

## ON A CLASS OF MONOGENIC FUNCTIONS IN CLIFFORD ALGEBRA

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an universal algebra induced by a  $m$ -dimensional real linear space with a basis  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ . Let  $A_p$  be a linear subspace of  $\mathcal{A}$  spanned by the  $\binom{m}{p}$  products  $e_A$ ,  $\#A = p$ . We have showed that  $L_1 = \text{lin}\{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m, e_{A_1}, e_{A_2}, \dots, e_{A_s}\}$  is invertible if and only if  $m = 4p$ ,  $(p \in \mathbb{N})$  and  $s = 1$ ,  $e_{A_1} = e_{12\dots m}$  (see [7]). Based on these results for the case  $m = 4p + 2$  ( $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ) the generalized Cauchy-Riemann operator  $D = \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} e_i \partial_{x_i}$ ,  $e_{m+1} = e_{12\dots m}$  can be constructed on  $R^{m+2}$ . Furthermore we get the fundamental results for the monogenic functions induced  $D$ .

### 2. MONOGENIC FUNCTIONS

Let  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$  be a basis of  $R^m$ . Consider universal Clifford algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  with basis

$$\{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m, e_{12}, \dots, e_{m-1m}, \dots, e_{12\dots m}\}.$$

The multiplication in  $\mathcal{A}$  is given by the rule

$$e_i e_j + e_j e_i = 0 \text{ for } i \neq j, \quad e_j^2 = -1 \quad (i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m).$$

So that the multiplication on basis vectors is defined by formula

$$e_A e_B = (-1)^{\#(A \cap B)} (-1)^{P(A, B)} e_{A \Delta B},$$

where

$$P(A, B) = \sum_{j \in B} P(A, j), \quad P(A, j) = \#\{i \in A : i > j\}.$$

Every element  $a = \sum_A a_A e_A$  ( $a_A \in R$ ) is called a Clifford number. A product of two Clifford numbers  $a = \sum_A a_A e_A$ ,  $b = \sum_B b_B e_B$  is defined by the formula

$$ab = \sum_A \sum_B a_A b_B e_A e_B.$$

The involution for basic vectors is given by

$$\bar{e}_A = \bar{e}_{k_1 k_2 \dots k_n} = (-1)^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} e_{k_1 k_2 \dots k_n}.$$

if  $a = \sum_A a_A e_A$  we write  $\bar{a} = \sum_A a_A \bar{e}_A$ .

**Definition 1.** Let  $m = 4p + 2$  ( $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ). Consider the differential operator

$$D = \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} e_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \text{ where } e_{m+1} = e_{12\dots m}$$

the conjugate operator of  $D$

$$\bar{D} = \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} \bar{e}_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

actions of  $D$  and  $\bar{D}$  on functions from the left and from the right are governed by the rules (see for all  $f(x) = \sum_A e_A f_A(x)$ ,  $f_A(x)$  are real-valued, we have

$$Df = \sum_{i,A} e_i e_A \frac{\partial f_A}{\partial x_i}, \quad fD = \sum_{i,A} e_A e_i \frac{\partial f_A}{\partial x_i}$$

$$\bar{D}f = \sum_{i,A} \bar{e}_i e_A \frac{\partial f_A}{\partial x_i}, \quad f\bar{D} = \sum_{i,A} e_A \bar{e}_i \frac{\partial f_A}{\partial x_i}$$

