

Differential Boundary Value Problem of the Theory of Analytic Functions on a Cut Plane

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The differential boundary value problem in case of several unknown functions is considered. The necessary and sufficient solvability conditions and the index formula are established.

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Let D denote the plane of the complex variable $z = x + iy$, cut along some Liapunov-smooth arcs $a_k b_k, k = 1, \dots, p$. Denote $\Gamma_k = a_k b_k$ and $\Gamma = \bigcup_{k=1}^p \Gamma_k$. Let us consider the following boundary value problem: Find an analytic vector

$$\phi(z) = (\phi_1(z), \dots, \phi_n(z))$$

satisfying the boundary condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=0}^m [a_{\pm}^{(k)}(t) \phi_{\pm}^{(k)}(t)] = f_{\pm}(t), \quad t \in \Gamma, \quad (1)$$

where $a_+^{(k)}(t), a_-^{(k)}(t), k = 0, \dots, m$, are given quadratic matrices of order n on Γ , $f_+(t) = (f_+^1, \dots, f_+^n)$, $f_-(t) = (f_-^1, \dots, f_-^n)$ are given real vectors on Γ , $a_+^{(k)}(t), a_-^{(k)}(t)$ are Hölder-continuous matrices, $f_+(t), f_-(t)$ are satisfying the condition, cf. [1-3],

$$f(t)\Pi(t) \in H^*(\Gamma), \quad \Pi(t) = \prod_{k=1}^p (t - a_k)^{m-1} (t - b_k)^{m-1}.$$

In the boundary condition (1) $\phi_+^{(k)}(t), \phi_-^{(k)}(t)$ denotes the boundary values of the vector

$$\frac{d^k \phi(z)}{dz^k}$$

from the left and from the right on Γ . The boundary condition (1) will be fulfilled everywhere on Γ except at the end points a_k, b_k . In the neighbourhood of these points the estimation

$$|\phi^{(m)}(z)| \leq \text{const} |z - c|^{-\beta}, \quad 0 \leq \beta < m, \quad c = a_k, \text{ or } b_k. \quad (2)$$

holds.

At the point of infinity $\phi(z)$ may have a pole

$$\phi_k(z) = q_k(z) + O\left(\frac{1}{z}\right), \quad (k = 1, \dots, n),$$

where $q_k(z)$ is a polynomial.

If we introduce a new unknown vector

$$\psi(z) = \phi^{(m)}(z), \quad (3)$$

then

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \phi(z) &= \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \int_{z_0}^z (z-\xi)^{m-1} \psi(\xi) d\xi + P(z), \\ \phi^{(k)}(z) &= \frac{1}{(m-k-1)!} \int_{z_0}^z (z-\xi)^{m-k-1} \psi(\xi) d\xi + P^{(k)}(z), \\ & \quad k = 1, \dots, m-1, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4)$$

where z_0 is a fixed finite point in D , $P(z)$ is a polynomial vector of order not more than $m-1$,

$$P(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} c_k (z - z_0)^k, \quad (5)$$

where $c_k = (c_k^1, \dots, c_k^n)$ are constant vectors, $c_k = \phi^{(k)}(z_0)/k!$.

In formulas (4) the integration is made along a piecewise smooth arc, which is situated in D and is connecting the point z_0 with the variable point z . Because of the independence of these integrals from the path of integration, the conditions

$$\int_{\lambda_j} t^k \psi(t) dt = 0, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, m-1, \quad j = 1, \dots, p, \quad (6)$$

should be fulfilled, where λ_j denotes a piecewise smooth simple closed curve, which surrounds the arc Γ_j and the remaining arcs Γ_k are outside of it.

Therefore, with respect to the vector $\psi(z)$ we get the following boundary condition on Γ

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[a_{\pm}^{(m)}(t) \psi_{\pm}(t) + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} a_{\pm}^{(k)}(t) \rho_{\pm}^{(k)}(t) \right] = f_{\pm}(t) - \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} a_{\pm}^{(k)}(t) P^{(k)}(t), \quad (7)$$

where $\rho_{\pm}^{(k)}(t)$ denotes the boundary values of the vector

$$\frac{1}{(m-k-1)!} \int_{z_0}^z (z-\xi)^{m-k-1} \psi(\xi) d\xi$$

from both sides on Γ ; $\psi(z)$ will satisfy the integral conditions (6) and the estimation:

$$|\psi(z)| \leq \operatorname{const} |z-c|^{-\beta}, \quad c = a_k \text{ or } b_k. \quad (8)$$

In the following we need two lemmas.

