

Laplace type operators: Dirichlet problem

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Abstract. We investigate Laplace type operators in the Euclidean space. We give a purely algebraic proof of the theorem on existence and uniqueness (in the space of polynomial forms) of the Dirichlet boundary problem for a Laplace type operator and give a method of determining the exact solution to that problem. Moreover, we give a decomposition of the kernel of a Laplace type operator into $SO(n)$ -irreducible subspaces.

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1. Introduction

In geometric and analytic investigations there appears, in a natural way, a whole class of elliptic self-adjoint operators of form

$$L = L_{a,b} = a\delta + b\delta d, \quad a, b > 0,$$

called *Laplace type operators*. If $a = b = 1$ then $L = \Delta = d\delta + \delta d$ is simply the Laplace-Beltrami operator. Another example is the Laplace-Ahlfors operator S^*S . Originally, the Laplace-Ahlfors operator was defined as an operator acting on the space of smooth vector fields in \mathbb{R}^n : $S^*S = \frac{1}{2}\Delta + \frac{n-2}{2n}\text{grad div}$. If $n = 3$, $S^*S = 0$ reduces to the elasticity equation considered by H. Weyl ([14]). (For more details we refer to [1] or [11]). Because of the natural duality between the space of vector fields and 1-forms in \mathbb{R}^n , the operator S^*S can be identified with the operator $L = L_{\frac{n-1}{n}, \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{n-1}{n}d\delta + \frac{1}{2}\delta d$, acting on the space of 1-forms in \mathbb{R}^n . A generalization of the Ahlfors-Laplace operator to Riemannian manifolds was done by A. Pierzchalski (see [9, 10]). It is worth to note that if a Riemannian manifold is Ricci flat then the Ahlfors-Laplace operator has exactly the form $L_{\frac{n-1}{n}, \frac{1}{2}}$.

Laplace type operators have some properties similar to Δ . For example $L_{a,b} = (\sqrt{a}\delta + \sqrt{b}d)^*(\sqrt{a}\delta + \sqrt{b}d)$, where the *star* denotes the operator adjoint with

respect to the inner product given by an integral. Despite similarities, some of the important features of L may be quite different than those of Δ . The reason lies in a shape of the leading symbol of L . By contrast to Δ , L is not of metric symbol, if $a \neq b$.

In this paper we investigate Laplace type operators in the Euclidian space \mathbb{R}^n . Since partial derivation of a polynomial is an algebraic operation, both the differential d and co-differential δ in the space Λ^p of polynomial p -forms in \mathbb{R}^n can be defined in a pure algebraic way. In particular, any Laplace type operator $L = L_{a,b} = ad\delta + b\delta d$ may be defined in this manner. There appears a natural question, whether one can investigate the operator L using pure algebraic methods. In particular, whether one can obtain the theorem on existence and uniqueness purely algebraically for such operators. In this paper we give an affirmative answer.

The main results are: Theorem 4.5 on existence and uniqueness of solutions to the Dirichlet boundary problem for L and the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^n , and Section 4.4 where we give an algorithm for solving Dirichlet boundary problem explicitly. The algorithm involves pure algebraic operations only.

In the whole paper (except Section 5 which is a complement to theory developed in Section 2.1-3.3) we do not use any analysis, at all. Surprisingly enough, to the best of the author's knowledge, no book on differential equations or spherical harmonic, contains an algebraic proof on existence and uniqueness of solutions to the Dirichlet boundary problem, even in the simplest case $\Delta\varphi = 0$, $\varphi|_S = f$, where f is a polynomial 0-form, *i.e.*, polynomial in \mathbb{R}^n . The most algebraic proof we found is contained in the Krylov's book [7], nevertheless the author applies the Maximum Principle which is proved analytically.

The main tool we construct is the decomposition (3.16) of the $\mathcal{L}_k^p = \ker(L : \Lambda_k^p \rightarrow \Lambda_k^p)$ into four mutually orthogonal (with respect to some special inner product (2.3)) subspaces. This decomposition seems to be of independent interest. Here Λ_k^p denotes the space of polynomial p -forms that coefficients are homogeneous of degree k . The important tool in getting the decomposition is Theorem 2.7 which asserts that $d^* = \iota_\nu$ and $\delta^* = -\varepsilon_\nu$. This fact was observed by Antoni Pierzchalski.

In the special case $L = S^*S$ and $p = 1$ the decomposition (3.16) reduces to the decomposition of $\ker S^*S$ obtained by H. M. Reimann in [11]. It was later used by A. Lipowski in [8], where the author considered Neumann type boundary conditions for S^*S .

In Section 4.3 the projections formulae onto the four subspaces from (3.16) are given. Applying this formulae together with the method from the proof of theorem on existence solution to the Dirichlet boundary problem we build an algorithm of solving Dirichlet problem $L\varphi = 0$, $\varphi|_S = \omega|_S$, explicitly. Moreover, we give an example (see Example 4.12) of direct application of the method. This algorithm could be applied for solving the Dirichlet problem by computers.

In Section 5 we investigate the decomposition of \mathcal{L}_k^p from the representation theory point of view. It turns out that (3.16) may be reducible in general. The main result of this section - Theorem 5.5 - contains the decomposition \mathcal{L}_k^p into $\mathbf{SO}(n)$ -irreducible subspaces. In the special case $p = 1$ and $L = \Delta$ the decomposition

from Theorem 5.5 reduces to those from [11] and [6]. In Section 5 we use algebraic tools constructed in Section 2.1-3.3 only with the one exception, namely, we apply Theorem A from [4].

This paper was inspired by the articles [11] of H. M. Reimann and [4] of G. B. Folland.

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2. Preliminaries

2.1. Polynomial forms

Suppose n is non-negative integer and $n \geq 2$. If $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ is a multi-index then $x^\alpha = (x^1)^{\alpha_1} \dots (x^n)^{\alpha_n}$ and $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$. Put $\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$, $\partial_{i,j}^2 = \partial_i \circ \partial_j$ and $D^\alpha = (\partial_1)^{\alpha_1} \circ \dots \circ (\partial_n)^{\alpha_n}$.

Recall first the basic properties of homogeneous polynomials. For more details we refer to [3, 12, 2]. Let \mathcal{P}_k denote the space of all (real-valued) homogeneous polynomials in \mathbb{R}^n of degree k . As a consequence of homogeneity we obtain, so called, Euler property: $kf(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x^i \partial_i f(x)$. If $f \in \mathcal{P}_k$ has a form $f(x) = \sum_{|\alpha|=k} a_\alpha x^\alpha$ we define differential operator $f(D) = \sum_{|\alpha|=k} a_\alpha D^\alpha$. Obviously, $f(D) : \mathcal{P}_l \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{l-k}$.

Define the inner product $(\cdot, \cdot) = (\cdot, \cdot)_k$ in \mathcal{P}_k as follows; $(f, g) = f(D)g$, for $f, g \in \mathcal{P}_k$. Clearly, for any $f \in \mathcal{P}_k$, $g \in \mathcal{P}_l$ and $h \in \mathcal{P}_{k+l}$, $(gf, h)_{k+l} = (f, g(D)h)_k$. In particular, $(x^j f, h) = (f, \partial_j h)$. It means that multiplication by g and operator $g(D)$ are formally adjoint each to the other.

For any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ let $|x|$ denote Euclidean norm in \mathbb{R}^n . The polynomial r^2 defined by $r^2(x) = |x|^2$ is a member of \mathcal{P}_2 . Differential operator $\Delta = -r^2(D)$ is nothing but the classical Laplace operator. Let $\mathcal{H}_k = \{h \in \mathcal{P}_k : \Delta h = 0\}$ be the space of all *harmonic* homogeneous polynomials of degree k . Clearly, $\mathcal{H}_k = \{h \in \mathcal{P}_k : r^2(D)h = 0\}$. By Euler property it follows easily that for any $f \in \mathcal{P}_k$,

$$\Delta(r^2 f) = -2(n+2k)f + r^2 \Delta f. \quad (2.1)$$

Since multiplication by $-r^2$ and Δ are formally adjoint, we obtain

$$\mathcal{P}_k = \mathcal{H}_k \oplus^\perp r^2 \mathcal{P}_{k-2}, \quad (2.2)$$

where \oplus^\perp denotes orthogonal direct sum. In particular, $\dim \mathcal{H}_k = \dim \mathcal{P}_k - \dim \mathcal{P}_{k-2}$. Thus $\dim \text{im}(\Delta|_{\mathcal{P}_k}) = \dim \mathcal{P}_k - \dim \mathcal{H}_k = \dim \mathcal{P}_{k-2}$.

As a direct consequence of the formula (2.2) we obtain:

Proposition 2.1. *For each $f \in \mathcal{P}_k$ there exist unique polynomials $h_j \in \mathcal{H}_{k-2j}$, $0 \leq j \leq m_k = [k/2]$ such that $f = h_0 + r^2 h_1 + \dots + (r^2)^{m_k} h_{m_k}$.*

Consider any p -form ω in \mathbb{R}^n , $p \geq 0$. If $p = 0$ we identify ω with a function on \mathbb{R}^n . Assume that any p -form, $p < 0$, is the zero form. If $p \geq 1$ then ω has unique expression

$$\omega = \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_p=1}^n \omega_{i_1, \dots, i_p} dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_p},$$

where the functions $\omega_{i_1, \dots, i_p} = \omega(\partial_{i_1}, \dots, \partial_{i_p})$, called *coefficients*, are skew-symmetric with respect to indices. A p -form ω is called *polynomial p -form* if ω_{i_1, \dots, i_p} 's are polynomials. Denote by Λ^p vector space of all polynomial p -forms in \mathbb{R}^n . Although, in this paper, we consider only polynomial forms, some properties, formulae, theorems etc. hold for forms with differentiable (or even arbitrary) coefficients. For this reason designation "polynomial form" will be used only if a property, formula, theorem etc. holds only for forms with polynomial coefficients.

If ω and η are any p -forms defined on a subset $Z \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ then $\omega\eta$ will denote point-wise inner product of that forms, *i.e.*, $\omega\eta$ is a function $Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$\omega\eta = \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_p=1}^n \omega_{i_1, \dots, i_p} \eta_{i_1, \dots, i_p}.$$

A polynomial p -form ω is called *homogeneous* if all coefficients are from \mathcal{P}_k , for some k . Such a form will be called (p/k) -form. Denote by Λ_k^p the vector space of all (p/k) -forms. Clearly, Λ_k^p is a finite dimensional vector space and $\dim \Lambda_k^p = \binom{n}{p} \dim \mathcal{P}^k$. Manifestly, $\Lambda_k^0 = \mathcal{P}^k$, and Λ_k^n is, in a natural way, isomorphic to \mathcal{P}^k . Moreover, it is convenient to put $\Lambda_k^p = \{0\}$ if either $p < 0$ or $k < 0$.

Equip the space Λ_k^p with the inner product $(\cdot|\cdot) = (\cdot|\cdot)_{p,k}$ as follows; for any (p/k) -forms ω and η we put

$$(\omega|\eta)_{p,k} = \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_p=1}^n (\omega_{i_1, \dots, i_p}, \eta_{i_1, \dots, i_p})_k, \quad (2.3)$$

where ω_{i_1, \dots, i_p} 's and η_{i_1, \dots, i_p} 's denote coefficients of ω and η , respectively. Notice that $(\cdot|\cdot)_{0,k}$ and $(\cdot, \cdot)_k$ coincide.

Consider the vector field $v_x = x^1 \partial_1 + \dots + x^n \partial_n$ and the $(1/1)$ -form $v_x^* = x^1 dx^1 + \dots + x^n dx^n$. One sees that $v^* v = r^2$. Let ε_v denote exterior multiplication by v^* , *i.e.*, $\varepsilon_v \omega = v^* \wedge \omega$. Its adjoint with respect to the pointwise inner product is denoted by ι_v , *i.e.*, $(\varepsilon_v \omega)\eta = \omega(\iota_v \eta)$. If ω is a p -form then $\iota_v \omega$ is $(p-1)$ -form defined by $\iota_v \omega = \omega(v, \cdot, \dots, \cdot)$ if $p \geq 1$ and $\iota_v \omega = 0$, if $p = 0$, and $\varepsilon_v \omega = v^* \wedge \omega$.

