

# The Kontorovich - Lebedev transformation on the Sobolev type spaces

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## Abstract

The Kontorovich-Lebedev transformation

$$(KLf)(x) = \int_0^\infty K_{i\tau}(x)f(\tau)d\tau, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}_+$$

is considered as an operator, which maps the weighted space  $L_p(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega(\tau)d\tau)$ ,  $2 \leq p \leq \infty$  into the Sobolev type space  $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  with the finite norm

$$\|u\|_{S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)} = \left( \sum_{k=0}^N \int_0^\infty |A_x^k u|^p x^{\alpha_k p - 1} dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty,$$

where  $\alpha = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N)$ ,  $\alpha_k \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, N$ , and  $A_x$  is the differential operator of the form

$$A_x u = x^2 u(x) - x \frac{d}{dx} \left[ x \frac{du}{dx} \right],$$

and  $A_x^k$  means  $k$ -th iterate of  $A_x$ ,  $A_x^0 u = u$ . Elementary properties for the space  $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  are derived. Boundedness and inversion properties for the Kontorovich-Lebedev transform are studied. In the Hilbert case ( $p = 2$ ) the isomorphism between these spaces is established for the special type of weights and Plancherel's type theorem is proved.

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# 1 Introduction

The object of the present paper is to extend the theory of the important Kontorovich-Lebedev transformation [8], [11]

$$(KLf)(x) = \int_0^\infty K_{i\tau}(x)f(\tau)d\tau, \quad (1.1)$$

on the so-called Sobolev type spaces, which will be defined below. In the following,  $x \in \mathbf{R}_+ \equiv (0, \infty)$ ,  $K_{i\tau}(x)$  is the modified Bessel function or the Macdonald function (cf. [1], [8, p. 355]), and the pure imaginary subscript (an index)  $i\tau$  is such that  $\tau$  is restricted to  $\mathbf{R}_+$ . The function  $K_\nu(z)$  satisfies the differential equation

$$z^2 \frac{d^2 u}{dz^2} + z \frac{du}{dz} - (z^2 + \nu^2)u = 0, \quad (1.2)$$

for which it is the solution that remains bounded as  $z$  tends to infinity on the real line. The modified Bessel function has the asymptotic behaviour (cf. [1], relations (9.6.8), (9.6.9), (9.7.2))

$$K_\nu(z) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2z}\right)^{1/2} e^{-z}[1 + O(1/z)], \quad z \rightarrow \infty, \quad (1.3)$$

and near the origin

$$K_\nu(z) = O(z^{-|\operatorname{Re}\nu|}), \quad z \rightarrow 0, \quad (1.4)$$

$$K_0(z) = O(\log z), \quad z \rightarrow 0. \quad (1.5)$$

Meanwhile, when  $x$  is restricted to any compact subset of  $\mathbf{R}_+$  and  $\tau$  tends to infinity we have the following asymptotic [11, p. 20]

$$K_{i\tau}(x) = \left(\frac{2\pi}{\tau}\right)^{1/2} e^{-\pi\tau/2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \tau \log \frac{2\tau}{x} - \tau\right) [1 + O(1/\tau)], \quad \tau \rightarrow \infty. \quad (1.6)$$

The modified Bessel function can be represented by the integrals of the Fourier and Mellin types [1], [8], [11]

$$K_\nu(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-x \cosh u} \cosh \nu u du, \quad (1.7)$$

$$K_\nu(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^\nu \int_0^\infty e^{-t - \frac{x^2}{4t}} t^{-\nu-1} dt. \quad (1.8)$$

Hence it is not difficult to show that  $K_{i\tau}(x)$  is infinitely differentiable with respect to  $x$  and  $\tau$  on  $\mathbf{R}_+$  real-valued function. We also note that the product of the modified Bessel functions of different arguments can be represented by the Macdonald formula [1], [6], [11]

$$K_{i\tau}(x)K_{i\tau}(y) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(u\frac{x^2+y^2}{xy} + \frac{xy}{u}\right)} K_{i\tau}(u) \frac{du}{u}. \quad (1.9)$$

In this paper we deal with the Lebesgue weighted  $L_p(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega(x)dx)$  spaces over the measure  $\omega(x)dx$  with the norm

$$\|f\|_p = \left( \int_0^\infty |f(x)|^p \omega(x) dx \right)^{1/p}, \quad 1 \leq p < \infty, \quad (1.10)$$

$$\|f\|_\infty = \text{ess sup} |f(x)|. \quad (1.11)$$

In particular, we will use the spaces  $L_{\nu,p} \equiv L_p(\mathbf{R}_+; x^{\nu p-1} dx)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty, \nu \in \mathbf{R}$ , which are related to the Mellin transforms pair [7], [8], [9]

$$f^{\mathcal{M}}(s) = \int_0^\infty f(x) x^{s-1} dx, \quad (1.12)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\nu-i\infty}^{\nu+i\infty} f^{\mathcal{M}}(s) x^{-s} ds, \quad s = \nu + it, \quad x > 0. \quad (1.13)$$

The integrals (1.13)- (1.14) are convergent, in particular, in mean with respect to the norm of the spaces  $L_2(\nu - i\infty, \nu + i\infty; ds)$  and  $L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; x^{2\nu-1} dx)$ , respectively. In addition, the Parseval equality of the form

$$\int_0^\infty |f(x)|^2 x^{2\nu-1} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty |f^{\mathcal{M}}(\nu + it)|^2 dt \quad (1.15)$$

holds true.

As it is proved in [12], [13], the Kontorovich-Lebedev operator (1.1) is an isomorphism between the spaces  $L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; [\tau \sinh \pi \tau]^{-1} d\tau)$  and  $L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; x^{-1} dx)$  with the identity for the square of norms

$$\int_0^\infty |(KLf)(x)|^2 \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \int_0^\infty |f(\tau)|^2 \frac{d\tau}{\tau \sinh \pi \tau}, \quad (1.16)$$

and the Parseval equality of type

$$\int_0^\infty (KLf)(x) \overline{(KLg)(x)} \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \int_0^\infty f(\tau) \overline{g(\tau)} \frac{d\tau}{\tau \sinh \pi \tau}, \quad (1.17)$$

where  $f, g \in L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; [\tau \sinh \pi \tau]^{-1} d\tau)$ . We note that the convergence of the integral (1.1) in this case is with respect to the norm (1.10) for the space  $L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; x^{-1} dx)$ .