LEMMA 1 *Let $\phi(z)$ be a holomorphic function in the domain δ , which represents a circle cut along the smooth arc ab , $a \in \delta$ and $\phi'(z)$ satisfy the condition*

$$|\phi'(z)| \leq A |z-a|^{-\beta}, \quad 0 \leq \beta. \quad (9)$$

When $\beta > 1$ then $\phi(z)$ satisfies the condition

$$|\phi(z)| \leq B |z-a|^{1-\beta}, \quad (10)$$

when $\beta < 1$, then $\phi(z)$ satisfies the Hölder-condition with the exponent $1-\beta$ in δ .

Proof Without loss of generality we can assume, that δ is the unit circle cut along the interval $[0,1]$. Let us take the point z_0 , $\text{Im}z_0 = 0$, $-1 < \text{Re}z_0 < 0$ and write the formula

$$\phi(z) - \phi(z_0) = \int_{z_0}^z \phi'(\xi) d\xi, \quad (11)$$

where the integration is made along a curve, which is connecting the points z_0 and z . It consists of the interval $(z_0, -|z|)$ of the real axis and the arc of the circle with center in the point $z = 0$ connecting the points $-|z|$ and z .

From (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(z) - \phi(z_0) &= -z_0 \int_0^{\tau_0} \phi'(1-\tau) d\tau + |z|i \int_{\pi}^{\theta_0} \phi'(|z|e^{i\theta}) d\theta, \\ \tau_0 &= 1 - \left| \frac{z}{z_0} \right|, \quad |\theta_0 - \pi| \leq \pi, \\ |\phi(z) - \phi(z_0)| &\leq A|z_0|^{1-\beta} \int_0^{\tau_0} (1-\tau)^\beta d\tau + A|z|^{1-\beta} |\theta_0 - \pi| \\ &= A\{|\beta - 1|^{-1} ||z|^{1-\beta} - |z_0|^{1-\beta}| + |z|^{1-\beta} \pi\}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The inequality (12) proves the lemma in case, when $\beta > 1$.

Now let us consider the case, when $\beta < 1$. We have

$$\int_{z_1}^{z_2} \phi'(\xi) d\xi = \phi(z_2) - \phi(z_1). \quad (13)$$

In the formula (13) the integration is taken along the following path. Consider the following two cases:

I. The points z_1 and z_2 are situated on the radius, which originates from the point $z = 0$, $z_1 = |z_1|e^{i\theta}$, $z_2 = |z_2|e^{i\theta}$, $|z_1| < |z_2|$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(z_2) - \phi(z_1) &= \int_{|z_1|}^{|z_2|} \phi'(re^{i\theta}) dr, \\ |\phi(z_2)| - |\phi(z_1)| &\leq A \int_{|z_1|}^{|z_2|} r^{-\beta} dr = \frac{A}{1-\beta} [|z_2|^{1-\beta} - |z_1|^{1-\beta}] \\ &\leq \text{const} |z_2 - z_1|^{1-\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

II. The modules of z_1 and z_2 are equal,

$$z_1 = re^{i\theta_1}, \quad z_2 = re^{i\theta_2},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(z_2) - \phi(z_1) &= \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \phi'(re^{i\theta}) ri^{i\theta} d\theta, \\ |\phi(z_2) - \phi(z_1)| &\leq A \left| \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} r^{1-\beta} d\theta \right| = Ar^{1-\beta} |\theta_2 - \theta_1|. \end{aligned}$$

However

$$|\theta_2 - \theta_1| \leq K |e^{i\theta_2} - e^{i\theta_1}| < K_1 |e^{i\theta_2} - e^{i\theta_1}|^{1-\beta}.$$

therefore

$$|\phi(z_2) - \phi(z_1)| \leq AK_1 |re^{i\theta_2} - re^{i\theta_1}|^{1-\beta}.$$

Consequently, the function $\phi = \phi(re^{i\theta})$ satisfies a Hölder-condition separately as well with respect to the variable r , as with respect to the variable $e^{i\theta}$ and the lemma is proved.

From this lemma the next result follows.

COROLLARY *Let $\phi(z)$ be a holomorphic function in the neighbourhood of a smooth arc ab , and $\phi^{(m)}(z)$ be continuously extendable on ab from both sides, except, possibly, the points a and b and satisfy the estimation*

$$|\phi^{(m)}(z)| \leq \text{const} |z - c|^{-\alpha}, \quad c = a \text{ or } b, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < m;$$

then $\phi(z), \phi'(z), \dots, \phi^{(m-1)}(z)$ are continuously extendable functions on each point of ab from both sides except, possibly, the points a and b and are satisfying the estimation

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(z)| \leq \text{const}, \quad |\phi^{(k)}(z)| \leq \text{const} |z - c|^{-\alpha_k}, \quad c = a \text{ or } b, \\ 0 \leq \alpha_k < k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, m-1. \end{aligned}$$

Besides, the function $\phi(z)$ is satisfying the Hölder-condition in the domain.

