v,  $F_0$ ,  $g_i$  the previous notation, in terms of the new variables

$$x = \frac{1}{2}(y_1 + x_1), \quad y = \frac{1}{2}(y_1 - x_1),$$
 (6)

problem (4), (5) takes the form

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} + (\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2)v = F_0, \tag{7}$$

$$v|_{\gamma_j} = g_j, \quad j = 1, 2.$$
 (8)

Here the solution  $v=v(x,y,\xi_1,\xi_2)$  of equation (7) is considered in the domain  $\Omega_0: 0 < x < +\infty, 0 < y < +\infty$  of the plane of variables x,y, which is the image of the domain  $D_0$  for the linear transform (6), and  $\gamma_1: y=0$ ,  $0 \le x < +\infty$ , and  $\gamma_2: x=0, 0 \le y < +\infty$ , are the images  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  for the same transform (6).

With our assumptions for the functions  $F_0$ ,  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$ , problem (7), (8) has a unique solution v of the class  $C^2(\overline{\Omega}_0)$  which has the form [4]

$$v(x, y, \xi_1, \xi_2) = R(x, 0; x, y)g_1(x, \xi_1, \xi_2) + R(0, y; x, y)g_2(y, \xi_1, \xi_2) -$$

$$-R(0, 0; x, y)g_1(0, \xi_1, \xi_2) - \int_0^x \frac{\partial R(\xi, 0; x, y)}{\partial \xi} g_1(\xi, \xi_1, \xi_2)d\xi -$$

$$-\int_0^y \frac{\partial R(0, \eta; x, y)}{\partial \eta} g_2(\eta, \xi_1, \xi_2)d\eta + \int_0^x d\xi \int_0^y R(\xi, \eta; x, y)F_0(\xi, \eta, \xi_1, \xi_2)d\eta,$$
(9)

where  $g_1(x,\xi_1,\xi_2) = v(x,0,\xi_1,\xi_2)$ ,  $g_2(y,\xi_1,\xi_2) = v(0,y,\xi_1,\xi_2)$  are the Goursat data for v, and  $R(\xi,\eta;x,y)$  is the Riemann function for equation (7). For simplicity, we omit the dependence of R on the parameters  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$ .

It is well known that the Riemann function  $R(\xi, \eta; x, y)$  for equation (7) can be expressed in terms of the Bessel function  $\mathcal{J}_0$  of zero order as follows:

$$R(\xi, \eta; x, y) = \mathcal{J}_0(\sqrt{4(\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2)(x - \xi)(y - \eta)}) =$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2)^k \frac{(x - \xi)^k (y - \eta)^k}{(k!)^2}.$$
(10)

The representation [6]  $\mathcal{J}_0(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \exp(iz\sin\theta) d\theta$  readily implies

$$|R(\xi, \eta; x, y)| \le \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } |\xi_1| \ge |\xi_2|, \\ \exp\sqrt{4|\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2|(x - \xi)(y - \eta)} & \text{for } |\xi_1| < |\xi_2|. \end{cases}$$
(11)

Using the equalities

$$\mathcal{J}_0'(z) = -\frac{z}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2 \theta \exp(iz \sin \theta) d\theta,$$
$$\frac{d\mathcal{J}_0(2\lambda\sqrt{\nu x})}{dx} = -\frac{\lambda^2 \nu}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2 \theta \exp(i2\lambda\sqrt{\nu x} \sin \theta) d\theta, \quad \nu > 0,$$

we obtain

$$\left| \frac{d\mathcal{J}_0(2\lambda\sqrt{\nu x})}{dx} \right| \le \begin{cases} 2\lambda^2 \nu & \text{for } \lambda = 0, \\ 2|\lambda|^2 \nu \exp 2|\lambda|\sqrt{\nu x} & \text{for } \operatorname{Re} \lambda = 0. \end{cases}$$

Hence for derivatives of R we easily derive the estimates

$$\left| \frac{\partial R(\xi, 0; x, y)}{\partial \xi} \right| \le \begin{cases} 2(\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2)\sqrt{y} & \text{for } |\xi_1| \ge |\xi_2|, \\ 2(\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2)\sqrt{y} \exp\sqrt{4(\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2)(x - \xi)y} & \text{for } |\xi_1| < |\xi_2|, \end{cases}$$
(12)

$$\left| \frac{\partial R(0, \eta; x, y)}{\partial \eta} \right| \le \begin{cases} 2(\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2)\sqrt{x} & \text{for } |\xi_1| \ge |\xi_2|, \\ 2(\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2)\sqrt{x} \exp\sqrt{4(\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2)x(y - \eta)} & \text{for } |\xi_1| < |\xi_2|. \end{cases}$$
(13)

Next, we assume without loss of generality that for the functions  $F_0$ ,  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$  estimates (3) hold with respect to  $\xi_1$ ,  $\xi_2$ , with the same integers  $C_N$ ,  $C_N^0$ ,  $K_N$ , and  $K_N^0$ . Then, using (11)–(13), for the solution  $v(x, y, \xi_1, \xi_2)$  of problem (7), (8) written in form (9) we obtain for  $|\xi_1| + |\xi_2| > K_N^0$  the following estimates:

$$\begin{split} |v(x,y,\xi_1,\xi_2)| &\leq |g_1(x,\xi_1,\xi_2)| + |g_2(y,\xi_1,\xi_2)| + |g_1(0,\xi_1,\xi_2) \times \\ &\times \exp\sqrt{4|\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2|xy} + 2|\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2|\sqrt{y}\exp\sqrt{4|\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2|xy} \times \\ &\times \int\limits_0^x |g_1(\xi,\xi_1,\xi_2)|d\xi + 2|\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2|\sqrt{x}\exp\sqrt{4|\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2|xy} \times \\ &\times \int\limits_0^y |g_2(\eta,\xi_1,\xi_2)|d\eta + \exp\sqrt{4|\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2|xy} \int\limits_0^x d\xi \int\limits_0^y |F_0(\xi,\eta,\xi_1,\xi_2)|d\eta \leq \end{split}$$

$$\leq 2C_N^0 \exp(-N(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2|) + C_N^0 \exp\sqrt{4|\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2|xy} \times \\ \times \exp[-N(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2|)] + 2|\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2|\sqrt{y}x \exp\sqrt{4|\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2|xy}C_N^0 \times \\ \times \exp[-N(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2|)] + 2|\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2|\sqrt{x}y \exp\sqrt{4|\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2|xy}C_N^0 \times \\ \times \exp[-N(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2|)] + xy \exp\sqrt{4|\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2|xy}C_N^0 \times \\ \times \exp[-N(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2|)] + xy \exp\sqrt{4|\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2|xy}C_N^0 \times \\ \times \exp[-N(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2|)] \leq \left[3 + 2(\sqrt{x}y + \sqrt{y}x)|\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2| + xy\right] \times \\ \times C_N^0 \exp2\sqrt{x}y(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2|) \exp[-N(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2|)]. \tag{14}$$

