

## A Characterization of the Poisson Kernel Associated with $SU(1, n)$

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### § 1. Introduction.

Let  $G$  be a connected non-compact semisimple Lie group with finite center and of real rank one. Let  $G=KAN$  be an Iwasawa decomposition of  $G$  and  $M$  the centralizer of  $A$  in  $K$ . Then  $K$  is a maximal compact subgroup of  $G$  and  $\dim A=1$ ;  $G/K$  is a non-compact Riemannian symmetric space of rank one and  $K/M$  the Furstenberg boundary. Let  $\mathfrak{g}=\mathfrak{k}+\mathfrak{a}+\mathfrak{n}$  be the corresponding Iwasawa decomposition of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of  $G$ . For  $g \in G$  let  $H(g)$  denote the unique element in  $\mathfrak{a}$  such that  $g \in K \exp H(g) N$  and let  $\rho(H)=(1/2)\text{tr}(\text{ad}(H)|_{\mathfrak{n}})$  for  $H \in \mathfrak{a}$ .

The Poisson kernel associated with  $G$  is the function on  $G/K \times K/M$  defined by

$$P(gK, kM) = \exp(-2\rho H(g^{-1}k)).$$

Let  $D$  be the Laplace-Beltrami operator on  $G/K$  (cf. [H1], p. 386). Then the function on  $G/K$  defined by  $gK \mapsto P^s(gK, kM)$  ( $kM \in K/M$  and  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ ) is an eigenfunction of  $D$  with eigenvalue, say,  $\lambda_s$ . Now we shall consider the converse.

CONJECTURE. Let  $F$  be a real valued,  $C^2$  function of  $G/K$  satisfying the following three conditions:

- (1)  $DF=0$ ,
- (2)  $D(F^2)=\lambda_2 F^2$ ,
- (3)  $F(eK)=1$ .

Then there exists an element  $kM \in K/M$  such that  $F(gK)=P(gK, kM)$  for  $gK \in G/K$ .

When  $G=SO_0(1, n)$ , this conjecture was proved in [CET]. In this paper we shall give a proof for the case of  $G=SU(1, n)$ ; in order to state our result more precisely, we shall give the explicit forms of the Poisson kernel and the Laplace-Beltrami operator associated with  $G=SU(1, n)$ .

Let  $C^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Hermitian linear space over  $C$  and the points of  $C^n$  are ordered  $n$ -tuples  $\zeta = (\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_n)$ , where  $\zeta_k = \xi_k + i\eta_k \in C$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Let  $B(C^n)$  be the open unit ball in  $C^n$  and  $S(C^n)$  the unit sphere in  $C^n$ .  $G = SU(1, n)$  is the group of linear transformations on  $C^{n+1}$  of determinant one which preserve the form:  $-|\zeta_0|^2 + |\zeta_1|^2 + \dots + |\zeta_n|^2$ . Then this group acts transitively on  $B(C^n)$  by the formula:

$$\zeta'_p = \left( g_{p0} + \sum_{q=1}^n g_{pq} \zeta_q \right) \left[ \left( g_{00} + \sum_{q=1}^n g_{0q} \zeta_q \right) \right]^{-1} \quad (1 \leq p \leq n),$$

where  $g = (g_{ij})$  ( $0 \leq i, j \leq n$ )  $\in G$ ,  $\zeta = (\zeta_p) \in B(C^n)$  and  $\zeta' = (\zeta'_p) = g \cdot \zeta$  ( $1 \leq p \leq n$ ); this action gives the identification between  $B(C^n)$  (resp.  $S(C^n)$ ) and  $G/K$  (resp.  $K/M$ ), where  $K$  and  $M$  are given explicitly in § 3.

The Laplace-Beltrami operator  $D$  on  $B(C^n)$  is invariant under the above action of  $G$  and given by

$$D = 4(1 - |\zeta|^2) \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta_k \partial \bar{\zeta}_k} - \sum_{k,l=1}^n \bar{\zeta}_k \zeta_l \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{\zeta}_k \partial \zeta_l} \right],$$

where  $\partial/\partial \zeta_k = (1/2)(\partial/\partial \xi_k - i\partial/\partial \eta_k)$ ,  $\partial/\partial \bar{\zeta}_k = (1/2)(\partial/\partial \xi_k + i\partial/\partial \eta_k)$  and  $|\zeta|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \zeta_k \bar{\zeta}_k$  for  $\zeta = (\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_n)$  and  $\zeta_k = \xi_k + i\eta_k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq n$ ). The Poisson kernel is also explicitly given by the formula:

$$P(\zeta, u) = \frac{(1 - |\zeta|^2)^n}{|1 - \langle \zeta, u \rangle|^{2n}} \quad \text{for } (\zeta, u) \in B(C^n) \times S(C^n),$$

where  $\langle \zeta, u \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^n \zeta_k \bar{u}_k$ . Then it satisfies the identity (cf. [R], p. 42):

$$(1) \quad P(g \cdot \zeta, u) = P(\zeta, g^{-1} \cdot u) P(g \cdot 0, u)$$

for  $g \in G$  and  $(\zeta, u) \in B(C^n) \times S(C^n)$ . Moreover, for each  $\mu \in C$ , as a function of  $\zeta \in B(C^n)$ , it satisfies the equation:

$$D(P^\mu) = 4n^2 \mu (\mu - 1) P^\mu.$$

Our result can be stated as follows.

**THEOREM.** *Let  $F$  be a real valued,  $C^2$  function on  $B(C^n)$  satisfying the following conditions:*

$$(2a) \quad DF = 0,$$

$$(2b) \quad D(F^2) = 8n^2 F^2.$$

*Then there exist a point  $u \in S(C^n)$  and a real constant  $c$  such that*

$$F(\zeta) = cP(\zeta, u) \quad (\zeta \in B(C^n)).$$

## § 2. Simplification by rotation.

If  $F$  is identically zero, it satisfies Theorem; we can take  $u \in S(\mathbb{C}^n)$  arbitrarily and  $c=0$ . Let us suppose that  $F \neq 0$ , that is,  $F(\zeta_0) \neq 0$  for some  $\zeta_0$  in  $B(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . Here we recall that the  $G$ -action on  $B(\mathbb{C}^n)$  is transitive,  $D$  is  $G$ -invariant and  $P$  satisfies (1). Therefore, we can find a  $g \in G$  such that  $g \cdot \zeta_0 = 0$  and replacing  $F(\zeta)$  with  $F(\zeta_0)^{-1}F(g^{-1} \cdot \zeta)$ , without loss of generality, we may assume that  $F(0)=1$ .

