

**Monotonicity principles for singular  
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## 1 Introduction

Monotonicity principles are used to get informations about nonlinear singular integral equations. These results are based on the famous theorem of Browder and Minty (see for example [24])

**Theorem 1 (Browder-Minty)** *Let  $X$  be a real separable Banach space. If the operator  $A : X \rightarrow X^*$  is monotone, i.e.  $\langle Au - Av, u - v \rangle \geq 0$ , coercive, i.e.  $\lim_{\|u\| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\langle Au, u \rangle}{\|u\|} = \infty$ , and hemicontinuous then  $A$  is surjective. If  $A$  is moreover strictly monotone, then the solution of  $Au = b$ ,  $b \in X^*$ , is unique.*

In [21] this theorem is used by L. v. Wolfersdorf to consider singular integral equations on the real halfline involving the singular (complex) Hilbert operator. This theory is extended by Askabarov in [1] to the complex case.

We want to investigate a special family of singular integral operators in Clifford analysis which has in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  an application to the nonlinear magnetic field equation ([5]) considered by M. Friedman. Electromagnetic processes are described using quaternionic and Clifford analysis by several authors ([2], [3], [4], [6], [7], [8], [10], [11], [12], [17], [18], [19], [22], [23]). These considerations mainly based on the operator  $D + a$ . To this subject we want to recommend the book by V.V. Kravchenko and M.V. Shapiro ([13]) and the book by K. Gürlebeck and W. Sprößig ([9]).

Singular integral operators are investigated by S.G. Michlin and S. Prößdorf in [16] and especially using Clifford analytical methods by A. McIntosh, C. Li and S. Semmes in [14] and by A. McIntosh, C. Li and T. Qian in [15].

Properties of the Nemickii operator, monoton operators and so one may be found in the book [24] by E. Zeidler.

## 2 Clifford algebras

Let us denote by  $\mathcal{C}_{0,h}(\mathbb{R})$  the *real Clifford algebra* associated to the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^h$  generated by the elements  $\{e_j\}_{j=1}^h$  with

$$e_i e_k + e_k e_i = -2\delta_{ik}.$$

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An arbitrary element of  $\mathcal{C}_{0,h}(\mathbb{R})$  has a representation of the form

$$a = \sum_I a_I e_I, \quad a_I \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $I$  denotes ordered  $l$ -tuples of the form  $I = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_l)$ , with  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_l \leq h$ , where  $0 \leq l \leq h$ . Furthermore,  $e_I$  stands for the product  $e_{i_1} e_{i_2} \dots e_{i_l}$ . By convention,  $e_\emptyset := e_0 := 1$ .

On  $\mathcal{C}_{0,h}(\mathbb{R})$  may be introduced an involution, sometimes called main involution:

$$\bar{a} := \sum_I a_I \bar{e}_I, \quad \bar{e}_I := (-1)^{\frac{|I|(|I|+1)}{2}} e_I.$$

The *complexified Clifford algebra*  $\mathcal{C}_{0,h}(\mathbb{C})$  associated to  $\mathbb{R}^h$  is

$$\mathcal{C}_{0,h} \otimes \mathbb{C},$$

where  $\mathbb{C}$  denotes the complex numbers. Thus, an arbitrary element  $c$  of the complexified Clifford algebra has a representation of form

$$c = \sum_I c_I e_I = a + ib = \sum_I a_I e_I + i \sum_I b_I e_I, \quad c_I = a_I + ib_I \in \mathbb{C}, \quad a_I, b_I \in \mathbb{R}.$$

In the complexified Clifford algebra may be introduced another involution:

$$\tilde{c} := \sum_I \bar{c}_I \bar{e}_I,$$

where  $\bar{c} = a_I - ib_I$ . We call  $c_0 e_0 = c_0$  the scalar part of  $c$  and denote by  $\mathcal{P}$  the operator

$$\mathcal{P} : \mathcal{C}_{0,h}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : \mathcal{P}c = c_0.$$

This operator is a projection because of  $\mathcal{P}^2 = \mathcal{P}$  and we denote by  $\mathcal{Q}$  the complementary projection  $\mathcal{Q} = I - \mathcal{P}$ . Further, we denote by  $\mathcal{R}e$  the operator

$$\mathcal{R}e : \mathcal{C}_{0,h}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{R}e c = a_0.$$

Moreover, the Clifford algebra  $\mathcal{C}_{0,h}(\mathbb{C})$  becomes a normed algebra with

$$|c| := \left( \sum_I |c_I|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = [c, c].$$

Here,

$$[u, v] := \mathcal{R}e \sum_{I,J} \bar{u}_I \bar{e}_I v_J e_J$$

is a real scalar product and the Clifford algebra  $\mathcal{C}_{0,n}$  becomes a real Hilbert space.

