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The mixed boundary value problem for the inhomogeneous Cimmino system

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Full list of author information is available at the end of the article**Abstract**

In this article, we first propose a kind of mixed boundary value problem for the inhomogeneous Cimmino system, which consists of first order linear partial differential equations in \mathbb{R}^4 . Then, by using the one-to-one correspondence between the theory of quaternion valued hyperholomorphic functions and that of Cimmino system's solutions, we transform the problem as stated above into a problem related to the ψ -hyperholomorphic functions in quaternionic analysis. Moreover, we show the boundedness, Hölder continuity, and generalized derivatives of a kind of singular integral operator $\psi T_{C^2}[g]$ related to ψ -hyperholomorphic functions in quaternionic analysis. Lastly, the solution of the mixed boundary value problem for the inhomogeneous Cimmino system is explicitly described.

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1 Introduction

The skew field of quaternions \mathbb{H} gives an example of a noncommutative Clifford algebra with minimal dimension. It serves as a very convenient model of general Clifford constructions. Today, quaternionic analysis is regarded as a broadly accepted branch of classical analysis offering a successful generalization of complex analysis. It studies functions defined on domains in \mathbb{R}^3 or \mathbb{R}^4 with values in the skew field of real quaternions \mathbb{H} . This theory is centered around the concept of ψ -hyperholomorphic functions related to a so-called structural set ψ of \mathbb{H}^3 or \mathbb{H}^4 , respectively.

Quaternionic analysis initiated new solution methods for boundary value problems in several research areas of mathematical physics, in particular in planar fluids, quantum field theory, electromagnetic wave equations *etc.* Many scholars and experts have studied some boundary and initial value problems in higher dimensions by using them, such as Gürlebeck, Sprössig, Adler, Alesker, Yang, and so on [1–5].

The Cimmino system (1.1) offers a natural and elegant generalization to the four-dimensional case of that of Cauchy-Riemann. Cimmino, Dragomir and Lanconelli have done a lot of research on it [6, 7]. Recently, Abreu Blaya *et al.* [8] studied the Dirichlet boundary value problem for the inhomogeneous Cimmino system (1.2). We have

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial x_0} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_3} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_0} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_3} - \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_2} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_3} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_0} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_1} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial x_3} + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_0} = 0, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where f_m ($m = 0, 1, 2, 3$) are continuously differentiable \mathbb{R} -valued functions in $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^4$. The corresponding inhomogeneous Cimmino system is as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial x_0} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_3} = g_0, \\ \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_0} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_3} - \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_2} = g_1, \\ \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_3} - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_0} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_1} = g_2, \\ \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial x_3} + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_0} = g_3, \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

where f_m are as stated above, $g_m \in L_p(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ ($m = 0, 1, 2, 3$).

In this article, we will study a kind of mixed boundary value problem for the inhomogeneous Cimmino system (1.2) by using the quaternionic analysis approach. This article is organized as follows. In Section 2, we recall some basic knowledge of quaternionic analysis. In Section 3, we construct a singular integral operator and study some of its properties. In Section 4, we first propose a kind of mixed boundary value problem for the inhomogeneous Cimmino system (1.2); then we obtain an integral representation of the solution of the mixed boundary value problem by using the one-to-one correspondence between the theory of quaternion valued hyperholomorphic functions and that of a Cimmino system's solutions.

2 Preliminaries

Quaternionic analysis studies functions defined on \mathbb{R}^4 with their values in quaternion algebra space \mathbb{H} , which is a four-dimensional vector space with basis e, i, j, k . The basis element e is a unit element, henceforth we shall abbreviate e to 1. Also, i, j, k satisfy the following multiplication rule:

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1, \quad ij = -ji = k, \quad jk = -kj = i, \quad ki = -ik = j.$$

An arbitrary element of the quaternion algebra space \mathbb{H} can be written as $x = x_0 + ix_1 + jx_2 + kx_3$, $x_m \in \mathbb{R}$ ($m = 0, 1, 2, 3$), and $\bar{x} = x_0 - ix_1 - jx_2 - kx_3$. The norm for an element $x \in \mathbb{H}$ is taken to be $|x| = \sqrt{x_0^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2}$ and satisfies $|\bar{x}| = |x|$, $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$, $|xy| = |x||y|$. Obviously, $\overline{xy} = \bar{y}\bar{x}$ and $x\bar{x} = \bar{x}x = |x|^2$. In addition, suppose the imaginary unit of \mathbb{C} is identified with the basis element i in quaternion algebra space \mathbb{H} , then for arbitrary $z \in \mathbb{C}$, we have $z = x_0 + ix_1$ and its complex conjugate $\bar{z} = x_0 - ix_1$. In this way it is easily seen that $zj = j\bar{z}$.

By means of the mapping $x_0 + ix_1 + jx_2 + kx_3 \rightarrow (x_0 + ix_1) + (x_2 + ix_3)j \rightarrow (x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3)$, one can see \mathbb{H} as \mathbb{C}^2 (or \mathbb{R}^4). From now on, an arbitrary element $\xi \in \mathbb{H}$ can be written as $\xi = z_1 + z_2j$, $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$. From the multiplication rule as stated above, for arbitrary $\xi = z_1 + z_2j$, $\eta = \zeta_1 + \zeta_2j \in \mathbb{H}$, $z_1, z_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in \mathbb{C}$. We have $\xi\eta = (z_1\zeta_1 - z_2\bar{\zeta}_2) + (z_1\zeta_2 + z_2\bar{\zeta}_1)j$, $\bar{\xi} = \overline{z_1 + z_2j} = \bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2j = \bar{z}_1 - z_2j$, and $\xi\bar{\xi} = \bar{\xi}\xi = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 = |\xi|^2$.

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ be a nonempty open bounded connected set and the boundary $\Gamma = \partial\Omega$ be a differentiable, oriented, and compact Liapunov surface. The functions f which are defined in Ω with values in \mathbb{H} can be expressed as $f(x) = f_0 + f_1i + f_2j + f_3k$, where f_m ($m = 0, 1, 2, 3$) are continuously differentiable \mathbb{R} -valued functions in $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^4$. On $C^{(1)}(\Omega, \mathbb{H})$, we define the differential operators ψD and $\bar{\psi} D$ as follows:

$$\psi D = 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_1} - j \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_2} \right), \quad \bar{\psi} D = 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_2} \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_1} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_0} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right), & \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_2} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \right), \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_0} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right), & \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, the differential operators ψD and $\bar{\psi} D$ can be written as

$$\psi D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_0} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} - j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}, \quad \bar{\psi} D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_0} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} - k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3},$$

which are associated to the structural set $\psi = \{1, i, -j, k\}$ and $\bar{\psi} = \{1, -i, j, -k\}$, respectively.

