

ON THE THEORY OF TRANSFORMS ASSOCIATED WITH EIGENVECTORS (I)

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ABSTRACT

In this paper the author studies a transform theory based on the solutions of the differential system

$$(L - \lambda I)\phi = 0,$$

where

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} -d^2/dx^2 + p(x) & r(x) \\ r(x) & -d^2/dx^2 + q(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

and ϕ is a two component column vector function.

A pair of solutions of the above system in the interval $[0, b]$ containing scalars $l_n(\lambda)$ ($r, s = 1, 2$) is obtained. A matrix $(\rho_{rs}(\lambda))$, ($r, s = 1, 2$) consisting of step-functions is defined with the help of residues of $l_{rs}(\lambda)$. The expansion formula and Parseval formula are then expressed in the form of Stieltjes' integrals involving the functions ρ_{rs} . Further results are first obtained in the interval $[0, b]$ and then b is made to tend to infinity for the study of the singular case $[0, \infty)$. The transform $F(u) = \{F_1, F_2\}$ of $f(x) = \{f_1, f_2\}$ and the reverse transform $f(x)$ of $F(u)$ are obtained as

$$F_r = \int_0^{\infty} \phi_r^T(0 | x, \lambda) f(x) dx \quad (r = 1, 2)$$

and

$$f(x) = \sum_{r=1}^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_r(0 | x, u) F^T(u) d\rho_r(u)$$

respectively, where $\phi_r(0 | x, \lambda)$, ($r = 1, 2$) are the boundary condition vectors at $x=0$ and ρ_r denotes the r^{th} column of $(\rho_{rs}(u))$. A good number of theorems are proved which ultimately lead to the following:

Theorem. *A necessary and sufficient condition that $f \in L^2$ is that $F \in \mathcal{L}^2$.*

Some of the results obtained are generalisations of those of Titchmarsh³.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The object of this paper is to develop a transform theory based on the solutions of the differential system

$$(L - \lambda I)\phi = 0, \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} -d^2/dx^2 + p(x) & r(x) \\ r(x) & -d^2/dx^2 + q(x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.2)$$

$\phi = \phi(x) = \{u(x), v(x)\}$ is two component column vector; λ is a variable parameter real or complex; $p(x)$, $q(x)$ and $r(x)$ are all real valued and continuous functions of x throughout the interval $[|0, b|]$ and b will be ultimately made to tend to infinity. The boundary conditions are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a_{j1} u(0) + a_{j2} u'(0) + a_{j3} v(0) + a_{j4} v'(0) &= 0 \\ b_{j1} u(b) + b_{j2} u'(b) + b_{j3} v(b) + b_{j4} v'(b) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1.3)$$

$j = 1, 2$; accents denoting differentiation with respect to x , and the self-adjointness conditions are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a_{11} a_{22} - a_{12} a_{21} + a_{13} a_{24} - a_{14} a_{23} &= 0 \\ b_{11} b_{22} - b_{12} b_{21} + b_{13} b_{24} - b_{14} b_{23} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1.4)$$

2. NOTATIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

If $\phi_j = \{u_j, v_j\}$ and $\phi_k = \{u_k, v_k\}$ be two column vectors, then we define their 'Bilinear Concomitant' as

$$[\phi_j, \phi_k] = \begin{vmatrix} u_j & u_k \\ u'_j & u'_k \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} v_j & v_k \\ v'_j & v'_k \end{vmatrix}.$$

We represent, after Chakrabarty¹, any vector $\phi(x)$ whose component together with their first derivatives assume prescribed values at $x = \xi$ by the symbol $\phi(\xi | x) = \{u(\xi | x), v(\xi | x)\}$. It follows, in usual manner, that there exist vectors $\phi_j(0 | x, \lambda)$, $j = 1, 2$; $\phi_k(b | x, \lambda)$, $k = 3, 4$, which are solutions of (1.1) and are such that

$$\begin{aligned} u_j(0 | 0, \lambda) &= a_{j2}; u'_j(0 | 0, \lambda) = -a_{j1}; v_j(0 | 0, \lambda) = a_{j4}; \\ v'_j(0 | 0, \lambda) &= -a_{j3}, (j = 1, 2); u_k(b | b, \lambda) = b_{j2}; \\ u'_k(b | b, \lambda) &= -b_{j1}; v_k(b | b, \lambda) = b_{j4}; \\ v'_k(b | b, \lambda) &= -b_{j3} (k = 3, j = 1; k = 4, j = 2). \end{aligned}$$

These vectors will be called the 'boundary condition vectors' at $x = 0$ and $x = b$ respectively.

If $\phi = \phi(\xi | x, \lambda)$ be any vector satisfying (1.3) and ϕ_j, ϕ_k be the boundary condition vectors then (1.3) and (1.4) respectively may be expressed in the following alternative 'Kodaira form'?:

$$[\phi, \phi_j] = 0, \quad [\phi, \phi_k] = 0 \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$[\phi_1, \phi_2] = 0, \quad [\phi_3, \phi_4] = 0. \tag{2.2}$$

If we denote by $D(\lambda)$ the Wronskian of the boundary condition vectors then

$$D(\lambda) = [\phi_1, \phi_3][\phi_2, \phi_4] - [\phi_1, \phi_4][\phi_2, \phi_3] \tag{2.3}$$

is an entire function of λ , independent of x and takes real values when λ is real.

For column vectors y and z ; (y, z) denotes $y^T z$; $\langle y, z \rangle_{0,x}$ stands for $\int_0^x (y, z) dt$, and $\|y\|_{0,x}$ for $\langle y, y \rangle_{0,x} = \langle y, \bar{y} \rangle_{0,x}$ when y is complex. When $x = b$, $\langle y, z \rangle$ and $\|y\|$ stand for $\langle y, z \rangle_{0,b}$ and $\|y\|_{0,b}$ respectively. If $F(u) = \{F_1(u), F_2(u)\}$, $G(u) = \{G_1(u), G_2(u)\}$ and columns of

$$\begin{pmatrix} K_{11}(u) & K_{21}(u) \\ K_{12}(u) & K_{22}(u) \end{pmatrix}$$

are denoted by $K_r(u) = \{K_{r1}(u), K_{r2}(u)\}$, $r = 1, 2$, then $\langle F, G, dK \rangle_{c,d}$ stands for

$$\sum_{r=1}^2 \sum_{s=1}^2 \int_a^d F_r(u) G_s(u) dK_{rs}(u) = \sum_{r=1}^2 \int_a^d F_r(u) (G(u), dK_r(u))$$

and $\|F, dK\|_{c,d}$ for $\langle F, F, dK \rangle_{c,d}$.