Now choose a least natural number  $N_0 = N_0(x, y)$  such that

$$N_0 > N + 2\sqrt{xy} + 1. {15}$$

Taking into account that

$$A_N(x,y) = \sup_{(\xi_1,\xi_2) \in R^2} C_{N_0}^0 \left[ 3 + 2(\sqrt{x}y + \sqrt{y}x) |\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^2| + xy \right] \times \exp\left[ -(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2|) \right] < +\infty,$$

from (14) and (15), for  $|\xi_1| + |\xi_2| > K_{N_0}^0$ , we obtain

$$|v(x, y, \xi_{1}, \xi_{2})| \leq \left[3 + 2(\sqrt{x}y + \sqrt{y}x)|\xi_{2}^{2} - \xi_{1}^{2}| + xy\right] C_{N_{0}}^{0} \exp 2\sqrt{xy} \times \\ \times (|\xi_{1}| + |\xi_{2}|) \exp[-N(|\xi_{1}| + |\xi_{2}|)] \leq C_{N_{0}}^{0} \left[3 + 2(\sqrt{x}y + \sqrt{y}x)|\xi_{2}^{2} - \xi_{1}^{2}| + \\ + xy\right] \exp 2\sqrt{xy}(|\xi_{1}| + |\xi_{2}|) \exp[-(|\xi_{1}| + |\xi_{2}|)] \exp\left[-2\sqrt{xy}(|\xi_{1}| + |\xi_{2}|)\right] \times \\ \times \exp\left[-(N_{0} - N - 2\sqrt{xy} - 1)(|\xi_{1}| + |\xi_{2}|)\right] \times \\ \times \exp[-N(|\xi_{1}| + |\xi_{2}|)] \leq A_{N}(x, y) \exp[-N(|\xi_{1}| + |\xi_{2}|)]. \tag{16}$$

The latter inequality implies estimate (3) for  $i_1 = i_2 = 0$ . The proof of this estimate for  $i_1 + i_2 > 0$  is similar. Thus we have

**Theorem 1.** For any  $F \in \Phi^{k-1}(\overline{D})$ ,  $f_i \in \Phi^k(S_i)$ , i = 1, 2, problem (1), (2) is uniquely solvable in the class  $\Phi^k(\overline{D})$ ,  $k \geq 2$ .

We denote by  $D_1: -k_2y_1 < x_1 < k_1y, 0 < y_1 < +\infty, 0 < k_i < 1, i = 1, 2,$  a dihedral angle bounded by the surfaces  $S_1^0: x_1 - k_1y_1 = 0, 0 \le y_1 < +\infty$  and  $S_2^0: x_1 + k_2y_1 = 0, 0 \le y_1 < +\infty$ .

Let us consider a multidimensional variant of the second Darboux problem fomulated as follows: in the domain  $D_1$  find a solution  $u(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2)$  of equation (1) by the boundary conditions

$$(M_1 u_{x_1} + N_1 u_{y_1} + \widetilde{M}_1 u_{x_2} + \widetilde{N}_1 u_{y_2} + \widetilde{S}_1 u)\big|_{S_1^0} = f_1, \tag{17}$$

$$(M_2 u_{x_1} + N_2 u_{y_1} + \widetilde{M}_2 u_{x_2} + \widetilde{N}_2 u_{y_2} + \widetilde{S}_2 u)\big|_{S_2^0} = f_2, \tag{18}$$

where  $M_i$ ,  $N_i$ ,  $\widetilde{M}_i$ ,  $\widetilde{N}_i$ ,  $\widetilde{S}_i$ , i = 1, 2, are given real functions on  $S_i^0$ ; the coefficients  $M_i$ ,  $N_i$ ,  $\widetilde{M}_i$ ,  $\widetilde{N}_i$ ,  $\widetilde{S}_i$ , i = 1, 2, depend only on the variables  $x_1$  and  $y_1$ .

Note that some multidimensional variants of the second Darboux problem for a wave equation are investigated in [7, 8].

Denote by  $\check{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k}(\overline{D}_{1})$ ,  $k \geq 2$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$ , the space of functions  $u(x_{1}, x_{2}, y_{1}, y_{2})$  of the class  $C^{k}(\overline{D}_{1})$  for which

$$\partial^{i_1+i_2}/\partial x_1^{i_1}\partial y_1^{i_2}u(0, x_2, 0, y_2) = 0,$$
  
-\infty < x\_2 < +\infty, -\infty < y\_2 < +\infty 0 < i\_1 + i\_2 < k,

and whose partial Fourier transforms  $\widehat{u}(x_1, \xi_1, y_1, \xi_2)$  with respect to the variables  $x_2$  and  $y_2$  are continuous functions in

$$\overline{G}_1 = \{ (x_1, \xi_1, y_1, \xi_2) \in R^4 : -k_2 y_1 \le x_1 \le k_1 y_1, \\ 0 \le y_1 < +\infty; \ -\infty < \xi_i < +\infty, \ i = 1, 2 \}$$

together with partial derivatives with respect to the variables  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  up to kth order inclusive and satisfy the following estimates: for any natural N there exist positive integers  $C_N = C_N(x_1, y_1)$  and  $K_N = K_N(x_1, y_1)$  not depending on  $\xi_1$ ,  $\xi_2$  such that for  $-k_2y_1 \leq x_1 \leq k_1y_1$ ,  $0 \leq y_1 < +\infty$ , and  $|\xi_1| + |\xi_2| > K_N$  we have the inequalities

$$\left| \partial^{i_1 + i_2} / \partial x_1^{i_1} \partial y_1^{i_2} \widehat{u}(x_1, \xi_1, y_1, \xi_2) \right| \le C_N y_1^{k + \alpha - i_1 - i_2} e^{-N(|\xi_1| + |\xi_2|)}, \quad (19)$$

$$0 < i_1 + i_2 < k,$$

with

$$C_N^0(x_1, y_1) = \sup_{\substack{(x_1^0, y_1^0) \in I_1(x_1, y_1)}} C_N(x_1^0, y_1^0) < +\infty,$$

$$K_N^0(x_1, y_1) = \sup_{\substack{(x_1^0, y_1^0) \in I_1(x_1, y_1)}} K_N(x_1^0, y_1^0) < +\infty,$$

where  $I_1(x_1, y_1) = \{(x_1^0, y_1^0) \in R^2 : -k_2 y_1^0 \le x_1^0 \le k_1 y_1^0, y_1^0 - x_1^0 \le y_1 - x_1, y_1^0 + x_1^0 \le y_1 + x_1, -k_2 y_1 \le x_1 \le k_1 y_1 \}$  is the closed rectangle.

The spaces  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k}(S_{i}^{0})$ , i=1,2, are derived in a similar manner. Note that the trace  $u|_{S_{i}^{0}}$  of the function u from the space  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k}(\overline{D}_{1})$  belongs to the space  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k}(S_{i}^{0})$ .

Remark. When considering problem (1), (17), (18) in the class  $\check{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k}(\overline{D}_{1})$ , we require of the functions F,  $f_{i}$ , i = 1, 2, and the coefficients  $M_{i}$ ,  $N_{i}$ ,  $\widetilde{M}_{i}$ ,  $\widetilde{N}_{i}$ ,  $\widetilde{S}_{i}$ , i = 1, 2, in the boundary conditions (17), (18) that

$$F \in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}(\overline{D}_1), f_i \in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}(S_i^0), i = 1, 2;$$

$$M_i, N_i, \widetilde{M}_i, \widetilde{N}_i, \widetilde{S}_i \in C^{k-1}(S_i^0), i = 1, 2.$$

Using the notation  $u_{y_1} = v_1$ ,  $u_{x_1} = v_2$ ,  $u_{y_2} = v_3$ ,  $u_{x_2} = v_4$ , we reduce equation (1) to the first-order system

$$u_{y_1} = v_1,$$
 (20)

$$v_{1y_1} + v_{3y_2} - v_{2x_1} - v_{4x_2} = F, (21)$$

$$v_{2y_1} - v_{1x_1} = 0, (22)$$

$$v_{3y_1} - v_{1y_2} = 0, (23)$$

$$v_{4y_1} - v_{1x_2} = 0, (24)$$

and write the boundary conditions (17) and (18) in the form

$$(M_1v_2 + N_1v_1 + \widetilde{M}_1v_4 + \widetilde{N}_1v_3 + \widetilde{S}_1u)|_{S_1} = f_1,$$
 (25)

$$(M_2v_2 + N_2v_1 + \widetilde{M}_2v_4 + \widetilde{N}_2v_3 + \widetilde{S}_2u)\big|_{S_2} = f_2.$$
 (26)

