

*L<sup>p</sup>-MULTIPLIERS FOR THE LAGUERRE EXPANSIONS*

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**0. Introduction.** Let  $L$  be the homogeneous sublaplacian on the Heisenberg group  $H$  and let  $E(\lambda)$  be the corresponding resolution of the identity, i.e.,

$$L = \int_0^{\infty} \lambda dE(\lambda).$$

For a bounded measurable function  $K$  on  $\mathbf{R}_+$  we can define the operator

$$(0.1) \quad T_K = \int_0^{\infty} K(\lambda) dE(\lambda)$$

which is bounded on  $L^2(H)$ . If  $T_K$  is bounded on  $L^p(H)$ , then  $K$  will be called an  $L^p$ -multiplier for the sublaplacian. We know some sufficient conditions on  $K$  to be an  $L^p$ -multiplier. For example, the following theorem holds:

**THEOREM A.** *There exists an  $N \in \mathbf{N}$  such that if  $K \in C^N(\mathbf{R}_+)$  and*

$$(0.2) \quad \sup_{\lambda > 0} |K^{(j)}(\lambda) \lambda^j| \leq B < \infty, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, N,$$

*then the operator  $T_K$  defined by (0.1) is bounded on  $L^p(H)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , and*

$$\|T_K\|_{L^p(H), L^p(H)} \leq C_p B.$$

We know several proofs of this theorem (see, e.g., [3], [5], [12]). It is also a corollary to multiplier theorems of [9] and [10]. The best  $N$  obtained by these authors is equal to  $\frac{1}{2}Q + 2$ , where  $Q$  is the homogeneous dimension of  $H$ .

In this paper we prove that every continuous  $L^p$ -multiplier for the sublaplacian on the Heisenberg group is an  $L^p$ -multiplier for the Laguerre expansions. Related results are in [2], [7], [8] and [12], where (among other things) authors interpret some theorems concerning nilpotent Lie groups in terms of eigenfunction expansions of differential operators on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . For example, in [8] and [12] theorems concerning summability methods and

$L^p$ -multipliers are obtained for the eigenfunction expansions of the operators on  $\mathbf{R}$  of the form

$$(-1)^k \frac{d^{2k}}{dx^{2k}} + p(x),$$

where  $p(x)$  is a positive polynomial and  $k$  is an arbitrary positive integer. In particular, for  $k = 1$  we have the Hermite expansion. Proofs of these theorems use the observation that every such operator is an image by a unitary representation of some positive Rockland operator on a homogeneous group (cf. [1] and [8]). These results do not include the Laguerre expansions. We apply to this case a different approach based on eigen-expansions of the sublaplacian acting on the space of functions considered by Geller [6], and on analogy to the classical passage from  $L^p$ -multipliers on  $\mathbf{R}^n$  to those on  $T^n$ .

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1. Let  $H_n$  be the Heisenberg group with underlying manifold  $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{C}^n$  and multiplication given by

$$(t, z)(t', z') = (t + t' + 2 \operatorname{Im} z \bar{z}', z + z'), \quad \text{where } z \bar{z}' = \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \bar{z}'_j.$$

We sometimes write the element  $(t, z)$  as  $(t, x, y) \in \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}^{2n}$ , where  $z_j = x_j + iy_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ .

Let  $L$  be the homogeneous sublaplacian on  $H_n$ , i.e.,

$$L = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j^2 + Y_j^2),$$

where  $X_j$  ( $Y_j$ ) is the element of the Lie algebra of  $H_n$  corresponding to the one-parameter subgroup  $(0, \dots, 0, t, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $t$  in the  $x_j$  ( $y_j$ ) position. Let  $E(\lambda)$  be the spectral resolution of the identity corresponding to  $L$ , i.e.,

$$L = \int_0^\infty \lambda dE(\lambda).$$

For a bounded measurable function  $K$  on  $\mathbf{R}_+$  we define the operator  $T_K$  by

$$(1.1) \quad T_K = \int_0^\infty K(\lambda) dE(\lambda).$$

$T_K$  is always bounded on  $L^2(H_n)$ . Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . If  $T_K$  is bounded on  $L^p(H_n)$ , we say that the function  $K$  is an  $L^p$ -multiplier for the sublaplacian.

