



Integral representations for the solutions of the quadratic pencil of the Sturm-Liouville equation with a discontinuous coefficient

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Abstract

In this study we construct new integral representations of Jost-type solutions of the quadratic pencil of the Sturm-Liouville equation with piece-wise constants coefficient on the entire axis under some boundness conditions of the potential functions.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the present study the Sturm-Liouville equation

$$-y'' + q(x)y + 2\lambda p(x)y = \lambda^2 \rho(x)y, x \in I = (-\infty, +\infty) \quad (1)$$

is considered where

$$\rho(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \geq 0, \\ \alpha^2, & x < 0, \end{cases} (\alpha \neq 1, \alpha > 0) \quad (2)$$

is the piece-wise constant coefficient, λ is a complex parameter, $q(x)$ and $p(x)$ are real functions such that

$$(1 + |x|)q(x), p(x) \in L^1(I), p(x) \in BC(I) \quad (3)$$

Here $L^1(I)$ is the space of summable functions on I and $BC(I)$ is the class of functions that are bounded and continuous on I . Equation (1) is related to solving the inverse problem for the Klein-Gordon equation with a static potential and zero charge in quantum scattering theory [7]. Some scattering problems arising in the theory of transmission lines, the theory of electromagnetism, and the theory of elasticity are also reduced to equation (1) [12]. It is well known that transformation operators method is an important method in the inverse problems theory. V.A. Marchenko [1, 8] applied the transformation operators to the solution of the inverse problems for Sturm-Liouville operator on a finite interval and on the half line. Transformation operators were also used in the study of Levitan, Gasymov [1], where they obtained necessary and sufficient conditions for recovering a Sturm-Liouville operator from its spectral characteristics. In the case of $\rho(x) = 1$, there are enough studies in the literature using transformation type operators, called integral representations of the special solutions, to solve direct and inverse scattering problems





of equation (1) [3, 6, 7, 11]. Some problems with various statements related to inverse scattering problems for the discontinuous Sturm-Liouville equation have been considered in [2, 4, 5, 9]. The direct and inverse scattering problems for equation (1) with $p(x) = 0$ in various settings have been investigated [4, 5, 13] where new integral representations, similar transformations operators for the Jost solutions of the Sturm-Liouville equation, are obtained and applied to the investigation of the considered problems. In [10] direct and inverse scattering problems have been investigated for equation (1) with discontinuity conditions. In this study we construct new integral representations of Jost-type solutions of equation (1) on the entire axis under conditions (2) and (3).

2. INTEGRAL REPRESENTATION OF THE JOST SOLUTIONS

We denote by $f_{\pm}(x, \lambda)$ the solution of (1) with the condition

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f_{\pm}(x, \lambda) e^{\mp i\lambda\mu(x)} = 1,$$

where $\mu(x) = x\sqrt{\rho(x)}$. The solutions $f_{+}(x, \lambda)$ and $f_{-}(x, \lambda)$ will be called the right and the left Jost solutions of (1) respectively. It is easy to verify that the solution $f_{\pm}(x, \lambda)$ obeys the integral equation

$$f_{\pm}(x, \lambda) = e_{\pm}(x, \lambda) + \int_x^{\pm\infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho(t)}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho(x)}} \right) \frac{\sin \lambda(\mu(t) + \mu(x))}{\lambda} + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho(t)}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho(x)}} \right) \frac{\sin \lambda(\mu(t) - \mu(x))}{\lambda} \right] x(q(t) + 2\lambda p(t)f_{\pm}(t, \lambda)) dt, \quad (4)$$

where

$$e_{+}(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho(x)}} \right) e^{i\lambda\mu(x)} + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho(x)}} \right) e^{-i\lambda\mu(x)}$$

and

$$e_{-}(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\rho(x)}} \right) e^{i\lambda\mu(x)} + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\rho(x)}} \right) e^{-i\lambda\mu(x)}$$

