

# On the Hausdorff-Young inequality for Riemannian symmetric spaces

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## 1 Introduction

Hausdorff-Young theorem is an extension of the Plancherel formula to  $L^p$  space. This theorem has been extended to various cases. For example, it holds for separable locally compact type I group ([L3] Theorem 2.2) on unitary dual. On the other hand, the Fourier transform of  $L^p$  function on a semisimple Lie group has a holomorphic extension to some domain  $T_p$  which depends on  $p$  and a Hausdorff-Young theorem holds on  $T_p$ . R.A.Kunze and E.M.Stein [K-S] obtained the first results for  $SL(2, \mathbf{R})$  and R.L.Lipsman proved it for  $SL(n, \mathbf{C})$  ([L1],[L2]). In [E-K] the theorem was proved for the spherical Fourier transform on Riemannian symmetric spaces. In [E-K-T] it was proved for the Fourier transforms of  $K$ -finite functions on Riemannian symmetric spaces.

The purpose of the present paper is to prove an analogue of the Housdorff-Young inequality on  $G/K$ :

If  $1 \leq p \leq 2$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , then

$$\left( \int_{\mathfrak{a}^+} \left( \int_{K/M} |\tilde{f}(\lambda, kM)|^2 dk_M \right)^{q/2} |c(\lambda)|^{-2} d\lambda \right)^{1/q} \leq C_p \|f\|_p$$

(Theorem 1). This inequality is the same as Theorem 1 of [E-K-T], however, in which it was assumed that functions  $f$  are  $K$ -finite. And if  $1 < p < \frac{4}{3}$  and  $\xi + \sqrt{-1}\eta \in T_p$ , then

$$\left\{ \int_{\mathfrak{a}^+} \left| \int_{K/M} \overline{\tilde{f}(\xi - \sqrt{-1}\eta, kM)} \tilde{f}(\xi + \sqrt{-1}\eta, kM) dk_M \right|^{q/2} |c(\xi)|^{-2} d\xi \right\}^{1/q} \leq C_{p,\eta} \|f\|_p$$

(Theorem 2).

## 2 Notations and Preliminaries

Let  $G$  be a connected semisimple Lie group with finite center and  $K$  a maximal compact subgroup of  $G$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{k}$  the Lie algebras of  $G$  and  $K$ , respectively. Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{p}$  be a fixed Cartan decomposition of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with Cartan involution  $\theta$  and  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{n}$  an Iwasawa decomposition of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a maximal abelian subspace of  $\mathfrak{p}$ . We denote by  $G = KAN$  the corresponding decomposition of  $G$ . For  $x \in G$ ,  $\kappa(x) \in K$  and  $H(x) \in \mathfrak{a}$  denote the elements uniquely determined by  $x \in \kappa(x) \exp(H(x)) N$ . For  $a \in A$ , we write  $\log a$  for  $H(a)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{a}^*$  be the dual space of  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{a}_\mathbb{C}^*$  its complexification. Let  $M'$  and  $M$  be the normalizer and the centralizer of  $\mathfrak{a}$  in  $K$ , respectively, and we denote by  $W = M'/M$  be the Weyl group of  $G/K$  and  $[W]$  its order. Let  $\bar{\mathfrak{n}} = \theta(\mathfrak{n})$  and  $\bar{N}$  denote the corresponding analytic subgroup of  $G$ . We fix an ordering on  $\mathfrak{a}^*$  which is compatible with the above Iwasawa decomposition. Let  $\rho$  be the half of the sum of all positive roots of  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{a})$ . Let  $\mathfrak{a}_+^*$  be the positive Weyl chamber of  $\mathfrak{a}^*$  and put

$$\mathfrak{a}_+ = \{H \in \mathfrak{a}; \alpha(H) > 0 \text{ for all } \alpha \in \mathfrak{a}_+^*\}.$$

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we put

$$C_{\varepsilon, \rho} = \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}^*; |(s\lambda)(H)| \leq \varepsilon \rho(H) \text{ for all } H \in \mathfrak{a}_+ \text{ and } s \in W\}.$$

We define the tube domain  $T_\rho$  by  $T_\rho = \mathfrak{a}^* + \sqrt{-1}C_{(2/\rho-1)\rho}$ .

