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On an equation with reflection of order  $n$ 

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If a differential equation contains together with the unknown function  $x(t)$  the function  $x(-t)$ , then it is called a *differential equation with reflection*.

D. Przeworska-Rolewicz gives in [1] the general solution of an equation with reflection of order 1, i.e. of the equation

$$a_0 x(t) + b_0 x(-t) + a_1 x'(t) + b_1 x'(-t) = y(t),$$

where  $a_0, a_1, b_0$  and  $b_1$  are scalars.

In the present paper we consider the differential equation with reflection of order  $n$ ,

$$(1) \quad a_0 x(t) + b_0 x(-t) + \dots + a_n x^{(n)}(t) + b_n x^{(n)}(-t) = y(t),$$

where the coefficients  $a_0, \dots, a_n, b_0, \dots, b_n$  are constants. We give a general form of the solution of (1) under the following assumptions:

$$1^\circ \quad a_n^2 - b_n^2 \neq 0;$$

$$2^\circ \quad a_{j-k} a_k - b_{j-k} b_k \neq 0 \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots, n \text{ and } j = k+1, \dots, k+n);$$

$$3^\circ \quad \text{the polynomial } \sum_{j=0}^n \lambda_{2j} t^j \text{ has single roots only for } k = 0, 1, \dots, n,$$

where

$$(i) \quad \lambda_j = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=0}^j c_{jk} & \text{for } 0 \leq j \leq n, \\ \sum_{k=j-n}^n c_{jk} & \text{for } n < j \leq 2n, \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \quad c_{jk} = (-1)^{j-k} (a_{j-k} a_k - b_{j-k} b_k) (a_n^2 - b_n^2)^{-1}.$$

1. Let  $S$  be a reflection:  $Sx(t) = x(-t)$ . Since  $S^2 = I$ , where  $I$  is the identity operator,  $S$  is an involution. We write

$$(2) \quad Dx(t) = x'(t).$$

It can be proved that the operator  $S$  satisfies the following conditions:

1°  $S$  is commuting with the operator  $D^{2n}$ :

$$(3) \quad SD^{2n} - D^{2n}S = 0;$$

2°  $S$  is anticommuting with the operator  $D^{2n+1}$ :

$$(4) \quad SD^{2n+1} + D^{2n+1}S = 0.$$

2. Let  $X$  be a linear space over the field of complex scalars. We consider a linear equation of the form

$$(a_0I + b_0S) + (a_1I + b_1S)D + \dots + (a_nI + b_nS)D^n = y,$$

where  $S$  is an involution on  $X$  and  $D$  is a linear operator transforming  $X$  into itself and anticommuting with  $S$ ;  $a_0, \dots, a_n, b_0, \dots, b_n$  are scalars.

Let us write

$$(5) \quad A = \sum_{k=0}^n (a_kI + b_kS)D^k.$$

We prove for the operator  $A$  the following

THEOREM 1. Let

$$(6) \quad B = \sum_{m=0}^n [(-1)^m a_m I - b_m S] D^m$$

and  $R_A = (a_n^2 - b_n^2)^{-1}B$ . Then

$$AR_A = R_A A = \sum_{j=0}^n \lambda_{2j} D^{2j},$$

where  $\lambda_j$  and  $c_{jk}$  are defined by (i) and (ii) respectively.

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} BA &= \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^n [(-1)^m a_m I - b_m S] D^m (a_k I + b_k S) D^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^n [(-1)^m a_m I - b_m S] [a_k D^m + (-1)^m b_k S D^m] D^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^n [(-1)^m a_m I - b_m S] [a_k I + (-1)^m b_k S] D^{m+k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^n [(-1)^m (a_m a_k - b_m b_k) + (a_m b_k - a_k b_m) S] D^{m+k}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us remark that

$$(a_m b_k - a_k b_m) S D^{m+k} = -(a_k b_m - a_m b_k) S D^{m+k},$$

hence

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^n (a_m b_k - a_k b_m) S D^{m+k} = 0.$$

This implies

$$(7) \quad BA = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^n (-1)^m (a_m a_k - b_m b_k) D^{m+k}.$$

Similarly, we can show that  $BA = AB$ . Putting  $m = j - k$  in (7), we have

$$BA = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{j=k}^{n+k} (-1)^{j-k} (a_{j-k} a_k - b_{j-k} b_k) D^j.$$