Computing the identity:

$$D(F^2) = 2FDF + 8(1 - |\zeta|^2) \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_k} \right|^2 - \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \zeta_k \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_k} \right|^2 \right],$$

we see that the hypotheses (2a) and (2b) are equivalent to

$$(2a) \quad DF = 0,$$

$$(2b') \quad (1 - |\zeta|^2) \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_k} \right|^2 - \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \zeta_k \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_k} \right|^2 \right] = n^2 F^2.$$

Since  $F(0)=1$ , we have  $\sum_{k=1}^n |(\partial F / \partial \zeta_k)(0)|^2 = n^2$ , and we put  $\rho_{11} = (1/n)(\partial F / \partial \bar{\zeta}_1)(0)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\rho_{n1} = (1/n)(\partial F / \partial \bar{\zeta}_n)(0)$ ; let  $\rho$  be a matrix in  $SU(n)$  whose first column is equal to  $(\rho_{11}, \rho_{12}, \dots, \rho_{1n})$ .

We define the rotation of  $F$  by  $F_\rho(\zeta) = F(\rho \cdot \zeta)$ , where  $\zeta' = \rho \cdot \zeta$  is the vector in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  which the matrix  $\rho \in SU(n)$  transforms  $\zeta$  into. Since  $D$  commutes with the action of  $\rho$ , the function  $F_\rho$  also satisfies the hypotheses (2a) and (2b). Moreover, according to the choice of  $\rho \in SU(n)$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial(F_\rho)}{\partial \zeta_1}(0) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial(F_\rho)}{\partial \zeta_n}(0) \end{bmatrix} = {}^t \bar{\rho} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_1}(0) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_n}(0) \end{bmatrix} = \rho^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_1}(0) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_n}(0) \end{bmatrix} = n e_1,$$

where  $e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Therefore,  $F_\rho$  satisfies the following condition:

$$\frac{\partial(F_\rho)}{\partial \zeta_1}(0) = n; \quad \frac{\partial(F_\rho)}{\partial \zeta_2}(0) = \dots = \frac{\partial(F_\rho)}{\partial \zeta_n}(0) = 0.$$

In what follows we shall denote  $F_\rho$  by  $F$ ; then the desired theorem follows from the next lemma.

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $F$  be a real valued,  $C^2$  function on  $B(\mathbb{C}^n)$  which*

satisfies  $F(0)=1$  and the following conditions:

$$(2a) \quad DF=0,$$

$$(2b) \quad D(F^2)=8n^2F^2,$$

$$(2c) \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_1}(0)=n; \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_2}(0)=\dots=\frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_n}(0)=0.$$

Then  $F(\zeta)=P(\zeta, e_1)$  for  $\zeta \in B(\mathbb{C}^n)$ .

In fact, since the Poisson kernel satisfies the functional equation (1), we see from this lemma that the initial  $F$  (before rotation) has the form:  $F(\zeta)=P(\zeta, \rho \cdot e_1)$  ( $\zeta \in B(\mathbb{C}^n)$ ).

### § 3. Coordinate transformation.

Let  $K$ ,  $A$  and  $N$  be the subgroups of  $G=SU(1, n)$  defined by

$$K = \left\{ k_{u,v} = \begin{bmatrix} u & 0 \\ 0 & V \end{bmatrix}; \quad u \in U(1), V \in U(n) \text{ and } u \cdot \det(V) = 1 \right\},$$

$$A = \left\{ a_\tau = \begin{bmatrix} \text{ch } \tau & \text{sh } \tau & & \\ \text{sh } \tau & \text{ch } \tau & & \\ & & & \\ & & & I_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}; \quad \tau \in \mathbb{R} \right\},$$

and

$$N = \left\{ n(y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + iy + |z|^2/2 & -iy - |z|^2/2 & \bar{z}_2 \cdots \bar{z}_n \\ iy + |z|^2/2 & 1 - iy - |z|^2/2 & \bar{z}_2 \cdots \bar{z}_n \\ z_2 & z_2 & \\ \vdots & \vdots & I_{n-1} \\ z_n & z_n & \end{bmatrix}; \quad \begin{array}{l} y \in \mathbb{R}, \\ z = (z_2, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}, \\ |z|^2 = \sum_{k=2}^n |z_k|^2 \end{array} \right\}.$$

Then  $G=KAN$  (resp.  $G=KCL(A^+)K$ , where  $CL(A^+) = \{a_t; t \geq 0\}$ ) is an Iwasawa (resp. a Cartan) decomposition of  $G$  and  $M=Z_K(A)$  is given by

$$M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} b & & \\ & b & \\ & & B \end{bmatrix} \in K; \quad b \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |b|^2 = 1 \right\}.$$

For each  $\zeta = (\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_n) \in B(\mathbb{C}^n)$  there exists an element  $g \in G$  such that  $\zeta = g \cdot 0 = n(y, z) a_\tau \cdot 0 = k_{u,v} a_t \cdot 0$ , where  $g \in n(y, z) a_\tau K$  and  $k_{u,v} a_t K$ . We put  $A = e^{2\tau} + (1 + 2iy + |z|^2)$  and  $c_p = u^{-1} v_{p1}$  for  $1 \leq p \leq n$ , where  $V = (v_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \in$

