



On the Stability of a Differential-Difference Analogue of a Two-Dimensional Problem of Integral Geometry

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Abstract. A differential - difference analogue of a two-dimensional problem of integral geometry with a weight function is studied. A stability estimate for the problem considered is obtained.

1. Introduction

A great deal of work has been devoted to integral geometry problem, that is, the problems of determining a function from its integrals along a given family of curves. One of the stimuli for studying such problems is their connection with multidimensional inverse problems for differential equations [2, 4, 5]. Some inverse problems for hyperbolic equations were shown to reduce to integral geometry problems and, in particular, a problem of integral geometry was considered in the case of shift-invariant curves. Mukhometov [3] showed the uniqueness and estimated the stability of the solution of a two-dimensional integral geometry on the whole. His results were mainly based on the reduction of the two-dimensional integral geometry problem

$$V(\gamma, z) = \int_{K(\gamma, z)} U(x, y) \rho(x, y, z) ds, \quad \gamma \in [0, l], z \in [0, l] \quad (1)$$

where $U \in C^2(\overline{D})$, $\rho(x, y, z)$ is a known function, to the boundary value problem

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial x} \frac{\cos \theta}{\rho} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial y} \frac{\sin \theta}{\rho} \right) = 0, \quad (x, y, z) \in \Omega_1, \quad (2)$$

$$W(\xi(\gamma), \eta(\gamma), z) = V(\gamma, z), \quad V(z, z) = 0, \quad \gamma, z \in [0, l]. \quad (3)$$

Here D is a bounded simply connected domain in the plane with a smooth boundary Γ :

$$x = \xi(z), \quad y = \eta(z), \quad z \in [0, l], \quad \xi(0) = \xi(l), \quad \eta(0) = \eta(l), \quad (4)$$

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where the parameter is the length of the curve Γ :

$$\Omega_1 = \Omega \setminus \{(\xi(\gamma), \eta(\gamma), z) : z \in [0, l]\}, \Omega = \overline{D} \times [0, l].$$

$K(x, y, z)$ is the part of the curve $K(\gamma, z)$ included between the points $(x, y) \in \overline{D}$ and $(\xi(z), \eta(z))$, $z \in [0, l]$;

$$W(x, y, z) = \int_{K(x,y,z)} U(x, y) \rho(x, y, z) ds,$$

$\theta(x, y, z)$ is an angle between the tangent to $K(x, y, z)$ at the point (x, y) and the x -axis and the variable parameter s is the curve length.

2. Differential-Difference Problem

Suppose that the requirements on the family of curves $K(\gamma, z)$ and the domain D necessary for the problem (1) to reduce to problem (2), (3) are met [3]. Assume also that every line parallel to either the x - or the y - axis intersects the boundary of D at no more than two points. Let

$$a_1 = \inf_{(x,y) \in D} \{x\}, \quad b_1 = \sup_{(x,y) \in D} \{x\},$$

$$a_2 = \inf_{(x,y) \in D} \{y\}, \quad b_2 = \sup_{(x,y) \in D} \{y\},$$

$$h_j = (b_j - a_j)/N_j, \quad j = 1, 2; \quad h_3 = l/N_3,$$

and the N_j , $j = 1, 2, 3$, are natural numbers. Suppose that

$$0 < \varepsilon < \min \left\{ (b_1 - a_1) / 3, \quad (b_2 - a_2) / 3 \right\}, \quad D^\varepsilon = \left\{ (x, y) \in D : \min_{(\alpha, \beta) \in \Gamma} \rho((x, y), (\alpha, \beta)) > \varepsilon \right\},$$

$$R_h = \left\{ (x_i, y_j) : x_i = a_1 + ih_1, \quad y_j = a_2 + jh_2, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_1, \quad j = 1, \dots, N_2 \right\}.$$