Let

$$l_j^k(v) = \left( \frac{j!}{(j+k)!} \right)^{1/2} v^{k/2} e^{-v/2} L_j^k(v), \quad v \in \mathbf{R}_+,$$

be the Laguerre function of type  $k$ , where  $L_j^k(v)$  is the Laguerre polynomial

$$L_j^k(v) = \sum_{p=1}^j \binom{j+k}{j-p} \frac{(-v)^p}{p!}.$$

For  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$  put

$$l_\alpha^m(v) = \sum_{j=1}^n l_{\alpha_j}^{|m_j|}(v_j), \quad \text{where } v = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n.$$

We define  $L^p$ -multipliers for the Laguerre expansions as follows:

Let  $F$  be a bounded function on  $\mathbb{N}^n$ . For a function  $\varphi \in L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  with the Laguerre expansion

$$(1.2) \quad \varphi \sim \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} (\varphi, l_\alpha^m) l_\alpha^m$$

we define  $T_F \varphi$  by

$$T_F \varphi \sim \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} F(\alpha) (\varphi, l_\alpha^m) l_\alpha^m.$$

If  $T_F$  is a bounded operator on  $L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$ , then  $F$  will be called an  $L^p$ -multiplier for the Laguerre series.

**THEOREM.** Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . If  $K$  is a continuous function on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  and if it is an  $L^p$ -multiplier for the sublaplacian on the Heisenberg group  $H_n$ , then for every  $s > 0$  the operator  $\tilde{T}_{K,s}$  defined for a  $\varphi \in L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  with the Laguerre expansion (1.2) by

$$(1.3) \quad \tilde{T}_{K,s} \varphi \sim \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} K(s(2|\alpha| + n)) (\varphi, l_\alpha^m) l_\alpha^m$$

is bounded on  $L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  and

$$\|\tilde{T}_{K,s}\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^n), L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^n)} \leq \|T_K\|_{L^p(H_n), L^p(H_n)}.$$

As an application of the Theorem we present the following

**COROLLARY.** Let  $n$  be a positive integer. If a function  $K \in C^{n+3}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and if it satisfies condition (0.2), then for every  $s > 0$  the function  $\{K(s(2|\alpha| + n))\}_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n}$  is an  $L^p$ -multiplier for the Laguerre series of type  $m$  for all  $p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , and  $m \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . In addition, we have the following estimation for the norm of the corresponding operator  $\tilde{T}_{K,s}$ :

$$\|\tilde{T}_{K,s}\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^n), L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^n)} \leq C_p B,$$

where the constant  $C_p$  does not depend on  $K$ ,  $s$  and  $m$ .

2. In this section we investigate the action of  $L$  on spaces of functions of the form

$$(2.1) \quad f(t, z) = \exp(i \sum_{j=1}^n m_j \theta_j) f_0(t, r_1, \dots, r_n),$$

where  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $z_j = r_j \exp(i\theta_j)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . These spaces were considered by Geller [6].

For a multi-index  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  we use the notation

$$m^+ = (m_1^+, \dots, m_n^+) \quad \text{and} \quad m^- = (m_1^-, \dots, m_n^-),$$

where  $m_j^+ = \max(m_j, 0)$  and  $m_j^- = \max(-m_j, 0)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ .

LEMMA 1. *The functions*

$$(2.2) \quad \varphi_{\alpha, \lambda}^m(t, z) = \exp\left(i \sum_{j=1}^n m_j \theta_j\right) l_{\alpha}^m(2|\lambda| r^2) e^{-i\lambda t},$$

where  $r = (r_1^2, \dots, r_n^2)$ , are eigenfunctions of  $L$  on  $H_n$  with the corresponding eigenvalues  $|\lambda|(2|\alpha + m^-| + n)$  for  $\lambda < 0$  and  $|\lambda|(2|\alpha + m^+| + n)$  for  $\lambda > 0$ .

