# ON THE NONLINEAR DIAMOND HEAT EQUATION RELATED TO THE SPECTRUM

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Рассматривается неоднородное эволюционное уравнение, содержащее первую производную по времени и оператор, образованный разностью двух бигармонических операторов разной размерности, который авторы называют Diamond-оператором. Правая часть есть липшиц-непрерывная функция решения. С помощью преобразования Фурье найдено фундаментальное решение рассматриваемого уравнения и исследованы его свойства. На этой основе дано явное решение этого уравнения в виде свертки функции правой части с фундаментальным решением, доказаны его единственность и ограниченность в равномерной норме.

## Introduction

It is well known that for the heat equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x,t) = c^2 \Delta u(x,t) \tag{0.1}$$

with the initial condition

u(x,0) = f(x)

where  $\triangle = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2}$  is the Laplace operator and  $(x,t) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$ , and f is a continuous function, we obtain the solution

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{(4c^2\pi t)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \exp\left[-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4c^2t}\right] f(y)dy$$
(0.2)

as the solution of (0.1).

Now, (0.2) can be written as u(x,t) = E(x,t) \* f(x) where

$$E(x,t) = \frac{1}{(4c^2\pi t)^{n/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{|x|^2}{4c^2t}\right].$$
(0.3)

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E(x,t) is called the heat kernel, where  $|x|^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2$  and t > 0, see [2, p. 208–209].

Moreover, we obtain  $E(x,t) \to \delta$  as  $t \to 0$ , where  $\delta$  is the Dirac-delta distribution. We also have extended (0.1) to be the equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x,t) = -c^2 \Delta^2 u(x,t) \tag{0.4}$$

with the initial condition

$$u(x,0) = f(x)$$

where  $\triangle^2 = \triangle \triangle$  is the biharmonic operator, that is

$$\Delta^2 = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_n^2}\right)^2.$$

We can find the solution of (0.4) by using the *n*-dimensional Fourier transform to apply. We obtain

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-c^2 |\xi|^4 t + i(\xi, x-y)} f(y) \, dy d\xi$$

as a solution of (0.4), or u(x,t) can be written in the convolution form

$$u(x,t) = E(x,t)f(x)$$

where

$$E(x,t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-c^2 |\xi|^4 t + i(\xi,x)} d\xi$$
(0.5)

 $|\xi|^4 = (\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \dots + \xi_n^2)^2$  and  $(\xi, x) = \xi_1 x_1 + \xi_2 x_2 + \dots + \xi_n x_n$ . The function E(x, t) of (0.5) is the kernel of (0.4) and also  $E(x, t) \to \delta$  as  $t \to 0$ , since

$$\lim_{t \to 0} E(x, t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{(\xi, x)i} d\xi = \delta(x),$$

see [3, p. 396, Eq. (10.2.19b)]. Now, the purpose of this work is to study the equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x,t) - c^2 \diamondsuit u(x,t) = f(x,t,u(x,t))$$
(0.6)

which is called the nonlinear diamond heat equation where  $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$  and the operator  $\diamondsuit$  is first introduced by A. Kananthai [1, p. 27–37] and named the Diamond operator defined by

$$\diamondsuit = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+1}^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+2}^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{p+q}^2}\right)^2, \quad (0.7)$$

p+q=n is the dimension of space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and c is a positive constant.

We consider the equation (0.6) with the following conditions on u and f as follows.

1.  $u(x,t) \in \mathcal{C}^{(4)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for any t > 0 where  $\mathcal{C}^{(4)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is the space of continuous function with 4-derivatives.

2. f satisfies the Lipchitz condition, that is  $|f(x,t,u) - f(x,t,w)| \le A|u-w|$  where A is constant with 0 < A < 1.

3.

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x,t,u(x,t))| \, dx \, dt < \infty$$

for  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $0 < t < \infty$  and u(x, t) is continuous function on  $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$ .

Under such conditions of f, u and for the spectrum of E(x, t), we obtain the convolution

$$u(x,t) = E(x,t)f(x,t,u(x,t))$$

as a unique solution in the compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$  where E(x, t) is an elementary solution defined by (1.5) and is called the Diamond heat kernel.

