RELATIONS OF K-TH DERIVATIVE OF DIRAC DELTA IN HYPERCONE WITH ULTRAHYPERBOLIC OPERATOR

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Abstract

In this paper we prove that the generalized functions $\delta^{(k)}(P_+) - \delta^{(k)}(P)$, $\delta^{(k)}(P_-) - \delta^{(k)}(-P)$ and $\delta_1^{(k)}(P) - \delta_2^{(k)}(P)$ are concentrated in the vertex of the cone P = 0 and we find their relationship with the ultrahyperbolic operator iterated $(k + 1 - \frac{n}{2})$ times under condition $k \geq \frac{n}{2} - 1$.

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Resumen

En este trabajo se prueba que las funciones generalizadas $\delta^{(k)}(P_+) - \delta^{(k)}(P)$, $\delta^{(k)}(P_-) - \delta^{(k)}(-P)$ y $\delta_1^{(k)}(P) - \delta_2^{(k)}(P)$ están concentradas en el vértice del cono P = 0 y encontramos sus relaciones con el operador ultrahiperbólico iterado $(k+1-\frac{n}{2})$ veces bajo la condición $k \geq \frac{n}{2} - 1$.

Palabras clave: distribuciones, functiones generalizadas, espacios de distribuciones, propiedades de distribuciones.

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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

$$P = P(x) = x_1^2 + \ldots + x_p^2 - x_{p+1}^2 - \ldots - x_{p+q}^2$$
(1)

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where p + q = n is the dimension of the space.

We call $\varphi(x)$ the C^{∞} functions with compact support defined from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R} ([2],page 4).

From [1], page 253, formula (2), the distribution P_{+}^{λ} is defined by

$$\left(P_{+}^{\lambda},\varphi\right) = \int_{P>0} (P(x))^{\lambda}\varphi(x)dx \tag{2}$$

where λ is a complex number and $dx = dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n$. For $\text{Real}(\lambda) \ge 0$, this integral converges and is analytic function of λ . Analytic continuation to $\text{Real}(\lambda) < 0$ can be used to extend the definition of (P_+^{λ}, φ) . Further from [1], page 254, we have,

$$\left(P_{+}^{\lambda},\varphi\right) = \int_{0}^{\infty} u_{q}^{\lambda+\frac{p+q}{2}-1} \Phi_{\lambda}(u) du$$
(3)

where

$${}_{q}\Phi_{\lambda}(u) = \frac{1}{4} \int_{0}^{\infty} t^{\frac{q-2}{2}} (1-t)^{\lambda} \phi_{1}(u,tu) dt$$
(4)

$$\phi(r,s) = \phi_1(u,v) \tag{5}$$

$$\phi(r,s) = \int \varphi d\Omega_p d\Omega_q, \tag{6}$$

$$r = \sqrt[2]{x_1^2 + \dots + x_p^2},$$
 (7)

$$s = \sqrt[2]{x_{p+1}^2 + \dots x_{p+q}^2}, \qquad (8)$$

 $d\Omega_p$ and $d\Omega_q$ are elements of surface are on the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^p and \mathbb{R}^q respectively.

Similarly we can also defined the generalized \mathbf{P}^{λ}_{-} by

$$\left(P_{-}^{\lambda},\varphi\right) = \int_{-P>0} (-P(x))^{\lambda} \varphi(x) dx.$$
(9)

Further we obtain

$$\left(P_{-}^{\lambda},\varphi\right) = \int_{0}^{\infty} v_{p}^{\lambda + \frac{p+q}{2} - 1} \Phi_{\lambda}(v) dv \tag{10}$$

where

$${}_{p}\Phi_{\lambda}(u) = \frac{1}{4} \int_{0}^{\infty} t^{\frac{p-2}{2}} (1-t)^{\lambda} \phi_{1}(vt, v) dt.$$
(11)

From (1) the P = 0 hypersurface is a hypercone with a singular point (the vertex) at the origin.

On the other hand, from [1], page 249, we have,

$$\left(\delta^{(k)}(P),\varphi\right) = \int_0^\infty \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{2s\partial s}\right)^k \left\{ s^{q-2}\frac{\phi(r,s)}{2} \right\} \right]_{s=r} r^{p-1} dr \tag{12}$$

and

$$\left(\delta^{(k)}(P),\varphi\right) = (-1)^k \int_0^\infty \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{2r\partial r}\right)^k \left\{ r^{p-2} \frac{\phi(r,s)}{2} \right\} \right]_{r=s} s^{q-1} ds \tag{13}$$

where $\phi(r, s)$ is defined by the equation (6).