Further $\langle F, G, dK \rangle_{-\infty, \infty}$; $\|F, dK\|_{-\infty, \infty}$ are denoted by $\langle F, G, dK \rangle$; $\|F, dK\|$ respectively. Let

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1(x, \lambda) &= \{[\phi_2, \phi_4] \phi_3(b | x, \lambda) - [\phi_2, \phi_3] \phi_4(b | x, \lambda)\} / D(\lambda) \\ \phi_2(x, \lambda) &= \{[\phi_1, \phi_3] \phi_4(b | x, \lambda) - [\phi_1, \phi_4] \phi_3(b | x, \lambda)\} / D(\lambda) \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

Corresponding to the boundary condition vectors $\phi_j(0 | x, \lambda)$, $j = 1, 2$, let us choose two solutions $\theta_k = \theta_k(0 | x, \lambda)$ ($k = 1, 2$) of (1.1) such that

$$[\phi_j, \phi_k] = \delta_{jk} \quad (j, k = 1, 2) \quad \text{and} \quad [\theta_1, \theta_2] = 0. \quad (2.5)$$

Then

$$\psi_k(x, \lambda) = \sum_{r=1}^2 l_{kr}(\lambda) \phi_r(0 | x, \lambda) + \theta_k(0 | x, \lambda), \quad (2.6)$$

where

$$[\psi_r(x, \lambda), \theta_s(0 | x, \lambda)] = l_{rs}(\lambda), \quad (r, s = 1, 2). \quad (2.7)$$

$$\langle \psi_r(x, \lambda_1), \psi_s(x, \lambda_2) \rangle = \frac{l_{rs}(\lambda_2) - l_{rs}(\lambda_1)}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}. \quad (2.8)$$

Also, $l_{rs}(\lambda)$ have an infinite number of simple poles at the zeros of $D(\lambda)$. If λ_n be a simple pole of $l_{rs}(\lambda)$ with residue $R_{rs}(n)$, then we have to consider the following cases:

Case I. Let λ_n be a simple zero of $D(\lambda)$, then

$$R_{11}(n) R_{22}(n) = R_{21}^2(n) = R_{12}^2(n) \quad (2.9)$$

and the corresponding normalised eigenvector, say $\psi_n(x)$, may be expressed as

$$\psi_n(x) = \sum_{r=1}^2 R_{rr}^{\frac{1}{2}}(n) \phi_r(0 | x, \lambda_n). \quad (2.10)$$

Case II. Let λ_n be a double zero of $D(\lambda)$, then

$$R_{11}(n) R_{22}(n) - R_{12}^2(n) = 1 | (I_{11} I_{22} - I_{12}^2) > 0, \quad (2.11)$$

where

$$I_{rs} = \langle \phi_r(0 | x, \lambda), \phi_s(0 | x, \lambda) \rangle \quad (r, s = 1, 2)$$

and there are two orthogonal normalised eigenvectors, say $\psi_n^{(1)}(x)$ and $\psi_n^{(2)}(x)$, which may be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_n^{(1)}(x) &= R_{11}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(n) \sum_{r=1}^2 R_{1r}(n) \phi_r(0 | x, \lambda_n) \\ \psi_n^{(2)}(x) &= -R_{11}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(n) \{R_{11}(n) R_{22}(n) - R_{12}^2(n)\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi_2(0 | x, \lambda_n). \end{aligned}$$

In this case, any suitable linear combination of $\psi_n^{(1)}(x)$ and $\psi_n^{(2)}(x)$ may be taken as the normalised eigenvector. We choose this vector as follows:

Let $f(x)$ be any two component column vector such that $(f(x), f(x)) \in L[0, b]$. Let

$$A_n = \langle \psi_n^{(1)}, f \rangle, \quad B_n = \langle \psi_n^{(2)}, f \rangle.$$

Then

$$\psi_n(x) = \{A_n/(A_n^2 + B_n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}\} \psi_n^{(1)}(x) + \{B_n/(A_n^2 + B_n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}\} \psi_n^{(2)}(x) \quad (2.12)$$

is our normalised eigenvector in this case.

The eigenvectors $\psi_n(x)$ given by (2.10) or (2.12) form an orthonormal system of vectors. If $f(x)$ possesses continuous derivatives upto the second order in $[0, b]$, satisfies the boundary conditions (2.1) and c_n, \tilde{c}_n denote the Fourier coefficients of $f(x)$ and $Lf(x)$ respectively, then

$$\tilde{c}_n = \lambda_n c_n. \quad (2.13)$$

3. THE MATRIX $\rho(u)$

We now extend the finite interval $[0, b]$ to the infinite interval $[0, \infty)$, keeping in view that the functions $p(x)$, $q(x)$ and $r(x)$ in the operator L are well behaved at all points of the infinite interval $[0, \infty)$. We tackle the problem of this extension by considering the problem of the interval $[0, b]$ (to be referred to as the b -case) and then making $b \rightarrow \infty$. For this purpose, we assume that the conditions of the previous section remain valid for every $b > 0$ and we introduce b as a parameter in the entities of §2 to enable us to study the implications of making $b \rightarrow \infty$. For example, by $D(b, \lambda)$ we mean $D(\lambda)$ defined by (2.3) and similarly for other entities. Some of the results obtained here are generalisations of those of Titchmarsh in Chapter VI of Ref. 3.

Let λ_{nb} denote the eigenvalues for the b -case. Let us define a matrix

$$\rho(b, t) = (\rho_{rs}(b, t)) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{11}(b, t) & \rho_{21}(b, t) \\ \rho_{12}(b, t) & \rho_{22}(b, t) \end{pmatrix}$$

consisting of non-decreasing step-functions $\rho_{rs}(b, t)$, ($r, s = 1, 2$) which satisfy the following conditions:

$\rho(b, 0) = 0$ and $\rho_{rs}(b, t)$ increases by $R_{rs}(b, n)$ when t increases through the value λ_{nb} ; otherwise $\rho_{rs}(b, t)$ remains constant. The value at the discontinuity is given by

$$\rho_{rs}(b; \lambda_{nb}) = \frac{1}{2} [\rho_{rs}(b; \lambda_{nb} - 0) + \rho_{rs}(b; \lambda_{nb} + 0)].$$

Let $f(x) = \{f_1, f_2\}$ be integrable over $[0, b]$. Let
 $F(b; u) = \{F_1(b; u), F_2(b; u)\}$

where

$$F_r(b; u) = \langle \phi_r(0 | x, u), f(x) \rangle \quad (r = 1, 2). \quad (3.1)$$

Let λ_{nb} be a simple zero of $D(b; \lambda)$, then the Fourier coefficients of $f(x)$ are given by

$$c_{nb} = \langle \psi_n(b; x), f(x) \rangle = \sum_{r=1}^2 K_{rr}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(b; \lambda_{nb}) F_r(b; \lambda_{nb}). \quad (3.2)$$

The expansion formula may be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_{nb} \psi_n(b; x) \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{r=1}^2 \sum_{s=1}^2 \phi_r(0 | x, \lambda_{nb}) F_s(b; \lambda_{nb}) R_{rs}(b; n) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^2 \sum_{s=1}^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_r(0 | x, u) F_s(b; u) d\rho_{rs}(b; u) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_r(0 | x, u) (F(b; u), d\rho_r(b; u)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

The Parseval formula may be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|^2 &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_{nb}^2 = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{r=1}^2 \sum_{s=1}^2 F_r(b; \lambda_{nb}) R_{rs}(b; n) F_s(b; \lambda_{nb}) \\ &= \|F(b; u), d\rho(b; u)\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

