

**A GENERALIZED CONVOLUTION WITH  
A WEIGHT FUNCTION FOR THE FOURIER  
COSINE AND SINE TRANSFORMS**

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**Abstract**

A generalized convolution with a weight function for the Fourier cosine and sine transforms is introduced. Its properties and applications to solving a system of integral equations are considered.

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**1. Introduction**

Let  $F_c$  and  $F_s$  be the Fourier cosine and sine transforms, respectively:

$$F_c(f)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(y) \cos xy \, dy, \quad x > 0, \quad (1)$$

$$F_s(f)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(y) \sin xy \, dy, \quad x > 0. \quad (2)$$

A convolution of two functions  $f$  and  $g$  for the Fourier cosine transform was given in 1941 by Churchill [1]:

$$(f \underset{F_c}{*} g)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(y) (g(|x-y|) + g(x+y)) dy, \quad x > 0 \quad (3)$$

with the factorization property

$$F_c(f \underset{F_c}{*} g)(y) = (F_c f)(y) (F_c g)(y), \quad \forall y > 0. \quad (4)$$

A convolution with the weight function  $\gamma(y) = \sin y$  of functions  $f$  and  $g$  for the Fourier sine transform  $F_s$  was studied in [2], [7]:

$$(f \underset{F_s}{*} g)(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) (g(x+t+1) + g(|x-t+1|)\text{sign}(x-t+1) \\ + g(|x+t-1|)\text{sign}(x+t-1) + g(|x-t-1|)\text{sign}(x-t-1)) dt, \quad x > 0, \quad (5)$$

for which the factorization property holds:

$$F_s(f \underset{F_s}{*} g)(y) = \sin y (F_s f)(y) (F_s g)(y), \quad \forall y > 0. \quad (6)$$

A generalized convolution for the Fourier sine and cosine transforms was first introduced by Churchill in [1]:

$$(f \underset{1}{*} g)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(y) (g(|x-y|) - g(x+y)) dy, \quad x > 0, \quad (7)$$

that satisfies the factorization property

$$F_s(f \underset{1}{*} g)(y) = (F_s f)(y) (F_c g)(y), \quad y > 0. \quad (8)$$

Yakubovich et al. [11], [12], [13] studied some special cases of generalized convolutions for nonconvolution integral transforms. In 1998, Kakichev and Nguyen Xuan Thao [3] proposed a constructive method of defining a generalized convolution for three (possibly different) integral transforms  $K_1, K_2, K_3$  with a weight function  $\gamma(x)$  with a factorization property

$$K_1(f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x) = \gamma(x) (K_2 f)(x) (K_3 g)(x).$$

In recent years, generalized convolutions, for instance, for the transforms of Stieltjes [15], Hilbert [6], [14], Hankel [16], H-transforms [4], I-transforms

[9], the Fourier cosine and sine transforms [8] have been studied. For example, a generalized convolution for the Fourier cosine and sine transforms has been introduced in [8], as follows:

$$(f *_2 g)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty f(y) (\text{sign}(y-x)g(|y-x|) + g(y+x)) dy, \quad x > 0. \quad (9)$$

It satisfies a factorization property

$$F_c(f *_2 g)(y) = (F_s f)(y)(F_s g)(y), \quad \forall y > 0. \quad (10)$$

In this paper we give a new generalized convolution with a weight function for the Fourier cosine and sine transforms. We prove some of its properties as well as we point out some of its relationships to several well-known convolutions and apply this notion to solve a system of integral equations.

### 2. A generalized convolution

DEFINITION 1. A generalized convolution with the weight function  $\gamma(y) = \sin y$  for the Fourier cosine and sine transforms of functions  $f$  and  $g$  is defined by

$$(f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty f(y) [(g(|x+y-1|) + g(|x-y+1|) - g(x+y+1) - g(|x-y-1|)) dy, \quad \forall x > 0. \quad (11)$$

We denote by  $L(R_+)$  the set of all functions  $f$  defined on  $(0, \infty)$  such that  $\int_0^\infty |f(x)| dx < \infty$ .

