

ON THE CORRECTNESS OF THE PROBLEM OF INVERTING THE FINITE HILBERT TRANSFORM IN CERTAIN AEROELASTIC MODELS

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ABSTRACT. We indicate methods of ensuring that the problem in the title is correctly posed in the L^p sense whenever the derivative of the circulation function satisfies certain mild conditions.

1. Introduction. In the theory of aeroelastic control systems it is required to solve

$$(1) \quad f(x) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\gamma(y)}{y-x} dy$$

for $\gamma(y)$, $-1 < y < 1$, in terms of $f(x)$, $-1 < x < 1$. The function f is assumed to be of the form

$$(2) \quad f(x) = w(x) + g(x),$$

where

$$(3) \quad g(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{G(s)}{1-x+s} ds.$$

Here w and G are constant multiples of the so-called downwash function and the derivative of the circulation function respectively.

Formula (1) is often referred to as the finite Hilbert transform of γ , see [3]. For more detail concerning this model of aeroelasticity see [1] and the references cited there. In particular, $f = f^t$ and $G = \dot{\Gamma}_t$ in the notation of [1].

In order to guarantee the correctness of the problem of solving (1) via the methods in [3], it is necessary to assume that f is in some $L^p(-1, 1)$

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