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Let $c \ge 0$ and denote by $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$ the set of all infinitesimal generators $G : \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{C}$ on the upper half-plane \mathbb{H} such that $\limsup_{y\to\infty} y \cdot |G(iy)| \le c$. This class is related to univalent functions $f : \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{H}$ with hydrodynamic normalization and appears in the so-called chordal Loewner equation.

In this paper, we generalize the class $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$ and the hydrodynamic normalization to the Euclidean unit ball in \mathbb{C}^n . The generalization is based on the observation that $G \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$ can be characterized by an inequality for the hyperbolic length of G(z).

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1. Introduction

One-parameter semigroups. Let $\mathbb{B}_n = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid ||z|| < 1\}$ be the Euclidean unit ball in \mathbb{C}^n . In one dimension we write $\mathbb{D} := \mathbb{B}_1$ for the unit disc.

Definition 1.1. A continuous one-real-parameter semigroup of holomorphic functions on \mathbb{B}_n is a map $[0, \infty) \ni t \mapsto \Phi_t \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{B}_n, \mathbb{B}_n)$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (1) Φ_0 is the identity.
- (2) $\Phi_{t+s} = \Phi_t \circ \Phi_s$ for all $t, s \ge 0$.
- (3) Φ_t tends to the identity locally uniformly in \mathbb{B}_n , when t tends to 0.

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Given such a semigroup $\{\Phi_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ and a point $z \in \mathbb{B}_n$, the limit

$$G(z) := \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{\Phi_t(z) - z}{t}$$

exists and the vector field $G : \mathbb{B}_n \to \mathbb{C}^n$, called the *infinitesimal generator*¹ of Φ_t , is a holomorphic function (see, e.g., [Abate 1992]). We denote by $\text{Inf}(\mathbb{B}_n)$ the set of all infinitesimal generators of semigroups in \mathbb{B}_n . For any $z \in \mathbb{B}_n$, the map $w(t) := \Phi_t(z)$ is the solution of the initial value problem

(1-1)
$$\frac{dw(t)}{dt} = G(w(t)), \quad w(0) = z.$$

There are various characterizations of holomorphic functions $G : \mathbb{B}_n \to \mathbb{C}^n$ that are infinitesimal generators; see [Reich and Shoikhet 2005, Section 7.3], [Bracci et al. 2010, Theorem 0.2], [Bracci et al. 2014, p. 193].

The set $Inf(\mathbb{D})$, i.e., all infinitesimal generators in the unit disc, can be characterized completely by the Berkson–Porta representation formula [1978]

(1-2)
$$\operatorname{Inf}(\mathbb{D}) = \{ z \mapsto (\tau - z)(1 - \overline{\tau}z)p(z) \mid \tau \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}, p \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{C})$$

with $\operatorname{Re}(p(z)) \ge 0$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D} \}.$

Remark 1.2. Let $F : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{D}$ be a holomorphic self-map. Recall the Denjoy–Wolff theorem (see, e.g., [Reich and Shoikhet 2005, Theorem 5.1]): If F is not an elliptic automorphism (i.e., an automorphism with exactly one fixed point in \mathbb{D}), then there exists one point $\tau \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ (the Denjoy–Wolff point of F) such that the iterates F^n converge locally uniformly in \mathbb{D} to the constant map τ .

If $\{\Phi_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ is a semigroup on \mathbb{D} , then we call $\tau \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ the Denjoy–Wolff point of $\{\Phi_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ if τ is the Denjoy–Wolff point of Φ_1 , which is equivalent to $\lim_{t\to\infty} \Phi_t = \tau$ locally uniformly.

If an infinitesimal generator in the unit disc does not generate a semigroup of elliptic automorphisms of \mathbb{D} , then the point $\tau \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ from formula (1-2) is exactly the Denjoy–Wolff point of the semigroup.

There are two special cases of infinitesimal generators in \mathbb{D} that have been studied intensively and turned out to be quite useful in Loewner theory and its applications. The two different cases arise from certain normalizations of the Berkson–Porta data τ and p from formula (1-2). In the *radial* case, one considers those elements $G \in Inf(\mathbb{D})$ whose Berkson–Porta data τ and p satisfy

$$\tau = 0$$
 and $p(0) = 1$,

i.e., G(z) = -zp(z).

¹There is no standard convention in the literature and often -G is called the infinitesimal generator of the semigroup.

This class plays a central role in studying the class S of all univalent functions $f : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$ with f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1, via the powerful tools of Loewner's theory, which considers a nonautonomous version of (1-1); see, e.g., [Pommerenke 1975, Chapter 6]. The class of radial generators as well as the class S have been generalized in this context to the polydisc \mathbb{D}^n (see [Poreda 1987a; 1987b]), and to the unit ball \mathbb{B}_n (see [Graham and Kohr 2003] for a collection of several results and references).

The second class, the set of all *chordal* generators², consists of all $G \in Inf(\mathbb{D})$ whose Berkson–Porta data τ and p satisfy

$$\tau = 1$$
 and $\angle \lim_{z \to 1} \frac{p(z)}{z - 1}$ is finite.

The aim of this paper is to introduce a generalization of the chordal class for the unit ball \mathbb{B}_n .

The hydrodynamic normalization in one dimension. Instead of fixing an interior point, like in the class *S*, it can be of interest to investigate univalent self-mappings of \mathbb{D} that fix a boundary point. In this case, one usually passes from \mathbb{D} to the upper half-plane $\mathbb{H} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Im}(z) > 0\}.$

A class of such mappings that is easy to describe and that appears in several applications is the set of all univalent mappings $f : \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{H}$ that fix the boundary point ∞ and have the so-called *hydrodynamic normalization*. Basic properties of this class can be found in [Goryaĭnov and Ba 1992]; see also [Bauer 2005; Contreras et al. 2010]. One of its main applications is the chordal Loewner equation; see [Abate et al. 2010, Section 4] for further references.

A univalent function $f : \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{H}$ has hydrodynamic normalization (at ∞) if f has the expansion

$$f(z) = z - \frac{c}{z} + \gamma(z),$$

where $c \ge 0$, which is usually called *half-plane capacity*, and γ satisfies

$$\angle \lim_{z \to \infty} z \cdot \gamma(z) = 0.$$

We denote by \mathfrak{P} the set of all these functions. Then \mathfrak{P} is a semigroup and the functional $l: \mathfrak{P} \to [0, \infty), l(f) = c$, is additive: if $f_1, f_2 \in \mathfrak{P}$, then $f_1 \circ f_2 \in \mathfrak{P}$ and $l(f_1 \circ f_2) = l(f_1) + l(f_2)$.

Remark 1.3. Let $f \in \mathfrak{P}$ with l(f) = c. If we transfer f to the unit disc by conjugation by the Cayley transform, then we obtain a function $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{D}$ having

² Note that there is no standard use of the words "radial" and "chordal" in the literature. In [Contreras et al. 2010], e.g., an element $G \in Inf(\mathbb{D})$ is called *radial* if $\tau \in \mathbb{D}$ and chordal if $\tau \in \partial \mathbb{D}$.

the expansion

$$\tilde{f}(z) = z - \frac{c}{4}(z-1)^3 + \tilde{\gamma}(z),$$

where $\angle \lim_{z \to 1} \tilde{\gamma}(z)/(z-1)^3 = 0.$

If $\{\Phi_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ is a one-real-parameter semigroup contained in \mathfrak{P} with $l(\Phi_1) = a$, then it is easy to see that $l(\Phi_t) = a \cdot t$. If *H* is the generator of this semigroup, then we also define l(H) := a.

We will be interested in the following set of chordal generators.

Definition 1.4. By $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$ we denote the set of all infinitesimal generators H of one-real-parameter semigroups $\{\Phi_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ contained in \mathfrak{P} with $l(H) \leq c$.

Remark 1.5. The set $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$ can be characterized in various ways; see [Goryaĭnov and Ba 1992, Section 1] and [Maassen 1992, Proposition 2.2].