Let $\Delta_{\mathbb{R}^4} = \sum_{m=0}^3 \partial_{x_m}^2$, then the following equalities hold on $C^{(2)}(\Omega, \mathbb{H})$:

$$\psi D \bar{\psi} D = \bar{\psi} D \psi D = \Delta_{\mathbb{R}^4} \cong \Delta_{\mathbb{C}^2} \cong \Delta_{\mathbb{H}}.$$

Taking into account that the multiplication in \mathbb{H} is noncommutative, the functions f are called left ψ -hyperholomorphic in Ω if $\psi D[f](\xi) = 0$ ($\xi \in \Omega$). The functions g are called right ψ -hyperholomorphic in Ω if $[g] \psi D(\xi) = 0$ ($\xi \in \Omega$).

Denote by Θ_4 the fundamental solution of the Laplace operator

$$\Theta_4(\xi) = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \frac{1}{|\xi|^2},$$

and by \mathcal{K}_ψ the fundamental solution of the operator ψD :

$$\mathcal{K}_\psi(\xi) = \bar{\psi} D[\Theta_4] = [\Theta_4] \bar{\psi} D = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{\xi \bar{\psi}}{|\xi|^4} = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{\bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2 j}{(|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2)^2}.$$

Then the corresponding Cauchy type integral operator is

$$\psi K_\Gamma[f](\xi) = \int_\Gamma \mathcal{K}_\psi(\eta - \xi) n_\psi(\eta) f(\eta) d\Gamma_\eta = \int_\Gamma \mathcal{K}_\psi(\eta - \xi) d\sigma_\eta f(\eta),$$

and the Teodorescu type integral operator is

$$\psi T_\Omega[f](\xi) = - \int_\Omega \mathcal{K}_\psi(\eta - \xi) f(\eta) d\Omega_\eta.$$

In this article, $g(x) \in L_p(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{H})$ means that $g(x) \in L_p(E, \mathbb{H})$, $g_\sigma(x) = |x|^{-\sigma} g(\frac{x}{|x|^2}) \in L_p(E, \mathbb{H})$, in which $E = \{\xi \mid |\xi| \leq 1\}$, σ is a real number, $\|g\|_{L_p} = \|g\|_{L_p(E)} + \|g_\sigma\|_{L_p(E)}$, $p \geq 1$. The following fundamental statements are widely known to hold and can be found in [1, 9, 10], respectively.

Definition 2.1 Suppose that the functions f, g, φ are defined in Ω with values in \mathbb{H} and $f, g \in L_1(\Omega, \mathbb{H})$. If for arbitrary $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega, \mathbb{H})$, f, g satisfy

$$\int_\Omega [\varphi] \psi D(\xi) g(\xi) d\Omega_\xi + \int_\Omega \varphi(\xi) f(\xi) d\Omega_\xi = 0,$$

then f is called a generalized derivative of the function g , denoted by $f = \psi D[g]$.

Lemma 2.1 ([9]) *If $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 > 0, 0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$, then we have*

$$|\sigma_1^\gamma - \sigma_2^\gamma| \leq |\sigma_1 - \sigma_2|^\gamma.$$

Lemma 2.2 (Integral form of the quaternionic Stokes formula [1]) *Let $\Omega, \Gamma = \partial\Omega$ be as stated above and $f, g \in C^{(1)}(\Omega, \mathbb{H})$, then*

$$\int_\Gamma g(\xi)n_\psi(\xi)f(\xi) d\Gamma_\xi = \int_\Omega ([g]^\psi D(\xi) \cdot f(\xi) + g(\xi) \cdot {}^\psi D[f](\xi)) d\Omega_\xi.$$

Lemma 2.3 (Borel-Pompeiu quaternionic formula [1]) *Let $\Omega, \Gamma = \partial\Omega$ be as stated above and $f \in C^{(1)}(\Omega, \mathbb{H})$, then for arbitrary $\xi \in \Omega$, we have*

$$\int_\Gamma \mathcal{K}_\psi(\eta - \xi) d\sigma_\eta f(\eta) - \int_\Omega \mathcal{K}_\psi(\eta - \xi) {}^\psi D[f](\eta) d\Omega_\eta = f(\xi)$$

and

$$\int_\Gamma f(\eta) d\sigma_\eta \mathcal{K}_\psi(\eta - \xi) - \int_\Omega [f]^\psi D(\eta) \mathcal{K}_\psi(\eta - \xi) d\Omega_\eta = f(\xi).$$

Lemma 2.4 (Hadamard lemma [10]) *Suppose Ω be as stated above. If α', β' satisfy $0 < \alpha', \beta' < 4, \alpha' + \beta' > 4$, then for all $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^4$ and $x_1 \neq x_2$, we have*

$$\int_\Omega |t - x_1|^{-\alpha'} |t - x_2|^{-\beta'} dt \leq M_0(\alpha', \beta') |x_1 - x_2|^{4-\alpha'-\beta'}.$$

3 Some useful properties of the Cimmino singular integral operator

By means of the idea as stated above, we suppose

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= z_1 + z_2 j \in \mathbb{H}, & z_1 &= x_0 + ix_1, z_2 = x_2 + ix_3 \in \mathbb{C}, \\ \eta &= \varsigma_1 + \varsigma_2 j \in \mathbb{H}, & \varsigma_1 &= y_0 + iy_1, \varsigma_2 = y_2 + iy_3 \in \mathbb{C}, \\ f(\xi) &= f(z_1, z_2) = u_1(z_1, z_2) + u_2(z_1, z_2)j, & u_1 &= f_0 + if_1, u_2 = f_2 + if_3 \in \mathbb{C}, \\ g(\xi) &= g(z_1, z_2) = v_1(z_1, z_2) + v_2(z_1, z_2)j, & v_1 &= g_0 + ig_1, v_2 = g_2 + ig_3 \in \mathbb{C}. \end{aligned}$$

Then system (1.1) can be written as

$$(1.1) \iff \begin{cases} \partial_{\bar{z}_1} u_1 + \partial_{z_2} \bar{u}_2 = 0, \\ \partial_{z_2} u_1 - \partial_{z_1} \bar{u}_2 = 0 \end{cases} \iff {}^\psi D[f] = 0. \tag{3.1}$$

Moreover, if the pair (u_1, u_2) of continuously differentiable (up to the second order) complex-valued functions give a solution of system (1.1) then

$$\Delta_{\mathbb{R}^4} u_1 \cong \Delta_{\mathbb{C}^2} u_1 = 4(\partial_{z_1 \bar{z}_1}^2 + \partial_{z_2 \bar{z}_2}^2) u_1 = 0.$$

A similar observation is valid for \bar{u}_2 , so u_1, \bar{u}_2 are complex-valued harmonic functions, i.e. the set of solutions of system (1.1) contains all holomorphic functions of two complex variables.

