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# ON THE $X$ -RAY TRANSFORM OF PLANAR SYMMETRIC 2-TENSORS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we study the attenuated  $X$ -ray transform of 2-tensors supported in strictly convex bounded subsets in the Euclidean plane. We characterize its range and reconstruct all possible 2-tensors yielding identical  $X$ -ray data. The characterization is in terms of a Hilbert-transform associated with  $A$ -analytic maps in the sense of Bukhgeim.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This paper concerns the range characterization of the attenuated  $X$ -ray transform of symmetric 2-tensors in the plane. Range characterization of the non-attenuated  $X$ -ray transform of functions (0-tensors) in the Euclidean space has been long known [10, 11, 19], whereas in the case of a constant attenuation some range conditions can be inferred from [17, 1, 2]. For a varying attenuation the two dimensional case has been particularly interesting with inversion formulas requiring new analytical tools: the theory of  $A$ -analytic maps originally employed in [3], and ideas from inverse scattering in [24]. Constraints on the range for the two dimensional  $X$ -ray transform of functions were given in [25, 4], and a range characterization based on Bukhgeim's theory of  $A$ -analytic maps was given in [30].

Inversion of the  $X$ -ray transform of higher order tensors has been formulated directly in the setting of Riemmanian manifolds with boundary [32]. The case of 2-tensors appears in the linearization of the boundary rigidity problem. It is easy to see that injectivity can hold only in some restricted class: e.g., the class of solenoidal tensors. For two dimensional simple manifolds with boundary, injectivity with in the solenoidal tensor fields has been establish fairly recent: in the non-attenuated case for 0- and 1-tensors we mention the breakthrough result in [29], and in the attenuated case in [34]; see also [13] for a more general weighted transform. Inversion for the attenuated  $X$ -ray transform for solenoidal tensors of rank two and higher can be found in [27], with a range characterization in [28]. In the Euclidean

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case we mention an earlier inversion of the attenuated  $X$ -ray transform of solenoidal tensors in [16]; however this work does not address range characterization.

Different from the recent characterization in terms of the scattering relation in [28], in this paper the range conditions are in terms of the Hilbert-transform for  $A$ -analytic maps introduced in [30, 31]. Our characterization can be understood as an explicit description of the scattering relation in [26, 27, 28] particularized to the Euclidean setting. In the sufficiency part we reconstruct all possible 2-tensors yielding identical  $X$ -ray data; see (30) for the non-attenuated case and (82) for the attenuated case.

For a real symmetric 2-tensor  $\mathbf{F} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^2; \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$ ,

$$(1) \quad \mathbf{F}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{11}(x) & f_{12}(x) \\ f_{12}(x) & f_{22}(x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

and a real valued function  $a \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , the  $a$ -attenuated  $X$ -ray transform of  $\mathbf{F}$  is defined by

$$(2) \quad X_a \mathbf{F}(x, \theta) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle \mathbf{F}(x + t\theta) \theta, \theta \rangle \exp \left\{ - \int_t^{\infty} a(x + s\theta) ds \right\} dt,$$

where  $\theta$  is a direction in the unit sphere  $\mathbf{S}^1$ , and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the scalar product in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . For the non attenuated case  $a \equiv 0$  we use the notation  $X\mathbf{F}$ .

In this paper, we consider  $\mathbf{F}$  be defined on a strictly convex bounded set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  with vanishing trace at the boundary  $\Gamma$ ; further regularity and the order of vanishing will be specified in the theorems. In the attenuated case we assume  $a > 0$  in  $\overline{\Omega}$ .

For any  $(x, \theta) \in \overline{\Omega} \times \mathbf{S}^1$  let  $\tau(x, \theta)$  be length of the chord in the direction of  $\theta$  passing through  $x$ . Let also consider the incoming ( $-$ ), respectively outgoing ( $+$ ) submanifolds of the unit bundle restricted to the boundary

$$(3) \quad \Gamma_{\pm} := \{(x, \theta) \in \Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1 : \pm \theta \cdot n(x) > 0\},$$

and the variety

$$(4) \quad \Gamma_0 := \{(x, \theta) \in \Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1 : \theta \cdot n(x) = 0\},$$

where  $n(x)$  denotes outer normal.

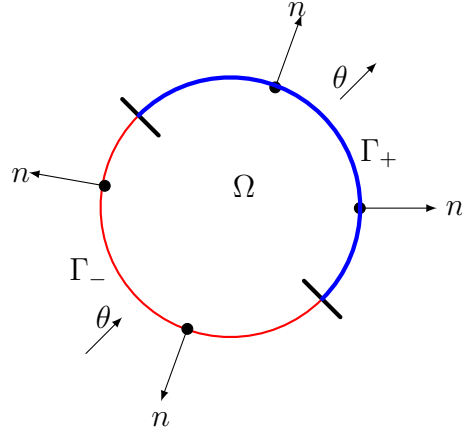
The  $a$ -attenuated  $X$ -ray transform of  $\mathbf{F}$  is realized as a function on  $\Gamma_+$  by

$$(5) \quad X_a \mathbf{F}(x, \theta) = \int_{-\tau(x, \theta)}^0 \langle \mathbf{F}(x + t\theta) \theta, \theta \rangle e^{-\int_t^0 a(x + s\theta) ds} dt, \quad (x, \theta) \in \Gamma_+.$$

We approach the range characterization through its connection with the transport model as follows: The boundary value problem

$$(6) \quad \theta \cdot \nabla u(x, \theta) + a(x)u(x, \theta) = \langle \mathbf{F}(x)\theta, \theta \rangle \quad (x, \theta) \in \Omega \times \mathbf{S}^1,$$

$$(7) \quad u|_{\Gamma_-} = 0$$

FIGURE 1. Definition of  $\Gamma_{\pm}$ 

has a unique solution in  $\Omega \times \mathbf{S}^1$  and

$$(8) \quad u|_{\Gamma_+}(x, \theta) = X_a \mathbf{F}(x, \theta), \quad (x, \theta) \in \Gamma_+.$$

The  $X$ -ray transform of 2-tensors occurs in the linearization of the boundary rigidity problem [32]: For  $\epsilon > 0$  small, let

$$g^\epsilon(x) := \mathbf{I} + \epsilon \mathbf{F}(x) + o(\epsilon), \quad x \in \Omega,$$

be a family of metrics perturbations from the Euclidean, where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix and  $\mathbf{F}$  is as in (1). For an arbitrary pair of boundary points  $x, y \in \Gamma$  let  $d_\epsilon(x, y)$  denote their distance in the metric  $g^\epsilon$ . The boundary rigidity problem asks for the recovery of the metric  $g^\epsilon$  from knowledge of  $d_\epsilon(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in \Gamma$ . In the linearized case one seeks to recover  $\mathbf{F}(x)$  from  $\frac{d}{d\epsilon}|_{\epsilon=0} d_\epsilon^2(x, y)$ . Taking into account the length minimizing property of geodesic one can show that

$$\frac{1}{|x-y|} \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \Big|_{\epsilon=0} d_\epsilon^2(x, y) = \int_{-|x-y|}^0 \langle \mathbf{F}(x+t\theta)\theta, \theta \rangle dt = X\mathbf{F}(x, \theta),$$

where  $\theta := \frac{x-y}{|x-y|} \in \mathbf{S}^1$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section we briefly introduce the properties of Bukhgeim's  $A$ -analytic maps [7] needed later.

