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Here we consider the Heisenberg group  $H_n = C^n \times \mathfrak{R}$ .  $U(p, q)$ ,  $p + q = n$ , acts by automorphism on  $H_n$  by  $g \cdot (z, t) = (gz, t)$ .

Let  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_n, T\}$  be the standard basis of the Lie algebra of  $H_n$  and let

$$L = \sum_{j=1}^p (X_j^2 + Y_j^2) - \sum_{j=p+1}^n (X_j^2 + Y_j^2).$$

Via the Plancherel inversion formula, we obtain the joint spectral decomposition of  $L^2(H_n)$  with respect to  $L$  and  $T$

$$f = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f * S_{\lambda, k} |\lambda|^n d\lambda, \quad f \in S(H_n)$$

where each  $S_{\lambda, k}$  is a tempered distribution  $U(p, q)$  invariant satisfying  $iT S_{\lambda, k} = \lambda S_{\lambda, k}$ ,  $LS_{\lambda, k} = -|\lambda|(2k + p - q) S_{\lambda, k}$ . We compute explicitly the distributions  $S_{\lambda, k}$  and the integral  $\mu_k = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f * S_{\lambda, k} |\lambda|^n d\lambda$ .

## 1. Introduction.

Let  $H_n = C^n \times \mathfrak{R}$  with law group  $(z, t)(z', t') = (z + z', t + t' - \frac{1}{2}\text{Im}B(z, z'))$ , where  $B(z, w) = \sum_{j=1}^p z_j \bar{w}_j - \sum_{j=p+1}^n z_j \bar{w}_j$ . Then  $H_n$  can be viewed as the  $2n + 1$  dimensional Heisenberg group. Indeed, if  $n = p + q$ ,  $Q(z, w) = -\text{Im}B(z, w)$  is the standard symplectic form on  $\mathfrak{R}^{2(p+q)}$  via the identification  $\Psi : \mathfrak{R}^{2(p+q)} \rightarrow C^n$  given by

$$(1.1) \quad \Psi(x', x'', y', y'') = (x' + iy', x'' - iy''), \quad x', y' \in \mathfrak{R}^p; x'', y'' \in \mathfrak{R}^q.$$

Moreover,  $\Psi$  provides a global coordinate system  $(x, y, t)$  with  $x = (x', x'')$ ,  $y = (y', y'')$ . The vector fields  $X_j = -\frac{1}{2}y_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$ ,  $Y_j = \frac{1}{2}x_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$  and  $T = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  form a basis for the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_n$  of  $H_n$ . As usual,  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{h}_n)$  will denote its universal enveloping algebra, which can be identified with the algebra of left invariant differential operators on  $H_n$ .

$U(p, q) = \{g \in GL(n, \mathbb{C}) : B(gz, gw) = B(z, w)\}$  acts by automorphism on  $H_n$  by

$$(1.2) \quad g \cdot (z, t) = (gz, t), \quad g \in U(p, q), (z, t) \in H_n.$$

It is well known that the subalgebra  $\mathcal{U}(h_n)^{U(n)}$  of the elements which commute with the action of  $U(n) = U(n, 0)$  given by (1.2), is generated by  $T$  and the Heisenberg Laplacian  $\sum_{j=1}^n (X_j^2 + Y_j^2)$ . The spherical functions associated with the Gelfand pair  $(U(n), H_n)$  have been obtained independently by many authors (see e.g., [H-R], [Ko], [St]). Moreover in [B-J-R] it is developed a general calculus to provide the bounded  $K$ -spherical functions for a Gelfand pair  $(K, H_n)$ ,  $K \subset U(n)$ .

For general  $p, q, p + q = n$ , let

$$L = \sum_{j=1}^p (X_j^2 + Y_j^2) - \sum_{j=p+1}^n (X_j^2 + Y_j^2).$$

Then

$$(1.3) \quad L = \left( \sum_{j=1}^p (x_j^2 + y_j^2) - \sum_{j=p+1}^n (x_j^2 + y_j^2) \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \sum_{j=1}^p \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_j^2} \right) - \sum_{j=p+1}^n \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_j^2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \sum_{j=1}^n \left( x_j \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} - y_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right).$$

It is easy to see, reasoning as in the case  $p = n, q = 0$ , (see Lemma 2.1 below), that the subalgebra  $\mathcal{U}(h_n)^{U(p,q)}$ , of the left invariant differential operators which commute with the action of  $U(p, q)$  is generated by  $T$  and  $L$ . So, it is natural to ask for the joint eigendistributions of  $L$  and  $T$  and the associated decomposition of  $L^2(H_n)$ . In order to do this, we will use, following [St], the Plancherel inversion formula to decompose  $f \in S(H_n)$  as

$$f = \sum_{k \in Z} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f * S_{\lambda,k} |\lambda|^n d\lambda$$

where each  $S_{\lambda,k}$  is a tempered and  $U(p, q)$  invariant distribution satisfying  $iTS_{\lambda,k} = \lambda S_{\lambda,k}$ ,  $LS_{\lambda,k} = -|\lambda|(2k + p - q) S_{\lambda,k}$ .

Next we will study the confluent hypergeometric equation in a suitable distribution space in order to obtain that, for  $k \geq q$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S_{\lambda,k}, f \rangle &= c \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} c_j(\lambda) \int_{\mathfrak{R}} e^{-i\lambda t} \delta_B^j(f(\cdot, t)) dt \\ &+ c \int_{C^n \times \mathfrak{R}} e^{-i\lambda t} e^{-\frac{|\lambda|}{4} B(z)} L_{k-q}^{n-1} \left( \frac{|\lambda|}{2} B(z) \right) H(|\lambda| B(z)) f(z, t) dz dt \end{aligned}$$

where  $B(z) = B(z, z)$ ,  $H$  is the Heaviside function,  $\delta_B^j$  are canonical distributions associated to the quadratic form  $B$  defined as in [G-Sh], supported on  $\{z \in C^n : B(z) = 0\}$  and where  $L_{k-q}^{n-1}$  denotes, as usual, a Laguerre polynomial. The various constants  $c, c_j(\lambda)$  are explicitly computed. Similar formulas are obtained if  $k \leq -p$ . If  $-p < k < q$ ,  $S_{\lambda,k}$  is written as a finite sum in terms of the distributions  $\delta_B^j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n - 2$ . Finally, we compute  $\mu_k = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} S_{\lambda,k} |\lambda|^n d\lambda$  and so the projections  $\wp_k f = f * \mu_k$ ,  $k \in Z$ . In particular we recover the projections onto the kernel of  $L + i(2k + p - q)T$ , extending the formula given in [M-R,2] for  $n = 2, p = q = 1$ , to arbitrary  $n, p, q$ .

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### 2. Some preliminaries.

As in the case  $p = n, q = 0$  we have that  $\mathcal{U}(h_n)^{U(p,q)}$  is generated by  $T$  and  $L$  and the proof follows the same lines but we add it for the sake of completeness.

**Lemma 2.1.**  $\mathcal{U}(h_n)^{U(p,q)}$  is generated by  $T$  and  $L$ .

*Proof.* Let  $S(h_n)$  be the symmetric algebra generated by the set

$$\{X_1, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_n, T\}$$

and let  $\Lambda : S(h_n) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(h_n)$  be the symmetrizer map. Since  $U(p, q)$  acts on  $S(h_n)$  and on  $\mathcal{U}(h_n)$  by automorphism, the following diagram is commutative (see [V], Th. 3.3.4)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S(h_n) & \xrightarrow{\Lambda} & \mathcal{U}(h_n) \\ \downarrow g & & \downarrow g \\ S(h_n) & \xrightarrow{\Lambda} & \mathcal{U}(h_n) \end{array} \quad , \quad g \in U(p, q).$$

$\Lambda$  is a linear isomorphism, thus  $\Lambda$  maps  $S(h_n)^{U(p,q)}$  onto  $\mathcal{U}(h_n)^{U(p,q)}$ . Since the action of  $U(p, q)$  preserves degree on  $S(h_n)$ , the lines of Theorem 3.3.8 in [V] say that if  $\{1, u_1, \dots, u_m\}$  is a set of generators of  $S(h_n)^{U(p,q)}$ , then  $\{1, \Lambda(u_1), \dots, \Lambda(u_m)\}$  generates  $\mathcal{U}(h_n)^{U(p,q)}$ . If  $u \in S(h_n)^{U(p,q)}$  then  $u = \sum P_j(X_1, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_n) T^j$  where the sum is finite and each  $P_j$  is a polynomial  $U(p, q)$  invariant. Decomposing  $P_j$  as a sum of homogeneous polynomials, the same is true for all of them. Since  $SU(p, q)$  acts transitively on

$$S_1 = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathfrak{R}^{2n} : \sum_{j=1}^p (x_j^2 + y_j^2) - \sum_{j=p+1}^n (x_j^2 + y_j^2) = 1 \right\}$$

each  $P_j$  must be a polynomial in  $\sum_{j=1}^p (x_j^2 + y_j^2) - \sum_{j=p+1}^n (x_j^2 + y_j^2)$ . This ends the proof. □

We recall that for  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R} \setminus \lambda \neq 0$ , the Schrödinger’s representation  $\pi_\lambda$  of the Heisenberg group  $\mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}$  is defined on  $L^2(\mathfrak{R}^n)$  by

$$(2.1) \quad \pi_\lambda(x, y, t) h(\zeta) = e^{-i(\lambda t + sg(\lambda)\sqrt{|\lambda|x \cdot \zeta + \frac{1}{2}\lambda x \cdot y})} h\left(\zeta + \sqrt{|\lambda|}y\right).$$

We denote by  $E_\lambda(h_1, h_2)$  the matrix entry associated to  $\pi_\lambda$  and the vectors  $h_1, h_2$ , given by

$$E_\lambda(h_1, h_2)(x, y, t) = \langle \pi_\lambda(x, y, t) h_1, h_2 \rangle.$$

We also denote by  $d\pi_\lambda$  the infinitesimal representation defined on the space of  $C^\infty$  vectors for  $\pi_\lambda$ , which is, in this case, the space of the rapidly decreasing functions

$$d\pi_\lambda(X) h = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \pi_\lambda(\exp tX) h.$$

We still denote by  $\pi_\lambda$  the corresponding representation of  $H_n = C^n \times \mathfrak{R}$  and by  $E_\lambda(h_1, h_2), d\pi_\lambda$  its associated matrix entries and infinitesimal representation respectively.