**Lemma 1.**  $D\bar{D} = \bar{D}D = \Delta_{m+2} e_0$ , where  $\Delta_{m+2}$  denotes Laplacien in  $R^{m+2}$ .

Proof. Since  $e_{m+1} = e_{12\dots m}$  and  $m = 4p + 2$  ( $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ), we find  $\bar{e}_{m+1} = -e_{m+1}$ . For every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} e_i \bar{e}_{m+1} + e_{m+1} \bar{e}_i &= -e_i e_{m+1} - e_{m+1} e_i \\ &= -((-1)^{i+1} e_{12\dots i-1i+1\dots m} + (-1)^{m-i} e_{12\dots i-1i+1\dots m}) \\ &= ((-1)^{i+1} + (-1)^{4p+2-i}) e_{12\dots i-1i+1\dots m} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D\bar{D} &= \left( \sum_{i=0}^m e_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + e_{12\dots m} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{m+1}} \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^m \bar{e}_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + \bar{e}_{12\dots m} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{m+1}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i,j=0}^m e_i \bar{e}_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + \sum_{i=0}^m (e_i \bar{e}_{12\dots m} e_{12\dots m} \bar{e}_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{m+1}} + e_{12\dots m} \bar{e}_{12\dots m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{m+1}^2} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^m e_i \bar{e}_i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + e_{12\dots m} \bar{e}_{12\dots m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_{m+1}^2} = \Delta_{m+2} e_0. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, one can check the equality  $D\bar{D} = \Delta_{m+2} e_0$ .

**Definition 2.** Let be given open  $\Omega \subset R^{m+2}$ . A function  $f \in C^1(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  is said to be left (right) monogenic in  $\Omega$  if and only if  $Df = 0$  ( $fD = 0$ ) in  $\Omega$ .

**Remark.** If  $p = 0$ , then  $D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_0} e_0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} e_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} e_2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} e_{12}$ . In this case, from  $Df = 0$  one obtains the generalized Cauchy-Riemann system in 4-dimensional space (see [6]).

**Definition 3.** The function  $E(x) = \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} \frac{\bar{x}}{r^{m+2}}$  ( $x \neq 0$ ), where  $\omega_{m+2}$  is the area of unit ball  $R^{m+2}$  and  $r = \sqrt{\sum_{j=0}^{m+1} x_j^2}$ , is called the Cauchy kernel.

**Lemma 2.**  $DE = ED = 0$ .

*Proof.* We find the following equalities:

$$\begin{aligned}
DE &= \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} e_i \frac{1}{r^{m+2}} x_j \bar{e}_j = \sum_{i,j=0}^{m+1} \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} e_i \bar{e}_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \frac{x_j}{r^{m+2}} \right) \\
&= \sum_{i,j=0}^{m+1} \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} e_i \bar{e}_j \left( \frac{\delta_{ij}}{r^{m+2}} - \frac{x_j}{r^{2m+4}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} r^{m+2} \right) \\
&= \sum_{i,j=0}^{m+1} \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} e_i \bar{e}_j \left( \frac{\delta_{ij}}{r^{m+2}} - \frac{(m+2)x_j r^{m+1}}{r^{2m+4}} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x_i} \right) \\
&= \sum_{i,j=0}^{m+1} \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} e_i \bar{e}_j \left( \frac{\delta_{ij}}{r^{m+2}} - \frac{(m+2)x_j r^{m+1} x_i}{r^{2m+5}} \right) \\
&= \sum_{i,j=0}^{m+1} \left( \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} e_i \bar{e}_j \left( \frac{\delta_{ij}}{r^{m+2}} - \frac{(m+2)x_j x_i}{r^{m+4}} \right) \right) \\
&= \sum_{i,j=0}^{m+1} \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} e_0 \left( \frac{1}{r^{m+2}} - \frac{(m+2)x_i^2}{r^{m+4}} \right) - \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} (e_i \bar{e}_j + e_j \bar{e}_i) \frac{(m+2)x_i x_j}{r^{m+4}} \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} e_0 \left( \frac{1}{r^{m+2}} - \frac{(m+2)x_i^2}{r^{m+4}} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} \left( \frac{m+2}{r^{m+2}} - \frac{(m+2)r^2}{r^{m+4}} \right) = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

which was to be proved.

Similarly one can check the equality  $ED = 0$ .

### 3. CAUCHY'S INTEGRAL AND ITS APPLICATIONS

Let  $M$  be a  $(m+2)$ -dimensional differentiable and oriented manifold contained in some subset  $\Omega$  of  $R^{m+2}$ . By means of the  $(m+1)$ -forms:

$$d\hat{x}_i = dx_0 \wedge dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{i-1} \wedge dx_{i+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{m+1} \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, m+1.$$

An  $\mathcal{A}$ -valued  $(m+1)$ -forms is introduced by putting

$$d\sigma = \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} (-1)^i e_i d\hat{x}_i.$$

and the volume-element by  $dx = dx_0 \wedge dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{m+1}$ .