However, our goal is to study the Kontorovich-Lebedev transformation in the space  $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , which we call the Sobolev type space with the finite norm

$$\|u\|_{S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)} = \left( \sum_{k=0}^N \int_0^\infty |A_x^k u|^p x^{\alpha k p-1} dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty. \quad (1.18)$$

Here  $\alpha = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N)$ ,  $\alpha_k \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, N$ , and  $A_x$  is the differential operator (1.2), which is written in the form

$$A_x u = x^2 u(x) - x \frac{d}{dx} \left[ x \frac{du}{dx} \right]. \quad (1.19)$$

As usual we denote by  $A_x^k$  the  $k$ -th iterate of  $A_x$ ,  $A_x^0 u = u$ . The differential operator (1.19) was used for instance in [4], [16] in order to construct the spaces of testing functions to consider the Kontorovich-Lebedev transform on distributions (see also in [10]). Recently (see [15]) it is involved to investigate the corresponding class of the Kontorovich-Lebedev convolution integral equations.

In the sequel we will derive imbedding properties for the spaces  $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  and we will find integral representations for the functions from  $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ . Finally we will study the boundedness and inversion properties for the Kontorovich-Lebedev transformation as an operator from the weighted  $L_p$ -space  $L_p(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega(x)dx)$  into the space  $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ . When  $p = 2, \alpha = 0$  we will prove the Plancherel type theorem and we will establish an isomorphism for the special type of weights between these spaces.

## 2 Elementary properties for the space $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$

Let  $\varphi(x)$  belong to the space  $C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+)$  of infinitely differentiable functions with a compact support on  $\mathbf{R}_+$ . Hence taking (1.19), we integrate by parts for any twice continuously differentiable function  $u \in C^2(\mathbf{R}_+)$  and we derive the following equality

$$\int_0^\infty u(x) A_x \varphi \frac{dx}{x} = \int_0^\infty A_x u \varphi(x) \frac{dx}{x}. \quad (2.1)$$

Now if furthermore we suppose, that for any  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+)$  and some locally integrable function  $v \in L_{loc}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  it satisfies

$$\int_0^\infty u(x) A_x \varphi \frac{dx}{x} = \int_0^\infty v(x) \varphi(x) \frac{dx}{x}$$

then subtracting these equalities we immediately obtain

$$\int_0^\infty [A_x u - v(x)] \varphi(x) \frac{dx}{x} = 0. \quad (2.2)$$

Consequently, via Du Bois-Reymond lemma we find that  $v(x) = A_x u$  almost everywhere in  $\mathbf{R}_+$ . Thus we use (2.2) to define the so-called generalized derivative  $v(x)$  for the function  $u(x)$  in terms of the operator  $A_x$ . A  $k$ -th generalized derivative can be easily

defined from (2.1). Indeed, for any  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+)$  we have that  $A_x \varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+)$  and we will call  $v_k(x) \in L_{loc}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  a  $k$ -th generalized derivative for  $u \in L_{loc}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  ( $v_k(x) \equiv A_x^k u$ ) if it satisfies the equality

$$\int_0^\infty u(x) A_x^k \varphi \frac{dx}{x} = \int_0^\infty v_k(x) \varphi(x) \frac{dx}{x}. \quad (2.3)$$

Further, from the norm definition (1.18) and elementary inequalities it follows that there are positive constants  $C_1, C_2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 \sum_{k=0}^n \left( \int_0^\infty |A_x^k u|^p x^{\alpha_k p - 1} dx \right)^{1/p} &\leq \left( \sum_{k=0}^N \int_0^\infty |A_x^k u|^p x^{\alpha_k p - 1} dx \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq C_2 \sum_{k=0}^N \left( \int_0^\infty |A_x^k u|^p x^{\alpha_k p - 1} dx \right)^{1/p}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Hence by (1.10) we have the equivalence of norms

$$C_1 \sum_{k=0}^N \|A_x^k u\|_{L_p(\mathbf{R}_+; x^{\alpha_k p - 1} dx)} \leq \|u\|_{S_p^{N, \alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)} \leq C_2 \sum_{k=0}^N \|A_x^k u\|_{L_p(\mathbf{R}_+; x^{\alpha_k p - 1} dx)}. \quad (2.5)$$

In order to show that  $S_p^{N, \alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$  is a Banach space we take a fundamental sequence  $u_n(x)$ , i.e.  $\|u_n - u_m\|_{S_p^{N, \alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)} \rightarrow 0$ ,  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ . This will immediately imply that

$$\|u_n - u_m\|_{L_{\alpha_0, p}} \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\|A_x^k u_n - A_x^k u_m\|_{L_{\alpha_k, p}} \rightarrow 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, N,$$

when  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since spaces  $L_{\alpha, p}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N$  are complete, there are functions  $v_0 \in L_{\alpha_0, p}$ ,  $v_k \in L_{\alpha_k, p}$  such that

$$\|u_n - v_0\|_{L_{\alpha_0, p}} \rightarrow 0, \quad (2.6)$$

$$\|A_x^k u_n - v_k\|_{L_{\alpha_k, p}} \rightarrow 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, N, \quad (2.7)$$

when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . If we show that  $v_k$  is a  $k$ -th generalized derivative of  $v_0$  then we prove that the sequence  $u_n$  converges to  $v_0 \in S_p^{N, \alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  with respect to the norm (1.18). In fact, from (2.6), (2.7) for any  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+)$  we have the limit equalities

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty u_n(x) \varphi(x) \frac{dx}{x} = \int_0^\infty v_0(x) \varphi(x) \frac{dx}{x},$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty A_x^k u_n \varphi(x) \frac{dx}{x} = \int_0^\infty v_k(x) \varphi(x) \frac{dx}{x}.$$

But on the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty A_x^k u_n \varphi(x) \frac{dx}{x} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty u_n(x) A_x^k \varphi \frac{dx}{x} \\ &= \int_0^\infty v_0(x) A_x^k \varphi \frac{dx}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore invoking (2.3) we get  $v_k(x) = A_x^k v_0$  and we prove that  $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  is a Banach space.

