

## NORMALIZED SYSTEM FOR WAVE AND DUNKL OPERATORS

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**Abstract.** Normalized systems are constructed with respect to wave and Dunkl operators. Non-trivial solutions can thus be built to the equation  $Dv(x) + \lambda v(x) = 0$ , where  $D$  is either the wave operator or the Dunkl operators and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of normalized system with respect to operators was introduced by Karachik ([2]).

Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be *commuting* linear partial differential operators on function space  $X$  such that  $L_k X \subset X$  ( $k = 1, 2$ ). A sequence of functions  $\{f_k(x)\}_{k=-1}^{\infty}$  in  $X$  is called a *f-normalized* system with respect to  $L_1$  if  $f = f_{-1}$  and

$$L_1 f_k = f_{k-1}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$$

With normalized system, the differential equations

$$(1.1) \quad L_1 v - L_2 v = f$$

has a formal solution(in [3])

$$(1.2) \quad v = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} L_2^k f_k.$$

The classical example is that the wave equation in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s^2} \right) u(s, t) = 0$$

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has solutions

$$u(s, t) = \cos\left(t \frac{\partial}{\partial s}\right) g_1(s) + \cos\left(t \frac{\partial}{\partial s}\right) g_2(s),$$

since

$$f_k(t, s) = \frac{t^{2k}}{(2k)!} g_1(s) + \frac{t^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \frac{dg_2}{ds}(s), \quad k \geq 0,$$

presents the 0-normalized system with respect to  $L_1 := \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}$ .

Generally, when  $L_1$  is the Laplace operator  $\Delta$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , Karachik [3] constructed the 0-normalized system as

$$f_0(x) = u(x), \quad f_k(x) = \frac{|x|^{2k}}{4^k k! (k-1)!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{k-1} t^{n/2-1} u(tx) dt.$$

The main purpose of this article is to construct 0-normalized system with respect to the wave operators and Dunkl operators. As applications, we study Riquier problem and the Helmholtz equations with respect to the wave operators and Dunkl operators.

## 2. RADIAL DERIVATIVE

In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we let

$$[x, x] = x_1^2 + \dots + x_p^2 - x_{p+1}^2 - \dots - x_{p+q}^2.$$

where  $n = p + q$ . We consider two kinds of generalized Laplacian. One is the wave operator

$$(2.1) \quad \square = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} - \sum_{i=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2}.$$

The other is the Dunkl Laplacian. Let  $G$  be a Coxeter group associated with a reduced root system  $R$ ,  $\kappa_\nu$  a multiplicity function on  $R$  and  $\sigma_\nu$  the reflection with respect to the root  $\nu$ . We denote  $\nu := \sum_{\nu \in R_+} \kappa_\nu$  and always assume that  $\text{Re } \nu \geq 0$ .

Let  $\mathcal{D}_j$  be the Dunkl operator attached to the Coxeter group  $G$ ,

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{D}_j f(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f(x) + \sum_{\nu \in R_+} \kappa_\nu \frac{f(x) - f(\sigma_\nu x)}{\langle x, \nu \rangle} \nu_j.$$

Then the Dunkl Laplacian is defined as

$$\Delta_h = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathcal{D}_j^2$$

For any  $k > 0$ , we consider the radial derivative and fractional integral operators

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} R_k f(x) &= k f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x), \\ J_k f(x) &= \int_0^1 (1-t)^{k-1} t^{n/2-1} f(tx) dt. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a starlike domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f(x) \in C^1(\Omega)$ . For any  $k > 1$ ,*

$$(2.4) \quad R_{n/2+k-1} J_k f(x) = (k-1) J_{k-1} f(x)$$

*Proof.* If  $f \in C^1(\Omega)$ , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(tx) = t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(tx)$$

for any  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $x \in \Omega$ . By direct calculation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\frac{n}{2}+k-1} J_k f(x) &= \left(\frac{n}{2} + k - 1\right) J_k f(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{k-1} t^{n/2-1} f(tx) dt \\ &= \left(\frac{n}{2} + k - 1\right) J_k f(x) + \int_0^1 (1-t)^{k-1} t^{n/2-1} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(tx) dt \\ &= \left(\frac{n}{2} + k - 1\right) J_k f(x) + \int_0^1 (1-t)^{k-1} t^{n/2-1} t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(tx) dt. \end{aligned}$$

