# A SURVEY OF THE SPECTRAL AND DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRIC ASPECTS OF THE GENERALIZED DE RHAM-HODGE THEORY RELATED WITH DELSARTE TRANSMUTATION OPERATORS IN MULTIDIMENSION AND APPLICATIONS TO SPECTRAL AND SOLITON PROBLEMS PART I\*

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#### Abstract

A review on spectral and differential-geometric properties of Delsarte transmutation operators in multi-dimension is given. Their differential geometrical and topological structure in multi-dimension is analyzed, the relationships with generalized De Rham-Hodge theory of differential complexes are stated. Some applications to integrable dynamical systems theory in multi-dimension are presented.

## 1 Spectral Operators and Generalized Eigenfunctions Expansions

1.1. Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space in which there is defined a linear closable operator  $L \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  with a dense domain  $D(L) \subset \mathcal{H}$ . Consider the standard quasi-nucleous Gelfand rigging [12] of this Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  with corresponding positive  $\mathcal{H}_+$  and negative  $\mathcal{H}_-$  Hilbert spaces as follows:

$$D(L) \subset \mathcal{H}_{+} \subset \mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{H}_{-} \subset D'(L),$$
 (1)

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which is suitable for the investigation of the spectral properties of the operator L in  $\mathcal{H}$ . We shall use below the following definition motivated by considerations from [12], Section 5.

DEFINITION 1.1. An operator  $L \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  will be called **spectral** if for all Borel subsets  $\Delta \subset \sigma(L)$  of the spectrum  $\sigma(L) \subset \mathbb{C}$  and for all pairs  $(u, v) \in \mathcal{H}_+ \times \mathcal{H}_+$  there are defined the following expressions:

$$L = \int_{\sigma(L)} \lambda dE(\lambda), \quad (u, E(\Delta)v) = \int_{\Delta} (u, P(\lambda)v) d\rho_{\sigma}(\lambda), \tag{2}$$

where  $\rho_{\sigma}$  is some finite Borel measure on the spectrum  $\sigma(L)$ , E is some self-adjoint projection operator measure on the spectrum  $\sigma(L)$ , such that  $E(\Delta)E(\Delta') = E(\Delta \cap \Delta')$  for any Borel subsets  $\Delta, \Delta' \subset \sigma(L)$ , and  $P(\lambda) : \mathcal{H}_+ \to \mathcal{H}_-, \lambda \in \sigma(L)$ , is the corresponding family of nucleous integral operators from  $\mathcal{H}_+$  into  $\mathcal{H}_-$ .

As a consequence of the expression (2) one can write down formally in the weak topology of  $\mathcal{H}$  that

$$E(\Delta) = \int_{\Delta} P(\lambda) d\rho_{\sigma}(\lambda)$$
 (3)

for any Borel subset  $\Delta \subset \sigma(L)$ .

Similar to (2) and (3) one can write down the corresponding expressions for the adjoint spectral operator  $L^* \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  whose domain  $D(L^*) \subset \mathcal{H}$  is also assumed to be dense in  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$(\mathbf{E}^*(\Delta)u, v) = \int_{\Delta} (P^*(\lambda)u, v) d\rho_{\sigma}^*(\lambda), \tag{4}$$

$$E^*(\Delta) = \int_{\Delta} P^*(\lambda) d\rho_{\sigma}^*(\lambda),$$

where E\* is the corresponding projection spectral measure on Borel subsets  $\Delta \in \sigma(L^*)$ ,  $P^*(\lambda) : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\lambda \in \sigma(L^*)$ , is the corresponding family of nucleous integral operators in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\rho_{\sigma}^*$  is some finite Borel measure on the spectrum  $\sigma(L^*)$ . We will assume, moreover, that the following conditions

$$P(\mu)(L - \mu I)v = 0, \quad P^*(\lambda)(L^* - \bar{\lambda}I)u = 0$$
(5)

hold for all  $u \in D(L^*)$ ,  $v \in D(L)$ , where  $\bar{\lambda} \in \sigma(L^*)$ ,  $\mu \in \sigma(L)$ . In particular, one assumes also that  $\sigma(L^*) = \bar{\sigma}(L)$ .

1.2. We now proceed to a description of the generalized eigenfunctions corresponding to operators L and  $L^*$  via the approach devised in [12]. We shall say that an operator  $L \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  with a dense domain D(L) allows a rigging continuation, if one can find another dense in  $\mathcal{H}_+$  topological subspace  $D_+(L^*) \subset D(L^*)$ , such that the adjoint operator  $L^* \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  maps it continuously into  $\mathcal{H}_+$ .

DEFINITION 1.2. A vector  $\psi_{\lambda} \in \mathcal{H}_{-}$  is called a generalized eigenfunction of the operator  $L \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  corresponding to an eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \sigma(L)$  if

$$((L^* - \bar{\lambda}I)u, \psi_{\lambda}) = 0 \tag{6}$$

for all  $u \in D_+(L^*)$ .

It is evident that in the case when  $\psi_{\lambda} \in D(L)$ ,  $\lambda \in \sigma(L)$ , then  $L\psi_{\lambda} = \lambda \psi_{\lambda}$  as usual. The definition (6) is related [12] with some extension of the operator  $L : \mathcal{H} \mapsto \mathcal{H}$ . Since the operator  $L^* : D_+(L^*) \to \mathcal{H}_+$  is continuous one can define the adjoint operator  $L_{ext} := L^{*,+} : \mathcal{H}_- \to D_-(L^*)$  with respect to the standard scalar product in  $\mathcal{H}$ , that is

$$(L^*v, u) = (v, L^{*,+}u) \tag{7}$$

for any  $v \in D_+(L^*)$  and  $u \in \mathcal{H}_-$  and coinciding with the operator  $L : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  upon D(L). Now the definition (6) of a generalized eigenfunction  $\psi_{\lambda} \in \mathcal{H}_-$  for  $\lambda \in \sigma(L)$  is equivalent to the standard expression

$$L_{ext}\psi_{\lambda} = \lambda\psi_{\lambda}.\tag{8}$$

If we define the scalar product

$$(u,v) := (u,v)_{+} + (L^{*}u, L^{*}v)_{+}$$
(9)

on the dense subspace  $D_{+}(L^{*}) \subset \mathcal{H}_{+}$ , then this subspace can be transformed naturally into the Hilbert space  $D_{+}(L^{*})$ , whose adjoint "negative" space  $D'_{+}(L^{*}) := D_{-}(L^{*}) \supset \mathcal{H}_{-}$ . Take now any generalized eigenfunction  $\psi_{\lambda} \in Im \ P(\lambda) \subset \mathcal{H}_{-}$ ,  $\lambda \in \sigma(L)$ , of the operator  $L: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$ . Then, as one can see from (5),  $L^{*}_{ext}\varphi_{\lambda} = \bar{\lambda}\varphi_{\lambda}$  for some function  $\varphi_{\lambda} \in Im \ P^{*}(\lambda) \subset \mathcal{H}_{-}$ ,  $\bar{\lambda} \in \sigma(L^{*})$ , and  $L^{*}_{ext}: \mathcal{H}_{-} \to D_{-}(L)$  is the corresponding extension of the adjoint operator  $L^{*}: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  by means of reducing, as above, the domain D(L) to a new dense in  $\mathcal{H}_{+}$  domain  $D_{+}(L) \subset D(L)$  on which the operator  $L: D_{+}(L) \to \mathcal{H}_{+}$  is continuous.

# 2 Semi-linear Forms, Generalized Kernels and Congruence of Operators

2.1. Let us consider any continuous semi-linear form  $K: \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \to \mathbb{C}$  in a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . The following classical theorem holds.

THEOREM 2.1. (Schwartz [12]) Consider a standard Gelfand rigged chain of Hilbert spaces (1) which is invariant under the complex involution  $\mathbb{C}:\to\mathbb{C}^*$ . Then any continuous semi-linear form  $K:\mathcal{H}\times\mathcal{H}\to\mathbb{C}$  can be written down by means of a generalized kernel  $\hat{K}\in\mathcal{H}_-\otimes\mathcal{H}_-$  as follows:

$$K[u,v] = (\hat{K}, v \otimes u)_{\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}} \tag{10}$$

for any  $u, v \in \mathcal{H}_+ \subset \mathcal{H}$ . The kernel  $\hat{K} \in \mathcal{H}_- \otimes \mathcal{H}_-$  allows the representation

$$\hat{\mathbf{K}} = (\mathbf{D} \otimes \mathbf{D})\bar{K}$$
,

where  $\bar{K} \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$  is a usual kernel and  $D : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}_{-}$  is the square root  $\sqrt{J^*}$  from a positive operator  $J^* : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}_{-}$ , being a Hilbert-Schmidt embedding of  $\mathcal{H}_{+}$  into  $\mathcal{H}$ 

with respect to the chain (1). Moreover, the related kernels  $(D \otimes I)\bar{K}$ ,  $(I \otimes D)\bar{K} \in \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}$  are the usual ones too.

Take now, as before, an operator  $L: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  with a dense domain  $D(L) \subset \mathcal{H}$  allowing the Gelfand rigging continuation (1) introduced in the preceding Section. Denote also by  $D_+(L^*) \subset D(L^*)$  the related dense in  $\mathcal{H}_+$  subspace.

DEFINITION 2.2. A set of generalized kernels  $\hat{Z}_{\lambda} \subset \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$  for  $\lambda \in \sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^{*})$  will be called **elementary** concerning the operator  $L : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  if for any  $\lambda \in \sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^{*})$ , the norm  $||\hat{Z}_{\lambda}||_{\mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}} < \infty$  and

$$(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{\lambda}, ((\Delta - \lambda \mathbf{I})v) \otimes u) = 0, \quad (\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{\lambda}, v \otimes (\mathbb{L}^* - \lambda \mathbf{I})u) = 0$$
(11)

for all  $(u, v) \in \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$ .

2.2. Assume further, as above, that all our functional spaces are invariant with respect to the involution  $\mathbb{C} :\to \mathbb{C}^*$  and put  $D_+ := D_+(L^*) = D_+(L) \subset \mathcal{H}_+$ . Then one can build the corresponding extensions  $L_{ext} \supset L$  and  $L_{ext}^* \supset L^*$ , being linear operators continuously acting from  $\mathcal{H}_-$  into  $\mathcal{D}_- := D'_+$ . The chain (1) is now extended to the chain

$$D_{+} \subset \mathcal{H}_{+} \subset \mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{H}_{-} \subset D_{-} \tag{12}$$

and is assumed also that the unity operator  $I: \mathcal{H}_- \to \mathcal{H}_- \subset D_-$  is extended naturally as the imbedding operator from  $\mathcal{H}_-$  into  $D_-$ . Then equalities (11) can be equivalently written down [12] as follows:

$$(L_{ext} \otimes I) \hat{Z}_{\lambda} = \lambda \hat{Z}_{\lambda}, \quad (I \otimes L_{ext}^*) \hat{Z}_{\lambda} = \lambda \hat{Z}_{\lambda}$$
 (13)

for any  $\lambda \in \sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)$ . Take now a kernel  $\hat{K} \in \mathcal{H}_- \otimes \mathcal{H}_-$  and suppose that the following operator equality

$$(L_{ext} \otimes I) \hat{K} = (I \otimes L_{ext}^*) \hat{K}$$
(14)

holds. Since the equation (13) can be written down in the form

$$(L_{ext} \otimes I) \hat{Z}_{\lambda} = (I \otimes L_{ext}^*) \hat{Z}_{\lambda}$$
(15)

for any  $\lambda \in \sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)$ , the following characteristic theorem [12] holds.

THEOREM 2.3. (see Chapter 8, p.621 of [12]) Let a kernel  $\hat{K} \in \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$  satisfy the condition (14). Then due to (15) there exists a finite Borel measure  $\rho_{\sigma}$  defined on Borel subsets  $\Delta \subset \sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^{*})$  such that the following weak spectral representation

$$\hat{\mathbf{K}} = \int_{\sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)} \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{\lambda} \mathrm{d}\rho_{\sigma}(\lambda) \tag{16}$$

holds. Moreover, due to (13) one can write down the following representation

$$\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{\lambda} = \psi_{\lambda} \otimes \varphi_{\lambda},$$

where  $L_{ext}\psi_{\lambda} = \lambda\psi_{\lambda}$ ,  $L_{ext}^*\varphi_{\lambda} = \bar{\lambda}\varphi_{\lambda}$ ,  $(\psi_{\lambda}, \varphi_{\lambda}) \in \mathcal{H}_{--} \times \mathcal{H}_{--}$  and  $\lambda \in \sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)$ , where

$$\mathcal{H}_{++} \subset \mathcal{H}_{+} \subset \mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{H}_{-} \subset \mathcal{H}_{--} \tag{17}$$

is some appropriate nucleous rigging extension of the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ .

PROOF. It is easy to see owing to (15) that the kernel (16) satisfies the equation (14). Consider now the Hilbert-Schmidt rigged chain (17) and construct a new Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_K$  with the scalar product

$$(u,v)_{K} := (|\hat{K}|, v \otimes u)_{\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}}$$
(18)

for all  $u, v \in \mathcal{H}_+$ , where  $|\hat{\mathbf{K}}| := \sqrt{\hat{\mathbf{K}}^*\hat{\mathbf{K}}} \in \mathcal{H}_- \otimes \mathcal{H}_-$  is a positive defined kernel. The norm  $||\cdot||_{\mathbf{K}}$  in  $\mathcal{H}_+$  is, evidently, weaker from the norm  $||\cdot||_+$  in  $\mathcal{H}_+$  since for any  $u \in \mathcal{H}_+$ ,  $||u||_+^2 = (|\hat{\mathbf{K}}|, u \otimes u)_{\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}} \leq ||\hat{\mathbf{K}}||_-||u \otimes u||_+ = ||\hat{\mathbf{K}}||_-||u||_+^2$ , thereby there holds the embedding  $\mathcal{H}_+ \subset \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{K}}$ . Introduce now a related with the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{K}}$  rigged chain

$$\mathcal{H}_{++} \subset (\mathcal{H}_{+}) \subset \mathcal{H}_{K} \subset \mathcal{H}_{--,K}. \tag{19}$$

and consider (see [12, 13]) the following expression

$$(u, \mathbf{E}(\Delta)v)_K = \int_{\Delta} d\rho_{\sigma}(\lambda)(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{P}(\lambda)v)_K, \tag{20}$$

where  $\Delta \subset \mathbb{C}$ ,  $u, v \in \mathcal{H}_{++}$ ,  $E : \mathbb{C} \to \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_{++})$  is a generalized unity spectral expansion for our spectral operator  $L : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  whose domain D(L) is reduced to  $\mathcal{H}_{++} \subset D(L)$ ,  $P : \mathbb{C} \to \mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H}_{++}; \mathcal{H}_{--,K})$  is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator of generalized projecting and  $\rho_{\sigma}$  is some finite Borel measure on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Assume now that our kernel  $\hat{K} \in \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$  allows the following representation:

$$(\hat{\mathbf{K}}, v \otimes \mathbf{u})_{\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}} = (|\mathbf{K}|, \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{K}}^{(r)} v \otimes \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{K}}^{(l)} \mathbf{u})_{\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}} = (\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{K}}^{(l)} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{K}}^{(r)} v)_{\mathbf{K}}$$
(21)

for all  $u,v \in \mathcal{H}_{++}$ , where  $S_K^{(l)}$  and  $S_K^{(r)} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_{++})$  are some appropriate bounded operators in  $\mathcal{H}_{++}$ . Then making use of (19) and (20) one finds that

$$(\hat{\mathbf{K}}, v \otimes \mathbf{u})_{\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}} = \int_{\sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)} \mathrm{d}\rho_{\sigma}(\lambda) (\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{K}}^{(\mathbf{l}), -1} u, \mathbf{P}(\lambda) \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{K}}^{(\mathbf{r}), -1} v)_{\mathbf{K}}. \tag{22}$$

Since there exist [12, 13] two isometries  $J_K : \mathcal{H}_{--,K} \to \mathcal{H}_{++}$  and  $J : \mathcal{H}_{--} \to \mathcal{H}_{++}$  related, respectively, with rigged chains (19) and (17), the scalar product on the right-hand side of (22) can be transformed as

$$(S_{K}^{(1),-1}u, P(\lambda)S_{K}^{(r),-1}v)_{K} = (S_{K}^{(1),-1}u, J_{K}P(\lambda)S_{K}^{(r),-1}v)_{++}$$
(23)

for all  $u,v \in \mathcal{H}_{++}$ , where  $J_KS_KP(\lambda) \in \mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H}_{++})$  as a product of the Hilbert-Schmidt operator  $P(\lambda) \in \mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H}_{++}; \mathcal{H}_{--,K}), \ \lambda \in \sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)$ , and bounded operators  $J_K$  and

 $S_K$ . Then owing to a simple corollary from the Schwartz Theorem 2.1 one gets easily that there exists a kernel  $\hat{Q}_{\lambda} \in \mathcal{H}_{++} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{++}$  for any  $\lambda \in \sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)$ , such that

$$(\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{K}}^{(1),-1}u, \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}}\mathbf{P}(\lambda)\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{K}}^{(r),-1}v)_{++} = (\hat{\mathbf{Q}}_{\lambda}, v \otimes u)_{\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}}$$
(24)

for all  $u,v \in \mathcal{H}_{++}$ . Defining now the kernel  $\hat{Z}_{\lambda} := (J^{-1} \otimes J^{-1}) \hat{Q}_{\lambda} \in \mathcal{H}_{--} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{--}, \lambda \in \sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)$ , one finds finally from (22)-(24) that for all  $u,v \in \mathcal{H}_{++}$ ,

$$(\hat{\mathbf{K}}, v \otimes u)_{\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}} = \int_{\sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)} d\rho_{\sigma}(\lambda) (\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{\lambda}, v \otimes u)_{\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}}.$$
 (25)

As the constructed kernel  $\hat{Z}_{\lambda} \in \mathcal{H}_{--} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{--}$  satisfies, evidently, for every  $\lambda \in \sigma(L) \cap \overline{\sigma}(L^*)$  the relationship (15), the theorem is proved.

