ANALYSIS ON THE HEISENBERG MANIFOLD

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ABSTRACT. A study of the function theory on the Heisenberg manifold in terms of theta functions. Subject to an explicit error, a C^{∞} -function is written as an infinite sum with theta functions of different degrees and

written as an infinite sum, with theta functions of different degrees and characteristics playing the same role as exponentials do in the abelian theory.

1. Introduction. The motivation for the viewpoint of this work requires a brief discussion of the historical evolution of some of the ideas of Fourier analysis on the torus $\Pi = R/Z$. Probably, the most universally known aspect of this theory concerns the space $\mathcal{C}^2(\Pi)$ of square integrable functions. This theory centers about the characters $e^{2\pi i n x}$, $n \in Z$, of Π (identifying Π with the interval [0, 1] in the usual manner). The characters determine an orthonormal basis of the Hilbert space $\mathcal{C}^2(\Pi)$ and associating to each $f \in \mathcal{C}^2(\Pi)$ its corresponding Fourier series $\sum \hat{f}(n)e^{2\pi i n x}$, where $\hat{f}(n) = \int_0^1 f(t)e^{-2\pi i n t} dt$, the Riesz-Fischer theorem establishes the identification between the space $\mathcal{C}^2(\Pi)$ and the space of trigonometric series $\sum a_n e^{2\pi i n x}$ where $\sum |a_n|^2 < \infty$. In general, the Fourier series of a function in $\mathcal{C}^2(\Pi)$ converges in the \mathcal{C}^2 -norm to the function. Additional assumptions on the function in question are necessary if more is required. Our primary interest is the classical assertion that the Fourier series of a \mathcal{C}^1 -function on Π converges absolutely and uniformly to the function.

Group representation theory serves to reinterpret the classical theory and, equally importantly, determines new questions. Returning to our example, if we define the translation representation T of R on $\mathbb{C}^2(\Pi)$ by the formula

$$(T_y f)(e^{2\pi ix}) = f(e^{2\pi i(x+y)}), \quad f \in \mathcal{C}^2(\Pi) \text{ and } x, y \in R,$$

it is easy to verify that T is a continuous representation for which the characters constitute a complete system of eigenvectors. In this light the naturality of the characters as a cornerstone in this theory is further illuminated. In this and other analogous settings one pursues information about important T-invariant subspaces.

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The prejudice of this work is that for the most part current interest about analysis on groups has emphasized the spirit native to representation theory, neglecting problems born from a classical perspective. Two works of J. Brezin [3] and [4] are notable exceptions. In this work we hope to justify a classical approach at least to the extent of showing that something of interest can be said about the function theory of nil-manifolds using this approach. Indispensable to our development is the theory of theta functions and their interplay with the representation theory. Below we indicate the necessary highlights of this marriage but for a more detailed description one may refer to [2].

Specifically, the nil-manifold under investigation is the 3-dimensional Heisenberg manifold described below. Compared to the situation confronted on the torus, the function theory of this manifold thirsts primarily from a lack of a convenient basis which would play the variety of roles analogous to those of the characters. However, as we shall see, for certain kinds of problems explicit use of theta functions enables one to construct an appropriate basis.

The Heisenberg group N_3 is defined as follows

$$N_3 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & y & z \\ 0 & 1 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} : x, y, z \in R \right\}.$$

Let Γ be the integer matrices in N_3 . The Heisenberg manifold is the homogeneous space of right cosets $\Gamma \setminus N_3 = \{\Gamma_n | n \in N_3\}$. Clearly, $\Gamma \setminus N_3$ is compact. Denoting by (x, y, z) the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & y & z \\ 0 & 1 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

the multiplication rule becomes (x, y, z)(x', y', z') = (x + x', y + y', z + z' + yx').

It is known that a unique probability measure can be defined on $\Gamma \setminus N_3$, invariant under right translations. This measure will be assumed in all that follows. Let $\mathcal{C}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$ be the Hilbert space of square integrable functions on $\Gamma \setminus N_3$. The right quasi-regular representation of N_3 on $\mathcal{C}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$ is defined by the formula

$$(\mathfrak{R}_x F)(y) = F(yx), \qquad x,y \in N_3, F \in \mathfrak{L}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3).$$

The unitary representation $\mathfrak R$ has been studied in detail in [1] and reconsidered from a slightly different vantage in [2]. For our immediate purposes it is sufficient to recall the following facts. The space $\mathfrak L^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$ decomposes into an orthogonal direct sum of $\mathfrak R$ -invariant spaces

$$\mathcal{L}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \bigoplus H_n$$

where H_n consists of the space of all functions in $\mathcal{C}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$ satisfying the following condition

$$\mathfrak{R}_{(0,0,z)}F = e^{2\pi i n z} \cdot F, \qquad F \in \mathfrak{L}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3), z \in R.$$

The multiplicity of the representation \Re on H_n is |n| when $n \neq 0$ and in particular H_1 , H_{-1} are \Re -invariant and irreducible subspaces. The space H_1 is crucial in the analysis of $\mathbb{C}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$ and we initiate our investigations by recalling the relationship between H_1 and the theta functions of order 1. Let

$$\theta \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} (z, \tau) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{\pi i \tau (n + a/2)^2} e^{2\pi i (n + a/2)(z + b/2)}$$

where $a, b \in R$, $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\operatorname{im}(\tau) > 0$. The usual complex analysis arguments show that $\theta \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}(z, \tau)$ is an entire function in z for each choice of $a, b \in R$ and $\operatorname{im}(\tau) > 0$. The function $\theta \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}(z, \tau)$ is called the Jacobi theta function of argument z, period τ and characteristic $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$. Associated to $\theta \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}(z, \tau)$ we define the function $\psi \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ on N_3 by the formula

$$\psi\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}(x, y, z, \tau) = e^{2\pi i z} e^{2\pi i (by/2 - ax/2)} e^{\pi i \tau y^2} \theta\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}(x + \tau y, \tau).$$

