

27. Studies on Holonomic Quantum Fields. XIII

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This is a continuation of our preceding work [1] [2] on the theory of holonomic quantum fields in higher dimensional space-time. We shall deal here with the part corresponding to the deformation theory [3] [4] in the case of 2 space-time dimensions.

It has been pointed out previously [1] [5] that, in a most general setting, a Clifford group element g which induces a given rotation T is specified (up to a constant factor) by the following four operators:

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} F_{++} &= Y^{-1}(-E_-)Y_+ = -TE_-(E_+ + TE_-)^{-1} \\ F_{+-} &= Y^{-1}E_+Y_- = E_+(E_+ + TE_-)^{-1}T \\ F_{-+} &= Y^{-1}(-E_-)Y_+ = -E_-(E_+ + TE_-)^{-1} \\ F_{--} &= Y^{-1}E_+Y_- = (E_+ + E_-T)^{-1}E_+. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover the vacuum expectation value $\langle g \otimes g^{-1} \rangle$ [1] is also expressible in terms of them (and the ones obtained by the replacement $T \mapsto T^{-1}$). Now we consider the specific case discussed in XII-§2 [2]; namely let T be a rotation in the space of free wave functions, defined as the multiplication by a matrix $M(\xi)$ on a spacelike hypersurface Γ . For simplicity we let $\Gamma = \{x^0 = 0\}$. Then the kernel functions $F_{\varepsilon\varepsilon'}(x, x')$ of $F_{\varepsilon\varepsilon'}(\varepsilon, \varepsilon' = \pm)$ are analytically prolongable to the domain $\{\varepsilon x^s > 0, \varepsilon' x'^s > 0, x \neq x'\}$ ($x^0 = -ix^s, x'^0 = -ix'^s$) of the Euclidean space $X^{\text{Euc}} = \mathbb{R}^s$. The resulting functions $F_{\varepsilon\varepsilon'}^{\text{Euc}}(x, x')$ are fundamental solutions of the Euclidean Dirac equation, and satisfy the boundary conditions

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} F_{+\varepsilon'}^{\text{Euc}}(\xi, x') &= M(\xi)F_{-\varepsilon'}^{\text{Euc}}(\xi, x') \\ F_{\varepsilon+}^{\text{Euc}}(x, \xi') &= F_{\varepsilon-}^{\text{Euc}}(x, \xi')M(\xi')^{-1}, \quad \xi, \xi' \in \Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

In this sense they are solutions to a generalized Riemann-Hilbert problem. The purpose of this note is to characterize them by means of a variational formula of Hadamard's type [6] [7].

In §1 we formulate the Riemann-Hilbert problem for Euclidean Dirac equations, and state existence and uniqueness of the solution, assuming that $M(\xi)$ is close to 1. In §2 we give $M(\xi)$ -preserving variational formulas for this solution $w(x, x')$ and its boundary values $w(x, \eta^+)$, $w(\xi^-, x')$ and $w(\xi^-, \eta^+)$, viewed as functionals of the boundary Γ . We also calculate their second variations, and state the complete integrability of the (first) variational equations. These equations, along with the integro-differential equations derived from the Euclidean

covariance of $w(x, x')$, constitute natural generalizations of the extended holonomic system II-(12), (15) [3], (3.3.51)–(3.3.53) [4] in 2 dimensional space. In a coming note we shall show that the latter (as well as its massless version) is understood as a limiting case of our variational formulas.