Consider the solution $f_{+}(x, \lambda)$. When $x > 0$ it is well known that [3,6] for all $\text{Im} \lambda \geq 0$ the solution $f_{+}(x, \lambda)$ has the representation

$$f_{+}(x, \lambda) = e^{i\lambda x + i\omega_{+}(x)} + \int_x^{+\infty} A^{+}(x, t) e^{i\lambda t} dt \quad (5)$$

where $\omega_{+}(x) = \int_x^{+\infty} p(t) dt$ and the kernel function $A^{+}(x, t)$ satisfies

$$\int_x^{+\infty} |A^{+}(x, t)| \leq C_0 \sigma^{+}(x) e^{\sigma^{+}(x)} \quad (6)$$

for some constant $C_0 > 0$ and

$$\sigma^{+}(x) = \int_x^{+\infty} ((1+t)|q(t)| + 2|p(t)|) dt.$$

Moreover, the kernel function $A^{+}(x, t)$ satisfies the condition

$$A^{+}(x, x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_x^{+\infty} [q(t) + p^2(t)] dt - ip(x) \right) e^{i\omega_{+}(x)}. \quad (7)$$

Consider the case $x < 0$ for the solution $f_{+}(x, \lambda)$. In this case the equation (4) takes the form of





$$f_+(x, \lambda) = \alpha_+ e^{i\alpha\lambda x} + \alpha_- e^{-i\alpha\lambda x} + \int_x^0 \frac{\sin\alpha\lambda(t-x)}{\lambda} q(t) f_+(t, \lambda) dt +$$

$$+ \int_0^\infty \left[\alpha^- \frac{\sin\lambda(t+\alpha x)}{\lambda} + \alpha^+ \frac{\sin\lambda(t-\alpha x)}{\lambda} \right] [q(t) + 2\lambda p(t)] f_+(t, \lambda) dt, \quad (8)$$

where $\alpha_\pm = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \frac{1}{\alpha})$. We require that the solution of the integral equation (8) has the form of

$$f_+(x, \lambda) = R_+(x) e^{i\alpha\lambda x} + R_-(x) e^{-i\alpha\lambda x} + \int_{\alpha x}^{+\infty} B^+(x, t) e^{i\lambda t} dt, \quad \text{Im}\lambda \geq 0, x < 0 \quad (9)$$

where

$$R_\pm(x) = \alpha_\pm e^{i\omega_+(0) \pm \frac{i}{\alpha} \int_x^0 p(t) dt}$$

and $B^+(x, t)$ is defined after replacing $f_+(x, \lambda)$ in equation (8) with formulas (5), (9) and transforming some integrals of the Fourier type:

$$B^+(x, t) = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \int_{\frac{t+\alpha x}{2\alpha}}^0 q(s) R_+(s) ds + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \int_{\frac{\alpha x-t}{2\alpha}}^0 q(s) R_-(s) ds -$$

$$- \frac{i}{2\alpha^2} p\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2\alpha}\right) R_+\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2\alpha}\right) + \frac{i}{2\alpha^2} p\left(\frac{\alpha x-t}{2\alpha}\right) R_-\left(\frac{\alpha x-t}{2\alpha}\right) +$$

$$+ \frac{\alpha_+}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} q(s) e^{i\omega_+(s)} ds - \frac{\alpha_-}{2} \int_0^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} q(s) e^{i\omega_+(s)} ds - \frac{i\alpha_-}{2} p\left(\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}\right) e^{i\omega_+\left(\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}\right)} +$$

$$+ \alpha_+ \int_0^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} dv \int_v^{+\infty} q(u-v) A^+(u-v, u+v) du -$$

$$- \alpha_- \int_0^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} dv \int_v^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} q(u-v) A^+(u-v, u+v) du +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \int_0^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} dv \int_{\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}}^v q\left(\frac{u-v}{\alpha}\right) B^+\left(\frac{u-v}{\alpha}, u+v\right) du +$$