The construction done above for a self-similar congruent kernel  $\hat{K} \in \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$  in the form (16) related with a given operator  $L \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  appears to be very inspiring if the condition self-similarity to replace by a simple similarity. This topic will be in part discussed below.

# 3 Congruent Kernel Operators and Related Delsarte Transmutation Mappings

3.1. Consider in a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  a pair of densely defined linear differential operators L and  $\tilde{L} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ . The following definition will be useful.

Let a pair of kernels  $\hat{K}_s \in \mathcal{H}_- \otimes \mathcal{H}_-$ ,  $s = \pm$ , satisfy the following congruence relationships

$$(\tilde{L}_{ext} \otimes 1)\hat{K}_{s} = (1 \otimes L_{ext}^{*})\hat{K}_{s}$$
(26)

for a given pair of the respectively extended linear operators L,  $\tilde{L} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ . Then the kernels  $\hat{K}_s \in \mathcal{H}_- \otimes \mathcal{H}_-$ ,  $s = \pm$ , will be called congruent to this pair  $(L, \tilde{L})$  of operators in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Since not any pair of operators L,  $\tilde{L} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  can be congruent, the natural problem is how to describe the set of corresponding kernels  $\hat{K}_s \in \mathcal{H}_- \otimes \mathcal{H}_-$ ,  $s = \pm$ , congruent to a given pair  $(L, \tilde{L})$  of operators in  $\mathcal{H}$ . The next question is that of existence of kernels  $\hat{K}_s \in \mathcal{H}_- \otimes \mathcal{H}_-$ ,  $s = \pm$ , congruent to this pair. The question has an evident answer for the case when  $\tilde{L} = L$  and the congruence is then self-similar. The interesting case when  $\tilde{L} \neq L$  appears to be nontrivial and can be treated more or less successfully if there exist such suitably defined bounded and invertible operators  $\Omega_s \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $s = \pm$ , that the transmutation conditions

$$\tilde{L}\Omega_{\rm s} = \Omega_{\rm s}L\tag{27}$$

hold.

DEFINITION 3.1. (Delsarte [1], Detsarte and Lions [2]) Let a pair of densely defined differential closeable operators  $L, \tilde{L} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  in a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is endowed

with a pair of closed subspaces  $\mathcal{H}_0, \dot{\mathcal{H}}_0 \subset \mathcal{H}_-$  subject to a rigged Hilbert spaces chain (1). Then suitably defined and invertible operators  $\Omega_s \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $s = \pm$ , are called **Delsarte transmutations** if the following conditions hold:

- i) the operators  $\Omega_{\rm s}$  and their inverse  $\Omega_{\rm s}^{-1}$ ,  $s=\pm$ , are continuous;
- ii) the images Im  $\Omega_{\rm s}|_{\mathcal{H}_0} = \mathcal{H}_0, s = \pm;$
- iii) the relationships (27) are satisfied.

Suppose now that an operator pair  $(L, \tilde{L}) \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is differential of the same order  $n(L) \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , that is, the following representations

$$L := \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{n(L)} a_{\alpha}(x) \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x^{\alpha}}, \quad \tilde{L} := \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{n(L)} \tilde{a}_{\alpha}(x) \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x^{\alpha}}, \tag{28}$$

hold, where  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  is some open connected region in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , the smooth coefficients  $a_{\alpha}$ ,  $\tilde{a}_{\alpha} \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{Q}; End \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}})$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{+}^{m}$ ,  $|\alpha| = \overline{0}$ , n(L) and  $\mathbb{N} \in \mathbb{Z}_{+}$ . The differential expressions (28) are defined and closeable on the dense domains in the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H} := L_2(\mathbb{Q}; \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}})$  domains  $\mathbb{D}(L)$ ,  $\mathbb{D}(\tilde{L}) \subset \mathbb{W}_2^{n(L)}(\mathbb{Q}; \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}) \subset \mathcal{H}$ . This, in particular, means that there exists the corresponding to (28) pair of adjoint operators  $L^*, \tilde{L}^* \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  which are defined also on dense domains  $\mathbb{D}(L^*)$ ,  $\mathbb{D}(\tilde{L}^*) \subset \mathbb{W}_2^{n(L)}(\mathbb{Q}; \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}) \subset \mathcal{H}$ .

Take now a pair of invertible bounded linear operators  $\Omega_s \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $s = \pm$ , and look at the following Delsarte transformed operators

$$\tilde{L}_{\rm s} := \Omega_{\rm s} L \Omega_{\rm s}^{-1},\tag{29}$$

 $s=\pm$ , which, by definition, must persist to be also differential. An additional natural constraint involved on operators  $\Omega_s \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $s=\pm$ , is the independence [9, 16] of differential expressions for operators (29) on indices  $s=\pm$ . The problem of constructing such Delsarte transmutation operators  $\Omega_s \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $s=\pm$ , appeared to be very complicated and in the same time dramatic as one could observe from special results obtained in [9, 21] for two-dimensional Dirac and three-dimensional Laplace type operators.

3.2. Before proceeding to setting up our approach to treating the problem mentioned above, let us consider some formal generalizations of the results described before in Section 2. Take an elementary kernel  $\hat{Z}_{\lambda} \in \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$  satisfying the conditions generalizing (13):

$$(\tilde{L}_{ext} \otimes I) \ \hat{\tilde{Z}}_{\lambda} = \lambda \hat{\tilde{Z}}_{\lambda}, \qquad (I \otimes L_{ext}^*) \ \hat{\tilde{Z}}_{\lambda} = \lambda \hat{\tilde{Z}}_{\lambda}$$
 (30)

for  $\lambda \in \sigma(\tilde{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)$ , being, evidently, well suitable for treating the equation (26). Then one sees that an elementary kernel  $\widehat{Z}_{\lambda} \in \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$  for any  $\lambda \in \sigma(\widetilde{L}) \cap \sigma(\widetilde{L}^*)$  solves the equation (26), that is

$$(\widetilde{L}_{ext} \otimes 1) \ \widehat{\widetilde{Z}}_{\lambda} = (1 \otimes L_{ext}^*) \ \widehat{\widetilde{Z}}_{\lambda}.$$
 (31)

Thereby one can expect that for kernels  $\hat{K}_s \in \mathcal{H}_- \otimes \mathcal{H}_-$ ,  $s = \pm$ , there exist the similar to (18) spectral representations

$$\hat{K}_{s} = \int_{\sigma(\widetilde{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^{*})} \widehat{Z}_{\lambda} d\rho_{\sigma,s}(\lambda), \tag{32}$$

 $s=\pm$ , with finite spectral measures  $\rho_{\sigma,s}$ ,  $s=\pm$ , localized upon the Borel subsets of the common spectrum  $\sigma(\tilde{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)$ . Based of the spectral representation like (17) applied separately to operators  $\tilde{L} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $L^* \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  one states similarly as before the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.2. The equations (30) are compatible for any  $\lambda \in \sigma(\widetilde{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)$  and, moreover, for kernels  $\hat{K}_s \in \mathcal{H}_- \otimes \mathcal{H}_-$ ,  $s = \pm$ , satisfying the congruence condition (26) there exists a kernel  $\hat{Z}_{\lambda} \in \mathcal{H}_- - \otimes \mathcal{H}_-$  for a suitably Gelfand rigged Hilbert spaces chain (20), such that the spectral representations (32) hold.

Now we will be interested in the inverse problem of constructing kernels  $\hat{K}_s \in \mathcal{H}_- \otimes \mathcal{H}_-$ ,  $s = \pm$ , like (32) a priori satisfying the congruence conditions (26) subject to the same pair  $(L, \tilde{L})$  of differential operators in  $\mathcal{H}$  and related via the Delsarte transmutation condition (27). In some sense we shall state that only for such Delsarte related operator pairs  $(L, \tilde{L})$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  one can construct a dual pair  $\{\hat{K}_s \in \mathcal{H}_- \otimes \mathcal{H}_- : s = \pm\}$  of the corresponding congruent kernels satisfying the conditions like (26), that is

$$(\tilde{L}_{ext} \otimes 1) \hat{K}_{\pm} = \hat{K}_{\pm} (1 \otimes L_{ext}^*). \tag{33}$$

3.3. Suppose now that there exists another pair of Delsarte transmutation operators  $\Omega_s$  and  $\Omega_s^{\circledast} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $s=\pm$ , satisfying condition ii) of Definition 3.2 subject to the corresponding two pairs of differential operators  $(L,\tilde{L})$  and  $(L^*,\tilde{L}^*) \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ . This means, in particular, that there exists an additional pair of closed subspace  $\mathcal{H}_0^{\circledast}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0^{\circledast} \subset \mathcal{H}_-$  such that

$$\operatorname{Im} \Omega_s^{\circledast}|_{\mathcal{H}_0^{\circledast}} = \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0^{\circledast} \tag{34}$$

 $s = \pm$ , for the Delsarte transmutation operator  $\Omega_s^{\circledast} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $s = \pm$ , satisfying the obvious conditions

$$\tilde{L}^* \cdot \Omega_s^{\circledast} = \Omega_s^{\circledast} \cdot L^* \tag{35}$$

 $s = \pm$ , involving the adjoint operators  $\tilde{L}^*, L^* \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  defined before and given by the following from (28) usual differential expressions:

$$L^* = \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{n(L)} (-1)^{|\alpha|} \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \cdot \bar{a}_{\alpha}^{\mathsf{T}}(x), \quad \tilde{L}^* = \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{n(L)} (-1)^{|\alpha|} \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \cdot \tilde{\bar{a}}_{\alpha}^{\mathsf{T}}(x) \tag{36}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ .

Construct now the following [22, 23] Delsarte transmutation operators of Volterra type

$$\Omega_{\pm} := 1 + K_{\pm}(\Omega), \tag{37}$$

corresponding to some two different kernels  $\hat{K}_+$  and  $\hat{K}_- \in \mathcal{H}_- \otimes \mathcal{H}_-$ , of integral Volterrian operators  $K_+(\Omega)$  and  $K_-(\Omega)$  related with them in the following way:

$$(u, K_{\pm}(\Omega)v) := (u \chi(S_{x,\pm}^{(m)}), \hat{K}_{\pm}v)$$
 (38)

for all  $(u, v) \in \mathcal{H}_+ \times \mathcal{H}_+$ , where  $\chi(S_{x,\pm}^{(m)})$  are some characteristic functions of two m-dimensional smooth hypersurfaces  $S_{x,+}^{(m)}$  and  $S_{x,-}^{(m)} \in \mathcal{K}(Q)$  from a singular simplicial complex  $\mathcal{K}(Q)$  of the open set  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ , chosen such that the boundary  $\partial(S_{x,+}^{(m)} \cup S_{x,-}^{(m)}) = \partial Q$ . In the case when  $Q := \mathbb{R}^m$ , it is assumed naturally that  $\partial \mathbb{R}^m = \emptyset$ . Making use of the Delsarte operators (37) and relationship like (27) one can construct the following differential operator expressions:

$$\tilde{L}_{\pm} - L = K_{\pm}(\Omega)L - \tilde{L}_{\pm}K_{\pm}(\Omega). \tag{39}$$

Since the left-hand sides of (39) are, by definition, purely differential expressions, one follows right away that the local kernel relationships like (32) hold:

$$(\tilde{L}_{ext,\pm} \otimes 1) \hat{K}_{\pm} = (1 \otimes L_{ext}^*) \hat{K}_{\pm}. \tag{40}$$

The expressions (39) define, in general, two different differential expressions  $\tilde{L}_{\pm} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  depending respectively both on the kernels  $\hat{K}_{\pm} \in \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$  and on the chosen hypersurfaces  $S_{x,\pm}^{(m)} \in \mathcal{K}(Q)$ . As will be stated later, the following important theorem holds.

THEOREM 3.3. Let smooth hypersurfaces  $S_{x,\pm}^{(m)} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{Q})$  be chosen in such a way that  $\partial(S_{x,+}^{(m)} \cup S_{x,-}^{(m)}) = \partial \mathbf{Q}$  and  $\partial S_{x,\pm}^{(m)} = \mp \sigma_x^{(m-1)} + \sigma_{x\pm}^{(m-1)}$ , where  $\sigma_x^{(m-1)}$  and  $\sigma_{x\pm}^{(m-1)}$  are some homological subject to the homology group  $\mathbf{H}_{m-1}(\mathbf{Q}; \mathbb{C})$  simplicial chains, parametrized, respectively, by a running point  $x \in \mathbf{Q}$  and fixed points  $x_{\pm} \in \partial \mathbf{Q}$  and satisfying the following homotopy condition:  $\lim_{x \to x_{\pm}} \sigma_x^{(m-1)} = \mp \sigma_{x\pm}$ . Then the operator equalities

$$\tilde{L}_{+} := \Omega_{+} L \Omega_{+}^{-1} = \tilde{L} = \Omega_{-} L \Omega_{-}^{-1} := \tilde{L}_{-}$$
 (41)

are satisfied if the following commutation property

$$[\Omega_{+}^{-1} \ \Omega_{-}, L] = 0 \tag{42}$$

or, equivalently, kernel relationship

$$(L_{ext} \otimes 1)\hat{\Omega}_{+}^{-1} * \hat{\Omega}_{-} = (1 \otimes L_{ext}^{*})\hat{\Omega}_{+}^{-1} * \hat{\Omega}_{-}$$
(43)

hold.

REMARK 3.4. It is noted here that special degenerate cases of Theorem 3.3 have been proved in works [9, 21] for two-dimensional Dirac and three-dimensional Laplace type differential operators. The constructions and tools devised there appeared to be instructive and motivative for the approach developed here by us in the general case.

3.4. Consider now a pair  $(\Omega_+, \Omega_-)$  of Delsarte transmutation operators being in the form (37) and respecting all of the conditions from Theorem 3.4. Then the following lemma is true.

LEMMA 3.5. Let an invertible Fredholm operator  $\Omega := 1 + \Phi \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \cap Aut(\mathcal{H})$  with  $\Phi \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$  allow the factorized representation

$$\Omega = \Omega_{+}^{-1} \Omega_{-} \tag{44}$$

by means of two Delsarte operators  $\Omega_+$  and  $\Omega_- \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  in the form (37). Then there exists the unique operator kernel  $\hat{\Phi} \in \mathcal{H}_- \otimes \mathcal{H}_-$  corresponding naturally to the compact operator  $\Phi(\Omega) \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$  and satisfying the following self-similar congruence commutation condition:

$$(L_{ext} \otimes 1) \hat{\Phi} = (1 \otimes L_{ext}^*) \hat{\Phi}, \tag{45}$$

related to the properties (42 and (43).

From the equality (45) and Theorem 2.2 one gets the following corollary easily.

COROLLARY 3.6. There exists a finite Borel measure  $\rho_{\sigma}$  defined on the Borel subsets of  $\sigma(L) \cap \overline{\sigma}(L^*)$  such that the following weak equality

$$\widehat{\Phi} = \int_{\sigma(\mathbf{L}) \cap \overline{\sigma}(\mathbf{L}^*)} \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_{\lambda} d\rho_{\sigma}(\lambda)$$
(46)

holds.

