

# ON THE WEAK SOLUTIONS OF THE EQUATION RELATED TO THE DIAMOND OPERATOR\*

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Рассматривается функция Грина оператора  $\oplus^k$ , определенного следующим образом:

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

где  $p + q = n$  — размерность пространства  $C^n$  векторов  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  с  $n$  комплексными компонентами  $x_j$ ,  $k$  — целое неотрицательное число. Выполнено исследование функции Грина, которая затем применяется для построения слабого решения уравнения  $K(x)$ , такого что

$$\oplus^k K(x) = f(x),$$

где  $f$  — обобщенная функция.

## 1. Introduction

The operator  $\oplus^k$  can be factorized in the following form

$$\oplus^k = \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \right)^2 - \left( \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right)^2 \right]^k \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + i \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right]^k \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} - i \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right]^k \quad (1.1)$$

where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  and  $p + q = n$ . The operator  $\left( \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \right)^2 - \left( \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right)^2$  has first been introduced by A. Kananthai [4] and is named the Diamond operator which is denoted by

$$\diamond^k = \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \right)^2 - \left( \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right)^2 \right]^k. \quad (1.2)$$

Let us denote the operators

$$L_1^k = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + i \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right]^k \quad (1.3)$$

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and

$$L_2^k = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} - i \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right]^k. \quad (1.4)$$

Thus the operator  $\oplus^k$ , iterated  $k$ -times defined by (1.1) can be written in the form

$$\oplus^k = \diamond^k L_1^k L_2^k. \quad (1.5)$$

In this work, we obtain the Green function of the operator  $\oplus^k$ , i. e.  $\oplus^k G(x) = \delta$  where  $\delta$  is the Dirac-delta distribution and  $G(x)$  is the Green function and  $x \in R^n$ .

Moreover, we find the weak solution of the equation

$$\oplus^k K(x) = f(x) \quad (1.6)$$

where  $f$  is a given generalized function and  $K(x)$  is an unknown and  $x \in R^n$ .

## 2. Preliminary

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in R^n$

Let us denote by

$$u = \sum_{i=1}^p x_i^2 - \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} x_j^2 \quad (2.1)$$

the nondegenerated quadratic form, whereas  $p + q = n$  is the dimension of  $R^n$ .

Let  $\Gamma_+ = \{x \in R^n : x_1 > 0 \text{ and } u > 0\}$  and  $\overline{\Gamma}_+$  denotes its closure.

For any complex number  $\alpha$ , we define the function

$$R_\alpha^H(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{u^{\frac{(\alpha-n)}{2}}}{K_n(\alpha)} & \text{for } x \in \Gamma_+, \\ 0 & \text{for } x \notin \Gamma_+, \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

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

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

The function  $R_\alpha^H$  is called The Ultra-Hyperbolic Kernel of Marcel Riesz and was introduced by Y. Nozaki (see [3], p. 72).

It is well known that  $R_\alpha^H$  is an ordinary function if  $\text{Re}(\alpha) \geq n$  and is a distribution of  $\alpha$  if  $\text{Re}(\alpha) < n$ . Let us supp  $R_\alpha^H(u)$  denote the support of  $R_\alpha^H(u)$ . Assume  $R_\alpha^H(u) \subset \overline{\Gamma}_+$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  be a point of the Euclidean space  $R^n$  and

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2. \quad (2.3)$$

Define the function

$$R_\alpha^e(v) = \frac{v^{\frac{\alpha-n}{2}}}{H_n(\alpha)}, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\alpha$  is any complex number and the constant  $H_n(\alpha)$  is given by the formula

$$H_n(\alpha) = \frac{\pi^{\frac{1}{2}} 2^\alpha \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n-\alpha}{2}\right)}. \quad (2.5)$$

Now the function  $R_\alpha^e(v)$  is called the Elliptic Kernel of Marcel Riesz.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  be a point of the  $C^n$  and let

$$w = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2 - i(x_{p+1}^2 + x_{p+2}^2 + \dots + x_{p+q}^2), \quad (2.6)$$

where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  and  $p + q = n$  is the dimension of  $R^n$ .

Define the function

$$S_\alpha(w) = \frac{w^{\frac{\alpha-n}{2}}}{H_n(\alpha)}, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $\alpha$  is any complex number and  $H_n(\alpha)$  is defined as the formula (2.5).

**Definition 2.4.** Define the function

$$T_\alpha(z) = \frac{z^{\frac{\alpha-n}{2}}}{H_n(\alpha)}, \quad (2.8)$$

where

$$z = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2 + i(x_{p+1}^2 + x_{p+2}^2 + \dots + x_{p+q}^2) \quad (2.9)$$

and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ,  $p + q = n$  and  $H_n(\alpha)$  is defined as (2.5).

