

## The Exterior Tricomi and Frankl Problem\*

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### Abstract

F. G. Tricomi (1923— ), S. Gellerstedt (1935— ), F. I. Frankl (1945— ), A. V. Bitsadze and M. A. Lavrentiev (1950— ), M. H. Protter (1953— ) and most of the recent workers in the field of mixed type boundary value problems have considered only one parabolic line of degeneracy. The problem with more than one parabolic line of degeneracy becomes more complicated. The above researchers and many others have restricted their attention to the Chaplygin equation,  $K(y) \cdot u_{xx} + u_{yy} = f(x, y)$  and not considered the "generalized Chaplygin equation,"  $Lu = K(y) \cdot u_{xx} + u_{yy} + r(x, y) \cdot u = f(x, y)$  because of the difficulties that arise when  $r_1 = \text{non-trivial } (\neq 0)$ . Also it is unusual for anyone to study such problems in a doubly connected region. In this paper I consider a case of this type with two parabolic lines of degeneracy,  $r_1 = \text{non-trivial } (\neq 0)$ , in a doubly connected region, and such that boundary conditions are prescribed only on the "exterior boundary" of the mixed domain, and I obtain uniqueness results for quasiregular solutions of the characteristic and non-characteristic Problem by applying the  $D, C$  energy integral method in the mixed domain.

### The Exterior Tricomi Problem

Consider

$$(*) \quad Lu = K(y) \cdot u_{xx} + u_{yy} + r(x, y) \cdot u = f(x, y), \quad K \in C^2(\cdot), \quad r \in C^1(\cdot), \quad f \in C^0(\cdot),$$

and such that

$$\begin{aligned} K &= K(y) > 0 \quad \text{for } y < 0 \quad \text{and } y > 1, \\ &= 0 \quad \text{for } y = 0 \quad \text{and } y = 1, \quad \text{and} \\ &< 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < y < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Consider a mixed domain  $D$  which is doubly connected, contains the two parabolic arcs:  $A_1B_1$ ,  $A_2B_2$ , with end points,  $A_1 = (-1, 1)$ ,  $B_1 = (1, 1)$ ,  $A_2 = (-1, 0)$ ,  $B_2 = (1, 0)$ , and has boundary

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$$\partial D = \text{Ext}(D) \cup \text{Int}(D),$$

$\text{Ex}(D)$ : exterior boundary of  $D$ :  $= \Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma'_0 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma'_2 \cup \Delta_1 \cup \Delta'_1$ , and

$\text{Int}(D)$ : interior boundary of  $D$ :  $= \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma'_1 \cup \Delta_2 \cup \Delta'_2$ ,

with boundary curves:

$\Gamma_0$ : "elliptic arc" for  $y > 1$  connecting points:  $A_1, B_1$ ,

$\Gamma'_0$ : "elliptic arc" for  $y < 0$  connecting points:  $A_2, B_2$ ,

$\Gamma_1$ : characteristic for  $0 < y < 1, 0 < x < 1$  emanating from point:

$$o_1 = (0, 1):$$

$$: \int_0^x dx = -\int_1^y \sqrt{-K} \cdot dy, \quad \text{or} \quad \Gamma_1: x = -\int_1^y \sqrt{-K(t)} \cdot dt,$$

$\Gamma'_1$ : characteristic for  $0 < y < 1, 0 < x < 1$  emanating from point:

$$o_2 = (0, 0):$$

$$: \int_0^x dx = \int_0^y \sqrt{-K} \cdot dy, \quad \text{or} \quad \Gamma'_1: x = \int_0^y \sqrt{-K(t)} \cdot dt,$$

$\Gamma_2$ : characteristic for  $0 < y < 1, 0 < x < 1$  emanating from point:

$$B_1 = (1, 1):$$

$$: \int_1^x dx = \int_1^y \sqrt{-K} \cdot dy, \quad \text{or} \quad \Gamma_2: x = \int_1^y \sqrt{-K(t)} \cdot dt + 1,$$

