SERIES EXPANSIONS OF GENERALIZED TEMPERATURE FUNCTIONS IN *N* DIMENSIONS

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1. Introduction. The generalized heat equation is given by

(1.1)
$$\Delta_x u(x,t) = \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t},$$

where $\Delta_x f(x) = f''(x) + (2\nu/x)f'(x)$, ν a fixed positive number. In a recent paper (5), the author established criteria for representing solutions of (1.1) in either the form

(1.2)
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n P_{n,\nu}(x,t)$$

or

(1.3)
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n W_{n,\nu}(x,t)$$

where $P_{n,\nu}(x, t)$ is the polynomial solution of (1.1) given explicitly by

(1.4)
$$P_{n,\nu}(x,t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} 2^{2k} \binom{n}{k} \frac{\Gamma(\nu+\frac{1}{2}+n)}{\Gamma(\nu+\frac{1}{2}+n-k)} x^{2n-2k} t^{k},$$

and $W_{n,\nu}(x, t)$ is its Appell transform; cf. (1). Our object is to generalize these results by extending them to higher dimensions. D. V. Widder (8) studied the problem for the ordinary heat equation.

Consider the Euclidean space E^{n+1} of points $(\mathbf{x}, t) = (x_1, \ldots, x_n, t)$. Here the generalized heat equation becomes

(1.5)
$$\Delta_{\mathbf{x}} u(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Delta_{x_i} u(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(\mathbf{x}, t).$$

A function $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$ of class C^2 in a region of E^{n+1} is said to belong to class H there and is called a generalized temperature function if and only if it is a solution of (1.5). The fundamental solution of (1.5) is the function $G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; t)$ given by

(1.6)
$$G(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y};t) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} G(x_i,y_i;t)$$

where each of the factors $G(x_i, y_i; t)$, i = 1, ..., n, is the fundamental solution of (1.1) and is given by

$$G(x_i, y_i; t) = \left(\frac{1}{2t}\right)^{\nu + \frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{x_i^2 + y_i^2}{4t}\right) \Im\left(\frac{x_i y_i}{2t}\right)$$

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with

$$\Im(z) = 2^{\nu - \frac{1}{2}} \Gamma(\nu + \frac{1}{2}) z^{\frac{1}{2} - \nu} I_{\nu - \frac{1}{2}}(z),$$

 $I_{\alpha}(z)$ being the Bessel function of imaginary argument of order α . A subclass H^* of H important to our theory is that of those generalized temperature functions $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$, a < t < b, for which

$$u(\mathbf{x},t) = \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty G(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y};t-t')u(\mathbf{y},t')d\mu(y_1)d\mu(y_2)\dots d\mu(y_n),$$

with

$$d\mu(y) = \{2^{\nu - \frac{1}{2}} / \Gamma(\nu + \frac{1}{2})\} y^{2\nu} dy,$$

for every pair of numbers t, t', a < t' < t < b, with the multiple integral converging absolutely. If $u(\mathbf{x}, t) \in H^*$, a < t < b, then $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is said to have the Huygens property there.

Our principal result is that a necessary and sufficient condition for representing a function $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$ by the absolutely convergent multiple series

$$\sum_{m_{n}=0}^{\infty} \ldots \sum_{m_{1}=0}^{\infty} a_{m_{1}} \ldots a_{m_{n}} P_{m_{1},\nu}(x_{1},t) \ldots P_{m_{n},\nu}(x_{n},t)$$

where $P_{m_{i},\nu}(x_{i},t)$, i = 1, ..., n, is defined by (1.4), is that $u(\mathbf{x},t) \in H^{*}$ for $|t| < \sigma$. In addition, we derive a corresponding theorem for expanding $u(\mathbf{x},t)$ in the series

$$\sum_{m_{n}=0}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{m_{1}=0}^{\infty} b_{m_{1}} \dots b_{m_{n}} W_{m_{1},\nu}(x_{1},t) \dots W_{m_{n},\nu}(x_{n},t)$$

where $W_{m_i,\nu}(x_i, t)$, i = 1, ..., n, is the Appell transform of $P_{m_i,\nu}(x_i, t)$.