Also from [1], page 250, the generalized functions $\delta_1^{(k)}(P)$ and $\delta_2^{(k)}(P)$ are defined by

$$\left(\delta_1^{(k)}(P),\varphi\right) = \int_0^\infty \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{2s\partial s}\right)^k \left\{ s^{q-2} \frac{\phi(r,s)}{2} \right\} \right]_{s=r} r^{p-1} dr \tag{14}$$

and

$$\left(\delta_2^{(k)}(P),\varphi\right) = (-1)^k \int_0^\infty \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{2r\partial r}\right)^k \left\{ r^{p-2} \frac{\phi(r,s)}{2} \right\} \right]_{r=s} s^{q-1} ds \tag{15}$$

where $\phi(r, s)$ is $r^{1-p}s^{1-q}$ multiplied by the integral of φ over the surface $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + x_p^2 = r^2$ and $x_{p+1}^2 + x_{p+2}^2 + \cdots + x_{p+q}^2 = s^2$. The integrals converges and coincide for

$$k < \frac{p+q-2}{2}.\tag{16}$$

If, on the other hand,

$$k \ge \frac{p+q-2}{2} \tag{17}$$

these integrals must be understood in the sen se of their regularization (see [1], page 250).

Now in general $\delta_1^{(k)}(P)$ and $\delta_2^{(k)}(P)$ may not be the same generalized function. Note that the definition of these generalized functions implies that in any case

$$\delta_2^{(k)}(P) = (-1)^k \delta_1^{(k)}(-P).$$
(18)

From [1], page 278, the following formulae are valid,

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_+) = (-1)^k k! \mathcal{R} \rceil s_{\lambda = -k-1} P_+^{\lambda}$$
⁽¹⁹⁾

and

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_{-}) = (-1)^{k} k! \mathcal{R}] s_{\lambda = -k-1} P_{-}^{\lambda} .$$
⁽²⁰⁾

On the other hand, from [1], page 278, for odd n, as well as for even n and $k < \frac{n}{2} - 1$ we have,

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_{+}) = \delta_{1}^{(k)}(P) = \delta^{(k)}(P)$$
(21)

and

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_{-}) = \delta_{1}^{(k)}(-P).$$
(22)

While in the case of even dimension and $k \ge \frac{n}{2} - 1$

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_{+}) - \delta^{(k)}_{1}(P) \tag{23}$$

and

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_{-}) - \delta_{1}^{(k)}(-P) \tag{24}$$

are generalized functions concentrated at the vertex of the P = 0 cone ([1], page 279).

From [1], page 279 we have:

If p and q are both even and if $k \ge \frac{n}{2} - 1$, then

$$(-1)^k \delta^{(k)}(P_+) - \delta^{(k)}(P_-) = a_{q,n,k} L^{k+1-\frac{n}{2}} \left\{ \delta(x) \right\}$$
(25)

while in all other cases

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_{-}) = (-1)^k \delta^{(k)}(P_{+}) .$$
⁽²⁶⁾

In (25)

$$a_{q,n,k} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{q}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}(k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!}$$
(27)

and L^{j} is a linear homogeneous differential operation iterated j times defined by the following formula

$$L^{j} = \left\{ \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{1}^{2}} + \dots \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{p}^{2}} - \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{p+1}^{2}} - \dots - \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{p+q}^{2}} \right\}^{j} .$$
(28)