A neighborhood $B(ih_1, jh_2)$ of the point $(a_1 + ih_1, a_2 + jh_2)$ is defined as the five-point set

$$\{(a_1 + ih_1, a_2 + jh_2), (a_1 + (i \pm 1)h_1, a_2 + (j \pm 1)h_2)\}.$$

A set D_h^ε consists of all points $(a_1 + ih_1, a_2 + jh_2)$ such that their neighborhoods $B(ih_1, jh_2)$ are contained in $D^\varepsilon \cap R_h$. A set Γ_h^ε is made of all points $(a_1 + ih_1, a_2 + jh_2) \in D_h^\varepsilon$ such that $B(ih_1, jh_2) \cap (D^\varepsilon \cap R_h) \setminus D_h^\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$. Finally,

$$\Delta_h^\varepsilon = \bigcup_{\Gamma_h^\varepsilon} B(ih_1, jh_2), \quad D_h = R_h \cap D.$$

From here on we suppose that the coefficients and the solution of problem (2), (3) have the following properties:

$$W(x, y, z) \in C^3(\Omega^\varepsilon), \theta(x, y, z) \in C^2(\Omega^\varepsilon), \Omega^\varepsilon = \overline{D^\varepsilon} \times [0, l],$$

$$\rho(x, y, z) \in C^2(\Omega), \rho(x, y, z) > C^* > 0, \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} > \left| \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{1}{\rho} \right|.$$

We consider the differential-difference problem of finding the functions $\Phi_{i,j}(z)$, $U_{i,j}$ which satisfy the equation

$$\Phi_0 \frac{A}{C} + \Phi_0 \frac{B}{C} = U_{i,j}, \quad (a_1 + ih_1, a_2 + jh_2) \in D_h, \quad z \in [0, l], \quad (5)$$

and the boundary condition

$$\Phi_{i,j}(z) = F_{i,j}(z), \quad (a_1 + ih_1, a_2 + jh_2) \in \Delta_h^\varepsilon, \quad z \in [0, l], \quad (6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{i,j}(z) &= \Phi(x_i, y_j, z) = \Phi(a_1 + ih_1, a_2 + jh_2, z), \\ u_{i,j} &= u(x_i, y_j) = u(a_1 + ih_1, a_2 + jh_2), \quad i = \overline{0, N_1}, \quad j = \overline{0, N_2}; \\ \Phi_0 &= (\Phi_{i+1,j} - \Phi_{i-1,j})/2h_1, \quad \Phi_0 = (\Phi_{i,j+1} - \Phi_{i,j-1})/2h_2, \\ A &= \cos \theta_{i,j}(z), \quad B = \sin \theta_{i,j}(z), \quad \theta_{i,j}(z) = \theta(a_1 + ih_1, a_2 + jh_2, z), \quad C = \rho(a_1 + ih_1, a_2 + jh_2, z). \end{aligned}$$

We note that in the differential-difference formulation information on the solution is given not only on the boundary Γ but also in its ε -neighborhood, because the partial derivatives $\theta_z, W_{xz}, W_{yz}, W_{xy}$ have singularities of the type $[(x - \xi(z))^2 + (y - \eta(z))^2]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ in a neighborhood of an arbitrary point $(\xi(z), \eta(z), z)$ (see [1, 3]).

3. The Main Result

Theorem 3.1. *Suppose that problem (5)-(6), with the functions $\theta_{i,j}(z), \rho(x, y, z)$ such that $\theta_{i,j}(0) = \theta_{i,j}(l), \rho(x, y, z) \in C^1(\Omega), \rho(x, y, z) > C^* > 0$ and $|\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z}| > |\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \frac{1}{\rho}|$, has a solution $\Phi_{i,j}(z) \in C^1[0, l], \Phi_{i,j}(0) = \Phi_{i,j}(l)$. Then, for all $N_j > 9, j = 1, 2$, the following inequality holds:*

$$\sum_{D_h^\varepsilon} U_{i,j}^2 h_1 h_2 \leq c_1 \int_0^l \sum_{\Delta_h^\varepsilon} \left[F_x^2 h_1 + F_y^2 h_2 + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \right)^2 (h_1 + h_2) \right] dz,$$

where c_1 is a constant dependent on the function $\rho(x, y, z)$ and the curves family $K(\gamma, z)$.