Concerning the differential expression  $L \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and the corresponding Volterra type Delsarte transmutation operators  $\Omega_{\pm} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  the conditions (42) and (45) are equivalent to the operator equation

$$[\Phi(\Omega), L] = 0. \tag{47}$$

Really, since equalities (41) hold, one gets easily that

$$L(1 + \Phi(\Omega)) = L(\Omega_{+}^{-1}\Omega_{-}) = \Omega_{+}^{-1}(\Omega_{+}L\Omega_{+}^{-1})\Omega_{-}$$
  
=  $\Omega_{+}^{-1}(\Omega_{-}L\Omega_{-})\Omega_{-} = \Omega_{+}^{-1}\Omega_{-}L = (1 + \Phi(\Omega))L,$  (48)

meaning exactly (47).

Suppose also that, first, for another Fredholm operator  $\Omega^{\circledast} = 1 + \Phi^{\circledast}(\Omega) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $\Phi^{\circledast}(\Omega) \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$ , there exist two Delsarte transmutation Volterra type operators  $\Omega_{+}^{\circledast} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  in the form

$$\Omega_+^{\circledast} = 1 + K_+^{\circledast}(\Omega) \tag{49}$$

with Volterrian [22] integral operators  $K_{\pm}^{\circledast}(\Omega)$  related naturally with some kernels  $\hat{K}_{\pm} \in \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$ , and, second, the factorization condition

$$1 + \Phi^{\circledast}(\Omega) = \Omega_{+}^{\circledast, -1} \Omega_{-}^{\circledast} \tag{50}$$

is satisfied, then the following theorem holds.

THEOREM 3.7. Let a pair of hypersurfaces  $S_{x,\pm}^{(m)} \subset \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{Q})$  satisfy all of the conditions from Theorem 3.2. Then the Delsarte transformed operators  $\tilde{L}_{\pm}^* \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  are differential and equal, that is

$$\tilde{L}_{+}^{*} = \Omega_{+}^{\circledast} L^{*} \Omega_{+}^{\circledast, -1} = \tilde{L}^{*} = \Omega_{-}^{\circledast} L^{*} \Omega_{-}^{\circledast, -1} = \tilde{L}_{-}^{\circledast}, \tag{51}$$

iff the following commutation condition

$$[\Phi^{\circledast}(\Omega), L^*] = 0 \tag{52}$$

holds.

PROOF. A proof of this theorem is stated by reasonings similar to those done before when analyzing the congruence condition for a given pair  $(L, \tilde{L}) \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  of differential operators and their adjoint ones in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

By means of the Delsarte transmutation from the differential operators L and  $L^* \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  we have obtained above two differential operators

$$\tilde{L} = \Omega_{\pm} L \Omega_{+}^{-1}, \quad \tilde{L}^* = \Omega_{+}^{\circledast} L^* \Omega_{+}^{\circledast, -1},$$
(53)

which must be compatible and, thereby, related as

$$(\tilde{L})^* = \widetilde{(L^*)}. \tag{54}$$

The condition (54) due to (53) gives rise to the following additional commutation expressions for kernels  $\Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast}$  and  $\Omega_{\pm}^{*} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ :

$$[L^*, \Omega_+^* \Omega_+^*] = 0, (55)$$

being equivalent, obviously, to such a commutation relationship:

$$[L, \Omega_+^{\circledast, *} \Omega_{\pm}] = 0. \tag{56}$$

As a result of representations (56) one can formulate the following corollary.

COROLLARY 3.8. There exist finite Borel measures  $\rho_{\sigma,\pm}$  localized upon the common spectrum  $\sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)$ , such that the following weak kernel representations

$$\hat{\Omega}_{\pm}^{\circledast,*} * \hat{\Omega}_{\pm} = \int_{\sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)} \hat{Z}_{\lambda} d\rho_{\sigma,\pm}(\lambda)$$
(57)

hold, where  $\hat{\Omega}_{\pm}^{\circledast,*}$  and  $\hat{\Omega}_{\pm} \in \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$  are the corresponding kernels of integral Volterrian operators  $\Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast,*}$  and  $\Omega_{\pm} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ .

3.5. The integral operators of Volterra type (37) constructed above by means of kernels in the form (32) are, as well known [17, 11, 9, 15, 14], very important for studying many problems of spectral analysis and related integrable nonlinear dynamical systems [16, 15, 10, 21, 30, 29] on functional manifolds. In particular, they serve as factorizing operators for a class of Fredholm operators entering the fundamental Gelfand-Levitan-Marchenko operator equations [17, 15, 16] whose solutions are exactly kernels of Delsarte transmutation operators of Volterra type, related with the corresponding congruent kernels subject to given pairs of closeable differential operators in a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Thereby it is natural to try to learn more of their structure properties subject to their representations both in the form (32), (37), and in the dual form within the general Gokhberg-Krein theory [22, 16, 23] of Volterra type operators.

To proceed further we need to introduce some additional notions and definitions from [22, 14] which are important for what will follow below. Define a set  $\mathcal{P}$  of projectors  $P^2 = P : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  which is called a **projector chain** if for any pair  $P_1, P_2 \in$  $\mathcal{P}, P_1 \neq P_2$ , one has either  $P_1 < P_2$  or  $P_2 < P_1$ , and  $P_1P_2 = \min(P_1, P_2)$ . The ordering  $P_1 < P_2$  above means, as usual, that  $P_1 \mathcal{H} \subset P_2 \mathcal{H}$ ,  $P_1 \mathcal{H} \neq P_2 \mathcal{H}$ . If  $P_1 \mathcal{H} \subset P_2 \mathcal{H}$ , then one writes  $P_1 \leq P_2$ . The closure  $\overline{\mathcal{P}}$  of a chain  $\mathcal{P}$  means, by definition, that set of all operators being weak limits of sequences from  $\mathcal{P}$ . The inclusion relationship  $\mathcal{P}_1 \subset \mathcal{P}_2$  of any two sets of projector chains possesses obviously the transitivity property allowing to consider the set of all projector chains as a partially ordered set. A chain  $\mathcal{P}$  is called maximal if it cannot be extended. It is evident that a maximal chain is closed and contains zero  $0 \in \mathcal{P}$  and unity  $1 \in \mathcal{P}$  operators. A pair of projectors  $(P^-, P^+) \subset \mathcal{P}$ is called a **break** of the chain  $\mathcal{P}$  if  $P_- < P_+$  and for all  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  either  $P < P^-$  or  $P^+ < P$ . A closed chain is called **continuous** if for any pair of projectors  $P_1, P_2 \subset \mathcal{P}$ there exist a projector  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ , such that  $P_1 < P < P_2$ . A maximal chain  $\mathcal{P}$  will be called complete if it is continuous. A strongly ascending with respect to inclusion projector valued function  $P:Q\ni\Delta\to\mathcal{P}$  is called a **parametrization** of a chain  $\mathcal{P}$ , if the chain  $\mathcal{P} = Im(P: Q \ni \Delta \to \mathcal{P})$ . Such a parametrization of the self-adjoint chain  $\mathcal{P}$  is called **smooth**, if for any  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  the positive value measure  $\Delta \to (u, P(\Delta)u)$ is absolutely continuous. It is well known [22, 23, 16] that every complete projector chain allows a smooth parametrization. In what follows a projector chain  $\mathcal{P}$  will be self-adjoint, complete and endowed with a fixed smooth parametrization with respect to an operator valued function  $F: \mathcal{P} \to \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , the expressions like  $\int_{\mathcal{P}} F(P) dP$  and  $\int_{\mathcal{P}} dPF(P)$  will be used for the corresponding [22] Riemann-Stiltjes integrals subject to the corresponding projector chain. Take now a linear compact operator  $K \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$ acting in a separable Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  endowed with a projector chain  $\mathcal{P}$ . A chain  $\mathcal{P}$  is also called **proper** subject to an operator  $K \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$  if PKP = KP for any projector  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ , meaning obviously that subspace  $P\mathcal{H}$  is invariant with respect to the operator  $K = \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$  for any  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ . As before we denote by  $\sigma(K)$  the spectrum of any well defined operator  $K \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ .

DEFINITION 3.9. An operator  $K \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$  is called **Volterrian** if  $\sigma(K) = \{0\}$ .

As can be shown [22], a Volterrian operator  $K \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$  possesses the maximal proper projector chain  $\mathcal{P}$  such that for any break  $(P^-, P^-)$  the following relationship

$$(P^{+} - P^{-}) K (P^{+} - P^{-}) = 0$$
(58)

holds. Since integral operators (37) constructed before are of Volterra type and congruent to a pair  $(L, \widetilde{L})$  of closeable differential operators in  $\mathcal{H}$ , we will be interested in their properties with respect to the definition given above and to the corresponding proper maximal projector chains  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ .

3.6. Suppose we are given a Fredholm operator  $\Omega \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \cap Aut(\mathcal{H})$  self-congruent to a closeable differential operator  $L \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ . As we are also given with an elementary kernel (15) in the spectral form (16), our present task will be a description of elementary kernels  $\hat{Z}_{\lambda}$ ,  $\lambda \in \sigma(L) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)$ , by means of some smooth and complete parametrization suitable for them. For treating this problem we will make use of very interesting recent results obtained in [23] devoted to the factorization problem of Fredholm operators. As

a partial case this work contains some aspects of our factorization problem for Delsarte transmutation operators  $\Omega \in (\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}))$  in the form (37).

Let us formulate now some preliminary results from [22, 23] suitable for the problem under regard. As before, we will denote by  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  the Banach algebra of all linear and continuous operators in  $\mathcal{H}$ , and also by  $\mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$  the Banach algebra of all compact operators from  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and by  $\mathcal{B}_0(\mathcal{H})$  the linear subspace of all finite dimensional operator from  $\mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$ . Put also, by definition,

$$\mathcal{B}^{-}(\mathcal{H}) = \{ K \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : (1 - P)KP = 0, P \in \mathcal{P} \},$$

$$\mathcal{B}^{+}(\mathcal{H}) = \{ K \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) : PK(1 - P) = 0, P \in \mathcal{P} \},$$

$$(59)$$

and call an operator  $K \in \mathcal{B}^+$ ,  $(K \in \mathcal{B}^-)$  up-triangle (respectively down-triangle) with respect to the projector chain  $\mathcal{P}$ . Denote also by  $\mathcal{B}_p(\mathcal{H}), p \in [1, \infty]$ , the so called Neumann-Shattin ideals and put

$$\mathcal{B}_{\infty}^{+}(\mathcal{H}) := \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{B}^{+}(\mathcal{H}), \quad \mathcal{B}_{\infty}^{-}(\mathcal{H}) := \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{B}^{-}(\mathcal{H}). \tag{60}$$

Subject to Definition 3.4 Banach subspaces (60) are Volterrian, being closed in  $\mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$  and satisfying the condition

$$\mathcal{B}_{\infty}^{+}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{B}_{\infty}^{-}(\mathcal{H}) = \varnothing. \tag{61}$$

Denote also by  $\mathcal{P}^+$  ( $\mathcal{P}^-$ ) the corresponding projectors of the linear space

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H}) := \mathcal{B}_{\infty}^{+}(\mathcal{H}) \oplus \mathcal{B}_{\infty}^{-}(\mathcal{H}) \subset \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$$

upon  $\mathcal{B}^+_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$  ( $\mathcal{B}^-_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$ ), and call them after [22] by **transformators** of a **triangle** shear. The transformators  $\mathcal{P}^+$  and  $\mathcal{P}^-$  are known [22] to be continuous operators in ideals  $\mathcal{B}_p(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $p \in [1, \infty]$ . From definitions above one gets that

$$\mathcal{P}^{+}(\Phi) + \mathcal{P}^{-}(\Phi) = \Phi, \quad \mathcal{P}^{\pm}(\Phi) = \tau \mathcal{P}^{\mp} \tau(\Phi)$$
 (62)

for any  $\Phi \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ , where  $\tau : \mathcal{B}_p(\mathcal{H}) \to \mathcal{B}_p(\mathcal{H})$  is the standard involution in  $\mathcal{B}_p(\mathcal{H})$  acting as  $\tau(\Phi) := \Phi^*$ .

REMARK 3.10. It is clear and important that transformators  $\mathcal{P}^+$  and  $\mathcal{P}^-$  strongly depend on a fixed projector chain  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Put now, by definition,

$$\mathcal{V}_f^{\pm} := \{ 1 + K_{\pm} : K_{\pm} \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}^{\pm}(\mathcal{H}) \}$$
 (63)

and

$$\mathcal{V}_f := \{ \Omega_+^{-1} \cdot \Omega_- : \Omega_\pm \in \mathcal{V}_f^{\pm} \}. \tag{64}$$

It is easy to check that  $\mathcal{V}_f^+$  and  $\mathcal{V}_f^-$  are subgroups of invertible operators from  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  and, moreover,  $\mathcal{V}_f^+ \cap \mathcal{V}_f^- = \{1\}$ . Consider also the following two operator sets:

$$\mathcal{W} := \{ \Phi \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H}) : \operatorname{Ker}(1 + P\Phi P) = \{ 0 \}, \quad P \in \mathcal{P} \}, 
\mathcal{W}_f := \{ \Phi \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H}) : \quad \Omega := 1 + \Phi \in \mathcal{V}_f \},$$
(65)

which are characterized by the following (see [22, 23]) theorem.

THEOREM 3.11. (Gokhberg and Krein [22]) The following conditions hold:

- i)  $\mathcal{W}_f \subset \mathcal{W}$ ;
- ii)  $\mathcal{B}_{\omega}(\mathcal{H}) \cap \mathcal{W} \subset \mathcal{W}_f$  where  $\mathcal{B}_{\omega}(\mathcal{H}) \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is the so called Macaev ideal;
- iii) for any  $\Phi \in \mathcal{W}_f$  it is necessary and sufficient that at least one of the integrals

$$\mathcal{K}_{+}(\Omega) = -\int_{\mathcal{P}} dP \Phi P (1 + P \Phi P)^{-1}, \text{ or } (1 + K_{-}(\Omega))^{-1} - 1 = -\int_{\mathcal{P}} (1 + P \Phi P)^{-1} P \Phi dP$$
(66)

is convergent in the uniform operator topology, and, moreover, if one integral of (49) is convergent then the another one is convergent too;

iv) the factorization representation

$$\Omega = 1 + \Phi = (1 + K_{+}(\Omega))^{-1} (1 + K_{-}(\Omega))$$
(67)

for  $\Phi \in \mathcal{W}_f$  is satisfied.

The theorem above is still abstract since it does not take into account the crucial relationship (47) relating the operators representation (67) with a given differential operator  $L \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ . Thus, it is necessary to satisfy the condition (47). If this condition is, due to (26) and (41) satisfied, the following crucial equalities

$$(1 + K_{+}(\Omega))L(1 + K_{+}(\Omega))^{-1} = \tilde{L} = (1 + K_{-}(\Omega))L(1 + K_{-}(\Omega))^{-1}$$
(68)

in  $\mathcal{H}$  and the corresponding congruence relationships

$$(\tilde{L}_{ext} \otimes 1)\hat{K}_{\pm} = (1 \otimes L_{ext}^*)\hat{K}_{\pm}$$
(69)

in  $\mathcal{H}_{+} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{+}$  hold. Here by  $\hat{K}_{\pm} \in \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$  we mean the corresponding kernels of Volterra operators  $K_{\pm}(\Omega) \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}^{\pm}(\mathcal{H})$ . Since the factorization (67) is unique, the corresponding kernels must a priori satisfy the conditions (68) and (69). Thereby the self-similar congruence condition must be solved with respect to a kernel  $\hat{\Phi} \in \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$  corresponding to the integral operator  $\Phi \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$ , and next, must be found the corresponding unique factorization (67), satisfying a priori condition (68) and (69).

