

Astérisque

MIKIO SATO

Pseudo-differential equations and theta functions

Astérisque, tome 2-3 (1973), p. 286-291

<http://www.numdam.org/item?id=AST_1973__2-3__286_0>

© Société mathématique de France, 1973, tous droits réservés.

L'accès aux archives de la collection « Astérisque » (<http://smf4.emath.fr/Publications/Asterisque/>) implique l'accord avec les conditions générales d'utilisation (<http://www.numdam.org/conditions>). Toute utilisation commerciale ou impression systématique est constitutive d'une infraction pénale. Toute copie ou impression de ce fichier doit contenir la présente mention de copyright.

NUMDAM

Article numérisé dans le cadre du programme
Numérisation de documents anciens mathématiques

<http://www.numdam.org/>

PSEUDO-DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS AND THETA FUNCTIONS

MIKIO SATO

Kyoto University
Université de Nice

1.- It has been known since a year ago that any system of pseudo-differential equations, i.e. any admissible coherent left module \mathcal{M} of the sheaf of rings \mathcal{D} of pseudo-differential operators, given on the conormal sphere bundle $\sqrt{-1}S^*M$ of an analytical manifold M , is isomorphic to a combined system of de RHAM equations, CAUCHY-RIEMANN equations and LEWY-MIZOHATA equations, when considered micro-locally in the neighborhood of a generic point on the real characteristic variety of \mathcal{M} , provided that the complex characteristic variety of \mathcal{M} , i.e. the support of the sheaf \mathcal{M} in a complex neighborhood of $\sqrt{-1}S^*M$, meets with its complex conjugate non-tangentially (SATO-KAWAI-KASHIWARA [1], [2]).

In the simplest case where the characteristic variety is real, the cited structure theorem for pseudo-differential equations says in particular that \mathcal{M} is micro-locally isomorphic to a de RHAM system.

Theoretically this process of transforming \mathcal{M} to the de RHAM system consists of two steps. In the first steps, the celebrated classical theory of JACOBI on the involutory system of first order (non-linear) partial differential

equations assures that characteristic variety V of our system \mathcal{M} , which is proved to be a real involutory submanifold in the contact manifold $\sqrt{-1}S^*M$, is brought to the form $V_0 = \{(x, i\eta) \in \sqrt{-1}S^*M \mid \eta_1 = \dots = \eta_m = 0\}$, $m < \dim M$, by application of a contact transformation, and consequently our system \mathcal{M} is, by application of a corresponding quantized contact transformation, brought to a system of the form

$$\mathcal{M}_\bullet : \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} u = P_j(x, D') u, \quad j=1, \dots, m.$$

Here D' means $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$ for $j > m$, u denotes a column vector of unknown functions (i.e. generators of the \mathfrak{F} -module \mathcal{M}), and $P_j(x, D')$ denote matrices of pseudo-differential operators of finite order satisfying the following two conditions :

first, they should satisfy the compatibility condition

$$\frac{\partial P_j}{\partial x_k} + P_j P_k = \frac{\partial P_k}{\partial x_j} + P_k P_j, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, m;$$

second, they should be matrix operators "of orders smaller than 1", so that \mathcal{M}_\bullet would have V_0 as its characteristic variety.

The second step in the process of transforming \mathcal{M} is to bring \mathcal{M}_\bullet further to the de RHAM type : $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} u_0 = 0$, by eliminating the "lower order terms", i.e. the terms $P_j(x, D')u$ in \mathcal{M}_\bullet . And this elimination is achieved as follows by using pseudo-differential operators of infinite order (which of course are micro-local operators). Namely, we construct invertible pseudo-differential operators $U(x, D')$ satisfying

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \cdot U(x, D') - U(x, D') \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} = P_j(x, D') \cdot U(x, D'), \quad j=1, \dots, m,$$

$$U(x, D') \Big|_{x_1 = \dots = x_m = 0} = I \quad (= \text{the unit matrix}),$$

and then by putting $u_0 = U^{-1} u$, $u = U u_0$, we see that the system \mathcal{M}_\bullet is readily transformed to the de RHAM system for u_0 . The matrix $U(x, D')$ will be called the wave operator for \mathcal{M}_\bullet , because this operator describes solutions of \mathcal{M}_\bullet in terms of its initial data : $u(x) = U(x, D')[u(x)]_{x_1 = \dots = x_m = 0}$. The

characteristic variety V_0 has a natural foliation structure where the leaves are (m-dimensional) bicharacteristic strips defined by $x_j = \text{const.}$, $\eta_j = \text{const.}$ for $j > m$. The wave operator describes the propagation of initial data along each leaf.