LEMMA 2 *Let $\omega(\xi) = \int_{ab} \mu(t) dt / (t - \xi)$, $\mu(t) \in H^*(a, b)$, the function $\omega(\xi) / ((\xi - a)(\xi - b))$ has a single-valued primitive function $F(\xi)$; then*

the function $H(z) = \Pi(z)F(z) = (z-a)(z-b)F(z)$ is continuously extendable on the arc ab from both sides and satisfies a Hölder-condition in the neighbourhood of the arc ab .

Proof Rewrite the function $H(z)$ in the following way:

$$H(z) = \int_{z_0}^z \omega(\xi) d\xi + \int_{z_0}^z (z-\xi)^2 \frac{\omega(\xi)}{(\xi-a)(\xi-b)} d\xi \\ + \int_{z_0}^z (z-\xi) \frac{\omega(\xi)}{\xi-a} d\xi + \int_{z_0}^z (z-\xi) \frac{\omega(\xi)}{\xi-b} d\xi.$$

There occurs the following estimations

$$|\omega(z)| \leq \frac{\text{const}}{|z-c|^\beta}, \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1, \quad c = a \text{ or } b,$$

$$\left| \frac{\omega(\xi)}{(\xi-a)(\xi-b)} \right| \leq \frac{\text{const}}{|\xi-c|^{\beta+1}}, \quad \left| \frac{\omega(\xi)}{\xi-a} \right| \leq \frac{\text{const}}{|\xi-a|^{\beta+1}}, \quad \left| \frac{\omega(\xi)}{\xi-b} \right| \leq \frac{\text{const}}{|\xi-b|^{\beta+1}}.$$

As a result all four terms are satisfying a Hölder-condition and thus the functions $H^+(t)$ and $H^-(t)$ are satisfying a Hölder-condition on ab .

Therefore, if the function $\psi(z)$ is the solution of the boundary value problem (7), then the vector

$$\psi_1(z) = \int_{z_0}^z \psi(\xi) d\xi$$

is admitting the estimation (when $\beta > 1$)

$$|\psi_1(z)| \leq \text{const}|z-c|^{1-\beta}$$

and the vector

$$\Omega(z) = \Pi(z)\psi_1(z)$$

is continuously extendable everywhere on Γ from both sides, in the points a_k, b_k limits are equal to zero and the boundary values $\Omega^+(t)$, $\Omega^-(t)$ are satisfying a Hölder-condition.

The same we can say with respect to the vector $\Pi(z)\rho^{(k)}(z)$.

Multiplying the boundary condition (7) by the function $|\Pi(t)|$, we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{a_{\pm}^{(m)}(t)|\Pi(t)|}{\Pi(t)} \Pi(t)\psi_{\pm}(t) + |\Pi(t)| \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} a_{\pm}^{(k)}(t)\rho_{\pm}^{(k)}(t) \right] = F_{\pm}(t) \quad (14)$$

where

$$F_{\pm}(t) = |\Pi(t)| \left[f_{\pm}(t) - \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} a_{\pm}^{(k)}(t)p^{(k)}(t) \right].$$

If we introduce a new unknown vector

$$\omega(z) = \Pi(z)\psi(z), \quad (15)$$

then $\omega(z)$ will satisfy the estimation

$$|\omega(z)| \leq A|z - c|^{-\alpha}, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1,$$

and that is why we can represent it as

$$\omega(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\mu(t)dt}{t - z} + Q(z), \quad (16)$$

where $Q(z)$ is a polynomial vector $Q(z) = \Pi(z)q^{(m)}(z) + \gamma(z)$, where $\gamma(z)$ is a polynomial vector of order not more than $s = 2p(m - 1) - m - 1$. The desired vector $\mu(t)$ belongs to $H^*(\Gamma)$.

Inserting the representation (16) in the boundary condition (14), we get

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[b_{\pm}(t_0) \left(\pm \frac{1}{2} \mu(t_0) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\mu(t)dt}{t - t_0} \right) \right] + L_{\pm} \mu = g_{\pm}(t_0), \quad (17)$$

where

$$g_{\pm}(t) = F_{\pm}(t) + R_{\pm}(t), \quad b_{\pm}(t) = a_{\pm}^{(m)}(t) \frac{|\Pi(t)|}{\Pi(t)}. \quad (18)$$

In (18) $R_{\pm}(t)$ linearly contains the coefficients of the vector $Q(z)$ and $L_{\pm} \mu$ are completely continuous operators.

