

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ULTRAHYPERBOLIC  
OPERATOR AND  $(k - 1)$ -TH DERIVATIVE OF  
DIRAC'S DELTA IN  $P(x)$  AND  $P(x) - c^2$

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**Abstract:** In this article we obtain formulae between the operator ultrahyperbolic iterated  $j$ -times defined by (13) and the  $(k - 1)$ -th derivative of Dirac's delta defined in  $P(x) = x_1^2 + \dots x_\mu^2 - x_{\mu+1}^2 \dots - x_{\mu+\nu}^2$  and  $P(x) - c^2$ . In particular we obtain that  $\delta^{(k-1)}(P_+)$  is homogeneous solution of the ultrahyperbolic operator iterated  $l$  times if  $\frac{n}{2} - l \leq k < \frac{n}{2}$  and  $E_{n,r,\mu,\nu}$  defined in (23) is elementary solution of ultrahyperbolic operator iterated  $l$  times. By putting  $k = s + 1, l = 1$  in (18) we have that  $\delta^{(s)}(P_+)$  is homogeneous solution of the ultrahyperbolic operator if  $s = \frac{n-4}{2}$ .

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  be a point of the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Consider a quadratic form in  $n$  variables defined by

$$P = P(x) = x_1^2 + \dots x_\mu^2 - x_{\mu+1}^2 \dots - x_{\mu+\nu}^2, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mu + \nu = n$  is the dimension of the space.

We note that the following results are valid:

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_+) = (-1)^k k! \text{Res}_{\lambda=-k-1} P_+^\lambda \quad (2)$$

(see [7], pp. 256 and 278),

$$\left\{ \delta^{(k)}(P_+) \right\}^\Lambda = C(-k, n)(-1)^k \left\{ e^{-\frac{\nu\pi i}{2}} (Q - i0)^{k-\frac{n}{2}} - e^{\frac{\nu\pi i}{2}} (Q + i0)^{k-\frac{n}{2}} \right\} \quad (3)$$

(see [1], p. 126, formula (99)), where

$$\left( \delta^{(k)}(P), \varphi \right) = \int_0^\infty \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{2s\partial s} \right)^k \left\{ s^{q-2} \frac{\Psi(r, s)}{2} \right\} \right]_{s=r} r^{p-1} dr, \quad (4)$$

$$\Psi(r, s) = \int \varphi d\Omega_\mu d\Omega_\nu, \quad (5)$$

(see [7], p. 249),

$$(Q \pm i0)^\lambda = \lim (Q \pm i\varepsilon |y|^2)^\lambda, \quad (6)$$

$$|y|^2 = y_1^2 + \dots + y_n^2, \quad (7)$$

$$C(-k, n) = 2^{n-2k} \pi^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2} - k\right) (2i)^{-1}, \quad (8)$$

$$Q = Q(y) = y_1^2 + \dots + y_\mu^2 - y_{\mu+1}^2 \dots - y_{\mu+\nu}^2$$

and the symbol  $\Lambda$  we means the Fourier transform,

$$\overset{\Lambda}{f} = \int_{R^n} f(x) e^{-ixy} dx. \quad (9)$$

On the other hand, we have the following properties:

$$\left\{ L^l \delta \right\}^\Lambda = (-1)^l Q^l, \quad (10)$$

(see [10], p. 40)

$$(Q \pm i0)^\lambda \cdot (Q \pm i0)^\mu = (Q \pm i0)^{\lambda+\mu} \quad (11)$$

(see [10], p. 23) if  $\lambda, \mu$  and  $\lambda + \mu \neq -\frac{n}{2} - r, r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and

$$(Q + i0)^s = (Q - i0)^s = Q^s \quad (12)$$

(see [7], p. 276) for  $s = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , where  $L^j$  is the ultrahyperbolic operator iterated  $j$  times defined by

$$L^j = \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_\mu^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{\mu+1}^2} - \dots - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{\mu+\nu}^2} \right\}^j. \quad (13)$$