THEOREM 1. Let  $f, g \in L(R_+)$ . Then the generalized convolution with the weight-functions  $\gamma(y) = \sin y$  for the Fourier cosine and sine transforms belongs to  $L(R_+)$ , and the following factorization property holds:

$$F_c(f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(y) = \sin y (F_s f)(y)(F_c g)(y), \quad \forall y > 0. \quad (12)$$

P r o o f. Based on (11) and the fact that  $f$  and  $g \in L(R_+)$  we have

$$\int_0^\infty |(f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)| dx \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty |f(y)| \cdot |[g(|x+y-1|) + g(|x-y+1|)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -g(x+y+1) - g(|x-y-1|)] dy dx \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty |f(y)| \left[ \int_0^\infty |g(|x+y-1|)| dx \right. \\
& \left. + \int_0^\infty |g(|x-y-1|)| dx + \int_0^\infty |g(x+y+1)| dx + \int_0^{+\infty} |g(x-y-1)| dx \right] dy.
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^\infty |(g(x+y+1))| dx + \int_0^\infty |g(|x-y-1|)| dx \\
& = \int_{y+1}^\infty |g(t)| dt + \int_{-y-1}^\infty |g(|t|)| dt = 2 \int_0^\infty |g(t)| dt.
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^\infty |g(|x-y+1|)| dx + \int_0^\infty |g(|x+y-1|)| dx \\
& = \int_{1-y}^\infty |g(|t|)| dt + \int_{y-1}^\infty |g(|t|)| dt = 2 \int_0^\infty |g(t)| dt.
\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

From (13), (14) and (15) it follows that

$$\int_0^\infty |(f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x)| dx \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty |f(t)| dt \int_0^\infty |g(t)| dt < \infty.$$

So  $(f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x) \in L(R_+)$ .

Now we prove the factorization property (12). Since

$$\sin x (F_s f)(x) (F_c g)(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \sin x \sin xu \cos xv f(u) g(v) dudv$$

and

$$\sin x \sin xu \cos xv = \frac{1}{4} [\cos x(u-v-1) + \cos x(u+v-1)]$$

$$- \cos x(u + v + 1) - \cos x(u - v + 1)],$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x (F_s f) (x) (F_c g) (x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty [\cos x(u - v - 1) + \cos x(u + v - 1) \\ &\quad - \cos x(u + v + 1) - \cos x(u - v + 1)] f(u)g(v) dudv. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Taking a substitution  $y = u, t = u + v + 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \cos x(u + v + 1) f(u)g(v) dudv &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_{y+1}^\infty \cos xt f(y)g(t - y - 1) dt dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \cos xt f(y)g(|t - y - 1|) dt dy - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{y+1} \cos xt f(y)g(y - t + 1) dt dy. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Similarly, with a substitution  $y = u, t = v - u - 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \cos x(u - v + 1) f(u)g(v) dudv &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_{-y-1}^\infty \cos xt f(y)g(t + y + 1) dt dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \cos xt f(y)g(t + y + 1) dt dy + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_{-y-1}^0 \cos xt f(y)g(t + y + 1) dt dy. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \int_{-y-1}^0 \cos xt f(y)g(t + y + 1) dt dy &= - \int_0^\infty \int_{y+1}^0 \cos xt f(y)g(y - t + 1) dt dy \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^{y+1} \cos xt f(y)g(y - t + 1) dt dy. \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

From (17), (18) and (19) we obtain

$$- \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty [\cos x(u + v + 1) + \cos x(u - v + 1)] f(u)g(v) dudv$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \cos xt [g(|t-y-1|) + g(t+y+1)] f(y) dt dy. \quad (20)$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \cos x(u+v-1) f(u) g(v) du dv &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_{y-1}^\infty \cos xt f(y) \\ &\times g(t-y+1) dt dy = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \cos xt f(y) \\ &\times g(|t-y+1|) dt dy - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{y-1} \cos xt f(y) g(|t-y+1|) dt dy. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

With a substitution  $y = u, t = v - u + 1$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \cos x(u-v-1) f(u) g(v) du dv &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_{1-y}^\infty \cos xt f(y) \\ &\times g(t+y-1) dt dy = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \cos xt f(y) \\ &\times g(|t+y-1|) dt dy - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{1-y} \cos xt f(y) g(|t+y-1|) dt dy. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

