

THE VOLTERRA-STIELTJES INTEGRAL EQUATION
AND THE OPERATOR-VALUED FUNCTION SPACE
INTEGRAL AS AN $\mathcal{L}(L_p, L_{p'})$ THEORY

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ABSTRACT. In this note, we will prove that the operator-valued function space integral as an operator from L_p to $L_{p'}$ ($1 < p < 2$) for certain potential functionals satisfies a Volterra-Stieltjes integral equation.

1. Introduction and preliminaries

Cameron and Storvick introduced an operator-valued function space integral in 1968 [3]. Johnson and Lapidus established the existence theorem of the operator-valued function space integral as an operator from $L_2(\mathbf{R}^N)$ to itself for certain functionals involving some Borel measures [8]. And in 1987, Lapidus proved that the integral satisfies the Schrödinger wave equation [10].

In 1992, Chang and the author established the existence theorem of the operator-valued function space integral as an operator from L_p to $L_{p'}$ ($1 < p < 2$) for certain functionals involving some Borel measures [4]. In this note, we will prove that the integral satisfies a Volterra-Stieltjes integral equation.

Now some notations and facts which are needed in next section. Insofar as possible, we adopt the definitions and notations of [4].

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A. Let \mathbf{N} be the set of all natural numbers and let \mathbf{R} be the set of all real numbers. Let \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{C}_+ and \mathbf{C}_+^\sim be the set of all complex numbers, all complex numbers with positive real part and all non-zero complex numbers with non-negative real parts, respectively. Let ρ be a function on the set of all non-negative integers such that $\rho(0) = 0$ and $\rho(n) = 1$ for $n \geq 1$.

B. Given a number p such that $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$, p and p' will be always related by $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$. If $1 < p < 2$ is given, let α in $(1, +\infty)$ be such that $\alpha = \frac{p}{2-p}$. In our theorems, N will be a positive integer restricted so that $N < 2\alpha$. For $1 < p < 2$, let r be a real number such that $\frac{2\alpha}{2\alpha-N} < r < +\infty$. And let $\delta \equiv \frac{N}{2\alpha}$.

C. For $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$, $L_p(\mathbf{R}^N)$ is the space of \mathbf{C} - valued Borel measurable functions ψ on \mathbf{R}^N such that $|\psi|^p$ is integrable with respect to Lebesgue measure. Let $\mathcal{L}(L_p, L_{p'})$ be the space of bounded linear operators from $L_p(\mathbf{R}^N)$ into $L_{p'}(\mathbf{R}^N)$. For an operator T, T^* is a Banach adjoint of T .

D. Let $1 < p < 2$ be given. For λ in \mathbf{C}_+^\sim , ψ in $L_p(\mathbf{R}^N)$, ξ in \mathbf{R}^N and a positive real number s , let

$$(1.1) \quad (\mathcal{C}_{\lambda/s}\psi)(\xi) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi s}\right)^{\frac{N}{2}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^N} \psi(u) \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda\|u-\xi\|^2}{2s}\right) dm_L(u)$$

where if N is odd we always choose $\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ with non-negative real part and if $\text{Re}\lambda \equiv 0$, the integral in (1.1) should be interpreted in the mean just as in the theory of the L_p Fourier transform. From [9], as a function of λ , $\mathcal{C}_{\lambda/s}$ is analytic in \mathbf{C}_+ , it is strong continuous in \mathbf{C}_+^\sim , and it is in $\mathcal{L}(L_p, L_{p'})$ and $\|\mathcal{C}_{\lambda/s}\| \leq \left(\frac{|\lambda|}{2\pi s}\right)^\delta$. Moreover, $\mathcal{C}_{\lambda/s}^* = \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\lambda}/s}$ where $\mathcal{C}_{\lambda/s}^*$ means the adjoint operator of $\mathcal{C}_{\lambda/s}$ and $\bar{\lambda}$ is the conjugate of λ . From the Chapman-Kolmogorov theorem, $\mathcal{C}_\lambda \circ \mathcal{C}_\mu \psi = \mathcal{C}_{\lambda+\mu} \psi$ whenever the integrals exist. And so we adopt just the notation as follows $\mathcal{C}_\lambda \circ 1 \circ \mathcal{C}_\mu \equiv \mathcal{C}_{\lambda+\mu}$.