**Lemma 2.1.** The convolution  $R_{2k}^H(u) * (-1)^k R_{2k}^e(v)$  is an elementary solution of the operator remove off  $\diamond^k$  where  $\diamond^k$  is defined by (1.2) and  $R_{2k}^H(u)$  and  $R_{2k}^e(v)$  are defined by (2.2) and (2.4) respectively with  $\alpha = 2k$ .

**Proof.** The elementary solution of  $\diamond^k$  is the solution of the equation  $\diamond^k K(x) = \delta$  where  $\delta$  is the Dirac-delta distribution,  $K(x)$  is an unknown and  $x \in R^n$ . Now we need to prove that

$$K(x) = R_{2k}^H(u) * (-1)^k R_{2k}^e(v).$$

To prove this, see ([4], p. 33).

**Lemma 2.2.** (i) The function  $K(x) = S_2(w)$  is the solution of the equation  $L_1 K(x) = 0$  where  $L_1$  is defined by (1.3) and  $S_2(w)$  is defined by (2.7) with  $\alpha = 2$ .

(ii) The function  $K(x) = (-1)^k (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} S_{2k}(w)$  is an elementary solution of the operator  $L_1^k$ , where  $L_1^k$  is the operator iterated  $k$  times defined by (1.3) and  $S_{2k}(w)$  is defined by (2.7) with  $\alpha = 2k$ .

**Proof.** (i) Now  $L_1 = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + i \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2}$ .

We need to show that  $L_1 S_2(w) = 0$ . Now if  $\alpha$  is real, we have for  $1 \leq r \leq p$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_r} S_\alpha(w) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_r} \left( \frac{w^{\frac{\alpha-n}{2}}}{H_n(\alpha)} \right) = \frac{(\alpha-n)}{2} \frac{w^{\frac{\alpha-n-2}{2}}}{H_n(\alpha)} 2x_r = (\alpha-n)x_r \frac{w^{\frac{\alpha-n-2}{2}}}{H_n(\alpha)},$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_r^2} S_\alpha(w) = (\alpha - n) \frac{w^{\frac{\alpha-n-2}{2}}}{H_n(\alpha)} + \frac{\alpha - n}{H_n(\alpha)} (\alpha - n - 2) w^{\frac{\alpha-n-4}{2}} x_r^2.$$

Thus

$$\sum_{r=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_r^2} S_\alpha(w) = p \frac{\alpha - n}{H_n(\alpha)} w^{\frac{\alpha-n-2}{2}} + \frac{\alpha - n}{H_n(\alpha)} (\alpha - n - 2) w^{\frac{\alpha-n-4}{2}} \sum_{r=1}^p x_r^2.$$

Similarly

$$i \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} S_\alpha(w) = \frac{q(\alpha - n)}{H_n(\alpha)} w^{\frac{\alpha-n-2}{2}} - i \frac{\alpha - n}{H_n(\alpha)} (\alpha - n - 2) w^{\frac{\alpha-n-4}{2}} \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} x_j^2.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 S_\alpha(w) &= \frac{(p+q)}{H_n(\alpha)} (\alpha - n) w^{\frac{\alpha-n-2}{2}} + \frac{(\alpha - n)(\alpha - n - 2)}{H_n(\alpha)} w^{\frac{\alpha-n-4}{2}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^p x_i^2 - i \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} x_j^2 \right) = \\ &= \frac{n(\alpha - n)}{H_n(\alpha)} w^{\frac{\alpha-n-2}{2}} + \frac{(\alpha - n)(\alpha - n - 2)}{H_n(\alpha)} w^{\frac{\alpha-n-2}{2}} = (\alpha - 2)(\alpha - n) \frac{w^{\frac{\alpha-n-2}{2}}}{H_n(\alpha)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

For  $\alpha = 2$ , we have  $L_1 S_2 = 0$ . That is  $K(x) = S_2(w)$  is a solution of the homogeneous equation  $L_1 K(x) = 0$ .

(ii) To show that  $K(x) = (-1)^k (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} S_{2k}(w)$  is an elementary solution of  $L_1^k$ , that is  $L_1^k (-1)^k (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} S_{2k}(w) = \delta$ . At first we need to show that  $L_1^k (-1)^k S_\alpha(w) = S_{\alpha-2k}(w)$  and  $S_{-2k}(w) = (-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} L_1^k \delta$ .