Proof. It is routine to verify this writing  $L$  in polar coordinates

$$x_j = r_j \cos \theta_j,$$

$$y_j = r_j \sin \theta_j,$$

$j = 1, \dots, n$ , and using the second order differential equation satisfied by  $L_j^k(v)$  (see [4]):

$$v \frac{d^2}{dv^2} L_j^k(v) + (k+1-v) \frac{d}{dv} L_j^k(v) + j L_j^k(v) = 0.$$

Let  $L_m^2(H_n)$  be the subspace of  $L^2(H_n)$  of functions of the form (2.1). Denote by  $\mathcal{F}_1(f_0)$  the Fourier transform of  $f_0 \in L^2(H_n)$  with respect to the central variable, i.e.,

$$(2.3) \quad \mathcal{F}_1(f_0)(\lambda, r_1, \dots, r_n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} f_0(t, r_1, \dots, r_n) dt$$

for  $f_0 \in L^1 \cap L^2(H_n)$ . For  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$  let (cf. [6])

$$(2.4) \quad R_{\alpha}^m(\lambda, f) = (2\pi)^n \int_0^{\infty} \dots \int_0^{\infty} (\mathcal{F}_1 f_0)(\lambda, r_1, \dots, r_n) \times \prod_{j=1}^n l_{\alpha_j}^{|m_j|}(2|\lambda| r_j^2) r_j dr_j.$$

We have for  $f \in L_m^2(H_n)$

$$(2.5) \quad (\mathcal{F}_1 f_0)(\lambda, r_1, \dots, r_n) = \left(\frac{2|\lambda|}{\pi}\right)^n \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} R_{\alpha}^m(\lambda, f) l_{\alpha}^m(2|\lambda| r^2)$$

(the series being convergent in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  for a.e.  $\lambda$ ). For  $f \in \mathcal{S}(H_n)$  of the form (2.1) we have

$$(2.6) \quad f_0(t, r_1, \dots, r_n) = \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^n \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\lambda t} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} R_{\alpha}^m(\lambda, f) l_{\alpha}^m(2|\lambda| r^2) |\lambda|^n d\lambda$$

and for  $f \in L^2_{\mathbf{m}}(H_n)$

$$(2.7) \quad 2\pi \|f\|_{L^2_{\mathbf{m}}(H_n)}^2 = \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} |R_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda, f)|^2 |\lambda|^n d\lambda.$$

LEMMA 2. *The spaces  $L^2_{\mathbf{m}}(H_n)$  are preserved by the operators  $T_K$  of the form (1.1) and for  $f \in L^2_{\mathbf{m}}(H_n)$  we have*

$$(2.8) \quad R_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda, T_K f) = K_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda) R_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda, f) \text{ a.e.,}$$

where

$$(2.9) \quad K_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} K(|\lambda|(2|\alpha + \mathbf{m}^-| + n)) & \text{for } \lambda < 0, \\ K(|\lambda|(2|\alpha + \mathbf{m}^+| + n)) & \text{for } \lambda > 0. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Assume first that  $T_K$  is a convolution operator by an  $L^1$  radial function (i.e., a function satisfying (2.1) with  $\mathbf{m} = (0, \dots, 0)$ ). It is obvious that  $T_K$  preserves the spaces  $L^2_{\mathbf{m}}(H_n)$ . From Lemma 1 we have

$$T_K \varphi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{\mathbf{m}} = K_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda) \varphi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{\mathbf{m}}.$$