The Parseval formula for $\tilde{f}(x) = Lf(x)$ becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{f}\|^2 &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_{nb}^2 \left[\sum_{r=1}^2 \sum_{s=1}^2 F_r(b; \lambda_{nb}) F_s(b; \lambda_{nb}) R_{rs}(b; n) \right] \\ &= \|uF(b; u), d\rho(b; u)\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

If λ_{nb} is a double zero of $D(b, \lambda)$ and the corresponding normalised eigenvector is given by (2.12), then the Fourier Coefficients of $f(x)$ are given by

$$c_{nb} = (A_n^2 + B_n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where

$$A_n = R_{11}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(b; n) \sum_{r=1}^2 R_{1r}(b; n) F_r(b; \lambda_{nb})$$

$$B_n = -R_{11}^{-\frac{1}{2}}(b; n) [R_{11}(b; n) R_{22}(b; n) - R_{12}^2(b; n)]^{\frac{1}{2}} F_2(b; \lambda_{nb}).$$

It can be easily verified that even in this case the expansion formula, the Parseval formula and the Parseval formula for $\tilde{f}(x)$ reduce to (3.3), (3.4) and (3.5) respectively.

THEOREM (3.1). The functions $\rho_{rs}(b; u)$ ($r, s = 1, 2$) are bounded over any fixed finite u -interval, independently of b .

Proof: Since $R_{rr}^{\pm}(b; n)/(\lambda - \lambda_{nb})$ and $R_{ss}^{\pm}(b; n)/(\bar{\lambda} - \lambda_{nb})$ are the Fourier coefficients of $\psi_r(b; x, \lambda)$ and $\psi_s(b; x, \bar{\lambda})$ ($r, s = 1, 2$) respectively, we obtain

$$\langle \psi_r(b; x, \lambda), \bar{\psi}_s(b; x, \lambda) \rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} R_{rs}(b; n) / \{(\mu - \lambda_{nb})^2 + \nu^2\}$$

if $D(b; \lambda)$ has a simple zero at $\lambda = \lambda_{nb}$, ($\lambda = \mu + i\nu$); and

$$\langle \psi_r(b; x, \lambda), \bar{\psi}_s(b; x, \lambda) \rangle > \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} R_{rs}(b; n) / \{(\mu - \lambda_{nb})^2 + \nu^2\}$$

if $D(b, \lambda)$ has a double zero at $\lambda = \lambda_{nb}$.

Therefore, from (2.8), we get

$$-\frac{I_{rs}(b; \lambda)}{\nu} \geq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\rho_{rs}(b; u)}{(\mu - u)^2 + \nu^2}. \quad (3.6)$$

By arguments similar to those of Chakrabarty⁴ and Titchmarsh³ it follows that $I_{rs}(b; \lambda)$ are bounded as $b \rightarrow \infty$ through a suitable sequence if $\nu \neq 0$. Hence, putting $\mu = 0$ and $\nu = 1$ in (3.6), we obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\rho_{rs}(b; u)}{u^2 + 1} \leq K, \quad (3.7)$$

where K is independent of b . So

$$\int_{-U}^U \frac{d\rho_{rs}(b; u)}{u^2 + 1} \leq K \quad (3.8)$$

and

$$\rho_{rs}(b; U) = \int_0^U \rho_{rs}(b; u) \leq K(U^2 + 1) \quad (3.9)$$

which proves the theorem.

In view of the above theorem, we can apply Helly's selection theorem to define a set of functions $\rho_{rs}(u)$ ($r, s = 1, 2$), $u \geq 0$, such that $\rho_{rs}(b; u) \rightarrow \rho_{rs}(u)$ as $b \rightarrow \infty$ through a suitable sequence, say W . Let (u_1, u_2) be any finite interval and $f(u) = \{f_1, f_2\}$ any continuous vector, then as $b \rightarrow \infty$ we obtain from Helly-Bray theorem

$$\int_{u_1}^{u_2} (f(u), d\rho_r(b; u)) \rightarrow \int_{u_1}^{u_2} (f(u), d\rho_r(u)). \quad (3.10)$$

Further, let $w_1 = \max(u_1, v_1)$ and $w_2 = \min(u_2, v_2)$, where w_1 and w_2 are the points of continuity of $\rho_{rs}(u)$. Then as $v \rightarrow 0$

$$\int_{u_1}^{u_2} d\rho_{rs}(u) \int_{v_1}^{v_2} \frac{vd\mu}{(\mu - u)^2 + v^2} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi [\rho_{rs}(w_2) - \rho_{rs}(w_1)] & (w_1 < w_2) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3.11)$$

4. THE TRANSFORM

Let $f(x) = \{f_1, f_2\}$ be the integral of an absolutely continuous vector and $(f''(x), f''(x)) \in L[0, c]$. Let $f(x) = \{0, 0\}$ for $x \geq c$ and let $f(x)$ satisfy the boundary conditions of our problem at $x = 0$. Let

$$F(u) = \{F_1(u), F_2(u)\},$$

where

$$F_r(u) = \langle \phi_r(0 | x, u), f(x) \rangle_{0, \infty}. \quad (4.1)$$

Then, if $b > c$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(b; u), d\rho(b; u)\|_{-\infty, -v} + \|F(b; u), d\rho(b; u)\|_{v, \infty} \\ \leq U^{-2} [\|uF(b; u), d\rho(b; u)\|_{-\infty, -v} + \|uF(b; u), d\rho(b; u)\|_{v, \infty}] \\ \leq U^{-2} \|uF(b; u), d\rho(b; u)\| \leq U^{-2} \|\tilde{f}\|_{0, \infty} \end{aligned}$$

since (3.5) holds in this case. Also, for fixed U and $b > c$

$$\|F(b; u), d\rho(b; u)\|_{-v, v} = \|F(u), d\rho(b; u)\|_{-v, v} \rightarrow \|F(u), d\rho(u)\|_{-v, v}$$

by making $b \rightarrow \infty$ through a suitable sequence. First making $b \rightarrow \infty$ for fixed U and then making $U \rightarrow \infty$, it follows that

$$\|F(b; u), d\rho(b; u)\| \rightarrow \|F(u), d\rho(u)\|.$$

Hence

$$\|f\|_{0, \infty} = \|F(u), d\rho(u)\| \quad (4.2)$$

for our special class of vectors $f(x)$.

Now, let $f(x)$ be any two component column vector such that $(f(x), f(x)) \in L[0, \infty)$. Then a sequence of vectors $f^{(n)}(x) = \{f_1^{(n)}(x), f_2^{(n)}(x)\}$ can be determined such that each $f^{(n)}(x)$ belongs to the special class and that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f - f^{(n)}\|_{0, \infty} = 0.$$

Let

$$F^{(n)}(u) = \{F_1^{(n)}(u), F_2^{(n)}(u)\},$$

where

$$F_T^{(n)}(u) = \langle \phi_T(0 | x, u), f^{(n)}(x) \rangle_{0, \infty}.$$

Then, from (4.2) we obtain

$$\|(F^{(m)}(u) - F^{(n)}(u)), d\rho\| = \|f^{(m)} - f^{(n)}\|_{0, \infty}$$

which tends to zero as m and n tend independently to infinity. Hence the sequence of vectors $F^{(n)}(u)$ converges in mean with respect to $\rho(u)$, say to $F(u)$, leading to

$$\|F(u), d\rho(u)\| < \infty$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(F - F^{(n)}), d\rho\| = 0. \quad (4.3)$$

Further

$$\begin{aligned} & | \|F, d\rho\| - \|F^{(n)}, d\rho\| | \\ & \leq | \langle F, F - F^{(n)} \rangle_{d\rho} + \langle F^{(n)}, F - F^{(n)} \rangle_{d\rho} | \\ & \leq \{ \|F, d\rho\| \|F - F^{(n)}, d\rho\| \}^2 \\ & \quad + \{ \|F^{(n)}, d\rho\| \|F - F^{(n)}, d\rho\| \}^2 \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, in view of the above results.