2.  $L^l \{ \delta^{(k-1)}(P_+) \}$

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\delta^{(k-1)}(P_+)$  be the distributional defined by (4) and  $L^j$  the ultrahyperbolic operator iterated  $j$  times defined by (13), then the following formula is valid

$$L^l \{ \delta^{(k-1)}(P_+) \} = \frac{2^{2l} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2} - k)}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2} - k - l)} \delta^{(k+l-1)}(P_+) \tag{14}$$

for  $n$  odd and  $k + l < \frac{n}{2}$  if  $n$  is even.

*Proof.* We know that  $L^j \delta$  is a finite lineal combination of  $\delta$  and its derivatives, therefore  $L^j \delta$  is a convolutor of the space  $D'$  (space of the distributions), that is  $L^j \delta$  is a distribution of the class  $O'_c$ , where  $O'_c$  is the dual of space  $O_c$  (see [11], p. 244). On the other hand  $\delta^{(k-1)}(P_+)$  is a homogeneous distributions and using (see [6]),  $\delta^{(k-1)}(P_+)$  is a tempered distribution, therefore  $\delta^{(k-1)}(P_+) \in S'$  where  $S'$  is the dual of Schwartz space  $S$ , and we conclude by appealing to classic theorem of L. Schwartz (see [11], p. 268, formula (II,8,5)) that the following formula is valid

$$\{ L^l \delta * \delta^{(k-1)}(P_+) \}^\Lambda = \{ L^l \delta \}^\Lambda \cdot \{ \delta^{(k-1)}(P_+) \}^\Lambda, \tag{15}$$

where the symbol  $*$  means convolution. From (15) and using the formulae (3), (10), (11) and (12) we have

$$\{ L^l \delta * \delta^{(k-1)}(P_+) \}^\Lambda = \frac{(-1)^{k+l} C(-k, n)}{C(-k-l, n) (-1)^{k+l}} \{ \delta^{(k+l-1)}(P_+) \}^\Lambda \tag{16}$$

for  $n$  odd and  $k + l < \frac{n}{2}$  if  $n$  is even. From (16) and using (8) we have

$$L^l \delta * \delta^{(k-1)}(P_+) = \frac{2^{2l} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2} - k)}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2} - k - l)} \delta^{(k+l-1)}(P_+) \tag{17}$$

for  $n$  odd and  $k + l < \frac{n}{2}$  if  $n$  is even. From (17) we obtain the formula (14).  $\square$

In particular if  $\frac{n}{2} - l \leq k < \frac{n}{2}$ ,

$$L^l \{ \delta^{(k-1)}(P_+) \} = 0 \tag{18}$$

if  $n$  is even. Therefore  $\delta^{(k-1)}(P_+)$  is homogeneous solution of the ultrahyperbolic operator iterated  $l$  time:

$$L^l = \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_\mu^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{\mu+1}^2} - \dots - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{\mu+\nu}^2} \right\}^l. \tag{19}$$

By putting  $k = s + 1, l = 1$  in (18) we have that  $\delta^{(s)}(P_+)$  is homogeneous solution of the ultrahyperbolic operator if  $s = \frac{n-4}{2}$ .

The formula (14) not depend of signature of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  where  $\mu + \nu = n$  is the dimension of the space. By putting  $k = \frac{n}{2} - r$ , with  $\frac{n}{2} - r \geq 0$ , for  $n$  even, we have

$$L^l \left\{ \delta^{(\frac{n}{2}-r-1)}(P_+) \right\} = \frac{2^{2l}\Gamma(r)}{\Gamma(r-l)} \delta^{(\frac{n}{2}-r-1+l)}(P_+) \tag{20}$$

if  $l < r < \frac{n}{2} + l - 1$ .

The formula (20) appears in [5], formula (19), under condition  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  odd.