E. Let $t > 0$ be given. $M(0, t)$ will denote the space of all complex Borel measures η on the interval $(0, t)$. Every measure η in $M(0, t)$ has a unique decomposition, $\eta = \mu + \nu$ into a continuous part μ and a discrete

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part $\nu = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \omega_p \delta_{\tau_p}$, where $\langle \omega_p \rangle$ is a summable sequence in \mathbf{C} and δ_{τ_p} is the Dirac measure [12]. And $M(0, t)^*$ will denote the subset of $M(0, t)$ which satisfies the following conditions;

(a) If μ is the continuous part of η in $M(0, t)^*$, then the Radon-Nikodym derivative $\frac{d|\mu|}{dm}$ exists and is essentially bounded, where m is the Lebesgue measure on $(0, t)$.

(b) If $\nu = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \omega_p \delta_{\tau_p}$ is the discrete part of η in $M(0, t)^*$, then $\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} |\omega_p| \delta_{\tau_p}^{-r'\delta}$ converges.

For μ in $M(0, t)$, we define a measure $\bar{\mu}$ given by $\bar{\mu}(B) = \overline{\mu(B)}$ for all Borel subsets B of (a, b) . Then for $\eta = \mu + \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \omega_p \delta_{\tau_p}$, $\bar{\eta} = \bar{\mu} + \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \bar{\omega}_p \delta_{\tau_p}$.

F. Let $C_0[0, t] \equiv C_0$ be the space of \mathbf{R}^N -valued continuous functions on $[0, t]$ which vanish at 0. We consider C_0 as equipped with N -dimensional Wiener measure m_w . Let $C[0, t] \equiv C$ be the space of \mathbf{R}^N -valued continuous functions on $[0, t]$.

G. For $1 < p < 2$ and η in $M(0, t)$, let $L_{\alpha r; \eta}([0, t] \times \mathbf{R}^N) \equiv L_{\alpha r; \eta}$ be the space of all \mathbf{C} -valued Borel measurable functions θ on $[0, t] \times \mathbf{R}^N$ such that

$$(1.2) \quad \|\theta\|_{\alpha r; \eta} = \left\{ \int_{(0, t)} \|\theta(s, \cdot)\|_{\alpha}^r d|\eta|(s) \right\}^{\frac{1}{r}} \text{ is finite.}$$

H. Let $1 < p < 2$ be given and θ be in $L_{\alpha}(\mathbf{R}^N)$. From Lemma 1.3 in [9], the function $M_{\theta} : L_p(\mathbf{R}^N) \rightarrow L_p(\mathbf{R}^N)$ defined by $M_{\theta}(f) = f\theta$, is in $\mathcal{L}(L_p, L_p)$ and $\|M_{\theta}\| \leq \|\theta\|_{\alpha}$. Moreover, $M_{\theta}^* = M_{\bar{\theta}}$. It will be convenient to let $\theta(s)$ denote $M_{\theta(s, \cdot)}$ for θ in $L_{\alpha r; \eta}$.

Let $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_{m-1}$ be in $L_{\alpha}(\mathbf{R}^N)$, ψ in $L_p(\mathbf{R}^N)$ and $0 < s_1 < s_2 <$

$\cdots < s_m < t$. From the Wiener integral formula [13],

$$(1.3) \quad \int_{C_0} \theta_1(x(s_1))\theta_2(x(s_2)) \cdots \theta_{m-1}(x(s_{m-1}))\psi(x(s_m)) dm_w(x) \\ = \left[\{ \mathcal{C}_{1/s_1} \circ \theta_1(s_1) \circ \cdots \circ \mathcal{C}_{1/(s_{m-1}-s_{m-2})} \circ \theta_{m-1}(s_{m-1}) \circ \mathcal{C}_{1/(s_m-s_{m-1})} \} \psi \right] (0).$$

I. Let $0 < k < 1$ be given and m be in \mathbf{N} . For $0 < s_1 < s_2 < \cdots < s_m < b$,

$$(1.4) \quad \int_a^b \int_a^{s_m} \cdots \int_a^{s_1} \{(s_1 - a)(s_2 - s_1) \cdots (b - s_m)\}^{-k} ds_1 \cdots ds_m \\ = \frac{(b - a)^{m-(m+1)k} \{\Gamma(1 - k)\}^{m+1}}{\Gamma((m + 1)(1 - k))},$$

where Γ is the gamma function.

Throughout this paper, this values is denoted by $E(a, b; m, k)$.

