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RADON TRANSFORM ON SPHERES AND GENERALIZED
BESSEL FUNCTION ASSOCIATED WITH DIHEDRAL GROUPS

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Abstract. Motivated by Dunkl operators theory, we consider a generating
series involving a modified Bessel function and a Gegenbauer polynomial, that
generalizes a known series already considered by L. Gegenbauer. We actually
use inversion formulas for Fourier and Radon transforms to derive a closed
formula for this series when the parameter of the Gegenbauer polynomial is a
strictly positive integer. As a by-product, we get a relatively simple integral
representation for the generalized Bessel function associated with even dihedral
groups $D_{2p}$, $p \geq 1$ when both multiplicities sum to an integer. In particular,
we recover a previous result obtained for $D_{2}(4)$ and we give a special interest to
$D_{2}(6)$. The paper is closed with adapting our method to odd dihedral groups
thereby exhausting the list of Weyl dihedral groups.

1. Introduction

The dihedral group $D_{2}(n)$ of order $n \geq 2$ is defined as the group of regular
$n$-gon preserving symmetries ([8]). It figures among reflection groups associated
with root systems for which a spherical harmonics theory, generalizing the one of
Harish-Chandra on semisimple Lie groups from a discrete to a continuous range of
multiplicities, was introduced by C. F. Dunkl in the late eightees (see Ch.I in [3]).
Since then, a huge amount of research papers on this new topic and on its stochastic
side as well emerged yielding fascinating results (Ch. II, III in [3]). For instance,
probabilistic considerations allowed the author to derive the so-called generalized
Bessel function associated with dihedral groups ([4]). For even values $n = 2p, p \geq 1$,
this function depending on two real variables, say $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{2}$, is expressed in polar
coordinates $x = \rho e^{i\phi}$, $y = r e^{i\theta}$, $\rho, r \geq 0, \phi, \theta \in [0, \pi/2p]$ as

$$D_{k}^{W}(\rho, \phi, r, \theta) = c_{p,k} \left( \frac{2}{r \rho} \right)^{\gamma} \sum_{j \geq 0} I_{2jp+\gamma}(\rho r) p_{j}^{l_{1},l_{0}}(\cos(2p\phi)) p_{j}^{l_{1},l_{0}}(\cos(2p\theta))$$

where

- $k = (k_{0}, k_{1})$ is a positive-valued multiplicity function, $l_{i} = k_{i} - 1/2, i \in \{1, 2\}$, $\gamma = p(k_{0} + k_{1})$.
- $I_{2jp+\gamma}, p_{j}^{l_{1},l_{0}}$ are the modified Bessel function of index $2jp + \gamma$ and the
  $j$-th orthonormal Jacobi polynomial of parameters $l_{1}, l_{0}$ respectively (the
  orthogonality (Beta) measure need not to be normalized here. In fact, the
  normalization only alters the constant $c_{p,k}$ below).

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• The constant \( c_{p,k} \) depends on \( p,k \) and is such that \( D_k^W(0,y) = 1 \) for all \( y = (r,\theta) \in [0,\infty) \times [0,\pi/2p] \) (see [5])

\[
c_{p,k} = 2^{\alpha+\gamma} \frac{\Gamma(p(k_1 + k_0) + 1)\Gamma(k_1 + 1/2)\Gamma(k_0 + 1/2)}{\Gamma(k_0 + k_1 + 1)}.
\]

In a subsequent paper ([5]), the special case \( p = 2 \) corresponding to the group of square-preserving symmetries was considered. The main ingredient used there was the famous Dijksma-Koornwinder’s product formula for Jacobi polynomials ([7]) which may be written in the following way ([5]):

\[
c(\alpha,\beta)p_j^{\alpha,\beta}(\cos 2\phi)p_j^{\alpha,\beta}(\cos 2\theta) = (2j+\alpha+\beta+1) \int \int C_{2j}^{\alpha+\beta+1}(z_{\phi,\theta}(u,v))\mu^\alpha(du)\mu^\beta(dv)
\]

where \( \alpha, \beta > -1/2 \),

\[
c(\alpha,\beta) = 2^{\alpha+\beta+1} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)\Gamma(\beta + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)},
\]

\[
z_{\phi,\theta}(u,v) = u \cos \theta \cos \phi + v \sin \theta \sin \phi,
\]

and \( \mu^\alpha \) is the symmetric Beta probability measure whose density is given by

\[
\mu^\alpha(du) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(\alpha + 1/2)} (1 - u^2)^{\alpha-1/2} 1_{[-1,1]}(u)du, \quad \alpha > -1/2.
\]