It is known that $H \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$ for some $c \ge 0$ if and only if H maps \mathbb{H} into $\overline{\mathbb{H}}$ and

(1-3)
$$\limsup_{y \to \infty} y|H(iy)| \le c.$$

In fact, $l(H) = \limsup_{y \to \infty} y |H(iy)|$.

Furthermore, this is equivalent to H maps \mathbb{H} into $\overline{\mathbb{H}}$ and

(1-4)
$$|H(z)| \le \frac{c}{\operatorname{Im}(z)}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{H}$. The number l(H) is the smallest constant such that this inequality holds.

Finally, it is known that this property is equivalent to the fact that -G is the Cauchy transform of a finite, nonnegative Borel measure μ on \mathbb{R} , i.e.,

(1-5)
$$H(z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\mu(du)}{u-z}.$$

The number l(H) can be calculated by $l(H) = \mu(\mathbb{R})$.

Remark 1.6. It is easy to see that the following holds: if $f \in \mathfrak{P}$ with c = l(f), then $H := f - \mathrm{id} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$ with l(H) = c.

Let
$$C : \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{D}$$
, $C(z) = (z-i)/(z+i)$, be the Cayley map. We define $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{D}, c)$ by
 $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{D}, c) = \{C'(C^{-1}) \cdot (H \circ C^{-1}) \mid H \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)\}.^3$

The rest of this paper is organized as follows: In Section 2 we look for an invariant characterization of chordal generators, i.e., of the sets $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$ and $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{D}, c)$, and we introduce the class $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{B}_n, c)$ for the higher-dimensional unit ball. It will turn out to be quite useful to study "slices" of this class, which is done in Section 3. In Section 4 we introduce and study the class \mathfrak{P}_n , a higher-dimensional analog of the class \mathfrak{P} .

³If $\{\Phi_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ is a semigroup in \mathbb{H} with generator H, then $\{C \circ \Phi_t \circ C^{-1}\}_{t\geq 0}$ is a semigroup in \mathbb{D} and its generator is given by $C'(C^{-1}) \cdot (H \circ C^{-1})$.

2. Chordal generators in higher dimensions

Invariant formulation for $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{D}, c)$ *and* $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$. For R > 0, we let $E_{\mathbb{D}}(1, R)$ be the horodisc in \mathbb{D} with center 1 and radius R, i.e.,

$$E_{\mathbb{D}}(1,R) = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{D} \mid \frac{1}{|u_{\mathbb{D}}(z)|} < R \right\},\$$

where $u_{\mathbb{D}}(z) = -(1-|z|^2)/|1-z|^2$ is the Poisson kernel in \mathbb{D} with respect to 1. By using the Cayley map, we define analogously

 $E_{\mathbb{H}}(\infty, R) = C^{-1}(E_{\mathbb{D}}(1, R)) = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{H} \mid \frac{1}{\operatorname{Im}(z)} < R \right\}.$

For $z \in \mathbb{D}$ and a tangent vector $v \in \mathbb{C}$, we denote by $|v|_{\mathbb{D},z}$ the hyperbolic length of v, i.e.,

$$|v|_{\mathbb{D},z} := \frac{2|v|}{1-|z|^2}$$

Furthermore, we let $R_{\mathbb{D}}(z)$ be the radius R of the horodisc $E_{\mathbb{D}}(1, R)$ that satisfies $z \in \partial E(1, R)$; in short, $R_{\mathbb{D}}(z) = 1/|u_{\mathbb{D}}(z)|$. Analogously, for $z \in \mathbb{H}$ and $v \in \mathbb{C}$, we define $R_{\mathbb{H}}(z) := 1/\operatorname{Im}(z)$ and the hyperbolic length $|v|_{\mathbb{H},z} := |v|/\operatorname{Im}(z)$.

According to (1-4), we know that $H \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$ if and only if H maps \mathbb{H} into \mathbb{H} and $|H(z)| \leq c/\operatorname{Im}(z)$ for all $z \in \mathbb{H}$. By using the Berkson–Porta formula, it is easy to see that we can rephrase this to: $H \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$ if and only if $H \in \operatorname{Inf}(\mathbb{H})$ and $|H(z)| \leq c/\operatorname{Im}(z)$ for all $z \in \mathbb{H}$.

The last inequality is equivalent to $|H(z)| / \operatorname{Im}(z) \le c / \operatorname{Im}(z)^2$ or

$$|H(z)|_{\mathbb{H},z} \le \frac{c}{\mathrm{Im}(z)^2} = c \cdot R_{\mathbb{H}}(z)^2.$$

If we pass from \mathbb{H} to \mathbb{D} and transform H into $G = C'(C^{-1}) \cdot (H \circ C^{-1})$, then G satisfies $|G(C(z))|_{\mathbb{D},C(z)} = |H(z)|_{\mathbb{H},z}$ and we immediately get the following characterization.

Proposition 2.1. Let $G \in Inf(\mathbb{D})$. Then

 $G \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{D}, c) \iff |G(z)|_{\mathbb{D}, z} \le c \cdot R_{\mathbb{D}}(z)^2 \text{ for all } z \in \mathbb{D}.$

Let $H \in Inf(\mathbb{H})$. Then

$$H \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c) \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad |H(z)|_{\mathbb{H}, z} \le c \cdot R_{\mathbb{H}}(z)^2 \text{ for all } z \in \mathbb{H}.$$

Chordal generators in the unit ball. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let u_n be the pluricomplex Poisson kernel in \mathbb{B}_n with pole at $e_1 := (1, 0, ..., 0)$, i.e.,

$$u_{\mathbb{B}_n,p} = -\frac{1 - \|z\|^2}{|1 - z_1|^2}.$$

The level sets of $u_{\mathbb{B}_n}$ are exactly the boundaries of horospheres with center e_1 ; more precisely, the set

$$E_{\mathbb{B}_n}(e_1, R) := \{ z \in \mathbb{B}_n \mid |u_{\mathbb{B}_n}(z)|^{-1} < R \}, \quad R > 0,$$

is the horosphere with center e_1 and radius R.

Furthermore, for $z \in \mathbb{B}_n$ and $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$, we denote by $||v||_{\mathbb{B}_n,z}$ the Kobayashihyperbolic length of the vector v with respect to z.

Motivated by Proposition 2.1, we make the following definition.

Definition 2.2. Let $c \ge 0$. We define the class $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{B}_n, c)$ to be the set of all infinitesimal generators G on \mathbb{B}_n such that, for all $z \in \mathbb{B}_n$,

(2-1)
$$||G(z)||_{\mathbb{B}_n, z} \le \frac{c}{u_{\mathbb{B}_n}(z)^2}$$

Remark 2.3. $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{B}_n, c)$ is a compact family: Montel's theorem and the definition of $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{B}_n, c)$ immediately imply that it is a normal family. If a sequence $(G_n) \subset$ $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{B}_n, c)$ converges locally uniformly to $G : \mathbb{B}_n \to \mathbb{C}^n$, then *G* is holomorphic and also an infinitesimal generator, which can be seen by using the characterization given in [Bracci et al. 2010, Theorem 0.2]. Of course, *G* also satisfies (2-1) and we conclude $G \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{B}_n, c)$.

Just as we passed from \mathbb{D} to \mathbb{H} in one dimension, we can pass from the unit ball \mathbb{B}_n to the Siegel upper half-space $\mathbb{H}_n = \{(z_1, \tilde{z}) \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid \text{Im}(z_1) > \|\tilde{z}\|^2\}$ in order to get simpler formulas:

The Cayley map

$$C: \mathbb{H}_n \to \mathbb{B}_n, \quad C(z) = (C_1(z), \dots, C_n(z)) = \left(\frac{z_1 - i}{z_1 + i}, \frac{2z_2}{z_1 + i}, \dots, \frac{2z_n}{z_1 + i}\right),$$

maps \mathbb{H}_n biholomorphically onto \mathbb{B}_n . It extends to a homeomorphism from the one-point compactification $\widehat{\mathbb{H}}_n = \mathbb{H}_n \cup \partial \mathbb{H}_n \cup \{\infty\}$ of $\mathbb{H}_n \cup \partial \mathbb{H}_n$ to the closure of \mathbb{B}^n .