$\Gamma'_2$ : characteristic for  $0 < y < 1, 0 < x < 1$  emanating from point:

$$B_2 = (1, 0):$$

$$: \int_1^x dx = -\int_0^y \sqrt{-K} \cdot dy, \quad \text{or} \quad \Gamma'_2: x = -\int_0^y \sqrt{-K(t)} \cdot dt + 1,$$

$\Delta_1$ : characteristic for  $0 < y < 1, -1 < x < 0$  emanating from point:

$$A_1 = (-1, 1):$$

$$: \int_{-1}^x dx = -\int_1^y \sqrt{-K} \cdot dy, \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta_1: x = -\int_1^y \sqrt{-K(t)} \cdot dt - 1,$$

$\Delta'_1$ : characteristic for  $0 < y < 1, -1 < x < 0$  emanating from point:

$$A_2 = (-1, 0):$$

$$: \int_{-1}^x dx = \int_0^y \sqrt{-K} \cdot dy, \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta'_1: x = \int_0^y \sqrt{-K(t)} \cdot dt - 1,$$

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$\Delta'_2$ : characteristic for  $0 < y < 1, -1 < x < 0$  emanating from point:

$$o_2 = (0, 0):$$

$$: \int_0^x dx = -\int_0^y \sqrt{-K} \cdot dy, \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta'_2: x = -\int_0^y \sqrt{-K(t)} \cdot dt.$$

Besides,

$$D = G_1 \cup G'_1 \cup G_2 \cup G'_2 \cup (A_1 B_1) \cup (A_2 B_2),$$

Where

$$G_1: \text{ upper elliptic region: } = \{(x, y) \in D, |x| < 1, y > 1\}$$

$$G'_1: \text{ lower elliptic region: } = \{(x, y) \in D, |x| < 1, y < 0\}$$

$$G_2: \text{ right-hand side hyperbolic region: } = \{(x, y) \in D, 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1\}$$

$$G'_2: \text{ left-hand side hyperbolic region: } = \{(x, y) \in D, -1 < x < 0, 0 < y < 1\}$$

with boundary

$$\partial G_1: = \Gamma_0 \cup (A_1 B_1), \quad \partial G'_1: = \Gamma'_0 \cup (B_2 A_2),$$

$$\partial G_2: = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma'_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma'_2 \cup (B_1 O_1) \cup (O_2 B_2),$$

$$\partial G'_2: = \Delta_1 \cup \Delta'_1 \cup \Delta_2 \cup \Delta'_2 \cup (O_1 A_1) \cup (A_2 O_2).$$

The above characteristic curves intersect at the following points:

$$\Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma'_1 = P_1, \quad \Gamma_2 \cap \Gamma'_2 = P_2 \text{ for } 0 < y < 1 \text{ and } 0 < x < 1, \text{ and}$$

$$\Delta_1 \cap \Delta'_1 = P'_1, \quad \Delta_2 \cap \Delta'_2 = P'_2 \text{ for } 0 < y < 1 \text{ and } -1 < x < 0.$$

Besides, assume boundary conditions

$$(+ +) \begin{cases} u = \phi_1(s) \text{ on } \Gamma_0, & u = \phi_2(s) \text{ on } \Gamma'_0 \\ u = \psi_1(x) \text{ on } \Gamma_2, & u = \psi_2(x) \text{ on } \Gamma'_2 \\ u = \phi_3(x) \text{ on } \Delta_1, & u = \phi_4(x) \text{ on } \Delta'_1 \end{cases}$$

(i.e.:  $u_i$  = continuous prescribed values on  $\text{Ext}(D)$ ):

**The Exterior Tricomi Problem, or Problem (ET):**

Consists in finding a function  $u = u(x, y)$  which satisfies equation (+) and boundary conditions (+ +).

