

# Fourier Transform and Invariant Differential Operators on the Group $G_4$

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**Abstract.** Let  $H$  be the 3-dimensional Heisenberg group and  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$ , be the multiplicative group of all positive real numbers. Let  $G_4 = H \rtimes_{\rho} \mathbb{R}_+^*$  be the nilpotent Lie group, which is the semi-direct product of  $H$  by  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$  and Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be the complexified universal enveloping algebra of the real Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of  $G_4$ . In this paper the Fourier transform on  $G_4$  is discussed for generalizing the methods in [3] and [1] to prove the existence of a tempered fundamental solution of the invariant differential operator on  $G_4$ . Out of these theorem a global solvability of the Lewy operator has been obtained.

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## 1 Results and Introduction.

1.1. Let  $G_4$  be the real nilpotent Lie group of dimension 4, which consists of all matrices of the form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & z \\ 0 & t & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}, z \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ . It is shown that the group  $G_4$  contains the Heisenberg  $H$  as normal sub-group consisting of all matrices as follows

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & z \\ 0 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1.2}$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then by [13, P.238 – 240],  $G_4$  can be identified with the group  $H \rtimes_{\rho_1} \mathbb{R}_+^*$  semi-direct product of  $H$  by  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$ , via the group homomorphism  $\rho_1 : \mathbb{R}_+^* \rightarrow Aut(H)$ , which is defined by

$$\rho_1(t)(z, y, x) = (z, ty, t^{-1}x) \tag{1.3}$$

for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}, z \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ , where  $\mathbb{R}_+^* = \{x \in \mathbb{R} ; x > 0\}$  is the multiplicative group of all positive real numbers and  $Aut(H)$  is the group of all automorphisms of  $H$ . By [13, P.238 – 240] and [3, 601 – 612] the Heisenberg group can be identified with the group  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rtimes_{\rho_2} \mathbb{R}$  via the group homomorphism  $\rho_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow Aut(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , which is defined by

$$\rho_2(x)(z, y) = (z + xy, y) \tag{1.4}$$

Hence the group  $G_4$  can be identified with the group  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rtimes_{\rho_2} \mathbb{R} \rtimes_{\rho_1} \mathbb{R}_+^*$  of the successive semi-direct product  $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$ , where the multiplication of two elements  $X = (z, y, x; t)$  and  $Y = (z', y', x', t')$  in  $G_4$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} X \cdot Y &= (z, y; x; t)(z', y', x', t') \\ &= ((z, y, x)(z', ty', t^{-1}x'), t t') \\ &= (z + z' + x ty', y + ty', x + t^{-1}x', tt') \end{aligned} \tag{1.5}$$

and the inverse of an element  $X \in G_4$  is

$$\begin{aligned} X^{-1} &= (z, y, x, t)^{-1} \\ &= ((\rho_1(t^{-1})((z, y, x)^{-1}), t^{-1}) \\ &= ((\rho_1(t^{-1})((\rho_2(-x)(-z, -y)), -x)), t^{-1}) \\ &= ((\rho_1(t^{-1})(-z + xy, -y, -x)), t^{-1}) \\ &= (\rho_2(-tx)(-z, -t^{-1}y), -tx, t^{-1}) \\ &= (-z + xy, -t^{-1}y, -tx, t^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

**1.2.** Let  $C^\infty(G_4)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}(G_4)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}'(G_4)$ ,  $\mathcal{E}'(G_4)$  be the space of  $C^\infty$ - functions,  $C^\infty$ -functions with compact support, distributions and distributions with compact support on  $G_4$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be the complexified universal enveloping algebra of the real Lie algebra  $\underline{g}$  of  $G_4$ ; which is canonically isomorphic onto the algebra of all distributions on  $G_4$  supported by  $\{0\}$ , where  $0 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$  is the identity element of  $G_4$ . For any  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  one can define a differential operator  $P_u$  on  $G_4$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P_u f(X) &= u * f(X) \\ &= \int_{G_4} f(Y^{-1}X)u(Y)dY \end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

