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On the General Solution of the Ultrahyperbolic Bessel Operator

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We study the general solution of equation $\square_{B,c}^k u(x) = f(x)$, where $\square_{B,c}^k$ is the ultrahyperbolic Bessel operator iterated k -times and is defined by $\square_{B,c}^k = [(1/c^2)(B_{x_1} + B_{x_2} + \dots + B_{x_p}) - (B_{x_{p+1}} + \dots + B_{x_{p+q}})]^k$, $p + q = n$, n is the dimension of $\mathbb{R}_n^+ = \{x : x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), x > 0, \dots, x_n > 0\}$, $B_{x_i} = \partial^2 / \partial x_i^2 + (2v_i/x_i)(\partial / \partial x_i)$, $2v_i = 2\beta_i + 1$, $\beta_i > -1/2$, $x_i > 0$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$), $f(x)$ is a given generalized function, $u(x)$ is an unknown generalized function, k is a nonnegative integer, c is a positive constant, and $x \in \mathbb{R}_n^+$.

1. Introduction

The n -dimensional ultrahyperbolic operator \square^k iterated k -times is defined by

$$\square^k = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+1}^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+2}^2} - \dots - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+q}^2} \right)^k, \quad (1.1)$$

where $p + q = n$, n is the dimension of space \mathbb{R}^n , and k is a nonnegative integer.

Consider the linear differential equation of the form

$$\square^k u(x) = f(x), \quad (1.2)$$

where $u(x)$ and $f(x)$ are generalized functions and $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Gel'fand and Shilov [1] first introduced the fundamental solution of (1.2), which is a complicated form. Later, Trione [2] has shown that the generalized function $R_{2k}(x)$, defined by (2.8) with $|v| = 0$, is a unique fundamental solution of (1.2) and Téllez [3] also proved that $R_{2k}(x)$ exists only in the case when p is odd with n odd or even and $p+q = n$. A wealth of some effective works on the fundamental solution of the n -dimensional classical ultrahyperbolic operator have, presented by Kananthai and Sritanratana [4–9].

In 2004, Yildirim et al. [10] have introduced the Bessel ultrahyperbolic operator iterated k -times with $x \in \mathbb{R}_n^+ = \{x : x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), x_1 > 0, \dots, x_n > 0\}$,

$$\square_B^k = \left(B_{x_1} + B_{x_2} + \dots + B_{x_p} - B_{x_{p+1}} - \dots - B_{x_{p+q}} \right)^k, \quad (1.3)$$

where $p + q = n$, $B_{x_i} = \partial^2 / \partial x_i^2 + (2v_i / x_i)(\partial / \partial x_i)$, $2v_i = 2\beta_i + 1$, $\beta_i > -1/2$ [11], k is a nonnegative integer, and n is the dimension of \mathbb{R}_n^+ . They also have studied the fundamental solution of Bessel ultrahyperbolic operator.

In 2007, Sarikaya and Yildirim [12] have studied the weak solution of the compound Bessel ultrahyperbolic equation and also studied the Bessel ultrahyperbolic heat equation [13].

In 2009, Saglam et al. [14] have developed the operator of (1.3), defined by (1.6), and it is called the ultrahyperbolic Bessel operator iterated k -times. They have also studied the product of the ultrahyperbolic Bessel operator related to elastic waves.

Next, Srisombat and Nonlaopon [15] have studied the weak solution of

$$\square_{B,c}^k u(x) = f(x), \quad (1.4)$$

where $u(x)$ and $f(x)$ are some generalized functions. They have developed (1.4) into the form

$$\sum_{k=0}^m C_k \square_{B,c}^k u(x) = f(x), \quad (1.5)$$

which is called the compound ultrahyperbolic Bessel equation. In finding the solution of (1.5), they have used the properties of B -convolution for the generalized functions.

