$LG(x,y) = \nabla^2(G_\sigma * E(x,y)) = (\nabla^2 G_\sigma) * E(x,y)$

 $= \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}G_{\sigma} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}G_{\sigma}\right) * E(x,y)$

 $= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \left[\frac{x^2 + y^2 - 2\sigma^2}{\sigma^4} \right] e^{-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}} * E(x, y)$