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## ON THE NONLINEAR CIRCLE PLUS OPERATOR RELATED TO THE LAPLACIAN

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we study the solution of nonlinear equation

$$\oplus^k u(x) = f(x, \Delta^{k-1} \square^k L^k u(x)),$$

where the operator  $\oplus^k$  is defined by

$$\oplus^k = \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \right)^4 - \left( \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right)^4 \right]^k,$$

or the operator  $\oplus^k$  can be express by  $\oplus^k = \Delta^k \square^k L^k$ . The operator  $\Delta^k$  is Laplacian operator,  $\square^k$  is ultrahyperbolic operator and  $L^k$  is operator defined by

$$L^k = \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right)^2 \right]^k,$$

$p + q = n$  is the dimension of the  $n$ -dimension Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $k$  is a positive integer,  $u(x)$  is an unknown and  $f$  is a given function. It is found that the existence of the solution  $u(x)$  of such equation depending on the condition of  $f$  and  $\Delta^{k-1} \square^k L^k u(x)$  and moreover such solution  $u(x)$  related to the Laplacian depending on the conditions of  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $k$ .

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## 1. Introduction

The operator  $\oplus^k$  has been studied first by Kananthai, Suantai and Longani [5] and is defined by

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \oplus^k &= \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \right)^2 - \left( \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right)^2 \right]^k \times \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} - i \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right]^k \\ &\times \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + i \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right]^k = \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \right)^4 - \left( \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right)^4 \right]^k, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p + q = n$  is the dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  and  $k$  is a nonnegative integer. The diamond operator is denoted by

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

The operator  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are defined by

$$(3) \quad L_1 = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} - i \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2}$$

and

$$(4) \quad L_2 = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + i \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2}.$$

Thus equation (1) can be written as

$$\oplus^k = \diamond^k L_1^k L_2^k.$$

Otherwise, the operator  $\diamond$  can also be expressed in the form  $\diamond = \square \Delta = \Delta \square$ , where  $\square$  is the ultra-hyperbolic operator defined by

$$(5) \quad \square = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} - \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2},$$

where  $p + q = n$  and  $\Delta$  is the Laplacian defined by

$$(6) \quad \Delta = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2}.$$

The linear equation  $\diamond^k u(x) = f(x)$ , see [6], has been already studied and the convolution  $u(x) = (-1)^k K_{2k,2k}(x) * f(x)$  has been obtained as a solution of such an equation where  $K_{2k,2k}(x) = R_{2k}^H(x) * R_{2k}^e(x)$ . The function  $R_{2k}^H(x)$  and  $R_{2k}^e(x)$  are defined by (9) and (11), respectively, with  $\alpha = \beta = 2k$ .

Kanantjai, Suantai and Longani, see[4], has been studied the operator  $\oplus^k$ . They obtained

$$K(x) = [R_{2k}^H(u) * (-1)^k R_{2k}^e] * (-1)^k (-i)^{q/2} S_{2k}(w) * (-1)^k (i)^{q/2} T_{2k}(z)$$

is the elementary solution of such operator.

In this work, we study the nonlinear equation of the form

$$(7) \quad \oplus^k u(x) = f(x, \Delta^{k-1} \square^k L^k u(x)).$$

with  $f$  defined and continuous for all  $x \in \Omega \cup \partial\Omega$  where  $\Omega$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\partial\Omega$  denotes the boundary of  $\Omega$ . We can find the solution  $u(x)$  of (7) which is unique under the condition  $|f(x, \Delta^{k-1} \square^k L^k u(x))| \leq N$  where  $N$  is a constant for all  $x \in \Omega$  and the boundary condition  $\Delta^{k-1} \square^k L^k u(x) = 0$  for  $x \in \partial\Omega$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  be a point in the space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of the n-dimensional Euclidean space and write

$$(8) \quad v = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2 - x_{p+1}^2 - \dots - x_{p+q}^2,$$

where  $p + q = n$  is the dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Denote by  $\Gamma_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_1 > 0 \text{ and } u > 0\}$  the set of an interior of the forward cone and  $\bar{\Gamma}_+$  denotes its closure and  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space.