$$+ i\alpha_+ \int_{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}}^{+\infty} p\left(u - \frac{t-\alpha x}{2}\right) A^+\left(u - \frac{t-\alpha x}{2}, u + \frac{t-\alpha x}{2}\right) du -$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& -i\alpha_- \int_0^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} p\left(\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}-v\right) A^+\left(\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}-v, \frac{t-\alpha x}{2}+v\right) dv + \\
& + \frac{1}{i\alpha^2} \int_0^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} p\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}-\frac{v}{\alpha}\right) B^+\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2\alpha}-\frac{v}{\alpha}, \frac{t+\alpha x}{2}+v\right) dv - \\
& - \frac{1}{i\alpha^2} \int_0^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} p\left(\frac{u}{\alpha}-\frac{t-\alpha x}{2\alpha}\right) B^+\left(\frac{u}{\alpha}-\frac{t-\alpha x}{2\alpha}, \frac{u}{\alpha}+\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}\right) du, -\alpha x \leq t < -\alpha x
\end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
B^+(x, t) &= \frac{\alpha_+}{2} \int_{\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}}^{+\infty} q(s) ds + \frac{\alpha_-}{2} \int_{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}}^{+\infty} q(s) ds - \\
& - \frac{i\alpha_-}{2} p\left(\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}\right) e^{i\omega_+\left(\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}\right)} - \frac{i\alpha_+}{2} p\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}\right) e^{i\omega_+\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}\right)} \\
& + \alpha_+ \int_{\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}}^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} dv \int_v^{+\infty} q(u-v) A^+(u-v, u+v) du + \\
& + \alpha_+ \int_0^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} dv \int_{\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}}^{+\infty} q(u-v) A^+(u-v, u+v) du - \\
& - \alpha_- \int_{\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}}^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} dv \int_v^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} q(u-v) A^+(u-v, u+v) du + \\
& + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \int_{\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}}^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} dv \int_{\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}}^v q\left(\frac{u-v}{\alpha}\right) B^+\left(\frac{u-v}{\alpha}, u+v\right) dv + \\
& + i\alpha_+ \int_{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}}^{+\infty} p\left(u-\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}\right) A^+\left(u-\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}, u+\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}\right) du - \\
& - i\alpha_+ \int_0^{\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}} p\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}-v\right) A^+\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}-v, \frac{t+\alpha x}{2}+v\right) dv +
\end{aligned}$$





$$\begin{aligned}
& -i\alpha_- \int_0^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} p\left(\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}-v\right) A^+\left(\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}-v, \frac{t-\alpha x}{2}+v\right) dv + \\
& +i\alpha_- \int_{\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}}^{+\infty} p\left(u-\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}\right) A^+\left(u-\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}, u+\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}\right) du + \\
& +\frac{1}{i\alpha^2} \int_{\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}}^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} p\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2\alpha}-\frac{v}{\alpha}\right) B^+\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2\alpha}-\frac{v}{\alpha}, \frac{t+\alpha x}{2}+v\right) dv - \\
& -\frac{1}{i\alpha^2} \int_{\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}}^{\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}} p\left(\frac{u}{\alpha}-\frac{t-\alpha x}{2\alpha}\right) B^+\left(\frac{u}{\alpha}-\frac{t-\alpha x}{2\alpha}, u+\frac{t-\alpha x}{2}\right) du, t > -\alpha x. \quad (11)
\end{aligned}$$

Here we suppose $A^+(x, t) \equiv 0$ for $t < 0$ and $B^+(x, t) \equiv 0$ for $t < \alpha x$. From equation (11) it is obtained that

$$\int_{\alpha x}^{+\infty} |B^+(x, t)| dt \leq C \sigma^+(x) e^{\sigma^+(x)} \quad (11')$$

where $C > 0$ and

$$\sigma^+(x) = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \int_{\alpha x}^{+\infty} \left((1+t)|q(t)| + \frac{2}{\alpha}|p(t)| \right) dt.$$