2. Notation and definitions. We make use of the following vector notation:

(2.1)
$$\mathbf{m}! = \prod_{i=1}^{n} m_i!,$$

$$|\mathbf{m}| = \sum_{i=1}^{n} m_{i}$$

(2.3)
$$||\mathbf{x}||^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2,$$

(2.4)
$$\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{m}} = \prod_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}^{m_{i}},$$

(2.5)
$$\mathbf{xy} = (x_1 y_1, x_2 y_2, \dots, x_n y_n).$$

(2.6)
$$f(\mathbf{x})^{\mathbf{1}} = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i),$$

(2.8)
$$\sum_{\mathbf{m}=\mathbf{0}}^{\infty} a_{\mathbf{m}} = \sum_{m_n=0}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{m_1=0}^{\infty} a_{m_1} \dots a_{m_n}.$$

(2.9)
$$\int_0^\infty f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n.$$

We write $\mathbf{m} \to \mathbf{\infty}$ to mean that the m_i tend to ∞ , $i = 1, \ldots, n$, independently.

3. Regions of convergence. In this section, we consider the regions of convergence of the multiple series

(3.1)
$$\sum_{\mathbf{m}=\mathbf{0}}^{\infty} a_{\mathbf{m}} P_{\mathbf{m},\nu}(\mathbf{x},t)$$

and

(3.2)
$$\sum_{\mathbf{m}=\mathbf{0}}^{\infty} b_{\mathbf{m}} W_{\mathbf{m},\nu}(\mathbf{x},t)$$

where we say that a multiple series is convergent if and only if every simple series formed from all of its terms converges absolutely. We find that the series (3.1) converges in the "strip" $|t| < \sigma$, whereas the series (3.2) converges in the half-space $t > \sigma$. Since these results are direct generalizations of the twodimensional case, and are based on extensions of the order properties of the coefficients and of the bounds for the $P_{m,\nu}(x, t)$ and the $W_{m,\nu}(x, t)$, we state the theorems without proof.

THEOREM 3.1. If

(3.3)
$$\lim_{\mathbf{m}\to\infty} \left(|a_{\mathbf{m}}|\mathbf{m}^{\mathbf{m}} \right)^{1/|\mathbf{m}|} = \frac{e}{4\sigma}$$

then the series (3.1) converges for $|t| < \sigma$. It diverges for $t > \sigma$. For $t < -\sigma$, it cannot converge for any set of points of positive measure.

Similarly, we have the region of convergence of the series (3.2).

THEOREM 3.2. If

(3.4)
$$\overline{\lim_{\mathbf{m}\to\infty}} \ (|b_{\mathbf{m}}|\mathbf{m}^{\mathbf{m}})^{1/|\mathbf{m}|} = \frac{e\sigma}{4} ,$$

then the series (3.2) converges for $t > \sigma$. It cannot converge for $t = t_0$, $0 < t_0 < \sigma$, on a set of points **x** of positive measure.

4. The Huygens property. It is the class H^* of generalized temperature functions that plays the central role in our theory. As in the two-dimensional case, it follows readily that $P_{\mathbf{m},\nu}(\mathbf{x},t)$ and $W_{\mathbf{m},\nu}(\mathbf{x},t)$ are both members of H^* for $0 < t < \infty$. Further, as a simple extension of (3, Theorem 6.2), we note that any function $u(\mathbf{x},t)$ having a Poisson-Hankel-Stieltjes integral representation

(4.1)
$$u(\mathbf{x},t) = \int_0^\infty G(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y};t) d\alpha(\mathbf{y})^1$$

belongs to H^* in the "strip" of absolute convergence of the integral (4.1). In particular, as an immediate consequence of (2, Theorem 9.1), we know that every positive generalized temperature function has a representation (4.1)

and hence belongs to H^* . In addition, as an extension of (3, Theorem 8.1), it follows that members $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$ of H, a < t < b, for which

(4.2)
$$\int_0^\infty |u(\mathbf{x},t)| G(\mathbf{x};b-t) [d\mu(\mathbf{x})]^1 < M,$$

have the representation (4.1) and consequently belong to H^* there also.