On the other hand,

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^{y-1} \cos xt f(y) g(|t-y+1|) dt dy = - \int_0^\infty \int_{1-y}^0 \cos xt f(y) g(|t+y-1|) dt dy. \quad (23)$$

From (21), (22), and (23) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty [\cos x(u+v-1) + \cos x(u-v-1)] f(u) g(v) du dv \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \cos xt [g(|t-y+1|) + g(|t+y-1|)] f(y) dt dy. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Finally, from (16), (20) and (24),

$$\begin{aligned} \sin x (F_s f)(x) (F_c f)(x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \cos xy \left\{ \int_0^\infty f(y) \right. \\ &\times [g(|x+y-1|) + g(|x-y+1|) - g(x+y+1) - g(|x-y-1|)] dy \left. \right\} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

The last equality and (11) yield

$$\sin x (F_s f)(x) (F_c g)(x) = F_c (f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x).$$

The proof is complete. ■

THEOREM 2. In the space  $L(R_+)$  the generalized convolution (11) is noncommutative:

$$(f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x) = -(g \overset{\gamma}{*} f)(x) + \frac{1}{2\pi} [\text{sign}(1-x)(f \overset{*}{L} g)(|x-1|) + (f \overset{*}{L} g)(x+1)]. \quad (26)$$

Here  $f \overset{*}{L} g$  denotes the convolution for the Laplace integral transform

$$(f \overset{*}{L} g)(x) = \int_0^x f(t) g(x-t) dt.$$

P r o o f. Indeed, with the substitutions  $t = x + y - 1$ ,  $t = y - x - 1$ ,  $t = x + y + 1$ ,  $t = y - x + 1$ , respectively, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \int_{x-1}^{\infty} g(|t|) f(t-x+1) dt + \int_{-(x+1)}^{\infty} g(|t|) f(t+x+1) dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_{x+1}^{\infty} g(|t|) f(t-x-1) dt - \int_{1-x}^{\infty} g(|t|) f(t+x-1) dt \right] \quad (27) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} [f(|t-x+1|) + f(t+x+1) - f(|t-x-1|) - f(|t+x-1|)] \right. \\ &\quad \times g(t) dt + \int_{x-1}^0 g(|t|) f(t-x+1) dt + \int_{-(x+1)}^0 g(|t|) f(t+x+1) dt \\ &\quad \left. - \int_{x+1}^0 g(|t|) f(t-x-1) dt - \int_{1-x}^0 g(|t|) f(t+x-1) dt \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} [f(|x-t-1|) + f(x+t+1) - f(|x-t+1|) - f(|x+t-1|)] \right. \\ &\quad \times g(t) dt + \int_{x-1}^0 g(|t|) f(t-x+1) dt + \int_{-(x+1)}^0 g(|t|) f(t+x+1) dt \\ &\quad \left. - \int_{x+1}^0 g(|t|) f(t-x-1) dt - \int_{1-x}^0 g(|t|) f(t+x-1) dt \right\} \\ &= -(g \overset{\gamma}{*} f)(x) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ \int_{x-1}^0 g(|t|) f(t-x+1) dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_{1-x}^0 g(|t|) f(t+x-1) dt - \int_{-(x+1)}^0 g(|t|) f(t+x+1) dt \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

With the substitution  $u = -t$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{x-1} g(|t|)f(|t-x+1|)du &= - \int_0^{1-x} g(|u|)f(|u+x-1|)dv \\ \int_0^{-(x+1)} g(|t|)f(t+x+1)du &= - \int_0^{1+x} g(u)f(|u-x-1|)du, \end{aligned}$$

therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{1-x} g(|u|)f(|u+x-1|)du - \int_0^{x-1} g(|u|)f(|u-x+1|)dv \\ &= \begin{cases} 2 \int_0^{1-x} g(u)f(1-x-u)du, & x < 1 \\ -2 \int_0^{x-1} g(u)f(x-1-u)du, & x \geq 1 \end{cases} \\ &= 2 \operatorname{sign}(1-x) \int_0^{|x-1|} g(u)f(|x-1|-u)du = 2 \operatorname{sign}(1-x)(f *_L g)(|x-1|). \end{aligned}$$