**A New Uniqueness Theorem**

Assume the above-mentioned domain  $D \subset R^2$ , and the conditions

$$(R_1): \quad r \leq 0 \text{ on } \text{Int}(D)$$

$$(R_2): \quad \begin{cases} x \cdot dy - (y-1) \cdot dx \geq 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_0 \\ x \cdot dy - y \cdot dx > 0 & \text{on } \Gamma'_0 \end{cases}$$

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$$(R_3): \quad \begin{cases} 2 \cdot r + x \cdot r_x + (y-1) \cdot r_y < 0 & \text{in } G_1 \\ r + x \cdot r_x \leq 0 & \text{in } G_2 \cup G'_2 \\ 2 \cdot r + x \cdot r_x + y \cdot r_y \leq 0 & \text{in } G'_1 \end{cases}$$

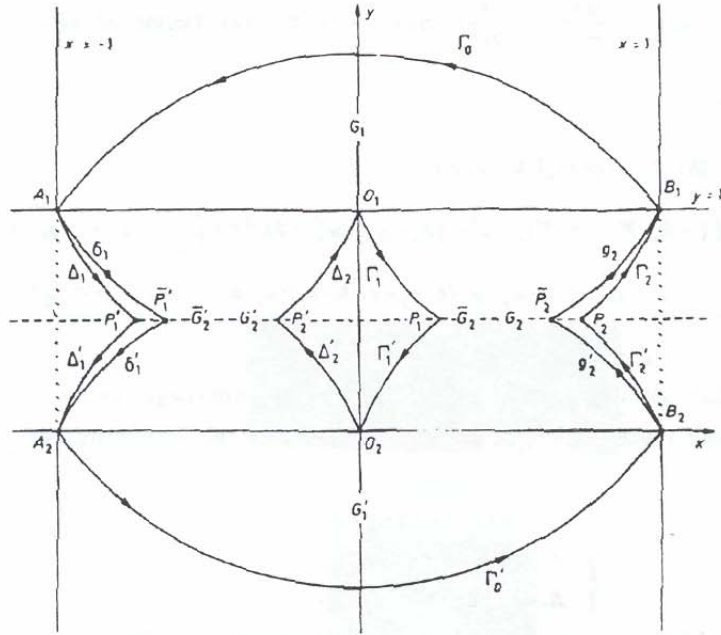
$$(R_4): \quad K' > 0 \text{ in } G_1, \text{ and } K' < 0 \text{ in } G'_1.$$

Then Problem (ET) has at most one quasi-regular solution in the mixed domain  $D$ .

**Proof** We apply the  $b, c$ -energy integral method ( $a=0$  in  $D$ ) and use (+ +).

First, we assume  $u_1, u_2$ : two quasi-regular solutions satisfying equation (+) and boundary conditions (+ +). Then claim that

$$u = u_1 - u_2 = 0 \text{ in } D.$$



It is clear now that

$$\begin{aligned} [ + ] \quad & Lu - K(y) \cdot u_{xx} + u_{yy} + K(x, y) \cdot u = 0, \text{ and} \\ [ + + ] \quad & u = 0 \text{ on Ext}(D). \end{aligned}$$

It is enough to show that

$$u = u_1 - u_2 = 0 \text{ on Int}(D).$$

Second, investigate

$$0 = J = 2 \cdot \iint_D (b \cdot u_x + c \cdot u_y) \cdot Lu \cdot dx dy,$$

where

$$(c): \quad \begin{cases} b = x, & c = y - 1 & \text{in } G_1 \\ b = x, & c = 0 & \text{in } G_2 \cup G_2' \\ b = x, & c = y & \text{in } G_1'. \end{cases}$$