Along with conditions (25), (26) we shall also consider the boundary conditions

$$(u_{x_1} - v_2)\big|_{S_1^0 \cup S_2^0} = 0, (27)$$

$$(u_{x_2} - v_4)\big|_{S_1^0 \cup S_2^0} = 0, (28)$$

$$(u_{y_2} - v_3)\big|_{S_1^0 \cup S_2^0} = 0. (29)$$

Clearly, if u is a regular solution of problem (1), (17), (18) of the class  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k}(\overline{D}_{1})$ , then the system of functions u,  $v_{1}$ ,  $v_{2}$ ,  $v_{3}$ ,  $v_{4}$  will be a regular solution of the boundary value problem (20)–(29), where  $v_{i} \in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}(\overline{D}_{1})$ ,  $i=1,\ldots,4$ . Conversely, let the system of functions u,  $v_{1}$ ,  $v_{2}$ ,  $v_{3}$ ,  $v_{4}$  of the class  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}(\overline{D}_{1})$  be a solution of problem (20)–(29). We shall prove that then  $v_{1}=u_{y}$ ,  $v_{2}=u_{x_{1}}$ ,  $v_{3}=u_{y_{2}}$ ,  $v_{4}=u_{x_{2}}$  and therefore the function u is a solution of problem (1), (17), (18) in the class  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k}(\overline{D}_{1})$ . Indeed, by equality (22) we have

$$(u_{x_1} - v_2)_{y_1} = (u_{y_1})_{x_1} - v_{2y_1} = v_{1x_1} - v_{2y_1} = 0,$$

which by virtue of the boundary condition (27) implies that  $v_2 \equiv u_{x_1}$  in  $\overline{D}_1$ . Further, the use of equality (23) gives

$$(u_{y_2} - v_3)_{y_1} = (u_{y_1})_{y_2} - v_{3y_1} = v_{1y_2} - v_{3y_2} = 0,$$

which by virtue of the boundary condition (29) implies that  $v_3 \equiv u_{y_2}$  in  $\overline{D}_1$ . Finally, on account of (24) and (28) we find by a similar reasoning that  $v_4 \equiv u_{x_2}$  in  $\overline{D}_1$ . Thus problem (1), (17), (18) in the class  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k}(\overline{D}_{1})$  is equivalent to the problem of finding a system of functions u,  $v_{1}$ ,  $v_{2}$ ,  $v_{3}$ ,  $v_{4}$  of the class  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}(\overline{D}_{1})$  satisfying (20)–(29).

If u,  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ ,  $v_4$  are a solution of problem (20)–(29), then, after the Fourier transformation with respect to the variables  $x_2$  and  $y_2$ , equations (20)–(24) and boundary conditions (25)–(29) take the form

$$\widehat{u}_{v_1} = \widehat{v}_1, \tag{30}$$

$$\widehat{v}_{1y_1} - \widehat{v}_{2x_1} + i\xi_2 \widehat{v}_3 - i\xi_1 \widehat{v}_4 = \widehat{F}, \tag{31}$$

$$\widehat{v}_{2y_1} - \widehat{v}_{1x_1} = 0, \tag{32}$$

$$\hat{v}_{3y_1} - i\xi_2 \hat{v}_1 = 0, \tag{33}$$

$$\widehat{v}_{4u_1} - i\xi_1 \widehat{v}_1 = 0, \tag{34}$$

$$(M_1\widehat{v}_2 + N_1\widehat{v}_1 + \widetilde{M}_1\widehat{v}_4 + \widetilde{N}_1\widehat{v}_3 + \widetilde{S}_1\widehat{u})|_{l_1} = \widehat{f}_1,$$
 (35)

$$(M_2\hat{v}_2 + N_2\hat{v}_1 + \widetilde{M}_2\hat{v}_4 + \widetilde{N}_2\hat{v}_3 + \widetilde{S}_2\hat{u})|_{l_2} = \hat{f}_2,$$
 (36)

$$(\widehat{u}_{x_1} - \widehat{v}_2)\big|_{l_1 \cup l_2} = 0, \tag{37}$$

$$(\widehat{v}_4 - i\xi_1\widehat{u})\big|_{l_1 \cup l_2} = 0, \tag{38}$$

$$(\widehat{v}_3 - i\xi_2\widehat{u})\big|_{I_1 + I_2} = 0, \tag{39}$$

where  $\widehat{u}$ ,  $\widehat{v}_j$ ,  $j=1,\ldots,4$ ,  $\widehat{F}$ ,  $\widehat{f}_1$ ,  $\widehat{f}_2$  are respectively the Fourier transforms of the functions u,  $v_j$ ,  $j=1,\ldots,4$ , F,  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  with respect to the variables  $x_2$  and  $y_2$ ;  $l_1: x_1 - k_1y_1 = 0$ ,  $0 \le y_1 < +\infty$ ,  $l_2: x_1 + k_2y_1 = 0$ ,  $0 \le y_1 < +\infty$ , are the beams lying in the plane of the variables  $x_1$ ,  $y_1$  and outgoing from the origin O(0,0). Here  $i=\sqrt{-1}$ .

Thus, after the Fourier transformation with respect to the variables  $x_2$  and  $y_2$ , the spatial problem (20)–(29) is reduced to the plane problem (30)–(39) with the parameters  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  lying in the domain  $\Omega_1: -k_2y_1 < x_1 < k_1y_1$ ,  $0 < y_1 < +\infty$ , of the plane of variables  $x_1, y_1$ . It is easy to verify that in the class  $\mathring{\Phi}^k_{\alpha}(\overline{\Omega}_1)$  of functions defined by inequalities (19) this reduction is equivalent.

Assuming  $v = (\hat{v}_1, \hat{v}_2)$  and  $v_5 = (\hat{v}_3, \hat{v}_4)$ , we rewrite system (31), (32) in the vector form

$$v_{y_1} - Av_{x_1} + A_1v_5 = F_1, (40)$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} i\xi_2 & -i\xi_1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{F} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We easily see that with respect to v system (40) is strictly hyperbolic and its characteristics  $L_1(x_1^0, y_1^0)$  and  $L_2(x_1^0, y_1^0)$  passing through the point

 $(x_1^0, y_1^0)$  are the straight lines defined by the equations

$$L_1(x_1^0, y_1^0) : x_1 - y_1 = x_1^0 - y_1^0, \quad L_2(x_1^0, y_1^0) : x_1 + y_1 = x_1^0 + y_1^0.$$

If

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{41}$$

then, as is easy to verify,

$$B^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B^{-1}AB = \Lambda.$$
 (42)

Therefore by replacing v = Bw we can rewrite system (40) as

$$w_{y_1} - \Lambda w_{x_1} + B^{-1} A_1 v_5 = B^{-1} F_1. \tag{43}$$

By virtue of (41)–(43), after replacing v=Bw, problem (30)–(39) is rewritten as

$$\widehat{u}_{y_1} = w_1 - w_2, \tag{44}$$

$$w_{1y_1} - w_{1x_1} + \frac{1}{2}i\xi_2\hat{v}_3 - \frac{1}{2}\xi_1\hat{v}_4 = F_2, \tag{45}$$

$$w_{1y_1} + w_{1x_1} - \frac{1}{2}i\xi_2\hat{v}_3 + \frac{1}{2}\xi_1\hat{v}_4 = F_3, \tag{46}$$

$$\widehat{v}_{3y_1} - i\xi_2(w_1 - w_2) = 0, (47)$$

$$\widehat{v}_{4y_1} - i\xi_1(w_1 - w_2) = 0, (48)$$

$$[(M_1 + N_1)w_1 + (M_1 - N_1)w_2 + \widetilde{M}_1\widehat{v}_4 + \widetilde{N}_1\widehat{v}_3 + \widetilde{S}_1\widehat{u}]\Big|_{l_1} = \widehat{f}_1, \quad (49)$$

$$[(M_2 + N_2)w_1 + (M_2 - N_2)w_2 + \widetilde{M}_2\widehat{v}_4 + \widetilde{N}_1\widehat{v}_3 + \widetilde{S}_2\widehat{u}]\big|_{l_2} = \widehat{f}_2, \quad (50)$$

$$(\widehat{u}_{x_1} - (w_1 + w_2))\big|_{l_1 \cup l_2} = 0, \tag{51}$$

$$(\widehat{v}_4 - i\xi_1\widehat{u})\big|_{l_1 \cup l_2} = 0, \tag{52}$$

$$(\widehat{v}_3 - i\xi_2\widehat{u})\big|_{l_1 \cup l_2} = 0, \tag{53}$$

where  $(F_2, F_3) = B^{-1}F_1$ .