Hence and with the substitutions  $u = t - x + 1$ ,  $u = t + x - 1$ ,  $u = t - x - 1$ ,  $u = t + x + 1$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{x-1}^0 g(|t|)f(t-x+1)dt - \int_{1-x}^0 g(|t|)f(t+x-1)dt - \int_{x+1}^0 g(t)f(t-x-1)dt \\ &+ \int_{-(x+1)}^0 g(|t|)f(t+x+1)dt = \int_0^{1-x} f(|u|)g(|u+x-1|)du \\ &- \int_0^{x-1} f(|u|)g(|u-x+1|)du - \int_0^{-(x+1)} f(|u|)g(|u+x+1|)du \\ &+ \int_0^{x+1} f(u)g(|u-x-1|)du = 2 \operatorname{sign}(1-x)(f *_L g)(|x-1|) \\ &+ 2 \int_0^{(x+1)} f(u)g(x+1-u)du = 2 \operatorname{sign}(1-x)(f *_L g)(|x-1|) + 2(f *_L g)(x+1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x) = -(g \overset{\gamma}{*} f)(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \operatorname{sign}(1-x)(f *_L g)(|x-1|) + (f *_L g)(x+1) \right].$$

The theorem is proved.  $\blacksquare$



**THEOREM 3.** *In the space  $L(R_+)$  the generalized convolution (11) is not associative and satisfies the following equalities:*

- a)  $f \overset{\gamma}{*}(g \overset{\gamma}{*}h) = g \overset{\gamma}{*}(f \overset{\gamma}{*}h)$ ;
- b)  $f \overset{\gamma}{*}(g \overset{\gamma}{*}h) = (f \overset{\gamma}{*}_{F_s}g) \overset{\gamma}{*}h$ , where  $(f \overset{\gamma}{*}_{F_s}g)$  is the Fourier-sine convolution with a weight-function (5);
- c)  $f \overset{\gamma}{*}(g \overset{\gamma}{*}_{F_s}h) = (f \overset{\gamma}{*}g) \overset{\gamma}{*}_{F_c}h$ , where  $(g \overset{\gamma}{*}_{F_c}h)$  is the convolution for the Fourier cosine transform (3);
- d)  $f \overset{\gamma}{*}_2(g \overset{\gamma}{*}h) = (f \overset{\gamma}{*}_{F_s}g) \overset{\gamma}{*}_2h$ , where  $(g \overset{\gamma}{*}_2h)$  is the generalized convolution with a weight-function for the Fourier cosine and sine transforms (9);
- e)  $f \overset{\gamma}{*}_1(g \overset{\gamma}{*}h) = (f \overset{\gamma}{*}_1h) \overset{\gamma}{*}g$ , where  $(f \overset{\gamma}{*}_1h)$  is the generalized convolution for the Fourier sine and cosine transforms (7).

**P r o o f.** a) From the factorization property, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_c(f \overset{\gamma}{*}(g \overset{\gamma}{*}h))(x) &= \sin x(F_s f)(x) F_c(g \overset{\gamma}{*}h)(x) \\ &= \sin x(F_s f)(x) \sin x(F_s g)(x) (F_c h)(x) = \sin x(F_s g)(x) F_c(f \overset{\gamma}{*}h)(x) \\ &= F_c \left\{ g \overset{\gamma}{*}(f \overset{\gamma}{*}h) \right\} (x), \quad \forall x > 0, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$(f \overset{\gamma}{*}g) \overset{\gamma}{*}h = g \overset{\gamma}{*}(f \overset{\gamma}{*}h).$$

**b)**

$$\begin{aligned} F_c(f \overset{\gamma}{*}(g \overset{\gamma}{*}h))(x) &= \sin x(F_s f)(x) F_c(g \overset{\gamma}{*}h)(x) \\ &= \sin x(F_s f)(x) \sin x(F_s g)(x) (F_c h)(x) = F_s(f \overset{\gamma}{*}_{F_s}g)(x) \sin x(F_c h)(x) \\ &= F_c \left\{ (f \overset{\gamma}{*}_{F_s}g)(x) \overset{\gamma}{*}h \right\} (x), \quad \forall x > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f \overset{\gamma}{*}(g \overset{\gamma}{*}h) = (f \overset{\gamma}{*}_{F_s}g) \overset{\gamma}{*}h$ .

