

ON REGULAR HARMONICS OF ONE QUATERNIONIC VARIABLE

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ABSTRACT. We prove some results about the Fueter-regular homogeneous polynomials, which appear as components in the power series of any quaternionic regular function. Let B denote the unit ball in $\mathbb{C}^2 \simeq \mathbb{H}$ and $S = \partial B$ the group of unit quaternions. In §2.1 we obtain a differential condition that characterizes the homogeneous polynomials whose restrictions to S extend as a regular polynomial. This result generalizes a similar characterization for holomorphic extensions of polynomials proved by Kytmanov.

In §2.2 we show how to define an injective linear operator $R : \mathcal{H}_k(S) \rightarrow U_k^\psi$ between the space of complex-valued spherical harmonics and the \mathbb{H} -module of regular homogeneous polynomials of degree k . In particular, we show how to construct bases of the module of regular homogeneous polynomials of a fixed degree starting from any choice of \mathbb{C} -bases of the spaces of complex harmonic homogeneous polynomials.

1. NOTATIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

1.1. Let $\Omega = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^2 : \rho(z) < 0\}$ be a bounded domain in \mathbb{C}^2 with smooth boundary. Let ν denote the outer unit normal to $\partial\Omega$ and $\tau = i\nu$. For every $F \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$, let $\bar{\partial}_n F = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \nu} + i \frac{\partial F}{\partial \tau} \right)$ be the normal component of $\bar{\partial}F$ (see [K] §§3.3 and 14.2). It can be expressed by means of the Hodge $*$ -operator and the Lebesgue surface measure as $\bar{\partial}_n f d\sigma = * \bar{\partial}f|_{\partial\Omega}$. In a neighbourhood of $\partial\Omega$ we have the decomposition of $\bar{\partial}F$ in the tangential and the normal parts: $\bar{\partial}F = \bar{\partial}_b F + \bar{\partial}_n F \frac{\bar{\partial}\rho}{|\bar{\partial}\rho|}$. We denote by L the tangential Cauchy-Riemann operator $L = \frac{1}{|\bar{\partial}\rho|} \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial\bar{z}_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial\bar{z}_1} - \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial\bar{z}_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial\bar{z}_2} \right)$.

Let \mathbb{H} be the algebra of quaternions $q = x_0 + ix_1 + jx_2 + kx_3$, where x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3 are real numbers and i, j, k denote the basic quaternions. We identify the space \mathbb{C}^2 with the set \mathbb{H} by means of the mapping that associates the quaternion $q = z_1 + z_2j$ to $(z_1, z_2) = (x_0 + ix_1, x_2 + ix_3)$. We refer to [S] for the basic facts of quaternionic analysis. We will denote by \mathcal{D} the left Cauchy-Riemann-Fueter operator

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_0} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}.$$

A quaternionic C^1 function $f = f_1 + f_2j$, is *(left-)regular* on a domain $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{H}$ if $\mathcal{D}f = 0$ on Ω . We prefer to work with another class of regular functions, which

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is more explicitly connected with the hyperkähler structure of \mathbb{H} . It is defined by the Cauchy-Riemann-Fueter operator associated to the structural vector $\psi = \{1, i, j, -k\}$:

$$\mathcal{D}' = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_0} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} - k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} = 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_1} + j \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_2} \right).$$

A quaternionic C^1 function $f = f_1 + f_2 j$, is called (*left*-) ψ -regular on a domain Ω , if $\mathcal{D}'f = 0$ on Ω . This condition is equivalent to the following system of complex differential equations:

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \bar{z}_1} = \frac{\partial \bar{f}_2}{\partial z_2}, \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \bar{z}_2} = -\frac{\partial \bar{f}_2}{\partial z_1}.$$

The identity mapping is ψ -regular, and any holomorphic mapping (f_1, f_2) on Ω defines a ψ -regular function $f = f_1 + f_2 j$. This is no more true if we replace ψ -regularity with regularity. Moreover, the complex components of a ψ -regular function are either both holomorphic or both not-holomorphic (cf. [VS], [MS] and [P]). Let γ be the transformation of \mathbb{C}^2 defined by $\gamma(z_1, z_2) = (z_1, \bar{z}_2)$. Then a C^1 function f is regular on the domain Ω if, and only if, $f \circ \gamma$ is ψ -regular on $\gamma^{-1}(\Omega)$.