It is easy to see that the characteristic  $L_1(x_1^0, y_1^0): x_1 + y_1 = x_1^0 + y_1^0$  of equation (45) passing through the point  $(x_1^0, y_1^0) \in \overline{\Omega}_1$  intersects the beam  $l_1$  at a single point whose ordinate is denoted by  $\omega_1(x_1^0, y_1^0)$ . In a similar manner, the characteristic  $L_2(x_1^0, y_1^0): x_1 - y_1 = x_1^0 - y_1^0, (x_1^0, y_1^0) \in \overline{\Omega}_1$ , of equation (46) intersects  $l_2$  at a single point with ordinate  $\omega_2(x_1^0, y_1^0)$ . Clearly,

$$\omega_i(x_1^0, y_1^0) \in C^{\infty}(\overline{\Omega}_1), \quad \omega_i(x_1^0, y_1^0) \le y_1^0, \quad i = 1, 2.$$
 (54)

It should also be noted that a segment of each characteristic  $L_i(x_1^0, y_1^0)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, (x_1^0, y_1^0) \in \overline{\Omega}_1$ , drawn from the point  $(x_1^0, y_1^0)$  towards decreasing

ordinate values to the intersection with one of the beams  $l_1$  or  $l_2$ , admits a parametrization of the form

$$x_1 = z_i(x_1^0, y_1^0; t), \quad y_1 = t, \quad \omega_i(x_1^0, y_1^0) \le t \le y_1^0,$$
 (55)

where 
$$z_1(x_1^0, y_1^0; t) = x_1^0 + y_1^0 - t \in C^{\infty}[\omega_1(x_1^0, y_1^0), y_1^0], z_2(x_1^0, y_1^0; t) = x_1^0 - y_1^0 + t \in C^{\infty}[\omega_2(x_1^0, y_1^0), y_1^0].$$

Remark. The functions  $\widehat{u}$ ,  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ ,  $\widehat{v}_3$ ,  $\widehat{v}_4$ ,  $F_2$ ,  $F_3$ ,  $\widehat{f}_1$ ,  $\widehat{f}_2$  depend not only on the independent variables  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , but also on the parameters  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$ . For simplicity, these parameters will be omitted below. For example, instead of  $\widehat{u}(x_1, y_1, \xi_1, \xi_2)$  we shall write  $\widehat{u}(x_1, y_1)$ .

Using (44), (51) and the fact that  $\widehat{u}(0,0) = 0$ , for  $u \in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k}(\overline{D}_{1})$  we obtain

$$\widehat{u}(x_1, y_1) = \int_0^{y_1} (k_1 u_{x_1} + u_{y_1})(k_1 t, t) dt = \int_0^{y_1} [(1 + k_1) w_1 + (1 - k_1) w_2](k_1 t, t) dt, \quad (x_1, y_1) \in l_1,$$

$$\widehat{u}(x_1, y_1) = \int_0^{y_1} (-k_2 u_{x_1} + u_{y_1})(-k_2 t, t) dt = \int_0^{y_1} [(1 - k_2) w_1 + (1 + k_2) w_2](-k_2 t, t) dt, \quad (x_1, y_1) \in l_2.$$
(57)

For  $(x_1, y_1) \in \overline{\Omega}_1$  and  $x_1 > 0$ , by integrating equations (44), (47), (48) with respect to the variable  $y_1$  and taking into account the boundary conditions (52), (53) and equalities (56), (57) we obtain

$$\widehat{u}(x_1, y_1) = \int_{0}^{k_1^{-1} x_1} [(1+k_1)w_1 + (1-k_1)w_2](k_1t, t)dt + \int_{k_1^{-1} x_1}^{y_1} (w_1 - w_2)(x_1, t)dt,$$

$$\widehat{v}_3(x_1, y_1) = i\xi_2 \int_{0}^{k_1^{-1} x_1} [(1+k_1)w_1 + (1-k_1)w_2](k_1t, t)dt + i\xi_2 \int_{k_1^{-1} x_1}^{y_1} (w_1 - w_2)(x_1, t)dt,$$
(59)

$$\widehat{v}_4(x_1, y_1) = i\xi_1 \int_0^{k_1^{-1} x_1} [(1+k_1)w_1 + (1-k_1)w_2](k_1t, t)dt + i\xi_1 \int_{k_1^{-1} x_1}^{y_1} (w_1 - w_2)(x_1, t)dt,$$
(60)

and for  $(x_1, y_1) \in \overline{\Omega}_1$  and  $x_1 \leq 0$  we have

$$\widehat{u}(x_1, y_1) = \int_{0}^{-k_1^{-1}x_1} [(1 - k_2)w_1 + (1 + k_2)w_2](-k_2t, t)dt + \int_{-k_2^{-1}x_1}^{y_1} (w_1 - w_2)(x_1, t)dt,$$

$$\widehat{v}_3(x_1, y_1) = i\xi_2 \int_{0}^{-k_2^{-1}x_1} [(1 - k_2)w_1 + (1 + k_2)w_2](-k_2t, t)dt + i\xi_2 \int_{-k_2^{-1}x_1}^{y_1} (w_1 - w_2)(x_1, t)dt,$$

$$\widehat{v}_4(x_1, y_1) = i\xi_1 \int_{0}^{-k_2^{-1}x_1} [(1 - k_2)w_1 + (1 + k_2)w_2](-k_2t, t)dt + i\xi_1 \int_{-k_1^{-1}x_1}^{y_1} (w_1 - w_2)(x_1, t)dt.$$

$$(63)$$

Now, by integrating equations (45) and (46) along the respective characteristics from the point  $(x_1, y_1) \in \overline{\Omega}_1$  to the intersection points of these characteristics with the beams  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  we obtain

$$w_{1}(x_{1}, y_{1}) = w_{1}(k_{1}\omega_{1}(x_{1}, y_{1}), \omega_{1}(x_{1}, y_{1})) + \frac{1}{2}i \int_{\omega_{1}(x_{1}, y_{1})}^{y_{1}} (\xi_{1}\widehat{v}_{4} - \xi_{2}\widehat{v}_{3})(z_{1}(x_{1}, y_{1}; t), t)dt + \widetilde{F}_{2}(x_{1}, y_{1}), \qquad (64)$$

$$w_{2}(x_{1}, y_{1}) = w_{2}(-k_{2}\omega_{2}(x_{1}, y_{1}), \omega_{2}(x_{1}, y_{1})) +$$

$$+\frac{1}{2}i\int_{\omega_2(x_1,y_1)}^{y_1} (\xi_2\widehat{v}_3 - \xi_1\widehat{v}_4)(z_2(x_1,y_1;t),t)dt + \widetilde{F}_3(x_1,y_1), \tag{65}$$

where

$$\widetilde{F}_{2}(x_{1}, y_{1}) = \int_{\omega_{1}(x_{1}, y_{1})}^{y_{1}} F_{2}(z_{1}(x_{1}, y_{1}; t), t)dt,$$

$$\widetilde{F}_{3}(x_{1}, y_{1}) = \int_{\omega_{2}(x_{1}, y_{1})}^{y_{1}} F_{3}(z_{2}(x_{1}, y_{1}; t), t)dt.$$