The proofs for **c)**, **d)**, **e)** are similar to those of **a)** and **b)**. The theorem is proved. ■

THEOREM 4. *The generalized convolution (11) is related to the convolution (7) as follows*

$$(f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x) = \frac{1}{2} [(f \underset{1}{*} g)(x+1) - (f \underset{1}{*} g)(x-1) \operatorname{sign}(x-1)]. \quad (28)$$

P r o o f. Indeed,

i) For  $x \geq 1$ , from Definition 1 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty [g(|x-y+1|) - g(x+y+1)] f(y) dy \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty [g(|x-y-1|) - g(x+y-1)] f(y) dy \right\} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [(f \underset{1}{*} g)(x+1) - (f \underset{1}{*} g)(x-1)]. \end{aligned}$$

ii) Let  $0 < x < 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} (f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty [g(|x-y+1|) - g(x+y+1)] f(y) dy \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty [g(|x-y-1|) - g(|x+y-1|)] f(y) dy \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty [g(|x-y+1|) - g(x+y+1)] f(y) dy \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty [g(|x-y-1|) - g(|x+y-1|)] f(y) dy \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [(f \underset{1}{*} g)(x+1) + (f \underset{1}{*} g)(1-x)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [(f \underset{1}{*} g)(x+1) - (f \underset{1}{*} g)(|x-1|) \operatorname{sign}(x-1)]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x) = \frac{1}{2} [(f \underset{1}{*} g)(x+1) - (f \underset{1}{*} g)(|x-1|) \operatorname{sign}(x-1)].$$

The theorem is proved. ■

THEOREM 5. *In the space  $L(R_+)$  the generalized convolution (11) does not have a unit element.*

*P r o o f.* Suppose that there exists a unit element of the generalized convolution (11) in  $L(R_+)$ :  $e \overset{\gamma}{*} g = g \overset{\gamma}{*} e = g$ , for any function  $g \in L(R_+)$ . It follows that  $F_c(e \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(y) = (F_c g)(y)$ ,  $\forall y > 0$ . Hence,  $\sin y (F_s e)(y) (F_c g)(y) = (F_c g)(y)$ ,  $\forall y > 0$ . The last equation is equivalent to the equality

$$(F_c g)(y) [\sin y (F_s e)(y) - 1] = 0, \quad \forall y > 0$$

for any function  $g(y) \in L(R_+)$ . Choosing  $g$  such that  $(F_c g)(y) \neq 0$ ,  $\forall y > 0$ , we see that  $\sin y (F_s e)(y) - 1 = 0$  or  $(F_s e)(y) = \frac{1}{\sin y}$ ,  $\forall y > 0$ .

Thus,  $(F_s e)(y)$  does not approach 0 as  $y$  tends to infinity, as it must be if  $e \in L(R_+)$ , and so  $e \notin L(R_+)$ . This is a contradiction. The theorem is proved. ■

Set  $L(R_+, e^x) = \{h(x), \text{ for all } e^x h(x) \in L(R_+)\}$

**THEOREM 6.** (Titchmarch-type theorem) *Let  $f, g \in L(R_+, e^x)$ . If*

$$(f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x) = 0, \quad \forall x > 0,$$

*then either  $f(x) = 0$  or  $g(x) = 0$ ,  $\forall x > 0$ .*

*P r o o f.* Under the hypothesis  $(f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(x) = 0$ ,  $\forall x > 0$ , it follows that  $F_c(f \overset{\gamma}{*} g)(y) = 0$ ,  $\forall y > 0$ . By virtue of Theorem 1,

$$\sin y (F_s f)(y) (F_c g)(y) = 0, \quad \forall y > 0. \tag{29}$$

Consider the Fourier cosine integral transform

$$(F_c g)(y) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty g(x) \cos(yx) dx, \quad y \in R_+.$$