The purpose of this study is to find the general solution of equation $\square_{B,c}^k u(x) = f(x)$, where $\square_{B,c}^k$ is the ultrahyperbolic Bessel operator iterated k -times and is defined by

$$\square_{B,c}^k = \left[\frac{1}{c^2} \left(B_{x_1} + B_{x_2} + \dots + B_{x_p} \right) - \left(B_{x_{p+1}} + \dots + B_{x_{p+q}} \right) \right]^k \quad (1.6)$$

$p + q = n$, n is the dimension of $\mathbb{R}_n^+ = \{x : x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), x_1 > 0, \dots, x_n > 0\}$, $B_{x_i} = \partial^2 / \partial x_i^2 + (2v_i / x_i)(\partial / \partial x_i)$, $2v_i = 2\beta_i + 1$, $\beta_i > -1/2$, $x_i > 0$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$), $f(x)$ is a given generalized function, $u(x)$ is an unknown generalized function, k is a nonnegative integer, c is a positive constant, and $x \in \mathbb{R}_n^+$.

2. Preliminaries

Let T_x^y be the generalized shift operator acting on the function φ , according to the law [11, 16]:

$$T_x^y \varphi(x) = C_v^* \int_0^\pi \cdots \int_0^\pi \varphi \left(\sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2 - 2x_1 y_1 \cos \theta_1}, \dots, \sqrt{x_n^2 + y_n^2 - 2x_n y_n \cos \theta_n} \right) \times \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \sin^{2v_i-1} \theta_i \right) d\theta_1 \cdots d\theta_n, \quad (2.1)$$

where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_n^+$ and $C_v^* = \prod_{i=1}^n (\Gamma(v_i + 1) / \Gamma(1/2) \Gamma(v_i))$. We remark that this shift operator is closely connected to the Bessel differential operator [11]:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} + \frac{2v}{x} \frac{dU}{dx} &= \frac{d^2 U}{dy^2} + \frac{2v}{y} \frac{dU}{dy}, \\ U(x, 0) &= f(x), \\ U_y(x, 0) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

The convolution operator is determined by the T_x^y as follows:

$$(f * \varphi)(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_n^+} f(y) T_x^y \varphi(x) \left(\prod_{i=1}^n y_i^{2v_i} \right) dy. \quad (2.3)$$

The convolution (2.3) is known as a *B*-convolution. We note the following properties of the *B*-convolution and the generalized shift operator.

- (a) $T_x^y \cdot 1 = 1$.
- (b) $T_x^0 \cdot f(x) = f(x)$.
- (c) If $f(x), g(x) \in C(\mathbb{R}_n^+)$, $g(x)$ is a bounded function all $x > 0$, and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_n^+} |f(x)| \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{2v_i} \right) dx < \infty, \quad (2.4)$$

then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_n^+} T_x^y f(x) g(y) \left(\prod_{i=1}^n y_i^{2v_i} \right) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}_n^+} f(y) T_x^y g(x) \left(\prod_{i=1}^n y_i^{2v_i} \right) dy. \quad (2.5)$$

- (d) From (c), we have the following equality for $g(x) = 1$:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_n^+} T_x^y f(x) \left(\prod_{i=1}^n y_i^{2v_i} \right) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}_n^+} f(y) \left(\prod_{i=1}^n y_i^{2v_i} \right) dy. \quad (2.6)$$

- (e) $(f * g)(x) = (g * f)(x)$.

Definition 2.1. Let $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ be a point of the n -dimensional space \mathbb{R}_n^+ . Denote the nondegenerated quadratic form by

$$V = c^2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2) - x_{p+1}^2 - x_{p+2}^2 - \dots - x_{p+q}^2, \quad (2.7)$$

where $p + q = n$. The interior of the forward cone is defined by $\Gamma_+ = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}_n^+ : x_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, n \text{ and } V > 0\}$, where $\bar{\Gamma}_+$ designates its closure. For any complex number α , we define

$$R_{\alpha,c}^H(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{V^{(\alpha-n-2|v|)/2}}{K_n(\alpha)}, & \text{for } x \in \Gamma_+, \\ 0, & \text{for } x \notin \Gamma_+, \end{cases} \quad (2.8)$$

where

$$K_n(\alpha) = \frac{\pi^{(n+2|v|-1)/2} \Gamma((2+\alpha-n-2|v|)/2) \Gamma((1-\alpha)/2) \Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma((2+\alpha-p-2|v|)/2) \Gamma((p+2|v|-\alpha)/2)}. \quad (2.9)$$

The function $R_{\alpha,c}^H(x)$ is introduced by [10, 12, 17, 18]. It is well known that $R_{\alpha,c}^H(x)$ is an ordinary function if $\text{Re}(\alpha) \geq n$ and is the distribution of α if $\text{Re}(\alpha) < n$. Let $\text{supp } R_{\alpha,c}^H(x) \subset \bar{\Gamma}_+$, where $\text{supp } R_{\alpha,c}^H(x)$ denotes the support of $R_{\alpha,c}^H(x)$.