It is clear that for any (p/k) -form ω , $\iota_\nu \omega \in \Lambda_{k+1}^{p-1}$ and $\varepsilon_\nu \omega \in \Lambda_{k+1}^{p+1}$. Manifestly, $\iota_\nu^2 = \iota_\nu \circ \iota_\nu = 0$ and $\varepsilon_\nu^2 = \varepsilon_\nu \circ \varepsilon_\nu = 0$. Moreover, ([5, page 63]) ι_ν is graded derivation of degree -1 . As an easy consequence of the definitions we obtain that for any p -form ω ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\varepsilon_\nu \omega)_{i_0, \dots, i_p} &= x^{i_0} \omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p} - x^{i_1} \omega_{i_0, i_2, \dots, i_p} - \dots - x^{i_p} \omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_0}, \\ (\iota_\nu \omega)_{i_2, \dots, i_p} &= \sum_{i=1}^n x^i \omega_{i, i_2, \dots, i_p}. \end{aligned}$$

Let \star denote Hodge star operator. Recall that for any p -form η , $\star \eta$ is the unique $(n-p)$ -form such that for any p -form ω ,

$$\omega \wedge \star \eta = (\omega \eta) dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n.$$

This operator is an isometry, i.e, $(\star \omega)(\star \eta) = \omega \eta$ and satisfies the identity $\star^2 = \star \star = (-1)^{p(n-p)}$ on the space of p -forms.

Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$. We say that ω is *tangential* (respectively *normal*) at x_0 if $(\iota_\nu \omega)_{x_0} = 0$ (respectively $(\varepsilon_\nu \omega)_{x_0} = 0$). Clearly, each form is tangential and normal at $0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Take now any subset $Z \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. We say that ω is *tangential* (respectively *normal*) on Z if ω is tangential (respectively normal) at each point $z \in Z$.

Take any p -form ω . Since ι_ν is graded derivation of degree -1 and $\nu^\star \nu = r^2$, we have $\iota_\nu \varepsilon_\nu \omega = r^2 \omega - \varepsilon_\nu \iota_\nu \omega$. Hence we obtain

$$(\iota_\nu \varepsilon_\nu + \varepsilon_\nu \iota_\nu) \omega = r^2 \omega. \quad (2.4)$$

It follows that each ω may be uniquely written as

$$\omega = \omega^T + \omega^N,$$

where ω^T are ω^N tangential and normal, respectively. Outside $0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have $\omega^T = (1/r^2) \iota_\nu \varepsilon_\nu \omega$ and $\omega^N = (1/r^2) \varepsilon_\nu \iota_\nu \omega$.

Corollary 2.2. *Let ω be a p -form. Take any $x_0 \neq 0$, $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$. If ω is both tangential and normal at x_0 , then $\omega_{x_0} = 0$. In particular, if the polynomial form is both tangential and normal on \mathbb{R}^n then $\omega = 0$.*

Proof. We have $(\iota_\nu \omega)_{x_0} = (\varepsilon_\nu \omega)_{x_0} = 0$. Thus $(\varepsilon_\nu \iota_\nu \omega)_{x_0} = (\iota_\nu \varepsilon_\nu \omega)_{x_0} = 0$. Hence the formula (2.4) implies that $(r^2 \omega)_{x_0} = |x_0|^2 \omega_{x_0} = 0$. Since $x_0 \neq 0$, $\omega_{x_0} = 0$. \square

For any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ define the linear operator $\mathfrak{I}_{a,b}$ by $\mathfrak{I}_{a,b} = a \varepsilon_\nu \iota_\nu + b \iota_\nu \varepsilon_\nu$. Clearly, $\mathfrak{I}_{a,b} : \Lambda^p \rightarrow \Lambda^p$ and $\mathfrak{I}_{a,b} : \Lambda_k^p \rightarrow \Lambda_{k+2}^p$.

Proposition 2.3. *If $a, b \neq 0$ then $\mathfrak{I}_{a,b} : \Lambda^p \rightarrow \Lambda^p$ is one-to-one.*

Proof. Take any p -form ω and suppose that $\mathfrak{I}_{a,b} \omega = 0$, i.e., $a \varepsilon_\nu \iota_\nu \omega = -b \iota_\nu \varepsilon_\nu \omega$. It means that polynomial forms $a \varepsilon_\nu \iota_\nu \omega$ and $-b \iota_\nu \varepsilon_\nu \omega$ are both tangential and normal on \mathbb{R}^n . Since $a, b \neq 0$, $\varepsilon_\nu \iota_\nu \omega = 0$ $\iota_\nu \varepsilon_\nu \omega = 0$. Formula (2.4) now implies that $\omega = 0$. \square

2.2. Relations between d , δ , ι_ν and ε_ν

Let d and δ denote the (exterior) differential and codifferential, respectively. Recall that for any p -form ω , $d\omega$ (respectively $\delta\omega$) is $(p+1)$ -form (respectively $(p-1)$ -form) which coefficients are given by ([15, pages 9-10])

$$(d\omega)_{i_0, \dots, i_p} = \partial_{i_0} \omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p} - \partial_{i_1} \omega_{i_0, i_2, \dots, i_p} - \dots - \partial_{i_p} \omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_0},$$

$$(\delta\omega)_{i_2, \dots, i_p} = - \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_i \omega_{i, i_2, \dots, i_p}.$$

Manifestly, $d : \Lambda_k^p \rightarrow \Lambda_{k-1}^{p+1}$ and $\delta : \Lambda_k^p \rightarrow \Lambda_{k-1}^{p-1}$. It is very-well known that d is graded derivation, $d^2 = d \circ d = 0$ and $\delta^2 = \delta \circ \delta = 0$. Moreover, on Λ^p , $\delta = (-1)^{n(p+1)+1} \star d \star$ and $d = (-1)^{n(n-p)} \star \delta \star$.

Observe that

$$d\varepsilon_\nu = -\varepsilon_\nu d \quad \text{and} \quad \delta\iota_\nu = -\iota_\nu \delta. \quad (2.5)$$

Indeed. Since d is graded derivation and ν^\star is closed, the first formula of (2.5) follows. To prove the second one it suffices to take p -form ω and compute coefficients of $\delta\iota_\nu$ and $\iota_\nu\delta$.

Proposition 2.4. *Suppose ω is a (p/k) -form. We have the following identities*

$$\delta\varepsilon_\nu \omega = -\varepsilon_\nu \delta\omega - (n-p+k)\omega,$$

$$d\iota_\nu \omega = -\iota_\nu d\omega + (p+k)\omega.$$

Proof. Let δ_j^i denote Kronecker symbol. Compute coefficients of $\varepsilon_\nu \delta\omega$ and $\delta\varepsilon_\nu \omega$.

$$\begin{aligned} (\varepsilon_\nu \delta\omega)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} &= x^{i_1} (\delta\omega)_{i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p} - x^{i_2} (\delta\omega)_{i_1, i_3, \dots, i_p} - \dots - x^{i_p} (\delta\omega)_{i_2, i_3, \dots, i_1} \\ &= - \sum_{i_0=1}^n \left(x^{i_1} \partial_{i_0} \omega_{i_0, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p} - x^{i_2} \partial_{i_0} \omega_{i_0, i_1, i_3, \dots, i_p} - \dots \right. \\ &\quad \left. \dots - x^{i_p} \partial_{i_0} \omega_{i_0, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_1} \right) \\ &= - \sum_{i_0=1}^n \left(x^{i_1} \partial_{i_0} \omega_{i_0, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p} + x^{i_2} \partial_{i_0} \omega_{i_1, i_0, i_3, \dots, i_p} + \dots \right. \\ &\quad \left. \dots + x^{i_p} \partial_{i_0} \omega_{i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_0} \right). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
(\delta \varepsilon_\nu \omega)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} &= - \sum_{i_0=1}^n \partial_{i_0} (x^{i_0} \omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p} - x^{i_1} \omega_{i_0, i_2, \dots, i_p} - \dots - x^{i_p} \omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_0}) \\
&= - \sum_{i_0=1}^n (\delta_{i_0}^{i_0} \omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p} - \delta_{i_0}^{i_1} \omega_{i_0, i_2, \dots, i_p} - \dots - \delta_{i_0}^{i_p} \omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_0}) \\
&\quad - \sum_{i_0=1}^n (x^{i_0} \partial_{i_0} \omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p} - x^{i_1} \partial_{i_0} \omega_{i_0, i_2, \dots, i_p} - \dots - x^{i_p} \partial_{i_0} \omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_0}) \\
&= -(n - p + k) \omega_{i_1, \dots, i_p} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i_0=1}^n (x^{i_1} \partial_{i_0} \omega_{i_0, i_2, \dots, i_p} + x^{i_2} \partial_{i_0} \omega_{i_1, i_0, \dots, i_p} + \dots + x^{i_p} \partial_{i_0} \omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_0}).
\end{aligned}$$

In the last equality the Euler property was used to the homogeneous polynomial $\omega_{i_1, \dots, i_p} \in \mathcal{P}_k$.

Making similar computations one can obtain the second formula. One can also use the well-known identity (see [5, Theorem 7.9(2)]): $d\iota_\nu + \iota_\nu d = \mathcal{L}_\nu$, where \mathcal{L}_ν is Lie derivative in the direction of ν . \square

As a consequence of (2.5), (2.4) and Proposition 2.4 we obtain:

Proposition 2.5. *For any polynomial form ω we have*

$$d(r^2 \omega) = r^2 d\omega + 2\varepsilon_\nu \omega$$

$$\delta(r^2 \omega) = r^2 \delta \omega - 2\iota_\nu \omega.$$

Remark 2.6. Proposition 2.5 holds for any differential form ω , not necessary polynomial.

Consider now d and δ as operators $d : \Lambda_k^p \rightarrow \Lambda_{k-1}^{p+1}$ and $\delta : \Lambda_k^p \rightarrow \Lambda_{k-1}^{p-1}$. Let d^* and δ^* denote adjoint operator, respectively. One of the most important tool, we will use is:

Theorem 2.7. *For any (p/k) -form ω , $\delta^* \omega = -\varepsilon_\nu \omega$ and $d^* \omega = \iota_\nu \omega$.*

Proof. We will prove only the first formula of our assertion. The second one can be obtained in a similar way.

Fix $p, k > 0$. To prove the first formula take $\omega \in \Lambda_k^p$ and $\eta \in \Lambda_{k-1}^{p-1}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\delta\omega|\eta) &= \frac{1}{(p-1)!} \sum_{i_2, \dots, i_p=1}^n ((\delta\omega)_{i_2, \dots, i_p}, \eta_{i_2, \dots, i_p}) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{(p-1)!} \sum_{i_2, \dots, i_p=1}^n \left(\sum_{i_1=1}^n \partial_{i_1} \omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p}, \eta_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p} \right) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{(p-1)!} \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p=1}^n (\omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p}, x^{i_1} \eta_{i_2, \dots, i_p}).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\omega|\varepsilon_\nu \eta) &= \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_p=1}^n (\omega_{i_1, \dots, i_p}, (\varepsilon_\nu \eta)_{i_1, \dots, i_p}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_p=1}^n \left((\omega_{i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p}, x^{i_1} \eta_{i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p}) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - (\omega_{i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p}, x^{i_2} \eta_{i_1, i_3, \dots, i_p}) - \dots - (\omega_{i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p}, x^{i_p} \eta_{i_2, i_3, \dots, i_1}) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{p!} \left(\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_p=1}^n \left((\omega_{i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p}, x^{i_1} \eta_{i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p}) \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_p=1}^n (\omega_{i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p}, x^{i_1} \eta_{i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p}) \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \dots \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \sum_{i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p=1}^n (\omega_{i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p}, x^{i_1} \eta_{i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p}) \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{p!} p \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p=1}^n (\omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p}, x^{i_1} \eta_{i_2, \dots, i_p}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{(p-1)!} \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p=1}^n (\omega_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p}, x^{i_1} \eta_{i_2, \dots, i_p}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the first formula follows. \square

3. Laplace type operators

3.1. Definition and basic properties of Laplace type operator

Let $a, b > 0$. Differential operator

$$L = L_{a,b} = ad\delta + b\delta d$$

is called the *Laplace type operator*. In particular, $L_{1,1}$ is just the Laplace-Beltrami operator $\Delta = d\delta + \delta d$. Moreover, $S^*S = (n-1)/nd\delta + 1/2\delta d$, considered as an operator $\Lambda^1 \rightarrow \Lambda^1$, is called the *Ahlfors-Laplace operator* (cf. [10]).