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1. Let D^+ be a bounded domain of $X^{\text{Euc}} = \mathbb{R}^s$ with real analytic boundary Γ . We set $D^- = X^{\text{Euc}} - \overline{D^+}$. Let $M(\xi)$ be an $N \times N$ real analytic matrix defined on Γ . Let further γ^μ be $r \times r$ matrices satisfying $\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu + \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu = 2\delta^{\mu\nu}$ ($\mu, \nu = 1, \dots, s$), and set $\partial = \sum_{\mu=1}^s \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu$. We consider the following Riemann-Hilbert type problem for the Euclidean Dirac equation with positive mass m : Find a matrix $w(x, x')$ of size rN satisfying

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & (-\partial_x + m)w(x, x') = \delta^s(x - x') \quad (x, x' \in X^{\text{Euc}} - \Gamma) \\ \text{(ii)} \quad & |w(x, x')| = O(e^{-m|x|}) \quad (|x| \rightarrow \infty, x' \text{ fixed}) \\ \text{(iii)} \quad & w(\xi^+, x') = M(\xi)w(\xi^-, x') \quad (\xi \in \Gamma, x' \notin \Gamma). \end{aligned}$$

Here $w(\xi^\pm, x') = \lim_{D^\pm \ni x \rightarrow \xi} w(x, x')$, and $M(\xi)$ signifies $1_r \otimes M(\xi)$. Analogously we consider the ‘‘adjoint problem’’

$$(3)' \quad \begin{aligned} \text{(i)'} \quad & w(x, x')(\bar{\partial}_{x'} + m) = \delta^s(x - x') \quad (x, x' \in X^{\text{Euc}} - \Gamma) \\ \text{(ii)'} \quad & |w(x, x')| = O(e^{-m|x'|}) \quad (x \text{ fixed}, |x'| \rightarrow \infty) \\ \text{(iii)'} \quad & w(x, \xi'^+) = w(x, \xi'^-)M(\xi')^{-1} \quad (x \notin \Gamma, \xi' \in \Gamma) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$w(x, x')\bar{\partial}_{x'} = \sum_{\mu=1}^s \bar{\partial}_\mu^x w(x, x')\gamma^\mu \quad \text{and} \quad w(x, \xi'^\pm) = \lim_{D^\pm \ni x' \rightarrow \xi'} w(x, x').$$

Theorem 1. *Assume that $\max_{\xi \in \Gamma} |M(\xi) - 1_N|$ is sufficiently small. Then the problems (3) and (3)' admit unique solutions, which are in fact identical.*

We call this solution the Green’s function for the Riemann-Hilbert problem (3), (3)'.

Uniqueness of the solution is easily seen by using the Green’s formula. We sketch below the proof of existence. Let

$$S_{\text{Euc}}(x) = (\partial + m)A_{\text{Euc}}(x), \quad A_{\text{Euc}}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{m}{2\pi|x|} \right)^{s/2-1} K_{s/2-1}(m|x|),$$

denote a fundamental solution of the Euclidean Dirac equation, i.e. $(-\partial + m)S_{\text{Euc}}(x) = \delta^s(x)$. We seek for a solution of (3) in the form

$$(4) \quad w(x, x') = S_{\text{Euc}}(x - x') + \int_\Gamma d\sigma(\xi) S_{\text{Euc}}(x - \xi) n(\xi) u_x(\xi).$$

Here $d\sigma(\xi)$ denotes the surface element of Γ , $n(\xi) = \sum_{\mu=1}^s \gamma^\mu n_\mu(\xi)$, and $n(\xi) = (n_1(\xi), \dots, n_s(\xi))$ is the unit outer normal of Γ . Set

$$(E_\pm f)(\xi) = \pm \lim_{D^\pm \ni x \rightarrow \xi} \int_\Gamma d\sigma(\xi') S_{\text{Euc}}(x - \xi') n(\xi') f(\xi'),$$

$(Mf)(\xi) = M(\xi)f(\xi)$. Then conditions (3)-(i)-(iii) hold if and only if

$$(5) \quad (E_+ + ME_-)u_x(\xi) = (M(\xi) - 1)S_{\text{Euc}}(\xi - x').$$

It is shown that (i) $E_{\pm} = 1 - E_{\mp}$ is a pseudo differential operator of order 0 on Γ , (ii) $E_+ + ME_- = 1 + (M - 1)E_-$ is a bounded, invertible operator on $L^2(\Gamma; d\sigma)$, and (iii) $E_+ + ME_-$ is elliptic. Therefore (5) has a unique solution, which is real analytic on Γ . Problem (3)' is treated similarly.