Using the uniform convergence (on compact subsets) with respect to z of the series implicit on the right we can rewrite $\psi[a]_b$ as follows

$$\psi \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} (x, y, z, \tau) = e^{2\pi i a b/4} e^{2\pi i z} \sum_{n} e^{\pi i \tau (y + n + a/2)^2} e^{2\pi i b (n + y)/2} e^{2\pi i n x}.$$

It is a simple exercise to show that $\psi[a](x, y, z, \tau) \in H_1$, for each choice $a, b \in R$, $\operatorname{im}(\tau) > 0$. This procedure gives a collection of special functions in H_1 relative to which one can attempt to structure H_1 . We shall single out two of these functions for special consideration. Set

$$\psi(x,y,z)=\psi\begin{bmatrix}0\\0\end{bmatrix}(x,y,z,i),\qquad \psi^*(x,y,z)=\psi\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix}(x,y,z,i).$$

Let $\chi_{nm} = e^{2\pi i(nx+my)}$, $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$. The role of the characters on Π will be performed by the functions $\{\chi_{nm} \cdot \psi(x,y,z); n, m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. In [2, Theorem II.5], it is proved that these functions define an \mathcal{L}^2 -basis of H_1 in the sense that the closure of the linear span of these functions is H_1 and these functions are minimal with respect to this property. Observe that they are not orthonormal. The main question that comes to mind is whether some natural condition on a function $F \in H_1$ implies the representation of F as a uniformly converging series in our \mathcal{L}^2 -basis. Although this is not exactly the case we have a measure of error. The tool of this study, which occurs in §5, is provided by our main theorem in §4 which we are now in a position to state. Let \mathcal{L}_1 be the \mathcal{L}_2 -functions in \mathcal{L}_1 and \mathcal{L}_1 and \mathcal{L}_2 be \mathcal{L}_3 be the \mathcal{L}_4 -functions in \mathcal{L}_4 and \mathcal{L}_4 which we are now in a position to state. Let

MAIN THEOREM. For $F \in \mathcal{C}_1^n$, $n \ge 1$, there exists a unique function $p \in \mathcal{C}^{n-1}(\pi^2)$ and a unique polynomial h in γ_1 of degree n, i.e. $h = \sum_{e=0}^n a_e \gamma_1^e(x,y)$ such that $F = p\psi + h\psi_{-i}^*$ where $\psi_{-i}^* = \beta_{-i}\psi^*$, $\beta_{-i} = 1 - e^{2\pi ix} + e^{2\pi i(x-y)} - e^{-2\pi iy}$.

The artificiality of the form β_{-i} is cleared by the results of §3.

In §6 we will extend our main theorem to the other H_n 's, $n \neq 0$.

Also we prove (see Theorem 2.3) that functions in H_1 are controlled in a manner which hopefully will be made clear by the nature of their zeroes. In fact each function which is continuous and in H_n , $n \neq 0$, vanishes at some point [2, Theorem II.2]. The exact statement of our result is contained in the following.

THEOREM. If
$$F \in \mathcal{C}_1^1$$
, then $1/\overline{F} \not\in \mathcal{C}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$.

The final preliminary notion corresponds essentially to the notion of the Fourier transform on $\mathcal{C}^2(R)$. We shall be slightly more general than necessary in our formulation. Let $SL_2(Z)$ be the group of all 2×2 integer matrices having determinant 1. This group acts as a group of automorphisms of N_3 according to

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}(x, y, z) = \left(cy + dx, ay + bx, z + \frac{1}{2}(bdx^2 + 2bcxy + acy^2)\right),$$

where $\binom{a}{c}\binom{b}{d} \in SL_2(Z)$ and $(x, y, z) \in N_3$. Letting L be the subgroup of $SL_2(Z)$ defined by requiring $bd \equiv ac \equiv 0 \mod 2$, it is easy to see that L takes Γ onto itself and acts on H_1 as a group of unitary operators by

$$\sigma(F)(x, y, z) = F(\sigma(x, y, z)), \quad \sigma \in L, F \in H_1.$$

The notion of the Fourier transform enters the picture in the following manner. It is a fact (see [5]) that the space H_1 corresponds to functions on N_3 of the form $e^{2\pi i z} \sum_n f(n+y) e^{2\pi i n x}$ where $f \in L^2(R)$. Put $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then if $F = e^{2\pi i z} \sum_n f(n+y) e^{2\pi i n x}$, we have $\sigma(F) = e^{2\pi i z} \sum_n \hat{f}(n+y) e^{2\pi i n x}$ where \hat{f} is the Fourier transform of f. Thus the unitary operator of H_1 determined by σ gives a geometric interpretation of the Fourier transform. It will play an important role in this work as well.

2. **Decomposition theorem.** In this section we shall analyze the role which the "theta functions" ψ and ψ^* play in structuring the space H_1 . It is simple to show that H_1 is a module over the ring $\mathcal{C}_0 = \mathcal{C}(\Pi^2)$ of continuous functions on the two-dimensional torus Π^2 , the operation of \mathcal{C}_0 on H_1 being defined by function multiplication. Also given any two functions F, G in H_1 the quotient F/G is defined on Π^2 but may not be in \mathcal{C}_0 . Let F be a function in H_1 . Then $F \cdot \psi^{-1}$ can be considered as a function on Π^2 . This observation implies that each $F \in H_1$ can be written uniquely in the form $F = p \cdot \psi$ where p is defined

on Π^2 . Setting $\mathfrak{T}_1(\Pi^2)$ equal to the space of periodic functions on Π^2 of the form F/ψ , $F \in H_1$ our observation becomes simply the assertion that $H_1 = \mathfrak{T}_1(\Pi^2) \cdot \psi$. The problem with this decomposition of H_1 stems from the lack of control one has over the functions in $\mathfrak{T}_1(\Pi^2)$. To see that this is the case we must consider the zeroes of functions in H_1 and in particular the zeroes of ψ . The proof of the following lemma appears in [2, Theorem II.2].