Similarly, system (1.2) can be written as

$$(1.2) \iff \begin{cases} 2\partial_{\bar{z}_1}u_1 + 2\partial_{z_2}\bar{u}_2 = v_1, \\ 2\partial_{z_2}u_1 - 2\partial_{\bar{z}_1}\bar{u}_2 = v_2 \end{cases} \iff \psi D[f] = g. \tag{3.2}$$

The generalized Teodorescu type integral operator $\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g]$ can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](z_1, z_2) &= \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi) \\ &= - \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \mathcal{K}_\psi(\eta - \xi)g(\eta) d_{\mathbb{C}^2,\eta} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \frac{(\bar{z}_1 - \bar{s}_1) + (\bar{z}_2 - \bar{s}_2)j}{(|z_1 - s_1|^2 + |z_2 - s_2|^2)^2} g(s_1, s_2) d_{\mathbb{C}^2,s_1,s_2} \\ &= \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g](z_1, z_2) + \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g](z_1, z_2)j, \end{aligned}$$

where the Cimmino singular integral operators $\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g], \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g]$ are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g](z_1, z_2) &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \frac{(\bar{z}_1 - \bar{s}_1)}{(|z_1 - s_1|^2 + |z_2 - s_2|^2)^2} g(s_1, s_2) d_{\mathbb{C}^2,s_1,s_2}, \\ \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g](z_1, z_2) &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \frac{(\bar{z}_2 - \bar{s}_2)}{(|z_1 - s_1|^2 + |z_2 - s_2|^2)^2} g(s_1, s_2) d_{\mathbb{C}^2,s_1,s_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.1 *Let E be as stated above. If $g \in L_p(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{H}), 4 < p < +\infty$, then we have*

- (1) $|\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi)| \leq M_1(p)\|g\|_{L_p}, \xi \in \mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}^4,$
- (2) $\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g] \in C_\beta(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{H}) \cong C_\beta(\mathbb{R}^4, \mathbb{H}) (0 < \beta = 1 - 4/p < 1),$
- (3) $\psi D(\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g])(\xi) = g(\xi), \xi \in \mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}^4.$

Proof (1) First, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi)| &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left| \int_E \frac{(\bar{z}_1 - \bar{s}_1) + (\bar{z}_2 - \bar{s}_2)j}{(|z_1 - s_1|^2 + |z_2 - s_2|^2)^2} g(\eta) dE_\eta \right| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{C}^2-E} \frac{(\bar{z}_1 - \bar{s}_1) + (\bar{z}_2 - \bar{s}_2)j}{(|z_1 - s_1|^2 + |z_2 - s_2|^2)^2} g(\eta) d_{(\mathbb{C}^2-E),\eta} \right| \\ &= O_1 + O_2. \end{aligned}$$

By the Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} O_1 &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left| \int_E \frac{(\bar{z}_1 - \bar{s}_1) + (\bar{z}_2 - \bar{s}_2)j}{(|z_1 - s_1|^2 + |z_2 - s_2|^2)^2} g(\eta) dE_\eta \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_E \frac{|z_1 - s_1| + |z_2 - s_2|}{|\xi - \eta|^4} |g(\eta)| dE_\eta \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_E \frac{1}{|\xi - \eta|^3} |g(\eta)| dE_\eta \leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \|g\|_{L_p} \left(\int_E \frac{1}{|\xi - \eta|^{3q}} dE_\eta \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

where $1/p + 1/q = 1$.

When $\xi \in \bar{E}$, because of $4 < p < +\infty$, $1/p + 1/q = 1$, we have $1 < q < 4/3$. Thus $\int_E \frac{1}{|\xi - \eta|^{3q}} dE_\eta$ is bounded. Hence we have

$$\left(\int_E \frac{1}{|\xi - \eta|^{3q}} dE_\eta \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq J_1.$$

When $\xi \in \mathbb{C}^2 - \bar{E}$, by Lemma 2.1 and the generalized spherical coordinate, we have

$$\left(\int_E \frac{1}{|\xi - \eta|^{3q}} dE_\eta \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq J_2 \left(\int_{d_0}^{d_0+2} \rho^{3-3q} d\rho \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq J_3,$$

where $\rho = |\xi - \eta|$, $d_0 = d(\xi, \bar{E})$.

Therefore, for $\forall \xi \in \mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}^4$, we can obtain

$$O_1 \leq M'_1(p) \|g\|_{L_p}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}^4,$$

where $M'_1(p) = \max\{J_1/\pi^2, J_3/\pi^2\}$.

For $\eta \in \mathbb{C}^2 - E$, we suppose that $\eta = \frac{\bar{\eta}'}{|\eta'|^2}$, then we have $|\eta'| \leq 1$. Thus by $g \in L_p(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{H})$, similar to the proof as stated above, we have

$$O_2 \leq M''_1(p) \|g\|_{L_p}.$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$|\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi)| \leq M_1(p) \|g\|_{L_p}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}^4,$$

where $M_1(p) = M'_1(p) + M''_1(p)$.

(2) For arbitrary $\xi', \xi'' \in \mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}^4$, $\xi' \neq \xi''$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi') - \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi'') \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \left[\frac{(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{\zeta}_1) + (\bar{z}'_2 - \bar{\zeta}_2)j}{|\xi' - \eta|^4} - \frac{(\bar{z}''_1 - \bar{\zeta}_1) + (\bar{z}''_2 - \bar{\zeta}_2)j}{|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \right] g(\eta) d_{\mathbb{C}^2\eta} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left| \int_E \left[\frac{(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{\zeta}_1) + (\bar{z}'_2 - \bar{\zeta}_2)j}{|\xi' - \eta|^4} - \frac{(\bar{z}''_1 - \bar{\zeta}_1) + (\bar{z}''_2 - \bar{\zeta}_2)j}{|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \right] g(\eta) dE_\eta \right| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{C}^2 - E} \left[\frac{(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{\zeta}_1) + (\bar{z}'_2 - \bar{\zeta}_2)j}{|\xi' - \eta|^4} - \frac{(\bar{z}''_1 - \bar{\zeta}_1) + (\bar{z}''_2 - \bar{\zeta}_2)j}{|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \right] g(\eta) d_{(\mathbb{C}^2 - E)\eta} \right| \\ &= O_3 + O_4 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} O_3 &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left| \int_E \left[\frac{(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{\zeta}_1)}{|\xi' - \eta|^4} - \frac{(\bar{z}''_1 - \bar{\zeta}_1)}{|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \right] g(\eta) dE_\eta \right| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left| \int_E \left[\frac{(\bar{z}'_2 - \bar{\zeta}_2)j}{|\xi' - \eta|^4} - \frac{(\bar{z}''_2 - \bar{\zeta}_2)j}{|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \right] g(\eta) dE_\eta \right| \\ &= |\psi T_E^{(1)}[g](z'_1, z'_2) - \psi T_E^{(1)}[g](z''_1, z''_2)| + |\psi T_E^{(2)}[g](z'_1, z'_2) - \psi T_E^{(2)}[g](z''_1, z''_2)| \\ &= I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \frac{\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1}{|\xi' - \eta|^4} - \frac{\bar{z}''_1 - \bar{c}_1}{|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1)|\xi'' - \eta|^2(|z'_1 - c_1|^2 + |z''_2 - c_2|^2)}{|\xi' - \eta|^4|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{(|z'_1 - c_1|^2 + |z''_2 - c_2|^2)|\xi' - \eta|^2(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1)}{|\xi' - \eta|^4|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{|(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1)|\xi'' - \eta|^2|z'_1 - c_1|^2 - |z'_1 - c_1|^2|\xi' - \eta|^2(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1)|}{|\xi' - \eta|^4|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \\
 &\quad + \frac{|(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1)|\xi'' - \eta|^2|z''_2 - c_2|^2 - |z''_2 - c_2|^2|\xi' - \eta|^2(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1)|}{|\xi' - \eta|^4|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \\
 &= \mathcal{K}_1(\xi', \xi'', \eta) + \mathcal{K}_2(\xi', \xi'', \eta). \tag{3.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$I_1 \leq \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_E \mathcal{K}_1(\xi', \xi'', \eta) |g(\eta)| dE_\eta + \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_E \mathcal{K}_2(\xi', \xi'', \eta) |g(\eta)| dE_\eta = I_{11} + I_{12}. \tag{3.5}$$