For any complex number  $\alpha$ , define

$$(9) \quad R_\alpha^H(v) = \begin{cases} \frac{v^{\frac{\alpha-n}{2}}}{K_n(\alpha)}, & \text{for } x \in \Gamma_+ \\ 0, & \text{for } x \notin \Gamma_+, \end{cases}$$

where the constant  $K_n(\alpha)$  is given by the formula

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

The function  $R_\alpha^H(v)$  is called the hyperbolic kernel of Marcel Riesz and was introduced by *Y. Nozaki* [4, p72]. It is well known that  $R_\alpha^H(v)$  is an ordinary function if  $Re(\alpha) \geq n$  and is a distribution of  $\alpha$  if  $Re(\alpha) < n$ . Let  $\text{supp } R_\alpha^H(v)$  denote the support of  $R_\alpha^H(v)$  and suppose  $\text{supp } R_\alpha^H(v) \subset \bar{\Gamma}_+$ , that is  $\text{supp } R_\alpha^H(v)$  is compact.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and write

$$(10) \quad |x| = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2.$$

For any complex number  $\beta$ , define

$$(11) \quad R_\beta^e(x) = 2^{-\beta} \pi^{\frac{-n}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n-\beta}{2}\right) \frac{|x|^{\frac{\beta-n}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{\beta}{2})}.$$

The function  $R_\beta^e(x)$  is called the elliptic kernel of Marcel Riesz and is ordinary function for  $Re(\beta) \geq n$  and is a distribution of  $\beta$  for  $Re(\beta) < n$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  be a point of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and write

$$(12) \quad z = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2 + i(x_{p+1}^2 + x_{p+2}^2 + \dots + x_{p+q}^2)$$

and

$$(13) \quad w = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2 - i(x_{p+1}^2 + x_{p+2}^2 + \dots + x_{p+q}^2),$$

For any complex number  $\gamma$  and  $\nu$ , we define

$$(14) \quad T_\nu(z) = 2^{-\nu} \pi^{\frac{-n}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n-\nu}{2}\right) \frac{z^{\frac{\nu-n}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})}$$

and

$$(15) \quad S_\gamma(w) = 2^{-\gamma} \pi^{\frac{-n}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n-\gamma}{2}\right) \frac{w^{\frac{\gamma-n}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{\gamma}{2})}.$$

The function  $S_\gamma(w)$  and  $T_\nu(z)$  is an ordinary function if  $Re(\gamma) \geq n$  and  $Re(\nu) \geq n$ , is a distribution of  $\gamma$  for  $Re(\gamma) < n$  and  $\nu$  for  $Re(\nu) < n$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** Given the equation

$$(16) \quad \Delta^k u(x) = 0,$$

where  $\Delta^k$  is the Laplacian operator iterated  $k$ -times defined by equation (6) we obtain  $u(x) = ((-1)^{k-1} R_{2(k-1)}^e(x))^{(m)}$  as a solutions of (16) where  $m = (n - 4)/2, n \geq 4$  is non-negative integer and  $n$  is even and  $R_{2(k-1)}^e(x)$  defined by equation (11) with  $m$  derivatives and  $\beta = 2(k - 1)$ .

**Proof.** see [6, Lemma 2.2].

**Lemma 2.2.** Given the equation

$$(17) \quad \square^k u(x) = 0,$$

where  $\square^k$  is the Ultra-hyperbolic operator iterated  $k$ -times defined by equation (5) we obtain  $u(x) = (R_{2(k-1)}^H(v))^{(m)}$  as a solutions of (17) where  $m = (n - 4)/2, n \geq 4$  is non-negative integer and  $n$  is even and  $R_{2(k-1)}^H(v)$  defined by equation (9) with  $m$  derivatives and  $\alpha = 2(k - 1)$ .

**Proof.** see [6, Lemma 2.3].

**Lemma 2.3.** The function  $T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w)$  is an elementary solutions of the operator  $L^k = L_1^k L_2^k = L_2^k L_1^k$ , denoted by

$$(18) \quad L^k = \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \right)^2 - \left( \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right)^2 \right]^k,$$

where  $T_{2k}(z)$  and  $S_{2k}(w)$  are defined by equation (14) and (15), respectively, with  $\gamma = \nu = 2k$ . The operator  $L_1^k$  and  $L_2^k$  are defined by equation (3) and (4), respectively.

