

## INTEGRODIFFERENTIAL EQUATION WHICH INTERPOLATES THE HEAT EQUATION AND THE WAVE EQUATION (II)

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### 1. Introduction

In the present paper we are concerned with the integrodifferential equation

$$(IDE)_\alpha \quad u(t, x) = \phi(x) + \frac{t^{\alpha/2}}{\Gamma(1 + \frac{\alpha}{2})} \psi(x) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} \Delta u(s, x) ds$$

$t > 0, x \in \mathbf{R}$

for  $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ . Here  $\Gamma(x)$  is the gamma function and  $\Delta = (\partial/\partial x)^2$ . When  $\psi \equiv 0$ ,  $(IDE)_1$  is reduced to the heat equation. For  $\alpha = 2$ ,  $(IDE)_2$  is just the wave equation and its solution  $u_2(t, x)$  has the expression called the d'Alembert's formula:

$$u_2(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} [\phi(x+t) + \phi(x-t)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \psi(y) dy.$$

The present paper is the continuation of [6]; the aim of the present paper, which is different from that of [6], is to investigate the structure of the solution of  $(IDE)_\alpha$  by its decomposition for every  $\alpha$ ,  $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ .

In Theorem B below, we shall show that  $(IDE)_\alpha$  has the unique solution  $u_\alpha(t, x)$  ( $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ ) expressed as

$$(1) \quad u_\alpha(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E}[\phi(x + Y_\alpha(t)) + \phi(x - Y_\alpha(t))] + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E} \int_{x - Y_\alpha(t)}^{x + Y_\alpha(t)} \psi(y) dy$$

where  $Y_\alpha(t)$  is continuous, nondecreasing and nonnegative stochastic process with Mittag-Leffler distributions of order  $\alpha/2$ , and  $\mathbf{E}$  stands for the expectation. We remark that the expression (1) has the same form as that of the d'Alembert's formula.

In Theorem A below, we shall consider the decomposition of  $u_\alpha(t, x)$  ( $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ ). We decompose  $u_\alpha$  into two functions  $u_\alpha^+$  and  $u_\alpha^-$  defined by

$$(2) \quad u_\alpha^+(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E}[\phi(x - Y_\alpha(t)) - \Psi(x - Y_\alpha(t))]$$

and

$$(3) \quad u_{\alpha}^{-}(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E} [\phi(x + Y_{\alpha}(t)) + \Psi(x + Y_{\alpha}(t))]$$

where  $\Psi(x) = \int_0^x \psi(y) dy$ . It is easy to see that  $u_{\alpha} = u_{\alpha}^{+} + u_{\alpha}^{-}$ . The function  $u_{\alpha}^{+}$ , which consists of the element  $x - Y_{\alpha}(t)$ , represents the disturbance moving into the positive direction of the  $x$ -axis. Similarly, the function  $u_{\alpha}^{-}$ , which consists of the element  $x + Y_{\alpha}(t)$ , represents the disturbance moving into the negative direction of the  $x$ -axis. Furthermore the functions  $u_{\alpha}^{+}$  and  $u_{\alpha}^{-}$  are characterized as the unique solutions of the integrodifferential equations

$$(\text{IDE})_{\alpha/2}^{+} \quad u(t, x) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha/2)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{(\alpha/2)-1} \nabla u(s, x) ds = \frac{1}{2} [\phi(x) - \Psi(x)]$$

and

$$(\text{IDE})_{\alpha/2}^{-} \quad u(t, x) - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha/2)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{(\alpha/2)-1} \nabla u(s, x) ds = \frac{1}{2} [\phi(x) + \Psi(x)]$$

respectively, where  $\nabla = (\partial/\partial x)$ . Let us denote by  $I^{\rho}$  the Riemann-Liouville integral operator of order  $\rho > 0$  defined by  $I^{\rho} f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\rho)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\rho-1} f(s) ds$ . It has the property such that  $(1 - I^{\alpha} \Delta) = (1 \pm I^{\alpha/2} \nabla) (1 \mp I^{\alpha/2} \nabla)$ , where 1 stands for the identity operator (see Proposition 2 below). Thus the above decomposition of  $u_{\alpha}$  corresponds to the decomposition of the operator  $(1 - I^{\alpha} \Delta)$  of  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha}$  into the product of two operators  $(1 + I^{\alpha/2} \nabla)$  of  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha/2}^{+}$  and  $(1 - I^{\alpha/2} \nabla)$  of  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha/2}^{-}$ .