#### 1. Preliminaries

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $f(x) \in \mathbb{L}_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  — the space of integrable function in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The Fourier transform of f(x) is defined by

$$\widehat{f}(\xi) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-i(\xi,x)} f(x) \, dx \tag{1.1}$$

where  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, ..., \xi_n), x = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n, (\xi, x) = \xi_1 x_1 + \xi_2 x_2 + \cdots + \xi_n x_n$  is the usual inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $dx = dx_1 dx_2 ... dx_n$ .

Also, the inverse of Fourier transform is defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(\xi,x)} \widehat{f}(\xi) d\xi.$$
 (1.2)

**Definition 1.2.** Let E(x,t) be defined by (1.5) which is called the diamond heat kernel. The spectrum of E(x,t) is the bounded support of the Fourier transform  $\widehat{E(\xi,t)}$  for any fixed t > 0. **Definition 1.3.** Let  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$  be a point in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and we write

$$u = \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \ldots + \xi_p^2 - \xi_{p+1}^2 - \xi_{p+2}^2 - \ldots - \xi_{p+q}^2, \quad p+q = n.$$

Denote by  $\Gamma_+ = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : \xi_1 > 0 \text{ and } u > 0\}$  the set of an interior of the forward cone, and  $\overline{\Gamma}_+$  denotes the closure of  $\Gamma_+$ .

Let  $\Omega$  be spectrum of E(x,t) defined by definition 1.2 for any fixed t > 0 and  $\Omega \subset \overline{\Gamma}_+$ . Let  $\widehat{E(\xi,t)}$  be the Fourier transform of E(x,t) and define

$$\widehat{E(\xi,t)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \exp\left[c^2 t \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^2\right)^2 - \left(\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \xi_j^2\right)^2\right)\right] & \text{for } \xi \in \Gamma_+, \\ 0 & \text{for } \xi \notin \Gamma_+. \end{cases}$$
(1.3)

**Lemma 1.1.** Let L be the operator defined by

$$\mathbf{L} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - c^2 \diamondsuit \tag{1.4}$$

where  $\diamondsuit$  is the Diamond operator defined by

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

p+q=n is the dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $t \in (0, \infty)$  and c is a positive constant. Then we obtain

$$E(x,t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\Omega} \exp\left[c^2 t \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^2\right)^2 - \left(\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \xi_j^2\right)^2\right) + i(\xi,x)\right] d\xi$$
(1.5)

as an elementary solution of (1.4) which is called the diamond heat kernel in the spectrum  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  for t > 0.

**Proof.** Let  $LE(x,t) = \delta(x,t)$  where E(x,t) is the kernel or the elementary solution of operator L and  $\delta$  is the Dirac-delta distribution. Thus

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}E(x,t) - c^2 \diamondsuit E(x,t) = \delta(x)\delta(t).$$

Apply the Fourier transform defined by (1.1) to the both sides of the equation, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\widehat{E(\xi,t)} - c^2 \left( \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^2\right)^2 - \left(\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \xi_j^2\right)^2 \right) \widehat{E(\xi,t)} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \delta(t).$$

Thus

$$\widehat{E(\xi,t)} = \frac{H(t)}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \exp\left[c^2 t \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^2\right)^2 - \left(\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \xi_j^2\right)^2\right)\right]$$

where H(t) is the Heaviside function. Since H(t) = 1 for t > 0. Therefore,

$$\widehat{E(\xi,t)} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \exp\left[c^2 t \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^2\right)^2 - \left(\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \xi_j^2\right)^2\right)\right]$$

which has been already defined by (1.3). Thus

$$E(x,t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(\xi,x)} \widehat{E(\xi,t)} d\xi = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\Omega} e^{i(\xi,x)} \widehat{E(\xi,t)} d\xi$$

where  $\Omega$  is the spectrum of E(x, t). Thus from (1.3)

$$E(x,t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\Omega} \exp\left[c^2 t \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^2\right)^2 - \left(\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \xi_j^2\right)^2\right) + i(\xi,x)\right] d\xi$$

for t > 0.