LEMMA 2.1. The function ψ has as its zero set the points $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)\Gamma \cdot \mathcal{Z}$ where $\mathcal{Z} = \{(0, 0, z): z \in R\}.$

Every continuous function $F \in H_1$ vanishes at some point.

The first statement of the lemma is just a translation of the classical result concerning the zero of the theta function $\theta[_0^0](z, i)$ at z = 1/2 + i/2 and the uniqueness of this zero in the unit square. Also it should be remarked that the zero of the entire function $\theta[_0^0](z, i)$ is of order one. The second statement is remarkable in that the existence of a zero is shown to be independent of any analytic considerations. Also it implies that we cannot considerably improve the theory by taking quotients of functions in H_1 with denominators other than ψ . In fact, we can be more specific as to the nature of the difficulty.

The following proof was suggested by the referee.

THEOREM 2.3. If
$$F \in \mathcal{C}_1^1$$
, then $1/\overline{F} \not\subseteq H_1$.

PROOF. Let F be \mathcal{C}_1^1 , so $F(x, y, z) = e^{2\pi i z} f(x, y)$. So f is \mathcal{C}^1 also, and $|F| \equiv |f|$. Let F have a zero at (x_0, y_0, z_0) , and let the partial derivatives of f at (x_0, y_0) be α and β respectively. Then

$$|F(x_0 + h_1, y_0 + h_2, z_0 + h_3)| \approx |\alpha h_1 + \beta h_2|.$$

Hence the triple integral from x_0 to $x_0 + S$, y_0 to $y_0 + S$ and z_0 to $z_0 + S$ of $|F|^{-2}$ is

$$\iiint |F|^{-2} dx dy dz \approx S \int_0^S \int_0^S |\alpha h_1 + \beta h_2|^{-2} dh_1 dh_2$$

$$\geq S \int_0^S \int_0^S (|\alpha| h_1 + |\beta| h_2)^{-2} dh_1 dh_2 = \infty.$$

We do, however, have the following control over functions in H_1 . For a proof see [2, Theorem II.4].

LEMMA 2.2. Let \mathcal{C}_1 be the space of \mathcal{C} -functions in H_1 . For $F \in \mathcal{C}_1$ there exists $p, q \in \mathcal{C}'(\Pi^2)$ such that $F = p\psi + q\psi^*$.

It is important to observe that no mention of the uniqueness of p, q has been made. In fact, a theorem of J. Brezin (see Theorem II.9 of [2]) states that \mathcal{C}_1^r is a projective module over $\mathcal{C}^r(\Pi)$ and hence the nonuniqueness is inherent.

3. The operator $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Set $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ for the rest of the paper. The matrix σ determines a unitary operator on H_1 as discussed in the introduction. The following notation will be convenient. For $p(x, y) \in \mathcal{C}(\Pi^2)$ denote by p^{σ} the function in $\mathcal{C}(\Pi^2)$ defined by

$$p^{\sigma}(x,y)=p(-y,x).$$

Set $T_{\sigma}F = \sigma(F)$, $F \in H_1$, as defined on page 332. The operator $p \mapsto p^{\sigma}$ clearly has order four and hence decomposes $\mathcal{C}(\Pi^2)$ into the direct sum

$$\mathcal{C}(\Pi^2) = X_1 \oplus X_{-1} \oplus X_i \oplus X_{-i}$$

where X_{α} is the eigenvector space corresponding to the eigenvalue $\alpha = \pm 1, \pm i$. The projection mappings $q_{\alpha} \colon \mathcal{C}(\Pi^2) \to X_{\alpha}$ are given by

$$q_{\alpha}(p) = \frac{1}{4}(p + \alpha p^{-\sigma} + \alpha^2 p^{-\sigma^2} + \alpha^3 p^{-\sigma^3}).$$

Set $p_{\alpha} = q_{\alpha}(p)$. Analogously T_{σ} has order four and we have a direct sum decomposition of $C_1^0(\Gamma \setminus N_3) = C_1$,

$$\mathcal{C}_1 = Y_1 \oplus Y_{-1} \oplus Y_i \oplus Y_{-i}$$

where Y_{α} corresponds to the eigenvalues $\alpha = \pm 1, \pm i$ and the projection mappings $q_{\alpha}^*: \mathcal{C}_1 \to Y_{\alpha}$ are given by

$$q_{\alpha}^{*}(F) = \frac{1}{4}(F + \alpha F^{-\alpha} + \alpha^{2}F^{-\alpha^{2}} + \alpha^{3}F^{-\sigma^{3}}).$$

Set $F_{\alpha} = q_{\alpha}^*(F)$.

The goal of this section is twofold. First we want to exhibit the existence of a decomposition $F = p\psi + q\psi^*$ in some sense compatible with the eigenvector space decomposition above. Finally we want to analyze and explicitly compute the projections of ψ^* onto the different eigenvector spaces.

LEMMA 3.1. For $F \in \mathcal{C}_1^r \cap Y_\alpha$, $r \ge 0$, and $\alpha = \pm 1$, $\pm i$ there exists $p, q \in \mathcal{C}^r(\Pi^2)$ such that

- (i) $F = p\psi + q\psi^*$,
- (ii) $p^{\sigma} = \alpha \cdot p$,
- (iii) $q^{\sigma}(x, y) = -i \cdot \alpha \cdot e^{-2\pi i x} q(x, y)$.

