

110. An Analogue of the Paley-Wiener Theorem for the Heisenberg Group

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1. Introduction. Let \mathbf{R} (resp \mathbf{C}) be the real (resp. complex) number field as usual. Let G be the n -th Heisenberg group, i.e. the group of all real matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & c \\ 0 & I_n & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1)$$

where $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n$, $b = {}^t(b_1, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n$, $c \in \mathbf{R}$ and I_n is the identity matrix of n -th order. Let H be the abelian normal subgroup consisting of the elements of the form (1.1) with $a=0$. For any real η we

denote by χ_η the unitary character of H defined by $\chi_\eta: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & c \\ 0 & I_n & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow e^{2\pi i \eta c}$. Let U^η be the unitary representation of G induced by χ_η . Then the Plancherel theorem can be proved by means of U^η ($\eta \in \mathbf{R}$) (see e.g. [4]). However, as we have seen in the case of euclidean motion group ([2]), in order to prove an analogue of the Paley-Wiener theorem we have to consider the representations which have more parameters.

Let \hat{H} be the dual group of H . In this paper we consider the Fourier transform defined on $\hat{H} \cong \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$.

Let $C_c^\infty(G)$ be the set of all infinitely differentiable functions on G with compact support. For any $\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and $\eta \in \mathbf{R}$ we denote by $U^{\xi, \eta}$ the unitary representation of G induced by the unitary character $\chi_{\xi, \eta}$ of

$$H: \chi_{\xi, \eta} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & c \\ 0 & I_n & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = e^{2\pi i \langle \xi, b \rangle + 2\pi i \eta c}.$$

We define the (operator valued) Fourier transform T_f of $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$ by

$$T_f(\xi, \eta) = \int_G f(g) U_g^{\xi, \eta} dg,$$

where dg is the Haar measure on G . Then $T_f(\xi, \eta)$ is an integral operator on $L_2(\mathbf{R}^n)$ (§2). Denote by $K_f(\xi, \eta; x, y)$ ($x, y \in \mathbf{R}^n$) be the kernel function of $T_f(\xi, \eta)$. We shall call K_f the scalar Fourier transform of f .

The purpose of this paper is to determine the image of $C_c^\infty(G)$ by the scalar Fourier transform (analogue of the Paley-Wiener theorem).

I. M. Gel'fand has investigated the scalar Fourier transform on the Lorentz group and proved the Paley-Wiener theorem for the class of rapidly decreasing functions [1].

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2. The scalar Fourier transform. Let $L_2(\mathbf{R}^n)$ be the Hilbert space of all square integrable functions on \mathbf{R}^n . Let \langle, \rangle be the inner product of the n -dimensional euclidean space \mathbf{R}^n . Let us realize the unitary representation $U^{\xi, \eta} (\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n, \eta \in \mathbf{R})$ on $L_2(\mathbf{R}^n)$. For an element $g \in G$ of the form (1.1), we define $U_g^{\xi, \eta}$ by the formula

$$(U_g^{\xi, \eta} F)(x) = e^{2\pi i \langle \xi, b \rangle + 2\pi i \eta (c - \langle x, b \rangle)} F(x - a),$$

($F \in L_2(\mathbf{R}^n), x \in \mathbf{R}^n$). Then $U^{\xi, \eta}$ is a unitary representation of G .

Lemma 1. *If $\eta \neq 0, U^{0, \eta}$ is an irreducible unitary representation of G .*

For the proof of this lemma, see e.g. [4].

Let R_z be the right translation of $L_2(\mathbf{R}^n)$ by $z \in \mathbf{R}^n: (R_z F)(x) = F(x + z)$. Then it can be shown that if $\eta \neq 0, R_{(1/\eta)(\xi - \xi')} U_g^{\xi, \eta} = U^{\xi', \eta} R_{(1/\eta)(\xi - \xi')}$ for every $g \in G$ and for every $\xi, \xi' \in \mathbf{R}^n$. Thus by Lemma 1 we have the following

Lemma 2. *If $\eta \neq 0, U^{\xi, \eta}$ is irreducible and $U^{\xi, \eta}$ is equivalent to $U^{\xi', \eta}$ by $R_{(1/\eta)(\xi - \xi')}$ for any $\xi, \xi' \in \mathbf{R}^n$.*

We normalize the Haar measure dg on G such that

$$dg = da_1 \cdots da_n db_1 \cdots db_n dc \quad \text{for } g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & c \\ 0 & I_n & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then we have

$$T_f(\xi, \eta) F(x) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} K_f(\xi, \eta; x, y) F(y) dy, \quad (F \in L_2(\mathbf{R}^n))$$

where $dy = dy_1 \cdots dy_n$ and

$$K_f(\xi, \eta; x, y) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^{n+1}} f \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x-y & c + \langle x, b \rangle \\ 0 & 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2\pi i \langle \xi, b \rangle + \eta c} db dc \quad (2.1)$$