By integration by part, the last integral equals

$$\begin{aligned} &= - \int_0^1 f(tx) \left( -(1-t)^{k-2} (k-1) t^{n/2} + \frac{n}{2} t^{n/2-1} (1-t)^{k-1} \right) dt \\ &= - \left(\frac{n}{2} + k - 1\right) J_k f(x) + \int_0^1 f(tx) (k-1) (1-t)^{k-2} t^{n/2-1} dt \\ &= - \left(\frac{n}{2} + k - 1\right) J_k f(x) + (k-1) J_{k-1} f. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above identities, we obtain the desired result. ■

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $g(x)$  is twice continuously differentiable in a region in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\square g(x) = 0$ , then*

$$(2.5) \quad \square([x, x]^k g(x)) = 4k[x, x]^{k-1} R_{\frac{n+2k-2}{2}} g(x)$$

*Proof.* We first prove that for any  $f, g \in C^2(\Omega)$

$$(2.6) \quad \square(fg) = (\square f)g + 2\langle \tilde{\nabla} f, \nabla g \rangle + f(\square g).$$

Here we denote by  $\Delta_k$  and  $\nabla_k$  the usual Laplacian and the gradient with respect to the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_p$  when  $k = 1$  or  $x_{p+1}, \dots, x_{p+q}$  when  $k = 2$ , and we denote

$$\square = \Delta_1 - \Delta_2, \quad \nabla = (\nabla_1, \nabla_2), \quad \tilde{\nabla} = (\nabla_1, -\nabla_2).$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \square(fg) &= \Delta_1(fg) - \Delta_2(fg) \\ &= (\Delta_1 f)g + 2\nabla_1 f \nabla_1 g + f(\Delta_1 g) - (\Delta_2 f)g - 2\nabla_2 f \nabla_2 g - f(\Delta_2 g) \\ &= (\square f)g + 2\nabla_1 f \nabla_1 g - 2\nabla_2 f \nabla_2 g + f(\square g) \\ &= (\square f)g + 2\tilde{\nabla} f \nabla g + f(\square g). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $1 \leq i \leq p$  and  $1 \leq j \leq q$ . Recall

$$[x, x]^k = (x_1^2 + \dots + x_p^2 - x_{p+1}^2 - \dots - x_{p+q}^2)^k.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [x, x]^k &= 2k[x, x]^{k-1} x_i \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{p+j}} [x, x]^k &= -2k[x, x]^{k-1} x_{p+j}, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\tilde{\nabla} [x, x]^k = 2k[x, x]^{k-1} x.$$

We now calculate the second derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} [x, x]^k &= 2k x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [x, x]^{k-1} + 2k [x, x]^{k-1} \\ &= 4k(k-1) x_i^2 [x, x]^{k-2} + 2k [x, x]^{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

as well as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+j}^2} [x, x]^k &= -2k x_{p+j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{p+j}} [x, x]^{k-1} - 2k [x, x]^{k-1} \\ &= 4k(k-1) x_{p+j}^2 [x, x]^{k-2} - 2k [x, x]^{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\Delta_1[x, x]^k = 4k(k - 1)(x_1^2 + \dots + x_p^2)[x, x]^{k-2} + 2kp[x, x]^{k-1}$$

$$\Delta_2[x, x]^k = 4k(k - 1)(x_{p+1}^2 + \dots + x_{p+q}^2)[x, x]^{k-2} - 2kq[x, x]^{k-1}.$$