By putting $p = c = 1$ into (2.7), (2.8), and (2.9), and using the Legendre's duplication of $\Gamma(z)$,

$$\Gamma(2z) = 2^{2z-1} \pi^{-1/2} \Gamma(z) \Gamma\left(z + \frac{1}{2}\right), \quad (2.10)$$

the formula (2.8) is reduced to

$$M_\alpha^H(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{V^{((\alpha-n-2|v|)/2)}}{H_n(\alpha)}, & \text{for } x \in \Gamma_+, \\ 0, & \text{for } x \notin \Gamma_+, \end{cases} \quad (2.11)$$

where $V = x_1^2 - x_2^2 - \dots - x_n^2$ and

$$H_n(\alpha) = \pi^{(n+2|v|-1)/2} 2^{\alpha-1} \Gamma\left(\frac{2+\alpha-n-2|v|}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right). \quad (2.12)$$

Note that the function $M_\alpha^H(x)$ is precisely the Bessel hyperbolic kernel of Marcel Riesz.

Lemma 2.2. *Given the equation*

$$\square_{B,c}^k u(x) = \delta(x), \quad (2.13)$$

where $\square_{B,c}^k$ is defined by (1.6) and $x \in \mathbb{R}_n^+$, then we obtain $u(x) = R_{2k,c}^H(x)$ as a fundamental solution of (2.13), where $R_{2k,c}^H(x)$ is defined by (2.8).

The proof of this Lemma is given in [14].

Lemma 2.3. *The B-convolutions of tempered distributions.*

- (a) $(\square_{B,c}^k \delta) * u(x) = \square_{B,c}^k u(x)$, where $u(x)$ is any tempered distribution.
- (b) Let $R_{2k,c}^H(x)$ and $R_{2m,c}^H(x)$ be defined by (2.8); then $R_{2k,c}^H(x) * R_{2m,c}^H(x)$ exists and is a tempered distribution.
- (c) Let $R_{2k,c}^H(x)$ and $R_{2m,c}^H(x)$ be defined by (2.8); then $R_{2k,c}^H(x) * R_{2m,c}^H(x) = R_{2k+2m,c}^H(x)$, where k and m are nonnegative integers.

The proof of this Lemma is given in [15].

Lemma 2.4. *Given that P is a hypersurface*

$$P\delta^{(m)}(P) + mP\delta^{(m-1)}(P) = 0, \quad (2.14)$$

where $\delta^{(m)}$ is the Dirac-delta distribution with m derivatives.

The proof of this Lemma is given in [1].

Lemma 2.5. *Given the equation*

$$\square_{B,c}^k u(x) = 0, \quad (2.15)$$

where $\square_{B,c}^k$ is the ultrahyperbolic Bessel operator iterated k -times, as defined by (1.6), and $x \in \mathbb{R}_n^+$, then

$$u(x) = \left[R_{2(k-1),c}^H(x) \right]^{(m)}, \quad (2.16)$$

defined by (2.8) with m derivatives, as a solution of (2.15) with $m = ((n + 2|v| - 4)/2)$, $n + 2|v| \geq 4$ and n is an even dimension.

Proof. We first show that the generalized function $\delta^{(m)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2)$, where $r^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_p^2$, $s^2 = x_{p+1}^2 + x_{p+2}^2 + \dots + x_{p+q}^2$, $p + q = n$, is a solution of

$$\square_{B,c} u(x) = 0, \quad (2.17)$$

and $\square_{B,c}$ is defined by (1.6) with $k = 1$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}_n^+$. Now for $1 \leq i \leq p$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \delta^{(m)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) &= 2c^2 x_i \delta^{(m+1)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2), \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \delta^{(m)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) &= 2c^2 \delta^{(m+1)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) + 4c^4 x_i^2 \delta^{(m+2)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2). \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{c^2} \sum_{i=1}^p \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \delta^{(m)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) + \frac{2v_i}{x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \delta^{(m)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) \right] \\
&= 2p\delta^{(m+1)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) + 4c^2 r^2 \delta^{(m+2)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) + 4|v'| \delta^{(m+1)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) \\
&= (2p + 4|v'|) \delta^{(m+1)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) + 4(c^2 r^2 - s^2) \delta^{(m+2)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) + 4s^2 \delta^{(m+2)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) \\
&= (2p + 4|v'|) \delta^{(m+1)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) - 4(m+2) \delta^{(m+1)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) + 4s^2 \delta^{(m+2)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) \\
&= [2p + 4|v'| - 4(m+2)] \delta^{(m+1)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) + 4s^2 \delta^{(m+2)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2)
\end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

