

# Hardy's theorem for the generalized Bessel transform on the half line

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# ABSTRACT

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First keyword Generalized Bessel transform uncertainty principle Hardy's theorem In this paper, we give a generalization of a qualitative uncertainty principle namely Hardy's theorem, which asserts that a function and its Fourier transform cannot both be very small, for the generalized Bessel transform on the half line.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The uncertainty principle says that a function and its Fourier transform can't simultaneously decay very rapidly at infinity. A classical version of uncertainty principle, known as Hardy's theorem, was first proved by Hardy on  $\mathbb{R}$ . We state Hardy's theorem on  $\mathbb{R}$  as follows [3].

**Theorem 1..1** Suppose that f is a measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  and satisfies

$$|f(x)| \le Ce^{-ax^2}$$
$$|F(f)(\xi)| \le Ce^{\frac{-\xi^2}{4a^2}}$$

then f is a multiple of  $e^{-ax^2}$ 

The Hardy's theorem was extended to various settings see [4–6] for more results. The purpose of this paper is to obtain a generalization of this theorem for the generalized Bessel transform.

The structure of the paper is as follows: In section 2 we set some notations and collect some basic results about the Bessel operator and the Bessel transform. In section 3 we give some facts about harmonic analysis related to the second-order singular differential operator on the half line  $\Delta$  and generalized Bessel transform. In section 4 we state and prove an analogue of Hardy's theorem for the generalized Bessel transform.

#### 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we recapitulate some facts about harmonic analysis related to the Bessel operator  $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}$ . We cite here, as briefly as possible, some properties. For more details we refer to [7].

Throughout this paper we assume that  $\alpha > \frac{-1}{2}$ .

Defined  $L^p_{\alpha}$ ,  $1 \le p \le \infty$ , as the class of measurable function f on  $[0, +\infty[$  for which  $||f||_{p,\alpha} < \infty$ , where

$$||f||_{p,\alpha} = \left(\int_0^\infty |f(x)|^p x^{2\alpha+1} dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad if \ p < \infty$$

and

$$||f||_{\infty,\alpha} = ||f||_{\infty} = ess \ sup_{x \ge 0} |f(x)|$$

The Bessel operator  $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}$  is defined as following:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}f(x) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}f(x) + \frac{2\alpha + 1}{x}\frac{d}{dx}f(x).$$

The Fourier-Bessel transform of ordre  $\alpha$  is defined for a function  $f \in L^1_{\alpha}$  by

$$\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(f)(\lambda) = \int_{0}^{\infty} f(x) j_{\alpha}(\lambda x) x^{2\alpha+1} dx, \quad \lambda \ge 0,$$
(1)

where

$$j_{\alpha}(z) = \Gamma(\alpha+1) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (\frac{z}{2})^{2n}}{n! \, \Gamma(n+\alpha+1)} \ (z \in \mathbb{C}).$$
(2)

is the normalized Bessel function of index  $\alpha$ .

**Proposition 2..1** (i) If both f and  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}$  are in  $L^1_{\alpha}$  then

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty \mathcal{F}_\alpha(f)(\lambda) j_\alpha(\lambda x) d\mu_\alpha(\lambda), \quad \text{for almost all } x \ge 0$$

where

$$d\mu_{\alpha}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{4^{\alpha}(\Gamma(\alpha+1))^2} \lambda^{2\alpha+1} d\lambda.$$
(3)

(ii) For every  $f \in L^1_{\alpha} \bigcap L^2_{\alpha}$  we have

$$\int_0^\infty |f(x)|^2 x^{2\alpha+1} dx = \int_0^\infty |\mathcal{F}_\alpha(f)(\lambda)|^2 d\mu_\alpha(\lambda)$$

The Bessel translation operators  $\tau_{\alpha}^x$ ,  $x \ge 0$ , are defined by

$$\tau_{\alpha}^{x}(f)(y) = a_{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\pi} f(\sqrt{x^{2} + y^{2} + 2xy\cos\theta})(\sin\theta)^{2\alpha}d\theta, \tag{4}$$

where

$$a_{\alpha} = \frac{2\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\alpha+\frac{1}{2})}.$$
(5)

## 3. HARMONIC ANALYSIS ASSOCIATED WITH $\Delta$

In this section we provide some facts about harmonic analysis related to the second-order singular differential operator on the half line  $\Delta$ . We cite here, as briefly as possible, some properties. For more details we refer to [1, 2].

