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**On  $\mathcal{L}$ -convolution Type Operators with Semi-Almost Periodic Symbols**

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**1. Introduction.** The semi-Fredholm theory of Wiener-Hopf operators with semi-almost periodic symbols was developed in works [1] and [2] (see also [3]).

In works [4] and [5] the concept of the  $\mathcal{L}$ -convolution type operator is introduced by replacing the Fourier transform in the definition of the convolution operator by the operator which transforms the Sturm-Liouville operator on the whole axis into the operator of multiplication by an independent variable. The concept of the  $\mathcal{L}$ -Wiener-Hopf operator is also introduced in a natural way. In the case of zero potential these two notions coincide with classical convolution operators and Wiener-Hopf operators, respectively. The precise definitions of  $\mathcal{L}$ -convolution type and  $\mathcal{L}$ -Wiener-Hopf operators in the case of reflectionless potentials will be given in the next section. In this work we extend the results of [1, 2] to the case of  $\mathcal{L}$ -Wiener-Hopf operator with a reflectionless potential.

**2. The  $\mathcal{L}$ -Wiener-Hopf operator.** Let  $c: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a Lebesgue measurable function satisfying the condition  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |x|)c(x) dx < \infty$ . An important role in the spectral theory of the Sturm-Liouville equation

$$-y''(x) + c(x)y(x) = \lambda^2 y(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$$

is played by the Jost solutions  $e_+(x, \lambda)$  ( $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\text{Im } \lambda \geq 0$ ) and  $e_-(x, \lambda)$  ( $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\text{Im } \lambda \leq 0$ ) defined by boundary conditions

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} e^{-i\lambda x} e_{\pm}(x, \lambda) = 1, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} e^{-i\lambda x} e'_{\pm}(x, \lambda) = i\lambda$$

(see, e.g., [6]). For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  the pairs of functions  $e_+(x, \lambda)$ ,  $e_+(x, -\lambda)$  and  $e_-(x, \lambda)$ ,  $e_-(x, -\lambda)$  form fundamental systems of solutions of the Sturm-Liouville equation (see [6]) and hence  $e_+(x, \lambda)$  can be represented as

$$e_+(x, \lambda) = b(\lambda)e_-(x, -\lambda) + b_0(\lambda)e_-(x, \lambda).$$

If the reflection coefficients  $r_{\pm}(\lambda) := \mp b(\mp \lambda)/b_0(\lambda)$  vanish identically, the potential  $c$  is called reflectionless (see, e. g., [7], [8]).

It is known (see [7]-[9]) that every reflectionless potential has a representation of the form

$$c(x) = -2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (\ln \Delta(x)) \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$\Delta(x) = \det \left[ \delta_{ij} + \frac{m_j \exp(-(\mu_i + \mu_j)x)}{\mu_i + \mu_j} \right] \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N, \quad (2.2)$$

$\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker delta,  $\mu_k, m_k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, N$ ) are positive numbers such that  $\mu_k \neq \mu_j$  for  $k \neq j$ . Reflectionless potentials are connected with a family of explicit solutions of the Korteweg-de Vries equation, the so-called  $\mathcal{N}$ -soliton solutions (see [8], [9]). Let the potential  $c$  be given by (2.1), (2.2). The operators  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_0$ , defined on the Sobolev space  $\mathcal{W}_2^2(\mathbb{R})$  by the formulas  $\mathcal{L}y = -y'' + cy$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_0y = -y''$ , are self-adjoint (see [10]). Let  $H_d$  be the direct sum of all eigenspaces of the operator  $\mathcal{L}$ , and let  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N$  be the orthonormal basis of  $H_d$ , uniquely determined by the system of linear equations

$$\varphi_k(x) + \sum_{s=1}^N \frac{m_k m_s e^{-(\mu_k + \mu_s)x}}{\mu_k + \mu_s} \varphi_s(x) = m_k e^{-\mu_k x}, \quad k = 1, \dots, N$$

(see [7]-[9]). Consider the functions

$$u^-(x, \lambda) := t(\lambda) e^{i\lambda x} \left( 1 - \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{m_k e^{-\mu_k x}}{\mu_k - i\lambda} \varphi_k(x) \right),$$

$$u^+(x, \lambda) := e^{-i\lambda x} \left( 1 - \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{m_k e^{-\mu_k x}}{\mu_k + i\lambda} \varphi_k(x) \right),$$

where the transmission coefficient  $t(\lambda)$  is defined by

$$t(\lambda) = b_0^{-1}(\lambda) := \prod_{k=1}^N \frac{\lambda + i\mu_k}{\lambda - i\mu_k}.$$

Note that in the case of the zero potential the subspace  $H_d$  coincides with the zero subspace,  $t(\lambda) \equiv 1$  and hence  $u^{\mp}(x, \lambda) = e^{\pm i\lambda x}$ .

