Fourier transform and Plancherel Theorem for Nilpotent Lie Group

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Abstract

As will known the connected and simply connected nilpotent Lie group N has an important role in quantum mechanics. In this paper we show how the Fourier transform on the n-dimensional vector Lie group \mathbb{R}^n can be generalized to N in order to obtain the Plancherel theorem. In addition we define the Fourier transform for the subgroup $NA = A \propto N$ of the real semi-simple Lie group $SL(n,\mathbb{R})$ to get also the Plancherel formula for NA

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1 Notations and Results.

1.1. The fine structure of the nilpotent Lie groups will help us to do the Fourier transform on a nilpotent Lie groups N. As well known any group connected and simply connected N has the following form

	(1	x_1^1	x_{1}^{2}	x_{1}^{3}		•		•		x_1^{n-2}	x_1^{n-1}	x_1^n
	0	1	x_{2}^{2}	x_{2}^{3}		•		•		x_2^{n-2}	x_2^{n-1}	x_2^n
	0	0	1	x_{3}^{3}		•	•	•		x_3^{n-2}	x_{3}^{n-1}	x_3^n
	0	0	0	1	•	•				x_4^{n-2}	x_{4}^{n-1}	x_4^n
			•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
r =					•	•		•		•	•	
					•	•	•	•		•	•	
			•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	
			•	•		•	•	•		$x_{n-2}^{n-2}.$	$.x_{n-2}^{n-1}$	x_{n-2}^n
	0	0	0	0		•		•		1	x_{n-1}^{n-2}	$x_{n=1}^{n}$
	0	0	0	0		•		•		0	1	x_n^n
	0	0	0	0		•		•		0	0	1)

As shown, the matrix (1) is formed by the subgroup R, R^2 ,..., R^{n-1} , and R^n

(1)

Each \mathbb{R}^i is a subgroup of N of dimension i, $1 \le i \le n$, put d = n + (n-1) + ... + 2 + 1, which is the dimension of N. According to [6,7], the group N is isomorphic onto the following group

$$(((((\mathsf{R}^{n} \propto_{\rho_{n}})\mathsf{R}^{n-1}) \propto_{\rho_{n-1}})\mathsf{R}^{n-2} \propto_{\rho_{n-2}} \dots) \propto_{\rho_{2}} \mathsf{R}^{2}) \propto_{\rho_{1}} \mathsf{R}$$
(3)

That means

$$N;(((((\mathsf{R}^{n} \propto_{\rho_{n}})\mathsf{R}^{n-1}) \propto_{\rho_{n-1}})\mathsf{R}^{n-2} \propto_{\rho_{n-2}} \dots) \propto_{\rho_{3}} \mathsf{R}^{3} \propto_{\rho_{2}} \mathsf{R}^{2}) \propto_{\rho_{1}} \mathsf{R}$$
(4)

1.2. Denote by $L^{1}(N)$ the Banach algebra that consists of all complex valued functions on the group N, which are integrable with respect to the Haar measure of N and multiplication is defined by convolution on N as follows:

$$g * f(X) = \int_{N} f(Y^{-1}X)g(Y)dY$$
(5)

for any $f \in L^{1}(N)$ and $g \in L^{1}(N)$, where $X = (X^{1}, X^{2}, X^{3}, ..., X^{n-2}, X^{n-1}, X^{n}), X^{1} = x_{1}^{1}, X^{2} = (x_{1}^{2}, x_{2}^{2}), X^{3} = (x_{1}^{3}, x_{2}^{3}, x_{3}^{3}), ..., X^{n-2} = (x_{1}^{n-2}, x_{2}^{n-2}, x_{3}^{n-2}, x_{4}^{n-2}, ..., x_{n-2}^{n-2}), X^{n-1} = (x_{1}^{n-1}, x_{2}^{n-1}, x_{3}^{n-1}, x_{4}^{n-1}, ..., x_{n-2}^{n-1}, x_{n-1}^{n-1}), X^{n} = (x_{1}^{n}, x_{2}^{n}, x_{3}^{n}, x_{4}^{n}, ..., x_{n-2}^{n}, x_{n-1}^{n}, x_{n}^{n}), Y = (Y^{1}, Y^{2}, Y^{3}, ..., Y^{n-2}, Y^{n-1}, Y^{n}), Y^{1} = y_{1}^{1}, Y^{2} = (y_{1}^{2}, y_{2}^{2}), ...,$

