

BEST APPROXIMATIONS OF SOLUTIONS OF SINGULAR  
INTEGRAL EQUATIONS OF FIRST KIND

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1. Introduction. In many application problems is found the singular integral equation of the form :

$$/1/ \quad Kx \equiv \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{x(\tau) d\tau}{(\tau-t)\sqrt{1-\tau^2}} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{h(t,\tau)x(\tau) d\tau}{\sqrt{1-\tau^2}} = y(t),$$

$$/2/ \quad \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{x(\tau) d\tau}{\sqrt{1-\tau^2}} = 0,$$

where  $h(t,\tau)$  and  $y(t)$  are given functions from a certain class  $F = \{f\}$ ,  $x(\tau)$  is the requested function, and the singular integral in /1/ is understood in the sense of principal value in Cauchy - Lebesgue.

Equations /1/-/2/ are juxtaposed in accordance with the system of linear algebraic equations /SLAE/ :

$$/3/ \quad \sum_{k=0}^n A_k(t_j) c_k + \sum_{k=0}^n B_k h(t_j, \tau_k) c_k = y(t_j), \quad j = \overline{1, n},$$

$$/4/ \quad \sum_{k=0}^n B_k c_k = 0,$$

where  $A_k = A_{k,n}(t)$ ,  $B_k = B_{k,n}$  are coefficients,  $\tau_k = \tau_{k,n} \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $k = \overline{0, n}$  - nodes of the used quadrature formulae,  $t_j = t_{j,n} \in (-1, 1)$ ,  $j = \overline{1, n}$  - are collocation nodes,  $c_k = c_{k,n}$  - approximate value of the requested function  $x(t)$  in the nodes  $\tau_k$ .

The following function is assumed for the approximate solution of the equations /1/-/2/ :

$$/5/ \quad x_n(t) = m_n(\{c_k\}; t) = M_n(h, y; \{A_k, B_k, \tau_k, t_j\}; t),$$

where  $\{c_k\}_0^n$  is the solution of the system /3/-/4/,  $m_n$  and  $M_n$  are certain reconstruction operators of a rank not greater than  $n$ . Then

the following quantity is used for an optimal error estimate of the class of quadrature methods /3/-/4/ :

$$/6/ \quad V_n(F) = \inf_{A_k, B_k, \tau_k, t_j} \sup_{h, y \in F} \|x - x_n\|_U, \quad ,$$

where the outer inf is taken by an arbitrary reconstruction operator of a rank not greater than  $n$ ,  $U$  is a certain normed space, which contains the elements  $x(t)$  and  $x_n(t)$ . The fixed quadrature method of the form /3/-/5/, for which the quantity /6/ is reached at least by the order, is called optimal.

In the article have been calculated the optimal error estimates /6/ for different function classes and for the solutions /1/-/2/ have been established effective optimal quadrature methods of the form /3/-/5/.

2. Main Results. With  $W^r H^\omega[-1, 1]$  we denote, as usual, the class of  $r$ -times  $/r \geq 0$  - an integer/ continuously differentiable functions in the interval  $[-1, 1]$ , the continuity moduli of the  $r$ -th derivatives which do not exceed the preset continuity modulus  $\omega = \omega(\delta)$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq 2$ . Let  $F = \{f\}$  is a set of couples  $f = \{h, y\}$ , where  $h(t, \tau) \in W^r H^\omega[-1, 1]$  /by each of the arguments separately evenly with regard to the other one of them/ and  $y(t) \in W^r H^\omega[-1, 1]$ , and on  $h(t, \tau)$ , beside that, is imposed the term :

$$/7/ \quad \|K\|_{X \rightarrow Y} \leq c_0 < \infty, \quad \|K^{-1}\|_{Y \rightarrow X} \leq c_1 < \infty, \quad ,$$

where  $c_0$  and  $c_1$  are certain positive constants, which are common for the whole class  $F$ ; furthermore :

$$X = L_{2, \rho}^0 = \left\{ x \in L_{2, \rho}(-1, 1) : \int_{-1}^{+1} \rho(\tau) x(\tau) d\tau = 0 \right\}, \quad Y = L_{2, \rho^{-1}}(-1, 1)$$

is a space of quadratically summable functions in  $[-1, 1]$  with weights correspondingly  $\rho(t) = (1-t^2)^{-1/2}$ ,  $\rho^{-1}(t) = (1-t^2)^{1/2}$  and with usual norms.