3.7 To realize this scheme, define preliminarily a unique positive Borel finite measure on the Borel subsets  $\Delta \subset Q$  of the open set  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ , satisfying for any projector  $P_x \in \mathcal{P}_x$  of a chain  $\mathcal{P}_x$ , marked by a running point  $x \in Q$ , the following condition

$$(u, \mathcal{P}_x(\Delta)v)_{\mathcal{H}} = \int_{\Delta \subset Q} (u, \mathcal{X}_x(y)v) d\mu_{\mathcal{P}_x}(y)$$
(70)

for all  $u, v \in \mathcal{H}_+$ , where  $\mathcal{X}_x : Q \to \mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{H}_+, \mathcal{H}_-)$  is for any  $x \in Q$  a measurable with respect to some Borel measure  $\mu_{\mathcal{P}_x}$  on Borel subsets of Q operator-valued mapping of Hilbert-Schmidt type. The representation (70) follows due to the reasoning similar to that in [12], based on the standard Radon-Nikodym theorem [12, 37]. This means in particular, that in the weak sense

$$P_x(\Delta) = \int_{\Delta} \mathcal{X}_x(y) d\mu_{\mathcal{P}_x}(y)$$
 (71)

for any Borel set  $\Delta \in \mathbb{Q}$  and a running point  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Making use now of the weak representation (71) the integral expression like  $I_{f,g}(x) = \int_{\mathcal{P}_x} f(P_x) dP_x g(P_x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , for any continuous mappings  $f, g : \mathcal{P}_x \to \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  can be, obviously, represented as

$$I_{f,g}(x) = \int_{\Omega} f(P(y))\chi_x(y)g(P(y))d\mu_{\mathcal{P}_x}(y). \tag{72}$$

Thereby for the Volterrian operators (66) one can get the following expressions:

$$K_{+,x}(\Omega) = -\int_{\mathcal{Q}} (1 + \mathcal{P}_x(y)\Phi \mathcal{P}_x(y))^{-1} \mathcal{P}_x(y)\Phi d\mu_{\mathcal{P}_{x,+}}(y),$$

$$(1 + K_{+,x}(\Omega))^{-1} = 1 - \int_{\mathcal{Q}} d\mu_{\mathcal{P}_{x,+}}(y)\Phi \mathcal{P}_x(y)(1 + \mathcal{P}_x(y)\Phi \mathcal{P}_x(y))^{-1}$$
(73)

for some Borel measure  $\mu_{\mathcal{P}_{x,+}}$  on Q and a given operator  $\Phi \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$ . The first expression of (73) can be written down for the corresponding kernels  $\hat{K}_{+,x}(y) \in \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$  as follows

$$\hat{K}_{+,x}(y) = -\int_{\sigma(L)\cap\overline{\sigma}(L^*)} d\rho_{\sigma,+}(\lambda)\tilde{\psi}_{\lambda}(x) \otimes \varphi_{\lambda}(y), \tag{74}$$

where, due to the representation (46) and Theorem 2.2. we put for any running points x, y and  $x' \in Q$  the following convolution of two kernels:

$$((1 + P_x(x')\Phi P_x(x'))^{-1}) * (\psi_\lambda(x') \otimes \varphi_\lambda(y)) := \tilde{\psi}_\lambda(x) \otimes \varphi_\lambda(y). \tag{75}$$

for  $\lambda \in \sigma(\tilde{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)$  and some  $\tilde{\psi}_{\lambda} \in \mathcal{H}_{-}$ . Taking now into account the representation (32) at s = "+", from (74) one gets easily that the elementary congruent kernel

$$\widehat{\widetilde{Z}}_{\lambda} = \widetilde{\psi}_{\lambda} \otimes \varphi_{\lambda} \tag{76}$$

satisfies the important conditions  $(\tilde{L}_{ext} \otimes 1)\hat{\widetilde{Z}}_{\lambda} = \lambda \hat{\widetilde{Z}}_{\lambda}$  and  $(1 \otimes L^*)\hat{\widetilde{Z}}_{\lambda} = \lambda \hat{\widetilde{Z}}_{\lambda}$  for any  $\lambda \in \sigma(\tilde{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^*)$ . Now for the operator  $K_+(\Omega) \in \mathcal{B}^+_{\infty}(\mathcal{H})$  one finds the following integral representation

$$K_{+}(\Omega) = -\int_{S_{+,x}^{(m)}} dy \int_{\sigma(\widetilde{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^{*})} d\rho_{\sigma,+}(\lambda) \tilde{\psi}_{\lambda}(x) \bar{\varphi}_{\lambda}^{\mathsf{T}}(y)(\cdot), \tag{77}$$

satisfying, evidently the congruence condition (26), where we put, by definition,

$$d\mu_{\mathcal{P}_{x,+}}(y) = \chi_{S^{(m)}} dy, \tag{78}$$

with  $\chi_{S_{+,x}^{(m)}}$  being the characteristic function of the support of the measure  $\mathrm{d}\mu_{\mathcal{P}_x}$ , that is  $\sup_{x} \mu_{\mathcal{P}_{x,+}} := S_{+,x}^{(m)} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{Q})$ . Completely similar reasonings can be applied for describing the structure of the second factorizing operator  $\mathrm{K}_{-}(\Omega) \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}^{-}(\mathcal{H})$ :

$$K_{-}(\Omega) = -\int_{S_{-,x}^{(m)}} dy \int_{\sigma(\widetilde{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(L^{*})} d\rho_{\sigma,-}(\lambda) \tilde{\psi}_{\lambda}(x) \bar{\varphi}_{\lambda}^{\mathsf{T}}(y)(\cdot), \tag{79}$$

where, by definition,  $S_{-,x}^{(m)} \subset \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , is, as before, the support  $supp \mu_{\mathcal{P}_{x,-}} := S_{-,x}^{(m)} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{Q})$  of the corresponding to the operator (79) finite Borel measure  $\mu_{\mathcal{P}_{x,-}}$  defined on the Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ .

It is natural to put now  $x \in \partial S_{+,x}^{(m)} \cap \partial S_{-,x}^{(m)}$ , being an intrinsic point of the boundary  $\partial S_{+,x}^{(m)} \setminus \partial Q = -\partial S_{-,x}^{(m)} \setminus \partial Q := \sigma_x^{(m-1)} \in \mathcal{K}(Q)$ , where  $\mathcal{K}(Q)$  is, as before, some singular simplicial complex generated by the open set  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ . Thus, for our Fredholm operator  $\Omega := 1 + \Phi \in V_f$  the corresponding factorization is written down as

$$\Omega = (1 + K_{+}(\Omega))^{-1} (1 + K_{-}(\Omega)) := \Omega_{+}^{-1} \Omega_{-}, \tag{80}$$

where integral operators  $K_{\pm}(\Omega) \in \mathcal{B}_{\infty}^{\pm}(\mathcal{H})$  are given by expression (77) and (79) parametrized by a running intrinsic point  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

# 4 The Differential-Geometric Structure of a Lagrangian Identity and Related Delsarte Transmutation Operators

4.1. In Section 3 above we have studied in detail the spectral structure of Delsarte transmutation Volterrian operators  $\Omega_{\pm} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  factorizing some Fredholm operator  $\Omega = \Omega_{+}^{-1}\Omega_{-}$  and stated their relationships with the approach suggested in [22, 23]. In particular, we demonstrated the existence of some Borel measures  $\mu_{\mathcal{P}_{x,\pm}}$  localized upon hypersurfaces  $S_{\pm,x}^{(m)} \in \mathcal{K}(Q)$  and related naturally with the corresponding integral operators  $K_{\pm}(\Omega)$ , whose kernels  $\hat{K}_{\pm}(\Omega) \in \mathcal{H}_{-} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{-}$  are congruent to a pair of given differential operators  $(L, \tilde{L}) \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ , satisfying the relationships (37). In what will follow below we shall study some differential-geometric properties of the Lagrange identity naturally associated with two Delsarte related differential operators L and  $\tilde{L}$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and describe by means of some specially constructed integral operator kernels the corresponding Delsarte transmutation operators exactly in the same spectral form as it was studied in Section 3 above.

Let a multi-dimensional linear differential operator  $L : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  of order  $n(L) \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  be of the form

$$L(x|\partial) := \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{n(L)} a_{\alpha}(x) \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x^{\alpha}},$$
(81)

and defined on a dense domain  $D(L) \subset \mathcal{H}$ , where, as usual,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^m$  is a multiindex,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and for brevity one assumes that coefficients  $a_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^m; End\mathbb{C}^N)$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^m$ . Consider the following easily derivable generalized Lagrangian identity for the differential expression (81):

$$<\mathcal{L}^*\varphi, \psi> - <\varphi, \mathcal{L}\psi> = \sum_{i=1}^m (-1)^{i+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} Z_i[\varphi, \psi],$$
 (82)

where  $(\varphi, \psi) \in \mathcal{H}^* \times \mathcal{H}$ , mappings  $Z_i : \mathcal{H}^* \times \mathcal{H} \to \mathbb{C}$ ,  $i = \overline{1, m}$ , are semilinear due to the construction and  $L^* : \mathcal{H}^* \to \mathcal{H}^*$  is the corresponding formally conjugated to (81) differential expression, that is

$$L^*(x|\partial) := \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{n(\mathcal{L})} (-1)^{|\alpha|} \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \cdot \bar{a}_{\alpha}^{\mathsf{T}}(x).$$

By multiplying the identity (82) by the usual oriented Lebesgue measure  $dx = \wedge_{j=1,m} dx_j$ , we get

$$<\mathcal{L}^*\varphi, \psi > dx - <\varphi, \mathcal{L}\psi > dx = dZ^{(m-1)}[\varphi, \psi]$$
 (83)

for all  $(\varphi, \psi) \in \mathcal{H}^* \times \mathcal{H}$ , where

$$Z^{(m-1)}[\varphi,\psi] := \sum_{i=1}^{m} dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i-1} \wedge Z_i[\varphi,\psi] dx_{i+1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_m$$
 (84)

is a (m-1)-differential form on  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

4.2. Consider now all such pairs  $(\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_0 \subset \mathcal{H}_- \times \mathcal{H}_-, \lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , where as before

$$\mathcal{H}_{+} \subset \mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{H}_{-} \tag{85}$$

is the usual Gelfand triple of Hilbert spaces [12, 13] related with our Hilbert-Schmidt rigged Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}, \Sigma \in \mathbb{C}^p, p \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , is some fixed measurable space of parameters endowed with a finite Borel measure  $\rho$ , that the differential form (84) is exact, that is there exists a set of (m-2)-differential forms  $\Omega^{(m-2)}[\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)] \in \Lambda^{m-2}(\mathbb{R}^m; \mathbb{C}),$  $\lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , on  $\mathbb{R}^m$  satisfying the condition

$$Z^{(m-1)}[\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)] = d\Omega^{(m-2)}[\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)]. \tag{86}$$

A way to realize this condition is to take some closed subspaces  $\mathcal{H}_0^*$  and  $\mathcal{H}_0 \subset \mathcal{H}_-$  as solutions to the corresponding linear differential equations under some boundary conditions:

$$\mathcal{H}_0 : = \{ \psi(\lambda) \in \mathcal{H}_- : L\psi(\lambda) = 0, \quad \psi(\lambda)|_{x \in \Gamma} = 0, \quad \lambda \in \Sigma \},$$
  
$$\mathcal{H}_0^* : = \{ \varphi(\lambda) \in \mathcal{H}_-^* : L^*\varphi(\lambda) = 0, \quad \varphi(\lambda)|_{x \in \Gamma} = 0, \quad \lambda \in \Sigma \}.$$

The triple (85) allows us to determine properly a set of generalized eigenfunctions for extended operators L, L\*:  $\mathcal{H}_- \to \mathcal{H}_-$ , if  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  is taken as some (n-1)-dimensional piecewise smooth hypersurface embedded into the configuration space  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . There can exist, evidently, situations [17, 11, 9] when boundary conditions are not necessary.

exist, evidently, situations [17, 11, 9] when boundary conditions are not necessary. Let now  $S_{\pm}(\sigma_x^{(m-2)}, \sigma_{x_0}^{(m-2)}) \in C_{m-1}(M; \mathbb{C})$  denote some two non-intersecting (m-1)-dimensional piecewise smooth hypersurfaces from the singular simplicial chain group  $C_{m-1}(M; \mathbb{C}) \subset \mathcal{K}(M)$  of some topological compactification  $M := \mathbb{R}^m$ , such that their boundaries are the same, that is  $\partial S_{\pm}(\sigma_x^{(m-2)}, \sigma_{x_0}^{(m-2)}) = \sigma_x^{(m-2)} - \sigma_{x_0}^{(m-2)}$  and,

additionally,  $\partial(S_{+}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)}, \sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)}) \cup S_{-}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)}, \sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})) = \emptyset$ , where  $\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)}$  and  $\sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)} \in C_{m-2}(\mathbb{R}^{m}; \mathbb{C})$  are some (m-2)-dimensional homological cycles from a suitable chain complex  $\mathcal{K}(M)$  parametrized yet formally by means of two points  $x, x_{0} \in M$  and related in some way with the above chosen hypersurface  $\Gamma \subset M$ . Then from (86) based on the general Stokes theorem [31, 32, 35, 33], one respectively gets easily that

$$\int_{S_{\pm}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)},\sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})}Z^{(m-1)}[\varphi(\lambda),\psi(\mu)] = \int_{\partial S_{\pm}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)},\sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})}\Omega^{(m-2)}[\varphi(\lambda),\psi(\mu)]$$

$$= \int_{\sigma_x^{(m-2)}} \Omega^{(m-2)}[\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)] - \int_{\sigma_{x_0}^{(m-2)}} \Omega^{(m-2)}[\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)]$$
  
: 
$$= \Omega_x(\lambda, \mu) - \Omega_{x_0}(\lambda, \mu),$$

$$\int_{S_{\pm}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)},\sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})} \bar{\boldsymbol{Z}}^{(m-1),\mathsf{T}}\left[\varphi(\lambda),\psi(\mu)\right] = \int_{\partial S_{\pm}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)},\sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})} \bar{\Omega}^{(m-2),\mathsf{T}}[\varphi(\lambda),\psi(\mu)]$$

$$= \int_{\sigma_x^{(m-2)}} \bar{\Omega}^{(m-2),\mathsf{T}}[\varphi(\lambda),\psi(\mu)] - \int_{\sigma_{x_0}^{(m-2)}} \bar{\Omega}^{(m-2),\mathsf{T}}[\varphi(\lambda),\psi(\mu)]$$

$$: = \Omega_x^{\circledast}(\lambda,\mu) - \Omega_{x_0}^{\circledast}(\lambda,\mu)$$

for the set of functions  $(\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_0$ ,  $\lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , with operator kernels  $\Omega_x(\lambda, \mu)$ ,  $\Omega_x^{\circledast}(\lambda, \mu)$  and  $\Omega_{x_0}(\lambda, \mu)$ ,  $\Omega_x^{\circledast}(\lambda, \mu)$ ,  $\lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , acting naturally in the Hilbert space  $L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma; \mathbb{C})$ . These kernels are assumed further to be nondegenerate in  $L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma; \mathbb{C})$  and satisfying the homotopy conditions

$$\lim_{x \to x_0} \Omega_x(\lambda, \mu) = \Omega_{x_0}(\lambda, \mu), \quad \lim_{z \to x_0} \Omega_x^{\circledast}(\lambda, \mu) = \Omega_{x_0}^{\circledast}(\lambda, \mu).$$

4.3. Define now actions of the following two linear Delsarte permutations operators  $\Omega_{\pm}: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  and  $\Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast}: \mathcal{H}^* \to \mathcal{H}^*$  still upon a fixed set of functions  $(\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_0, \lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ :

$$\tilde{\psi}(\lambda) = \Omega_{\pm}(\psi(\lambda)) := \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \psi(\eta) \Omega_{x}^{-1}(\eta, \mu) \Omega_{x_{0}}(\mu, \lambda), 
\tilde{\varphi}(\lambda) = \Omega_{\pm}^{\otimes}(\varphi(\lambda)) := \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \varphi(\eta) \Omega_{x}^{\otimes, -1}(\mu, \eta) \Omega_{x_{0}}^{\otimes}(\lambda, \mu).$$
(87)

Making use of the expressions (87), based on arbitrariness of the chosen set of functions  $(\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_0$ ,  $\lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , we can easily retrieve the corresponding operator expressions for operators  $\Omega_{\pm}$  and  $\Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast} : \mathcal{H}_- \to \mathcal{H}_-$ , forcing the kernels  $\Omega_{x_0}(\lambda, \mu)$  and