We set

$$\varphi = w_1|_{l_1}, \quad \psi = w_2|_{l_2}.$$

On substituting the obtained expressions for  $\hat{u}$ ,  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ ,  $\hat{v}_3$ ,  $\hat{v}_4$  from (58)–(65) into the boundary conditions (49), (50) and taking into account that

$$\omega_1(x_1, y_1)|_{l_1} = y_1, \quad \omega_1(x_1, y_1) = \frac{1 - k_2}{1 + k_1} y_1,$$
  
$$\omega_2(x_1, y_1) = \frac{1 - k_1}{1 + k_2} y_1, \quad \omega_2(x_1, y_1)|_{l_2} = y_1$$

we obtain

$$(M_{1} + N_{1})\varphi(y_{1}) + (M_{1} - N_{1})\psi(\tau_{2}y_{1}) + (M_{1} - N_{1})\frac{1}{2}i \times \times \int_{\tau_{2}y_{1}}^{y_{1}} (\xi_{2}\widehat{v}_{3} - \xi_{1}\widehat{v}_{4})(z_{2}(k_{1}y_{1}, y_{1}; t), t)dt + (\widetilde{M}_{1}i\xi_{1} + \widetilde{N}_{1}i\xi_{2} + \widetilde{S}_{1}) \times \times \int_{0}^{y_{1}} [(1 + k_{1})w_{1} + (1 - k_{1})w_{2}](k_{1}t, t)dt = \widehat{f}_{1}(y_{1}) - (M_{1} + N_{1})(y_{1}) \times \times \widetilde{F}_{2}(k_{1}y_{1}, y_{1}) - (M_{1} - N_{1})(y_{1})\widetilde{F}_{3}(k_{1}y_{1}, y_{1}),$$

$$(M_{2} + N_{2})\varphi(\tau_{1}y_{1}) + (M_{2} - N_{2})\psi(y_{1}) + (M_{2} + N_{2})\frac{1}{2}i \times \times \int_{\tau_{1}y_{1}}^{y_{1}} (\xi_{1}\widehat{v}_{4} - \xi_{2}\widehat{v}_{3})(z_{1}(-k_{2}y_{1}, y_{1}; t), t)dt + (\widetilde{M}_{2}i\xi_{1} + \widetilde{N}_{2}i\xi_{2} + \widetilde{S}_{2}) \times \times \int_{0}^{y_{1}} [(1 - k_{2})w_{1} + (1 + k_{2})w_{2}](-k_{2}t, t)dt = \widehat{f}_{2}(y_{1}) - (M_{2} + N_{2})(y_{1})\widetilde{F}_{2}(-k_{2}y_{1}, y_{1}) - (M_{2} - N_{2})(y_{1})\widetilde{F}_{3}(-k_{2}y_{1}, y_{1}).$$

$$(67)$$

Now, since  $0 < k_i < 1$ , i = 1, 2, we have

$$0 < \tau_1 = \frac{1 - k_2}{1 + k_1} < 1, \quad 0 < \tau_2 = \frac{1 - k_1}{1 + k_2} < 1, \quad 0 < \tau = \tau_1 \tau_2 < 1.$$
 (68)

It will assumed below that

$$(M_1 + N_1)|_{l_1} \neq 0, \quad (M_2 - N_2)|_{l_2} \neq 0.$$

Since by assumptions the functions  $M_j$ ,  $N_j$ , j=1,2, do not depend on the variables  $x_2$  and  $y_2$ , these conditions are evidently equivalent to the conditions

$$(M_1 + N_1)\big|_{S_1^0} \neq 0, (69)$$

$$(M_2 - N_2)\big|_{S_2^0} \neq 0. (70)$$

Solving system (66), (67) with respect to  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ , we obtain

$$\varphi(y_1) - a(y_1)\varphi(\tau y_1) = (T_1(w))(y_1) + (T_2(v_5))(y_1) + g_1(y_1), \tag{71}$$

$$\psi(y_1) - b(y_1)\psi(\tau y_1) = (T_3(w))(y_1) + (T_5(v_5))(y_1) + g_2(y_1), \tag{72}$$

where

$$a(y_1) = \left[ (M_1 - N_1)(M_1 + N_1)^{-1} \right] (y_1) \left[ (M_2 + N_2)(M_2 - N_2)^{-1} \right] (\tau_2 y_1),$$
  

$$b(y_1) = \left[ (M_2 + N_2)(M_2 - N_2)^{-1} \right] (y_1) \left[ (M_1 - N_1)(M_1 + N_1)^{-1} \right] (\tau_1 y_1),$$

and  $T_j$ , j = 1, ..., 4, are linear integral operators of the form

$$(T_{1}(w))(y_{1}) = (E_{11}\xi_{1} + E_{12}\xi_{2} + E_{13}) \int_{0}^{y_{1}} w(k_{1}t, t)dt +$$

$$+ (E_{14}\xi_{1} + E_{15}\xi_{2} + E_{16}) \int_{0}^{\tau_{2}y_{1}} w(-k_{2}t, t)dt,$$

$$(T_{2}(v_{5}))(y_{1}) = (E_{21}\xi_{1} + E_{22}\xi_{2}) \int_{\tau_{2}y_{1}}^{y_{1}} v_{5}(z_{2}(k_{1}y_{1}, y_{1}; t), t)dt +$$

$$+ (E_{23}\xi_{1} + E_{24}\xi_{2}) \int_{\tau_{2}y_{1}}^{\tau_{2}y_{1}} v_{5}(z_{1}(-k_{2}\tau_{2}y_{1}, \tau_{2}y_{1}; t), t)dt,$$

$$(T_{3}(w))(y_{1}) = (E_{31}\xi_{1} + E_{32}\xi_{2} + E_{33}) \int_{0}^{y_{1}} w(-k_{2}t, t)dt +$$

$$+ (E_{34}\xi_1 + E_{35}\xi_2 + E_{36}) \int_0^{\tau_1 y_1} w(k_1 t, t) dt,$$

$$(T_4(v_5))(y_1) = (E_{41}\xi_1 + E_{42}\xi_2) \int_{\tau_1 y_1}^{y_1} v_5(z_1(-k_2 y_1, y_1; t), t) dt +$$

$$+ (E_{43}\xi_1 + E_{44}\xi_2) \int_{\tau_2 y_1}^{\tau_1 y_1} v_5(z_2(k_1 \tau_1 y_1, \tau_1 y_1; t), t) dt.$$

Here  $v_5 = (\hat{v}_3, \hat{v}_4)$ ,  $E_{ij}$  are the completely defined  $1 \times 2$  matrices of the class  $C^{k-1}$ , and  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$  are functions expressed in terms of the well-known functions F and  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ .

As mentioned above, in equations (58)–(65), (71), (72) the unknown functions and the right-hand sides depend on the parameter  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2)$ , which we omit for simplicity.

Remark. As follows from the above reasoning, if conditions (69), (70) are fulfilled, then in the class  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k}(\overline{D}_{1})$  problem (1), (17), (18) is equivalent to the problem of finding a system of functions  $\widehat{u}$ ,  $w_{1}$ ,  $w_{2}$ ,  $\widehat{v}_{3}$ ,  $\widehat{v}_{4}$ ,  $\varphi$ , and  $\psi$  from equations (58)–(65), (71), (72), where

$$\widehat{u},\ w_1,\ w_2,\ \widehat{v}_3,\ \widehat{v}_4\in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}(\overline{\Omega}_1),\ \ \varphi\in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}[0,+\infty),\ \ \psi\in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}[0,+\infty)$$

and

$$\widetilde{F}_2, \ \widetilde{F}_3 \in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}(\overline{\Omega}_1), \ g_1 \in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}[0, +\infty), \ g_2 \in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}[0, +\infty).$$

Let  $Q(x_1^0, y_1^0) \in \Omega_1$ . Denote by  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  the points of intersection of the characteristics  $L_1(x_1^0, y_1^0) : x_1 - y_1 = x_1^0 - y_1^0$  and  $L_2(x_1^0, y_1^0) : x_1 + y_1 = x_1^0 + y_1^0$  from system (40) with the beams  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ , respectively. Denote by  $\Omega_{1Q} \subset \Omega_1$  a rectangle with vertices at the points O(0,0),  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , and Q.