J. Let $1 < p < 2$ be given. Let F be a functional on $C[0, t]$. Given $\lambda > 0$, ψ in $L_p(\mathbf{R}^N)$ and ξ in \mathbf{R}^N , let

$$(1.5) \quad [I_\lambda(F)\psi](\xi) = \int_{C_0} F(\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}x + \xi)\psi(\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}x(t) + \xi) dm_w(x).$$

If for m_L -a.e. ξ in \mathbf{R}^N , $[I_\lambda(F)\psi](\xi)$ exists in $L_{p'}(\mathbf{R}^N)$ and if the correspondence $\psi \rightarrow I_\lambda(F)\psi$ gives an element of $\mathcal{L}(L_p, L_{p'})$, we say that the operator-valued function space integral $I_\lambda(F)$ exists for λ . Suppose there exists λ_0 ($0 < \lambda_0 \leq +\infty$) such that $I_\lambda(F)$ exists for all $0 < \lambda < \lambda_0$ and there exists an $\mathcal{L}(L_p, L_{p'})$ -valued function which is analytic in $\mathbf{C}_{+, \lambda_0} \equiv \mathbf{C}_+ \cap \{z \in \mathbf{C} \mid |z| < \lambda_0\}$ and agrees with $I_\lambda(F)$ on $(0, \lambda_0)$, then this $\mathcal{L}(L_p, L_{p'})$ -valued function is called the operator-valued function space integral of F associated with λ and in this case, we say that $I_\lambda(F)$ exists for λ in $\mathbf{C}_{+, \lambda_0}$. If $I_\lambda(F)$ exists for λ in $\mathbf{C}_{+, \lambda_0}$ and $I_\lambda(F)$ is strongly continuous in $\mathbf{C}_{+, \lambda_0}^\sim \equiv \mathbf{C}_+^\sim \cap \{z \in \mathbf{C} \mid |z| < \lambda_0\}$, we say that $I_\lambda(F)$ exists for λ in $\mathbf{C}_{+, \lambda_0}^\sim$. When λ is purely imaginary, $I_\lambda(F)$ is called the (analytic) operator-valued Feynman integral of F .

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It is mathematically convenient and physically natural to work with the Banach adjoint $I_\lambda(F)^*$ of $I_\lambda(F)$ rather than with $I_\lambda(F)$ itself. Note that $I_\lambda(F)^*$ depends on time t both through the definition of F and that of $I_\lambda(F)$ in (1.5). We thus set, for λ in C_+^\sim and $t > 0$,

$$(1.6) \quad u(t) = I_\lambda(F)^*.$$

In [4], Chang and the author proved the following facts.

THEOREM 1.1. *Let $1 < p < 2$ be given, let η be in $M(0, t)^*$, let θ be in $L_{\text{or}, \eta}$ and let $\eta = \mu + \nu$ be the decomposition of η into its continuous and discrete parts. Let*

$$(1.7) \quad F(y) = \exp \left\{ \int_{(0, t)} \theta(s, y(s)) d\eta(s) \right\} \text{ for } y \text{ in } C.$$

Suppose that $\nu = \sum_{p=1}^h w_p \delta_{\tau_p}$ where we may assume that $0 < \tau_1 < \tau_2 < \dots < \tau_h < t$ and $\theta(\tau_p, \cdot)$, $p = 1, 2, \dots, h$, are essentially bounded. Then the operator $I_\lambda(F)$ exists for λ in C_+^\sim and for all λ in C_+^\sim ,

$$(1.8) \quad I_\lambda(F) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{q_0 + \dots + q_h = n \\ q_0, \dots, q_h \geq 0}} \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_{h+1} = q_0} \frac{w_1^{q_1} \dots w_h^{q_h}}{q_1! \dots q_h!} \\ \times \int_{\Delta_{q_0, \dots, q_h; j_1, \dots, j_{h+1}}(t)} (L_0 \circ L_1 \circ \dots \circ L_h) d \prod_{i=1}^{q_0} \mu(s_i),$$

where for nonnegative integers q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h and j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1} ,

$$\Delta_{q_0, \dots, q_h; j_1, \dots, j_{h+1}}(t) \\ = \{(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{q_0}) \in (0, t)^{q_0} \mid 0 < s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_{j_1} < \tau_1 < s_{j_1+1} \\ < \dots < s_{j_1+j_2} < \tau_2 < \dots < \tau_h < s_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_h+1} \\ < \dots < s_{j_1+\dots+j_{h+1}} = s_{q_0} < t\}$$