For  $z = x_1 + ix_2$ , we consider the Cauchy-Riemann operators

$$(9) \quad \bar{\partial} = (\partial_{x_1} + i\partial_{x_2})/2, \quad \partial = (\partial_{x_1} - i\partial_{x_2})/2.$$

Let  $l_\infty(, l_1)$  be the space of bounded (, respectively summable) sequences,  $\mathcal{L} : l_\infty \rightarrow l_\infty$  be the left shift

$$\mathcal{L}\langle u_{-1}, u_{-2}, \dots \rangle = \langle u_{-2}, u_{-3}, u_{-4}, \dots \rangle.$$

**Definition 2.1.** *A sequence valued map*

$$z \mapsto \mathbf{u}(z) := \langle u_{-1}(z), u_{-2}(z), u_{-3}(z), \dots \rangle$$

is called  $\mathcal{L}$ -analytic, if  $\mathbf{u} \in C(\bar{\Omega}; l_\infty) \cap C^1(\Omega; l_\infty)$  and

$$(10) \quad \bar{\partial}\mathbf{u}(z) + \mathcal{L}\partial\mathbf{u}(z) = 0, \quad z \in \Omega.$$

For  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $k = 1, 2$ , we recall the Banach spaces in [30]:

$$(11) \quad l_\infty^{1,k}(\Gamma) := \left\{ \mathbf{u} = \langle u_{-1}, u_{-2}, \dots \rangle : \sup_{\zeta \in \Gamma} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^k |u_{-j}(\zeta)| < \infty \right\},$$

$$(12) \quad C^\alpha(\Gamma; l_1) := \left\{ \mathbf{u} : \sup_{\xi \in \Gamma} \|\mathbf{u}(\xi)\|_{l_1} + \sup_{\substack{\xi, \eta \in \Gamma \\ \xi \neq \eta}} \frac{\|\mathbf{u}(\xi) - \mathbf{u}(\eta)\|_{l_1}}{|\xi - \eta|^\alpha} < \infty \right\}.$$

By replacing  $\Gamma$  with  $\bar{\Omega}$  and  $l_1$  with  $l_\infty$  in (12) we similarly define  $C^\alpha(\bar{\Omega}; l_1)$ , respectively,  $C^\alpha(\bar{\Omega}; l_\infty)$ .

At the heart of the theory of  $A$ -analytic maps lies a Cauchy-like integral formula introduced by Bukhgeim in [7]. The explicit variant (13) appeared first in Finch [8]. The formula below is restated in terms of  $\mathcal{L}$ -analytic maps as in [31].

**Theorem 2.1.** [31, Theorem 2.1] *For some  $\mathbf{g} = \langle g_{-1}, g_{-2}, g_{-3}, \dots \rangle \in l_\infty^{1,1}(\Gamma) \cap C^\alpha(\Gamma; l_1)$  define the Bukhgeim-Cauchy operator  $\mathcal{B}$  acting on  $\mathbf{g}$ ,*

$$\Omega \ni z \mapsto \langle (\mathcal{B}\mathbf{g})_{-1}(z), (\mathcal{B}\mathbf{g})_{-2}(z), (\mathcal{B}\mathbf{g})_{-3}(z), \dots \rangle,$$

by

$$(13) \quad \begin{aligned} (\mathcal{B}\mathbf{g})_{-n}(z) := & \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{g_{-n-j}(\zeta) \overline{(\zeta - z)}^j}{(\zeta - z)^{j+1}} d\zeta \\ & - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{g_{-n-j}(\zeta) \overline{(\zeta - z)}^{j-1}}{(\zeta - z)^j} d\bar{\zeta}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mathcal{B}\mathbf{g} \in C^{1,\alpha}(\Omega; l_\infty) \cap C(\bar{\Omega}; l_\infty)$  and it is also  $\mathcal{L}$ -analytic.

For our purposes further regularity in  $\mathcal{B}\mathbf{g}$  will be required. Such smoothness is obtained by increasing the assumptions on the rate of decay of the

terms in  $\mathbf{g}$  as explicit below. For  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , let us recall the Banach space  $Y_\alpha$  in [30]:

$$(14) \quad Y_\alpha = \left\{ \mathbf{g} \in l_\infty^{1,2}(\Gamma) : \sup_{\substack{\xi, \mu \in \Gamma \\ \xi \neq \mu}} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j \frac{|g_{-j}(\xi) - g_{-j}(\mu)|}{|\xi - \mu|^\alpha} < \infty \right\}.$$

**Proposition 2.1.** [31, Proposition 2.1] *If  $\mathbf{g} \in Y_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 1/2$ , then*

$$(15) \quad \mathcal{B}\mathbf{g} \in C^{1,\alpha}(\Omega; l_1) \cap C^\alpha(\bar{\Omega}; l_1) \cap C^2(\Omega; l_\infty).$$

The Hilbert transform associated with boundary of  $\mathcal{L}$ -analytic maps is defined below.

**Definition 2.2.** *For  $\mathbf{g} = \langle g_{-1}, g_{-2}, g_{-3}, \dots \rangle \in l_\infty^{1,1}(\Gamma) \cap C^\alpha(\Gamma; l_1)$ , we define the Hilbert transform  $\mathcal{H}\mathbf{g}$  componentwise for  $n \geq 1$  by*

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} (\mathcal{H}\mathbf{g})_{-n}(\xi) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_\Gamma \frac{g_{-n}(\zeta)}{\zeta - \xi} d\zeta \\ &+ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_\Gamma \left\{ \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta - \xi} - \frac{d\bar{\zeta}}{\bar{\zeta} - \bar{\xi}} \right\} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} g_{-n-j}(\zeta) \left( \frac{\bar{\zeta} - \bar{\xi}}{\zeta - \xi} \right)^j, \quad \xi \in \Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

The following result justifies the name of the transform  $\mathcal{H}$ . For its proof we refer to [30, Theorem 3.2].

**Theorem 2.2.** *For  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , let  $\mathbf{g} \in l_\infty^{1,1}(\Gamma) \cap C^\alpha(\Gamma; l_1)$ . For  $\mathbf{g}$  to be boundary value of an  $\mathcal{L}$ -analytic function it is necessary and sufficient that*

$$(17) \quad (I + i\mathcal{H})\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{0},$$

where  $\mathcal{H}$  is as in (16).

### 3. THE NON-ATTENUATED CASE

In this section we assume  $a \equiv 0$ . We establish necessary and sufficient conditions for a sufficiently smooth function on  $\Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1$  to be the  $X$ -ray data of some sufficiently smooth real valued symmetric 2-tensor  $\mathbf{F}$ . For  $\theta = (\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi) \in \mathbf{S}^1$ , a calculation shows that

$$(18) \quad \langle \mathbf{F}(x)\theta, \theta \rangle = f_0(x) + \overline{f_2(x)}e^{2i\varphi} + f_2(x)e^{-2i\varphi},$$

where

$$(19) \quad f_0(x) = \frac{f_{11}(x) + f_{22}(x)}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad f_2(x) = \frac{f_{11}(x) - f_{22}(x)}{4} + i \frac{f_{12}(x)}{2}.$$

The transport equation in (6) becomes

$$(20) \quad \theta \cdot \nabla u(x, \theta) = f_0(x) + \overline{f_2(x)}e^{2i\varphi} + f_2(x)e^{-2i\varphi}, \quad x \in \Omega.$$

For  $z = x_1 + ix_2 \in \Omega$ , we consider the Fourier expansions of  $u(z, \cdot)$  in the angular variable  $\theta = (\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi)$ :

$$u(z, \theta) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_n(z) e^{in\varphi}.$$

Since  $u$  is real valued its Fourier modes occur in conjugates,

$$u_{-n}(z) = \overline{u_n(z)}, \quad n \geq 0, \quad z \in \Omega.$$

With the Cauchy-Riemann operators defined in (9) the advection operator becomes

$$\theta \cdot \nabla = e^{-i\varphi} \bar{\partial} + e^{i\varphi} \partial.$$

Provided appropriate convergence of the series (given by smoothness in the angular variable) we see that if  $u$  solves (20) then its Fourier modes solve the system

$$(21) \quad \bar{\partial} u_1(z) + \partial u_{-1}(z) = f_0(z),$$

$$(22) \quad \bar{\partial} u_{-1}(z) + \partial u_{-3}(z) = f_2(z),$$

$$(23) \quad \bar{\partial} u_{2n}(z) + \partial u_{2n-2}(z) = 0, \quad n \leq 0,$$

$$(24) \quad \bar{\partial} u_{2n-1}(z) + \partial u_{2n-3}(z) = 0, \quad n \leq -1,$$