Remark. Analogous results hold for the massless case $m=0$. This time we impose the growth condition $O(1/|\rho|^{s-1})$ in place of (3)-(ii), (3)'-(ii)'.

2. For a fixed Γ the variation of $w(x, x')$ as a functional of M is given by

$$(6) \quad \delta w(x, x') = \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(\xi) w(x, \xi^+) \kappa(\xi) \delta M(\xi) w(\xi^-, x').$$

$w(x, x')$ is characterized by (6) and the initial condition $w(x, x'; \Gamma, 1) = S_{\text{Euc}}(x, x')$.

Next we vary Γ while preserving $M(\xi)$ in the sense of [2]. Namely given a vector field $\sum_{\mu=1}^s \rho^\mu(\xi) \partial_\mu$ we set $\Gamma^\rho = \{\xi^\rho = \xi + \rho(\xi) \mid \xi \in \Gamma\}$ and $M^\rho(\xi^\rho) = M(\xi)$. We denote by $w^\rho(x, x')$ the Green's function corresponding to (Γ^ρ, M^ρ) and by $\delta w^\rho(x, x')$ its variation as a functional of ρ . We abbreviate $\delta w^\rho(x, x')$ to $\delta w(x, x')$.

Theorem 2.

$$(7) \quad \delta w(x, x') = \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(\xi) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta \rho^\mu(\xi) w(x, \xi^+) \cdot (n_\mu \partial - \kappa \partial_\mu) M(\xi) \cdot w(\xi^-, x').$$

For $\xi, \eta \in \Gamma$ we denote by $\delta' w(x, \eta^+)$, $\delta w(\xi^-, x')$ and $\delta' w(\xi^-, \eta^+)$ the variations at $\rho=0$ of $w^\rho(x, \eta^+)$, $w^\rho(\xi^-, x')$ and $w^\rho(\xi^-, \eta^+)$, respectively, as functionals of ρ . Then we have

Corollary 3.

$$(8) \quad \delta' w(x, \eta^+) = \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(\zeta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta \rho^\mu(\zeta) w(x, \zeta) \cdot (n_\mu \partial - \kappa \partial_\mu) M(\zeta) \cdot w(\zeta^-, \eta^+) + \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta \rho^\mu(\eta) \partial_\mu^\eta w(x, \eta^+).$$

$$(9) \quad \delta w(\xi^-, x') = \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(\zeta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta \rho^\mu(\zeta) w(\xi^-, \zeta^+) \cdot (n_\mu \partial - \kappa \partial_\mu) M(\zeta) \cdot w(\zeta^-, x') + \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta \rho^\mu(\xi) \partial_\mu^\xi w(\xi^-, x').$$

$$(10) \quad \delta' w(\xi^-, \eta^+) = \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(\zeta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta \rho^\mu(\zeta) w(\xi^-, \zeta^+) \cdot (n_\mu \partial - \kappa \partial_\mu) M(\zeta) \cdot w(\zeta^-, \eta^+) + \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta \rho^\mu(\xi) \partial_\mu^\xi w(\xi^-, \eta^+) + \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta \rho^\mu(\eta) \partial_\mu^\eta w(\xi^-, \eta^+).$$

We notice that by using the Euclidean Dirac equation $\partial_\mu^\eta w(x, \eta^+)$, $\partial_\mu^\xi w(\xi^-, x')$, $\partial_\mu^\xi w(\xi^-, \eta^+)$ and $\partial_\mu^\eta w(\xi^-, \eta^+)$ are rewritten in the forms containing only tangential derivatives. For example we have $\partial_\mu^\xi w(\xi^-, \eta^+) = (\partial_\mu^\xi - n_\mu(\xi) \kappa(\xi) \partial^\xi + m n_\mu(\xi) \kappa(\xi)) w(\xi^-, \eta^+)$.