Then consider the identities

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \cdot b \cdot r \cdot u \cdot u_x &= (b \cdot r \cdot u^2)_x - (b \cdot r)_x \cdot u^2, \\ 2 \cdot c \cdot r \cdot u \cdot u_y &= (c \cdot r \cdot u^2)_y - (c \cdot r)_y \cdot u^2, \\ 2 \cdot b \cdot K \cdot u_x \cdot u_{yy} &= (b \cdot K \cdot u_x^2)_x - b_x \cdot K \cdot u_x^2, \\ 2 \cdot b \cdot u_x \cdot u_{yy} &= (2 \cdot b \cdot u_x \cdot u_y)_y - (b \cdot u_y^2)_x + b_x \cdot u_y^2, \\ 2 \cdot c \cdot X \cdot u_y \cdot u_{xx} &= (2 \cdot c \cdot K \cdot u_x \cdot u_y)_x - (c \cdot K \cdot u_x^2)_y + (c \cdot K)_y \cdot u_x^2, \\ 2 \cdot c \cdot u_y \cdot u_{yy} &= (c \cdot u_y^2)_y - c_y \cdot u_y^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then employing above identities and applying Green's theorem we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = J = \iint_D & [ -(b \cdot r)_x \cdot u^2 - (c \cdot r)_y \cdot u^2 - b_x \cdot K \cdot u_x^2 + b_x \cdot u_y^2 + (c \cdot K)_y \cdot u_x^2 - c_y \cdot u_y^2 ] dx dy \\ & + \oint_{\partial D} [ b \cdot r \cdot u^2 \cdot v_1 + c \cdot r \cdot u^2 \cdot v_2 + b \cdot K \cdot u_x^2 \cdot v_1 + 2 \cdot b \cdot u_x \cdot u_y \cdot v_2 - b \cdot u_y^2 \cdot v_1 \\ & + 2 \cdot c \cdot K \cdot u_x \cdot u_y \cdot v_1 - c \cdot K \cdot u_x^2 \cdot v_2 + c \cdot u_y^2 \cdot v_2 ] \cdot ds, \end{aligned}$$



where  $v = (v_1, v_2); = (\frac{dy}{ds}, -\frac{dx}{ds})$ ; outer unit normal vector on  $\partial D$ .

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -\iint_D [(b \cdot r)_x + (c \cdot r)_y] \cdot u^2 \cdot dx dy \\ &+ \iint_D [(-b_x \cdot K + (c \cdot K)_y) \cdot u_x^2 + (b_x - c_y) \cdot u_y^2] \cdot dx dy + \oint_{\partial D} [(b \cdot v_1 + c \cdot v_2) \cdot r] \cdot u^2 \cdot ds \\ &+ \oint_{\partial D} [(b \cdot v_1 - c \cdot v_2) \cdot K \cdot u_x^2 + 2 \cdot (b \cdot v_2 + c \cdot K \cdot v_1) \cdot u_x \cdot u_y + (-b \cdot v_1 + c \cdot v_2) \cdot u_y^2] \cdot ds \\ &= I_1 + I_2 + J_1 + J_3. \end{aligned}$$

Claim that all integrals,  $I_1, I_2, J_1$ , and  $J_3$  are non-negative.

First The integrals  $I_1, I_2$  are non-negative if the following two conditions hold in  $D$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (c_1): & \quad (b_x + c) \cdot r + (b \cdot r_x + c \cdot r_y) \leq 0 \\ (c_2): & \quad \begin{cases} A: = -b_x \cdot K + (c \cdot K)_y \geq 0 \\ B: = b_x - c_y \geq 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Second The integrals  $J_1$ , and  $J_3$  are non-negative if the following conditions hold on  $\partial D$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (c_3): & \quad (b \cdot v_1) \cdot r \geq 0 \quad \text{on Int}(D), \\ (c_4): & \quad b \cdot v_1 + c \cdot v_2 \geq 0 \quad \text{or } \Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma_0', \\ (c_5): & \quad b \cdot v_1 \leq 0 \quad \text{on Int}(D). \end{aligned}$$

**Justification**

Condition  $(c_3)$ ; From  $[++]$  and  $(c)$  we get

$$J_4 = \int_{\text{Int}(D)} [(b \cdot v_1) \cdot r] \cdot u^2 \cdot ds$$

Therefore, condition  $(c_3)$  holds.