1.2. The two-dimensional Bochner-Martinelli form $U(\zeta, z)$ is the first complex component of the Cauchy-Fueter kernel $G'(p - q)$ associated to ψ -regular functions (cf. [F], [VS], [MS]). Let $q = z_1 + z_2 j$, $p = \zeta_1 + \zeta_2 j$, $\sigma(q) = dx[0] - idx[1] + jdx[2] + kdx[3]$, where $dx[k]$ denotes the product of dx_0, dx_1, dx_2, dx_3 with dx_k deleted. Then $G'(p - q)\sigma(p) = U(\zeta, z) + \omega(\zeta, z)j$, where $\omega(\zeta, z)$ is the complex (1, 2)-form

$$\omega(\zeta, z) = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} |\zeta - z|^{-4} ((\bar{\zeta}_1 - \bar{z}_1)d\zeta_1 + (\bar{\zeta}_2 - \bar{z}_2)d\zeta_2) \wedge \bar{d}\bar{\zeta}.$$

Here $\bar{d}\bar{\zeta} = \bar{d}\bar{\zeta}_1 \wedge \bar{d}\bar{\zeta}_2$ and we choose the orientation of \mathbb{C}^2 given by the volume form $\frac{1}{4} dz_1 \wedge dz_2 \wedge \bar{d}z_1 \wedge \bar{d}z_2$. Given $g(\zeta, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} |\zeta - z|^{-2}$, we can also write $U(\zeta, z) = -2 * \partial_\zeta g(\zeta, z)$ and $\omega(\zeta, z) = -\partial_\zeta(g(\zeta, z)\bar{d}\bar{\zeta})$.

2. REGULAR POLYNOMIALS

2.1. In this section we will obtain a differential condition that characterizes the homogeneous polynomials whose restrictions to the unit sphere extend regularly or ψ -regularly. We will use a computation made by Kytmanov in [K1] (cf. also [K] Corollary 23.4), where the analogous result for holomorphic extensions is proved.

Let Ω be the unit ball B in \mathbb{C}^2 , $S = \partial B$ the unit sphere. In this case the operators $\bar{\partial}_n$ and L have the following forms:

$$\bar{\partial}_n = \bar{z}_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_1} + \bar{z}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_2}, \quad L = z_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_1} - z_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_2}$$

and they preserve harmonicity. Let $\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_1 \partial \bar{z}_1} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_2 \partial \bar{z}_2}$ be the Laplacian in \mathbb{C}^2 and D_k the differential operator

$$D_k = \sum_{0 \leq l \leq k/2-1} \frac{(k-2l-1)!(2l-1)!!}{k!(l+1)!} 2^l \Delta^{l+1}.$$

Theorem 1. *Let $f = f_1 + f_2 j$ be a \mathbb{H} -valued, homogeneous polynomial of degree k . Then its restriction to S extends as a ψ -regular function into B if, and only if,*

$$(\bar{\partial}_n - D_k)f_1 + \overline{L(f_2)} = 0 \quad \text{on } S.$$

Proof. In the first part we can proceed as in [K1]. The harmonic extension \tilde{f}_1 of $f_1|_S$ into B is given by Gauss's formula: $\tilde{f}_1 = \sum_{s \geq 0} g_{k-2s}$, where g_{k-2s} is the homogeneous harmonic polynomial of degree $k - 2s$ defined by

$$(*) \quad g_{k-2s} = \frac{k-2s+1}{s!(k-s+1)!} \sum_{j \geq 0} \frac{(-1)^j (k-j-2s)!}{j!} |z|^{2j} \Delta^{j+s} f_1.$$

Then $\bar{\partial}_n \tilde{f}_1 = \bar{\partial}_n f_1 - D_k f_1$ on S (cf. [K]§23). Let \tilde{f}_2 be the harmonic extension of f_2 into B and $\tilde{f} = \tilde{f}_1 + \tilde{f}_2 j$. Then $(\bar{\partial}_n - D_k)f_1 + \overline{L(f_2)} = 0$ on S is equivalent to $\bar{\partial}_n \tilde{f}_1 + \overline{L(f_2)} = 0$ on S . We now show that this implies the ψ -regularity of \tilde{f} . Let F^+ and F^- be the ψ -regular functions defined respectively on B and on $\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \overline{B}$ by the Cauchy-Fueter integral of \tilde{f} :

$$F^\pm(z) = \int_S U(\zeta, z) \tilde{f}(\zeta) + \int_S \omega(\zeta, z) j \tilde{f}(\zeta).$$