The range characterization is given in terms of the trace

$$(25) \quad g := u|_{\Gamma \times \mathbb{S}^1} = \begin{cases} X\mathbf{F}(x, \theta), & (x, \theta) \in \Gamma_+, \\ 0, & (x, \theta) \in \Gamma_- \cup \Gamma_0. \end{cases}$$

More precisely, in terms of its Fourier modes in the angular variables:

$$(26) \quad g(\zeta, \theta) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_n(\zeta) e^{in\varphi}, \quad \zeta \in \Gamma.$$

Since the trace  $g$  is also real valued, its Fourier modes will satisfy

$$(27) \quad g_{-n}(\zeta) = \overline{g_n(\zeta)}, \quad n \geq 0, \quad \zeta \in \Gamma.$$

From the negative even modes, we built the sequence

$$(28) \quad \mathbf{g}^{even} := \langle g_0, g_{-2}, g_{-4}, \dots \rangle.$$

From the negative odd modes starting from mode  $-3$ , we built the sequence

$$(29) \quad \mathbf{g}^{odd} := \langle g_{-3}, g_{-5}, g_{-7}, \dots \rangle.$$

Next we characterize the data  $g$  in terms of the Hilbert Transform  $\mathcal{H}$  in (16). We will construct simultaneously the right hand side of the transport equation (20) and the solution  $u$  whose trace matches the boundary data  $g$ . Construction of  $u$  is via its Fourier modes. We first construct the negative modes and then the positive modes are constructed by conjugation.

Except from negative one mode  $u_{-1}$  all non-positive modes are defined by Bukhgeim-Cauchy integral formula in (13) using boundary data. Other than having the trace  $g_{-1}$  on the boundary  $u_{-1}$  is unconstrained. It is chosen arbitrarily from the class of functions

$$(30) \quad \Psi_g := \left\{ \psi \in C^1(\bar{\Omega}; \mathbb{C}) : \psi|_{\Gamma} = g_{-1} \right\}.$$

**Theorem 3.1** (Range characterization in the non-attenuated case). *Let  $\alpha > 1/2$ .*

(i) *Let  $\mathbf{F} \in C_0^{1,\alpha}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$ . For  $g := \begin{cases} X\mathbf{F}(x, \theta), & (x, \theta) \in \Gamma_+, \\ 0, & (x, \theta) \in \Gamma_- \cup \Gamma_0, \end{cases}$*

*consider the corresponding sequences  $\mathbf{g}^{even}$  as in (28) and  $\mathbf{g}^{odd}$  as in (29). Then  $\mathbf{g}^{even}, \mathbf{g}^{odd} \in l_\infty^{1,1}(\Gamma) \cap C^\alpha(\Gamma; l_1)$  satisfy*

$$(31) \quad [I + i\mathcal{H}]\mathbf{g}^{even} = \mathbf{0},$$

$$(32) \quad [I + i\mathcal{H}]\mathbf{g}^{odd} = \mathbf{0},$$

*where the operator  $\mathcal{H}$  is the Hilbert transform in (16).*

(ii) *Let  $g \in C^\alpha(\Gamma; C^{1,\alpha}(\mathbf{S}^1)) \cap C(\Gamma; C^{2,\alpha}(\mathbf{S}^1))$  be real valued with  $g|_{\Gamma_- \cup \Gamma_0} = 0$ . If the corresponding sequence  $\mathbf{g}^{even}, \mathbf{g}^{odd} \in Y_\alpha$  satisfies (31) and (32), then there exists a real valued symmetric 2-tensor  $\mathbf{F} \in C(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$ , such that  $g|_{\Gamma_+} = X\mathbf{F}$ . Moreover for each  $\psi \in \Psi_g$  in (30), there is a unique real valued symmetric 2-tensor  $\mathbf{F}_\psi$  such that  $g|_{\Gamma_+} = X\mathbf{F}_\psi$ .*

**Proof.** (i) **Necessity**

Let  $\mathbf{F} \in C_0^{1,\alpha}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$ . Since  $\mathbf{F}$  is compactly supported inside  $\Omega$ , for any point at the boundary there is a cone of lines which do not meet the support. Thus  $g \equiv 0$  in the neighborhood of the variety  $\Gamma_0$  which yields  $g \in C^{1,\alpha}(\Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1)$ . Moreover,  $g$  is the trace on  $\Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1$  of a solution  $u \in C^{1,\alpha}(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbf{S}^1)$  of the transport equation (20). By [30, Proposition 4.1]  $\mathbf{g}^{even}, \mathbf{g}^{odd} \in l_\infty^{1,1}(\Gamma) \cap C^\alpha(\Gamma; l_1)$ .

If  $u$  solves (20) then its Fourier modes satisfy (21), (22), (23) and (24). Since the negative even Fourier modes  $u_{2n}$  of  $u$  satisfies the system (23) for  $n \leq 0$ , then

$$z \mapsto \mathbf{u}^{even}(z) := \langle u_0(z), u_{-2}(z), u_{-4}(z), u_{-6}(z), \dots \rangle$$

is  $\mathcal{L}$ -analytic in  $\Omega$  and the necessity part in Theorem 2.2 yields (31).

The equation (24) for negative odd Fourier modes  $u_{2n-1}$  starting from mode  $-3$  yield that the sequence valued map

$$z \mapsto \mathbf{u}^{odd}(z) := \langle u_{-3}(z), u_{-5}(z), u_{-7}(z), \dots \rangle$$

is  $\mathcal{L}$ -analytic in  $\Omega$  and the necessity part in Theorem 2.2 yields (32).

(ii) **Sufficiency**



To prove the sufficiency we will construct a real valued symmetric 2-tensor  $\mathbf{F}$  in  $\Omega$  and a real valued function  $u \in C^1(\Omega \times \mathbf{S}^1) \cap C(\overline{\Omega} \times \mathbf{S}^1)$  such that  $u|_{\Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1} = g$  and  $u$  solves (20) in  $\Omega$ . The construction of such  $u$  is in terms of its Fourier modes in the angular variable and it is done in several steps.

**Step 1: The construction of negative even modes  $u_{2n}$  for  $n \leq 0$ .**

Let  $g \in C^\alpha(\Gamma; C^{1,\alpha}(\mathbf{S}^1)) \cap C(\Gamma; C^{2,\alpha}(\mathbf{S}^1))$  be real valued with  $g|_{\Gamma \cup \Gamma_0} = 0$ . Let the corresponding sequences  $\mathbf{g}^{even}$  satisfying (31) and  $\mathbf{g}^{odd}$  satisfying (32). By [30, Proposition 4.1(ii)]  $\mathbf{g}^{even}, \mathbf{g}^{odd} \in Y_\alpha$ . Use the Bukhgeim-Cauchy Integral formula (13) to construct the negative even Fourier modes:

$$(33) \quad \langle u_0(z), u_{-2}(z), u_{-4}(z), u_{-6}(z), \dots \rangle := \mathcal{B}\mathbf{g}^{even}(z), \quad z \in \Omega.$$

By Theorem 2.1, the sequence valued map

$$z \mapsto \langle u_0(z), u_{-2}(z), u_{-4}(z), \dots \rangle,$$

is  $\mathcal{L}$ -analytic in  $\Omega$ , thus the equations

$$(34) \quad \bar{\partial}u_{-2k} + \partial u_{-2k-2} = 0,$$

are satisfied for all  $k \geq 0$ . Moreover, the hypothesis (31) and the sufficiency part of Theorem 2.2 yields that they extend continuously to  $\Gamma$  and

$$(35) \quad u_{-2k}|_\Gamma = g_{-2k}, \quad k \geq 0.$$

**Step 2: The construction of positive even modes  $u_{2n}$  for  $n \geq 1$ .**

All of the positive even Fourier modes are constructed by conjugation:

$$(36) \quad u_{2k} := \overline{u_{-2k}}, \quad k \geq 1.$$

By conjugating (34) we note that the positive even Fourier modes also satisfy

$$(37) \quad \bar{\partial}u_{2k+2} + \partial u_{2k} = 0, \quad k \geq 0.$$

Moreover, they extend continuously to  $\Gamma$  and

$$(38) \quad u_{2k}|_\Gamma = \overline{u_{-2k}|_\Gamma} = \overline{g_{-2k}} = g_{2k}, \quad k \geq 1.$$