Hence from the formula (2.6) it follows that if

$$(2.10) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} |R_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda, f)| |\lambda|^n d\lambda < \infty,$$

then

$$(2.11) \quad T_K f(t, z_1, \dots, z_n) = \exp\left(i \sum_{j=1}^n m_j \theta_j\right) \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^n \frac{1}{2\pi} \\ \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\lambda t} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} K_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda) R_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda, f) l_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{m}}(2|\lambda| r^2) |\lambda|^n d\lambda.$$

Since the formula (2.10) is satisfied for functions in  $\mathcal{S}(H_n)$ , it holds for a dense subset of  $L^2_{\mathbf{m}}(H_n)$ . Thus the formula (2.8) holds for all  $f \in L^2_{\mathbf{m}}(H_n)$  in virtue of the fact that the map  $f \rightarrow R_{\alpha}^{\mathbf{m}}(\lambda, f)$  from  $L^2_{\mathbf{m}}(H_n)$  to  $L^2(\mathbb{R}, |\lambda|^n d\lambda)$  is continuous (cf. formula (2.7)).

Now, if  $K \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  is arbitrary, we can find a sequence of functions  $K_j$  in  $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  such that  $T_{K_j}$  are convolutions by  $L^1$  radial functions,  $T_{K_j}$  tends to  $T_K$  in strong operator topology, and  $K_j(\lambda)$  tends to  $K(\lambda)$  for almost all  $\lambda$ . (To do this we can use, e.g., [7], Theorem 1.12.)

**3. Proof of the Theorem.** To simplify the notation we present the proof for the case  $n = 1$  only, the modifications for  $n > 1$  being obvious. The corresponding group  $H_1$  will be denoted by  $H$ .

Assume first that  $1 < p < \infty$ . Let  $m$  be a non-negative integer and let

$s > 0$ . Consider the functions  $f$  and  $g$  on  $H$  of the forms

$$(3.1) \quad f(t, z) = f_0(|z|) e^{im\theta} e^{is}, \quad g(t, z) = g_0(|z|) e^{im\theta} e^{is},$$

where  $z = |z| e^{i\theta}$  and

$$f_0(|z|) \in L^2 \cap L^p(\mathbb{C}), \quad g_0(|z|) \in L^2 \cap L^q(\mathbb{C}), \quad 1/p + 1/q = 1.$$

For  $\delta > 0$  define the function

$$w_\delta(t) = \exp(-\pi\delta t^2), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We have

$$f(t, z) w_{\varepsilon\beta}(t) \in L^2 \cap L^2(H), \quad g(t, z) w_{\varepsilon\gamma}(t) \in L^2 \cap L^q(H)$$

for  $\varepsilon, \beta, \gamma > 0$ . Now, by the assumption, the operator  $T_K$  defined by (1.1) is bounded on  $L^p(H)$ . Consequently,

$$(3.2) \quad \left| \int_H T_K(f w_{\varepsilon\beta}) \bar{g} w_{\varepsilon\gamma} \right| \leq \|T_K\|_{L^p(H), L^p(H)} \|f_0\|_{L^p(\mathbb{C})} \|g_0\|_{L^q(\mathbb{C})} \|w_{\varepsilon\beta}\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})} \|w_{\varepsilon\gamma}\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R})}.$$

Put  $\beta = 1/p$ ,  $\gamma = 1/q$  and multiply both sides of (3.2) by  $\varepsilon^{1/2}$ . On the right-hand side we obtain the expression

$$\left( \varepsilon^{1/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-\pi\varepsilon t^2) dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \varepsilon^{1/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-\pi\varepsilon t^2) dt \right)^{1/q} = 1.$$

On the left-hand side we have, by the Plancherel formula (cf. (2.7)),

$$(3.3) \quad \varepsilon^{1/2} \int_H T_K(f w_{\varepsilon\beta}) \bar{g} w_{\varepsilon\gamma} = \varepsilon^{1/2} \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_\alpha^m(\lambda, T_K(f w_{\varepsilon\beta})) \overline{R_\alpha^m(\lambda, g w_{\varepsilon\gamma})} |\lambda| d\lambda$$