It is remarked in [St] that

$$XE_\lambda(h_1, h_2) = E_\lambda(d\pi_\lambda(X) h_1, h_2), \quad X \in \mathcal{U}(h_n).$$

It follows that  $iTE_\lambda = \lambda E_\lambda$  and that, in order to obtain matrix entries eigenfunctons of  $L$ , we must look for eigenvectors of  $d\pi_\lambda(L)$  in  $L^2(\mathfrak{R}^n)$ .

Thus we pick the orthonormal basis of  $L^2(\mathfrak{R}^n)$  given by the Hermite functions: For  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in (N \cup \{0\})^n$ , let

$$h_\alpha(\zeta) = \left(2^{|\alpha|} \alpha! \sqrt{\pi}\right)^{-\frac{n}{2}} e^{-\frac{|\zeta|^2}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^n H_{\alpha_j}(\zeta_j)$$

with  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n, \alpha! = \alpha_1! \dots \alpha_n!$  and where

$$H_k(s) = (-1)^k e^{s^2} \frac{d^k}{ds^k} \left( e^{-s^2} \right)$$

is the  $k - th$  Hermite polynomial.

It follows from (2.1) that

$$d\pi_\lambda(L) = -|\lambda| \left( B(\zeta) - \left( \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta_j^2} - \sum_{j=p+1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta_j^2} \right) \right)$$

where  $B(\zeta) = \sum_{j=1}^p \zeta_j^2 - \sum_{j=p+1}^n \zeta_j^2$ .

For  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  we set  $\|\alpha\| = \sum_{j=1}^p \alpha_j - \sum_{j=p+1}^n \alpha_j$ . Since  $\left(\zeta_j^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta_j^2}\right) h_{\alpha_j} = (2\alpha_j + 1) h_{\alpha_j}$ , we have that  $d\pi_\lambda(L) h_\alpha = -|\lambda| (2\|\alpha\| + p - q) h_\alpha$ . Thus

$$(2.2) \quad d\pi_\lambda(L) E_\lambda(h_\alpha, h_\alpha) = -|\lambda| (2\|\alpha\| + p - q) E_\lambda(h_\alpha, h_\alpha).$$

(2.2) and the Plancherel inversion formula lead us to the joint spectral resolution of  $iT$  and  $L$ .

The inversion formula asserts that, for  $f \in S(H_n)$

$$f(x, y, t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n+1}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \text{tr}(\pi_\lambda(f) \pi_\lambda(x, y, t)) |\lambda|^n d\lambda$$

where  $\pi_\lambda(f) = \int_{H_n} f(x, y, t) \pi_\lambda(x, y, t)^{-1} dx dy dt$ . Moreover, for  $f \in S(H_n)$ ,  $(x, y, t) \in H_n$ , we have that

$$(2.3) \quad \sum_\alpha \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\langle \pi_\lambda(x, y, t) \pi_\lambda(f) h_\alpha, h_\alpha \rangle| |\lambda|^n d\lambda \leq M < \infty$$

with  $M$  independent of  $(x, y, t)$  (see [R], Th. 10.1).

Taking account of that

$$\langle \pi_\lambda(x, y, t) \pi_\lambda(f) h_\alpha, h_\alpha \rangle = (E_\lambda(h_\alpha, h_\alpha) * f)(x, y, t)$$

and that

$$E_\lambda(h_\alpha, h_\alpha) \left( (x, y, t)^{-1} \right) = \overline{E_\lambda(h_\alpha, h_\alpha)(x, y, t)}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, t) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n+1}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_\alpha \langle \pi_\lambda(x, y, t) \pi_\lambda(f) h_\alpha, h_\alpha \rangle |\lambda|^n d\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n+1}} \sum_\alpha \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (f * E_\lambda(h_\alpha, h_\alpha))(x, y, t) |\lambda|^n d\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n+1}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{\|\alpha\|=k} (f * E_\lambda(h_\alpha, h_\alpha))(x, y, t) |\lambda|^n d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $\mu_k : S(H_n) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be defined by

$$\mu_k(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{\|\alpha\|=k} \langle f, E_\lambda(h_\alpha, h_\alpha) \rangle |\lambda|^n d\lambda, \quad f \in S(H_n).$$

Then  $\mu_k \in S'(H_n)$ .

*Proof.* For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $H_k$  be the closed subspace of  $L^2(\mathfrak{R}^n)$  generated by  $\{h_\alpha : \|\alpha\| = k\}$ , thus  $L^2(\mathfrak{R}^n) = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} H_k$ . Let  $P_k$  be the orthogonal projection

from  $L^2(\mathfrak{R}^n)$  onto  $H_k$ . Now, for  $f \in S(H_n)$ , we define  $\wp_k f$  by

$$(2.4) \quad \pi_\lambda(\wp_k f) = P_k \pi_\lambda(f).$$

It follows from (2.3) that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{\alpha} |\langle \pi_{\lambda}(\wp_k f) \pi_{\lambda}(x, y, t) h_{\alpha}, h_{\alpha} \rangle| |\lambda|^n d\lambda < \infty$$

and so

$$\wp_k f(x, y, t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n+1}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{\|\alpha\|=k} (f * E_{\lambda}(h_{\alpha}, h_{\alpha}))(x, y, t) |\lambda|^n d\lambda.$$

$\wp_k f$  commutes with left translations and by (2.4) and the Plancherel formula it extends to a bounded operator on  $L^2(H_n)$ . So, there exists a unique tempered distribution, which is  $\mu_k$  such that  $\wp_k f = f * \mu_k$ .  $\square$

We set, for  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R} - \{0\}$  and  $f \in S(H_n)$

$$(2.5) \quad S_{\lambda,k}(f) = \sum_{\|\alpha\|=k} \langle f, E_{\lambda}(h_{\alpha}, h_{\alpha}) \rangle.$$

We claim that  $S_{\lambda,k}$  is well defined and belongs to  $S'(H_n)$ . In order to see this, we consider  $\overline{H_n} = H_n/N$  where  $N = \{0\} \times \{0\} \times 2\pi Z$ . Then  $\overline{H_n} = \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \times S^1$ , where  $S^1 = \{e^{i\theta} : \theta \in \mathfrak{R}\}$ . Each irreducible unitary representation of  $\overline{H_n}$  is unitarily equivalent to one and only one of the following representations: The representations  $\pi_m$  acting on  $L^2(\mathfrak{R}^n)$  corresponding to  $\lambda = 2\pi m$ ,  $m \in Z$  and the one dimensional representations  $\sigma_{a,b}(x, y, t) = e^{i(ax+by)}$ ,  $(a, b) \in \mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n$ . For  $f$  nice enough,  $\pi_m(f)$  is a Hilbert Schmidt operator. We have also  $\sigma_{a,b}(f) = \int_{\mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \times S^1} f(x, y, t) e^{-i(ax+by)} dx dy dt = \widehat{f}(a, b, \bar{0})$ , where  $\widehat{f}$  denotes the euclidean Fourier transform and  $\bar{0}$  is the identity in  $N$ . The Plancherel identity asserts that

$$\|f\|_{L^2(\overline{H_n})}^2 = \sum_{m \neq 0} \|\pi_m(f)\|_{HS}^2 |m|^n + \int_{\mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n} |\sigma_{a,b}(f)|^2 dadb.$$

Also, setting  $\phi(a, b) = \sigma_{a,b}(f)$ , the inversion formula is in this case

$$f(x, y, t) = \sum_{m \neq 0} tr \left( \pi_m(f) \pi_m(x, y, t)^{-1} \right) |m|^n + \widehat{\phi}(-x, -y).$$

So we can consider  $L, T = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$  and  $\wp_k$  as above, and repeat all the arguments for  $\overline{H_n}$  instead of  $H_n$  to obtain that  $\nu_k(f) = \sum_{m \neq 0} |m|^n \sum_{\|\alpha\|=k} \langle f, E_m(h_{\alpha}, h_{\alpha}) \rangle$

defines a tempered distribution on  $S(\mathfrak{R}^n \times \mathfrak{R}^n \times S^1)$ . Furthermore, the analogous of (2.3) says that the last double series converges absolutely. Now, for  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R} - \{0\}$ ,  $(z, t) \in C^n \times \mathfrak{R}$ , we can write (see, for example [Fo]),  $E_{\lambda}(h_{\alpha}, h_{\alpha})(z, t)$  in terms of Laguerre polynomials as

$$(2.6) \quad E_{\lambda}(h_{\alpha}, h_{\alpha})(z, t) = e^{-i\lambda t} e^{-\frac{1}{4}|\lambda||z|^2} \prod_{j=1}^n L_{\alpha_j}^0 \left( \frac{1}{2} |\lambda| |z_j|^2 \right).$$

For  $f \in S(\mathfrak{R}^{2n})$ , we set  $\nu_{k,l}(f) = \nu_k(g_l(f))$ , where  $g_l(f)(z, t) = e^{ilt} f(z)$ ,  $(z, t) \in C^n \times \mathfrak{R}$  and where we use the identification of  $C^n$  with  $\mathfrak{R}^{2n}$  given by (1.1). Then  $\nu_{k,l} \in S'(\mathfrak{R}^{2n})$  if  $l \in Z - \{0\}$ . In particular, we have that the series

$$(2.7) \quad e^{-\frac{1}{4}|z|^2} \sum_{\|\alpha\|=k} \prod_{j=1}^n L_{\alpha_j}^0 \left( \frac{1}{2} |z_j|^2 \right)$$

defines an element in  $S'(\mathfrak{R}^{2n})$  and so  $S_{1,k} \in S'(H_n)$ .

We set, for  $\mu \in S'(H_n)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R} - \{0\}$

$$(2.8) \quad \langle \delta_\lambda \mu, f \rangle = |\lambda|^{-n-1} \langle \mu, \delta_{\lambda^{-1}} f \rangle$$

where  $\delta_\lambda f(z, t) = f(\sqrt{|\lambda|}z, \lambda t)$ .

**Lemma 2.3.**  $S_{\lambda,k} \in S'(H_n)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R} - \{0\}, k \in Z$ .

*Proof.*  $S_{\lambda,k} = \delta_\lambda(S_{1,k})$  and  $S_{1,k} \in S'(H_n)$ . □

**Remark 2.4.** Since the series (2.7) belongs to  $S'(\mathfrak{R}^{2n})$ , the same dilation argument shows that the series  $e^{-\frac{1}{4}|\lambda||z|^2} \sum_{\|\alpha\|=k} \prod_{j=1}^n L_{\alpha_j}^0 \left( \frac{1}{2} |\lambda| |z_j|^2 \right)$  defines a tempered distribution  $F_{\lambda,k}$  on  $\mathfrak{R}^{2n}$  for  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R} - \{0\}, k \in Z$ .