Conditions  $(c_4)$  and  $(c_5)$ ;

$$J_3 = \int_{\text{Ext}(D)} Q_1 \cdot ds + \int_{\text{Int}(D)} Q_2 \cdot ds; = J_3^{(1)} + J_3^{(2)},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1: &= Q_1(u_x, u_y); = (b \cdot v_1 - c \cdot v_2) \cdot K \cdot u_x^2 + 2 \cdot (b \cdot v_2 + c \cdot K \cdot v_1) \cdot u_x \cdot u_y + (-b \cdot v_1 + c \cdot v_2) \cdot u_y^2, \\ Q_2: &= Q_2(u_x, u_y); = (b \cdot v_1) \cdot K \cdot u_x^2 + 2 \cdot (b \cdot v_2) \cdot u_x \cdot u_y + (-b \cdot v_1) \cdot u_y^2 \end{aligned}$$

are two quadratic forms with respect to  $u_x, u_y$  on  $\text{Ext}(D)$  and  $\text{Int}(D)$ , respectively.

From  $[++]$  we get

$$u_x = N \cdot v_1, \quad u_y = N \cdot v_2 \quad \text{on Ext}(D),$$

where

$N_1$  = normalizing factor.

Therefore,

$$Q_1; = (b \cdot v_1 + c \cdot v_2) \cdot (K \cdot v_1^2 + v_2^2) \cdot N^2.$$

But

$K \cdot v_1^2 + v_2^2 > 0$  on  $\Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma'_0$  (as  $K > 0$  in  $G_1 \cup G'_1$ ),

$K \cdot v_1^2 + v_2^2 = 0$  on  $\text{Ext}(D) \setminus \Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma'_0$  (as  $\Gamma_2, \Gamma'_2, \Delta_1, \Delta'_1$  are characteristics)

Therefore,

$$Q_1 = Q_1|_{\text{Ext}(D)} = Q_1|_{\Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma'_2} > 0$$

if  $(c_4)$  holds. Therefore,  $J_3^{(1)} \geq 0$  if  $(c_4)$  holds.

Also  $J_3^{(2)} \geq 0$  if

$$Q_2 = Q_2|_{\text{Int}(D)} \geq 0.$$

But on  $\text{Int}(D)$  :

$$\begin{vmatrix} (b \cdot v_1) \cdot K & b \cdot v_2 \\ b \cdot v_2 & -b \cdot v_1 \end{vmatrix} = -b^2 \cdot (K \cdot v_1^2 + v_2^2) = 0,$$

because

$K \cdot v_1^2 + v_2^2 = 0$  on  $\text{Int}(D)$  (as  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma'_1, \Delta_2, \Delta'_2$  are characteristics)

From  $(c)$ , therefore,

$Q_2 > 0$  holds if

$$(b \cdot v_1) \cdot K \geq 0 \text{ and } -b \cdot v_1 \geq 0 \text{ on } \text{Int}(D),$$

or if condition  $(c_5)$  holds (as  $K < 0$  in  $G_2 \cup G'_2$ ), and the justification is complete.

**Reduction of Conditions  $(c_1) - (c_5)$  (by using choices  $(c)$ ):**

Conditions  $(c_1)$  and  $(c_5)$  are reduced to condition

$$(R)_1: \quad \tau < 0 \text{ on } \text{Int}(D),$$

because

$$x \cdot v_1 \leq 0 \text{ on } \text{Int}(D).$$

Also condition  $(c_4)$  is reduced to condition:

$$(R)_2: \quad \begin{cases} x \cdot dy - (y-1) \cdot dx \geq 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_0, \\ x \cdot dy - y \cdot dx \geq 0 & \text{on } \Gamma'_0. \end{cases}$$

