

# Fourier Hyperfunctions as the Boundary Values of Smooth Solutions of Heat Equations

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## Abstract

We show that if a  $C^\infty$ -solution  $u(x, t)$  of heat equation in  $\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1}$  does not increase faster than  $\exp[\varepsilon(\frac{1}{t} + |x|)]$  then its boundary value determines a unique Fourier hyperfunction. Also, we prove the decomposition theorem for the Fourier hyperfunctions. These results generalize the theorems of T. Kawai and T. Matsuzawa for Fourier hyperfunctions and solve a question given by A. Kaneko.

## § 0. Introduction

T. Kawai and T. Matsuzawa have shown in [10, 15] that the boundary value of a  $C^\infty$ -solution of heat equation in  $\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1}$  which does not increase faster than  $\exp(\varepsilon/t)$  is a well-defined hyperfunction. However, little is known about the characterization of a solution whose boundary value determines a Fourier hyperfunction near a characteristic boundary point. The purpose of this paper is to discuss this problem, that is, if a  $C^\infty$ -solution  $U(x, t)$  satisfies some growth condition (see (2.2)) then we can assign a unique compactly supported Fourier hyperfunction  $u(x)$  to  $U(x, t)$ . Furthermore we can find such a Fourier tame solution  $U(x, t)$  of heat equation for any compactly supported Fourier hyperfunction  $u(x)$ . To show this, we use the estimate for the heat kernel in [15] and structure theorems of ultradistributions given in [11, 13].

We use the multi-index notations such as  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n$ ,  $\partial^\alpha = \partial_1^{\alpha_1} \partial_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots \partial_n^{\alpha_n}$ ,  $\partial_j = \partial/\partial x_j$  for  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbf{N}_0^n$  where  $\mathbf{N}_0$  is the set of nonnegative

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integers, and  $\partial_t = \partial/\partial t$ .

### § 1. Complex and Real Versions of Fourier Hyperfunctions

First, we are going to introduce the complex and real versions of Fourier hyperfunctions and show their equivalence.

We denote by  $D^n$  the compactification  $\mathbb{R}^n \cup S_\infty^{n-1}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $S_\infty^{n-1}$  is an  $(n-1)$ -dimensional sphere at infinity. When  $x$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ , we denote by  $x_\infty$  the point on  $S_\infty^{n-1}$  which is represented by  $x$ , where we identify  $S_\infty^{n-1}$  with  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} / \mathbb{R}^+$ . The space  $D^n$  is given the natural topology, that is: (i) If a point  $x$  of  $D^n$  belongs to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , a fundamental system of neighborhoods of  $x$  is the set of all open balls containing the point  $x$ . (ii) If a point  $x \in D^n$  belongs to  $S_\infty^{n-1}$ , a fundamental system of neighborhoods of  $x (=y_\infty)$  is given by the following family

$$U_{\tilde{A}, A}(y_\infty) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; x/|x| \in \tilde{A}, |x| > A\} \cup \{a_\infty; a \in \tilde{A}\},$$

where  $\tilde{A}$  is a neighborhood of  $y$  in  $S^{n-1}$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $K$  be a compact set in  $D^n$ . We say that  $\phi$  is in  $\mathcal{F}(K)$  if  $\phi \in C^\infty(\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbb{R}^n)$  for any neighborhood  $\mathcal{Q}$  of  $K$  and if there are positive constants  $h$  and  $k$  such that

$$|\phi|_{h,k} = \sup_{\substack{x \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbb{R}^n \\ \alpha}} \frac{|\partial^\alpha \phi(x)|}{h^{|\alpha|} \alpha!} \exp k|x| < \infty.$$

We say that  $\phi_j \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{F}(K)$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  if there are positive constants  $h$  and  $k$  such that

$$\sup_{\substack{x \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbb{R}^n \\ \alpha}} \frac{|\partial^\alpha \phi_j(x)|}{h^{|\alpha|} \alpha!} \exp k|x| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } j \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is any neighborhood of  $K$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{F}'(K)$  the strong dual space of  $\mathcal{F}(K)$  and call its elements Fourier hyperfunctions carried by  $K$ .

