

## ON THE FOURIER SINE AND KONTOROVICH–LEBEDEV GENERALIZED CONVOLUTION TRANSFORMS AND APPLICATIONS

### ПРО СИНУС-ПЕРЕТВОРЕННЯ ФУР'Є І ПЕРЕТВОРЕННЯ КОНТОРОВИЧА – ЛЕБЕДЕВА УЗАГАЛЬНЕНИХ ЗГОРТОК ТА ЇХ ЗАСТОСУВАННЯ

We study a generalized convolutions for the Fourier sine and Kontorovich–Lebedev transforms  $(h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)(x)$  in a two-parameter function space  $L_p^{\alpha, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . We obtain several estimates for the norms and prove a Young-type inequality for this generalized convolution.

We impose necessary and sufficient conditions on the kernel  $h$  to ensure that the generalized convolution transform

$$D_h : f \mapsto D_h[f] = \left(1 - \frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) (h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)(x)$$

is a unitary operator in  $L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  (Watson-type theorem) and derive its inverse formula. Finally, we apply these results to an integrodifferential equation and obtain an estimate for the solution in the  $L_p$ -norm.

Вивчається узагальнена згортка для синус-перетворення Фур'є і перетворення Конторовича – Лебедєва  $(h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)(x)$  у двопараметричному просторі функцій  $L_p^{\alpha, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Отримано кілька оцінок для норм і встановлено нерівність типу Юнга для цієї узагальненої згортки. Введено необхідні та достатні умови для ядра  $h$ , за яких перетворення узагальненої згортки

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— це унітарний оператор в  $L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  (теорема типу Ватсона). Отримано формулу для оберненого перетворення. Крім того, ці результати застосовано до інтегро-диференціального рівняння та отримано оцінку для його розв'язку в  $L_p$ -нормі.

**1. Introduction.** The Kontorovich–Lebedev integral transform was introduced by M. J. Kontorovich and N. N. Lebedev during 1938–1939 (see [8, 14])

$$(Kf)(y) = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_0^{\infty} K_{iy}(x) f(x) \frac{dx}{x}, \quad y > 0.$$

Here, the transform kernel contains the Macdonald function  $K_\nu(x)$  (see [2]) of the pure imaginary index  $\nu = iy$ . There are several integral representations for the Macdonald function, and the following one is very useful subsequently [2, 8, 17]:

$$K_{iy}(x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x \cosh u} \cos yu \, du, \quad x > 0. \quad (1.1)$$

The inverse Kontorovich–Lebedev transform is of the form [8, 14]

$$f(x) = K^{-1}[g](x) = \int_0^{\infty} y \sinh(\pi y) K_{iy}(x) g(y) \, dy.$$

Here,  $g(y) = (Kf)(y)$ .

A generalized convolution for the Fourier sine and the Kontorovich–Lebedev integral transforms has been studied in [12]:

$$(h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)(x) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} \frac{1}{u} \left[ e^{-u \cosh(x-v)} - e^{-u \cosh(x+v)} \right] h(u) f(v) \, dudv, \quad x > 0. \quad (1.2)$$

Here, the Fourier sine integral transform is defined by [5, 11]

$$(F_s f)(y) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty f(x) \sin xy \, dx.$$

The existence of the generalized convolution (1.2) for two functions in  $L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  with weight and its application to solving integral equations of generalized convolution type were studied in [12]. Namely, for  $h(x) \in L_1(\mathbb{R}_+, x^{-3/2} dx)$ ,  $f(x) \in L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , the following factorization equality holds (see [12]):

$$F_s(h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)(y) = (Kh)(y)(F_s f)(y) \quad \forall y > 0. \quad (1.3)$$