 $\Omega_{x_0}^{\circledast}(\lambda,\mu), \ \lambda,\mu \in \Sigma$ , to variate:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\psi}(\lambda) &= \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \psi(\eta) \Omega_{x}(\eta,\mu) \Omega_{x}^{-1}(\mu,\lambda) \\ &- \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \psi(\eta) \Omega_{x}^{-1}(\eta,\mu)] \times \\ &\times \int_{S_{\pm}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)},\sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})} Z^{(m-1)}[\varphi(\mu),\psi(\lambda)]) \\ &= \psi(\lambda) - \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\nu) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\xi) \psi(\eta) \Omega_{x}^{-1}(\eta,\nu) \times \\ &\times \Omega_{x_{0}}(\nu,\xi)[\Omega_{x_{0}}^{-1}(\xi,\mu) \int_{S_{\pm}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)},\sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})} Z^{(m-1)}[\varphi(\mu),\psi(\lambda)] \\ &= \psi(\lambda) - \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \tilde{\psi}(\eta) \Omega_{x_{0}}^{-1}(\eta,\mu)] \int_{S_{\pm}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)},\sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})} Z^{(m-1)}[\varphi(\mu),\psi(\lambda)] \\ &= (\mathbf{1} - \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \tilde{\psi}(\eta) \Omega_{x_{0}}^{-1}(\eta,\mu) \times \\ &\times \int_{S_{\pm}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)},\sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})} Z^{(m-1)}[\varphi(\mu),(\cdot)]) \psi(\lambda) \\ &: = \Omega_{\pm} \cdot \psi(\lambda); \\ \tilde{\varphi}(\lambda) &= \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \varphi(\eta) \Omega_{x}^{\otimes,-1}(\mu,\eta) \Omega_{x}^{\otimes}(\lambda,\mu) \\ &- \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \varphi(\eta) \Omega_{x}^{\otimes,-1}(\mu,\eta) \int_{S_{\pm}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)},\sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})} \bar{Z}^{(m-1),\mathsf{T}}[\varphi(\lambda),\psi(\mu)] \\ &= \varphi(\lambda) - \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\nu) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\xi) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \varphi(\eta) \Omega_{x}^{\otimes,-1}(\xi,\eta) \times \\ &\times \Omega_{x_{0}}^{\otimes}(\nu,\xi) \Omega_{x_{0}}^{\otimes,-1}(\mu,\nu) \int_{S_{\pm}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)},\sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})} \bar{Z}^{(m-1),\mathsf{T}}[\varphi(\lambda),\psi(\mu)] \\ &= (\mathbf{1} - \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \tilde{\varphi}(\eta) \Omega_{x_{0}}^{\otimes,-1}(\mu,\eta) \times \\ &\times \int_{S_{\pm}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)},\sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})} \bar{Z}^{(m-1),\mathsf{T}}[(\cdot),\psi(\mu)]) \varphi(\lambda) \\ &\mapsto \Omega_{x_{0}}^{\otimes}(\Omega). \end{split}$$

where, by definition,

$$\Omega_{\pm} := \mathbf{1} - \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \tilde{\psi}(\eta) \Omega_{x_{0}}^{-1}(\eta, \mu) \int_{S_{\pm}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)}, \sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})} Z^{(m-1)}[\varphi(\mu), (\cdot)], 
\Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast} := \mathbf{1} - \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \tilde{\varphi}(\eta) \Omega_{x_{0}}^{\circledast, -1}(\mu, \eta) \int_{S_{\pm}(\sigma_{x}^{(m-2)}, \sigma_{x_{0}}^{(m-2)})} \bar{Z}^{(m-1), \mathsf{T}}[(\cdot), \psi(\mu)] 
(88)$$

are of Volterra type multidimensional integral operators. It is to be noted here that now elements  $(\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_0$  and  $(\tilde{\varphi}(\lambda), \tilde{\psi}(\mu)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0^* \times \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0$ ,  $\lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , inside

the operator expressions (88) are not arbitrary but now fixed. Therefore, the operators (88) realize an extension of their actions (87) on a fixed pair of functions  $(\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_0$ ,  $\lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , upon the whole functional space  $\mathcal{H}^* \times \mathcal{H}$ .

4.4. Due to the symmetry of expressions (87) and (88) with respect to two sets of functions  $(\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_0$  and  $(\tilde{\varphi}(\lambda), \tilde{\psi}(\mu)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0^* \times \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0$ ,  $\lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , it is very easy to state the following lemma.

LEMMA 4.1. Operators (88) are bounded and invertible of Volterra type expressions in  $\mathcal{H}^* \times \mathcal{H}$  whose inverse are given as follows:

$$\Omega_{\pm}^{-1} := \mathbf{1} - \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \psi(\eta) \tilde{\Omega}_{x_0}^{-1}(\eta, \mu) \int_{S_{\pm}(\sigma_x^{(m-2)}, \sigma_{x_0}^{(m-2)})} Z^{(m-1)}[\tilde{\varphi}(\mu), (\cdot)] 
\Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast, -1} := \mathbf{1} - \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \varphi(\eta) \Omega_{x_0}^{\circledast, -1}(\mu, \eta) \int_{S_{\pm}(\sigma_x^{(m-2)}, \sigma_{x_0}^{(m-2)})} \bar{Z}^{(m-1), \mathsf{T}}[(\cdot), \tilde{\psi}(\mu)]$$
(89)

where two sets of functions  $(\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_0$  and  $(\tilde{\varphi}(\lambda), \tilde{\psi}(\mu)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0^* \times \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0$ ,  $\lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , are taken arbitrary but fixed.

For the expressions (89) to be compatible with mappings (87) the following actions must hold:

$$\psi(\lambda) = \Omega_{\pm}^{-1} \cdot \tilde{\psi}(\lambda) = \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \tilde{\psi}(\eta) \tilde{\Omega}_{x}^{-1}(\eta, \mu) \tilde{\Omega}_{x_{0}}(\mu, \lambda), 
\varphi(\lambda) = \Omega_{\pm}^{\otimes, -1} \cdot \tilde{\varphi}(\lambda) = \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\eta) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \tilde{\varphi}(\eta) \tilde{\Omega}_{x}^{\otimes, -1}(\mu, \eta) \tilde{\Omega}_{x_{0}}^{\otimes}(\lambda, \mu),$$
(90)

where for any two sets of functions  $(\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_0$  and  $(\tilde{\varphi}(\lambda), \tilde{\psi}(\mu)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0^* \times \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0$ ,  $\lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , the next relationship is satisfied:

$$(\langle \tilde{\mathbf{L}}^* \tilde{\varphi}(\lambda), \tilde{\psi}(\mu) \rangle - \langle \tilde{\varphi}(\lambda), \tilde{\mathbf{L}} \tilde{\psi}(\mu) \rangle) dx = d(\tilde{Z}^{(m-1)}[\tilde{\varphi}(\lambda), \tilde{\psi}(\mu)]),$$

$$\tilde{Z}^{(m-1)}[\tilde{\varphi}(\lambda), \tilde{\psi}(\mu)] = d\tilde{\Omega}^{(m-2)}[\tilde{\varphi}(\lambda), \tilde{\psi}(\mu)]$$
(91)

when

$$\tilde{\mathbf{L}} := \Omega_{\pm} \mathbf{L} \Omega_{\pm}^{-1}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{L}}^* := \Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast} \mathbf{L}^* \Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast, -1}. \tag{92}$$

Moreover, the expressions above for  $\tilde{L}: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  and  $\tilde{L}^*: \mathcal{H}^* \to \mathcal{H}^*$  do not depend on the choice of the indexes below of operators  $\Omega_+$  or  $\Omega_-$  and are in the result differential. Since the last condition determines properly Delsarte transmutation operators (89), we need to state the following theorem.

THEOREM 4.2. The pair  $(\tilde{\mathbf{L}}, \tilde{\mathbf{L}}^*)$  of operator expressions  $\tilde{\mathbf{L}} := \Omega_{\pm} \mathbf{L} \Omega_{\pm}^{-1}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{L}}^* := \Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast} \mathbf{L}^* \Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast,-1}$  acting in the space  $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}^*$  is purely differential for any suitably chosen hyper-surfaces  $S_{\pm}(\sigma_x^{(m-2)}, \sigma_{x_0}^{(m-2)}) \in C_{m-1}(M; \mathbb{C})$  from the homology group  $C_{m-1}(M; \mathbb{C})$ .

PROOF. For proving the theorem it is necessary to show that the formal pseudodifferential expressions corresponding to operators  $\tilde{L}$  and  $\tilde{L}^*$  contain no integral elements. Making use of an idea devised in [27, 21], one can formulate such a lemma. LEMMA 4.3. A pseudo-differential operator  $L: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  is purely differential iff the following equality

$$(h, (L\frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x^{\alpha}}) + f) = (h, L + \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} f)$$
(93)

holds for any  $|\alpha| \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and all  $(h, f) \in \mathcal{H}^* \times \mathcal{H}$ , that is the condition (93) is equivalent to the equality  $L_+ = L$ , where, as usual, the sign "(...)<sub>+</sub>" means the purely differential part of the corresponding expression inside the bracket.

Based now on this Lemma and exact expressions of operators (88), similar to the calculations done in [27], one shows right away that operators  $\tilde{\mathbf{L}}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{L}}^*$ , depending respectively only both on the homological cycles  $\sigma_x^{(m-2)}, \sigma_{x_0}^{(m-2)} \in C_{m-2}(M; \mathbb{C})$  from a simplicial chain complex  $\mathcal{K}(M)$ , marked by points  $x, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and on two sets of functions  $(\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\mu)) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_0$  and  $(\tilde{\varphi}(\lambda), \tilde{\psi}(\mu)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0^* \times \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0$ ,  $\lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , are purely differential thereby finishing the proof.

The differential-geometric construction suggested above can be nontrivially generalized for the case of  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  commuting to each other differential operators in a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  giving rise to a new look at theory of Delsarte transmutation operators based on differential-geometric and topological de Rham-Hodge techniques. These aspects will be discussed in detail in the next two Sections.

# 5 The General Differential-Geometric and Topological Structure of Delsarte Transmutation Operators: the Generalized De Rham-Hodge Theory

5.1. Below we shall explain the corresponding differential-geometric and topological nature of these spectral related results obtained above and generalize them to a set  $\mathcal{L}$  of commuting differential operators Delsarte related with another commuting set  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$  of differential operators in  $\mathcal{H}$ . These results are deeply based on the generalized De Rham-Hodge theory [33, 34, 32, 3, 35] of special differential complexes giving rise to effective analytical expressions for the corresponding Delsarte transmutation Volterra type operators in a given Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . As a by-product one obtains the integral operator structure of Delsarte transmutation operators for polynomial pencils of differential operators in  $\mathcal{H}$  having many applications both in spectral theory of such multi-dimensional operator pencils [25, 26, 28, 38] and in soliton theory [21, 16, 10, 30, 15] of multidimensional integrable dynamical systems on functional manifolds, being very important for diverse applications in modern mathematical physics.

Let  $M := \mathbb{R}^m$  denote as before a suitably compactified metric space of dimension  $m = dim M \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  (without boundary) and define some finite set  $\mathcal{L}$  of smooth commuting to each other linear differential operators

$$L_{j}(x|\partial) := \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{n(L_{j})} a_{\alpha}^{(j)}(x)\partial^{|\alpha|}/\partial x^{\alpha}$$
(94)

with respect to  $x \in M$ , having smooth enough coefficients  $a_{\alpha}^{(j)} \in \mathcal{S}(M; End\mathbb{C}^N)$ ,  $|\alpha| = \overline{0, n(L_j)}, n(L_j) \in \mathbb{Z}_+, j = \overline{1, m}$ , and acting in the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H} := L_2(M; \mathbb{C}^N)$ . It is assumed also that domains  $D(L_j) := D(\mathcal{L}) \subset \mathcal{H}, j = \overline{1, m}$ , are dense in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Consider now a generalized external anti-differentiation operator

$$d_{\mathcal{L}}: \Lambda(M; \mathcal{H}) \to \Lambda(M; \mathcal{H})$$

acting in the Grassmann algebra  $\Lambda(M; \mathcal{H})$  as follows: for any  $\beta^{(k)} \in \Lambda^k(M; \mathcal{H})$ ,  $k = \overline{0, m}$ ,

$$d_{\mathcal{L}}\beta^{(k)} := \sum_{j=1}^{m} dx_j \wedge L_j(x|\partial)\beta^{(k)} \in \Lambda^{k+1}(M;\mathcal{H}). \tag{95}$$

It is easy to see that the operation (95) in the case  $L_j(x|\partial) := \partial/\partial x_j$ ,  $j = \overline{1,m}$ , coincides exactly with the standard external differentiation  $d = \sum_{j=1}^m dx_j \wedge \partial/\partial x_j$  on the Grassmann algebra  $\Lambda(M;\mathcal{H})$ . Making use of the operation (95) on  $\Lambda(M;\mathcal{H})$ , one can construct the following generalized de Rham co-chain complex

$$\mathcal{H} \to \Lambda^0(M; \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}} \Lambda^1(M; \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}} \dots \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}} \Lambda^m(M; \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}} 0.$$
 (96)

The following important property concerning the complex (96) holds.

LEMMA 5.1. The co-chain complex (96) is exact.

It follows easily from the equality  $d_{\mathcal{L}}d_{\mathcal{L}}=0$  holding due to the commutation of operators (94).

5.2. Below we will follow the ideas developed before in [3, 34]. A differential form  $\beta \in \Lambda(M; \mathcal{H})$  will be called  $d_{\mathcal{L}}$ -closed if  $d_{\mathcal{L}}\beta = 0$ , and a form  $\gamma \in \Lambda(M; \mathcal{H})$  will be called  $d_{\mathcal{L}}$ -homological to zero if there exists on M such a form  $\omega \in \Lambda(M; \mathcal{H})$  that  $\gamma = d_{\mathcal{L}}\omega$ .

Consider now the standard algebraic Hodge star-operation

$$\star: \Lambda^k(M; \mathcal{H}) \to \Lambda^{m-k}(M; \mathcal{H}), \tag{97}$$

 $k = \overline{0, m}$ , as follows [8, 33, 34, 35]: if  $\beta \in \Lambda^k(M; \mathcal{H})$ , then the form  $\star \beta \in \Lambda^{m-k}(M; \mathcal{H})$  is such that:

- i) (m-k)-dimensional volume  $|\star\beta|$  of the form  $\star\beta$  equals k-dimensional volume  $|\beta|$  of the form  $\beta$ ;
  - ii) the m-dimensional measure  $\bar{\beta}^{\dagger} \wedge \star \beta > 0$  under the fixed orientation on M.

Define also on the space  $\Lambda(M; \mathcal{H})$  the following natural scalar product: for any  $\beta, \gamma \in \Lambda^k(M; \mathcal{H}), k = \overline{0, m}$ ,

$$(\beta, \gamma) := \int_{M} \bar{\beta}^{\mathsf{T}} \wedge \star \gamma. \tag{98}$$

Subject to the scalar product (98) we can naturally construct the corresponding Hilbert space

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(M) := \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m} \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}^{k}(M)$$

well suitable for our further consideration. Notice also here that the Hodge star  $\star$ operation satisfies the following easily verifiable property: for any  $\beta, \gamma \in \mathcal{H}^k_{\Lambda}(M)$ ,  $k = \overline{0, m}$ ,

$$(\beta, \gamma) = (\star \beta, \star \gamma), \tag{99}$$

that is, the Hodge operation  $\star : \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(M) \to \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(M)$  is isometry and its standard adjoint with respect to the scalar product (98) operation satisfies the condition  $(\star)' = (\star)^{-1}$ .

Denote by  $d'_{\mathcal{L}}$  the formally adjoint expression to the external weak differential operation  $d_{\mathcal{L}}: \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(M) \to \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(M)$  in the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(M)$ . Making use of the operations  $d'_{\mathcal{L}}$  and  $d_{\mathcal{L}}$  in  $\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(M)$  one can naturally define [8, 34, 35] the generalized Laplace-Hodge operator  $\Delta_{\mathcal{L}}: \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(M) \to \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(M)$  as

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{L}} := d_{\mathcal{L}}' d_{\mathcal{L}} + d_{\mathcal{L}} d_{\mathcal{L}}'. \tag{100}$$

Take a form  $\beta \in \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(M)$  satisfying the equality

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{L}}\beta = 0. \tag{101}$$

Such a form is called *harmonic*. One can also verify that a harmonic form  $\beta \in \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(M)$  satisfies simultaneously the following two adjoint conditions:

$$d_{\mathcal{L}}'\beta = 0, \quad d_{\mathcal{L}}\beta = 0, \tag{102}$$

easily stemming from (100) and (102).

It is not hard to check that the following differential operation in  $\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(M)$ 

$$d_{\mathcal{L}}^* := \star d_{\mathcal{L}}'(\star)^{-1} \tag{103}$$

defines also a usual [31, 32, 33] external anti-differential operation in  $\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}(M)$ . The corresponding dual to (96) co-chain complex

$$\mathcal{H} \to \Lambda^0(M; \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}^*} \Lambda^1(M; \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}^*} \dots \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}^*} \Lambda^m(M; \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}^*} 0 \tag{104}$$

is evidently exact too, as the property  $d_{\mathcal{L}}^* d_{\mathcal{L}}^* = 0$  holds due to the definition (103).