by applying Lemma 2.4 with $P = c^2 r^2 - s^2$, where $|v'| = v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_p$.
Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=p+1}^{p+q} \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \delta^{(m)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) + \frac{2v_i}{x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \delta^{(m)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) \right] \\
&= [-(2q + 4|v''|) + 4(m+2)] \delta^{(m+1)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) + 4c^2 r^2 \delta^{(m+2)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2)
\end{aligned} \tag{2.20}$$

by applying Lemma 2.4 with $P = c^2 r^2 - s^2$, where $|v''| = v_{p+1} + v_{p+2} + \dots + v_{p+q}$.
Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\Box_{B,c} \delta^{(m)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) &= \frac{1}{c^2} \sum_{i=1}^p \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + \frac{2v_i}{x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right] \delta^{(m)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=p+1}^{p+q} \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + \frac{2v_i}{x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right] \delta^{(m)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) \\
&= [2(p + q + 2|v|) - 8(m+2)] \delta^{(m+1)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) \\
&\quad - 4(c^2 r^2 - s^2) \delta^{(m+2)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) \\
&= [2(n + 2|v|) - 8(m+2)] \delta^{(m+1)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) + 4(m+2) \delta^{(m+1)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) \\
&= [2(n + 2|v|) - 4(m+2)] \delta^{(m+1)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2)
\end{aligned} \tag{2.21}$$

by applying Lemma 2.4 with $P = c^2 r^2 - s^2$, where $|v| = |v'| + |v''|$.
If $[2(n + 2|v|) - 4(m+2)] = 0$, we obtain

$$\Box_{B,c} \delta^{(m)}(c^2 r^2 - s^2) = 0. \tag{2.22}$$

That is, $u(x) = \delta^{(m)}(c^2r^2 - s^2)$ is a solution of (2.15) with $m = (n + 2|v| - 4)/2$, $n + 2|v| \geq 4$, and n is an even dimension. Now $\square_{B,c}^k u(x) = 0$ can be written in the form

$$\square_{B,c} \left(\square_{B,c}^{k-1} u(x) \right) = 0. \quad (2.23)$$

From (2.17), we have

$$\square_{B,c}^{k-1} u(x) = \delta^{(m)}(c^2r^2 - s^2) \quad (2.24)$$

with $m = (n + 2|v| - 4)/2$, $n + 2|v| \geq 4$, and n being an even dimension. By Lemma 2.3(a), we can write (2.24) in the form

$$\square_{B,c}^{k-1} \delta * u(x) = \delta^{(m)}(c^2r^2 - s^2). \quad (2.25)$$

B -convolving both sides of the above equation with the function $R_{2(k-1),c}^H(x)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} R_{2(k-1),c}^H(x) * \square_{B,c}^{k-1} \delta * u(x) &= R_{2(k-1),c}^H(x) * \delta^{(m)}(c^2r^2 - s^2), \\ \square_{B,c}^{k-1} \left[R_{2(k-1),c}^H(x) \right] * u(x) &= \left[R_{2(k-1),c}^H(x) \right]^{(m)}, \\ \delta * u(x) = u(x) &= \left[R_{2(k-1),c}^H(x) \right]^{(m)}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

by Lemma 2.2.

It follows that $u(x) = \left[R_{2(k-1),c}^H(x) \right]^{(m)}$ is a solution of (2.15) with $m = (n + 2|v| - 4)/2$, $n + 2|v| \geq 4$ and n is an even dimension.