### 3 Clifford analysis

Let  $G$  be a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with Lipschitz boundary  $\partial G$ . This means that  $\partial G$  may be covered by finitely many open sets  $W_k$  such that each set  $G \cap W_k$  is represented by the inequality  $x_n > g_k(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1})$ , where  $g_k$  is a Lipschitz function.

On such a domain, the exterior unit normal  $n(y)$  is defined for almost all  $y \in \partial G$ , and Gauß's theorem is valid.

Let  $u \in C^1(G)$  (taking values in a Clifford algebra) then the *Dirac operator* is defined as

$$(Du)(x) = \sum_I \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial u_I}{\partial x_j}(x) e_j e_I.$$

Any solution  $u$  of the equation  $Du = 0$  is called a *left monogenic* function. Analogously, if the Dirac operator is acting from the right any solution  $u$  of  $uD = 0$  is called a right monogenic function.

Moreover, we consider the *disturbed Dirac operator*

$$D_{ia}u = (D + {}^{ia}M) = \sum_I \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial u_I}{\partial x_j}(x) e_j e_I + \sum_I \sum_{j=1}^n ia_j u_I e_j e_I + ia_0 \sum_I u_I e_I,$$

where  $a = a_0 e_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j e_j$  and  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , thus  $a$  is a paravector in the Clifford algebra  $\mathcal{C}_{0,n}$ .

A fundamental solution of  $D_{ia}$  is

$$e_{ia} = e^{-i\langle a, x \rangle} \{ (D - {}^{ia_0}M) K_{a_0} \},$$

where  $\langle a, x \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j x_j$  and

$$K_{a_0}(x) = K_{a_0}(|x|) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \left( \frac{a_0}{|x|} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}-1} K_{\frac{n}{2}-1}(a_0|x|),$$

is a fundamental solution of  $-\Delta + a_0^2$  (cf. [20]) and  $K_{\frac{n}{2}-1}$  denotes the modified Bessel functions, the so-called MacDonalds functions, of order  $\frac{n}{2} - 1$ .

With the aid of this fundamental solution we define

$$T_{ia}u := \int_G e_{ia}(x-y)u(y)dy.$$

Then, we get

$$D_{ia}T_{ia}u = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{G} \\ u & \text{in } G. \end{cases}$$

As mentioned above Gauß's formula holds and from this it is derived

$$\int_G D u dG = \int_\Gamma n v d\Gamma.$$

Let  $L_{2,\mathcal{C}}(G)$  denote the normed space of measurable functions  $u$  from  $G$  to  $\mathcal{C}_{0,h}$  for which the norm

$$\|u\| = \left( \int_G |u|^2 dG \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \infty,$$

It is a (real!) Hilbert space created by the scalar product

$$(u, v) := \operatorname{Re} \int_G \tilde{u} v dG = \int_G \operatorname{Re} (\tilde{u} v) dG.$$

## 4 The Nemyckii operator

We want to study two types of nonsingular integral equations. First, we require the properties of the so-called Nemyckii operator  $F$  in a Clifford analysis context. This operator is defined as

$$(Fu)(x) = f(x, u_1(x), u_2(x), \dots, u_n(x))$$

with  $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ . We make the following assumptions:

(A1) Carathéodory condition: Let  $f : G \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{0,n}(\mathbb{C})$  be a given function, where  $G$  is a nonempty set in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $n, N \geq 1$ . Moreover,

$$x \rightarrow f(x, u) \text{ is measurable on } G \text{ for all } u \in \mathbb{R}^n;$$

$$u \rightarrow f(x, u) \text{ is continuous on } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ for almost all } x \in G.$$

(A2) Growth condition: For all  $(x, u) \in G \times \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$|f(x, u)| \leq a(x) + b|u|.$$

Here,  $b$  is a fixed positive number and  $a \in L_2(G)$  is a real-valued nonnegative function.