**Definition 1.2.** We say that  $\phi(z)$  is in  $\mathcal{Q}(K)$  if  $\phi(z)$  is holomorphic in a neighborhood of  $\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbb{R}^n + i\{|y| \leq r\}$  for some  $r > 0$  and if for some  $k > 0$

$$\sup_{z \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbb{R}^n + i\{|y| \leq r\}} |\phi(z)| \exp k|z| < \infty,$$

where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is a neighborhood of  $K$  in  $D^n$ .

*Remark.* Let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $D^n$ . Then for any neighborhood  $\Omega$  of  $K$  in  $D^n$  there exists a neighborhood  $V$  of  $K$  in  $D^n$  such that for some  $\delta > 0$

$$(\bar{V} \cap \mathbf{R}^n)_\delta \subset \Omega \cap \mathbf{R}^n,$$

where  $U_\delta = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid |x-y| \leq \delta\}$  for some  $y \in U \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ .

We denote by  $E(x, t)$  the  $n$ -dimensional heat kernel:

$$E(x, t) = \begin{cases} (4\pi t)^{-n/2} \exp(-|x|^2/4t), & t > 0 \\ 0, & t \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 1.3.** For every  $\phi \in \mathcal{F}(K)$ , let

$$\phi_t(x) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} E(x-y, t) \phi(y) dy, \quad t > 0.$$

Then  $\phi_t \in Q(D^n)$  and  $\phi_t \rightarrow \phi$  in  $\mathcal{F}(K)$  as  $t \rightarrow 0_+$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\phi \in \mathcal{F}(K)$ . Then we can easily show that  $\phi_t$  is in  $Q(D^n)$ . There are positive constants  $C, h, k$  and  $\delta$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \sup_{x \in K_\delta \cap \mathbf{R}^n} |\partial^\alpha \phi(x)| \leq Ch^{|\alpha|} \alpha! \exp(-k|x|)$$

On the other hand we have for any  $\delta > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x^\alpha (\phi_t(x) - \phi(x)) &= \int_{|y| \leq \delta} E(y, t) \partial_x^\alpha (\phi(x-y) - \phi(x)) dy \\ &\quad + \int_{|y| \geq \delta} E(y, t) \partial_x^\alpha \phi(x-y) dy \\ &\quad - \int_{|y| \geq \delta} E(y, t) \partial_x^\alpha \phi(x) dy \\ &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3. \end{aligned}$$

Making use of (1.1), we have for  $|y| \leq \delta$

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{x \in K \cap \mathbf{R}^n} |\partial^\alpha \phi(x-y) - \partial^\alpha \phi(x)| \\ \leq C' |y| h^{|\alpha|+1} (|\alpha|+1)! \exp(-k|x|) \\ \leq C'' |y| (Hh)^{|\alpha|} |\alpha|! \exp(-k|x|) \end{aligned}$$

for some  $C', C''$  and  $H < 1$ .

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , taking  $\delta > 0$  so small that  $C'' \delta < \varepsilon$ , we have

$$\frac{|I_1| \exp k|x|}{(Hh)^{|\alpha|} |\alpha|!} < \varepsilon,$$

and it follows from (1.1) that

$$\sup_{x \in K \cap \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|I_3| \exp k|x|}{h^{|\alpha|} \alpha!} \leq C \int_{|y| \geq \delta} E(y, t) dy \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$\sup_{x \in K \cap \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|I_2| \exp k|x|}{h^{|\alpha|} \alpha!} \leq C \int_{|y| \geq \delta} E(y, t) \exp k|y| dy \rightarrow 0$$

as  $t \rightarrow 0_+$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 1.4.**  $\mathcal{F}(K)$  is topologically isomorphic to  $Q(K)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\phi \in Q(K)$ . Then  $\phi$  is holomorphic in a neighborhood of  $\mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbb{R}^n + i\{|y| \leq r\}$  for some  $r > 0$  and for some  $k > 0$

$$\sup_{z \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbb{R}^n + i\{|y| \leq r\}} |\phi(z)| \exp k|z| < \infty,$$

where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is any neighborhood of  $K$  in  $D^n$ . Let  $\frac{1}{r} = h > 0$ . Then for  $x \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have

$$\partial^\alpha \phi(x) = \frac{\alpha!}{(2\pi i)^n} \int_{|z_n - x_n| = r} \cdots \int_{|z_1 - x_1| = r} \frac{\phi(z) dz}{(z_1 - x_1)^{\alpha_1 + 1} \cdots (z_n - x_n)^{\alpha_n + 1}}.$$