Now let us suppose further that the characteristic variety V has a fiber structure $V \xrightarrow{f} W$ (smooth) rather than a foliation structure. The fibers of f are bicharacteristic strips, which we assume to be all isomorphic to a typical one, an m-dimensional manifold F , and V is isomorphic to $F \times W$. The base space W has the structure of a contact manifold, and is identified with a conormal bundle $\sqrt{-1}S^*N$ whose points we describe by $(t, i\tau)$. Denoting by x the coordinates of a point on the universal covering manifold \tilde{F} of F , our equations will now assume the form :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} u(x, t) = P_j(x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) u(x, t).$$

On taking into account the fact that \mathcal{M} is a system on $F \times W = (\tilde{F} \times W) / \pi_1(F)$, $\pi_1(F)$ denoting the fundamental group of F , we observe that finding solutions of \mathcal{M} on $F \times W$ amounts to finding a solution of the above equations on $\tilde{F} \times W$ which possesses a quasi-periodicity condition of the form

$$u(\sigma(x), t) = T_\sigma(x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) u(x, t). \quad \forall \sigma \in \pi_1(F),$$

where $T_\sigma(x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t})$ are family of invertible pseudo-differential operators in t subject to the conditions

$$T_{\sigma, \sigma}(x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) = T_{\sigma'}(\sigma(x), t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) \cdot T_\sigma(x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}),$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} T_\sigma(x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) = - T_\sigma(x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) \cdot P_j(x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) + \sum_k \frac{\partial \sigma(x)}{\partial x_j} P_k P_k(\sigma(x), t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) \cdot T_\sigma(x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}).$$

Defining S -matrices by $S_\sigma(t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) = T_\sigma^{-1}(0, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) \cdot U(\sigma(0), t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t})$ by means of T_σ and wave operator $U(x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t})$, we see that $S_\sigma(t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t})$ are invertible pseudo-differential operators in t and satisfy the relation $S_{\sigma'}(t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) = S_\sigma(t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) \cdot S_\sigma(t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t})$,

and that an initial data $u(0,x)$ admits the corresponding global solution of our system (which clearly is uniquely determined) if and only if

$S_\sigma(t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t})u(0,t) = u(0,t)$ hold for all $\sigma \in \pi_1(F)$, i.e. if and only if $u(0,t)$ is a simultaneous eigenfunction of $S_\sigma(t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t})$ of eigenvalues 1.

2.- We now apply the preceding observations to the situation where the fiber F is a $2n$ -dimensional torus $\mathbb{R}^{2n}/\mathbb{Z}^{2n}$. \tilde{F} and $\pi_1(F)$ are \mathbb{R}^{2n} and \mathbb{Z}^{2n} respectively, and σ is given by $x \rightarrow x+v$, $v \in \mathbb{Z}^{2n}$.

First we give the following definition :

Definition.- A set of $2n$ pseudo-differential operators on $W = \sqrt{-1} S^*N$, $P_j(t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t})$, $j = 1, \dots, 2n$, (or rather, the linear set spanned by them $\{v_1 P_1 + \dots + v_{2n} P_{2n} \mid v \in \mathbb{Z}^{2n}\}$) is called a Jacobi structure on W if the following conditions are satisfied :

- (1) P_j satisfy the commutation relation $P_k P_j - P_j P_k = 2\pi i e_{jk}$, with $e_{jk} = -e_{kj} \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\det(e_{jk}) \neq 0$.
- (2) P_j are pseudo-differential operators of orders smaller than 1.

(From (1) and (2) follows that $c_1 P_1 + \dots + c_n P_{2n}$ also has an order smaller than 1, for any $c \in \mathbb{C}^{2n}$.)