5.3. Denote further by  $\mathcal{H}^k_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L})}(M)$ ,  $k=\overline{0,m}$ , the cohomology groups of  $d_{\mathcal{L}}$ -closed and by  $\mathcal{H}^k_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^*)}(M)$ ,  $k=\overline{0,m}$ , the cohomology groups of  $d_{\mathcal{L}}^*$ -closed differential forms, respectively, and by  $\mathcal{H}^k_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^*\mathcal{L})}(M)$ ,  $k=\overline{0,m}$ , the abelian groups of harmonic differential forms from the Hilbert sub-spaces  $\mathcal{H}^k_{\Lambda}(M)$ ,  $k=\overline{0,m}$ . Before formulating next results, define the standard Hilbert-Schmidt rigged chain [12] of positive and negative Hilbert spaces of differential forms

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda,+}^{k}(M) \subset \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}^{k}(M) \subset \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda,-}^{k}(M), \tag{105}$$

the corresponding rigged chains of Hilbert sub-spaces for harmonic forms

$$\mathcal{H}^{k}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^*\mathcal{L}),+}(M) \subset \mathcal{H}^{k}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^*\mathcal{L})}(M) \subset \mathcal{H}^{k}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^*\mathcal{L}),-}(M)$$
(106)

and cohomology groups:

$$\mathcal{H}^{k}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),+}(M) \subset \mathcal{H}^{k}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L})}(M) \subset \mathcal{H}^{k}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}(M),$$

$$\mathcal{H}^{k}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^{*}),+}(M) \subset \mathcal{H}^{k}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^{*})}(M) \subset \mathcal{H}^{k}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^{*}),-}(M)$$
(107)

for any  $k = \overline{0,m}$ . Assume also that the Laplace-Hodge operator (100) is elliptic in  $\mathcal{H}^0_{\Lambda}(M)$ . Now by reasonings similar to those in [8, 32, 33, 35] one can formulate the following generalized de Rham-Hodge theorem.

THEOREM 5.2. The groups of harmonic forms  $\mathcal{H}^k_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^*\mathcal{L}),-}(M)$ ,  $k = \overline{0,m}$ , are, respectively, isomorphic to the cohomology groups  $(H^k(M;\mathbb{C}))^{|\Sigma|}$ ,  $k = \overline{0,m}$ , where  $H^k(M;\mathbb{C})$  is the k-th cohomology group of the manifold M with complex coefficients,  $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{C}^p$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ ,  $|\Sigma| := card \Sigma$ , is a set of suitable "spectral" parameters marking the linear space of independent  $d^*_{\mathcal{L}}$ -closed 0-forms from  $\mathcal{H}^0_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}(M)$  and, moreover, the following direct sum decompositions

$$\mathcal{H}^{k}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^{*}\mathcal{L}),-}(M) \oplus \Delta \mathcal{H}^{k}_{\Lambda,-}(M) = \mathcal{H}^{k}_{\Lambda,-}(M)$$

$$= \mathcal{H}^{k}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^{*}\mathcal{L}),-}(M) \oplus d_{\mathcal{L}}\mathcal{H}^{k-1}_{\Lambda,-}(M) \oplus d'_{\mathcal{L}}\mathcal{H}^{k+1}_{\Lambda,-}(M)$$

hold for any  $k = \overline{0, m}$ .

Another variant of the statement similar to that above was formulated in [3, 4, 5, 6] and reads as the following generalized De Rham-Hodge theorem.

THEOREM 5.3. (Skrypnik [3]) The generalized cohomology groups  $\mathcal{H}^k_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}(M)$ ,  $k = \overline{0, m}$ , are isomorphic, respectively, to the cohomology groups  $(H^k(M; \mathbb{C}))^{|\Sigma|}$ ,  $k = \overline{0, m}$ .

A proof of this theorem is based on some special sequence [3] of differential Lagrange type identities.

Define the following closed subspace

$$\mathcal{H}_{0}^{*} := \{ \varphi^{(0)}(\lambda) \in \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^{*}),-}^{0}(M) : d_{\mathcal{L}}^{*} \varphi^{(0)}(\lambda) = 0, \ \varphi^{(0)}(\lambda)|_{\Gamma} = 0, \ \lambda \in \Sigma \}$$
 (108)

for some smooth (m-1)-dimensional hypersurface  $\Gamma \subset M$  and  $\Sigma \subset (\sigma(\mathcal{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^*)) \times \Sigma_{\sigma} \subset \mathbb{C}^p$ , where  $\mathcal{H}^0_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}^*),-}(M)$  is, as above, a suitable Hilbert-Schmidt rigged [12, 13] zero-order cohomology group space from the co-chain given by (107),  $\sigma(\mathcal{L})$  and  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}^*)$  are, respectively, mutual spectra of the sets of commuting operators  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}^*$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Thereby the dimension dim  $\mathcal{H}^*_0 = card \Sigma$  is assumed to be known. The next lemma stated by Skrypnik being fundamental for the proof holds.

LEMMA 5.4. (Skrypnik [3, 4, 5, 6]) There exists a set of differential (k+1)-forms  $Z^{(k+1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), d_{\mathcal{L}}\psi^{(k)}] \in \Lambda^{k+1}(M; \mathbb{C}), k = \overline{0, m}$ , and a set of k-forms  $Z^{(k)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)}] \in \Lambda^{k}(M; \mathbb{C}), k = \overline{0, m}$ , parametrized by a set  $\Sigma \ni \lambda$  and semilinear in  $(\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)}) \in \mathcal{H}_{0}^{*} \times \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda,-}^{k}(M)$ , such that

$$Z^{(k+1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), d_{\mathcal{L}}\psi^{(k)}] = dZ^{(k)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)}]$$
(109)

for all  $k = \overline{0, m}$  and  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ .

PROOF. A proof is based on the following generalized Lagrange type identity holding for any pair  $(\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)}) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda,-}^k(M)$ :

$$0 = \langle d_{\mathcal{L}}^{*}\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \star(\psi^{(k)} \wedge \bar{\gamma}) \rangle$$

$$: = \langle \star d_{\mathcal{L}}'(\star)^{-1}\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \star(\psi^{(k)} \wedge \bar{\gamma}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle d_{\mathcal{L}}'(\star)^{-1}\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)} \wedge \bar{\gamma} \rangle = \langle \star \rangle^{-1}\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), d_{\mathcal{L}}\psi^{(k)} \wedge \bar{\gamma} \rangle$$

$$+ Z^{(k+1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), d_{\mathcal{L}}\psi^{(k)}] \wedge \bar{\gamma}$$

$$= \langle (\star)^{-1}\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), d_{\mathcal{L}}\psi^{(k)} \wedge \bar{\gamma} \rangle + dZ^{(k)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)}] \wedge \bar{\gamma}, \qquad (110)$$

where

$$Z^{(k+1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), d_{\mathcal{L}}\psi^{(k)}] \in \Lambda^{k+1}(M; \mathbb{C}), \ k = \overline{0, m},$$

and

$$Z^{(k)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)}] \in \Lambda^{k-1}(M; \mathbb{C}), \ k = \overline{0, m},$$

are some semilinear differential forms parametrized by a parameter  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ , and  $\bar{\gamma} \in \Lambda^{m-k-1}(M;\mathbb{C})$  is arbitrary constant (m-k-1)-form. Thereby, the semilinear differential (k+1)-forms  $Z^{(k+1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), d_{\mathcal{L}}\psi^{(k)}] \in \Lambda^{k+1}(M;\mathbb{C}), k = \overline{0,m}$ , and k-forms  $Z^{(k)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)}] \in \Lambda^k(M;\mathbb{C}), k = \overline{0,m}, \lambda \in \Sigma$ , constructed above exactly constitute those searched for in the Lemma.

Based now on this ?? one can construct the cohomology group isomorphism claimed in Theorem 3.2 formulated above. Namely, following [3, 4, 6, 5, 7], let us take some singular simplicial [32, 33, 35, 19] complex  $\mathcal{K}(M)$  of the manifold M and introduce linear mappings  $B_{\lambda}^{(k)}: \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda,-}^k(M) \to C_k(M;\mathbb{C})$ ,  $k = \overline{0,m}$ ,  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ , where  $C_k(M;\mathbb{C})$ ,  $k = \overline{0,m}$ , are as before free abelian groups over the field  $\mathbb{C}$  generated, respectively, by all k-chains of simplexes  $S^{(k)} \in C_k(M;\mathbb{C})$ ,  $k = \overline{0,m}$ , from the singular simplicial complex  $\mathcal{K}(M)$ , as follows:

$$B_{\lambda}^{(k)}(\psi^{(k)}) := \sum_{S^{(k)} \in C_k(M;\mathbb{C})} S^{(k)} \int_{S^{(k)}} Z^{(k)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)}]$$
(111)

with  $\psi^{(k)} \in \mathcal{H}^k_{\Lambda,-}(M)$ ,  $k = \overline{0,m}$ . The following theorem based on mappings (111) holds.

THEOREM 5.5. (Skrypnik [3] ) The set of operations (111) parametrized by  $\lambda \in \Sigma$  realizes the cohomology groups isomorphism formulated in Theorem 5.3.

PROOF. A proof of this theorem one can get passing over in (111) to the corresponding cohomology  $\mathcal{H}^k_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}(M)$  and homology  $H_k(M;\mathbb{C})$  groups of M for every  $k=\overline{0,m}$ . If we take an element  $\psi^{(k)}:=\psi^{(k)}(\mu)\in\mathcal{H}^k_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}(M),\ k=\overline{0,m}$ , solving the equation  $d_{\mathcal{L}}\psi^{(k)}(\mu)=0$  with  $\mu\in\Sigma_k$  being some set of the related "spectral" parameters marking elements of the subspace  $\mathcal{H}^k_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}(M)$ , then we find easily from (111) and the identity (110) that

$$dZ^{(k)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)}(\mu)] = 0 \tag{112}$$

for all pairs  $(\lambda, \mu) \in \Sigma \times \Sigma_k$ ,  $k = \overline{0, m}$ . This, in particular, means due to the Poincare lemma [31, 32, 35, 33] that there exist differential (k-1)-forms  $\Omega^{(k-1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)}(\mu)] \in \Lambda^{k-1}(M; \mathbb{C}), k = \overline{0, m}$ , such that

$$Z^{(k)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)}(\mu)] = d\Omega^{(k-1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)}(\mu)]$$
(113)

for all pairs  $(\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(k)}(\mu)) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}^k(M)$  parametrized by  $(\lambda, \mu) \in \Sigma \times \Sigma_k$ ,  $k = \overline{0, m}$ . As a result of passing on the right-hand side of (111) to the homology groups  $H_k(M; \mathbb{C})$ ,  $k = \overline{0, m}$ , one gets due to the standard Stokes theorem [31, 35, 33, 32] that the mappings

$$B_{\lambda}^{(k)}: \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}^{k}(M) \rightleftarrows H_{k}(M;\mathbb{C})$$
 (114)

are isomorphisms for every  $\lambda \in \Sigma$  and  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ . Making further use of the Poincare duality [32, 33, 35, 19] between the homology groups  $H_k(M; \mathbb{C})$ ,  $k = \overline{0, m}$ , and the cohomology groups  $H^k(M; \mathbb{C})$ ,  $k = \overline{0, m}$ , respectively, one obtains finally the statement claimed in Theorem 5.3, that is  $\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}^k(M) \simeq (H^k(M;\mathbb{C}))^{|\Sigma|}$ .

5.4. Assume that  $M := \mathbf{T}^r \times \mathbb{R}^s$ ,  $dim M = s + r \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , and  $\mathcal{H} := L_2(\mathbf{T}^r; L_2(\mathbb{R}^s; \mathbb{C}^N))$ , where  $\mathbf{T}^r := \prod_{j=1}^r \mathbf{T}_j$ ,  $\mathbf{T}_j := [0, T_j) \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $j = \overline{1, r}$ , and put

$$d_{\mathcal{L}} = \sum_{j=1}^{r} dt_j \wedge L_j(t; x|\partial), \ L_j(t; x|\partial) := \partial/\partial t_j - L_j(t; x|\partial), \tag{115}$$

with

$$L_j(t;x|\partial) = \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{n(L_j)} a_{\alpha}^{(j)}(t;x)\partial^{|\alpha|}/\partial x^{\alpha}, \qquad (116)$$

 $j = \overline{1,r}$ , being differential operations parametrically dependent on  $t \in T^r$  and defined on dense subspaces  $D(L_j) = D(\mathcal{L}) \subset L_2(\mathbb{R}^s; \mathbb{C}^N)$ ,  $j = \overline{1,r}$ . It is assumed also that operators  $L_j : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$ ,  $j = \overline{1,r}$ , are commuting to each other.

Take now such a fixed pair  $(\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(0)}(\mu)dx) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}^s(M)$ , parametrized by elements  $(\lambda, \mu) \in \Sigma \times \Sigma$ , for which due to both Theorem 5.5 and the Stokes theorem [31, 32, 35, 33, 19] the following equality

$$B_{\lambda}^{(s)}(\psi^{(0)}(\mu)dx) = S_{(t;x)}^{(s)} \int_{\partial S_{(t;x)}^{(s)}} \Omega^{(s-1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(0)}(\mu)dx]$$
 (117)

holds, where  $S_{(t;x)}^{(s)} \in C_s(M;\mathbb{C})$  is some fixed element parametrized by an arbitrarily chosen point  $(t;x) \in M \cap S_{(t;x)}^{(s)}$ . Consider the next integral expressions

$$\Omega_{(t;x)}(\lambda,\mu) := \int_{\partial S_{(t;x)}^{(s)}} \Omega^{(s-1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda),\psi^{(0)}(\mu)dx], 
\Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}(\lambda,\mu) := \int_{\partial S_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s)}} \Omega^{(s-1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda),\psi^{(0)}(\mu)dx],$$
(118)

with a point  $(t_0; x_0) \in M \cap S_{(t_0; x_0)}^{(s)}$  being taken fixed,  $\lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , and interpret them as the corresponding kernels [12] of the integral invertible operators of Hilbert-Schmidt type  $\Omega_{(t;x)}, \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)} : L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma; \mathbb{C}) \to L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma; \mathbb{C})$ , where  $\rho$  is some finite Borel measure on the parameter set  $\Sigma$ . It assumes also above that the boundaries  $\partial S_{(t;x)}^{(s)} := \sigma_{(t;x)}^{(s-1)}$  and  $\partial S_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s)} := \sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)}$  are taken homological to each other as  $(t;x) \to (t_0;x_0) \in M$ . Define now the expressions

$$\Omega_{\pm}: \psi^{(0)}(\eta) \to \tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\eta) \tag{119}$$

for  $\psi^{(0)}(\eta)dx \in \mathcal{H}^s_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}(M)$ ,  $\eta \in \Sigma$ , and some  $\tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\eta)dx \in \mathcal{H}^s_{\Lambda,-}(M)$ , where, by definition, for any  $\eta \in \Sigma$ 

$$\tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\eta) := \psi^{(0)}(\eta) \cdot \Omega_{(t;x)}^{-1} \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)} = \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\mu) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho(\xi) \psi^{(0)}(\mu) \Omega_{(t;x)}^{-1}(\mu,\xi) \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}(\xi,\eta),$$
(120)

being motivated by the expression (117). Suppose now that the elements (120) are ones being related to some another Delsarte transformed cohomology group  $\mathcal{H}^s_{\Lambda(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}),-}(M)$  that is the following condition

$$d_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}\tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\eta)dx = 0 \tag{121}$$

for  $\tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\eta)dx \in \mathcal{H}^s_{\Lambda(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}),-}(M)$ ,  $\eta \in \Sigma$ , and some new external anti-differentiation operation in  $\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda,-}(M)$ 

$$d_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}} := \sum_{j=1}^{m} dx_j \wedge \tilde{\mathbf{L}}_j(t; x|\partial), \ \tilde{\mathbf{L}}_j(t; x|\partial) := \partial/\partial t_j - \tilde{L}_j(t; x|\partial)$$
(122)

holds, where expressions

$$\tilde{L}_{j}(t;x|\partial) = \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{n(L_{j})} \tilde{a}_{\alpha}^{(j)}(t;x)\partial^{|\alpha|}/\partial x^{\alpha}, \qquad (123)$$

