EXPLICIT FORMULAS FOR THE SZEGŐ KERNEL:
ON CERTAIN WEAKLY PSEUDOCONVEX DOMAINS

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Abstract. The objective of this paper is to determine the Szegő kernel of the domain \( D = \{(z, \zeta, w) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+m+1}; \Im m w > \|z\|^2 + \|\zeta\|^2p\} \) explicitly in closed form.

The purpose of this paper is to determine the Szegő kernel explicitly for a new class of weakly pseudoconvex domains. This class of domains is given by

\[ D = \{(z, \zeta, w) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+m+1}; \Im m w > \|z\|^2 + \|\zeta\|^2p\} \]

in the complex space \( \mathbb{C}^{n+m+1} \). Here \( z \in \mathbb{C}^n, \zeta \in \mathbb{C}^m, w \in \mathbb{C}, n \) and \( m \) are integers, \( n \geq 0, m \geq 1 \), and \( p \) is any positive number. We use the notation \( \|z\|^2 = z \cdot \overline{z} = \sum_{j=1}^n |z_j|^2 \) and \( \|\zeta\|^2p = (\zeta \cdot \overline{\zeta})^p = (\sum_{l=1}^m |\zeta_l|^2)^p \).

The unbounded domain \( D \) is weakly pseudoconvex with degenerate Levi form whenever \( p > 1 \). Furthermore the domain \( D \) is not “decoupled” when \( m > 1 \). The definition of decoupled domains can be found, for example, in [Mc]. Decoupled domains were considered recently, for example, by [DT], [Mc]. There are relatively few classes of domains with smooth boundary where the Szegő kernel is explicitly known in closed form. We consider here a class of weakly pseudoconvex domains with smooth boundary. In particular, we do not assume that the defining function is decoupled. The authors believe that this is one of the few examples of such domains where the Szegő kernel is computed explicitly. See also the work of Christ [C].

Recent interest in explicit formulas for the Szegő and Bergman kernels is motivated by the surprising effectiveness of these formulas. We illustrate this point by two cases. The striking discovery of Christ and Geller [CG] that the Szegő kernel of certain weakly pseudoconvex domains is not analytic off the diagonal was derived from Nagel’s [N] explicit formula. In [M2], an explicit formula allowed Machedon to test if the Szegő kernel is a singular integral with respect to a certain nonsotropic metric.

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We recall that a holomorphic function $f$ on the domain $\mathcal{D}$ belongs to the Hardy space $\mathcal{H}^2(\mathcal{D})$, by definition, if and only if
\[
\sup_{\rho > 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n+2m+1}} |f(z, \zeta, t + i\|z\|^2 + i\|\zeta\|^2 + i\rho)|^2 dV(z, \zeta) dt < \infty.
\]

The subspace $\mathcal{H}^2(\partial \mathcal{D})$ of $L^2(\partial \mathcal{D})$, consisting of boundary values of holomorphic functions $f \in \mathcal{H}^2(\mathcal{D})$, is a closed subspace of $L^2(\partial \mathcal{D})$. The Szegö projection is the orthogonal projection $S : L^2(\partial \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^2(\partial \mathcal{D})$ and the Szegö kernel $S(z, \zeta, t; z', \zeta', t')$ is the distribution kernel on $\partial \mathcal{D} \times \partial \mathcal{D}$ given by
\[
Sf(z, \zeta, t) = \int_{\partial \mathcal{D}} S(z, \zeta, t; z', \zeta', t')f(z', \zeta', t')dV(z', \zeta') dt'.
\]

We identify the boundary of $\mathcal{D}$, $\partial \mathcal{D}$ with $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m \times \mathbb{R}$, where the coordinates are $(z, \zeta, t)$.

Theorem 1. The Szegö kernel of the domain $\mathcal{D} = \{(z, \zeta, w) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+m+1}; \exists m \ w > \|z\|^2 + \|\zeta\|^2p\}$ is
\[
S(z, \zeta, t; z', \zeta', t') = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} c_k \frac{(A - z \cdot z')^{k-n-1}}{[(A - z \cdot z')^\frac{1}{p} - \zeta \cdot \zeta']^{m+k}}.
\]
The function $A$ is defined as
\[
A = \frac{1}{2}[(\|z\|^2 + \|z'\|^2 + \|\zeta\|^2p + \|\zeta'\|^2p - i(t - t'))].
\]
The constants $c_k = c_k(n, m, p)$ can be computed explicitly by an elementary recursive calculation. Moreover, $c_{n+1}$ is never zero, and the $c_k, k = 1, \ldots, n$, vanish when $p = 1$.