A readily applicable criterion for the Huygens property is given by the following result.

THEOREM 4.1. A necessary and sufficient condition that $u(\mathbf{x}, t) \in H^*$ for a < t < b is that $u(\mathbf{x}, t) \in H$ and that the function

(4.3)
$$F_c(t) = \int_0^\infty G(\mathbf{y}; c-t) |u(\mathbf{y}, t)| [d\mu(\mathbf{y})]^1$$

be non-increasing for a < t < c for every c, a < c < b.

Proof. To prove the necessity for the conditions, note that if $u \in H^*$, then, for a < t < c < b,

(4.4)
$$u(\mathbf{0},c) = \int_{\mathbf{0}}^{\infty} G(\mathbf{y};c-t)u(\mathbf{y},t)[d\mu(\mathbf{y})]^{1},$$

with the integral (4.4) converging absolutely. Hence the integral (4.3) exists. Further, $F_c(t)$ is non-increasing, for we have, using the fact that $u \in H^*$ for a < t' < t < b,

$$F_{c}(t) = \int_{0}^{\infty} G(\mathbf{y}; c-t) |u(\mathbf{y}, t)| [d\mu(\mathbf{y})]^{1}$$

$$\leq \int_{0}^{\infty} G(\mathbf{y}; c-t) [d\mu(\mathbf{y})]^{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} G(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}; t-t') |u(\mathbf{z}, t')| [d\mu(\mathbf{z})]^{1}$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} G(\mathbf{z}; c-t') |u(\mathbf{z}, t')| [d\mu(\mathbf{z})]^{1} = F_{c}(t').$$

The interchange in order of integration is valid by Fubini's Theorem. Hence $F_{\epsilon}(t)$ is non-increasing and the necessity of the condition is proved.

Conversely, assume that $F_c(t)$ is given by (4.3) and choose a', c such that a < a' < c < b. Then, by assumption, we have, for a' < t < c,

$$F_{c}(t) = \int_{0}^{\infty} G(\mathbf{y}; c-t) |u(\mathbf{y}, t)| [d\mu(\mathbf{y})]^{1} \leqslant F_{c}(a').$$

By the remarks preceding the theorem, it follows that $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$ has the absolutely convergent integral representation

$$u(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_0^\infty G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; t) [d\alpha(\mathbf{y})]^1, \qquad a' < t < c.$$

Hence $u(\mathbf{x}, t) \in H^*$ for a' < t < c and since a', c are arbitrary, it follows that $u(\mathbf{x}, t) \in H^*$ for a < t < b, as was to be proved.

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We complete this section with a theorem establishing the independence of t of an integral involving functions of H^* . The proof is direct and follows that of the two-dimensional case given in (3, Theorem 7.6).

THEOREM 4.2. Let $u(\mathbf{x}, t) \in H^*$ for a < t < b and $v(\mathbf{x}, t) \in H^*$ for a < -t < b. If

(4.5)
$$\int_{\mathbf{0}}^{\infty} |u(\mathbf{y},t)| [d\mu(\mathbf{y})]^{\mathbf{1}} \int_{\mathbf{0}}^{\infty} G(\mathbf{y},\mathbf{z};t'-t) |v(\mathbf{z},-t')|] d\mu(\mathbf{z})]^{\mathbf{1}}$$

is finite for a < t < t' < b, then

(4.6)
$$\int_0^\infty u(\mathbf{y}, t) v(\mathbf{y}, -t) [d\mu(\mathbf{y})]^1, \quad a < t < b,$$

is a constant.

