Generalized Faber expansions of hyperfunctions on analytic curves

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1. Introduction.

Generalized functions and hyperfunctions have been introduced and studied by many people using different approaches. In the work of Köthe [11], [12], Grothendieck [6], Gelfand and Silov [3], [4], Schwartz [19], Roumieu [15] and Lions and Magenes [13], they were viewed as continuous linear functionals acting on some test-function spaces which are usually the inductive limits of sequences of normed spaces. However, in the work of Sato $\lceil 17 \rceil$, hyperfunctions were viewed more as algebraic objects pertaining to the boundary values of holomorphic functions than as continuous linear functionals. In the case of the real line R, the notion of a hyperfunction in Sato's theory is very simple; a hyperfunction on R is defined by a holomorphic function on C-R where C is the complex plane. And two such functions represent the same hyperfunction if and only if their difference is holomorphic on C, hence on R. More generally, if I is an open subset of R and V is an open subset of C containing I and in which I is relatively closed, then the module of hyperfunctions on I is defined as the quotient module $\mathcal{H}(V-I)/\mathcal{H}(V)$ where $\mathcal{H}(V-I)$ and $\mathcal{H}(V)$ are the complex modules of locally holomorphic functions on V-I and V respectively.

Sato's hyperfunctions have been defined on more general sets in the complex plane such as curves and have also been generalized to higher dimensions using sheaf theory.

On the unit circle ∂D , hyperfunctions were first characterized by Köthe [11], [12] as continuous linear functionals acting on the linear space of holomorphic complex-valued functions on ∂D when provided with a certain locally convex topology. Using different approaches, Sato [16] and Johnson [8] were able to find a very interesting characterization of hyperfunctions on the unit circle in terms of Fourier series. They showed that $f(e^{i\theta})$ is a hyperfunction on ∂D if and only if $f(e^{i\theta}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{in\theta}$ where $\limsup_{|n|\to\infty} |n| \sqrt{|c_n|} \leq 1$ and the series converges, of course, in the sense of hyperfunctions.

If one deforms the unit circle homotopically to a curve Γ , both Sato's and