Thus, as a summary, we have shown that

$$(39) \quad \bar{\partial}u_{2k} + \partial u_{2k-2} = 0, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$$(40) \quad u_{2k}|_\Gamma = g_{2k}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

**Step 3: The construction of modes  $u_{-1}$  and  $u_1$ .**

Let  $\psi \in \Psi_g$  as in (30). We define

$$(41) \quad u_{-1} := \psi, \quad \text{and} \quad u_1 := \overline{\psi}.$$

Since  $g$  is real valued, we have

$$(42) \quad u_1|_\Gamma = \overline{g_{-1}} = g_1.$$

**Step 4: The construction of negative odd modes  $u_{2n-1}$  for  $n \leq -1$ .**

Use the Bukhgeim-Cauchy Integral formula (13) to construct the other odd negative Fourier modes:

$$(43) \quad \langle u_{-3}(z), u_{-5}(z), \dots \rangle := \mathcal{B}\mathbf{g}^{odd}(z), \quad z \in \Omega.$$

By Theorem 2.1, the sequence valued map

$$z \mapsto \langle u_{-3}(z), u_{-5}(z), u_{-7}(z), \dots \rangle,$$

is  $\mathcal{L}$ -analytic in  $\Omega$ , thus the equations

$$(44) \quad \bar{\partial}u_{2k-1} + \partial u_{2k-3} = 0,$$

are satisfied for all  $k \leq -1$ . Moreover, the hypothesis (32) and the sufficiency part of Theorem 2.2 yields that they extend continuously to  $\Gamma$  and

$$(45) \quad u_{2k-1}|_{\Gamma} = g_{2k-1}, \quad \forall k \leq -1.$$

**Step 5: The construction of positive odd modes  $u_{2n+1}$  for  $n \geq 1$ .**

All of the positive odd Fourier modes are constructed by conjugation:

$$(46) \quad u_{2k+3} := \overline{u_{-(2k+3)}}, \quad k \geq 0.$$

By conjugating (44) we note that the positive odd Fourier modes also satisfy

$$(47) \quad \bar{\partial}u_{2k+3} + \partial u_{2k+1} = 0, \quad \forall k \geq 1.$$

Moreover, they extend continuously to  $\Gamma$  and

$$(48) \quad u_{2k+3}|_{\Gamma} = \overline{u_{-(2k+3)}|_{\Gamma}} = \overline{g_{-(2k+3)}} = g_{2k+3}, \quad k \geq 0.$$

**Step 6: The construction of the tensor field  $\mathbf{F}_{\psi}$  whose X-ray data is  $g$ .**

We define the 2-tensor field

$$(49) \quad \mathbf{F}_{\psi} := \begin{pmatrix} f_0 + 2 \operatorname{Re} f_2 & 2 \operatorname{Im} f_2 \\ 2 \operatorname{Im} f_2 & f_0 - 2 \operatorname{Re} f_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$(50) \quad f_0 = 2 \operatorname{Re}(\partial\psi), \quad \text{and} \quad f_2 = \bar{\partial}\psi + \partial u_{-3}.$$

In order to show  $g|_{\Gamma_+} = X\mathbf{F}_{\psi}$  with  $\mathbf{F}_{\psi}$  as in (49), we define the real valued function  $u$  via its Fourier modes

$$(51) \quad u(z, \theta) := u_0(z) + \psi(z)e^{-i\varphi} + \bar{\psi}(z)e^{i\varphi} \\ + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} u_{-n}(z)e^{-in\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} u_n(z)e^{in\varphi},$$

and check that it has the trace  $g$  on  $\Gamma$  and satisfies the transport equation (20).

Since  $g \in C^{\alpha}(\Gamma; C^{1,\alpha}(\mathbf{S}^1)) \cap C(\Gamma; C^{2,\alpha}(\mathbf{S}^1))$ , we use [30, Corollary 4.1] and [30, Proposition 4.1 (iii)] to conclude that  $u$  defined in (51) belongs to

$C^{1,\alpha}(\Omega \times \mathbf{S}^1) \cap C^\alpha(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbf{S}^1)$ . In particular  $u(\cdot, \theta)$  for  $\theta = (\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi)$  extends to the boundary and its trace satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} u(\cdot, \theta)|_\Gamma &= \left( u_0 + \psi e^{-i\varphi} + \bar{\psi} e^{i\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} u_{-n} e^{-in\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} u_n e^{in\varphi} \right) \Big|_\Gamma \\ &= u_0|_\Gamma + \psi|_\Gamma e^{-i\varphi} + \bar{\psi}|_\Gamma e^{i\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} u_{-n}|_\Gamma e^{-in\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} u_n|_\Gamma e^{in\varphi} \\ &= g_0 + g_{-1} e^{-i\varphi} + g_1 e^{i\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} g_{-n} e^{-in\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} g_n e^{in\varphi} \\ &= g(\cdot, \theta), \end{aligned}$$

where in the third equality above we used (40), (45), (48), (42) and definition of  $\psi \in \Psi_g$  in (30).

Since  $u \in C^{1,\alpha}(\Omega \times \mathbf{S}^1) \cap C^\alpha(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbf{S}^1)$ , the following calculation is also justified:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta \cdot \nabla u &= e^{-i\varphi} \bar{\partial} u_0 + e^{i\varphi} \partial u_0 + e^{-2i\varphi} \bar{\partial} \psi + \bar{\partial} \bar{\psi} + \partial \psi + e^{2i\varphi} \partial \bar{\psi} \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \bar{\partial} u_{-n} e^{-i(n+1)\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \partial u_{-n} e^{-i(n-1)\varphi} \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \bar{\partial} u_n e^{i(n-1)\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \partial u_n e^{i(n+1)\varphi}. \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging the modes in the above equation yields

$$\begin{aligned} \theta \cdot \nabla u &= e^{-2i\varphi} (\bar{\partial} \psi + \partial u_{-3}) + e^{2i\varphi} (\bar{\partial} \bar{\psi} + \bar{\partial} u_3) + \bar{\partial} \bar{\psi} + \partial \psi \\ &\quad + e^{-i\varphi} (\bar{\partial} u_0 + \partial u_{-2}) + e^{i\varphi} (\partial u_0 + \bar{\partial} u_2) \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\bar{\partial} u_{-n} + \partial u_{-n-2}) e^{-i(n+1)\varphi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\bar{\partial} u_{n+2} + \partial u_n) e^{i(n+1)\varphi}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (39), (44), and (47) simplifies the above equation

$$\theta \cdot \nabla u = e^{-2i\varphi} (\bar{\partial} \psi + \partial u_{-3}) + e^{2i\varphi} (\bar{\partial} \bar{\psi} + \bar{\partial} u_3) + \bar{\partial} \bar{\psi} + \partial \psi.$$

Now using (50), we conclude (20).

$$\theta \cdot \nabla u = e^{-2i\varphi} f_2 + e^{2i\varphi} \bar{f}_2 + f_0 = \langle \mathbf{F}_\psi \theta, \theta \rangle.$$

□

As the source is supported inside, there are no incoming fluxes: hence the trace of a solution  $u$  of (20) on  $\Gamma_-$  is zero. We give next a range condition

only in terms of  $g$  on  $\Gamma_+$ , where  $g := u|_{\Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1}$ . More precisely, let  $\tilde{u}$  be the solution of the boundary value problem

$$(52) \quad \begin{aligned} \theta \cdot \nabla \tilde{u}(x, \theta) &= \langle \mathbf{F}(x)\theta, \theta \rangle, \quad x \in \Omega, \\ \tilde{u}(z, \theta) &= -\frac{1}{2}g|_{\Gamma_+}(z, -\theta), \quad (z, \theta) \in \Gamma_-. \end{aligned}$$

Then one can see that

$$(53) \quad \tilde{u}|_{\Gamma_+} = \frac{1}{2}g|_{\Gamma_+},$$

and therefore  $\tilde{u}|_{\Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1}$  is an odd function of  $\theta$ . This shows that we can work with the following odd extension:

$$(54) \quad \tilde{g}(z, \theta) := \frac{g(z, \theta) - g(z, -\theta)}{2}, \quad (z, \theta) \in (\Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1) \setminus \Gamma_0,$$

and  $\tilde{g} = 0$  on  $\Gamma_0$ . Note that  $\tilde{g}$  is the trace of  $\tilde{u}$  on  $\Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1$ .