For the sake of brevity we denote the class  $F$  below as follows :  $F = W^r H^\omega$ .

There exist the following theorems.

Theorem 1. Let  $F = W^r H^\omega$  and  $U = L_{2, \rho}(-1, 1)$ . Then

$$/8/ \quad V_n(F) \asymp \frac{1}{n^r} \omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right),$$

and optimal is the method of the mechanical quadratures with approximate solution :

$$/9/ \quad x_n(t) = \frac{\cos(n+1)\arccost t}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k c_k \frac{\sin \theta_k}{t - \cos \theta_k}, \quad \theta_k = \frac{2k+1}{2n+2}$$

where  $\{c_k\}_0^n$  is the solution of SLAE :

$$/10/ \quad \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n c_k \left[ \frac{1}{\tau_k - t_j} + h(t_j, \tau_k) \right] = y(t_j), \quad j=\overline{1, n},$$

$$/11/ \quad \sum_{k=0}^n c_k = 0, \quad \tau_k = \cos \theta_k, \quad t_j = \cos \varphi_j, \quad \varphi_j = \frac{j\pi}{n+1}.$$

Theorem 2. Let  $F = W^T H W$  and  $U = C[-1, 1]$ , where for  $r=0$  we suppose the term :

$$/12/ \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow +0} \omega(\delta) \ln \delta = 0.$$

Then

$$/13/ \quad V_n(F) \asymp \frac{\ln n}{n^r} \omega\left(\frac{1}{n}\right),$$

and the method of the mechanical quadratures, determined by the formulae /9/-/11/, is optimal, where  $\asymp$  denotes sign of poor equivalence.

3. About the Proof of Theorems 1 and 2. In first place the problem /1/-/2/ is written in the form of an equivalent operator equation, which is resolvable in a unique manner, of the form :

$$/14/ \quad Kx \equiv Sx + Thx = y \quad (x \in X, y \in Y),$$

where the operators  $S$  and  $T$  are determined through the formulae :

$$Sx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{x(\tau) d\tau}{(\tau - t) \sqrt{1 - \tau^2}}, \quad Thx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{h(t, \tau) x(\tau) d\tau}{\sqrt{1 - \tau^2}}.$$

It is known (e.g. [1]) that  $S: X \rightarrow Y$  - continuous and  $T: X \rightarrow Y$  - fully continuous operators and besides the operator  $S$  has continuous opposite  $S^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$ .

With  $H_m$  we denote the set of all algebraic polynomials of order not greater than  $m$  and we introduce  $n$ -dimensional subspaces of the spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  correspondingly:

$$X_n = H_n^0 = \left\{ x_n \in H_n : \int_{-1}^{+1} \rho(t) x_n(t) dt = 0 \right\}, \quad Y_n = H_{n-1}.$$

With  $T_m(t)$  and  $U_m(t)$  we denote Chebyshev polynomials of order  $m$  correspondingly of first and second kind and we introduce the operators :

$$P_n^U: C[-1, 1] \rightarrow H_{n-1}, \quad P_{n+1}^T: C[-1, 1] \rightarrow H_n,$$

putting

$$P_n^U \varphi(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n \varphi(t_k) U_{k,n}^U(t), \quad U_n(t_k) = 0, \quad \varphi \in C[-1, 1],$$

$$P_{n+1}^T \varphi(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n \varphi(\tau_k) l_{k,n+1}^T(t), \quad T_{n+1}(\tau_k) = 0, \quad \varphi \in C[-1, 1];$$

here  $l_{k,n}^U(t)$  and  $l_{k,n+1}^T(t)$  are fundamental Lagrangian polynomials in the nodes correspondingly

$$t_k = t_{k,n}^U = \cos \frac{k\pi}{n+1}, \quad k = \overline{1, n}; \quad \tau_k = \tau_{k,n+1}^T = \cos \frac{2k+1}{2n+2}\pi, \quad k = \overline{0, n}.$$