In any convolution  $h * f$  of two functions  $h$  and  $f$ , if we fix a function  $h$  and let  $f$  vary in a certain function space, then we can define convolution transforms of the form  $f \rightarrow D(h * f)$ , where  $D$  is a certain (differential) operator. The most well-known integral transforms constructed by that way are the Watson transforms that are related to the Mellin convolution and the Mellin transform [11]

$$f(x) \mapsto g(x) = \int_0^\infty k(xy) f(y) \, dy.$$

Recently, several authors have been interested in the convolution transforms of this type [3, 7, 13, 15]. In this paper, we will study the transforms  $f \rightarrow D(h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)$ , where  $h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f$  is the generalized convolution (1.2). The case  $D$  is the identity operator is considered in Section 2, where we study operator properties for the generalized convolution (1.2) in the two parameter Lebesgue space  $L_p^{\alpha, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . In particular, we obtain the Young theorem and the Young inequality for this generalized convolution. In Section 3, for the differential operators  $D = I - \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ , we derive a necessary and sufficient condition such that the corresponding transforms are unitary on  $L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , and we draw the inverse transforms (a Watson-type theorem). Finally, in Section 4, we obtain the solution in closed form of an integrodifferential equation related to the generalized convolution (1.2), and an  $L_p$ -norm estimate of the solution with respect to the data.

**2. Generalized convolution operator properties.** In this section, we will prove several norm properties of the generalized convolution (1.2). Throughout the paper, we are interested in the following family of two parameter Lebesgue spaces.

**Definition 2.1** [16]. For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , we denote by  $L_p^{\alpha, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  the normed space of all measurable functions  $f(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  such that

$$\int_0^{\infty} |f(x)|^p K_0(\beta x) x^\alpha dx < \infty$$

with the norm

$$\|f\|_{L_p^{\alpha, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)} = \left( \int_0^{\infty} |f(x)|^p K_0(\beta x) x^\alpha dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

The boundedness of the generalized convolution (1.2) on the space  $L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  is shown in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $h \in L_1^{-1, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $f \in L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ . Then the generalized convolution (1.2) exists for almost all  $x > 0$ , belongs to  $L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , and the following estimate holds:

$$\|(h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)\|_{L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)} \leq \frac{2}{\pi^2} \|h\|_{L_1^{-1, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|f\|_{L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)}.$$

Moreover, the factorization property (1.3) holds true. Furthermore, convolution (1.2) belongs to  $C_0^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , and the following Parseval-type equality takes place, for all  $x > 0$ :

$$(h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} (Kh)(y) (F_s f)(y) \sin xy dy. \quad (2.1)$$

**Proof.** By using formula (1.1), we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} (e^{-u \cosh(x+v)} + e^{-u \cosh(x-v)}) dx = K_0(u). \quad (2.2)$$

Recalling that  $K_0(u) \leq K_0(\beta u)$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  [14], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)\|_{L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)} &\leq \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} \frac{|h(u)|}{u} K_0(u) |f(v)| dudv \leq \\ &\leq \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} \frac{|h(u)|}{u} K_0(\beta u) |f(v)| dudv = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \|h\|_{L_1^{-1, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|f\|_{L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)}. \end{aligned}$$

It shows that  $(h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)(x)$  belongs to  $L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . We now prove the Parseval-type equality. By using formula 2.16.48.19 in [9]

$$\int_0^{\infty} \cos by K_{iy}(u) dy = \frac{\pi}{2} e^{-u \cosh b},$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} \frac{1}{u} [e^{-u \cosh(x-v)} - e^{-u \cosh(x+v)}] h(u) f(v) \, dudv = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^3} \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{u} h(u) f(v) K_{iy}(u) [\cos(x-v)y - \cos(x+v)y] \, dydudv = \\
 &= \frac{4}{\pi^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^3} \frac{1}{u} h(u) f(v) K_{iy}(u) \sin xy \sin vy \, dydudv.
 \end{aligned}$$

By using the uniform estimate [14]

$$|K_{iy}(u)| \leq e^{-\delta y} K_0(u \cos \delta), \quad 0 \leq \delta < \frac{\pi}{2},$$

with  $\delta = \arccos \beta$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^3} \left| \frac{1}{u} h(u) f(v) K_{iy}(u) \sin xy \sin vy \right| \, dydudv \leq \\
 &\leq \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{u} |h(u)| K_0(\beta u) \, du \int_0^\infty |f(v)| \, dv \int_0^\infty e^{-y \arccos \beta} \, dy = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\arccos \beta} \|h\|_{L_1^{-1, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|f\|_{L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)} < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