Again, because of

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{K}_1(\xi', \xi'', \eta) \\
 &= \frac{|(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1)|\xi'' - \eta|^2|z'_1 - c_1|^2 - |z'_1 - c_1|^2|\xi' - \eta|^2(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1)|}{|\xi' - \eta|^4|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \\
 &= \frac{|(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1)|\xi'' - \eta|^2(z'_1 - c_1)(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1) - (\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1)(z'_1 - c_1)|\xi' - \eta|^2(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1)|}{|\xi' - \eta|^4|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \\
 &= \frac{|\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1| [|\xi'' - \eta|^2(z'_1 - c_1) - (z'_1 - c_1)|\xi' - \eta|^2] |\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1|}{|\xi' - \eta|^4|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \\
 &\leq \frac{|\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1| [|\xi'' - \eta|^2|z'_1 - c_1| + |\xi'' - \eta|^2 - |\xi' - \eta|^2|z'_1 - c_1|] |\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1|}{|\xi' - \eta|^4|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \\
 &\leq \frac{|\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1| [|\xi'' - \eta|^2|z'_1 - c_1| + |\xi'' - \xi'|(|\xi'' - \eta| + |\xi' - \eta|)|z'_1 - c_1|] |\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{c}_1|}{|\xi' - \eta|^4|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \\
 &\leq \frac{|\xi' - \eta| [|\xi'' - \eta|^2|\xi'' - \xi'| + |\xi'' - \xi'|(|\xi'' - \eta| + |\xi' - \eta|)|\xi' - \eta|] |\xi'' - \eta|}{|\xi' - \eta|^4|\xi'' - \eta|^4} \\
 &= |\xi' - \xi''| \sum_{l=1}^3 \frac{1}{|\xi' - \eta|^{4-l} |\xi'' - \eta|^l}. \tag{3.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus by (3.5), (3.6), and the Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{11} &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_E \sum_{l=1}^3 \frac{1}{|\xi' - \eta|^{4-l} |\xi'' - \eta|^l} |g(\eta)| dE_\eta |\xi' - \xi''| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \|g\|_{L^p} |\xi' - \xi''| \sum_{l=1}^3 \left(\int_E \frac{1}{|\xi' - \eta|^{(4-l)q} |\xi'' - \eta|^{lq}} dE_\eta \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \|g\|_{L^p} |\xi' - \xi''| \sum_{l=1}^3 (I_{11}^{(l)})^{\frac{1}{q}}. \tag{3.7}
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $\alpha_l = (4 - l)q, \beta_l = lq$ ($l = 1, 2, 3$). By $1 < q < 4/3$, we know

$$0 < \alpha_l, \beta_l < 4, \quad \alpha_l + \beta_l = 4q > 4.$$

Thus, by Lemma 2.4, for $l = 1, 2, 3$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{11}^{(l)} &= \int_E \frac{1}{|\xi' - \eta|^{(4-l)q} |\xi'' - \eta|^{lq}} dE_\eta \\ &\leq M_0(\alpha_l, \beta_l) |\xi' - \xi''|^{4-\alpha_l-\beta_l} \\ &= M_0(\alpha_l, \beta_l) |\xi' - \xi''|^{4-4q}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

Thus, by inequalities (3.7) and (3.8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_{11} &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''| \sum_{l=1}^3 (M_0(\alpha_l, \beta_l) |\xi' - \xi''|^{4-4q})^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq J_4 \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^\beta, \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

where $0 < \beta = 1 + (4 - 4q)/q = 1 - 4/p < 1$.

Next, we discuss I_{12} .

For arbitrary $\xi', \xi'' \in \mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}^4, \xi' \neq \xi''$, we suppose $|\xi' - \xi''| = \delta$ and construct a sphere $B(\xi', 3\delta)$ with the center at ξ' and radius 3δ . Next we discuss I_{12} in two cases.

(i) If $B(\xi', 3\delta) \cap \bar{E} \neq \emptyset$, then we may suppose $B(\xi', 3\delta) \cap \bar{E} = \Omega_1, \bar{E} - \Omega_1 = \Omega_2$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{12} &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_E \mathcal{K}_2(\xi', \xi'', \eta) |g(\eta)| dE_\eta \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\Omega_1} \mathcal{K}_2(\xi', \xi'', \eta) |g(\eta)| d\Omega_{1\eta} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\Omega_2} \mathcal{K}_2(\xi', \xi'', \eta) |g(\eta)| d\Omega_{2\eta} \\ &= I_{12}^{(1)} + I_{12}^{(2)}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Again, by inequality (3.4), the Hölder inequality, and the use of a local generalized spherical coordinate, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{12}^{(1)} &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\Omega_1} \frac{|\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{s}_1| |\xi'' - \eta|^2 |z'_2 - s_2|^2}{|\xi' - \eta|^4 |\xi'' - \eta|^4} |g(\eta)| d\Omega_{1\eta} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\Omega_1} \frac{|z'_2 - s_2|^2 |\xi' - \eta|^2 |\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{s}_1|}{|\xi' - \eta|^4 |\xi'' - \eta|^4} |g(\eta)| d\Omega_{1\eta} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\Omega_1} \frac{1}{|\xi' - \eta|^3} |g(\eta)| d\Omega_{1\eta} + \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\Omega_1} \frac{1}{|\xi'' - \eta|^3} |g(\eta)| d\Omega_{1\eta} \\ &\leq J_5 \|g\|_{L_p} \left[\left(\int_{\Omega_1} \frac{1}{|\xi' - \eta|^{3q}} d\Omega_{1\eta} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + \left(\int_{\Omega_1} \frac{1}{|\xi'' - \eta|^{3q}} d\Omega_{1\eta} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right] \\ &\leq J_6 \|g\|_{L_p} \left[\left(\int_0^{3\delta} \frac{1}{\rho^{3q-3}} d\rho \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + \left(\int_0^{4\delta} \frac{1}{\rho^{3q-3}} d\rho \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq J_7 \|g\|_{L_p} \delta^{\frac{4-3q}{q}} = J_7 \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^{1-\frac{4}{p}} \\
 &= J_7 \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^\beta.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.11}$$