Take any p -form ω and compute coefficients the of $d\delta\omega$ and $\delta d\omega$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} (d\delta\omega)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} &= - \sum_{i=1}^n (\partial_{i_1, i}^2 \omega_{i, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p} + \partial_{i_2, i}^2 \omega_{i_1, i, i_3, \dots, i_p} + \dots + \partial_{i_p, i}^2 \omega_{i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i}), \\ (\delta d\omega)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} &= - \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_{i, i}^2 \omega_{i_1, \dots, i_p} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n (\partial_{i_1, i}^2 \omega_{i, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p} + \partial_{i_2, i}^2 \omega_{i_1, i, i_3, \dots, i_p} + \dots + \partial_{i_p, i}^2 \omega_{i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i}), \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for any $f \in \mathcal{P}_k$, $(d\delta + \delta d)f = \delta df = -r^2(D)f$. It means that, in the case of 0-forms, the Laplace-Beltrami operator $L_{1,1}$ and classical Laplace operator coincide. Moreover, for any p -form ω ,

$$(\Delta\omega)_{i_1, \dots, i_p} = \Delta\omega_{i_1, \dots, i_p}. \quad (3.1)$$

Because of this and (2.1) we obtain that for any $\omega \in \Lambda_k^p$,

$$\Delta(r^2\omega) = -2(n+2k)\omega + r^2\Delta\omega. \quad (3.2)$$

It is clear that L maps Λ_k^p into Λ_{k-2}^p . Let denote

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{L}_k^p &= \text{kernel of } (L : \Lambda_k^p \rightarrow \Lambda_{k-2}^p), \\ \mathfrak{H}_k^p &= \text{kernel of } (\Delta : \Lambda_k^p \rightarrow \Lambda_{k-2}^p). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, (3.1) implies that (p/k) -form ω is harmonic, i.e. $\Delta\omega = 0$, if and only if each coefficient ω_{i_1, \dots, i_p} of ω is a member of \mathcal{H}_k . Thus, $\dim \mathfrak{H}_k^p = \binom{n}{p} \dim \mathcal{H}_k = \dim \Lambda_k^p - \dim \Lambda_{k-2}^p$. As a direct consequence of (3.1) and Proposition 2.1 we obtain:

Corollary 3.1. *For each $\omega \in \Lambda_k^p$ there exist unique polynomial forms $\eta_j \in \mathfrak{H}_{k-2j}^p$, $0 \leq j \leq m_k = [k/2]$ such that $\omega = \eta_0 + r^2\eta_1 + \dots + (r^2)^{m_k}\eta_{m_k}$.*

Using (2.5) and Proposition 2.4 we get, that for any polynomial form ω

$$\iota_\nu \Delta \omega = \Delta \iota_\nu \omega - 2\delta \omega. \quad (3.3)$$

Consider $L = L_{a,b}$ as an operator $L : \Lambda_k^p \rightarrow \Lambda_{k-2}^p$. Clearly, if $k = 0, 1$ then $\Lambda_k^p = \mathfrak{L}_k^p = \mathfrak{H}_k^p$. Moreover, $\mathfrak{L}_k^0 = \mathcal{H}_k$ and \mathfrak{L}_k^n is in a natural way isomorphic to \mathcal{H}_k .

Let $\mathfrak{l} = \mathfrak{l}_{a,b} = a\varepsilon_\nu \iota_\nu + b\iota_\nu \varepsilon_\nu$ and let $L_{a,b}^*$ denote the adjoint operator to $L_{a,b}$. As a direct consequence of Theorem 2.7 we get that for any (p/k) -form ω ,

$$L_{a,b}^*(\omega) = -\mathfrak{l}_{a,b}(\omega). \quad (3.4)$$

In particular, $\Delta^* \omega = -r^2 \omega$, for $\mathfrak{l}_{1,1} \omega = r^2 \omega$. From (3.4) we have

$$\Lambda_k^p = \mathfrak{L}_k^p \oplus^\perp \text{im } \mathfrak{l}. \quad (3.5)$$

Since $a, b > 0$, Proposition 2.3 implies that $\mathfrak{l}_{a,b}$ is one-to-one. Therefore, $\dim \mathfrak{L}_k^p = \dim \Lambda_k^p - \dim \Lambda_{k-2}^p = \dim \mathfrak{H}_k^p$.

The next part of this section has pure technical character. We will introduce some special linear operator I_c and derive the compositions $L \circ I_c$ and $\Delta \circ I_c$. This knowledge became useful in the Section 3.3, where we decompose \mathfrak{L}_k^p onto direct sum of four mutually orthogonal subspaces. One of them will be described as an image on I_c , going one step future.

Take any $\eta \in \Lambda_l^q$ then $d\eta \in \Lambda_{l-1}^{q+1}$. Using Proposition 2.5 and 2.4 one can easily obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d\delta(r^2 d\eta) &= -2(q+l)d\eta + 2\varepsilon_\nu \delta(d\eta) + r^2 d\delta(d\eta), \\ \delta d(r^2 d\eta) &= -2(n-q+l-2)d\eta - 2\varepsilon_\nu \delta(d\eta). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$L(r^2 d\eta) = -2(a(q+l) + b(n-q+l-2))d\eta + 2(a-b)\varepsilon_\nu \delta(d\eta) + r^2 L(d\eta).$$

Using (2.5) and Proposition 2.4 one can check that

$$L(\varepsilon_\nu \eta) = (b(n-q+l-2) - a(n-q+l))d\eta + \varepsilon_\nu(L\eta),$$

In particular, if $L = \Delta$, i.e., $a = b = 1$, for any $\eta \in \Lambda_l^q$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(r^2 d\eta) &= -2(n+2l-2)d\eta + r^2 \Delta(d\eta), \\ \Delta(\varepsilon_\nu \eta) &= -2d\eta + \varepsilon_\nu(\Delta\eta). \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

For any constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$ we define a linear operator

$$I_c = I_c(q+1, l+1) = \varepsilon_\nu - cr^2 d : \Lambda_l^q \rightarrow \Lambda_{l+1}^{q+1}.$$

As a straightforward consequence of above considerations we obtain that for any (q/l) -form η ,

$$L(I_c\eta) = ((b-a)(n-q+l) + 2c(a(q+l) + b(n-q+l-2)) - 2b)d\eta - 2c(a-b)\varepsilon_\nu\delta d\eta - cr^2L(d\eta) + \varepsilon_\nu(L\eta), \quad (3.7)$$

$$\Delta(I_c\eta) = (2c(n+2l-2) - 2)d\eta - cr^2\Delta(d\eta) + \varepsilon_\nu(\Delta\eta). \quad (3.8)$$

3.2. Spaces $\chi_{p,k}$ and $\chi_{p,k}^0$

For any $0 \leq p \leq n$ and $k \geq 0$ define

$$\chi_{p,k} = \mathfrak{H}_k^p \cap \ker \delta, \text{ and } \chi_{p,k}^0 = \chi_{p,k} \cap \ker \iota_\nu.$$

Put $\chi_{q,l} = \chi_{q,l}^0 = \{0\}$ if either $q < 0$ or $l < 0$. Manifestly, $\mathfrak{H}_k^0 = \chi_{0,k} = \chi_{0,k}^0 = \mathcal{H}_k$ and $\mathfrak{H}_0^p = \Lambda_0^p$.

The spaces $\chi_{p,k}^0$'s will play a fundamental role in the next part of this paper. In the next section we will build a whole decomposition of \mathfrak{L}_k^p using that spaces. Now we show some basic properties of $\chi_{p,k}^0$ and operators d , $\varepsilon_\nu d$ and I_c restricted to it.

Let $\omega \in \chi_{p,0}^0$ then $\iota_\nu\omega = 0$ and $d\omega = 0$. By Proposition 2.4 we obtain $0 = d\iota_\nu\omega = -\iota_\nu d\omega + (p+0)\omega$. So

$$\chi_{p,0}^0 = \{0\} \text{ if } p > 0. \quad (3.9)$$

Observe that $d\chi_{p-1,k+1} \subset \chi_{p,k}$. On the other hand, using (2.5) and (3.3) we check that $\iota_\nu\chi_{p,k} \subset \chi_{p-1,k+1}$. Since $\iota_\nu^2 = 0$ we even have $\iota_\nu : \chi_{p,k} \rightarrow \chi_{p-1,k+1}^0$.

Theorem 2.7 implies now that $\chi_{p,k} = \chi_{p,k}^0 \oplus^\perp d\chi_{p-1,k+1}$. Since $d^2 = 0$, for any $0 \leq p \leq n$ and $k \geq 0$ we have

$$\chi_{p,k} = \chi_{p,k}^0 \oplus^\perp d\chi_{p-1,k+1}^0. \quad (3.10)$$

Moreover, as a direct consequence of (3.6) we get

$$\varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{p-2,k}^0 \subset \mathfrak{H}_k^p. \quad (3.11)$$

By Proposition 2.4 for $\eta \in \chi_{p-2,k}^0$,

$$\delta\varepsilon_\nu d\eta = -(n-p+k)d\eta, \quad (3.12)$$

Therefore,

$$\delta : \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{p-2,k}^0 \rightarrow d\chi_{p-2,k}^0.$$

Summarizing one can prove the following:

Proposition 3.2.

- (i) If $0 < p \leq n$ and $k \geq 0$ then $d : \chi_{p-1, k+1}^0 \rightarrow \chi_{p, k}$ is one-to-one and for any $\eta \in \chi_{p-1, k+1}^0$, $(d\eta|d\eta) = (p+k)(\eta|\eta)$.
- (ii) If $0 < p \leq n$ and $k \geq 0$ then $\iota_v : d\chi_{p-1, k+1}^0 \rightarrow \chi_{p-1, k+1}^0$ is a bijection and for any $\eta \in \chi_{p-1, k+1}^0$, $(\iota_v d\eta|\iota_v d\eta) = (p+k)(d\eta|d\eta)$.
- (iii) If $2 \leq p \leq n$ and $k \geq 0$ then $\varepsilon_v : d\chi_{p-2, k}^0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}_k^p$ is one-to-one and for any $\eta \in \chi_{p-2, k}^0$, $(\varepsilon_v d\eta|\varepsilon_v d\eta) = (n-p+k)(d\eta|d\eta)$.
- (iv) If $2 \leq p \leq n$ and $k \geq 0$ then $\delta : \varepsilon_v d\chi_{p-2, k}^0 \rightarrow d\chi_{p-2, k}^0$ is a bijection and for any $\eta \in \chi_{p-2, k}^0$, $(\delta\varepsilon_v d\eta|\delta\varepsilon_v d\eta) = (n-p+k)^2(d\eta|d\eta)$.

For $c \in \mathbb{R}$ let

$$I_c = I_c(p, k) = \varepsilon_v - cr^2 d : \Lambda_{k-1}^{p-1} \rightarrow \Lambda_k^p.$$

Take any $\eta \in \chi_{p-1, k-1}$ then $\delta d\eta = 0$. By Proposition 2.4 and 2.5 we obtain

$$(\delta I_c)\eta = -(n-p+k)\eta + 2c\iota_v d\eta. \quad (3.13)$$

Remark 3.3. Observe that if $\eta = d\eta'$, $\eta' \in \chi_{p-2, k}$ then $I_c\eta = \varepsilon_v d\eta'$ and (3.13) reduces to (3.12).