The operator $L = \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \dots \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+1}^2} - \dots - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+q}^2} \right\}$ is often called ultahyperbolic. From [1], page 255, (P_+^{λ}, φ) has two sets of singularities namely

$$\lambda = -1, -2, -3, \dots \tag{29}$$

and

$$\lambda = -\frac{n}{2}, -\frac{n}{2} - 1, \dots$$
 (30)

and from [1], pages 256-269 and page 352 we have ([4], page 139, formula (2.27)):

$$\mathcal{R}]s_{\lambda=-k-1}P_{+}^{\lambda} = \frac{(-1)^{k}}{k!}\delta_{1}^{(k)}(P) \text{ if } p \text{ is even and } q \text{ odd}, \tag{31}$$

$$\mathcal{R}]s_{\lambda=-k-1}P_{+}^{\lambda} = \frac{(-1)^{k}}{k!}\delta_{1}^{(k)}(P) \text{ if } p \text{ is odd and } q \text{ even},$$
(32)

$$\mathcal{R}]s_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}-k}P_{+}^{\lambda} = 0 \text{ if } p \text{ is even and } q \text{ odd}$$
(33)

and

$$\mathcal{R}]s_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}-k}P_{+}^{\lambda} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{d}{2}}\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^{k}k!\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}+k)}L^{k}\left\{\delta(x)\right\} \text{ if } p \text{ is odd and } q \text{ even.}$$
(34)

where L^k is defined by the formula (28).

Similarly $(P_{-}^{\lambda}, \varphi)$ has singularities in the same points that $(P_{+}^{\lambda}, \varphi)$ and taking into account all that we have above about P_{+}^{λ} remains true also for P_{-}^{λ} except that p and q must interchanged, and in all the formulae $\delta_{1}^{(k)}(P)$ must be peplaced by

$$\delta_1^{(k)}(-P) = (-1)^k \delta_2^{(k)}(P) \tag{35}$$

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and (L) by (-L) (see ([1]), pages 279 and 352) we have,

$$\mathcal{R}]s_{\lambda=-k-1}P_{-}^{\lambda} = \frac{(-1)^{k}}{k!}\delta_{1}^{(k)}(-P) \text{ if } p \text{ is odd and } q \text{ even}, \tag{36}$$

$$\mathcal{R}]s_{\lambda=-k-1}P_{-}^{\lambda} = \frac{(-1)^{\kappa}}{k!}\delta_{1}^{(k)}(-P) \text{ if } p \text{ is even and } q \text{ odd},$$
(37)

$$\mathcal{R}]s_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}-k}P_{-}^{\lambda} = 0 \text{ if } p \text{ is odd and } q \text{ even}$$
(38)

and

$$\mathcal{R}]s_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}-k}P_{-}^{\lambda} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{p}{2}}\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^{k}k!\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}+k)}(-L)^{k}\left\{\delta(x)\right\} \text{ if } p \text{ is even and } q \text{ odd.}$$
(39)

If the dimension n of the space is even and p and q are even, P^{λ}_{+} has simple poles at $\lambda = -\frac{n}{2} - k$, where k is non-negative integer, and the residues are given by ([1], p.268 and [4], p.141)

$$\mathcal{R}]s_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}-k,k=0,1,2,..}P_{+}^{\lambda} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n}{2}+k-1}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}+k)}\delta_{1}^{(\frac{n}{2}+k-1)}(P) +$$
(40)

$$+\frac{(-1)^{\frac{q}{2}}\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^{k}k!\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}+k)}L^{k}\left\{\delta(x)\right\},$$
(41)

where L^k is defined by (28).

If, on the other hand, p and q are odd, P_{+}^{λ} has pole of order 2 at $\lambda = -\frac{n}{2} - k$ and from [1], p.269 and [4], p.143, we have

$$\mathcal{R}]s_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}-k}P_{+}^{\lambda} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n}{2}+k-1}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}+k)}\delta_{1}^{(\frac{n}{2}+k-1)}(P) + \frac{(-1)^{\frac{q+1}{2}}\pi^{\frac{n}{2}-1}}{2^{2k}k!\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}+k)}\left[\psi(\frac{p}{2}) - \psi(\frac{n}{2})\right] \cdot L^{k}\left\{\delta(x)\right\},\tag{42}$$

where

$$\psi(x) = \frac{\Gamma'(x)}{\Gamma(x)}.$$
(43)

and $\Gamma(x)$ is the function gamma defined by

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-z} z^{x-1} dz.$$
(44)

([3], Vol.I, p.344).

For integral and half-integral values of the argument, $\psi(x)$ is given by

$$\psi(k) = -\gamma + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{k-1} , \qquad (45)$$

$$\psi(k+\frac{1}{2}) = -\gamma - 2\ln(2) + 2\left(1 + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{2k-1}\right) , \qquad (46)$$

where γ is Euler's constant.