The pluricomplex Poisson kernel transforms as follows:

$$u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z) := u_{\mathbb{B}_n}(C(z)) = -\operatorname{Im}(z_1) + \|\tilde{z}\|^2.$$

Thus, we define the horosphere $E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, R)$ with center ∞ and radius R > 0 by

$$E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, R) := \left\{ z \in \mathbb{H}_n \mid \operatorname{Im}(z_1) - \|\tilde{z}\|^2 > \frac{1}{R} \right\}.$$

For $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and $z \in \mathbb{H}_n$, we let $||v||_{\mathbb{H}_n, z}$ be the Kobayashi hyperbolic length of v.

Let $c \ge 0$. We define the class $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$ to be the set of all infinitesimal generators H on \mathbb{H}_n satisfying the inequality

$$\|H(z)\|_{\mathbb{H}_n,z} \le \frac{c}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{H}_n$. Then we have

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{B}_n, c) = \left\{ C'(C^{-1}) \cdot (H \circ C^{-1}) \mid H \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c) \right\}.$$

From now on we will stay in the upper half-space \mathbb{H}_n , where most of the computations we need take a simpler form.

3. Slices

Normalized geodesics and slices. For any $H \in Inf(\mathbb{H}_n)$, one can consider onedimensional slices by using the so-called *Lempert projection devices*; see [Bracci and Shoikhet 2014, Section 3].

If $w \in \mathbb{H}_n$, then there exists a unique complex geodesic passing through w and ∞ . Let us choose a parametrization $\varphi : \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{H}_n$ of this geodesic. There exists a unique holomorphic map $P : \mathbb{H}_n \to \mathbb{H}_n$ with $P^2 = P$ and $P \circ \varphi = \varphi$. Define $\tilde{P} = \varphi^{-1} \circ P$. Then

$$h_{\varphi} : \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{C}, \quad h_{\varphi}(\zeta) = d P(\varphi(\zeta)) \cdot H(\varphi(\zeta)),$$

is an infinitesimal generator on H; see [Bracci and Shoikhet 2014, p. 6].

We will need special parametrizations of these geodesics: In [Bracci and Patrizio 2005, p. 516], it is shown that for any complex geodesic $\varphi : \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{H}_n$ with $\varphi(\infty) = \infty$, there exists $a_{\varphi} > 0$ such that

$$u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\varphi(\zeta)) = a_{\varphi} \cdot u_{\mathbb{H}}(\zeta)$$

for all $\zeta \in \mathbb{H}$. Call a geodesic $\varphi : \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{H}_n$ normalized if $\varphi(\infty) = \infty$ and $a_{\varphi} = 1$.

Lemma 3.1. Let $a \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$ such that $(a, \gamma) \in \mathbb{H}_n$. Then the map

$$\varphi_{\gamma} : \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{H}_n, \quad \varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta) := (\zeta + i \|\gamma\|^2, \gamma),$$

is a normalized geodesic through (a, γ) . Furthermore, if $H = (H_1, \tilde{H}) \in \text{Inf}(\mathbb{H}_n)$, then the slice $h_{\gamma} := h_{\varphi_{\gamma}}$ of H with respect to φ_{γ} is given by

(3-1)
$$h_{\gamma}(\zeta) = H_1(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta)) - 2i\bar{\gamma}^T \cdot \tilde{H}(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta)).$$

Proof. Let $\psi : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{B}_n$ be a complex geodesic with $\psi(1) = e_1$. As a parametrization for ψ , one can choose (see [Bracci and Shoikhet 2014, Section 3])

$$\psi(\zeta) = (\alpha^2(\zeta - 1) + 1, \alpha(\zeta - 1)\beta)$$

where $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$ such that $\|\beta\|^2 = 1 - \alpha^2$. Then

$$C^{-1}(\psi(\zeta)) = \left(i\frac{2+\alpha^2(\zeta-1)}{\alpha^2(1-\zeta)}, i\beta/\alpha\right)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta \mapsto C^{-1} \big(\psi(C_1(\zeta)) \big) &= \left(-i + \frac{\zeta + i}{\alpha^2}, i\beta/\alpha \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\zeta}{\alpha^2} + i \frac{1 - \alpha^2}{\alpha^2}, i\beta/\alpha \right) = \left(\frac{\zeta}{\alpha^2} + i \left\| \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \right\|^2, i\beta/\alpha \right) \end{aligned}$$

is a complex geodesic from \mathbb{H} to \mathbb{H}_n . A reparametrization $(\zeta/\alpha^2 \text{ to } \zeta)$ and setting $\gamma = i\beta/\alpha$ gives the geodesic

(3-2)
$$\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta) = (\zeta + i \|\gamma\|^2, \gamma).$$

This complex geodesic is normalized because it satisfies $\varphi_{\gamma}(\infty) = \infty$ and

$$u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta)) = \operatorname{Im}(\zeta + i \|\gamma\|^2) - \|\gamma\|^2 = \operatorname{Im}(\zeta) = u_{\mathbb{H}}(\zeta).$$

The projection onto $\varphi_{\gamma}(\mathbb{H})$ is given by

(3-3)
$$P(z_1, \tilde{z}) = (z_1 - 2i\bar{\gamma}^T \cdot \tilde{z} + 2i \|\gamma\|^2, \gamma).$$

Clearly, P is holomorphic and maps \mathbb{H}_n onto $\varphi_{\gamma}(\mathbb{H})$ because

$$Im(z_1 - 2i\bar{\gamma}^T \cdot \tilde{z} + 2i \|\gamma\|^2) = Im(z_1) - 2Im(i\bar{\gamma}^T \cdot \tilde{z}) + 2\|\gamma\|^2$$

$$\geq \|\tilde{z}\|^2 - 2\|\gamma\| \|\tilde{z}\| + \|\gamma\|^2 + \|\gamma\|^2$$

$$= (\|\gamma\| - \|\tilde{z}\|)^2 + \|\gamma\|^2 \geq \|\gamma\|^2.$$

Furthermore,

$$(P \circ P)(z_1, \tilde{z}) = (z_1 - 2i\bar{\gamma}^T \tilde{z} + 2i \|\gamma\|^2 - 2i\bar{\gamma}^T \gamma + 2i \|\gamma\|^2, \gamma)$$

= $(z_1 - 2i\bar{\gamma}^T \tilde{z} + 2i \|\gamma\|^2, \gamma) = P(z_1, \tilde{z}).$

Thus, the inverse $\tilde{P}: \mathbb{H}_2 \to \mathbb{H}, \tilde{P} = \varphi_{\gamma}^{-1} \circ P$, is given by

$$\widetilde{P}(z_1, \widetilde{z}) = (z_1 - 2i\,\overline{\gamma}^T\,\widetilde{z} + i\,\|\gamma\|^2).$$

If $H(z) = (H_1(z), \tilde{H}(z))$ is a generator on \mathbb{H}_n , we get the slice reduction

$$h_{\varphi_{\gamma}}(\zeta) = d \, \widetilde{P}(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta)) \cdot H(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta))$$

= $H_1(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta)) - 2i \, \overline{\gamma}^T \cdot \widetilde{H}(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta)).$

Some explicit formulas. Later on we will need explicit formulas of the Kobayashi norms of dP(z)H(z) and $H(z) - dP(z) \cdot H(z)$. The following lemma is proven in the Appendix.

Lemma 3.2. Let $a \in \mathbb{C}$, $p, v \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$ and $z = (z_1, \tilde{z}) \in \mathbb{H}_n$. Then the following formulas hold:

(3-4)
$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},z} = \frac{|a|}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|},$$

(3-5)
$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 2i \, \overline{p}^T v \\ v \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_n, z} = 2 \frac{\sqrt{\|v\|^2 |u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)| + |(\overline{p-\tilde{z}})^T v|^2}}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)|}$$

(3-6)

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} a-2i\bar{\tilde{z}}^Tv\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2i\bar{\tilde{z}}^Tv\\ v \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}}^2 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} a-2i\bar{\tilde{z}}^Tv\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}}^2 + \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 2i\bar{\tilde{z}}^Tv\\ v \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}}^2.$$

By using Lemma 3.2 we obtain the following explicit expressions.