Further,  $m(g)$  will denote the operator of multiplication by a function (or a matrix-function)  $g$ , i.e.,  $(m(g)y)(x) = g(x)y(x)$ . The operators  $J: L_p(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L_p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\pi_{\pm}: L_p(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L_p(\mathbb{R}_{\pm})$ ,  $\pi_{\pm}^0: L_p(\mathbb{R}_{\pm}) \rightarrow L_p(\mathbb{R})$  ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_+ = (0, \infty)$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_- = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{R}_+$ ) are given by the formulas

$$(Jy)(x) = y(-x), \quad (\pi_{\pm}y)(x) = y(x),$$

$$(\pi_+^0 y)(x) = \begin{cases} y(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}_+ \\ 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}_-, \end{cases} \quad (\pi_-^0 y)(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}_+ \\ y(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}_-. \end{cases}$$

Consider the space  $L_2(\Delta, \delta)$  where  $\Delta = \{1, \dots, N\}$  and  $\delta$  is the Dirac measure on  $\Delta$ . The unitary operator  $\tilde{U}: H_d \rightarrow L_2(\Delta, \delta)$  is defined by the formula  $\tilde{U}\varphi_k = \xi_k$  where  $\xi_k(j) = \delta_{kj}$ . Consider also the operators  $U_{\mp}$ ,  $U: L_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\hat{U}: H_c \oplus H_d \rightarrow L_2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus L_2(\Delta, \delta)$  defined by the formulas

$$(U_{\mp}y)(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^{\mp}(x, \lambda)y(x)dx \quad (\lambda \in \mathbb{R}),$$

$$U = m(\chi_+)U_- + m(\chi_-)JU_+,$$

$$\hat{U} = \begin{pmatrix} U|_{H_c} & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{U} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $H_c = L_2(\mathbb{R}) \ominus H_d$ ,  $\chi_{\pm}$  is the characteristic function of the set  $\mathbb{R}_{\pm}$ , and the integrals converge in the norm of the space  $L_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

Note that in the case  $c = 0$  the equalities  $U_- = U = \hat{U} = F$ ,  $U_+ = F^{-1}$  hold, where  $F$  denotes the Fourier transform:

$$(Fy)(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda x}y(x) dx, \quad y \in L_2(\mathbb{R}).$$

The following statement is true:

**Theorem 2.1.** The operators  $U_{\mp}$ ,  $U$  are bounded, the operator  $\hat{U}$  is unitary and on a dense subspace of  $L_2(\mathbb{R})$  the equality  $\hat{U}\hat{\mathcal{L}}\hat{U}^* = m(\lambda^2)$  holds.

Let  $d = (d_1, \dots, d_N)^T \in \mathbb{C}^N$ . Define the operator  $\hat{m}(d): L_2(\Delta, \delta) \rightarrow L_2(\Delta, \delta)$  by the formula  $\hat{m}(d)(\xi) = (d_1\xi_1, \dots, d_N\xi_N)^T$ .

Let  $\mathcal{M}_{p, \mathcal{L}}$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ) denote the set of all functions  $a \in L_{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  such that the operator

$$\hat{U}^* \begin{pmatrix} m(a) & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{m}(d) \end{pmatrix} \hat{U}$$

is  $L_p(\mathbb{R})$ -bounded on the subspace  $L_p(\mathbb{R}) \cap L_2(\mathbb{R})$ . The continuous extension of this operator to  $L_p(\mathbb{R})$  will be denoted by  $W_{\mathcal{L}}^0(a, d)$  and will be called the  $\mathcal{L}$ -convolution type operator with an  $\mathcal{L}$ -symbol  $(a, d)$  on the space  $L_p(\mathbb{R})$ .

The operator  $W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, d) = \pi_+ W_{\mathcal{L}}^0(a, d) \pi_+^0$  will be called the  $\mathcal{L}$ -Wiener-Hopf operator. In the case  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_0$  we will use the notations  $\mathcal{M}_p$ ,  $W^0(a)$ ,

$W(a)$  instead of  $\mathcal{M}_{p,\mathcal{L}_0}$ ,  $W_{\mathcal{L}_0}^0(a, d)$ ,  $W_{\mathcal{L}_0}(a, d)$ . Obviously,  $W^0(a)$  and  $W(a)$  are the convolution integral operator and the Wiener-Hopf operator, respectively, and  $\mathcal{M}_p$  is the set of all Fourier multipliers (see [11], [3]). It is known (see [11]) that  $\mathcal{M}_p$  is a Banach algebra with the norm  $\|a\|_{\mu_p} = \|W^0(a)\|_{B(L_p(\mathbb{R}))}$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{M}_2$  coincides with  $L_\infty(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *The inclusion  $\mathcal{M}_p \subset \mathcal{M}_{p,\mathcal{L}}$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ) holds.*

**3. Main results.** The closure of the algebra of all piecewise constant functions in  $\mathcal{M}_p$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ) will be denoted by  $PC_p$ . It is well known (see [11]) that  $PC_p = PC_2 = PC$ , where  $PC$  is the class of functions having finite one-sided limits  $a(x \pm 0)$  at each point  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and also at  $x = \pm\infty$ . Further, it is known that  $PC_p = \mathcal{M}_p \cap PC$  (see [3]).