By the similar way, considering the solution $f_-(x, \lambda)$ we have for $x < 0$

$$f_-(x, \lambda) = e^{-i\alpha\lambda x + i\omega_-(x)} + \int_{-\infty}^{\alpha x} A^-(x, t) e^{-i\lambda t} dt \quad (\text{Im} \lambda \geq 0), \quad (12)$$

where

$$\omega_-(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{-\infty}^x p(t) dt$$

and the kernel function $A^-(x, t)$ satisfies the integral equation

$$\begin{aligned}
A^-(x, t) &= \frac{1}{2\alpha} \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{\alpha x+t}{2\alpha}} q(s) ds + \frac{1}{2i\alpha^2} p\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2\alpha}\right) e^{i\omega_-(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2})} + \\
&+ \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{\alpha x+t}{2\alpha}} du \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{\alpha x-t}{2\alpha}} q(u+v) A^+(u+v, \alpha(u-v)) dv + \\
&+ \frac{1}{i\alpha} \int_0^{\frac{\alpha x-t}{2\alpha}} p\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2\alpha}+v\right) A^-\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}+v, \alpha\left(\frac{t+\alpha x}{2}-v\right)\right) dv -
\end{aligned}$$





$$-\frac{1}{i\alpha} \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{\alpha x+t}{2\alpha}} p\left(u + \frac{\alpha x-t}{2\alpha}\right) A^-\left(u + \frac{\alpha x-t}{2\alpha}, \alpha\left(u - \frac{\alpha x-t}{2\alpha}\right)\right) du \quad (13)$$

which implies

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\alpha x} |A^-(x, t)| dt \leq C_1 \sigma^-(x) e^{\sigma^-(x)} \quad (14)$$

for some constant $C_1 > 0$ and

$$\sigma^-(x) = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \int_{-\infty}^{\alpha x} \left((1+t)|q(t)| + \frac{2}{\alpha} |p(t)| \right) dt.$$

Here $A^-(x, t) \equiv 0$ for $t > \alpha x$. Moreover, the kernel function $A^-(x, t)$ satisfies the condition

$$A^-(x, \alpha x) = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \left(\int_{-\infty}^x \left[q(t) + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} p^2(t) \right] dt + \frac{1}{2i\alpha} p(x) \right) e^{\omega_-(x)} \quad (15)$$

As in the case of the right Jost solution we have for $x > 0$

$$f_-(x, \lambda) = T_+(x) e^{i\lambda(x)} + T_-(x) e^{-i\lambda(x)} + \int_{-\infty}^x B^-(x, t) e^{-i\lambda t} dt, \operatorname{Im} \lambda \geq 0, x > 0 \quad (16)$$