Corollary 1. The Bergman kernel of the domain $\mathcal{D}$ is
\[
B(z, \zeta, w; z', \zeta', w') = \sum_{k=1}^{n+2} d_k \frac{(A - z \cdot z')^{k-n-2}}{[(A - z \cdot z')^\frac{1}{p} - \zeta \cdot \zeta']^{m+k}}.
\]
Here, the function $A$ is given by $A = \frac{1}{2}(w' - w)$. The constants $d_k$ can be computed explicitly from the constants $c_1, \ldots, c_{n+1}$.

We mention that Corollary 1 can also be obtained from the work of D’Angelo on bounded domains [D’A2].

Remark 1. Notice that the extreme case, $n = 0$, is included in our method. The Szegö kernel of the domain $\mathcal{D} = \{((\zeta, w) \in \mathbb{C}^{m+1}; \exists m \ w > \|\zeta\|^2p\}$ is
\[
S(\zeta, t; \zeta', t') = \frac{m!}{4\pi^{m+1}} \frac{A^{\frac{1}{p}-1}}{(A^{\frac{1}{p}} - \zeta \cdot \zeta')^{m+1}}.
\]
A further special case $n = 0, m = 1$ coincides with the well-known example of Greiner and Stein [GS]. Moreover, in the very special case $n = 1, m = 1$, i.e. the domain $\{(z, \zeta, w) \in \mathbb{C}^{3}; \exists m \ w > |z|^2 + |\zeta|^2p\}$ gives exactly the same formula that appears in [M1, p. 30]. The method used in [M1] is different from...
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ours. Another special case is the Siegel upper half plane, that is \( p = 1 \). Since

the coefficients \( c_k, k = 1, \ldots, n \), vanish when \( p = 1 \), our result is consistent

with the classical formula

\[
S(z, w; z', w') = \frac{i^{n+1}2^{n-1}n!}{\pi^{n+1}(w - w' - 2iz \cdot z')^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}.
\]

The origin of our method goes back to the papers [D'A1], [GS]. This method

can be applied to more general domains than \( \mathcal{D} \). Let us describe the results

without stating them in full generality. Let \( m_1, \ldots, m_I \) be positive integers,

\( m = (m_1, \ldots, m_I) \) and let \( p_1, \ldots, p_I \) be positive numbers. We use \( \alpha(j) =

(\alpha_j, 1, \ldots, \alpha_j, m_j), j = 1, \ldots, I, \) for multi-indices. Consider the domain

\[
\mathcal{D}_\phi = \{(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^{m+1}; \exists m w > \phi(z)\},
\]

where

\[
\phi(z) = \phi(z(1), \ldots, z(I)) = \|z(1)\|^{2p_1} + \cdots + \|z(I)\|^{2p_I}
\]

with \( z(j) = (z_{j,1}, \ldots, z_{j,m_j}) \in \mathbb{C}^{m_j}, j = 1, \ldots, I \).

**Theorem 2.** The Szegő kernel of the domain \( \mathcal{D}_\phi \) has the series representation

\[
S(z, t; z', t') = \frac{p_1 \cdots p_I}{4\pi|m|^{n+1}} A^{-1-\sum_{j=1}^I \frac{m_j}{p_j}} \sum_{\alpha(1), \ldots, \alpha(I)} \frac{\Gamma(1 + \sum_{j=1}^I \frac{|\alpha(j)| + m_j}{p_j})}{\prod_{j=1}^I \Gamma(\frac{|\alpha(j)| + m_j}{p_j}) \alpha(j)!} \cdot \prod_{j=1}^I \Gamma(|\alpha(j)| + m_j) \prod_{j=1}^I \left(A^{-1/p_j} z(j) z(j)\right)^{\alpha(j)}.
\]

The function \( A \) is given by \( A = \frac{1}{2}[\phi(z) + \phi(z') - i(t - t')] \). Also note that by

definition \( z(j) z(j)' = (z_{j,1} z_{j,1}', \ldots, z_{j,m_j} z_{j,m_j}') \).