Inverting the order of integration, we were in front of the following series

\[
(2) \quad \left( \frac{2}{\rho^p} \right)^\gamma \sum_{j \geq 0} (2j + k_0 + k_1) I_{2jp+\gamma}(pr) C_{2j}^{k_0+k_1}(z_{\phi,\theta}(u,v))
\]

for \( (u,v) \in [-1,1]^2 \), which specializes for \( p = 2 \) to

\[
\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{[4]} (j + \gamma) I_{j+\gamma}(pr) C_{j/2}^{\gamma/2}(z_{2\phi,2\theta}(u,v)).
\]

Using the identity noticed by Y. Xu ([13]):

\[
C_{\gamma}^\nu(\cos \zeta) = \int C_{2\gamma}^{2\nu} \left( \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \zeta}{2}} z \right) \mu^{\nu-1/2}(dz), \quad \nu > -1/2, \quad \xi \in [0,\pi],
\]

we were led to

\[
\sum_{j=0}^{[4]} (j + \gamma) I_{j+\gamma}(pr) C_{j}^{\gamma}(z_{2\phi,2\theta}(u,v))
\]

which we wrote as

\[
\frac{1}{4} \sum_{s=1}^{4} \sum_{j \geq 0} (j + \gamma) I_{j+\gamma}(pr) C_{j}^{\gamma}(z_{2\phi,2\theta}(u,v)) e^{is\pi j/2}
\]

after the use of the elementary identity

\[
(3) \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^{m} e^{2i\pi sj/n} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \equiv 0[n], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise}, \end{cases}
\]

valid for any integer \( m \geq 1 \). Accordingly (Corollary 1.2 in [5])

\[
D_k^W(\rho,\phi,\theta) = \int \int i_{(\gamma-1)/2} \left( \rho^{\gamma/2} \sqrt{1 + z_{2\phi,2\theta}(u,v)} \right) \mu^\alpha(du)\mu^\beta(dv)
\]
where
\[ i_\alpha(x) := \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\alpha + 1)m!} \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)^{2m} \]
is the normalized modified Bessel function \((8)\) and \(\gamma = 2(k_0 + k_1) \geq 2\) is even. This is a relatively simple integral representation of \(D_{k}\) since the latter function may be expressed as a bivariate hypergeometric function of Bessel-type. Recall also that it follows essentially from closed formulas due to L. Gegenbauer (equations (4), (5), p.369 in \([12]\)):
\[
\left( \frac{2}{r \rho} \right) \gamma \sum_{j \geq 0} (j + \gamma) I_{j+\gamma}(r \rho) C_{\gamma}^{j} (\cos \zeta) (\pm 1)^{j} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} e^{\pm r \rho \cos \zeta}.
\]

In this paper, we shall see that a relatively simple integral representation of \(D_{k}\) still exists for general integer \(p \geq 2\) and integer \(\nu := k_0 + k_1 \geq 1\). In fact, with regard to (2), one has to derive closed formulas for both series below
\[
f_{\nu,p}^{\pm}(R, \cos \zeta) := \left( \frac{2}{R} \right)^{p \nu} \sum_{j \geq 0} (j + \nu) I_{p(j+\nu)}(R) C_{\nu}^{j} (\cos \zeta) (\pm 1)^{j}
\]
with \(R = r \rho\) and \(\cos \zeta := \cos \zeta(u, v) = z_{p\phi,p\theta}(u, v)\). The obtained formulas reduce to Gegenbauer’s results when \(p = 1, \nu \geq 1\) is an integer, and do not exist up to our knowledge. Moreover, our approach is somewhat geometric since we shall interpret the sequence:
\[
(\pm 1)^{j} I_{p(j+\nu)}(R), j \geq 0
\]
for fixed \(R\) as the Gegenbauer-Fourier coefficients of \(\zeta \mapsto f_{\nu,p}^{\pm}(R, \cos \zeta)\), and since spherical functions on the sphere viewed as a homogeneous space are expressed by means of Gegenbauer polynomials \((1)\). Then, following \([1]\), solving the problem when \(\nu\) is a strictly positive integer amounts to appropriately use inversion formulas for Fourier and Radon transforms. Our main result is stated as