Proof. Multiplying both sides of (5) by $C(-B\Phi_x + A\Phi_y) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$, we get

$$C(-B\Phi_x + A\Phi_y) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{A}{C} \Phi_0 + \frac{B}{C} \Phi_0 \right) = 0. \quad (7)$$

Using the product differentiation formula, we rewrite (7) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= C(-B\Phi_x + A\Phi_y) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{A}{C} \Phi_0 + \frac{B}{C} \Phi_0 \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[C(-B\Phi_x + A\Phi_y) \left(\frac{A}{C} \Phi_0 + \frac{B}{C} \Phi_0 \right) \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[C(-B\Phi_x + A\Phi_y) \right] \left(\frac{A}{C} \Phi_0 + \frac{B}{C} \Phi_0 \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[(A\Phi_x + B\Phi_y) (-B\Phi_x + A\Phi_y) \right] - \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} (-B\Phi_x + A\Phi_y) \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{A}{C} \Phi_0 + \frac{B}{C} \Phi_0 \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} [-B\Phi_x + A\Phi_y] (A\Phi_x + B\Phi_y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[(A\Phi_x + B\Phi_y) (-B\Phi_x + A\Phi_y) \right] \\ &\quad + AB \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \frac{1}{C} \right) \Phi_0^2 - \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \frac{1}{C} \right) A^2 \Phi_0 \Phi_0 + \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \frac{1}{C} \right) B^2 \Phi_0 \Phi_0 - \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \frac{1}{C} \right) AB \Phi_0^2 + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} A^2 \Phi_0^2 \\ &\quad + AB \Phi_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\Phi_0) + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} AB \Phi_0 \Phi_0 - A^2 \Phi_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\Phi_0) + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} AB \Phi_0 \Phi_0 \\ &\quad \quad \quad + B^2 \Phi_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\Phi_0) + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} B^2 \Phi_0^2 - AB \Phi_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\Phi_0). \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

At the same time, rearranging (7) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= C \left(-B\Phi_x + A\Phi_y \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{A}{C}\Phi_x + \frac{B}{C}\Phi_y \right) = C \left(-B\Phi_x + A\Phi_y \right) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\Phi_x \right) \frac{A}{C} + \Phi_x \left(\left(-B \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} C - A \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \right) \frac{1}{C^2} \right) \right. \\
 &\times \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\Phi_x \right) \frac{A}{C} + \Phi_x \left(\left(-B \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} C - A \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \right) \frac{1}{C^2} \right) + \frac{B}{C} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\Phi_y \right) + \Phi_y \left(\left(A \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} C - B \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \right) \frac{1}{C^2} \right) \right] \\
 &= -AB\Phi_x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\Phi_x \right) - \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} AB\Phi_x \Phi_y + \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} B^2\Phi_x \Phi_y - B^2\Phi_x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} B^2 \left(\Phi_y \right) + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} B^2\Phi_x^2 + \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \frac{1}{C} \right) AB\Phi_x^2 \\
 &\quad + A^2\Phi_y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\Phi_x \right) - \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} AB\Phi_x \Phi_y - \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \frac{1}{C} \right) A^2\Phi_x \Phi_y + AB\Phi_y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\Phi_y \right) + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} A^2\Phi_y^2 - \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \frac{1}{C} \right) AB\Phi_y^2. \quad (9)
 \end{aligned}$$

Sum (9) with (8) and denote

$$K = \sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 2AB, E = \cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = A^2 - B^2.$$

As a result, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{C} \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} K \right) \Phi_x^2 - 2\Phi_x \Phi_y \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} E + \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{C} \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} K \right) \Phi_y^2 \\
 + \Phi_y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\Phi_x \right) - \Phi_x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\Phi_y \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[\left(A\Phi_x + B\Phi_y \right) \left(-B\Phi_x + A\Phi_y \right) \right] = 0. \quad (10)
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the formula

$$(uv)_x = u_x v + uv_x + \frac{h_1^2}{2} [u_x v_x]_{\bar{x}},$$

where

$$f_x = (f_{i+1,j} - f_{i,j}) / h_1, \quad f_{\bar{x}} = (f_{i,j} - f_{i-1,j}) / h_1,$$

we have

$$\left[\Phi_y \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right]_x = \Phi_{y,x} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} + \Phi_y \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right)_x + \frac{h_1^2}{2} \left[\Phi_{y,x} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right) \right]_{x,\bar{x}}. \quad (11)$$