$U(n)$ . Then we see that

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} \zeta_1 = \frac{e^\tau + (-1 + 2iy + |z|^2)e^{-\tau}}{e^\tau + (1 + 2iy + |z|^2)e^{-\tau}} = \frac{\Lambda - 1}{\Lambda}, \\ \zeta_p = \frac{2z_p e^{-\tau}}{e^\tau + (1 + 2iy + |z|^2)e^{-\tau}} = \frac{2z_p}{\Lambda} \quad (2 \leq p \leq n), \end{cases}$$

and

$$(4) \quad \zeta_p = c_p \operatorname{th} t \quad (1 \leq p \leq n).$$

Then it follows from (3) and (4) that  $c_1 \operatorname{th} t = (\Lambda - 2)/\Lambda = 1 - 2/\Lambda$ , and thus,

$$z_p = \frac{c_p \operatorname{th} t}{1 - c_1 \operatorname{th} t} \quad (2 \leq p \leq n).$$

Here we put

$$(5) \quad \xi = \frac{c_1 \operatorname{th} t}{1 - c_1 \operatorname{th} t}.$$

Then  $(\tau, y, z) \in \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{C}^{n-1}$  and  $(\xi, z) \in \mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{C}^{n-1}$  are the horispheric and the Cartan coordinates of the point  $\zeta = (\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_n) \in B(\mathbf{C}^n)$  respectively and the relation between these coordinates is given by the formula:

$$(6) \quad \begin{cases} \tau = \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \xi + \bar{\xi} - |z|^2) = \frac{\xi + \bar{\xi}}{2} + \dots, \\ y = \frac{\xi - \bar{\xi}}{2i}. \end{cases}$$

#### § 4. Reduction by horispheric coordinate.

In this section we shall rewrite Lemma 1 by using horispheric coordinate and obtain a reduced form (see Lemma 3 below). Under this coordinate the Poisson kernel is given by

$$P(n(y, z)a_\tau \cdot 0, u) = \left| \left( \frac{1 - \bar{u}_1}{2} \right) e^\tau + \left[ 1 - \frac{1 - \bar{u}_1}{2} (1 - 2iy - |z|^2) - \sum_{k=2}^n z_k \bar{u}_k \right] e^{-\tau} \right|^{-2n}.$$

In particular, for  $u = e_1 = {}^t(1, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbf{C}^n$  it is simply expressed by

$$P(n(y, z)a_\tau \cdot 0, e_1) = e^{2n\tau}.$$

On the other hand the Laplace-Beltrami operator  $D$  is given by (cf. [F1], p. 66 and [F2], p. 59):

$$D = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} - 2n \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + e^{2\tau} \sum_{i=1}^{2(n-1)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + (|x|^2 e^{2\tau} + e^{4\tau}) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \\ + 2e^{2\tau} \sum_{k=2}^n \left( x_{2k-3} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial x_{2k-2}} - x_{2k-2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial x_{2k-3}} \right),$$

where  $x_{2k-3} + ix_{2k-2} = z_k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq n$ ) and  $|x|^2 = |z|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{2(n-1)} x_i^2$ .

For simplicity we shall introduce the following notations:

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \Delta_x = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \sum_{i=1}^{2(n-1)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2}, \\ \|\nabla F\|^2 = \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \|\nabla_x F\|^2 = \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{2(n-1)} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \right)^2$$

and

$$B = \sum_{k=2}^n \left( x_{2k-3} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{2k-2}} - x_{2k-2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{2k-3}} \right).$$

**LEMMA 2.** *The hypotheses (2a), (2b) and (2c) in Lemma 1 are equivalent, under the horispheric coordinate, to the following conditions:*

$$(7a) \quad \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \tau^2} - 2n \frac{\partial F}{\partial \tau} + e^{2\tau} \Delta_x F + (|x|^2 e^{2\tau} + e^{4\tau}) \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \tau^2} + 2e^{2\tau} B \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right) = 0,$$

$$(7b) \quad \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \tau} \right)^2 + e^{2\tau} \|\nabla_x F\|^2 + (|x|^2 e^{2\tau} + e^{4\tau}) \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right)^2 + 2e^{2\tau} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} B(F) = 4n^2 F^2,$$

$$(7c) \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial \tau}(0) = 2n; \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(0) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1}(0) = \dots = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_{2(n-1)}}(0) = 0.$$

**PROOF.** By the identity:

$$D(F^2) = 2FDF + 2 \left[ \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \tau} \right)^2 + e^{2\tau} \|\nabla_x F\|^2 + (|x|^2 e^{2\tau} + e^{4\tau}) \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right)^2 + 2e^{2\tau} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} B(F) \right],$$

(2a) and (2b) are equivalent to (7a) and (7b). By (3) the derivatives of Cartesian coordinate  $(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_n)$  with respect to horispheric coordinate  $(\xi, y, x_1, \dots, x_{2(n-1)})$  are given by

$$\frac{\partial \zeta_p}{\partial \tau}(0) = \delta_{1p}, \quad \frac{\partial \zeta_p}{\partial y}(0) = i\delta_{1p}, \quad \frac{\partial \zeta_p}{\partial x_{2q-3}}(0) = \delta_{qp}, \quad \frac{\partial \zeta_p}{\partial x_{2q-2}}(0) = i\delta_{qp}$$

for  $1 \leq p, q \leq n$ . Then it follows that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \tau}(0) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_1}(0) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_1}(0), \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(0) = i \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_1}(0) - \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_1}(0) \right),$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_{2p-3}}(0) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_p}(0) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{\zeta}_p}(0), \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_{2p-2}}(0) = i \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \zeta_p}(0) - \frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{\zeta}_p}(0) \right).$$

Therefore, (2c) is equivalent to (7c).

Q.E.D.