Besides, condition  $(c_1)$  is reduced to condition:

$$(R)_3: \quad \begin{cases} 2 \cdot r + x \cdot r_x + (y-1) \cdot r_y \leq 0 & \text{in } G_1 \\ r + x \cdot r_x \leq 0 & \text{in } G_2 \cup G'_2 \\ 2 \cdot r + x \cdot r_x + y \cdot r_y \leq 0 & \text{in } G'_1. \end{cases}$$

Finally condition  $(c_2)$  is reduced to condition:

$$(R)_4: \quad K' > 0 \text{ in } G_1, \quad \tau < 0 \text{ in } G'_1.$$

because

$$-b_x \cdot K + (c \cdot K)_y = \begin{cases} -K + (K + (y-1) \cdot K') = (y-1) \cdot K' > 0 & \text{in } G_1 \\ & \text{if } K' > 0 \text{ in } G_1 \\ -K > 0 & \text{in } G_2 \\ -K + (K + y \cdot K') = y \cdot K' > 0 & \text{in } G'_1 \\ & \text{if } K' < 0 \text{ in } G'_1 \end{cases}$$

and  $b_x - c_y = 0$  in  $G_1 \cup G'_1$ , and  $b_x - c_y = 1$  in  $G_2$ .

**Special case**

$$(S); K = \text{sgn}(y \cdot (y-1)) \cdot |y|^a \cdot |y-1|^\beta \cdot h(y) \text{ in } D.$$

$$a, \beta > 0, \text{ and}$$

$$h = h(y) > 0 \text{ for all } y,$$

where

$$\text{sgn}(y \cdot (y-1))_i = \begin{cases} 1, & y > 1 \\ -1, & 0 < y < 1 \\ 1, & y < 0 \end{cases}$$

and  $i = 0$  for  $y = 0$  and  $y = 1$ .

Therefore

$$K(y) = \begin{cases} K_1(y) = y^a \cdot (y-1)^\beta \cdot h(y) > 0, & y > 1. \\ K_2(y) = -y^a (1-y)^\beta h(y) < 0, & 0 < y < 1 \\ K_3(y) = (-y)^a \cdot (1-y)^\beta \cdot h(y) > 0, & y < 0 \end{cases}$$

and  $i = 0$  for  $y = 0$  and  $y = 1$ .

**Corollary**

If  $K = K(y)$  is of the form (S) in  $D$ , if conditions  $(R_1)$ — $(R_3)$  of Theorem hold, and if

$$R = R(y; a, \beta) = [a \cdot (y-1) + \beta \cdot y] \cdot h(y) + y(y-1) \cdot h'(y)$$

is such that the following condition

$$(B); \quad R > 0 \text{ in } G_1, \text{ and } R < 0 \text{ in } G'_1$$

holds, then Problem (ET) has at most one quasi-regular solution in the mixed domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Remarks**

1) It is clear then on the parabolic lines of degeneracy,  $y = 1$  and  $y = 0$ ;  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 1} R(y; a, \beta) = \beta \cdot h(1) > 0$ , and  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} R(y; a, \beta) = -a \cdot h(0) < 0$  hold, because  $a, \beta > 0$  and  $h(y) > 0$  for all  $y$  in  $D$ .

2) If  $r_i = \text{constant}$ , then conditions  $(R_1)$  and  $(R_3)$  are replaced by only condition  $(R_1)$ .

3) If

$$a = \beta = 1, \quad h = 1$$

in (S), then

$$K(y) = \text{sgn}(y \cdot (y-1)) \cdot |y| \cdot |y-1|_i = y \cdot (y-1).$$

and condition (B) in Corollary or condition  $(R_4)$  in Theorem is not needed.