The generalized function $\delta^{(m)}(c^2r^2 - s^2)$ mentioned in Lemma 2.5 has been also studied on the aspect of multiplicative product, distributional product and applications, for more details, see [19–23]. \square

3. Main Result

Theorem 3.1. *Given the equation*

$$\square_{B,c}^k u(x) = f(x), \quad (3.1)$$

where $\square_{B,c}^k$ is the ultrahyperbolic Bessel operator iterated k -times and is defined by (1.6), $f(x)$ is a generalized function, $u(x)$ is an unknown generalized function, $x \in \mathbb{R}_n^+$, and n is an even, then (3.1) has the general solution

$$u(x) = \left[R_{2(k-1),c}^H(x) \right]^{(m)} + R_{2k,c}^H(x) * f(x), \quad (3.2)$$

where $\left[R_{2k,c}^H(x) \right]^{(m)}$ is a function defined by (2.8) with m derivatives.

Proof. B -convolving both sides of (3.1) with $R_{2k,c}^H(x)$, we obtain

$$R_{2k,c}^H(x) * \left(\square_{B,c}^k u(x) \right) = R_{2k,c}^H(x) * f(x). \quad (3.3)$$

By Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\square_{B,c}^k \left(R_{2k,c}^H(x) \right) * u(x) = \delta * u(x) = R_{2k,c}^H(x) * f(x). \quad (3.4)$$

So, we obtain that

$$u(x) = R_{2k,c}^H(x) * f(x) \quad (3.5)$$

is the solution of (3.1).

For a homogeneous equation $\square_{B,c}^k u(x) = 0$, we have a solution

$$u(x) = \left[R_{2(k-1),c}^H(x) \right]^{(m)} \quad (3.6)$$

by Lemma 2.5. Thus the general solution of (3.1) is

$$u(x) = \left[R_{2(k-1),c}^H(x) \right]^{(m)} + R_{2k,c}^H(x) * f(x). \quad (3.7)$$

This completes the proof. \square

By putting $c = 1$, (3.1) becomes the Bessel ultrahyperbolic equation

$$\square_B^k w(x) = f(x), \quad (3.8)$$

where \square_B^k is the Bessel ultrahyperbolic operator iterated k -times, and is defined by (1.3), $f(x)$ is a generalized function and $w(x)$ is an unknown generalized function. From (3.5) we have that

$$w(x) = R_{2k}^H(x) * f(x) \quad (3.9)$$

is a solution of (3.8), where $R_{2k}^H(x) = R_{2k,1}^H(x)$ defined by (2.8).

From (3.2), we obtain that the general solution of the Bessel ultrahyperbolic equation is

$$w(x) = \left[R_{2(k-1)}^H(x) \right]^{(m)} + R_{2k}^H(x) * f(x). \quad (3.10)$$

Moreover, if we put $k = 1$, $p = 1$ and $x_1 = t$ (times), then (3.8) is reduced to the Bessel wave equation

$$\square_B \omega(x) = \left(B_t - \sum_{i=2}^n B_{x_i} \right) \omega(x) = f(x), \quad (3.11)$$

where

$$\square_B = B_t - \sum_{i=2}^n B_{x_i} \quad (3.12)$$

is the Bessel wave operator and $B_{x_i} = \partial^2 / \partial x_i^2 + (2v_i / x_i)(\partial / \partial x_i)$.

Thus, we obtain $\omega(x) = M_2(x) * f(x)$ as a solution of the Bessel wave equation, since $R_2^H(x)$ becomes $M_2^H(x)$, where $M_2^H(x)$ is the Bessel ultrahyperbolic kernel of Marcel Riesz, and is defined by (2.11) with $\alpha = 2$. And from (3.2), we obtain the general solution of Bessel wave equation as

$$\omega(x) = \delta^{(m)}(x) + M_2^H(x) * f(x), \quad (3.13)$$

where $\delta^{(m)}(x)$ is a solution of

$$\left(B_t - \sum_{i=2}^n B_{x_i} \right) \omega(x) = 0. \quad (3.14)$$

Now we put $V = t^2 - x_2^2 - x_3^2 - \dots - x_n^2$ and $s^2 = x_2^2 + x_3^2 + \dots + x_n^2$. By [24], we obtain that

$$\omega(x, t) = \delta^{(m)}(t^2 - s^2) \quad (3.15)$$

is the solution of (3.14) with the initial conditions $\omega(x, 0) = 0$ and $\partial \omega(x, 0) / \partial t = (-1)^m 2\pi^{m+1} \delta(x)$ at $t = 0$ and $x = (x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}_{n-1}^+$.

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