Now we write

$$\lambda_j = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=0}^j (-1)^{j-k} (a_{j-k} a_k - b_{j-k} b_k) (a_n^2 - b_n^2)^{-1} & \text{for } 0 \leq j \leq n, \\ \sum_{k=j-n}^n (-1)^{j-k} (a_{j-k} a_k - b_{j-k} b_k) (a_n^2 - b_n^2)^{-1} & \text{for } n < j \leq 2n \end{cases}$$

and

$$R_A = (a_n^2 - b_n^2)^{-1}B.$$

It is easy to check that

$$(8) \quad AR_A = R_A A = \sum_{j=0}^{2n} \lambda_j D^j$$

and that  $AB$  contains only even powers of  $D$ . Finally, we obtain

$$(9) \quad AR_A = \sum_{j=0}^n \lambda_{2j} D^{2j}.$$

Let now  $D_T$  denote the domain of the operator  $T$  and  $Z_T$  the kernel of  $T$ :

$$Z_T = \{x \in D_T : Tx = 0\}.$$

THEOREM 2. 1°  $Z_A \subset Z_T$  and 2°  $Z_{R_A} \subset Z_T$ , where  $T = \sum_{j=0}^n \lambda_{2j} D^{2j}$ .

Indeed, if  $x \in Z_T$ , then  $Ax = 0$  and

$$\left[ \sum_{j=0}^n \lambda_{2j} D^{2j} \right] x = R_A(Ax) = 0,$$

hence  $x \in Z_T$ . This implies that  $Z_A \subset Z_T$ . The proof of 2° is analogous.

In the following we make use of assumption 3° (p. 69) in view of which the polynomial  $\sum_{j=0}^n \lambda_{2j} D^{2j}$ , considered as a polynomial with respect

to the variable  $D^2$ , has only single roots. In [1] for  $n = 1$  the roots are single because the corresponding polynomial is of the form  $D^2 - \lambda$ . For  $n \geq 2$  this polynomial may have multiple roots. Since we assume that the polynomial  $\sum_{j=0}^n \lambda_{2j} D^{2j}$  has single roots only, we can write that

$$T = \sum_{j=0}^n \lambda_{2j} D^{2j} = \prod_{q=1}^n (D^2 - u_q I),$$

where  $u_q$  denotes the  $q$ -th root.

THEOREM 3. We have

$$(10) \quad Z_T = \{z: z = \sum_{q=1}^n (z_q + S z'_q) \text{ for } z_q, z'_q \in Z_{D-\sqrt{u_q}I}\},$$

where  $T = \prod_{q=1}^n (D^2 - u_q I)$ .

Proof. Let us suppose that  $z$  is of the form (10). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \prod_{q=1}^n (D^2 - u_q I) \right] z &= \left[ \prod_{q=1}^n (D^2 - u_q I) \right] \sum_{q=1}^n (z_q + S z'_q) \\ &= \left[ \prod_{q=1}^n (D^2 - u_q I) \right] \left[ \sum_{q=1}^n z_q + S \sum_{q=1}^n z'_q \right] \\ &= \left[ \prod_{q=1}^n (D^2 - u_q I) \right] \sum_{q=1}^n z_q + S \left[ \prod_{q=1}^n (D^2 - u_q I) \right] \sum_{q=1}^n z'_q = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $z \in Z_T$ .

Conversely, let us suppose that  $z \in Z_T$ . We can decompose the space  $Z_T$  into a direct sum,

$$Z_T = \bigoplus_{q=1}^n [Z_{D-\sqrt{u_q}I} \oplus Z_{D+\sqrt{u_q}I}],$$

because  $D$  is an algebraic operator on the space  $Z_T$  with single characteristic roots (cf. [2], p. 81-82). Hence

$$z = \sum_{q=1}^n (z_q + z'_q),$$

where  $z_q \in Z_{D-\sqrt{u_q}I}$  and  $z'_q \in Z_{D+\sqrt{u_q}I}$  for  $q = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

We have to prove that  $z'_q = S z_q$ , where  $z'_q \in Z_{D-\sqrt{u_q}I}$  for  $q = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . But  $z'_q \in Z_{D+\sqrt{u_q}I}$ , hence  $D z'_q = -\sqrt{u_q} z'_q$  and  $\sqrt{u_q} S z'_q = S (\sqrt{u_q} z'_q) = -S D z'_q = D S z'_q$ . Therefore

$$(D - \sqrt{u_q} I) S z'_q = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad z'_q = S z'_q \in Z_{D-\sqrt{u_q}I}$$

for  $q = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . But  $z'_q = S^2 z'_q = S (S z'_q) = S z'_q$ , which gives the required form of  $z$ .