In addition,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\mathcal{K}_2(\xi', \xi'', \eta) \\
 &= \frac{|(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{z}_1)|\xi'' - \eta|^2 |z''_2 - s_2|^2 - |z'_2 - s_2|^2 |\xi' - \eta|^2 (\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{z}_1)|}{|\xi' - \eta|^4 |\xi'' - \eta|^4} \\
 &= \frac{|(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}'_1 - \bar{z}'_1)|\xi'' - \eta|^2 |z''_2 - s_2|^2 - |z'_2 - s_2|^2 |\xi' - \eta|^2 (\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{z}_1)|}{|\xi' - \eta|^4 |\xi'' - \eta|^4} \\
 &= \left| \frac{(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{z}_1)|\xi'' - \eta|^2 |z''_2 - s_2|^2 + (\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{z}'_1)|\xi'' - \eta|^2 |z''_2 - s_2|^2}{|\xi' - \eta|^4 |\xi'' - \eta|^4} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{(\bar{z}'_1 - \bar{z}_1)|z'_2 - s_2|^2 |\xi' - \eta|^2}{|\xi' - \eta|^4 |\xi'' - \eta|^4} \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{|z'_1 - s_1| |\xi'' - \eta|^2 |z''_2 - s_2|^2 - |z'_2 - s_2|^2 |\xi' - \eta|^2}{|\xi' - \eta|^4 |\xi'' - \eta|^4} \\
 &\quad + \frac{|z'_1 - z''_1| |\xi'' - \eta|^2 |z''_2 - s_2|^2}{|\xi' - \eta|^4 |\xi'' - \eta|^4}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Again, because of

$$\begin{aligned}
 &||\xi'' - \eta|^2 |z''_2 - s_2|^2 - |z'_2 - s_2|^2 |\xi' - \eta|^2| \\
 &= ||\xi'' - \eta|^2 |z''_2 - s_2|^2 - |\xi'' - \eta|^2 |z'_2 - s_2|^2| \\
 &\quad + |\xi'' - \eta|^2 |z'_2 - s_2|^2 - |z'_2 - s_2|^2 |\xi' - \eta|^2| \\
 &\leq |\xi'' - \eta|^2 ||z''_2 - s_2|^2 - |z'_2 - s_2|^2| + |z'_2 - s_2|^2 ||\xi'' - \eta|^2 - |\xi' - \eta|^2| \\
 &\leq |\xi'' - \eta|^2 |z''_2 - z'_2| (|z''_2 - s_2| + |z'_2 - s_2|) + |z'_2 - s_2|^2 |\xi'' - \xi'| (|\xi'' - \eta| + |\xi' - \eta|) \\
 &\leq |\xi'' - \xi'| \sum_{m=0}^3 |\xi'' - \eta|^{3-m} |\xi' - \eta|^m.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\mathcal{K}_2(\xi', \xi'', \eta) \\
 &\leq \frac{|\xi'' - \eta| |\xi'' - \xi'| \sum_{m=0}^3 |\xi'' - \eta|^{3-m} |\xi' - \eta|^m + |\xi' - \xi''| |\xi'' - \eta|^2 |\xi'' - \eta|^2}{|\xi' - \eta|^4 |\xi'' - \eta|^4} \\
 &= |\xi' - \xi''| \left(\frac{2}{|\xi' - \eta|^4} + \sum_{l=1}^3 \frac{1}{|\xi' - \eta|^{4-l} |\xi'' - \eta|^l} \right).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.12}$$

So by (3.10) and (3.12), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{12}^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\Omega_2} \mathcal{K}_2(\xi', \xi'', \eta) |g(\eta)| d\Omega_{2,\eta} \\
 &\leq |\xi' - \xi''| \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\Omega_2} \frac{|g(\eta)|}{|\xi' - \eta|^4} d\Omega_{2,\eta}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ |\xi' - \xi''| \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\Omega_2} \sum_{l=1}^3 \frac{|g(\eta)|}{|\xi' - \eta|^{4-l} |\xi'' - \eta|^l} d\Omega_{2,\eta} \\
 &= I_{1_2}^{(2)'} + I_{1_2}^{(2)''}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

First, similar to the method estimating I_{1_1} , we have

$$I_{1_2}^{(2)''} \leq J_8 \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^\beta. \tag{3.14}$$

Second, when $\eta \in \Omega_2$, $|\xi' - \eta| > 3\delta$, $|\xi'' - \eta| > 2\delta$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\delta &\leq |\xi' - \eta| - |\xi' - \xi''| \leq |\xi'' - \eta| \leq |\xi' - \xi''| + |\xi' - \eta| = \delta + |\xi' - \eta|, \\
 \delta &\leq |\xi'' - \eta| - |\xi'' - \xi'| \leq |\xi' - \eta| \leq |\xi' - \xi''| + |\xi'' - \eta| = \delta + |\xi'' - \eta|.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

So we know

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{|\xi' - \eta|}{|\xi'' - \eta|} \leq \frac{3}{2}. \tag{3.16}$$

Thus, by (3.16), the Hölder inequality, and Lemma 2.4, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{1_2}^{(2)'} &= |\xi' - \xi''| \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\Omega_2} \frac{|g(\eta)|}{|\xi' - \eta|^4} d\Omega_{2,\eta} \\
 &\leq |\xi' - \xi''| \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\Omega_2} \frac{2|g(\eta)|}{|\xi' - \eta|^3 |\xi'' - \eta|} d\Omega_{2,\eta} \\
 &\leq J_9 \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^{1-\frac{4}{p}} \\
 &= J_9 \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^\beta.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

So, by (3.13), (3.14), and (3.17), we have

$$I_{1_2}^{(2)} \leq J_{10} \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^\beta. \tag{3.18}$$

Therefore, by (3.10), (3.11), and (3.18), we can obtain

$$I_{1_2} \leq J_{11} \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^\beta. \tag{3.19}$$

(ii) If $B(\xi', 3\delta) \cap \bar{E} = \emptyset$, then for arbitrary $\eta \in E$, we have $|\xi' - \eta| > 3\delta$, $|\xi'' - \eta| > 2\delta$. Thus similar to the method estimating $I_{1_2}^{(2)}$, we have

$$I_{1_2} \leq J_{12} \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^\beta. \tag{3.20}$$

So, by (3.19) and (3.20), we have

$$I_{1_2} \leq J_{13} \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^\beta, \quad \xi', \xi'' \in \mathbb{R}^4 \cong \mathbb{C}^2, \tag{3.21}$$

where $J_{13} = \max\{J_{11}, J_{12}\}$.