PROOF. Recall from [2, Theorem III.6] that $\psi^{\sigma} = \psi$ and $(\psi^*)^{\sigma} = ie^{2\pi ix}\psi^*$. Let $F = p_1\psi + q_1\psi^*$ where $p_1, q_1 \in \mathcal{C}(\Pi^2)$. Since $F \in Y_{\alpha}$, $F = q_{\alpha}^*(F) = p\psi + q\psi^*$ where

$$p = \frac{1}{4} \left(p_1 + \alpha p_1^{-\sigma} + \alpha^2 p_1^{-\sigma^2} + \alpha^3 p_1^{-\sigma^3} \right)$$

and

$$q = \frac{1}{4} \left(q_1 + \alpha i q_1^{-\sigma} e^{2\pi i x} + \alpha^2 i^2 q_1^{\sigma^{-2}} e^{2\pi i (x-y)} + \alpha^3 i^3 q_1^{-\sigma^3} e^{2\pi i y} \right).$$

From $F^{\sigma} = \alpha F$ and $(p\psi)^{\sigma} = p^{\sigma}\psi = \alpha p\psi$ it follows that $(q\psi^*)^{\sigma} = \alpha q\psi^*$ and $q^{\sigma} = -ie^{-2\pi ix}q$ whenever $\psi^* \neq 0$. The continuity of q and the fact that ψ^*

vanishes only at the points $(0, 0, 0)\Gamma \mathcal{I}$ implies (iii), and completes the proof of the lemma.

Lemma 3.1 can immediately be used to gain some information about the functions in the spaces Y_{α} .

COROLLARY 3.1.1. Every function in Y_1 vanishes at $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$.

COROLLARY 3.1.2. Every function in Y_{-1} vanishes at (0, 0, 0) and $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$.

COROLLARY 3.1.3. Every function in Y_i vanishes at (0, 0, 0), $(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0)$, $(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$ and $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$.

COROLLARY 3.1.4. Every function in Y_{-i} vanishes at (0, 0, 0), $(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0)$ and $(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$.

PROOF. We shall prove the first corollary and leave the proofs of the others to the reader. Choose $F \in Y_1$ and write $F = p\psi + q\psi^*$ as before (Lemma 3.1). Then $q(-\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}) = q(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2})$ by periodicity and $q(-\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}) = -q(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2})$ by the prvious lemma. Hence $q(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}) = 0$ and the vanishing of ψ at $(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},0)$ completes the proof.

Thus far except for $\psi \in Y_1$ we have no explicit examples of functions in Y_{α} , $\alpha = \pm 1$, $\pm i$. The following lemma satisfies this need in a most useful manner for our later requirements. We have simply stated results since they are simple consequences of Lemma 3.1.

LEMMA 3.2. Put $\psi_{\alpha}^* = q_{\alpha}^*(\psi^*)$ the projection of ψ^* into Y_{α} . Then $\psi_{\alpha}^* = \beta_{\alpha}(x,y) \cdot \psi^*$ where

- (i) $\beta_1 = 1 + ie^{2\pi ix} e^{2\pi i(x-y)} ie^{-2\pi iy}$.
- (ii) $\beta_{-1} = 1 ie^{2\pi ix} e^{2\pi i(x-y)} + ie^{-2\pi iy}$.
- (iii) $\beta_i = 1 + e^{2\pi i x} + e^{2\pi i (x-y)} + e^{-2\pi i y}$.
- (iv) $\beta_{-i} = 1 e^{2\pi ix} + e^{2\pi i(x-y)} e^{-2\pi iy}$.

In [2, pp. 85-87] a study was made of the zero sets of ψ_{α}^{*} , $\alpha = \pm 1$, $\pm i$ and we state without proof the conclusions of that analysis in the following lemma.

LEMMA 3.3. (i) The zeroes of β_1 occur at (0, 0) and $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ (in the unit square) and the linear terms of the Taylor series at these points is given as follows:

at
$$(0, 0)$$
, $-2\pi(1+i)(x-iy)$,
at $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, $2\pi(1-i)((x-\frac{1}{2})+i(y-\frac{1}{2}))$.

(ii) The zeroes of β_{-1} occur at (0, 0) and $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ and the linear terms of the Taylor series at these points is given by

at
$$(0, 0)$$
, $2\pi(1 - i)(x + iy)$,
at $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, $-2\pi(1 + i)((x - \frac{1}{2})i(y - \frac{1}{2}))$.

(iii) The zeroes of β_i occur on the lines $(\frac{1}{2}, y)$ and $(x, \frac{1}{2})$ and the corresponding linear terms of the Taylor series are

at
$$(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$$
, 0,
at $(\frac{1}{2}, y_0) \neq (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, $-2\pi i (1 + e^{-2\pi i y_0})(x - \frac{1}{2})$,
at $(x_0, \frac{1}{2}) \neq (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, $2\pi i (1 + e^{2\pi i x_0})(y - \frac{1}{2})$.

(iv) The zeroes of β_{-i} occur on the lines (x, 0) and (0, y) and the Taylor series at these points has linear terms

at
$$(0, 0)$$
, 0,
at $(0, y_0) \neq (0, 0)$, $-2\pi i (1 - e^{-2\pi i y_0}) x$,
at $(x_0, 0) \neq (0, 0)$, $2\pi i (1 - e^{2\pi i x_0}) y$.

As a final comment about explicit functions in the spaces Y_{α} we note that Corollaries 3.1.1-3.1.3 are the best possible in the sense that in each of the eigenspaces Y_1 , Y_{-1} and Y_i there are functions having the necessary zeroes as their zero set. For example ψ has $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)\Gamma \mathcal{Z}$ as its zero set and lies in $Y_1, \psi_{-1}^* = \beta_{-1} \psi^*$ has $(0, 0, 0)\Gamma \mathcal{Z} \cup (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)\Gamma \mathcal{Z}$ as its zero set and lies in Y_{-1} . Finally setting $\gamma(x, y) = \sin x + i \sin y$, we get $\gamma \psi \in Y_i$ and has the required zero set as its zero set. In Y_{-i} all the author has been able to show is the existence of two functions $(\sin y + i \sin x)\psi$ and ψ_{-i}^* in Y_{-i} whose zero sets intersect to give the required zero set.