Consider the second-order singular differential operator on the half line

$$\Delta f(x) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}f(x) + \frac{2\alpha + 1}{x}\frac{d}{dx}f(x) - \frac{4n(\alpha + n)}{x^2}f(x)$$

where  $\alpha > \frac{-1}{2}$  and n = 0, 1, 2, ... For n = 0 we regain the Bessel operator  $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}$ . Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be the map defined by

$$\mathcal{M}f(x) = x^{2n}f(x).$$

Let  $L^p_{\alpha,n}, 1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , be the class of measurable functions f on  $[0, \infty[$  for which

$$||f||_{p,\alpha,n} = ||\mathcal{M}^{-1}f||_{p,\alpha+2n} < \infty.$$

**Remark 3..1**  $\mathcal{M}$  is an isometry from  $L^p_{\alpha+2n}$  onto  $L^p_{\alpha,n}$ .

3.1. Generalized Bessel transform

For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , put

$$\varphi_{\lambda}(x) = x^{2n} j_{\alpha+2n}(\lambda x), \tag{6}$$

where  $j_{\alpha+2n}$  is the normalized Bessel function of index  $\alpha + 2n$  given by (2).

**Proposition 3..1** •  $\varphi_{\lambda}$  possesses the Laplace integral representation

$$\varphi_{\lambda}(x) = a_{\alpha+2n} x^{2n} \int_0^1 \cos(\lambda t x) (1-t^2)^{\alpha+2n-\frac{1}{2}} dt,$$
(7)

where  $a_{\alpha+2n}$  is given by (5)

•  $\varphi_{\lambda}$  satisfies the differential equation

$$\Delta \varphi_{\lambda} = -\lambda^2 \varphi_{\lambda}$$

• For all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$|\varphi_{\lambda}(x)| \le x^{2n} e^{|Im\lambda||x|}$$

**Definition 3..2** The generalized Fourier transform is defined for a function  $f \in L^1_{\alpha,n}$  by

$$\mathcal{F}_{\Delta}(f)(\lambda) = \int_0^\infty f(x)\varphi_{\lambda}(x)x^{2\alpha+1}dx, \ \lambda \ge 0.$$
(8)

**Remark 3..2** • By (1) and (3) observe that

$$\mathcal{F}_{\Delta} = \mathcal{F}_{\alpha+2n} \circ \mathcal{M}^{-1},\tag{9}$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha+2n}$  is the Fourier-Bessel transform of order  $\alpha + 2n$  given by (1).

• If  $f \in L^1_{\alpha,n}$  then  $\mathcal{F}_{\Delta}(f) \in C_0([0;\infty[)(\text{of continuous functions on } [0;\infty[ \text{ vanishing at infinity}))$ and  $\|\mathcal{F}_{\Delta}(f)\|_{\infty} \leq \|f\|_{1,\alpha,n}$ .

**Theorem 3..3** Let  $f \in L^1_{\alpha,n}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_{\Delta}(f) \in L^1_{\alpha+2n}$ . Then for almost all  $x \ge 0$ ,

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty \mathcal{F}_\Delta(f)(\lambda)\varphi_\lambda(x)d\mu_{\alpha+2n}(\lambda),$$

where  $d\mu_{\alpha+2n}(\lambda)$  is given by (3).

**Theorem 3..4** (i) For every  $f \in L^1_{\alpha,n} \cap L^2_{\alpha,n}$  we have the Plancherel formula

$$\int_0^\infty |f(x)|^2 x^{2\alpha+1} dx = \int_0^\infty |\mathcal{F}_{\Delta}(f)(\lambda)|^2 d\mu_{\alpha+2n}(\lambda).$$

(ii) The generalized Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}_{\Delta}$  extends uniquely to an isometric isomorphism from  $L^2_{\alpha,n}$  onto  $L^2([0,\infty[,\mu_{\alpha+2n})])$ . The inverse transform is given by

$$\mathcal{F}_{\Delta}^{-1}(g)(x) = \int_0^\infty g(\lambda)\varphi_{\lambda}(x)d\mu_{\alpha+2n}(\lambda),$$

where the integral converge in  $L^2_{\alpha,n}$ .