[cf. Hardy, Littlewood and Polya⁵, § 29, p. 33]. Hence

$$\|F, d\rho\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|F^{(n)}, d\rho\|.$$

Therefore from (4.2), $\forall f(x) \in L^2[0, \infty)$, we obtain the Parseval formula

$$\|F(u), d\rho(u)\| = \|f(x)\|_{0, \infty}. \quad (4.4)$$

We call the vector $F(u)$ the Transform of $f(x)$.

If $g(x) = \{g_1(x), g_2(x)\}$ be another vector of $L^2[0, \infty)$ and $G(u)$ be its transform, then $F(u) + G(u)$ is the transform of $f(x) + g(x)$ and using (4.4) we obtain

$$\langle F, G, d\rho \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle_{0, \infty} \quad (4.5)$$

THEOREM (4.1). Let $f(x) = \{f_1(x), f_2(x)\} \in L^2[0, \infty)$, and let

$$F_a(u) = \{F_{1a}(u), F_{2a}(u)\},$$

where

$$F_{ra}(u) = \langle \phi_r(0 | x, u), f(x) \rangle_{0, a}, \quad (r = 1, 2). \quad (4.6)$$

Then $F_a(u)$ converges in mean with respect to $\rho(u)$ to $F(u)$, as $a \rightarrow \infty$, i.e.,

$$\|F(u) - F_a(u), d\rho(u)\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } a \rightarrow \infty. \quad (4.7)$$

Proof: We have

$$F_r(u) - F_{ra}(u) = \langle \phi_r(0 | x, u), f(x) \rangle_{a, \infty}.$$

Thus $F(u) - F_a(u)$ is the transform of $f(x)$ in $[a, \infty)$ and that of $\{0, 0\}$ in $[0, a]$. Hence we obtain from (4.4)

$$\|F(u) - F_a(u), d\rho(u)\| = \|f(x)\|_{a, \infty},$$

where the right hand side tends to zero as $a \rightarrow \infty$.

THEOREM (4.2). Let $F(u)$ be the transform of $f(x)$, where $(f(x), f'(x)) \in L[0, \infty)$ and let

$$f_a(x) = \{f_{1a}(x), f_{2a}(x)\} = \sum_{r=1}^2 \int_{-a}^a \phi_r(0 | x, u) (F(u), d\rho_r(u)). \quad (4.8)$$

Then as $a \rightarrow \infty$, $f(x)$ is the limit in mean of $f_a(x)$;

i.e.,

$$\|f(x) - f_a(x)\|_{0, \infty} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } a \rightarrow \infty. \quad (4.9)$$

Proof: Let $G(u)$ be the transform of $g(x)$, where $(g(x), g'(x)) \in L[0, X]$ and $g(x) = \{0, 0\}$ for $x > X$. Let $G_a(u) = \{G_{1a}(u), G_{2a}(u)\}$, where

$$G_{ra}(u) = \langle \phi_r(0 | x, u), g(x) \rangle_{0, a} = \langle \phi_r(0 | x, u), g(x) \rangle_{0, x}, \\ (a > X), \quad (r = 1, 2)$$

If $G(u) = \{G_1(u), G_2(u)\}$, then we obtain from (4.6)

$$G_r(u) = \langle \phi_r(0 | x, u), g(x) \rangle_{0, x}, \quad (r = 1, 2).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f_a(x), g(x) \rangle_{0,x} &= \langle \sum_{r=1}^2 \int_{-a}^a \phi_r(0 | x, u) (F(u), d\rho_r(u)), g(x) \rangle_{0,x} \\ &= \langle F, G, d\rho \rangle_{-a,a}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

Now, from (4.10) and (4.5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |(\langle f(x) - f_a(x), g(x) \rangle_{0,x})|^2 &= [(\langle F, G, d\rho \rangle_{-\infty,-a} + \langle F, G, d\rho \rangle_{a,\infty})]^2 \\ &\leq [\|F, d\rho\|_{-\infty,-a} + \|F, d\rho\|_{a,\infty}] \|G, d\rho\| \\ &\leq [\|F, d\rho\|_{-\infty,-a} + \|F, d\rho\|_{a,\infty}] \|g\|_{0,x} \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

(cf. Levinson,⁶ p. 307).

Let $g(x) = f(x) - f_a(x)$ for $x \leq X$. Then

$$\|f(x) - f_a(x)\|_{0,x} \leq \|F, d\rho\|_{-\infty,-a} + \|F, d\rho\|_{a,\infty}.$$

Making X arbitrarily large

$$\|f(x) - f_a(x)\|_{0,\infty} \leq \|F, d\rho\|_{-\infty,-a} + \|F, d\rho\|_{a,\infty}$$

which yields the desired result.

5. ANALOGY WITH FOURIER TRANSFORMS

(1) Let X be fixed. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^X f(x) dx &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^X f_a(x) dx \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=1}^2 \int_{-a}^a (F(u), d\rho_r(u)) \int_0^X \phi_r(0 | x, u) dx \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=1}^2 \int_{-a}^a \tilde{\phi}_r(X, u) (F(u), d\rho_r(u)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tilde{\phi}_r(X, u) = \int_0^X \phi_r(0 | x, u) dx.$$

Hence

$$f(x) = d|x \sum_{r=1}^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\phi}_r(x, u) (F(u), d\rho_r(u)) \quad (5.1)$$

almost everywhere.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(II)} \quad & \int_0^U (F(u), d\rho_r(u)) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{s=1}^2 \int_0^U F_{s;n}(u) d\rho_{rs}(u) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{s=1}^2 \int_0^U d\rho_{rs}(u) \int_0^n (\phi_s(0 | x, u), f(x)) dx \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(x), W_r(x, U) \rangle_{0,n},
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$W_r(x, U) = \sum_{s=1}^2 \int_0^U \phi_s(0 | x, u) d\rho_{rs}(u). \quad (5.2)$$

Therefore

$$(F(u), \rho'_r(u)) = d[du \langle f(x), W_r(x, u) \rangle]_{0,\infty} \quad (5.3)$$

at the points where $\rho'_r(u)$ exists.