We denote by  $C_c^\infty(G)$  the space of all compactly supported  $C^\infty$ -functions on  $G$  and  $C_c^\infty(G/K)$  and  $C_c^\infty(K/G/K)$  be the subspaces of  $C_c^\infty(G)$  of right  $K$ -invariant and  $K$ -biinvariant functions, respectively. The Killing form of  $\mathfrak{g}$  induces euclidean measures on  $A$  and  $\mathfrak{a}^*$ . We normalize them by multiplying the factor  $(2\pi)^{-\dim \mathfrak{a}^*/2}$  and denote them by  $da$  and  $d\nu$ , respectively. Let  $dk$  be the normalized Haar measure on  $K$  so that the total measure is one. The Haar measures on  $N$  and  $\bar{N}$  are normalized so that

$$\theta(dn) = d\bar{n}, \quad \int_{\bar{N}} e^{-2\rho(H(\bar{n}))} d\bar{n} = 1.$$

And we normalize the Haar measure  $dx$  on  $G$  so that

$$\int_G f(x) dx = \int_{KAN} f(kan) e^{2\rho(\log a)} dk da dn, \quad f \in C_c^\infty(G).$$

Let  $dk_M$  be the  $K$  invariant measure on  $K/M$  of the total measure one.

Let

$$\varphi_\lambda(x) = \int_K e^{(\sqrt{-1}\lambda - \rho)(H(xk))} dk, \quad x \in G,$$

be the elementary spherical function. We denote the Harish-Chandra  $c$ -function by

$$c(\lambda) = \int_{\bar{H}} e^{(-\sqrt{-1}\lambda + \rho)(H(\bar{n}))} d\bar{n}.$$

### 3 Fourier transforms

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a complex separable Hilbert space and  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  denote the Banach space of all bounded linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$ . The operator norm of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is denoted by  $\|B\|_\infty$  and the  $p$ -norm  $\|B\|_p$  of  $B$  is defined by  $\|B\|_p = (\text{tr}((B^*B)^{p/2}))^{1/p}$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , where  $\text{tr}$  is the trace.

Let  $L^2(K/M)$  be the subspace of right  $M$ -invariant functions in  $L^2(K)$  and denote by  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  the inner product in  $L^2(K/M)$ . Let  $L^p(\mathfrak{a}^*, \mathcal{B}(L^2(G/K)))^W$  be the Banach space of all  $\mathcal{B}(L^2(G/K))$ -valued  $W$ -invariant functions  $F$  on  $\mathfrak{a}^*$  such that

(1) if  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,

$$\|F\|_p = \left( \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \|F(\lambda)\|_p^p |c(\lambda)|^{-2} d\lambda \right)^{1/p} < \infty,$$

(2) if  $p = \infty$ ,

$$\|F\|_\infty = \text{ess sup}_{\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}^*} \|F(\lambda)\|_\infty < \infty,$$

where we identify two functions if they differ only on null sets.

For each  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}_C^*$  the induced representation  $\pi_\lambda$  of  $G$  on  $L^2(K/M)$  is defined by

$$(\pi_\lambda(x)\Phi)(k) = e^{(\sqrt{-1}\lambda - \rho)(H(x^{-1}k))} \Phi(\kappa(x^{-1}k)), \quad (\Phi \in L^2(K/M), x \in G, k \in K).$$

Then if  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}^*$ , then  $\pi_\lambda$  is a unitary representation. For  $f \in C_c^\infty(G/K)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}_C^*$  we put

$$\pi_\lambda(f) = \int_G f(x) \pi_\lambda(x) dx.$$

Then

$$(\pi_\lambda(f)\Phi)(k) = \int_K K_f(\lambda; k, k_1) \Phi(k_1) dk_1,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K_f(\lambda; k, k_1) &= \int_{AN} f(kan k_1) e^{(-\sqrt{-1}\lambda + \rho)(\log a)} dadn \\ &= \int_{AN} f(kan_1) e^{(-\sqrt{-1}\lambda + \rho)(\log a)} dadn \end{aligned}$$