We set

$$\sigma = a(0) = b(0) = \left[ \frac{(M_1 - N_1)(M_2 + N_2)}{(M_2 - N_2)(M_1 + N_1)} \right] (0),$$

where  $a(y_1)$  and  $b(y_1)$  are the coefficients in equations (71), (72).

**Lemma 1.** Let conditions (69), (70) be fulfilled. Then for  $k + \alpha > \log |\sigma| / \log \tau + 1$  the boundary value problem (44)–(53) is uniquely solvable in the class  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}(\overline{\Omega}_1)$ ; the domain of the dependence of the solution of this problem for the point  $Q(x_1^0, y_1^0) \in \Omega_1$  is  $\overline{\Omega}_{1Q}$ .

Remark. As mentioned above, the boundary value problem (44)–(53) is equivalent to the system of integro-functional equations (58)–(65), (71),

(72). When problem (44)–(53) is considered in the domain  $\Omega_{1Q}$ , it is sufficient to investigate equations (71) and (72) on the segments  $[0, d_1]$  and  $[0, d_2]$ , where  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are the ordinates of the points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

Let us consider the functional equations

$$(K_{1j}(\varphi))(y_1) = \varphi(y_1) - a_j(y_1)\varphi(\tau y_1) = \chi_1(y_1), \quad 0 \le y_1 \le d_1, \quad (73)$$

$$(K_{2j}(\psi))(y_1) = \psi(y_1) - b_j(y_1)\psi(\tau y_1) = \chi_2(y_2), \quad 0 \le y_1 \le d_2, \quad (74)$$

where  $a_j(y_1) = \tau^j a(y_1)$ ,  $b_j(y_1) = \tau^j b(y_1)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, k-1$ . Note that if we differentiate j-times the expression  $(K_{10}(\varphi))(y_1)$ , which is the left-hand side of equation (71), with respect to  $y_1$ , then in the obtained expression the sum of the terms which contain the function  $\varphi(y_1)$  with its derivative  $\varphi^{(j)}(y_1)$  gives  $(K_{1j}(\varphi^{(j)}))(y_1)$ . A similar statement also holds for  $K_{2j}$ .

Let in equations (73), (74) the right-hand sides  $\chi_p(y_1) \in \mathring{\Phi}_{k-1+\alpha-j}[0,d_p]$ , p=1,2. It is assumed that  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^k[0,d_p] = \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}[0,d_p]$  for k=0. In that case, by the definition of the space  $\mathring{\Phi}_{k-1+\alpha-j}[0,d_p]$ , for any natural number N there exist positive numbers  $C_p = C_p(y,N,\chi_p)$ ,  $B_p = B_p(y_1,N,\chi_p)$ , not depending on  $\xi = (\xi_1,\xi_2)$ , such that for  $0 \le y_1 \le d_p$  and  $|\xi| = |\xi_1| + |\xi_2| > B_p$  the inequality

$$|\chi_p(y_1)| \le C_p y_1^{k-1+\alpha-j} e^{-N|\xi|}$$

is fulfilled and

$$C_p^0(y_1) = \sup_{0 \le y_1^0 \le y_1} C_p(y_1^0) < +\infty, \quad B_p^0(y_1) = \sup_{0 \le y_1^0 \le y_1} B_p(y_1^0) < +\infty.$$

**Lemma 2.** Let conditions (69), (70) be fulfilled. Then for  $k-1+\alpha > -\frac{\log |\sigma|}{\log \tau}$  equations (73) and (74) are uniquely solvable in the spaces  $\mathring{\Phi}_{k-1+\alpha-j}$  [0,  $d_1$ ] and  $\mathring{\Phi}_{k-1+\alpha-j}$  [0,  $d_2$ ], and for  $|\xi| > B_1$  and  $|\xi| > B_2$  the estimates

$$\left| (K_{1j}^{-1}(\chi_1))(y_1) \right| = |\varphi(y_1)| \le \sigma_1 C_1 y_1^{k-1+\alpha-j} e^{-N|\xi|}, \tag{75}$$

$$\left| (K_{2j}^{-1}(\chi_2))(y_1) \right| = |\psi(y_1)| \le \sigma_2 C_2 y_1^{k-1+\alpha-j} e^{-N|\xi|}$$
 (76)

hold, where the positive constants  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  do not depend on N,  $\xi$ , and the functions  $\chi_1$ ,  $\chi_2$ .

The proof of this lemma repeats the reasoning from [9].

To prove Lemma 1, we shall solve the system of integro-functional equations (58)–(65), (71), (72) with respect to the unknowns

$$\widehat{u}, w_1, w_2, \widehat{v}_3, \widehat{v}_4 \in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}(\overline{\Omega}_{1Q}), \ \varphi \in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}[0, d_1], \ \psi \in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}[0, d_2]$$

by the method of successive approximations.

We set

$$\widehat{u}_{0}(x_{1}, y_{1}) \equiv 0, \quad w_{1,0}(x_{1}, y_{1}) \equiv 0, \quad w_{2,0}(x_{1}, y_{1}) \equiv 0,$$

$$\widehat{v}_{3,0}(x_{1}, y_{1}) \equiv 0, \quad \widehat{v}_{4,0}(x_{1}, y_{1}) \equiv 0, \quad \varphi_{0}(y_{1}) \equiv 0, \quad \psi_{0}(y_{1}) \equiv 0,$$

$$\widehat{u}_{n}(x_{1}, y_{1}) = \int_{0}^{\beta^{-1}x_{1}} [(1 + \beta)w_{1,n-1} + (1 - \beta)w_{2,n-1}](\beta t, t)dt +$$

$$+ \int_{\beta^{-1}x_{1}}^{y_{1}} (w_{1,n-1} - w_{2,n-1})(x_{1}, t)dt, \qquad (77)$$

$$\widehat{v}_{3,n}(x_{1}, y_{1}) = i\xi_{2} \int_{0}^{\beta^{-1}x_{1}} [(1 + \beta)w_{1,n-1} + (1 - \beta)w_{2,n-1}](\beta t, t)dt +$$

$$+ i\xi_{2} \int_{\beta^{-1}x_{1}}^{y_{1}} (w_{1,n-1} - w_{2,n-1})(x_{1}, t)dt, \qquad (78)$$

$$\widehat{v}_{4,n}(x_{1}, y_{1}) = i\xi_{1} \int_{0}^{\beta^{-1}x_{1}} [(1 + \beta)w_{1,n-1} + (1 - \beta)w_{2,n-1}](\beta t, t)dt +$$

$$+ i\xi_{1} \int_{\beta^{-1}x_{1}}^{y_{1}} (w_{1,n-1} - w_{2,n-1})(x_{1}, t)dt, \qquad (79)$$

$$\beta = \begin{cases} k_{1} & \text{for } x_{1} > 0, \\ -k_{2} & \text{for } x_{1} \leq 0, \end{cases} \beta^{-1}x_{1} \leq y_{1} & \text{for } (x_{1}, y_{1}) \in \Omega_{1Q},$$

$$w_{1,n}(x_{1}, y_{1}) = \varphi_{n}(\omega_{1}(x_{1}, y_{1})) +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}i \int_{\omega_{1}(x_{1}, y_{1})}^{y_{1}} (\xi_{1}\widehat{v}_{4,n-1} - \xi_{2}\widehat{v}_{3,n-1})(z_{1}(x_{1}, y_{1}; t), t)dt + \widetilde{F}_{2}(x_{1}, y_{1}), \qquad (80)$$

$$w_{2,n}(x_{1}, y_{1}) = \psi_{n}(\omega_{2}(x_{1}, y_{1})) +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}i \int_{\omega_{1}(x_{1}, y_{1})}^{y_{1}} (\xi_{2}\widehat{v}_{3,n-1} - \xi_{1}\widehat{v}_{4,n-1})(z_{2}(x_{1}, y_{1}; t), t)dt + \widetilde{F}_{3}(x_{1}, y_{1}). \qquad (81)$$