Special cases of this theorem are of interest to us.

COROLLARY 4.3. If $u(\mathbf{x}, t) \in H^*$ for $0 < t < \infty$, then

(4.7)
$$\int_0^{\infty} u(\mathbf{x}, t) P_{\mathbf{m}, \nu}(\mathbf{x}, -t) [d\mu(\mathbf{x})]^{\mathsf{I}}$$

is a constant.

COROLLARY 4.4. If $u(\mathbf{x}, -t) \in H^*$ for $0 < t < \infty$, then

(4.8)
$$\int_0^\infty u(\mathbf{x}, -t) W_{\mathbf{m},\nu}(\mathbf{x}, t) [d\mu(\mathbf{x})]^1$$

is a constant.

5. Even functions of growth $(1, \sigma)$. Certain entire functions enter into our theory and we study them in this section.

DEFINITION 5.1. An even function $f(\mathbf{x})$ belongs to class $(1, \sigma)$ if it is represented by the n-fold series

(5.1)
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{m}=0}^{\infty} a_{\mathbf{m}} \mathbf{x}^{2\mathbf{m}}$$

with the coefficients satisfying the inequality

(5.2)
$$\overline{\lim_{\mathbf{m}\to\infty}} \left[|a_{\mathbf{m}}|\mathbf{m}^{\mathbf{m}}|^{1/|\mathbf{m}|} \leqslant e\sigma \right]$$

We determine an order property of functions of growth $(1, \sigma)$.

THEOREM 5.2. If $f(\mathbf{x})$ is an even function of growth $(1, \sigma)$, then for any $\sigma' > \sigma$,

(5.3)
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = O[\exp(\sigma' ||\mathbf{x}||^2], \quad \mathbf{x} \to \infty$$

Proof. By definition 5.1, there exists to any $\epsilon > 0$ a constant M_{ϵ} such that

(5.4)
$$|\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{m}}| \leq M_{\epsilon} [e(\sigma + \epsilon)]^{|\mathbf{m}|} (1/\mathbf{m}^{\mathbf{m}})$$

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for all m > 0. Hence, using (5.4) and the simple inequality

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{r^{2m}}{m^{m}} \leqslant 2[r^{2}e^{r^{2}/e} + 1], \qquad 0 < r < \infty,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\mathbf{x})| &\leq M_{\epsilon} \sum_{\mathbf{m}=\mathbf{0}}^{\infty} \left[e(\sigma+\epsilon) \right]^{|\mathbf{m}|} \frac{1}{\mathbf{m}^{\mathbf{m}}} |\mathbf{x}^{2\mathbf{m}}| \\ &\leq M_{\epsilon} 2[e(\sigma+\epsilon) \mathbf{x}^{2\mathbf{1}} \exp\{\sigma+\epsilon\} ||\mathbf{x}||^{2}\} + 1] \\ &< 2M_{\epsilon} \exp\{(\sigma+2\epsilon) ||\mathbf{x}||^{2}\} \end{aligned}$$

and the theorem is established.

We complete the section by proving that a certain integral transform of an even function of growth $(1, \sigma)$ has the Huygens property.

THEOREM 5.3. If $f(\mathbf{x})$ is an even function of growth $(1, \sigma)$ and if

(5.5)
$$u(\mathbf{x},t) = \int_0^\infty f(\mathbf{y}) [\mathfrak{B}(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y})]^1 \exp(-t||\mathbf{y}||^2) [d\mu(\mathbf{y})]^1,$$

then the integral converges absolutely for $t > \sigma$ and $u(\mathbf{x}, t) \in H^*$ there.

