

### 131. The Kernel Representation of the Fractional Power of the Elliptic Operator

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**§1. Introduction.** Let  $A$  be a strongly elliptic operator defined in a domain  $D$  of  $R^n$ , and let us consider the Dirichlet problem for the operator  $A + \lambda I$ ,  $\lambda$  be a complex number. Then we can define the fractional power  $A^{-\alpha}$  under a suitable condition on the spectrum of  $A$ . In the case where  $A$  is formally self-adjoint, T. Kotake and M. S. Narasimhan [2] have recently proved that  $A^{-\alpha}$  ( $\text{Re } \alpha > 0$ ) has a kernel representation and moreover this kernel is very regular. In this article, we want to obtain the same result for not always self-adjoint operator. We consider the Dirichlet problem in the space  $L^2(D)$ . We express the weak solution  $u \in L^2(D)$  of the equation  $Au + \lambda u = f \in L^2(D)$  by means of parametrix according to H. G. Garnir [1], and we also express the Green kernel of  $A + \lambda I$  using the Green operator  $G_\lambda$ . Finally, we show that the kernel  $K^{(\alpha)}$  of  $A^{-\alpha}$  is very regular. To show this, we used some properties of parametrix which are due to S. Mizohata [3]. The detailed proof will be given in a forthcoming paper.

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**§2. Expression of solutions.** Let us consider the strongly elliptic partial differential operator of order  $2m$  defined in a domain  $D$  (bounded or unbounded) of  $R^n$

$$(2.1) \quad A = A\left(x, \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) = \sum_{|\nu| \leq 2m} a_\nu(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\nu, \text{ where}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\nu = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}\right)^{\nu_1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}\right)^{\nu_2} \cdots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)^{\nu_n}.$$

The coefficients  $a_\nu(x)$  belong to  $\mathcal{B}(\tilde{D})$ , where  $\tilde{D}$  is an open set such that  $\bar{D} \subseteq \tilde{D}$ . The condition of ellipticity

$$(2.2) \quad \text{Re} \sum_{|\nu|=2m} a_\nu(x)(iy)^\nu \geq \gamma |y|^{2m}, \text{ for all } y \in R^n, \gamma: \text{const.} > 0,$$

is to be fulfilled uniformly in  $D$ . We denote by  $A' = A'\left(x, \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)$  the transposed operator of  $A$ . Because we only need the local expressions (expressions in a fixed compact set contained in  $D$ ) of weak solutions and of Green kernels, without loss of generality we can suppose that the coefficients  $a_\nu(x)$  are defined in  $R^n$  and the uniform ellipticity (2.2) holds in  $R^n$  as well.

At first, we assume the existence of the parametrix  $E$  of  $A$  (resp.