**Proposition 1.** Assume \(\nu \geq 1\) is a strictly positive integer, then
\[
\left( \frac{R}{2} \right)^{p \nu} f_{\nu,p}^{\pm}(R, \cos \zeta) = \frac{1}{2^{p}(p - 1)!} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \zeta} \frac{d}{d\zeta} \right]^{\nu} \frac{1}{p} \sum_{s=1}^{p} e^{\pm R \cos((\zeta + 2\pi s)/p)}.
\]

A first glance at the main result may be ambiguous for the reader since the LHS depends on \(\cos \zeta\) while the RHS depends on \(\cos(\zeta/p), p \geq 1\). But \(\cos(\zeta/p), p \geq 1\) may be expressed, though in a very complicated way (inverses of linearization formulas), as a function of \(\cos \zeta\). For instance, when \(p = 2\),
\[
\cos(\zeta/2) = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \zeta}{2}}, \quad \zeta \in [0, \pi].
\]

One then recovers Corollary 1.2. in \([5]\) after using appropriate formulas for modified Bessel functions. When \(p = 3\), one has to solve a special cubic equation. To proceed, we rely on results from analytic function theory and the required solution is expressed by means of Gauss hypergeometric functions \((10)\) in contrast to Cardan’s solution. Therefore, we get a somewhat explicit formula for the series (2), though much more complicated than the one derived for \(p = 2\). The paper is closed with adapting our method to odd dihedral groups, in particular to \(D_{2}(3)\) thereby

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\(^{2}\)When \(p = 2\), this condition is equivalent to \(\gamma\) is even as stated in \([5]\).
exhausting the list of dihedral groups that are Weyl groups ($p = 1$ corresponds to the product group $\mathbb{Z}_2^2$).

2. Proof of the main result

Recall the orthogonality relation for Gegenbauer polynomials ([8]):

$$
\int_0^\pi C_j^\nu(\cos \zeta)C_m^\nu(\cos \zeta)(\sin \zeta)^{2\nu}d\zeta = \delta_{jm} \frac{\pi \Gamma(j + 2\nu)2^{1-2\nu}}{\Gamma^2(\nu)(j + \nu)j!}
= \delta_{jm} \frac{\pi 2^{1-2\nu}\Gamma(2
\nu)}{(j + \nu)\Gamma^2(\nu)} C_j^\nu(1)
= \delta_{jm} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\nu + 1/2)}{\Gamma(\nu + 1)} C_j^\nu(1)
$$

where we used $\Gamma(\nu + 1) = \nu\Gamma(\nu)$, the Gauss duplication’s formula ([8])

$$
\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(2\nu) = 2^{2\nu-1}\Gamma(\nu)(\nu + 1/2),
$$

and the special value ([8])

$$
C_j^\nu(1) = \frac{(2\nu)_j}{j!}.
$$

Equivalently, if $\mu^\nu(d\cos \zeta)$ is the image of $\mu^\nu(d\cos \zeta)$ under the map $\zeta \mapsto \cos \zeta$, then

$$(j + \nu)\int C_j^\nu(\cos \zeta)C_m^\nu(\cos \zeta)\mu^\nu(\cos \zeta) = \nu C_j^\nu(1)\delta_{jm}
$$

so that (4) yields

$$
(5) \quad \nu(\pm 1)^j \left(\frac{2}{R}\right)^{\nu} I_{p(j+\nu)}(R) = \int W_j^\nu(\cos \zeta) f_{\nu,p}^\pm(R, \cos \zeta) \mu^\nu(\cos \zeta)
$$

where

$$
W_j^\nu(\cos \zeta) := C_j^\nu(\cos \zeta)/C_j^\nu(1)
$$

is the $j$-th normalized Gegenbauer polynomial. Thus, the $j$-th Gegenbauer-Fourier coefficients of $\zeta \mapsto f_{\nu,p}^\pm(R, \cos \zeta)$ are given by

$$
\nu(\pm 1)^j \left(\frac{2}{R}\right)^{\nu} I_{p(j+\nu)}(R), \quad p \geq 2.
$$