 $Y^{n-2} = (y_1^{n-2}, y_2^{n-2}, y_3^{n-2}, y_4^{n-2}, ..., y_{n-2}^{n-2}), Y^{n-1} = (y_1^{n-2}, y_2^{n-2}, y_3^{n-2}, y_4^{n-2}, ..., y_{n-2}^{n-2}, y_{n-1}^{n-1}),$ $Y^n = (y_1^{n-2}, y_2^{n-2}, y_3^{n-2}, y_4^{n-2}, ..., y_{n-2}^{n-2}, y_{n-1}^{n-1}, y_n^n) , \text{ and } dY = dY^1 dY^2 dY^3 ... dY^{n-2} dY^{n-1} dY^n \text{ is the}$ Haar measure on N and * denotes the convolution product on N. We denote by $L^2(N)$ its Hilbert space

Let $M = \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-2} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^d$ be the Lie group, which is the direct product of $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^{n-1}, \mathbb{R}^{n-2}, \dots, \mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R}^2$ and \mathbb{R} . Denote by $L^1(M)$ the Banach algebra consists of all complex valued functions on the group M, which are integrable with respect to the Lebesgue measure on Mand multiplication is defined by convolution on M as:

$$g *_{c} f(X) = \int_{M} f(X - Y)g(Y)dY$$
(6)

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for any $f \in L^1(M)$, $g \in L^1(M)$, where $*_c$ signifies the convolution product on the abelian group M. In this paper, we use the methods in [3,4,6,7] to show the powerful of the Fourier transform on \mathbb{R}^d which can be generalized on N in order to obtain the Plancherel theorem.

2 Fourier Transform and Plancherel Formula for *N*.

Definition 2.1. For $1 \le i \le n$, let \mathfrak{I}^i be the classical Fourier transform on R^i , we can define the Fourier transform on N as

$$\Im f(\lambda) = \int_{N} f(X) e^{-i(\langle \lambda, X \rangle)} dX$$
⁽⁷⁾

for any $f \in L^{1}(N)$, where $X = (X^{1}, X^{2}, X^{3}, ..., X^{n-2}, X^{n-1}, X^{n})$, $dX = dX^{1}dX^{2}dX^{3}...dX^{n-2}dX^{n-1}dX^{n}$ and $\lambda = (\lambda^{1}, \lambda^{2}, \lambda^{3}, ..., \lambda^{n-2}, \lambda^{n-1}, \lambda^{n})$, where F is the commutative Fourier transform on R^{d}

Plancherel formula (Theorem 2.1). For every function $f \in L^1(N)$, we have

$$\int_{\mathsf{R}^d} \left|\Im f(\lambda)\right|^2 d\lambda = \int_N \left|f(X)\right|^2 dX \tag{8}$$

where $d\lambda$ is the lebesgue measure on R^d

Proof: For each $1 \le j \le n$, let \mathfrak{I}^j be the Fourier transform on \mathbb{R}^j . If we denote $T_j^n = \mathfrak{I}^n \mathfrak{I}^{n-1} \mathfrak{I}^{n-2} \dots \mathfrak{I}^j$, $\mathbb{R}_j^n = \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{n=1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n=2} \times \dots \mathbb{R}^j$, $X_j^n = X^n X^{n-1} X^{n-2} \dots X^j$, $dX_j^n = dX^n dX^{n-1} dX^{n-2} \dots dX^j$, $\lambda_j^n = \lambda^n \lambda^{n-1} \lambda^{n-2} \dots \lambda^3 \lambda^2 \lambda^j$, and $d\lambda_j^n = d\lambda^n d\lambda^{n-1} d\lambda^{n-2} \dots d\lambda^j$, then we get $\mathfrak{I} = T_1^n$, $\mathbb{R}^d = \mathbb{R}_1^n$, $X = X_1^n$, $dX = dX_1^n$, $\lambda = \lambda_1^n$, $d\lambda = d\lambda_1^n$. Now if we refer to [6,3], then we get

$$\iint_{\mathsf{R}_2^n^\mathsf{R}} \left| T_2^n \mathfrak{I}^1 f(\lambda_2^n, \lambda^1) \right|^2 d\lambda_2^n d\lambda^1 = \iint_{\mathsf{R}_2^n^\mathsf{R}} \left| f(X_2^n, X^1) \right|^2 dX_2^n dX^1 \tag{9}$$

and

$$\int_{\mathsf{R}_{3}^{n}\mathsf{R}^{2}\mathsf{R}} \left| \mathcal{T}_{3}^{n} \mathfrak{I}^{2} \mathfrak{T}^{1} f(\lambda_{3}^{n}, \lambda^{2}, \lambda^{1}) \right|^{2} d\lambda_{2}^{n} d\lambda^{2} d\lambda^{1} = \int_{\mathsf{R}_{3}^{n}\mathsf{R}^{2}\mathsf{R}} \left| f(X_{3}^{n}, X^{2}, X^{1}) \right|^{2} dX_{3}^{n} dX^{2} dX^{1}$$
(10)