Thus, to sum up, by (3.5), (3.9), and (3.21), we obtain

$$I_1 \leq J_{14} \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^\beta, \quad \xi', \xi'' \in \mathbb{R}^4 \cong \mathbb{C}^2. \tag{3.22}$$

Similarly, we have

$$I_2 \leq J_{15} \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^\beta, \quad \xi', \xi'' \in \mathbb{R}^4 \cong \mathbb{C}^2. \tag{3.23}$$

So, by (3.3), (3.22), and (3.23), we obtain

$$O_3 \leq M'_2(p) \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^\beta, \quad \xi', \xi'' \in \mathbb{R}^4 \cong \mathbb{C}^2, \tag{3.24}$$

where $M'_2(p) = J_{14} + J_{15}$.

For $\eta \in \mathbb{C}^2 - E$, we suppose that $\eta = \frac{\eta'}{|\eta'|^2}$, then we have $|\eta'| \leq 1$. Thus by $g \in L_p(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{H})$, similar to the proof as stated above, we have

$$O_4 \leq M''_2(p) \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^\beta, \quad \xi', \xi'' \in \mathbb{R}^4 \cong \mathbb{C}^2.$$

Therefore, for arbitrary $\xi', \xi'' \in \mathbb{C}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}^4, \xi' \neq \xi''$, we obtain

$$|\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi') - \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi'')| \leq M_2(p) \|g\|_{L_p} |\xi' - \xi''|^\beta, \quad \xi', \xi'' \in \mathbb{R}^4 \cong \mathbb{C}^2,$$

where $M_2(p) = M'_2(p) + M''_2(p)$, i.e. $\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g] \in C_\beta(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{H}) \cong C_\beta(\mathbb{R}^4, \mathbb{H})$ ($0 < \beta < 1$).

(3) For arbitrary $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{H})$, there exists a bounded closed set $Q \subset \mathbb{C}^2$, such that $\overline{\text{supp}} \varphi \subset \subset Q$. Thus, by $T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\infty) = 0$, Definition 2.1, Lemma 2.3, and the Fubini theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} [\varphi]^\psi D(\xi)^\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi) d_{\mathbb{C}^2_\xi} \\ &= \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q [\varphi]^\psi D(\xi)^\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi) dQ_\xi \\ &= - \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \int_Q [\varphi]^\psi D(\xi) \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \mathcal{K}_\psi(\eta - \xi) g(\eta) d_{\mathbb{C}^2_\eta} dQ_\xi \\ &= \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \int_Q [\varphi]^\psi D(\xi) \mathcal{K}_\psi(\xi - \eta) dQ_\xi g(\eta) d_{\mathbb{C}^2_\eta} \\ &= \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \left[\int_{\partial Q} \varphi(\xi) d\sigma_\xi \mathcal{K}_\psi(\xi - \eta) - \varphi(\eta) \right] g(\eta) d_{\mathbb{C}^2_\eta} \\ &= - \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \varphi(\eta) g(\eta) d_{\mathbb{C}^2_\eta} = - \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \varphi(\xi) g(\xi) d_{\mathbb{C}^2_\xi}, \end{aligned}$$

where $d = \sup_{\xi', \xi'' \in Q} |\xi' - \xi''|$. Hence, in the sense of generalized derivatives, we have $\psi D(\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g])(\xi) = g(\xi)$. □

Remark 3.1 By the process of proof in Theorem 3.1, it is easy to show that $\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g], \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g] \in C_\beta(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{C}) \cong C_\beta(\mathbb{R}^4, \mathbb{C})$ ($0 < \beta < 1$).

4 Integral representation of solution of the mixed boundary value problem for the inhomogeneous Cimmino system

In this section, let $E = E_1 \times E_2$ be a bounded domain, ∂E_m ($m = 1, 2$) be simply closed curves in the z_m -plane, and $\partial E_m \in C_\mu^{(1)}$, $0 < \mu < 1$. Without loss of generality, we may consider $\partial E_m = \{z_m \mid |z_m| = 1\}$ and $E_m = \{z_m \mid |z_m| < 1\}$ ($m = 1, 2$). Denote by E_m^+ , E_m^- the inner domain and outer domain of ∂E_m , respectively, and $E^{++} = E_1^+ \times E_2^+$, $E^{+-} = E_1^+ \times E_2^-$, $E^{-+} = E_1^- \times E_2^+$, $E^{--} = E_1^- \times E_2^-$, $\Gamma = \partial E_1 \times \partial E_2$.

Problem P The mixed boundary value problem for the inhomogeneous Cimmino system (1.2) is to find a function $f(z_1, z_2) = u_1(z_1, z_2) + u_2(z_1, z_2)j$ satisfying the Cimmino system (1.2) and the following boundary condition:

$$u_1^{++}(t_1, t_2) = G_1(t_1, t_2)u_1^{+-}(t_1, t_2) + G_2(t_1, t_2)u_1^{-+}(t_1, t_2) + G_3(t_1, t_2)u_1^{--}(t_1, t_2) + H(t_1, t_2), \quad t = (t_1, t_2) \in \Gamma, \tag{4.1}$$

$$u_2(t_1, t_2) = h(t_1, t_2), \quad t = (t_1, t_2) \in \partial E, \tag{4.2}$$

where $u_1 = f_0 + if_1$, $u_2 = f_2 + if_3$, $z_1 = x_0 + ix_1$, $z_2 = x_2 + ix_3$. $G_1(z_1, z_2)$, $G_2(z_1, z_2)$, $G_3(z_1, z_2)$ are analytic in E^{+-} , E^{-+} , E^{--} and are continuous in \bar{E}^{+-} , \bar{E}^{-+} , \bar{E}^{--} , respectively, which have no zero. We have $G_m(t_1, t_2)$ ($m = 1, 2, 3$), $H(t_1, t_2) \in C_\alpha(\Gamma, \mathbb{C})$, $h(t_1, t_2) \in C_\alpha(\partial E, \mathbb{C})$ ($0 < \alpha < 1$).