The present paper is organized as follows. First, using the probability theory, we shall show that  $u_{\alpha}^{\pm}$  is the unique solution of  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha/2}^{\pm}$  (Theorem A). Next, using this result and the above decomposition of  $(1 - I^{\alpha} \Delta)$ , we shall show that  $u_{\alpha}$  is the unique solution of  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha}$  (Theorem B).

## 2. Theorems and their proofs

Let  $X_{\alpha}(t)$  ( $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ ) be the stable process defined on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$  such that its characteristic function  $\mathbf{E} \exp \{is X_{\alpha}(t)\}$  ( $s \in \mathbf{R}, t \geq 0$ ) is given by

$$\mathbf{E} \exp \{is X_{\alpha}(t)\} = \exp \{-t |s|^{2/\alpha} e^{-\pi i/2} e^{-(\pi i/2)(2-2/\alpha) \text{sgn}(s)}\}.$$

We choose a version such that  $X_{\alpha}(t)$  is right continuous and has left limit. We remark that  $X_2(t) = t$  and  $X_1(t)$  is a Brownian motion with mean 0 and variance  $2t$ . Put

$$Y_{\alpha}(t) = \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} X_{\alpha}(s).$$

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ .*

(I) With probability 1,  $Y_\alpha(t)$  is continuous, nondecreasing and nonnegative process with  $Y_\alpha(0)=0$ .

(II)  $Y_\alpha(t)$  has the Mittag-Leffler distributions of order  $\alpha/2$ :

$$(4) \quad \mathbf{E} \exp \{-s Y_\alpha(t)\} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-s t^{\alpha/2})^n}{\Gamma(1 + \frac{n\alpha}{2})} \quad (s \in \mathbf{C}, t \geq 0).$$

(III) For every  $A \geq 0$ , there exists some constant  $C(A, \alpha) > 0$  such that

$$\mathbf{E} \exp \{A Y_\alpha(t)\} \leq C(A, \alpha) \exp \{A^{2/\alpha} t\} \quad (t \geq 0).$$

Proof. (I) By the definition of  $Y_\alpha(t)$ , it is nondecreasing. Since  $X_\alpha(0)=0$ ,  $Y_\alpha(t)$  is nonnegative process with  $Y_\alpha(0)=0$ . It remains to prove that  $Y_\alpha(t)$  is continuous. The stochastic process  $X_\alpha(t)$  has no positive jump, i.e.,  $X_\alpha(t-) \geq X_\alpha(t)$  for every  $t > 0$  (cf. pp. 276 of [2]). Thus, we have  $Y_\alpha(t-) \geq Y_\alpha(t)$ . The opposite inequality  $Y_\alpha(t-) \leq Y_\alpha(t)$  is trivial, so that  $Y_\alpha(t-) = Y_\alpha(t)$  and  $Y_\alpha(t)$  is left continuous. The right continuity of  $Y_\alpha(t)$  is obvious. Hence  $Y_\alpha(t)$  is continuous a.s..

(II) This is trivial for  $\alpha=2$ , since  $Y_2(t)=t$ . Thus, assume that  $1 \leq \alpha < 2$ . By Proposition 1 of [2], the equality (4) holds for  $s, t \geq 0$ . Here we remark that the constant  $c_1$  of §1 (9) of [2] is equal to 1 in our case. Since  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\Gamma(1 + \frac{n\alpha}{2})]^{-1/n} = 0$  by Stirling's formula, the right hand side of (4) is an analytic function of  $s \in \mathbf{C}$  for every  $t \geq 0$ . On the other hand, by Proposition 3b of [2], there exist some constants  $A_\alpha, B_\alpha > 0$  such that

$$P(Y_\alpha(t) \geq x) \sim A_\alpha (xt^{-\alpha/2})^{-\frac{1}{2-\alpha}} \exp \{-B_\alpha (xt^{-\alpha/2})^{-\frac{2}{2-\alpha}}\} \quad (x \rightarrow \infty, t > 0),$$

so that the left hand side of (4) is also an analytic function of  $s \in \mathbf{C}$  for every  $t \geq 0$  (for  $t=0$ , this is trivial). Therefore the equality (4) holds for  $s \in \mathbf{C}$  and  $t \geq 0$  by the theorem of identity.