By indiction we get

$$\begin{split} & \int_{\mathsf{R}_{n}^{n}\mathsf{R}^{n-1}\mathsf{R}^{n-2}} \dots \int_{\mathsf{R}_{3}\mathsf{R}^{2}\mathsf{R}} \left| f(X^{n}, X^{n-1}, X^{n-2}, ..., X^{3}, X^{2}, X^{1}) \right|^{2} \\ & dX^{n} dX^{n-1} dX^{n-2} \dots dX^{3} dX^{2} dX^{1} \\ &= \int_{\mathsf{N}} \left| f(X^{n}, X^{n-1}, X^{n-2}, ..., X^{3}, X^{2}, X^{1}) \right|^{2} dX^{n} dX^{n-1} dX^{n-2} \dots dX^{3} dX^{2} dX^{1} \\ &= \int_{\mathsf{R}^{n}\mathsf{R}^{n-1}\mathsf{R}^{n-2}} \prod_{\mathsf{R}^{3}\mathsf{R}^{2}\mathsf{R}} \left| \mathfrak{I}^{n} \mathfrak{I}^{n-1} \mathfrak{I}^{n-2} \dots \mathfrak{I}^{3} \mathfrak{I}^{2} \mathfrak{I}^{1} f(\lambda^{n}, \lambda^{n-1}, \lambda^{n-2}, ..., \lambda^{3}, \lambda^{2}, \lambda^{1}) \right|^{2} \\ & d\lambda^{n} d\lambda^{n-1} d\lambda^{n-2} \dots d\lambda^{3} d\lambda^{2} d\lambda^{1} \\ &= \int_{\mathsf{R}^{d}} \left| \mathfrak{I}^{n} \mathfrak{I}^{n-1} \mathfrak{I}^{n-2} \dots \mathfrak{I}^{3} \mathfrak{I}^{2} \mathfrak{I}^{1} f(\lambda^{n}, \lambda^{n-1}, \lambda^{n-2}, ..., \lambda^{3}, \lambda^{2}, \lambda^{1}) \right|^{2} \\ & d\lambda^{n} d\lambda^{n-1} d\lambda^{n-2} \dots d\lambda^{3} d\lambda^{2} d\lambda^{1} \end{split}$$

(11)

Hence the proof of our theorem.2.1.

3 Plancherel Formula for the Solvable Lie Group AN

3.1. Let $G = SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ be the real semi-simple Lie group and let G = KAN be the Iwasawa decomposition of G, where $K = SO(n, \mathbb{R})$,

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * & . & . & * \\ 0 & 1 & * & . & * \\ . & . & . & . & * \\ . & . & . & . & . \\ 0 & 0 & . & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$
(12)

and

where $a_1.a_2...a_n = 1$ and $a_i \in \mathsf{R}^*_+$

The product AN is a closed subgroup of G and is isomorphic (algebraically and topologically) to the semi-direct product of A and N with N normal in AN. Then the group AN is nothing but the group $S = N \propto_{\rho} A$, where $\rho: A \to Aut(N)$ the group homomorphism from A into Aut(N) of all automorphisms of N, which is defined by

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$$\mathcal{O}(a)(m) = ama^{-1} \tag{14}$$

So the product of two elements X and Y by

$$(x,a)(m,b) = (x.\rho(a)m, a.b) = (ama^{-1}, a.b)$$
 (15)

for any $X = (x, a) \in S$ and $Y = (m, b) \in S$. Let *dnda* be the right haar measure on *S* and let $L^2(S)$ be the Hilbert space of the group *S*. Let $L^1(S)$ be the Banach algebra that consists of all complex valued functions on the group *S*, which are integrable with respect to the Haar measure of *S* and multiplication is defined by convolution on *S* as

$$g * f = \int_{S} f((m,b)^{-1}(n,a))g(m,b)dmdb$$
(16)