It is known that for arbitrary  $\varphi \in C[-1, 1]$

$$/15/ \quad \|\varphi - P_n^U \varphi\|_Y \leq \sqrt{2\pi} E_{n-1}(\varphi)_C, \quad n \in N,$$

$$/16/ \quad \|P_n^U \varphi\|_Y \leq \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \|\varphi\|_C, \quad n \in N,$$

$$/17/ \quad \|\varphi - P_{n+1}^T \varphi\|_X \leq 2\sqrt{\pi} E_n(\varphi)_C.$$

An arbitrary polynomial  $x_n \in X_n$  can be expressed in the form:

$$x_n(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_k T_k(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n x_n(\tau_k) l_{k,n+1}^T(t),$$

and that is why the term /2/ is equivalent to the term

$$/2'/ \quad \sum_{k=0}^n x_n(\tau_k) = 0, \quad n \in N.$$

From here with taking into account the relations

$$\alpha_k = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x_n(\tau) T_k(\tau) d\tau}{\sqrt{1-\tau^2}}, \quad l_{k,n+1}^T(t) = \frac{T_{n+1}(t)}{(t-\tau_k) T_{n+1}'(\tau_k)}$$

and the properties of the singular operator  $S$  (c.g. [1, 3, 4]) we have

$$S(x_n; t_j) = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k U_{k-1}(t_j) = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{x_n(\tau_k)}{t_j - \tau_k}, \quad j = \overline{1, n}.$$

Then (see [2, 4, 6]) SLAE /10/-/11/ is equivalent to the operator equation

$$/18/ \quad K_n x_n \equiv P_n^U S x_n + P_n^U T P_{n+1}^T (h x_n) = P_n^U y (x_n \in X_n, P_n^U y \in Y_n),$$

where  $K_n: X_n \rightarrow Y_n$  is a linear operator by each natural  $n$  and the operator  $P_{n+1}^T$  is applied to the function  $h(t, \tau) x_n(\tau)$  by the variable  $\tau$ .

Since  $S x_n \in Y_n$  for arbitrary  $x_n \in X_n$  and the quadrature formula of Gauss with nodes  $\tau_k = \tau_{k,n+1}^T$ ,  $k = \overline{0, n}$ , is exact for all algebraic polynomials of order not greater than  $2n+1$ , then the equation /18/ is equivalent to the operator equation

$$/19/ \quad K_n x_n \equiv S x_n + P_n^U T [(P_{n+1}^T h) x_n] = P_n^U y (x_n \in X_n, P_n^U y \in Y_n) .$$

Now from /14/ and /19/ for arbitrary  $x_n \in X_n$  we find

$$\|K x_n - K_n x_n\|_Y = \|Th x_n - P_n^U T (P_{n+1}^T h) x_n\|_Y \leq \beta_1 + \beta_2 ,$$

where

$$\beta_1 = \|Th x_n - P_n^U Th x_n\|_Y , \quad \beta_2 = \|P_n^U T [(h - P_{n+1}^T h) x_n]\|_Y .$$

From here, as in the article [4] with taking into account the relations /15/-/17/ for arbitrary  $x_n \in X_n$  we find the inequality

$$\beta_1 \leq d_1 E_{n-1}^t(h)_C \|x_n\|_X , \quad \beta_2 \leq d_2 E_n^\tau(h)_C \|x_n\|_X ,$$

where  $E_m^t(h)_C$  ( $E_m^\tau(h)_C$ ) is a partial best even approximation of the function  $h(t, \tau)$  with algebraic polynomials of order  $m$  by the variable  $t$  (correspondingly  $\tau$ ) evenly with regard to  $\tau$  (with regard to  $t$ ) and  $d_i$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots$ ) here and after are positive constants which do not depend on  $n$  (and also on  $x_n \in X_n$ ). Therefore, we have

$$/20/ \quad \varepsilon_n \equiv \|K - K_n\|_{X_n \rightarrow Y} \leq d_3 \{E_{n-1}^t(h)_C + E_n^\tau(h)_C\} , \quad n \in \mathbb{N} ,$$

where  $d_3 = \max(d_1, d_2)$ . Besides, for the right side of the equations /14/ and /19/ because of /15/ we have

$$/21/ \quad \delta_n \equiv \|y - P_n^U y\|_Y \leq \sqrt{2} \varepsilon_n E_{n-1}(y)_C , \quad n \in \mathbb{N} .$$

