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On the elementary solution for the partial differential operator \odot_c^k related to the wave equation

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Abstract. In this article, we study an elementary solution of the operator \odot_c^k , iterated k-times and is defined by

$$\odot_c^k = \left(\left(\frac{1}{c^2} \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + m^2 \right)^2 - \left(\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right)^2 \right)^k$$

where p+q=n, k is a nonnegative integer, c is a positive real number, m is a nonnegative real number and n is the dimension of \mathbb{R}^n . In this work we study an elementary solution of the operator \bigotimes_c^k . After that, we apply such an elementary solution to solve the solution of the equation $\bigotimes_c^k u(x) = f(x)$, where f is generalized function and u(x) is unknown function for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

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1. Introduction

Trione [10] has showed that the generalized function $R_{2k,1}^H(x)$ defined by (13) is the unique elementary solution of the operator \Box_1^k , that is $\Box_1^k R_{2k,1}^H(x) = \delta$ where $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, with n-dimensional Euclidean space. Also, Tellez ([7], p.147-149) has proved that $R_{2k,1}^H(x)$ exists only if n is an odd with p odd and q even, or only n is an even with p odd and q odd. Later, Bupasiri [9] has showed that the solution of the convolution form $u(x) = (-1)^k R_{2k,c}^e(x) * R_{2k,c}^H(x)$ is an elementary solution of the $\diamondsuit_c^k u(x) = \delta$, where the operator \diamondsuit_c^k is defined by

$$\diamondsuit_c^k = \left(\frac{1}{c^4} \left(\sum_{r=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_r^2}\right)^2 - \left(\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2}\right)^2\right)^k,\tag{1}$$

where p + q = n is the dimension of the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n , c is a positive real number and k is a nonnegative integer. Otherwise, the operator \diamondsuit_c^k can be expressed in the form

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 $\diamondsuit_c^k = \Box_c^k \triangle_c^k = \triangle_c^k \Box_c^k$, where \Box_c^k is the operator related to the ultra-hyperbolic operator iterated k-times, defined by

$$\Box_c^k = \left(\frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2}\right) - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+1}^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+2}^2} - \dots - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+q}^2}\right)^k, \quad (2)$$

and \triangle_c^k is the operator related to the Laplace operator iterate k-times, defined by

$$\triangle_c^k = \left(\frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2}\right) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+1}^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+2}^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+q}^2}\right)^k. \tag{3}$$

Next, Tellez [8] has studied the convolution product of $W_{\alpha}(u,m)*W_{\beta}(u,m)$. Now in this paper, the operator \odot_c^k can be expressed in the form

Thus equation (4) can be written as

where $(\triangle_c + m^2)^k$ is the operator related to the Helmholtz operator iterated k-times which is denoted by

$$\left(\triangle_c + m^2\right)^k = \left(\frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+1}^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+q}^2}\right) + m^2\right)^k \tag{6}$$

and $(\Box_c + m^2)^k$ is the operator related to the Klein-Gordon operator iterated k-times which is denoted by

$$\left(\Box_c + m^2\right)^k = \left(\frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2}\right) - \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+1}^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+q}^2}\right) + m^2\right)^k, (7)$$

p+q=n and from (4) with $q=0,\,c=1$ and k=1, we obtain

$$\odot_1 = \left(\triangle_p + m^2\right)^2 \tag{8}$$

where

$$\left(\triangle_p + m^2\right) = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2} + m^2\right). \tag{9}$$

By putting p = 1, m = 0, c = 1 and $x_1 = t$ (time) in (7) then we obtain the wave operator

$$\Box_1 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_t^2} - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \tag{10}$$

and from (8) with q=0, m=0, c=1 and k=1, we obtain Laplace operator iterated 2-times of p-dimension

$$\odot_1 = \triangle_n^2. \tag{11}$$

In this paper, we study an elementary solution for the operator \odot_c^k , that is

$$\odot_c^k G(x) = \delta,$$

where G(x) is an elementary solution, δ is the Dirac - delta distribution, k is a nonnegative integer, c is a positive real number and m is a nonnegative real number.

We then also apply such an elementary solution to solve the solution of the equation $\bigotimes_{c}^{k} u(x) = f(x)$, where f(x) is a given generalized function and u(x) is an unknown function for $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$.