To define the functions  $\varphi_n(y_1)$  and  $\psi_n(y_1)$ , we shall use the equations

$$(K_{10}(\varphi_n))(y_1) = (T_1(w_{n-1}))(y_1) + (T_2(v_{5,n-1}))(y_1) + g_1(y_1), \tag{82}$$

$$(K_{20}(\psi_n))(y_1) = (T_3(w_{n-1}))(y_1) + (T_4(v_{5,n-1}))(y_1) + g_2(y_1), \tag{83}$$

where  $v_5 = (\widehat{v}_3, \widehat{v}_4)$ .

If the conditions of Lemma 2 are fulfilled, then using estimate (75), (76) for j=0 and applying (54), (68), also the inequality  $\beta^{-1}x_1 \leq y_1$  for  $(x_1,y_1) \in \Omega_{1Q}$ ,  $Q(x_1^0,y_1^0) \in \Omega_1$ , and taking into account the Volterra structure of the integral operators contained in equalities (77)–(78), for  $|\xi| > \widetilde{\beta}$  we obtain by the method of mathematical induction the inequalities:

$$\left|\widehat{u}_{n+1}(x_1, y_1) - \widehat{u}_n(x_1, y_1)\right| \le M^* \frac{M_*^n}{n!} (1 + |\xi|)^n e^{-N|\xi|} y_1^{n+k-1+\alpha}, \quad (84)$$

$$\left| w_{p,n+1}(x_1, y_1) - w_{p,n}(x_1, y_1) \right| \le M^* \frac{M_*^n}{n!} (1 + |\xi|)^n e^{-N|\xi|} y_1^{n+k-1+\alpha}, \tag{85}$$

$$\left|\widehat{v}_{q,n+1}(x_1,y_1) - \widehat{v}_{q,n}(x_1,y_1)\right| \le M^* \frac{M_*^n}{n!} (1+|\xi|)^n e^{-N|\xi|} y_1^{n+k-1+\alpha}, (86)$$

$$q = 3, 4,$$

$$\left|\varphi_{n+1}(y_1) - \varphi_n(y_1)\right| \le M^* \frac{M_*^n}{n!} (1 + |\xi|)^n e^{-N|\xi|} y_1^{n+k-1+\alpha},$$
 (87)

$$\left|\psi_{n+1}(y_1) - \psi_n(y_1)\right| \le M^* \frac{M_*^n}{n!} (1 + |\xi|)^n e^{-N|\xi|} y_1^{n+k-1+\alpha}, \tag{88}$$

where the positive numbers  $\widetilde{B} = \widetilde{B}(x_1^0, y_1^0, N, f_1, f_2, F)$ ,  $M_* = M_*(x_1^0, y_1^0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and  $M^* = M^*(x_1^0, y_1^0, N, f_1, f_2, F, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  do not depend on  $\xi$ ;  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are the constants from (75) and (76).

Remark. As follows from equalities (77)–(79), for  $x_1 > 0$  and  $x_1 \leq 0$  the functions  $\widehat{u}_n$ ,  $\widehat{v}_{3,n}$  and  $\widehat{v}_{4,n}$  are defined by different formulas. This does not cause discontinuities of the functions  $\widehat{u}_n$ ,  $\widehat{v}_{3,n}$  and  $\widehat{v}_{4,n}$  and their partial derivatives with respect to  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  up to order (k-1) inclusive along the axis  $Oy_1: x_1 = 0$ , since it is assumed that the functions  $\widetilde{F}_2$ ,  $\widetilde{F}_3$ ,  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$  from (72)–(83) and their derivatives up to order (k-1) inclusive are equal to zero at the point O(0,0).

After differentiating equalities (77)–(83) with respect to  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  and using the above estimates (84)–(88) and (75), (76), for  $|\xi| > \widetilde{B}_{j_1+j_2}$  we obtain by the method of mathematical induction the inequalities

$$\left| \left[ \partial^{j_1, j_2} (\widehat{u}_{n+1} - \widehat{u}_n) \right] (x_1, y_1) \right| \le M_{j_1 + j_2}^* \frac{M_{*j_1 + j_2}^n}{n!} (1 + |\xi|)^n e^{-N|\xi|} \times y_1^{n+k+\alpha - j_1 - j_2 - 1}, \tag{89}$$

$$\left| \left[ \partial^{j_1, j_2} (w_{p, n+1} - w_{p, n})(x_1, y_1) \right| \le M_{j_1 + j_2}^* \frac{M_{*j_1 + j_2}^n}{n!} (1 + |\xi|)^n e^{-N|\xi|} \times y_1^{n+k+\alpha - j_1 - j_2 - 1}, \quad p = 1, 2,$$

$$(90)$$

$$\left| \left[ \partial^{j_1,j_2} (\widehat{v}_{q,n+1} - \widehat{v}_{q,n})(x_1, y_1) \right| \le M_{j_1+j_2}^* \frac{M_{*j_1+j_2}^n}{n!} (1 + |\xi|)^n e^{-N|\xi|} \times \right|$$

$$\times y_1^{n+k+\alpha-j_1-j_2-1}, \quad q = 3, 4,$$
 (91)

$$\left| \left[ \frac{d^{j_1 + j_2}}{dy_1^{j_1 + j_2}} (\varphi_{n+1} - \varphi_n) \right] (y_1) \right| \le M_{j_1 + j_2}^* \frac{M_{*j_1 + j_2}^n}{n!} (1 + |\xi|)^n \times e^{-N|\xi|} y_1^{n+k+\alpha-j_1-j_2-1}, \tag{92}$$

$$\left| \left[ \frac{d^{j_1 + j_2}}{dy_1^{j_1 + j_2}} (\psi_{n+1} - \psi_n) \right] (y_1) \right| \le M_{j_1 + j_2}^* \frac{M_{*j_1 + j_2}^n}{n!} (1 + |\xi|)^n \times e^{-N|\xi|} y_1^{n+k+\alpha-j_1-j_2-1}, \tag{93}$$

where  $\partial^{j_1,j_2} = \partial^{j_1+j_2}/\partial x_1^{j_1}\partial y_1^{j_2}$ ,  $0 \leq j_1 + j_2 \leq k-1$ ;  $\widetilde{B}_p$ ,  $M_p^*$ , and  $M_{*p}$ ,  $p = 1, \ldots, k-1$ , are positive integers not depending on  $\xi$ . By (89) we find that for  $0 \leq j_1 + j_2 \leq k-1$  the series

$$\widehat{u}_{j_1,j_2}(x_1,y_1) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left[ \partial^{j_1,j_2} \widehat{u}_n \right](x_1,y_1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \partial^{j_1,j_2} (\widehat{u}_n - \widehat{u}_{n-1}) \right](x_1,y_1)$$

converges uniformly in  $\overline{\Omega}_{1Q}$  and for the sum of this series we have the estimate

$$\left|\widehat{u}_{j_1,j_2}(x_1,y_1)\right| \le M_{j_1+j_2}^* e^{M_{*j_1+j_2}(1+|\xi|)y_1} e^{-N|\xi|} y_1^{k+\alpha-j_1-j_2-1}. \tag{94}$$