(III) By (II), we have for  $t \geq 0$

$$\mathbf{E} \exp \{A Y_\alpha(t)\} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(A t^{\alpha/2})^n}{\Gamma(1 + \frac{n\alpha}{2})}.$$

By (10) of pp. 208 of [4], it holds that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(A t^{\alpha/2})^n}{\Gamma(1 + \frac{n\alpha}{2})} \sim \frac{2}{\alpha} \exp \{A^{2/\alpha} t\} \quad (t \rightarrow \infty).$$

Thus the assertion (III) follows easily.

This completes the proof of Proposition 1.  $\square$

Now we shall consider the solutions of  $(\text{IDE})_\alpha$  and  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha/2}^\ddagger$ .

DEFINITION. (I) The function  $u=u(t, x)$  on  $[0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$  is said to be a solution of  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha}$ , if  $u$  and  $\Delta u$  are continuous on  $[0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$  and  $u$  satisfies  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha}$  for every  $(t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$ .  
 (II) The function  $u=u(t, x)$  on  $[0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$  is said to be a solution of  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha/2}^{\pm}$ , if  $u$  and  $\nabla u$  are continuous on  $[0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$  and  $u$  satisfies  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha/2}^{\pm}$  for every  $(t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$ .

REMARK. In [6] we defined the solution of  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha}$ , adding the condition that the solution was in  $C([0, \infty): \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}))$  ( $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R})$ : the Schwartz class). This condition is not imposed in the present paper.

We shall construct the solutions of  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha}$  and  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha/2}^{\pm}$  in the following spaces. Let  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{R})$  be the space of the continuous functions  $f$  on  $\mathbf{R}$  such that there exist some constants  $A, C > 0$  satisfying  $|f(x)| \leq C e^{A|x|}$  for any  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ , and  $\mathcal{E}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R})$  the space of the continuous functions  $v$  on  $[0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$  such that there exist some constants  $A', C' > 0$  satisfying  $|v(t, x)| \leq C' e^{A'[t+|x|]}$  for any  $(t, x) \in [0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$ . For every positive integer  $m$ , define  $\mathcal{E}^m(\mathbf{R})$  and  $\mathcal{E}^{0,m}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R})$  by  $\mathcal{E}^m(\mathbf{R}) = \{f: \nabla^j f \in \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{R}) \text{ for } 0 \leq j \leq m\}$  and  $\mathcal{E}^{0,m}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}) = \{v: \nabla^j v \in \mathcal{E}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}) \text{ for } 0 \leq j \leq m\}$  respectively. Throughout this paper, we use the notation  $\Psi(x) = \int_0^x \psi(y) dy$  (we assume that  $\psi$  is always locally integrable on  $\mathbf{R}$ ).

The main results of the present paper are the following:

**Theorem A.** *Let  $\phi$  and  $\Psi$  be in  $\mathcal{E}^1(\mathbf{R})$ . Then, for  $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ ,  $u_{\alpha}^{+}$  defined by (2) and  $u_{\alpha}^{-}$  defined by (3) are the unique solutions of  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha/2}^{+}$  and  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha/2}^{-}$  respectively in  $\mathcal{E}^{0,1}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R})$ .*

**Theorem B.** *Let  $\phi$  and  $\Psi$  be in  $\mathcal{E}^2(\mathbf{R})$ . Then, for  $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ ,  $u_{\alpha}$  defined by (1) is the unique solution of  $(\text{IDE})_{\alpha}$  in  $\mathcal{E}^{0,2}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R})$ . Furthermore it holds that  $u_{\alpha} = u_{\alpha}^{+} + u_{\alpha}^{-}$ .*

REMARK. For  $\phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R})$  and  $\psi \equiv 0$ , the expression (1) and the one obtained in (1.6) of [6] coincide mutually. This is due to the simple properties of the stable processes (see §2 (17) and Proposition 1 (iii) of [2]).

To prove Theorem A, we need a lemma.