For  $g \in U(p, q)$ , let  $S_{\lambda,k}^g$  be defined by  $S_{\lambda,k}^g(f) = S_{\lambda,k}(f^g)$ , where  $f^g(z, t) = f(gz, t)$ . We have

**Lemma 2.5.**  $S_{\lambda,k}$  is a  $U(p, q)$  invariant distribution for all  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R} - \{0\}, k \in Z$ .

*Proof.* Let  $w$  be the metaplectic representation of  $SU(p, q)$  on  $L^2(\mathfrak{R}^n)$ . Then, for  $g \in SU(p, q)$ ,  $(z, t) \in H_n$ , we have that

$$(2.9) \quad \pi_\lambda(gz, t) = w(g) \pi_\lambda(z, t) w(g^{-1}).$$

Furthermore,  $L^2(\mathfrak{R}^n) = \bigoplus_{k \in Z} H_k$ , where  $H_k$  is, as in Lemma 2.2, the closed subspace generated by  $\{h_\alpha : \|\alpha\| = k\}$ . It is known that  $(w, H_k)$  is  $SU(p, q)$  irreducible (see 1.12, 2.7 and 2.8, Ch.VIII in [B-W]).

We denote by  $I_k : H_k \rightarrow L^2(\mathfrak{R}^n)$  the inclusion map and by  $P_k : L^2(\mathfrak{R}^n) \rightarrow H_k$  the orthogonal projection. We also set  $T_{z,t} = P_k \pi_\lambda(z, t) I_k$ . Then, for  $f \in S(H_n)$ , the operator  $T = \int_{H_n} f(z, t) T_{z,t} dz dt$  is a trace class operator. Now, by (2.9)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S_{\lambda,k}^g, f \rangle &= \sum_{\|\alpha\|=k} \int_{H_n} f(z, t) \langle \pi_\lambda(gz, t) h_\alpha, h_\alpha \rangle dz dt \\ &= \sum_{\|\alpha\|=k} \int_{H_n} f(z, t) \langle \pi_\lambda(z, t) w(g^{-1}) h_\alpha, w(g^{-1}) h_\alpha \rangle dz dt \end{aligned}$$



$$= \sum_{\beta} \langle T\theta_{\beta}, \theta_{\beta} \rangle = \langle S_{\lambda,k}, f \rangle$$

with  $\theta_{\beta} = w(g^{-1})h_{\beta}$  and where we use that  $\{\theta_{\beta}\}_{\beta}$  is another orthonormal basis of  $H_k$ . Then  $S_{\lambda,k}$  is  $SU(p, q)$  invariant. Finally, we note also that if  $g = z_0I$ ,  $|z_0| = 1$ ,  $I$  the  $n \times n$  identity matrix, it is clear from (2.6) that  $S_{\lambda,k}^g = S_{\lambda,k}$  and so  $S_{\lambda,k}$  is a  $U(p, q)$  invariant distribution.  $\square$

**Remark 2.6.** By the inversion Plancherel formula and Lemmas (2.2), (2.3) and (2.5) we have  $f = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f * S_{\lambda,k} |\lambda|^n d\lambda$ ,  $f \in S(H_n)$ .

Let  $F_{\lambda,k} \in S'(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  be the distribution defined in Remark 2.4. Since  $F_{\lambda,k} \otimes 1 = e^{i\lambda t} S_{\lambda,k}$  we have that  $F_{\lambda,k}$  is  $U(p, q)$  invariant. Then

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \left( x_j \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} - y_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right) F_{\lambda,k} = 0.$$

From  $LS_{\lambda,k} = -|\lambda|(2k + p - q) S_{\lambda,k}$  and (1.3) we have that

$$(2.10) \quad \left( -\frac{1}{4} \lambda^2 B(z) + \square \right) F_{\lambda,k} = -|\lambda|(2k + p - q) F_{\lambda,k}$$

where  $\square = \sum_{j=1}^p \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_j^2} \right) - \sum_{j=p+1}^n \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_j^2} \right)$  and  $B(z) = B(z, z)$  for  $z = x + iy$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Now, according with [T], the space of the  $U(p, q)$  invariant tempered distributions can be described as the dual of the space of the functions in  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R} - \{0\})$  with some kind of singularity at the origin. In order to describe them, we introduce polar coordinates on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  as follows. For  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we set  $\sigma = \sum_{j=1}^p (x_j^2 + y_j^2) - \sum_{j=p+1}^n (x_j^2 + y_j^2)$ ,  $\rho = \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j^2 + y_j^2)$ ,  $u = \left(\frac{\rho + \sigma}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} w_u$ ,  $v = \left(\frac{\rho - \sigma}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} w_v$  where  $w_u$  belongs to the  $2p - 1$  dimensional sphere  $S^{2p-1}$  and  $w_v \in S^{2q-1}$ .

For  $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  and for  $\rho, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\rho \geq \sigma$ ,  $\rho \geq 0$ , let

$$(Mf)(\rho, \sigma) = \int_{S^{2p-1} \times S^{2q-1}} f \left( \left(\frac{\rho + \sigma}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} w_u, \left(\frac{\rho - \sigma}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} w_v \right) dw_u dw_v$$

and let, for  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$(2.11) \quad (Nf)(\tau) = \int_{\rho > |\tau|} (Mf)(\rho, \tau) (\rho + \tau)^{p-1} (\rho - \tau)^{q-1} d\rho.$$

We note that

$$(2.12) \quad \int_{\mathfrak{R}^{2n}} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2^n} \int_{\mathfrak{R}} Nf(\sigma) d\sigma.$$

Let  $H$  be the Heaviside function, defined by  $H(\tau) = 1$  if  $\tau \geq 0$  and  $H(\tau) = 0$  if  $\tau < 0$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_0$  the space of the functions  $\varphi : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow C$  such that  $\varphi(\tau) = \varphi_1(\tau) + H(\tau)\varphi_2(\tau)\tau^{n-1}$ ,  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in D(\mathfrak{R})$ , where  $D(\mathfrak{R})$  denotes the space of the functions in  $C^\infty(\mathfrak{R})$  with compact support and let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the space defined analogously, but where now we require  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in S(\mathfrak{R})$ .

If  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$ , then it is regular out of the origin and  $\varphi \in C^{n-2}(\mathfrak{R})$ . Moreover, for each  $m \geq n - 1$ , there exists  $P_m(\varphi)$ , polynomial of degree  $m$ , such that  $\varphi - HP_m(\varphi) \in C^m(\mathfrak{R})$ . So, for  $m \in N$ ,  $\varphi$  admits an expansion

$$(2.13) \quad \varphi(\tau) = \sum_{j=0}^m B_j(\varphi)\tau^j + H(\tau)\sum_{j=0}^m A_j(\varphi)\tau^j + o(\tau^m)$$

with  $A_j(\varphi) = 0$  for  $j < n - 1$ .

**Remark 2.7.**  $\mathcal{H}_0$  and  $\mathcal{H}$ , with the topology given in [T], are Frechet spaces and  $N : S(\mathfrak{R}^{2n}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ ,  $N : D(\mathfrak{R}^{2n}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_0$  are linear, continuous and surjective maps. Moreover, their adjoints  $N' : \mathcal{H}' \rightarrow S'(\mathfrak{R}^{2n})^{U(p,q)}$ ,  $N' : \mathcal{H}'_0 \rightarrow D'(\mathfrak{R}^{2n})^{U(p,q)}$  are linear homeomorphisms. (see 2.1, 4.3, 5.1 and some remarks at the beginning of §7 in [T]). (We also remark that 5.1 in [T] holds for  $U(p, q)$  instead of  $SO(p, q)$  with the obvious changes.)

It is also proved in [T] that

$$(2.14) \quad N(\square f) = D(Nf), f \in S(\mathfrak{R}^{2n})$$

where the differential operator  $D$  is defined by

$$(2.15) \quad D = 4 \left( \tau \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} + (2 - n) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \right)$$

so the adjoint of  $D$  is given by  $D'T = 4(\tau T'' + nT')$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{H}'$ .

We say that  $T \in \mathcal{H}'$  is a solution of  $D'T = 0$  if  $\langle D'T, \varphi \rangle = 0$  for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$ . It is easy to see that  $T \in \mathcal{H}'$  is a solution of

$$(2.16) \quad \frac{\lambda^2}{4} \tau T + 4(\tau T'' + nT') = -|\lambda|(2k + p - q)T$$

if and only if  $N'T$  is a solution of (2.10). The same assertion is true for solutions in  $\mathcal{H}'_0$ .

Setting  $b = -|\lambda|(2k + p - q)$ , (2.16) becomes  $16\tau T'' + 16nT' - (\lambda^2\tau + 4b)T = 0$ . As in [Ko], we note that if  $\beta = \pm \frac{\lambda}{4}$ ,  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha} = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $l = \frac{4n\beta - b}{4\alpha}$  and if  $w(t) = e^{\beta t}v(\alpha t)$ , then  $w$  is a solution of  $16\tau w'' + 16nw' -$

$(\lambda^2\tau + 4b)w = 0$  if and only if  $v$  is a solution of the confluent hypergeometric equation (C.H.E)  $tv'' + (n - t)v' + lv = 0$ .

For  $T \in \mathcal{H}'$  and for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  we set

$$(2.17) \quad \langle T_{\lambda,k}, \varphi \rangle = \left\langle \delta_{\frac{|\lambda|}{2}} T, \psi_\lambda(\varphi) \right\rangle, \psi_\lambda(\varphi)(t) = e^{-\frac{|\lambda|}{4}t} \varphi(t)$$

for  $k \geq 0$ , where  $\delta_\lambda \varphi(t) = \varphi(\lambda t)$  and  $\langle \delta_\lambda T, \varphi \rangle = |\lambda|^{-1} \langle T, \delta_{\lambda^{-1}} \varphi \rangle$ .

We also set

$$(2.18) \quad \langle T_{\lambda,k}, \varphi \rangle = \left\langle \delta_{-\frac{|\lambda|}{2}} T, \psi_\lambda(\varphi) \right\rangle, \psi_\lambda(\varphi)(t) = e^{\frac{|\lambda|}{4}t} \varphi(t)$$

if  $k < 0$ .