for any  $f \in C^\infty(G_4)$ , where  $X = (z, y, x, t)$ ,  $Y = ((z', y', x', t')$ ,  $dY = dz'dy'dx'\frac{dt'}{t}$  is the Haar measure on  $G_4$  and  $*$  denotes the convolution product on  $G_4$ . The mapping  $u \rightarrow P_u$  is an algebra isomorphism of  $\mathcal{U}$  onto the algebra of all invariant differential operators on  $G_4$

**1.3.** Let  $B = \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+^*$  be the group of the direct product of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$ , and let  $S(B)$  be the symmetric algebra over  $B$ . Then there exists a unique linear bijection

$$\lambda : S(B) \longrightarrow \mathcal{U}$$

For every  $u \in S(B)$ , we can associate a differential operator with constant coefficients  $Q_u$  on  $B$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} Q_u f(X) &= u *_c f(X) \\ &= f *_c u(X) \\ &= \int_B f(X - Y)u(Y)dY \end{aligned} \tag{1.7}$$

for any  $f \in C^\infty(B)$ ,  $X \in B, Y \in B$ . where  $*_c$  signify the convolution product on the commutative group  $B$  and  $dY = dz'dy'dx'\frac{dt'}{t}$  is the Haar measure on  $B$ . The mapping  $u \mapsto Q_u$  is an algebra isomorphism of  $S(B)$  onto the algebra of all invariant differential operators on  $B$ , which are nothing but the algebra of all differential operators with constant coefficients on  $B$ . For more details see[5, 9]. In this paper we will prove the following results

- I- Fourier Transform and Plancherel Formula, theorem 2.1
- II-Existence theorem of fundamental solution, see theorem 3.1
- III-Solvability of the Lewy operator corollary 4.1 and theorem 4.2

## 2 Parseval - Plancherel formulas on $G_4$ .

The Schwartz space  $\mathcal{S}(G_4)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{S}'(G_4)$ ) of  $G_4$  can be considered as the Schwartz spaces  $\mathcal{S}(B) = \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}_+^*)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{S}'(B)$ ) of the direct product of the real vector group  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$ . The actions  $\rho_1$  of the group  $\mathbb{R}_+^*$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\rho_2$  of the group  $\mathbb{R}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  define a natural actions  $\rho_1$  on the dual group  $(\mathbb{R}^3)^*$  of the group  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $((\mathbb{R}^3)^* \simeq \mathbb{R}^3)$  and  $\rho_2$  on the dual group  $(\mathbb{R}^2)^*$  of the group  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $((\mathbb{R}^2)^* \simeq \mathbb{R}^2)$ , which are given by :

$$\rho_1(t)(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) = (\xi_1, t\xi_2, t^{-1}\xi_3) \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$\rho_2(x)(\xi_1, \xi_2) = (\xi_1, \xi_2 + x\xi_1) \quad (2.2)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_2(x)\rho_1(t)\xi &= \rho_2(x)\rho_1(t)(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) \\ &= \rho_2(x)(\xi_1, t\xi_2, t^{-1}\xi_3) \\ &= (\xi_1, t\xi_2 + x\xi_1, t^{-1}\xi_3) \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_1(t)\rho_2(x)\xi &= \rho_1(t)(\rho_2(x)(\xi_1, \xi_2), \xi_3) \\ &= \rho_1(t)(\xi_1, \xi_2 + x\xi_1, \xi_3) \\ &= (\xi_1, t\xi_2 + tx\xi_1, t^{-1}\xi_3) \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

for any  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$

**Definition 2.1.** For every  $f \in \mathcal{S}(G_4)$ , one can define its Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}f$  by:

$$\mathcal{F}f(\xi, \lambda) = \int_{G_4} f(X, t) e^{-i\langle \xi, X \rangle} t^{-i\lambda} \frac{dt}{t} dX \quad (2.5)$$

where  $\langle \xi, X \rangle = z\xi_1 + y\xi_2 + x\xi_3$ ,  $X = (z, y, x) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $dXd t = dz dy dx \frac{d}{dt}$  is the Lebesgue measure on  $G_4$ . It is clear that the function  $\mathcal{F}f \in \mathcal{S}(G_4)$ , and the mapping  $f \mapsto \mathcal{F}f$  is an isomorphism from the topological vector space  $\mathcal{S}(G_4)$  onto itself.