Lemma 3.3. Let $H = (H_1, \tilde{H}) \in \text{Inf}(\mathbb{H}_n)$ and fix $z \in \mathbb{H}_n$. Denote by P the projection onto the complex geodesic through z and ∞ . Then the following formulas hold:

(3-7)
$$dP(z) \cdot H(z) = (H_1(z) - 2i\tilde{z}^T \tilde{H}(z), 0), H(z) - dP(z) \cdot H(z) = (2i\tilde{z}^T \tilde{H}(z), \tilde{H}(z))$$

Furthermore,

(3-8)
$$\|H(z)\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}}^{2} = \|dP(z) \cdot H(z)\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}}^{2} + \|H(z) - dP(z) \cdot H(z)\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}}^{2},$$

(3-9)
$$\|dP(z)H(z)\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},z} = \frac{|H_{1}(z) - 2i\tilde{z}^{T}H(z)|}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|},$$

(3-10)
$$\|H(z) - dP(z) \cdot H(z)\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n}, z} = 2 \frac{\|\tilde{H}(z)\|}{\sqrt{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|}}$$

Proof. The formulas for dP(z)H(z) and H(z) - dP(z)H(z) follow from the explicit form (3-3).

Equation (3-8) follows from (3-6) with $a = H_1(z)$ and $v = \tilde{H}(z)$.

Furthermore, (3-9) follows directly from (3-4) with $a = H_1(z) - 2i\bar{\tilde{z}}^T \tilde{H}(z)$ and (3-10) from (3-5) by setting $p = \tilde{z}$ and $v = \tilde{H}$.

Slices of generators in $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$ and examples.

Proposition 3.4. Let $c \ge 0$ and $H \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$. Then every normalized slice h_{γ} of H belongs to $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$.

Proof. Fix $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$ and $\zeta \in \mathbb{H}$ and let $z = \varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta)$.

Furthermore, let P be the projection onto $\varphi_{\gamma}(\mathbb{H})$. Now we write H(z) as

$$H(z) = dP(z) \cdot H(z) + (H(z) - dP(z)H(z)).$$

As $H \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$, equation (3-8) implies

$$\|H(z)\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},z}^{2} = \|dP(z) \cdot H(z)\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},z}^{2} + \|H(z) - dP(z)H(z)\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},z}^{2} \le \frac{c^{2}}{u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)^{4}}$$

In particular,

(3-11)
$$\|dP(z) \cdot H(z)\|_{\mathbb{H}_n, z} \le \frac{c}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2}$$

By the definition of the slice h_{γ} , we have

$$dP(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta)) \cdot H(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta)) = (d\varphi_{\gamma})(\zeta) \cdot h_{\gamma}(\zeta),$$

and consequently

$$\|dP(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta)) \cdot H(\varphi_{\gamma}(z))\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta)} = \|(d\varphi_{\gamma})(\zeta) \cdot h_{\gamma}(\zeta)\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta)} = |h_{\gamma}(\zeta)|_{\mathbb{H},\zeta}.$$

The last equality holds as φ_{γ} is a complex geodesic. Equation (3-11) implies

$$|h_{\gamma}(\zeta)|_{\mathbb{H},\zeta} \leq \frac{c}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta))^2} = \frac{c}{u_{\mathbb{H}}(\zeta)^2},$$

where the last equality holds as φ_{γ} is normalized. Hence, $h_{\gamma} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$.

Remark 3.5. If two holomorphic functions $H_1, H_2 : \mathbb{H}_n \to \mathbb{C}^n$ have the same slices, i.e., $dP(z)H_1(z) = dP(z)H_2(z)$ for all $z \in \mathbb{H}_n$, then $H_1 = H_2$; see the proof of Theorem 3.2 in [Casavecchia 2010].

Example 3.6. The family $\{\Phi_t(z) = (z_1, e^{-it/z_1}z_2)\}_{t \ge 0}$ is a semigroup on \mathbb{H}_2 . Its generator *H* is given by

$$H(z_1, z_2) = \left(0, -i\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right).$$

Thus, for $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$, the slice h_{γ} has the form

$$h_{\gamma}(z) = -2i\,\bar{\gamma} \cdot -i\,\frac{\gamma}{z+i\,|\gamma|^2} = \frac{-2|\gamma|^2}{z+i\,|\gamma|^2}.$$

Consequently, the limit $\lim_{y\to\infty} y \cdot |h(iy)| = 2|\gamma|^2$ exists, but does not have an upper bound that is independent of γ . Proposition 3.4 implies that for any $c \ge 0$, $H \notin \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_2, c)$.

Example 3.7. Let

$$H: \mathbb{H}_2 \to \mathbb{C}^2, \qquad H(z_1, z_2) = \binom{-1/z_1}{z_2/2z_1^2}.$$

For $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$, the slice h_{γ} is given by

$$h_{\gamma}(\zeta) = \frac{-1}{\zeta + i|\gamma|^2} - 2i\bar{\gamma} \cdot \frac{\gamma}{2(\zeta + i|\gamma|^2)^2}$$
$$= \frac{-\zeta - 2i|\gamma|^2}{(\zeta + i|\gamma|^2)^2} = \frac{(-\zeta - 2i|\gamma|^2)(\bar{\zeta}^2 - 2i|\gamma|^2\bar{\zeta} - |\gamma|^4)}{|\zeta + i|\gamma|^2|^4}.$$

Let us write $\zeta = x + iy$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $y \in (0, \infty)$. Then a small calculation gives

$$\operatorname{Im}(h_{\gamma}(\zeta)) = \frac{y(x^2 + y^2) + 4y^2|\gamma|^2 + 5y|\gamma|^4 + 2|\gamma|^6}{\left|\zeta + i|\gamma|^2\right|^4} > 0.$$

Furthermore,

$$\limsup_{y \to \infty} y |h_{\gamma}(iy)| = 1.$$

Hence, $h_{\gamma} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, 1)$. So each slice is an infinitesimal generator in \mathbb{H} and by [Bracci and Shoikhet 2014, Proposition 3.8], the function *H* is an infinitesimal generator in \mathbb{H}_2 .

Now let $(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{H}_2$ and write $z_1 = x + iy, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. Then we get

$$u_{\mathbb{H}_{2}}(z)^{4} \cdot \|H(z)\|_{\mathbb{H}_{2},z}^{2} = (y - |z_{2}|^{2})^{2} \cdot \frac{x^{2} + y^{2} + 3|z_{2}|^{2}y}{(x^{2} + y^{2})^{2}}$$
$$\leq \frac{x^{2} + y^{2} + 3y^{2}}{(x^{2} + y^{2})^{2}} \leq \frac{x^{2} + 4y^{2}}{x^{2} + y^{2}} \leq 4$$

(an explicit formula of the Kobayashi metric is given in the Appendix). Consequently, $H \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_2, 2)$.

Question 3.8. Let $H : \mathbb{H}_n \to \mathbb{C}^n$ be an infinitesimal generator. Assume there exists $c \ge 0$ such that $h_{\gamma} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$ for every $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$. Does this imply that $H \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, C)$ for some $C \ge c$?

4. Univalent functions with hydrodynamic normalization

Motivated by Remark 1.6, we define the following generalization of the class \mathfrak{P} , where id stands for the identity mapping on \mathbb{H}_n .

Definition 4.1.

$$\mathfrak{P}_n := \{ f : \mathbb{H}_n \to \mathbb{H}_n \mid f \text{ is univalent and } f - \mathrm{id} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c) \text{ for some } c \ge 0 \}.$$

Remark 4.2. It is important to note that if $f : \mathbb{H}_n \to \mathbb{H}_n$ is a holomorphic selfmapping, then the map f-id is automatically an infinitesimal generator; see [Reich and Shoikhet 2005, p. 207]. **Basic properties of** \mathfrak{P}_n . The following proposition summarizes some basic properties of \mathfrak{P}_n .