Let  $z = \xi + i\eta$ . If  $|x_j| \geq 2r$  then we have

$$|\xi_j| \geq |x_j|/2.$$

Therefore it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial^\alpha \phi(x)| &\leq h^{|\alpha|} \alpha! \sup_{|z_j - x_j| = r} |\phi(z)| \\ &\leq h^{|\alpha|} \alpha! \sup_{|z_j - x_j| = r} |\phi(z)| \exp k(|\xi| - \frac{|x|}{2}) \\ &\leq Ch^{|\alpha|} \alpha! \exp(-k|x|/2) \sup_{z \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbb{R}^n + i\{|\eta| \leq r\}} |\phi(z)| \exp k|z|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\frac{|\partial^\alpha \phi(x)|}{h^{|\alpha|} \alpha!} \exp k|x|/2 \leq C \sup_{z \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbb{R}^n + i\{|\eta| \leq r\}} |\phi(z)| \exp k|z| < \infty$$

for any  $|x_j| \geq 2r$ .

On the other hand, we have for any  $|x_j| \leq 2r$

$$|\partial^\alpha \phi(x)| \exp k|x|/2$$

$$\leq \exp(k\sqrt{n}/h) \cdot \alpha! h^{|\alpha|} \sup_{z \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbf{R}^n + i\{|\eta| \leq r\}} |\phi(z)| \exp k|z|.$$

Therefore it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{x \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbf{R}^n} \frac{|\partial^\alpha \phi(x)|}{h^{|\alpha|} \alpha!} \exp k|x| \\ & \leq \exp(2k\sqrt{n}/h) \sup_{z \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbf{R}^n + i\{|\eta| \leq r\}} |\phi(z)| \exp k|z| \\ & < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\phi \in \mathcal{F}(K)$ . Then it follows from Pringsheim Theorem that  $\phi$  can be analytically continued to a strip  $\{z=x+iy \mid x \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbf{R}^n, |y| \leq r < \frac{1}{h}\}$

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(z)| \exp k|x| &= \exp k|x| \left| \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\partial^\alpha \phi(x)}{\alpha!} (iy)^\alpha \right| \\ &\leq C \sum_{\alpha} \frac{|\partial^\alpha \phi(x)|}{h^{|\alpha|} \alpha!} \exp k|x| (h|y|)^{|\alpha|} \\ &\leq C' \sum_{\alpha} (hr)^{|\alpha|}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$\sup_{z \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbf{R}^n + i\{|y| \leq 1/h\}} |\phi(z)| \exp k|z| < \infty,$$

which completes the proof.

*Remark.* Let  $K$  be a compact set in  $\mathbf{D}^n$  and let  $u \in \mathcal{F}'(K)$ . Then for any  $h, k > 0$  there is a constant  $C$  such that

$$|u(\phi)| \leq C \sup_{x \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbf{R}^n} \frac{|\partial^\alpha \phi(x)|}{h^{|\alpha|} \alpha!} \exp k|x|, \quad \phi \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{D}^n),$$

where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is any neighborhood of  $K$  in  $\mathbf{D}^n$ .