**Definition 1.4.** Let us extend E(x,t) to  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$  by setting

$$E(x,t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\Omega} \exp\left[c^2 t \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^2\right)^2 - \left(\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \xi_j^2\right)^2\right) + i(\xi,x)\right] d\xi & \text{for } t > 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } t \le 0. \end{cases}$$

### 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** The kernel E(x,t) defined by (1.5) have the following properties:

1)  $E(x,t) \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}$  — the space of continuous function for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t > 0 with infinitely differentiable;

2) 
$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - c^2 \diamondsuit\right) E(x, t) = 0 \text{ for } t > 0;$$
  
3)  $|E(x, t)| \le \frac{2^{2-n}}{\pi^{n/2}} \frac{M(t)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)},$ 

for t > 0 where M(t) is a function of t in the spectrum  $\Omega$  and  $\Gamma$  denote the Gamma function. Thus E(x,t) is bounded for any fixed t > 0;

4)  $\lim_{t \to 0} E(x,t) = \delta.$ 

#### Proof.

1. From (1.5), since

$$\frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} E(x,t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} \exp\left[c^2 t \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^2\right)^2 - \left(\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \xi_j^2\right)^2\right) + i(\xi,x)\right] d\xi.$$

Thus  $E(x,t) \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t > 0.

2. By computing directly, we obtain

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - c^2 \diamondsuit\right) E(x, t) = 0$$

3. We have

$$E(x,t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\Omega} \exp\left[c^2 t \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^2\right)^2 - \left(\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \xi_j^2\right)^2\right) + i(\xi,x)\right] d\xi,$$
$$|E(x,t)| \le \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\Omega} \exp\left[c^2 t \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^2\right)^2 - \left(\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \xi_j^2\right)^2\right)\right] d\xi.$$

By changing to bipolar coordinates

$$\xi_1 = r\omega_1, \xi_2 = r\omega_2, \dots, \xi_p = r\omega_p$$
 and  $\xi_{p+1} = s\omega_{p+1}, \xi_{p+2} = s\omega_{p+2}, \dots, \xi_{p+q} = s\omega_{p+q}$ 

where  $\sum_{i=1}^{p} \omega_i^2 = 1$  and  $\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \omega_j^2 = 1$ . Thus  $|E(x,t)| \leq \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\Omega} \exp\left[c^2 t \left(s^4 - r^4\right)\right] r^{p-1} s^{q-1} dr ds d\Omega_p d\Omega_q$  where  $d\xi = r^{p-1}s^{q-1} dr ds d\Omega_p d\Omega_q$ ,  $d\Omega_p$  and  $d\Omega_q$  are the elements of surface area of the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  and  $\mathbb{R}^q$  respectively. Since  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is the spectrum of E(x,t) and we suppose  $0 \le r \le R$  and  $0 \le s \le L$  where R and L are constants. Thus we obtain

$$|E(x,t)| \le \frac{\Omega_p \,\Omega_q}{(2\pi)^n} \int_0^R \int_0^L \exp\left[c^2 t \left(s^4 - r^4\right)\right] r^{p-1} s^{q-1} \, ds \, dr = \frac{\Omega_p \,\Omega_q}{(2\pi)^n} M(t)$$

for any fixed t > 0 in the spectrum

$$\Omega = \frac{2^{2-n}}{\pi^{n/2}} \frac{M(t)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)}$$
(2.1)

where

$$M(t) = \int_{0}^{R} \int_{0}^{L} \exp\left[c^{2}t\left(s^{4} - r^{4}\right)\right] r^{p-1}s^{q-1} \, ds \, dr$$
(2.2)

is a function of t > 0,  $\Omega_p = \frac{2\pi^{p/2}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)}$  and  $\Omega_q = \frac{2\pi^{q/2}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)}$ . Thus, for any fixed t > 0, E(x,t) is

bounded.

4. By (1.5), we have

$$E(x,t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\Omega} \exp\left[c^2 t \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^2\right)^2 - \left(\sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \xi_j^2\right)^2\right) + i(\xi,x)\right] d\xi.$$

Since E(x, t) exists, then

$$\lim_{t \to 0} E(x,t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\Omega} e^{i(\xi,x)} d\xi = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(\xi,x)} d\xi = \delta(x), \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

See [3, p. 396, Eq. (10.2.19b)].