We note that if  $k \geq 0$  then  $T \in \mathcal{H}'_0$  is a solution of the C.H.E. with parameter  $l = k - q$  if and only if  $T_{\lambda,k}$  is a solution in  $\mathcal{H}'_0$  of (2.16). If  $k < 0$  then  $T \in \mathcal{H}'_0$  solves the C.H.E. with parameter  $l = -k - p$  if and only if  $T_{\lambda,k}$  solves (2.16).

Our aim is to find all the solutions in  $\mathcal{H}'$  of (2.16). We note that if  $S$  is such a solution, then  $S = T_{\lambda,k}$  for some solution  $T \in \mathcal{H}'_0$  of the C.H.E. with parameter  $l = k - q$  if  $k \geq 0$  and  $l = -k - p$  if  $k < 0$ . This leads us to determine all the solutions in  $\mathcal{H}'_0$  of C.H.E. with parameter  $l \geq -n + 1$  such that the corresponding  $T_{\lambda,k} \in \mathcal{H}'$ .

### 3. About the confluent hypergeometric equation.

As in [Sz], if  $m, \beta$  are non negative integers, we denote by  $\{L_m^\beta\}$ , the Laguerre polynomials. Then  $L_m^\beta(x)$  is defined as the only polynomial solution of

$$tv'' + (\beta + 1 - t)v' + mv = 0$$

and normalized by the condition

$$(3.1) \quad \int_0^\infty e^{-x} x^\beta L_m^\beta(x) L_{m'}^\beta(x) dx = \Gamma(\beta + 1) \binom{m + \beta}{m} \delta_{m,m'}.$$

We have that

$$(3.2) \quad L_m^0(t) = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^j \frac{x^j}{j!}$$

and that  $\frac{d}{dt} L_m^\beta = -L_{m-1}^{\beta+1}$ .

Let  $D_l$  be the differential operator on  $\mathcal{H}$  given by

$$(3.3) \quad D_l \varphi(\tau) = \tau \varphi'' + (2 - n) \varphi' + \tau \varphi' + (l + 1) \varphi.$$

Then its adjoint  $D'_l$  is  $D'_l T = tT'' + (n - t)T' + lT$ . We recall that  $A_j(\varphi) = 0$  for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $j \leq n - 2$ . It is easy to see that if  $\varphi$  admits an asymptotic development

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} B_j(\varphi) \tau^j + H \sum_{j \geq 0} A_j(\varphi) \tau^j$$

then the expansion around  $\tau = 0$  of  $D_l\varphi$  is

$$(3.4) \quad \sum_{j \geq 0} [(l + 1 + j)B_j(\varphi) + (j + 1)(j + 2 - n)B_{j+1}(\varphi)] \tau^j + H \sum_{j \geq 0} [(l + 1 + j)A_j(\varphi) + (j + 1)(j + 2 - n)A_{j+1}(\varphi)] \tau^j.$$

With the natural restrictions on  $f$ , integration by parts gives

$$(3.5) \quad \int_a^b f(t) (D_l\varphi)(t) dt = \int_a^b (D'_l f)(t) \varphi(t) dt + R(b, \varphi) - R(a, \varphi)$$

where  $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$  and

$$(3.6) \quad R(b, \varphi) = (1 - n + b)f(b)\varphi(b) + bf(b)\varphi'(b) - bf'(b)\varphi(b).$$

**Proposition 3.1.** For  $l \geq 0$ ,  $T = (L_{l+n-1}^0 H)^{(n-1)}$  is a solution in  $\mathcal{H}'_0$  of  $D'_l T = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $c_{j,l} = (L_{l+n-1}^0)^{(n-2-j)}(0)$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq n - 2$ . Then a computation shows that

$$T = (L_{l+n-1}^0)^{(n-1)} H + \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} c_{j,l} \delta^{(j)}$$

and so  $T \in \mathcal{H}'$  since every  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$  is in  $C^{n-2}(\mathfrak{R})$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D'_l T, \varphi \rangle &= \langle T, D_l \varphi \rangle \\ &= \int_0^\infty (L_{l+n-1}^0)^{(n-1)}(t) (D_l \varphi)(t) dt + \left\langle \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} c_{j,l} \delta^{(j)}, D_l \varphi \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

By (3.4), (3.5) and (3.6) we have

$$\int_0^\infty (L_{l+n-1}^0)^{(n-1)}(t) (D_l \varphi)(t) dt = (n - 1) (L_{l+n-1}^0)^{(n-1)}(0) B_0(\varphi)$$

and by (3.4)

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\langle \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} c_{j,l} \delta^{(j)}, D_l \varphi \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} c_{j,l} (-1)^j j! B_j(D_l \varphi) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} c_{j,l} (-1)^j j! ((l + 1 + j) B_j \varphi + (j + 1)(j + 2 - n) B_{j+1}(\varphi)) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} d_{j,l} B_j(\varphi) \end{aligned}$$

where  $d_{0,l} = (l + 1) c_{0,l}$  and  $d_{j,l} = (-1)^j j! ((l + 1 + j) c_{j,l} + (n - j - 1) c_{j-1,l})$  if  $1 \leq j \leq n - 2$ . Since  $c_{j,l} = (-1)^{n-j} \binom{l+n-1}{n-j-2}$  the lemma follows.  $\square$

Now, it is proved in [T] that if  $S \in \mathcal{H}'$  and  $\text{supp}(S) = \{0\}$  then there exists  $m_1, m_2 \in N \cup \{0\}$   $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{m_1}, \alpha'_0, \dots, \alpha'_{m_2} \in C$  such that

$$S(\varphi) = \sum_{j=0}^{m_1} \alpha_j B_j(\varphi) + \sum_{j=0}^{m_2} \alpha'_j A_j(\varphi), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{H}.$$

We will need the following:

**Lemma 3.2.** *Assume  $l \geq -n + 1$ . If  $S \in \mathcal{H}'$ ,  $\text{supp}S = \{0\}$  and if*

$$D'_l S = c_{n-1} B_{n-1} + d_{n-1} A_{n-1} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} c_j B_j$$

with  $c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}, d_{n-1} \in C$ , then  $c_{n-1} = d_{n-1} = 0$ .

*Proof.* We write  $S = \sum_{j=0}^{m_1} \alpha_j B_j + \sum_{j=0}^{m_2} \alpha'_j A_j$ . Suppose  $c_{n-1} \neq 0$ . By (3.4) the coefficient of  $B_j(\varphi)$  in the expansion of  $D'_l(\varphi)$  is  $(l + 1 + j) \alpha_j + j(j + 1 - n) \alpha_{j-1}$  and so  $c_{n-1} = (l + n) \alpha_{n-1}$  and  $\alpha_j = -\frac{j(j+1-n)}{l+1+j} \alpha_{j-1}$  for  $j \geq -l$ . Then  $\alpha_j \neq 0$  if  $j \geq n$ . Contradiction. Analogously  $d_{n-1} \neq 0$  would imply  $\alpha'_j \neq 0$  for  $j \geq n$ .  $\square$

If  $l \geq 0$ , a solution of the C.H.E. is the function  $f_1(t) = L_l^{n-1}(t)$ . Another solution  $f_2 \in C^2((-\infty, 0))$  of the C.H.E., linearly independent with  $f_1$ , is obtained setting  $f_2(t) = c(t)f_1(t)$  where  $c(t)$  satisfy

$$t f_1(t) c''(t) + [2t f'_1(t) + (n - t) f_1(t)] c'(t) = 0.$$

Then for  $t < 0$ ,

$$(3.7) \quad f_2(t) = f_1(t) \int_{-\infty}^t f_1(s)^{-2} s^{-n} e^s ds$$

is well defined since the zeros of the Laguerre's polynomials are in  $(0, +\infty)$ .

Also

$$(3.8) \quad \left. \begin{aligned} f_2(t) &= o(e^t), \\ f'_2(t) &= o(e^t), \\ f_2(t) &\sim -\frac{1}{f_1(0)(n-1)} t^{-n+1} \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned} \right\}$$

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$ ,*

$$\langle Pf(f_2), \varphi \rangle = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{-\infty}^{-\epsilon} f_2(t) \left( \varphi(t) - \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \frac{\varphi^{(j)}(0)}{j!} t^j \right) dt.$$

*Then  $Pf(f_2) \in \mathcal{H}'$  and  $D_l'Pf(f_2) = -\frac{1}{f_1(0)}B_{n-1}(\varphi)$ .*

*Proof.*  $Pf(f_2) \in \mathcal{H}'$  by Lemma 3.3 in [T]. On the other hand, from (3.4) it follows that if  $\psi(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \frac{\varphi^{(j)}(0)}{j!} t^j$  then  $D_l\psi = \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \frac{(D_l\varphi)^{(j)}(0)}{j!} t^j$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D_l'Pf(f_2), \varphi \rangle &= \langle Pf(f_2), D_l'\varphi \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{-\infty}^{-\epsilon} f_2(t) \left( (D_l\varphi)(t) - \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \frac{(D_l\varphi)^{(j)}(0)}{j!} t^j \right) dt \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{-\infty}^{-\epsilon} f_2(t) D_l(\varphi - \psi)(t) dt = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} R(-\epsilon, \varphi_1) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi_1 = \varphi - \psi$  and  $R(-\epsilon, \varphi_1)$  is given by (3.6).

As by (3.8)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^-} (1 - n + s) f_2(s) \varphi_1(s) &= (1 - n) \frac{1}{f_1(0)(1 - n)} B_{n-1}(\varphi), \\ \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^-} s f_2(s) \varphi_1'(s) &= \frac{1}{f_1(0)} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{s^{-n+2}}{1 - n} ((n - 1) B_{n-1} s^{n-2} + \dots) \\ &= -\frac{1}{f_1(0)} B_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0^-} s f_2'(s) \varphi_1(s) = \frac{1}{f_1(0)} B_{n-1}$$

the lemma follows. □

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $T$  be in  $\mathcal{H}'_0$ . Suppose that either  $k \geq q$  or  $k \leq -p$  and  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R} - \{0\}$ , let  $T_{\lambda,k}$  be defined as in (2.17) and (2.18). If  $T_{\lambda,k}$  is a tempered solution (i.e.,  $T_{\lambda,k} \in \mathcal{H}'$ ) of (2.16) then  $T$  is a multiple of  $(L_{l+n-1}^0 H)^{(n-1)}$  where  $l = k - q$  if  $k \geq q$  and  $l = -k - p$  if  $k \leq -p$ .*

*Proof.* We know that there exists a basis of the solution space in  $C^2(0, +\infty)$  given by  $f_1(t)$  and a certain function  $g(t)$  where  $g(t) \sim e^t$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$  [Se]. In particular when we write  $T$  restricted to  $(0, +\infty)$ , as a linear combination  $af_1 + bg$ , the condition  $T_{\lambda,k} \in \mathcal{H}'$  implies  $b = 0$ .