**Theorem 2.1.** *The Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies :*

$$\overset{\vee}{u} * f(0) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \mathcal{F}f(\xi, \lambda) \overline{\mathcal{F}u}(\xi, \lambda) d\lambda d\xi \tag{2.6}$$

for every  $f \in \mathcal{S}(G_4)$  and  $u \in \mathcal{E}'(G_4)$ , where  $\overset{\vee}{u}(X, t) = u(X^{-1}, t^{-1})$ ,  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3)$ ,  $d\xi d\lambda = d\xi_1 d\xi_2 d\xi_3 d\lambda$ , is the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ,  $*$  denotes the convolution product on  $G_4$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}$  is the inverse of the Fourier transform.

*Proof :* By the classical Fourier transform, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \overset{\vee}{u} * f(0) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \mathcal{F}(\overset{\vee}{u} * f)(\xi, \lambda) d\xi d\lambda \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \int_{G_4} \overset{\vee}{u} * f(X, s) e^{-i\langle \xi, X \rangle} s^{-i\lambda} dX \frac{ds}{s} d\xi d\lambda \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \int_{G_4} \int_{G_4} f((Y, t)(X, \hat{s})) u(Y, t) e^{-i\langle \xi, X \rangle} s^{-i\lambda} dY dX \frac{ds}{s} \frac{dt}{t} d\xi d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

By change of variable  $(Y, t)(X, \hat{s}) = (X', t)$  with  $(X', t) = (z, y, x, t)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} (X, s) &= (Y, t)^{-1}(X', t) = (z', y', x', t)^{-1}(z, y, x; t) \\ &= ((\rho_1(-t)(\rho_2(-x)(-z', -y') + (z, y)), x - x'), t^{-1}t) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &-i \langle (\xi, \lambda), (X, \hat{s}) \rangle \\ &= -i \langle (\xi, \lambda), (Y, t)^{-1}(X, \hat{s}) \rangle \\ &= -i \langle (\xi, \lambda), (z', y', x', t)^{-1}(z, y, x; t) \rangle \\ &= -i \langle (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \lambda), ((\rho_1(t^{-1})(\rho_2(-x)(-z', -y') + (z, y)), x - x'), t^{-1}t) \rangle \\ &= -i \langle ((\rho_2(-x)(\rho_1(t^{-1})(\xi_1, \xi_2), \xi_3), \lambda), (z - z', y - y', x - x', t^{-1}t) \rangle \\ &= -i \langle (\xi_1, t^{-1}\xi_2 - x\xi_1, t\xi_3, \lambda), (z - z', y - y', x - x', t^{-1}t) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

(2.7)

So, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & e^{-i\langle \xi, (\rho_1(t^{-1})(z', y', x')^{-1}(z, y; x)) \rangle} (t^{-1}t)^{-i\lambda} \\
 = & e^{-i\langle (\xi_1, \xi_2), \xi_3, (\rho_1(t^{-1})((\rho_2(-x)((-z', -y')+(z, y))))), x-x' \rangle} (t^{-1}t)^{-i\lambda} \\
 = & e^{-i\langle (\rho_2(-x)(\rho_1(t^{-1})(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3))), ((-z', -y')+(z, y), x-x') \rangle} (t^{-1}t)^{-i\lambda} \\
 = & e^{-i\langle (\xi_1, t^{-1}\xi_2 - x\xi_1, t\xi_3), (z-z', y-y', x-x') \rangle} (t^{-1}t)^{-i\lambda}
 \end{aligned}$$