Since $\delta\Delta = \Delta\delta$, (3.8) implies that $\delta I_c(\chi_{p-1, k-1}) \subset \mathfrak{H}_{k-1}^{p-1}$. Since $\delta^2 = 0$, we conclude that

$$\delta I_c : \chi_{p-1, k-1} \rightarrow \chi_{p-1, k-1}.$$

Lemma 3.4. Suppose that $1 \leq p \leq n$ and $k \geq 1$. Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $c_0 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{n-p+k}{p+k-2}$. If $k = 1$, or $k \geq 2$ and $c \neq c_0$ then $I_c : \chi_{p-1, k-1} \rightarrow \Lambda_k^p$ is one-to-one, whereas $\delta : I_c(\chi_{p-1, k-1}) \rightarrow \chi_{p-1, k-1}$ is a surjective. Moreover, for any $\eta \in \chi_{p-1, k-1}^0$, $(I_c\eta|I_c\eta) = \rho(c)(\eta|\eta)$, where

$$\rho(c) = 2(n+2k-4)(p+k-2)c^2 - 4(p+k-2)c + (n-p+k).$$

Proof. It suffices to show that $\delta I_c : \chi_{p-1, k-1} \rightarrow \chi_{p-1, k-1}$ is a bijection. Take $\eta \in \chi_{p-1, k-1}$ and suppose that $\delta I_c\eta = 0$.

If $k = 1$, $d\eta = 0$. Formula (3.13) implies that $0 = (\delta I_c)\eta = -(n-p+1)\eta$. Since $(n-p+1) \neq 0$, $\eta = 0$.

Let $k \geq 2$. We have $d(\delta I_c)\eta = 0$, for $\delta I_c\eta = 0$. By (3.13) and Proposition 2.4, $(2c(p+k-2) - (n-p+k))d\eta = 0$. Since $c \neq c_0$, η must be closed. Therefore, $0 = (\delta I_c)\eta = -(n-p+k)\eta$. Since $n-p+k > 0$, $\eta = 0$. \square

Take any $\omega' = I_c(\eta')$, where $\eta' \in \chi_{p-1,k-1}^0$ and $\omega'' = \varepsilon_\nu d\eta''$, where $\eta'' \in \chi_{p-2,k}^0$. Using Theorem 2.7, Proposition 2.4 and (3.11) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\omega'| \omega'') &= (\varepsilon_\nu \eta' - cr^2 d\eta'| \varepsilon_\nu d\eta'') \\ &= (\varepsilon_\nu \delta \eta' + (n-p+k)\eta'| d\eta'') + c(d\eta'| \Delta \varepsilon_\nu d\eta'') \\ &= (n-p+k)(\iota_\nu \eta'| \eta'') \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain the following decomposition

$$I_c(\chi_{p-1,k-1}) = I_c(\chi_{p-1,k-1}^0) \oplus^\perp \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{p-2,k}^0. \quad (3.14)$$

Remark 3.5. As we will see in the next section spaces $\chi_{p,k}$ and $I_c(\chi_{p,k})$ are mutually orthogonal. Therefore, in the light of (3.10) and (3.14), the algebraic sum $V_k^p(c) = \chi_{p,k} + I_c(\chi_{p,k})$ splits as $V_k^p(c) = \chi_{p,k}^0 \oplus^\perp d\chi_{p-1,k+1}^0 \oplus^\perp \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{p-2,k}^0 \oplus^\perp I_c(\chi_{p-1,k-1}^0)$, where only the last component depends on c , whereas three remaining components are subspaces of \mathfrak{H}_k^p (even of $\ker L_{a,b}$, for any $a, b > 0$). In the next section we will show that the kernel of any Laplace type operator is of form $V_k^p(c)$ for some c .

3.3. Decomposition of \mathfrak{L}_k^p

Let $L = L_{a,b} = ad\delta + b\delta d$, $a, b > 0$. Since for any $\omega \in \chi_{p,k}$ $\delta d\omega = 0$, $\chi_{p,k}^0 \subset \chi_{p,k} \subset \mathfrak{L}_k^p$. Suppose that $L\omega = 0$, then $d\delta\omega = -(b/a)\delta d\omega$, so $\Delta\delta\omega = 0$. Hence $\delta\mathfrak{L}_k^p \subset \chi_{p-1,k-1}$. In particular, $\delta\mathfrak{H}_k^p \subset \chi_{p-1,k-1}$. Put

$$c_L = c_L(p, k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \frac{2b - (b-a)(n-p+k)}{a(p+k-2) + b(n-p+k-2)}, & \text{if } k \geq 2, 0 < p \leq n, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3.15)$$

Notice that our assumption ($a, b > 0$ and $n \geq 2$) ensure that c_L is well-defined. In the particular case,

$$c_\Delta = c_\Delta(p, k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n+2k-4}, & \text{if } k \geq 2, 0 < p \leq n, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Remark 3.6. Observe that the constant c_Δ do not depend on p .

Let, as in previously,

$$I_c = I_c(p, k) = \varepsilon_\nu - cr^2 d : \Lambda_{k-1}^{p-1} \rightarrow \Lambda_k^p.$$

Put, for simplicity

$$I_L = I_L(p, k) = I_{c_L} = I_{c_L(p,k)}(p,k).$$

A goal of this section is to prove the following:

Theorem 3.7. *For any $0 \leq p \leq n$ and $k \geq 0$ the space \mathfrak{L}_k^p is the direct sum of four mutually orthogonal subspaces:*

$$\mathfrak{L}_k^p = \chi_{p,k}^0 \oplus^\perp d\chi_{p-1,k+1}^0 \oplus^\perp \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{p-2,k}^0 \oplus^\perp I_L(p, k)\chi_{p-1,k-1}^0. \quad (3.16)$$

Moreover, $\chi_{p,k}^0$, $d\chi_{p-1,k+1}^0$ and $\varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{p-2,k}^0$ are subspaces of \mathfrak{H}_k^p .

In the special case we get

$$\mathfrak{H}_k^p = \chi_{p,k}^0 \oplus^\perp d\chi_{p-1,k+1}^0 \oplus^\perp \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{p-2,k}^0 \oplus^\perp I_\Delta(p, k)\chi_{p-1,k-1}^0. \quad (3.17)$$

Remark 3.8. It is worth to say that in (3.16) some subspaces may equals $\{0\}$ (see 3.9). In particular, if $p = 1$ then $\varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{-1,k} = \{0\}$, so $\mathfrak{L}_k^1 = \chi_{1,k}^0 \oplus^\perp d\chi_{0,k+1}^0 \oplus^\perp I_L\chi_{0,k-1}^0 = \chi_{1,k}^0 \oplus^\perp d\mathcal{H}_{k+1} \oplus^\perp I_L(\mathcal{H}_{k-1})$.

To prove Theorem 3.7 it suffices to apply the following: Lemma 3.9, Corollary 3.13 and Lemma 3.14 below.

Lemma 3.9. *If either $p = 0$ or $k = 0$ then the decomposition (3.16) holds.*

Proof. If $p = 0$ our assertion is a direct consequence of the following equalities $\mathfrak{H}_k^0 = \chi_{0,k} = \chi_{0,k}^0 = \mathcal{H}_k$ and $\mathfrak{L}_k^0 = \mathcal{H}_k$.

Consider the case $p > 0$ and $k = 0$. Then $\mathfrak{H}_0^p = \Lambda_0^p$, $\varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{p-2,0}^0 = I_L\chi_{p-1,-1}^0 = \{0\}$, and $\chi_{p,0}^0 = \{0\}$ (see (3.9)). To prove (3.16) it suffices to show that $\mathfrak{H}_0^p = d\chi_{p-1,1}^0$. To do this take $\omega \in \mathfrak{H}_0^p$ and put $\eta = (1/p)\iota_\nu\omega$. Clearly, $\iota_\nu\eta = 0$, $\delta\eta = 0$ and $\Delta\eta = 0$ (see (3.3)), so $\eta \in \chi_{p-1,1}^0$. One can easily check that $d\eta = \omega$. \square

Suppose now that $0 < p \leq n$ and $k > 0$. Identity (3.7) implies that for any $\eta \in \chi_{p-1,k-1}$,

$$L(I_c\eta) = ((b-a)(n-p+k) - 2b + 2c(a(p+k-2) + b(n-p+k-2)))d\eta.$$

Thus we obtain $I_L(\chi_{p-1,k-1}) \subset \mathfrak{L}_k^p$. Hence (see (3.14)), $\varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{p-2,k}^0 \subset \mathfrak{L}_k^p$.

Lemma 3.10. *Suppose that $k > 0$ and $0 < p \leq n$.*

- (i) *Spaces $\chi_{p,k}$ and $I_L(\chi_{p-1,k-1})$ are mutually orthogonal.*
- (ii) *If either $k \neq 2$ or $p < n$ then $I_{c_L} : \chi_{p-1,k-1} \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}_k^p$ is one-to-one and $\delta : I_{c_L}(\chi_{p-1,k-1}) \rightarrow \chi_{p-1,k-1}$ is a bijection.*
- (iii) *If either $k \neq 2$ or $p < n$ then $\mathfrak{L}_k^p = \chi_{p,k} \oplus^\perp I_L(\chi_{p-1,k-1})$.*

Proof. (i) Take $\omega \in \chi_{p,k}$ and $\eta \in \chi_{p-1,k-1}$. Using Theorem 2.7 and (3.4) we obtain

$$(\omega|\varepsilon_v\eta - c_L r^2 d\eta) = -(\delta\omega|\eta) + c_L(\Delta\omega|d\eta) = 0.$$

Therefore (i) follows.

(ii) If $k = 1$ then our assertion is a direct consequence of Lemma 3.4. Therefore, we may assume that $k \geq 2$, and either $k > 2$ or $p < n$. The assumption implies immediately that

$$n \neq -2(k-1) \text{ and } n \neq -(k-p-2). \quad (3.18)$$

Lemma 3.4 implies that it suffices to show that $c_L \neq c_0$. Suppose that $c_L = c_0$. One easily checks that the equation $c_L = c_0$ is equivalent to the equation $(n+k-p-2)(n+2k-2) = 0$. It contradicts (3.18).

(iii) Relations $I_L(\chi_{p-1,k-1}) \subset \mathfrak{L}_k^p$, $\delta\mathfrak{L}_k^p \subset \chi_{p-1,k-1}$, and point (ii) implies that $\delta : \mathfrak{L}_k^p \rightarrow \chi_{p-1,k-1}$ is a surjection. Thus $\dim \mathfrak{L}_k^p = \dim \chi_{p,k} + \dim \chi_{p-1,k-1} = \dim \chi_{p,k} + \dim I_L(\chi_{p-1,k-1})$. Since $\chi_{p,k}$ and $I_L(\chi_{p-1,k-1})$ are mutually orthogonal subspaces of \mathfrak{L}_k^p point (iii) follows. \square

Corollary 3.11. *If $k > 0$ and $0 < p < n$ then $I_L : \chi_{p-1,k-1} \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}_k^p$ is one-to-one, moreover we have the decomposition $\mathfrak{L}_k^p = \chi_{p,k} \oplus^\perp I_L(\chi_{p-1,k-1})$.*

Remark 3.12. Corollary 3.11 is the sufficiently tool in solving Dirichlet boundary problem for the Laplace type operator.

As a direct consequence of (3.10), (3.14) and Lemma 3.10 we obtain:

Corollary 3.13. *Suppose that $k > 0$ and $0 < p \leq n$. If either $k \neq 2$ or $p < n$ then \mathfrak{L}_k^p has the decomposition (3.16).*

Lemma 3.14.

- (i) *If $p = n$ and $k = 2$ then $I_L(\chi_{n-1,1}^0) = \{0\}$.*
- (ii) *The map $\delta : \mathfrak{H}_2^n \rightarrow d\chi_{n-2,2}^0$ is a surjection.*
- (iii) $\mathfrak{L}_2^n = \chi_{n,2}^0 \oplus^\perp d\chi_{n-1,3}^0 \oplus^\perp \varepsilon_v d\chi_{n-2,2}^0$.