We now consider  $S = T - a(L_{l+n-1}^0 H)^{(n-1)}$ . Then  $\text{supp} S \subset (-\infty, 0]$ ,  $D_l^i S = 0$  and the corresponding  $S_{\lambda,k} \in \mathcal{H}'$ .

Writing  $S$  restricted to  $(-\infty, 0)$  as a linear combination  $\alpha f_1 + \beta f_2$  we obtain that  $\alpha = 0$ . Thus  $S - \beta P f(f_2)$  has support at  $t = 0$  and by Lemma 3.3

$$D_l^i (S - \beta P f(f_2)) = -\beta \frac{1}{f_1(0)} B_{n-1}.$$

If  $\beta \neq 0$ , this contradicts Lemma 3.2. Thus  $\text{supp} S = \{0\}$ . But, from (3.4), it is easy to see that there is not nontrivial solution  $S$  supported at the origin of  $D_l^i S = 0$  if  $l \geq 0$ . So  $S = 0$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

To state a similar result for  $-p < k < q$  we will need some facts about the equation

$$(3.9) \quad t v'' + (n - t) v' - l v, \quad l = 1, \dots, n - 1.$$

**Lemma 3.5.** *For  $l = 1, \dots, n - 1$  there exists a polynomial  $P_{l-1}$  of degree  $l - 1$  with  $P_{l-1}(0) = 1$  such that for all open interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  (not necessarily finite) two linearly independent solutions in  $C^2(I)$  are given by  $g_1(t) = t^{1-n} P_{l-1}(t) e^t$  and  $g_2(t) = t^{1-n} T_{n-2}(P_{l-1}(t) e^t)$  where  $T_{n-2}(g)$  denotes the Taylor polynomial of degree  $n - 2$  around the origin for the function  $g$ .*

*Proof.* Following the notation of [Se], we can write every solution of (3.9) belonging to  $C^2(I)$  as  $\alpha \cdot {}_1F_1(l, n, t) + \beta t^{1-n} \cdot {}_1F_1(1 + l - n, 2 - n, t)$  where

$$(3.10) \quad {}_1F_1(a, c, t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_j t^j}{(c)_j j!}$$

and  $(a)_j = a(a + 1) \dots (a + j - 1)$ .

By (3.10)  ${}_1F_1(1 + l - n, 2 - n, t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_{l-1}(j) \frac{t^j}{j!}$  where  $p_{l-1}(j) = \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} a_k j^k$  for some  $a_1, \dots, a_{k-1} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a_0 = 1$ . Induction on  $k$  shows that  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j^k \frac{t^j}{j!} = q_k(t) e^t$  with  $q_k$  a polynomial of degree  $k$  such that  $q_k(0) = 0$  for  $k > 0$ . So  $g_1(t) = t^{1-n} \cdot {}_1F_1(1 + l - n, 2 - n, t)$  is a solution of the desired form.

Also

$$\begin{aligned} & {}_1F_1(l, n, t) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(l)_j t^j}{(n)_j j!} = \frac{(n-1)!}{(l-1)!} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(j+1) \dots (j+l-1)}{(n+j-1)!} t^j \\ &= \frac{(n-1)!}{(l-1)!} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(j+(n-1)+(2-n)) \dots ((j+n-1)+(l-n))}{(n+j-1)!} t^j \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(n-1)!}{(l-1)!} \frac{1}{t^{n-1}} \sum_{j=n-1}^{\infty} (j+2-n) \dots (j+l-n) \frac{t^j}{j!} \\
 &= \frac{(n-1)!}{(l-1)!} (2-n) \dots (l-n) \\
 &\quad \cdot \frac{1}{t^{n-1}} ({}_1F_1(1+l-n, 2-n, t) - T_{n-2}({}_1F_1(1+l-n, 2-n, t))).
 \end{aligned}$$

So we can take  $g_2(t) = t^{1-n} T_{n-2}({}_1F_1(1+l-n, 2-n, t))$ . □

**Lemma 3.6.** For  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$ , let  $Pf^-(g_1)$  and  $Pf^+(g_2)$  be defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle Pf^-(g_1), \varphi \rangle &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{-\infty}^{-\epsilon} g_1(t) \left( \varphi(t) - \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \frac{\varphi^{(j)}(0)}{j!} t^j \right) dt, \\
 \langle Pf^+(g_2), \varphi \rangle &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\epsilon}^1 g_2(t) \left( \varphi(t) - \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \frac{\varphi^{(j)}(0)}{j!} t^j \right) dt \\
 &\quad + \int_1^{\infty} g_2(t) \varphi(t) dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $Pf^-(g_1)$  and  $Pf^+(g_2)$  belong to  $\mathcal{H}'$  and they satisfy:

- (i)  $D'_l(Pf^-(g_1)) = (n-1)B_{n-1}$ ,
- (ii)  $D'_l(Pf^+(g_2)) = -(n-1)(B_{n-1} + A_{n-1}) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \beta_j B_j$  for some constants  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{n-2}$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows similar lines those of Lemma 3.3, but now, to prove (i) we take account of that  $P_{l-1}(0) = 1$  where  $P_{l-1}$  is as in Lemma 3.5.

For (ii) we observe that if  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$  and if  $\psi(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} B_j(\varphi) t^j$ , we have  $R(1, \varphi - \psi) - R(1, \varphi) = -(2-n)\psi(1) - \psi'(1) f_2(1) + f_2'(1)\psi(1)$ .

The constants  $\beta_j$  are determined by  $f_2(1)$  and  $f_2'(1)$ . □

**Lemma 3.7.** For each  $l = -1, -2, \dots, -n+1$ , the space of the solutions  $T \in \mathcal{H}'_0$  which are supported at the origin of the equation  $D'_l T = 0$  is one dimensional.

*Proof.* For such a  $T$  we write  $T = \sum_{j=0}^{m_1} \alpha_j B_j + \sum_{j=n-1}^{m_2} \alpha'_j A_j$ . From  $\langle T, D_l \varphi \rangle = 0$  and (3.4) we obtain that  $\alpha_j(l+1+j) + \alpha_{j-1}(j+1-n) = 0$  for all  $j$ . If  $j = n-1$ , this implies that  $\alpha_{n-1}(l+n) = 0$  and so  $\alpha_j = 0$  for all  $j \geq n-1$ . The same argument says that  $\alpha'_j = 0, j \geq n-1$  and thus  $T = \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \alpha_j B_j$ . Let



$j_0 = -l - 1$ . Then  $\alpha_{j_0-1} = 0$ . . Since

$$(3.11) \quad \alpha_j = -\frac{j + 1 - n}{l + 1 + j} \alpha_{j-1}$$

for  $j \neq j_0$  we have  $\alpha_0 = \alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_{j_0-1} = 0$ . So  $T$  is completely determined by  $\alpha_{j_0}$ . On the other hand, it is clear that for each  $\alpha_{j_0}$  we obtain in this way a solution supported at  $\{0\}$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.8.** Let  $l, T$  be as in Lemma 3.7. If we write  $T = \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \gamma_{j,l} \delta^{(j)}$

instead of  $\sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \alpha_j B_j$ , by (3.11) we see that  $\{\gamma_{j,l}\}$  satisfy

$$(l + 1 + j) \gamma_{j,l} + (n - j - 1) \gamma_{j-1,l} = 0$$

for  $0 \leq j \leq n - 2$ . But this is also the recurrence relation for the successive derivatives at the origin of the polynomial  $L_{l+n-1}^0$ , so we can choose a nontrivial solution as  $T_0 = \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \gamma_{j,l} \delta^{(j)}$  with  $\gamma_{j,l} = (L_{l+n-1}^0)^{(n-j-2)}(0)$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq n - 2$ . Now, a computation shows that  $T_0 = (L_{l+n-1}^0 H)^{(n-1)}$ .

**Proposition 3.9.** *Let  $T$  be in  $\mathcal{H}'_0$ . Suppose  $-p < k < q$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R} - \{0\}$ , let  $T_{\lambda,k}$  be defined as in (2.17) and (2.18). If  $T_{\lambda,k}$  is a tempered solution (i.e.,  $T_{\lambda,k} \in \mathcal{H}'$ ) of (2.16) then  $T$  is a multiple of the distribution  $T_0$  defined in Remark 3.8.*

*Proof.* We argue as in Proposition 3.4. Suppose  $0 \leq k < q$ . So  $T_{\lambda,k}$  is given by (2.17). Now,  $T_{\lambda,k} \in \mathcal{H}'$  implies that  $T$  restricted to  $(0, +\infty)$  agrees with  $\alpha g_2$  and  $T$  restricted to  $(-\infty, 0)$  agrees with  $\beta g_1$ , for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  and where  $g_1, g_2$  are defined as in Lemma 3.5. So  $S = T - \beta P f^-(g_1) - \alpha P f^+(g_2)$  has support at the origin and, by Lemma 3.6, it satisfies  $D'_l(S) = -\beta(n - 1) B_{n-1} + \alpha(n - 1)(B_{n-1} + A_{n-1}) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} \beta_j B_j$ . But, by Lemma 3.2  $\alpha = \beta = 0$  and so  $T$  has support at the origin and the lemma follows from Lemma 3.7. The case  $-p < k < 0$  is analogous.  $\square$