For the space  $S_p^{1,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  we establish an imbedding theorem into Sobolev's weighted space  ${}_0W_p^1(\mathbf{R}_+; x^{\gamma p-1} dx)$  with the norm

$$\|u\|_{{}_0W_p^1(\mathbf{R}_+; x^{\gamma p-1} dx)} = \left( \int_0^\infty |u'(x)|^p x^{\gamma p-1} dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

Indeed, we have the following result.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\alpha = (2 - \beta, -\beta)$ ,  $\beta > 0$ . The imbedding*

$$S_p^{1,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+) \subseteq {}_0W_p^1(\mathbf{R}_+; x^{(1-\beta)p-1} dx)$$

*is true.*

**Proof.** Appealing to the classical Hardy's inequality [2]

$$\int_0^\infty x^{-r} \left| \int_0^x f(t) dt \right|^p dx \leq \text{const.} \int_0^\infty x^{p-r} |f(x)|^p dx, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $r > 1$  we put  $f(x) = A_x u/x$ ,  $r = \beta p + 1$ ,  $\beta > 0$  and we have the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \int_0^\infty |A_x u|^p x^{-\beta p-1} dx \right)^{1/p} \geq \text{const.} \left( \int_0^\infty x^{-\beta p-1} \left| \int_0^x \frac{A_t u}{t} dt \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \\ &= \text{const.} \left( \int_0^\infty x^{-\beta p-1} \left| \int_0^x t u(t) dt - x u'(x) \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \geq \text{const.} \left[ \left( \int_0^\infty x^{p(1-\beta)-1} |u'(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left( \int_0^\infty x^{-\beta p-1} \left| \int_0^x t u(t) dt \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get

$$\left( \int_0^\infty x^{p(1-\beta)-1} |u'(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \text{const.} \left[ \left( \int_0^\infty |A_x u|^p x^{-\beta p-1} dx \right)^{1/p} \right]$$

$$+ \left( \int_0^\infty x^{-\beta p-1} \left| \int_0^x tu(t)dt \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p}. \quad (2.9)$$

Invoking again Hardy's inequality (2.8) to estimate the latter term in (2.9) it becomes

$$\left( \int_0^\infty x^{-\beta p-1} \left| \int_0^x tu(t)dt \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \text{const.} \left( \int_0^\infty x^{p(2-\beta)-1} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

Combining with (2.9) and (1.18) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \int_0^\infty x^{p(1-\beta)-1} |u'(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \text{const.} \left[ \left( \int_0^\infty |A_x u|^p x^{-\beta p-1} dx \right)^{1/p} \right. \\ & \left. + \left( \int_0^\infty x^{p(2-\beta)-1} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \right] \leq \text{const.} \|u\|_{S_p^{1,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)}, \quad \alpha = (2-\beta, -\beta), \beta > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1 is proved.

Our goal now is to derive integral representations for functions from the space  $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ . For this we will use a technique from [14]. Precisely, let us introduce for any  $u(x) \in L_{\nu,p}$ ,  $\nu \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $\varepsilon \in (0, \pi)$  the following regularization operator

$$u_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{x \sin \varepsilon}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{K_1((x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \cos \varepsilon)^{1/2})}{(x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \cos \varepsilon)^{1/2}} u(y) dy, \quad x > 0. \quad (2.10)$$

We are ready to prove the Bochner type representation theorem.

We have

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $u(x) \in L_{\nu,p}$ ,  $0 < \nu < 1$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then*

$$u(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} u_\varepsilon(x), \quad (2.11)$$

*with respect to the norm in  $L_{\nu,p}$ . Besides, for  $1 < p < \infty$  the limit (2.11) exists for almost all  $x > 0$ .*

**Proof.** We first show that (2.10) is a bounded operator in  $L_{\nu,p}$  under conditions of the theorem. To do this we make the substitution  $y = x(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)$  in the corresponding integral and it becomes

$$u_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{x \sin \varepsilon}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^\infty \frac{K_1(x \sin \varepsilon \sqrt{t^2 + 1})}{\sqrt{t^2 + 1}} u(x(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)) dt. \quad (2.12)$$

Hence owing to the generalized Minkowski inequality and elementary inequality for the modified Bessel function  $xK_1(x) \leq 1, x \geq 0$  (see (1.7)) we estimate the norm of the integral (2.12) as follows

$$\|u_\varepsilon\|_{L_{\nu,p}} \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^\infty \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \|u(x(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon))\|_{L_{\nu,p}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \|u\|_{L_{\nu,p}} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)^{-\nu}}{t^2 + 1} dt = \|u\|_{L_{\nu,p}} \\
&\quad \times \frac{\sin \varepsilon}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cosh \nu \xi}{\cosh \xi - \cos \varepsilon} d\xi, \quad 0 < \nu < 1,
\end{aligned}$$

where we have made the substitution  $e^{\xi} = \cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon$  in the latter integral. However, via formula (2.4.6.6) in [5] we find accordingly,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\sin \varepsilon}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cosh \nu \xi}{\cosh \xi - \cos \varepsilon} d\xi &= \frac{\sin(\nu(\pi - \varepsilon))}{\sin \nu \pi} \leq 1 + \frac{\sin \nu \varepsilon}{\sin \nu \pi} \\
&\leq 1 + \frac{\pi \nu}{\sin \nu \pi} = C_{\nu}, \quad 0 < \nu < 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus for all  $\varepsilon \in (0, \pi)$  we get

$$\|u_{\varepsilon}\|_{L_{\nu,p}} \leq C_{\nu} \|u\|_{L_{\nu,p}}. \quad (2.13)$$

Further, by using the identity

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} = 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{\pi}$$

and denoting by

$$R(x, t, \varepsilon) = x \sin \varepsilon \sqrt{t^2 + 1} K_1(x \sin \varepsilon \sqrt{t^2 + 1}) \quad (2.14)$$

we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_{\varepsilon} - u\|_{L_{\nu,p}} &\leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \|u(x(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)) R(x, t, \varepsilon) \\
&\quad - \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{\pi}\right)^{-1} u(x)\|_{L_{\nu,p}} \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \| [u(x(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)) \\
&\quad - \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{\pi}\right)^{-1} u(x)] R(x, t, \varepsilon)\|_{L_{\nu,p}} + \frac{1}{\pi - \varepsilon} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \|u(x)[R(x, t, \varepsilon) \\
&\quad - 1]\|_{L_{\nu,p}} = I_1(\varepsilon) + I_2(\varepsilon).
\end{aligned}$$

But since [1]

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x K_1(x)] = -x K_0(x),$$

and  $x K_1(x) \rightarrow 1$ ,  $x \rightarrow 0$  we obtain the following representation

$$R(x, t, \varepsilon) - 1 = - \int_0^{x \sin \varepsilon (t^2 + 1)^{1/2}} y K_0(y) dy.$$

