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# FUNCTIONS OF REPRESENTATIONS OF THE CLASS 1 ON THE HOMOGENEOUS SPACES OF THE DE SITTER GROUP

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A starting point of this research is an analogue between universal coverings of the Lorentz and de Sitter groups, which was first established by Takahashi [1] (see also the work of Ström [2]). Namely, the universal covering of  $SO_0(1, 4)$  is  $\mathbf{Spin}_+(1, 4) \simeq Sp(1, 1)$  and the spinor group  $\mathbf{Spin}_+(1, 4)$  is described in terms of  $2 \times 2$  quaternionic matrices. Spherical functions on the group  $SO_0(1, 4)$  are understood as functions of representations of the class 1 realized on the homogeneous spaces of  $SO_0(1, 4)$ . A list of homogeneous spaces of  $SO_0(1, 4)$ , including symmetric Riemannian and non-Riemannian spaces, consists of the group manifold  $\mathfrak{S}_{10}$  of  $SO_0(1, 4)$ , two-dimensional quaternion sphere  $S_2^q$ , four-dimensional hyperboloid  $H^4 \sim SO_0(1, 4)/SO(4)$ , three-dimensional real sphere  $S^3 \sim SO(4)/SO(3)$  and a two-dimensional real sphere  $S^2 \sim SO(3)/SO(2)$ .

Using the universal covering  $\mathbf{Spin}_+(1, 4) \simeq Sp(1, 1)$  of  $SO_0(1, 4)$ , we can write a first Casimir operator  $F$  on the group manifold  $\mathfrak{S}_{10}$ ,

$$-F = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^{q^2}} + \cot \theta^q \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^q} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta^q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^{q^2}} - \frac{2 \cos \theta^q}{\sin^2 \theta^q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^q \partial \psi_1^q} + \cot^2 \theta^q \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \psi_1^{q^2}} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \psi^{q^2}}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^q} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}, & \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{\theta}^q} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - \mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi^q} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} + \mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma}, & \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{\varphi}^q} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} - \mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon} - \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varsigma}, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi^q} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} + \mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \chi}, & \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{\psi}^q} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} - \mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} - \mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} - \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \chi}, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_1^q} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} + \mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \chi}. & \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{\psi}_1^q} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} - \mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} - \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \chi}. \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\psi, \varphi, \theta, \phi, \varsigma, \chi, \tau, \epsilon, \varepsilon, \omega$  are Euler angles of  $Sp(1, 1)$ ,  $\theta^q = \theta + \phi - \mathbf{i}\tau$ ,  $\varphi^q = \varphi - \mathbf{i}\epsilon + \mathbf{j}\varsigma$ ,  $\psi^q = \psi - \mathbf{i}\varepsilon - \mathbf{i}\omega + \mathbf{k}\chi$  are quaternion Euler angles. The second Casimir operator  $W$  of  $SO_0(1, 4)$  is equal to zero on the representations of the class 1.

Matrix elements  $t_{mn}^\sigma(\mathbf{q}) = \mathfrak{M}_{mn}^\sigma(\varphi^q, \theta^q, \psi^q)$  of irreducible representations of the group  $SO_0(1, 4)$  are eigenfunctions of the operator (1):

$$[-F + \sigma(\sigma + 3)] \mathfrak{M}_{mn}^\sigma(\mathbf{q}) = 0, \quad (2)$$

where

$$\mathfrak{M}_{mn}^\sigma(\mathbf{q}) = e^{-\mathbf{i}(m\varphi^q + n(\psi_1^q - \mathbf{i}\omega))} \mathfrak{Z}_{mn}^\sigma(\cos \theta^q), \quad (3)$$

since  $\psi^q = \psi_1^q - \mathbf{i}\omega$ . Here,  $\mathfrak{M}_{mn}^\sigma(\mathbf{q})$  are general matrix elements of the representations of  $SO_0(1, 4)$ , and  $\mathfrak{Z}_{mn}^\sigma(\cos \theta^q)$  are *hyperspherical functions*. Substituting the functions (3) into (2) and taking into account the operator (1), after substitution  $z = \cos \theta^q$  we arrive at the following differential equation:

$$\left[ (1 - z^2) \frac{d^2}{dz^2} - 2z \frac{d}{dz} - \frac{m^2 + n^2 - 2mnz}{1 - z^2} + \sigma(\sigma + 3) \right] \mathfrak{Z}_{mn}^\sigma(z) = 0. \quad (4)$$

The latter equation has three singular points  $-1, +1, \infty$ . It is a Fuchsian equation. A particular solution of (4) can be expressed via the hypergeometric function

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{Z}_{mn}^{\sigma}(\cos \theta^q) = C_1 \sin^{|m-n|} \frac{\theta^q}{2} \cos^{|m+n|} \frac{\theta^q}{2} \times \\ \times {}_2F_1\left(\sigma + 3 + \frac{1}{2}(|m-n| + |m+n|), -\sigma + \frac{1}{2}(|m-n| + |m+n|) \mid \sin^2 \frac{\theta^q}{2}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

An explicit form of the functions  $\mathfrak{Z}_{mn}^{\sigma}(\cos \theta^q)$  can be derived via the multiple hypergeometric series. Namely, using an addition theorem for generalized spherical functions [3], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{Z}_{mn}^{\sigma}(\cos \theta^q) = \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma(\sigma + m + 1)\Gamma(\sigma - n + 1)}{\Gamma(\sigma - m + 1)\Gamma(\sigma + n + 1)}} \cos^{2\sigma} \frac{\theta}{2} \cos^{2\sigma} \frac{\phi}{2} \cosh^{2\sigma} \frac{\tau}{2} \times \\ \sum_{k=-\sigma}^{\sigma} \sum_{t=-\sigma}^{\sigma} \mathbf{i}^{m-k} \tan^{m-t} \frac{\theta}{2} \tan^{t-k} \frac{\phi}{2} \tanh^{k-n} \frac{\tau}{2} \times \\ {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} m - \sigma, -t - \sigma \\ m - t + 1 \end{matrix} \mid -\tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}\right) {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} t - \sigma, -k - \sigma \\ t - k + 1 \end{matrix} \mid -\tan^2 \frac{\phi}{2}\right) {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} k - \sigma, -n - \sigma \\ k - n + 1 \end{matrix} \mid \tanh^2 \frac{\tau}{2}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

for  $m \geq t, t \geq k, k \geq n$ . In addition to (6) there exist seven functions  $\mathfrak{Z}_{mn}^{\sigma}(\cos \theta^q)$  for  $m \geq t, k \geq t, k \geq n; t \geq m, k \geq t, n \geq k; t \geq m, t \geq k, n \geq k; t \geq m, k \geq t, k \geq n; t \geq m, t \geq k, k \geq n; m \geq t, t \geq k, n \geq k; m \geq t, k \geq t, n \geq k$ .

Hyperspherical functions for other homogeneous spaces of  $SO_0(1, 4)$  are particular cases of the functions (6). For example, on the quaternion 2-sphere we have associated functions  $\mathfrak{Z}_{\sigma}^m(\cos \theta^q)$ . Further, the function (6) is reduced to the Jacobi function  $\mathfrak{P}_{mn}^{\sigma}(\cosh \tau)$  on the hyperboloid  $H^4 \sim SO_0(1, 4)/SO(4)$  and to a generalized spherical function  $P_{mn}^{\sigma}(\cos \theta)$  on the real 3-sphere. Finally, on the surface of the real 2-sphere  $S^2 \sim SO(3)/SO(2)$  we have from (6) the usual spherical functions  $Y_{\sigma}^m(\cos \theta)$ .

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