By the invariance of the Lebesgue measures,  $d\xi_2 d\xi_3$  and  $d\xi_2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \check{u} * f(0) \\
 = & \int_{G_4} \int_{G_4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} f(X, t) e^{-i\langle (\xi_1, t^{-1}\xi_2 - x\xi_1, t\xi_3), (z-z', y-y', x-x') \rangle} (t^{-1}t)^{-i\lambda} u(Y, t) dY \frac{dt'}{t} dX \frac{dt}{t} d\xi d\lambda \\
 = & \int_{G_4} \int_{G_4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} f(X, t) e^{-i\langle (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3), (z, y; x) \rangle} t^{-i\lambda} dX \frac{dt}{t} u(Y, t) e^{-i\langle (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3), (-z', -y'; -x') \rangle} t^{i\lambda} dY \frac{dt'}{t} d\xi d\lambda \\
 = & \int_{G_4} \int_{G_4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} f(X, t) e^{-i\langle \xi, X \rangle} t^{-i\lambda} dX \frac{dt}{t} u(Y, t) e^{i\langle \xi, Y \rangle} t^{i\lambda} dY \frac{dt'}{t} d\xi d\lambda \\
 = & \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \mathcal{F}f(\xi, \lambda) \overline{\mathcal{F}u(\xi, \lambda)} d\lambda d\xi
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$  is the identity of  $G_4$ . The theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.1.** (i) In Theorem 2.1, if we take  $\check{u} = \tilde{f}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{f} * f(0) &= \int_{G_4} |f(X, t)|^2 \frac{dt}{t} dX \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} |\mathcal{F}f(\xi, \lambda)|^2 d\lambda d\xi
 \end{aligned}$$

(2.8)

where  $\tilde{f}(X, t) = \overline{f(X^{-1}, t^{-1})}$ , which is the Plancheral's formula on  $G_4$ .

(ii) If we take  $u = \bar{g} \in S(G_4)$ , we find

$$\int_{G_4} f(X, t) \overline{g(X, t)} \frac{dt}{t} dX = \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \mathcal{F}f(\xi, \lambda) \overline{\mathcal{F}g(\xi, \lambda)} d\lambda d\xi \tag{2.9}$$

which is the Parseval formula on  $G_4$ .

(iii) The Fourier transform can be extended to an isometry of  $L^2(G_4)$ .

### 3 Extension Group and Fundamental Solution.

Let  $L = \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+^* \times \mathbb{R}_+^*$  be the group with law:

$$\begin{aligned} XY &= (z, y; x, r; t, s)(z', y'; x', r', t', s') \\ &= ((z, y; x, r)(\rho_1(s)(z', y'; x', r')), tt', ss') \\ &= (((z, y; x, r)(z', sy'; x', s^{-1}r')), tt', ss') \\ &= (((z, y; x)(\rho_2(r)(z', sy')), x'), s^{-1}r' + r, tt', ss') \\ &= (((z, y; x) + (z' + rsy', sy'), x'), s^{-1}r' + r, tt', ss') \\ &= (z + z' + rsy', y + sy'; x + x', s^{-1}r' + r, tt', ss') \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

for all  $X = (z, y, x, r, t, s) \in L$  and  $Y = (z', y', x', r', t', s') \in L$ . In this case the group  $G_4$  can be identified with the closed sub-group  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \{0\} \times \mathbb{R} \times \{1\} \times \mathbb{R}_+^*$  of  $L$  and  $B$  with the subgroup  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R} \times \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}_+^* \times \{1\}$  of  $L$ . The group  $L$  can be called the extension group of the both groups  $G_4$  and  $B$

**Definition 3.1** For every  $f \in C^\infty(L)$ , one can define a function  $\tilde{f} \in C^\infty(L)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}(z, y, x, r, t, s) &= f((\rho_1(t)((\rho_2(x)(z, y)), 0, r + x), 1, st) \\ &= f((\rho_1(t)(z + xy, y, 0, r + x)), 1, st) \\ &= f(z + xy, ty, 0, t^{-1}(r + x), 1, st) \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

for any  $(z, y, x, r, t, s) \in L$ .