The range characterization can be given now in terms of the odd Fourier modes of  $\tilde{g}$ , namely in terms of

$$(55) \quad \tilde{\mathbf{g}} := \langle \tilde{g}_{-3}, \tilde{g}_{-5}, \tilde{g}_{-7}, \dots \rangle.$$

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $\alpha > 1/2$ .*

(i) *Let  $\mathbf{F} \in C_0^{1,\alpha}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$ ,  $\tilde{u}$  be the solution of (52) and  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}}$  as in (55). Then  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}} \in l_\infty^{1,1}(\Gamma) \cap C^\alpha(\Gamma; l_1)$  and*

$$(56) \quad [I + i\mathcal{H}]\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = 0,$$

where the operator  $\mathcal{H}$  is the Hilbert transform in (16).

(ii) *Let  $g \in C^\alpha(\Gamma; C^{1,\alpha}(\mathbf{S}^1)) \cap C(\Gamma; C^{2,\alpha}(\mathbf{S}^1))$  be real valued with  $g|_{\Gamma_- \cup \Gamma_0} = 0$ . Let  $\tilde{g}$  be its odd extension as in (54) and the corresponding  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}}$  as in (55). If  $\tilde{\mathbf{g}}$  satisfies (56), then there exists a real valued symmetric 2-tensor  $\mathbf{F} \in C(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$ , such that  $g|_{\Gamma_+} = X\mathbf{F}$ . Moreover for each  $\psi \in \Psi_g$  in (30), there is a unique real valued symmetric 2-tensor  $\mathbf{F}_\psi$  such that  $g|_{\Gamma_+} = X\mathbf{F}_\psi$ .*

#### 4. THE ATTENUATED CASE

In this section we assume an attenuation  $a \in C^{2,\alpha}(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $\alpha > 1/2$  with

$$\min_{\bar{\Omega}} a > 0.$$

We establish necessary and sufficient conditions for a sufficiently smooth function  $g$  on  $\Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1$  to be the attenuated X-ray data, with attenuation  $a$ , of some sufficiently smooth real symmetric 2-tensor, i.e.  $g$  is the trace on  $\Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1$  of some solution  $u$  of

$$(57) \quad \theta \cdot \nabla u(x, \theta) + a(x)u(x, \theta) = \langle \mathbf{F}(x)\theta, \theta \rangle, \quad (x, \theta) \in \Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1.$$

Different from 1-tensor case in [31] (where there is uniqueness), in the 2-tensor case there is non-uniqueness: see the class of function in (82).

As in [30] we start by the reduction to the non-attenuated case via the special integrating factor  $e^{-h}$ , where  $h$  is explicitly defined in terms of  $a$  by

$$(58) \quad h(z, \theta) := Da(z, \theta) - \frac{1}{2} (I - iH) Ra(z \cdot \theta^\perp, \theta),$$

where  $\theta^\perp$  is orthogonal to  $\theta$ ,  $Da(z, \theta) = \int_0^\infty a(z + t\theta) dt$  is the divergence beam transform of the attenuation  $a$ ,  $Ra(s, \theta) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty a(s\theta^\perp + t\theta) dt$  is the Radon transform of the attenuation  $a$ , and the classical Hilbert transform  $Hh(s) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{h(t)}{s-t} dt$  is taken in the first variable and evaluated at  $s = z \cdot \theta^\perp$ . The function  $h$  was first considered in the work of Natterer [21]; see also [8], and [6] for elegant arguments that show how  $h$  extends from  $\mathbf{S}^1$  inside the disk as an analytic map.

The lemma 4.1 and lemma 4.2 below were proven in [31] for  $a$  vanishing at the boundary,  $a \in C_0^{1,\alpha}(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $\alpha > 1/2$ . We explain here why the vanishing assumption is not necessary: we extend  $a$  in a neighbourhood  $\tilde{\Omega}$  of  $\Omega$  with compact support,  $\tilde{a} \in C_0^{1,\alpha}(\tilde{\Omega})$ . We apply the results [31, Lemma 4.1 and Lemma 4.2] for the extension  $\tilde{a}$  and use it on  $\bar{\Omega}$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** [31, Lemma 4.1] *Assume  $a \in C^{p,\alpha}(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $p = 1, 2$ ,  $\alpha > 1/2$ , and  $h$  defined in (58). Then  $h \in C^{p,\alpha}(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbf{S}^1)$  and the following hold*

(i)  *$h$  satisfies*

$$(59) \quad \theta \cdot \nabla h(z, \theta) = -a(z), \quad (z, \theta) \in \Omega \times \mathbf{S}^1.$$

(ii)  *$h$  has vanishing negative Fourier modes yielding the expansions*

$$(60) \quad e^{-h(z,\theta)} := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k(z) e^{ik\varphi}, \quad e^{h(z,\theta)} := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \beta_k(z) e^{ik\varphi}, \quad (z, \theta) \in \bar{\Omega} \times \mathbf{S}^1,$$

with

(iii)

$$(61) \quad z \mapsto \langle \alpha_1(z), \alpha_2(z), \alpha_3(z), \dots, \rangle \in C^{p,\alpha}(\Omega; l_1) \cap C(\bar{\Omega}; l_1),$$

$$(62) \quad z \mapsto \langle \beta_1(z), \beta_2(z), \beta_3(z), \dots, \rangle \in C^{p,\alpha}(\Omega; l_1) \cap C(\bar{\Omega}; l_1).$$

(iv) For any  $z \in \Omega$

$$(63) \quad \bar{\partial}\beta_0(z) = 0,$$

$$(64) \quad \bar{\partial}\beta_1(z) = -a(z)\beta_0(z),$$

$$(65) \quad \bar{\partial}\beta_{k+2}(z) + \partial\beta_k(z) + a(z)\beta_{k+1}(z) = 0, \quad k \geq 0.$$

(v) For any  $z \in \Omega$

$$(66) \quad \bar{\partial}\alpha_0(z) = 0,$$

$$(67) \quad \bar{\partial}\alpha_1(z) = a(z)\alpha_0(z),$$

$$(68) \quad \bar{\partial}\alpha_{k+2}(z) + \partial\alpha_k(z) + a(z)\alpha_{k+1}(z) = 0, \quad k \geq 0.$$

(vi) The Fourier modes  $\alpha_k, \beta_k, k \geq 0$  satisfy

$$(69) \quad \alpha_0\beta_0 = 1, \quad \sum_{m=0}^k \alpha_m\beta_{k-m} = 0, \quad k \geq 1.$$

From (59) it is easy to see that  $u$  solves (57) if and only if  $v := e^{-h}u$  solves

$$(70) \quad \theta \cdot \nabla v(z, \theta) = \langle F(z)\theta, \theta \rangle e^{-h(z, \theta)}.$$

If  $u(z, \theta) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} u_n(z)e^{in\varphi}$  solves (57), then its Fourier modes satisfy

$$(71) \quad \bar{\partial}u_1(z) + \partial u_{-1}(z) + a(z)u_0(z) = f_0(z),$$

$$(72) \quad \bar{\partial}u_0(z) + \partial u_{-2}(z) + a(z)u_{-1}(z) = 0,$$

$$(73) \quad \bar{\partial}u_{-1}(z) + \partial u_{-3}(z) + a(z)u_{-2}(z) = f_2(z),$$

$$(74) \quad \bar{\partial}u_n(z) + \partial u_{n-2}(z) + a(z)u_{n-1}(z) = 0, \quad n \leq -2,$$

where  $f_0, f_2$  as defined in (19).