Following [1] p.356, the Mehler’s integral representation of $W_j^\nu$ ([9], p.177)

$$
W_j^\nu(\cos \zeta) = 2^\nu \Gamma(\nu + 1/2) \Gamma(\nu)/(\sin \zeta)^{1-2\nu} \int_0^\zeta \cos((j + \nu)t)(\cos t - \cos \zeta)^{\nu-1} dt
$$

valid for real $\nu > 0$, transforms (5) to

$$
(6) \quad \left(\frac{2}{R}\right)^{\nu} (\pm 1)^j I_{p(j+\nu)}(R) = \frac{2^\nu}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f_{\nu,p}^\pm(R, \cos \zeta) \sin \zeta \int_0^\zeta \cos((j + \nu)t)(\cos t - \cos \zeta)^{\nu-1} dt d\zeta
$$

$$
= \frac{2^\nu}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos((j + \nu)t) \int_0^\pi f_{\nu,p}^\pm(R, \cos \zeta) \sin \zeta (\cos t - \cos \zeta)^{\nu-1} dt d\zeta.
$$

The second integral displayed in the RHS of the second equality is known as the Radon transform of $\zeta \mapsto f_{\nu,p}^\pm(R, \cos \zeta)$ and inversion formulas already exist ([1]). As a matter of fact, we firstly need to express $(\pm 1)^j I_{p(j+\nu)}(R, \cos \zeta)$ and inversion formulas already exist ([1]). As a matter of fact, we firstly need to express $(\pm 1)^j I_{p(j+\nu)}(R, \cos \zeta)$ and inversion formulas already exist ([1]).
consequence of the Lemma below. Secondly, we shall use the appropriate inversion formula for the Radon transform.

**Lemma.** For any integer \( p \geq 1 \) and any \( t \in [0, \pi] \):

\[
2 \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j I_{pj}(R) \cos(jt) = I_0(R) + \frac{1}{p} \sum_{s=1}^{p} e^{\pm R \cos((t+2s\pi)/p)}.
\]

**Proof of the Lemma:** we will prove the (+) part, the proof of the (−) part follows the same lines with minor modifications. Write

\[
2 \sum_{j \geq 0} I_{pj}(R) \cos(jt) = \sum_{j \geq 0} I_{pj}(R)[e^{ijt} + e^{-ijt}]
\]

\[
= I_0(R) + \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} I_{pj}(R)e^{ijt}
\]

where used the fact that \( I_j(r) = I_{-j}(r), j \geq 0 \). Using the identity (3), one obviously gets

\[
\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} I_{pj}(R)e^{ijt} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{s=1}^{p} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} I_j(R)e^{i(jt+2\pi s)/p}.
\]

The (+) part of the Lemma then follows from the generating series for modified Bessel functions ([12]):

\[
e^{(z+1/2)R/2} = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} I_j(R)z^j, z \in \mathbb{C}.
\]

The Lemma yields

\[
I_{pj}(R) = I_0(R)\delta_{j,0} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(jt) \sum_{s=1}^{p} e^{\pm R \cos((t+2s\pi)/p)} \ \ dt
\]

for any integer \( j \geq 0 \). Assuming that \( \nu \) is a strictly positive integer, one has

\[
I_{p(j+\nu)}(R) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos((j + \nu)t) \frac{1}{p} \sum_{s=1}^{p} e^{\pm R \cos((t+2s\pi)/p)} \ \ dt.
\]