**Proposition 1** *Under the two assumptions (A1) and (A2), the following are valid:  
The Nemyckii operator*

$$F : L_{2,\mathcal{C}}(G) \rightarrow L_{2,\mathcal{C}}(G)$$

is continuous and bounded with

$$\|Fu\|_{L_2,\alpha} \leq \text{const}(\|a\|_{L_2} + \|u\|_{L_2,\alpha})$$

and

$$(Fu, u) = \text{Re} \int_G f(x, \overline{u(x)})u(x)dx \quad \text{for all } u \in L_2,\alpha(G).$$

Moreover,

<p>Monotonicity of <math>f</math>: The function <math>f</math> is monotone with respect to <math>u</math> i.e.</p> $[f(x, u) - f(x, v), u - v] \geq 0$ <p>for all <math>u, v \in L_2,\alpha(G)</math>.</p>	<p>implies <math>F</math> is monotone.</p>
<p>Strictly monotonicity of <math>f</math>:The function <math>f</math> is strictly monotone with respect to <math>u</math> i.e.</p> $[f(x, u) - f(x, v), u - v] > 0$ <p>for all <math>u, v \in L_2,\alpha(G)</math>.</p>	<p>implies <math>F</math> is strictly monotone.</p>
<p>Coercivness of <math>f</math>:</p> $[f(x, u), u] \geq d u ^2 + g(x),$ <p>where <math>g \in L_1(G)</math>.</p>	<p>implies <math>F</math> is coercive and</p> $(Fu, u) \geq d\ u\ ^2 + \int_G g(x)dx$ <p>for all <math>u \in L_2,\alpha(G)</math>.</p>
<p>Positivity of <math>f</math>: For all <math>(x, u) \in G \times \mathbb{R}^n</math></p> $[f(x, u), u] \geq 0.$	<p>implies</p> $(Fu, u) \geq 0 \text{ for all } u \in L_2,\alpha(G).$

<p>Asymptotic positivity of <math>f</math>: There exists a number <math>R &gt; 0</math> such that</p> $[f(x, u), u] \geq 0$ <p>holds for all <math>(x, u) \in G \times \mathbb{R}^n</math> with <math> u  \geq R</math> and <math>\text{meas } G &lt; \infty</math>.</p>	<p>implies</p> $(Fu, u) \geq -c \text{ for all } u \in L_{2,\alpha}(G),$ <p>where <math>c</math> is a positive constant.</p>
<p>Lipschitz continuity of <math>f</math>: There is a constant <math>L &gt; 0</math> such that</p> $ f(x, u) - f(x, v)  \leq L u - v .$	<p>implies <math>F</math> is Lipschitz continuous.</p>

## 5 A family of positive operators

### 5.1 The singular integral operator $D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}$

The aim of this section is to show that the operator  $D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}$  is a (general) singular integral operator of Calderon-Zygmund-type. Here, "general" means a singular operator plus weakly singular operator parts.

For this purpose it is useful to recall some properties of Bessel functions. First of all the MacDonalnds functions  $K_p$  fulfill the recursion formula

$$\frac{d}{dt}[t^{-p}K_p(t)] = -t^{-p}K_{p+1}(t),$$

second these functions are linked with the Bessel functions of third order, the Hankel functions of second order  $H_p^{(2)}$  in the following way:

$$K_p(t) = -\frac{1}{2}\pi i e^{-\frac{1}{2}ip\pi} H_p^{(2)}(te^{-\frac{1}{2}i\pi}) \quad \left(-\frac{1}{2}\pi < \arg t < \pi\right).$$

For our singular integral operator is important the behavior  $t \rightarrow 0$ . For the Hankel functions are valid

$$H_p^{(2)}(t) \sim +i \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)^p \frac{\Gamma(p)}{\pi}, \quad t \rightarrow 0, \quad (p > 0).$$