The second variation of $w^\rho(x, x')$ as a functional of ρ is defined by

$$(11) \quad \delta^2 w^\rho(x, x') = \int_\Gamma d\sigma(\zeta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\zeta) \delta F_\mu^\rho(x, x'; \zeta)$$

where $F_\mu^\rho(x, x'; \zeta)$ is given by

$$(12) \quad \delta w^\rho(x, x') = \int_\Gamma d\sigma(\zeta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\zeta) F_\mu^\rho(x, x'; \zeta).$$

We abbreviate $\delta^2 w^0(x, x')$ to $\delta^2 w(x, x')$. $\delta'^2 w(x, \eta^+)$, $\delta'^2 w(\xi^-, x')$ and $\delta'^2 w(\xi^-, \eta^+)$ are similarly defined.

We introduce the delta function $\delta(\xi, \eta)$ on Γ satisfying

$$\int_\Gamma d\sigma(\xi) \delta(\xi, \eta) = 1.$$

Theorem 4.

$$(13) \quad \delta^2 w(x, x') = \int_\Gamma d\sigma(\zeta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\zeta) \int_\Gamma d\sigma(\theta) \sum_{\nu=1}^s \delta\rho^\nu(\theta) \\ \times \{w(x, \zeta)(n_\mu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\mu)M(\zeta) \cdot w(\zeta^-, \theta^+)(n_\nu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\nu)M(\theta) \cdot w(\theta^-, x') \\ + w(x, \theta^+)(n_\nu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\nu)M(\theta) \cdot w(\theta^-, \zeta^+)(n_\mu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\mu)M(\zeta) \cdot w(\zeta^-, x') \\ + w(x, \theta^+)(n_\mu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\mu)M(\theta) \cdot \partial_\nu^\zeta \delta(\zeta, \theta) \cdot w(\theta^-, x') \\ - w(x, \theta^+)(n_\nu \bar{\partial}_\nu - n_\nu \partial_\nu)M(\theta) \cdot \partial_\mu^\zeta \delta(\zeta, \theta) \cdot w(\theta^-, x') \\ - w(x, \theta^+)(n_\nu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\nu)M(\theta) \cdot \partial_\mu^\zeta \delta(\zeta, \theta) \cdot w(\theta^-, x') \\ + w(x, \theta^+) m n_\mu(\theta) n_\nu(\theta) [\bar{\partial} M(\theta), \kappa(\theta)] w(\theta^-, x') \delta(\zeta, \theta) \\ + w(x, \theta^+) (\bar{\partial}_\mu^\nu \kappa - \bar{\partial}^\nu n_\mu) \kappa(n_\nu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\nu) M(\theta) \cdot w(\theta^-, x') \delta(\zeta, \theta) \\ + w(x, \theta^+) (n_\nu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\nu) M(\theta) \kappa(n \partial_\nu^\theta - n_\nu \bar{\partial}^\theta) w(\theta^-, x') \cdot \delta(\zeta, \theta)\}.$$

$$(14) \quad \delta'^2 w(x, \eta^+) = \delta^2 w(x, \eta^+) + \int_\Gamma d\sigma(\zeta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\zeta) \int_\Gamma d\sigma(\theta) \sum_{\nu=1}^s \delta\rho^\nu(\theta) \\ \times \{w(x, \zeta^+)(n_\mu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\mu)M(\zeta) \cdot \partial_\nu^\zeta w(\zeta^-, \eta^+) \delta(\eta, \theta) \\ + w(x, \theta^+)(n_\nu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\nu)M(\theta) \cdot \partial_\mu^\zeta w(\theta^-, \eta^+) \delta(\eta, \zeta) \\ + \partial_\nu^\zeta \partial_\mu^\zeta w(x, \eta^+) \cdot \delta(\eta, \zeta) \delta(\eta, \theta)\}.$$