Hence appealing again to the generalized Minkowski inequality we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2(\varepsilon) &= \frac{1}{\pi - \varepsilon} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \left( \int_0^{\infty} x^{\nu p - 1} \left( \int_0^{x \sin \varepsilon (t^2 + 1)^{1/2}} y K_0(y) dy \right)^p |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\pi - \varepsilon} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \int_0^{\infty} y K_0(y) \left( \int_{y/(\sin \varepsilon (t^2 + 1)^{1/2})}^{\infty} x^{\nu p - 1} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} dy \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\pi - \varepsilon} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} dt \int_0^{\infty} \xi K_0(\xi \sqrt{t^2 + 1}) \left( \int_{\frac{\xi}{\sin \varepsilon}}^{\infty} x^{\nu p - 1} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} d\xi \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi - \varepsilon} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} dt \left( \int_0^{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} + \int_{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}^{\infty} \right) \xi K_0(\xi \sqrt{t^2 + 1}) \left( \int_{\frac{\xi}{\sin \varepsilon}}^{\infty} x^{\nu p - 1} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} d\xi \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\pi - \varepsilon} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} dt \int_0^{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \xi K_0(\xi \sqrt{t^2 + 1}) \left( \int_{\frac{\xi}{\sin \varepsilon}}^{\infty} x^{\nu p - 1} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} d\xi \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\pi - \varepsilon} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \int_0^{\infty} \xi K_0(\xi) d\xi \left( \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}}^{\infty} x^{\nu p - 1} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \\
&\leq \frac{\varepsilon^{\nu/2}}{\pi - \varepsilon} \|u\|_{L_{\nu,p}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (t^2 + 1)^{\frac{\nu}{2} - 1} dt \int_0^{\infty} \xi^{1-\nu} K_0(\xi) d\xi \\
&\quad + \frac{\pi}{\pi - \varepsilon} \left( \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}}^{\infty} x^{\nu p - 1} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} = \frac{\pi}{\pi - \varepsilon} (\varepsilon^{\nu/2} \Gamma(1 - \nu) \|u\|_{L_{\nu,p}} \\
&\quad + \left( \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}}^{\infty} x^{\nu p - 1} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \Big) \rightarrow 0, \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0, \quad 0 < \nu < 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Concerning the integral  $I_1$  we first approximate  $u \in L_{\nu,p}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  by a smooth function  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+)$ . This implies that there exists a function  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+)$  such that  $\|\varphi - u\|_{L_{\nu,p}} \leq \varepsilon$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Hence since the kernel (2.14)  $R(x, t, \varepsilon) \leq 1$  then in view of the representation

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi(x(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)) - \varphi(x) &= \int_1^{\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon} \frac{d}{dy} [\varphi(xy)] dy \\
&= \int_1^{\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon} x \varphi'(xy) dy.
\end{aligned}$$

In a similar manner we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1(\varepsilon) &\leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \|u(x(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)) - \varphi(x(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon))\|_{L_{\nu,p}} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \left\| \varphi(x(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)) - \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{\pi}\right)^{-1} u(x) \right\|_{L_{\nu,p}} \\
&\leq \|u - \varphi\|_{L_{\nu,p}} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)^{-\nu} dt}{t^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \left\| \varphi(x) - \frac{\pi}{\pi - \varepsilon} u(x) \right\|_{L_{\nu,p}} \\
&\quad + \|\varphi'\|_{L_{1+\nu,p}} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \left| \int_1^{\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon} y^{-\nu-1} dy \right| \leq (C_{\nu} + 1) \|u - \varphi\|_{L_{\nu,p}} \\
&\quad + \frac{\varepsilon}{\pi} \|u\|_{\nu,p} + \frac{\|\varphi'\|_{L_{1+\nu,p}}}{\pi \nu} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{|1 - (\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)^{-\nu}|}{t^2 + 1} dt.
\end{aligned}$$

The latter integral we treat by making the substitution  $e^{\xi} = \cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon$ . Then it takes the form

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{|1 - (\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)^{-\nu}|}{t^2 + 1} dt = \sin \varepsilon \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sinh \nu \xi}{\cosh \xi - \cos \varepsilon} d\xi \\
&= \sin \varepsilon \left( \int_0^1 + \int_1^{\infty} \right) \frac{\sinh \nu \xi}{\cosh \xi - \cos \varepsilon} d\xi \leq \sin \varepsilon (\log(\cosh \xi - \cos \varepsilon)) \Big|_0^1 \\
&\quad + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sinh \nu \xi}{\cosh \xi - 1} d\xi \leq \sin \varepsilon \left[ \log \left( 2^{-1} \sin^{-2} \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) + A_{\nu} \right],
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$A_{\nu} = 1 + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sinh \nu \xi}{\cosh \xi - 1} d\xi, \quad 0 < \nu < 1.$$

Thus we immediately obtain that  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} I_1(\varepsilon) = 0$ . Therefore by virtue of the above estimates  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \|u_{\varepsilon} - u\|_{L_{\nu,p}} = 0$  and relation (2.11) is proved.

In order to verify the convergence almost everywhere we use the fact that any sequence of functions  $\{\varphi_n\} \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  which converges to  $u$  in  $L_{\nu,p}$ -norm contains a subsequence  $\{\varphi_{n_k}\}$  convergent almost everywhere, i.e.  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_{n_k}(x) = u(x)$  for almost all  $x > 0$ . Then we find

$$\begin{aligned}
|u_{\varepsilon}(x) - u(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} |u(x(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)) R(x, t, \varepsilon) \\
&\quad - \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{\pi}\right)^{-1} u(x) \Big| \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} |u(x(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)) - \varphi_{n_k}(x(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon))| \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} |\varphi_{n_k}(x(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)) - \varphi_{n_k}(x)| \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$+\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \left| \varphi_{n_k}(x) R(x, t, \varepsilon) - \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{\pi}\right)^{-1} u(x) \right| \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} = J_{1\varepsilon}(x) + J_{2\varepsilon}(x) + J_{3\varepsilon}(x).$$

But,

$$\begin{aligned} J_{3\varepsilon}(x) &\leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \left| \varphi_{n_k}(x) - \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{\pi}\right)^{-1} u(x) \right| \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{\pi - \varepsilon} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} |u(x) [R(x, t, \varepsilon) - 1]| \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \\ &\leq |\varphi_{n_k}(x) - u(x)| + \frac{\varepsilon}{\pi} |u(x)| + \frac{|u(x)|}{\pi - \varepsilon} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \left| \int_0^{x \sin \varepsilon (t^2 + 1)^{1/2}} y K_0(y) dy \right| \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \\ &\leq |\varphi_{n_k}(x) - u(x)| + \frac{\varepsilon}{\pi} |u(x)| + \frac{|u(x)| \varepsilon^\nu x^\nu}{\pi - \varepsilon} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (t^2 + 1)^{\nu/2 - 1} dt \int_0^{\infty} y^{1-\nu} K_0(y) dy \\ &= |\varphi_{n_k}(x) - u(x)| + \frac{\varepsilon}{\pi} |u(x)| + \frac{\pi \Gamma(1 - \nu) \varepsilon^\nu x^\nu}{\pi - \varepsilon} |u(x)| \rightarrow 0, \quad 0 < \nu < 1, \end{aligned}$$