Let  $\overline{\mathbb{R}} := [-\infty, \infty]$ , and let  $C_p(\overline{\mathbb{R}}) := PC \cap C(\mathbb{R})$  with  $C(\mathbb{R})$  being the set of all continuous complex-valued functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ . In particular,  $C(\overline{\mathbb{R}}) := C_2(\overline{\mathbb{R}}) = PC \cap C(\mathbb{R})$ .  $C_0(\mathbb{R})$  will denote the subalgebra of  $C(\overline{\mathbb{R}})$ , consisting of all  $a \in C(\overline{\mathbb{R}})$  with  $a(\pm\infty) = 0$ .

Further, let  $AP^0$  be the algebra of all almost periodic polynomials, i.e., the algebra of all functions  $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  which can be written as a finite sum

$$p(x) = \sum \alpha_j e^{i\lambda_j x}, \quad \alpha_j \in \mathbb{C}, \lambda_j \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Let  $AP_p$  denote the smallest closed subalgebra of  $\mathcal{M}_p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) containing  $AP^0$ , and let  $SAP_p$  denote the smallest closed subalgebra of  $\mathcal{M}_p$  containing  $C_p(\mathbb{R})$  and  $AP_p$ . The algebra  $AP_p$  ( $SAP_p$ ) lies in  $AP_2$  ( $SAP_2$ ) which itself coincides with the algebra  $AP$  ( $SAP$ ) of all Bohr almost periodic functions (semi-almost periodic functions). Every function  $a \in SAP_p$  has a representation of the form

$$a = (1 - u)a_\ell + ua_r + a_0 \tag{3.1}$$

where  $a_\ell, a_r \in AP_p$ ,  $a_0 \in \mathcal{M}_p \cap C_0(\mathbb{R})$  and  $u \in C(\overline{\mathbb{R}})$  is a fixed increasing function satisfying conditions  $u(-\infty) = 0$ ,  $u(+\infty) = 1$  (see [2], [3]). The functions  $a_\ell, a_r$  do not depend on the choice of  $u$  and are uniquely determined by the function  $a$  (see [1]-[3]).

The group of all invertible elements of an algebra  $A$  will be denoted by  $GA$ .

It is well known that a function  $a \in SAP_p$  ( $a \in AP_p$ ) belongs to  $GSAP_p$  ( $GAP_p$ ) whenever  $a \in GL_\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , i.e.,

$$\inf |a(\lambda)| > 0, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{3.2}$$

According to the Bohr theorem on the argument of an almost periodic function (see [12]), for  $a \in GAP$  there exist a real number  $\varkappa(a)$  and a function  $\psi \in AP$  such that

$$a(x) = e^{i\kappa(a)x} e^{\psi(x)} \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The uniquely determinable number  $\kappa(a)$  is called the *mean motion* of the function  $a$  and can be computed by the formula

$$\kappa(a) = \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\ell} [(\arg a)(\ell) - (\arg a)(-\ell)].$$

Here  $\arg a$  is to be understood as an arbitrary fixed function from  $C(\mathbb{R})$ , satisfying the equality  $a = |a|e^{i \arg a}$ .

Let  $M(\psi) := \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\ell} \int_{-\ell}^{\ell} \psi(x) dx$  be the Bohr mean value of the function  $\psi$ . The number  $\xi(a) := e^{M(\psi)}$  is uniquely determined by the function  $a \in GAP$ ; it is called the *geometric mean value* of the function  $a$ . For any  $a \in GSAP_p$ , the functions  $a_\ell$  and  $a_r$ , determined from (3.1), belong to  $GAP_p$  (see [2, 3]). Furthermore, the following equalities hold (see [3]):

$$\xi(a_r) = \exp \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ell} \int_0^{\ell} [\log|a(x)| + i(\arg a)(x) - i\kappa(a_r)x] dx,$$

$$\xi(a_\ell) = \exp \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ell} \int_{-\ell}^0 [\log|a(x)| + i(\arg a)(x) - i\kappa(a_\ell)x] dx.$$