Proposition 4.3. (a) \mathfrak{P}_n contains no automorphism of \mathbb{H}_n except the identity.

- (b) Let $\alpha : \mathbb{H}_n \to \mathbb{H}_n$ be an automorphism of \mathbb{H}_n with $\alpha(\infty) = \infty$. If $f \in \mathfrak{P}_n$, then $\alpha^{-1} \circ f \circ \alpha \in \mathfrak{P}_n$.
- (c) Let $f \in \mathfrak{P}_n$. Then $f(E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, R)) \subset E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, R)$ for every R > 0.
- (d) Let $f \in \mathfrak{P}_n$ and write f(z) = z + H(z) with $H = (H_1, \tilde{H}) \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$. Then

(4-1)
$$\|\widetilde{H}(z)\|^2 \le |H_1(z) - 2i\overline{\tilde{z}}^T \widetilde{H}| \quad for \ all \ z = (z_1, \tilde{z}) \in \mathbb{H}_n.$$

(e) Let $f \in \mathfrak{P}_n$. Then there exists R > 0 such that $E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, R) \subset f(\mathbb{H}_n)$.

Proof. The statements (a) and (b) can easily be shown by using the explicit form of automorphisms of \mathbb{H}_n ; see [Abate 1989, Proposition 2.2.4].

The statement (c) is just Julia's lemma: Write f(z) = z + H(z) and let us pass to the unit ball and define $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{B}_n \to \mathbb{B}_n$, $\tilde{f} = C \circ f \circ C^{-1}$. Then

$$\tilde{f} = \frac{1}{2i + H_1(C^{-1}(z)) - z_1 H_1(C^{-1}(z))} \left(\begin{pmatrix} (1 - z_1) H_1(C^{-1}(z)) \\ 2(1 - z_1) \tilde{H}(C^{-1}(z)) \end{pmatrix} + 2iz \right).$$

By taking the sequence $z_n = (1 - 1/n, 0)$, it is easy to see that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \tilde{f}(z_n) = e_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1 - \|\tilde{f}(z_n)\|}{1 - \|z_n\|} = 1,$$

i.e., e_1 is a boundary regular fixed point of \tilde{f} with boundary dilatation coefficient ≤ 1 . Julia's lemma (see [Abate 1989, Theorem 2.2.21]) implies that $\tilde{f}(E_{\mathbb{B}_n}(e_1, R)) \subset E_{\mathbb{B}_n}(e_1, R)$ for any R > 0.

Inequality (d) follows directly from (c): Let $z = (z_1, \tilde{z}) \in \mathbb{H}_n$. Another formulation of (c) is $-u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z + H(z)) \ge -u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)$, or more explicitly

$$\begin{split} \operatorname{Im}(z_1) + \operatorname{Im}(H_1(z)) - \|\tilde{z} + \tilde{H}(z)\|^2 &\geq \operatorname{Im}(z_1) - \|\tilde{z}\|^2 \\ &\iff \operatorname{Im}(H_1(z)) \geq \|\tilde{z} + \tilde{H}(z)\|^2 - \|\tilde{z}\|^2 = 2\operatorname{Re}(\bar{\tilde{z}}^T \tilde{H}(z)) + \|\tilde{H}(z)\|^2 \\ &\iff \operatorname{Im}(H_1(z) - 2i\bar{\tilde{z}}^T \tilde{H}(z)) \geq \|\tilde{H}(z)\|^2. \end{split}$$

From this inequality it follows that $\|\tilde{H}(z)\|^2 \leq |H_1(z) - 2i\bar{\tilde{z}}^T \tilde{H}|$ for all $z \in \mathbb{H}_n$. Finally we prove (e):

Let $f \in \mathfrak{P}_n$ and write f(z) = z + H(z) with $H \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$. Because of (c), f maps the horosphere $E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, 1)$ into itself. Hence the statement is proven if we can show that $u_{\mathbb{H}_n}$ is bounded on $f(\partial E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, 1))$.

Let $z \in \mathbb{H}_n$ with $z \in \partial E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, 1)$, i.e., $|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)| = 1$. Furthermore, we choose $\zeta \in \mathbb{H}$ and $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta) = z$. Note that this implies $|u_{\mathbb{H}}(\zeta)| = \text{Im}(\zeta) = 1$. Let *P* be the projection onto $\varphi_{\gamma}(\mathbb{H})$. Then we have

$$|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(f(z))| = |u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z + H(z))| = |u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\underbrace{z + dP(z)H(z)}_{=:w} + \underbrace{H(z) - dP(z)H(z)}_{=:v})|.$$

As $dP(z) \cdot dP(z) = dP(z)$, we have $dP(z) \cdot v = 0$. A small calculation (see also [Casavecchia 2010, Lemma 3.1]) gives $v \in T_z^{\mathbb{C}} \partial E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, 1)$. Furthermore, also $w \in \varphi_{\gamma}(\mathbb{H})$ and dP(z) = dP(w) and we get $v \in T_w^{\mathbb{C}} \partial E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, |u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(w)|^{-1})$. As $E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, |u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(w)|^{-1}) = \{z \in \mathbb{H}_n \mid |u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)| > |u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(w)|\}$ is convex, this implies

$$\begin{aligned} |u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(w+v)| &\leq |u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(w)| = |u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z+dP(z)H(z))| \underset{\text{Lemma 3.3}}{=} |u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z+(h_{\gamma}(\zeta),0))| \\ &= \text{Im}(z_{1}) - \|\tilde{z}\|^{2} + \text{Im}(h_{\gamma}(\zeta)) \leq \text{Im}(z_{1}) - \|\tilde{z}\|^{2} + |h_{\gamma}(\zeta)| \\ &= |u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)| + |h_{\gamma}(\zeta)| = 1 + |h_{\gamma}(\zeta)| \leq 1 + \frac{c}{\text{Im}(\zeta)} = 1 + c. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $f(\mathbb{H}_n) \supset f(E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, 1)) \supset E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, 1+c)$.

Theorem 4.4. \mathfrak{P}_n is a semigroup: if $f, g \in \mathfrak{P}_n$, then $f \circ g \in \mathfrak{P}_n$.

Proof. Let $f, g \in \mathfrak{P}_n$ with $F = (F_1, \tilde{F}) := f - \mathrm{id}, G = (G_1, \tilde{G}) := g - \mathrm{id}$ and

$$||F(z)||_{\mathbb{H}_n,z} \le \frac{c}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2}, \quad ||G(z)||_{\mathbb{H}_n,z} \le \frac{d}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{H}_n$. Let $z = (z_1, \tilde{z}) \in \mathbb{H}_n$ and $p = (p_1, \tilde{p}) := z + G(z)$.

From Remark 4.2, we know that $f \circ g$ – id is an infinitesimal generator on \mathbb{H}_n . It remains to estimate the hyperbolic metric of this generator. We have

$$\begin{split} \| (f \circ g)(z) - z \|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}} &= \| G(z) + F(z + G(z)) \|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}} \\ &\leq \| G(z) \|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}} + \| F(z + G(z)) \|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}} \leq \frac{d}{u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)^{2}} + \| F(p) \|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}} \\ &\leq \frac{d}{u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)^{2}} + \| (F_{1}(p) - 2i\,\bar{\tilde{p}}^{T}\,\tilde{F}(p), 0) \|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}} + \| (2i\,\bar{\tilde{p}}^{T}\,\tilde{F}(p),\tilde{F}(p)) \|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}}. \end{split}$$

Note that $F_1(p) - 2i \bar{p}^T \tilde{F}(p)$ corresponds to the slice of F with respect to the geodesic through p and infinity. Because of Proposition 3.4, we know that

$$|F_1(p) - 2i\,\overline{\tilde{p}}^T\,\widetilde{F}(p)| \le \frac{c}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(p)|} \le \frac{c}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)|},$$

where the second inequality follows from Proposition 4.3 (c). Together with (3-4), this implies