**rem 1.** If  $f, g \in C^1(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$  then for and  $(m+2)$ -chain  $C$  on  $M \subset \Omega$  we have

$$\int_{\partial C} f d\sigma g = \int_C (f D.g + f.Dg) dx.$$

Let  $f = \sum_A f_A e_A$ , then by Stokes's Theorem for real-valued functional we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\partial C} f d\sigma g &= \int_{\partial C} \sum_{A,i,B} (-1)^i e_A e_i e_B f_A g_B d\hat{x}_i \\ &= \sum_{A,i,B} (-1)^i e_A e_i e_B \int_C (-1)^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (f_A g_B) dx \\ &= \int_C \sum_{A,i,B} e_A e_i e_B \left( \frac{\partial f_A}{\partial x_i} g_B + f_A \frac{\partial g_B}{\partial x_i} \right) dx \\ &= \int_C (f D.g + f.Dg) dx. \end{aligned}$$

**ollary 1.** If  $f$  is a left monogenic function and  $g$  is a right monogenic function in  $\Omega$  for the 1) chain  $C$  on  $M \subset \Omega$ , we have  $\int_{\partial C} f d\sigma g = 0$ .

**ark.** Putting  $f = 1$ , for any  $g \in C^1(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$ , we have

$$\int_{\partial C} d\sigma g = 0 \text{ if } Dg = 0.$$

result is nothing else but Cauchy's theorem.

**ma. 3.** If  $f \in C^1(\Omega, \mathcal{A})$ , then for any  $x \in \Omega$  we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +0} \int_{\partial B} f(y) d\sigma E(y - x) = f(x)$$

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$B$  is the ball having the center  $x$  and radius  $\epsilon$  being sufficiency small.

Let  $f(y) = \sum_A f_A(y) e_A$ . Then by Stokes's theorem one gets

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\partial B} f(y) d\sigma E(y - x) &= \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} \frac{1}{\epsilon^{m+2}} \sum_{A,i,j} e_A e_i \bar{e}_j \int_{\partial B} (-1)^i (y_j - x_j) f_A(y) d\hat{y}_i \\ &= \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2} \epsilon^{m+2}} \sum_{A,i,j} e_A e_i \bar{e}_j \int_B \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} ((y_j - x_j) f_A) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2} \epsilon^{m+2}} \sum_{A,i,j} e_A e_i \bar{e}_j \int_B \left( \delta_{ij} f_A + (y_j - x_j) \frac{\partial f_A}{\partial y_i} \right) dy. \end{aligned}$$

$I_1 = \int_B (y_j - x_j) \frac{\partial f_A}{\partial y_i} dy$ . By the average value's theorem one gets  $I_1 = (y_j^* - x_j) \frac{\partial f_A}{\partial y_i}(y^*) V_B$ , where  $y^* \in B$  and  $V_B$  is the volume of  $B$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{I_1}{\epsilon(m+2)} &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(y_j^* - x_j) \frac{\partial f_A}{\partial y_i}(y^*) V_B}{\epsilon^{m+2}} \\
&= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(y_j^* - x_j) \frac{\partial f_A}{\partial y_i}(y^*) \cdot c \cdot \epsilon^{m+2}}{\epsilon^{m+2}} \quad (c \text{ is a constant}) \\
&= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} c \cdot (y_j^* - x_j) \frac{\partial f_A}{\partial y_i}(y^*) = 0 \quad (y_j^* \rightarrow x_j \text{ when } \epsilon \rightarrow 0^+).
\end{aligned}$$

Put  $I_2 = \int_B \delta_{ij} f_A dy$ . If  $i \neq j$  then  $I_2 = 0$ .