From the equalities $U(\zeta, z) = -2 * \partial_\zeta g(\zeta, z)$, $\omega(\zeta, z) = -\partial_\zeta(g(\zeta, z) d\bar{\zeta})$, we get that

$$F^-(z) = -2 \int_S (\tilde{f}_1(\zeta) + f_2(\zeta) j) * \partial_\zeta g(\zeta, z) - \int_S \partial_\zeta(g(\zeta, z) d\bar{\zeta}) (\overline{\tilde{f}_1} j - \overline{\tilde{f}_2})$$

for every $z \notin \overline{B}$. From the complex Green formula and Stokes' Theorem and from the equality $\bar{\partial} \tilde{f}_2 \wedge d\zeta|_S = 2L(f_2)d\sigma$ on S , we get that the first complex component of $F^-(z)$ is

$$-2 \int_S \tilde{f}_1 \partial_n g d\sigma + \int_S \overline{\tilde{f}_2} \partial_\zeta g \wedge d\bar{\zeta} = -2 \int_S g \bar{\partial}_n \tilde{f}_1 d\sigma - \int_S g \partial_\zeta \overline{\tilde{f}_2} \wedge d\bar{\zeta} = -2 \int_S g (\bar{\partial}_n \tilde{f}_1 + \overline{L(f_2)}) d\sigma$$

and then it vanishes on $\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \overline{B}$. Therefore, $F^- = F_2 j$, with F_2 a holomorphic function that can be holomorphically continued to the whole space. Let $\tilde{F}^- = \tilde{F}_2 j$ be such extension. Then $F = F^+ - \tilde{F}|_B$ is a ψ -regular function on B (indeed a polynomial of the same degree k), continuous on \overline{B} , such that $F|_S = f|_S$. The converse is immediate from the equations of ψ -regularity.

Let N and T be the differential operators

$$N = \bar{z}_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_1} + z_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2}, \quad T = \bar{z}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_1} - z_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2}.$$

T is a tangential operator w.r.t. S , while N is non-tangential, such that $N(\rho) = |\bar{\partial}\rho|^2$, $\text{Re}(N) = |\bar{\partial}\rho| \text{Re}(\bar{\partial}_n)$, where $\rho = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 - 1$. Let γ be the reflection introduced at the end of §1.1. The operator D_k is γ -invariant, i.e. $D_k(f \circ \gamma) = D_k(f) \circ \gamma$, since Δ is invariant. It follows a criterion for regularity of homogeneous polynomials.

Corollary 1. *Let $f = f_1 + f_2j$ be a \mathbb{H} -valued, homogeneous polynomial of degree k . Then its restriction to S extends as a regular function into B if, and only if,*

$$(N - D_k)f_1 + \overline{T(f_2)} = 0 \quad \text{on } S.$$

Remark. Let $g = \sum_k g^k$ be the homogeneous decomposition of a polynomial g . After replacing $D_k g$ by $\sum_k D_k g^k$, we can extend the preceding results also to non-homogeneous polynomials.

2.2. Let \mathcal{P}_k denote the space of homogeneous complex-valued polynomials of degree k on \mathbb{C}^2 , and \mathcal{H}_k the space of harmonic polynomials in \mathcal{P}_k . The space \mathcal{H}_k is the sum of the pairwise $L^2(S)$ -orthogonal spaces $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}$ ($p + q = k$), whose elements are the harmonic homogeneous polynomials of degree p in z_1, z_2 and q in \bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2 (cf. for example [R]§12.2). The spaces \mathcal{H}_k and $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}$ can be identified with the spaces of the restrictions of their elements to S (*spherical harmonics*). These spaces will be denoted by $\mathcal{H}_k(S)$ and $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}(S)$ respectively.

Let U_k^ψ be the right \mathbb{H} -module of (left) ψ -regular homogeneous polynomials of degree k . The elements of the modules U_k^ψ can be identified with their restrictions to S , which we will call *regular harmonics*.