It means that we can apply Fubini's theorem to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)(x) &= \frac{4}{\pi^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^3} \frac{1}{u} h(u) f(v) K_{iy}(u) \sin xy \sin vy \, dydudv = \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{u} K_{iy}(u) h(u) \, du \right) \left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty f(v) \sin vy \, dv \right) \sin xy \, dy = \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty (Kh)(y) (F_s f)(y) \sin xy \, dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

That is the Parseval identity (2.1). Since

$$|(Kh)(y)| \leq \|h\|_{L_1^{-1, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)} e^{-y \arccos \beta}, \quad |(F_s f)(y)| \leq \|f\|_{L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)},$$

it follows that  $(1+y)(Kh)(y)(F_s f)(y) \in L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Thus, the Parseval identity (2.1) shows that  $(h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)(x)$  is the Fourier sine transform of a function from  $L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , differentiable, and, therefore, belongs to  $C_0^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ .

Theorem 2.1 is proved.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  be a real number and  $q$  be its conjugate exponent, i.e.,  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ . Then, for any  $h \in L_p^{-p,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $f \in L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , the generalized convolution  $h \underset{F_s,K}{*} f$  is a bounded function on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . Moreover,  $h \underset{F_s,K}{*} f$  belongs to  $L_r^{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $1 \leq r < \infty$ ,  $\alpha > -1$ ,  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ , and*

$$\| (h \underset{F_s,K}{*} f) \|_{L_r^{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \leq C_{\alpha,\gamma}^{1/r} \|h\|_{L_p^{-p,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|f\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)}, \tag{2.3}$$

where

$$C_{\alpha,\gamma} = \frac{2^{r+\alpha-1}}{\pi^{2r\gamma\alpha+1}} \Gamma^2\left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right).$$

**Proof.** By using the integral representation (2.2) for the function  $K_0(u)$ , Hölder’s inequality, and the fact that  $e^{-u \cosh(x+v)} + e^{-u \cosh(x-v)} \leq 2e^{-u}$  for all positives  $u, v$ , and  $x$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} |(h \underset{F_s,K}{*} f)(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} \left| \frac{h(u)}{u} \right| |f(v)| [e^{-u \cosh(x+v)} + e^{-u \cosh(x-v)}] dudv \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} \left| \frac{h(u)}{u} \right|^p [e^{-u \cosh(x+v)} + e^{-u \cosh(x-v)}] dudv \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \times \\ &\times \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} |f(v)|^q [e^{-u \cosh(x+v)} + e^{-u \cosh(x-v)}] dudv \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left( \int_0^\infty \left| \frac{h(u)}{u} \right|^p K_0(u) du \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the generalized convolution is a bounded function. Moreover, in view of formula (2.16.2.2) in [9] we get

$$\begin{aligned} \| (h \underset{F_s,K}{*} f) \|_{L_r^{\alpha,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+)} &\leq \frac{2}{\pi^2} \|h\|_{L_p^{-p,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|f\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)} \left( \int_0^\infty x^\alpha K_0(\gamma x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} = \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi^2} (2\gamma)^{-1/r} \left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)^{-\alpha/r} \Gamma^{2/r} \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right) \|h\|_{L_p^{-p,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|f\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)}, \quad \alpha > -1. \end{aligned}$$

It yields (2.3).

Theorem 2.2 is proved.

By a similar argument as in the proof of Theorem 2.1, one can easily prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $h \in L_2^{-2,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ , and  $f \in L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Then the generalized convolution (1.2) satisfies the factorization equality (1.3). Furthermore, the following generalized Parseval identity holds:*

$$(h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty (Kh)(y)(F_s f)(y) \sin xy \, dy, \tag{2.4}$$

where the integral is understood in  $L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  norm, if necessary.

Next, we will prove a Young-type theorem for the generalized convolution (1.2).