**The Exterior Frankl Problem**

Replace characteristics  $\Gamma_2, \Gamma'_2, \Delta_1, \Delta'_1$  by smooth non-characteristics;  $\delta_2, \delta'_2, \delta_1, \delta'_1$  so that:

(NC):  $H_2 = K \cdot v_1^2 + v_2^2 > 0$  on  $g_2 \cup g'_2 \cup \delta_1 \cup \delta'_1$ , and

i)  $g_2$  emanating from point  $B_1$  lying inside the characteristic truncated triangle  $O_1 P_1 P_2 B_1$  and intersecting  $\Gamma_1$  at most once. This curve  $g_2$  may coincide with  $\Gamma_2$  near point  $B_1$ ,

ii)  $g'_2$  emanating from point  $B_2$  lying inside the characteristic truncated triangle  $O_2 B_2 P_2 P_1$  and intersecting  $\Gamma'_1$  at most once. This curve  $g'_2$  may coincide with  $\Gamma'_2$  near point  $B_2$ ,

iii)  $\delta_1$  emanating from point  $A_1$  lying inside the characteristic truncated triangle  $A_1 P'_1 P'_2 O_1$  and intersecting  $\Delta_2$  at most once. This curve  $\delta_1$  may coincide with  $\Delta_1$  near point  $A_1$ , and

iv)  $\delta'_1$  emanating from point  $A_2$  lying inside the characteristic truncated triangle  $A_2 O_2 P'_2 P'_1$  and intersecting  $\Delta'_2$  at most once. This curve  $\delta'_1$  may coincide with  $\Delta'_1$  near point  $A_2$ .

Besides assume boundary conditions

$$(F): \begin{cases} u = \phi_1(s) \text{ on } \Gamma_0, & u = \phi_2(s) \text{ on } \Gamma'_0 \\ u = \psi_1(x) \text{ on } g_2, & u = \psi_2(x) \text{ on } g'_2 \\ u = \psi_3(x) \text{ on } \delta_1, & u = \psi_4(x) \text{ on } \delta'_1 \end{cases}$$

The new mixed domain  $D'$  is such that:

$$\partial D' = \text{Ext}(D') \cup \text{Int}(D'),$$

$$\text{Ext}(D') = \Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma'_0 \cup \text{Nch}(D'), \quad \text{Int}(D') = \text{Int}(D),$$

$$\text{Nch}(D') = g_2 \cup g'_2 \cup \delta_1 \cup \delta'_1; \text{ the non-characteristic part of } D'.$$

Resides,

$$D' = G_1 \cup G'_1 \cup \tilde{G}_2 \cup \tilde{G}'_2 \cup (A_1 B_1) \cup (A_2 B_2),$$

where

$$\tilde{G}_2 (\subset G_2): = \{(x, y) \in D', 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1\}$$

$$\tilde{G}'_2 (\subset G'_2): = \{(x, y) \in D', -1 < x < 0, 0 < y < 1\}$$

with boundary

$$\partial \tilde{G}_2: = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma'_1 \cup g_2 \cup g'_2 \cup (B_1 O_1) \cup (O_2 B_2),$$

$$\partial \tilde{G}'_2: = \delta_1 \cup \delta'_1 \cup \Delta_2 \cup \Delta'_2 \cup (O_1 A_1) \cup (A_2 O_2).$$

The above non-characteristic curves intersect as follows:

$$g_2 \cap g'_2 = \tilde{P}_2, \quad \delta_1 \cap \delta'_1 = \tilde{P}'_1.$$

**The Exterior Frankl Problem, or Problem (EF)**

Consists in finding a function  $u = u(x, y)$  which satisfies equation (+) and boundary conditions (F) in the mixed domain  $D'$ .

Then it is clear that a corresponding new uniqueness theorem and a corollary hold in the new domain  $D'$  under the same conditions as those of the above proved theorem (and the corollary).

The only difference in statement is that we must change  $G_2 \cup G'_2$  with



$\bar{G}_1 \cup \bar{G}_2$  in  $(R_3)$

(c)';  $(b \cdot v_1) \cdot H \geq 0$  on  $Nch(D')$

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