Lemma 4.1 *If $\Psi \in C^{(2)}(E, \mathbb{H})$, $h \in C_\alpha(\partial E, \mathbb{C})$ ($0 < \alpha < 1$), $g \in L_p(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{H})$ ($4 < p < +\infty$), then the equation $\psi D[\Psi] = 0$ with the boundary condition $\bar{w}_2|_{\partial E} = \bar{h}(t_1, t_2) - \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g](t_1, t_2)$ has the solution $\Psi = w_1 + w_2j = w_1 + j\bar{w}_2$ and*

$$\bar{w}_2(\xi) = \int_{\partial E} [\bar{h}(t) - \overline{\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g](t)}] \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} G(\xi, t) d\partial E_t,$$

$$w_1(\xi) = \Phi(\xi) + w_0(\xi)$$

or

$$\bar{w}_2(z_1, z_2) = \int_{\partial E} [\bar{h}(t_1, t_2) - \overline{\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g](t_1, t_2)}] \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} G(z_1, z_2, t_1, t_2) d\partial E_{t_1, t_2},$$

$$w_1(z_1, z_2) = \Phi(z_1, z_2) + w_0(z_1, z_2),$$

where ν is the unit outward normal on ∂E , $G(\xi, \eta)$ is the Green's function in $E = E_1 \times E_2$, $\Phi(z_1, z_2)$ is an arbitrary analytic function in $E = E_1 \times E_2$, and

$$\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g](t_1, t_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \frac{(\bar{t}_2 - \bar{s}_2)}{(|t_1 - s_1|^2 + |t_2 - s_2|^2)^2} g(s_1, s_2) d_{\mathbb{C}_{s_1, s_2}^2},$$

$$w_0(z_1, z_2) = \tilde{T}_{E_1}[-\partial_{z_2} \bar{w}_2] + \tilde{T}_{E_2}[\Phi_0],$$

$$\tilde{T}_{E_1}[-\partial_{z_2} \bar{w}_2] = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{E_1} \frac{-\partial_{z_2} \bar{w}_2(s_1, z_2)}{s_1 - z_1} dE_{1s_1},$$

$$\tilde{T}_{E_2}[\Phi_0] = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{E_2} \frac{\Phi_0(z_1, s_2)}{s_2 - z_2} dE_{2s_2},$$

$$\Phi_0(z_1, z_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial E_1} \frac{\partial_{z_1} \bar{w}_2(s_1, z_2)}{s_1 - z_1} d\partial E_{1s_1}.$$

Proof From Remark 3.1, we know $\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g] \in C_\beta(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{C}) \cong C_\beta(\mathbb{R}^4, \mathbb{C})$ ($0 < \beta < 1$). Thus by [9], we have $\bar{h} - \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g] \in C_\mu(\partial E, \mathbb{C})$ ($0 < \mu = \min\{\alpha, \beta\} < 1$). So we may construct

$$\bar{w}_2(\xi) = \int_{\partial E} [\bar{h}(t) - \overline{\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g](t)}] \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} G(\xi, t) d\partial E_t,$$

where ν is the unit outward normal on ∂E , $G(\xi, \eta)$ is the Green's function in $E = E_1 \times E_2$, and

$$\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g](t_1, t_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \frac{(\bar{t}_2 - \bar{s}_2)}{(|t_1 - s_1|^2 + |t_2 - s_2|^2)^2} g(s_1, s_2) d_{\mathbb{C}^2_{s_1, s_2}}.$$

Then $\bar{w}_2(\xi)$ is a complex-value harmonic function in E , i.e. $\Delta_{\mathbb{C}^2} \bar{w}_2 = 4(\partial_{z_1 \bar{z}_1}^2 + \partial_{z_2 \bar{z}_2}^2) \bar{w}_2 = 0$. Hence

$$\partial_{\bar{z}_1}(\partial_{z_1} \bar{w}_2) = -\partial_{\bar{z}_2}(\partial_{z_2} \bar{w}_2). \tag{4.3}$$

Again, by (3.1), we have

$$\psi D[\Psi] = 0 \iff \begin{cases} \partial_{\bar{z}_1} w_1 + \partial_{z_2} \bar{w}_2 = 0, \\ \partial_{\bar{z}_2} w_1 - \partial_{z_1} \bar{w}_2 = 0 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} \partial_{\bar{z}_1} w_1 = -\partial_{z_2} \bar{w}_2, \\ \partial_{\bar{z}_2} w_1 = \partial_{z_1} \bar{w}_2. \end{cases} \tag{4.4}$$

By (4.3), we know $-\partial_{z_2} \bar{w}_2, \partial_{z_1} \bar{w}_2$ satisfy the compatibility condition

$$\partial_{\bar{z}_2}(-\partial_{z_2} \bar{w}_2) = \partial_{\bar{z}_1}(\partial_{z_1} \bar{w}_2).$$

Thus by Theorem 7.2.1 of Chapter 7 in [11], the general solution $w_1(z_1, z_2)$ of system (4.4) possesses the form

$$w_1(z_1, z_2) = \Phi(z_1, z_2) + w_0(z_1, z_2),$$

where $\Phi(z_1, z_2)$ is an arbitrary analytic function in $E = E_1 \times E_2$ and

$$\begin{aligned} w_0(z_1, z_2) &= \tilde{T}_{E_1}[-\partial_{z_2} \bar{w}_2] + \tilde{T}_{E_2}[\Phi_0], \\ \tilde{T}_{E_1}[-\partial_{z_2} \bar{w}_2] &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{E_1} \frac{-\partial_{z_2} \bar{w}_2(s_1, z_2)}{s_1 - z_1} dE_{1s_1}, \\ \tilde{T}_{E_2}[\Phi_0] &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{E_2} \frac{\Phi_0(z_1, s_2)}{s_2 - z_2} dE_{2s_2}, \\ \Phi_0(z_1, z_2) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial E_1} \frac{\partial_{z_1} \bar{w}_2(s_1, z_2)}{s_1 - z_1} d\partial E_{1s_1}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Lemma 4.2 *Let G_m ($m = 1, 2, 3$), H, w_0, E etc. be as stated above. Find a sectionally analytic function $\Phi(z_1, z_2)$ in $E^{++}, E^{+-}, E^{-+}, E^{--}$, such that $\Phi(z_1, z_2)$ is continuous in $E^{++}, E^{+-}, E^{-+}, E^{--}$ and satisfies the boundary condition*