**Theorem 2.3** (Young-type theorem). *Let  $p, q, r$  be real numbers in  $(1, \infty)$  such that  $1/p + 1/q + 1/r = 2$  and let  $f \in L_p^{-p, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ ,  $g \in L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $h \in L_r(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Then*

$$\left| \int_0^\infty (f \underset{F_s, K}{*} g)(x) h(x) \, dx \right| \leq \frac{2^{p-1}}{\pi^2} \|f\|_{L_p^{-p, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|g\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|h\|_{L_r(\mathbb{R}_+)}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $p_1, q_1, r_1$  be the conjugate exponents of  $p, q, r$ , respectively, it means

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p_1} = \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q_1} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r_1} = 1.$$

Then  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{q_1} + \frac{1}{r_1} = 1$ . Put

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, u, v) &= |g(v)|^{\frac{q}{p_1}} |h(x)|^{\frac{r}{p_1}} |e^{-u \cosh(x-v)} - e^{-u \cosh(x+v)}|^{\frac{1}{p_1}}, \\ G(x, u, v) &= \left| \frac{f(u)}{u} \right|^{\frac{p}{q_1}} |h(x)|^{\frac{r}{q_1}} |e^{-u \cosh(x-v)} - e^{-u \cosh(x+v)}|^{\frac{1}{q_1}}, \\ H(x, u, v) &= \left| \frac{f(u)}{u} \right|^{\frac{p}{r_1}} |g(v)|^{\frac{q}{r_1}} |e^{-u \cosh(x-v)} - e^{-u \cosh(x+v)}|^{\frac{1}{r_1}}. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$F(x, u, v)G(x, u, v)H(x, u, v) = \left| \frac{f(u)}{u} \right| |g(v)| |h(x)| |e^{-u \cosh(x-v)} - e^{-u \cosh(x+v)}|. \tag{2.5}$$

Furthermore, in the space  $L_{p_1}(\mathbb{R}_+^3)$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|F\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathbb{R}_+^3)}^{p_1} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^3} |g(v)|^q |h(x)|^r |e^{-u \cosh(x-v)} - e^{-u \cosh(x+v)}| \, dudvdx \leq \\ &\leq 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^3} |g(v)|^q |h(x)|^r e^{-u} \, dudvdx = \\ &= 2 \|g\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)}^q \|h\|_{L_r(\mathbb{R}_+)}^r. \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

On the other hand, by the fact that  $K_0(u) \leq K_0(\beta u)$ , for  $0 < \beta < 1$ ,

$$\|G\|_{L_{q_1}(\mathbb{R}_+^3)}^{p_1} = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^3} \left| \frac{f(u)}{u} \right|^p |h(x)|^r |e^{-u \cosh(x+v)} - e^{-u \cosh(x-v)}| \, dudvdx \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} \left| \frac{f(u)}{u} \right|^p K_0(\beta u) |h(x)|^r \, dudx = \\
&= \|f\|_{L_p^{-p,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)}^p \|h\|_{L_r(\mathbb{R}_+)}^r,
\end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

and, similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|H\|_{L_{r_1}^{r_1}(\mathbb{R}_+^3)} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^3} \left| \frac{f(u)}{u} \right|^p |g(v)|^q |e^{-u \cosh(x-v)} - e^{-u \cosh(x+v)}| \, dudvdx \leq \\
&\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} \left| \frac{f(u)}{u} \right|^p K_0(\beta u) |g(v)|^r \, dudv = \\
&= \|f\|_{L_p^{-p,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)}^p \|g\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)}^q.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

Hence, from (2.6), (2.7) and (2.8), we have

$$\|F\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathbb{R}_+^3)} \|G\|_{L_{q_1}(\mathbb{R}_+^3)} \|H\|_{L_{r_1}(\mathbb{R}_+^3)} \leq 2^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p^{-p,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|g\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|h\|_{L_r(\mathbb{R}_+)}. \tag{2.9}$$

From (2.5) and (2.9), by the three-function form of the Hölder inequality [1], we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \int_0^\infty (f \underset{F_s, K}{*} g)(x) h(x) \, dx \right| &\leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^3} \left| \frac{f(u)}{u} \right| |g(v)| |h(x)| |e^{-u \cosh(x-v)} - e^{-u \cosh(x+v)}| \, dudvdx = \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^3} F(x, u, v) G(x, u, v) H(x, u, v) \, dudvdx \leq \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \|F\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathbb{R}_+^3)} \|G\|_{L_{q_1}(\mathbb{R}_+^3)} \|H\|_{L_{r_1}(\mathbb{R}_+^3)} \leq \\
&\leq \frac{2^{\frac{p-1}{p}}}{\pi^2} \|f\|_{L_p^{-p,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|g\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|h\|_{L_r(\mathbb{R}_+)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.3 is proved.