Note that

\[
t \mapsto \int_t^\pi f(R, \cos \zeta) \sin \zeta (\cos t - \cos \zeta)^{\nu-1} d\zeta
\]

as well as

\[
t \mapsto \frac{1}{p} \sum_{s=1}^{p} e^{\pm R \cos((t+2s\pi)/p)}
\]

are even functions. This is true since

\[
\zeta \mapsto f(R, \cos \zeta) \sin \zeta (\cos t - \cos \zeta)^{\nu-1}
\]

is an odd function so that

\[
\int_{-t}^t f(R, \cos \zeta) \sin \zeta (\cos t - \cos \zeta)^{\nu-1} d\zeta = 0,
\]

and since

\[
\cos([-t + 2s\pi]/p) = \cos([t + 2(p-s)\pi]/p)
\]

so that one performs the index change \( s \to p - s \) and notes that the terms corresponding to \( s = 0 \) and \( s = p \) are equal. Similar arguments yield the 2\( \pi \)-periodicity.
of these functions, therefore, the Fourier-cosine transforms of their restrictions on $(-\pi, \pi)$ coincide with their Fourier transforms on that interval. By injectivity of the Fourier transform and $2\pi$-periodicity,

$$\left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^{\nu} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{\nu,p}(R, \cos \zeta) \sin \zeta (\cos t - \cos \zeta)^{\nu-1} d\zeta = \frac{1}{2^\nu p} \sum_{s=1}^{p} e^{\pm R \cos (t + 2\pi s)/p}$$

for all $t$ since both functions are continuous. Finally, the Proposition follows from Theorem 3.1. p.363 in [1].

**Remark.** When $\nu = (d - 1)/2$ for some integer $d \geq 1$, the Gegenbauer-Fourier transform is interpreted as the Fourier Transform on the sphere $S^{d+1}$ considered as a homogenous space $SO(d+1)/SO(d)$. More precisely, the spherical functions of this space are given by ([1] p.356):

$$W^\nu_j (\langle z, N \rangle), \ z \in S^{d+1},$$

where $N = (0, \cdots, 0, 1) \in S^{d+1}$ is the north pole and $\langle \cdot , \cdot \rangle$ denotes the Euclidian inner product on $\mathbb{R}^{d+1}$.

**Corollary 1.** For any integer $\nu \geq 1$

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} (2j + \nu) I_{p(2j+\nu)}(R) C^{\nu}_{2j}(\cos \zeta) = \frac{1}{2^\nu \Gamma(\nu)} \left[ - \frac{1}{\sin \zeta} \frac{d}{d\zeta} \right]^\nu \frac{1}{p} \sum_{s=1}^{p} \cosh (R \cos (\zeta + 2\pi s)/p) .$$

3. WEYL GROUP SETTINGS $p = 2, 3$: EXPLICIT FORMULAS

**3.1. $p=2$.** Letting $p = 2$ and using the fact that $u \mapsto \cosh u$ is an even function, our main result yields

$$\left(\frac{4}{R^2}\right)^{\nu} \sum_{j \geq 0} (2j + \nu) I_{2(2j+\nu)}(R) C^{\nu}_{2j}(\cos \zeta) = \frac{1}{2^\nu \Gamma(\nu)} \left[ - \frac{4}{R^2 \sin \zeta} \frac{d}{d\zeta} \right]^\nu \cosh (R \cos (\zeta/2)) (\zeta).$$

Noting that

$$- \frac{4}{R^2 \sin \zeta} \frac{d}{d\zeta} \cosh (R \cos (\zeta/2)) (\zeta) = \frac{1}{R \cos t/2} \frac{d}{dt} (u \mapsto \cosh u)_{u=R \cos (\zeta/2)},$$

after the use of the identity $\sin \zeta = 2 \sin \zeta/2 \cos \zeta/2$, it follows that

$$\left[ - \frac{4}{R^2 \sin \zeta} \frac{d}{d\zeta} \right]^\nu \cosh (R \cos (\zeta/2)) (\zeta) = \left[ \frac{1}{u \cos u} \right]^\nu (u \mapsto \cosh u)_{u=R \cos (\zeta/2)}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{u \sin u} \right]^\nu (u \mapsto \sinh u)_{u=R \cos (\zeta/2)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left[ \frac{d}{du} \right]^\nu (u \mapsto I_{1/2}(u) / \sqrt{u})_{u=R \cos (\zeta/2)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\nu - 1/2) I_{\nu - 1/2}(u)_{u=R \cos (\zeta/2)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\nu + 1/2) I_{\nu - 1/2}(R \cos (\zeta/2))$$
where the fourth equality is a consequence of the differentiation formula (6) p.79 in [12]. With the help of Gauss duplication’s formula, one easily gets:

$$\left(\frac{4}{R^2}\right)^\nu \sum_{j=0}^\nu (2j + \nu)I_{2(2j+\nu)}(R)C_{2j}^\nu(\cos \zeta) = \frac{1}{2\Gamma(2\nu)}i_{\nu-1/2}(R\cos(\zeta/2))$$

and finally recovers Corollary 1.2 in [5] since $c_{2,k}/c(k_1 - 1/2, k_0 - 1/2) = \Gamma(2\nu+1)/\nu$.

3.2. p=3. The corresponding dihedral group $D_2(6)$ is isomorphic to the Weyl group of type $G_2$ ([2]). Let $\zeta \in [0, \pi]$ and start with the linearization formula:

$$4\cos^3(\zeta/3) = \cos \zeta + 3\cos(\zeta/3).$$

Thus, we are led to find a root lying in $[-1, 1]$ of the cubic equation

$$Z^3 - (3/4)Z - (\cos \zeta)/4 = 0$$

for $|Z| < 1$. Set $Z = (\sqrt{-1/2})T$, $|T| < 2$, the above cubic equation transforms to

$$T^3 + 3T - 2\sqrt{-1}\cos \zeta = 0.$$

The obtained cubic equation already showed up in analytic function theory in relation to the local inversion Theorem ([10] p.265-266). Amazingly (compared to Cardan’s formulas), its real and both complex roots are expressed through the Gauss Hypergeometric function $_2F_1$. Since we are looking for real $Z = (\sqrt{-1/2})T$, we shall only consider the complex roots (see the bottom of p. 266 in [10]):

$$T^\pm = \pm \sqrt{-1}\left[\sqrt{3}F_1\left(-\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{3}{2}; \cos^2 \zeta\right) - \frac{1}{3}\cos \zeta \right]F_1\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{2}; \cos^2 \zeta\right)$$

so that

$$Z^\pm = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}F_1\left(-\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{3}{2}; \cos^2 \zeta\right) - \frac{1}{6}\cos \zeta \right]F_1\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{2}; \cos^2 \zeta\right).$$

Since for $\zeta = \pi/2$, $\cos(\zeta/3) = \cos \pi/6 = \sqrt{3}/2$, it follows that

$$\cos(\zeta/3) = \left[\sqrt{3}F_1\left(-\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{3}{2}; \cos^2 \zeta\right) - \frac{1}{6}\cos \zeta \right]F_1\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{2}; \cos^2 \zeta\right)$$

for all $\zeta \in (0, \pi)$. Now, write $Z = Z(\cos \zeta)$ so that

$$\cos(\zeta + 2s\pi)/3) = \cos(2s\pi/3)\cos(\zeta/3) - \sin(2s\pi/3)\sqrt{1 - \cos^2(\zeta/3)}$$

$$= \cos(2s\pi/3)Z(\cos \zeta) - \sin(2s\pi/3)\sqrt{1 - Z^2(\cos \zeta)}$$

for any $1 \leq s \leq 3$. It follows that

$$f_{\nu,3}(R, \cos \zeta) = \frac{1}{3\Gamma(\nu)}\left[-\frac{4}{R^3\sin \zeta \, d\zeta}\right]^{\nu} \sum_{s=1}^{3} g_s(RZ(\cos \zeta))$$

where

$$g_s(u) = \cosh \left[\left(\cos(2s\pi/3)u - \sin(2s\pi/3)\sqrt{R^2 - u^2}\right)\right], \quad u \in (-1, 1).$$