Thus, we derive

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d(a_0|x|)} K_{a_0}(|x|) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} a_0^{n-2} \cdot a_0 \frac{d}{d(a_0|x|)} (a_0|x|)^{-\left(\frac{n}{2}-1\right)} K_{\frac{n}{2}-1}(a_0|x|) = \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} a_0^{n-1} (-1) \left(\frac{1}{a_0|x|}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}-1} K_{\frac{n}{2}}(a_0|x|). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} (D - ia_0)K_{a_0}(x) &= \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{x_j e_j}{|x|} \right) a_0 \frac{dK_{a_0}(|x|)}{d(a_0|x|)} - ia_0 K_{a_0}(|x|) = \\ &= \frac{-1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} (a_0|x|)^{\frac{n}{2}} K_{\frac{n}{2}}(a_0|x|) \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{x_j e_j}{|x|^n} - \frac{ia_0}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}} (a_0|x|)^{\frac{n}{2}-1} K_{\frac{n}{2}-1}(a_0|x|). \end{aligned}$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned} e_{ia}(x) &= e^{-i\langle a, x \rangle} \{(D - ia_0 M)K_{a_0}(x)\} = e^{-i\langle a, x \rangle} \{(D - ia_0)K_{a_0}(x)\} = \\ &= \frac{-e^{-i\langle a, x \rangle}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{x_j e_j}{|x|^n} (a_0|x|)^{\frac{n}{2}} K_{\frac{n}{2}}(a_0|x|) + \frac{ia_0}{|x|^{n-2}} (a_0|x|)^{\frac{n}{2}-1} K_{\frac{n}{2}-1}(a_0|x|) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the properties of modified Bessel functions we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{e^{-i\langle a, x \rangle}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} (a_0|x|)^{\frac{n}{2}} K_{\frac{n}{2}}(a_0|x|) &= \frac{e^{-i\langle a, x \rangle}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} (a_0|x|)^{\frac{n}{2}} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \pi i (-i)^{\frac{n}{2}} H_{\frac{n}{2}}^{(2)}(-ia_0|x|) = \\ &= \frac{e^{-i\langle a, x \rangle}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} (a_0|x|)^{\frac{n}{2}} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \pi i (-i)^{\frac{n}{2}} i \left(\frac{-2}{-ia_0|x|}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)}{\pi} + \mathcal{O}(|x|^\tau) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \mathcal{O}(|x|^\tau) = \frac{1}{\sigma_n} + \mathcal{O}(|x|^\tau), \quad \tau > 0, \quad \text{as } |x| \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

We simply write  $e(x)$  instead of  $e_0(x)$ , i.e.

$$e(x) = \frac{-1}{\sigma_n} \frac{x}{|x|^n}$$

and thus

$$e_{ia} - e(x) = \mathcal{O}(|x|^{-n+1+\tau}), \quad \tau > 0,$$

where  $e(x) = e_0(x)$  and also for every component,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we have

$$(e_{ia}(x))_j - (e(x))_j = \mathcal{O}(|x|^{-n+1+\tau}), \quad \tau > 0.$$

Now, let

$$T_j u := \int_G (e_{ia}(x-y))_j u(y) dy, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

then

$$T_j u = \int_G (e(x-y))_j u(y) dy + \int_G \{(e_{ia}(x-y))_j - (e(x-y))_j\} u(y) dy$$

and thus (cf. [16])

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial T_j}{\partial x_k} u &= \int_G \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (e(x-y))_j u(y) dy + \\ &\int_G \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \{ (e_{ia}(x-y))_j - (e(x-y))_j \} u(y) dy - (n-2) \int_{S^n} (x_j - y_j) \cos(r, x_k) dS^n \\ &= \int_G \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (e_{ia}(x-y))_j u(y) dy - \delta_{jk} \frac{(n-2)}{n} \sigma_n \cdot u(x) \end{aligned}$$

and the main part of the integral operator

$$\int_G \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (e(x-y))_j u(y) dy = -\frac{1}{\sigma_n} \int_G \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left\{ \frac{(x_j - y_j)}{|x-y|^n} \right\} u(y) dy$$

is a singular integral operator of Calderon-Zygmund-type. To summarize, the operator  $D_{ia} \mathcal{P}T_{ia}$  is a (general) singular integral operator.

## 5.2 Properties of the singular integral operator $D_{ia} \mathcal{P}T_{ia}$

**Proposition 2** (cf. [16]) *If the symbol of a singular integral operator does not depend on the pole then that operator is bounded in  $L_2(\mathbb{R}^m)$ .*

Therefore, the operator  $D_{ia} \mathcal{P}T_{ia}$  is bounded in  $L_2(\mathbb{R}^m)$ .