6. THE VECTORS $\chi_r(x, \lambda)$, $r = 1, 2$.

By arguments similar to those of Chakrabarty⁴, it follows from (2.6) by making $b \rightarrow \infty$ through a suitable sequence, that

$$\psi_k(x, \lambda) = \sum_{r=1}^2 m_{kr}(\lambda) \phi_r(0 | x, \lambda) + \theta_k(0 | x, \lambda), \quad (k = 1, 2) \quad (6.1)$$

where

$$m_{kj}(\lambda) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} l_{kj}(b, \lambda), \quad m_{kj}(\lambda) = m_{jk}(\lambda),$$

the convergence to limits of various entities being uniform. Also

$$\|\psi_k(x, \lambda)\|_{0,\infty} \leq -\text{Im } m_{kk}(\lambda) |v|. \quad (6.2)$$

Thus $\psi_k(x, \lambda) \in L[0, \infty)$. Adopting the analysis of Everitt,⁷ we obtain

$$m_{11}(\lambda) m_{22}(\lambda) - m_{12}^2(\lambda) \neq 0, \quad (\text{Im } \lambda \neq 0). \quad (6.3)$$

The following Lemma has been obtained by Bhagat.⁸

Lemma (6.1). The matrix

$$K(\lambda) = (K_{rs}(\lambda)) = \left(\lim_{\nu \rightarrow 0} \int_0^\lambda -\text{Im } m_{rs}(\mu + i\nu) d\mu \right) \quad (6.4)$$

exists for all real λ ; each $K_{rs}(\lambda)$ is a function of bounded variation and

$$K_{rs}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \{K_{rs}(\lambda + 0) + K_{rs}(\lambda - 0)\}. \quad (6.5)$$

Also

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_0^\lambda -\operatorname{Im} \psi_r(x, \mu + iv) d\mu = \sum_{s=1}^2 \int_0^\lambda \phi_s(0 | x, \mu) dK_{rs}(\mu). \quad (6.6)$$

Further we note from (6.2) that $-\operatorname{Im} m_{rr}(\mu + iv) > 0$ if $v > 0$ and therefore $K_{rr}(\lambda)$ are non-decreasing functions of λ ($r = 1, 2$).

THEOREM (6.1). Let

$$\chi_r(x, \lambda) = \{\chi_{r1}(x, \lambda), \chi_{r2}(x, \lambda)\} = \sum_{s=1}^2 \int_0^\lambda \phi_s(0 | x, u) dK_{rs}(u), \quad (6.7)$$

where $r = 1, 2$ and λ is real. Then

$$(\chi_r(x, \lambda), \chi_r(x, \lambda)) \in L[0, \infty).$$

Proof: If λ_{nb} be an eigenvalue and $\psi_n(b; x)$ be corresponding eigenvector in the b -case, then

$$(\psi_n(b; x), \psi_r(b; x, \lambda)) = R_{rr}^{\lambda}(b; n) |(\lambda - \lambda_{nb}). \quad (6.8)$$

Hence, if $\lambda = \mu + iv$, the Parseval formula yields

$$\|\psi_r(b; x, \lambda)\|^2 = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} R_{rr}(b; n) / \{(\mu - \lambda_{nb})^2 + v^2\}. \quad (6.9)$$

If $\lambda = i$, then the left hand side of (6.9) is bounded as $b \rightarrow \infty$ through a suitable sequence. Therefore

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} R_{rr}(b; n) |(\lambda_{nb}^2 + 1) = 0(1). \quad (6.10)$$

If λ is real and lies in fixed interval, we obtain from (6.8)

$$(\psi_n(b; x), \int_0^\lambda \operatorname{Im} \psi_r(b; x, \mu + iv) d\mu) = 0(R_{rr}^{\lambda}(b; n) |(\lambda_{nb}^2 + 1)).$$

Hence using Parseval formula and then making $b \rightarrow \infty$ through a suitable sequence, we obtain

$$\|\int_0^\lambda \operatorname{Im} \psi_r(x, \mu + iv) d\mu\|_{0, \infty} = 0(1).$$

Finally, making $v \rightarrow 0$ and using (6.6), we have

$$\| \sum_{s=1}^2 \int_0^\lambda \phi_s(0 | x, \mu) dK_{rs}(\mu) \|_{0, \infty} = 0 \quad (1)$$

which yields the desired result.

7. RELATION BETWEEN $X_r(x, u)$ and $W_r(x, u)$

Making $b \rightarrow \infty$ through a suitable sequence and then $U \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.8) it follows that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\rho_{rs}(u) | (u^2 + 1) \leq K. \quad (7.1)$$

By Green's theorem

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda - \lambda_{nb}) \langle \phi_r(0 | x, \lambda_{nb}), \psi_1(b; x, \lambda) \rangle \\ &= \langle \phi_r(0 | x, \lambda_{nb}), L\psi_1(b; x, \lambda) \rangle - \langle \psi_1(b; x, \lambda), L\phi_r(0 | x, \lambda_{nb}) \rangle \\ &= [\psi_1(b; x, \lambda), \phi_r(0 | x, \lambda_{nb})] (b) - [\psi_1(b; x, \lambda), \phi_r(0 | x, \lambda_{nb})] (0). \end{aligned}$$

The second term on the right hand side

$$\begin{aligned} &= -1, \quad \text{if } r = 1 \\ &= 0, \quad \text{if } r = 2. \end{aligned}$$

The first term on the right hand side is zero because $\psi_1(b; x, \lambda)$, $\psi_n(b; x)$, $\psi_n^{(1)}(b; x)$ and $\psi_n^{(2)}(b; x)$ satisfy the same boundary conditions at $x=b$ and it follows from the expressions for $\psi_n(b; x)$, $\psi_n^{(1)}(b; x)$ and $\psi_n^{(2)}(b; x)$ that $\phi_r(0 | x, \lambda_{nb})$ ($r=1, 2$) also satisfy the same boundary conditions at $x=b$.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi_r(0 | x, \lambda_{nb}), \psi_r(b; x, \lambda) \rangle &= 1/(\lambda - \lambda_{nb}), \quad \text{if } r = 1 \\ &= 0, \quad \text{if } r = 2. \end{aligned} \quad (7.2)$$

Therefore, the transform of $\psi_1(b; x, \lambda)$ in $[0, b]$ is $\{1/(\lambda - u), 0\}$.

Similarly the transform of $\psi_2(b; x, \lambda)$ in $[0, b]$ is $\{0, 1/(\lambda - u)\}$. The formula (4.5), therefore, yields

$$\langle \psi_r(b; x, \lambda_1), \psi_s(b; x, \lambda_2) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\rho_{rs}(b; u) (\lambda_1 - u)(\lambda_2 - u),$$

$r, s = 1, 2$. Putting $\lambda = \lambda_1 = \mu + iv$, $\bar{\lambda} = \lambda_2 = \mu - iv$ and using (2.8), we obtain

$$-\frac{\text{Im } l_{rs}(b, \lambda)}{v} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\rho_{rs}(b; u) \{(\mu - u)^2 + v^2\}. \quad (7.3)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Im } l_{rs}(b; i) - \text{Im } l_{rs}(b; \lambda)/v \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{(\mu - u)^2 + v^2} - \frac{1}{u^2 + 1} \right\} d\rho_{rs}(b; u) \end{aligned}$$

Making $b \rightarrow \infty$ through a suitable sequence, we obtain

$$\int_{u_1}^{u_2} -\text{Im } m_{rs}(\lambda) d\mu = \int_{-U}^U d\rho_{rs}(u) \int_{u_1}^{u_2} v d\mu \{(\mu - u)^2 + v^2\} + 0(v).$$

where $U > u_2$ and $-U < u_1$ (cf. Titchmarsh³, p. 137).