Now we put

$$G(\tau, y, z) = e^{-2n\tau} F(\tau, y, z).$$

Then by Lemma 2 and the formulas:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \tau} = e^{2n\tau} \left[ 2nG + \frac{\partial G}{\partial \tau} \right], \quad \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \tau^2} = e^{2n\tau} \left[ 4n^2G + 4n \frac{\partial G}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial \tau^2} \right],$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = e^{2n\tau} \frac{\partial G}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2} = e^{2n\tau} \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial y^2}, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} = e^{2n\tau} \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i},$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_i^2} = e^{2n\tau} \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial x_i^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_i \partial y} = e^{2n\tau} \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial x_i \partial y},$$

we can rewrite Lemma 1 as the following

**LEMMA 3.** *Let  $G(\tau, y, x_1, \dots, x_{2(n-1)})$  be a real valued,  $C^2$  function on  $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}^{2(n-1)}$  which satisfies  $G(0) = 1$  and the following conditions:*

$$(8a) \quad \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial \tau^2} + 2n \frac{\partial G}{\partial \tau} + e^{2\tau} \Delta_x G + (|x|^2 e^{2\tau} + e^{4\tau}) \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial y^2} + 2e^{2\tau} B \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} \right) = 0,$$

$$(8b) \quad \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial \tau} \right)^2 + e^{2\tau} \|\nabla_x G\|^2 + (|x|^2 e^{2\tau} + e^{4\tau}) \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} \right)^2 + 4nG \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} + 2ne^{2\tau} \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} B(G) = 0,$$

$$(8c) \quad \frac{\partial G}{\partial \tau}(0) = \frac{\partial G}{\partial y}(0) = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_1}(0) = \dots = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_{2(n-1)}}(0) = 0.$$

Then  $G$  is identically one.

### § 5. Integrals of polynomials.

The next lemma and the following corollaries will play an essential role in our calculation. Their proof will be given after the last corollary.

**LEMMA 4.** *The matrix coefficients  $c_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) defined in § 3 satisfy the equations:*

$$(i) \quad \int_{\mathbf{K}} 1 dk = 1,$$

$$(ii) \quad \int_K |c_i|^2 dk = \frac{1}{n},$$

$$(iii) \quad \int_K |c_i|^2 |c_j|^2 dk = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{n(n+1)} & \text{if } i=j \\ \frac{1}{n(n+1)} & \text{if } i \neq j, \end{cases}$$

$$(iv) \quad \int_K |c_i|^2 |c_j|^2 |c_k|^2 dk = \begin{cases} \frac{6}{n(n+1)(n+2)} & \text{if } i=j=k \\ \frac{2}{n(n+1)(n+2)} & \text{if } i \neq j=k \\ \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} & \text{if } i > j > k. \end{cases}$$

Other integrals of polynomials of the variables  $c_i, \bar{c}_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) of degree  $\leq 6$  are all equal to 0.

COROLLARY 5. When  $t$  tends to 0, the coordinates  $\xi, z_i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq n$ ) satisfy the equations:

$$(i) \quad \int_K 1 dk = 1,$$

$$(ii) \quad \int_K |\xi|^2 dk = \frac{1}{n} t^2 + O(t^4) \quad \text{and} \quad \int_K |z_i|^2 dk = \frac{1}{n} t^2 + O(t^4),$$

$$(iii) \quad \int_K \xi |\xi|^2 dk = \int_K \bar{\xi} |\xi|^2 dk = \frac{2}{n(n+1)} t^4 + O(t^6)$$

and

$$\int_K \xi |z_i|^2 dk = \int_K \bar{\xi} |z_i|^2 dk = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} t^4 + O(t^6),$$

$$(iv) \quad \int_K |\xi|^4 dk = \frac{2}{n(n+1)} t^4 + O(t^6), \quad \int_K |\xi|^2 |z_i|^2 dk = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} t^4 + O(t^6)$$

and

$$\int_K |z_i|^2 |z_j|^2 dk = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{n(n+1)} t^4 + O(t^6) & \text{if } i=j \\ \frac{1}{n(n+1)} t^4 + O(t^6) & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

Other integrals of polynomials of the variables  $\xi, \bar{\xi}, z_i, \bar{z}_i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq n$ ) of degree  $\leq 4$  are equal to 0 or  $O(t^6)$ .



COROLLARY 6. When  $t$  tends to 0, the coordinates  $\xi, z_i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq n$ ) satisfy the equations:

$$(i) \quad \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 \xi dk = \frac{2}{n(n+1)} t^2 - \frac{4}{3n(n+1)} t^4 + O(t^6),$$

$$(ii) \quad \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 \xi^2 dk = \frac{2}{n(n+1)} t^2 - \frac{4}{3n(n+1)} t^4 + O(t^6),$$

$$\int_K \bar{c}_1^2 |\xi|^2 dk = \frac{6}{n(n+1)(n+2)} t^4 + O(t^6)$$

and

$$\int_K \bar{c}_1^2 |z_i|^2 dk = \frac{2}{n(n+1)(n+2)} t^4 + O(t^6),$$

$$(iii) \quad \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 \xi |\xi|^2 dk = \frac{12}{n(n+1)(n+2)} t^4 + O(t^6)$$

and

$$\int_K \bar{c}_1^2 \xi |z_i|^2 dk = \frac{2}{n(n+1)(n+2)} t^4 + O(t^6),$$

$$(iv) \quad \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 \xi^2 |\xi|^2 dk = \frac{6}{n(n+1)(n+2)} t^4 + O(t^6)$$

and

$$\int_K \bar{c}_1^2 \xi^2 |z_i|^2 dk = \frac{2}{n(n+1)(n+2)} t^4 + O(t^6).$$

Other integrals, with respect to the weighted measure  $\bar{c}_1^2 dk$ , of polynomials of the variables  $\xi, \bar{\xi}, z_i, \bar{z}_i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq n$ ) of degree  $\leq 4$  are equal to 0 or  $O(t^6)$ .

PROOF. For  $1 \leq p \leq n$ , each  $c_p$  is a matrix coefficient (the  $p$ -th row in the first column) of the natural representation  $T_n$  of  $K$  on  $C^n$ :  $T_n(k)\zeta = k \cdot \zeta$  for  $k \in K$  and  $\zeta \in C^n$ . Then, using the fact that  $\sum_{p=1}^n |c_p|^2 = 1$ , we can prove Lemma 4. To prove the corollaries we shall recall that (see § 3):

$$\xi = c_1 \operatorname{th} t \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (c_1 \operatorname{th} t)^l$$

and

$$z_p = c_p \operatorname{th} t \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (c_1 \operatorname{th} t)^l \quad (2 \leq p \leq n).$$

Then, by Lemma 4 we can calculate the integrals of polynomials of the

variables  $\xi, \bar{\xi}, z_i, \bar{z}_i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq n$ ) and obtain the desired expansions when  $t$  tends to 0. Q.E.D.

