

Use induction and the result from the previous part to show that applying the operator

$$D^{-1}\phi(x) := \int_0^x \phi(y)dy$$

n times is the same as the single application of the following operator

$$\underbrace{(D^{-1} \circ D^{-1} \circ \dots \circ D^{-1})}_{n \text{ times}} \phi = D^{-n}\phi(x) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^x (x-y)^{n-1} \phi(y) dy$$

Base case: For $n = 1$ the proposed statement holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^x (x-y)^{n-1} \phi(y) dy &= \int_0^x \phi(y) dy \\ \frac{1}{(1-1)!} \int_0^x (x-y)^{1-1} \phi(y) dy &= \int_0^x \phi(y) dy \\ \frac{1}{1} \int_0^x 1 \phi(y) dy &= \int_0^x \phi(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

Inductive step: Assume the proposed statement holds for n , then for $n + 1$

$$D^{-(n+1)}\phi(x) = (D^{-1} \circ D^{-n})\phi(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^z (z-y)^{n-1} \phi(y) dy dz.$$

Examining the domain of integration we can make an appropriate change of order of integration to obtain

$$D^{-(n+1)}\phi(x) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^x \int_y^x (z-y)^{n-1} \phi(y) dz dy$$

and then pull out $\phi(y)$ from the inner integral

$$D^{-(n+1)}\phi(x) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^x \phi(y) \int_y^x (z-y)^{n-1} dz dy.$$

Now we can evaluate the inner integral to obtain

$$D^{-(n+1)}\phi(x) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^x \phi(y) \frac{1}{n} (x-y)^n dy.$$

Rearranging yields

$$D^{-(n+1)}\phi(x) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^x (x-y)^n \phi(y) dy.$$

and shows that the inductive hypothesis holds.