2. Preliminaries

Definition 1. Let $x = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$ be a point of the n - dimensional space \mathbb{R}^n ,

$$u = c^{2} (x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2} + \dots + x_{p}^{2}) - x_{p+1}^{2} - x_{p+2}^{2} - \dots - x_{p+q}^{2},$$
(12)

where c is a positive real number, p+q=n. Define $\Gamma_+=\{x\in\mathbb{R}^n:x_1>0\ and\ u>0\}$ which designates the interior of the forward cone and $\overline{\Gamma}_+$ designates its closure and the following functions introduce by Nozaki ([12], p.72) that

$$R_{\alpha,c}^{H}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{u^{\frac{\alpha-n}{2}}}{K_{n}(\alpha)} & \text{if } x \in \Gamma_{+} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \Gamma_{+}, \end{cases}$$
 (13)

 $R_{\alpha,1}^H(x)$ is called the ultra-hyperbolic kernel of Marcel Riesz. Here α is a complex parameter and n the dimension of the space. The constant $K_n(\alpha)$ is defined by

$$K_n(\alpha) = \frac{\pi^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{2+\alpha-n}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{2}\right) \Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{2+\alpha-p}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{p-\alpha}{2}\right)}$$
(14)

and p is the number of positive terms of

$$u = c^{2} (x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2} + \dots + x_{p}^{2}) - x_{p+1}^{2} - x_{p+2}^{2} - \dots - x_{p+q}^{2}, \qquad p+q=n$$

and let supp $R_{\alpha,c}^H(x) \subset \overline{\Gamma}_+$. Now $R_{\alpha,c}^H(x)$ is an ordinary function if $Re(\alpha,c) \geq n$ and is a distribution of α if $Re(\alpha,c) < n$.

Now, if p = 1 then (13) reduces to the function $M_{\alpha,c}(u)$ say, and defined by

$$M_{\alpha,c}(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{u^{\frac{\alpha-n}{2}}}{H_n(\alpha)} & \text{if } x \in \Gamma_+\\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \Gamma_+, \end{cases}$$
 (15)

where $u = c^2 x_1^2 - x_2^2 - \dots - x_n^2$ and $H_n(\alpha) = \pi^{\frac{(n-1)}{2}} 2^{\alpha-1} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha-n+2}{2})$. The function $M_{\alpha,1}(u)$ is called the hyperbolic kernel of Marcel Riesz.

Definition 2. Let $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and

$$v = c^{2} (x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2} + \dots + x_{p}^{2}) + x_{p+1}^{2} + x_{p+2}^{2} + \dots + x_{p+q}^{2}, \qquad p + q = n.$$
 (16)

For any complex number β , we define the function

$$R_{\beta,c}^{e}(v) = 2^{-\beta} \pi^{-n/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{n-\beta}{2}\right) \frac{v^{(\beta-n)/2}}{\Gamma(\beta/2)}.$$
 (17)

The function $R_{\beta,1}^e(v)$ is called the elliptic kernel of Marcel Riesz. It is an ordinary function if $Re(\beta,c) \geq n$ and a distribution of β if $Re(\beta,c) < n$.

Lemma 1. Given the equation $\triangle_c^k u(x) = \delta$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, where \triangle_c^k is the operator related to the Laplace operator iterated k-times defined by (3). Then $u(x) = (-1)^k R_{2k,c}^e(v)$ is an elementary solution of the operator \triangle_c^k , with $\beta = 2k$.

Proof. See [2].

Lemma 2. If $\Box_c^k u(x) = \delta$ for $x \in \Gamma_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_1 > 0 \text{ and } u > 0\}$, where \Box_c^k is the operator related to the ultra-hyperbolic operator iterated k-times defined by (2). Then $u(x) = R_{2k,c}^H(u)$ is the unique elementary solution of the operator \Box_c^k , with $\alpha = 2k$.

Proof. See [10].

Lemma 3. Given the equation $(\Box_c + m^2)^k u(x) = \delta$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, where $(\Box_c + m^2)^k$ is the operator related to the Klein-Gordon operator iterated k-times defined by equation (7), δ is the Dirac-delta distribution, k is a nonnegative integer and m is a nonnegative real number, then $u(x) = W_{2k,c}(u,m)$ is an elementary solution of the operator $(\Box_c + m^2)^k$, where

$$W_{2k,c}(u,m) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} {\binom{-k}{r}} m^{2r} R_{2k+2r,c}^{H}(u),$$
(18)

 $R_{2k,c}^H(u)$ is defined by (13).

Proof. See [6].

Lemma 4. Let \Box_c be the operator related to the ultra-hyperbolic operator, defined by (2) and δ is the Dirac delta distribution for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then

$$\left(\Box_c + m^2\right)^k \delta = W_{-2k,c}(u,m),$$

where $W_{-2k,c}(u,m)$ is the inverse of $W_{2k,c}(u,m)$ in the convolution algebra.