### § 6. $K$ -finite eigenfunctions of the Laplace-Beltrami operator.

Let  $\hat{K}$  denote the set of all equivalence classes of irreducible (finite dimensional) unitary representations of  $K$ . Let  $(T, V) \in \hat{K}$  and  $F$  be a function on  $B(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . Then we define the projection  $F_T$  of  $F$  by

$$F_T(g) = \int_K \bar{\chi}_T(k) F(kg) dk,$$

where  $\chi_T$  is the character of  $T$ .

Let  $A_T^l(G)$  ( $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ) be the space of functions  $F: G/K \cong B(\mathbb{C}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  which satisfy the following conditions:

$$DF = 4n^2 l(l-1)F \quad \text{and} \quad F_T = F;$$

then it follows (cf. [H2]) that

$$\dim A_T^l(G) = \dim V \cdot \dim V_T^M,$$

where  $V_T^M$  is the space of  $M$ -fixed vectors in  $V$ . For  $F \in A_T^l(G)$  we denote the restriction of  $F$  to  $A$  by  $F^A$  and put

$$A_T^l(A) = \{F^A: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}; F \in A_T^l(G)\}.$$

Then we see the following

**PROPOSITION 7.** *Suppose that  $\dim V_T^M = 1$ , then*

$$(i) \quad A_T^l(A) = \mathbb{C}(P^l)^A$$

and for each  $a_i \in A$  and  $F \in A_T^l(G)$

$$(ii) \quad F(a_i) = \int_K \bar{c}_M(k) F(ka_i) dk,$$

where  $P$  is the Poisson kernel:  $P(n(y, z)a_r \cdot 0, e_1) = e^{2ny}$  and  $c_M(k) = (T(k)e_M, e_M)$ ,  $e_M$  the normalized  $M$ -fixed vector in  $V_T^M$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_d)$  be an orthonormal basis of  $V$ , where we take  $e_1 = e_M$ ; let  $c_{ij}(k) = (T(k)e_j, e_i)$  ( $k \in K$  and  $1 \leq i, j \leq d$ ) be the matrix coefficients of  $T$ ; we see that  $\chi_T(kk'^{-1}) = \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq d} c_{ij}(k) \bar{c}_{ij}(k')$  for  $k, k' \in K$ . Then (ii) follows from the facts that  $F = F_T$  and the function:  $k \mapsto F(ka_i)$  ( $k \in K$ ) is right  $M$ -invariant; in fact

$$F(a_i) = F_T(a_i) = \int_K \bar{\chi}_T(k) F(ka_i) dk$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_K \int_M \bar{\chi}_T(k) F(kma_i) dm dk \\
 &= \int_K \left[ \int_M \bar{\chi}_T(km^{-1}) dm \right] F(ka_i) dk \\
 &= \int_K \bar{c}_M(k) F(ka_i) dk \quad (c_M = c_{11}) .
 \end{aligned}$$

To show (i) we note that the function:  $k \mapsto P^l(ka_i, e_1)$  ( $k \in K$ ) is  $M$ -biinvariant, and thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (P^l)_T(ka_i) &= \int_K \bar{\chi}_T(k') P^l(k'ka_i, e_1) dk' \\
 &= \int_K \left( \sum_{i,j} \bar{c}_{ij}(k') c_{ij}(k) \right) P^l(k'a_i, e_1) dk' \\
 &= \int_K \int_M \int_M \left( \sum_{i,j} \bar{c}_{ij}(k') c_{ij}(k) \right) P^l(m'k'ma_i, e_1) dk' dm' dm \\
 &= \int_K \sum_{i,j} \left[ \int_M \int_M c_{ij}(m'^{-1}k'm^{-1}) dm' dm \right] c_{ij}(k) P^l(k'a_i, e_1) dk' \\
 &= \int_K c_M(k) c_M(k') P^l(k'a_i, e_1) dk' \\
 &= c_M(k) \int_K c_M(k') P^l(k'a_i, e_1) dk' \\
 &= c_M(k) (P^l)_T^A(a_i) .
 \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $A_T^l(A) \neq \{0\}$ , because it contains  $(P^l)_T^A \neq 0$ . Moreover, we can choose  $k_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq d$ ), where  $k_1 = e_1$ , for which the functions  $g \mapsto (P^l)_T(k_i g)$  ( $g \in G$ ) form a basis of  $A_T^l(G)$ . Then we can choose another basis  $Q_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq d$ ) of  $A_T^l(G)$ , where  $Q_1 = (P^l)_T$ , such that  $\int_K c_M(k) Q_i(ka_i) dk \equiv 0$  for  $2 \leq i \leq d$ . Then (i) follows from (ii). Q.E.D.

**COROLLARY 8.** *Let  $F$  be a real valued,  $C^2$  function on  $B(C^n)$  which satisfies  $F(0) = 1$  and the equations (2a) and (2b). Then for all  $l \in N$*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad & \int_K F^l(ka_i \cdot 0) dk = \int_K P^l(ka_i \cdot 0, e_1) dk , \\
 \text{(ii)} \quad & \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 F^l(ka_i \cdot 0) dk = \lambda_l \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 P^l(ka_i \cdot 0, e_1) dk ,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_1(k) = \bar{u}v_{11}$  if  $k = \begin{bmatrix} u & \\ & V \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $V = (v_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \in U(n)$  and  $\lambda_l$ 's are constants depending on  $F$  and  $l$ .

**PROOF.** For each  $T \in \hat{K}$  the function  $(F^l)_T$  is an eigenfunction of the

Laplace-Beltrami operator  $D$  with eigenvalue  $4n^2l(l-1)$ . Therefore,  $(F^l)_T$  belongs to  $A_T^l(G)$  and  $(F^l)_T^A$  to  $A_T^l(A)$ .

(i) Let  $T_0$  be the trivial representation of  $K$  on a one-dimensional vector space  $V$ . Obviously,  $V_{T_0}^M = V$  has one dimension; the character  $\chi_{T_0}$  is identically one on  $K$ . Therefore,  $(F^l)_{T_0}^A$  belongs to  $C(P^l)_{T_0}^A$  by Proposition 7 and (i) follows by comparison with the values at the origin.

