BOUNDARY BEHAVIOR OF HARMONIC FUNCTIONS ON HERMITIAN HYPERBOLIC SPACE¹

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Let $D = \{z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in C^n : h(z) = \text{Im } z_1 - \sum_2^n |z_k|^2 > 0\}$, and $B = \partial D = \{z : h(z) = 0\}$. Writing $z_j = x_j + iy_j$ we let β be the measure on B given by $d\beta = dx_1 dx_2 dy_2 \cdots dx_n dy_n$. D is a Siegel domain of Type II which is the image of the unit ball $D = \{z \in C^n : \sum_1^n |z_k|^2 < 1\}$ under the generalized Cayley transform:

$$z_1 \mapsto i \frac{1+z_1}{1-z_1}, \quad z_k \to \frac{iz_k}{1-z_1}, \quad k=2, \cdots, n.$$

Let N be the group of holomorphic automorphisms of D consisting of the elements $(a, c) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$ acting on D in the following way:

$$(a, c): z_1 \to z_1 + a + 2i \sum_{k=2}^n z_k \bar{c}_k + i \sum_{k=2}^n |c_k|^2,$$

$$(a, c): z_k \to z_k + c_k, \qquad k \ge 2.$$

N acts simply transitively on B. We will consider real-valued functions on D which are harmonic with respect to the Laplace-Beltrami operator:

$$L = h(z) \left\{ 4y_1 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_1 \partial \bar{z}_1} + \sum_{2}^{n} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_k \partial \bar{z}_k} + 2i \sum_{2}^{n} \bar{z}_k \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_1 \partial \bar{z}_k} - 2i \sum_{2}^{n} z_k \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{z}_1 \partial z_k} \right\}$$

In [2] Korányi defined the following notion of admissible convergence in D: let us call

$$\Gamma_{\alpha}(u) = \left\{ z \in D: \operatorname{Max}\left[\left| \operatorname{Re} z_{1} - \operatorname{Re} u_{1} \right|, \sum_{2}^{n} \left| z_{k} - u_{k} \right|^{2} \right] \\ < \alpha h(z), h(z) < 1 \right\}$$

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