#### 4. Determination of $S_{\lambda,k}$ and $\wp_k$ .

In this section we compute explicitly the distributions  $S_{\lambda,k}$  and  $\mu_k$ . Taking account of Remark 3.8 and Proposition 3.1, we consider the particular distribution  $T$  given by  $T = (L_{l+n-1}^0 H)^{(n-1)}$  where  $l = k - q$  if  $k \geq 0$  and  $l = -k - p$  if  $k < 0$ . Let  $F_{\lambda,k} \in S'(\mathfrak{R}^{2n})$  be defined as in Remark 2.4. Since  $F_{\lambda,k} \in S'(H_n)^{U(p,q)}$  and satisfies (2.10), the considerations in Remark 2.7 and Propositions 3.4 and 3.9 imply that  $F_{\lambda,k} = c_{\lambda,k} N'(T_{\lambda,k})$  for

some  $c_{\lambda,k} \in C$ . In order to compute  $c_{\lambda,k}$  we apply both distributions to the function

$$(4.1) \quad f_\lambda(z) = f_\lambda(z_1, \dots, z_n) = e^{-\frac{|\lambda|}{4}|z|^2} \sum_{\substack{\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_n = |k|, \\ \beta_1 \geq 0, \dots, \beta_n \geq 0}} \prod_{j=1}^n L_{\beta_j}^0 \left( \frac{1}{2} |\lambda| |z_j|^2 \right).$$

By (3.1) we have that, if  $k \geq 0$

$$(4.2) \quad \langle F_{\lambda,k}, f_\lambda \rangle = 2^n \pi^n |\lambda|^{-n} \sum_{\substack{\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_p = |k|, \\ \beta_1 \geq 0, \dots, \beta_p \geq 0}} 1 = 2^n \pi^n |\lambda|^{-n} \binom{p+k-1}{p-1}$$

and if  $k < 0$

$$(4.3) \quad \langle F_{\lambda,k}, f_\lambda \rangle = 2^n \pi^n |\lambda|^{-n} \sum_{\substack{\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_q = |k|, \\ \beta_1 \geq 0, \dots, \beta_q \geq 0}} 1 = 2^n \pi^n |\lambda|^{-n} \binom{q-k-1}{q-1}.$$

On the other hand, by well known properties of the Laguerre polynomials,

$$(4.4) \quad f_\lambda(z) = e^{-\frac{|\lambda|}{4}|z|^2} L_{|k|}^{n-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} |\lambda| |z|^2 \right).$$

So, for  $t \geq 0$ , and taking account of that the volume of the  $n$  dimensional sphere is  $2\pi^{\frac{n+1}{2}} / \Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})$ , we have

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} & N f_\lambda \left( 2|\lambda|^{-1} t \right) \\ &= \frac{4\pi^{p+q}}{(p-1)!(q-1)!} \int_{2|\lambda|^{-1}t}^\infty e^{-\frac{|\lambda|}{4}\rho} L_{|k|}^{n-1} \left( \frac{|\lambda|\rho}{2} \right) \\ & \quad \cdot \left( \rho + 2|\lambda|^{-1}t \right)^{p-1} \left( \rho - 2|\lambda|^{-1}t \right)^{q-1} d\rho \\ &= \frac{4\pi^{p+q}}{(p-1)!(q-1)!} 2^{n-1} |\lambda|^{-(n-1)} \int_t^\infty e^{-\frac{s}{2}} L_{|k|}^{n-1}(s) (s+t)^{p-1} (s-t)^{q-1} ds. \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\langle F_{\lambda,k}, f_\lambda \rangle = c_{\lambda,k} \langle N'(T_{\lambda,k}), f_\lambda \rangle = c_{\lambda,k} \langle T_{\lambda,k}, N(f_\lambda) \rangle.$$

From (4.5), the definition of  $T_{\lambda,k}$  and (4.2) we obtain that  $c_{\lambda,k}$  is independent of  $\lambda$ . In order to compute  $c_{\lambda,k}$  we consider first the case  $k \geq 0$ . By (2.17)

$$\langle T_{\lambda,k}, N(f_\lambda) \rangle = \left\langle 2|\lambda|^{-1} \delta_{\frac{|\lambda|}{2}} T, t \rightarrow e^{-\frac{|\lambda|}{4}t} N(f_\lambda)(t) \right\rangle$$

$$= 2|\lambda|^{-1} \left\langle T, t \rightarrow e^{-\frac{t}{2}} N(f_\lambda) \left( 2|\lambda|^{-1} t \right) \right\rangle$$

thus, by (4.5), we need to evaluate  $T(\psi_0)$  where  $T = \left( L_{k-q+n-1}^0 H \right)^{(n-1)}$

and  $\psi_0(t) = e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \varphi_0(t)$  with

$$\varphi_0(t) = e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{\rho}{2}} L_k^{n-1}(\rho+t) (\rho+2t)^{p-1} \rho^{q-1} d\rho.$$

Since  $k-q+n-1 = k+p-1$  and  $L_k^{n-1}(\rho+t) (\rho+2t)^{p-1}$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree  $k+p-1$  we can use the Leibnitz formula for the derivatives of a product, the fact that every polynomial can be written as a linear combination of the Laguerre polynomials and the orthogonality relations (3.1) to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} T(\psi_0) &= (-1)^{n-1} \int_0^\infty L_{k+p-1}^0(t) \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{\rho}{2}} \rho^{q-1} e^{-t} L_k^{n-1}(\rho+t) (\rho+2t)^{p-1} d\rho dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $L_k^{n-1}(\rho+t) = \sum_{m+j=k} L_m^{n-2}(\rho) L_j^0(t)$ , we repeat the same argument to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} T(\psi_0) &= 2^{p-1} (-1)^{n-1} \int_0^\infty L_{k+p-1}^0(t) \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{\rho}{2}} \rho^{q-1} L_0^{n-2}(0) d\rho \right] e^{-t} L_k^0(t) t^{p-1} dt \\ &= (-1)^{n-1} 2^{p-1} (-1)^q 2^q (q-1)! \int_0^\infty e^{-t} L_{k+p-1}^0(t) \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} t^{k+p-1} dt \\ &= (-1)^{n+q-1} 2^{n-1} (q-1)! \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} (-1)^{k+p-1} (k+p-1)! \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (3.1) and (3.2).

Finally, by (4.2), we find that

$$2^n \pi^n \frac{(p+k-1)!}{k!(p-1)!} = c_{\lambda,k} 2^n \frac{4\pi^n}{(p-1)!(q-1)!} 2^{n-1} \frac{(k+p-1)!}{k!} (q-1)!$$

and so

$$c_{\lambda,k} = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}.$$

If  $k < 0$ , we can repeat the above computation, using (2.18) instead of (2.17) and replacing  $L_{k-q+n-1}^0$  by  $L_{-k-p+n-1}^0$ . In this case we also find  $c_{\lambda,k} = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *If  $k \geq q$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R} - \{0\}$ ,  $f \in S(C^n)$ , then*

$$\langle F_{\lambda,k}, f \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int_{B(z) \geq 0} e^{-\frac{|\lambda|}{4} B(z)} L_{k-q}^{n-1} \left( \frac{|\lambda|}{2} B(z) \right) f(z) dz$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-2} 4^l |\lambda|^{-(l+1)} \sum_{j=l}^{n-2} \frac{1}{2^j} \binom{j}{l} (-1)^{n-j} \binom{n+k-q-1}{k-q+j+1} \langle \delta_B^l, f \rangle$$

where  $\delta_B^l = N'(\delta^{(l)})$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle F_{\lambda,k}, f \rangle &= \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \langle N' T_{\lambda,k}, f \rangle = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \langle T_{\lambda,k}, Nf \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \left\langle T, t \rightarrow 2|\lambda|^{-1} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} Nf \left( 2|\lambda|^{-1} t \right) \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Now, as at the beginning of the proof of Proposition 3.1,

$$T = L_{k-q}^{n-1} H + \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} (L_{k-q+n-1}^0)^{(n-2-j)} (0) \delta^{(j)}.$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} &2|\lambda|^{-1} \int_0^\infty L_{k-q}^{n-1}(t) e^{-\frac{t}{2}} Nf \left( 2|\lambda|^{-1} t \right) dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty L_{k-q}^{n-1} \left( \frac{|\lambda|t}{2} \right) e^{-\frac{|\lambda|t}{4}} Nf(t) dt \\ &= 2^n \int_{B(z) \geq 0} e^{-\frac{|\lambda|}{4} B(z)} L_{k-q}^{n-1} \left( \frac{|\lambda|}{2} B(z) \right) f(z) dz \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from (2.12) applied to the function

$$F(z) = L_{k-q}^{n-1} \left( \frac{|\lambda| B(z)}{2} \right) e^{-\frac{|\lambda| B(z)}{4}} f(z).$$

On the other hand, a computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\langle \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} (L_{k-q+n-1}^0)^{(n-2-j)} (0) \delta^{(j)}, t \rightarrow 2|\lambda|^{-1} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} Nf \left( 2|\lambda|^{-1} t \right) \right\rangle \\ &= 2 \sum_{l=0}^{n-2} 4^l |\lambda|^{-(l+1)} \sum_{j=l}^{n-2} \binom{j}{l} (L_{k-q+n-1}^0)^{(n-2-j)} (0) \frac{1}{2^j} \langle \delta_B^l, f \rangle \end{aligned}$$

and the theorem follows. □

**Remark 4.2.** Theorem 4.1 remains true for  $k \leq -p$ , with the obvious changes in the proof, if we replace  $L_{k-q}^{n-1}$  by  $L_{-k-p}^{n-1}$ ,  $\binom{n+k-q-1}{k-q+j+1}$  by  $\binom{n-k-p-1}{-k-p+j+1}$

and the integration region  $\{z : B(z) \geq 0\}$  by  $\{z : B(z) \leq 0\}$ . It is also immediate to see that if  $-p < k < q$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R} - \{0\}$ ,  $f \in S(C^n)$ , then

$$\langle F_{\lambda,k}, f \rangle = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-2} 4^l |\lambda|^{-(l+1)} \sum_{j=l}^{n-2} \frac{1}{2^j} \binom{j}{l} \gamma_{j,k} \langle \delta_B^l, f \rangle$$

with  $\gamma_{j,l}$  as in Remark 3.8, i.e.,

$$\gamma_{j,k} = (L_{k-q+n-1}^0)^{(n-j-2)}(0) = (-1)^{n-j} \binom{n+k-q-1}{n-j-2}$$

for  $q-k-1 \leq j \leq n-2$  and  $\gamma_{j,k} = 0$  if  $j < q-k-1$  and where  $\delta_B^l$  is as in Theorem 4.1.

**Remark 4.3.** We have computed the distributions  $F_{\lambda,k}$  and the constant  $c_{\lambda,k}$ , and so also  $S_{\lambda,k} = e^{-i\lambda t} F_{\lambda,k}$ .