Also, if  $v := e^{-h}u = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} v_n(z)e^{in\varphi}$  solves (70), then its Fourier modes satisfy

$$\bar{\partial}v_1(z) + \partial v_{-1}(z) = \alpha_0(z)f_0(z) + \alpha_2(z)f_2(z),$$

$$\bar{\partial}v_0(z) + \partial v_{-2}(z) = \alpha_1(z)f_2(z),$$

$$\bar{\partial}v_{-1}(z) + \partial v_{-3}(z) = \alpha_0(z)f_2(z),$$

$$(75) \quad \bar{\partial}v_n(z) + \partial v_{n-2}(z) = 0, \quad n \leq -2,$$

where  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are the Fourier modes in (60), and  $f_0, f_2$  as defined in (19).

The following result shows that the equivalence between (74) and (75) is intrinsic to negative Fourier modes only.

**Lemma 4.2.** [31, Lemma 4.2] *Assume  $a \in C^{1,\alpha}(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $\alpha > 1/2$ .*

(i) *Let  $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_{-2}, v_{-3}, \dots \rangle \in C^1(\Omega, l_1)$  satisfy (75), and  $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_{-2}, u_{-3}, \dots \rangle$  be defined componentwise by the convolution*

$$(76) \quad u_n := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta_j v_{n-j}, \quad n \leq -2,$$

where  $\beta_j$ 's are the Fourier modes in (60). Then  $\mathbf{u}$  solves (74) in  $\Omega$ .

(ii) *Conversely, let  $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_{-2}, u_{-3}, \dots \rangle \in C^1(\Omega, l_1)$  satisfy (74), and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_{-2}, v_{-3}, \dots \rangle$  be defined componentwise by the convolution*

$$(77) \quad v_n := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \alpha_j u_{n-j}, \quad n \leq -2,$$

where  $\alpha_j$ 's are the Fourier modes in (60). Then  $\mathbf{v}$  solves (75) in  $\Omega$ .

The operators  $\partial, \bar{\partial}$  in (9) can be rewritten in terms of the derivative in tangential direction  $\partial_\tau$  and derivative in normal direction  $\partial_n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_n &= \cos \eta \partial_{x_1} + \sin \eta \partial_{x_2}, \\ \partial_\tau &= -\sin \eta \partial_{x_1} + \cos \eta \partial_{x_2}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta$  is the angle made by the normal to the boundary with  $x_1$  direction (Since the boundary  $\Gamma$  is known,  $\eta$  is a known function on the boundary). In these coordinates

$$(78) \quad \partial = \frac{e^{-i\eta}}{2}(\partial_n - i\partial_\tau), \quad \bar{\partial} = \frac{e^{i\eta}}{2}(\partial_n + i\partial_\tau).$$

Next we characterize the attenuated X-ray data  $g$  in terms of its Fourier modes  $g_0, g_{-1}$  and the negative index modes  $\gamma_{-2}, \gamma_{-3}, \gamma_{-4} \dots$  of

$$(79) \quad e^{-h(\zeta, \theta)} g(\zeta, \theta) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma_k(\zeta) e^{ik\varphi}, \quad \zeta \in \Gamma.$$

To simplify the statement, let

$$(80) \quad \mathbf{g}_h := \langle \gamma_{-2}, \gamma_{-3}, \gamma_{-4} \dots \rangle,$$

and from the negative even, respectively, negative odd Fourier modes, we built the sequences

$$(81) \quad \mathbf{g}_h^{even} = \langle \gamma_{-2}, \gamma_{-4}, \dots \rangle, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{g}_h^{odd} = \langle \gamma_{-3}, \gamma_{-5}, \dots \rangle.$$

Note that  $\gamma_{-1}$  is not included in the  $\mathbf{g}_h^{odd}$  definition. As before we construct simultaneously the right hand side of the transport equation (57) together with the solution  $u$ . Construction of  $u$  is via its Fourier modes. We first construct the negative modes and then the positive modes are constructed by conjugation. Apart from zeroth mode  $u_0$  and negative one mode  $u_{-1}$ , all Fourier modes are constructed uniquely from the data  $\mathbf{g}_h^{even}, \mathbf{g}_h^{odd}$ . The

mode  $u_0$  will be chosen arbitrarily from the class  $\Psi_g^a$  with prescribed trace and gradient on the boundary  $\Gamma$  defined as

$$(82) \quad \Psi_g^a := \left\{ \psi \in C^2(\overline{\Omega}; \mathbb{R}) : \psi|_{\Gamma} = g_0, \right. \\ \left. \partial_n \psi|_{\Gamma} = -2 \operatorname{Re} e^{-in} \left( \partial \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta_j(\mathcal{B} \mathbf{g}_h)_{-2-j} \Big|_{\Gamma} + a|_{\Gamma} g_{-1} \right) \right\},$$

where  $\mathcal{B}$  be the Bukhgeim-Cauchy operator in (13),  $\beta_j$ 's are the Fourier modes in (60) and  $\mathbf{g}_h$  in (80). The mode  $u_{-1}$  is define in terms of  $u_0$ , see (99).

Recall the Hilbert transform  $\mathcal{H}$  in (16).

**Theorem 4.1** (Range characterization in the attenuated case). *Let  $a \in C^{2,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})$ ,  $\alpha > 1/2$  with  $\min_{\overline{\Omega}} a > 0$ .*

(i) *Let  $\mathbf{F} \in C_0^{1,\alpha}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$ . For  $g := \begin{cases} X_a \mathbf{F}(x, \theta), & (x, \theta) \in \Gamma_+, \\ 0, & (x, \theta) \in \Gamma_- \cup \Gamma_0, \end{cases}$*

*consider the corresponding sequences  $\mathbf{g}_h^{\text{even}}, \mathbf{g}_h^{\text{odd}}$  as in (81). Then  $\mathbf{g}_h^{\text{even}}, \mathbf{g}_h^{\text{odd}} \in l_{\infty}^{1,1}(\Gamma) \cap C^{\alpha}(\Gamma; l_1)$  satisfy*

$$(83) \quad [I + i\mathcal{H}]\mathbf{g}_h^{\text{even}} = 0, \quad [I + i\mathcal{H}]\mathbf{g}_h^{\text{odd}} = 0, \quad \text{and}$$

$$(84) \quad \partial_{\tau} g_0 = -2 \operatorname{Im} e^{-in} \left( \partial \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta_j(\mathcal{B} \mathbf{g}_h)_{-2-j} \Big|_{\Gamma} + a|_{\Gamma} g_{-1} \right),$$

where  $\mathcal{H}$  is the Hilbert transform in (16),  $\mathcal{B}$  is the Bukhgeim-Cauchy operator in (13),  $\beta_j$ 's are the Fourier modes in (60) and  $\mathbf{g}_h$  in (80).