The following Young-type inequality is a direct corollary of the above theorem.

**Corollary 2.1** (Young-type inequality). *Let  $1 < p, q, r < \infty$  be such that  $1/p + 1/q = 1 + 1/r$  and let  $f \in L_p^{-p,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ ,  $g \in L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Then the generalized convolution (1.2) is well-defined in  $L_r(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Moreover, the following inequality holds:*

$$\|(f \underset{F_s, K}{*} g)\|_{L_r(\mathbb{R}_+)} \leq \frac{2^{\frac{p-1}{p}}}{\pi^2} \|f\|_{L_p^{-p,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|g\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)}. \tag{2.10}$$

**3. A Watson-type theorem.** An important class of integral transforms is unitary transforms. In this section, for  $D = I - \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ , we give a necessary and sufficient condition for a kernel  $h$  such that the generalized convolution transform

$$D_h: f \mapsto g = D_h[f] = \left(1 - \frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) (h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)(x)$$

is a unitary operator in  $L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , and derive its inverse formula.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $h \in L_2^{-2, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ . Then the condition*

$$|(Kh)(y)| = \frac{1}{1 + y^2} \tag{3.1}$$

is necessary and sufficient to ensure that the transformation  $f \rightarrow g$ , given by formula

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left(1 - \frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} \frac{1}{u} (e^{-u \cosh(x-v)} - e^{-u \cosh(x+v)}) h(u) f(v) dudv \tag{3.2}$$

is unitary in  $L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Moreover, the inverse transformation can be written in the conjugate symmetric form

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left(1 - \frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} \frac{1}{u} (e^{-u \cosh(x-v)} - e^{-u \cosh(x+v)}) \bar{h}(u) f(v) dudv. \tag{3.3}$$

**Proof.** *Sufficiency.* Suppose that the function  $h$  satisfies condition (3.1). Applying Lemma 2.1, it is easy to see that the generalized convolution transform (3.2) can be written in the form

$$g(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left(1 - \frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) \int_0^\infty (Kh)(y) (F_s f)(y) \sin xy dy,$$

or, equivalently,

$$g(x) = \left(1 - \frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) F_s \left[ (Kh)(y) (F_s f)(y) \right] (x).$$

It is well-known that  $h(y), y h(y), y^2 h(y) \in L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  if and only if  $(Fh)(x), \frac{d}{dx}(Fh)(x), \frac{d^2}{dx^2}(Fh)(x) \in L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  (Theorem 68 [11, p. 92]). Moreover,

$$\left(1 - \frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) (F_s h)(x) = F_s \left[ (1 + y^2) h(y) \right] (x). \tag{3.4}$$

Condition (3.1) shows that  $(1 + y^2)(Kh)(y)$  is bounded. Therefore  $(1 + y^2)(Kh)(y)(F_s f)(y) \in L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , and formula (3.4) yields

$$g(x) = F_s \left[ (1 + y^2)(Kh)(y)(F_s f)(y) \right] (x) \in L_2(\mathbb{R}_+).$$

Applying the Fourier sine transform to both sides of the above equation, we have



$$(F_s g)(y) = (1 + y^2)(Kh)(y)(F_s f)(y).$$

Besides, from the Plancherel theorem for the Fourier sine transform  $\|F_s f\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)} = \|f\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)}$ , and condition (3.1), it is easy to see that  $\|f\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)} = \|g\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)}$ , which implies that transform (3.2) is unitary. Again from condition (3.1) we obtain

$$(K\bar{h})(y)(F_s g)(y) = (F_s f)(y).$$

Thus, in the same manner as above it corresponds to (3.3) and the inversion formula of transform (3.2) follows.

*Necessity.* Suppose that transform (3.2) is unitary in  $L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and the inversion formula is defined by (3.3). Then, by using the Parseval-type identity (2.4), the Plancherel theorem for the Fourier sine transform, and formula 4.5.68 in [2], we obtain

$$\|g\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)} = \|(Kh)(y)(F_s f)(y)\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)} = \|F_s f\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)} = \|f\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)}.$$

The middle equality holds for all  $f \in L_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  if and only if  $h$  satisfies the condition (3.1).