**Lemma** *Let  $1 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ , and  $A$  a positive constant such that  $\sup_{x \in \mathbf{R}} \{e^{-A|x|} |f(x)|\} < \infty$  for  $f \in \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{R})$ . Then we have for  $\lambda > A^{2/\alpha}$*

$$(5) \quad \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \mathbf{E}[f(Y_{\alpha}(t))] dt = \lambda^{(\alpha/2)-1} \int_0^{\infty} f(y) e^{-y\lambda^{\alpha/2}} dy .$$

Proof. Since

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \mathbf{E}[f(Y_{\alpha}(t))] dt = \int_0^{\infty} f(y) d_y \left[ \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \mathbf{P}(Y_{\alpha}(t) \leq y) dt \right],$$

it is sufficient to show that for every  $y \geq 0$

$$(6) \quad \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \mathbf{P}(Y_\alpha(t) \leq y) dt = \frac{1}{\lambda} [1 - e^{-y\lambda^{\alpha/2}}].$$

To prove (6), we shall calculate the Laplace-Stieltjes transform of the both sides of (6). For  $s \in (0, \lambda^{\alpha/2})$ , we have by Proposition 1 and the dominated convergence theorem

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty e^{-sy} d_y \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \mathbf{P}(Y_\alpha(t) \leq y) dt \right] \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \mathbf{E} \exp \{-s Y_\alpha(t)\} dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-s t^{\alpha/2})^n}{\Gamma(1 + \frac{n\alpha}{2})} \right\} dt \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-s)^n}{\Gamma(1 + \frac{n\alpha}{2})} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} t^{(\alpha n/2)} dt \\ &= \frac{\lambda^{(\alpha/2)-1}}{s + \lambda^{\alpha/2}} \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-sy} d_y \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda} [1 - e^{-y\lambda^{\alpha/2}}] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have obtained for  $s \in (0, \lambda^{\alpha/2})$

$$(7) \quad \int_0^\infty e^{-sy} d_y \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \mathbf{P}(Y_\alpha(t) \leq y) dt \right] = \int_0^\infty e^{-sy} d_y \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda} [1 - e^{-y\lambda^{\alpha/2}}] \right\}.$$

Since the both sides of (7) are analytic functions of  $s$  in  $\{s \in \mathbf{C} : \Re s > 0\}$ , the equality (7) holds for  $s, \Re s > 0$  by the theorem of identity. Note that (6) holds for  $y=0$ . Then the uniqueness of the Laplace-Stieltjes transform leads to (6). This completes the proof of Lemma.  $\square$

Proof of Theorem A. We shall prove the case  $u_\alpha^+$  only, since the case  $u_\alpha^-$  can be proved similarly. By Proposition 1, it is clear that  $u_\alpha^+$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}^{0,1}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R})$ . Let  $A > 0$  be a constant such that  $\sup_{x \in \mathbf{R}} \{e^{-A|x|} [|\phi(x)| + |\Psi(x)|]\} < \infty$ . Applying the Laplace transform to  $u_\alpha^+$  and using Lemma, we have for  $\lambda > A^{2/\alpha}$

$$(8) \quad U_\alpha^+(\lambda, x) = \frac{\lambda^{(\alpha/2)-1}}{2} \int_0^\infty [\phi(x-y) - \Psi(x-y)] e^{-y\lambda^{\alpha/2}} dy$$

where  $U_\alpha^+(\lambda, x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} u_\alpha^+(t, x) dt$ . Using the change of the variable  $z = x - y$  in (8), we get

$$(9) \quad e^{x\lambda^{\alpha/2}} U_{\alpha}^{+}(\lambda, x) = \frac{\lambda^{(\alpha/2)-1}}{2} \int_{-\infty}^x [\phi(z) - \Psi(z)] e^{z\lambda^{\alpha/2}} dz.$$

Differentiating the both sides of (9) with respect to  $x$ , we have for  $(\lambda, x) \in (A^{2/\alpha}, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$

$$(10) \quad U_{\alpha}^{+}(\lambda, x) + \frac{\nabla U_{\alpha}^{+}(\lambda, x)}{\lambda^{\alpha/2}} = \frac{1}{2\lambda} [\phi(x) - \Psi(x)].$$

Since  $\frac{1}{\lambda^{\rho}}$  ( $\rho > 0$ ) is the Laplace transform of  $\frac{t^{\rho-1}}{\Gamma(\rho)}$ , the inverse Laplace transform of (10) shows that  $u_{\alpha}^{+}$  satisfies (IDE) $_{\alpha/2}^{+}$  for every  $(t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$ . Therefore it is a solution of (IDE) $_{\alpha/2}^{+}$  in  $\mathcal{E}^{0,1}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R})$ . It remains to prove the uniqueness. It is sufficient to show that if  $v \in \mathcal{E}^{0,1}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R})$  satisfies

$$(11) \quad v(t, x) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha/2)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{(\alpha/2)-1} \nabla v(x, s) ds = 0$$