Since

$$\left| \frac{d^n}{dy^n} (\cos(yx)g(x)) \right| = \left| g(x)x^n \cos\left(yx + n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right| \leq |g(x)x^n|$$

$$= |e^{-x} x^n g_1(x)| = |e^{-x} x^n| |g_1(x)| \leq C |g_1(x)|, \quad g_1(x) = e^x g(x) \in L(R_+),$$

for  $x$  large enough, due to Weierstrass' criterion, the integral

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{d^n}{dy^n} [\cos(yx)g(x)] dx$$

uniformly converges on  $R_+$ . Therefore, based on the differentiability of integrals depending on parameter, we conclude that  $(F_c g)(y)$  is analytic. Similarly,  $(F_s f)(y)$  is analytic. So from (29) we have  $(F_s f)(y) = 0$ ,  $\forall y > 0$  or  $(F_c g)(y) = 0$ ,  $\forall y > 0$ . It follows that either  $f(x) = 0$  or  $g(x) = 0$ ,  $\forall x > 0$ . The theorem is proved. ■

### 3. A system of integral equations

Consider a system of integral equations

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_{11}f(y) + \lambda_{12} \int_0^{\infty} \varphi(t)g_1(y,t)dt = k(y), \\ \lambda_{21} \int_0^{\infty} f(t)\psi_1(y,t)dt + \lambda_{22}g(y) = h(y), \quad y > 0. \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

Here,  $\lambda_{11}, \lambda_{12}, \lambda_{21}, \lambda_{22}$  are complex numbers and  $\varphi, \psi, k, h \in L(R_+)$ ,  $f$  and  $g$  are unknown functions of  $L(R_+)$  and

$$g_1(y, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} [g(|t - y|) + g(t + y)],$$

$$\psi_1(y, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} [\psi(|y + t - 1|) + \psi(|y - t + 1|) - \psi(y + t + 1) - \psi(|y - t - 1|)].$$

**THEOREM 7.** *Let  $1 + C \operatorname{sign} y (F_s \varphi)(y)(F_c \psi)(y) \neq 0$ . Then there exists a solution in  $L(R_+)$  of (30) which is defined by*

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ \lambda_{22}k(y) - \lambda_{12}(\varphi *_1 h)(y) - (k *_1 l)(y) + \lambda_{12} \left( (\varphi *_1 h) *_1 l \right) (y) \right\} \in L(R_+),$$

$$g(y) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ \lambda_{11}h(y) - \lambda_{21}(k \overset{\sim}{*} \psi)(y) - \lambda_{11}(h \overset{*}{F_c} l)(y) + \lambda_{21}((k \overset{\sim}{*} \psi) \overset{*}{F_c} l)(y) \right\} \in L(R_+).$$

Here,  $l \in L(R_+)$  is defined by

$$(F_c l)(y) = \frac{C F_c(\varphi \overset{\sim}{*} \psi)(y)}{1 + C F_c(\varphi \overset{\sim}{*} \psi)(y)}, \quad \lambda = \lambda_{11}\lambda_{22}, \quad C = -\frac{\lambda_{12}\lambda_{21}}{\lambda_{11}\lambda_{22}}.$$

**P r o o f.** System (30) can be written in the form

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_{11}f(y) + \lambda_{12}(\varphi *_1 g)(y) = k(y), \\ \lambda_{21}(f \overset{\sim}{*} \psi)(y) + \lambda_{22}g(y) = h(y), \quad y > 0. \end{cases}$$

Using the factorization properties of the convolutions (7) and (11) we have

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_{11}(F_s f)(y) + \lambda_{12}(F_s \varphi)(y)(F_c g)(y) = (F_s k)(y), \\ \lambda_{21} \sin y (F_s f)(y)(F_c \psi)(y) + \lambda_{22}(F_c g)(y) = (F_c h)(y), \quad y > 0. \end{cases}$$

