

# Inverting the Laplacian

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$$\Delta = d^*d$$

Claim. on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\Delta^{-1}(x, y) = \frac{1}{|x-y|^{n-2}} =: k(x, y)$

PF  $\langle f, \Delta k \rangle = \langle df, dk \rangle$

$$\frac{1}{|p|^2} =$$

$$\int dp_0 dp' \frac{1}{p_0^2 + |p'|^2} \cdot e^{-i \Delta x p_0} =$$

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Working proof:

1. Compute  $\Delta \frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}}$  away from 0 by hand.
2. Compute  $\text{div grad} \frac{1}{|x|^{n-2}}$  at 0.