We define the Fourier transform  $\tilde{f}$  of  $f \in C_c^\infty(G/K)$  by

$$\tilde{f}(\lambda, kM) = \int_{AN} f(kan) e^{(-\sqrt{-1}\lambda + \rho)(\log a)} dadn \quad (\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}^*, k \in K).$$

Then it can be extended to a holomorphic function on  $\mathfrak{a}_\mathbb{C}^*$ . Let  $\Phi_0$  be the identity function on  $K$ . Then we have

$$(\pi_\lambda(f)\Phi)(k) = \tilde{f}(\lambda, kM) \int_K \Phi(k_1) dk_1 = \tilde{f}(\lambda, kM) (\Phi, \Phi_0).$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} (\pi_\lambda(f) * \pi_\lambda(f)\Phi)(k) &= \int_K \left( \overline{K_f(\lambda; k_1, k)} K_f(\lambda; k_1, k_2) dk_1 \right) \Phi(k_2) dk_2 \\ &= \int_{K/M} |\tilde{f}(\lambda, k_1 M)|^2 dk_{1M} \int_K \Phi(x_2) dk_2 \\ &= \int_{K/M} |\tilde{f}(\lambda, k_1 M)|^2 dk_{1M} (\Phi, \Phi_0). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\|\pi_\lambda(f)\|_p = \left( \int_K |\tilde{f}(\lambda, kM)|^2 dk_M \right)^{1/2}, \quad (1 \leq p \leq \infty).$$

We put  $\mathcal{F}(f)(\lambda) = \pi_\lambda(f)$ . If  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}^*$ , then  $\|\pi_\lambda(x)\|_\infty = 1$  and

$$(3.1) \quad \|\mathcal{F}(f)\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_1.$$

Therefore, the Fourier transform can be extended to  $L^1(G/K)$  satisfying (3.1).

The following is the Plancherel formula ([H] Theorem 2.6): If  $f \in C_c^\infty(G/K)$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_G |f(x)|^2 dx &= [W]^{-1} \int_{\mathfrak{a}^* \times K/M} |\tilde{f}(\lambda, kM)|^2 |c(\lambda)|^{-2} d\lambda dk_M \\ &= [W]^{-1} \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \|\pi_\lambda(f)\|_{\mathfrak{H}}^2 |c(\lambda)|^{-2} d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(3.2) \quad [W]^{-1/2} \|\mathcal{F}(f)\|_2 = \|f\|_2$$

and it is known that the mapping  $\mathcal{F}: f \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(f)$  can be extended to an isometry of  $L^2(G/K)$  onto  $L^2(\mathfrak{a}^*, \mathcal{B}(L^2(G/K)))^W$ .

#### 4 Hausdorff-Young inequality in the real case

To prove the Hausdorff-Young inequality on  $\mathfrak{a}^*$ , we use the Riesz-Thorin interpolation theorem for operator valued functions which can easily be led from the Kunze-Stein interpolation theorem in the general case ([K-S] Theorem 3). Let  $(X, \mu)$  and  $(X', \mu')$  be two  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces. A complex valued function on  $X$  is called simple if it can be expressed as a finite linear combination of characteristic functions of measurable sets of finite measure. Let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be, as above, the Banach space of all bounded operators on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ .

LEMMA 1. *Let  $T$  be a linear map of the space of all compactly supported simple functions on  $X$  to the space of all measurable  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ -valued functions on  $X'$ . Let  $p_i, q_i$  ( $i=1, 2$ ) be  $1 \leq p_i, q_i \leq \infty$  and  $q_0 \neq \infty$  or  $q_1 \neq \infty$ . Suppose that there exists  $k_i > 0$  such that*

$$\|T(f)\|_{q_i} \leq k_i \|f\|_{p_i}$$

for any compactly supported simple functions on  $X$ . For each  $0 < t < 1$  we define  $p_t$  and  $q_t$  by

$$\frac{1}{p_t} = \frac{1-t}{p_0} + \frac{t}{p_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{q_t} = \frac{1-t}{q_0} + \frac{t}{q_1}.$$

Then there exists a constant  $k_t$  such that  $k_t \leq k_0^{-t} k_1^t$  and

$$\|T(f)\|_{q_t} \leq k_t \|f\|_{p_t},$$

for any compactly supported simple function  $f$  on  $X$ . And if  $p_t < \infty$ , then  $T$  can be extended to an operator of  $L^{p_t}(X)$ .