Subtract the two identities to yield

$$\begin{aligned} \square[x, x]^k &= \Delta_1[x, x]^k - \Delta_2[x, x]^k \\ &= 4k(k - 1)[x, x]^{k-1} + 2k(p + q)[x, x]^{k-1} \\ &= 4k((k - 1) + (p + q)/2)[x, x]^{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by taking  $f(x) = [x, x]^k$  in (2.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\square([x, x]^k g(x)) \\ &= 4k((k - 1) + (p + q)/2)[x, x]^{k-1}g(x) + 2 \cdot 2k[x, x]^{k-1}x\nabla g(x) + [x, x]^k g(x) \\ &= 4k[x, x]^{k-1}(((k - 1) + (p + q)/2)g(x) + x\nabla g(x)) + [x, x]^k g(x) \\ &= 4k[x, x]^{k-1}R_{\frac{2(k-1)+N}{2}}g(x) + [x, x]^k g(x). \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.3.** [4]. *If  $u(x)$  is twice continuously differentiable in a region in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\Delta_h u(x) = 0$  in this region, then*

$$(2.7) \quad \Delta_h(|x|^\lambda g(x)) = 2\lambda|x|^{\lambda-2}R_{\frac{n+\lambda-2}{2}+v}g(x)$$

where  $\lambda$  is an integer larger than 1.

### 3. WAVE OPERATOR

In this section we give the 0-normalized systems with respect to  $\square$  in a starlike domain of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $\Omega$  be a starlike domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Assume  $u(x) \in C^1(\Omega)$  and

$$\square u(x) = 0, \quad x \in \Omega,$$

Recall the definition of operator  $J_k$  in (2.3). Put

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} G_{-1}(x; u) &= 0, \\ G_0(x; u) &= u(x), \\ G_k(x; u) &= \frac{1}{4^k k! (k-1)!} [x, x]^{2k} J_k u. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.1.**  $G_k(x; u), k \geq -1$ , is the 0-normalized system with respect to the operator  $\square$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\square u(x) = 0$ , by (2.4) and (2.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned}\square G_k(x; u) &= C_k \square([x, x]^k J_k u) \\ &= 4k C_k [x, x]^{k-1} R_{\frac{n+2k-2}{2}} J_k u \\ &= 4k C_k [x, x]^{k-1} (k-1) J_{k-1} u \\ &= G_{k-1}(x; u),\end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $G_k(x; u)$  is a 0-normalized system.

As an application of Theorem 3.1, we can now obtain non-trivial solutions to the equation

$$(3.2) \quad \square v(x) + \lambda v(x) = 0, \quad \forall x \in \Omega.$$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $\Omega$  be a starlike domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . If  $u(x) \in C^2(\Omega)$  such that  $\square u(x) = 0$  in  $\Omega$ , then equation (3.2) has solution

$$v(x) = u(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-\lambda)^k}{4^k k! (k-1)!} [x, x]^{2k} J_k u.$$

*Proof.* Take  $G_k(x, u)$  to be the 0-normalized system with respect to  $D$  as in (3.1). Then setting  $L_1 = \square$ ,  $L_2 = -\lambda$  and  $f(x) = 0$  in equation (1.1), we obtain solutions to equation (3.2), with

$$v(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-\lambda)^k G_k(x, u) = u(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-\lambda)^k}{4^k k! (k-1)!} [x, x]^{2k} J_k u$$

for any function  $u(x)$  in  $\Omega$  such that  $\square u(x) = 0$ . ■

Next, we apply the normalized system to Riquier's problem

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{cases} \square^m u(x) = 0, \\ \square^k u|_{\partial\Omega} = f_k(s), \quad s \in \partial\Omega, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, m-1. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a starlike domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If for any  $f(s) \in C(\partial\Omega)$  the Dirichlet problem*

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{cases} \square u(x) = 0, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = f(s), \end{cases}$$

*has a solution, then the Riquier 's problem (3.3) with  $f_k(x)$  being continuous on  $\partial\Omega$  has a solution.*

*Proof.* Let  $G_k(x, u)$  be the normalized system with respect to  $\square$  as in (3.1). Take  $u_{(k)}$  to be the solution of Dirichlet problem

$$\begin{cases} \square u_{(k)}(x) = 0, & x \in \Omega. \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = f_k(s) - \sum_{i=1}^{m-k-1} G_i(s, u_{(i+k)}). \end{cases}$$

We claim that the function

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} G_k(x; u_{(k)})$$

satisfies the Riquier 's problem (3.3).

