

## Harmonic homogeneous polynomials and theta functions

**Question 15:**

Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional  $SO(n)$ -stable subspace of  $L^2(S^{n-1}, \mu)$ . Consider an orthonormal basis  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  of  $V$ , and define

$$\psi_V(x, y) = \sum_{i=1, \dots, n} f_i(x) \cdot f_i(y).$$

- (i) Prove that  $\psi_V(x, y)$  does not depend on the choice of an orthonormal basis.
- (ii) Determine  $\psi_V(g \cdot x, g \cdot y)$  for  $g$  in  $SO(n)$ .
- (iii) Prove that  $x \mapsto \psi_V(x, P)$ , where  $P$  is the north pole of the sphere, is a  $G$ -invariant function, where  $G = \text{stab}_{SO(n)}(P)$ .
- (iv) Prove that the previous function belongs to  $V$ , and is non zero if and only if  $V$  is not  $\{0\}$ .

**Question 16:**

Let  $A$  be a positive-definite symmetric matrix, and let  $P$  be a spherical function with respect to  $A$ . Denote by  $B$  the matrix equal to  $\sqrt{\Lambda}U$ , where  $U$  is an orthogonal matrix that diagonalises  $A$ , and  $\Lambda$  is the corresponding diagonal matrix.

Define

$$\Theta(z) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^r} P(m) e\left(\frac{1}{2}A[m]z\right)$$

where  $z \in \mathbb{H}$  and  $A[x] = {}^T x A x$ .

- (i) Prove that this is holomorphic in the upper-half plane.

Now we assume that  $A$  is integral and that  $A^* = NA^{-1}$  is also integral, where  $N$  is any suitable fixed integer.

- (ii) What is a suitable value for  $N$ ?

For any suitable  $N$ , show that every prime factor of  $|A|$  is in  $N$ .

(iii) If the degree  $\nu$  of the spherical function is odd, what can you say?

(iv) Under what integer translations is  $\Theta$  invariant?

We say that  $A$  is *even* if its diagonal elements are even. What does this tell us about the associated quadratic form  $A[x]$ ?

If  $A$  is even, under what integer translations is  $\Theta$  invariant?

**Question 17:**

We now want to prove

**Proposition 0.1.**

$$\sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^r} P(m+x)e\left(\frac{1}{2}A[m+x]z\right) = \frac{i^{-\nu}}{\sqrt{|A|}} \left(\frac{i}{k}\right)^k \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^r} P^*(m)e\left(\frac{-A^{-1}[m]}{2z} + {}^T mx\right). \quad (0.1)$$

where  $P^*(x) = P(A^{-1}x)$  is a spherical function for  $A^{-1}$  and  $k = \nu + r/2$ .

(i) What does this tell us when  $x = 0$ ?

To determine this, we will need Poisson summation:

$$\sum_m f(m+x) = \sum_m \hat{f}(m)e({}^T mx)$$

and also the Fourier integral

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} e\left(\frac{1}{2}y^2z - yu\right) dy = \left(\frac{i}{z}\right)^{1/2} e\left(\frac{-u^2}{2z}\right)$$

where  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $z \in \mathbb{H}$ .

(ii) Let  $P = 1$ , start with the left-hand side of (0.1) and use Poisson summation to obtain the right-hand side. You may also want to make the substitution (in an integral) of  $y = Bx$  (where  $B$  is defined as above).

(iii) Now without loss of generality we may assume that  $P(x) = ({}^T cAx)^\nu$  for a suitable vector  $c$ . Define the differential operator

$$L = \sum_j c_j \partial / \partial x_j.$$

Use (multiple) applications of this to what you proved in (ii) to obtain (0.1).

(iv) What does equation (0.1) simplify to when  $x = 0$  and  $|A| = 1$ ?