This is equivalent to the condition that for every neighborhood  $\mathcal{Q}$  of  $K$  and for every  $k > 0$  there is a constant  $C$  such that

$$(1.2) \quad |u(\phi)| \leq C \sup_{x \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathbf{R}^n + i\{|\eta| + r\}} |\phi(z)| \exp k|z|, \quad \phi \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{D}^n).$$

**Proposition 1.5.** Let  $P(\partial) = \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{\infty} a_\alpha \partial^\alpha$  be a differential operator of infinite order with constant coefficients satisfying the following: For any  $L > 0$  there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$|a_\alpha| \leq CL^{|\alpha|} / \alpha!$$

for all  $\alpha$ . Then the operators

$$(1.3) \quad P(\partial): \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{D}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{D}^n)$$

and

$$(1.4) \quad P(\partial): \mathcal{F}'(\mathcal{D}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}'(\mathcal{D}^n)$$

are continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $\phi \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{D}^n)$  and  $h > 0$ . Then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & |\partial^\beta P(\partial) \phi(x)| \exp k|x| \\ & \leq \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^\infty |a_\alpha| |\partial^{\alpha+\beta} \phi(x)| \exp k|x| \\ & \leq \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^\infty |\phi|_{k,h} \frac{CL^{|\alpha|}}{\alpha!} h^{|\alpha+\beta|} (\alpha+\beta)! \\ & \leq C |\phi|_{k,h} (2h)^{|\beta|} \beta! \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^\infty (2hL)^{|\alpha|}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus if we choose  $h > 0$  so small that  $2Lh < 1$  then we obtain

$$|P(\partial) \phi(x)|_{k,2h} \leq C |\phi|_{k,h}, \quad \phi \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{D}^n),$$

which proves that (1.3) is continuous. The continuity of (1.4) is easily obtained by this fact.

### § 2. Main Theorems

The following lemma is very useful later. For the details of the proof we refer to Komatsu [13], Lemma 2.9 and Lemma 2.10.

**Lemma 2.1.** *For any  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  there exist a function  $v(t) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and an ultradifferential operator  $P(d/dt)$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{supp } v \subset [0, \varepsilon_1]; \\ & |v(t)| \leq C \exp(-N^*(1/t)), \quad t > 0; \\ & \text{for any } h > 0, \quad P(d/dt) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty a_k (d/dt)^k, \quad |a_k| \leq C_h h^k/k!^2; \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.1) \quad P(d/dt) v(t) = \delta + w(t).$$

Here  $w(t) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\text{supp } w \subset [\varepsilon_1/2, \varepsilon_1]$  and  $\delta$  is a Dirac measure, and

$$N^*(t) = \sup_p \log \frac{t^p}{h_p p!}$$

where  $h_p = (l_1 \cdots l_p)^{-1}$  for some sequence  $l_p$  decreasing to 0.

In fact, we can construct the above ultradifferential operator  $P(d/dt)$  by taking

$$P(\zeta) = (1+\zeta)^2 \prod_{p=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{I_p \zeta}{p^2}\right).$$

Let  $K$  be a compact set in  $\mathbf{D}^n$ . Then we denote by  $\mathcal{F}_K^{\text{tame}}$  the totality of  $C^\infty$ -solutions of heat equation  $(\partial_t - \Delta) u(x, t) = 0$  on  $\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1}$  which satisfy the following:

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a constant  $C$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad |u(x, t)| \leq C \exp \left[ \varepsilon \left( \frac{1}{t} + t + |x| \right) - \frac{\text{dis}(x, K_\delta \cap \mathbf{R}^n)^2}{8t} \right]$$

in  $\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1}$ . Then we have:

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $u \in \mathcal{F}'(K)$  and let*

$$(2.3) \quad U(x, t) = u_y(E(x-y, t)), \quad t > 0.$$

Then  $U(x, t) \in \mathcal{F}_K^{\text{tame}}$  and

$$(2.4) \quad U(x, t) \rightarrow u \text{ in } \mathcal{F}'(K) \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0_+.$$