(ii) *Let  $g \in C^{\alpha}(\Gamma; C^{1,\alpha}(\mathbf{S}^1)) \cap C(\Gamma; C^{2,\alpha}(\mathbf{S}^1))$  be real valued with  $g|_{\Gamma_- \cup \Gamma_0} = 0$ . If the corresponding sequences  $\mathbf{g}_h^{\text{even}}, \mathbf{g}_h^{\text{odd}} \in Y_{\alpha}$  satisfying (83) and (84) then there exists a symmetric 2-tensor  $\mathbf{F} \in C(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$ , such that  $g|_{\Gamma_+} = X_a \mathbf{F}$ . Moreover for each  $\psi \in \Psi_g^a$  in (82), there is a unique real valued symmetric 2-tensor  $\mathbf{F}_{\psi}$  such that  $g|_{\Gamma_+} = X_a \mathbf{F}_{\psi}$ .*

**Proof.** (i) **Necessity**

Let  $\mathbf{F} \in C_0^{1,\alpha}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2})$ . Since  $\mathbf{F}$  is compactly supported inside  $\Omega$ , for any point at the boundary there is a cone of lines which do not meet the support. Thus  $g \equiv 0$  in the neighborhood of the variety  $\Gamma_0$  which yields  $g \in C^{1,\alpha}(\Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1)$ . Moreover,  $g$  is the trace on  $\Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1$  of a solution  $u \in C^{1,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega} \times \mathbf{S}^1)$ . By [30, Proposition 4.1]  $\mathbf{g}_h^{\text{even}}, \mathbf{g}_h^{\text{odd}} \in l_{\infty}^{1,1}(\Gamma) \cap C^{\alpha}(\Gamma; l_1)$ .

Let  $v := e^{-h} u = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} v_n(z) e^{in\varphi}$ , then the negative Fourier modes of  $v$  satisfy (75). In particular its negative odd subsequence  $\langle v_{-3}, v_{-5}, \dots \rangle$  and negative even subsequence  $\langle v_{-2}, v_{-4}, \dots \rangle$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -analytic with traces  $\mathbf{g}_h^{\text{odd}}$



respectively  $\mathbf{g}_h^{even}$ . The necessity part of Theorem 2.2 yields (83):

$$[I + i\mathcal{H}]\mathbf{g}_h^{odd} = 0, \quad [I + i\mathcal{H}]\mathbf{g}_h^{even} = 0.$$

If  $u$  solves (57), then its Fourier modes satisfy (71), (72), (73), and (74). The negative Fourier modes of  $u$  and  $v$  are related by

$$(85) \quad u_n = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta_j v_{n-j}, \quad n \leq 0,$$

where  $\beta_j$ 's are the Fourier modes in (60). The restriction of (72) to the boundary yields

$$\bar{\partial}u_0|_{\Gamma} = -\partial u_{-2}|_{\Gamma} - (au_{-1})|_{\Gamma}.$$

Expressing  $\bar{\partial}$  in the above equation in terms of  $\partial_{\tau}$  and  $\partial_n$  as in (78) yields

$$\frac{e^{in}}{2}(\partial_n + i\partial_{\tau})u_0|_{\Gamma} = -\partial u_{-2}|_{\Gamma} - a|_{\Gamma}g_{-1}.$$

Simplifying the above expression and using  $\partial_{\tau}u_0|_{\Gamma} = \partial_{\tau}g_0$ , yields

$$\partial_n u_0|_{\Gamma} + i\partial_{\tau}g_0 = -2e^{-in}(\partial u_{-2}|_{\Gamma} + a|_{\Gamma}g_{-1}).$$

The imaginary part of the above equation yields (84). This proves part (i) of the theorem.

(ii) **Sufficiency**

To prove the sufficiency we will construct a real valued symmetric 2-tensor  $\mathbf{F}$  in  $\Omega$  and a real valued function  $u \in C^1(\Omega \times \mathbf{S}^1) \cap C(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbf{S}^1)$  such that  $u|_{\Gamma \times \mathbf{S}^1} = g$  and  $u$  solves (57) in  $\Omega$ . The construction of such  $u$  is in terms of its Fourier modes in the angular variable and it is done in several steps.

**Step 1: The construction of negative modes  $u_n$  for  $n \leq -2$ .**

Let  $g \in C^{\alpha}(\Gamma; C^{1,\alpha}(\mathbf{S}^1)) \cap C(\Gamma; C^{2,\alpha}(\mathbf{S}^1))$  be real valued with  $g|_{\Gamma \cup \Gamma_0} = 0$ . Let the corresponding sequences  $\mathbf{g}_h^{even}, \mathbf{g}_h^{odd}$  as in (81) satisfying (83) and (84). By [30, Proposition 4.1(ii)] and [30, Proposition 5.2(iii)]  $\mathbf{g}_h^{even}, \mathbf{g}_h^{odd} \in Y_{\alpha}$ . Use the Bukhgeim-Cauchy Integral formula (13) to define the  $\mathcal{L}$ -analytic maps

$$(86) \quad \mathbf{v}^{even}(z) = \langle v_{-2}(z), v_{-4}(z), \dots \rangle := \mathcal{B}\mathbf{g}_h^{even}(z), \quad z \in \Omega,$$

$$(87) \quad \mathbf{v}^{odd}(z) = \langle v_{-3}(z), v_{-5}(z), \dots \rangle := \mathcal{B}\mathbf{g}_h^{odd}(z), \quad z \in \Omega.$$

By intertwining let also define

$$\mathbf{v}(z) := \langle v_{-2}(z), v_{-3}(z), \dots \rangle, \quad z \in \Omega.$$

By Proposition 2.1

$$(88) \quad \mathbf{v}^{even}, \mathbf{v}^{odd}, \mathbf{v} \in C^{1,\alpha}(\Omega; l_1) \cap C^{\alpha}(\bar{\Omega}; l_1) \cap C^2(\Omega; l_{\infty}).$$

Moreover, since  $\mathbf{g}_h^{even}, \mathbf{g}_h^{odd}$  satisfy the hypothesis (83), by Theorem 2.2 we have

$$\mathbf{v}^{even}|_{\Gamma} = \mathbf{g}_h^{even} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}^{odd}|_{\Gamma} = \mathbf{g}_h^{odd}.$$

In particular

$$(89) \quad v_n|_{\Gamma} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\alpha_k|_{\Gamma}) g_{n-k}, \quad n \leq -2.$$

For each  $n \leq -2$ , we use the convolution formula below to construct

$$(90) \quad u_n := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta_j v_{n-j}.$$

Since  $a \in C^{2,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})$ , by (62), the sequence  $z \mapsto \langle \beta_0(z), \beta_1(z), \beta_2(z), \dots \rangle$  is in  $C^{2,\alpha}(\Omega; l_1) \cap C^\alpha(\overline{\Omega}; l_1)$ . Since convolution preserves  $l_1$ , the map is in

$$(91) \quad z \mapsto \langle u_{-2}(z), u_{-3}(z), \dots \rangle \in C^{1,\alpha}(\Omega; l_1) \cap C^\alpha(\overline{\Omega}; l_1).$$

Moreover, since  $\mathbf{v} \in C^2(\Omega; l_\infty)$  as in (88), we also conclude from convolution that

$$(92) \quad z \mapsto \langle u_{-2}(z), u_{-3}(z), \dots \rangle \in C^2(\Omega; l_\infty).$$

The property (91) justifies the calculation of traces  $u_n|_{\Gamma}$  for each  $n \leq -2$ :

$$u_n|_{\Gamma} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta_j|_{\Gamma} (v_{n-j}|_{\Gamma}).$$

Using (89) in the above equation gives

$$u_n|_{\Gamma} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta_j|_{\Gamma} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k|_{\Gamma} g_{n-j-k}.$$

A change of index  $m = j + k$ , simplifies the above equation

$$\begin{aligned} u_n|_{\Gamma} &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^m \alpha_k \beta_{m-k} g_{n-m}, \\ &= \alpha_0 \beta_0 g_n + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^m \alpha_k \beta_{m-k} g_{n-m}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 4.1 (vi) yields

$$(93) \quad u_n|_{\Gamma} = g_n, \quad n \leq -2.$$

From the Lemma 4.2, the constructed  $u_n$  in (90) satisfy

$$(94) \quad \bar{\partial} u_n + \partial u_{n-2} + a u_{n-1} = 0, \quad n \leq -2.$$