for $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{q_0}) \in \Delta_{q_0, \dots, q_h; j_1, \dots, j_{h+1}}$ and $m \in \{0, 1, \dots, h\}$,

$$L_m = [\theta(\tau_m)]^{q_m} \circ C_{\lambda/(s_{j_1+\dots+j_{m+1}}-\tau_m)} \circ \theta(s_{j_1+\dots+j_{m+1}}) \circ C_{\lambda/(s_{j_1+\dots+j_{m+2}}-s_{j_1+\dots+j_{m+1}})} \\ \circ \dots \circ \theta(s_{j_1+\dots+j_{m+1}}) \circ C_{\lambda/(\tau_{m+1}-s_{j_1+\dots+j_{m+1}})}$$

and the integral is the Bochner integral [5].

(We use the conventions $\tau_0 = 0$, $\tau_{h+1} = t$ and $[\theta(\tau_0)]^{q_0} = 1$, an identity map on $L_{p'}(\mathbf{R}^N)$). Moreover, for all λ in \mathbf{C}_+^{\sim} ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.9) \quad & \| I_\lambda(F) \| \\
 & \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{q_0+\dots+q_h=n \\ q_0, \dots, q_h \geq 0}} \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_{h+1}=q_0} \frac{|w_1|^{q_1} \dots |w_h|^{q_h}}{q_1! \dots q_h!} \\
 & \times (q_0!)^{-1/r} \left(\frac{|\lambda|}{2\pi} \right)^{(q_0+h+1)\delta} \left(\frac{(q_0+h)!}{q_0! h!} \right)^{1/2r'} \\
 & \times \left[\prod_{l=1}^h \|\theta(\tau_l, \cdot)\|_{\infty}^{q_l-1} \|\theta(\tau_l, \cdot)\|_{\alpha}^{\rho(q_l)} \right] (\text{ess sup } d|\mu|/dm)^{1/2r'} \\
 & \times (\|\theta\|_{\alpha r; \mu})^{q_0} \left[\sum_{j_1+\dots+j_{h+1}=q_0} \left\{ \prod_{l=0}^h E(\tau_l, \tau_{l+1}; j_{l+1}; r'\delta) \right\}^{2/r'} \right]^{1/2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

REMARK 1.2. (1) In the inequality (1.9), we can show the convergence of the summation by the essentially same method as in the proof of Theorem 2 in [1].

(2) From [7], we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.10) \quad u(t) = I_\lambda(F)^* &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{q_0+\dots+q_h=n \\ q_0, \dots, q_h \geq 0}} \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_{h+1}=q_0} \frac{\overline{w_1}^{q_1} \dots \overline{w_h}^{q_h}}{q_1! \dots q_h!} \\
 & \times \int_{\Delta_{q_0, \dots, q_h; j_1, \dots, j_{h+1}}(t)} L_h^* \circ \dots \circ L_1^* \circ L_0^* d \prod_{u=1}^{q_0} \bar{\mu}(s_u).
 \end{aligned}$$

2. The main theorems

In this section, we will prove that $u(t) = I_\lambda^*(F)$ satisfies a Volterra-Stieltjes integral equation.

For v in $(\tau_h, t]$ and non-negative integers $q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h, j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}$ such that $q_0 + \dots + q_h = n$ and $j_1 + \dots + j_{h+1} = q_0$, we set

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$$(2.1) \quad u_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}}(v) \\ = \int_{\Delta_{q_0, \dots, q_h; j_1, \dots, j_{h+1}}(v)} L_h^* \circ L_{h-1}^* \circ \dots \circ L_0^* d \prod_{i=1}^{q_0} \bar{\mu}(s_i).$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad w_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}}(v) \\ = \int_{\tau_h}^v C_{\bar{\lambda}/(v-s)} \circ \bar{\theta}(s) \circ u_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}}(s) d\bar{\mu}(s).$$

THEOREM 2.1. For v in $(\tau_h, t]$, we have

$$(2.3) \quad w_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}}(v) = u_{q_0+1, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}+1}(v).$$