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

$$\tilde{f}((\rho_1(h)(\rho_2(k)(z, y)), x - k, r + k), th^{-1}, sh) = \tilde{f}(z, y, x, r, t, s) \tag{3.3}$$

for any  $(z, y, x, r, t, s) \in L, k \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $h \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$

**Definition 3.2.** If  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $f \in C^\infty(L)$ , we can define the convolution product of  $\overset{\vee}{u}$  and  $f$  on  $G_4$  by

$$\begin{aligned} & \overset{\vee}{u} * f(z, y, x, r, t, s) \\ = & \int_{G_4} f [(z', y', r', s')^{-1}(z, y, x, r, t, s)] \overset{\vee}{u}(z', y', r', s') dz' dy' dr' \frac{ds'}{s} \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b, c, d)(z, y; x, r; t, s) &= ((a, b, c)(\rho_1(d)(z, y, x, r)), t, sd) \\ &= ((a, b, c)(z, dy, x, d^{-1}r), t, sd) \\ &= ((a, b)(\rho_2(c)(z, dy)), x, d^{-1}r + c, t, sd) \\ &= (a + z + cdy, b + dy, x, d^{-1}r + c, t, sd) \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

for any  $(a, b, c, d) \in G_4$  and  $(z, y; x, r; t, s) \in L$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** For every  $f \in \mathcal{D}(L)$  and  $u \in \mathcal{U}$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \mathcal{F}(\overset{\vee}{u} * \widehat{f})(\xi, \mu, \lambda, \nu) d\mu d\nu = \mathcal{F}(\widehat{f})(\xi, 0, \lambda, 1) \mathcal{F}(\overset{\vee}{u})(\xi, \lambda) \tag{3.6}$$

where  $F(\overset{\vee}{u} * \widehat{f})(\xi, \mu, \lambda, \nu) = \int_{G_4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^*} (\overset{\vee}{u} * \widehat{f})(X, r, t, s) e^{-i\langle(\xi, \mu), (X, r)\rangle} t^{-i\lambda} s^{-i\nu} dX dr \frac{dt}{t} \frac{ds}{s} d\mu d\nu,$

$\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3, X = (z, y, x), dX = dz dy dx, \langle(\xi, \mu), (X, r)\rangle = z\xi_1 + y\xi_2 + x\xi_3 + r\mu, r \in \mathbb{R}, t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$



*Proof:* First, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \check{u} * \widehat{f}(z, y, x, r, t, s) \\
&= \int_{G_4} \widehat{f}[(z', y', r', s')^{-1}(z, y, x, r, t, s)] \check{u}(z', y', r', s') dz' dy' dr' \frac{ds'}{s'} \\
&= \int_{G_4} \widehat{f}[((\rho_1(s'^{-1})(z', y', r')^{-1}), s'^{-1})(z, y, x, r, t, s)] \check{u}(z', y', r', s') dz' dy' dr' \frac{ds'}{s'} \\
&= \int_{G_4} \widehat{f}[((\rho_1(s'^{-1})((z', y', r')^{-1}(z, y, x, r))), t, ss'^{-1})] \check{u}(z', y', r', s') dz' dy' dr' \frac{ds'}{s'} \\
&= \int_{G_4} \widehat{f}[((\rho_1(s'^{-1})(\rho_2(-r')((z', y')^{-1} + (z, y))), x, r - r'), t, ss'^{-1})] \check{u}(z', y', r', s') dz' dy' dr' \frac{ds'}{s'} \\
&= \int_{G_4} \widehat{f}[((\rho_1(s'^{-1})(\rho_2(-r')(z - z', y - y')), x, r - r'), t, ss'^{-1})] \check{u}(z', y', r', s') dz' dy' dr' \frac{ds'}{s'}
\end{aligned}$$

