

33. Notes on Some Classical Series Associated with Discrete Subgroups of $U(1, n; C)$ on $\partial B^n \times \partial B^n \times \partial B^n$

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Let $U(1, n; C)$ be the group of unitary transformations. In the previous paper [2], we discussed the action of discrete subgroups of $U(1, n; C)$ on $\partial B^n \times \partial B^n \times \cdots \times \partial B^n$, where ∂B^n is the boundary of the complex unit ball. In [4], P. J. Nicholls considered the convergence of some series associated with discrete subgroups of Möbius transformations on the products of the boundary of the unit ball in real n -space.

Our purpose is to show two theorems on some classical series associated with discrete subgroups of $U(1, n; C)$ acting on $\partial B^n \times \partial B^n \times \partial B^n$. Throughout this paper G denotes a discrete subgroup of $U(1, n; C)$. Let $\{g_1, g_2, \dots\}$ be a complete list of elements of G . If g_k is an element of G , then g_k is represented by a matrix $(a_{ij}^{(k)})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n+1}$. Let $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ and $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$ be points in ∂B^n .

Theorem 1. *The series*

$$\sum_{g_k \in G} \left(\left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} x_{j-1} \right| \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} y_{j-1} \right| \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} z_{j-1} \right| \right)^{-2n}$$

converges for almost every triple (x, y, z) in $\partial B^n \times \partial B^n \times \partial B^n$.

Theorem 2. *If $\sum_{g_k \in G} |a_{11}^{(k)}|^{-m}$ converges for $m > 0$, then the series*

$$\sum_{g_k \in G} \left(\left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} x_{j-1} \right| \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} y_{j-1} \right| \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} z_{j-1} \right| \right)^{-m}$$

converges for every distinct points x, y and z in ∂B^n .

We shall give our proofs.

Proof of Theorem 1. Let $\Gamma(g_k)$ be the set of (x, y, z) in $\partial B^n \times \partial B^n \times \partial B^n$ for which

$$\left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} x_{j-1} \right| \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} y_{j-1} \right| \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} z_{j-1} \right| > 1.$$

Set

$$F = \bigcap_{g_k \neq id} \Gamma(g_k).$$

It follows from [2, Theorem 11] that F is a fundamental set for the group action on $\partial B^n \times \partial B^n \times \partial B^n$. Since F is of positive measure and has no G -equivalent points,

$$\sum_{g_k \in G} \sigma^*(g_k(F)) < \infty,$$

where σ^* is the product measure on $\partial B^n \times \partial B^n \times \partial B^n$ derived from the measure σ on ∂B^n (see [2, p. 288]). For $(x, y, z) \in F$

$$\sum_{g_k \in G} \sigma^*(g_k(F)) = \sum_{g_k \in G} \int_{g_k(F)} d\sigma^*$$

$$= \int_F \sum_{g_k \in G} \left(\left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} x_{j-1} \right| \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} y_{j-1} \right| \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} z_{j-1} \right| \right)^{-2n} d\sigma(x)d\sigma(y)d\sigma(z).$$

Hence the series

$$\sum_{g_k \in G} \left(\left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} x_{j-1} \right| \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} y_{j-1} \right| \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} z_{j-1} \right| \right)^{-2n}$$

converges almost everywhere in F . Thus our proof is complete.

Let $s=(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ and $t=(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ be points of $\overline{B^n}$. We define

$$d^*(s, t) = \left| 1 - \sum_{j=1}^n \overline{s_j t_j} \right|^{1/2}$$

(see [2, p. 288] and [3, Proposition 3.2]).

To prove Theorem 2 we prepare two lemmas.

Lemma 3. *Let p_k be a point such that $g_k(p_k)=0$. Define*

$$\delta = \min \{d^*(x, y), d^*(y, z), d^*(z, x)\},$$

where x, y and z are distinct points in ∂B^n . Then at least one of $d^*(p_k, x)$, $d^*(p_k, y)$ and $d^*(p_k, z)$ is greater than $\delta/2$.

Proof. Suppose that all three are smaller than $\delta/2$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} d^*(x, y) &\leq d^*(p_k, x) + d^*(p_k, y) < \delta, \\ d^*(y, z) &\leq d^*(p_k, y) + d^*(p_k, z) < \delta, \\ d^*(z, x) &\leq d^*(p_k, z) + d^*(p_k, x) < \delta. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction.

Lemma 4. *Let g_k be an element of G with $g_k(p_k)=0$. Then*

$$\left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} y_{j-1} \right|^{-1} \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} z_{j-1} \right|^{-1} \leq 2d^*(y, z)^{-2}.$$

Proof. First we note that $p_k = (\overline{-a_{12}^{(k)}/a_{11}^{(k)}}, \overline{-a_{13}^{(k)}/a_{11}^{(k)}}, \dots, \overline{-a_{1,n+1}^{(k)}/a_{11}^{(k)}})$ and $d^*(g_k(y), g_k(z)) \leq \sqrt{2}$. Using [2, Lemma 5], we see

$$\begin{aligned} \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} y_{j-1} \right|^{-1} \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} z_{j-1} \right|^{-1} &= \frac{d^*(p_k, p_k)^2}{d^*(p_k, y)^2 d^*(p_k, z)^2} \\ &= \frac{d^*(g_k(y), g_k(z))^2}{d^*(y, z)^2} \\ &\leq 2d^*(y, z)^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus our lemma is proved.

Now we are ready to prove Theorem 2.

Proof of Theorem 2. Using Lemma 3, we may assume that $d^*(p_k, x) > \delta/2$. Then we see

$$d^*(p_k, x)^2 = \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} x_{j-1} \right|^{-1} |a_{11}^{(k)}|^{-1} > \delta^2/4.$$

Therefore $|a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} x_{j-1}|^{-1} \leq 4|a_{11}^{(k)}|^{-1} \delta^{-2}$. It follows from Lemma 4 that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} x_{j-1} \right|^{-1} \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} y_{j-1} \right|^{-1} \left| a_{11}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} a_{1j}^{(k)} z_{j-1} \right|^{-1} \\ \leq 8|a_{11}^{(k)}|^{-1} \delta^{-2} d^*(y, z)^{-2} \\ \leq 8|a_{11}^{(k)}|^{-1} \delta^{-4}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus our theorem is completely proved.

Remark 5. It is known that if $m > 2n$, then the series $\sum_{g_k \in G} |a_{11}^{(k)}|^{-m}$ converges for a discrete subgroup G of $U(1, n; C)$ (see [1, Theorem 5.2]).

Remark 6. In the case where G acts on $\partial B^n \times \partial B^n \times \cdots \times \partial B^n$ with more than three factors, similar results are proved by a slight modification of our proofs.

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