(ii) Let  $T_n$  be the natural representation of  $K$  on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $C^n$  (see the proof of Corollary 6). Then the  $M$ -fixed vectors of the representation  $T = T_n \otimes T_n$  of  $K$  consist of  $Ce_1 \otimes e_1$ , where  $e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0) \in C^n$  and the corresponding matrix coefficient is given by

$$(T_n \otimes T_n(k)e_1 \otimes e_1, e_1 \otimes e_1) = (T_n(k)e_1, e_1)^2 = c_1^2.$$

Therefore, we can obtain the desired result by applying Proposition 7 to the irreducible component of  $T_n \otimes T_n$  which contains  $Ce_1 \otimes e_1$ . Q.E.D.

### § 7. Proof of Lemma 3.

The function  $F$  in Theorem is a solution of the equation (2a), which is elliptic (cf. [R], p. 52). Therefore,  $F$  is real analytic on  $B(C^n)$ , and thus,  $G$  in Lemma 3 is also analytic on  $R \times R \times R^{2(n-1)}$ ; there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of 0 on which  $G$  has a Taylor expansion:

$$G(\tau, y, z) = G_0 + G_1(\tau, y, z) + \dots + G_p(\tau, y, z) + \dots,$$

where for each  $p \geq 0$ ,  $G_p$  is a homogeneous polynomial of  $\tau, y, x_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 2(n-1)$ ) of degree  $p$ . Since  $G(0) = 1$  and  $G$  satisfies (8c), we see that  $G_0 \equiv 1$  and  $G_1 \equiv 0$ .

In the first step of the following arguments we shall prove that  $\partial^2 G_2 / \partial y^2 = 0$  and deduce that  $G_2 \equiv 0$ . Then, in the second step we shall show that  $G_p \equiv 0$  for all  $p \geq 1$ . Obviously, this means that  $G \equiv 1$  and completes the proof of Lemma 3.

*Step 1.* On the neighbourhood  $V$  of 0,  $G$  has an expansion corresponding to the coordinate  $(\xi, z)$ :  $G(\xi, z) = 1 + \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} H_p(\xi, z)$ , where for each  $p \geq 1$ ,  $H_p$  is a homogeneous polynomial of  $\xi, \bar{\xi}, z_i, \bar{z}_i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq n$ ) of degree  $p$ . Applying (8c) and (6), we see that

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial \xi}(0) = \frac{\partial G}{\partial z_2}(0) = \dots = \frac{\partial G}{\partial z_n}(0) = 0;$$

consequently,  $H_1 \equiv 0$ .

Here we put

$$H_2(\xi, z) = A\xi^2 + B|\xi|^2 + C\bar{\xi}^2 + \sum_{i=2}^n D_i |z_i|^2 + \dots,$$

then,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 H_2(0)}{\partial y^2} &= 2 \left[ \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial \xi \partial \bar{\xi}}(0) \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y}(0) \frac{\partial \bar{\xi}}{\partial y}(0) + \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial \xi^2}(0) \left( \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y}(0) \right)^2 \right) \right] \\ &= 2(B - 2 \operatorname{Re} A). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\partial^2 G_2 / \partial y^2 = (\partial^2 H_2 / \partial y^2)(0)$  by (6), to prove that  $\partial^2 G_2 / \partial y^2 = 0$  it is enough to show that  $B - 2 \operatorname{Re} A = 0$ . We put

$$X = P(ka_i \cdot 0, e_1) - 1 = (1 + (\xi + \bar{\xi}) - |z|^2)^n - 1$$

and

$$Y = G(ka_i \cdot 0) - 1 = H_2 + \dots$$

Then the equations in Corollary 8 can be rewritten as

$$(9) \quad \int_K (1+X)^t (1+Y)^t dk = \int_K (1+X)^t dk,$$

$$(10) \quad \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 (1+X)^t (1+Y)^t dk = \lambda_1 \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 (1+X)^t dk.$$

When  $t$  tends to 0, we see that  $X = O(t)$  and  $Y = O(t^2)$ ; we can let  $t$  go to 0 after the integral over  $K$ , because  $K$  is compact; in particular, collecting the components of order  $t^0$  in the equations for  $l=1, 2$  and  $3$ , we obtain that

$$(11) \quad \begin{cases} \int_K (Y + XY) dk = O(t^0), \\ \int_K (2Y + 4XY + 2X^2Y + Y^2) dk = O(t^0), \\ \int_K (3Y + 9XY + 9X^2Y + 3Y^2) dk = O(t^0) \end{cases}$$

and

$$(12) \quad \begin{cases} \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 (Y + XY) dk = (\lambda_1 - 1) \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 X dk + O(t^0), \\ \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 (2Y + 4XY + 2X^2Y + Y^2) dk = (\lambda_2 - 1) \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 (2X + X^2) dk + O(t^0), \\ \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 (3Y + 9XY + 9X^2Y + 3Y^2) dk = (\lambda_3 - 1) \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 (3X + 3X^2 + X^3) dk + O(t^0). \end{cases}$$

Then it follows from (11) that

$$(13) \quad \int_K X^2 Y dk = O(t^6) ,$$

$$(14) \quad \int_K Y dk = O(t^6)$$

and applying Corollary 5 to these integrals, we see that

$$\int_K X^2 Y dk = \frac{n}{n+1} 2 \left( A + 2B + C + \sum_{i=2}^n D_i \right) t^4 + O(t^6)$$

and

$$\int_K Y dk = \frac{1}{n} \left( B + \sum_{i=2}^n D_i \right) t^2 + O(t^4) .$$

Therefore, we obtain that

$$(15) \quad B + \sum_{i=2}^n D_i = A + B + C = 0 .$$

Since  $G$  is real valued, we have

$$(16) \quad A = \bar{C} .$$

In particular;

$$(17) \quad \text{when } n=1, \quad B=0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Re } A=0 .$$