when  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  $k > k_0$  for almost all  $x > 0$ . Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} J_{2\varepsilon}(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \left| \int_1^{\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon} x \varphi'_{n_k}(xy) dy \right| \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \leq \frac{x}{\pi \nu} \sup_{y \geq 0} y^{1+\nu} |\varphi'_{n_k}(xy)| \\ &\times \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} |1 - (\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)^{-\nu}| \frac{dt}{t^2 + 1} \leq \sin \varepsilon \left[ \log \left( 2^{-1} \sin^{-2} \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) + A_\nu \right] \frac{x}{\pi \nu} \sup_{y \geq 0} y^{1+\nu} |\varphi'_{n_k}(xy)|, \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero almost for all  $x > 0$  when  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Meantime, by taking  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\|u - \varphi_{n_k}\|_{L_{\nu,p}} < \varepsilon$  for  $k > k_0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_{1\varepsilon}(x) &\leq \frac{x^{-\nu} \|u - \varphi_{n_k}\|_{L_{\nu,p}}}{\pi \sin^{1/p} \varepsilon} \left( \int_{-\cot \varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{(\cos \varepsilon + t \sin \varepsilon)^{q(1-\nu)-1} dt}{(t^2 + 1)^q} \right)^{1/q} \\ &< x^{-\nu} \varepsilon \sin \varepsilon \left( \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\xi^{q(1-\nu)-1} d\xi}{(\xi^2 - 2\xi \cos \varepsilon + 1)^q} \right)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

But the latter integral can be treated in terms of the Legendre functions [1] appealing to relation (2.2.9.7) from [5]. This gives the value

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\xi^{q(1-\nu)-1} d\xi}{(\xi^2 - 2\xi \cos \varepsilon + 1)^q} = \left( \frac{\sin \varepsilon}{2} \right)^{1/2-q} \Gamma(q+1/2) \frac{\Gamma(q(1-\nu)) \Gamma(q(1+\nu))}{\Gamma(2q)} P_{-1/2-q}^{1/2-q}(-\cos \varepsilon).$$

When  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0+$  we have

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\xi^{q(1-\nu)-1} d\xi}{(\xi^2 - 2\xi \cos \varepsilon + 1)^q} \sim \sqrt{\pi} \frac{\Gamma(q-1/2)}{\Gamma(q)} \varepsilon^{1-2q}.$$

Thus

$$J_{1\varepsilon}(x) < \text{const. } x^{-\nu} \varepsilon^{1/q} \rightarrow 0, \varepsilon \rightarrow 0, x > 0$$

and we prove Theorem 2.

Appealing to Theorem 2 we will approximate functions from  $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  by singular integral (2.10). Indeed we have

**Corollary 1.** *Singular integral (2.10) is defined on functions from  $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ ,  $\alpha = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N)$ ,  $0 < \alpha_k < 1$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Besides*

$$u(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} u_\varepsilon(x), \quad (2.15)$$

with respect to the norm in  $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ .

**Proof.** Indeed, choosing a fundamental sequence  $\{\varphi_n\}$  of  $C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+)$ - functions, which belongs to  $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  we get that it converges to some function  $u \in S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ . This means (see (2.6), (2.8)) that  $A_x^k \varphi_n \rightarrow A_x^k u$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$  with respect to the norm in  $L_{\alpha_k, p}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N$ , respectively.

Defining by

$$\varphi_{\varepsilon, n}(x) = \frac{x \sin \varepsilon}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{K_1((x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \cos \varepsilon)^{1/2})}{(x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \cos \varepsilon)^{1/2}} \varphi_n(y) dy, \quad x > 0, \quad (2.16)$$

we employ the relation (2.16.51.8) in [6]

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \tau \sinh((\pi - \varepsilon)\tau) K_{i\tau}(x) K_{i\tau}(y) d\tau \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} xy \sin \varepsilon \frac{K_1((x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \cos \varepsilon)^{1/2})}{(x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \cos \varepsilon)^{1/2}}, \quad x, y > 0, \quad 0 < \varepsilon \leq \pi \end{aligned}$$

and we substitute it in (2.16). Changing the order of integration by the Fubini theorem we find

$$\varphi_{\varepsilon, n}(x) = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \tau \sinh((\pi - \varepsilon)\tau) K_{i\tau}(x) \int_0^\infty K_{i\tau}(y) \varphi_n(y) \frac{dy}{y}.$$

Meantime, we apply the operator  $A_x^k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N$  (1.19) through both sides of the latter integral. Then via its uniform convergence with respect to  $x \in (x_0, X_0) \subset \mathbf{R}_+$  and by using the equalities (see (1.2))  $A_x^k K_{i\tau}(x) = \tau^{2k} K_{i\tau}(x)$ , (2.1) we come out with

$$\begin{aligned} A_x^k \varphi_{\varepsilon, n} &= \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \tau \sinh((\pi - \varepsilon)\tau) K_{i\tau}(x) \int_0^\infty \tau^{2k} K_{i\tau}(y) \varphi_n(y) \frac{dy}{y} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \tau \sinh((\pi - \varepsilon)\tau) K_{i\tau}(x) \int_0^\infty K_{i\tau}(y) A_y^k \varphi_n \frac{dy}{y}. \end{aligned}$$

This is equivalent to

$$A_x^k \varphi_{\varepsilon,n} = \frac{x \sin \varepsilon}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{K_1((x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \cos \varepsilon)^{1/2})}{(x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \cos \varepsilon)^{1/2}} A_y^k \varphi_n dy. \quad (2.16)$$

Hence

$$A_x^k \varphi_{\varepsilon,n} - (A_x^k u)_\varepsilon = \frac{x \sin \varepsilon}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{K_1((x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \cos \varepsilon)^{1/2})}{(x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \cos \varepsilon)^{1/2}} [A_y^k \varphi_n - A_y^k u] dy$$

and due to (2.13) we have that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_x^k \varphi_{\varepsilon,n} = (A_x^k u)_\varepsilon$  with respect to the norm in  $L_{\alpha_k,p}$  for each  $\varepsilon \in (0, \pi)$ . By Theorem 2 we derive that

$$\|(A_x^k u)_\varepsilon - A_x^k u\|_{L_{\alpha_k,p}} \rightarrow 0, \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N.$$

If we show that almost for all  $x > 0$   $(A_x^k u)_\varepsilon = A_x^k u_\varepsilon$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$  then via (2.5) we complete the proof of Corollary 1. When  $k = 0$  it is defined by (2.10). At the same time according to Du Bois-Reymond lemma it is sufficient to show that for any  $\psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+)$

$$\int_0^\infty [(A_x^k u)_\varepsilon - A_x^k u_\varepsilon] \frac{\psi(x)}{x} dx = 0. \quad (2.17)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty [(A_x^k u)_\varepsilon - A_x^k u_\varepsilon] \frac{\psi(x)}{x} dx &= \int_0^\infty [(A_x^k u)_\varepsilon - A_x^k \varphi_{\varepsilon,n}] \frac{\psi(x)}{x} dx \\ + \int_0^\infty [A_x^k \varphi_{\varepsilon,n} - A_x^k u_\varepsilon] \frac{\psi(x)}{x} dx &= \int_0^\infty [(A_x^k u)_\varepsilon - A_x^k \varphi_{\varepsilon,n}] \frac{\psi(x)}{x} dx \\ &\quad + \int_0^\infty [\varphi_{\varepsilon,n} - u_\varepsilon] \frac{A_x^k \psi}{x} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Now as it is easily seen the right-hand side of the last equality is less than an arbitrary  $\delta > 0$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus we prove (2.17) and we complete the proof of Corollary 1.