$$(15) \quad \delta'^2 w(\xi^-, x') = \delta^2 w(\xi^-, x') + \int_\Gamma d\sigma(\zeta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\zeta) \int_\Gamma d\sigma(\theta) \sum_{\nu=1}^s \delta\rho^\nu(\theta) \\ \times \{\partial_\mu^\xi w(\xi^-, \theta^+)(n_\nu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\nu)M(\theta) \cdot w(\theta^-, x') \delta(\xi, \zeta) \\ + \partial_\nu^\xi w(\xi^-, \zeta^+)(n_\mu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\mu)M(\zeta) \cdot w(\zeta^-, x') \delta(\xi, \theta) \\ + \partial_\mu^\xi \partial_\nu^\xi w(\xi^-, x') \cdot \delta(\xi, \zeta) \delta(\xi, \theta)\}.$$

$$(16) \quad \delta'^2 w(\xi^-, \eta^+) = \delta^2 w(\xi^-, \eta^+) + \int_\Gamma d\sigma(\zeta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\zeta) \int_\Gamma d\sigma(\theta) \sum_{\nu=1}^s \delta\rho^\nu(\theta) \\ \times \{\partial_\mu^\xi w(\xi^-, \theta^+)(n_\nu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\nu)M(\theta) \cdot w(\theta^-, \eta^+) \delta(\xi, \zeta) \\ + \partial_\nu^\xi w(\xi^-, \zeta^+)(n_\mu \bar{\partial} - n \partial_\mu)M(\zeta) \cdot w(\zeta^-, \eta^+) \delta(\xi, \theta) \\ + \partial_\mu^\xi \partial_\nu^\xi w(\xi^-, \eta^+) \cdot \delta(\xi, \zeta) \delta(\xi, \theta) + \partial_\mu^\xi \partial_\nu^\xi w(\xi^-, \eta^+) \cdot \delta(\xi, \zeta) \delta(\eta, \theta) \\ + \partial_\mu^\xi \partial_\nu^\xi w(\xi^-, \eta^+) \cdot \delta(\xi, \theta) \delta(\eta, \zeta)\}.$$

Here $\partial_{\nu t} = \partial_\nu - n_\nu \sum_{\lambda=1}^s n_\lambda \partial_\lambda$ denotes the tangential component of ∂_ν , and $\partial_t = \sum_{\mu=1}^s \gamma^\mu \partial_{\mu t}$.

A functional differential equation of the form

$$(17) \quad \delta w(x, x') = \int_\Gamma d\sigma(\zeta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\zeta) F_\mu(x, x'; \zeta)$$

is said to be completely integrable if $F_{\mu\nu}(x, x'; \zeta, \theta) = F_{\nu\mu}(x, x'; \theta, \zeta)$ where $F_\mu(x, x'; \zeta, \theta)$ is given by

$$(18) \quad \delta F_\mu^0(x, x'; \zeta) = \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(\theta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\theta) F_{\mu\nu}(x, x'; \zeta, \theta).$$

In the course of proof of Theorem 4 we see that (7) is completely integrable and that (8), (9) and (10) are also completely integrable in a similar sense. Moreover the following systems of functional differential equations, (19)+(20)+(21)+(22) or (20)+(22) or (21)+(22), are completely integrable.