**Proof.** We need to show that  $L_1^k[(-1)^k(i)^{\frac{q}{2}} T_{2k}(z)] = \delta$  and  $L_2^k[(-1)^k(-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} S_{2k}(w)] = \delta$ . At first we have to show that

$$(19) \quad L_1^k T_\nu(z) = (-1)^k T_{\nu-2k}(z), \quad L_2^k S_\gamma(w) = (-1)^k S_{\gamma-2k}(w)$$

and also

$$(20) \quad T_{-2k}(z) = (-1)^k (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} L_1^k \delta, \quad S_{-2k}(w) = (-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} L_2^k \delta.$$

Now for  $k = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
L_1 T_\nu(z) &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} - i \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right) T_\nu(z) \\
&= 2^{-\nu} \pi^{-\frac{n}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n-\nu}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})} (\nu - n)(\nu - 2) z^{\frac{\nu-2-n}{2}} \\
&= (-1) 2^{-\nu-2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n-\nu-2}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{\nu-2}{2})} z^{\frac{\nu-2-n}{2}} \\
&= -T_{\nu-2}(z).
\end{aligned}$$

By repeating  $k$ -times in operating  $L_1$  to  $T_\nu(z)$ , we obtain  $L_1^k T_\nu(z) = (-1)^k T_{\nu-2k}(z)$ .

Similarly,  $L_2^k S_\gamma(w) = (-1)^k S_{\gamma-2k}(w)$ .

Now consider

$$z = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2 + i(x_{p+1}^2 + x_{p+2}^2 + \dots + x_{p+q}^2), p + q = n$$

by changing the variable

$$x_1 = y_1, x_2 = y_2, \dots, x_p = y_p,$$

$$x_{p+1} = \frac{y_{p+1}}{\sqrt{i}} + x_{p+2} = \frac{y_{p+2}}{\sqrt{i}}, \dots, x_{p+q} = \frac{y_{p+q}}{\sqrt{i}}.$$

Thus we have  $z = y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_p^2 + y_{p+1}^2 + y_{p+2}^2 + \dots + y_{p+q}^2$ .

Denote  $z = r^2 = y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_n^2$  and consider the generalized function  $z^\lambda = r^{2\lambda}$  where  $\lambda$  is any complex number. Now  $\langle z^\lambda, \varphi \rangle = \int_{R^n} z^\lambda \varphi(x) dx$ , where  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{D}$  the space of infinitely differentiable functions with compact supports. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle z^\lambda, \varphi \rangle &= \int_{R^n} r^{2\lambda} \varphi \frac{\partial(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{\partial(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)} dy_1 dy_2 \dots dy_n \\
&= \frac{1}{(i)^{q/2}} \int_{R^n} r^{2\lambda} \varphi dy \\
&= \frac{1}{(i)^{q/2}} \langle r^{2\lambda}, \varphi \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

By Gelfand and Shilov [3, p.271], the function  $r^{2\lambda}$  have simple poles at  $\lambda = (-n/2) - k$ ,  $k$  is nonnegative and for  $k = 0$  we can find the residue of  $r^{2\lambda}$  at  $\lambda = -n/2$  and by [3, p.73], we obtain

$$\operatorname{res}_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}}(r^{2\lambda}) = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \delta(x).$$

Thus

$$(21) \quad \operatorname{res}_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}}(z^\lambda) = (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} \frac{2\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \delta(x).$$