(4-2)
$$\|(F_1(p) - 2i\,\tilde{p}^T\,\tilde{F}(p), 0)\|_{\mathbb{H}_n, z} = \frac{|(F_1(p) - 2i\,\tilde{p}^T\,\tilde{F}(p)|)|}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)|} \le \frac{c}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2}.$$

It remains to show that there exists a constant C > 0 such that

$$\|(2i\,\tilde{p}^T\,\tilde{F}(p),\,\tilde{F}(p))\|_{\mathbb{H}_n,z} \leq \frac{C}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2}.$$

First, (3-5) gives (4-3)

$$\begin{aligned} \|(2i\,\tilde{p}^{T}\,\tilde{F}(p),\,\tilde{F}(p))\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},z} &= 2\frac{\sqrt{\|\tilde{F}(p)\|^{2}\,|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)| + |(\overline{p}-\tilde{z})^{T}\,\tilde{F}(p)|^{2}}}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|} \\ &\leq 2\frac{\sqrt{\|\tilde{F}(p)\|^{2}\,|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)| + \|(\tilde{p}-\tilde{z})\|^{2} \cdot \|\tilde{F}(p)\|^{2}}}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|} \\ &= 2\frac{\|\tilde{F}(p)\|}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|}\sqrt{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)| + \|\tilde{G}(z)\|^{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we differentiate between two cases.

Case 1: $|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)| \ge 1$. The equations (3-8) and (3-10) imply

$$2\frac{\|\widetilde{F}(p)\|}{\sqrt{|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(p)|}} \le \|\widetilde{F}(p)\|_{\mathbb{H}_n,p} \le \frac{c}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(p)^2};$$

thus

(4-4)
$$\|\tilde{F}(p)\| \leq \frac{c}{2|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(p)|^{3/2}} \leq \frac{c}{2|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)|^{3/2}}.$$

In the same way, we get

(4-5)
$$\|\tilde{G}(z)\| \le \frac{d}{2|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)|^{3/2}}.$$

Combining (4-4) with (4-3) gives

$$\begin{split} \|(2i\,\tilde{p}^{T}\,\tilde{F}(p),\,\tilde{F}(p))\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},z} &\leq \frac{c}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)||u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{3/2}}\sqrt{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|+\|\tilde{G}(z)\|^{2}}\\ &= \frac{c}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{2}}\sqrt{1+\frac{\|\tilde{G}(z)\|^{2}}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|}}\\ &\stackrel{\leq}{\underset{(4-5)}{\leq}}\frac{c}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{2}}\sqrt{1+\frac{d^{2}}{4|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{4}}}\\ &\leq \frac{c\sqrt{1+d^{2}/4}}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{2}}. \end{split}$$

Case 2: $|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)| \leq 1$. From (4-2) we know that $|F_1(p) - 2i \, \tilde{p}^T \, \tilde{F}(p)| \leq c/|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)|$, and (4-1) implies

$$\|\widetilde{F}(p)\| \le \frac{\sqrt{c}}{\sqrt{|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)|}}$$

Similarly we get

$$\|\widetilde{G}(z)\| \leq \frac{\sqrt{d}}{\sqrt{|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)|}}.$$

Hence, with (4-3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|(2i\,\tilde{p}^{T}\,\tilde{F}(p),\,\tilde{F}(p))\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}} &\leq 2\frac{\sqrt{c}}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{3/2}}\sqrt{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)| + \|\tilde{G}(z)\|^{2}} \\ &\leq 2\frac{\sqrt{c}}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{3/2}}\sqrt{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)| + \frac{d}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|}} \\ &= 2\frac{\sqrt{c}}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{2}}\sqrt{u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)^{2} + d} \\ &\leq 2\frac{\sqrt{c}}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{2}}\sqrt{1 + d}. \end{aligned}$$

On the Loewner equation with a $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$ -Herglotz vector field. Let $\{\Phi_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ be a semigroup on \mathbb{H}_n with generator $H \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$. Next we will show that this implies $\Phi_t \in \mathfrak{P}_n$ for every $t \geq 0$.

In fact we can prove a little more by considering a nonautonomous version of (1-1). To this end, let $\{H_t : \mathbb{H}_n \to \mathbb{C}^n\}_{t\geq 0}$ be a $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$ -Herglotz vector field, i.e., $H_t \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$ for almost every $t \geq 0$ and the map $t \mapsto H_t(z)$ is measurable for every $z \in \mathbb{H}_n$; see [Arosio and Bracci 2011, Definition 1.2]. In this case, one can solve the nonautonomous version of (1-1), namely the Loewner equation

(4-6)
$$\frac{\partial \varphi_t(z)}{\partial t} = H_t(\varphi_t(z)), \quad \varphi_0(z) = z \in \mathbb{H}_n,$$

which gives a family $\{\varphi_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ of univalent self-mappings of \mathbb{H}_n ; see [Arosio and Bracci 2011, Theorem 1.4].

Theorem 4.5. If $\{H_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ is a $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$ -Herglotz vector field and $\{\varphi_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ the solution to (4-6), then $\varphi_t \in \mathfrak{P}_n$ for every $t \geq 0$.

Proof. Firstly, for every $t \ge 0$ and R > 0, the map φ_t maps the horosphere $E_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\infty, R)$ into itself, i.e.,

$$(4-7) |u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\varphi_t(z))| \ge |u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)|$$

for every $z \in \mathbb{H}_n$. This can be seen as follows:

First, consider the autonomous case $H_t(z) = J(z)$ for every $t \ge 0$ and some $J \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$. Let G be the corresponding generator in the unit ball, i.e., $G = C'(C^{-1}) \cdot (J \circ C^{-1})$. Then G satisfies the inequality

$$||G(z)|| \le ||G(z)||_{\mathbb{B}_n, z} \le \frac{c}{u_{\mathbb{B}_n}(z)^2} = \frac{c|1-z_1|^4}{(1-||z||^2)^2}.$$

Putting $z = r \cdot e_1$ gives

$$||G(re_1)|| \le \frac{c(1-r)^4}{(1-r^2)^2} = \frac{c(1-r)^2}{(1+r)^2}$$

From this it follows immediately that

$$\lim_{(0,1)\ni r\to 1} G(re_1) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{(0,1)\ni r\to 1} \frac{G_1(re_1)}{r-1} = 0.$$

Theorem 0.3 in [Bracci et al. 2010] implies that e_1 is a boundary regular fixed point for the generated semigroup with boundary dilatation coefficient 1. Hence we can apply Julia's lemma and obtain (4-7).

Now assume that $H_t(z)$ is piecewise constant with respect to time. By using the previous case, we see that (4-7) also holds in this case.

Finally, for a general $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$ -Herglotz vector field $H_t(z)$, we can approximate the solution φ_t by a sequence $\varphi_{t,n}$ such that for each *n*, the family $\{\varphi_{t,n}\}_{t\geq 0}$ solves (4-6) with a piecewise constant $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$ -Herglotz vector field. By using the continuity of $u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)$, we see that (4-7) also holds for φ_t .

Let $z = (z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{H}_n$ and write $\varphi_t = (\varphi_{1,t}, \tilde{\varphi}_t), H_t = (H_{1,t}, \tilde{H}_t)$. The mapping φ_t satisfies the integral equation

$$\varphi_t(z) = z + \int_0^t H_s(\varphi_s(z)) \, ds.$$

Similarly to the proof of Theorem 4.4, (4-4), we deduce from the fact that $H_t \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$ for almost every $t \ge 0$ and equations (3-8) and (3-10) that

(4-8)
$$\|\tilde{H}_t(\varphi_t(z))\| \le \frac{c}{2|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)|^{3/2}}$$

for every $z \in \mathbb{H}_n$ and almost every $t \ge 0$, and similarly to (4-2), we deduce that

(4-9)
$$\left\| (H_{1,t}(\varphi_t(z)) - 2i\bar{\tilde{\varphi}_t}^T \tilde{H}_t(\varphi_t(z)), 0) \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}} \le \frac{c}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2}$$

for every $z \in \mathbb{H}_n$ and almost every $t \ge 0$.