If  $i = j$  then

$$\frac{I_2}{\epsilon^{m+2}} = \frac{\int_B f_A dy}{\epsilon^{m+2}}$$

By the average value's theorem one gets

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{I_2}{\epsilon^{m+2}} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon^{m+2}} f_A(y_A^*) V_B \quad (\text{where } y_A^* \in B, V_B \text{ is the volum of } B) \\
&= \frac{1}{\epsilon^{m+2}} f_A(y_A^*) \frac{\omega_{m+2}}{m+2} = \frac{\omega_{m+2}}{m+2} f_A(y_A^*) \quad (\omega_{m+2} \text{ is the area of } B).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} f(y) d\sigma E(y-x) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} \sum_{i,A} \epsilon_A \frac{\omega_{m+2}}{m+2} f_A(y_A^*) \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} \frac{1}{m+2} f(x) = f(x) \quad (\text{Because if } \epsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \text{ then } y_A^* \rightarrow x).
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, one can check the equality

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\partial B} E(y-x) d\sigma f(y) = f(x).$$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $S \subset \Omega$  be a  $(m+2)$ -dimensional differentiable and oriented compact manifold with-boundary. IF  $f \in C^1(\Omega, A)$  then

$$\int_{\partial S} E(y-x) d\sigma f(y) - \int_S E(y-x) \cdot Df(y) dy = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in S^0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in \Omega \setminus S \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* If  $x \in \Omega \setminus S$  then by Theorem 1 and Lemma 2, it follows

$$\int_{\partial S} E(y-x) d\sigma f(y) = \int_S (E(y-x) D \cdot f(y) + E(y-x) \cdot Df(y)) dy = \int_S E(y-x) \cdot Df(y) dy$$

Hence

$$\int_{\partial S} E(y-x) d\sigma f(y) - \int_S E(y-x) \cdot Df(y) dy = 0.$$

Now take  $x \in S^0$  to be fixed and choose  $R > 0$  such that  $B(x, R) \subset S^0$ . Let  $V = S \subset B$ . by Theorem 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\partial V} E(y-x) d\sigma f(y) &= \int_V (E(y-x) D.f(y) + E(y-x).Df(y)) dy \\ &= \int_V E(y-x).Df(y) dy.\end{aligned}$$

known that

$$\int_{\partial S} E(y-x) d\sigma f(y) - \int_{\partial B} E(y-x) d\sigma f(y) = \int_{\partial V} E(y-x) d\sigma f(y).$$

$$\int_{\partial S} E(y-x) d\sigma f(y) - \int_{\partial V} E(y-x) D f(y) dy = \int_{\partial B} E(y-x) d\sigma f(y).$$

$R \rightarrow 0^+$  then  $V$  tends to  $S$  and Lemma 3 follows

$$\int_{\partial S} E(y-x) d\sigma f(y) - \int_S E(y-x).Df(y) dy = f(x).$$

**Corollary 2.** Let  $S \subset \Omega$  be as in Theorem 2. If  $f$  is a left monogenic function, then

$$\int_{\partial S} E(y-x) d\sigma f(y) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{for } x \in S^0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x \in \Omega \setminus S \end{cases}$$

**Corollary 3.** If  $f$  is left monogenic function in  $\Omega$  and  $a \in \Omega$  then

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{R^{m+2} V_{m+2}} \int_{B(a, R)} f(u) du$$

for each  $R > 0$  such that  $B(a, R) \subset \Omega$ , where  $V_{m+2}$  is the volume of unit ball in  $R^{m+2}$ .

Take  $R > 0$  such, that  $B(a, R) \subset \Omega$ . Applying Corollary 2 for the ball  $B(a, R)$ , we have

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{\omega_{m+2}} \int_{\partial B(a, R)} \frac{u-a}{|u-a|^{m+2}} d\sigma f(u) = \frac{1}{r^{m+2} \omega_{m+2}} \int_{\partial B(a, R)} (u-a) d\sigma f(u).$$

From Theorem 1 one gets

$$f(a) = \frac{m+2}{R^{m+2} \omega_{m+2}} \int_{B(a, R)} f(u) du = \frac{1}{R^{m+2} V_{m+2}} \int_{B(a, R)} f(u) du.$$

**Definition 4.** If  $\mu = \sum_A \mu_A e_A$ , then  $|\mu|_0 = 2^{m/2} (\sum_A \mu_A^2)^{1/2}$ .

**Lemma 4.** Suppose that there exists a point  $a \in \Omega$  such  $|f(x)|_0 \leq |f(a)|_0$  for all  $x \in \Omega$ . Put  $\Omega_\lambda = \{x \in \Omega : |f(x)|_0 = |f(a)|_0 = \lambda\}$ . Then  $\Omega_\lambda = \Omega$ .