Proof. Let v be in $(\tau_h, t]$ and let q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h and j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1} be given non-negative integers. Suppose k is the least number such that q_i is not a zero. Then

$$(2.4) \quad w_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}}(v) \\ \stackrel{(1)}{=} \int_{\tau_h}^v C_{\bar{\lambda}/(v-s_{q_0+1})} \circ \bar{\theta}(s_{q_0+1}) \left[\int_{\Delta_{q_0, \dots, q_h; j_1, \dots, j_{h+1}}(s_{q_0+1})} (L_h^* \circ L_{h-1}^* \circ \dots \circ L_0^*) d \prod_{i=1}^{q_0} \bar{\mu}(s_i) \right] d\bar{\mu}(s_{q_0+1}) \\ \stackrel{(2)}{=} \int_{\tau_h}^v C_{\bar{\lambda}/(v-s_{q_0+1})} \circ \bar{\theta}(s_{q_0+1}) \left[\int_{\Delta_{q_0, \dots, q_h; j_1, \dots, j_{h+1}}(s_{q_0+1})} C_{\bar{\lambda}/(\tau_h-s_{q_0})} \circ \bar{\theta}(s_{q_0}) \circ C_{\bar{\lambda}/(s_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_h+1}-s_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_h})} \right. \\ \left. \circ \bar{\theta}(s_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_h}) \circ \dots \circ C_{\bar{\lambda}/(s_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_k+2}-s_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_k+1})} \right. \\ \left. \circ \bar{\theta}(s_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_k+1}) \circ L_k^* \circ L_{k-1}^* \circ \dots \circ L_0^* d \prod_{i=1}^{q_0} \bar{\mu}(s_i) \right] d\bar{\mu}(s_{q_0+1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \int_{\Delta_{q_0, \dots, q_h; j_1, \dots, j_{h+1}+1}(v)} \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\lambda}/(v-s_{q_0+1})} \circ \bar{\theta}(s_{q_0+1}) \\
 &\quad \circ \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\lambda}/(\tau_h-s_{q_0})} \circ \bar{\theta}(s_{q_0}) \circ \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\lambda}/(s_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_h+1}-s_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_h})} \\
 &\quad \circ \bar{\theta}(s_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_h}) \circ \dots \circ \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\lambda}/(s_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_k+2}-s_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_k+1})} \\
 &\quad \circ \bar{\theta}(s_{j_1+j_2+\dots+j_k+1}) \circ L_k^* \circ L_{k-1}^* \circ \dots \circ L_0^* d \prod_{i=1}^{q_0+1} \bar{\mu}(s_i) \\
 &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \int_{\Delta_{q_0+1, \dots, q_h; j_1, \dots, j_{h+1}+1}(v)} (L_h^* \circ L_{h-1}^* \circ \dots \circ L_0^*) d \prod_{i=1}^{q_0+1} \bar{\mu}(s_i) \\
 &\stackrel{(5)}{=} u_{q_0+1, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}+1}(v). \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Steps (1) and (5) follow from the definitions of u, w in (2.1) and (2.2) respectively. By the assumption, we have Step (2). Step (3) follows, we know that the following two facts are equivalent;

- (1) s_{q_0+1} is in (τ_h, v) and $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{q_0})$ is in $\Delta_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}}(s_{q_0+1})$,
 - (2) $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{q_0}, s_{q_0+1})$ is in $\Delta_{q_0+1, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}+1}(v)$.
- And so, by the D in section 2, we obtain Step (4).

THEOREM 2.2. *The operator-valued function u satisfies the Volterra-Stieltjes integral equation*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.5) \quad u(v) &= \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\lambda}/(v-\tau_h)} \circ e^{\bar{w}_h \bar{\theta}(\tau_h)} \circ u(\tau_h) \\
 &\quad + \int_{\tau_h}^v \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\lambda}/(v-s)} \circ \bar{\theta}(s) \circ u(s) d\bar{\mu}(s)
 \end{aligned}$$

for all v in (τ_h, t) .