Finally,

$$f_{\nu,3}(R, \cos \zeta) = \frac{1}{3\Gamma(\nu)}\left[\frac{4}{R^3 \, du}\right]^{\nu} \sum_{s=1}^{3} h_s(u)|u=\cos \zeta$$
where $h_s(u) := g_s(RZ(u)), 1 \leq s \leq 3$. For instance, let $\nu = 1$, then it is not difficult to see that
\[
\frac{d}{du} h_s(u)_{|u = \cos \zeta} = \frac{R}{\sin \zeta/3} \frac{dZ}{du} \left|_{u = \cos \zeta} \right. \sin \left( \frac{\xi + 2\pi s}{3} \right) \sinh \left[ \sin \left( \frac{\xi + 2\pi s}{3} \right) \right]
\]
for any $s \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ and the derivative of $u \mapsto Z(u)$ is computed using the differentiation formula for $_2F_1$:
\[
\frac{d}{du} \binom{a}{b}{_2F_1}(a, b; c; u) = \frac{ab}{c} \binom{a}{b}{_2F_1}(a + 1, b + 1, c + 1; u), \quad |u| < 1, c \neq 0.
\]
As the reader may conclude, formulas are cumbersome compared to the ones derived for $p = 2$.

4. **Odd Dihedral groups**

Let $n \geq 3$ be an odd integer. For odd dihedral groups $D_2(n)$, the generalized Bessel function reads ([4] p.157):
\[
D_k^W(\rho, \phi, r, \theta) = c_{n,k} \left( \frac{2}{\rho} \right)^{nk} \sum_{j \geq 0} I_{n(2j+k)}(\rho r) p_j^{-1/2,1} \cos(2n\phi) p_j^{-1/2,1} \cos(2n\theta)
\]
where $k \geq 0, \rho, r \geq 0, \theta, \phi \in [0, \pi/n]$, and
\[
c_{n,k} = 2^k \Gamma(nk + 1) \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(k + 1/2)}{\Gamma(k + 1)}.
\]
In order to adapt our method to those groups, we need to write down the product formula for orthonormal Jacobi polynomials in the limiting case $\alpha = -1/2$ or equivalently $k_1 = 0$. But note that, from an analytic point of view, this generalized Bessel function is obtained from the one associated with even dihedral groups via the substitutions $k_1 = 0, p = n$. Hence one expects the product formula for orthonormal Jacobi polynomials still holds in the limiting case. Indeed, the required limiting formula was derived in [7] p.194 using implicitly the fact that the Beta distribution $\mu^a$ converges weakly to the Dirac mass $\delta_1$. In order to fit it into our normalizations, we proceed as follows: use the well-known quadratic transformation ([8]):
\[
P_j^{-1/2,k-1/2}(1 - 2\sin^2(n\theta)) = (-1)^j \binom{1/2}{j}^2 C_{2j}^k(\sin(n\theta))
\]
where $P_{j}^{\alpha, \beta}$ is the (non orthonormal) $j$-th Jacobi polynomial, together with $\cos(2n\theta) = 1 - 2\sin^2(\theta)$ to obtain
\[
P_j^{-1/2,k-1/2}(\cos(2n\theta)) P_j^{-1/2,k-1/2}(\cos(2n\phi)) = \left[ \binom{1/2}{j}^2 \right]^2 C_{2j}^k(\sin(n\theta)) C_{2j}^k(\sin(n\phi)).
\]
Now, let $k > 0$ and recall that the squared $L^2$-norm of $P_j^{-1/2,k-1/2}$ is given by ([8])
\[
\frac{2^k}{2j + k} \frac{1}{j!} \frac{\Gamma(j + 1/2) \Gamma(j + k + 1/2)}{\Gamma(j + (k + 1/2)j)} = \frac{2^k}{2j + k} \frac{\Gamma(j + 1/2) \Gamma(j + (k + 1/2)j)}{\Gamma(j + (k + 1/2)j)} = \frac{2^k \Gamma(j + 1/2)}{2j + k} \frac{\Gamma(j + (k + 1/2)j)}{\Gamma(j + (k + 1/2)j)} = \frac{2}{(2j + k)!} \frac{\Gamma(j + (k + 1/2)j)}{\Gamma(j + (k + 1/2)j)}
\]
Recall also the special value
\[
C_{2j}^k(1) = \frac{(2k)2j}{(2j)!} = \frac{2^k}{\Gamma(2k)} \frac{\Gamma(j + j + (k + 1/2)j)}{\Gamma(j + (k + 1/2)j)} = \frac{2}{(2j + k)!} \frac{\Gamma(j + 1/2)j}{\Gamma(j + 1/2)j}. \]