 $j = \overline{1, r}$ , are differential operations in  $L_2(\mathbb{R}^s; \mathbb{C}^N)$  parametrically dependent on  $t \in T^r$ . 5.5. Put

$$\tilde{\mathbf{L}}_j := \Omega_{\pm} \mathbf{L}_j \Omega_{\pm}^{-1} \tag{124}$$

for each  $j = \overline{1,r}$ , where  $\Omega_{\pm} : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  are the corresponding Delsarte transmutation operators related with some elements  $S_{\pm}(\sigma_{(x;t)}^{(s-1)}, \sigma_{(x_0;t_0)}^{(s-1)}) \in C_s(M;\mathbb{C})$  related naturally with homological to each other boundaries  $\partial S_{(x;t)}^{(s)} = \sigma_{(x;t)}^{(s-1)}$  and  $\partial S_{(x_0;t_0)}^{(s)} = \sigma_{(x_0;t_0)}^{(s-1)}$ . Since all of operators  $L_j : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$ ,  $j = \overline{1,r}$ , were taken commuting, the same property also holds for the transformed operators (124), that is  $[\tilde{L}_j, \tilde{L}_k] = 0, k, j = \overline{0,m}$ . The latter is, evidently, equivalent due to (124) to the following general expression:

$$d_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}} = \Omega_{\pm} d_{\mathcal{L}} \Omega_{\pm}^{-1}. \tag{125}$$

For the condition (125) and (121) to be satisfied, let us consider the corresponding to (117) expressions

$$\tilde{B}_{\lambda}^{(s)}(\tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\eta)dx) = S_{(t:x)}^{(s)}\tilde{\Omega}_{(t;x)}(\lambda,\eta), \tag{126}$$

related with the corresponding external differentiation (125), where  $S_{(t;x)}^{(s)} \in C_s(M;\mathbb{C})$  and  $(\lambda, \eta) \in \Sigma \times \Sigma$ . Assume further that there are also defined mappings

$$\Omega_{+}^{\circledast}: \varphi^{(0)}(\lambda) \to \tilde{\varphi}^{(0)}(\lambda) \tag{127}$$

with  $\Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast}: \mathcal{H}^* \to \mathcal{H}^*$  being some operators associated (but not necessary adjoint!) with the corresponding Delsarte transmutation operators  $\Omega_{\pm}: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$  and satisfying the standard relationships  $\tilde{L}_j^* := \Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast} L_j^* \Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast, -1}$ ,  $j = \overline{1, r}$ . The proper Delsarte type operators  $\Omega_{\pm}: \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}), -}^0(M) \to \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}), -}^0(M)$  are related with two different realizations of the action (120) under the necessary conditions

$$d_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}\tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\eta)dx = 0, \quad d_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}^*\tilde{\varphi}^{(0)}(\lambda) = 0, \tag{128}$$

needed to be satisfied and meaning that the embeddings  $\tilde{\varphi}^{(0)}(\lambda) \in \mathcal{H}^0_{\Lambda(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^*),-}(M)$ ,  $\lambda \in \Sigma$ , and  $\tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\eta)dx \in \mathcal{H}^s_{\Lambda(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}),-}(M)$ ,  $\eta \in \Sigma$ , are satisfied. Now we need to formulate a lemma being important for the conditions (128) to hold.

LEMMA 5.6. The following invariance property

$$\tilde{Z}^{(s)} = \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)} \Omega_{(t;x)}^{-1} Z^{(s)} \Omega_{(t;x)}^{-1} \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}$$
(129)

holds for any (t; x) and  $(t_0; x_0) \in M$ .

As a result of (129) and the symmetry invariance between cohomology spaces  $\mathcal{H}^0_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}(M)$  and  $\mathcal{H}^0_{\Lambda(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}),-}(M)$  one obtains the following pairs of related mappings:

$$\psi^{(0)} = \tilde{\psi}^{(0)} \tilde{\Omega}_{(t;x)}^{-1} \tilde{\Omega}_{(t_0;x_0)}, \quad \varphi^{(0)} = \tilde{\varphi}^{(0)} \tilde{\Omega}_{(t;x)}^{\circledast,-1} \tilde{\Omega}_{(t_0;x_0)}^{\circledast}, \tilde{\psi}^{(0)} = \psi^{(0)} \Omega_{(t;x)}^{-1} \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(t_0)}, \quad \tilde{\varphi}^{(0)} = \varphi^{(0)} \Omega_{(t;x)}^{\circledast,-1} \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}^{\circledast},$$

$$(130)$$

where the integral operator kernels from  $L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma;\mathbb{C})\otimes L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma;\mathbb{C})$  are defined as

$$\tilde{\Omega}_{(t;x)}(\lambda,\mu) := \int_{\sigma_{(t;x)}^{(s)}} \tilde{\Omega}^{(s-2)}[\tilde{\varphi}^{(0)}(\lambda),\tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\mu)dx], 
\tilde{\Omega}_{(t;x)}^{\circledast}(\lambda,\mu) := \int_{\sigma_{(t;x)}^{(s)}} \tilde{\tilde{\Omega}}^{(s-2),\mathsf{T}} \left[\tilde{\varphi}^{(0)}(\lambda),\tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\mu)dx\right]$$
(131)

for all  $(\lambda, \mu) \in \Sigma \times \Sigma$ , giving rise to finding proper Delsarte transmutation operators ensuring the pure differential nature of the transformed expressions (124).

Note here also that due to (129) and (130) the following operator property

$$\Omega_{(t_0,x_0)}\Omega_{(t;x)}^{-1}\Omega_{(t_0,x_0)} + \tilde{\Omega}_{(t_0,x_0)}\Omega_{(t;x)}^{-1}\Omega_{(t_0,x_0)} = 0$$
(132)

holds for any  $(t_0;x_0)$  and  $(t;x) \in M$  meaning that  $\tilde{\Omega}_{(t_0;x_0)} = -\Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}$ .

5.6. One can now define similar to (108) the additional closed and dense in  $\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda,-}^0(M)$  three subspaces

$$\mathcal{H}_{0} := \{ \psi^{(0)}(\mu) \in \mathcal{H}^{0}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}(M) : d_{\mathcal{L}}\psi^{(0)}(\mu) = 0, \quad \psi^{(0)}(\mu)|_{\Gamma} = 0, \ \mu \in \Sigma \}, 
\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{0} := \{ \tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\mu) \in \mathcal{H}^{0}_{\Lambda(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}),-}(M) : d_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}\tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\mu) = 0, \quad \tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\mu)|_{\tilde{\Gamma}} = 0, \ \mu \in \Sigma \}, 
\tilde{\mathcal{H}}^{*}_{0} := \{ \tilde{\varphi}^{(0)}(\eta) \in \mathcal{H}^{0}_{\Lambda(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{*}),-}(M) : d_{\tilde{\mathcal{L}}}^{*}\tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\eta) = 0, \quad \tilde{\varphi}^{(0)}(\eta)|_{\tilde{\Gamma}} = 0, \ \eta \in \Sigma \},$$
(133)

where  $\Gamma$  and  $\tilde{\Gamma} \subset M$  are some smooth (s-1)-dimensional hypersurfaces, and construct the actions

$$\Omega_{\pm}: \psi^{(0)} \to \tilde{\psi}^{(0)} := \psi^{(0)} \Omega_{(t;x)}^{-1} \Omega_{(t;x)}, \quad \Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast}: \varphi^{(0)} \to \tilde{\varphi}^{(0)} := \varphi^{(0)} \Omega_{(t;x)}^{\circledast, -1} \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}^{\circledast}$$
 (134)

on arbitrary but fixed pairs of elements  $(\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda), \psi^{(0}(\mu)) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_0$ , parametrized by the set  $\Sigma$ , where by definition, one needs that all obtained pairs  $(\tilde{\varphi}^{(0)}(\lambda), \tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\mu)dx)$ ,  $\lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , belong to  $\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^*),-}^0(M) \times \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}),-}^s(M)$ . Note also that related operator property (132) can be compactly written down as follows:

$$\tilde{\Omega}_{(t;x)} = \tilde{\Omega}_{(t_0;x_0)} \Omega_{(t;x)}^{-1} \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)} = -\Omega_{(t_0;x_0)} \Omega_{(t;x)}^{-1} \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}.$$
(135)

Construct now from the expressions (134) the following operator kernels from the Hilbert space  $L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma;\mathbb{C})\otimes L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma;\mathbb{C})$ :

$$\Omega_{(t;x)}(\lambda,\mu) - \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}(\lambda,\mu) = \int_{\partial S_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s)}} \Omega^{(s-1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda),\psi^{(0)}(\mu)dx] 
- \int_{\partial S_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s)}} \Omega^{(s-1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda),\psi^{(0)}(\mu)dx] 
= \int_{S_{\pm}^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t;x)}^{(s-1)},\sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)})} d\Omega^{(s-1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda),\psi^{(0)}(\mu)dx] 
= \int_{S_{\pm}^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t;x)}^{(s-1)},\sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)})} Z^{(s)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda),\psi^{(0)}(\mu)dx], (136)$$

and, similarly,

$$\begin{split} \Omega^{\circledast}_{(t;x)}(\lambda,\mu) - \Omega^{\circledast}_{(t_{0};x_{0})}(\lambda,\mu) &= \int_{\partial S^{(s)}_{(t;x)}} \bar{\Omega}^{(s-1),\mathsf{T}}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda),\psi^{(0)}(\mu)dx] \\ &- \int_{\partial S^{(s)}_{(t_{0};x_{0})}} \bar{\Omega}^{(s-1),\mathsf{T}}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda),\psi^{(0)}(\mu)dx] \\ &= \int_{S^{(s)}_{\pm}(\sigma^{(s-1)}_{(t_{0};x_{0})},\sigma^{(s-1)}_{(t_{0};x_{0})})} d\bar{\Omega}^{(s-1),\mathsf{T}}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda),\psi^{(0)}(\mu)dx] \\ &= \int_{S^{(s)}_{\pm}(\sigma^{(s-1)}_{(t_{0})},\sigma^{(s-1)}_{(t_{0});x_{0})}} \bar{Z}^{(s-1),\mathsf{T}}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda),\psi^{(0)}(\mu)dx] 137) \end{split}$$

where  $\lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , and by definition, s-dimensional surfaces  $S_+^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t;x)}^{(s-1)}, \sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)})$  and  $S_-^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t;x)}^{(s-1)}, \sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)}) \subset C_{s-1}(M)$  are spanned smoothly without self-intersection between two homological cycles  $\sigma_{(t;x)}^{(s-1)} = \partial S_{(t;x)}^{(s)}$  and  $\sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)} := \partial S_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s)} \in C_{s-1}(M;\mathbb{C})$  in such a way that the boundary  $\partial (S_+^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t;x)}^{(s-1)}, \sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)}) \cup S_-^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t;x)}^{(s-1)}, \sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)})) = \emptyset$ . Since the integral operator expressions  $\Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}, \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}^{\otimes} : L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma;\mathbb{C}) \to L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma;\mathbb{C})$  are at a fixed point  $(t_0;x_0) \in M$ , evidently, constant and assumed to be invertible, for extending the actions given (134) on the whole Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}^*$  one can apply to them the classical constants variation approach, making use of the expression (137). As a result, we obtain easily the following Delsarte transmutation integral operator expressions

$$\Omega_{\pm} = \mathbf{1} - \int_{\Sigma \times \Sigma} d\rho(\xi) d\rho(\eta) \tilde{\psi}(x;\xi) \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}^{-1}(\xi,\eta) \int_{S_{\pm}^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t;x)}^{(s-1)},\sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)})} Z^{(s)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\eta),\cdot], 
\Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast} = \mathbf{1} - \int_{\Sigma \times \Sigma} d\rho(\xi) d\rho(\eta) \tilde{\varphi}(x;\eta) \Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}^{\circledast,-1}(\xi,\eta) \int_{S_{\pm}^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t;x)}^{(s-1)},\sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)})} \bar{Z}^{(s),\mathsf{T}}[\cdot,\psi^{(0)}(\xi) dx] 
(138)$$

for fixed pairs  $(\varphi^{(0)}(\xi), \psi^{(0)}(\eta)) \in \mathcal{H}_0^* \times \mathcal{H}_0$  and  $(\tilde{\varphi}^{(0)}(\lambda), \tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\mu)) \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0^* \times \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0, \lambda, \mu \in \Sigma$ , being bounded invertible integral operators of Volterra type on the whole space  $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}^*$ . Applying the same arguments as in Section 1, one can show also that respectively transformed sets of operators  $\tilde{L}_j := \Omega_{\pm} L_j \Omega_{\pm}^{-1}, j = \overline{1,r}$ , and  $\tilde{L}_k^* := \Omega_{\pm}^* L_k^* \Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast,-1}, k = \overline{1,r}$ , prove to be purely differential too. Thereby, one can formulate the following final theorem.

THEOREM 5.7. The expressions (138) are bounded invertible Delsarte transmutation integral operators of Volterra type onto  $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}^*$ , transforming, respectively, given commuting sets of operators  $L_j$ ,  $j = \overline{1,r}$ , and their formally adjoint ones  $L_k^*$ ,  $k = \overline{1,r}$ , into the pure differential sets of operators  $\tilde{L}_j := \Omega_{\pm} L_j \Omega_{\pm}^{-1}$ ,  $j = \overline{1,r}$ , and  $\tilde{L}_k^* := \Omega_{\pm}^* L_k^* \Omega_{\pm}^{\otimes *,-1}$ ,  $k = \overline{1,r}$ . Moreover, the suitably constructed closed subspaces  $\mathcal{H}_0 \subset \mathcal{H}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_0 \subset \mathcal{H}$ , such that the operator  $\Omega \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  depend strongly on the topological structure of the generalized cohomology groups  $\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}^0(M)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}),-}^0(M)$ , being parametrized by elements  $S_{\pm}^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t;x)}^{(s-1)}, \sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)}) \in C_s(M;\mathbb{C})$ .

5.7. Suppose now that all differential operators  $L_j := L_j(x|\partial), j = \overline{1,r}$ , considered above donnot depend on the variable  $t \in T^r \subset \mathbb{R}^r_+$ . Then, evidently, one can take

$$\mathcal{H}_{0} : = \{\psi_{\mu}^{(0)}(\xi) \in L_{2,-}(\mathbb{R}^{s}; \mathbb{C}^{N}) : L_{j}\psi_{\mu}^{(0)}(\xi) = \mu_{j}\psi_{\mu}^{(0)}(\xi), \quad j = \overline{1,r},$$

$$\psi_{\mu}^{(0)}(\xi)|_{\Gamma} = 0, \quad \mu := (\mu_{1}, ..., \mu_{r}) \in \sigma(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^{*}), \quad \xi \in \Sigma_{\sigma} \},$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{0} : = \{\tilde{\psi}_{\mu}^{(0)}(\xi) \in L_{2,-}(\mathbb{R}^{s}; \mathbb{C}^{N}) : \tilde{L}_{j}\tilde{\psi}_{\mu}^{(0)}(\xi) = \mu_{j}\tilde{\psi}_{\mu}^{(0)}(\xi), \quad j = \overline{1,r},$$

$$\tilde{\psi}_{\mu}^{(0)}(\xi)|_{\tilde{\Gamma}} = 0, \quad \mu := (\mu_{1}, ..., \mu_{r}) \in \sigma(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^{*}), \quad \xi \in \Sigma_{\sigma} \},$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{0}^{*} : = \{\varphi_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\eta) \in L_{2,-}(\mathbb{R}^{s}; \mathbb{C}^{N}) : L_{j}^{*}\varphi_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\eta) = \bar{\lambda}_{j}\varphi_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\eta), \quad j = \overline{1,r},$$

$$\varphi_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\eta)|_{\Gamma} = 0, \quad \lambda := (\lambda_{1}, ..., \lambda_{r}) \in \sigma(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^{*}), \quad \eta \in \Sigma_{\sigma} \},$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{0}^{*} : = \{ \tilde{\varphi}_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\eta) \in L_{2,-}(\mathbb{R}^{s}; \mathbb{C}^{N}) : \tilde{L}_{j}^{*} \tilde{\varphi}_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\eta) = \bar{\lambda}_{j} \tilde{\varphi}_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\eta), \quad j = \overline{1, r}, \\
\tilde{\varphi}_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\eta)|_{\tilde{\Gamma}} = 0, \quad \lambda := (\lambda_{1}, ..., \lambda_{r}) \in \sigma(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^{*}), \quad \eta \in \Sigma_{\sigma} \}$$