where

$$T_{\pm}(x) = \frac{1}{2} (1 \mp \alpha) e^{i\omega_-(0) \mp i \int_0^x p(t) dt}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} B^-(x, t) = & \frac{\alpha_-}{2} \int_{\frac{t-x}{2\alpha}}^0 q(s) e^{-i\omega_-(s)} ds + \frac{\alpha_+}{2} \int_{-\infty}^0 q(s) e^{i\omega_-(s)} ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{x+t}{2}} q(s) T_+(s) ds + \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{x-t}{2}} q(s) T_-(s) ds + \frac{i\alpha_-}{2\alpha} p\left(\frac{t-x}{2\alpha}\right) e^{i\omega_-\left(\frac{t-x}{2\alpha}\right)} - \frac{i}{2} p\left(\frac{t+x}{2}\right) T_-\left(\frac{t+x}{2}\right) + \\ & + \frac{i}{2} p\left(\frac{x-t}{2}\right) T_+\left(\frac{x-t}{2}\right) + \alpha\alpha_- \int_0^{\frac{x-t}{2\alpha}} dv \int_{\frac{t-x}{2\alpha}}^{-v} q(u+v) A^-(u+v, \alpha(u-v)) du + \\ & + \alpha\alpha_+ \int_0^{\frac{x-t}{2\alpha}} dv \int_{-\infty}^{-v} q(u+v) A^-(u+v, \alpha(u-v)) du + \\ & + \int_0^{\frac{x-t}{2}} dv \int_{-v}^{\frac{x+t}{2}} q(u+v) B^-(u+v, u-v) du + \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& + i\alpha_- \int_0^{\frac{x-t}{2\alpha}} p\left(\frac{t-x}{2\alpha} + v\right) A^-\left(\frac{t-x}{2\alpha} + v, \alpha\left(\frac{t-x}{2\alpha} - v\right)\right) dv + \\
& + i\alpha_+ \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{x-t}{2\alpha}} p\left(u - \frac{t-x}{2\alpha}\right) A^-\left(u - \frac{t-x}{2\alpha}, \alpha\left(\frac{t-x}{2\alpha} + u\right)\right) du + \\
& + i \int_{-\frac{x-t}{2}}^{\frac{x+t}{2}} p\left(u + \frac{x-t}{2}\right) B^-\left(u + \frac{x-t}{2}, \alpha\left(u - \frac{x-t}{2}\right)\right) dv - \\
& - i \int_0^{\frac{x-t}{2}} p\left(\frac{x+t}{2} + v\right) B^-\left(\frac{x+t}{2} + v, \frac{x+t}{2} - v\right) dv, -x < t \leq x, x > 0 \quad (17) \\
B^-(x, t) = & \frac{\alpha_+}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{t+x}{2\alpha}} q(s) e^{-i\omega_-(s)} ds - \frac{\alpha_-}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{t-x}{2\alpha}} q(s) e^{i\omega_-(s)} ds + \\
& \frac{i\alpha_-}{2\alpha} p\left(\frac{t-x}{2\alpha}\right) e^{i\omega_-\left(\frac{t-x}{2\alpha}\right)} - \frac{i\alpha_+}{2\alpha} p\left(\frac{t+x}{2\alpha}\right) e^{i\omega_-\left(\frac{t-x}{2\alpha}\right)} + \\
& + \alpha_- \alpha \int_{-\frac{x+t}{2\alpha}}^{\frac{x-t}{2\alpha}} dv \int_{-\frac{x-t}{2\alpha}}^{-v} q(u+v) A^-(u+v, u-v) du - \\
& - \alpha_- \alpha \int_0^{-\frac{x+t}{2\alpha}} dv \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{t-x}{2\alpha}} q(u+v) A^-(u+v, \alpha(u-v)) du + \\
& + \alpha \alpha_+ \int_0^{-\frac{x+t}{2\alpha}} dv \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{t-x}{2\alpha}} q(u+v) A^-(u+v, \alpha(u-v)) du + \\
& + \alpha \alpha_+ \int_{-\frac{x+t}{2\alpha}}^{\frac{x-t}{2\alpha}} dv \int_{-\infty}^{-v} q(u+v) A^-(u+v, \alpha(u-v)) du + \\
& + \int_{-\frac{x+t}{2\alpha}}^{\frac{x-t}{2}} dv \int_{-v}^{\frac{x+t}{2}} q(u+v) B^-(u+v, u-v) du -
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& -i\alpha_- \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{t+x}{2\alpha}} p\left(u - \frac{t+x}{2\alpha}\right) A^-\left(u - \frac{t+x}{2\alpha}, u + \frac{t+x}{2\alpha}\right) du + \\
& +i\alpha_- \int_0^{\frac{x-t}{2\alpha}} p\left(\frac{t-x}{2\alpha} + v\right) A^-\left(\frac{t-x}{2\alpha} + v, \alpha\left(\frac{t-x}{2} - v\right)\right) dv + \\
& -i\alpha_+ \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{t-x}{2\alpha}} p\left(u + \frac{x-t}{2\alpha}\right) A^-\left(u + \frac{x-t}{2\alpha}, \alpha\left(u - \frac{x-t}{2\alpha}\right)\right) du - \\
& -i\alpha_+ \int_0^{\frac{x+t}{2\alpha}} p\left(\frac{x+t}{2\alpha} + v\right) A^-\left(\frac{x+t}{2\alpha}, \alpha\left(\frac{x+t}{2\alpha} - v\right)\right) du + \\
& +i \int_{\frac{t-x}{2}}^{\frac{t+x}{2}} p\left(u - \frac{t-x}{2}\right) B^-\left(u - \frac{t-x}{2}, u + \frac{t-x}{2}\right) du - \\
& -i \int_0^{\frac{t-x}{2}} p\left(\frac{x+t}{2} - v\right) B^-\left(\frac{x+t}{2} - v, \frac{x+t}{2} + v\right) dv, \quad t < -x < 0
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

and $B^-(x, t) \equiv 0$ for $t > x$. Estimating (10), (11) and (17), (18) we can easily obtain that

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 |B^-(x, t)| \leq C_1 \sigma^-(x) e^{\sigma^-(x)} \tag{19}$$

for some $C_1 > 0$ where

$$\sigma^-(x) = \left(\int_{-\infty}^x ((1+t)|q(t)| + 2|p(t)|) dt \right)$$

Hence by setting $K^\pm(x, t) = \begin{cases} A^\pm(x, t), & \pm x \geq 0 \\ B^\pm(x, t), & \pm x < 0 \end{cases}$ and combining all our results we have the following theorem.