Next, we compute  $\mu_k$ . We first assume  $k \geq q$ . Taking account of Theorem 4.1. We recall that for  $f = f(z, t) \in S'(H_n)$

$$\langle \mu_k, f \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle e^{-i\lambda t} F_{\lambda,k}, f \rangle |\lambda|^n d\lambda.$$

By Theorem 4.1  $|\lambda|^n e^{-i\lambda t} \langle F_{\lambda,k}, f(\cdot, t) \rangle = J_1(f)(\lambda, t) + J_2(f)(\lambda, t)$ ,  $t \in \mathfrak{R}$ , where

$$J_1(f)(\lambda, t) = \frac{1}{2} |\lambda|^n e^{-i\lambda t} \int_{B(z) \geq 0} e^{-\frac{|\lambda|}{4} B(z)} L_{k-q}^{n-1} \left( \frac{|\lambda|}{2} B(z) \right) f(z, t) dz$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & J_2(f)(\lambda, t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} e^{-i\lambda t} \sum_{l=0}^{n-2} 4^l |\lambda|^{n-(l+1)} \sum_{j=l}^{n-2} \frac{1}{2^j} \binom{j}{l} (L_{k-q+n-1}^0)^{(n-j-2)}(0) \langle \delta_B^l, f(\cdot, t) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

So, by well known properties of the Fourier transform on  $S'(\mathfrak{R})$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (4.6) \quad & \int_{\mathfrak{R}} \left( \int_{\mathfrak{R}} J_2(f)(\lambda, t) dt \right) d\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-2} 4^l (-i)^{n-l-1} \sum_{j=l}^{n-2} \frac{1}{2^j} \binom{j}{l} \gamma_{j,k} \left\langle \nu_l, \frac{\partial^{n-l-1} f}{\partial t^{n-l-1}} \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

where  $\nu_l = \delta_B^l \otimes pv(\frac{1}{t})$  if  $n-l-1$  is odd and  $\nu_l = \delta_B^l \otimes \delta$  if  $n-l-1$  is even. Let  $I_1(f) = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} \left( \int_{\mathfrak{R}} J_1(f)(\lambda, t) dt \right) d\lambda$ . The properties of the Fourier

transform in  $S'(\mathfrak{R})$  imply that

$$(4.7) \quad \begin{aligned} I_1(f) &= \int_{\mathfrak{R}} \left\langle e^{-\lambda it} e^{-\frac{|\lambda|}{4} B(z)} L_{k-q}^{n-1} \left( \frac{|\lambda|}{2} B(z) \right) H(B(z)), f \right\rangle |\lambda|^n d\lambda \\ &= i \int_{\mathfrak{R}} \left\langle e^{-\lambda it} e^{-\frac{|\lambda|}{4} B(z)} L_{k-q}^{n-1} \left( \frac{|\lambda|}{2} B(z) \right) H(B(z)), h \right\rangle |\lambda|^{n-1} d\lambda \end{aligned}$$

where  $h(z, t) = \frac{\partial(pv(\frac{1}{t} * f))}{\partial t}(z, t)$ .

Now, following [St], we will compute (4.7).

**Lemma 4.4.** *For  $f \in S(C^n \times \mathfrak{R})$  there exists  $\int_{C^n \times \mathfrak{R}} \frac{H(B(z))}{B(z)+it} f(z, t) dzdt$  and*

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{C^n \times \mathfrak{R}} \frac{H(B(z))}{B(z) + \epsilon + it} f(z, t) dzdt = \int_{C^n \times \mathfrak{R}} \frac{H(B(z))}{B(z) + it} f(z, t) dzdt.$$

*Proof.* We write

$$\frac{1}{B(z) + \epsilon + it} = P(t, B(z) + \epsilon) - iQ(t, B(z) + \epsilon)$$

where  $P(t, s) = \frac{s}{s^2+t^2}$ ,  $Q(t, s) = \frac{t}{s^2+t^2}$ ,  $t, s \in \mathfrak{R}$ . Thus, for  $s \in \mathfrak{R} \|P(\cdot, s)\|_{L^1(\mathfrak{R})} = \pi$ . So

$$\int_{\mathfrak{R}} |P(t, B(z) + \epsilon) f(z, t)| dt \leq \pi \|f(z, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty(\mathfrak{R})}, \quad z \in C^n.$$

Also, for  $B(z) \neq 0$ , we have

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} (P(\cdot, B(z) + \epsilon) * f(z, \cdot))(0) = (P(\cdot, B(z)) * f(z, \cdot))(0).$$

Since  $\sup_{t \in \mathfrak{R}} |f(z, t)| \in L^1(C^n)$ , the dominated convergence theorem implies that  $P(t, B(z)) f(z, t) \in L^1(C^n \times \mathfrak{R})$  and

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{C^n \times \mathfrak{R}} P(t, B(z) + \epsilon) H(B(z)) f(z, t) dzdt \\ &= \int_{C^n \times \mathfrak{R}} P(t, B(z)) H(B(z)) f(z, t) dzdt. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, let  $G_\epsilon(z) = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} Q(t, B(z) + \epsilon) f(z, t) dt$ . So

$$G_\epsilon(z) = \int_{|t| < 1} Q(t, B(z) + \epsilon) [f(z, t) - f(z, 0)] dt$$

$$+ \int_{|t| \geq 1} Q(t, B(z) + \epsilon) f(z, t) dt.$$

Now, for  $|t| < 1$

$$\left| \frac{f(z, t) - f(z, 0)}{t} \right| = \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(z, \zeta(z, t)) \right| \leq \sup_{|u| < 1} \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(z, u) \right|.$$

Also

$$\sup_{|t| < 1} |tQ(t, B(z) + \epsilon)| \leq 1, \quad \sup_{|t| \geq 1} |Q(t, B(z) + \epsilon)| \leq 1.$$

Thus  $|G_\epsilon(z)| \leq \sup_{|u| < 1} \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(z, u) \right| + \|f(z, \cdot)\|_{L^1(\mathfrak{R}_{-[-1,1]})}$ . So, as above, we can use the dominated convergence theorem to obtain that  $Q(t, B(z)) H(B(z)) f(z, t) \in L^1(C^n \times \mathfrak{R})$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{C^n \times \mathfrak{R}} Q(t, B(z) + \epsilon) H(B(z)) f(z, t) dz dt \\ &= \int_{C^n \times \mathfrak{R}} Q(t, B(z)) H(B(z)) f(z, t) dz dt. \end{aligned}$$

□

Following [St], we use the generatrix identity for the Laguerre polynomials

$$(4.8) \quad \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} L_s^{n-1}(t) r^s = (1-r)^{-n} e^{-\frac{r}{1-r}t}$$

to obtain, for  $\epsilon > 0$

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty e^{-\epsilon\lambda} e^{-i\lambda t} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{4}B(z)} L_{k-q}^{n-1}\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}B(z)\right) H(B(z)) \lambda^{n-1} d\lambda \\ &= \alpha_k \frac{[B(z) - 4\epsilon - 4it]^{k-q}}{[B(z) + 4\epsilon + 4it]^{k+p}} H(B(z)) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(4.10) \quad \alpha_k = 4^n (n-1)! \binom{p+k-1}{k-q} (-1)^{k-q}.$$

Indeed, by (4.8), we can write, for  $|r| < 1, B(z) \geq 0, t \in \mathfrak{R}, \epsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=q}^{\infty} r^{k-q} \int_0^\infty e^{-\epsilon\lambda} e^{-i\lambda t} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{4}B(z)} L_{k-q}^{n-1}\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}B(z)\right) \lambda^{n-1} d\lambda \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} r^s \int_0^\infty e^{-\epsilon\lambda} e^{-i\lambda t} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{4}B(z)} L_s^{n-1}\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}B(z)\right) \lambda^{n-1} d\lambda \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (1-r)^{-n} \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\lambda \left(\frac{B(z)(1+r) + 4(\epsilon + it)(1-r)}{4(1-r)}\right)\right) \lambda^{n-1} d\lambda \\
 &= \frac{4^n (n-1)!}{[B(z) + 4\epsilon + 4it + r(B(z) - 4\epsilon - 4it)]^n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we compare the Taylor developments to obtain (4.9).

Write

$$\frac{B(z) - it}{B(z) + it} = \frac{2B(z)}{B(z) + it} - 1.$$

Now, letting  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ , and taking account of Lemma 4.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.11) \quad &\int_0^\infty \left\langle e^{-i\lambda t} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{4}B(z)} L_{k-q}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\lambda}{2}B(z)\right) H(B(z)) \lambda^{n-1}, f \right\rangle d\lambda \\
 &= \alpha_k \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left\langle \frac{[B(z) - 4\epsilon - 4it]^{k-q}}{[B(z) + 4\epsilon + 4it]^{k+p}} H(B(z)), f \right\rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, this limit is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\alpha_k \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left\langle \left[ \frac{2B(z)}{B(z) + 4\epsilon + 4it} - 1 \right]^{k-q} \frac{H(B(z))}{[B(z) + 4\epsilon + 4it]^n}, f \right\rangle \\
 &= \alpha_k \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \sum_{l=0}^{k-q} \binom{k-q}{l} (-1)^{k-q-l} 2^l \left\langle \frac{B(z)^l H(B(z))}{[B(z) + 4\epsilon + 4it]^{n+l}}, f \right\rangle \\
 &= \alpha_k \sum_{l=0}^{k-q} \binom{k-q}{l} (-1)^{k-q-l} \frac{2^l (-4i)^{n+l-1}}{(n+l-1)!} \left\langle \frac{B(z)^l H(B(z))}{B(z) + 4it}, \frac{\partial^{n+l-1} f}{\partial t^{n+l-1}} \right\rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.12) \quad &\int_0^\infty \left\langle e^{-i\lambda t} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{4}B(z)} L_{k-q}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\lambda}{2}B(z)\right) H(B(z)) \lambda^{n-1}, f \right\rangle d\lambda \\
 &= \alpha_k \sum_{l=0}^{k-q} \beta_{k,l} \left\langle \frac{B(z)^l H(B(z))}{B(z) + 4it}, \frac{\partial^{n+l-1} f}{\partial t^{n+l-1}} \right\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(4.13) \quad \beta_{k,l} = \binom{k-q}{l} (-1)^{k-q-l} \frac{2^l (-4i)^{n+l-1}}{(n+l-1)!}.$$