Proof. (i) We see (cf. 3.15) that in the case $p = n$ and $k = 2$, $c_L = 1/n$. Take any $\eta \in \chi_{n-1,1}^0$ then clearly $\varepsilon_v d\eta = 0$. Thus using using (2.4) and Proposition 2.4 we obtain $r^2 d\eta = \varepsilon_v \iota_v d\eta = \varepsilon_v(-d\iota_v \eta + ((n-1) + 1)\eta)$. Therefore we have $I_{c_L} \eta = I_{\frac{1}{n}} \eta = \varepsilon_v \eta - n^{-1} n \varepsilon_v \eta = 0$.

(ii) We know that $\varepsilon_v d\chi_{n-2,2}^0 \subset \mathfrak{H}_2^n$ (see (3.11)) and $\delta(\mathfrak{H}_2^n) \subset \chi_{n-1,1}$. Identity (3.12) implies now that $d\chi_{n-2,2}^0 \subset \delta(\mathfrak{H}_2^n)$. Now it suffices to show that $\delta(\mathfrak{H}_2^n) \cap \chi_{n-1,1}^0 = \{0\}$. Let $\omega \in \mathfrak{H}_2^n$ and suppose that $\delta\omega \in \chi_{n-1,1}^0$ then $\iota_v \delta\omega = 0$. Since ω is n -form $d\delta\omega = \Delta\omega = 0$. Thus we have $0 = d\iota_v \delta\omega = -\iota_v d\delta\omega + n\delta\omega = n\delta\omega$. Hence $\delta\omega = 0$.

(iii) Clearly, $\mathfrak{L}_2^n = \mathfrak{H}_2^n$. We know that $\varepsilon_\nu : d\chi_{n-2,2}^0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}_2^n$ is one-to-one (see Proposition 3.2 (iii)). (ii) implies now $\dim \mathfrak{L}_2^n = \dim \chi_{n,2} + \dim d\chi_{n-2,2}^0 = \dim \chi_{n,2} + \dim \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{n-2,2}^0$. Since $\chi_{n,2}$ and $\varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{n-2,2}^0$ are orthogonal subspaces of \mathfrak{L}_2^n (see Lemma 3.10 (i) and (3.14)) and $\chi_{n,2} = \chi_{n,2}^0 \oplus^\perp d\chi_{n-1,3}^0$, (iii) follows. \square

Remark 3.15. It is worth to see that if operators $L^{(1)} = L_{a,b}$ and $L^{(2)} = L_{1/b,1/a}$ then $c_{L^{(1)}} = c_{L^{(2)}}$. Hence $\ker L^{(1)}$ and $\ker L^{(2)}$ have the same decomposition.

The following corollary shows that the decomposition (3.17) of \mathfrak{H}_k^p is complete from the the differential and co-differential point of view. A proof based on Proposition 3.2, Proposition 2.4, (3.9) and Lemma 3.14 (i) is left to the reader.

Corollary 3.16. *Suppose that $\omega \in \mathfrak{H}_k^p$, $k > 0$ and $\omega \neq 0$.*

- *If $\omega \in \chi_{p,k}^0$ then ω is not closed ($d\omega \neq 0$) but is co-closed ($\delta\omega = 0$).*
- *If $\omega \in d\chi_{p-1,k+1}^0$ then ω is both closed and co-closed.*
- *If $\omega \in \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{p-2,k}^0$ then ω is closed but not co-closed.*
- *If $\omega \in I_\Delta \chi_{p-1,k-1}^0$ then ω is not closed and not co-closed if $k > 1$ and closed but not co-closed if $k = 1$.*

If $k = 0$ then each $\omega \in \mathfrak{H}_k^p$ is both closed and co-closed. Moreover, in this case $\mathfrak{H}_0^p = \chi_{0,0}^0 = \mathbb{R}$ if $p = 0$ and $\mathfrak{H}_0^p = d\chi_{p-1,1}^0$ if $p > 0$.

Remark 3.17. (1) If $p > 0$, $d : \chi_{p-1,1}^0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}_0^p$ is a bijection, thus $\dim \chi_{p-1,1}^0 = \dim \mathfrak{H}_0^p = \binom{n}{p}$. Since, p -forms $\iota_\nu \omega(I)$, where $\omega(I) = dx^{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^{i_p}$, $I = (i_1, \dots, i_p)$, $i_1 < \cdots < i_p$ consist a basis of $\chi_{p-1,1}^0$.

(2) We know by (3.9) that $\chi_{p,0}^0 = \{0\}$ for $p > 0$. We show now that $\chi_{n-1,k}^0 = \{0\}$ if $k \neq 1$. Indeed. Take $\eta \in \chi_{n-1,k}^0$ and put $\omega = d\eta \in \mathfrak{H}_{k-1}^n$. Then $\delta\omega = -d\delta\eta = 0$ and $\varepsilon_\nu \omega = 0$, for ω is a n -form. Thus, we have $0 = (\delta\omega|\delta\omega) = -(\omega|\varepsilon_\nu \delta\omega) = (k-1)(\omega|\omega)$. Since $d : \chi_{n-1,k}^0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}_{k-1}^n$ is one-to-one, our assertion follows.

As a direct application of above corollary and remark we obtain

$$\star \chi_{p,k}^0 = \begin{cases} d\chi_{n-1,1}^0 & \text{if } p = k = 0, \\ \varepsilon_\nu \mathbb{R} & \text{if } p = n-1, k = 1. \\ \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{n-p-2,k}^0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3.19)$$

Proof of (3.19). We proceed as follows. We have that $\star \chi_{p,k}^0 \subset \mathfrak{H}_k^{n-p}$, for $\star \Delta = \Delta \star$. Suppose that $k = 0$. If $p = 0$ then $\chi_{p,k}^0 = \chi_{0,0}^0 = \mathbb{R}$ and $\star \mathbb{R}$ is spanned by $dx^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^n$. This last form is clearly both closed and co-closed, so $\star \chi_{p,k}^0 =$

$\star\chi_{0,0}^0 = d\chi_{n-1,1}^0$. If $p > 0$ then $\chi_{p,0}^0 = \{0\}$ (see (3.9)) and of course $d\chi_{n-p-2,0}^0 = \{0\}$, so $\varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{n-p-2,0}^0 = \{0\}$.

Suppose that $k > 0$. If $\omega \in \chi_{p,k}^0$ and $\omega \neq 0$ then $\star\omega$ is closed but not co-closed. Indeed, $d(\star\omega) = \pm \star \delta \star \omega = \pm \star \delta \omega = 0$ and $\delta(\star\omega) = \pm \star d \star \omega = \pm \star d \omega \neq 0$, for in this case $d\omega \neq 0$ (see Proposition 3.2) and \star is an isomorphism.

If $k = 1$ then $\star\chi_{p,1}^0 \subset \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{n-p-2,1}^0 \oplus^\perp I_\Delta \chi_{n-p-1,0}^0$. But $\chi_{n-p-1,0}^0 \neq 0$ iff $p = n - 1$ but then $\chi_{p,0}^0 = \chi_{n-1,1}^0$ and $\varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{n-p-2,1}^0 = \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{-1,1}^0 = \{0\}$, so $\star\chi_{p,1}^0 \subset I_\Delta \chi_{n-p-1,0}^0$. Since, in this case, $\dim \chi_{p,1}^0 = \dim \chi_{n-1,1}^0 = \binom{n}{1} = 1$ and $\dim I_\Delta \chi_{p,k}^0 = \dim I_\Delta \chi_{0,0}^0 = \dim \chi_{0,0}^0 = 1$ we have the equality $\star\chi_{p,1}^0 = I_\Delta \chi_{n-p-1,0}^0$. If $p \neq n - 1$, $I_\Delta \chi_{n-p-1,0}^0 = \{0\}$ so $\star\chi_{p,1}^0 \subset \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{n-p-2,1}^0$. But $\dim \chi_{p,1}^0 = \binom{n}{p+1} = \binom{n}{n-(p+1)} = \dim \chi_{n-p-2,1}^0 = \dim \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{n-p-2,1}^0$. Thus, $\star\chi_{p,1}^0 = \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{n-p-2,1}^0$.

Suppose now that $k > 1$. Then $\star\chi_{p,k}^0 \subset \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{n-p-2,k}^0$. Let $\eta = \varepsilon_\nu d\omega \in \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{n-p-2,k}^0$ and $\eta \neq 0$. Then we see that $\star\eta$ is co-closed, for $\delta(\star\eta) = -\delta \star d\varepsilon_\nu \omega = \pm \star d \star d\varepsilon_\nu \omega = 0$. Moreover, if $p \leq n - 2$, $\star\eta$ is not closed, for $d(\star\eta) = -d \star \varepsilon_\nu d\omega = \pm \star \delta(\varepsilon_\nu d\omega) \neq 0$ by Proposition 3.2 (iv). Thus $\star\eta \in \chi_{p,k}^0$ and therefore, $\star\chi_{p,k}^0 = \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{n-p-2,k}^0$ if $0 \leq p \leq n - 2$ and $k > 1$. On the other hand, if $p = n - 1$ or $p = n$ then $\varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{n-p-2,k}^0 = \{0\}$ and $\chi_{p,k}^0 = \{0\}$.

Proposition 3.18. *Let $\omega \in \chi_{p-1,k+1}^0$ and $\eta = d\omega \neq 0$. Then η is not normal, i.e., $\eta^\top \neq 0$, except the case: $p = n, k = 0$.*

Proof. One can easily check that $r^2(d\omega)^\top = r^2 d\omega - (p+k)\varepsilon_\nu \omega$. Thus, $d\omega$ is normal iff $r^2 d\omega = (p+k)\varepsilon_\nu \omega$. We have,

$$(r^2 d\omega | r^2 d\omega) = (r^2 d\omega | (n+j)\varepsilon_\nu \omega) = 2(p+k)(d\omega | d\omega).$$

On the other hand, by (3.2) we have

$$(r^2 d\omega | r^2 d\omega) = -(d\omega | \Delta(r^2 d\omega)) = 2(p+2k)(d\omega | d\omega).$$

We conclude $k = 0$. Of course $p \geq 1$. Now we have

$$0 = r^2 d\omega - p\varepsilon_\nu \omega = \frac{n-p}{n} r^2 d\omega - pI_\Delta(p, 2)\omega.$$

Since $d\omega \neq 0$, by Corollary 3.1, $n = p$. □

4. Dirichlet boundary problem

4.1. Dirichlet boundary problem for Laplace-Beltrami operator

Observe first that (2.2) implies the following

Proposition 4.1. *For each $g \in \mathcal{P}_k$ there exist a unique $f \in \mathcal{P}_k$ such that $\Delta(r^2 f) = g$.*

Let S denote the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^n .

Proposition 4.2. *If w is a harmonic polynomial and $w|_S = 0$ then $w = 0$.*

Proof. We have $w = f_k + \dots + f_0$, where $f_j \in \mathcal{H}_j$, $j = 0, \dots, k$. If $k = 0$ our assertion is trivial. Assume that $k \geq 1$ and $f_k \neq 0$. Let $x \neq 0$ then $w(x/|x|) = 0$, for $x/|x| \in S$. Homogeneity implies now that $0 = |x|^{-k} f_k(x) + \dots + |x|^{-1} f_1(x) + |x|^0 f_0(x)$. Without loss of generality we may assume that k is even, so if we put $y = x$ and $y = -x$, we obtain two following equations

$$0 = f_k(y) + |y|^2 f_{k-2}(y) + \dots + |y|^{2\frac{k}{2}} f_0 \\ + |y|(f_{k-1}(y) + |y|^2 f_{k-3}(y) + \dots + |y|^{2\frac{k-2}{2}} f_1(y)).$$

$$0 = f_k(y) + |y|^2 f_{k-2}(y) + \dots + |y|^{2\frac{k}{2}} f_0 \\ - |y|(f_{k-1}(y) + |y|^2 f_{k-3}(y) + \dots + |y|^{2\frac{k-2}{2}} f_1(y)).$$

They follows that $f_k + r^2 f_{k-2} + \dots + (r^2)^{\frac{k}{2}} f_0 = 0$, and $f_{k-1} + r^2 f_{k-3} + \dots + (r^2)^{\frac{k-2}{2}} f_1 = 0$. Proposition 2.1 implies now that $f_0 = \dots = f_{k-2} = f_k = 0$, and $f_1 = \dots = f_{k-3} = f_{k-1} = 0$.