Proof. Let

$$V(x) = \left(\Box_c + m^2\right)^k \delta,$$

convolving both sides by $W_{2k,c}(u,m)$, then

$$W_{2k,c}(u,m) * V(x) = W_{2k,c}(u,m) * (\Box_c + m^2)^k \delta$$

= $(\Box_c + m^2)^k W_{2k,c}(u,m) * \delta$
= δ . (19)

Since $W_{2k,c}(u,m)$ is lie in S', where S' is a space of tempered distribution, choose $S' \subset D'_R$, where D'_R is the right-side distribution which is a subspace of D' of distribution. Thus $W_{2k,c}(u,m) \in D'_R$, it follow that $W_{2k,c}(u,m)$ is an element of convolution algebra, thus by ([1], p.150-151), we have that the equation (19) has a unique solution

$$V(x) = W_{-2k,c}(u,m) * \delta = W_{-2k,c}(u,m).$$
(20)

That complete the proof.

Lemma 5. Given the equation $(\triangle_c + m^2)^k u(x) = \delta$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, where $(\triangle_c + m^2)^k$ is the operator related to the Helmholtz operator iterated k-times defined by equation (6), δ is the Dirac-delta distribution, k is a nonnegative integer, then $u(x) = Y_{2k,c}(v,m)$ is an elementary solution of the operator $(\triangle_c + m^2)^k$, where

$$Y_{2k,c}(v,m) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} {\binom{-k}{r}} m^{2r} (-1)^{k+r} R_{2k+2r,c}^{e}(v),$$
 (21)

 $R_{2k,c}^e(v)$ is defined by (17).

Proof. See [6].

Lemma 6. Let \triangle_c be the operator related to the Laplace operator, defined by (3) and δ is the Dirac delta distribution for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then

$$\left(\triangle_c + m^2\right)^k \delta = Y_{-2k,c}(v,m),$$

where $Y_{-2k,c}(v,m)$ is the inverse of $Y_{2k,c}(v,m)$ in the convolution algebra.

Proof. The proof of this lemma similar lemma 4.

Lemma 7. The convolution $W_{2k,c}(u,m) * Y_{2k,c}(v,m)$ exists and is a tempered distribution where $W_{2k,c}(u,m)$ and $Y_{2k,c}(v,m)$ be defined by (18) and (21), respectively.

Proof. From (18) and (21), we have

$$\begin{split} W_{2k,c}(u,m) * Y_{2k,c}(v,m) &= \left(\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{-k}{r} m^{2r} R_{2k+2r,c}^H(u)\right) \\ &* \left(\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{-k}{r} m^{2r} (-1)^{k+r} R_{2k+2r,c}^e(v)\right) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \binom{-k}{r} \binom{-k}{s} m^{2r+2s} (-1)^{k+r} R_{2k+2r,c}^e(v) * R_{2k+2s,c}^H(u). \end{split}$$

Since the function $R_{2k+2r,c}^e(v)$ and $R_{2k+2s,c}^H(u)$ are tempered distributions, see([3], p.34, [5], p.302 and [4], p.97) and the convolution of functions

$$(-1)^{k+r}R_{2k+2r,c}^{H}(u) * R_{2k+2s,c}^{e}(v)$$

exists and is also a tempered distribution, see ([11], p.152). Thus, $W_{2k,c}(u,m) * Y_{2k,c}(v,m)$ exists and also is a tempered distribution.

3. Main results

Theorem 1. Given the equation

$$\odot_c^k G(x) = \delta \tag{22}$$

for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, where \odot_c^k is the operator related to the Helmhotz operator and Klein-Gordon operator iterated k-times defined by (4), then

$$G(x) = W_{2k,c}(u,m) * Y_{2k,c}(v,m)$$
(23)

is an elementary solution of (22), where $W_{2k,c}(u,m)$ and $Y_{2k,c}(v,m)$ are defined by (18) and (21), respectively, k is a nonnegative integer and m is a nonnegative real number. Moreover, from (23) we obtain

$$W_{-2k,c}(u,m) * G(x) = Y_{2k,c}(v,m)$$
(24)

as the elementary solution of the operator $(\triangle_c + m^2)^k$ related to the Helmholtz operator iterated k-times defined by (6) and in particular, for q = 0 and c = 1 then \bigcirc_c^k reduces to the Helmhotz operator $(\triangle_p + m^2)^{2k}$ of p-dimension iterated 2k-times and is defined by (9), where

$$\triangle_p = \frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2} \right),$$

thus (22) becomes

$$\left(\triangle_p + m^2\right)^{2k} G(x) = \delta,\tag{25}$$

we obtain

$$G(x) = Y_{4k,1}(v,m) (26)$$

is an elementary solution of (25) and from (23). Moreover,

$$Y_{-2k,c}(u,m) * G(x) = W_{2k,c}(u,m)$$
(27)

is an elementary solution of operator related to the Klein-Gordon operator. In particular, we obtain

$$(-1)^k R_{-2,1}^e(v) * G(x) = M_{2,1}(u)$$

is an elementary solution of the wave operator defined by (10) where $u=t^2-x_1^2-x_2^2-\cdots-x_{n-1}^2$. Also, for m=0, q=0 and c=1 then (25) becomes

$$\Delta_p^{2k} G(x) = \delta \tag{28}$$

where \triangle_p^{2k} is the Laplacian of p-dimension iterated 2k-times. We have

$$G(x) = R_{4k,1}^e(v)$$

is an elementary solution of (28) where

$$v = c^2 (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2).$$

Proof. From (5) and (22) we have

$$\bigotimes_{c}^{k} G(x) = \left(\left(\Box_{c} + m^{2} \right)^{k} \left(\triangle_{c} + m^{2} \right)^{k} \right) G(x) = \delta.$$