We may rewrite equation (16) in the following way

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{b_+(t_0)}{2} \left[\mu(t_0) + \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\mu(t) dt}{t - t_0} \right] + \frac{\overline{b_+(t_0)}}{2} \left[\overline{\mu(t_0)} - \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\overline{\mu(t)} dt}{t - t_0} \right] \\ + M_+ \mu = 2g_+(t_0), \\ \frac{b_-(t_0)}{2} \left[-\mu(t_0) + \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\mu(t) dt}{t - t_0} \right] + \frac{\overline{b_-(t_0)}}{2} \left[-\overline{\mu(t_0)} - \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\overline{\mu(t)} dt}{t - t_0} \right] \\ + M_- \mu = 2g_-(t_0), \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (19)$$

Let us represent the vector $\mu = \mu_1 + i\mu_2$, where μ_1 and μ_2 are the real vectors, then we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{b_+(t_0) + \overline{b_+(t_0)}}{2} \mu_1(t_0) + \frac{1}{2} [b_+(t_0) - \overline{b_+(t_0)}] \mu_2(t_0) + \frac{b_+(t_0) - \overline{b_+(t_0)}}{2} \\ \times \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\mu_1(t) dt}{t - t_0} + i \frac{b_+(t_0) + \overline{b_+(t_0)}}{2} \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\mu_2(t) dt}{t - t_0} + M_+ \mu = 2g_+(t_0), \\ -\frac{b_-(t_0) + \overline{b_-(t_0)}}{2} \mu_1(t_0) - \frac{1}{2} [b_-(t_0) - \overline{b_-(t_0)}] \mu_2(t_0) + \frac{b_-(t_0) - \overline{b_-(t_0)}}{2} \\ \times \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\mu_1(t) dt}{t - t_0} + i \frac{b_-(t_0) + \overline{b_-(t_0)}}{2} \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\mu_2(t) dt}{t - t_0} + M_- \mu = 2g_-(t_0). \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (20)$$

Considering the vector $v = (\operatorname{Re} \mu, \operatorname{Im} \mu)$ with $2n$ components, we will reduce (7) to the following singular integral equation

$$A(t_0)v(t_0) + \frac{B(t_0)}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{v(t) dt}{t - t_0} + K v = g, \quad (21)$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Re} b_+, & -\operatorname{Im} b_- \\ -\operatorname{Re} b_-, & \operatorname{Im} b_- \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = i \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Im} b_+, & \operatorname{Re} b_+ \\ \operatorname{Im} b_-, & \operatorname{Re} b_- \end{bmatrix}, \quad g = (2g_+, 2g_-), \quad (22)$$

and Kv is a completely continuous operator.

Therefore

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} b_+, & ib_+ \\ -\bar{b}_-, & i\bar{b}_- \end{bmatrix}, \quad A - B = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{b}_+, & -\bar{b}_+i \\ -\bar{b}_-, & -b_{-i} \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

It is evident that $\det(A + B) \neq 0$, $\det(A - B) \neq 0$, if $\det a_{\pm}^{(m)}(t) \neq 0$. Consider the matrices

$$(A + B)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} b_+^{-1}, & -i\bar{b}_-^{-1} \\ -ib_+^{-1}, & -i\bar{b}_-^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

$$G(t) = (A + B)^{-1}(A - B) \quad (25)$$

and the equations

$$\det[G(b_k - 0) - \lambda I] = 0, \quad (26)$$

$$\det[G(a_k + 0) + \lambda I] = 0. \quad (27)$$

Denote by λ_j^k ($k = 1, \dots, p$, $j = 1, \dots, n$) the roots of equation (26) and by λ_j^{p+k} ($k = 1, \dots, p$, $j = 1, \dots, n$) the roots of equation (27). Then introduce the notations

$$\mu_j^k = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \ln \lambda_j^k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, 2p, \quad -1 < \operatorname{Re} \mu_j^k \leq 0. \quad (28)$$

We call the point from a_k or b_k singular if the corresponding

$$\operatorname{Re} \mu_j^k = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n,$$

and we call the other points non-singular [1]. We seek the solution of (1) in $H^*(\Gamma)$. The solution will satisfy the condition (6), which has the form

$$\int_{\lambda_j} \tau^k [\Pi(\tau)]^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\mu(t) dt}{t - \tau} + Q(\tau) \right) d\tau = 0, \\ j = 1, \dots, p, \quad k = 0, \dots, m - 1, \quad (29)$$

or

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \mu(t) \left(\int_{\lambda_j} \frac{\tau^k [\Pi(\tau)]^{-1} d\tau}{t - \tau} \right) dt + \int_{\lambda_j} \tau^k [\Pi(\tau)]^{-1} Q(\tau) d\tau = 0. \quad (30)$$

