

A Direct Method for Solving Integral Equations

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Abstract—In this paper we theoretically justify the Bogolyubov–Krylov method for weakly singular integral equations.

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1. INTRODUCTION

For integral equations with smooth periodic kernels academicians N. N. Bogolyubov and N. M. Krylov proposed an efficient direct solution method (see, for example, [1]). In recent years this method has been applied to various integral equations with discontinuous kernels (see, for example, works [2–12] and references therein). Below we theoretically justify the Bogolyubov–Krylov method for the following integral equation frequently encountered in applications:

$$Kx \equiv x(t) + \lambda \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\ln|\tau - t|}{(1 - \tau)^\alpha(1 + \tau)^\beta} x(\tau) d\tau + \mu \int_{-1}^1 \frac{h(t, \tau)}{(1 - \tau)^\alpha(1 + \tau)^\beta} x(\tau) d\tau = y(t), \quad -1 \leq t \leq 1, \quad (1)$$

where $y(t) \in C[-1, 1]$ and $h(t, \tau) \in C[-1, 1]^2$ are given functions, $x(t)$ is the desired function, parameters $\alpha, \beta \in (-1, 1)$ and $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lambda^2 + \mu^2 \neq 0$, the integrals being understood as improper ones. Our research is based on a technique proposed by B. G. Gabdul Khaev for studying spline methods for solving regular and singular integral equations (see, for example, [2–10]).

2. A ZERO-ORDER SPLINE-COLLOCATION METHOD

On the segment $[-1, 1]$ we construct an arbitrary mesh of $n + 1$ nodes

$$\Delta_n : -1 = t_0, t_1, \dots, t_{n-1}, t_n = +1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (2)$$

with the following restriction imposed on the mesh norm:

$$\|\Delta_n\| = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} (t_k - t_{k-1}) \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

We also introduce an auxiliary mesh with the nodes

$$\bar{t}_j = \frac{t_{j-1} + t_j}{2}, \quad j = \overline{1, n}. \quad (3)$$

Denote by $\psi_k(t) = \psi_{k,n}(t)$, $k = \overline{1, n}$, the fundamental zero-degree splines on the mesh with nodes (2):

$$\psi_1(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } t \in [-1, t_1], \\ 0 & \text{for } t \notin [-1, t_1]; \end{cases}$$