(we have changed the order of integration and summation, which is permissible for functions from  $L^2(H)$ ). Now, by the definition of  $R_\alpha^m$  (cf. (2.4))

$$\begin{aligned} R_\alpha^m(\lambda, g w_{\varepsilon\gamma}) &= 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \exp(-\pi\varepsilon\gamma t^2) e^{is} dt \int_0^{\infty} g_0(r) l_\alpha^m(2|\lambda|r^2) r dr \\ &= 2\pi(\varepsilon\gamma)^{-1/2} \exp(-|\lambda + s|^2/4\pi\varepsilon\gamma) \int_0^{\infty} g_0(r) l_\alpha^m(2|\lambda|r^2) r dr. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2 we know that

$$R^m(\lambda, T_K(f w_{\varepsilon\beta})) = K_\alpha^m(\lambda) R_\alpha^m(\lambda, f w_{\varepsilon\beta}).$$

Thus, the expression (3.3) is equal to

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{2}{\pi} (2\pi)^2 \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}} \int_0^\infty K_\alpha^m(\lambda) \int_0^\infty f_0(r) l_\alpha^m(2|\lambda|r^2) r dr \\ \times \int_0^\infty \overline{g_0(r)} l_\alpha^m(2|\lambda|r^2) r dr (\varepsilon\beta\gamma)^{-1/2} \exp(-|\lambda + s|^2/4\pi\varepsilon\beta\gamma) |\lambda| d\lambda$$

(we recall that  $1/\beta + 1/\gamma = 1/\beta\gamma$ , since  $\beta = 1/p, \gamma = 1/q$ ).

Observe that the integral with respect to  $\lambda$  in the above expression is, in fact, the convolution estimated at the point  $-s$  of some function of  $\lambda$  continuous for  $\lambda \neq 0$  with the Gauss-Weierstrass kernel

$$W_{\varepsilon\beta\gamma}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi} (\varepsilon\beta\gamma)^{-1/2} \exp(-|\lambda|^2/4\pi\varepsilon\beta\gamma).$$

Observe also that for  $f_0, g_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+, r dr)$  the absolute value of the remainder of the series is small independently of  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Therefore, letting  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  in (3.4), we can change the order of  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0}$  and  $\sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}}$ . Thus, in virtue of the inequality (3.2) and the whole consideration, we obtain finally

$$(3.5) \quad \left| 8\pi \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}} K_\alpha^m(-s) \int_0^\infty f_0(r) l_\alpha^m(2sr^2) r dr \right. \\ \left. \times \int_0^\infty \overline{g_0(r)} l_\alpha^m(2sr^2) r dr s \right| \leq \|T_K\|_{L^p(\mathbb{H}), L^p(\mathbb{H})} \|f_0\|_{L^p(\mathbb{C})} \|g_0\|_{L^q(\mathbb{C})}.$$

Define the functions  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  as follows:

$$\varphi(u) = f_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{u}{2s}}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi(u) = g_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{u}{2s}}\right).$$

We have

$$(3.6) \quad \|f_0\|_{L^p(\mathbb{C})} = \left(2\pi \int_0^\infty |f_0(r)|^p r dr\right)^{1/p} \\ = \left(\frac{\pi}{2s} \int_0^\infty |\varphi(u)|^p du\right)^{1/p} = \left(\frac{\pi}{2s}\right)^{1/p} \|\varphi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+)}$$

and similarly for  $g_0$ . Changing the variable in the same way on the left-hand side of (3.5), putting  $K_\alpha^m(-s) = K(s(2\alpha + 1))$  (cf. Lemma 2), and then dividing both sides by  $\pi/2s$  we obtain

$$\left| \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}} K(s(2\alpha + 1)) (\varphi, l_\alpha^m)(\bar{\psi}, l_\alpha^m) \right| \leq \|T_K\|_{L^p(\mathbb{H}), L^p(\mathbb{H})} \|\varphi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+)} \|\psi\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}_+)}$$

for  $\varphi = L^2 \cap L^p(\mathbf{R}_+)$ ,  $\psi \in L^2 \cap L^q(\mathbf{R}_+)$ . Now the Theorem follows for  $1 < p < \infty$  by the usual density arguments.