Making $v \rightarrow 0$ and using (3.11) the right hand side tends to

$$\pi [\rho_{rs}(u_2) - \rho_{rs}(u_1)] = \pi \int_{u_1}^{u_2} d\rho_{rs}(u),$$

where u_1 and u_2 are the points of continuity of $\rho_{rs}(u)$.

Now, it follows from the definitions of functions $K_{rs}(u)$ and $\rho_{rs}(u)$ that

$$K(u) = \pi \rho(u) \quad (7.4)$$

Further

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_r(x, \lambda) &= \sum_{s=1}^2 \int_0^{\lambda} \phi_s(0 | x, u) dK_{rs}(u) \quad (\lambda \text{ real}) \\ &= \pi \sum_{s=1}^2 \int_0^{\lambda} \phi_s(0 | x, u) d\rho_{rs}(u) = \pi \mathcal{W}_r(x, \lambda). \end{aligned} \quad (7.5)$$

8. SINGULAR SURFACES

Following Everitt⁷ and Bhagat⁸ we get the generalization of Weyl's circle obtained by Titchmarsh³ for our boundary value problem. We only mention the relevant results required for the purpose of our transform theory and omit the details. Let us define

$$S_r(b, \lambda, b_{jk}) = S_r(b) = -i [\psi_r(b, x, \lambda), \bar{\psi}_r(b, x, \lambda)]_{x=b} = 0 \quad (8.1)$$

$r = 1, 2$. For fixed b and $\lambda = \mu + iv$ ($v \neq 0$), as b_{jk} vary, the points (l_{r1}, l_{r2}) describe a surface in the two-dimensional complex space, whose equation is expressed as

$$S_r(b) = 0 \quad (r = 1, 2).$$

We call these surfaces the singular surfaces of our problem. These surfaces are 'central surfaces' which tend to a limit surface $S_r(\infty) = 0$ as $b \rightarrow \infty$. The surface $S_r(\infty) = 0$ is also a central surface and $l_{rs}(b, \lambda) \rightarrow m_{rs}(\lambda)$ as $b \rightarrow \infty$ through a suitable sequence; the point

$$(m_{r1}(\lambda), m_{r2}(\lambda)) \in S_r(\infty) = 0.$$

Let $(M_{r1}(b), M_{r2}(b))$ ($r = 1, 2$) denote the centre of the singular surface $S_r(b) = 0$ in the two-dimensional complex space and let (Z_{r1}, Z_{r2}) be any point on this surface, then the range of the values of Z_{rs} is completely determined by

$$\begin{aligned} & |Z_{rs} - M_{rs}^{(b)}|^2 \\ & \leq \frac{\|\phi_{3-r}(0 | x, \lambda)\| \|\phi_{3-s}(0 | x, \lambda)\|}{4v^2 [\|\phi_1(0 | x, \lambda)\| \|\phi_2(0 | x, \lambda)\| - |\langle \phi_1(0 | x, \lambda), \bar{\phi}_2(0 | x, \lambda) \rangle|^2]^{3/2}}, \end{aligned} \quad (8.2)$$

where

$$[1 - |\langle \phi_1, \bar{\phi}_2 \rangle|^2 / \|\phi_1\| \|\phi_2\|] > 0. \quad (8.3)$$

for all $b > 0$.

9. THE REVERSE TRANSFORM

We define the following two classes of vectors:

(i) The class of vectors

$$f(x) = \{f_1(x), f_2(x)\} \in L^2 \quad \text{if} \quad \|f\|_{0, \infty} < \infty \quad (9.1)$$

(ii) The class of vectors

$$F(u) = \{F_1(u), F_2(u)\} \in \mathcal{L}^2 \quad \text{if} \quad \|F, d\rho\| < \infty. \quad (9.2)$$

THEOREM (9.1). If $F(u) \in \mathcal{L}^2$. Then it has a 'reverse transform' $f(x) \in L^2$.

Proof † Let us define $f_a(x)$ by (4.8). Let

$g(x) = \{g_1(x), g_2(x)\} \in L^2[0, X]$ and $g(x) = \{0, 0\}$ for $x > X$, and let $G(u)$ be its transform.

Then the conditions leading to (4.10) are satisfied, and hence, if $0 \leq a < b$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \| \langle (f_a(x) - f_b(x)), g(x) \rangle_0, x \|^2 \leq [\| F, d\rho \|_{-b, -a} \\ & \quad + \| F, d\rho \|_{a, b}] \| g(x) \|_0, x. \end{aligned}$$

Putting $g(x) = f_a(x) - f_b(x)$ in $(0, X)$ and then making $X \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\| f_a(x) - f_b(x) \|_0, \infty \leq \| F, d\rho \|_{-b, -a} + \| F, d\rho \|_{a, b}. \quad (9.3)$$

Hence the sequence of vectors $f_a(x)$ converges in mean over $[0, \infty)$, say, to $f(x)$. Putting $a = 0$ and making $b \rightarrow \infty$ in (9.3), it follows that

$$\| f(x) \|_0, \infty \leq \| F, d\rho \|. \quad (9.4)$$

$f(x)$ is the reverse transform of $F(u)$.

Thus, starting from a vector $f(x)$ of L^2 with transform $F(u)$, it follows that $F(u)$ has the reverse transform $h(x)$ such that $f(x)$ and $h(x)$ are the limits in mean of the sequence of vectors $f_a(x)$ defined by (4.8). Hence

$$h(x) = f(x) \quad \text{almost everywhere.}$$

Lemma (9.1)

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \| \psi_r(b, x, \lambda) - \psi_r(x, \lambda) \| = 0 \quad (9.5)$$

($\text{Im}(\lambda) \neq 0$) as $b \rightarrow \infty$ through a suitable sequence.

Proof: For simplicity we evaluate the limit when $r = 1$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \| \psi_1(b, x, \lambda) - \psi_1(x, \lambda) \| \leq | l_{11} - m_{11} |^2 \| \phi_1 \| + \\ & \quad 2 | l_{11} - m_{11} | | l_{12} - m_{12} | | \langle \phi_1, \bar{\phi}_2 \rangle | + | l_{12} - m_{12} |^2 \| \phi_2 \|. \quad (9.6) \end{aligned}$$

If ϕ_1 and $\phi_2 \in L^2[0, \infty)$ then the right hand side tends to zero as $b \rightarrow \infty$ through a suitable sequence, for $l_{rs}(b, \lambda) \rightarrow m_{rs}(\lambda)$ and the lemma follows. When ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 both do not belong to $L^2[0, \infty)$, using (8.2) in (9.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \| \psi_1(b, x, \lambda) - \psi_1(x, \lambda) \| \\ & \leq \frac{2 \{ \|\phi_2\| \}^2 \|\phi_1\| + 2 \|\phi_2\| \{ \|\phi_2\| \|\phi_1\| \}^2 |\langle \phi_1, \bar{\phi}_2 \rangle|}{4v^2 [\|\phi_1\| \|\phi_2\| - |\langle \psi_1, \bar{\phi}_2 \rangle|^2]^2} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{v^2 \|\phi_1\| [1 - |\langle \psi_1, \bar{\phi}_2 \rangle|^2 / \|\phi_1\| \|\phi_2\|]^2} \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as $b \rightarrow \infty$ if $\phi_1 \notin L^2[0, \infty)$, since (8.3) holds for all values of $b > 0$. Similarly

$$\| \psi_2(b, x, \lambda) - \psi_2(x, \lambda) \| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } b \rightarrow \infty \text{ if } \phi_2 \notin L^2[0, \infty).$$

Lemma (9.2)

(i) $(W_r(x, u), W_r(x, u)) \in L[0, \infty)$ in x .