In this manner for the equations /14/ and /19/ have been satisfied all terms of theorem 7, chapter I of the general theory of the analysis approximate methods [2]. This is the reason for all  $n$  such as

$$q_n = \|K^{-1}\| \varepsilon_n \leq c_1 d_3 \{E_{n-1}^t(h)_C + E_n^\tau(h)_C\} < 1 ,$$

equation /19/, and hence, and SLAE /10/-/11/ are resolvable in a unique manner and besides

$$\|K_n^{-1}\| \leq \|K^{-1}\| (1 - q_n)^{-1} \leq 2 \|K^{-1}\| \leq 2c_1 , \quad n \geq n_0 .$$

Besides, due to the same theorem, the approximate solution of /9/, where  $\{c_k\}_0^n$  is the solution of the system /10/-/11/, is converging to the exact solution  $x(t)$  of the problems /1/-/2/ with convergence rate

$$\|x - x_n\|_X \leq \frac{\|K^{-1}\|}{1 - q_n} [\|y - P_n^U y\|_Y + q_n \|y\|_Y] =$$

$$/22/ \quad = O \left\{ E_{n-1}^t(h)_C + E_n^r(h)_C + E_{n-1}(y)_C \right\} .$$

From here and from Jackson's theorem and taking into account the terms of theorem 1 there follows the estimate :

$$/23/ \quad \sup_{h, y \in F} \|x - x_n\|_X = O \left\{ \frac{1}{n^r} \omega \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) \right\} ,$$

It is enough to show the validity of the estimate in formula /8/ for completing the proof of theorem 1. For this purpose we introduce the set  $F_0 = \{f_0\}$ , where  $f_0 = (0; y)$ . It is obvious that  $F_0 \subset F$  and hence  $V_n(F_0) \subseteq V_n(F)$ . Since by term  $y$   $W^{rH}\omega$  and the operator  $S$  is linearly reversible, then from chapter 3 [2] there follows the requested estimate

$$/24/ \quad V_n(F_0) \geq \frac{d_4}{n^r} \omega \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) .$$

In this manner the theorem 1 has been fully proven.

We notice, when moving to the proof of theorem 2, that the lower estimate in /13/ is drawn again by means of chapter 3 from monograph [2] and the article [5] and it is shown that

$$/25/ \quad V_n(F) \geq V_n(F_0) \geq \frac{d_5 \ln n}{n^r} \omega \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) .$$

Then for the completion the proof of the theorem 2 there remains to be shown that

$$/26/ \quad \sup_{h, y \in F} \|x - x_n\|_C = O \left\{ \frac{\ln n}{n^r} \omega \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) \right\} ,$$

where  $x(t)$  is the exact solution of the problem /1/-/2/, and  $x_n(t)$  is its approximate solution, established by the formula /8/. With that purpose we deal with the identity

$$Sx \equiv y - Thx ,$$

$$Sx_n \equiv P_n^U y - P_n^{UT} [(P_{n+1}^T h)x_n] ,$$

where  $x$  and  $x_n$  are solutions of the equations /14/ and /19/ correspondingly. From here follows the identity

$$/27/ \quad S(x - x_n) = (Sx - P_n^U Sx) + P_n^U S(x - x_n) .$$

Then

$$/28/ \quad \|x - x_n\|_C \leq \|S^{-1}(Sx - P_n^U Sx)\|_C + \|S^{-1}P_n^U S(x - x_n)\|_C$$

$$\leq \|x - S^{-1}P_n^U Sx\| + \|S^{-1}P_n^{UT} [hx - P_{n+1}^T (hx)_n]\|_C .$$

Now from /28/ with taking into account the properties of the operators  $S$ ,  $S^{-1}$ ,  $P_n^U$  and the corresponding results of chapter 3 [2] there follows the estimate /26/. In this case, as in the solution of an analogous problem in article [4], essentially is used theorem 4.

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