First, we show that  $\Omega_\lambda$  is closed in  $\Omega$ . Indeed  $\Omega \neq \emptyset$ , because  $a \in \Omega_\lambda$ . If  $\Omega_\lambda = \Omega$ , then the proof is terminated. So let  $y \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_\lambda$ . Hence  $|f(y)|_0 < \lambda$ . As  $|f(\cdot)|_0$  is continuous in  $\Omega$ , it is

possible to find an  $R > 0$ , such that  $|f(u)|_0 < \lambda$  for all  $u \in B(y, R)$  i.e. such  $B(y, R) \subset \Omega$ . This means that  $\Omega_\lambda$  is closed in  $\Omega$ .

To prove that  $\Omega_\lambda$  is open in  $\Omega$ , take  $z \in \Omega_\lambda$  and  $R > 0$  such that  $B(z, R) \subset \Omega$ . By Corollary 3 one gets

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{R^{m+2}V_{m+2}} \int_{B(z, R)} f(u) du.$$

It follows that

$$\lambda^2 = |f(z)|_0^2 = \frac{2^m}{R^{2m+4}V_{m+2}^2} \sum_A \left( \int_{B(z, R)} f_A(u) du \right)^2.$$

Using Holder's inequality one gets

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^2 &\leq \frac{2^m}{R^{2m+4}V_{m+2}^2} \sum_A \left( \int_{B(z, R)} du \right) \left( \int_{B(z, R)} f_A^2(u) du \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{R^{m+2}V_{m+2}} \int_{B(z, R)} |f(u)|_0^2 du. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{R^{m+2}V_{m+2}} \int_{B(z, R)} (|f(u)|_0^2 - \lambda^2) du \leq 0.$$

Which yields that  $|f(u)|_0 = \lambda$  for all  $u \in B(z, R)$ . This means that  $B^0(z, R) \subset \Omega_\lambda$ , which shows that  $\Omega_\lambda$  is open in  $\Omega$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\Omega$  be open, connected and  $f$  be a left monogenic function in  $\Omega$ . If there exists a point  $a \in \Omega$  such that  $|f(x)|_0 \leq |f(a)|_0$  for all  $x \in \Omega$  then  $f$  must be a constant function on  $\Omega$ .

*Proof.* Put  $|f(a)|_0 = \lambda$ , and  $\Omega_\lambda = \{x : |f(x)|_0 = \lambda\}$ . By Lemma 4, it follows  $\Omega_\lambda = \Omega$  or  $|f(x)|_0 < \lambda$  for all  $x \in \Omega$ .

If  $\lambda = 0$  then clearly  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \Omega$ .

For  $\lambda > 0$  and  $x \in \Omega$ , we have

$$2^m \sum_A f_A^2(x) = \lambda^2. \quad (*)$$

Differentiating twice times both sides of (\*), one gets

$$\sum_A \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f_A(x) \right)^2 + \sum_A f_A(x) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} f_A(x) = 0 \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m+1.$$

Summing up over  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m+1$  yields

$$\sum_{i, A} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f_A(x) \right)^2 + \sum_A f_A(x) \cdot \Delta_{m+2} f_A(x) = 0.$$

Or

$$\sum_{i, A} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f_A(x) \right)^2 = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \Omega.$$

So that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f_A(x) = 0$  in  $\Omega$  for all  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m+1$  and for all  $A$ , which means that  $f$  is constant in  $\Omega$ .

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## VỀ MỘT LỚP CÁC HÀM CHÍNH HÌNH TRONG ĐẠI SỐ CLIFFORD

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Để nghiên cứu tính chất chính hình của hàm  $f: R^{m+1} \rightarrow A$  với  $A$  là đại số Clifford  $2^m$  chiều, ta xét toán tử vi phân  $D_0 = \sum_{j=0}^m e_j ([1])$ . Trong bài này khi  $m = 4p + 2$  ( $p \in N$ ) chúng ta mở rộng toán tử  $D_0$  bởi toán tử  $D = \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} e_j$  trong đó  $e_{m+1} = e_{12\dots m}$  tác động lên lớp hàm  $l \subset R^{m+2} \rightarrow A$ . Trong trường hợp này, đối với toán tử  $D$  chúng ta cũng nhận được những quả tương tự như đối với toán tử  $D_0$ .