We next find the residues of  $z^\lambda$  at  $\lambda = (-n/2) - k$ . Now, by computing directly we have

$$L_1 z^{\lambda+1} = 2(\lambda+1)(2\lambda+n)z^\lambda.$$

By  $k$ -fold iteration, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} L_1^k z^{\lambda+k} &= 4^k (\lambda+1)(\lambda+2)\cdots(\lambda+k) \left(\lambda + \frac{n}{2}\right) \times \\ &\quad \left(\lambda + \frac{n}{2} + 1\right) \cdots \left(\lambda + \frac{n}{2} + k - 1\right) z^\lambda \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} z^\lambda &= \frac{1}{4^k(\lambda+1)(\lambda+2)\cdots(\lambda+k)} \times \\ &\quad \frac{1}{\left(\lambda + \frac{n}{2}\right) \left(\lambda + \frac{n}{2} + 1\right) \cdots \left(\lambda + \frac{n}{2} + k - 1\right)} L_1^k z^{\lambda+k}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\operatorname{res}_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}-k}(z^\lambda) = \frac{1}{4^k k \left(\frac{n}{2} + k - 1\right) \left(\frac{n}{2} + k - 2\right) \cdots \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)} \operatorname{res}_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}} L_1^k z^{\lambda+k}.$$

By (21) and the properties of Gamma functions, we obtain

$$(22) \quad \operatorname{res}_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}-k}(z^\lambda) = (-i)^{q/2} \frac{2\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^k \Gamma(\frac{n}{2} + k)} L_1^k \delta(x).$$

Now we consider  $T_{-2k}(z)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_{-2k}(z) &= \lim_{\nu \rightarrow -2k} T(z) \\ &= \pi^{-\frac{n}{2}} \frac{\lim_{\nu \rightarrow -2k} z^{(\nu-n)/2}}{\lim_{\nu \rightarrow -2k} \Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})} \lim_{\nu \rightarrow -2k} 2^{-\nu} \Gamma\left(\frac{n-\nu}{2}\right) \\ &= \pi^{-\frac{n}{2}} \frac{\lim_{\nu \rightarrow -2k} (\nu+2k) z^{(\nu-n)/2}}{\lim_{\nu \rightarrow -2k} \Gamma(\nu+2k) \Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})} \lim_{\nu \rightarrow -2k} 2^{2k} \Gamma\left(\frac{n+2k}{2}\right) \\ &= 4^k \pi^{-\frac{n}{2}} \frac{\operatorname{res}_{\nu=-2k} z^{(\nu-n)/2}}{\operatorname{res}_{\nu=-2k} \Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})} \Gamma\left(\frac{n+2k}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\operatorname{res}_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}-k} z^\lambda = \operatorname{res}_{\nu=-2k} z^{(\nu-n)/2}$  and  $\operatorname{res}_{\nu=-2k} \Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2}) = \frac{2(-1)^k}{k!}$ , by (22) and the properties of Gamma function we obtain

$$T_{-2k}(z) = (-1)^k (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} L_1^k \delta(x).$$

Similarly

$$S_{-2k}(w) = (-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} L_2^k \delta(x).$$

Thus we have

$$(23) \quad T_0(z) = (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} \delta(x), \quad S_0(w) = (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} \delta(x).$$

Now, from (19)  $L_1^k T_{2k}(z) = (-1)^k T_0(z)$  for  $\nu = 2k$ . Thus by (23) we obtain  $L_1^k (-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} T_{2k}(z) = \delta(x)$ . It follows that  $(-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} T_{2k}(z)$  is an elementary solution of the operator  $L_1^k$ . Similarly

$(-1)^k (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} S_{2k}(w)$  is also an elementary solution of the operator  $L_2^k$ . Thus we have

$$L^k(T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w)) = L_2^k (-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} T_{2k}(z) * L_1^k (-1)^k (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} S_{2k}(w) = \delta.$$

**Lemma 2.4.** Given the equation

$$(24) \quad \Delta u(x) = f(x, u(x)),$$

where  $f$  is defined and has continuous first derivatives for all  $x \in \Omega \cup \partial\Omega$ ,  $\Omega$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\partial\Omega$  denotes the boundary of  $\Omega$ . Assume  $f$  is a bounded, that is  $|f(x, u)| \leq N$  and the boundary condition  $u(x) = 0$  for  $x \in \partial\Omega$ . Then we obtain  $u(x)$  as a unique solution of (24).