This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 4.3 (Dirichlet boundary problem). *Let ω and η be polynomial p -forms. There exists unique polynomial p -form φ such that $\Delta\varphi = \omega$ and $\varphi|_S = \eta|_S$.*

Theorem 4.3 is a direct consequence of 3.1 and the following:

Lemma 4.4. *Let f and g be polynomials. The differential equation $\Delta u = f$ and $u|_S = g$, has the unique polynomial solution.*

Proof. Without loss of generality, we may assume that f, g are homogeneous polynomials. Let, for example, $f \in \mathcal{P}_k$ and $g \in \mathcal{P}_l$. Proposition 4.1 implies, that there exists a unique polynomial $v \in \mathcal{P}_k$, such that $\Delta(r^2 v) = f$. From Proposition 2.1 we have $v = v_0 + r^2 v_1 + \dots + (r^2)^{m_k} v_{m_k}$ and $g = g_0 + r^2 g_1 + \dots + (r^2)^{m_l} g_{m_l}$, where $v_j \in \mathcal{H}_{k-2j}$, $0 \leq j \leq m_k$, and $g_j \in \mathcal{H}_{l-2j}$, $0 \leq j \leq m_l$. Put $v' = v_0 + v_1 + \dots + v_{m_k}$, $g' = g_0 + g_1 + \dots + g_{m_l}$. then v', g' are harmonic polynomials, $v'|_S = (r^2 v)|_S$ and $g'|_S = g|_S$. Obviously, the polynomial $u = r^2 v - v' + g'$ is a solution to $\Delta u = f, u|_S = g$.

The uniqueness results from Proposition 4.2. \square

4.2. Dirichlet problem for Laplace type operator

Consider a Laplace type operator $L = a\delta\delta + b\delta d$, $a, b > 0$. A goal of this section is the following

Theorem 4.5 (Dirichlet boundary problem). *For any $\omega, \eta \in \Lambda^p$, there exists the unique $\varphi \in \Lambda^p$ such that $L\varphi = \omega$ and $\varphi|_S = \eta|_S$.*

Clearly, if $p = n$ or $p = 0$, or $a = b$ then Theorem 4.5 reduces to the Dirichlet problem for Δ . Therefore, we may suppose that $0 < p < n$ and $a \neq b$.

As a consequence of 3.5 we obtain:

Proposition 4.6. *For any $\omega \in \Lambda_k^p$ there exist unique $\psi \in \Lambda_k^p$ such that $L\psi = \omega$.*

Lemma 4.7. *Let $\omega \in \Lambda^p$. If $L\omega = 0$ and $\omega|_S = 0$ then $\omega = 0$.*

Proof. We may write $\omega = \omega_k + \cdots + \omega_0$, where $\omega_j \in \mathfrak{L}_j^p$. If $k = 0$ then our assertion is obvious. Let $k > 0$. Suppose that $\omega_k \neq 0$. Corollary 3.11 implies that for any $j > 0$, $\omega_j = \omega'_j + I_L(\eta_j)$, where $\omega'_j \in \chi_{p,j}$ and $\eta_j \in \chi_{p-1,j-1}$. Observe that $I_L\eta_j = I_\Delta\eta_j + c_j r^2 d\eta_j$, where the constant $c_j = c_\Delta - c_L$ depends on j (see (3.15)). Let

$$\tilde{\omega} = \sum_{j=1}^k (\omega'_j + I_\Delta(\eta_j) + c_j d\eta_j) + \omega_0.$$

Clearly, ω is harmonic and $\omega|_S = \tilde{\omega}|_S = 0$, so $\tilde{\omega} = 0$. Thus $\omega'_k + I_\Delta\eta_k = 0$. By Corollary 3.11 it results that $\omega'_k = 0$ and $\eta_k = 0$. Therefore $\omega_k = 0$. It contradicts our assumption $\omega_k \neq 0$. \square

Proof of Theorem 4.5. We may assume that $\omega \in \Lambda_k^p$ and $\eta \in \Lambda_l^p$. Take $\psi \in \Lambda_{k+2}^p$ such that $L\psi = \omega$. By Corollary 3.1 there exist unique forms $\psi_i \in \mathfrak{H}_{k+2-2i}^p$, $0 \leq i \leq m_{k+2}$ and $\eta_j \in \mathfrak{H}_{l-2j}^p$, $0 \leq j \leq m_l$ such that $\psi = \psi_0 + r^2\psi_1 + \cdots + (r^2)^{m_{k+2}}\psi_{m_{k+2}}$ and $\eta = \eta_0 + r^2\eta_1 + \cdots + (r^2)^{m_l}\eta_l$.

Corollary 3.11 implies that for any $0 \leq i < m_{k+2}$ and $0 \leq j < m_l$ there exist unique p -forms $\psi'_i \in \chi_{p,k+2-2i}$, $\psi''_i \in \chi_{p-1,k+2-2i-1}$, $\eta'_j \in \chi_{p,l-2j}$ and $\eta''_j \in \chi_{p-1,l-2j-1}$ such that $\psi_i = \psi'_i + I_\Delta(\psi''_i)$ and $\eta_j = \eta'_j + I_\Delta(\eta''_j)$. Therefore, $\psi_i = \psi'_i + I_L(\psi''_i) + c_i r^2 d\psi''_i$ and $\eta_j = \eta'_j + I_L(\eta''_j) + c_j r^2 d\eta''_j$, where $c_j = c_\Delta - c_L$. Hence $\psi|_S = \tilde{\psi}|_S$ and $\eta|_S = \tilde{\eta}|_S$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\psi} &= \sum_{i=0}^{m_{k+2}-1} (\psi'_i + I_L(\psi''_i) + c_i d\psi''_i) + \psi_{m_{k+2}}, \\ \tilde{\eta} &= \sum_{j=0}^{m_l-1} (\eta'_j + I_L(\eta''_j) + c_j d\eta''_j) + \eta_{m_l}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $L\tilde{\psi} = L\tilde{\eta} = 0$, it suffices to put $\varphi = \psi - \tilde{\psi} + \tilde{\eta}$.

The uniqueness results from Lemma 4.7. \square

Remark 4.8. It is worth to note that in whole section we used only the Corollary 3.11.

4.3. Projection formulae

Let L be a Laplace type operator, $k \geq 0$ and $0 \leq p \leq n$. Fix $\alpha \in \mathfrak{L}_k^p$. By Theorem 3.7 there exist unique $\alpha^1 \in \mathcal{X}_{p,k}^0$, $\alpha^2 \in d\mathcal{X}_{p-1,k+1}^0$, $\alpha^3 \in \varepsilon_\nu d\mathcal{X}_{p-2,k}^0$ and $\alpha^4 \in I_L\mathcal{X}_{p-1,k-1}^0$ such that

$$\alpha = \alpha^1 + \alpha^2 + \alpha^3 + \alpha^4. \quad (4.1)$$

For each $1 \leq i \leq 4$ define the projection $\pi^i = \pi_L^i$ by $\pi^i(\alpha) = \alpha^i$. Let $\eta^2 \in \mathcal{X}_{p-1,k+1}^0$, $\eta^3 \in \mathcal{X}_{p-2,k}^0$ and $\eta^4 \in \mathcal{X}_{p-1,k-1}^0$ be such that $\alpha^2 = d\eta^2$, $\alpha^3 = \varepsilon_\nu d\eta^3$ and $\alpha^4 = I_L\eta^4$. Lemma 3.4, Proposition 3.2 and Lemma 3.14 imply that if $\alpha^i \neq 0$ then corresponding η^i is uniquely determined. If $\alpha^i = 0$ then we put $\eta^i = 0$. Define the maps $\sigma^i = \sigma_L^i$, $i = 2, 3, 4$, by

$$\sigma^i(\alpha) = \sigma_L^i(\alpha) = \eta^i.$$

Let \mathbf{j} denote the identity map on \mathfrak{L}_k^p . Clearly, we have

$$\pi^1 = \mathbf{j} - \pi^2 - \pi^3 - \pi^4, \quad \pi^2 = d\sigma^2, \quad \pi^3 = \varepsilon_\nu d\sigma^3, \quad \pi^4 = I_L\sigma^4.$$

Let $\eta = \eta^4 + d\eta^3$. One can easily calculate that

$$\delta I_L\eta = (2c_L(p+k-2) - (n-p+k))\eta^4 - (n-p+k)d\eta^3,$$

where of course, $I_L = I_L(p, k)$ and $c_L = c_L(p, k)$. Therefore,

$$\iota_\nu \delta I_L\eta = -(n-p+k)(p+k-2)\eta^3.$$

Since $\delta\alpha = \delta I_L\eta$ we obtain

$$\sigma^3 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } k = 0 \text{ or } p = 0, 1, \\ -\frac{1}{(n-p+k)(p+k-2)}\iota_\nu\delta, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma^4 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } k = 0 \text{ or } p = 0, \\ & \text{or } p = n \text{ and } k = 2, \\ \frac{1}{2c_L(p+k-2) - (n-p+k)}(\delta + (n-p+k)d\sigma^3), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

And finally,

$$\sigma^4 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } k = 0 \text{ or } p = 0, \\ & \text{or } p = n \text{ and } k = 2, \\ -\frac{a(p+k-2) + b(n-p+k-2)}{b(n-p+k-2)(n+2k-2)}\delta, & \text{if } p = 1, \\ -\frac{a(p+k-2) + b(n-p+k-2)}{b(n-p+k-2)(n+2k-2)(p+k-2)}\iota_\nu d\delta, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let $\varphi = \alpha^1 + d\eta^2$. Since $\iota_v\varphi = (p+k)\eta^2$ we obtain

$$\sigma^2 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } p = 0, \\ \frac{1}{p+k}\iota_v(\mathbf{j} - \pi^4 - \pi^3), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In the example below we derive for given form $\alpha \in \mathfrak{H}_3^1$ corresponding α^i and η^i .

Example 4.9. Let $n = 3$ and α be a (1/3)-form: $\alpha = (3yz^2 - y^3)dx + xyzdy + (3x^2y - y^3)dz$. One sees that $\alpha \in \mathfrak{H}_3^1$. Since $p = 1$,

$$\alpha^3 = 0.$$

We see that $c_\Delta = c_\Delta(1, 3) = 1/5$ and $\delta\alpha = -xz$, thus

$$\eta^4 = (5/21)xz.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^4 &= I_\Delta\eta^4 = I_\Delta(1, 3)\eta^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{21}((4x^2z - y^2z - z^3)dx + 5xyzdy + (4xz^2 - x^3 - xy^2)dz). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \eta^2 &= \frac{1}{4}\iota_v(\alpha - \alpha^4) \\ &= \frac{1}{28}(-x^3z + 21x^2yz - 7xy^3 + 6xy^2z + 21xyz^2 - xz^3 - 7y^3z). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^2 &= d\eta^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{28}((-3x^2z + 42x^2yz - 7y^3 + 6y^2z + 21yz^2 - z^3)dx \\ &\quad + (21x^2z - 21xy^2 + 12xyz + 21xz^2 - 21y^2z)dy \\ &\quad + (-x^3 + 21x^2y + 6xy^2 + 42xyz - 3xz^2 - 7y^3)dz). \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^1 &= \frac{1}{12}((-x^2z - 18xyz - 9y^3 - 2y^2z + 27yz^2 + z^3)dx \\ &\quad + (-9x^2z + 9xy^2 + 4xyz - 9xz^2 + 9y^2z)dy \\ &\quad + (x^3 + 27x^2y - 2xy^2 - 18xyz - xz^2 - 9y^3)dz). \end{aligned}$$

4.4. Explicit solutions

Fix the Laplace type operator $L = ad\delta + b\delta d$, $a, b > 0$. Let $\omega \in \Lambda^p$. We give a method of finding the solution to the Dirichlet Problem $L\varphi = 0$, $\varphi|_S = \omega|_S$.