4. Main theorem. For a function $F \in H_1$ if we could write $F = p(x, y) \cdot \psi$ where p were a smooth enough function on Π^2 ($\mathcal{C}^2(\Pi^2)$) would do), then the Fourier series of p(x, y) would converge absolutely to p(x, y) and we would have a corresponding good representation for F. However, there seems no natural condition on F which would insure a smooth enough p. The representation $F = p\psi + q\psi^*$ asserted in Lemma 3.1 does carry the smoothness of F over into smoothness of p and p; however, the nonuniqueness involved does not allow for the development of the usual kind of Fourier analysis. The main object of this section is to refine Lemma 3.1 in such a way that uniqueness is recovered.

Let $F \in \mathcal{C}_1$. Set $\gamma_1(x, y) = \sin x - i \sin y$. We shall spend the remainder of this section proving the following theorem.

THEOREM 4.1. For $F \in \mathcal{C}_1^n$, $n \ge 1$, there exists a unique $p \in \mathcal{C}^{n-1}(\Pi^2)$ and a unique polynomial h in γ_1 . $h(x,y) = \sum_{l=0}^n a_l \gamma_1^l(x,y)$ such that $F = p \cdot \psi + h \cdot \psi_{-l}^*$.

The proof of this theorem will be broken up into a series of steps where we investigate what occurs in each of the eigenspaces and then put together into the global statement. Incidentally, this prodecure will refine Theorem 4.1 whenever we are dealing with functions belonging to the eigenspaces themselves.

Let $F \in \mathcal{C}_1^n \cap Y_1$, n > 1. We can write $F = p\psi + q\psi^*$ where $p, q \in \mathcal{C}^r(\Pi^2)$ and satisfy the following functional equations.

(4.1)
$$p(-y, x) = p(x, y),$$

(4.2)
$$q(-y, x) = -ie^{-2\pi i x} q(x, y).$$

It will be convenient to introduce the change of variables z = x + iy, $\bar{z} = x - iy$. The functional equations become

$$(4.1)^* p(iz, -i\bar{z}) = p(z, \bar{z}),$$

$$(4.2)^* q(iz, -i\bar{z}) = -ie^{-\pi i(z+\bar{z})}q(z,\bar{z}).$$

We want to investigate the properties of the function $q\psi^*/\psi$. Clearly it is periodic and is \mathcal{C}^r except perhaps at $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ where ψ vanishes. Since ψ equals $(x+\frac{1}{2})+i(y+\frac{1}{2})$ times a \mathcal{C}^{∞} -function not vanishing in some neighborhood of $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ to study the smoothness of $q\psi^*/\psi$ at $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ comes down to studying the smoothness of $q/(x+\frac{1}{2})+(y+\frac{1}{2})i$ at $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$. This is easily seen to be equivalent to studying the smoothness of q^*/z where $q^*(x,y)=q(x+\frac{1}{2},y+\frac{1}{2})$ at (0,0) where q^* satisfies the functional equation:

(4.3)
$$q^*(iz, -iz) = ie^{-\pi i(z+\bar{z})}q^*(z, \bar{z}).$$

The following two lemmas give the necessary information.

LEMMA 4.1. For $q^* \in \mathcal{C}^n(\Pi^2)$, $n \ge 1$, satisfying (4.3), we have

(4.4)
$$(-i)^n \frac{\partial^n}{\partial \bar{z}^n} q^*(iz, -i\bar{z})$$

$$= ie^{-\pi i(z+\bar{z})} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{n-j} (-\pi i)^j \frac{\partial^{n-j}}{\partial \bar{z}^{n-j}} q(z, \bar{z}).$$

PROOF. The case n = 0 is given by (4.3). Suppose the lemma is true for r = j < n. Then differentiating (4.4) with n replaced by j gives

$$(-i)^{j+1} \frac{\partial^{j+1}}{\partial \bar{z}^{j+1}} q^*(iz, -i\bar{z})$$

$$= i(-\pi i)e^{-\pi(z+\bar{z})} \sum_{l=0}^{j} {j \choose j-l} (-\pi i)^l \frac{\partial^{j-l}}{\partial \bar{z}^{j-l}} q(z, \bar{z})$$

$$+ ie^{-\pi i(z+\bar{z})} \sum_{l=0}^{j} {j \choose j-l} (-\pi i)^l \frac{\partial^{j+1-l}}{\partial \bar{z}^{j+1-l}} q(z, \bar{z})$$

$$= i(-\pi i)e^{-\pi i(z+\bar{z})} {j \choose 0} (-\pi i)^j q(z, \bar{z})$$

$$+ i(-\pi i)e^{-\pi i(z+\bar{z})} \sum_{l=0}^{j-1} {j \choose j-l} (-\pi i)^l \frac{\partial^{j-l}}{\partial \bar{z}^{j-l}} q(z, \bar{z})$$

$$+ ie^{-\pi i(z+\bar{z})} \sum_{l=1}^{j} {j \choose j-l} (-\pi i)^l \frac{\partial^{j+1-l}}{\partial \bar{z}^{j+1-l}} q(z, \bar{z})$$

$$+ ie^{-\pi i(z+\bar{z})} {j \choose j} \frac{\partial^{j+1}}{\partial \bar{z}^{j+1}} q(z, \bar{z}).$$

Putting the middle two summations together using the change of summation k = l + 1 on the first and noting

$$\binom{j}{j-l} + \binom{j}{j-l+1} = \binom{j+1}{j+1-l}$$

verifies the lemma for r = j + 1. By induction the lemma is proved. Q.E.D. Using Lemma 4.1 we see by inspection that if q^* satisfies the conditions of the lemma and furthermore $\partial^j q^*(0,0)/\partial \bar{z}^j = 0$ whenever j satisfies both $0 \le j \le n$ and $j = 3 \mod 4$ we have $\partial^j q^*(0,0)/\partial \bar{z}^j = 0$ for $0 \le j \le n$.