By definition, it is clear that  $u(x) \in C^{2m}(\Omega)$  and  $\square^m G_k(x, v) = 0$  for  $v$  such that  $\square v = 0$  and  $0 \leq k \leq m - 1$ . Therefore if we take  $0 \leq v \leq m - 1$ , then by the property of  $G_k(x; u_{(k)})$ , we get

$$\square^v u(x) = \sum_{k=v}^{m-1} G_{k-v}(x; u_{(k)}) = u_{(v)} + \sum_{i=1}^{m-v-1} G_i(x; u_{(i+v)})$$

Letting  $x \rightarrow \partial\Omega$  and take  $k = v$  we obtain  $\square^v u(x)|_{\partial\Omega} = f_v(x)$ .

#### 4. DUNKL LAPLACIAN

In this section we give the 0-normalized systems with respect to  $\Delta_h$  in a starlike domain of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $\Omega$  be a starlike domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Assume  $u(x) \in C^2(\Omega)$  and

$$\Delta_h u(x) = 0, \quad x \in \Omega,$$

Recall the definition of operator  $J_k$  in (2.3). Put

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} G_{-1}(x; u) &= 0 \\ G_0(x; u) &= J_\nu u(x), \\ G_k(x; u) &= \frac{1}{4^k k! (\nu+1)_{k-1}} |x|^{2k} J_{k+\nu} u(x). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $(\nu+1)_{k-1} := (\nu+1)(\nu+2)\cdots(\nu+k-1)$  for  $k > 1$  and  $(\nu+1)_0 := \nu$ .

**Theorem 4.1.**  $G_k(x; u)$ ,  $k \geq -1$ , is the 0-normalized system with respect to  $\Delta_h$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\Delta_h u(x) = 0$ , by (2.4) and (2.7) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_h G_k(x; u) &= C_k \Delta_h (|x|^{2k} J_{k+\nu} u(x)) \\ &= 4k C_k |x|^{2k-2} R_{\frac{n+2k-2}{2}+\nu} J_{k+\nu} u(x) \\ &= 4k C_k |x|^{2k-2} (k-1+\nu) J_{k-1+\nu} u(x) \\ &= C_{k-1} |x|^{2k-2} J_{k-1+\nu} u(x) \\ &= G_{k-1}(x; u) \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.  $\blacksquare$

As an application of Theorem 4.1, we can now obtain non-trivial solutions to the equation

$$(4.2) \quad \Delta_h u(x) + \lambda u(x) = 0, \quad \forall x \in \Omega.$$

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $\Omega$  be a starlike domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . If  $u(x) \in C^2(\Omega)$  such that  $\Delta_h u(x) = 0$  in  $\Omega$ , then equation (4.2) has solution

$$v(x) = J_\nu u(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-\lambda)^k}{4^k k! (\nu+1)_{k-1}} |x|^{2k} J_{k+\nu} u(x).$$

*Proof.* Take  $G_k(x, u)$  to be the 0-normalized system with respect to  $D$  as in (4.1). Then setting  $L_1 = \Delta_h$ ,  $L_2 = -\lambda$  and  $f(x) = 0$  in equation (1.1), we obtain solutions to equation (4.2), with

$$v(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-\lambda)^k G_k(x, u) = J_\nu u(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-\lambda)^k}{4^k k! (\nu+1)_{k-1}} |x|^{2k} J_{k+\nu} u(x). \quad \blacksquare$$

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