(ii) $\sum_{s=1}^2 \langle W_r(x, u_2) - W_r(x, u_1), W_s(x, v_2) - W_s(x, v_1) \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} & = \sum_{s=1}^2 \int_{w_1}^{w_2} d\rho_{rs}(u), \quad (w_1 < w_2) \\ & = 0, \quad (w_1 \geq w_2), \end{aligned} \quad (9.7)$$

where $w_1 = \max(u_1, v_1)$, $w_2 = \min(u_2, v_2)$ are the points of continuity of $\rho_{rs}(u)$.

Proof: Let

$$W_r(b; x, u) = \sum_{s=1}^2 \int_0^u \phi_s(0 | x, t) d\rho_{rs}(b; t).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} W_1(b; x, u) & = \sum_{0 \leq \lambda_{nb} \leq u} (\phi_1(0 | x, \lambda_{nb}) R_{11}(b; n) + \phi_2(0 | x, \lambda_{nb})) \\ & \quad \times R_{12}(b; n), \end{aligned} \quad (9.8)$$

where the dash denotes that the terms with $\lambda_{nb} = 0$ or u are halved. Two cases arise according as $D(b; \lambda)$ has a simple or a double zero at $\lambda = \lambda_{nb}$.

CASE I. Let $D(b; \lambda)$ have a double zero at $\lambda = \lambda_{nb}$. Then from (9.8) and (2.11)

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_1(b; x, u) &= \sum'_{0 \leq \lambda_n b \leq u} R_{11}^{\frac{1}{2}}(b; n) \psi_n^{(1)}(b; x) \\
 &= \sum'_{0 \leq \lambda_n b \leq u} R_{11}^{\frac{1}{2}}(b; n) (A_n (A_n^2 + B_n^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \psi_n^{(1)}(b; x) \\
 &\quad + B_n (A_n^2 + B_n^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \psi_n^{(2)}(b; x)) \\
 &= \sum'_{0 \leq \lambda_n b \leq u} R_{11}^{\frac{1}{2}}(b; n) \psi_n(b; x), \tag{9.9}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_n &= \langle \psi_n^{(1)}(b; x), \psi_1(b; x, \lambda) \rangle = R_{11}^{\frac{1}{2}}(b; n) / (\lambda - \lambda_{nb}) \\
 B_n &= \langle \psi_n^{(2)}(b; x), \psi_1(b; x, \lambda) \rangle = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

CASE-II. Let $D(b; \lambda)$ have a simple zero at $\lambda = \lambda_{nb}$. Then from (9.8), (2.9) and (2.10)

$$W_1(b; x, u) = \sum'_{0 \leq \lambda_n b \leq u} R_{11}^{\frac{1}{2}}(b; n) \psi_n(b; x)$$

which is of the same form as (9.9). Hence if $u > 0$

$$\| W_1(b; x, u) \| = \sum''_{0 \leq \lambda_n b \leq u} R_{11}(b; n) \leq \rho_{11}(b; u), \tag{9.10}$$

where double dash denotes a factor $\frac{1}{4}$ at the ends. Therefore, if $c < b$

$$\| W_1(b; x, u) \|_{0, c \leq \rho_{11}(b; u) \leq K(u),$$

where K is independent of b and c . Making first $b \rightarrow \infty$ and then $c \rightarrow \infty$ we obtain

$$\| W_1(x, u) \|_{0, \infty} \leq K(u) \tag{9.11}$$

and similarly if $u < 0$.

Again

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_2(b; x, u) &= \sum'_{0 \leq \lambda_n b \leq u} (\phi_1(0 | x, \lambda_{nb}) R_{21}(b; n) + \phi_2(0 | x, \lambda_{nb}) R_{22}(b; n)) \\
 &= \sum'_{0 \leq \lambda_n b \leq u} R_{22}^{\frac{1}{2}}(b; n) \psi_n(b; x)
 \end{aligned}$$

by (2.9) and (2.10) if λ_{nb} is a simple zero of $D(b; \lambda)$.

If λ_{nb} be a double zero of $D(b; \lambda)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} W_2(b; x, u) &= \sum_{0 \leq \lambda_{nb} \leq u} R_{22}^{\lambda}(b; n) (A_n (A_n^2 + B_n^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \psi_n^{(1)}(b; x) \\ &\quad + B_n (A_n^2 + B_n^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \psi_n^{(2)}(b; x)) \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq \lambda_{nb} \leq u} R_{22}^{\lambda}(b; n) \psi_n(b; x), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= \langle \psi_n^{(1)}(b; x), \psi_2(b; x, \lambda) \rangle = R_{21}(b, n) |R_{11}^{\lambda}(b; n) (\lambda - \lambda_{nb}), \\ B_n &= \langle \psi_n^{(2)}(b; x), \psi_2(b; x, \lambda) \rangle = - \frac{\{R_{11}(b; n) R_{22}(b; n) - R_{12}^2(b; n)\}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{R_{11}^{\lambda}(b; n) (\lambda - \lambda_{nb})}. \end{aligned}$$

The analysis now proceeds as in the case of $W_1(b; x, u)$ and first part of the lemma follows. Let $\text{Im}(\lambda) > 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle (W_1(b; x, u_2) - W_1(b; x, u_1)), \psi_r(b; x, \lambda) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{u_1 \leq \lambda_{nb} \leq u_2} [R_{11}(b; n) \langle \phi_1(0 | x, \lambda_{nb}), \psi_r(b; x, \lambda) \rangle \\ &\quad + R_{12}(b; n) \langle \phi_2(0 | x, \lambda_{nb}), \psi_r(b; x, \lambda) \rangle] \\ &= \sum_{u_1 \leq \lambda_{nb} \leq u_2} R_{1r}(b; n) / (\lambda - \lambda_{nb}) = \int_{u_1}^{u_2} d\rho_{1r}(b; t) |(\lambda - t) \end{aligned}$$

by arguments similar to those leading to (7.2). Hence

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{r=1}^2 [\langle (W_1(b; x, u_2) - W_1(b; x, u_1)), \psi_r(b; x, \lambda) \rangle] \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^2 \int_{u_1}^{u_2} d\rho_{1r}(b; t) |(\lambda - t). \end{aligned} \tag{9.12}$$