Convolving both sides of the above equation by the convolution $W_{2k,c}(u,m) * Y_{2k,c}(v,m)$ and the properties of convolution with derivatives, we obtain

$$(\Box_c + m^2)^k W_{2k,c}(u,m) * (\triangle_c + m^2)^k Y_{2k,c}(v,m) * G(x)$$

$$= W_{2k,c}(u,m) * Y_{2k,c}(v,m) * \delta.$$
(29)

Thus

$$G(x) = \delta * \delta * G(x) = W_{2k,c}(u,m) * Y_{2k,c}(v,m)$$
(30)

by Lemma 3 and 5. Now from (23) and by Lemma 3 and Lemma 4 and properties of inverses in the convolution algebra, we obtain

$$W_{-2k,c}(u,m) * G(x) = \delta * Y_{2k,c}(v,m) = Y_{2k,c}(v,m)$$

is an elementary solution of operator related to the Helmhotz operator iterated k-times defined by (6). In particular, for q = 0 and c = 1 then (22) becomes

$$\left(\triangle_p + m^2\right)^{2k} G(x) = \delta \tag{31}$$

where $(\triangle_p + m^2)^{2k}$ is the Helmholtz operator of *p*-dimension, iterated 2k-times and is defined by (9). By Lemma 5, we have

$$G(x) = Y_{4k,1}(v,m) (32)$$

is an elementary solution of (31). Moreover, from (23) and by Lemma 6 and Lemma 5 and properties of inverses in the convolution algebra, we obtain

$$Y_{-2k,c}(u,m) * G(x) = W_{2k,c}(u,m) * \delta = W_{2k,c}(u,m)$$

is an elementary solution of operator related to the Klein-Gordon operator. In particular, by putting $p = 1, q = n - 1, k = 1, x_1 = t, c = 1$ and m = 0 in (23) and (27), $W_{2,1}(u, m = 0) = R_{2,1}^H(u)$ reduces to $M_{2,1}(u)$ where $M_{2,1}(u)$ is defined by (15) with $\alpha = 2$. Thus we obtain

$$(-1)^k R_{-2,1}^e(v) * G(x) = M_{2,1}(u)$$

is an elementary solution of the wave operator defined by (10) where $u = t^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 - \cdots - x_{n-1}^2$. Also, for m = 0, c = 1 and q = 0 then (25) becomes

$$\Delta_p^{2k}G(x) = \delta \tag{33}$$

where \triangle_p^{2k} is the Laplacian of *p*-dimension iterated 2k-times. By Lemma 1, we have

$$G(x) = (-1)^{2k} R_{4k,1}^e(v) = R_{4k,1}^e(v)$$

is an elementary solution of (33) where

$$v = c^2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2).$$

On the other hand, we can also find G(x) from (23), since q = 0, c = 1 and m = 0, we have $W_{2k,1}(u, m = 0) = R_{2k,1}^H(u)$ reduces to $(-1)^k R_{2k,1}^e(v)$, where $v = c^2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + x_p^2)$. Thus, by (23) for q = 0, c = 1 and m = 0, we obtain

$$\begin{split} G(x) &= (-1)^k R^e_{2k,1}(v) * (-1)^k R^e_{2k,1}(v) \\ &= (-1)^{2k} R^e_{2k+2k,1}(v) \\ &= R^e_{4k,1}(v) \quad \text{by W.F. Donoghue ([11],p 158).} \end{split}$$

That complete the proofs.

Theorem 2. Given the equation

where f is a given generalized function and u(x) is an unknown function, we obtain

$$u(x) = G(x) * f(x)$$

is a solution of the equation (34), where G(x) is an elementary solution for \odot_c^k operator.

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Proof. Convolving both sides of (34) by G(x), where G(x) is an elementary solution of \bigotimes_{c}^{k} in Theorem 1, we obtain

$$G(x) * \bigcirc_{c}^{k} u(x) = G(x) * f(x)$$

or,

$$\otimes_c^k G(x) * u(x) = G(x) * f(x)$$

applying the Theorem 1, we have

$$\delta * u(x) = G(x) * f(x).$$

Therefore,

$$u(x) = G(x) * f(x).$$

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