Suppose that a Jacobi structure $(P_j(t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}))_{j=1, \dots, 2n}$ is given on W . Then, defining the operators $P_j(x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t})$ by

$$P_j(x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) = \pi^i (Ex)_j + P_j(t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t})$$

with $E = (e_{jk})$ and $(Ex)_j = \sum_k e_{jk} x_k$, and choosing $T_\sigma(x, t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t})$ to be a multiplication operator by a factor $c(v) e^{\pi i \langle Ev, x \rangle}$ (where $\langle Ev, x \rangle = \sum_{j,k} e_{jk} v_j x_k$) while $c(v)$ is a non-zero constant satisfying the relation

$$c(v'+v)/c(v')c(v) = (-1)^{\langle Ev', v \rangle} \text{ and is given e.g. by } c(v) = (-1)^{\sum_j \langle k^e_{jk} v_j \rangle},$$

we see that all requirements imposed in the preceding paragraph are satisfied.

The S -matrices are given by $S_v(t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) = c(v)^{-1} e^{\pi i (v_1 P_1 + \dots + v_{2n} P_{2n})}$. They are mutually commutative although P_j are not.

Definition.- A column vector of microfunctions on W is called a Jacobi function if it is a simultaneous eigenfunction of $e^{\pi i P_1}, \dots, e^{\pi i P_{2n}}$ of eigenvalue 1 (and hence a simultaneous eigenfunction of $e^{\pi i (v_1 P_1 + \dots + v_{2n} P_{2n})}$ of eigen-value $c(v)$ for all $v \in \mathbb{Z}^{2n}$).

Definition.- A column vector of microfunctions $\theta(x|t)$ on $\tilde{F} \times W = \mathbb{R}^{2n} \times W$ is called a theta function, associated to the Jacobi structure, if the followings hold.

- (1) $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} - (Ex)_j) \theta(x|t) = P_j(t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) \theta(x|t)$
- (2) $\theta(x+v|t) = c(v) e^{\pi i \langle Ev, x \rangle} \theta(x|t), \quad v \in \mathbb{Z}^{2n}.$

From the observations of preceding paragraph we obtain

THEOREM.- If $\theta(x|t)$ is a theta function associated to the Jacobi structure then the 'zero-value' $\theta(0|t)$ is a Jacobi function. Conversely, any Jacobi function $f(t)$ on W determines uniquely a theta function $\theta(x|t)$ with the property $\theta(0|t) = f(t)$ uniquely.

It is known that, from micro-local stand point, it is not very restricting to assume that the underlying contact manifold $W = \sqrt{-1} S^*N$ has the dimension $2n-1$ (i.e. $\dim N = n$). If this is the case, we can show that the number of linearly independent theta functions or Jacobi functions is finite. Still more important is the case where operators P_j are of the orders $\frac{1}{2}$, because we can then introduce a natural representation of the symplectic group $Sp(n)$ by infinitesimal operators $\frac{1}{2}(P_j P_k + P_k P_j)$, can prolong the germ of the manifold W to a $(2n-1)$ -dimensional projective space of $2n$ -dimensional symplectic vector space in a natural way, and can deduce the automorphy property of Jacobi function $\theta(0|t)$ under the action of $Sp(n, \mathbb{Z})$. (The 'factor of automorphy' appears to be a pseudo-differential operator of infinite order in general).

It is known that our concept of theta function includes a wide class

of functions, of which the well-known class of theta functions of Siegel-Hilbert type is a very special example.

Some detailed account for what is stated here is found in [3]. Complete details will appear elsewhere.

REFERENCES

--:--:--

- [1] M. SATO - T. KAWAI - M. KASHIWARA, Microfunctions and pseudo-differential equations, RIMS-116, also to appear in Proc. Katata Symposium 1971, Springer Lecture Note.
- [2] M. SATO - T. KAWAI - M. KASHIWARA, On pseudo-differential equations in hyperfunction theory, to appear in Proc. A.M.S. Summer Inst. on P.D.E., Berkeley 1971.
- [3] T. KAWAI, Local theory of theta functions, after SATO's lecture at Nagoya University, 1971, Japanese (to appear).