where we use Gauss duplication formula twice to derive both the second and the third equalities. It follows that
\[ c(k)p_j^{1/2,k-1/2}(\cos(2n\theta))p_j^{1/2,k-1/2}(\cos(2n\phi)) = \frac{(1/2)_j}{(k)_j}C_{2j}^k(\sin(n\theta))C_{2j}^k(\sin(n\phi)) \]
\[ = \frac{(2j + k)}{C_{2j}^k(1)}C_{2j}^k(\sin(n\theta))C_{2j}^k(\sin(n\phi)) \]
\[ = (2j + k)\int C_{2j}^k(z_{n\phi,n\theta}(u,1))\mu^k(du), \]
according to [7] p.194, where
\[ c(k) := \frac{2^{k+1}\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(k+1/2)}{\Gamma(k)}. \]

As a matter of fact, we are led again to series of the form
\[ \left(\frac{2}{R}\right)^{nk}\sum_{j\geq 0}(2j + k)I_{n(2j+k)}(R)C_{2j}^k(\cos \zeta) = \frac{1}{2}[f_{k,n}^+ + f_{k,n}^-](R, \cos \zeta). \]

5. Two Remarks

The first remark is concerned with \( D_2(4) \) which coincides with the \( B_2 \)-type Weyl group ([8]). Recall from ([6]) that \( D_k^W \) may be expressed through a bivariate hypergeometric function as
\[ D_k^W(x, y) = 1_F^{(1/k)}(\gamma + 1, x^2; y^2), \]
where we set \( x^2 := (x_1^2, x_2^2) = (\rho^2 \cos^2 \phi, \rho^2 \sin^2 \phi) \) and similarly for \( y^2 \). This series is defined via Jack polynomials:
\[ 1_F^{(1/\tau)}(a, x, y) = \sum_\tau (a)_\tau J_1^{1/r}(x)J_1^{1/r}(y) \]
where \( 1 = (1, 1), \tau = (\tau_1, \tau_2) \) is a partition of length 2, \( |\tau| = \tau_1 + \tau_2 \) is its weight and \( (a)_\tau \) is the generalized Pochhammer symbol (see [6] for definitions). But those polynomials, known also as Jack polynomials of type \( A_1 \), may be expressed through Gegenbauer polynomials, a result due to M. Lassalle (see for instance formula 4.10 in [11]):
\[ J_1^{1/r}(x^2) = \frac{(\tau_1 - \tau_2)!}{2^{\tau_1}(r)_{\tau_1-\tau_2}} \sin|\tau|(2\phi) C_{\tau_1 - \tau_2}^r \left( \frac{1}{\sin(2\phi)} \right) \]
where \( (r)_{\tau_1-\tau_2} \) is the (usual) Pochhammer symbol. As a matter fact, one wonders if it is possible to come from the hypergeometric series to Corollary 1.2 in [5] and vice-versa.

The second remark comes in the same spirit of the first one. Consider the odd dihedral system \( I_2(3) = \{\pm e^{\pi/2}e^{\pi l/3}, 1 \leq l \leq 3\} \) ([8]). It is isomorphic to the \( A_2 \)-type root system defined by
\[ \{\pm(1, -1, 0), \pm(1, 0, -1), \pm(0, 1, -1)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \]
which spans the hyperplane $(1, 1, 1)^{⊥}$. The isomorphism is given by

$$(z_1, z_2, z_3) \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} z_2, \frac{z_3 - z_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

subject to $z_1 + z_2 + z_3 = 0$ and for the $A_2$-type root system, the generalized Bessel function is given by the trivariate hypergeometric series $\mathcal{F}_0^{(1/k)}$ (see [6] for the definition). Is it possible to relate this function to $c_{3,k} c_{1,k}$

$$\int \left[ f^{+}_{k,3} + f^{-}_{k,3} \right](\rho r, z_{3,0,3\theta}(u, 1)) \mu^k(du) = \frac{3\Gamma(3k)}{4} \int \left[ f^{+}_{k,3} + f^{-}_{k,3} \right](\rho r, z_{3,0,3\theta}(u, 1)) \mu^k(du)$$

in the same way the $\mathcal{F}_1^{1/k_1}$ is related to the integral representation derived for $p = 2$?

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