

another problem

On \mathbf{R} , let D denote d/dx . Let p be a monic n th degree polynomial on \mathbf{R} with real coefficients, say $p(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$. Let $p(D)$ be the differential operator $p(D) = D^n + a_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$. Recall that there is a unique solution F on \mathbf{R} of the differential equation $p(D)F = 0$, with the initial conditions

$$F(0) = F'(0) = \dots = F^{(n-2)}(0) = 0, F^{(n-1)}(0) = 1,$$

Suppose that $\varphi \in C_c^n(\mathbf{R})$ (that is, φ is n times continuously differentiable, and has compact support). Also let $H(x) = \chi_{[0, \infty)}$. Show that the function $\psi = \varphi * (FH)$ satisfies $p(D)\psi = \varphi$. (Here $*$ denotes convolution on \mathbf{R} .)

(Hint: the proof is somewhat similar to the proof that $\Delta(f * N) = f$ for suitable f .)