On the other hand, from [5], formula (19), we have

$$L^l \left\{ \delta^{(\frac{n}{2}-r-1)}(P_+) \right\} = 2^{2r-1}(-1)^{\frac{\mu-1}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \Gamma(r)(-1)^{n+1} L^{l-r} \{ \delta(x) \} \tag{21}$$

if  $r \leq l$ ,  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are both odd. In particular by putting  $l = r$  in (21) we have

$$L^l \left\{ \delta^{(\frac{n}{2}-r-1)}(P_+) \right\} = (-1)^{\frac{\mu-1}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n-2}{2}} 2^{2r-1} \Gamma(r)(-1)^{n+1} \delta(x) \tag{22}$$

if  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are both odd and  $\frac{n}{2} - r \geq 0$ . Formula (22) means that

$$E_{n,r,\mu,\nu} = \frac{1}{(-1)^{\frac{\mu-1}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n-2}{2}} 2^{2r-1} \Gamma(r)(-1)^{n+1}} \delta^{(\frac{n}{2}-r-1)}(P_+) \tag{23}$$

is elemental solution of the ultrahyperbolic operation defined by (13) iterated  $r$ -times, under the conditions  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are both odd and  $\frac{n}{2} - r \geq 0$ .

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\delta^{(k-1)}(P_+)$  be the distributional defined by (4) and  $L^j$  the ultrahyperbolic operator iterated  $j$  times defined by (13), then the following formula is valid*

$$L^l \left\{ \delta^{(k-1)}(P_+) \right\} = a_{l,k,n} \delta^{(k+l-1)}(P_+) \tag{24}$$

if  $k \geq \frac{n}{2}$ , where

$$a_{l,k,n} = (-1)^l \frac{2^{2l} (k+l-\frac{n}{2})!}{(k-\frac{n}{2})!}. \tag{25}$$

*Proof.* In order to obtain the formula (24), we need the following formulae:

$$\delta^{(k-1)}(P_+) = b_{k,\nu,n} L^{k-\frac{n}{2}} \{ \delta \} \tag{26}$$

(see [3], formula (45)) if  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are both even and  $k \geq \frac{n}{2}$ , and

$$\delta^{(k-1)}(P_+) = d_{k,\nu,n} L^{k-\frac{n}{2}} \{ \delta \} \tag{27}$$

(see [3], formula (48)) if  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are both odd and  $k \geq \frac{n}{2}$ , where

$$b_{k,\nu,n} = \frac{(-1)^k (-1)^{\frac{\nu}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}} (k-\frac{n}{2})!} \tag{28}$$

and

$$d_{k,\nu,n} = \frac{(-1)^k (-1)^{\frac{\nu+1}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}-1}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}} (k-\frac{n}{2})!} \left[ \Psi\left(\frac{\mu}{2}\right) - \Psi\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \right]. \tag{29}$$

The formulae (27) and (29) are in the sense of regularization of  $\delta^{(k-1)}(P_+)$  (see [7], p. 49). In (29) for integral and half-integral values of the argument,  $\Psi(x)$  is given by

$$\Psi(k) = -\gamma + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{k-1}, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots \tag{30}$$

and

$$\Psi\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right) = -\gamma - 2 \ln 2 + 2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{2k-1} \right) \tag{31}$$

$k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  where  $\gamma$  is the Euler's constant. Now taking into account the property

$$L^j \{ \delta \} * L^l \{ \delta \} = L^{j+l} \{ \delta \} \tag{32}$$

(see [2], formula (5.10)), where  $L^j$  is defined by (13), from (26), (27), (30) and (31), we have

$$\begin{aligned} L^l \delta * \delta^{(k-1)}(P_+) &= L^l \delta * b_{k,\nu,n} L^{k-\frac{n}{2}} \{ \delta \} \\ &= b_{k,\nu,n} L^{l+k-\frac{n}{2}} \{ \delta \} = \frac{b_{k,\nu,n}}{b_{k+l,\nu,n}} \delta^{(k+l-1)}(P_+) \\ &= (-1)^l \frac{2^{2l} (k+l-\frac{n}{2})!}{(k-\frac{n}{2})!} \delta^{(k+l-1)}(P_+), \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