Conversely, every element in  $\mathcal{F}_K^{\text{tame}}$  can be expressed in the form (2.3) with unique element  $u \in \mathcal{F}'(K)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $u \in \mathcal{F}'(K)$ . Then it is obvious that the function  $U(x, t)$  defined by (2.3) belongs to  $C^\infty(\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1})$  and satisfies the heat equation on  $\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1}$ ;

$$(\partial_t - \Delta) U(x, t) = 0.$$

It follows from (1.2) that for  $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} |U(x, t)| &\leq C \sup_{\substack{y \in K_\delta \cap \mathbf{R}^n \\ |\eta| \leq r}} |E(x-y-i\eta, t)| \exp k|x| \\ &\leq C \sup_{\substack{y \in K_\delta \cap \mathbf{R}^n \\ |\eta| \leq r}} (4\pi t)^{-n/2} \exp \left[ \frac{-(1/2)|x-y|^2 + 8k^2 t^2 + 4kt|x| + \eta^2}{4t} \right] \\ &\leq C' \exp \left[ 2k^2 t + k|x| + \frac{r^2}{4t} - \frac{\text{dis}(x, K_\delta \cap \mathbf{R}^n)^2}{8t} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\varepsilon = \max \{2k^2, k, r^2/4\}$ . Then we obtain (2.2). Hence  $U(x, t) \in \mathcal{F}_K^{\text{tame}}$ .

Now let

$$G(y, t) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} E(x-y, t) \phi(x) dx, \quad \phi \in \mathcal{F}(K).$$

Then by Theorem 1.3 we can easily see that

$$(2.5) \quad G(\cdot, t) \rightarrow \phi \text{ in } \mathcal{F}(K) \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0_+ .$$

Also, we have

$$(2.6) \quad \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} U(x, t) \phi(x) dx = u_y(G(y, t))$$

by taking the limit of the Riemann sum of the left side. Then applying (2.5) to (2.6) we obtain (2.4).

Now we will prove the converse. Let  $U(x, t) \in \mathcal{F}_K^{\text{tame}}$  and let

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{(x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1}; t \neq 0 \text{ or } x \notin K \cap \mathbf{R}^n\} .$$

Since the heat operator is hypoelliptic the condition (2.2) implies

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0_+} \tilde{P}(\partial_t, \partial_x) U(x, t) = 0, \quad x \in K \cap \mathbf{R}^n$$

for any linear differential operator (with constant coefficients)  $\tilde{P}(\partial_t, \partial_x)$  of finite order. It follows that there is a  $C^\infty$ -function  $c(x, t)$  satisfying the following:

$$c(x, t) = U(x, t) \text{ in } \mathbf{R}_+^{n+1}$$

and

$$c(x, t), \text{ together with all its derivatives vanishes on } \mathcal{Q} \setminus \mathbf{R}_+^{n+1} .$$

The assumption (2.2) implies that  $U(x, t)$  does not increase faster than  $\exp[\varepsilon(\frac{1}{t} + |x|)]$  as  $t \rightarrow 0_+$ . We see that there exists a Fourier hyperfunction  $\psi(x, t)$  which satisfies the following:

$$\psi = c \text{ on } \mathcal{Q}$$

and

$$\text{supp } \psi \subset \overline{\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1}} .$$

In fact, let functions  $v, w$  and an ultradifferential operator  $P(d/dt)$  be as in Lemma 2.1. Define

$$\tilde{c}(x, t) = \int_0^\infty c(x, t+s) v(s) ds .$$

Then we have

$$(\partial_t - \mathcal{A}) \tilde{c}(x, t) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbf{R}_+^{n+1} .$$

It follows from Lemma 2.1 and (2.2) that

$$|\tilde{c}(x, t)| \leq C' \exp \varepsilon(|x| + t), \quad t \geq 0.$$

Thus  $\tilde{c}(x, t)$  is a continuous function of an infra-exponential type in  $\overline{\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1}}$ . Using (2.1) we obtain for  $t > 0$ .

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} P(-\Delta) \tilde{c}(x, t) &= P(-d/dt) \tilde{c}(x, t) \\ &= c(x, t) + \int_0^\infty c(x, t+s) w(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\tilde{c}(x, t)$  and the second term of the right hand side of (2.7) can be continuously extended beyond the hyperplane  $t=0$ , we obtain the extension  $\psi(x, t)$  of  $c(x, t)$ .