Proof. For v in (τ_h, t) , let

$$(2.6) \quad w(v) = \int_{\tau_h}^v \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\lambda}/(v-s)} \circ \bar{\theta}(s) \circ u(s) d\bar{\mu}(s).$$

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Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.7) \quad w(v) &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{q_0+\dots+q_h=n \\ q_0, \dots, q_h \geq 0}} \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_{h+1}=q_0} \frac{\overline{w_1}^{q_1} \dots \overline{w_h}^{q_h}}{q_1! \dots q_h!} \\
 &\quad \times \int_{\tau_h}^v C_{\lambda/(v-s)} \circ \bar{\theta}(s) \circ u_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}}(s) d\bar{\mu}(s). \\
 &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{q_0+\dots+q_h=n \\ q_0, \dots, q_h \geq 0}} \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_{h+1}=q_0} \frac{\overline{w_1}^{q_1} \dots \overline{w_h}^{q_h}}{q_1! \dots q_h!} \\
 &\quad \times w_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}}(v) \\
 &\stackrel{(3)}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{q_0+\dots+q_h=n \\ q_0, \dots, q_h \geq 0}} \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_{h+1}=q_0} \frac{\overline{w_1}^{q_1} \dots \overline{w_h}^{q_h}}{q_1! \dots q_h!} \\
 &\quad \times u_{q_0+1, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}+1}(v) \\
 &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q_0=0}^n \sum_{q_1+\dots+q_h=n-q_0} \sum_{j_{h+1}=0}^{q_0} \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_h=q_0-j_{h+1}} \frac{\overline{w_1}^{q_1} \dots \overline{w_h}^{q_h}}{q_1! \dots q_h!} \\
 &\quad \times u_{q_0+1, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}+1}(v) \\
 &\stackrel{(5)}{=} \sum_{n^*=1}^{\infty} \sum_{q_0^*=1}^{n^*} \sum_{q_1+\dots+q_h=n^*-q_0^*} \sum_{j_{h+1}^*=0}^{q_0^*} \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_h=q_0^*-j_{h+1}^*} \frac{\overline{w_1}^{q_1} \dots \overline{w_h}^{q_h}}{q_1! \dots q_h!} \\
 &\quad \times u_{q_0^*, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}^*}(v) \\
 &\stackrel{(6)}{=} \sum_{n^*=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q_0^*=1}^{n^*} \sum_{q_1+\dots+q_h=n^*-q_0^*} \sum_{j_{h+1}^*=0}^{q_0^*} \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_h=q_0^*-j_{h+1}^*} \frac{\overline{w_1}^{q_1} \dots \overline{w_h}^{q_h}}{q_1! \dots q_h!} \\
 &\quad \times u_{q_0^*, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{h+1}^*}(v).
 \end{aligned}$$

Step (1) follows from Theorem 1.1 and the the bounded convergence theorem. From (2,2), we have Step (2). By Theorem 2.1, we obtain Step (3). Step (4) is trivial. Putting $n^* = n + 1, q_0^* = q_0 + 1$ and $j_{h+1}^* = j_{h+1} + 1$, we have $n^* - q_0^* = n - q_0$, and $q_0^* - j_{h+1}^* = q_0 - j_{h+1}$, and so Step (5) holds. If $n^* = 0$, then $q_0^* = 0$, which is impossible, so we have Step (6). Thus, we have

$$(2.8) \quad u(v) - w(v) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q_0+\dots+q_h=n} \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_h=q_0} \frac{\overline{w_1}^{q_1} \dots \overline{w_h}^{q_h}}{q_1! \dots q_h!} \\ \times u_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_h, 0}(v).$$

Moreover, $\Delta_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, \dots, j_h, 0}(v) = \Delta_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, \dots, j_h}(\tau_h)$ and on $\Delta_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, \dots, j_h, 0}(v)$,

$$(2.9) \quad u_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h; j_1, \dots, j_h, 0}(v) \\ = \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\lambda}/(v-\tau_h)} \circ [\bar{\theta}(\tau_h)]^{q_h} \circ u_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h-1; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_h}(\tau_h).$$

Therefore

$$(2.10) \quad u(v) - w(v) \\ = \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\lambda}/(v-\tau_h)} \circ \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q_h=0}^n \frac{[\overline{w_h} \bar{\theta}(\tau_h)]^{q_h}}{q_h!} \circ \sum_{q_1+\dots+q_{h-1}=n-q_0} \right. \\ \left. \cdot \frac{\overline{w_1}^{q_1} \dots \overline{w_{h-1}}^{q_{h-1}}}{q_1! \dots q_{h-1}!} \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_h=q_0} u_{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h-1; j_1, j_2, \dots, j_h}(\tau_h) \right) \\ = \mathcal{C}_{\bar{\lambda}/(v-\tau_h)} \circ \exp[\overline{w_h} \bar{\theta}(\tau_h)] \circ u(\tau_h), \quad \text{as desired.}$$

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