$$(19) \quad \delta w_1(x, x') = \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(\xi) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\xi) w_2(x, \xi) \cdot (n_\mu \bar{\partial} - \mathcal{N} \partial_\mu) M(\xi) \cdot w_3(\xi, x').$$

$$(20) \quad \delta w_2(x, \eta) = \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(\zeta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\zeta) w_2(x, \zeta) \cdot (n_\mu \bar{\partial} - \mathcal{N} \partial_\mu) M(\zeta) \cdot w_4(\zeta, \eta) \\ + \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\eta) \cdot w_2(x, \eta) (\bar{\partial}_\mu^\eta - \bar{\partial}^\eta n_\mu \mathcal{N} - m n_\mu \mathcal{N}).$$

$$(21) \quad \delta w_3(\xi, x') = \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(\zeta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\zeta) w_4(\xi, \zeta) \cdot (n_\mu \bar{\partial} - \mathcal{N} \partial_\mu) M(\zeta) \cdot w_3(\zeta, x') \\ + \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\xi) \cdot (\partial_\mu^\xi - n_\mu \mathcal{N} \bar{\partial}^\xi + m n_\mu \mathcal{N}) w_3(\xi, x').$$

$$(22) \quad \delta w_4(\xi, \eta) = \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(\zeta) \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\zeta) w_4(\xi, \zeta) \cdot (n_\mu \bar{\partial} - \mathcal{N} \partial_\mu) M(\zeta) \cdot w_4(\zeta, \eta) \\ + \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\eta) \cdot w_4(\xi, \eta) (\bar{\partial}_\mu^\eta - \bar{\partial}^\eta n_\mu(\eta) \mathcal{N}(\eta) - m n_\mu(\eta) \mathcal{N}(\eta)) \\ + \sum_{\mu=1}^s \delta\rho^\mu(\xi) \cdot (\partial_\mu^\xi - n_\mu(\xi) \mathcal{N}(\xi) \bar{\partial}^\xi + m n_\mu(\xi) \mathcal{N}(\xi)) w_4(\xi, \eta).$$

The Euclidean covariance of $w(x, x')$ and the variational formula (7) implies the following integro-differential equations.

$$(23) \quad \partial_\mu^x w(x, x') + \partial^{x'} w(x, x') \\ + \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(\xi) w(x, \xi^+) \cdot (n_\mu \bar{\partial} - \mathcal{N} \partial_\mu) M(\xi) \cdot w(\xi^-, x') = 0,$$

$$(24) \quad \left(x^\mu \bar{\partial}_\nu^x - x^\nu \partial_\mu^x + \frac{1}{2} \gamma^{\mu\nu} \right) w(x, x') + w(x, x') \left(\bar{\partial}_\nu^{x'} x'^\mu - \bar{\partial}_\mu^{x'} x'^\nu - \frac{1}{2} \gamma^{\mu\nu} \right) \\ + \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(\xi) w(x, \xi^+) \{ (n_\nu \xi^\mu - n_\mu \xi^\nu) \bar{\partial} - \mathcal{N} (\xi^\mu \partial_\nu - \xi^\nu \partial_\mu) \} M(\xi) \cdot w(\xi^-, x') = 0.$$

Here we have set $\gamma^{\mu\nu} = (1/2)[\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu]$. Then specializing x' to η^+ we obtain

$$(25) \quad \{ (x^\mu - \eta^\mu) \bar{\partial}_\nu^x - (x^\nu - \eta^\nu) \partial_\mu^x \} w(x, \eta^+) + \frac{1}{2} [\gamma^{\mu\nu}, w(x, \eta^+)] \\ + \int_{\Gamma} d\sigma(\xi) w(x, \xi^+) \cdot \{ (n_\nu (\xi^\mu - \eta^\mu) - n_\mu (\xi^\nu - \eta^\nu)) \bar{\partial} \\ - \mathcal{N} ((\xi^\mu - \eta^\mu) \partial_\nu - (\xi^\nu - \eta^\nu) \partial_\mu) \} M(\xi) \cdot w(\xi^-, \eta^+) = 0.$$

We may regard (8) and (25) as linear equations for the quantity $w(x, \eta^+)$, having $w(\xi^-, \eta^+)$ as an unknown coefficient. On the other side the latter is governed by the non-linear functional differential equations (10). In this sense these are higher-dimensional analogues of the extended holonomic system II-(12), (15) and the deformation equations II-(17) [3].

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