By the invariance of  $\widehat{f}$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{G_4} \widehat{f}[(\rho_1(s'^{-1})((z - z', y - y'), x - r', r), t, ss'^{-1})] u(z', y', r', s') dz' dy' dr' \frac{ds'}{s'} \\
&= \int_{G_4} \widehat{f}[(\rho_1(s'^{-1})((z - z', y - y'), x - r', r), t, ss'^{-1})] u(z', y', r', s') dz' dy' dr' \frac{ds'}{s'} \\
&= \int_B \widehat{f}[z - z', y - y', x - r', r, ts'^{-1}, s] u(z', y', r', s') dz' dy' dr' \frac{ds'}{s'} \\
&= \check{u} *_c \widehat{f}(z, y, x, r, t, s)
\end{aligned}$$

(3.7)

Second, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \mathcal{F}(\check{u} * \widehat{f})(\xi, \mu, \lambda, \nu) \, d\mu d\nu \\
 = & \int_{G_4} \int_{G_4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^*} \widehat{f}(X - Y, r, ts'^{-1}, s) \check{u}(Y, s) e^{-i\langle(\xi, \mu), (X, r)\rangle} t^{-i\lambda} s^{-i\nu} dY dX dr \frac{dt}{t} \frac{ds}{s} \frac{ds'}{s'} d\mu d\nu \\
 = & \int_{G_4} \int_{G_4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^*} \widehat{f}(X, r, t, s) e^{-i\langle(\xi, \mu), (X, r)\rangle} t^{-i\lambda} \check{u}(Y, s) e^{-i\langle\xi, Y\rangle} s^{-i\lambda} s^{-i\nu} dY dX dr \frac{dt}{t} \frac{ds}{s} \frac{ds'}{s'} d\mu d\nu \\
 = & \mathcal{F}(\widehat{f})(\xi, 0, \lambda, 1) \mathcal{F}(\check{u})(\xi, \lambda)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.8}$$

where  $Y = (z', y', r') \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $dY = dz' dy' dr'$ ,  $dX = dz dy dx$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ ,  $s' \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Whence the proposition. Now we can state the following result.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Every invariant differential operator on  $G_4$  which is not identically 0 has a tempered fundamental solution.*

*Proof:* For each complex number  $s$  with positive real part, we can define a distribution  $T^s$  on  $L$  by:

$$\langle T^s, f \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^6} \left[ \left| \mathcal{F}(\check{u})(\xi, \lambda) \right|^2 \right]^s \mathcal{F}(\widehat{f})(\xi, \mu, \lambda, \nu) d\xi d\lambda d\mu d\nu$$

for each  $f \in \mathcal{S}(L)$ . By Atiyah theorems[1], the function  $s \mapsto T^s$  has a meromorphic continuation in the whole complex plan, which is analytic at  $s = 0$  and its value at this point is the Dirac measure on the group  $L$ . Now we can define another distribution,  $\widehat{T}^s$ , as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \widehat{T}^s, f \rangle &= \langle T^s, \widehat{f} \rangle \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^6} \left[ \left| \mathcal{F}(\check{u})(\xi, \lambda) \right|^2 \right]^s \mathcal{F}(\widehat{f})(\xi, \mu, \lambda, \nu) d\xi d\lambda d\mu d\nu
 \end{aligned}$$

(3.9)

for any  $f \in \mathcal{S}(L)$  and  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ , with  $\text{Re}(s) \geq 0$ .