We will prove only Theorem 1, since similar techniques provide the proof

of Theorem 2. The relation of the Bergman and Szegő kernels associated to

the domain \( \mathcal{D}_\phi \) and the hypergeometric functions in several variables will be

explored in [FH].

**Proof of Theorem 1.** We start by recalling a few identities from [D'A2]. Let

\( S_{m-1}^{m-1} \) be the subset of \( S^{m-1} \) containing all the points with positive coordinates.

Then for any multi-index \( \beta = (\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_m) \)

\[
\int_{S_{m-1}^{m-1}} \omega^{2\beta+1} d\sigma(\omega) = \frac{\beta!}{2^{m-1} \Gamma(|\beta| + m)}.
\]

For any positive number \( s \) we have

\[
\sum_{\alpha} \frac{\Gamma(|\alpha| + s)}{\alpha!} x^\alpha = \frac{\Gamma(s)}{(1 - \sum_{j=1}^n x_j)^s}
\]

for all \( x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n \) such that \( |\sum_{j=1}^n x_j| < 1 \).
For any polynomial of one variable, \( q_d \), of degree at most \( d \) and for any positive number \( s \) there are constants \( c_k = c_k(m, s, d) \) satisfying the identity

\[
\sum_{\beta} \frac{\Gamma(|\beta| + s)}{\beta!} q_d(|\beta|) y^\beta = \sum_{k=0}^{d} c_k \left( 1 - \sum_{l=1}^{m} y_l \right)^{s+k} \tag{5}
\]

for all \( y = (y_1, \ldots, y_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m \) such that \( |\sum_{l=1}^{m} y_l| < 1 \). One can compute the constants \( c_k \) by an elementary recursive calculation. \( \square \)

We introduce a Bargmann-type Hilbert space of entire functions, \( H_{\lambda}(\mathbb{C}^{n+m}) \). This space consists of entire holomorphic functions in the variables \((z, \zeta) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+m}\) satisfying the growth condition

\[
\|g\|_{H_{\lambda}(\mathbb{C}^{n+m})}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n+2m}} e^{-4\pi \lambda \left( |z|^2 + ||\zeta||^2 \right)} \left| g(z, \zeta) \right|^2 dV(z, \zeta) < \infty.
\]

**Proposition 1.** The functions

\[
\frac{z^\alpha \zeta^\beta}{\|z^\alpha \zeta^\beta\|_{H_{\lambda}(\mathbb{C}^{n+m})}}
\]

form a complete orthonormal system in the space \( H_{\lambda}(\mathbb{C}^{n+m}) \). Moreover the norm of \( z^\alpha \zeta^\beta \) can be evaluated explicitly for any multi-indices \( \alpha, \beta \) as

\[
\|z^\alpha \zeta^\beta\|_{H_{\lambda}(\mathbb{C}^{n+m})}^2 = \frac{\pi^{n+m} \Gamma(|\beta| + m) \alpha! \beta!}{\rho(4\pi \lambda)^{\frac{|\alpha|+m}{2} + |\alpha|+n} \Gamma(|\beta| + m)}.
\]

**Proof.** We begin by evaluating the norm of \( z^\alpha \zeta^\beta \) by using polar coordinates in each variable \( z_j = r_j e^{i\theta_j}, \zeta_l = \rho_l e^{i\phi_l} \)

\[
\|z^\alpha \zeta^\beta\|_{H_{\lambda}(\mathbb{C}^{n+m})}^2 = (2\pi)^{n+m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+m}} r^{2\alpha+1} \rho^{2\beta+1} e^{-4\pi \lambda \left( |r|^2 + ||\rho||^2 \right)} dr d\rho
\]

\[
= (2\pi)^{n+m} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} r^{2\alpha+1} e^{-4\pi \lambda |r|^2} dr \right) \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^m} \rho^{2\beta+1} e^{-4\pi \lambda ||\rho||^2} d\rho \right).
\]

In the first integral we use the substitution \( t = 4\pi \lambda r^2 \) in the definition of the gamma function \( \Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt \) to obtain

\[
2^{\alpha} \int_0^\infty r_j^{2\alpha_j+1} e^{-4\pi \lambda r_j^2} dr_j = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_j + 1)}{(4\pi \lambda)^{\alpha_j+1}}
\]

and

\[
2^n \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^m} r^{2\beta+1} e^{-4\pi \lambda ||r||^2} dr = \frac{\alpha!}{(4\pi \lambda)^{|\alpha|+n}}.
\]