First we get

$$(4-10) \|\tilde{\varphi}_{s} - \tilde{z}\| \leq \int_{0}^{s} \|\tilde{H}_{\tau}(\varphi_{\tau}(z))\| d\tau \leq \int_{0}^{s} \frac{c}{2|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{3/2}} d\tau = \frac{cs}{2|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{3/2}}.$$

Suppose $|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)| \ge 1$. Then we have

$$\begin{split} \|\varphi_{t}(z)-z\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},z} &\leq \int_{0}^{t} \|H_{s}(\varphi_{s}(z))\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},z} \, ds \\ &\leq \int_{0}^{t} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} H_{1,s}(\varphi_{s}(z))-2i\,\bar{\varphi}_{s}^{T}\,\tilde{H}_{s}(\varphi_{s}(z)) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},z} \, ds \\ &\quad +\int_{0}^{t} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 2i\,\bar{\varphi}_{s}^{T}\,\tilde{H}_{s}(\varphi_{s}(z)) \\ \tilde{H}_{s}(\varphi_{s}(z)) \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},z} \, ds \\ &\quad (4\cdot9), (3\cdot5) \int_{0}^{t} \frac{c}{u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)^{2}} \, ds + \int_{0}^{t} 2\frac{\|\tilde{H}_{s}(\varphi_{s}(z))\|}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|} \sqrt{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)| + \|\tilde{\varphi}_{s}-\tilde{z}\|^{2}} \, ds \\ &\quad (4\cdot8), (4\cdot10) \int_{0}^{t} \frac{c}{u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)^{2}} \, ds + \int_{0}^{t} \frac{c}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{5/2}} \sqrt{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)| + \frac{c^{2}s^{2}}{4|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{3}}} \, ds \\ &= \frac{ct}{u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)^{2}} + \int_{0}^{t} \frac{c}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{2}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{c^{2}s^{2}}{4|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{4}}} \, ds \\ &\leq \frac{ct}{u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)^{2}} + \int_{0}^{t} \frac{c}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|^{2}} \sqrt{1 + c^{2}s^{2}} \, ds \\ &= c \cdot \frac{t + \int_{0}^{t} \sqrt{1 + c^{2}s^{2}} \, ds}{u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)^{2}}. \end{split}$$

The case $|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)| \leq 1$ is treated similarly, compare with the proof of Theorem 4.4, and we conclude that for every $t \geq 0$, there exists C > 0 such that $||\varphi_t(z) - z||_{\mathbb{H}_n} \leq C/u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2$ for all $z \in \mathbb{H}_n$. Together with Remark 4.2, this implies that $\varphi_t \in \mathfrak{P}_n$. \Box

Question 4.6. Let $f \in \mathfrak{P}_1$. In [Goryaĭnov and Ba 1992, Section 4], it is shown that there exists a $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$ -Herglotz vector field H_t and a time $T \ge 0$ such that $f = \varphi_T$, where $\{\varphi_t\}_{t\ge 0}$ is the solution of (4-6). What can be said in the higher-dimensional case?

On the behavior of iterates. Let $F : \mathbb{B}_n \to \mathbb{B}_n$ be holomorphic. We say that $p \in \overline{\mathbb{B}}_n$ is the Denjoy–Wolff point of F if $F^n \to p$ for $n \to \infty$ locally uniformly. The basic results about the behavior of the iterates F^n for $n \to \infty$ can be found in [Abate 1989, Chapter 2.2]. In particular we have (Theorem 2.2.31) (4-11)

F has a Denjoy–Wolff point on the boundary $\partial \mathbb{B}_n \iff F$ has no fixed points.

Now let $f \in \mathfrak{P}_n$. For n = 1, f has the Denjoy–Wolff point ∞ if f is not the identity: As f is not an elliptic automorphism, the classical Denjoy–Wolff theorem

implies that f has a Denjoy–Wolff point. This point has to be ∞ , e.g., because of Proposition 4.3 (c).

Next we will show that this is also true in higher dimensions, provided that f extends smoothly to the boundary point ∞ . There are different possible definitions of smoothness of f near ∞ . We will use the following one: Let H(z) = f(z) - z, and denote by $G : \mathbb{B}_n \to \mathbb{C}^n$ the corresponding generator on \mathbb{B}_n ; i.e., we have

$$H(z) = (C^{-1})'(C(z)) \cdot G(C(z))$$

and a small computation shows

$$H_1(z) = -\frac{i}{2}(z_1 + i)^2 \cdot G_1(C(z)).$$

Our smoothness condition will be that G_1 has a C^3 -extension to e_1 ; i.e., we can write

$$G_1(z) = \sum_{\substack{k_1 + \dots + k_n \le 3\\k_1, \dots, k_n \ge 0}} a_{k_1, \dots, k_n} (z_1 - 1)^{k_1} \cdot z_2^{k_2} \cdot \dots \cdot z_n^{k_n} + \mathcal{O}(||z - e_1||^3),$$

which translates to

$$H_1(z) = -\frac{i}{2}(z_1 + i)^2 \cdot \sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_n \le 3} a_{k_1, \dots, k_n} \left(\frac{-2i}{z_1 + i}\right)^{k_1} \cdot \left(\frac{2z_2}{z_1 + i}\right)^{k_2} \cdots \cdot \left(\frac{2z_n}{z_1 + i}\right)^{k_n} + \mathcal{O}(\|C(z) - e_1\|^3),$$

or

$$(4-12) H_{1}(z) = b_{0,...,0} \cdot (z_{1}+i)^{2} + (z_{1}+i) \cdot \sum_{k_{1}+\dots+k_{n}=1} b_{k_{1},...,k_{n}} z_{2}^{k_{2}} \cdots z_{n}^{k_{n}} + \sum_{k_{1}+\dots+k_{n}=2} b_{k_{1},...,k_{n}} z_{2}^{k_{2}} \cdots z_{n}^{k_{n}} + (z_{1}+i)^{-1} \cdot \sum_{k_{1}+\dots+k_{n}=3} b_{k_{1},...,k_{n}} z_{2}^{k_{2}} \cdots z_{n}^{k_{n}} + \mathcal{O}(|z_{1}+i|^{-1} \cdot ||(1,z_{2},...,z_{n})||^{3})$$

for some coefficients $b_{k_1,...,k_n} \in \mathbb{C}$.

Theorem 4.7. Let $f \in \mathfrak{P}_n$, $f \neq id$, and assume that (4-12) is satisfied. Then ∞ is the Denjoy–Wolff point of f.

Proof. Write f(z) = z + H(z), where $H \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}_n, c)$ and $H = (H_1, \tilde{H})$. Let $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$. If we can show that the slice $h_{\gamma}(\zeta) = H_1(\varphi(\zeta)) - 2i \bar{\gamma}^T \tilde{H}(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta))$ has no zeros, then we are done:

This implies that H has no zeros because of (3-7) and (3-8). Hence, f has no fixed points and (4-11) implies that f has a Denjoy–Wolff point. This point has to be ∞ because of Proposition 4.3 (c).

Similarly to the proof of Theorem 4.4, (4-4), we have

$$\|\widetilde{H}(z)\| \leq \frac{c}{2|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)|^{3/2}},$$

and thus

$$\|\widetilde{H}(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta))\| \leq \frac{c}{2|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(\varphi_{\gamma}(\zeta))|^{3/2}} = \frac{c}{2\operatorname{Im}(\zeta)^{3/2}}$$

Consequently,

$$\lim_{y \to \infty} y |\bar{\gamma}^T \tilde{H}(\varphi_{\gamma}(iy))| = 0.$$

On the other hand, we know from Proposition 3.4 that $h_{\gamma} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{H}, c)$, which implies (see Remark 1.5)

$$\limsup_{y \to \infty} y|h_{\gamma}(iy)| = \limsup_{y \to \infty} y \left| H_1(\varphi(iy)) - 2i\bar{\gamma}^T \tilde{H}(\varphi_{\gamma}(iy)) \right| \le c$$

which gives us

(4-13)
$$\limsup_{y \to \infty} |iy \cdot H_1(\varphi_{\gamma}(iy))| \le c.$$

Now we use the assumption of the smoothness of H_1 :

Because of (4-13), all coefficients b_{k_1,\dots,k_n} from (4-12) with $k_1 + \dots + k_n \le 2$ have to be 0. Thus,

$$\lim_{y \to \infty} iy \cdot H_1(\varphi_{\gamma}(iy)) =: K(\gamma)$$

exists and is a polynomial in $\gamma = (\gamma_2, \ldots, \gamma_n)$:

$$K(\gamma) = \sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_n = 3} b_{k_1, \dots, k_n} \gamma_2^{k_2} \cdots \gamma_n^{k_n}.$$

As $K(\gamma)$ is bounded, it has to be constant.