Note that the distribution  $\widehat{T^s}$  is invariant in the sense (3.3), and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u * \widehat{\widetilde{u}} *_c T^s, f \rangle &= \langle u * \widetilde{u} *_c T^s, \widehat{f} \rangle \\ &= \langle T^s, \overset{\vee}{\widetilde{u}} *_c \overset{\vee}{u} * \widehat{f} \rangle \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^6} \left[ \left| \mathcal{F}(\overset{\vee}{u})(\xi, \lambda) \right|^2 \right]^s \mathcal{F}(\overset{\vee}{\widetilde{u}} *_c \overset{\vee}{u} * \widehat{f})(\xi, \mu, \lambda, \nu) d\xi d\lambda d\mu d\nu \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\widetilde{u}(z, y, x, t) = \overline{u(-z, -y, -x, t^{-1})}$$

and

$$\overset{\vee}{\widetilde{u}} *_c f(z, y, x, t) = \int_B f((z - a, y - b, x - c, tr^{-1}) \overset{\vee}{u}((a, b, c, r) dadbdc \frac{dr}{r} \quad (3.10)$$

is the commutative convolution product on  $G_4$ . By proposition 3.1, we get:

$$\langle u * \widehat{\widetilde{u}} *_c T^s, f \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^6} \left[ \left| \mathcal{F}(\overset{\vee}{u})(\xi, \lambda) \right|^2 \right]^s \mathcal{F}(\widehat{f})(\xi, \mu, \lambda, \nu) d\xi d\lambda d\mu d\nu$$

hence

$$u * \widehat{\widetilde{u}} *_c T^s = \widehat{T^{s+1}} \tag{3.11}$$

In view of the invariance(3.3), the restriction of the distributions  $u * \widehat{\widetilde{u}} *_c T^s = \widehat{T^{s+1}}$  on the sub-group  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \{0\} \times \mathbb{R} \times \{1\} \times \mathbb{R}_+^* \simeq G_4$  are nothing but the distributions

$$u * \widetilde{u} *_c T^s = T^{s+1}.$$

The distribution  $T^s$  can be expanded a round  $s = -1$  in the form

$$T^s = \sum_{j=-4}^{\infty} \alpha_j (s + 1)^j$$

where each  $\alpha_j$  is a distribution on  $G_4$ . But  $u * \tilde{u} *_c T^s = T^{s+1}$  can not have a pole at  $s = -1$  (since  $T^0 = \delta_{G_4}$ ) and so we must have:

$$\begin{aligned} u * \tilde{u} *_c \alpha_j &= 0 \quad \text{for } j < 0 \\ u * \tilde{u} *_c \alpha_0 &= \delta_{G_4} \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

Whence the theorem.

## 4 Remark on the Lewy Operator and Hormander Condition.

Lewy [10] had proved that if the equation

$$Lf = (-\partial_x - i\partial_y - 2y\partial_z + 2ix\partial_z)f = g \tag{4.1}$$

has a solution  $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$  for  $g \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $g$  is analytic, and by the Hormander necessary condition [8, P.156], the equation 4.1 does not have any distribution solution.

Since then, and in dealing with the non existence of solutions of partial differential operators it was customary during the last fifty years and it still is to day in larger applications, to appeal to the example of the Lewy operator and Hormander condition which guarantees the non existence of (distribution) solutions of the equation 4.1.

Understanding the nature of the kind of these partial differential operators and their invariance on the Heisenberg group requires the admission of solutions.

K. El- Hussein in [3] have proved the local solvability of the similar Lewy operator

$$i\partial_x + \partial_y + iy\partial_z \tag{4.2}$$

**Definition4.1.** For every function  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , one can define a function  $\Lambda(f) \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , by the following manner

$$\Lambda(f)(z, y, x) = f(z - 2xy, y, -x) \tag{4.3}$$

It is clear that  $\Lambda^2 = I$ , where  $I$  is the identity operator of  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** For any  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , we get

$$Pf(z, y, x) = \Lambda Q \Lambda f(z, y, x) \quad (4.4)$$

where  $Q = \partial_x - i\partial_y$  and  $P = -\partial_x - 2y\partial_z - i\partial_y - 2ix\partial_z$