Now, from (2.10) and (2.5)

$$L_1 S_\alpha(w) = (\alpha - 2)(\alpha - n) \frac{w^{\frac{\alpha-n-2}{2}}}{H_n(\alpha)} = \frac{(\alpha - 2)(\alpha - n) w^{\frac{\alpha-n-2}{2}}}{\pi^{\frac{n}{2}} \frac{2^\alpha \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n-\alpha}{2})}}.$$

By direct calculation with the property of Gamma function we obtain

$$L_1 S_\alpha(w) = - \frac{w^{\frac{\alpha-n-2}{2}}}{\pi^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot 2^{\alpha-2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha-2}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n-(\alpha-2)}{2})}} = - \frac{w^{\frac{\alpha-n-2}{2}}}{H_n(\alpha-2)} = -S_{\alpha-2}(w).$$

By keeping on operating the operator  $L_1$   $k$ -times to the function  $S_\alpha(w)$ , we obtain

$$L_1^k S_\alpha(w) = (-1)^k S_{\alpha-2k}(w)$$

or

$$L_1^k (-1)^k S_\alpha(w) = S_{\alpha-2k}(w). \quad (2.11)$$

Then we show that  $S_{-2k} = (-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} \delta$ .

Now

$$S_{-2k}(w) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -2k} S_\alpha(w) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -2k} \left[ \frac{w^{\frac{\alpha-n}{2}}}{H_n(\alpha)} \right] = \frac{\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -2k} \left[ w^{\frac{\alpha-n}{2}} \right]}{\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -2k} \left[ \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2}) \right]} \cdot \pi^{-\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -2k} 2^{-\alpha} \Gamma\left(\frac{n-\alpha}{2}\right). \quad (2.12)$$

Now consider  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -2k} [w^{\frac{\alpha-n}{2}}]$ . We have  $w = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2 - i(x_{p+1}^2 + x_{p+2}^2 + \dots + x_{p+q}^2)$ . By changing the variables, let  $x_1 = y_1, x_2 = y_2, \dots, x_p = y_p$  and  $x_{p+1} = \frac{y_{p+1}}{\sqrt{-i}}, x_{p+2} = \frac{y_{p+2}}{\sqrt{-i}}, \dots, x_{p+q} = \frac{y_{p+q}}{\sqrt{-i}}$ .

Thus  $w = y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_p^2 + y_{p+1}^2 + \dots + y_{p+q}^2$ , where  $y_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$  is real and  $p + q = n$ .

Let  $r^2 = w = y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_n^2$  and consider the distribution  $w^\lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is a complex parameter. Since  $\langle w^\lambda, Q \rangle = \int_Q w^\lambda Q(x) dx$ , where  $Q(x)$  is the element of the space  $D$  of the infinitely differentiable functions with compact supports and  $x \in R^n, dx = dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n$ . Thus

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

Now, by Gelfand and Shilov (see [1], p. 271),  $\langle w^\lambda, Q \rangle$  has simple poles at  $\lambda = \frac{-n}{2} - k$  and for  $k = 0$  the residue of  $r^{2\lambda}$  at  $\lambda = \frac{-n}{2}$  is given by  $\operatorname{res}_{\lambda = \frac{-n}{2}} r^{2\lambda} = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \delta(x)$ .

Thus

$$\operatorname{res}_{\lambda = \frac{-n}{2}} \langle w^\lambda, Q \rangle = \frac{1}{(-i)^{\frac{q}{2}}} \operatorname{res}_{\lambda = \frac{-n}{2}} \langle r^{2\lambda}, Q \rangle = \frac{1}{(-i)^{\frac{q}{2}}} \frac{2\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \langle \delta(x), Q \rangle$$

or

$$\operatorname{res}_{\lambda = \frac{-n}{2}} w^\lambda = \frac{1}{(-i)^{\frac{q}{2}}} \frac{2\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \delta(x). \tag{2.13}$$

Now we find  $\operatorname{res}_{\lambda = \frac{-n}{2} - k} w^\lambda$  for  $k$  is nonnegative integer by, Gelfand and Shilov (see [1], p. 272) we have

$$w^\lambda = \frac{1}{4^k (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 2) \dots (\lambda + k)(\lambda + \frac{n}{2})(\lambda + \frac{n}{2} + 1) \dots (\lambda + \frac{n}{2} + k - 1)} L_1^k w^{\lambda+k}.$$

Thus

$$\operatorname{res}_{\lambda = \frac{-n}{2} - k} w^\lambda = \operatorname{res}_{\lambda = \frac{-n}{2}} L_1 w^\lambda \cdot \frac{1}{4^k (\lambda + 1) \dots (\lambda + k)(\lambda + \frac{n}{2}) \dots (\lambda + \frac{n}{2} + k - 1)} \Big|_{\lambda = \frac{-n}{2} - k}$$

by (2.12) we have

$$\operatorname{res}_{\lambda = \frac{-n}{2} - k} w^\lambda = \frac{1}{(-i)^{\frac{q}{2}}} \frac{2\pi^{\frac{n}{2}}}{4^k k! \Gamma(\frac{n}{2} + k)} L_1^k \delta(x). \tag{2.14}$$

Thus

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -2k} [w^{\frac{\alpha-n}{2}}] = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \frac{-n}{2} - k} w^\lambda.$$