Since  $c(x, t)$  is a  $C^\infty$ -solution of heat equation on  $\mathcal{Q}$ , we have

$$(\partial_t - \Delta) \psi(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{on } \mathcal{Q}.$$

In what follows, a Fourier hyperfunction  $\psi(x, t)$  thus obtained shall be called a Fourier tame extension of  $U$  for short.

Let  $g(x) = \tilde{c}(x, 0)$  and  $h(x) = -\int_0^\infty c(x, s) w(s) ds$ . Then  $g$  and  $h$  are also continuous functions of an infra-exponential type, and hence Fourier hyperfunctions. We define a Fourier hyperfunction  $u$  as

$$u(x) = P(-\Delta) g(x) + h(x).$$

Since

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0_+} U(x, t) = 0, \quad x \notin K,$$

we see that  $u \in \mathcal{F}'(K)$ .

We define a Fourier hyperfunction  $\alpha(x, t)$  by

$$\alpha(x, t) = \begin{cases} \int E(x-y, t) u(y) dy, & t > 0 \\ 0, & t < 0. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\alpha_+(x, t)$  be the restriction of  $\alpha$  to  $\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1}$ . Then we have  $\alpha_+(x, t) \in \mathcal{F}_K^{\text{tame}}$ .

Let  $\beta(x, t)$  be a Fourier tame extension of  $\alpha_+(x, t)$ . Note that  $\beta$  does not coincide with  $\alpha$  in general. It follows from (2.4) that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0_+} \alpha(x, t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0_+} \beta(x, t) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0_+} \psi(x, t). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$(\partial_t - \Delta) (\psi(x, t) - \alpha(x, t)) = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbf{R}^{n+1}.$$

By the well known uniqueness theorem for the solutions of the Cauchy problem to the heat equation we have  $\psi = \alpha$  (See [4]).

*Remarks.* (i) The estimate (2.2) for  $K = \mathbf{D}^n$  is the following:

$$|u(x, t)| \leq C \exp \varepsilon \left[ \frac{1}{t} + t + |x| \right].$$

(ii) If  $K \subset \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  then the estimate (2.2) is replaced by

$$|u(x, t)| \leq C \exp \left[ \frac{\varepsilon}{t} - \frac{\text{dis}(x, K)^2}{4t} \right].$$

In this case, T. Kawai and T. Matsuzawa have shown in [9, 14] that its boundary value determines a unique hyperfunction with carrier  $K$  so that the vanishing of  $g(x)$  implies the vanishing of  $u(x, t)$ .

(iii) Since it suffices to consider the estimate (2.2) for sufficiently small  $t > 0$ , we may omit the term  $\varepsilon t$  in (2.2).

**Corollary 2.3.** *There exists an isomorphism*

$$b: \mathcal{F}_K^{\text{tame}} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}'(K).$$

From the proof of Theorem 2.2, we obtain the following corollaries:

**Corollary 2.4.** *Each function in  $\mathcal{F}_K^{\text{tame}}$  is real analytic.*

**Corollary 2.5.** *If  $u \in \mathcal{F}'(K)$ , then there exist an ultradifferential operator  $P(d/dt)$  of Gevrey order 2, a continuous function  $g$  of an infra-exponential type and a  $C^\infty$ -function  $h$  of an infra-exponential type such that*

$$u(x) = P(-\Delta)g(x) + h(x),$$

where  $g \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \setminus K)$ .

We can consider  $\mathcal{F}'(K_1) \subset \mathcal{F}'(K_2)$  if  $K_1 \subset K_2 \subset \subset \mathbf{D}^n$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}' = \bigcup_{K \subset \subset \mathbf{D}^n} \mathcal{F}'(K)$ . Then we have:

**Theorem 2.6.** *If  $u \in \mathcal{F}'$  then there is a smallest compact set  $K \subset \subset \mathbf{D}^n$  such that  $u \in \mathcal{F}'(K)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $u \in \mathcal{F}'$  and let  $K$  be the intersection of all compact set  $K'$  in  $\mathbf{D}^n$  such that  $u \in \mathcal{F}'(K')$ . By Theorem 2.2 a defining function

$$U(x, t) = u_y(E(x-y, t)), \quad t > 0$$

is uniquely defined and satisfies the heat equation in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1} \setminus (K \times \{0\})$ . Noting

that  $u = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0_+} U(\cdot, t)$ , we see that  $u \in \mathcal{F}'(K)$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $K_1, \dots, K_r$  be compact subsets of  $\mathbf{D}^n$  and  $u \in \mathcal{F}'(K_1 \cup \dots \cup K_r)$ . Then we can find  $u_j \in \mathcal{F}'(K_j)$  so that  $u = u_1 + \dots + u_r$ .*

*Proof.* It is sufficient to prove the statement when  $r=2$ . Let  $U(x, t)$  be the function defined by (2.3). The theorem will be proved if we can split  $U$  into a sum  $U = U_1 + U_2$  where  $U_j \in \mathcal{F}'_{K_j}{}^{\text{tame}}, j=1, 2$ . Let  $\tilde{U}$  be a Fourier tame extension of  $U$ . Then  $\tilde{U}$  satisfies the heat equation in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1} \setminus (\tilde{K}_1 \cup \tilde{K}_2)$  where  $\tilde{K}_j = K_j \times \{0\} \cap \mathbf{R}^{n+1}, j=1, 2$ . We take a function  $\psi \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^{n+1} \setminus (\tilde{K}_1 \cap \tilde{K}_2))$  constructed in [7, Corollary 1.4.11] such that  $\psi = 0$  for large  $|x| + t$  and near  $(\tilde{K}_2 \setminus (\tilde{K}_1 \cap \tilde{K}_2))$ ,  $\psi = 1$  near  $(\tilde{K}_1 \setminus (\tilde{K}_1 \cap \tilde{K}_2))$  and  $\psi \in L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$ . Here ‘‘near’’ means in the sense of the slowly varying metric defined in [6, Chap. 1]. We will split  $\tilde{U}$  as follows:

$$\tilde{U}_1 = \psi \tilde{U} - \tilde{V}, \quad \tilde{U}_2 = (1 - \psi) \tilde{U} + \tilde{V}.$$

We define  $\psi \tilde{U} \in \mathcal{F}'(\mathbf{D}^{n+1})$  such that  $\psi \tilde{U} = 0$  near  $(\tilde{K}_2 \setminus (\tilde{K}_1 \cap \tilde{K}_2))$  and  $(1 - \psi) \tilde{U} = 0$  near  $(\tilde{K}_1 \setminus (\tilde{K}_1 \cap \tilde{K}_2))$ . We can write

$$(\partial_t - \Delta) \psi \tilde{U} = \tilde{F} + f$$

where  $\tilde{F}$  and  $f$  are in  $\mathcal{F}'(\mathbf{D}^{n+1})$  such that

$$\tilde{F} = \begin{cases} (\partial_t - \Delta) (\psi U), & t > 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

and  $f \in \mathcal{F}'(\mathbf{D}^{n+1})$ ,  $\text{supp } f \subset K_1 \times \{0\}$ . Now we define

$$\tilde{V}(x, t) = E * \tilde{F}(x, t) \in \mathcal{F}'(\mathbf{D}^{n+1})$$

and  $V(x, t) \equiv \tilde{V}(x, t)$  for  $t > 0$ . Then we have

$$\tilde{V} \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^{n+1} \setminus \tilde{K}_1 \cap \tilde{K}_2), \quad \text{supp } \tilde{V} \subset \overline{\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1}}$$

and

$$V(\cdot, t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ uniformly in } \{x; \text{dis}(x, K_1 \cap K_2) \geq \delta\}$$

for every  $\delta > 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0_+$ . Since we have

$$V(x, t) = \psi U - E * f(x, t),$$

we have for any  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$V(x, t) = O(\exp \varepsilon [1/t + t + |x|]) \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0_+.$$

Thus we have the desired property that

$$U_1 = \psi U - V \in \mathcal{F}_{K_1}^{\text{tame}}$$

and

$$U_2 = (1 - \psi) U + V \in \mathcal{F}_{K_2}^{\text{tame}}.$$

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