## 4. HARDY'S THEOREM FOR THE GENERALIZED BESSEL TRANSFORM

In this section, we will obtain a Hardy uncertainty principle for the generalized Bessel transform.

**Theorem 4..1** Suppose that f is a measurable function such that  $f \in L^2_{\alpha,n}$  and satisfies

$$|f(x)| \le Cx^{2n}(1+x^2)^k e^{-ax^2}$$
$$|\mathcal{F}_{\Delta}(f)(\xi)| \le C(1+\xi^2)^k e^{-b\xi^2}$$

where a, b > 0. Then, f = 0 whenever  $ab > \frac{1}{4}$  and when  $ab = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $f(x) = H(x)e^{-ax^2}$ , where H is a polynomial of degree  $\leq 2k + 2n$ .

We will use the following lemma

**Lemma 4..2** [8] Suppose that  $F(\xi)$  is an entire function of one complex variable satisfying

$$|F(\xi)| \le C(1+|\xi|^2)^k e^{b|Img(\xi)|^2}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{C}$$
$$|F(\xi)| \le C(1+\xi^2)^k e^{-b\xi^2}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}$$

where b is a positive constant. Then,  $F(\xi) = P(\xi)e^{-b\xi^2}$ , where  $P(\xi)$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq 2k$ .

### **Proof of theorem**

Assume first that  $ab = \frac{1}{4}$ . Obviously,  $\mathcal{F}_{\Delta}(f)$  can be extended to an entire function. Let  $\xi = \zeta + i\eta$  then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{F}_{\Delta}(f)(\xi)| &= C|\int_{0}^{\infty} f(x)\varphi_{\xi}(x)x^{2\alpha+1}dx| \\ &= C|\int_{0}^{\infty} x^{2n}f(x)j_{\alpha+2n}(\xi x)x^{2\alpha+1}dx| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{2}|\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)}{x^{2n}}x^{2(\alpha+2n)+1}\int_{-1}^{1}e^{ix\xi s-x\eta s}(1-s^{2})^{\alpha+2n-\frac{1}{2}}dsdx| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{2}|\int_{0}^{\infty}(1+x^{2})^{k}x^{2(\alpha+2n)+1}e^{-ax^{2}+x|\eta|}dx| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{2}e^{b\eta^{2}}\int_{0}^{\infty}(1+x^{2})^{k}x^{2(\alpha+2n)+1}e^{-(\sqrt{a}x-\sqrt{b}|\eta|)^{2}}dx \\ &\leq \frac{C}{2}(1+\eta^{2})^{k+\alpha+2n+1}e^{b\eta^{2}} \\ &\leq C(1+\eta^{2})^{k+\alpha+2n+1}e^{b\eta^{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

By lemma 4.2,  $\mathcal{F}_{\Delta}(f)(\xi) = Q(\xi)e^{-b\xi^2}$ , where  $Q(\xi)$  is a polynomial. Because

$$|Q(\xi)e^{-b\xi^2}| = |\mathcal{F}_{\Delta}(f)(\xi)| \le C(1+\xi^2)^k e^{-b\xi^2}$$

we have degQ = 2k.

In view of Lemma 4.2 and by taking the inverse of the Fourier-Bessel transform of order  $\alpha + 2n$ , we obtain

$$\mathcal{M}^{-1}(f)(x) = P(x)e^{-ax^2},$$

where P(x) is an even polynomial of degree  $\leq 2k$ . Then

$$f(x) = x^{2n} P(x) e^{-ax^2} = H(x) e^{-ax^2}$$

where H(x) is an even polynomial of degree  $\leq 2k + 2n$ . When  $ab > \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $|\mathcal{M}^{-1}(f)(x)| \leq C(1 + |x|^2)^k e^{-a_1 x^2}$ , where  $a_1 = \frac{1}{4b} < a$ . As argument above,

$$\mathcal{M}^{-1}f(x) = P(x)e^{-a_1x^2}$$

where P(x) is an even polynomial of degree  $\leq 2k$ . Then

$$|\mathcal{M}^{-1}f(x)| \le C(1+x^2)^k e^{-ax^2}$$

cannot hold unless

$$\mathcal{M}^{-1}f = 0,$$

then f = 0.

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