Theorem 1. For all $\text{Im} \lambda \geq 0$ the solutions $f_+(x, \lambda)$ and $f_-(x, \lambda)$ can be represented as

$$f_+(x, \lambda) = R_+(x) e^{i\lambda\mu(x)} + R_-(x) e^{-i\lambda\mu(x)} + \int_{\mu(x)}^{+\infty} K^+(x, t) e^{i\lambda t} dt$$

and

$$f_-(x, \lambda) = T_+(x) e^{i\lambda\mu(x)} + T_-(x) e^{-i\lambda\mu(x)} + \int_{-\infty}^{\mu(x)} K^-(x, t) e^{-i\lambda t} dt$$

respectively, where $\mu(x) = x\sqrt{\rho(x)}$,



$$R_+(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho(x)}} \right) e^{i \int_x^{+\infty} \frac{\rho(t)}{\sqrt{\rho(t)}} dt},$$

$$R_-(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho(x)}} \right) e^{i \int_x^{+\infty} \frac{\rho(t) \operatorname{sgn} t}{\sqrt{\rho(t)}} dt},$$

$$T_+(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\rho(x)}} \right) e^{-i \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{\rho(t) \operatorname{sgn} t}{\sqrt{\rho(t)}} dt},$$

$$T_-(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\rho(x)}} \right) e^{i \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{\rho(t)}{\sqrt{\rho(t)}} dt},$$

From the estimations (6), (11'), (14) and (19) we have

$$\int_{\mu(x)}^{+\infty} |K^+(x, t)| dt \leq C \sigma^+(\mu(x)) e^{\sigma^+(\mu(x))} \quad (20)$$

and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\mu(x)} |K^-(x, t)| dt \leq C \sigma^-(\mu(x)) e^{\sigma^-(\mu(x))} \quad (21)$$

for some $C > 0$. Now let

$$G^+(x, t) = - \int_t^{+\infty} K^+(x, s) ds - R^-(x) H(-\mu(x) - t), t \geq \mu(x),$$

$$G^-(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t K^+(x, s) ds + T_+(x) H(\mu(x) + t), t \leq \mu(x). \quad (22)$$

Where

$$H(y) = \begin{cases} 1, & y > 0 \\ 0, & y < 0 \end{cases}$$

Then by using integration in parts we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_+(x, \lambda) &= R_+(x) e^{i\lambda\mu(x)} + R_-(x) e^{-i\lambda\mu(x)} + \int_{\mu(x)}^{+\infty} K^+(x, t) e^{i\lambda t} dt = \\ &= R_+(x) e^{i\lambda\mu(x)} + R_-(x) e^{-i\lambda\mu(x)} + \\ &+ e^{i\lambda\mu(x)} \int_{\mu(x)}^{+\infty} K^+(x, s) ds + i\lambda \int_{\mu(x)}^{+\infty} \left(\int_t^{+\infty} K^+(x, s) ds \right) e^{i\lambda t} dt = \\ &= -f_+(x, 0) e^{i\lambda\mu(x)} + i\lambda R_-(x) \int_{\mu(x)}^{-\mu(x)} e^{i\lambda t} dt + i\lambda \int_{\mu(x)}^{+\infty} \left(\int_t^{+\infty} K^+(x, s) ds \right) e^{i\lambda t} dt = \\ &= f_+(x, 0) e^{i\lambda\mu(x)} - i\lambda \int_{\mu(x)}^{+\infty} G^+(x, t) e^{i\lambda t} dt, \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$f_+(x, \lambda) = f_+(x, 0) e^{i\lambda\mu(x)} - i\lambda \int_{\mu(x)}^{+\infty} G^+(x, t) e^{i\lambda t} dt. \quad (23)$$





Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_-(x, \lambda) &= T_+(x)e^{i\lambda\mu(x)} + T_-(x)e^{-i\lambda\mu(x)} + \int_{-\infty}^{\mu(x)} K^-(x, t)e^{-i\lambda t} dt = \\
 &= T_+(x)e^{i\lambda\mu(x)} + T_-(x)e^{-i\lambda\mu(x)} - \int_{-\infty}^x K^-(x, s)ds + \\
 &+ i\lambda \int_{-\infty}^{\mu(x)} \left(\int_{-\infty}^t K^-(x, s)ds \right) e^{-i\lambda t} dt = f_-(x, 0)e^{-i\lambda\mu(x)} + \\
 &+ i\lambda T_+(x) \int_{-\mu(x)}^{\mu(x)} e^{-i\lambda t} dt + i\lambda \int_{-\infty}^{\mu(x)} \left(\int_{-\infty}^t K^-(x, s)ds \right) e^{-i\lambda t} dt = \\
 &= f_-(x, 0)e^{-i\lambda\mu(x)} + i\lambda \int_{-\infty}^{\mu(x)} G^-(x, t)e^{-i\lambda t} dt,
 \end{aligned}$$

so we get

$$f_-(x, \lambda) = f_-(x, 0)e^{-i\lambda\mu(x)} + i\lambda \int_{-\infty}^{\mu(x)} G^-(x, t)e^{-i\lambda t} dt \quad (24)$$

Therefore the following theorem is true:

Theorem 2. If $(1 + |x|)q(x), p(x) \in L^1(I)$ then the Jost solutions $f_+(x, \lambda)$ and $f_-(x, \lambda)$ are expressed as (21) and (22) respectively, where the kernels $G^\pm(x, t)$ are continuous and bounded functions for $x \in I, \pm t \geq \pm\mu(x)$. Additionally, if $p(x) \in BC(I)$ then $G_t^\pm(x, t)$ are continuous and bounded for $\pm\mu(x) \leq \pm t$ as well as $G_t^+(x, t) \in L_1(\mu(x), +\infty)$ and $G_t^-(x, t) \in L_1(-\infty, \mu(x))$. Moreover the following relations are satisfied:

$$f_+(x, 0) = G^+(x, \mu(x)) = R_+(x), \quad f_-(x, 0) = G^-(x, \mu(x)) = T_-(x),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_t^+(x, \mu(x)) &= R_+(x) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_x^{+\infty} \left(\frac{q(s)}{\sqrt{\rho(s)}} + \frac{p^2(s)}{\rho(s)\sqrt{\rho(s)}} \right) ds - \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{i}{2} \frac{p(x)}{\rho(x)} - \frac{i}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho(x)}} \right)^2 p(0) \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_t^+(x, -\mu(x) + 0) - G_t^+(x, -\mu(x) - 0) &= R_-(x) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_x^{+\infty} \left(\frac{q(s)}{\sqrt{\rho(s)}} + \frac{p^2(s)}{\rho(s)\sqrt{\rho(s)}} \right) sgn s ds - \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{i}{2} \frac{p(x)}{\rho(x)} + \frac{i}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho(x)}} \right)^2 p(0) \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_t^-(x, \mu(x)) &= T_-(x) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^x \left(\frac{q(s)}{\sqrt{\rho(s)}} + \frac{p^2(s)}{\rho(s)\sqrt{\rho(s)}} \right) ds - \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{i}{2} \frac{p(x)}{\rho(x)} - \frac{i}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho(x)}} \right)^2 p(0) \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$





$$\begin{aligned}
& G_t^-(x, -\mu(x) + 0) - G_t^-(x, -\mu(x) - 0) = \\
& = T_+(x) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^x \left(\frac{q(s)}{\sqrt{\rho(s)}} + \frac{p^2(s)}{\rho(s)\sqrt{\rho(s)}} \right) s g n s d s + \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{i p(x)}{2 \rho(x)} + \frac{i}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{\rho(x)}}{\alpha} \right)^2 p(0) \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

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