Theorem 2. *For every $f_1 \in \mathcal{P}_k$, there exists $f_2 \in \mathcal{P}_k$ such that the trace of $f = f_1 + f_2j$ on S extends as a ψ -regular polynomial of degree at most k on \mathbb{H} . If $f_1 \in \mathcal{H}_k$, then $f_2 \in \mathcal{H}_k$ and $f = f_1 + f_2j \in U_k^\psi$.*

Proof. We can suppose that f_1 has degree p in z and q in \bar{z} , $p + q = k$, and then extend by linearity. Let $\tilde{f}_1 = \sum_{s \geq 0} g_{p-s, q-s}$ be the harmonic extension of f_1 into B , where $g_{p-s, q-s} \in \mathcal{H}_{p-s, q-s}$ is given by formula (*). Then $\bar{\partial}_n \overline{L(g_{p-s, q-s})} = (p - s + 1)L(g_{p-s, q-s})$. We set

$$\tilde{f}_2 = \sum_{s \geq 0} \frac{1}{p - s + 1} \overline{L(g_{p-s, q-s})} \in \bigoplus_{s \geq 0} \mathcal{H}_{k-2s}.$$

Then $\bar{\partial}_n \tilde{f}_2 = \overline{L(f_1)}$ on S and we can conclude as in the proof of Theorem 1 that $\tilde{f} = \tilde{f}_1 + \tilde{f}_2j$ is a ψ -regular polynomial of degree at most k . Now it suffices to define

$$f_2 = \sum_{s \geq 0} \frac{|z|^{2s}}{p - s + 1} \overline{L(g_{p-s, q-s})} \in \mathcal{P}_k$$

to get a homogeneous polynomial $f = f_1 + f_2j$, of degree k , that has the same restriction to S as \tilde{f} . If $f_1 \in \mathcal{H}_k$, then $\tilde{f}_1 = f_1$, $\tilde{f}_2 = f_2$ and therefore $f \in U_k^\psi$.

Let $C : U_k^\psi \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_k(S)$ be the complex-linear operator that associates to $f = f_1 + f_2j$ the restriction to S of its first complex component f_1 . The function \tilde{f} in the preceding proof gives a right inverse $R : \mathcal{H}_k(S) \rightarrow U_k^\psi$ of the operator C . The function $R(f_1)$ is uniquely determined by the orthogonality condition with respect to the functions holomorphic on a neighbourhood of \bar{B} :

$$\int_S (R(f_1) - f_1) \bar{h} d\sigma = 0 \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{O}(\bar{B}).$$

Corollary 2. (i) The restriction operator C defined on U_k^ψ induces isomorphisms of real vector spaces

$$\frac{U_k^\psi}{\mathcal{H}_{k,0}j} \simeq \mathcal{H}_k(S), \quad \frac{U_k^\psi}{\mathcal{H}_{k,0} + \mathcal{H}_{k,0}j} \simeq \frac{\mathcal{H}_k(S)}{\mathcal{H}_{k,0}(S)}.$$

(ii) U_k^ψ has dimension $\frac{1}{2}(k+1)(k+2)$ over \mathbb{H} .

Proof. The first part follows from $\ker C = \{f = f_1 + f_2j \in U_k^\psi : f_1 = 0 \text{ on } S\} = \mathcal{H}_{k,0}j$. Part (ii) can be obtained from any of the above isomorphisms, since $\mathcal{H}_{k,0}$ (as every space $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}$, $p+q=k$) and $\mathcal{H}_k(S)$ have real dimensions respectively $2(k+1)$ and $2(k+1)^2$.

As an application of Corollary 2, we have another proof of the known result (see [S] Theorem 7) that the right \mathbb{H} -module U_k of left-regular homogeneous polynomials of degree k has dimension $\frac{1}{2}(k+1)(k+2)$ over \mathbb{H} .

2.3. The operator $R : \mathcal{H}_k(S) = \bigoplus_{p+q=k} \mathcal{H}_{p,q}(S) \rightarrow U_k^\psi$ can also be used to obtain \mathbb{H} -bases for U_k^ψ starting from bases of the complex spaces $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}(S)$. On $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}(S)$, R acts in the following way:

$$R(h) = h + M(h)j, \quad \text{where } M(h) = \frac{1}{p+1} \overline{L(h)} \in \mathcal{H}_{q-1,p+1} \quad (h \in \mathcal{H}_{p,q})$$

Note that $\overline{M} \equiv 0$ on $\mathcal{H}_{k,0}(S)$. If $q > 0$, $M^2 = -Id$ on $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}(S)$, since $qh = \overline{\partial}_n h = -\overline{L(M(h))}$ on S , and therefore

$$h = -\frac{1}{q} \overline{L(M(h))} = -\frac{1}{q(p+1)} \overline{L}L(h) = -M^2(h).$$