**Proof.** We can prove this lemma by the method of iterations and the Schauder's estimates, see [1, pp. 369-372].

### 3. Main results

**Theorem 3.1.** *Given the nonlinear equation*

$$(25) \quad \oplus^k u(x) = f(x, \Delta^{k-1} \square^k L^k u(x)),$$



where  $\oplus^k$  is the operator iterated  $k$  times, defined by (1),  $\Delta^{k-1}$  is the Laplacian iterated  $k-1$  times defined by (6) and  $\square^k$  is the ultrahyperbolic operator iterated  $k$  times defined by (5). Let  $f$  be defined and have continuous first derivatives for all  $x \in \Omega \cup \partial\Omega$ ,  $\Omega$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\partial\Omega$  denotes the boundary of  $\Omega$  and  $n$  is even with  $n \geq 4$ . Let  $f$  be a bounded function, that is

$$(26) \quad |f(x, \Delta^{k-1}\square^k L^k u(x))| \leq N$$

and the boundary condition

$$(27) \quad \Delta^{k-1}\square^k L^k u(x) = 0, \text{ for } x \in \partial\Omega;$$

then we obtain

$$(28) \quad u(x) = (-1)^{k-1} R_{2(k-1)}^e(x) * R_{2k}^H(v) * S_{2k}(w) * T_{2k}(z) * W(x)$$

as a solution of (25) with the boundary condition

$$u(x) = S_{2k}(w) * T_{2k}(z) * R_{2k}^H(v) * (-1)^{k-2} (R_{2(k-2)}^e(x))^{(m)}$$

for  $x \in \partial\Omega$ ,  $m = (n-4)/2$ ,  $k = 2, 3, 4, \dots$  and  $v$  is given by (8),  $W(x)$  is a continuous function for  $x \in \Omega \cup \partial\Omega$ ,  $R_{2(k-2)}^e(x)$  and  $R_{2k}^H(v)$  are given by (11) and (9), respectively, with  $\beta = 2(k-2)$  and  $\alpha = 2k$ . Moreover, for  $q = 0$  then (25) becomes

$$(29) \quad \Delta_p^{4k} u(x) = f(x, \Delta^{4k-1} u(x)),$$

with boundary condition

$$(30) \quad \Delta^{4k-1} u(x) = 0, \text{ for } x \in \partial\Omega,$$

where  $\Delta_p^{4k}$  is the Laplacian of  $p$ -dimension iterated  $4k$ -times. we have

$$(31) \quad u(x) = (-1)^{k-1} R_{2(k-1)}^e(x) * R_{6k}^e(x) * W(x)$$

as a solution of (29) where  $|x| = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2$ .

**Proof.** From equation (25), we have

$$(32) \quad \oplus^k u(x) = \Delta(\Delta^{k-1}\square^k L^k u(x)) = f(x, \Delta^{k-1}\square^k L^k u(x)).$$

Since  $u(x)$  has continuous derivatives up to order  $4k$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  we can assume

$$(33) \quad \Delta^{k-1} \square^k L^k u(x) = W(x), \text{ for } x \in \partial\Omega.$$

Thus, (32) can be written in the form

$$(34) \quad \oplus^k u(x) = \Delta W(x) = f(x, W(x)),$$

by (26)

$$(35) \quad |f(x, W(x))| \leq N,$$

and by (27),  $W(x)=0$  or

$$(36) \quad \Delta^{k-1} \square^k L^k u(x) = 0, \text{ for } x \in \partial\Omega.$$

Thus by Lemma 2.4 there exist a unique solution  $W(x)$  of (34) which satisfies (35). Now consider (33), we have  $\Delta^{k-1}(-1)^{k-1} R_{2(k-1)}^e(x) = \delta$  and  $\square^k R_{2k}^H(v) = \delta$  where  $\delta$  is the Dirac-delta distribution, that is  $R_{2k}^H(v)$  and  $(-1)^{k-1} R_{2(k-1)}^e(x)$  are the elementary solutions of the operators  $\square^k$  and  $\Delta^{k-1}$ , respectively, see[8, p.11] and see[2, p.118]. The functions  $R_{2k}^H(v)$  and  $R_{2(k-1)}^e(x)$  are defined by (9) and (11), respectively, with  $\beta = 2(k-1)$ ,  $\alpha = 2k$ . And by Lemma 2.3, the function  $T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w)$  is an elementary solutions of the operator  $L^k$ , are defined by equation (14) and (15), respectively, with  $\gamma = \nu = 2k$ . Thus, convolving both sides of (33) by