### 3 The Kontorovich - Lebedev transformation in $S_2^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$

Our goal in this section is to establish the boundedness of the Kontorovich-Lebedev transformation (1.1) as an operator  $KL : L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_\alpha(\tau) d\tau) \rightarrow S_2^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ , where the measure  $\omega_\alpha(\tau) d\tau$  will be defined below. Finally, we will prove the Plancherel theorem and an analog of the Parseval equality (1.17) when  $\alpha_k = 0$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N$ .

We begin with the use of the following inequality for the transformation (1.1), which is proved in [13]

$$\int_0^\infty |(KLf)(x)|^2 x^{2\nu-1} dx \leq \frac{\pi^{3/2} 2^{-2\nu-1}}{\Gamma(2\nu + 1/2)} \int_0^\infty |f(\tau)|^2 |\Gamma(2\nu + i\tau)|^2 d\tau, \quad \nu > 0. \quad (3.1)$$

It gives the boundedness for the Kontorovich-Lebedev transformation as an operator  $KL : L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; |\Gamma(2\nu + i\tau)|^2 d\tau) \rightarrow L_{\nu,2}$ . Moreover, when  $\nu \rightarrow 0+$  it attains equality (1.16) where the measure (see in [1])  $|\Gamma(i\tau)|^2 = \pi [\tau \sinh \pi\tau]^{-1}$ .

Let  $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+)$ . Hence since  $K_{i\tau}(z)$  is analytic in the right half-plane  $\text{Re} z > 0$  (cf. in (1.7)) and integral (1.1) is uniformly convergent on every compact set of  $\mathbf{R}_+$ , we may repeatedly differentiate under the integral sign to obtain

$$A_x^k KLf = \int_0^\infty A_x^k K_{i\tau}(x) f(\tau) d\tau = \int_0^\infty \tau^{2k} K_{i\tau}(x) f(\tau) d\tau, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N. \quad (3.2)$$

Invoking with (3.1), (1.18) we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \|KLf\|_{S_2^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)} &= \left( \sum_{k=0}^N \int_0^\infty |A_x^k KLf|^2 x^{2\alpha_k-1} dx \right)^{1/2} \leq \left( \int_0^\infty |f(\tau)|^2 \omega_\alpha(\tau) d\tau \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \|f\|_{L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_\alpha(\tau) d\tau)}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

where we denoted by

$$\omega_\alpha(\tau) = \pi^{3/2} \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{2^{-2\alpha_k-1} \tau^{4k} |\Gamma(2\alpha_k + i\tau)|^2}{\Gamma(2\alpha_k + 1/2)}, \quad \alpha_k > 0, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N. \quad (3.4)$$

By virtue of the density of the  $C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+)$ -functions in  $L_2$  over the measure (3.4) we get that inequality (3.3) is true for any  $f(\tau) \in L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_\alpha(\tau) d\tau)$ . The Kontorovich-Lebedev transformation (1.1) in the space  $S_2^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  we define as follows. Denoting by

$$f_n(\tau) = \begin{cases} f(\tau), & \text{if } \tau \in [\frac{1}{n}, n], \\ 0, & \text{if } \tau \notin [\frac{1}{n}, n], \end{cases}$$

we easily see that  $\|f - f_n\|_{L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_\alpha(\tau) d\tau)} \rightarrow 0$ , when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . But with the asymptotic formula (1.6) and Schwarz's inequality we find that integral (1.1) for  $(KLf_n)$  exists as a Lebesgue integral for any  $n$ . Moreover, from (3.3) we have

$$\|KLf_n - KLf_m\|_{S_2^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)} \leq \|f_n - f_m\|_{L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_\alpha(\tau) d\tau)} \rightarrow 0, \quad n, m \rightarrow \infty.$$

Therefore the sequence  $\{KLf_n\}$  converges in the space  $S_2^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  and the corresponding integral (1.1) is understood as a limit

$$(KLf)(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{1/n}^n K_{i\tau}(x) f(\tau) d\tau \quad (3.5)$$

with respect to the norm (1.18). Thus we obtain that the Kontorovich-Lebedev transformation (3.5) is a bounded operator  $KL : L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_\alpha(\tau) d\tau) \rightarrow S_2^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ , where the weighted function  $\omega_\alpha(\tau)$  is given by (3.4).

In the case  $\alpha = 0$  we can prove the Plancherel type theorem, which will establish an isometric isomorphism between the corresponding  $L_2$ -spaces. Indeed, in this case we easily have from (3.4) that

$$\omega_0(\tau) = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \frac{1 - \tau^{4(N+1)}}{(1 - \tau^4)\tau \sinh \pi\tau}. \quad (3.6)$$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $f \in L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_0(\tau) d\tau)$ , where the weighted function  $\omega_0$  is defined by (3.6). Then the integral (3.5) for the Kontorovich-Lebedev transform converges to  $(KLf)(x)$  with respect to the norm in the space  $S_2^{N,0}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ ; and*

$$f_n(\tau) = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \tau \sinh \pi\tau \int_{1/n}^n K_{i\tau}(x) (KLf)(x) \frac{dx}{x} \quad (3.7)$$

converges in mean to  $f(\tau)$  with respect to the norm in  $L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_0(\tau) d\tau)$ . Moreover, the following Parseval equality is true

$$\sum_{k=0}^N \int_0^\infty A_x^k KLf \overline{A_x^k KLg} \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \int_0^\infty f(\tau) \overline{g(\tau)} \frac{1 - \tau^{4(N+1)}}{1 - \tau^4} \frac{d\tau}{\tau \sinh \pi\tau}, \quad (3.8)$$

where  $f, g \in L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_0(\tau) d\tau)$ . In particular,

$$\|KLf\|_{S_2^{N,0}(\mathbf{R}_+)} = \|f\|_{L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_0(\tau) d\tau)}$$

that is

$$\sum_{k=0}^N \int_0^\infty |A_x^k KLf|^2 \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \int_0^\infty |f(\tau)|^2 \frac{1 - \tau^{4(N+1)}}{1 - \tau^4} \frac{d\tau}{\tau \sinh \pi\tau}. \quad (3.9)$$