LEMMA 4.2. For $q^* \in \mathcal{C}^n(\Pi^2)$, $n \ge 1$, satisfying (4.3) and $\partial^j q^*(0, 0)/\partial \overline{z}^j = 0$ whenever j satisfies $0 \le j \le n$ and $j \equiv 3 \mod 4$, we have $q^*(z, \overline{z})/z \in \mathcal{C}^{n-1}$.

PROOF. Except at z=0 it is obvious that $q^*(z,\bar{z})/z$ is of class \mathcal{C}^{n-1} . Write $q^*(z,\bar{z})=s(z,\bar{z})+R(z,\bar{z})$ where $s(z,\bar{z})$ is a polynomial in z,\bar{z} of total degree $\leqslant n$ and $R(z,\bar{z})$ has all its partials of degree $\leqslant n$ vanishing at (0,0). Since $\partial^j q^*(0,0)/\partial \bar{z}^j=0$, $0\leqslant j\leqslant n$, it follows that $s(z,\bar{z})/z$ is a polynomial in z,\bar{z} . Hence we must show $R(z,\bar{z})/z\in\mathcal{C}^{n-1}$. Let $j+k\leqslant n$ and consider

$$S(z,\bar{z}) = \frac{\partial^{j+k}}{\partial z^j \partial \bar{z}^k} \frac{R(z,\bar{z})}{z}.$$

Using Taylor's theorem on each of the partials occurring in the numerator of S along with the vanishing of all the partials of $R(z, \bar{z})$ of degree $\leq n$ at (0, 0) we can write $S(z, \bar{z})$ as the sum of products $z^l \bar{z}^m / z^{2^l}$, $l + m = 2^j$, times partials of $R(z, \bar{z})$ of degree j + k + 1 evaluated at points which tend to (0, 0) as (z, \bar{z}) tends to (0, 0). But $z^l \bar{z}^m / z^{2^l}$ is bounded near (0, 0) and the (j + k + 1)th partials of $R(z, \bar{z})$ all vanish at (0, 0). Hence the lemma is proved. Q.E.D.

We can now prove the eigenvalue one space version of Theorem 3. Write $F = p_1 \psi + q_1 \psi^*$ with $p_1, q_1 \in \mathcal{C}^n(\Pi^2)$ satisfying (3.1) and (3.2). Observe that $\gamma_1^3 \beta_{-i}$ has as its leading term in its Taylor series at $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ some constant times \bar{z}^3 . Moreover $\gamma_1^3 \beta_{-i}$ satisfies (3.2). Hence

$$(q_1 - a_0 \gamma_1^3 \beta_{-i}) \psi^* \in \mathcal{C}_1^n \cap Y_1 \text{ and } \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \bar{z}^3} (q_1 - a_0 \gamma_1^3 \beta_{-i}) (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) = 0$$

for some $a_0 \in \mathbb{C}$. We continue this process until we have a function

$$q = q_1 - \sum_{0 \le 4l+3 \le n} a_i \gamma_1^{4l+3} \beta_{-i}, \quad a_l \in \mathbb{C},$$

such that $\partial^j q(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})/\partial \bar{z}^j = 0$ whenever both $0 \le j \le n$ and $j \equiv 3 \mod 4$ and $q\psi^* \in \mathcal{C}_1^n \cap Y_1$. By the preceding lemma we can then write

$$F = (p_1 + q\psi^*/\psi)\psi + h\psi^*_{-i}$$

where $p = p_1 + q\psi^*/\psi \in \mathcal{C}^{n-1}$ and $h = \sum_{0 \le 4l+3 \le n} a_l \gamma_1^{4l+3}$.

It remains to prove uniqueness. Suppose $p\psi = h\psi_{-i}^* \in \mathcal{C}_1^n \cap Y_1$ where $p \in \mathcal{C}^{n-1}$ and $h = \sum_{0 \le 4l+3 \le n} a_l \gamma_1^{4l+3}$. Then $p = h\psi_{-i}^* / \psi \in \mathcal{C}^{n-1}$ and since ψ_{-i}^* does not vanish near $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ we have $h/\psi \in \mathcal{C}^{n-1}$. This can occur only if $h \equiv 0$ and uniqueness is verified.

The analysis of the other eigenvalue spaces proceeds in exactly the same way. Hence we have proved Theorem 3.1. The nature of the representation for functions in the eigenvalue spaces is given in the following corollary. The details are trivial and left to the reader.

COROLLARY 4.1. Let $F \in \mathcal{C}_1^n$ and write $F = p \cdot \psi + h\psi_{-i}^*$ where $p \in$ $C^{n-1}(\Pi^2)$ and $h = \sum_{0 \le l \le n} a_l \gamma_1^l$. Then

- (1) If $F \in Y_1$, $h = \sum a_{4l+3} \gamma_1^{4l+3}$. (2) If $F \in Y_{-1}$, $h = \sum a_{4l+1} \gamma_1^{4l+1}$.
- (3) If $F \in Y_i$, $h = \sum a_{4l+2} \gamma_1^{4l+2}$.
- (4) If $F \in Y_{-i}$, $h = \sum a_{4i} \gamma_1^{4i}$.

We should also point out before we leave this section that the same techniques can be used to prove the following theorem and corollary.

THEOREM 4.2. Let $F \in \mathcal{C}_1^n$. Then there exists a unique polynomial k = $\sum_{i=0}^n a_i \gamma_2^i$ in $\gamma_2 = \sin x + i \sin y$ and a unique $q \in \mathcal{C}^{n-1}(\Pi^2)$ such that F = k. $\psi + q\psi^*$.