Theorem 3.1 is proved.

**4. A class of integrodifferential equations.** Not many integrodifferential equations can be solved in closed form despite their useful applications (see [4]). In particular, no applications of convolution type transforms for solving integrodifferential equations were found in recent investigations [3, 7, 13, 15]. In this section, we apply the Fourier sine and Kontorovich–Lebedev generalized convolution to investigate a class of integrodifferential equations, which seems to be difficult to be solved in closed form by using other techniques.

To introduce a class of integrodifferential equation, we recall the generalized convolution for the Fourier sine and Fourier cosine transforms, which is of the form (see [5])

$$(f *_1 g)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty [f(x+y) - f(|x-y|)]g(y) dy, \quad x > 0. \quad (4.1)$$

For  $f, g \in L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , we have  $f *_1 g \in L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , and the following factorization equality holds:

$$F_s(f *_1 g)(y) = (F_s f)(y)(F_c g)(y).$$

Here, the Fourier cosine transform is defined by [5, 11]

$$(F_c f)(y) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty f(x) \cos xy dx.$$

We consider the integrodifferential equation

$$f(x) - f''(x) + (D_h f)(x) = (h *_1 g)(x),$$

$$f(0) = 0, \quad (4.2)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f'(x) = 0.$$

Here,  $h \in L_1^{-1,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ ,  $g \in L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  are given functions, and  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R}_+) \cap L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  is the unknown function.

In order to get a solution of the above problem, note that, for  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R}_+) \cap L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , such that  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f'(x) = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (F_s f'')(y) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty f''(x) \sin xy \, dx = \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left\{ f'(x) \sin xy \Big|_{x=0}^\infty - y \int_0^\infty f'(x) \cos xy \, dx \right\} = \\ &= -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} y \left\{ f(x) \cos xy \Big|_{x=0}^\infty + y \int_0^\infty f(x) \sin xy \, dx \right\} = -y^2 (F_s f)(y). \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $f \in C_0^1(\mathbb{R}_+) \cap L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Then  $g(x) = (f(y) * e^{-y})(x)$  is twice differentiable,  $g(0) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g'(x) = 0$ .*

**Proof.** We have

$$g(0) = \int_0^\infty [f(0+y) - f(|0-y|)] e^{-y} \, dy = 0.$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= \int_0^\infty [f(x+y) - f(|x-y|)] e^{-y} \, dy = \\ &= \int_0^\infty f(x+y) e^{-y} \, dy - \int_0^x f(x-y) e^{-y} \, dy - \int_x^\infty f(y-x) e^{-y} \, dy = \\ &= e^x \int_x^\infty f(u) e^{-u} \, du - e^{-x} \int_0^x f(u) e^u \, du - e^{-x} \int_0^\infty f(u) e^{-u} \, du = \\ &= I_1(x) - I_2(x) - I_3(x). \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Clearly,  $I_3(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . For  $I_1(x)$  we obtain

$$|I_1(x)| \leq \int_x^\infty |f(u) e^{-(u-x)}| \, du \leq \int_x^\infty |f(u)| \, du \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

For any  $\epsilon > 0$  choose  $N$  large enough such that  $\int_N^\infty |f(u)| \, du < \epsilon$ . Then, for  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$|I_2(x)| \leq e^{-x} \int_0^N |f(u)| e^u du + \int_N^x |f(u)| du \leq e^{-x} \int_0^N |f(u)| e^u du + \epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon.$$

Thus,  $I_2(x) \rightarrow 0$ , and, therefore,  $g(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

Next, from (4.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= e^x \int_x^\infty f(u) e^{-u} du + e^{-x} \int_0^x f(u) e^u du + e^{-x} \int_0^\infty f(u) e^{-u} du - 2f(x) = \\ &= I_1(x) + I_2(x) + I_3(x) - 2f(x). \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

Since  $f \in C_0(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ , and, therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g'(x) = 0$ . From formula (4.5) it is clear that  $g$  is twice differentiable.