$$(-1)^{k-1} R_{2(k-1)}^e(x) * R_{2k}^H(v) * T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w),$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & [(-1)^{k-1} R_{2(k-1)}^e(x) * R_{2k}^H(v) * T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w)] * \Delta^{k-1} \square^k L^k u(x) \\ &= [(-1)^{k-1} R_{2(k-1)}^e(x) * R_{2k}^H(v) * T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w)] * W(x). \end{aligned}$$

By properties of convolution, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & [\Delta^{k-1}(-1)^{k-1}R_{2(k-1)}^e(x)] * [\square^k R_{2k}^H(v)] * [L^k T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w)] * u(x) = \\ & [(-1)^{k-1}R_{2(k-1)}^e(x) * R_{2k}^H(v) * T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w)] * W(x), \\ & \delta * \delta * \delta * u(x) = \\ & [(-1)^{k-1}R_{2(k-1)}^e(x) * R_{2k}^H(v) * T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w)] * W(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(37) \quad u(x) = (-1)^{k-1}R_{2(k-1)}^e(x) * R_{2k}^H(v) * T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w) * W(x)$$

as required. Consider  $\Delta^{k-1}\square^k L^k u(x) = 0$ , for  $x \in \partial\Omega$ . By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\square^k L^k u(x) = (-1)^{k-2}(R_{2(k-2)}^e(x))^{(m)}.$$

Convolving both sides of the above equation by  $R_{2k}^H(v) * T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & R_{2k}^H(v) * T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w) * \square^k L^k u(x) \\ & = R_{2k}^H(v) * T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w) * (-1)^{k-2}(R_{2(k-2)}^e(x))^{(m)}, \\ & [\square^k R_{2k}^H(v)] * [L^k * T_{2k}(z)S_{2k}(w)] * u(x) \\ & = R_{2k}^H(v) * T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w) * (-1)^{k-2}(R_{2(k-2)}^e(x))^{(m)}, \\ & \delta * \delta * u(x) \\ & = R_{2k}^H(v) * T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w) * (-1)^{k-2}(R_{2(k-2)}^e(x))^{(m)}, \\ & u(x) = R_{2k}^H(v) * T_{2k}(z) * S_{2k}(w) * (-1)^{k-2}(R_{2(k-2)}^e(x))^{(m)}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in \partial\Omega$  and  $k = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

Moreover, for  $q = 0$  then (25) becomes

$$(38) \quad \Delta_p^{4k} u(x) = f(x, \Delta^{4k-1} u(x)),$$

with boundary condition

$$\Delta^{4k-1} u(x) = 0, \text{ for } x \in \partial\Omega,$$

where  $\Delta_p^{4k}$  is the Laplacian of  $p$ -dimension iterated  $4k$ -times. we have

$$(39) \quad u(x) = (-1)^{k-1} R_{2(k-1)}^e(x) * R_{6k}^e(x) * W(x)$$

as a solution of (38) where  $|x| = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2$ .

On the other hand, we can also find (39) from (37), since  $q = 0$ , we have  $R_{2k}^H(v)$  reduces to  $R_{2(k)}^e(x)$ ,  $S_{2k}(w)$  reduces to  $R_{2(k)}^e(x)$  and  $T_{2k}(z)$  reduces to  $R_{2(k)}^e(x)$ , where  $|x| = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2$ .

Thus, by (37) for  $q = 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= (-1)^{k-1} R_{2(k-1)}^e(x) * R_{2k}^e(x) * R_{2k}^e(x) * R_{2k}^e(x) * W(x) \\ &= (-1)^{k-1} R_{2(k-1)}^e(x) * R_{2k+2k+2k}^e(x) * W(x) \\ &= (-1)^{k-1} R_{2(k-1)}^e(x) * R_{6k}^e(x) * W(x). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

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