COROLLARY 4.2. Writing $F = k \cdot \psi + q\psi^*$ as in Theorem 4.2 we have

- (1) $F \in Y_1$ implies $k = \sum a_{4l} \gamma_2^{4l}$,
- (2) $F \in Y_{-1}$ implies $k = \sum a_{4l+2} \gamma_2^{4l+2}$, (3) $F \in Y_i$ implies $k = \sum a_{4l+3} \gamma_2^{4l+3}$,
- (4) $F \in Y_{-i}$ implies $k = \sum a_{4l+1} \gamma_2^{4l+1}$
- 5. Fourier analysis. We begin our discussion by explicitly computing for the decomposition $F = p \cdot \psi + (\sum_{i=1}^{3} a_i \gamma_i^i) \psi_{-i}^*$ where $F \in \mathcal{C}_1^3$, $p \in \mathcal{C}_1^2$ the coefficients a_i , j = 0, 1, 2, 3. Note that the Taylor expansion of γ_1 at $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ is $-2[(x-\frac{1}{2})-i(y-\frac{1}{2})]$ + higher order terms and $\beta_{-i}(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2})$ = 4. Also it is easy to see that $\psi^*(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},0) = -\theta[0](0|i)$.

LEMMA 5.1. For $F \in \mathcal{C}_1^3$ given by $F = p\psi + (\sum_{j=0}^3 a_j \gamma_1^j) \psi_{-j}^*$ with $p \in \mathcal{C}^2(\Pi^2)$ we have

$$a_{j} = \frac{(-1)^{j+1}}{4 \cdot 2^{j}} \frac{\partial^{j} / \partial \bar{z}^{j} F\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0\right)}{\theta \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (0|i)}, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

PROOF. For simplicity assume $F \in Y_1$ and then $F = p\psi + a_3\gamma_1^3\psi_{-i}^*$. Since $\frac{\partial^3(p\psi)(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},0)}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0$ the result follows from the preceding discussion. The other cases are handled similarly.

Take $F = p\psi + (\sum_{0}^{3} a_{j} \gamma_{1}^{j}) \psi_{-i}^{*} \in \mathcal{C}_{1}^{3}$ where $p \in \mathcal{C}^{2}(\Pi^{2})$. Since p is the uniform limit of its associated Fourier series, $p = \sum b_{jk} e^{2\pi i (jx + ky)}$, we can write

(5.1)
$$F = \sum b_{jk} \psi \langle j, k \rangle + \sum_{|l|+|m| \leq 3} c_{lm} \psi_{-i}^* \langle l, m \rangle$$

where

$$\psi\langle j,k\rangle = \chi_{ik}\psi, \qquad \psi_{-i}^*\langle j,k\rangle = \chi_{ik}\psi_{-i}^* \quad \text{and} \quad \chi_{ik} = e^{2\pi i(jx+ky)}.$$

We call (5.1) the \mathcal{C}^2 -expansion of F. Hence we have associated in a unique fashion to each $F \in \mathcal{C}^3_1$ its \mathcal{C}^2 -expansion and using Lemma 5.1 the coefficients are determinable.

As a final remark we note that the functions $\{\psi\langle j,k\rangle\}$, $j,k\in \mathbb{Z}$ define an \mathbb{C}^2 -basis of H_1 in the sense that they are dense in the \mathbb{C}^2 -norm and no smaller subset is dense (see [2]). The crucial point of (5.1) is that except for the computable error given by the last series on the right this \mathbb{C}^2 -basis can be employed to generalize the classicial theorem stated in the introduction.

COROLLARY 5.1.1. For $F \in \mathcal{C}_1^3$ satisfying $\partial^j/\partial \bar{z}^j$ $F(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0) = 0$, j = 0, 1, 2, 3, we have $F = \sum b_{jk} \psi(j, k)$, the series absolutely and uniformly converging.

6. Analysis in $\mathcal{L}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$. The first step in our investigation of $\mathcal{L}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$ is the extension of our main theorem to the spaces H_n , $n \neq 0$, 1. Since complex conjugation identifies H_n and H_{-n} , $n \neq 0$, it suffices to restrict our attention to H_n , n > 1. The procedure is to recall without proof from [2] the necessary algebraic machinery which will allow for the translation of our results from H_1 to H_n .

Let $\tau_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & n \end{pmatrix}$ and denote by τ_n as well the corresponding automorphism of N_3 given by

$$\tau_n(x,y,z) = (nx,y,nz), \quad (x,y,z) \in N_3.$$

Since $\tau_n(\Gamma) \subset \Gamma$ the map of $\mathcal{L}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$ given by

$$(\mathfrak{A}_n F)(x, y, z) = F(nx, y, nz), \quad F \in \mathcal{C}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$$

is an isometry of $\mathcal{C}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$. It is shown in [2] that for n > 1, $\mathcal{A}_n(H_1)$ is an R-invariant and irreducible subspace of H_n .

Let $\Lambda_n = \{(a/n, b/n, z): a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, z \in \mathbb{R}\}, n \ge 1$. Clearly Λ_n , which is called the left stabilizer of H_n , is a subgroup of N_3 . We can define a unitary representation L_n of Λ_n on H_n by the formula

$$L_n(g)F(h) = F(g^{-1}h), \quad g \in \Lambda_n, h \in N_3, F \in H_n.$$

This construction first appears in [1] and later in [2]. In either case it is verified that for n > 1, $H_n = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \bigoplus L_n(0, -j/n, 0)(\mathfrak{A}_n H_1)$. Set

$$H_{nj} = L_n(0, -j/n, 0)(\tau_n H_1), \quad N > 1, j = 0, \dots, n-1,$$

$$\psi_{nj} = L_n(0, -j/n, 0)(\mathfrak{A}_n \psi), \quad n > 1, j = 0, \dots, n-1,$$

$$\psi_{nj}^* = L_n(0, -j/n, 0)(\mathfrak{A}_n \psi^*), \quad n > 1, j = 0, \dots, n-1,$$

$$\psi_{-i,nj}^* = L_n(0, -j/n, 0)(\mathfrak{A}_n \psi^*_{-i}), \quad n > 1, j = 0, \dots, n-1.$$