Lemma 4.1 is proved.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Suppose that the following condition holds:*

$$1 + (Kh)(y) \neq 0 \quad \forall y > 0. \quad (4.6)$$

Then problem (4.2) has a unique solution  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R}_+) \cap L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ :

$$f(x) = ((\ell \underset{F_s, K}{*} g) \underset{1}{*} m)(x).$$

Here,  $m(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-x}$  and  $\ell \in L_1^{-1, \beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  is defined by

$$(K\ell)(y) = \frac{(Kh)(y)}{1 + (Kh)(y)},$$

the generalized convolution  $(\cdot \underset{F_s, K}{*} \cdot)$  and the convolution  $(\cdot \underset{1}{*} \cdot)$  are defined by (1.2), (4.1), respectively.

**Proof.** Equation (4.2) can be rewritten in the form

$$f(x) - f''(x) + \left(1 - \frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) \left\{ (h \underset{F_s, K}{*} f)(x) \right\} = (h \underset{F_s, K}{*} g)(x). \quad (4.7)$$

Applying the Fourier sine transform to both sides of (4.7), and by virtue of the factorization equality (1.3) and formula (4.3), we obtain

$$(1 + y^2)(F_s f)(y) + (1 + y^2)(Kh)(y)(F_s f)(y) = (Kh)(y)(F_s g)(y),$$

or, equivalently,

$$(1 + y^2)(1 + (Kh)(y))(F_s f)(y) = (Kh)(y)(F_s g)(y).$$

From the condition (4.6) we get

$$(F_s f)(y) = \frac{1}{1 + y^2} \frac{(Kh)(y)}{1 + (Kh)(y)} (F_s g)(y).$$

By condition (4.6) the function  $\varphi(y) = \frac{(Kh)(y)}{1 + (Kh)(y)}$  satisfies conditions of the Wiener–Levy theorem for the Kontorovich–Lebedev transform [14], and, therefore, there exists a unique function  $\ell \in L_1^{-1,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  such that

$$(K\ell)(y) = \frac{(Kh)(y)}{1 + (Kh)(y)}.$$

Moreover, note that  $\frac{1}{1+y^2} = (F_c m)(y)$  with  $m(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-x}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (F_s f)(y) &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} (F_c m)(y) (K\ell)(y) (F_s g)(y) = \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} (F_c m)(y) F_s \left[ (\ell \underset{F_s, K}{*} g) \right] (y) = \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} F_s \left[ \left( (\ell \underset{F_s, K}{*} g) \underset{1}{*} m \right) \right] (y). \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $f(x) = ((\ell \underset{F_s, K}{*} g) \underset{1}{*} m)(x)$ . Since  $\ell \in L_1^{-1,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $g \in L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , then by Theorem 2.1 we have  $\ell \underset{F_s, K}{*} g \in C_0^1(\mathbb{R}_+) \cap L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Together with  $m \in L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  it yields  $f = (\ell \underset{F_s, K}{*} g) \underset{1}{*} m \in L_1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Lemma 4.1 implies  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f'(x) = 0$ , and  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ .

Theorem 4.1 is proved.

**Remark.** For  $p, q, r > 1$  satisfying  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 + \frac{1}{r}$ , the following inequality holds [10]:

$$\| (f \underset{1}{*} g) \|_{L_r(\mathbb{R}_+)} \leq \| f \|_{L_p(\mathbb{R}_+)} \| g \|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)}, \quad f \in L_p(\mathbb{R}_+), \quad g \in L_q(\mathbb{R}_+).$$

Combining with inequality (2.10), if we assume that  $\ell \in L_p^{-p,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $g \in L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $h \in L_r(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , and  $s > 1$ , such that  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{s} + 2$ , we obtain an estimate for the solution of the problem (4.2) in the space  $L_s(\mathbb{R}_+)$  as follows:

$$\| f \|_{L_s(\mathbb{R}_+)} = \left\| \left( (\ell \underset{F_s, K}{*} g) \underset{1}{*} m \right) \right\|_{L_s(\mathbb{R}_+)} \leq \frac{2^{\frac{p-2}{2p}}}{\pi^{3/2} r^{1/r}} \| \ell \|_{L_p^{-p,\beta}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \| g \|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}_+)}.$$

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