**Step 2: The construction of positive modes  $u_n$  for  $n \geq 2$ .**

All of the positive Fourier modes are constructed by conjugation:

$$(95) \quad u_n := \overline{u_{-n}}, \quad n \geq 2.$$

Moreover using (93), the traces  $u_n|_\Gamma$  for each  $n \geq 2$ :

$$(96) \quad u_n|_\Gamma = \overline{u_{-n}}|_\Gamma = \overline{g_{-n}} = g_n, \quad n \geq 2.$$

By conjugating (94) we note that the positive Fourier modes also satisfy

$$(97) \quad \overline{\partial}u_{n+2} + \partial u_n + au_{n+1} = 0, \quad n \geq 2.$$

**Step 3: The construction of modes  $u_0, u_{-1}$  and  $u_1$ .**

Let  $\psi \in \Psi_g^a$  as in (82) and define

$$(98) \quad u_0 := \psi,$$

and

$$(99) \quad u_{-1} := \frac{-\overline{\partial}\psi - \partial u_{-2}}{a}, \quad u_1 := \overline{u_{-1}}.$$

By the construction  $u_0 \in C^2(\Omega; l_\infty)$  and  $u_{-1} \in C^1(\Omega; l_\infty)$ , and

$$(100) \quad \overline{\partial}u_0 + \partial u_{-2} + au_{-1} = 0$$

is satisfied. Furthermore, by conjugating (100) yields

$$(101) \quad \partial u_0 + \overline{\partial}u_2 + au_1 = 0.$$

Since  $\psi \in \Psi_g^a$ , the trace of  $u_0$  satisfies

$$(102) \quad u_0|_\Gamma = g_0.$$

We check next that the trace of  $u_{-1}$  is  $g_{-1}$ :

$$(103) \quad \begin{aligned} u_{-1}|_\Gamma &= \left. \frac{-\overline{\partial}\psi - \partial u_{-2}}{a} \right|_\Gamma \\ &= -\frac{1}{a} \left|_\Gamma \frac{e^{i\eta}}{2} (\partial_n + i\partial_\tau)\psi \right|_\Gamma - \frac{1}{a} \left|_\Gamma \partial u_{-2} \right|_\Gamma \\ &= -\frac{1}{2a} \left|_\Gamma e^{i\eta} \{ \partial_n \psi|_\Gamma + i\partial_\tau \psi|_\Gamma + 2e^{-i\eta} \partial u_{-2}|_\Gamma \} \right. \\ &= g_{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality uses (84) and the condition in class (82).

**Step 4: The construction of the tensor field  $\mathbf{F}_\psi$  whose attenuated X-ray data is  $g$ .**

We define the 2-tensor

$$(104) \quad \mathbf{F}_\psi := \begin{pmatrix} f_0 + 2 \operatorname{Re} f_2 & 2 \operatorname{Im} f_2 \\ 2 \operatorname{Im} f_2 & f_0 - 2 \operatorname{Re} f_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$(105) \quad f_0 = -2 \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\bar{\partial}\psi + \partial u_{-2}}{a} \right) + a\psi, \text{ and}$$

$$(106) \quad f_2 = -\bar{\partial} \left( \frac{\bar{\partial}\psi + \partial u_{-2}}{a} \right) + \partial u_{-3} + a u_{-2}.$$

Note that  $f_2$  is well defined as  $u_{-2} \in C^2(\Omega; l_\infty)$  from (92).

In order to show  $g|_{\Gamma_+} = X_a \mathbf{F}_\psi$  with  $\mathbf{F}_\psi$  as in (104), we define the real valued function  $u$  via its Fourier modes

$$(107) \quad u(z, \theta) := u_0(z) + u_{-1}e^{-i\varphi} + \overline{u_{-1}}(z)e^{i\varphi} \\ + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} u_{-n}(z)e^{-in\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} u_n(z)e^{in\varphi}.$$

We check below that  $u$  is well defined, has the trace  $g$  on  $\Gamma$  and satisfies the transport equation (57).

For convenience consider the intertwining sequence

$$\mathbf{u}(z) := \langle u_0(z), u_{-1}(z), u_{-2}(z), u_{-3}(z), \dots \rangle, \quad z \in \Omega.$$

Since  $\mathbf{u} \in C^{1,\alpha}(\Omega; l_1) \cap C^\alpha(\overline{\Omega}; l_1)$ , by [30, Proposition 4.1 (iii)] we conclude that  $u$  is well defined by (107) and as a function in  $C^{1,\alpha}(\Omega \times \mathbf{S}^1) \cap C^\alpha(\overline{\Omega} \times \mathbf{S}^1)$ . In particular  $u(\cdot, \theta)$  for  $\theta = (\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi)$  extends to the boundary and its trace satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} u(\cdot, \theta)|_\Gamma &= \left( u_0 + u_{-1}e^{-i\varphi} + \overline{u_{-1}}e^{i\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} u_{-n}e^{-in\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} u_n e^{in\varphi} \right) \Big|_\Gamma \\ &= u_0|_\Gamma + u_{-1}|_\Gamma e^{-i\varphi} + \overline{u_{-1}}|_\Gamma e^{i\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (u_{-n}|_\Gamma) e^{-in\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (u_n|_\Gamma) e^{in\varphi} \\ &= g_0 + g_{-1}e^{-i\varphi} + g_1e^{i\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} g_{-n}e^{-in\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} g_n e^{in\varphi} \\ &= g(\cdot, \theta), \end{aligned}$$

where in the third equality we have used (93), (96), (102), and (103).

Since  $u \in C^{1,\alpha}(\Omega \times \mathbf{S}^1) \cap C^\alpha(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbf{S}^1)$ , the following calculation is also justified:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta \cdot \nabla u + au &= e^{-i\varphi} \bar{\partial} u_0 + e^{i\varphi} \partial u_0 + e^{-2i\varphi} \bar{\partial} u_{-1} + \bar{\partial} u_1 + \partial u_{-1} + e^{2i\varphi} \partial u_1 \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \bar{\partial} u_{-n} e^{-i(n+1)\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \partial u_{-n} e^{-i(n-1)\varphi} \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \bar{\partial} u_n e^{i(n-1)\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \partial u_n e^{i(n+1)\varphi} \\ &\quad + au_0 + au_{-1} e^{-i\varphi} + au_1 e^{i\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} au_{-n} e^{-in\varphi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} au_n e^{in\varphi}. \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging the modes in the above equation yields

$$\begin{aligned} \theta \cdot \nabla u + au &= e^{-2i\varphi} (\bar{\partial} u_{-1} + \partial u_{-3} + au_{-2}) + e^{2i\varphi} (\partial u_1 + \bar{\partial} u_3 + au_2) \\ &\quad + e^{-i\varphi} (\bar{\partial} u_0 + \partial u_{-2} + au_{-1}) + e^{i\varphi} (\partial u_0 + \bar{\partial} u_2 + au_1) \\ &\quad + \bar{\partial} u_1 + \partial u_{-1} + au_0 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (\bar{\partial} u_{n+2} + \partial u_n + au_{n+1}) e^{i(n+1)\varphi} \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (\bar{\partial} u_{-n} + \partial u_{-n-2} + au_{-n-1}) e^{-i(n+1)\varphi}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (94), (97), (100) and (101) simplifies the above equation

$$\begin{aligned} \theta \cdot \nabla u + au &= e^{-2i\varphi} (\bar{\partial} u_{-1} + \partial u_{-3} + au_{-2}) + e^{2i\varphi} (\partial u_1 + \bar{\partial} u_3 + au_2) \\ &\quad + \bar{\partial} u_1 + \partial u_{-1} + au_0. \end{aligned}$$

Now using (105) and (106), we conclude (57)

$$\theta \cdot \nabla u + au = e^{-2i\varphi} f_2 + e^{2i\varphi} \bar{f}_2 + f_0 = \langle \mathbf{F}_\psi \theta, \theta \rangle.$$

□

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