Suppose first that $\omega \in \mathfrak{H}_k^p$. Clearly, if $k = 0, 1$ we put $\varphi = \omega$. Let $k > 1$ and let $\eta = \sigma^4\omega$. Put

$$\omega' = \omega + (1 - r^2)(c_L - c_\Delta)d\eta,$$

where, clearly, $c_L = c_L(p, k)$ and $c_\Delta = c_\Delta(p, k)$. One sees that $\omega|_S = \omega'|_S$. Since (see Theorem 3.7) $Ld\eta = 0$ and $\omega - r^2(c_L - c_\Delta)d\eta = (\omega - I_\Delta\eta) + I_L\eta$, $L\omega' = 0$. Therefore $\varphi = \omega'$ is the unique solution to $L\varphi = 0$ and $\varphi|_S = \omega'|_S$.

Fix $\omega \in \Lambda^p$. If $\omega = \omega_0 + \omega_1 + \dots + \omega_k$, where $\omega_i \in \Lambda_i^p$ then $\varphi = \varphi_0 + \varphi_1 + \dots + \varphi_l$, where φ_i is the solution to $L\varphi_i = 0$, $\varphi_i|_S = \omega_i|_S$. So we may assume that $\omega \in \Lambda_k^p$. Suppose that ω has the following decomposition (see Corollary 3.1)

$$\omega = \alpha_0 + r^2\alpha_1 + \dots + (r^2)^{m_k}\alpha_{m_k}, \quad (4.2)$$

where $\alpha_i \in \mathfrak{H}_{l-2i}^p$. Let ω'_i be such that $L\omega'_i = 0$ and $\omega'_i|_S = \alpha_i|_S$. Then $\varphi = \omega'_0 + \dots + \omega'_{m_k}$ is the unique solution to the differential equation $L\varphi = 0$, $\varphi|_S = \omega|_S$. So it suffices to derive α'_i 's. In fact, a method of deriving of α^i reduces to an algorithm of finding spherical harmonic decomposition of homogeneous polynomial which can be found in the literature (see, for example [2, Theorem 5.21]). However, our recurrence formula seems to be more efficient for computation.

By (2.1) and an easy recurrence, we obtain that for any $h \in \mathcal{H}_k$, $l \geq 0$ and $m \geq 0$,

$$\Delta^l((r^2)^m h) = \gamma_{k,l,m}(r^2)^{m-l} h,$$

where

$$\gamma_{k,l,m} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } l = 0, \\ (-1)^l 2^l \prod_{j=0}^{l-1} (m-j)(n+2(k+m-j-1)), & \text{if } l > 0. \end{cases}$$

Notice that $\Delta^l((r^2)^m h) = 0$ if $l > m$. Put $\gamma_{k,m} = \gamma_{k,m,m}$, for simplicity.

Remark 4.10. Above formula is the very special case of the general one given in [13, Lemma 3.2 page 176]. This formula asserts how to compute $\Delta^l(\phi h)$ for any $h \in \mathcal{H}_k$ and any (smooth) radial function ϕ .

Put $\omega_i = \alpha_0 + r^2\alpha_1 + \dots + (r^2)^i\alpha_i$, $0 \leq i \leq m_k$. Clearly, $\omega_{m_k} = \omega$, $\omega_0 = \alpha_0$ and for any $1 \leq i \leq m_k$, $\omega_{i-1} = \omega_i - (r^2)^i\alpha_i$. By (3.2) and the definition of $\gamma_{k,l,m}$ we obtain

$$\alpha_i = \frac{1}{\gamma_{k-2i,i}} \Delta^i \omega_i, \quad \text{for } i = 0, \dots, m_k,$$

where of course $\Delta^s = \Delta \circ \dots \circ \Delta$ (s times).

Example 4.11. Let $n = 3$. Consider polynomial f , $f(x, y, z) = 4yz^2 + x^2y$. Clearly $f \in \mathcal{P}_3$ and $\Delta f(x, y, z) = -10y$. Let $f = h_0 + r^2 h_1$, $h_i \in \mathcal{H}_{3-2i}$, $i = 0, 1$. One sees that $m_3 = [3/2] = 1$ and $\gamma_{3-2,1,1} = -10$. Therefore, $h_1(x, y, z) = (-10y)/(-10) = y$. Hence

$$f(x, y, z) = 3yz^2 - y^3 + (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)y.$$

Example 4.12. Let $n = 3$ and $\omega = (4yz^2 + x^2y)dx + xyzdy + (3x^2y - y^3)dz$. Solve the Dirichlet problem

$$S^*S\varphi = 0 \text{ and } \varphi|_S = \omega|_S. \quad (4.3)$$

Since $n = 3$ (see Section 3.1), $S^*S = (2/3)d\delta + (1/2)\delta d$. We see (cf. Example 4.9 and 4.11) that $\omega = \alpha + r^2ydx$, where α was form from Example 4.9.

Since $k = 3$ and $p = 1$ (see (3.15)) $c_{S^*S} = 11/34$ and $c_\Delta = 1/5$. Since $\eta^4 = (5/21)xz$ (cf. Example 4.9) the unique solution to (4.3) is $\varphi = \alpha + (c_{S^*S} - c_\Delta)(1 - r^2)d\eta^4 + ydx$, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi &= \frac{1}{34}(-x^2z - 34y^3 - y^2z + 102yz^2 + 34y - z^3 + z)dx + xyzdy \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{34}(-x^3 + 102x^2y - xy^2 - xz^2 + x - 34y^3)dz. \end{aligned}$$

5. Our decompositions from the rotation group point of view

In the whole section we assume that $n \geq 3$. Because of representation theory it is convenient to consider complex vector spaces, so we pass to complexifications. More precisely, we complexify all spaces, maps, and extend $(\cdot, \cdot)_{p,k}$ to the Hermitian inner product. For example, since now, Λ_k^p will denote the complexification of the space of (p/k) -forms in \mathbb{R}^n . Moreover we set, $\bigwedge^p = (\bigwedge^p(\mathbb{R}^n)^*) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$. In fact, we have $\bigwedge^p = \Lambda_0^p$.

5.1. Preliminaries

Consider the rotation group $G = G_n = \text{SO}(n)$, and let $s = [n/2]$. Recall that if ω is any p -form on \mathbb{R}^n or on S then the natural action of G on ω is given by $g\omega = (g^{-1})^*\omega$. Under this action all considered operators d , δ , ι_ν , ε_ν and \star are G -map, i.e., they commute with the G -action.

If $m = (m_1, \dots, m_s)$, is a dominant weight of G , i.e., m_j 's are integers that satisfy $m_1 \geq \dots \geq m_s \geq 0$ if $n = 2s + 1$ and $m_1 \geq \dots \geq m_{s-1} \geq |m_s|$ if $n = 2s$, then $R_n(m)$ will denote the irreducible representation of G having highest weight m . We will denote by 1_j (respectively 0_j) the sequence of j 1's (respectively 0's).

If R is a representation on V we will sometimes identify R and V , writing $R = V$. If $V = R_n(m)$ then the space of all highest weight vector (together with zero vector), which is necessarily one-dimensional, will be denoted by $\text{hwv}(V)$.

The following examples are classical:

- (1) Let $V = \mathcal{H}_k$ then V is irreducible, $V = R_n(k, 0_{s-1})$ and $\text{hvw}(\mathcal{H}_k) = \text{span}((x^1 + ix^2)^k)$.
- (2) Let $V = \bigwedge^p$. If $p < n/2$ (respectively $p > n/2$) then $V = R_n(1_p, 0_{s-p})$ and $\text{hvw}(V) = \text{span} \zeta^p$ where $\zeta^p = (dx^1 + idx^2) \wedge \dots \wedge (dx^{2p-1} + idx^{2p})$ (respectively $\text{hvw}(V) = \text{span}(\star \zeta^{n-p})$). If $p = n/2$ then V is reducible, $V = V_+ \oplus V_-$ with $V_+ = R_n(1_s)$ and $V_- = R_n(1_{s-1}, -1)$, $\text{hvw}(V_+) = \text{span} \zeta^s$ and $\text{hvw}(V_-) = \text{span} \zeta_-^s$ where $\zeta_-^s = \zeta^{s-1} \wedge (dx^{n-1} - idx^n)$.
- (3) Let $V = \mathfrak{H}_k^p$ and $p > 0$. Then V is isomorphic, as a representation, to the tensor product $\mathcal{H}_k \otimes \bigwedge^p$. Therefore, V is reducible in general. We distinguish the irreducible component V' of V generated by the form $\varphi^{p,k} = (x^1 + ix^2)^k \zeta^p$ if $p \leq s$ and $(x^1 + ix^2)^k \star \zeta^{n-p}$ if $p > s$. Then $V' = R_n(k+1, 1_{p-1}, 0_{s-p})$ if $p \leq s$, $V' = R_n(k+1, 1_{n-p-1}, 0_{s-n+p})$ if $s < p \leq n-1$ and $V' = R_n(k, 0_{s-1})$ if $p = n$. Moreover, $\varphi^{p,k}$ is a highest weight vector of V' . If $n = 2s$ and $p = s$ we also distinguish a subspace V'_- . This is the smallest irreducible subspaces of V containing $\varphi_-^{s,k} = (x^1 + ix^2)^k \zeta_-^{s-1}$. We have, $V'_- = R_n(k+1, 1_{s-2}, -1)$ and $\varphi_-^{s,k}$ is a highest weight vector of V'_- .

Denote by $\pi_{p,n}$ the natural action of G on the Hilbert space $\Gamma^p = \Gamma(E^{(p)})$ of all square integrable sections of the bundle $E^{(p)} = \bigwedge^p T^*S$, which are, in fact, square integrable p -forms on S . ($E^{(0)}$ is the trivial bundle $S \times \mathbb{R}$ and $\Gamma(E^{(0)})$ is equal to $L^2(S)$). Points (a)-(e) below describe all irreducible subrepresentations of $\pi_{p,n}$. A proof based on the Frobenius reciprocity theorem and branching theorem may be found in [4, Theorem A, page 137].

The irreducible representations of G occurring in $\pi_{p,n}$ are as follows:

- (a) $R_n(k, 0_{s-1})$, $k \geq 0$, if $p = 0$ or $p = n - 1$.
- (b) $R_n(k, 1_{p-1}, 0_{s-p})$ and $R_n(k, 1_p, 0_{s-p-1})$, $k \geq 1$, if $1 \leq p < s - 1$ or if $n = 2s + 1$ and $p = s - 1$.
- (c) $R_n(k, 1_{n-p-1}, 0_{s+p-n})$ and $R_n(k, 1_{n-p-2}, 0_{s+p+1-n})$, $k \geq 1$ if $s < p < n - 1$.
- (d) $R_n(k, 1_{s-1})$, $R_n(k, 1_{s-2}, 0)$ and $R_n(k, 1_{s-2}, -1)$, $k \geq 1$, if $n = 2s$ and $p = s - 1$ or $p = s$.
- (e) $R_n(k, 1_{s-1})$, $k \geq 1$, if $n = 2s + 1$ and $p = s$.

The irreducible representations from (a)-(d) occur with multiplicity one. The representations from (e) occur with multiplicity two.

5.2. Irreducible decomposition of \mathfrak{L}_k^p

As we have seen, in Section 3.3 if $L = ad\delta + b\delta d$, $a, b > 0$ is a Laplace type operator then $\mathfrak{L}_k^p = \ker L \cap \Lambda_k^p$ splits as (see (3.16))

$$\mathfrak{L}_k^p = \chi_{p,k}^0 \oplus^\perp d\chi_{p-1,k+1}^0 \oplus^\perp \varepsilon_\nu d\chi_{p-2,k}^0 \oplus^\perp I_L(p, k)\chi_{p-1,k-1}^0.$$

Since Λ_k^p is G -invariant subspace, $\chi_{p,k}^0 = \ker \delta \cap \ker \iota_\nu \cap \Lambda_k^p$ is. Therefore, each component in the above decomposition is G -invariant subspace. Our aim is to check when (3.16) is irreducible. In the light of Proposition 3.2 and Corollary 3.11 we know when G -maps d , $\varepsilon_\nu d$, and I_L are one-to-one. Thus, only we have to do is to show when $\chi_{p,k}^0$ is irreducible. By (3.19), Proposition 3.2 and G -equivariantness of d , ε_ν and \star we obtain:

Proposition 5.1. *Representation $\chi_{p,k}^0$ is equivalent to $\chi_{n-1,1}^0$ if $p = k = 0$ and to $\chi_{n-p-2,k}^0$ if neither $p = k = 0$ nor $p = n - 1, k = 1$.*

Suppose $0 \leq p \leq n - 1$. If $\chi_{p,k}^0 \neq \mathbb{R}$, i.e., $p > 0$ or $k > 0$ then representations $\chi_{p,k}^0$ and $d\chi_{p,k}^0$ are equivalent.