Where

$$m = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{r=1}, m_r), b = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}, b_n)$$
(17)

and

$$dmdb = dm_1 dm_2 \dots dm_{r=1} dm_r db db_1 db_2 \dots db_{n=1})$$
(18)

In the following we prove the Plancherel theorem for NA. Therefore let $T = N \times A$ be the Lie group which is the direct product of the two Lie groups N and A, and let $H = N \times A \times A$ be the Lie group, with multiplication

 $(n,t,r)(m,s,q) = (n\rho(r)m,ts,rq)$

for all $(n,t,r) \in H$ and $(m,s,q) \in H$. In this case the group *S* can be identified with the closed subgroup $N \times \{0\} \times_{\rho} A$ of *H* and *T* with the subgroup $N \times A \times \{0\}$ of *H*

Definition 3.1. For every functon f defined on S, one can define a function on L as follows:

$$\widetilde{f}(n,a,b) = \widetilde{f}(\rho(a)n,ab)$$
(19)

for all $(n,a,b) \in H$. So every function $\psi(n,a)$ on S extends uniquely as an invariant function $\tilde{\psi}(n, b, a)$ on L.

Remark 3.1. The function \tilde{f} is invariant in the following sense:

$$\tilde{f}(\rho(s)n, as^{-1}, sb) = \tilde{f}(n, a, b)$$
(20)

for any $(n, a, b) \in H$ and $s \in A$.

Lemma 3.1. For every function $f \in L^1(S)$ and for every $g \in L^1(S)$, we have

$$g * \tilde{f}(n,a,b) = g *_c \tilde{f}(n,a,b)$$
(21)

for every $(n, a, b) \in H$, where * signifies the convolution product on S with respect the variables (n, b) and $*_c$ signifies the commutative convolution product on B with respect the variables (n, a). *Proof:* In fact we have

$$g * \tilde{f}(n, a, b) = \int_{G} \tilde{f}((m, c)^{-1}(n, a, b))g(m, s)dmdc$$

$$= \int_{S} \tilde{f}[(\rho(c^{-1})(m^{-1}), c^{-1})(n, a, b)]g(m, s)dmdc$$

$$= \int_{S} \tilde{f}[\rho(c^{-1})(m^{-1}n), a, c^{-1}b]g(m, c)dmdc$$

$$= \int_{S} \tilde{f}[m^{-1}n, c^{-1}a, b]g(m, c)dmdc = g *_{c} \tilde{f}(n, a, b)$$
(22)

Definition 3.2. If $f \in L^1(S)$, one can define its Fourier transform $\Im f$ by :

$$\Im f(\xi,\lambda) = \int_{S} f(n,a) e^{-i(\langle\xi,n\rangle)} a^{-i\lambda} dn da$$
(23)

for any $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, ..., \xi_r) \in \mathbb{R}^r, n = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_r) \in \mathbb{R}^r, \quad \lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ and $a = (a_1, a_2, ..., a_{n-1}, a_n), a_i \in \mathbb{R}^*_+, 1 \le i \le n, a_1 a_2 ... a_{n-1} a_n = 1, where$

$$\langle \xi \ x \rangle = \xi_1 x_1 + \xi_2 x_2 + \dots + \xi_r x_r \qquad dn = dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_r, \qquad da = \frac{da_1}{a_1} \cdot \frac{da_2}{a_2} \dots \frac{da_{n-1}}{a_{n-1}}, \qquad and$$

 $a^{-i\lambda} = a_1^{-i\lambda_1} a_2^{-i\lambda_2} \dots a_{n-1}^{-i\lambda_{n-1}}$. Denote by S(S) the Schwartz space of the group $S = N \propto_{\rho} A$, it is clear that if $f \in S(S)$, then $\Im f \in S(S)$ and the mapping $f \rightarrow \Im f$ is topological isomorphism of the topological vector space S(S) onto $S(\mathbb{R}^{r+n-1})$.