If $k = 2m + 1$ is odd, then M is a complex conjugate isomorphism of $\mathcal{H}_{m,m+1}(S)$. Then M induces a quaternionic structure on this space, which has real dimension $4(m+1)$. We can find complex bases of $\mathcal{H}_{m,m+1}(S)$ of the form

$$\{h_1, M(h_1), \dots, h_{m+1}, M(h_{m+1})\}.$$

Theorem 3. Let $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}$ denote a complex base of the space $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}(S)$ ($p+q=k$). Then:

(i) if $k = 2m$ is even, a basis of U_k^ψ over \mathbb{H} is given by the set

$$\mathcal{B}_k = \{R(h) : h \in \mathcal{B}_{p,q}, p+q=k, 0 \leq q \leq p \leq k\}.$$

(ii) if $k = 2m + 1$ is odd, a basis of U_k^ψ over \mathbb{H} is given by

$$\mathcal{B}_k = \{R(h) : h \in \mathcal{B}_{p,q}, p+q=k, 0 \leq q < p \leq k\} \cup \{R(h_1), \dots, R(h_{m+1})\},$$

where h_1, \dots, h_{m+1} are chosen such that the set

$$\{h_1, M(h_1), \dots, h_{m+1}, M(h_{m+1})\}$$

forms a complex basis of $\mathcal{H}_{m,m+1}(S)$.

If the bases $\mathcal{B}_{p,q}$ are orthogonal in $L^2(S)$ and $h_1, \dots, h_{m+1} \in \mathcal{H}_{m,m+1}(S)$ are mutually orthogonal, then \mathcal{B}_k is orthogonal, with norms

$$\|R(h)\|_{L^2(S, \mathbb{H})} = \left(\frac{p+q+1}{p+1} \right)^{1/2} \|h\|_{L^2(S)} \quad (h \in \mathcal{B}_{p,q})$$

w.r.t. the scalar product of $L^2(S, \mathbb{H})$.

Proof. From dimension count, it suffices to prove that the sets \mathcal{B}_k are linearly independent. When $q \leq p$, $q' \leq p'$, $p+q = p'+q' = k$, the spaces $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}$ and $\mathcal{H}_{q'-1, p'+1}$ are distinct. Since $R(h) = h + M(h)j \in \mathcal{H}_{p,q} \oplus \mathcal{H}_{q-1, p+1}j$, this implies the independence over \mathbb{H} of the images $\{R(h) : h \in \mathcal{B}_{p,q}\}$. It remains to consider the case when $k = 2m+1$ is odd. If $h \in \mathcal{H}_{m,m+1}(S)$, the complex components h and $M(h)$ of $R(h)$ belong to the same space. The independence of $\{R(h_1), \dots, R(h_{m+1})\}$ over \mathbb{H} follows from the particular form of the complex basis chosen in $\mathcal{H}_{m,m+1}(S)$.

The scalar product of $L(h)$ and $L(h')$ in $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}(S)$ is

$$(L(h), L(h')) = (h, L^*L(h')) = -(h, \bar{L}L(h')) = q(p+1)(h, h'),$$

since the adjoint L^* is equal to $-\bar{L}$ (cf. [R]§18.2.2) and $\bar{L}L = q(p+1)M^2 = -q(p+1)Id$. Therefore, if h, h' are orthogonal, $M(h)$ and $M(h')$ are orthogonal in $\mathcal{H}_{q-1, p+1}$ and then also $R(h)$ and $R(h')$. Finally, the norm of $R(h)$, $h \in \mathcal{H}_{p,q}(S)$, is

$$\|R(h)\|^2 = \|h\|^2 + \|M(h)\|^2 = \|h\|^2 + \frac{1}{(p+1)^2} \|L(h)\|^2 = \frac{p+q+1}{p+1} \|h\|^2$$

and this concludes the proof.

Remark. From Theorem 3 it is immediate to obtain also bases of the right \mathbb{H} -module U_k of left-regular homogeneous polynomials of degree k .