This estimate implies that  $\widehat{u}_{j_1,j_2} \in \mathring{\Phi}_{k-1+\alpha-j_1-j_2}(\overline{\Omega}_{1Q})$ , since, as is easy to verify, the operator of multiplication by the function

$$e^{M_{*j_1+j_2}(1+|\xi|)y_1}$$

transforms the space  $\mathring{\Phi}_{k-1+\alpha-j_1-j_2}(\overline{\Omega}_{1Q})$  into itself. This in turn implies that  $\widehat{u}^1(x_1,y_1) \equiv \widehat{u}_{0,0}(x_1,y_1) \in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}(\overline{\Omega}_{1Q})$  and  $\widehat{u}_{j_1,j_2}(x_1,y_1) \equiv \partial^{j_1,j_2}\widehat{u}^1(x_1,y_1)$ . By (90)–(93) we find in a similar manner that the series

$$w_p^1(x_1, y_1) = \lim_{n \to \infty} w_{p,n}(x_1, y_1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( w_{p,n}(x_1, y_1) - w_{p,n-1}(x_1, y_1) \right), \ p = 1, 2,$$
$$\widehat{v}_q^1(x_1, y_1) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \widehat{v}_{q,n}(x_1, y_1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \widehat{v}_{q,n}(x_1, y_1) - \widehat{v}_{q,n-1}(x_1, y_1) \right), \ q = 3, 4,$$

converge in the space  $\overset{\circ}{\Phi}{}_{\alpha}^{k-1}(\overline{\Omega}_{1Q})$ , and the series

$$\varphi^{1}(y_{1}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \varphi_{n}(y_{1}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\varphi_{n}(y_{1}) - \varphi_{n-1}(y_{1})),$$
$$\psi^{1}(y_{1}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi_{n}(y_{1}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\psi_{n}(y_{1}) - \psi_{n-1}(y_{1}))$$

converge in the spaces  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}[0,d_1]$  and  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}[0,d_2]$ , respectively. Hence by virtue of (77)–(83) it follows that the limit factions  $\widehat{u}^1$ ,  $w^1$ ,  $\widehat{v}_3^1$ ,  $\widehat{v}_4^1$ ,  $\varphi^1$ , and  $\psi^1$  satisfy the system of equations (58)–(65), (71), (72). Thus to prove Lemma 1 it only remains to show that the system of equations (58)–(65), (71), (72) has no other solutions in the classes considered above. Indeed, let us assume that the functions  $\widehat{u}^*$ ,  $w^*$ ,  $\widehat{v}_3^*$ ,  $\widehat{v}_4^*$ ,  $\varphi^*$ , and  $\psi^*$  from the classes proved above satisfy the homogeneous system of equations corresponding to (58)–(65), (71), (72), i.e., for

$$\widetilde{F}_2 = 0, \quad \widetilde{F}_3 = 0, \quad g_1 = 0, \quad g_2 = 0.$$
 (95)

To this system with the homogeneous conditions (95) we apply the method of successive approximations, assuming that the functions  $\widehat{u}^*$ ,  $w^*$ ,  $\widehat{v}_3^*$ ,  $\widehat{v}_4^*$ ,  $\varphi^*$ , and  $\psi^*$  are zero approximations. Since this system of functions satisfy the homogeneous system of equations, each of the following approximations will coincide with it, i.e.,

$$\widehat{u}_{n}^{*}(x_{1}, y_{1}) \equiv \widehat{u}^{*}(x_{1}, y_{1}), \quad w_{n}^{*}(x_{1}, y_{1}) \equiv w^{*}(x_{1}, y_{1}), \quad \widehat{v}_{3,n}^{*}(x_{1}, y_{1}) \equiv \widehat{v}_{3}^{*}(x_{1}, y_{1}),$$

$$\widehat{v}_{4,n}^{*}(x_{1}, y_{1}) \equiv \widehat{v}_{4}^{*}(x_{1}, y_{1}), \quad \varphi_{n}^{*}(y_{1}) \equiv \varphi^{*}(y_{1}), \quad \psi_{n}^{*}(y_{1}) \equiv \psi^{*}(y_{1}).$$

By the same reasoning as for estimates (84)–(88), for  $|\xi| > \widetilde{B}^*$  we obtain

$$\begin{split} |\widehat{u}^*(x_1,y_1)| &= |\widehat{u}^*_n(x_1,y_1)| \leq \widetilde{M}^* \frac{\widetilde{M}^n_*}{n!} (1+|\xi|)^n e^{-N|\xi|} y_1^{n+k+\alpha-1}, \\ |w^*_p(x_1,y_1)| &= |w^*_{p,n}(x_1,y_1)| \leq \widetilde{M}^* \frac{\widetilde{M}^n_*}{n!} (1+|\xi|)^n e^{-N|\xi|} y_1^{n+k+\alpha-1}, \quad p=1,2, \\ |\widehat{v}^*_q(x_1,y_1)| &= |\widehat{v}^*_{q,n}(x_1,y_1)| \leq \widetilde{M}^* \frac{\widetilde{M}^n_*}{n!} (1+|\xi|)^n e^{-N|\xi|} y_1^{n+k+\alpha-1}, \quad q=3,4, \\ |\varphi^*(y_1)| &= |\varphi^*_n(y_1)| \leq \widetilde{M}^* \frac{\widetilde{M}^n_*}{n!} (1+|\xi|)^n e^{-N|\xi|} y_1^{n+k+\alpha-1}, \\ |\psi^*(y_1)| &= |\psi^*_n(y_1)| \leq \widetilde{M}^* \frac{\widetilde{M}^n_*}{n!} (1+|\xi|)^n e^{-N|\xi|} y_1^{n+k+\alpha-1}. \end{split}$$

Hence, passing to the limit as  $n \to \infty$ , we find that

$$\hat{u}^* \equiv 0, \quad w_1^* \equiv 0, \quad w_2^* \equiv 0, \quad \hat{v}_3^* \equiv 0, \quad \hat{v}_4^* \equiv 0, \quad \varphi^* \equiv 0, \quad \psi^* \equiv 0,$$

which completes the proof of the lemma.

Let  $Q_0(x_1^0, x_2^0, y_1^0, y_2^0 \in D_1$ . Denote by

$$D_{1Q_0}: -k_2y_1 < x_1 < k_1y_1, \ y_1 - x_1 < y_1^0 - x_1^0, \ y_1 + x_1 < y_1^0 + x_1^0$$

a subdomain of the domain  $D_1$  bounded by the surfaces  $S_1^0$ ,  $S_2^0$  and the characteristic hyperplanes  $\tilde{S}_1: y_1 - x_1 = y_1^0 - x_1^0$  and  $\tilde{S}_2: y_1 + x_1 = y_1^0 + x_1^0$  passing through the point  $Q_0$ .

Since problem (1), (17), (18) is equivalently reduced to problem (44)–(53), Lemma 1 immediately implies

**Theorem 2.** Let conditions (69), (70) be fulfilled. Then for  $k + \alpha > -\frac{\log |\sigma|}{\log \tau} + 1$  problem (1), (17), (18) is uniquely solvable in the class  $\mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k}(\overline{D}_{1})$  for any  $F \in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}(\overline{D}_{1})$  and  $f_{i} \in \mathring{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{k-1}(S_{i}^{0})$ , i = 1, 2; the domain of the dependence of the solution u of this problem for the point  $Q_{0} \in D_{1}$  is contained in  $\overline{D}_{1Q_{0}}$ .

Note that if conditions (69), (70) or the inequality  $k + \alpha > -\frac{\log |\sigma|}{\log \tau} + 1$  are invalid, then problem (1), (17), (18) may turn out to be formulated incorrectly.

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