**Theorem 2** *The operator  $D_{ia} \mathcal{P}T_{ia}$  is monotone in  $L_2(\mathbb{R}^m)$  and has a norm less than 1.*

Proof: Because  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{C}\ell}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is dense in  $L_{\mathcal{C}\ell,2}(G)$  we get with  $v \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{C}\ell}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$$\begin{aligned} (D_{ia} \mathcal{P}T_{ia} v, v)_G &= (D_{ia} \mathcal{P}T_{ia} v, D_{ia} T_{ia} v)_G \\ &= \|D_{ia} \mathcal{P}T_{ia} v\|_{2,G}^2 + (D_{ia} \mathcal{P}T_{ia} v, D_{ia} \mathcal{Q}T_{ia} v)_G \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (D_{ia} \mathcal{P}T_{ia} v, D_{ia} \mathcal{Q}T_{ia} v)_G &= \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \int_G D_{ia} \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia} v} \cdot D_{ia} \mathcal{Q}T_{ia} v dx = \operatorname{Re} \int_G -D_{i\bar{a}} \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia} v} \cdot D_{ia} \mathcal{Q}T_{ia} v dx. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{Re} \int_G -D \{ \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia} v} \cdot D_{ia} \mathcal{Q}T_{ia} v \} dx = \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \int_G -D \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia} v} \cdot D_{ia} \mathcal{Q}T_{ia} v dx + \operatorname{Re} \int_G \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia} v} \cdot (-D) D_{ia} \mathcal{Q}T_{ia} v dx = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \operatorname{Re} \int_G -D\overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot D_{ia}QT_{ia}v dx + \operatorname{Re} \int_G \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot \Delta QT_{ia}v dx + \\
&\quad - \operatorname{Re} \int_G \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot D^{ia}MQT_{ia}v dx = \\
&= \operatorname{Re} \int_G -D\overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot D_{ia}QT_{ia}v dx - \operatorname{Re} \int_G \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot D^{ia}MQT_{ia}v dx
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\quad (D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v, D_{ia}QT_{ia}v)_G = \\
&\operatorname{Re} \int_G -D\{\overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot D_{ia}QT_{ia}v\} dx + \operatorname{Re} \int_G \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot D^{ia}MQT_{ia}v dx + \\
&\quad + \operatorname{Re} \int_G -i\bar{a}M\overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot (D + {}^{ia}M)QT_{ia}v\} dx = \\
&= \operatorname{Re} \int_G -D\{\overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot D_{ia}QT_{ia}v\} dx + \operatorname{Re} \int_G \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot D^{ia}MQT_{ia}v\} dx + \\
&\quad + \operatorname{Re} \int_G -i\bar{a}M\overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot DQT_{ia}v\} dx + \operatorname{Re} \int_G \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot (-i\bar{a}M^{ia}M)QT_{ia}v dx. \tag{1}
\end{aligned}$$

Due to  $-i\bar{a}ia = \bar{a}a = |a|^2 \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $-i\bar{a}M^{ia}M = |a|^2M$  and thus

$$(-i\bar{a}M^{ia}M)QT_{ia}v = |a|^2MQT_{ia}v = Q|a|^2MT_{ia}v \in \operatorname{im} Q$$

and the last integral in (1) is equal to zero. Moreover, we have

$$-i\bar{a}MD + D^aM = Q^aMD + D^{Q^a}M = 2\mathcal{P}(^aMD)$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned}
&\operatorname{Re} \int_G \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot D^{ia}MQT_{ia}v\} dx + \operatorname{Re} \int_G -i\bar{a}M\overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot DQT_{ia}v\} dx = \\
&= \operatorname{Re} \int_G \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot (-i\bar{a}MD + D^aM)QT_{ia}v\} dx = \operatorname{Re} \int_G \overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot 2Q\mathcal{P}^aMDT_{ia}v\} dx = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

To sum up, we obtain

$$(D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v, v)_G = \operatorname{Re} \int_G -D\{\overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot D_{ia}QT_{ia}v\} dx.$$

Using Gauß's formula we get

$$(D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v, v)_G = \operatorname{Re} \int_{\Gamma} -n \cdot \{\overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot D_{ia}QT_{ia}v\} dx.$$

In an analogously way we derive

$$(D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v, v)_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{G}} = \mathcal{R}e \int_{\Gamma} n \cdot \{\overline{\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v} \cdot D_{ia}\mathcal{Q}T_{ia}v\} dx.$$