The case  $p = 1$  is even simpler. Let  $f \in L^1 \cap L^2(H)$  be of the form

$$f(t, z) = e^{im\theta} f_0(|z|) h(t),$$

where  $z = |z| e^{i\theta}$  and  $m$  is a non-negative integer. Since  $T_K$  is an  $L^1$ -multiplier and it preserves the space  $L_m^2(H)$ , so  $T_K f \in L^1 \cap L_m^2(H)$ . Thus

$$T_K f(t, z) = e^{im\theta} (T_K f)_0(t, |z|)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (3.7) \quad \mathcal{F}_1(T_K f)_0(\lambda, r) &= \frac{2|\lambda|}{\pi} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}} R_\alpha^m(\lambda, T_K f) l_\alpha^m(2|\lambda|r^2) \\ &= \frac{2|\lambda|}{\pi} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}} K_\alpha^m(\lambda) R_\alpha^m(\lambda, f) l_\alpha^m(2|\lambda|r^2) \\ &= \frac{2|\lambda|}{\pi} 2\pi \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}} K_\alpha^m(\lambda) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) e^{i\lambda t} dt \int_0^{\infty} f_0(r_1) l_\alpha^m(2|\lambda|r_1^2) r_1 dr_1 \\ &\quad \times l_\alpha^m(2|\lambda|r^2) \end{aligned}$$

by (2.5), Lemma 2 and (2.4). Now, for any  $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (3.8) \quad \int_0^{\infty} |\mathcal{F}_1(T_K f)_0(\lambda, r)| r dr &\leq \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |T_K f(t, r)| dt r dr \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \|T_K f\|_{L^1(H)} \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \|T_K\|_{L^1(H), L^1(H)} \|f_0\|_{L^1(\mathbf{C})} \|h\|_{L^1(\mathbf{R})}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $s > 0$  and let  $h(t) = \exp(-\pi t^2) e^{ist}$ . We have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) e^{i\lambda t} dt = \exp(-|\lambda + s|^2/4\pi) \quad \text{and} \quad \|h\|_{L^1(\mathbf{R})} = 1.$$

Thus for  $\lambda = -s$ , in virtue of (3.7), the inequality (3.8) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} 4s \int_0^{\infty} \left| \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbf{N}} K(s(2\alpha + 1)) \int_0^{\infty} f_0(r_1) l_\alpha^m(2sr_1^2) r_1 dr_1 l_\alpha^m(2sr^2) r dr \right| \\ \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \|T_K\|_{L^1(H), L^1(H)} \|f_0\|_{L^1(\mathbf{C})}. \end{aligned}$$

Define as for  $p > 1$  the function

$$\varphi(u) = f_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{u}{2s}}\right).$$

By considerations analogous to the previous ones, the last inequality is

equivalent to

$$\left\| \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}} K(s(2\alpha + 1)) (\varphi, l_{\alpha}^m) l_{\alpha}^m \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)} \leq \|T_K\|_{L^1(H), L^1(H)} \|\varphi\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)}$$

for  $\varphi \in L^1 \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . This proves the case  $p = 1$ .

If  $T_K$  is an  $L^\infty$ -multiplier for the sublaplacian on  $H$ , then it is an  $L^1$ -multiplier. Then from the case  $p = 1$  we infer that the operator  $\tilde{T}_K$ , defined by (1.3) is bounded on  $L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and, consequently, it is bounded on  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Thus the Theorem is established.

Remark. The idea of the proof is taken from [11], pp. 260–263, the proof of Theorem 3.8.

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