Since,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda_{11} & \lambda_{12}(F_s\varphi)(y) \\ \lambda_{21}(F_c\psi)(y) \sin y & \lambda_{22} \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \lambda_{11}\lambda_{22} - \lambda_{12}\lambda_{21} \sin y(F_s\varphi)(y)(F_c\psi)(y) \\
 &= \lambda_{11}\lambda_{12} \left[ 1 - \frac{\lambda_{12}\lambda_{21}}{\lambda_{11}\lambda_{22}} \sin y(F_s\varphi)(y)(F_c\psi)(y) \right] \\
 &= \lambda[1 + C \operatorname{sign} y(F_s\varphi)(y)(F_c\psi)(y)] \neq 0, \\
 \Delta_1 &= \begin{vmatrix} (F_s k)(y) & \lambda_{12}(F_s\varphi)(y) \\ (F_c h)(y) & \lambda_{22} \end{vmatrix} = (F_s k)(y)\lambda_{22} - \lambda_{12}(F_s\varphi)(y)(F_c h)(y).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (F_s f)(y) &= \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta} = \frac{\Delta_1}{\lambda} - \frac{\Delta_1}{\lambda} \frac{C \sin y(F_s\varphi)(y)(F_c\psi)(y)}{1 + C \sin y(F_s\varphi)(y)(F_c\psi)(y)}, \\
 &= \frac{\Delta_1}{\lambda} - \frac{\Delta_1}{\lambda} \frac{CF_c(\varphi \overset{\gamma}{*} \psi)(y)}{1 + CF_c(\varphi \overset{\gamma}{*} \psi)(y)}, \quad y > 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Due to Wiener-Levi's theorem [7] there exists a function  $l \in L(R_+)$  such that

$$(F_c l)(y) = \frac{CF_c(\varphi \overset{\gamma}{*} \psi)(y)}{1 + CF_c(\varphi \overset{\gamma}{*} \psi)(y)}.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (F_s f)(y) &= \frac{1}{\lambda} [\Delta_1 - \Delta_1(F_c l)(y)] = \frac{1}{\lambda} \{ (F_s k)(y)\lambda_{22} \\
 &\quad - \lambda_{12}(F_s\varphi)(y)(F_c h)(y) - [(F_s k)(y)\lambda_{22} - \lambda_{12}(F_s\varphi)(y)(F_c h)(y)] (F_c l)(y) \} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ (F_s k)(y)\lambda_{22} - \lambda_{12}F_s(\varphi \overset{*}{_1} h)(y) - F_s(k \overset{*}{_1} l)(y) + \lambda_{12}F_s(\varphi \overset{*}{_1} h)(y)(F_c l)(y) \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ (F_s k)(y)\lambda_{22} - \lambda_{12}F_s(\varphi \overset{*}{_1} h)(y) - F_s(k \overset{*}{_1} l)(y) + \lambda_{12}F_s \left( (\varphi \overset{*}{_1} h) \overset{*}{_1} l \right) (y) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ k(y)\lambda_{22} - \lambda_{12}(\varphi \overset{*}{_1} h)(y) - (k \overset{*}{_1} l)(y) + \lambda_{12} \left( (\varphi \overset{*}{_1} h) \overset{*}{_1} l \right) (y) \right\}.$$

Similarly,

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda_{11} & (F_s k)(y) \\ \lambda_{21} \sin y(F_c\psi)(y) & (F_c h)(y) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda_{11}(F_c h)(y) - \lambda_{21} \sin y (F_s k)(y)(F_c \psi)(y) = \lambda_{11}(F_c h)(y) - \lambda_{21} F_c(k \overset{\gamma}{*} \psi)(y).$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (F_c g)(y) &= \frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta} = \frac{\Delta_2}{\lambda} - \frac{\Delta_2}{\lambda} (F_c l)(y) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \{ \lambda_{11}(F_c h)(y) \\ &- \lambda_{21} F_c(k \overset{\gamma}{*} \psi)(y) - \lambda_{11}(F_c h)(y)(F_c l)(y) + \lambda_{21} F_c(k \overset{\gamma}{*} \psi)(y)(F_c l)(y) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ \lambda_{11}(F_c h)(y) - \lambda_{21} F_c(k \overset{\gamma}{*} \psi)(y) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \lambda_{11} \left( F_c(h \underset{F_c}{*} l) \right) (y) + \lambda_{21} F_c \left( (k \overset{\gamma}{*} \psi) \underset{F_c}{*} l \right) (y) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$g(y) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ \lambda_{11} h(y) - \lambda_{21} (k \overset{\gamma}{*} \psi)(y) - \lambda_{11} (h \underset{F_c}{*} l)(y) + \lambda_{21} \left( (k \overset{\gamma}{*} \psi) \underset{F_c}{*} l \right) (y) \right\}.$$

The proof is complete. ■

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