In the second integral of (8) we use spherical coordinates \( \rho = (\rho_1, \ldots, \rho_m) = \|\rho\|\omega \) with \( \omega \in \mathbb{S}^{m-1} \). Then

\[
2^m \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{S}^{m-1}} \|\rho\|^{2|\beta|+m} \|\rho\|^{m-1} \omega e^{4\pi \lambda \|\rho\|} d\|\rho\| d\sigma(\omega)
\]

\[
= 2^m \left( \int_0^\infty \|\rho\|^{2|\beta|+2m-1} e^{-4\pi \lambda \|\rho\|^2} d\|\rho\| \right) \left( \int_{\mathbb{S}^{m-1}} \omega e^{4\pi \lambda \|\rho\|} d\sigma(\omega) \right).
\]
Here substituting \( t = 4\pi \lambda \| \rho \|^2 \) into the integral defining the gamma function gives

\[
\frac{\Gamma(\frac{|\beta|+m}{p})}{2p(4\pi \lambda)^{\frac{|\beta|+m}{p}}} \frac{2^n}{\pi^2} \text{ for the first factor of (9). Combining this with (3) we get}
\]

\[
2^n \int_{\mathbb{R}^n_+} \rho^{2\beta+1} e^{-4\pi \lambda \| \rho \|^2} d\rho = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{|\beta|+m}{p}) \beta!}{p(4\pi \lambda)^{\frac{|\beta|+m}{p}} \Gamma(|\beta|+m)},
\]

which proves (7).

The next step in the proof is a version of the very important representation theorem for Hardy spaces.

**Lemma 1.** Every function in the Hardy space \( \mathcal{H}^2(D) \) has the representation

\[
f(z, \zeta, w) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{2\pi i \lambda w} \hat{f}(z, \zeta, \lambda) d\lambda.
\]

The function \( \hat{f}(z, \zeta, \lambda) \) belongs to the space \( H_\lambda(C^{n+m}) \) and satisfies the condition

\[
\int_0^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n+2m}} e^{-4\pi \lambda (\| z \|^2 + \| \zeta \|^2)} |\hat{f}(z, \zeta, \lambda)|^2 dV(z, \zeta) d\lambda < \infty.
\]

Moreover \( \hat{f} \) is determined by

\[
\hat{f}(z, \zeta, \lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i \lambda w} f(z, \zeta, w) d(\Re w),
\]

where \( \Im w = \| z \|^2 + \| \zeta \|^2 \).

The proof of this lemma is standard. It goes back to Bochner's representation result on tube domains. The reduction to the tube case is due to Stein [S]. See also Stein and Weiss [SW].

The orthonormal system (6) immediately provides a reproducing kernel

\[
K_\lambda(z, \zeta; z', \zeta') = \sum_{a, \beta} \frac{z^a \zeta^\beta \bar{z}'^a \bar{\zeta}'^\beta}{\| z^a \zeta^\beta \|_{H_\lambda}^2}
\]

in \( H_\lambda(C^{n+m}) \), that is, for all \( g \in H_\lambda(C^{n+m}) \)

\[
g(z, \zeta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n+2m}} K_\lambda(z, \zeta; z', \zeta') g(z', \zeta') e^{-4\pi \lambda (\| z' \|^2 + \| \zeta' \|^2)} dV(z', \zeta').
\]

We express the Szegö kernel in terms of \( K_\lambda(z, \zeta; z', \zeta') \). Indeed, applying (13) to the function \( \hat{f} \) and using (10) we have

\[
f(z, \zeta, w) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{2\pi i \lambda w} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n+2m}} K_\lambda(z, \zeta; z', \zeta') \hat{f}(z', \zeta', \lambda) e^{-4\pi \lambda (\| z' \|^2 + \| \zeta' \|^2)} dV(z', \zeta') d\lambda.
\]
Combining this formula with (11) we obtain
\[
f(z, \zeta, w) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n+2m}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(z, \zeta, w; z', \zeta', w') 
  \cdot f(z', \zeta', w') d(\Re w') dV(z', \zeta').
\]