*Proof:* In fact if  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Lambda(\partial_x)\Lambda f(z, y, x) \\ &= (\partial_x)\Lambda f(z - 2xy, y, -x) \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_0 \Lambda f(z - 2xy, y, -x + t) \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_0 f(z - 2yt, y, x - t) \\ &= (-\partial_x - 2y\partial_z)f(z, y, x) \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \Lambda(-i\partial_y)\Lambda f(z, y, x) \\ &= (-i\partial_y)\Lambda f(z - 2xy, y, -x) \\ &= \left(-i\frac{d}{dt}\right)_0 \Lambda f(z - 2xy, y + t, -x) \\ &= \left(-i\frac{d}{dt}\right)_0 f(z + 2xt, y + t, x) \\ &= (-i\partial_y - 2x\partial_z)f(z, y, x) \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

Finally for any  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} (-\partial_x - 2y\partial_z - i\partial_y - 2ix\partial_z)f(z, y, x) &= Pf(z, y, x) \\ &= \Lambda Q \Lambda f(z, y, x) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (-\partial_x - 2y\partial_z - i\partial_y + 2ix\partial_z)f(z, y, x) &= Lf(z, y, -x) \\ &= \Lambda Q \Lambda f(z, y, -x) \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

**Corollary 4.1.** *The Lewy operator  $L = -\partial_x - 2y\partial_z - i\partial_y + 2ix\partial_z$ , verifies the following property*

$$LC^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3) = C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3) \quad (4.8)$$

*Proof.* In fact for any function  $g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , there is a function  $f$  such that

$$[Pf](z, y, -x) = Lf(z, y, -x) = g(z, y, -x) \quad (4.9)$$

If  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , we denote by  $\widehat{\phi}$  the function defined by

$$\widehat{\phi}(z, y, x) = \phi(z, y, -x)$$

then the mapping  $T \rightarrow \widehat{T}$  defined by

$$\langle \widehat{T}(z, y, x), \phi(z, y, x) \rangle = \langle T(z, y, x), \widehat{\phi}(z, y, x) \rangle$$

is a topological isomorphism of  $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^3)$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *The Lewy operator  $L$  has a fundamental solution*

*Proof:* Let  $T$  be a fundamental solution of the operator  $P$ , then for any  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle L\widehat{T}(z, y, x), \phi(z, y, x) \rangle &= \langle T(z, y, x), {}^tL\widehat{\phi}(z, y, x) \rangle \\ &= \langle T(z, y, x), {}^tP\phi(z, y, -x) \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

Changing the variable  $x$  by  $-x$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle L\widehat{T}(z, y, x), \phi(z, y, x) \rangle \\ &= \langle T(z, y, -x), (\partial_x + 2y\partial_z + i\partial_y - 2ix\partial_z)\phi(z, y, x) \rangle \\ &= \langle (-\partial_x - 2y\partial_z - i\partial_y + 2ix\partial_z)T(z, y, -x), \phi(z, y, x) \rangle \\ &= \langle (-\partial_x - 2y\partial_z - i\partial_y - 2ix\partial_z)T(z, y, x), \phi(z, y, -x) \rangle \\ &= \langle \delta_{\mathbb{R}^3}(z, y, x), \phi(z, y, -x) \rangle \\ &= \phi(0, 0, 0) \\ &= \langle \delta_{\mathbb{R}^3}(z, y, x), \phi(z, y, x) \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

where  ${}^tL$  (*resp.*  ${}^tP$ ) is the transpose of the operator  $L$  (*resp.*  $P$ ). Then we have

$$L\widehat{T}(z, y, x) = \delta_{\mathbb{R}^3}(z, y, x) \quad (4.12)$$

Consequently if  $T$  is a fundamental solution of  $P$ , then  $\widehat{T}$  is a fundamental solution of  $L$ .

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