If we choose that  $X=G/K$ ,  $X'=\mathfrak{a}^*$ ,  $T=\mathcal{F}$ ,  $p_0=1$ ,  $q_0=\infty$  and  $p_1=q_1=2$ , then we have the following theorem since the inequalities (3.1) and (3.2) hold for compactly supported simple function  $f$  on  $G/K$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *If  $1 \leq p \leq 2$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , then there exists a positive constant  $C_p$ ,  $0 < C_p < [W]^{1/q}$  such that*

$$\|\mathcal{F}(f)\|_q = \left\{ \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \left( \int_{K/M} |\tilde{f}(\lambda, kM)|^2 dk_M \right)^{q/2} |c(\lambda)|^{-2} d\lambda \right\}^{1/q} \leq C_p \|f\|_p$$

for any  $f \in L^p(G/K)$ .

In [E-K-T] this theorem was proved only for  $K$ -finite functions on  $G/K$ .

If  $f$  is  $K$ -biinvariant, then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}(\lambda, kM) &= \int_{AN} f(an) e^{(-\sqrt{-\lambda} + \rho)(\log a)} da dn \\ &= \int_G f(x) \varphi_\lambda(x^{-1}) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\tilde{f}(\lambda, kM)$  is the spherical transform of  $f \in C_c^\infty(K \backslash G/K)$ . We denote it by  $\tilde{f}(\lambda)$ . And the Plancherel formula and the inversion formula are as follows: If  $f \in C_c^\infty(K \backslash G/K)$ , then we have

$$\int_G |f(x)|^2 dx = [W]^{-1} \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} |\tilde{f}(\lambda)|^2 |c(\lambda)|^{-2} d\lambda$$

and

$$f(x) = [W]^{-1} \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \tilde{f}(\lambda) \varphi_\lambda(x) |c(\lambda)|^{-2} d\lambda.$$

Restricting ourselves to consider  $K$ -biinvariant functions in Theorem 1, we get the following corollary ([E-K] Lemma 8).

**COROLLARY.** *If  $1 \leq p \leq 2$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , then there exists a positive constant  $C_p$ ,  $0 < C_p < [W]^{1/q}$  such*

that

$$\left( \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} |\tilde{f}(\lambda)|^q |c(\lambda)|^{-2} d\lambda \right)^{1/q} \leq C_p \|f\|_p$$

for any  $f \in L^p(K \backslash G/K)$ .

For the Hausdorff-Young inequality in  $T_p = \mathfrak{a}^* + \sqrt{-1}C_{\mathfrak{g}}$  it is necessary to have an inequality

$$(4.1) \quad \sup_{\lambda \in T_1} \|(\mathcal{F}f)(\lambda)\|_{\infty} \leq \|f\|_1$$

instead of (3.1). Kunze-Stein ([K-S]) and Lipsman ([L1], [L2]) constructed uniformly bounded representations to have an inequality of this type. In [E-K] the boundedness of  $\varphi_{\lambda}$  on  $T_1$  due to Helgason-Johnson [H-J] was used. In [E-K-T] the authors proved that if  $f \in C_c^{\infty}(G/K)$  is  $K$ -finite of type  $F$ , then there exists a constant  $C_F > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{\lambda \in T_1} \|(\mathcal{F}f)(\lambda)\|_{\infty} \leq C_F \|f\|_1.$$

### 5 An inequality in $T_p$

Next is the Young inequality due to A. Weil ([W], p.55)

LEMMA 2. Let  $G$  be a locally compact unimodular group. We denote by  $f * g$  the convolution of functions  $f$  and  $g$  on  $G$ . Let  $p$  and  $q$  be real numbers such that  $1 < p < \infty, 1 < q < \infty$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} > 1$ . Let  $r = \frac{pq}{p+q-pq}$ . If  $f \in L^p(G)$  and  $g \in L^q(G)$ , then  $f * g$  is in  $L^r(G)$  and the inequality

$$\|f * g\|_r \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$$

holds.