THEOREM 4. We have

$$Z_A = \{z: z = \xi \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n \{[(a_{2i} - a_{2i+1} \sqrt{u_q}) u_q^i] I - [(b_{2i} - b_{2i+1} \sqrt{u_q}) u_q^i] S\} z_q\},$$

where  $z_q \in Z_{D-\sqrt{u_q}I}$ ,  $\xi$  being a scalar,  $q = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Proof. Theorem 2 implies  $Z_A \subset Z_T$ . From Theorem 3 we infer that every  $z \in Z_T$  is of the form  $\sum_{q=1}^n (z_q + S z'_q)$ , where  $z_q, z'_q \in Z_{D-\sqrt{u_q}I}$ .

Similarly as in the proof of Theorem 2.4 in [1] we have for  $q = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$A z_q = \left[ \sum_{i=0}^n (a_i I + b_i S) D^i \right] z_q = (a_0 I + b_0 S) z_q + \dots + (a_n I + b_n S) D^n z_q.$$

But

$$D z_q = \sqrt{u_q} z_q \quad \text{and} \quad D S z'_q = -\sqrt{u_q} S z'_q$$

because  $z_q \in Z_{D-\sqrt{u_q}I}$  and  $S z'_q \in Z_{D+\sqrt{u_q}I}$  for  $q = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Hence

$$D^i z_q = u_q^{i/2} z_q, \quad D^i S z'_q = (-1)^i u_q^{i/2} S z'_q$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$  and  $q = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} D^{2i} z_q &= u_q^i z_q, & D^{2i+1} z_q &= \sqrt{u_q} u_q^i z_q, \\ D^{2i} S z'_q &= u_q^i S z'_q, & D^{2i+1} S z'_q &= -\sqrt{u_q} u_q^i S z'_q \end{aligned}$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ . Thus

$$A z_q = \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n \{[(a_{2i} + a_{2i+1} \sqrt{u_q}) u_q^i] I + [(b_{2i} + b_{2i+1} \sqrt{u_q}) u_q^i] S\} z_q.$$

Similarly, we can show that

$$A S z'_q = \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n \{[(a_{2i} - a_{2i+1} \sqrt{u_q}) u_q^i] I + [(b_{2i} - b_{2i+1} \sqrt{u_q}) u_q^i] S\} S z'_q.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} A z &= \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n [(a_{2i} + a_{2i+1} \sqrt{u_q}) u_q^i] z_q + \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n [(b_{2i} + b_{2i+1} \sqrt{u_q}) u_q^i] S z_q + \\ &+ \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n [(a_{2i} - a_{2i+1} \sqrt{u_q}) u_q^i] S z'_q + \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n [(b_{2i} - b_{2i+1} \sqrt{u_q}) u_q^i] z'_q, \end{aligned}$$

but the space  $Z_T$  is a direct sum,

$$Z_T = \bigoplus_{q=1}^n [Z_{D-\sqrt{u_q}I} \oplus Z_{D+\sqrt{u_q}I}]$$

(see the proof of Theorem 3), and  $z_q \in Z_{D-\sqrt{u_q}I}$ ,  $Sz'_q \in Z_{D+\sqrt{u_q}I}$  and  $T = \sum_{q=1}^n (D^2 - u_q I)$ , where  $q = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus the equality  $Az = 0$  holds if and only if

$$(11) \quad \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n [(a_{2i} + a_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i z_q + (b_{2i} - b_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i z'_q] = 0,$$

$$\sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n [(a_{2i} - a_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i Sz'_q + (b_{2i} + b_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i Sz_q] = 0.$$

Acting with  $S$  on both sides of the second equation of (11) and applying the property  $S^2 = I$ , we obtain the following system of equations:

$$(12) \quad \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n [(a_{2i} + a_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i z_q + (b_{2i} - b_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i z'_q] = 0,$$

$$\sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n [(a_{2i} - a_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i z'_q + (b_{2i} + b_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i z_q] = 0.$$

From these equations it follows that  $z_q$  and  $z'_q$  are linearly dependent for  $q = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Indeed, the space  $X$  is a direct sum, which implies that (12) holds if and only if

$$(13) \quad \left[ \sum_{i=0}^n (a_{2i} + a_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i z_q + \sum_{i=0}^n (b_{2i} - b_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i z'_q \right] = 0,$$

$$\left[ \sum_{i=0}^n (a_{2i} - a_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i z'_q + \sum_{i=0}^n (b_{2i} + b_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i z_q \right] = 0.$$

This shows the linear dependence of  $z_q$  and  $z'_q$ .