Let i_S denote the inclusion map $S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$. The pull-back i_S^* is a G -map. Similarly, tangential projection $\omega \mapsto \omega^T$ and restriction $\omega \mapsto \omega|_S$ are G -maps, so the map $\omega \mapsto \omega^T|_S$ is. Clearly, we may identify, $\omega^T|_S$ and $i_S^*\omega$. Suppose that ω is a homogeneous polynomial form. If ω is not normal, i.e., $\omega^T \neq 0$, then by homogeneity $\omega^T|_S \neq 0$. If, in addition, ω is tangential (for example if $\omega \in \chi_{p,k}^0$) then we may identify ω with $\omega^T|_S$ or equivalently with $i_S^*\omega$:

$$i_S^*\chi_{p,k}^0 = \chi_{p,k}^0.$$

If $\eta = d\omega$, $\omega \in \chi_{p-1,k+1}^0$, $p < n$ and $\eta \neq 0$ then by Proposition 3.18 $\eta^T \neq 0$, and (outside 0) $\eta^T = (d\omega)^T = d\omega - (1/r^2)(p+k)\varepsilon_\nu\omega$. So, $\eta^T|_S = (d\omega - (p+k)\varepsilon_\nu\omega)|_S$. Consequently, under identification $i_S^*\eta = \eta^T|_S$ we have

$$i_S^*(d\chi_{p-1,k+1}^0) = \left\{ (d\omega - (p+k)\varepsilon_\nu\omega)|_S : \omega \in \chi_{p-1,k+1}^0 \right\}.$$

We have

$$i_S^*\chi_{p,k}^0 \cap i_S^*(d\chi_{q-1,l+1}^0) = \{0\}. \quad (5.1)$$

Proof of (5.1). We may assume that $0 \leq p, q \leq n$. If $p \neq q$ then our assertion is obvious. Suppose that $p = q$. If $p = 0$, $i_S^*(d\chi_{p-1,l+1}^0) = \{0\}$. Take $p > 0$. There exist $\alpha \in \chi_{p,k}^0$ and $\omega \in \chi_{p-1,l+1}^0$ such that $\alpha = d\omega - (p+l)\varepsilon_\nu\omega$ on S . But $d\omega - (p+l)\varepsilon_\nu\omega = (1 + c_\Delta(p, l+2)r^2)d\omega + I_\Delta(p, l+2)\omega$. Thus on S ,

$$\alpha = (1 + c_\Delta(p, l+2))d\omega + I_\Delta(p, l+2)\omega. \quad (5.2)$$

Since all forms from (5.2) are harmonic, equality (5.2) holds on the whole \mathbb{R}^n . Now by (3.17) it follows that $\alpha = \omega = 0$. \square

Let $\varphi^{p,k}$ and $\varphi_-^{s,k}$ be as in example (3). One can verify that if neither $p = 0, k > 0$ nor $p = n, k > 0$ this forms are both closed and co-closed. Thus by Corollary 3.16 it follows that if $k \geq 0, 0 < p < n$ or $k = 0, p = n$,

$$\varphi^{p,k} \in d\chi_{p-1,k+1}^0,$$

and $\varphi^{0,0} \in \mathbb{R}$ if $p = 0$.

Define now forms $\psi^{p-1,k+1}$ and $\psi_-^{s-1,k+1}$ as follows; $\psi^{p-1,k+1} = \iota_\nu \varphi^{p,k}$ and $\psi_-^{s-1,k+1} = \iota_\nu \varphi_-^{s,k}$. Moreover, we put $\psi^{p,0} = 0$, ($p > 0$) and $\psi^{0,0} = 1$. By definitions follows that $\psi^{0,k} = \varphi^{0,k}$. Moreover we see that

$$\psi^{p-1,k+1} \in \chi_{p-1,k+1}^0$$

except the case $p = n$ and $k > 0$. Similarly,

$$\psi_-^{s-1,k+1} \in \chi_{s-1,k+1}^0.$$

We conclude the following:

Proposition 5.2. *Let $0 \leq p \leq n$ and $k \geq 0$. Then we have $\chi_{p,k}^0 = \{0\}$ iff either $p > 0$, $k = 0$ or $p = n$ or $p = n - 1$, $k \neq 1$. Except this cases $\chi_{p,k}^0 \neq \{0\}$, for $\psi^{p,k} \in \chi_{p,k}^0$ and $\psi^{p,k} \neq 0$.*

By an easy calculation we obtain:

Proposition 5.3. *For any $k \geq 0$ we have*

$$(\varphi^{s,k} | \varphi_-^{s,k}) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (\psi^{s-1,k} | \psi_-^{s-1,k}) = 0.$$

Let $U_{p,k}$ and $W_{p,k}$ be the smallest G -irreducible subspaces of Γ^p containing $(\varphi^{p,k})^T|_S$ and $\psi^{p,k}$, respectively. Clearly, $U_{n,k} = W_{n,k} = \{0\}$ and $U_{0,k} = W_{0,k}$. We also define $U_{s,k}^-$ and $W_{s-1,k}^-$ as the smallest G -irreducible subspaces of containing $(\varphi_-^{s,k})^T|_S$ and $\psi_-^{s-1,k}$, respectively. From the example (3) and considerations above

$$U_{p,k} = \begin{cases} R_n(k, 0_{s-1}) & \text{if } p = 0, k \geq 0, \\ R_n(k+1, 1_{p-1}, 0_{s-p}) & \text{if } 0 < p \leq s, k \geq 0, \\ R_n(k+1, 1_{n-p-1}, 0_{s+p-n}) & \text{if } s < p \leq n-1, k \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

$$i_S^* U_{p,k} = \begin{cases} R_n(k, 0_{s-1}) & \text{if } p = 0, k \geq 0, \\ R_n(k+1, 1_{p-1}, 0_{s-p}) & \text{if } 0 < p \leq s, k \geq 0, \\ R_n(k+1, 1_{n-p-1}, 0_{s+p-n}) & \text{if } s < p \leq n-1, k \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

$$W_{p,k} = \begin{cases} R_n(k, 0_{s-1}) & \text{if } p = 0, k \geq 0, \\ R_n(0_s) & \text{if } p = n-1, k = 1, \\ R_n(k, 1_p, 0_{s-p-1}) & \text{if } 0 < p \leq s-1, k \geq 1, \\ R_n(k, 1_{n-p-2}, 0_{s+p-n+1}) & \text{if } s \leq p < n-1, k \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} U_{s,k}^- &= R_n(k+1, 1_{s-2}, -1), & k \geq 0, n = 2s, \\ i_S^* U_{s,k}^- &= R_n(k+1, 1_{s-2}, -1), & k \geq 0, n = 2s, \\ W_{s-1,k}^- &= R_n(k, 1_{s-2}, -1), & k \geq 1, n = 2s. \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account (5.1) and comparing representations $U_{p,k}$, $W_{p,k}$, $U_{s,k}^-$ and $W_{s-1,k}^-$ with representations occurring in (a)-(e) above we conclude:

Theorem 5.4. *Suppose that $0 \leq p \leq n-1$ and $k \geq 0$. The subrepresentation $\chi_{p,k}^0$ of $\pi_{p,n}$ is reducible iff $n = 2s$, $p = s-1$, $k \geq 1$. In this case $\chi_{s-1,k}^0$ splits as a sum of two irreducible representations. More precisely, we have*

$$\chi_{p,k}^0 = \begin{cases} \{0\} & \text{if } \begin{array}{l} p > 0, k = 0, \\ \text{or } p = n-1, k > 1, \end{array} \\ W_{p,k} & \text{if } \begin{array}{l} p = 0, k \geq 0, \\ \text{or } 1 \leq p < s-1, k \geq 1, \\ \text{or } s \leq p \leq n-2, k \geq 1, \\ \text{or } n = 2s+1, p = s-1, k \geq 1, \\ \text{or } p = n-1, k = 1, \end{array} \\ W_{s-1,k} \oplus W_{s-1,k}^- & \text{if } n = 2s, p = s-1, k \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Now we are able to give a full characterization of \mathfrak{L}_k^p from the representation theory point of view.

Theorem 5.5. \mathfrak{L}_k^p has the following decomposition onto direct sum of nonempty G -irreducible subspaces;

If $p = 0$, $k \geq 0$ then

$$\mathfrak{L}_k^0 = W_{0,k}.$$

If $p \geq 1$ and $n = 2s+1$ then

$$\mathfrak{L}_k^p = \begin{cases} U_{p,0} & \text{if } k = 0, \\ W_{1,k} \oplus U_{1,k} \oplus I_L(1,k)W_{0,k-1} & \text{if } p = 1, k \geq 1, \\ \varepsilon_\nu U_{n-1,k-1} & \text{if } p = n, k \geq 1, \\ W_{n-1,1} \oplus U_{n-1,1} \oplus \varepsilon_\nu U_{n-2,0} & \text{if } p = n-1, k = 1, \\ U_{n-1,k} \oplus \varepsilon_\nu U_{n-2,k-1} \\ \oplus I_L(n-1,k)W_{n-2,k-1} & \text{if } p = n-1, k \geq 2, \\ W_{p,k} \oplus U_{p,k} \oplus \varepsilon_\nu U_{p-1,k-1} \\ \oplus I_L(p,k)W_{p-1,k-1} & \text{if } 2 \leq p \leq n-2, k \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

If $n = 2s$ then $s \geq 2$ ($n \geq 3$) and the decomposition of \mathfrak{L}_k^p is the same as above except the cases $p = s-1$, $p = s$ and $p = s+1$ where we have

$$\mathfrak{L}_k^{s-1} = \begin{cases} W_{1,k} \oplus W_{1,k}^- \oplus U_{1,k} \oplus I_L(1,k)W_{0,k-1} & \text{if } s = 2, k \geq 1 \\ W_{s-1,1} \oplus W_{s-1,1}^- \oplus U_{s-1,1} \oplus \varepsilon_\nu U_{s-2,0} & \text{if } s \geq 3, k = 1, \\ W_{s-1,k} \oplus W_{s-1,k}^- \oplus U_{s-1,k} \\ \oplus \varepsilon_\nu U_{s-2,k-1} \oplus I_L(s-1,k)W_{s-2,k-1} & \text{if } s \geq 3, k \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

$$\mathfrak{L}_k^s = \begin{cases} U_{s,0} \oplus U_{s,0}^- & \text{if } k = 0, \\ W_{s,1} \oplus U_{s,1} \oplus U_{s,1}^- \oplus \varepsilon_\nu U_{s-1,0} & \text{if } k = 1, \\ W_{s,k} \oplus U_{s,k} \oplus U_{s,k}^- \oplus \varepsilon_\nu U_{s-1,k-1} \\ \oplus I_L(s,k)W_{s-1,k-1} \oplus I_L(s,k)W_{s-1,k-1}^- & \text{if } k \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

$$\mathfrak{L}_k^{s+1} = \begin{cases} U_{s+1,0} & \text{if } k = 0, \\ W_{s+1,1} \oplus U_{s+1,1} \oplus \varepsilon_v U_{s,0} \oplus \varepsilon_v U_{s,0}^- & \text{if } k = 1, \\ W_{s+1,k} \oplus U_{s+1,k} \oplus \varepsilon_v U_{s,k-1} \oplus \varepsilon_v U_{s,k-1}^- \\ \quad \oplus I_L(s+1, k) W_{s,k-1} & \text{if } k \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Proof. It suffices to apply Theorem 5.4, Proposition 5.2, 3.2, 5.3 and Lemma 3.10 to the decomposition (3.16). \square

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