Let \mathfrak{F} be the set of all infinitely differentiable functions $\Phi(x, y)$ on $\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n$ such that $\Phi_0(y)$, which we define by $\Phi_0(y) = \Phi(0, y)$, are functions of $y \in \mathbf{R}^n$ with compact support. For any $r \geq 0$, put $\mathfrak{F}_r = \{\Phi \in \mathfrak{F}; \text{supp } (\Phi_0) \subset \{y \in \mathbf{R}^n; |y_j| \leq r, j = 1, \dots, n\}\}$. And for any $r \geq 0$ we denote

by B_r the set of all elements $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & c \\ 0 & I_n & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in G$ such that $|a_j| \leq r, |b_j| \leq r (j = 1, \dots, n)$ and $|c| \leq r$. Then we have the following

Lemma 3. *For any $\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and $\eta \in \mathbf{R}, K_f(\xi, \eta; x, y) \in \mathfrak{F}_r$ as a function of $x, y \in \mathbf{R}^n$, whenever $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$ and $\text{supp } (f) \subset B_r$.*

By this lemma we can define a \mathfrak{F} -valued function K_f on $\hat{H} \cong \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ by

$$K_f[\xi, \eta](x, y) = K_f(\xi, \eta; x, y).$$

We shall call K_f the scalar Fourier transform of f .

For any $z \in \mathbf{R}^n$, we define an operator L_z on \mathfrak{F} by $(L_z\Phi)(x, y) = \Phi(x - y, y - z)$.

Lemma 4. *Suppose that $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$. Then we have*

- (i) *if $\eta \neq 0, K_f[\xi, \eta] = L_{(1/\eta)(\xi - \xi')}K_f[\xi', \eta]$ for every $\xi, \xi' \in \mathbf{R}^n$,*
- (ii) *$K_f[\xi, 0] = L_zK_f[\xi, 0]$ for every $z, \xi \in \mathbf{R}^n$.*

From Lemma 2 we can prove (i). The statement (ii) is an immediate consequence of (2.1).

3. The analogue of the Paley-Wiener theorem. Let K be a \mathfrak{F} -valued function on $\hat{H}^c \cong \mathbf{C}^{n+1}$. We shall call that K is entire holomorphic if $K[\zeta, \omega](x, y)$ is an entire holomorphic function of $(\zeta, \omega) \in \mathbf{C}^{n+1}$ for every $x, y \in \mathbf{R}^n$. For any polynomial $q(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ on \mathbf{R}^n we denote $q(D_y) = q(\partial/\partial y_1, \dots, \partial/\partial y_n)$.

Theorem. *A \mathfrak{F} -valued function K on $\hat{H}^n(\cong \mathbf{R}^{n+1})$ is the scalar Fourier transform of $f \in C_c^\infty(G)$ such that $\text{supp}(f) \subset B_r$ if and only if it satisfies the following conditions:*

- (I) $K[\xi, \eta] \in \mathfrak{F}_r$ for any $\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n, \eta \in \mathbf{R}$;
- (II) (i) *If $\eta \neq 0, K[\xi, \eta] = L_{(1/\eta)\xi}K[0, \eta]$ for any $\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n$,*
 (ii) $K[\xi, 0] = L_zK[\xi, 0]$ for any $\xi, z \in \mathbf{R}^n$;
- (III) K can be extended to an entire holomorphic function on \hat{H}^c ;
- (IV) *For any polynomial function p on \hat{H}^c and for any polynomial q on \mathbf{R}^n , there exists a constant $C_{p,q}$ such that*

$$|p(\zeta, \omega)q(D_y)K[\zeta, \omega](0, y)| \leq C_{p,q} \exp 2\pi r \left(\sum_{j=1}^n |\text{Im } \zeta_j| + |\text{Im } \omega| \right)$$

for every $\zeta \in \mathbf{C}^n$ and $\omega \in \mathbf{C}$.

The necessity of the theorem follows from the facts mentioned in § 2.

Let us assume that K is an arbitrary \mathfrak{F} -valued function on \hat{H} satisfying the conditions (I)–(IV) in the theorem. Define a function f on G by

$$f \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & c \\ 0 & I_n & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \int_{\mathbf{R}^{n+1}} K[\xi, \eta](0, -a) e^{-2\pi i \langle \xi, b \rangle - 2\pi i \eta c} d\xi d\eta,$$

where $d\xi = d\xi_1 \cdots d\xi_n$.

Making use of the condition (I), and the classical Paley-Wiener theorem ([3]), it can be shown that $\text{supp}(f) \subset B_r$.

The differentiability of f follows from (IV) and the Lebesgue's theorem.

Finally we have to check that $K_f = K$ which can be shown using the functional equations (II).

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