The following two theorems describe the semi-Fredholm properties of the operator  $W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, d)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $a \in SAP_p \setminus \{0\}$  with  $1 < p < \infty$ . Condition (3.2) is necessary for the normal solvability of the operator  $W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, d)$  in the space  $L_p(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . In order that the operator  $W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, d)$  be normally solvable, it is necessary and sufficient that along (3.2) one of these two conditions hold:*

1.  $\kappa(a_\ell) \kappa(a_r) \geq 0$  and  $\kappa(a_\ell) + \kappa(a_r) \neq 0$ .
2.  $\kappa(a_\ell) = \kappa(a_r) = 0$  and

$$\inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}_+} \left| \frac{1}{2} (\xi(a_r) + \xi(a_\ell)) - \frac{1}{2} (\xi(a_r) - \xi(a_\ell)) \operatorname{cth} \pi \left( \frac{i}{p} + x \right) \right| > 0 \quad (3.3)$$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let the operator  $W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, d)$  be normally solvable in the space  $L_p(\mathbb{R}_+)$  with  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then the following assertions are true:*

1) *If  $\kappa(a_\ell) + \kappa(a_r) > 0$ , then  $\dim \ker W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, d) < \infty$ ,  $\dim \operatorname{Coker} W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, d) = \infty$  and  $\dim \ker W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, 0) = 0$ . In the case  $p = 2$  the operator  $W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, 0)$  is left invertible.*

2) *If  $\kappa(a_\ell) + \kappa(a_r) < 0$ , then  $\dim \ker W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, d) = \infty$ ,  $\dim \operatorname{Coker} W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, d) < \infty$  and  $\dim \operatorname{Coker} W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, 0) = 0$ . In the case  $p = 2$  the operator  $W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, 0)$  is right invertible.*

3) If  $\kappa(a_\ell) = \kappa(a_r) = 0$  and condition (3.3) is satisfied, then the  $W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, d)$  is an Fredholm operator and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ind } W_{\mathcal{L}}(a, d) = & -\frac{1}{2\pi} [(\arg a)(+\infty) - (\arg a)(-\infty)] + \frac{1}{p} \\ & - \left\{ \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \arg \frac{\xi(a_\ell)}{\xi(a_r)} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{s\}$  denotes the fractional part of the real number  $s$ .

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The notions of the  $\mathcal{L}$ -convolution operator and the  $\mathcal{L}$ -Wiener-Hopf operator are introduced by replacing the Fourier transform in the definition of the convolution operator by a unitary operator which transforms the Sturm-Liouville operator  $\mathcal{L}$  on the whole axis to the operator of multiplication by an independent variable. It is considered the case when the potential of the operator is reflectionless and the symbol of the  $\mathcal{L}$ -Wiener-Hopf operator is a semi-almost periodic function. Criteria for semi-Fredholm and Fredholm properties of the  $\mathcal{L}$ -Wiener-Hopf operator are revealed. In the Fredholm case a formula for the index is obtained.

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**Կիսա-համարյա պարբերական սիմվոլներով  
 $\mathcal{L}$ -փաթեթի տիպի օպերատորների մասին**

Փաթեթի օպերատորի սահմանման մեջ Ֆուրիեի ձևափոխությունը փոխարինելով առանցքի վրա սահմանված Շտուրմ-Լիուվիլի օպերատորը անկախ փոփոխականով բազմապատկման օպերատորին բերող ունիտար օպերատորով ներմուծվել են  $\mathcal{L}$ -փաթեթի և  $\mathcal{L}$ -Վիներ-Հոպֆի օպերատորները: Դիտարկվել է այն դեպքը, երբ  $\mathcal{L}$  օպերատորի պոտենցիալը չանդրադարձնող է, իսկ  $\mathcal{L}$ -Վիներ-Հոպֆի օպերատորի սիմվոլը կիսա-համարյա պարբերական ֆունկցիա է: Բացահայտվել են  $\mathcal{L}$ -Վիներ-Հոպֆի օպերատորի կիսա-ֆրեդհոլմյան և ֆրեդհոլմյան լինելու պայմանները: Ֆրեդհոլմյան դեկադրում ստացվել է ինդեքսի բանաձև:

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**Об операторах типа -свертки с полу-почти  
периодическими символами**

Заменой в определении оператора свертки преобразования Фурье на унитарный оператор, приводящий оператор  $\mathcal{L}$  Штурма – Лиувилля на оси к оператору умножения на независимую переменную, введены понятия оператора  $\mathcal{L}$ -свертки и оператора  $\mathcal{L}$ -Винера–Хопфа. Рассмотрен случай, когда потенциал оператора является безотражательным, а символ оператора  $\mathcal{L}$ -Винера–Хопфа – полу-почти периодической функцией. Выявлены условия полу-фредгольмовости и фредгольмовости оператора  $\mathcal{L}$ -Винера–Хопфа. В фредгольмовом случае получена формула для индекса.

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