Now from (2.12), we have

$$S_{-2k}(w) = \frac{\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -2k} (\alpha + 2k) w^{\frac{\alpha-n}{2}}}{\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -2k} (\alpha + 2k) \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2})} \pi^{\frac{-n}{2}} 2^{2k} \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2} + k\right) = \frac{\operatorname{res}_{\alpha = -2k} w^{\frac{\alpha-n}{2}}}{\operatorname{res}_{\alpha = -2k} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2})} \pi^{\frac{-n}{2}} 4^k \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2} + k\right).$$

Now

$$\operatorname{res}_{\alpha=-2k} \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) = \frac{2(-1)^k}{k!}.$$

Thus by (2.14), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} S_{-2k}(w) &= \frac{(-1)^k 2\pi^{\frac{n}{2}} \pi^{-\frac{n}{2}} k! 4^k \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2} + k\right)}{(-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} 2 \cdot 4^k k! \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2} + k\right)} L_1^k \delta(x) = \\ &= \frac{(-1)^k}{(-i)^{\frac{q}{2}}} L_1^k \delta(x) = (-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} L_1^k \delta(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$S_0(w) = (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} \delta(x). \quad (2.15)$$

From (2.11) and (2.15), we obtain

$$L_1^k (-1)^k S_{2k}(w) = S_{2k-2k}(w) = S_0(w) = (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} \delta(x)$$

or

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

It follows that  $K(x) = (-1)^k (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} S_{2k}(w)$  is an elementary solution of the operator  $L_1^k$ . Similarly  $K(x) = (-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} T_{2k}(z)$  is an elementary solution of the operator  $L_2^k$  where  $z$  is defined by (2.9) and  $T_{2k}$  is defined by (2.8) with  $\alpha = 2k$ .

### 3. Main results

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

$$\oplus^k K(x) = \delta \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\oplus^k$  is the operator iterated  $k$ -times defined by (1.1),  $\delta$  is the Dirac-delta distribution,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in R^n$  and  $k$  is a nonnegative integer. Then the convolution

$$K(x) = R_{2k}^H(u) * (-1)^k R_{2k}^e(v) * (-1)^k (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} S_{2k}(w) * (-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} T_{2k}(z) \quad (3.2)$$

is an elementary solution or the Green function of the equation (3.1) where  $R_{2k}^H(u)$ ,  $R_{2k}^e(v)$ ,  $S_{2k}(w)$  and  $T_{2k}(z)$  are defined by (2.2), (2.4), (2.7) and (2.8) respectively with  $\alpha = 2k$ .

**Proof.** By (1.5) the equation (3.1) can be written as

$$\oplus^k K(x) = \diamond^k L_1^k L_2^k K(x) = \delta. \quad (3.3)$$

Since the function  $R_{2k}^H(u)$ ,  $R_{2k}^e(v)$ ,  $S_{2k}(w)$  and  $T_{2k}(z)$  are tempered distributions (see [5], p. 34, Lemma 2.1) and the convolution of functions in (3.2) exists and is a tempered distribution (see [5], p. 35, Lemma 2.2 and [2], pp. 156–159). Now convolving both sides of (3.3) by  $R_{2k}^H(u) * (-1)^k R_{2k}^e(v) * (-1)^k (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} S_{2k}(w) * (-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} T_{2k}(z)$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\diamond^k [R_{2k}^H(u) * (-1)^k R_{2k}^e(v)] * L_1^k [(-1)^k (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} S_{2k}(w)] * L_2^k [(-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} T_{2k}(z)] * K(x) = \\ &= [R_{2k}^H(u) * (-1)^k R_{2k}^e(v) * (-1)^k (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} S_{2k}(w) * (-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} T_{2k}(z)] * \delta. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2 (ii), we obtain (3.2) as required, we call the solution  $K(x)$  in (3.2) the Green function of the operator  $\oplus^k$  we denote the Green function

$$G(x) = R_{2k}^H(u) * (-1)^k R_{2k}^e(v) * (-1)^k (-i)^{\frac{q}{2}} S_{2k}(w) * (-1)^k (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} T_{2k}(z). \quad (3.4)$$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Given the equation*

$$\oplus^k K(x) = f(x) \quad (3.5)$$

where  $\oplus^k$  is defined by (1.1) and  $f(x)$  is a generalized function, then  $K(x) = G(x) * f(x)$  is a weak solution for (3.5) where  $G(x)$  is a Green function of  $\oplus^k$  defined by (3.4).

**Proof.** Convolving both sides of (3.5) by  $G(x)$  defined by (3.4) we obtain

$$G(x) * \oplus^k K(x) = G(x) * f(x)$$

or

$$\oplus^k G(x) * K(x) = G(x) * f(x).$$

By Theorem 3.1, we have

$$\delta * K(x) = G(x) * f(x)$$

or

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

as required.

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