We can show that the determinant of the system (13) is

$$V = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^n (-1)^m (a_m a_k - b_m b_k) u_q^{(m+k)/2} = \sum_{j=0}^{2n} \lambda_j u_q^{j/2}.$$

Since  $u_q$  ( $q = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) are roots of the polynomial  $\sum_{j=0}^{2n} \lambda_j D^{2j}$  considered as a polynomial with respect to the variable  $D^2$ , we have

$$V = \sum_{j=0}^{2n} \lambda_j u_q^{j/2} = 0.$$

It follows that (13) has non-zero solutions for  $z_q$  and  $z'_q$ .

If we write

$$\xi_q = \sum_{i=0}^n (b_{2i} + b_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i, \quad \xi'_q = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_{2i} - a_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i,$$

we obtain from the second equation of (13) that  $\xi_q z_q + \xi'_q z'_q = 0$  for  $q = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Hence

$$z = \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n \{[(a_{2i} - a_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i]I - [(b_{2i} + b_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})u_q^i]S\} z_q,$$

which was to be proved.

**THEOREM 5.** *If  $\tilde{x}$  is a solution of the equation*

$$(*) \quad \left[ \prod_{q=1}^n (D^2 - u_q I) \right] x = y,$$

then  $x = R_A \tilde{x}$  is a solution of the equation  $Ax = y$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\tilde{x}$  satisfy equation (\*). Then

$$Ax = AR_A \tilde{x} = \left[ \prod_{q=1}^n (D^2 - u_q I) \right] \tilde{x} = y.$$

Similarly,  $t = A\tilde{x}$  is a solution of the equation  $R_A t = y$ .

Finally, we obtain the main theorem on the general form of the solution of the equations  $Ax = y$  and  $R_A t = y$ :

**THEOREM 6.** *Let*

$$A = \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k + b_k S) D^k,$$

where  $S$  is an involution acting in a linear space  $X$ , let  $D$  be an operator transforming  $X$  into itself and anticommuting with  $S$  and let, finally,  $a_0, \dots, a_n, b_0, \dots, b_n$  be scalars. We assume that assumptions 1°–3° (p. 69) are satisfied.

If  $\tilde{x}$  is a solution of equation (\*), then every solution of the equation  $Ax = y$  is of the form

$$x = R_A \tilde{x} + \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n \{[(a_{2i} - a_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})]I - [(b_{2i} + b_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})S]\} u_q^i z_q,$$

where  $z_q \in Z_{D-\sqrt{u_q}I}$ ,  $R_A = (a_n^2 - b_n^2)^{-1} B$  and

$$B = \sum_{m=0}^n [(-1)^m a_m - b_m S] D^m, \quad AR_A = R_A A = \prod_{q=1}^n (D^2 - u_q I).$$

Similarly, any solution of the equation  $R_A t = y$  is of the form

$$t = Ax + \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^n \{[(a_{2i} + a_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})]I - [(b_{2i} + b_{2i+1}\sqrt{u_q})S]\} u_q^i z_q.$$

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## On conditional bases in non-nuclear Fréchet spaces

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In the present paper we give some criteria for the nuclearity of Fréchet spaces with bases. Our main result is the following:

A. Let  $X$  be a Fréchet space with a basis. Then  $X$  is nuclear if and only if every basis of  $X$  is absolute (the basis  $\{e_n\}$  is *absolute* if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|t_n e_n\| < \infty$  for each  $x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n e_n$  and each pseudonorm  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $X$ ).

For countably Hilbert spaces this result is strengthened as follows:

B. A Hilbertian Fréchet space  $X$  with a basis is nuclear if and only if every basis  $\{e_n\}$  of  $X$  is unconditional (i.e.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x^*(t_n e_n)| < \infty$  for each  $x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n e_n \in X$ , and each linear functional  $x^* \in X^*$ ).

Observe that the part "only if" of our results is a consequence of the Dynin-Mitiagin theorem [3] which asserts that in a nuclear space each basis is unconditional. We do not know whether the converse is true, however, we believe the following holds:

CONJECTURE (see [9]). *A Fréchet space  $X$  with a basis is nuclear provided each basis in  $X$  is unconditional.*

The conjecture is already established for Banach spaces, because the class of nuclear Banach spaces coincides with the class of finite-dimensional spaces, and, by result of Pełczyński and Singer [9], in every infinite-dimensional Banach space with a basis there exists a conditional basis.

Statement B can be regarded as a generalization of a result due to Babenko asserting that in a Hilbert space there exists a conditional basis; [1], cf. also [4], [5] and [7].

Statement A is a generalization of an unpublished result of professor J. Rutherford (presented on the conference on functional analysis in Sopot 1968) that a Fréchet space satisfying the assumption of A is a Schwartz space.