From (9.5), (9.10) and the Schwarz inequality for vectors, we obtain

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \langle W_1(b; x, u), (\psi_r(b; x, \lambda) - \psi_r(x, \lambda)) \rangle = 0.$$

Also, since $W_1(b; x, u) \in L^2[0, \infty)$ for some b -sequence and

$$\begin{aligned} &W_1(b; x, u) \rightarrow W_1(x, u) \in L^2[0, \infty), \\ &\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \langle (W_1(b; x, u) - W_1(x, u)), \psi_r(x, \lambda) \rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\sum_{r=1}^2 [\langle (W_1(x, u_2) - W_1(x, u_1)), \psi_r(x, \lambda) \rangle_{0, \infty}] = \sum_{r=1}^2 \int_{u_1}^{u_2} d\rho_{1r}(t) / (\lambda - t).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=1}^2 [\langle (W_1(x, u_2) - W_1(x, u_1)), \int_{v_1}^{v_2} -\text{Im} \psi_r(x, \mu + iv) d\mu \rangle_{0, \infty}] \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^2 \int_{u_1}^{u_2} d\rho_{1r}(t) \int_{v_1}^{v_2} v d\mu / \{(\mu - t)^2 + v^2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Making $v \rightarrow 0$, using the relations (6.7), (7.5) on the left hand side and he relation (3.11) on the right hand side, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=1}^2 [\langle (W_1(x, u_2) - W_1(x, u_1)), (W_r(x, v_2) - W_r(x, v_1)) \rangle_{0, \infty}] \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^2 \int_{u_1}^{u_2} d\rho_{1r}(t) \left. \begin{array}{l} (w_1 < w_2) \\ (w_1 \geq w_2) \end{array} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

for the justification of the limiting process under the sign of integration, we note that

$$\int_0^\sigma -\text{Im} \psi_r(x, \mu + i\delta) d\mu = \chi_r(x, \sigma + i\delta) \in L^2[0, \infty)$$

or $\delta = \delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3 \dots$ and as $\delta \rightarrow 0$, $\chi_r(x, \sigma + i\delta) \rightarrow \chi_r(x, \sigma) \in L^2[0, \infty)$ similar arguments apply when we start with $W_2(b; x, u)$ and (ii) follows.

We now start for the reverse transform by considering two column vectors $F(u)$ and $G(u)$ defined as follows:

$$F(u) = \{M_1, M_2\} \text{ in } u_1 \leq u \leq u_2;$$

$$G(u) = \{N_1, N_2\} \text{ in } v_1 \leq v \leq v_2$$

$$F(u) = \{0, 0\} = G(u) \text{ otherwise,}$$

where M_1, M_2, N_1 and N_2 are constants.

The reverse transforms of $F(u)$ and $G(u)$ respectively are then given by

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{r=1}^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_r(0 | x, u) (F(u), d\rho_r(u)) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^2 \sum_{s=1}^2 M_r \int_{u_1}^{u_2} \phi_s(0 | x, u) d\rho_{rs}(u) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^2 M_{r,r} (W_r(x, u_2) - W_r(x, u_1)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$g(x) = \sum_{r=1}^2 N_r (W_r(x, v_2) - W_r(x, v_1)).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, g \rangle_{0, \infty} &= \left\langle \sum_{r=1}^2 M_r (W_r(x, u_2) - W_r(x, u_1)), \sum_{s=1}^2 N_s (W_s(x, v_2) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - W_s(x, v_1)) \right\rangle_{0, \infty} \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^2 \sum_{s=1}^2 M_r N_s \int_{w_1}^{w_2} d\rho_{rs}(t) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} (w_1 < w_2) \\ (w_1 \geq w_2) \end{array} \right\} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.13)$$

by (9.7), where $w_1 = \max(u_1, v_1)$, $w_2 = \min(u_2, v_2)$ are the points of continuity of $\rho_{rs}(t)$ ($r, s = 1, 2$). Also

$$\langle F, G, d\rho \rangle = \sum_{r=1}^2 \sum_{s=1}^2 M_r N_s \int_{w_1}^{w_2} d\rho_{rs}(t) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} (w_1 < w_2) \\ (w_1 \geq w_2) \end{array} \right\} = 0. \quad (9.14)$$

It follows from (9.13) and (9.14) that the Parseval formula

$$\langle F, G, d\rho \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle_{0, \infty}$$

holds in this case.

Thus, defining a step-vector as one each of whose components is a step function, we obtain, by addition of vectors, such as $F(u)$ and $G(u)$ above, the Parseval formula when $F(u)$ and $G(u)$ are any step-vectors with two components having their steps at the points of continuity of $(\rho_{rs}(u))$, and $F(u) = (0, 0) = G(u)$ outside finite intervals. Now, let $F(u)$ be any vector of \mathcal{L}^2 . Then we can define a sequence of step-vectors $F^{(n)}(u)$, each of the previous type, such that

$$\|F - F^{(n)}, d\rho\| \rightarrow 0.$$

Let $f^{(n)}(x)$ be the reverse transform of $F^{(n)}(u)$. Then $(f^{(m)}(x) - f^{(n)}(x))$ is the reverse transform of $(F^{(m)}(u) - F^{(n)}(u))$, and

$$\|f^{(m)} - f^{(n)}\|_{0, \infty} \leq \|F^{(m)} - F^{(n)}, d\rho\| \rightarrow 0$$

as m and n tend to infinity independently of each other.

Hence $f^{(n)}(x)$ converge in mean to $f(x)$, say. Then $f(x)$ is the reverse transform of $F(u)$, and

$$\|F, d\rho\| = \|f\|_{0, \infty} \quad (9.15)$$

which may be termed 'reverse Parseval formula'.

It follows from the arguments used in § 4 that the reverse transform defined in the above manner is equal almost everywhere to that defined in § 4.

THEOREM (9.2). If $F(u)$ is a given two component column vector of \mathcal{L}^2 , $f(x)$ is its reverse transform, and $H(u)$ is the transform of $f(x)$, then $H(u)$ is equivalent to $F(u)$ in the sense that

$$\|F - H, d\rho\| = 0. \quad (9.16)$$

Proof: Let

$$F_{ra}(u) = \langle \phi_r(0 | x, u), f(x) \rangle_{0, a}.$$

Then the reverse transform of $F_a(u) = \{F_{1a}(u), F_{2a}(u)\}$ is $f(x)$ in $[0, a]$ and $\{0, 0\}$ in $[a, \infty)$. Therefore the reverse transform of $(F(u) - F_a(u))$ is $\{0, 0\}$ in $[0, a]$ and $f(x)$ in $[a, \infty)$.

Hence, by the reverse Parseval formula (9.15)

$$\|F - F_a, d\rho\| = \|f\|_{a, \infty}.$$

Therefore $F_a(u)$ converges in mean with respect to $\rho(u)$ to $F(u)$. Further, by the arguments of § 4, $F_a(u)$ converges in mean with respect to $\rho(u)$ to $H(u)$.

Hence (9.16) follows.

Combining the relevant results of § 4 and § 9, we obtain the following:

THEOREM (9.3). A necessary and sufficient condition that $f(x) \in L^2$ is that $F(u) \in \mathcal{L}^2$.

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