Similarly, we can write

$$\left[\Phi_x \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right]_y = \Phi_{x,y} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} + \Phi_x \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right)_y + \frac{h_2^2}{2} \left[\Phi_{x,y} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right) \right]_{y,\bar{y}}. \quad (12)$$

It follows from (11), (12) that

$$\Phi_y \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right)_x - \Phi_x \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right)_y = \left[\Phi_y \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right) \right]_x - \left[\Phi_x \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right) \right]_y - \frac{h_1^2}{2} \left[\Phi_{y,x} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right) \right]_{x,\bar{x}} + \frac{h_2^2}{2} \left[\Phi_{x,y} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right) \right]_{y,\bar{y}}. \quad (13)$$

Taking into account that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\Phi_x \right) = \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right)'_x, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\Phi_y \right) = \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right)'_y \quad (14)$$

combining (10) with (13) and (14), we arrive at

$$I_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[(A\Phi_x + B\Phi_y)(-B\Phi_x + A\Phi_y) \right] + \left[\Phi_y \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right]_x - \left[\Phi_x \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right]_y - \left(\frac{h_1^2}{2} \right) \left[\Phi_{yx} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right) \right]_{x\bar{x}} + \left(\frac{h_2^2}{2} \right) \left[\Phi_{xy} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right) \right]_{y\bar{y}} = 0. \quad (15)$$

Here

$$I_1 = \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{C} \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} K \right) \Phi_x^2 - 2\Phi_x \Phi_y \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} E + \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{C} \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} K \right) \Phi_y^2.$$

The expression for I_1 is a quadratic form with respect to Φ_x and Φ_y , whose determinant is

$$\left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \frac{1}{C} \right)^2.$$

Then, from the condition

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} > \left| \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \frac{1}{C} \right|$$

the positive definiteness of the quadratic form I_1 follows. Using the inequality

$$ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 \geq \frac{2(ac - b^2)}{a + c + ((a - c)^2 + 4b^2)} (x^2 + y^2)$$

for a positively definite quadratic form $ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$, we have

$$I_1 \geq \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} - \left| \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \frac{1}{C} \right| \right) (\Phi_x^2 + \Phi_y^2). \quad (16)$$

Due to (5), we obtain

$$(\Phi_x^2 + \Phi_y^2) = U_{i,j}^2 C^2 + (B\Phi_x - A\Phi_y)^2. \quad (17)$$

Since

$$C = \rho(x, y, z), \quad \rho(x, y, z) > C^* > 0, \quad \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} - \left| \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \frac{1}{C} \right| > 0,$$

there exists a positive constant c_1 such that

$$\int_0^1 \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} - \left| \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \frac{1}{C} \right| \right) C^2 dz \geq \frac{1}{c_1^2} > 0. \quad (18)$$

Sum (15) over i, j with the use of (6) and integrate it with respect to z . Then using (16), (17), (18), the inequality $|ab| \leq (a^2 + b^2)/2$ and the periodicity of the functions $\Phi_{i,j}(z), \theta_{i,j}(z)$ in z , we can transform the resulting equation so as to obtain the desired estimate

$$\sum_{D_h^e} U_{i,j}^2 h_1 h_2 \leq c_1 \int_0^1 \sum_{\Delta_h^e} \left(F_x h_1^2 + F_y h_2^2 + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \right)^2 (h_1^2 + h_2^2) \right) dz.$$

Here c_1 is a constant dependent on the function $\rho(x, y, z)$ and on the family of curves $K(\gamma, z)$. Thus, the proof of Theorem 3.1 is completed. \square

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