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^{++}(t_1, t_2) &= G_1(t_1, t_2)\Phi^{+-}(t_1, t_2) + G_2(t_1, t_2)\Phi^{-+}(t_1, t_2) \\ &\quad + G_3(t_1, t_2)\Phi^{--}(t_1, t_2) + (G_1 + G_2 + G_3 - 1)(w_0(t_1, t_2) \\ &\quad + \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g](t_1, t_2)) + H(t_1, t_2), \quad t = (t_1, t_2) \in \Gamma, \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

where

$$\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g](t_1, t_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \frac{(\bar{t}_1 - \bar{s}_1)}{(|t_1 - s_1|^2 + |t_2 - s_2|^2)^2} g(s_1, s_2) d_{\mathbb{C}_{s_1, s_2}^2}.$$

Then the solution has the form

$$\Phi(z_1, z_2) = \begin{cases} F(z_1, z_2), & z = (z_1, z_2) \in E^{++}, \\ F(z_1, z_2)/G_1(z_1, z_2), & z = (z_1, z_2) \in E^{+-}, \\ F(z_1, z_2)/G_2(z_1, z_2), & z = (z_1, z_2) \in E^{-+}, \\ -F(z_1, z_2)/G_3(z_1, z_2), & z = (z_1, z_2) \in E^{--}, \end{cases} \tag{4.6}$$

where

$$F(z_1, z_2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int_{\partial E_1 \times \partial E_2} \frac{\tilde{H}(s_1, s_2)}{(s_1 - z_1)(s_2 - z_2)} d\partial E_{1s_1} d\partial E_{2s_2},$$

and $\tilde{H} = (G_1 + G_2 + G_3 - 1)(w_0 + \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g]) + H$.

Proof From Remark 3.1, we know $\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g] \in C_\beta(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{C}) \cong C_\beta(\mathbb{R}^4, \mathbb{C})$ ($0 < \beta < 1$). Thus by [9], we have $\tilde{H} = (G_1 + G_2 + G_3 - 1)(w_0 + \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g]) + H \in C_\mu(\Gamma, \mathbb{C})$ ($0 < \mu = \min\{\alpha, \beta\} < 1$). Hence by Theorem 7.1.2 of Chapter 7 in [11], it is not difficult to verify this lemma. \square

Theorem 4.1 *Let $E, \partial E$ etc. be as stated above. If $g \in L_p(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{H})$ ($4 < p < +\infty$), then the solution of Problem P can be expressed as*

$$f(\xi) = \Psi(\xi) + \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi),$$

where $\psi D[\Psi] = 0$ and

$$\begin{cases} \Psi(\xi) = w_1(\xi) + w_2(\xi)j = w_1(\xi) + j\bar{w}_2(\xi), \\ w_1(\xi) = \Phi(\xi) + w_0(\xi), \\ \bar{w}_2(\xi) = \int_{\partial E} [\bar{h}(t) - \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g](t)] \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{v}} G(\xi, t) d\partial E_t, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi) &= \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](z_1, z_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \frac{(\bar{z}_1 - \bar{s}_1) + (\bar{z}_2 - \bar{s}_2)j}{(|z_1 - s_1|^2 + |z_2 - s_2|^2)^2} g(s_1, s_2) d_{\mathbb{C}_{s_1, s_2}^2} \\ &= \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g](z_1, z_2) + \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g](z_1, z_2)j, \end{aligned}$$

herein $w_0, \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g]$ are as stated in Lemma 4.1, $\Phi, \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g]$ are as stated in Lemma 4.2.

Proof By Theorem 3.1, we know $\psi D[\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g]](\xi) = g(\xi)$, thus $\psi D[\Psi(\xi) + \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi)] = g(\xi)$. Hence, by (3.2), we know the general solution of system (1.2) has the form

$$f(\xi) = \Psi(\xi) + \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi), \tag{4.7}$$

where $\psi D[\Psi] = 0, \xi = z_1 + z_2j, f(\xi) = f(z_1, z_2) = u_1(z_1, z_2) + u_2(z_1, z_2)j = u_1(z_1, z_2) + j\bar{u}_2(z_1, z_2), \Psi(\xi) = \Psi(z_1, z_2) = w_1(z_1, z_2) + w_2(z_1, z_2)j = w_1(z_1, z_2) + j\bar{w}_2(z_1, z_2)$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](\xi) &= \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}[g](z_1, z_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} \frac{(\bar{z}_1 - \bar{s}_1) + (\bar{z}_2 - \bar{s}_2)j}{(|z_1 - s_1|^2 + |z_2 - s_2|^2)^2} g(s_1, s_2) d_{\mathbb{C}_{s_1, s_2}^2} \\ &= \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g](z_1, z_2) + \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g](z_1, z_2)j = \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g](z_1, z_2) + \overline{j\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g]}(z_1, z_2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\bar{u}_2(z_1, z_2) = \bar{w}_2(z_1, z_2) + \overline{\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g]}(z_1, z_2).$$

So the boundary condition (4.2) in Problem P can be written as

$$\bar{w}_2 = \bar{h}(t_1, t_2) - \overline{\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(2)}[g]}(t_1, t_2), \quad t = (t_1, t_2) \in \partial E. \quad (4.8)$$

Therefore, by Lemma 4.1, the solution to the equation ${}^\psi D[\Psi] = 0$ with boundary condition (4.8) can be expressed as

$$\Psi(\xi) = w_1(\xi) + w_2(\xi)j = w_1(\xi) + j\bar{w}_2(\xi),$$

where w_1, \bar{w}_2 are as stated in Lemma 4.1. Again, by (4.7), we have

$$u_1(z_1, z_2) = w_1(z_1, z_2) + \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g](z_1, z_2).$$

From Lemma 4.1, we have

$$w_1(z_1, z_2) = \Phi(z_1, z_2) + w_0(z_1, z_2),$$

where $\Phi(z_1, z_2)$ is an arbitrary analytic function in $E = E_1 \times E_2$, w_0 is as stated in Lemma 4.1. In addition, by Chapter 7 in [11], we know $w_0 \in C_\alpha(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{C})$ ($0 < \alpha < 1$), by Remark 3.1, we know $\psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g] \in C_\beta(\mathbb{C}^2, \mathbb{C})$ ($0 < \beta < 1$). So the boundary condition (4.1) in Problem P can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^{++}(t_1, t_2) &= G_1(t_1, t_2)\Phi^{+-}(t_1, t_2) + G_2(t_1, t_2)\Phi^{-+}(t_1, t_2) \\ &\quad + G_3(t_1, t_2)\Phi^{--}(t_1, t_2) + (G_1 + G_2 + G_3 - 1)(w_0(t_1, t_2) \\ &\quad + \psi T_{\mathbb{C}^2}^{(1)}[g](t_1, t_2)) + H(t_1, t_2), \quad t = (t_1, t_2) \in \Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 4.2, we know $\Phi(z_1, z_2)$ can be expressed as (4.6) in Lemma 4.2. In conclusion, we complete the proof. \square

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