Finally, for almost all  $\tau$  and  $x$  from  $\mathbf{R}_+$  the reciprocal formulas take place

$$(KLf)(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^\infty \int_0^x K_{i\tau}(y) f(\tau) dy d\tau, \quad (3.10)$$

$$f(\tau) = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{(1 - \tau^4) \sinh \pi\tau}{1 - \tau^{4(N+1)}} \frac{d}{d\tau} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\tau y K_{iy}(x) \frac{1 - y^{4(N+1)}}{1 - y^4} (KLf)(x) \frac{dy dx}{x}. \quad (3.11)$$

**Proof.** Let  $f \in L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_0(\tau)d\tau)$ . We consider a sequence  $\{f_n(\tau)\}$  of  $C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+)$ -functions, which converges to  $f$ . First we find that  $\tau^{2k}f_n(\tau) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+)$  for all  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N$ . Hence we invoke (3.2) and we apply the Parseval identity (1.16). As a result we obtain

$$\int_0^\infty |A_x^k KLf_n|^2 \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \int_0^\infty |f_n(\tau)|^2 \frac{\tau^{4k-1}}{\sinh \pi\tau} d\tau, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N.$$

Making elementary summations we immediately arrive at the equality (3.9). Since  $\{(KLf_n)(x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the space  $S_2^{N,0}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ , then it converges to  $(KLf)(x)$  and can be written through the limit (3.5). Moreover passing to the limit we get that (3.9) is true for any  $f \in L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_0(\tau)d\tau)$ . Further, taking  $x > 0$  we easily have

$$\int_0^x (KLf_n)(y)dy = \int_0^\infty \int_0^x K_{i\tau}(y)f_n(\tau)dyd\tau.$$

Hence we prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^x (KLf_n)(y)dy = \int_0^x (KLf)(y)dy = \int_0^\infty \int_0^x K_{i\tau}(y)f(\tau)dyd\tau. \quad (3.12)$$

The latter integral with respect to  $\tau$  in (3.12) is absolutely convergent and therefore exists in Lebesgue's sense. Indeed, with Schwarz's inequality we derive (cf. in [11], [12], see (1.6))

$$\int_0^\infty \left| \int_0^x K_{i\tau}(y)dy \right| |f(\tau)|d\tau \leq \|f\|_{L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_0(\tau)d\tau)} \left( \int_0^\infty \left| \int_0^x K_{i\tau}(y)dy \right|^2 \frac{d\tau}{\omega_0(\tau)} \right)^{1/2} < \infty.$$

Consequently,

$$\left| \int_0^x [(KLf_n)(y) - (KLf)(y)] dy \right| \leq \text{const.} \|f - f_n\|_{L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_0(\tau)d\tau)} \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

and we prove (3.12). Differentiating with respect to  $x$  almost for all  $x > 0$  we arrive at (3.10).

Meantime with the parallelogram identity we easily derive (3.9) the Parseval equality (3.8). In particular, putting

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} y, & \text{if } y \in [0, \tau], \\ 0, & \text{if } y \in (\tau, \infty), \end{cases}$$

we find

$$\sum_{k=0}^N \int_0^\infty A_x^k KLf A_x^k \int_0^\tau y K_{iy}(x)dy \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \int_0^\tau f(y) \frac{1 - y^{4(N+1)}}{1 - y^4} \frac{dy}{\sinh \pi y}. \quad (3.13)$$

But the left-hand side of (3.13) can be represented by taking into account (2.1) and the limit equalities (see (1.3), (1.6))

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \int_0^\tau y^{2k+1} K_{iy}(x) dy = 0,$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\tau y^{2k+1} K_{iy}(x) dy = 0,$$

for all  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N$ . Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^N \int_0^\infty A_x^k K L f A_x^k \int_0^\tau y K_{iy}(x) dy \frac{dx}{x} &= \sum_{k=0}^N \int_0^\infty (K L f)(x) \int_0^\tau y^{4k+1} K_{iy}(x) dy \frac{dx}{x} \\ &= \int_0^\infty (K L f)(x) \int_0^\tau \frac{1 - y^{4(N+1)}}{1 - y^4} K_{iy}(x) y dy \frac{dx}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining with (3.13) and differentiating with respect to  $\tau$  we arrive at the reciprocal formula (3.11). Finally we prove (3.7). For a sequence  $g_n(x) = (K L f)(x)$ ,  $x \in [1/n, n]$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  of  $S_2^{N,0}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ - functions, which vanishes outside of the interval  $[1/n, n]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(\tau) &= \frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{(1 - \tau^4) \sinh \pi \tau}{1 - \tau^{4(N+1)}} \frac{d}{d\tau} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\tau y K_{iy}(x) \frac{1 - y^{4(N+1)}}{1 - y^4} g_n(x) \frac{dy dx}{x} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{(1 - \tau^4) \sinh \pi \tau}{1 - \tau^{4(N+1)}} \frac{d}{d\tau} \int_{1/n}^n \int_0^\tau y K_{iy}(x) \frac{1 - y^{4(N+1)}}{1 - y^4} (K L f)(x) \frac{dy dx}{x}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

Meantime for every  $n$  we differentiate under the integral sign in (3.14), which gives

$$f_n(\tau) = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \tau \sinh \pi \tau \int_{1/n}^n K_{i\tau}(x) (K L f)(x) \frac{dx}{x}$$

and it is possible via the uniform convergence with respect to  $\tau$  of the last integral. If now  $f$  is defined by (3.11) then Parseval equality (3.9) implies that

$$\|f - f_n\|_{L_2(\mathbf{R}_+; \omega_0(\tau) d\tau)}^2 = \|K L f - g_n\|_{S_2^{N,0}(\mathbf{R}_+)}^2 = \sum_{k=0}^N \int_n^\infty |A_x^k K L f|^2 \frac{dx}{x} \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus we prove (3.7) and we complete the proof of Theorem 3.