The final preliminary remark concerns the projection operators onto the spaces H_n and H_{nj} . Let n > 1, $j = 0, \ldots, n - 1$, and denote by p_n , the projection of $\mathcal{C}^2(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$ onto H_n , and by p_{nj} , the projection of H_n onto H_{nj} . It easily follows from the explicit description of p_n on page 5 of [2] that $p_n(\mathcal{C}^r(\Gamma \setminus N_3)) = \mathcal{C}^r_n$, r > 0. Also from [2, Theorem II.8] we have $p_{nj}(\mathcal{C}^r_n) = \mathcal{C}^r_n$ $\cap H_{nj}$, r > 0.

Put $C^r(\Pi, 1/n)$, $r \ge 0$, $n \ge 1$, equal to the C^r -functions f on Π which satisfy the additional property f(x + 1/n, y) = f(x, y).

Clearly \mathcal{C}_n^r is a $\mathcal{C}^r(\Pi, 1/n)$ -module. Moreover Lemma 2.2 generalizes to give the following.

LEMMA 6.2. Let $F \in \mathcal{C}_n$, $r \ge 0$, $n \ge 1$. Then there exist functions g_j , $h_j \in \mathcal{C}^r(\Pi^2, 1/n)$, $j = 0, \ldots, n-1$, such that

$$F = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (g_j \psi_{nj} + h_j \psi_{nj}^*).$$

For a proof see [2, Theorem II.4] or simply consider the above decomposition of H_n into the H_{nj} 's. We remark that as in Lemma 2.2 the functions g_j and h_j are not determined uniquely.

THEOREM 6.2. Let $F \in \mathcal{C}_n$, r > 1, n > 1. Then there exists a unique set of functions $p_j \in \mathcal{C}^{r-1}(\Pi^2, 1/n)$, $j = 0, \ldots, n-1$, and a unique set of polynomials h_j in $\gamma_{1,nj} = L_n(0, -j/n, 0)(\mathfrak{A}_n\gamma_1)$, $j = 0, \ldots, n-1$, such that

$$F = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} p_i \psi_{ni} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} h_i \psi_{-i,ni}^*.$$

PROOF. Writing $F = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} F_i$ where $F_i \in \mathcal{C}_n \cap H_{ni}$, we have

$$F_j = L_n(0, -j/n, 0)(\mathfrak{A}_n G_j)$$
 where $G_j \in \mathcal{C}_1$.

By Theorem 4.1, $G_j = p_j \psi + h_j \psi_{-i}^*$ where $p_j \in \mathcal{C}^{-1}(\Pi^2)$ and h_j is a polynomial in $\gamma_1 = \sin x - i \sin y$. Also the p_j , h_j are uniquely determined by this requirement. Hence $F_j = p_j' \psi_{nj} + h_j' \psi_{-i,nj}^*$ where $p_j' = L_n(0, -j/n, 0)(\mathfrak{A}_n p_j)$ and $h_j' = L_n(0, -j/n, 0)(\mathfrak{A}_n h_j)$. The theorem follows.

The following lemma permits us to put all the pieces in place. We give a proof for lack of a convenient reference.

LEMMA 6.3. Let $F \in \mathcal{C}'(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$, r > 1, and write $F = \sum_{n \in Z} F_n$ where $F_n \in H_n$, $n \in Z$. Then the series $\sum_{n \in Z} F_n$ converges absolutely and uniformly on $\Gamma \setminus N_3$.

PROOF. There is no loss in generality in the assumption that $F = \sum_{n>1} F_n$, $F_n \in H_n$, n > 1. Writing $F_n = \alpha_n(x, y) e^{2\pi i n x}$ we have

$$\alpha_n(x,y) = \int_0^1 F(x,y,z)e^{-2\pi i nz} dz.$$

For fixed $x, y \in [0, 1]$ the series $\sum_{n>1} F_n(x, y, z)$ absolutely converges since $\partial F(x, y, z)/\partial z$ exists and is continuous. In the usual manner differentiating with respect to z gives

$$2\pi i n\alpha_n(x,y) = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(x,y,z)e^{-2\pi i nz} dz, \qquad n > 1.$$

By the Plancherel theorem it follows that for all m > 1,

$$2\pi \sum_{n \geq m} |n|^2 |\alpha_n(x,y)|^2 \leq \int_0^1 \left| \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} (x,y,z) \right|^2 dz.$$

Hence Hölder's inequality implies that for m > 1,

$$2\pi \sum_{n>m>1} |\alpha_n(x,y)| \leq \sup_{0\leq x,y,z\leq 1} \sqrt{2\pi} \left| \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(x,y,z) \right| \left(\sum_{n>m>1} |n|^{-2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The theorem clearly follows.

Our final theorem is a simple consequence of the previous lemma and theorem.

THEOREM 6.4. For $F \in \mathcal{C}'(\Gamma \setminus N_3)$, r > 1, there are uniquely determined functions $p_{nj} \in \mathcal{C}'^{-1}(\Pi, 1/|n|)$ and polynomials h_{nj} in

$$\gamma_{1,nj} = \sin nx - i(\sin(y + j/n))$$

where $n \neq 0, j = 0, 1, ..., |n| - 1$, such that

$$F = F_0 + \sum_{n > 1} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(p_{nj} \psi_{nj} + \bar{p}_{-nj} \bar{\psi}_{nj} \right) \right] + \sum_{n > 1} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(h_{nj} \psi_{-i,nj}^* + \bar{h}_{-nj} \bar{\psi}_{-i,nj}^* \right) \right]$$

the series uniformly converging with respect to n.

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