Definition 3.3. If $f \in L^1(S)$, we define the Fourier transform of its invariant \tilde{f} as follows

$$\Im(\widetilde{f})(\xi,\lambda,0) = \int_{H \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}} \widetilde{f}(n,a,b) e^{-i(\langle \xi,n \rangle)} a^{-i\lambda} b^{-i\lambda} dn da db d\mu$$
(24)

where $\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2, ..., \mu_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ and $b = (b_1, b_2, ..., b_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$

Theorem 3.1. For every $g \in L^1(S)$, and $f \in L^1(S)$, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} (g * \tilde{f})(\xi, \lambda, \mu) d\mu = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} \Im(\tilde{f})(\xi, \lambda, \mu) \mathsf{F}(g)(\xi, \lambda) d\mu = \Im(\tilde{f})(\xi, \lambda, 0) \mathsf{F}(g)(\xi, \lambda)$$
(25)

Proof: By equation (21) we get immediately

$$\int_{\mathsf{R}^{n-1}} \mathfrak{I}(g * \tilde{f})(\xi, \lambda, \mu) d\mu = \int_{\mathsf{R}^{n-1}} \mathfrak{I}(g *_c \tilde{f})(\xi, \lambda, \mu) d\mu = \mathfrak{I}(\tilde{f})(\xi, \lambda, 0)\mathfrak{I}(g)(\xi, \lambda)$$
(26)

Plancherel's theorem 3.2. For any $f \in L^1(S) \cap L^2(S)$, we have

$$\iint_{S} |f(n,a)|^{2} dn da = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{r} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}} |\Im f(\xi,\lambda)|^{2} d\xi d\lambda$$
(27)

Proof: First, let \tilde{f} be the function defined by

$$\widetilde{\widetilde{f}}(n,a,b) = \overline{f((\rho(a)n,ab)^{-1})}$$
(28)

then first we have

$$f * \tilde{\tilde{f}}(I_{N}, I_{A}, I_{A}) = \int_{s} \tilde{\tilde{f}}[(n, a)^{-1}(I_{N}, I_{A}, I_{A})]f(n, a)dnda$$

$$= \int_{s} \tilde{\tilde{f}}[(\rho(a^{-1})(n^{-1}, a^{-1}))(I_{N}, I_{A}, I_{A}]f(n, a)dnda$$

$$\int_{s} \tilde{\tilde{f}}[(\rho(a^{-1})(n^{-1}))(I_{N})), I_{A}, I_{A}a^{-1}]f(n, a)dnda$$

$$= \int_{s} \tilde{\tilde{f}}[\rho(a^{-1})(n^{-1}), I_{A}, a^{-1}]f(n, a)dnda$$

$$= \int_{s} \tilde{\tilde{f}}[\rho(a^{-1})(n^{-1}), a^{-1}]f(n, a)dxdt = \int_{s} f(n, a)f(n, a)dnda$$

$$= \int_{s} |f(n, a)|^{2} dnda \qquad (29)$$

Secondly by (27), we obtain

$$\begin{split} f * \breve{f}(I_N, I_A, I_A) \\ &= \int_{\mathsf{R}^{r+2(n-1)}} \Im(f * \widetilde{\widetilde{f}})(\xi, \lambda, \mu) d\xi d\lambda d\mu = \int_{\mathsf{R}^{r+2n-2}} \Im(f *_c \widetilde{\widetilde{f}})(\xi, \lambda, \mu) d\xi d\lambda d\mu \\ &= \int_{\mathsf{R}^{r+n-1}} \Im(f *_c \widetilde{\widetilde{f}})(\xi, \lambda, 0) d\xi d\lambda = \int_{\mathsf{R}^{r+n-1}} \Im(\widetilde{\widetilde{f}})(\xi, \lambda, 0) \Im(f)(\xi, \lambda) d\xi d\lambda \\ &= \int_{\mathsf{R}^{r+n-1}} \overline{\Im(f)(\xi, \lambda)} \Im(f)(\xi, \lambda) d\xi d\lambda = \int_{\mathsf{R}^{r+n-1}} |\Im(f)(\xi, \lambda)|^2 d\xi d\lambda = \int_{\mathsf{S}} |f(x, t)|^2 dx dt \end{split}$$

which is the Plancherel's formula on S. So the Fourier transform can be extended to an isometry of $L^2(S)$ onto $L^2(\mathbb{R}^{r+n-1})$.

Corollary 2.2. In equation (29), replace the first f by g, we obtain

$$\int_{S} \overline{f(x,t)} g(x,t) dx dt = \int_{\mathsf{R}^{r+n-1}} \overline{\mathfrak{I}(f)(\xi,\lambda)} \mathfrak{I}g(\xi,\lambda) d\xi d\lambda$$
(30)

which is the Parseval formula on S.

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