Similarly

$$\mathcal{R}]s_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}-k}P_{-}^{\lambda} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n}{2}+k-1}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}+k)}\delta_{1}^{(\frac{n}{2}+k-1)}(-P) + \frac{(-1)^{\frac{p}{2}}\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^{k}k!\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}+k)}(-L)^{k}\left\{\delta(x)\right\}$$
(47)

if p and q are even, and

$$\mathcal{R}]s_{\lambda=-\frac{n}{2}-k}P_{-}^{\lambda} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n}{2}+k-1}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}+k)}\delta_{1}^{(\frac{n}{2}+k-1)}(-P) + \frac{(-)1^{\frac{p+1}{2}}\pi^{\frac{n}{2}-1}}{2^{2k}k!\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}+k)}\cdot\left[\psi(\frac{q}{2})-\psi(\frac{n}{2})\right](-L)^{k}\left\{\delta(x)\right\}$$

$$\tag{48}$$

if p and q are odd

2 Relations of *k*-th derivative of Dirac delta in hypercone with ultrahyperbolic operator

In this paragraph we prove that generalized functions $\delta^{(k)}(P_+) - \delta^{(k)}_1(P)$ and $\delta^{(k)}(P_-) - \delta^{(k)}_1(-P)$ are concentrated in the vertex of the cone P = 0.

Theorem 1 Let k be non-negative integer and n even dimension of the space then the following formulae are valid,

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_{+}) - \delta^{(k)}_{1}(P) = B_{k,p,q} L^{k - \frac{n}{2} + 1} \text{ if } k \ge \frac{n}{2} - 1$$
(49)

where

$$B_{k,p,q} = \frac{(-1)^k (-1)^{\frac{q}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1} (k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!} \text{ for } p \text{ and } q \text{ are both even,}$$
(50)

and

$$B_{k,p,q} = \frac{(-1)^k (-1)^{\frac{q+1}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}-1}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1} (k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!}.$$
(51)

$$\left[\psi(\frac{p}{2})-\psi(\frac{n}{2})\right].L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}\left\{\delta(x)\right\}$$
 for p and q are both odd.

PROOF: From (41),(47) and considering the formulae (19) and (20) under conditions $k \ge \frac{n}{2} - 1$,and when p and q are even, we have

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_{+}) - \delta^{(k)}_{1}(P) = (-1)^{k} a_{q,n,k} L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1} \left\{ \delta(x) \right\}.$$
(52)

where $a_{q,n,k}$ is defined by (27).

Similarly from (42), (48) and considering the formulae (19) and (20) under conditions $k \ge \frac{n}{2} - 1$, and when p and q are odd, we have

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_{+}) - \delta^{(k)}_{1}(P) = \frac{(-1)^{k}(-1)^{\frac{q+1}{2}}\pi^{\frac{n}{2}-1}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}(k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!}.$$
(53)

 $\left[\psi(\frac{p}{2}) - \psi(\frac{n}{2})\right] . L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1} \left\{\delta(x)\right\}$ for p and q are both odd.

From (52) and (53) we obtain the formula (49),(50) and (51) which proves the theorem.

The formula (49) represent a relation between $\delta^{(k)}(P_+) - \delta_1^{(k)}(P)$ and the ultrahyperbolic operator iterated $k - \frac{n}{2} + 1$ times under condition $k \ge \frac{n}{2} - 1$.

Theorem 2 Let k be non-negative integer and n even dimension of the space, then the following formulae are valid:

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_{-}) - \delta^{(k)}_{1}(-P) = D_{k,p,q}L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}\left\{\delta(x)\right\}$$
(54)

where

$$D_{k,p,q} = \frac{(-1)(-1)^{\frac{q}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}(k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!} \text{ for } p \text{ and } q \text{ are both even,}$$
(55)

and

$$D_{k,p,q} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{q+1}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}-1}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}(k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!}$$
(56)

$$\left[\psi(\frac{q}{2}) - \psi(\frac{n}{2})\right] . L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}\left\{\delta(x)\right\}$$
 for p and q are both odd

PROOF: From (41),(47) and considering the formulae (19) and (20) under conditions $k \ge \frac{n}{2} - 1$, and when p and q are even, we have:

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_{-}) - \delta_{1}^{(k)}(-P) = (-1)a_{q,n,k}L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}\left\{\delta(x)\right\}$$
(57)

where $a_{q,n,k}$ is defined by (27)

Similarly from (42), (48) and considering the formulae (19) and (20) under conditions $k \ge \frac{n}{2} - 1$, and when p and q are odd, we have:

$$\delta^{(k)}(P_{-}) - \delta^{(k)}_{1}(-P) = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{q+1}{2}}\pi^{\frac{n}{2}-1}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}(k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!}$$
(58)

 $\left[\psi(\frac{q}{2})-\psi(\frac{n}{2})\right].L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}\left\{\delta(x)\right\}$ for p and q are both odd

From the formulae (57) and (58) we obtain the formulae (54),(55) and (56) which proves the theorem. \blacksquare

The formula (54) represents a relation between $\delta^{(k)}(P_{-}) - \delta_{1}^{(k)}(-P)$ with the ultrahyperbolic operator iterated $k - \frac{n}{2} + 1$ times under condition $k \ge \frac{n}{2} - 1$.

Theorem 3 Let k be non-negative integer and n even dimension of the space then the following formulae are valid,

$$\delta_1^{(k)}(P) - \delta_2^{(k)}(P) = A_{k,p,q} L^{k - \frac{n}{2} + 1} \left\{ \delta(x) \right\}$$
(59)

where

$$A_{k,p,q} = \frac{(-1)(-1)^k (-1)^{\frac{q}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1} (k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!} \text{ for } p \text{ and } q \text{ are both even,}$$
(60)

and

$$D_{k,p,q} = \frac{(-1)^{\frac{q+1}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}-1}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}(k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!}.$$
(61)

$$\left[\psi(\frac{q}{2}) - \psi(\frac{p}{2})\right] . L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}\left\{\delta(x)\right\}$$
 for p and q are both odd

PROOF: From (49) and (54) using (25), (50) and (60) under conditions $k \ge \frac{n}{2} - 1$, and when p and q are even, we have,

$$\frac{(-1)(-1)^{k}(-1)^{\frac{q}{2}}\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}(k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!}L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}\left\{\delta(x)\right\} = \delta^{(k)}(P_{+}) - (-1)^{k}\delta^{(k)}(P_{-}) = \\\delta^{(k)}_{1}(P) - \delta^{(k)}_{2}(P) + \frac{(-1)^{k}(-1)^{\frac{q}{2}}\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}(k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!}L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}\left\{\delta(x)\right\} + \\\frac{(-1)^{k}(-1)^{\frac{q}{2}}\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}(k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!}L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}\left\{\delta(x)\right\}$$

$$(62)$$

therefore

$$\delta_1^{(k)}(P) - \delta_2^{(k)}(P) = \frac{(-1)(-1)^k (-1)^{\frac{q}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1} (k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!} L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1} \left\{ \delta(x) \right\}.$$
(63)

Similarly from (49) and (54) using (26), (51) and (56) under conditions $k \ge \frac{n}{2} - 1$, and when p and q are odd, we have

$$\delta_{1}^{(k)}(P) - \delta_{2}^{(k)}(P) = \delta^{(k)}(P_{+}) - (-1)^{k} \delta^{(k)}(P_{-}) + \\ + \frac{(-1)^{k}(-1)^{\frac{q+1}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}-1}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}(k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!} \cdot \left[\psi(\frac{n}{2}) - \psi(\frac{p}{2}) + \psi(\frac{q}{2}) - \psi(\frac{n}{2})\right] \cdot L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1} \left\{\delta(x)\right\} = \\ = \frac{(-1)^{k}(-1)^{\frac{q+1}{2}} \pi^{\frac{n}{2}-1}}{4^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1}(k-\frac{n}{2}+1)!} \cdot \left[\psi(\frac{q}{2}) - \psi(\frac{p}{2})\right] \cdot L^{k-\frac{n}{2}+1} \left\{\delta(x)\right\}$$
(64)

From the formulae (63) and (64) we obtain the formulae (59), (60) and (61) which proves the theorem. \blacksquare

The formula (59) represent a relation between $\delta_1^{(k)}(P) - \delta_2^{(k)}(P)$ with the ultrahyperbolic operator iterated $k - \frac{n}{2} + 1$ times under condition $k \ge \frac{n}{2} - 1$.

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