As a direct consequence of Lemma 1 we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 3. Let  $K$  be a compact subgroup of a locally compact unimodular group  $G$ . For a function  $f$  on  $G$  we put  $f^*(x) = \overline{f(x^{-1})}$ . Let  $1 < p < 2$ . If  $f$  is in  $L^p(G/K)$ , then  $f^* * f$  is in  $L^{p/2-1}(K \backslash G/K)$ .

Now we return to our Riemannian symmetric space case. Next lemma is the Hausdorff-Young theorem for  $L^p(K \backslash G/K)$  ([E-K] Theorem 1). For a subset  $S$  of  $\mathfrak{a}_C^*$ , we denote by  $\text{Int}S$  the interior of  $S$ .

LEMMA 4. Let  $1 < p < 2, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and  $\varepsilon = \frac{2}{p} - 1$ . If  $f \in L^p(K \backslash G/K)$ , then the Fourier transform  $\tilde{f}$

can be holomorphically extended to the tube domain  $\text{Int}T_p$  and for any  $\eta \in \text{Int}C_{\varepsilon, \rho}$ , there exists a positive constant  $C_{p, \eta}$  such that

$$\left( \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} |\tilde{f}(\xi + \sqrt{-1}\eta)|^{1/q} \leq C_{p, \eta} \|f\|_p \quad (f \in L_p(K \backslash G/K)). \right.$$

Let  $f \in C_c^\infty(G/K)$  and  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}_C^*$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (\widehat{f^* * f})(\lambda) &= \int_{AN} (f^* * f)(an) e^{(-\sqrt{-1}\lambda + \rho)(\log a)} da dn \\ &= \int_{AN} \left( \int_G f^*(x^{-1}) f(xan) dx \right) e^{(-\sqrt{-1}\lambda + \rho)(\log a)} da dn \\ &= \int_{AN} \left( \int_{KAN} \overline{f(ka'n')} f(ka'a(a^{-1}n'a)n) e^{2\rho(\log a)} dk da' dn' \right) e^{(-\sqrt{-1}\lambda + \rho)(\log a)} da dn \\ &= \int_{KAN} \overline{f(ka'n')} \left( \int_{AN} f(kan) e^{(-\sqrt{-1}\lambda + \rho)(\log a - \log a')} da dn \right) e^{2\rho(\log a)} dk da' dn' \\ &= \int_K \left( \int_{AN} \overline{f(ka'n')} e^{(\sqrt{-1}\lambda + \rho)(\log a)} da' an' \right) \left( \int_{AN} f(kan) e^{(-\sqrt{-1}\lambda + \rho)(\log a)} da dn \right) dk \\ &= \int_{K/M} \overline{\tilde{f}(\lambda, kM)} \tilde{f}(\lambda, kM) dk_M. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 5. Let  $f \in C_c^\infty(G/K)$ . Then

$$(\widehat{f^* * f})(\lambda) = \int_{K/M} \overline{\tilde{f}(\lambda, kM)} \tilde{f}(\lambda, kM) dk_M, \quad (\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}_C^*).$$

From Lemmas 2, 3, 4 and 5 we have the following theorem.

THEOREM 2. Let  $1 < p < \frac{4}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . For any  $\eta \in \text{Int}C_{(4/p-3)\rho}$ , there exists a positive constant  $C_{p, \eta}$  such that

$$\left( \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \left| \int_{K/M} \overline{\tilde{f}(kM, \xi - \sqrt{-1}\eta)} \tilde{f}(kM, \xi + \sqrt{-1}\eta) dk_M \right|^{q/2} |c(\xi)|^{-2} d\xi \right)^{1/q} \leq C_{p, \eta} \|f\|_p$$

for any  $f \in C_c^\infty(G/K)$ .



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