On the other hand, it follows from (12) that

$$(18) \quad \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 X^2 Y dk = \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 \left[ (\lambda_3 - 2\lambda_2 + \lambda_1)X + (\lambda_3 - \lambda_2)X^2 + \frac{\lambda_3 - 1}{3} X^3 \right] dk + O(t^6) ,$$

$$(19) \quad \begin{cases} \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 Y dk = \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 (\lambda_2 - 1) X dk + O(t^4) , \\ \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 [2(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)X + (\lambda_2 - 1)X^2] dk = O(t^4) , \\ \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 [(\lambda_3 - \lambda_1)X + (\lambda_3 - 1)X^2] dk = O(t^4) . \end{cases}$$

Here we note from Corollary 6, (15) and (16) that

$$(20) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 X^2 Y dk &= \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} \left( 12n^2 A + 6n^2 B + 2n^2 \sum_{i=2}^n D_i \right) t^4 + O(t^6) \\ &= \frac{4n}{(n+1)(n+2)} (2A - \bar{A}) t^4 + O(t^6) , \end{aligned}$$

$$(21) \quad \begin{cases} \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 Y dk = \frac{2}{n(n+1)} A t^2 + O(t^4), \\ \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 X dk = t^2 + \frac{2(2n^2-9n+1)}{3(n+1)(n+2)} t^4 + O(t^6), \\ \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 X^2 dk = \frac{2n}{n+1} t^2 + \frac{4n(6n^2+5n-5)}{3(n+1)(n+2)} t^4 + O(t^6), \end{cases}$$

$$(22) \quad \int_K \bar{c}_1^2 X^3 dk = \frac{6n^2(5n+1)}{(n+1)(n+2)} t^4 + O(t^6).$$

Therefore, substituting (21) for (19), we can obtain that

$$(23) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{2A}{n(n+1)} = \lambda_1 - 1, \\ \lambda_2 = \frac{n + (n+1)\lambda_1}{2n+1}, \\ \lambda_3 = \frac{2n + (n+1)\lambda_1}{3n+1}. \end{cases}$$

In particular, we have

$$(24) \quad \begin{cases} \lambda_3 - 2\lambda_2 + \lambda_1 = \frac{2n^2}{(2n+1)(3n+1)} (\lambda_1 - 1), \\ \lambda_3 - \lambda_2 = \frac{-n(n+1)}{(2n+1)(3n+1)} (\lambda_1 - 1), \\ \lambda_3 - 1 = \frac{n+1}{3n+1} (\lambda_1 - 1). \end{cases}$$

Finally, using the formulas (18), (20)-(24), we can deduce the following equation:

$$(6n^3 + 11n^2 + 10n - 3)A = (6n^3 + 11n^2 + 6n + 1)\bar{A},$$

which implies that  $\text{Re } A = 0$  when  $n \geq 2$ , and thus,  $B = 0$  by (15) and (16). Therefore, for each  $n \geq 1$  (see (17) for  $n = 1$ ) we conclude that

$$(8d) \quad \frac{\partial^2 G_2}{\partial y^2} = 2(B - 2 \text{Re } A) = 0.$$

Now we shall prove that  $G_2 \equiv 0$ . Collecting the homogeneous components of degrees 1 and 2 in (8b), we obtain that

$$(25) \quad \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial \tau} \equiv 0,$$

$$(26) \quad \frac{\partial G_3}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{1}{4n} \|\nabla G_2\|^2;$$

in particular,

$$(27) \quad G_2 \text{ and } \frac{\partial G_3}{\partial \tau} \text{ are not dependent on } \tau,$$

$$(28) \quad \Delta\left(\frac{\partial G_3}{\partial \tau}\right) = -\frac{1}{2n} \left[ \left(\frac{\partial^2 G_2}{\partial y^2}\right)^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{2(n-1)} \left(\frac{\partial^2 G_2}{\partial x_i \partial y}\right)^2 + \sum_{i,j=1}^{2(n-1)} \left(\frac{\partial^2 G_2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}\right)^2 \right].$$

On the other hand, collecting the homogeneous components of degrees 1 and 2 in (8a) and using (8d) and (27), we obtain that

$$(29) \quad \Delta G_2 \equiv 0,$$

$$(30) \quad \Delta G_3 = -2B\left(\frac{\partial G_2}{\partial y}\right).$$

In particular, we have

$$(31) \quad \Delta\left(\frac{\partial G_3}{\partial \tau}\right) = 0.$$

The equations (27), (28) and (31) imply that all second derivatives of  $G_2$ , which is a homogeneous polynomial of  $\tau, y, x_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 2(n-1)$ ) of degree 2, are equal to 0. Thus it follows that  $G_2 \equiv 0$  on  $B(C^n)$ .

*Step 2.* We shall prove that  $G_p \equiv 0$  for all  $p \geq 1$  by induction. Let us suppose that  $G_1 \equiv G_2 \equiv \dots \equiv G_p \equiv 0$  for  $p \geq 2$  (see Step 1); we shall show that  $G_{p+1} \equiv 0$ . First, collecting the homogeneous components of degree  $m \geq 2$  in (8b), we obtain that

$$(32) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left[ \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial \tau}\right)^2 \right]_m + \sum_{q=0}^m \frac{(2\tau)^q}{q!} \sum_{i=1}^{2(n-1)} \left[ \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i}\right)^2 \right]_{m-q} + |x|^2 \sum_{q=0}^{m-2} \frac{(2\tau)^q}{q!} \left[ \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial y}\right)^2 \right]_{m-q-2} \\ & + \sum_{q=0}^m \frac{(4\tau)^q}{q!} \left[ \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial y}\right)^2 \right]_{m-q} + 4n \sum_{q=0}^m G_q \frac{\partial G_{m-q+1}}{\partial \tau} \\ & + 2 \sum_{q=0}^m \frac{(2\tau)^q}{q!} \sum_{k=0}^{m-q} \frac{\partial G_{k+1}}{\partial y} B(G_{m-q-k}) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\left[ \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial \tau}\right)^2 \right]_m = \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial \tau} \frac{\partial G_{m+1}}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial \tau} \frac{\partial G_m}{\partial \tau} + \dots + \frac{\partial G_{m+1}}{\partial \tau} \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial \tau},$$

and thus,



$$\left[ \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial \tau} \right)^2 \right]_m = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \leq 2p-1 \\ \left( \frac{\partial G_{p+1}}{\partial \tau} \right)^2 & \text{if } m = 2p. \end{cases}$$