if  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are both even and  $k \geq \frac{n}{2}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} L^l \delta * \delta^{(k-1)}(P_+) &= L^l \delta * c_{k,\nu,n} L^{k-\frac{n}{2}} \{ \delta \} \\ &= c_{k,\nu,n} L^{l+k-\frac{n}{2}} \{ \delta \} = \frac{c_{k,\nu,n}}{c_{k+l,\nu,n}} \delta^{(k+l-1)}(P_+) \\ &= (-1)^l \frac{2^{2l} (k+l-\frac{n}{2})!}{(k-\frac{n}{2})!} \delta^{(k+l-1)}(P_+), \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

if  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are both odd and  $k \geq \frac{n}{2}$ . From (33) and (34) we obtain the formulae (24) and (25). □

**3.  $L^l \{ \delta^{(k-1)}(P - c^2) \}$**

Using the Leray formula (see [9], p. 102) the distribution  $\delta^{(k-1)}(P(x) - c^2)$  can be defined by the following form

$$\langle \delta^{(k-1)}(P(x) - c^2), \varphi \rangle = \langle \delta^{(k-1)}(t), \Phi(t) \rangle = (-1)^{k-1} \Phi^{(k-1)}(0) \tag{35}$$

(see [8], p. 189), where  $P(x)$  is defined by (1),  $c$  is a constant,

$$\Phi(t) = \int_{P-c^2=t} \varphi w_{P(x)-c^2}(x, dx) \tag{36}$$

(see [8], p. 189),  $w_u$  is an  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional form on  $u$ , defined as follows:

$$du \wedge dw = dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n \tag{37}$$

and the manifold  $u(x) = s$  has the orientation such that  $w(x, dx) > 0$ .

On the other hand, from [4], formula (49), we have the following formula

$$\delta^{(k-1)}(P(x) - c^2) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-c^2)^\nu}{\nu!} \delta^{(k-1)}(P_+). \tag{38}$$

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $\delta^{(k-1)}(P(x) - c^2)$  be the distribution defined by (35) and  $L^l$  the ultrahyperbolic operator defined by (19), then the following formula is valid*

$$L^l \{ \delta^{(k-1)}(P - c^2) \} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-c^2)^j}{j!} \frac{2^{2j} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2} - k - j)}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2} - (k + j) - l)} \delta^{(k+l+j-1)}(P_+) \tag{39}$$

if  $k + j < \frac{n}{2}$ .

*Proof.* The formula (39) is consequence of the formulae (14) and (31).  $\square$

We observe that if  $\frac{n}{2} - (k + j) - l \leq 0$  and  $k + j < \frac{n}{2}$ , then

$$L^l \{ \delta^{(k-1)}(P - c^2) \} = 0. \tag{40}$$

Therefore  $\delta^{(k-1)}(P - c^2)$  is homogeneous solution of the operator

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} - \sum_{i=\mu+1}^{\mu+\nu} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \right\}^j \text{ if } \frac{n}{2} - (k + j) - l \leq 0 \text{ and } k + j < \frac{n}{2}.$$

Therefore, using (40) the formula (39) can be rewritten in the following form

$$L^l \{ \delta^{(k-1)}(P - c^2) \} = \sum_{j=0}^{\frac{n}{2}-k-l-1} \frac{(-c^2)^j}{j!} \frac{2^{2j} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2} - k - j)}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2} - (k + j) - l)} \delta^{(k+l+j-1)}(P_+) \tag{41}$$

if  $\frac{n}{2} - k - l - 1 \geq 0$ .

We observe that by putting  $c^2 = 0$  in (40) and (41) we obtain (14) and (18) respectively.

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