Due to Borel-Pompeiu formula we have

$$0 = \|D_{ia}T_{ia}v\|_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{G}}^2 = \|D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v\|_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{G}}^2 + 2(D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v, D_{ia}\mathcal{Q}T_{ia}v)_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{G}} + \|D_{ia}\mathcal{Q}T_{ia}v\|_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{G}}^2.$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} (D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v, D_{ia}\mathcal{Q}T_{ia}v)_G &= -(D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v, D_{ia}\mathcal{Q}T_{ia}v)_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{G}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \|D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v\|_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{G}}^2 + \|D_{ia}\mathcal{Q}T_{ia}v\|_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{G}}^2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

This leads to the estimation

$$(D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v, v)_G = \|D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v\|_G^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \|D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v\|_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{G}}^2 + \|D_{ia}\mathcal{Q}T_{ia}v\|_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{G}}^2 \right\} \geq 0$$

which proves the positivity of the operator  $D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}$ . Moreover, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|_G^2 &= (v, v)_G = \\ &= \|D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v\|_G^2 + 2(D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v, D_{ia}\mathcal{Q}T_{ia}v)_G + \|D_{ia}\mathcal{Q}T_{ia}v\|_G^2 \geq \|D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}v\|_G^2 \end{aligned}$$

i.e. the norm of the operator  $D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}$  is not greater than 1.

### 5.3 Nonlinear integral equations

Let us denote by  $PVecL_{2,\mathcal{C}}$  the subspace of all paravectors, i.e. elements of the form  $u = \sum_{j=0}^n u_j e_j$ , of  $L_{2,\mathcal{C}}$ . It is easy to see that  $D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}$  maps  $PVecL_{2,\mathcal{C}}$  into  $PVecL_{2,\mathcal{C}}$  and is a monotone operator. If additional  $a_0 = 0$  then  $D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}$  maps  $VecL_{2,\mathcal{C}}$ , i.e. the subspace of all vectors  $u = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j e_j$  into itself. Therefore, we can use monotonicity principles to get information about the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} Au &= g, \quad g \in PVecL_{2,\mathcal{C}}, \\ \text{where } Au &= F(x, u) + Bu, \quad Bu = D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}u. \end{aligned}$$

## 6 Some remarks

### 6.1 Representation formulae

The operator  $D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}$  may be represented as

$$D_{ia}\mathcal{P}T_{ia}u = D_{ia}\mathcal{P} \left( \int_G (e^{-i\langle a, x-y \rangle} D_{-ia_0} K_{ia_0}(x-y)) u(y) dy \right)$$

In the case  $a = 0$  we get simply

$$DPTu = \frac{1}{2^n \pi^{n/2}} D\mathcal{P}D \left( \int_G \frac{1}{\sigma_n} \left( \frac{1}{|x-y|^{n-2}} \right) u(y) dy \right)$$

### 6.2 An application

In case of  $n = 3$  the operator  $DPT$  plays an important role in magnetic field calculations ([5]). The general problem is to solve the nonlinear singular integral equation

$$F(M(x), x) - \frac{1}{4\pi} \text{grad div} \int_G \frac{M(y)}{|x-y|} dy = H_a(x)$$

for the magnetization  $M(x) = (M_1(x), M_2(x), M_3(x))$  given an ‘‘applied field’’  $H_a(x)$ .  $G$  is a bounded region in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , which is imagined to be filled with a ferromagnetic material.  $H(x) = F(M(x), x)$  is the net field in  $G$  considered as a function of  $M$ ;  $F$  is, as a rule, an experimental function representing the magnetic permeability of the of the ferromagnetic material, which varies with the magnetization. this relationship is usually given by a single valued magnetization curve, called the  $M - H$  characteristic of the magnetic material; obtained by neglecting the hysteresis effects. The integral represents the demagnetization field due to spatial distribution of magnetization.

Let us denote by  $H_i(x)$  the field  $H(x) - H_a(x)$  induced by  $M(x)$ . Then the monotonicity (=positivity) of the operator  $DPT$  leads to

$$(H_i, M) \leq 0 \tag{2}$$

and norm not greater than one gives

$$-(H_i, M) \leq \|M\|^2 \text{ or } \left| \left( H_i, \frac{M}{\|M\|} \right) \right| \leq \|M\|. \tag{3}$$

The relation 2 indicates that the mean angle between  $H_i$  and  $M$  in  $G$  is not less than  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  and 3 that the mean value of the projection of  $H_i$  onto  $M$  is not more than the mean value of  $M$  in  $G$ .

This coincides with the well-known maxims of electrical engineers that ‘‘the induced field is directed opposite of the net field, or magnetization’’, and ‘‘the induced field is less than the magnetization.’’

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