Examples. (i) The case $k = 2$. Starting from the orthogonal bases $\mathcal{B}_{2,0} = \{z_1^2, 2z_1z_2, z_2^2\}$ of $\mathcal{H}_{2,0}$ and $\mathcal{B}_{1,1} = \{z_1\bar{z}_2, |z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2, z_2\bar{z}_1\}$ of $\mathcal{H}_{1,1}$ we get the orthogonal basis of regular harmonics

$$\mathcal{B}_2 = \{z_1^2, 2z_1z_2, z_2^2, z_1\bar{z}_2 - \frac{1}{2}\bar{z}_1^2j, |z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2 + \bar{z}_1\bar{z}_2j, z_2\bar{z}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\bar{z}_2^2j\}$$

of the six-dimensional right \mathbb{H} -module U_2^ψ .

(ii) The case $k = 3$. From the orthogonal bases

$$\mathcal{B}_{3,0} = \{z_1^3, 3z_1^2z_2, 3z_1z_2^2, z_2^3\}, \quad \mathcal{B}_{2,1} = \{z_1^2\bar{z}_2, 2z_1|z_2|^2 - z_1|z_1|^2, 2z_2|z_1|^2 - z_2|z_2|^2, z_2^2\bar{z}_1\},$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{1,2} = \{h_1 = z_1\bar{z}_2^2, M(h_1) = -z_2\bar{z}_1^2, h_2 = -2\bar{z}_2|z_1|^2 + \bar{z}_2|z_2|^2, M(h_2) = -2\bar{z}_1|z_2|^2 + \bar{z}_1|z_1|^2\},$$

we get the orthogonal basis of regular harmonics

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_3 = \{ & z_1^3, 3z_1^2z_2, 3z_1z_2^2, z_2^3, z_1^2\bar{z}_2 - \frac{1}{3}\bar{z}_1^3j, 2z_1|z_2|^2 - z_1|z_1|^2 - \bar{z}_1^2\bar{z}_2j, 2z_2|z_1|^2 - z_2|z_2|^2 + \bar{z}_1\bar{z}_2^2j, \\ & z_2^2\bar{z}_1 + \frac{1}{3}\bar{z}_2^3j, z_1\bar{z}_2^2 - z_2\bar{z}_1^2j, -2\bar{z}_2|z_1|^2 + \bar{z}_2|z_2|^2 + (\bar{z}_1|z_1|^2 - 2\bar{z}_1|z_2|^2 +)j\}. \end{aligned}$$

of the ten-dimensional right \mathbb{H} -module U_3^ψ .

In general, for any k , an orthogonal basis of $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}$ ($p+q=k$) is given by the polynomials $\{P_{q,l}^k\}_{l=0,\dots,k}$ defined by formula (6.14) in [S]. The basis of U_k obtained from these bases by means of Theorem 3 and applying the reflection γ is essentially the same given in Proposition 8 of [S].

Another spanning set of the space $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}$ is given by the functions

$$g_\alpha^{p,q}(z_1, z_2) = (z_1 + \alpha z_2)^p (\bar{z}_2 - \alpha \bar{z}_1)^q \quad (\alpha \in \mathbb{C})$$

(cf. [R]§12.5.1). Since $M(g_\alpha^{p,q}) = \frac{(-1)^q q \bar{\alpha}^{p+q}}{p+1} g_{-1/\bar{\alpha}}^{q-1,p+1}$ for $\alpha \neq 0$ and $M(g_0^{p,q}) = -\frac{q}{p+1} z_2^{q-1} \bar{z}_1^{p+1}$, where we set $g_\alpha^{p,q} \equiv 0$ if $p < 0$, from Theorem 3 we get that U_k^ψ is spanned over \mathbb{H} by the polynomials

$$R(g_\alpha^{p,q}) = \begin{cases} g_\alpha^{p,q} + \frac{(-1)^q q \bar{\alpha}^{p+q}}{p+1} g_{-1/\bar{\alpha}}^{q-1,p+1} j & \text{for } \alpha \neq 0 \\ z_1^p \bar{z}_2^q - \frac{q}{p+1} z_2^{q-1} \bar{z}_1^{p+1} j & \text{for } \alpha = 0 \end{cases} \quad (\alpha \in \mathbb{C}, p+q=k)$$

Any choice of $k+1$ distinct numbers $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$ gives rise to a basis of U_k^ψ .

The results obtained in this paper enabled the writing of a *Mathematica* package [P1], named `RegularHarmonics`, which implements efficient computations with regular and ψ -regular functions and with harmonic and holomorphic functions of two complex variables.

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