Therefore, $\mu(t) \in H^*(\Gamma)$ will satisfy (21), the right-hand side of which we can represent as

$$g(t) = g_0(t) + \sum_{k=1}^N d_k g_k(t), \quad (31)$$

where the vector $g_0(t)$ is representable by the vectors $f_+(t)$ and $f_-(t)$ and $g_k(t)$ are linearly independent vectors, d_k are arbitrary real constants, depending on the coefficients of the polynomial vectors $P(t)$ and $Q(t)$.

The vectors $f_+(t)$ and $f_-(t)$ and the parameters d_k will satisfy the solvability conditions

$$\int_{\Gamma} g(t) \lambda_j(t) dt = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, l, \quad (32)$$

where $\lambda_j(t)$ is a complete system of linearly independent solutions of the adjoint homogeneous equation of (21) of the adjoint class $h(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_s)$, where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_s are all non-singular points among the points a_k, b_k [3].

Besides, the vectors $\mu(t)$ and $Q(t)$ will satisfy the conditions (30).

After defining the vectors $\mu(t)$, $P(t)$, $Q(t)$ from (21) and from the conditions (30), (32), we shall find $\omega(z)$ from (16), afterwards we shall find $\psi(z)$ from (15) and define $\phi(z)$ by the formula (4).

Rewrite the conditions (30) as

$$\int_{\Gamma} F_{jk}(t) \mu(t) dt + \int_{\lambda_j} \tau^k [\Pi(\tau)]^{-1} \gamma(\tau) d\tau = 0, \\ j = 1, \dots, p, \quad k = 0, \dots, m - 1, \quad (33)$$

where F_{jk} denotes the function

$$F_{jk}(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\lambda_j} \frac{\tau^k [\Pi(\tau)]^{-1} d\tau}{t - \tau}.$$

The function $F_{jk}(t)$ is a holomorphic function on Γ and in its neighbourhood. The conditions (33) can be considered (for a fixed μ) as a linear algebraic system with respect to the coefficients of the polynomial vector $\gamma(\tau)$. The number of equations is $2pmn$ (we consider the real equations), and the number of unknowns is $2[2p(m-1) - m]n$ if $m > 1$ (if $m = 1$, then $\gamma \equiv 0$).

Let us suppose that the rank of the system (33) is r

$$r \leq \min[2mpn, 2n(2p(m-1) - m)],$$

then the necessary and sufficient solvability conditions for this system are the $2mpn - r$ linear independent conditions

$$\int_{\Gamma} \sum_{k=1}^n [H_{jk}^{(1)} \operatorname{Re} \mu_k(t) + H_{jk}^{(2)} \operatorname{Im} \mu_k(t)] ds = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, 2mpn - r. \quad (34)$$

If the condition (34) is valid, then from the $2n[2p(m-1) - m]$ coefficients r are representable with the help of the vector μ and others will be undefined.

Hence the conditions (33) must be changed into (34), the values of the coefficients of the polynomial vector $\gamma(z)$ ($\Omega(z)$) we will put on the right-hand side of the equation. N will be changed to $N - r$ and the obtained finite-dimensional operators we will transfer to the left-hand side. This will not affect the equations' Noetherity and its index.

Therefore, the index of the problem for finding the vector $\mu(t)$ will be

$$\kappa_{\mu} = \kappa + N - r - (2mpn - r) = \kappa + N - 2mpn, \quad (35)$$

where κ denotes the index of the class H^* of the operator

$$A(t_0)v(t_0) + \frac{B(t_0)}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{v(t)dt}{t - t_0}.$$

It is evident, that the index of the problem for finding the vector $\omega(z)$ is the same as for the vector $\psi(z)$, κ_{μ} , and for the vector $\phi(z)$ the index will be

$$\kappa_{\phi} = \kappa_{\mu} + 2mn \quad (36)$$

if the coefficients of the polynomial vector $p(t)$ remain undefined during this procedure. If we have defined δ coefficients of the polynomial vector $p(t)$, then in the formula (36) instead of $2mn$, will be $2mn - \delta$. In conclusion we have the following result.

THEOREM *The problem (1) is normally-solvable in the class $H^*(\Gamma)$ when $\det a_{(\pm)}^{(m)}(t) \neq 0$. In this case the necessary and sufficient solvability conditions are (6) and the index of this class is calculated by the formula (36), where κ_μ is the index of problem (17) of the same class.*

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