and construct the corresponding Delsarte transmutation operators

$$\Omega_{\pm} = \mathbf{1} - \int_{\sigma(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^{*})} d\rho_{\sigma}(\lambda) \int_{\Sigma_{\sigma} \times \Sigma_{\sigma}} d\rho_{\Sigma_{\sigma}}(\xi) d\rho_{\Sigma_{\sigma}}(\eta) 
\times \int_{S_{+}^{(s)}(\sigma_{x}^{(s-1)}, \sigma_{x_{0}}^{(s-1)})} dx \tilde{\psi}_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\xi) \Omega_{(x_{0})}^{-1}(\lambda; \xi, \eta) \bar{\varphi}_{\lambda}^{(0), \mathsf{T}}(\eta)(\cdot)$$
(139)

and

$$\Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast} = \mathbf{1} - \int_{\sigma(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^{*})} d\rho_{\sigma}(\lambda) \int_{\Sigma} d\rho_{\Sigma_{\sigma}}(\xi) d\rho_{\Sigma_{\sigma}}(\eta) 
\times \int_{S_{+}^{(s)}(\sigma_{x}^{(s-1)}, \sigma_{x_{0}}^{(s-1)})} dx \tilde{\varphi}_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\xi) \bar{\Omega}_{(x_{0})}^{\mathsf{T}, -1}(\lambda; \xi, \eta) \times \bar{\psi}_{\lambda}^{(0), \mathsf{T}}(\eta)(\cdot),$$
(140)

acting already in the Hilbert space  $L_2(\mathbb{R}^s; \mathbb{C}^N)$ , where for any  $(\lambda; \xi, \eta) \in (\sigma(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^*)) \times \Sigma^2_{\sigma}$  kernels

$$\begin{split} &\Omega_{(x_0)}(\lambda;\xi,\eta) := \int_{\sigma_{x_0}^{(s-1)}} \Omega^{(s-1)}[\varphi_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\xi),\psi_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\eta)dx], \\ &\Omega_{(x_0)}^{\circledast}(\lambda;\xi,\eta) := \int_{\sigma_{x_0}^{(s-1)}} \bar{\Omega}^{(s-1),\mathsf{T}}[\varphi_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\xi),\psi_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\eta)dx] \end{split} \tag{141}$$

belong to  $L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma_{\sigma};\mathbb{C}) \times L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma_{\sigma};\mathbb{C})$  for every  $\lambda \in \sigma(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^*)$  considered as a parameter. Moreover, as  $\partial \Omega_{\pm}/\partial t_j = 0$ ,  $j = \overline{1,r}$ , one gets easily the set of differential expressions

$$\mathcal{R}(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}) := \{ \tilde{L}_j(x|\partial) := \Omega_{\pm} L_j(x|\partial) \Omega_{\pm}^{-1} : j = \overline{1,r} \}, \tag{142}$$

being a ring of commuting to each other differential operators acting in  $L_2(\mathbb{R}^s; \mathbb{C}^N)$ , generated by the corresponding initial ring  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{L})$ .

Thus we have described above a ring  $\mathcal{R}(\tilde{\mathcal{L}})$  of commuting to each other multidimensional differential operators, generated by an initial ring  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{L})$ . This problem in the one-dimensional case was treated before in detail and effectively solved in [10, 20] by means of algebro-geometric and inverse spectral transform techniques. Our approach gives another look at this problem in multidimension and is of special interest due to its clear and readable dependence on dimension of differential operators.

#### 6 A Special Case: Soliton Theory

6.1. Consider our de Rham-Hodge theory of a commuting set  $\mathcal{L}$  of two differential operators in a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H} := L_2(\mathbb{T}^2; H)$ ,  $H := L_2(\mathbb{R}^s; \mathbb{C}^N)$ , for the special case when  $M := \mathbb{T}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^s$  and

$$\mathcal{L} := \{ \mathcal{L}_j := \partial/\partial t_j - L_j(t; x|\partial) : t_j \in \mathcal{T}_j := [0, T_j) \subset \mathbb{R}_+, \ j = \overline{1, 2} \}.$$

where, by definition,  $T^2 := T_1 \times T_2$ ,

$$L_{j}(t;x|\partial) := \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{n(L_{j})} a_{\alpha}^{(j)}(t;x)\partial^{|\alpha|}/\partial x^{\alpha}$$
(143)

with coefficients  $a_{\alpha}^{(j)} \in C^1(\mathbb{T}^2; S(\mathbb{R}^s; End\mathbb{C}^N)), \ \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^s, \ |\alpha| = \overline{0, n(L_j)}, \ j = \overline{1, 2}$ . The corresponding scalar product is given now as

$$(\varphi, \psi) := \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} dt \int_{\mathbb{R}^s} dx < \varphi, \psi > \tag{144}$$

for any pair  $(\varphi, \psi) \in \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}$  and the generalized external differential

$$d_{\mathcal{L}} := \sum_{j=1}^{2} dt_j \wedge \mathcal{L}_j, \tag{145}$$

where one assumes that for all  $t \in T^2$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^s$  the commutator

$$[L_1, L_2] = 0. (146)$$

This means, obviously, that the corresponding generalized De Rham-Hodge co-chain complexes

$$\mathcal{H} \to \Lambda^{0}(M; \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}} \Lambda^{1}(M; \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}} \dots \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}} \Lambda^{m}(M; \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}} 0,$$

$$\mathcal{H} \to \Lambda^{0}(M; \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}^{*}} \Lambda^{1}(M; \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}^{*}} \dots \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}^{*}} \Lambda^{m}(M; \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{L}}^{*}} 0$$
(147)

are exact. Define now due to (108) and (133) the closed subspaces  $\mathcal{H}_0$  and  $\mathcal{H}_0 \subset \mathcal{H}_-$  as follows:  $\mathcal{H}_0$  is the set of  $\psi^{(0)}(\lambda;\eta) \in \mathcal{H}^0_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}(M)$  such that

$$\partial \psi^{(0)}(\lambda; \eta) / \partial t_j = L_j(t; x | \partial) \psi^{(0)}(\lambda; \eta), \ j = \overline{1, 2},$$
  
$$\psi^{(0)}(\lambda; \eta)|_{t=t_0} = \psi_{\lambda}(\eta) \in H_-, \ \psi^{(0)}(\lambda; \eta)|_{\Gamma} = 0,$$
  
$$(\lambda; \eta) \in \Sigma \subset (\sigma(\mathcal{L}) \cap \overline{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^*)) \times \Sigma_{\sigma},$$

and  $\mathcal{H}_0^*$  is the set of  $\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda;\eta) \in \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda(\mathcal{L}),-}^0(M)$  such that

$$-\partial \varphi^{(0)}(\lambda;\eta)/\partial t_{j} = L_{j}^{*}(t;x|\partial)\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda;\eta), \ j = \overline{1,2},$$
  
$$\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda;\eta)|_{t=t_{0}} = \varphi_{\lambda}(\eta) \in H_{-}, \ \varphi^{(0)}(\lambda;\eta)|_{\Gamma} = 0,$$
  
$$(\lambda;\eta) \in \Sigma \subset (\sigma(\mathcal{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^{*})) \times \Sigma_{\sigma},$$

for some hypersurface  $\Gamma \subset M$  and a "spectral" degeneration set  $\Sigma_{\sigma} \in \mathbb{C}^{p-1}$ . By means of subspaces  $\mathcal{H}_0$  and  $\mathcal{H}_0^*$ , one can now proceed to construction of Delsarte transmutation operators  $\Omega_{\pm}: H \hookrightarrow H$  in the general form like (140) with kernels  $\Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}(\lambda;\xi,\eta) \in L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma_{\sigma};\mathbb{C}) \otimes L_2^{(\rho)}(\Sigma_{\sigma};\mathbb{C})$  for every  $\lambda \in \sigma(\mathcal{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^*)$ , being defined as

$$\Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}(\lambda;\xi,\eta) := \int_{\sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)}} \Omega^{(s-1)}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda;\xi),\psi^{(0)}(\lambda;\eta)dx], 
\Omega_{(t_0;x_0)}^{\circledast}(\lambda;\xi,\eta) := \int_{\sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)}} \bar{\Omega}^{(s-1),\mathsf{T}}[\varphi^{(0)}(\lambda;\xi),\psi^{(0)}(\lambda;\eta)dx]$$
(148)

for all  $(\lambda; \xi, \eta) \in (\sigma(\mathcal{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^*)) \times \Sigma_{\sigma}^2$ . As a result one gets for the corresponding product  $\rho := \rho_{\sigma} \odot \rho_{\Sigma_{\sigma}^2}$  such integral expressions:

$$\Omega_{\pm} = \mathbf{1} - \int_{\sigma(\mathcal{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^{*})} d\rho_{\sigma}(\lambda) \int_{\Sigma_{\sigma} \times \Sigma_{\sigma}} d\rho_{\Sigma_{\sigma}}(\xi) d\rho_{\Sigma_{\sigma}}(\eta) 
\times \int_{S_{\pm}^{(s)} (\sigma_{(t_{0};x)}^{(s-1)}, \sigma_{(t_{0};x_{0})}^{(s-1)})} dx \tilde{\psi}^{(0)}(\lambda; \xi) \Omega_{(t_{0};x_{0})}^{-1}(\lambda; \xi, \eta) \bar{\varphi}^{(0), \mathsf{T}}(\lambda; \eta)(\cdot), \quad (149)$$

$$\Omega_{\pm}^{\circledast} = \mathbf{1} - \int_{\sigma(\mathcal{L}) \cap \bar{\sigma}(\mathcal{L}^{*})} d\rho_{\sigma}(\lambda) \int_{\Sigma_{\sigma} \times \Sigma_{\sigma}} d\rho_{\Sigma_{\sigma}}(\xi) d\rho_{\Sigma_{\sigma}}(\eta) 
\times \int_{S_{\pm}^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t_{0};x)}^{(s-1)}, \sigma_{(t_{0};x_{0})}^{(s-1)})} dx \tilde{\varphi}_{\lambda}^{(0)}(\xi) \bar{\Omega}_{(t_{0};x_{0})}^{\mathsf{T},-1}(\lambda;\xi,\eta) \times \bar{\psi}^{(0),\mathsf{T}}(\lambda;\eta)(\cdot), \quad (150)$$

where  $S_+^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t_0;x)}^{(s-1)},\sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)}) \in C_s(M;\mathbb{C})$  is some smooth s-dimensional surface spanned between two homological cycles  $\sigma_{(t_0;x)}^{(s-1)}$  and  $\sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)} \in \mathcal{K}(M)$  and  $S_-^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t_0;x)}^{(s-1)},\sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)}) \in C_s(M;\mathbb{C})$  is its smooth counterpart such that

$$\partial(S_{+}^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t_0;x)}^{(s-1)},\sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)})\cup S_{-}^{(s)}(\sigma_{(t_0;x)}^{(s-1)},\sigma_{(t_0;x_0)}^{(s-1)}))=\emptyset.$$

Concerning the related results of Section 3 one can construct from (149) and (150) the corresponding factorized Fredholm operators  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega^{\circledast}: H \to H, H = L_2(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{C}^N)$ , as follows:

$$\Omega := \Omega_{+}^{-1}\Omega_{-}, \quad \Omega^{\circledast} := \Omega_{+}^{\circledast - 1}\Omega_{-}^{\circledast}. \tag{151}$$

It is also important to notice here that kernels  $\hat{K}_{\pm}(\Omega)$  and  $\hat{K}_{\pm}(\Omega^{\circledast}) \in H_{-} \otimes H_{-}$  satisfy exactly the generalized [12] determining equations in the following tensor form

$$(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{ext} \otimes \mathbf{1}) \hat{K}_{\pm}(\Omega) = (\mathbf{1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{ext}^*) \hat{K}_{\pm}(\Omega), (\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{ext}^* \otimes \mathbf{1}) \hat{K}_{\pm}(\Omega^{\circledast}) = (\mathbf{1} \otimes \mathcal{L}_{ext}) \hat{K}_{\pm}(\Omega^{\circledast}).$$
(152)

Since, evidently,  $supp\hat{K}_{+}(\Omega) \cap supp\hat{K}_{-}(\Omega) = \emptyset$  and  $supp\hat{K}_{+}(\Omega^{\circledast}) \cap supp\hat{K}_{-}(\Omega^{\circledast}) = \emptyset$ , one derives from results [23, 26, 25] that corresponding Gelfand-Levitan-Marchenko equations

$$\hat{K}_{+}(\Omega) + \hat{\Phi}(\Omega) + \hat{K}_{+}(\Omega) * \hat{\Phi}(\Omega) = \hat{K}_{-}(\Omega), 
\hat{K}_{+}(\Omega^{\circledast}) + \hat{\Phi}(\Omega^{\circledast}) + \hat{K}_{+}(\Omega^{\circledast}) * \hat{\Phi}(\Omega^{\circledast}) = \hat{K}_{-}(\Omega^{\circledast}),$$
(153)

where, by definition,  $\Omega := \mathbf{1} + \hat{\Phi}(\Omega)$ ,  $\Omega^{\circledast} := 1 + \hat{\Phi}(\Omega^{\circledast})$ , can be solved [23, 22] in the space  $\mathcal{B}_{\infty}^{\pm}(H)$  for kernels  $\hat{K}_{\pm}(\Omega)$  and  $\hat{K}_{\pm}(\Omega^{\circledast}) \in H_{-} \otimes H_{-}$  depending parametrically on  $t \in \mathbb{T}^{2}$ . Thereby, Delsarte transformed differential operators  $\tilde{L}_{j} : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$ ,  $j = \overline{1,2}$ , will be, evidently, commuting to each other too, satisfying the following operator relationships:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{L}}_j = \partial/\partial t_j - \Omega_{\pm} L_j \Omega_{\pm}^{-1} - (\partial \Omega_{\pm}/\partial t_j) \Omega_{\pm}^{-1} := \partial/\partial t_j - \tilde{L}_j, \tag{154}$$

where operator expressions for  $\tilde{L}_j \in \mathcal{L}(H)$ ,  $j = \overline{1,2}$ , prove to be purely differential. The latter property makes it possible to construct some nonlinear in general partial differential equations on coefficients of differential operators (154) and solve them by means of the standard procedures either of inverse spectral [10, 15, 17, 11] or the Darboux-Backlund [18, 24, 28] transforms, producing a wide class of exact soliton like solutions. Another not simple and very interesting aspect of the approach devised in this paper concerns regular algorithms of treating differential operator expressions depending on a "spectral" parameter  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , which was recently discussed in [26, 25].

#### 7 Conclusion

The review done above presents recent results devoted to the development of the generalized De Rham-Hodge theory [33, 34, 32, 3, 35] of special differential complexes which give rise to effective analytical expressions for the corresponding Delsarte transmutation Volterra type operators in a given Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . In particular, it was shown that they can be effectively applied to studying the integral operator structure of Delsarte transmutation operators for polynomial pencils of differential operators in  $\mathcal{H}$  having many applications both in spectral theory of such multidimensional operator pencils and in soliton theory [21, 16, 10, 26, 30] of multidimensional integrable dynamical systems on functional manifolds, being very important for diverse applications in modern mathematical physics. If one considers a differential operator  $L: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$ , by means of the general form of the Delsarte transmutation operators described in Sections 4 and 5, one can construct a new and more complicated differential operator  $\tilde{L} := \Omega_{\pm} L \Omega_{+}^{-1}$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ , such that its spectrum is related with that of the operator  $L:\mathcal{H}\to\mathcal{H}$ . Thereby these Delsarte transformed operators can be effectively used for both studying generalized spectral properties of differential operators and operator pencils [12, 9, 15, 17, 13, 37, 36] and constructing a wide class of nontrivial differential operators with a prescribed spectrum as it was done [15, 10, 38] in one dimension.

As it was shown before in [9, 21] for the two-dimensional Dirac and three-dimensional perturbed Laplace operators, the kernels of the corresponding Delsarte transmutation operator satisfy some special Fredholm type linear integral equations called the Gelfand-Levitan-Marchenko ones, which are of very importance for solving the corresponding inverse spectral problem and having many applications in modern mathematical physics. Such equations can be easily constructed for our multidimensional case too, thereby making it possible to pose the corresponding inverse spectral problem for describing a wide class of multidimensional operators with a priori given spectral characteristics. Also, similar to [21, 30, 10, 15], one can use such results for studying so called completely integrable nonlinear evolution equations, especially for constructing by means of special Darboux type transformations [18, 24, 28] their exact solutions like solitons and many others. Such an activity is now in progress and the corresponding results will be published later.

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