Proof. The convergence of the integral (5.5) follows from the preceding theorem. Further, since $(\mathfrak{V}(\mathbf{xy}))^1 \exp(-t||\mathbf{y}||^2)$ is readily shown to be a generalized temperature function, and differentiation with respect to t of the integrand (5.5) results in an integral that by virtue of (5.3) converges uniformly, it follows that $u(\mathbf{x}, t) \in H$. To show that indeed $(\mathbf{x}, t) \in H^*$, note that (5.5) implies, for $\sigma < t' < t$,

$$I = \int_0^\infty G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; t - t') u(\mathbf{y}, t') [d\mu(\mathbf{y})]^1$$

=
$$\int_0^\infty G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; t - t') [d\mu(\mathbf{y})]^1 \int_0^\infty f(\omega) [\mathfrak{V}(\omega \mathbf{y})]^1 \exp(-t'||\omega||^2) [d\mu(\omega)]^1.$$

Now since

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} |f(\omega)| \exp(-t'||\omega||^{2}) [d\mu(\omega)]^{1} < \infty$$

by (5.3) we may apply Fubini's theorem to obtain

$$I = \int_0^\infty f(\omega) \exp(-t'||\omega||^2) [d\mu(\omega)]^1 \int_0^\infty [\mathfrak{B}(\omega \mathbf{y})]^1 G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; t-t') [d\mu(\mathbf{y})]^1$$

=
$$\int_0^\infty f(\omega) \exp(-t'||\omega||^2) \exp\{-(t-t')||\omega||^2\} [\mathfrak{B}(\mathbf{x}\omega)]^1 [d\mu(\omega)]^1 = u(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

which is the identity needed to complete the proof.

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6. Series expansions in terms of the generalized heat polynomials. The criterion for expanding a generalized temperature function in terms of the polynomials considered is found to be membership in class H^* over the region of convergence of the series. We omit the proof, which is based on a simple extension of (5, Theorem 5.1).

THEOREM 6.1. A necessary and sufficient condition that

(6.1)
$$u(\mathbf{x},t) = \sum_{\mathbf{m}=\mathbf{0}}^{\infty} a_{\mathbf{m}} P_{\mathbf{m},\nu}(\mathbf{x},t),$$

the series converging for $|t| < \sigma$, is that $u(\mathbf{x}, t) \in H^*$ there. The coefficients $a_{\mathbf{m}}$ have either the determination

(6.2)
$$a_{\mathbf{m}} = \frac{1}{(2\mathbf{m})!} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^{2\mathbf{m}} u(\mathbf{x}, t) \Big|_{\substack{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \\ t=0}}$$

or

(6.3)
$$a_{\mathbf{m}} = k_{\mathbf{m}} \int_{0}^{\infty} u(\mathbf{y}, -t) W_{\mathbf{m},\nu}(\mathbf{y}, t) [d\mu(\mathbf{y})]^{1}, \quad 0 < t < \sigma,$$

where $k_{\mathbf{m}}$ is given by

(6.4)
$$k_{\mathbf{m}} = \frac{[\Gamma(\nu + \frac{1}{2})]^{n}}{2^{4|\mathbf{m}|}\mathbf{m}!\Gamma(\nu + \frac{1}{2} + \mathbf{m})^{1}}$$

An example illustrating the theorem is given by

$$u(x_1, x_2, t) = \left(\frac{1}{1 - 4t^2}\right)^{\nu + \frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{t(x_1^2 + x_2^2)}{1 - 4t^2}\right) \Im\left(\frac{x_1 x_2}{1 - 4t^2}\right), \qquad |t| < \frac{1}{2}.$$

It is easy to ascertain that $u \in H$ for $|t| < \frac{1}{2}$, and since u > 0 also, it belongs to H^* . Hence u must have an expansion in terms of the generalized heat polynomials. Note that for t = 0, we have

$$u(x_1, x_2, 0) = \Im(x_1, x_2) = \Gamma(\nu + \frac{1}{2}) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x_1 x_2)^{2k}}{2^{2k} k! \Gamma(\nu + \frac{1}{2} + k)}$$