## 4 On the boundedness in $S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ , $p \geq 2$

In this final section we will interpolate the norm of the Kontorovich-Lebedev transformation (1.1) as an operator  $KL : L_p(\mathbf{R}_+; \rho_{p,\alpha}(\tau)d\tau) \rightarrow S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ , where  $2 \leq p \leq \infty$ . The weighted function  $\rho_{p,\alpha}(\tau)$  will be indicated below. In the case  $p = \infty$  we understand the norm in the space  $S_\infty^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)$  as (see (1.18))

$$\|u\|_{S_\infty^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)} = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{k=0}^N \int_0^\infty |A_x^k u|^p x^{\alpha k p - 1} dx \right)^{1/p}. \quad (4.1)$$

From the equivalence of norms (2.5) we immediately derive that

$$C_1 \sum_{k=0}^N \|A_x^k u\|_{L_{\alpha_k, \infty}} \leq \|u\|_{S_\infty^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)} \leq C_2 \sum_{k=0}^N \|A_x^k u\|_{L_{\alpha_k, \infty}}, \quad (4.2)$$

where the norm in  $L_{\nu, \infty}$  is defined by (see (1.10), (1.11))

$$\|f\|_{L_{\nu, \infty}} = \text{ess sup} |x^\nu f(x)| = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_0^\infty |f(x)|^p x^{\nu p - 1} dx \right)^{1/p}. \quad (4.3)$$

We begin to derive an inequality for the modulus of the modified Bessel function  $|K_{i\tau}(x)|$ . We will apply it below to estimate the  $L_{\nu, \infty}$ -norm for the  $(KLf)(x)$ . Indeed, taking the Macdonald formula (1.9) and employing the Schwarz inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} K_{i\tau}^2(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-u - \frac{x^2}{2u}} K_{i\tau}(u) \frac{du}{u} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^\infty e^{-2u - \frac{x^2}{u}} u^{-2\nu - 1} du \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_0^\infty K_{i\tau}^2(u) u^{2\nu - 1} du \right)^{1/2}, \quad \nu > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Hence invoking with (1.8) and relation (2.16.33.2) from [6] we calculate the latter product of integrals in (4.4). Thus we get

$$K_{i\tau}^2(x) \leq \pi^{1/4} 2^{(\nu-1)/2} \left( \frac{\Gamma(\nu)}{\Gamma(\nu + 1/2)} \right)^{1/2} |\Gamma(\nu + i\tau)| x^{-\nu} K_{2\nu}^{1/2}(2\sqrt{2}x),$$

or finally

$$|K_{i\tau}(x)| \leq \pi^{1/8} 2^{(\nu-1)/4} \left( \frac{\Gamma(\nu)}{\Gamma(\nu + 1/2)} \right)^{1/4} |\Gamma(\nu + i\tau)|^{1/2} x^{-\nu/2} K_{2\nu}^{1/4}(2\sqrt{2}x). \quad (4.5)$$

Invoking with inequality  $x^\beta K_\beta(x) \leq 2^{\beta-1}\Gamma(\beta)$ ,  $\beta > 0$  (see (1.8)) we find from (1.1), (1.11), (4.5) by straightforward calculations that

$$\begin{aligned} x^\nu |(KLf)(x)| &\leq \|f\|_\infty \int_0^\infty |K_{i\tau}(x)| d\tau \leq 2^{-\nu/2-3/4}\Gamma^{1/2}(\nu) \|f\|_\infty \int_0^\infty |\Gamma(\nu + i\tau)|^{1/2} d\tau \\ &= C_\nu \|f\|_\infty, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_\nu > 0$  is a constant

$$C_\nu = 2^{-\nu/2-3/4}\Gamma^{1/2}(\nu) \int_0^\infty |\Gamma(\nu + i\tau)|^{1/2} d\tau, \quad \nu > 0.$$

Therefore via (4.3) we obtain that the Kontorovich-Lebedev transformation is a bounded operator  $KL : L_\infty(\mathbf{R}_+; d\tau) \rightarrow L_{\nu,\infty}$  of type  $(\infty, \infty)$  and

$$\|KLf\|_{L_{\nu,\infty}} \leq C_\nu \|f\|_\infty. \quad (4.6)$$

But inequality (3.1) says that this operator is of type  $(2, 2)$  too. Consequently, by the Riesz-Thorin convexity theorem [3] the Kontorovich-Lebedev transformation is of type  $(p, p)$ , where  $2 \leq p \leq \infty$  i.e. maps the space  $L_p(\mathbf{R}_+; |\Gamma(2\nu + i\tau)|^2 d\tau)$  into  $L_{\nu,p}$ . Moreover for  $2 \leq p < \infty$  we arrive at the inequality

$$\int_0^\infty |(KLf)(x)|^p x^{\nu p-1} dx \leq B_{p,\nu} \int_0^\infty |f(\tau)|^p |\Gamma(2\nu + i\tau)|^2 d\tau, \quad \nu > 0, \quad (4.7)$$

where we denoted by  $B_{p,\nu}$  the constant

$$B_{p,\nu} = \pi^{3/2} 2^{-(p/2+1)\nu-3p/4+1/2} \frac{\Gamma^{p/2-1}(\nu)}{\Gamma(2\nu + 1/2)} \left( \int_0^\infty |\Gamma(\nu + i\mu)|^{1/2} d\mu \right)^{p-2}.$$

Hence by the same method as in previous section we prove an analog of the inequality (3.3). Thus we obtain

$$\|KLf\|_{S_p^{N,\alpha}(\mathbf{R}_+)} \leq \|f\|_{L_p(\mathbf{R}_+; \rho_{p,\alpha}(\tau) d\tau)}, \quad (4.8)$$

where

$$\rho_{p,\alpha}(\tau) = \sum_{k=0}^N B_{p,\alpha_k} \tau^{4k} |\Gamma(2\alpha_k + i\tau)|^2, \quad \alpha_k > 0, k = 0, 1, \dots, N.$$

In particular, we have  $\rho_{2,\alpha}(\tau) = \omega_\alpha(\tau)$  (see (3.4)). So the boundedness of the Kontorovich-Lebedev transformation (1.1) is proved. Finally we show that for all  $x > 0$  it exists as a Lebesgue integral for any  $f \in L_p(\mathbf{R}_+; \rho_{p,\alpha}(\tau) d\tau)$ ,  $p > 2$ . Indeed, it will immediately follow from the inequality

$$\int_0^\infty |K_{i\tau}(x) f(\tau)| d\tau \leq \|f\|_{L_p(\mathbf{R}_+; |\Gamma(2\nu+i\tau)|^2 d\tau)}$$

$$\times \left( \int_0^\infty |K_{i\tau}(x)|^q |\Gamma(2\nu + i\tau)|^{-2q/p} d\tau \right)^{1/q}, \quad q = \frac{p}{p-1},$$

and from the convergence of the latter integral with respect to  $\tau$ . This is easily seen from (1.6) and the Stirling asymptotic formula for gamma-functions [1] since the integrand behaves as  $O\left(e^{\pi\tau q(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{p})} \tau^{\frac{q}{p}(1-4\nu)-\frac{q}{2}}\right)$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow +\infty$ .

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