**Theorem 2.2.** Given the nonlinear equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x,t) - c^2 \diamondsuit u(x,t) = f(x,t,u(x,t))$$
(2.3)

for  $(x,t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times (0,\infty)$  and with the following conditions on u and f as follows:

1)  $u(x,t) \in \mathcal{C}^{(4)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for any t > 0 where  $\mathcal{C}^{(4)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is the space of continuous function with 4-derivatives;

2) f satisfies the Lipchitz condition, that is  $|f(x,t,u) - f(x,t,w)| \le A|u-w|$  where A is constant and 0 < A < 1;

3)

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| f(x,t,u(x,t)) \right| dx \, dt < \infty$$

for  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $t \in (0, \infty)$  and u(x, t) is continuous function on  $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$ .

Then we obtain the convolution

$$u(x,t) = E(x,t)f(x,t,u(x,t))$$
(2.4)

as a unique solution of (2.3) for  $x \in \Omega_0$  where  $\Omega_0$  is an compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $0 \le t \le T$  with T is constant and E(x,t) is an elementary solution defined by (1.5) and also u(x,t) is bounded. In particular, if we put n = 0 in (2.2) then (2.3) reduces to the population

In particular, if we put p = 0 in (2.3) then (2.3) reduces to the nonlinear equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x,t) - c^2 \Delta^2 u(x,t) = f(x,t,u(x,t))$$

which is related to the heat equation.

**Proof.** Convolving both sides of (2.3) with E(x,t) and then we obtain the solution

$$u(x,t) = E(x,t)f(x,t,u(x,t))$$

or

$$u(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} E(r,s) f(x-r,t-s,u(x-r,t-s)) \, dr \, ds$$

where E(r, s) is given by Definition 1.4.

We next show that u(x,t) is bounded on  $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0,\infty)$ . We have

$$|u(x,t)| \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |E(r,s)| \left| f(x-r,t-s,u(x-r,t-s)) \right| \, dr \, ds \leq \frac{2^{2-n}}{\pi^{n/2}} \frac{NM(t)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)}$$

by the condition 3 and (2.1) where

$$N = \int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x, t, u(x, t))| \, dx \, dt.$$

Thus u(x,t) is bounded on  $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0,\infty)$ .

To show that u(x,t) is unique, suppose there is another solution w(x,t) of equation (2.3). Let the operator

$$\mathbf{L} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - c^2 \diamondsuit$$

then (2.3) can be written in the form

$$\mathcal{L} u(x,t) = f(x,t,u(x,t)).$$

Thus

$$\operatorname{L} u(x,t) - \operatorname{L} w(x,t) = f(x,t,u(x,t)) - f(x,t,w(x,t)).$$

By the condition 2 of the Theorem,

$$|L u(x,t) - L w(x,t)| \le A|u(x,t) - w(x,t)|.$$
(2.5)

Let  $\Omega_0 \times (0,T]$  be compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0,\infty)$  and  $L: \mathcal{C}^{(4)}(\Omega_0) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}^{(4)}(\Omega_0)$  for  $0 \le t \le T$ .

Now  $(\mathcal{C}^{(4)}(\Omega_0), \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space where  $u(x, t) \in \mathcal{C}^{(4)}(\Omega_0)$  for  $0 \le t \le T$ ,  $\|\cdot\|$  given by

$$||u(x,t)|| = \sup_{x \in \Omega_0} |u(x,t)|.$$

Then, from (2.5) with 0 < A < 1, the operator L is a contraction mapping on  $\mathcal{C}^{(4)}(\Omega_0)$ . Since  $(\mathcal{C}^{(4)}(\Omega_0), \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space and L :  $\mathcal{C}^{(4)}(\Omega_0) \to \mathcal{C}^{(4)}(\Omega_0)$  is a contraction mapping on  $\mathcal{C}^{(4)}(\Omega_0)$ , by Contraction Theorem, see [4, p. 300], we obtain the operator L has a fixed point and has uniqueness property. Thus u(x,t) = w(x,t). It follows that the solution u(x,t) of (2.3) is unique for  $(x,t) \in \Omega_0 \times (0,T]$  where u(x,t) is defined by (2.4).

In particular, if we put p = 0 in (2.3) then (2.3) reduces to the nonlinear equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x,t) - c^2 \triangle^2 u(x,t) = f(x,t,u(x,t))$$

which has solution

$$u(x,t) = E(x,t)f(x,t,u(x,t))$$

where E(x, t) is defined by (1.5) with p = 0. That is complete of proof.

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