Moreover,

$$\left[ \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right]_{m-q} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \leq 2p-1 \\ 0 & \text{if } m = 2p \text{ and } q \geq 1 \\ \left( \frac{\partial G_{p+1}}{\partial y} \right)^2 & \text{if } m = 2p \text{ and } q = 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\left[ \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_j} \right)^2 \right]_{m-q} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \leq 2p-1 \\ 0 & \text{if } m = 2p \text{ and } q \geq 1 \\ \left( \frac{\partial G_{p+1}}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 & \text{if } m = 2p \text{ and } q = 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{q=0}^m G_q \frac{\partial G_{m-q+1}}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial G_{m+1}}{\partial \tau} \quad \text{if } m \leq 2p$$

and

$$\frac{\partial G_{k+1}}{\partial y} B(G_{m-q-k}) = 0 \quad \text{if } m \leq 2p, 0 \leq q \leq m \text{ and } 0 \leq k \leq m-q.$$

Therefore, (32) implies that

$$(33) \quad \frac{\partial G_{m+1}}{\partial \tau} = 0 \quad \text{if } m \leq 2p-1$$

and

$$(34) \quad \frac{\partial G_{2p+1}}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{1}{4n} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial G_{p+1}}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{2(n-1)} \left( \frac{\partial G_{p+1}}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 \right].$$

In particular, we deduce that

$$(35) \quad G_{p+1}, G_{p+2}, \dots, G_{2p} \text{ are not dependent on } \tau,$$

$$(36) \quad \frac{\partial G_{2p+1}}{\partial \tau} \text{ is not dependent on } \tau.$$

Next collecting the homogeneous components of degree  $(m-2)$  in the equation:  $e^{-2\tau}[DG + 4n(\partial G/\partial \tau)] = 0$ , which is nothing but (8a), we obtain that

$$(37) \quad \sum_{q=0}^{m-2} \frac{(-2\tau)^q}{q!} \left( \frac{\partial^2 G_{m-q}}{\partial \tau^2} + 2n \frac{\partial G_{m-q-1}}{\partial \tau} \right) + |x|^2 \frac{\partial^2 G_{m-2}}{\partial y^2} \\ + \Delta_x(G_m) + \sum_{q=0}^{m-2} \frac{(2\tau)^q}{q!} \frac{\partial^2 G_{m-q}}{\partial y^2} + 2B \left( \frac{\partial G_{m-1}}{\partial y} \right) = 0.$$

Then, taking account of (35) and (36), we see that for  $m \leq 2p$  the first sum in (37) is identically zero;  $\Delta_x(G_m)$  and  $B(\partial G_{m-1}/\partial y)$  are not dependent on  $\tau$ ; thus, we obtain that

$$(38) \quad \Delta G_m + 2B \left( \frac{\partial G_{m-1}}{\partial y} \right) = 0 \quad \text{for } m \leq 2p,$$

$$(39) \quad \frac{\partial^2 G_{m-1}}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \text{for } m \leq 2p.$$

In particular, for  $m = p+1$  we have

$$(40) \quad \Delta G_{p+1} = 0.$$

Applying the differential operator  $\partial^2/\partial y^2$  to (38), we see from (39) that

$$(41) \quad \Delta \left( \frac{\partial^2 G_m}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0 \quad \text{for } m \leq 2p.$$

When  $m = 2p+1$ , the equation (37) means that

$$(42) \quad \Delta(G_{2p+1}) + 2B \left( \frac{\partial G_{2p}}{\partial y} \right) + 2\tau \frac{\partial^2 G_{2p}}{\partial y^2} = 0.$$

Now we shall apply the differential operator  $\Delta \circ (\partial/\partial \tau)$  to (42). Then we obtain from (35) and (41) that

$$(43) \quad \Delta \left[ \Delta \left( \frac{\partial G_{2p+1}}{\partial \tau} \right) \right] = 0;$$

substituting (34) for (43) and noting (40), we finally deduce that

$$0 = \Delta \left[ \Delta \left( \frac{\partial G_{2p+1}}{\partial \tau} \right) \right] \\ = -\frac{1}{4n} \Delta \Delta \left[ \left( \frac{\partial G_{p+1}}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{2(n-1)} \left( \frac{\partial G_{p+1}}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 \right] \\ = -\frac{1}{2n} \Delta \left[ \left( \frac{\partial^2 G_{p+1}}{\partial y^2} \right)^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{2(n-1)} \left( \frac{\partial^2 G_{p+1}}{\partial y \partial x_i} \right)^2 + \sum_{i,j=1}^{2(n-1)} \left( \frac{\partial^2 G_{p+1}}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right)^2 \right] \\ = -\frac{1}{n} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial^3 G_{p+1}}{\partial y^3} \right)^2 + 3 \sum_{i=1}^{2(n-1)} \left( \frac{\partial^3 G_{p+1}}{\partial y^2 \partial x_i} \right)^2 + 3 \sum_{i,j=1}^{2(n-1)} \left( \frac{\partial^3 G_{p+1}}{\partial y \partial x_i \partial x_j} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{2(n-1)} \left( \frac{\partial^3 G_{p+1}}{\partial x_i \partial x_j \partial x_k} \right)^2 \Big].$$

Therefore,  $G_{p+1}$  is a homogeneous polynomial of  $y, x_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 2(n-1)$ ) (see (35)) of degree  $\geq 3$ , whose third derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial^3 G_{p+1}}{\partial y^3}, \quad \frac{\partial^3 G_{p+1}}{\partial y^2 \partial x_i}, \quad \frac{\partial^3 G_{p+1}}{\partial y \partial x_i \partial x_j} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^3 G_{p+1}}{\partial x_i \partial x_j \partial x_k} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j, k \leq 2(n-1)$$

are all identically zero. Obviously, it follows that  $G_{p+1} \equiv 0$  on  $B(C^n)$ .

This completes the proof of Lemma 3. Q.E.D.

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