If $K(\gamma) \equiv 0$, then all slices of *H* are zero; hence H = 0 by Remark 3.5 and *f* is the identity, a contradiction.

Hence $K(\gamma)$ is a nonzero constant and $h_{\gamma}(\zeta)$ is not identically zero, which implies (e.g., by using the representation (1-5)) that $h_{\gamma}(\zeta)$ has no zeros.

Question 4.8. Is ∞ the Denjoy–Wolff point for every $f \in \mathfrak{P}_n$?

Appendix: Proof of Lemma 3.2

Lemma 3.2. Let $a \in \mathbb{C}$, $p, v \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$ and $z = (z_1, \tilde{z}) \in \mathbb{H}_n$. Then the following formulas hold:

(3-4)
$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n},z} = \frac{|a|}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|},$$

(3-5)
$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 2i \, \overline{p}^T v \\ v \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}} = 2 \frac{\sqrt{\|v\|^2 |u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)| + |(\overline{p-\tilde{z}})^T v|^2}}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)|}$$

(3-6)

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} a-2i\bar{\tilde{z}}^Tv\\0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2i\bar{\tilde{z}}^Tv\\v \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}}^2 = \left\| \begin{pmatrix} a-2i\bar{\tilde{z}}^Tv\\0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}}^2 + \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 2i\bar{\tilde{z}}^Tv\\v \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}}^2$$

Proof. We write $\tilde{z} = (z_2, ..., z_n), v = (v_2, ..., v_n), p = (p_2, ..., p_n).$

An explicit formula of the Kobayashi metric for the unit ball is given in [Abate 2004, Theorem 3.4].⁴ It coincides with the Bergman metric and by using the Cayley map, we get the following formula for the upper half-space:

$$\|w\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}}^2 = w^T \cdot (g_{j,k})_{j,k} \cdot \bar{w}_j$$

where $w \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and $(g_{j,k})_{j,k}$ is an $n \times n$ -matrix with

$$g_{j,k} = -4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_j \ \partial \bar{z}_k} \log \left(\operatorname{Im}(z_1) - \sum_{l=2}^n |z_l|^2 \right),$$

and we get for $j, k \ge 2$,

$$g_{1,1} = \frac{1}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2}, \qquad g_{1,k} = \frac{2iz_k}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2}, \qquad g_{j,1} = \frac{-2i\bar{z}_j}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2},$$
$$g_{j,j} = 4\frac{\mathrm{Im}(z_1) - \sum_{l=2, l \neq j}^n |z_l|^2}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2}, \qquad g_{j,k} = \frac{4z_k\bar{z}_j}{u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2}, \quad k \neq j.$$

The formulas (3-4) and (3-5) are now straightforward calculations. We obtain

$$\|(a,0)\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}} = \sqrt{(a,0) \cdot (g_{j,k})_{j,k} \cdot (\overline{a,0})^{T}} = \sqrt{a \cdot g_{1,1} \cdot \overline{a}} = \frac{|a|}{|u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)|}$$

⁴Note, however, that the Kobayashi metric in [Abate 2004] differs by a factor of 2 from the one we are using here.

and

$$\begin{split} u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)^{2} \cdot \|(2i\,\bar{p}^{T}\,v,v)\|_{\mathbb{H}_{n,z}}^{2} \\ &= u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)^{2} \cdot (2i\,\bar{p}^{T}\,v,v^{T}) \cdot (g_{j,k})_{j,k} \cdot \overline{(2i\,\bar{p}^{T}\,v,v^{T})}^{T} \\ &= u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)^{2} \cdot \left(\sum_{j=2}^{n} g_{j,j}|v_{j}|^{2} + g_{1,1}|2i\,\bar{p}^{T}\,v|^{2} \\ &+ \sum_{j=2}^{n} g_{j,1}v_{j}\overline{2i\,\bar{p}^{T}}v + \sum_{k=2}^{n} g_{1,k}\bar{v}_{j}2i\,\bar{p}^{T}v + \sum_{j,k\geq 2, j\neq k}^{n} g_{j,k}v_{j}\bar{v}_{k}\right) \\ &= 4\sum_{j=2}^{n} (\mathrm{Im}(z_{1}) - \|\tilde{z}\|^{2}) \cdot |v_{j}|^{2} + 4\sum_{j=2}^{n} |z_{j}|^{2} \cdot |v_{j}|^{2} + 4\sum_{j,k\geq 2}^{n} p_{j}\,\bar{p}_{k}v_{j}\bar{v}_{k} \\ &- 4\sum_{j,k\geq 2}^{n} \bar{z}_{j}\,p_{k}v_{j}\bar{v}_{k} - 4\sum_{j,k\geq 2}^{n} z_{j}\,\bar{p}_{k}\bar{v}_{j}v_{k} + 4\sum_{j,k\geq 2, j\neq k}^{n} \bar{z}_{j}z_{k}v_{j}\bar{v}_{k} \\ &= 4\|v\|^{2} \cdot |u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)| + 4\sum_{j=2}^{n} z_{j}\bar{z}_{j}v_{j}\bar{z}_{j} \\ &+ 4\sum_{j,k\geq 2}^{n} (p_{j}\,\bar{p}_{k}v_{j}\bar{v}_{k} - \bar{z}_{j}\,p_{k}v_{j}\bar{v}_{k} - z_{j}\,\bar{p}_{k}\bar{v}_{j}v_{k} + \bar{z}_{j}z_{k}v_{j}\bar{v}_{k}) \\ &= 4\|v\|^{2} \cdot |u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)| + 4\sum_{j,k\geq 2}^{n} (p_{j}\,\bar{p}_{k}v_{j}\bar{v}_{k} - \bar{z}_{j}\,p_{k}v_{j}\bar{v}_{k} - z_{j}\,\bar{p}_{k}\bar{v}_{j}v_{k} + \bar{z}_{j}z_{k}v_{j}\bar{v}_{k}) \\ &= 4\|v\|^{2} \cdot |u_{\mathbb{H}_{n}}(z)| + 4|(\overline{p-\bar{z}})^{T}v|^{2}. \end{split}$$

For formula (3-6) we just need to show that

$$(2i\bar{\tilde{z}}^Tv, v^T) \cdot (g_{j,k})_{j,k} \cdot \overline{(a-2i\bar{\tilde{z}}^Tv, 0)}^T = 0.$$

Indeed, we have

$$u_{\mathbb{H}_n}(z)^2 \cdot (g_{j,k})_{j,k} \cdot \overline{(a-2i\bar{z}^Tv,0)}^T$$

= $(\bar{a}+2i\bar{z}^T\bar{v},-2i\bar{z}_2\bar{a}+4\bar{z}_2\bar{z}^T\bar{v},\ldots,-2i\bar{z}_n\bar{a}+4\bar{z}_n\bar{z}^T\bar{v})^T$

and

$$(2i\bar{\bar{z}}^Tv, v^T)(\bar{a} + 2i\bar{z}^T\bar{v}, -2i\bar{z}_2\bar{a} + 4\bar{z}_2\bar{z}^T\bar{v}, \dots, -2i\bar{z}_n\bar{a} + 4\bar{z}_n\bar{z}^T\bar{v})^T = 2i\bar{a}\bar{\bar{z}}^Tv - 4|\bar{z}^T\bar{v}|^2 - 2i\bar{a}\bar{\bar{z}}^Tv + 4|\bar{z}^T\bar{v}|^2 = 0. \quad \Box$$

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