The Szegö kernel is written as
\[
S(z, \zeta, w; z', \zeta', w') = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i \lambda (w-w')} K_\lambda(z, \zeta; z', \zeta') d\lambda
\]
with the same \( A \) as in (1). From (7) and (12) we obtain the series
\[
\frac{p}{\pi^{n+m}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \frac{\Gamma(|\beta| + m + n + 1)}{\Gamma^2(|\beta| + m + n + 1)} \frac{1}{|\alpha| + n + 1} \frac{1}{\pi^{n+m+1}} \frac{\Gamma(|\beta| + m + n + 1)}{\Gamma(|\beta| + m + n + 1)}
\]
for the Szegö kernel. Here the value of the integral is
\[
\frac{\Gamma(|\beta| + m + n + 1)}{\Gamma(|\beta| + m + n + 1)} A^{-|\beta| - |\alpha| - n - 1}.
\]

Therefore we have to evaluate the series
\[
\frac{p}{\pi^{n+m+1}} A^{-\frac{p}{2} + n - 1} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \frac{\Gamma(|\beta| + m + n + 1)}{\Gamma^2(|\beta| + m + n + 1)} \frac{1}{|\alpha| + n + 1} \frac{1}{\pi^{n+m+1}} \frac{\Gamma(|\beta| + m + n + 1)}{\Gamma(|\beta| + m + n + 1)}
\]
Now we sum over \( \alpha \) using equality (4) with \( s = |\beta| + m + n + 1 \). Notice that
\[
|A^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n} z_j z_j'| < 1 \text{ whenever } (z, \zeta, t) \neq (z', \zeta', t'). \text{ So we have}
\]
\[
\frac{p}{\pi^{n+m+1}} A^{-\frac{p}{2} + n - 1} \sum_{\beta} \frac{\Gamma(|\beta| + m + n + 1)}{\Gamma^2(|\beta| + m + n + 1)} \frac{1}{(A - z \cdot z')^{\frac{m+n+1}{p}}} \frac{\Gamma(|\beta| + m + n + 1)}{\Gamma(|\beta| + m + n + 1)}
\]
Now we rewrite \( \Gamma(|\beta| + m + n + 1) \) as
\[
\Gamma\left(\frac{|\beta| + m}{p} + n + 1\right) = \prod_{j=0}^{n} \left(\frac{|\beta| + m}{p} + j\right) = \prod_{j=0}^{n} \left(\frac{|\beta| + m}{p} + j\right).
\]
We denote the polynomial \( \prod_{j=0}^{n} (|\beta| + m + pj) \) by \( q_{n+1}(|\beta|) \). So \( q_{n+1} \) is a polynomial of degree \( n + 1 \) in the variable \( |\beta| \). Therefore the Szegö kernel is
equal to

\[
\frac{1}{4p^n \pi^{n+m+1}} \frac{1}{(A - z \cdot z')^{m+n+1}} \sum_{\beta} \frac{\Gamma(|\beta| + m)}{\beta!} q_{n+1}(|\beta|)(A - z \cdot z')^{-1/p} \zeta \zeta'.
\]

Since \(|(A - z \cdot z')^{-1/p} \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_i \xi_i'| < 1\) when \((z, \zeta, t) \neq (z', \zeta', t')\), we can apply the identity (5) to obtain

\[
S(z, \zeta, t; z', \zeta', t') = \frac{1}{4p^n \pi^{n+m+1}(A - z \cdot z')^{m+n+1}} \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} c_k \left(\frac{1}{1 - (A - z \cdot z')^{-1/p} \zeta \cdot \zeta'}\right)^{m+k}.
\]

This concludes the proof of Theorem 1 after simplifying the fractions. □

Proof of Corollary 1. Invoking the formula

\[
B(z, \zeta, w; z', \zeta', w') = 2i \frac{\partial S}{\partial w}(z, \zeta, w; z', \zeta', w')
\]

from [NRSW] we obtain the Bergman kernel of the domain \(\mathcal{D}\) by a simple differentiation. In (15) the kernel \(S\) is obtained by substituting \(w = t + i||z||^2 + i||\zeta||^{2p}\) and \(w' = t' + i||z'||^2 + i||\zeta'||^{2p}\). □

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