for  $(t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$ , then  $v \equiv 0$ . Applying the Laplace transform to (11), we get

$$(12) \quad V(\lambda, x) + \lambda^{-\alpha/2} \nabla V(\lambda, x) = 0 \quad (\lambda, x) \in (B, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$$

where  $V(\lambda, x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} v(t, x) dt$  and  $B > 0$  is a constant such that  $\sup_{t \geq 0, x \in \mathbf{R}} \{e^{-B(t+|x|)} [ |v(t, x)| + |\nabla v(t, x)| ]\} < \infty$ . By (12), the function  $V(\lambda, x) \exp[\lambda^{\alpha/2} x]$  depends on only  $\lambda \in (B, \infty)$ . Put  $C(\lambda) = V(\lambda, x) \exp[\lambda^{\alpha/2} x]$ . Since there exists a constant  $C$  such that  $|V(\lambda, x)| \leq \frac{C e^{|\lambda| x}}{\lambda - B}$  on  $(B, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$ , we have for  $\lambda > B_0 \equiv \max\{B, B^{2/\alpha}\}$

$$|C(\lambda)| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda - B} \exp\{\lambda^{\alpha/2} x + B|x|\} \rightarrow 0 \quad (x \rightarrow -\infty),$$

so that  $V(\lambda, x) \equiv 0$  on  $(B_0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$ . The uniqueness of the Laplace transform leads to  $v(t, x) \equiv 0$  on  $[0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Next we shall prove Theorem B. For  $f \in \mathcal{E}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R})$ , define the Riemann-Liouville integral operator  $I^{\rho} f$  ( $\rho > 0$ ) by

$$I^{\rho} f(t, x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\rho)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\rho-1} f(s, x) ds & (t > 0) \\ 0 & (t = 0). \end{cases}$$

The following proposition is crucial to prove Theorem B.

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{E}^{0,2}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R})$ . Then*

$$(1 - I^{\alpha} \Delta) f(t, x) = (1 \pm I^{\alpha/2} \nabla) (1 \mp I^{\alpha/2} \nabla) f(t, x)$$

for any  $(t, x) \in [0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$ , where 1 stands for the identity operator.

Since the proof is obvious, we omit it (cf. [3]).

Proof of Theorem B. Since  $\phi$  and  $\Psi$  belong to  $\mathcal{E}^2(\mathbf{R})$ , both  $u_{\alpha}^{+}$  and  $u_{\alpha}^{-}$  belong to  $\mathcal{E}^{0,2}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R})$  by Proposition 1. By Theorem A, they satisfy for  $(t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$

$$(IDE)_{\alpha/2}^{\pm} \quad (1 \pm I^{\alpha/2} \nabla) u_{\alpha}^{\pm}(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} [\phi(x) \mp \Psi(x)].$$

By Proposition 2, we have on  $(0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 - I^{\alpha} \Delta) (u_{\alpha}^{+} + u_{\alpha}^{-}) \\ &= (1 - I^{\alpha/2} \nabla) [(1 + I^{\alpha/2} \nabla) u_{\alpha}^{+}] + (1 + I^{\alpha/2} \nabla) [(1 - I^{\alpha/2} \nabla) u_{\alpha}^{-}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (1 - I^{\alpha/2} \nabla) [\phi(x) - \Psi(x)] + \frac{1}{2} (1 + I^{\alpha/2} \nabla) [\phi(x) + \Psi(x)] \\ &= \phi(x) + I^{\alpha/2} \psi_{\mathbf{R}}(x) \\ &= \phi(x) + \frac{t^{\alpha/2}}{\Gamma(1 + \frac{\alpha}{2})} \psi_{\mathbf{R}}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $u_{\alpha} = u_{\alpha}^{+} + u_{\alpha}^{-}$ , the function  $u_{\alpha}$  is a solution of  $(IDE)_{\alpha}$  in  $\mathcal{E}^{0,2}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R})$ . It remains to prove the uniqueness. It is sufficient to show that if  $v \in \mathcal{E}^{0,2}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R})$  satisfies  $(1 - I^{\alpha} \Delta) v = 0$  on  $(0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$ , then  $v \equiv 0$ . Since  $(1 + I^{\alpha/2} \nabla) v$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}^{0,1}([0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R})$ , Theorem A and Proposition 2 lead to  $(1 + I^{\alpha/2} \nabla) v \equiv 0$  on  $[0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$ . Theorem A also leads to  $v \equiv 0$  on  $[0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

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