We thus derive the coefficients a_{m_1,m_2} using (6.2) and find that

$$u(x_1, x_2, t) = \sum_{\overline{m}=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\nu + \frac{1}{2})}{2^{2m} m! \Gamma(\nu + \frac{1}{2} + m)} P_{m,\nu}(x_1, t) P_{m,\nu}(x_2, t).$$

7. Expansions in terms of $W_{m,\nu}(\mathbf{x}, t)$. Membership in H^* is not sufficient for the expansion of generalized temperature functions in terms of $W_{\mathbf{m},\nu}(\mathbf{x}, t)$. We need, in addition, an integrability condition. In order to derive a dual to Theorem 6.1, we first state, without proof, a series representation theorem with conditions of a different nature.

THEOREM 7.1. A necessary and sufficient condition that

(7.1)
$$u(\mathbf{x},t) = \sum_{\mathbf{m}=0}^{\infty} b_{\mathbf{m}} W_{\mathbf{m},\nu}(\mathbf{x},t),$$

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the series converging for $0 \leq \sigma < t$, is that

(7.2)
$$u(\mathbf{x},t) = \int_0^\infty \left[\mathfrak{B}(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}) \right]^1 \exp(-t||\mathbf{y}||^2) \phi(\mathbf{y}) \left[d\mu(\mathbf{y}) \right]^1,$$

where $\phi(\mathbf{y})$ is an even entire function of growth $(1, \sigma)$ and

(7.3)
$$b_{\mathbf{m}} = \frac{(-1)^{|\mathbf{m}|}}{2^{2|\mathbf{m}|}(2\mathbf{m})!} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}\right)^{2\mathbf{m}} \phi(\mathbf{x}) \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}}$$

Further, for the analogue to Theorem 6.1 for the series in terms of $W_{\mathbf{m},\nu}(\mathbf{x}, t)$, we need the following preliminary lemma, which is a direct extension of (5, Lemma 6.3).

Lемма 7.2. If

(7.4)
$$u(\mathbf{x},t) = \int_0^\infty \left[\mathfrak{V}(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}) \right]^1 \exp(-t||\mathbf{y}||^2) \phi(\mathbf{y}) \left[d\mu(\mathbf{y}) \right]^1$$

with $\phi(\mathbf{y})$ an even function of growth $(1, \sigma)$, then, for each $c > \sigma$, there exists a constant M(c) such that

(7.5)
$$|u(\mathbf{x},t)| \leq M(c)(\mathbf{x}^1)^{-\nu} \frac{\exp[-1/4(t+c)]^{||\mathbf{x}||^2}}{\sqrt{(t-c)}}, \quad t > c.$$

We now have the essential tools to establish the principal theorem, which we state without proof.

THEOREM 7.3. A necessary and sufficient condition that

(7.6)
$$u(\mathbf{x},t) = \sum_{\mathbf{m}=\mathbf{0}}^{\infty} b_{\mathbf{m}} W_{\mathbf{m},\nu}(\mathbf{x},t),$$

the series converging for $t > \sigma \ge 0$, is that $u(\mathbf{x}, t) \in H^*$ there and that

(7.7)
$$\int_{\mathbf{0}}^{\infty} |u(\mathbf{x},t)| \exp(||x||^2 / 8t) [d\mu(\mathbf{x})]^1 < \infty, \quad \sigma < t < \infty.$$

The coefficients $b_{\mathbf{m}}$ are determined by

(7.8)
$$b_{\mathbf{m}} = k_{\mathbf{m}} \int_{\mathbf{0}}^{\infty} u(\mathbf{y}, t) P_{\mathbf{m},\nu}(\mathbf{y}, -t) [d\mu(\mathbf{y})]^{\mathbf{1}}, \quad \sigma < t < \infty,$$

where $k_{\mathbf{m}}$ is defined by (6.4).

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