From (4.11) a change of variable gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.14) \quad &\int_{-\infty}^0 \left\langle e^{-i\lambda t} e^{-\frac{|\lambda|}{4}B(z)} L_{k-q}^{n-1} \left(\frac{|\lambda|}{2}B(z)\right) H(B(z)) |\lambda|^{n-1}, f \right\rangle d\lambda \\
 &= \alpha_k \sum_{l=0}^{k-q} \bar{\beta}_{k,l} \left\langle \frac{B(z)^l H(B(z))}{B(z) - 4it}, \frac{\partial^{n+l-1} f}{\partial t^{n+l-1}} \right\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$



where, by (4.13),  $\bar{\beta}_{k,l} = (-1)^{n+l-1} \beta_{k,l}$ . So we have:

**Theorem 4.5.** For  $k \geq q$  and  $0 \leq l \leq k - q$ , let  $\alpha_k, \beta_{k,l}$  defined by (4.10) and (4.13) respectively. Then we have  $\mu_k(f) = I_1(f) + I_2(f)$  where

$$I_1(f) = \frac{i\alpha_k}{2} \sum_{l=0}^{k-q} \beta_{k,l} \left\langle \left( \frac{B(z)^l H(B(z))}{B(z) + 4it} + (-1)^{n+l-1} \frac{B(z)^l H(B(z))}{B(z) - 4it} \right), \frac{\partial^{n+l}(pv(\frac{1}{t} * f))}{\partial t^{n+l}} \right\rangle$$

and

$$I_2(f) = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-2} 4^l \sum_{j=l}^{n-2} (-i)^{n-l-1} \frac{1}{2^j} \binom{j}{l} (L_{k-q+n-1}^0)^{(n-j-2)}(0) \left\langle \nu_l, \frac{\partial^{n-l-1} f}{\partial t^{n-l-1}} \right\rangle$$

where  $\nu_l = \delta_B^l \otimes pv(\frac{1}{t})$  if  $n - l - 1$  is odd and  $\nu_l = \delta_B^l \otimes \delta$  if  $n - l - 1$  is even.

*Proof.* It follows from (4.12), (4.14), (4.7) and (4.6). □

**Remark 4.6.** If  $k \leq -p$ , Theorem 4.5 remains true if we replace  $k - q$  by  $-k - p$  and  $H(B(z))$  by  $H(-B(z))$  with the same proof, using (2.18) instead of (2.17). If  $-p < k < q$  the same arguments give us  $\mu_k(f) = I_2(f)$ , with

$$I_2(f) = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-2} 4^l \sum_{j=l}^{n-2} \frac{1}{2^j} \binom{j}{l} \gamma_{j,k} \left\langle \nu_l, \frac{\partial^{n-l-1} f}{\partial t^{n-l-1}} \right\rangle$$

where  $\gamma_{j,k}$  is defined as in Remark 3.8.

**Remark 4.7.** Let  $A = \{(z, t) \in C^n \times \mathfrak{R} : B(z) = 0\}$ . If  $f \in S(H_n)$  and  $\text{supp}(f) \cap A = \emptyset$  thus  $\text{supp}(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(p.v.(\frac{1}{t} * f))) \cap A = \emptyset$ , then from (4.7) and (4.11) and taking account of that  $I_2(f) = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_k(f) &= I_1(f) \\ &= i\alpha_k \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left\langle \frac{[B(z) - 4\epsilon - 4it]^{k-q}}{[B(z) + 4\epsilon + 4it]^{k+p}} H(B(z)), \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( p.v. \left( \frac{1}{t} \right) * f \right) \right\rangle \\ &= i\alpha_k \left\langle \frac{[B(z) - 4it]^{k-q}}{[B(z) + 4it]^{k+p}} H(B(z)), \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( p.v. \left( \frac{1}{t} \right) * f \right) \right\rangle \\ &= i\alpha_k \left\langle -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{[B(z) - 4it]^{k-q}}{[B(z) + 4it]^{k+p}} \right) H(B(z)), p.v. \left( \frac{1}{t} \right) * f \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

This is an analogous expression to those obtained in [St], p. 362.

**Remark 4.8.** For  $\epsilon = \pm 1$ ,  $k \in Z$ , we set  $R_{k,\epsilon} = \{\epsilon\rho, \rho(2k + p - q) : \rho > 0\}$ . The rays  $R_{k,\epsilon}$  are closely related to the study of the kernels of the operators  $L - i\alpha T$ ,  $\alpha \in C$ . In order to describe  $\ker(L - i\alpha T)$ , with  $\alpha \in C$

$2Z$  for  $n$  even and  $\ker(L - i\alpha T)$ , with  $\alpha \in 1 + 2Z$  for  $n$  odd, we define  $\wp_k^+, \wp_k^- : L^2(H_n) \rightarrow L^2(H_n)$  via the Plancherel inversion formula requiring that for  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R} - \{0\}$ ,  $\pi_\lambda \wp_k^+ = \chi_{(0,\infty)}(\lambda) P_k \pi_\lambda$  and  $\pi_\lambda \wp_k^- = \chi_{(-\infty,0)}(\lambda) P_k \pi_\lambda$ , where  $P_k$  is define as at the beginning of the proof of Lemma 2.2. Thus  $\wp_k^+, \wp_k^-$  are orthogonal projections over certain subspaces of  $L^2(H_n)$ . As in Lemma 2.2 we have  $\wp_k^+ f = \int_0^{+\infty} f * S_{\lambda,k} |\lambda|^n d\lambda$ ,  $f \in S(H_n)$  (and the analogous formula for  $\wp_k^-$ ). If  $m$  has the same parity than  $n$ , we define  $k_1(m) = -\frac{1}{2}(m + p - q)$  and  $k_2(m) = \frac{1}{2}(m - p + q)$ . Thus  $k_1(m), k_2(m) \in Z$ . We observe that  $R\left(\wp_{k_1(m)}^+\right) \subset \ker(L - imT) \cap L^2(H_n)$ , where  $\ker(L - imT) = \{S \in S'(H_n) : (L - imT)S = 0\}$ . In order to see this inclusion, we proceed as follows. As in Lemma 2.2 we construct  $\mu_{k_1(m)}^\pm \in S'(H_n)$  such that  $\wp_{k_1(m)}^\pm f = f * \mu_{k_1(m)}^\pm$ . As there, we have  $\langle \mu_{k_1(m)}^+, \varphi \rangle = \int_0^{+\infty} \langle S_{\lambda,k_1(m)}, \varphi \rangle |\lambda|^n d\lambda$ ,  $\varphi \in S'(H_n)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle (L - imT) \left( \mu_{k_1(m)}^+ \right), \varphi \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \mu_{k_1(m)}^+, (L + imT) (\varphi) \right\rangle \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \langle S_{\lambda,k_1(m)}, (L + imT) (\varphi) \rangle |\lambda|^n d\lambda \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \langle (L - imT) S_{\lambda,k_1(m)}, \varphi \rangle |\lambda|^n d\lambda = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now, since  $L, T$  commute with left translations  $(L - imT) \left( f * \mu_{k_1(m)}^+ \right) = f * \left( (L - imT) \mu_{k_1(m)}^+ \right) = 0$ . So  $R\left(\wp_{k_1(m)}^+\right) \subset \ker(L - imT) \cap L^2(H_n)$ . Similarly,  $R\left(\wp_{k_2(m)}^-\right) \subset \ker(L - imT) \cap L^2(H_n)$ . So  $R\left(\wp_{k_1(m)}^+\right) \oplus R\left(\wp_{k_2(m)}^-\right) \subset \ker(L - imT) \cap L^2(H_n)$ . On the other hand, Plancherel theorem implies that  $R\left(\wp_k^\pm\right) \perp R\left(\wp_s^\pm\right)$  if  $k \neq s$  and  $R\left(\wp_k^+\right) \perp R\left(\wp_k^-\right), k \in \dot{Z}$ . We know also that, as operator on  $L^2(H_n)$ ,  $iLT^{-1}$  has a closed and self-adjoint extension (see [M-R,1], Th. 7.4) that we still denote by  $iLT^{-1}$ . We have  $\ker(L - i\alpha T) \cap L^2(H_n) = \ker(LT^{-1} - i\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \in C$  (see [M-R,2], Proposition 1.4). Since  $iLT^{-1}$  is a self adjoint operator, we have  $\ker(LT^{-1} - im) \perp \ker(LT^{-1} - i\tilde{m})$  for  $m \neq \tilde{m}$ . Now,  $L^2(H_n) = \bigoplus_{k \in Z} R(\wp_k)$ . Thus we have the direct orthogonal sum

$$L^2(H_n) = \bigoplus_{m \in Z} \left( R\left(\wp_{k_1(m)}^+\right) \oplus R\left(\wp_{k_2(m)}^-\right) \right).$$

Then we conclude that

$$\ker(L - imT) \cap L^2(H_n) = R\left(\wp_{k_1(m)}^+\right) \oplus R\left(\wp_{k_2(m)}^-\right)$$

and that if  $n$  is even then  $\ker(L - i\alpha T) \cap L^2(H_n) = 0$  if  $\alpha \notin 2Z$  and that if  $n$  is odd then  $\ker(L - i\alpha T) \cap L^2(H_n) = 0$  if  $\alpha \notin 1 + 2Z$ .

The projectors  $\wp_k^\pm$ ,  $k \in Z$  can be computed proceeding as in the determination of  $\wp_k$ . As in Lemma 2.2 we construct  $\mu_k^\pm \in S'(H_n)$  such that  $\wp_k^\pm f = f * \mu_k^\pm$ , and then, with the same arguments used for  $\mu_k$ , we decompose  $\mu_k^+(f) = I_1^+(f) + I_2^+(f)$ , where

$$I_1^+(f) = \int_0^\infty \left\langle e^{-\lambda it} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{4} B(z)} L_{k-q}^{n-1} \left( \frac{\lambda}{2} B(z) \right) H(B(z)), f \right\rangle \lambda^n d\lambda$$

and

$$I_2^+(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2^n} e^{-i\lambda t} H(\lambda) \sum_{l=0}^{n-2} 4^l \lambda^{-(l+1)} \cdot \sum_{j=l}^{n-2} \frac{(-1)^{n-j}}{2^j} \binom{j}{l} \binom{n+l-1}{l+j+1} \langle \delta_B^l, f(\cdot, t) \rangle dt d\lambda$$

thus, using the properties of the Fourier transform and taking account of that  $\widehat{H} = \delta - ip.v. \left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$  we can obtain explicit formulas for  $\mu_k^+$  of similar type those given for  $\mu_k$ . Since  $\mu_k^- = \mu_k - \mu_k^+$  we obtain also an explicit description for  $\mu_k^-$ .

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