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## 0. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, which is a condensed version of a paper which is to appear in *Arkiv för Matematik*, we study the propagation of singularities for a class of pseudo-differential operators having characteristics of variable multiplicity. We do not assume the characteristics to be in involution, in the sense that their Hamilton fields satisfy the Frobenius integrability condition. Instead, we assume that the characteristic set is a union of hypersurfaces tangent of exactly order  $k_0 \geq 1$  along an involutive submanifold of codimension  $d_0 \geq 2$ . This means that the Hamilton fields are parallel at the intersection, and their Poisson brackets vanish of at least order  $k_0 + 1$  there. We also assume a version of the generalized Levi condition. One example, with  $k_0 = 1$ , is the wave operator for uniaxial crystals, i.e. trigonal, tetragonal and hexagonal crystals. The main result is stated in Theorem 1.3, and it shows that the wave front set of the solution is propagated along the union of the Hamilton fields of the characteristic surfaces.

There have been many studies of singularities of solutions of symmetrizable hyperbolic systems, see [15] and references there. Nosmas [12] has studied the involutive case. Kumano-go and Taniguchi [8] have constructed parametrices for diagonalizable systems, but since they consider classical symbols, their results are not directly applicable here. The results on the propagation of singularities for the system in Proposition 2.3 may be obtained by the method of energy estimates of Ivrii [6] (see also [16]). For scalar operators, the case when the characteristics have transversal involutive self-intersection has been analyzed in [1], [9], [13] and [14]. Melrose and Uhlmann [10] considered the case of conical involutive singularity of the characteristic set. Morimoto [11] studied operators on the form (2.10) below, but with involutive characteristics. Ivrii [7] considered operators with  $L^\infty$  bounds on the Poisson brackets at double characteristic points.

In this paper, we shall consider classical, or polyhomogeneous, pseudo-differential operators. These have symbols which are asymptotic sums of homogeneous terms. But we shall also use the more general symbol classes of the Weyl calculus. Since all our metrics are split, we may use the standard calculus of pseudo-differential operators with these symbol classes. For notation and calculus results, see [5, Chapter 18].

## 1. STATEMENT OF RESULT

We are going to study the pseudodifferential operator  $P \in \Psi_{phg}^m(X)$  on a  $C^\infty$  manifold  $X$ . Let  $p = \sigma(P)$  be the principal symbol and  $\Sigma = p^{-1}(0)$  the characteristic set. Assume, microlocally near  $(x_0, \xi_0) \in \Sigma$ ,

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \Sigma &= \bigcup_{j=1}^{r_0} S_j, \quad r_0 \geq 2, \quad \text{where } S_j \text{ are non-radial hypersurfaces} \\ &\text{tangent at } \Sigma_2 = \bigcap_{j=1}^{r_0} S_j \text{ of exactly order } k_0 \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

This means that the Hamilton field of  $S_j$  does not have the radial direction  $\langle \xi, \partial_\xi \rangle$ . Also, the  $k_0$ :th jets of  $S_j$  coincide on  $\Sigma_2$ , but no  $k_0+1$ :th jet does, and the surfaces only intersect at  $\Sigma_2$  in a neighborhood of  $(x_0, \xi_0)$ . Observe that the surfaces need not be in involution, in the sense that their Hamilton fields satisfy the Frobenius integrability condition. Since  $p$  is homogeneous in  $\xi$ ,  $\Sigma_i$  and  $S_j$  are conical. Next we assume, microlocally near  $(x_0, \xi_0)$ ,

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} &\Sigma_2 \text{ is an involutive manifold of codimension } d_0 \geq 2, \\ &\text{and } \Pi(\Sigma_2) = X, \text{ where } \Pi \text{ is the projection: } T^*(X) \rightarrow X. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly the codimension cannot be equal to 1, and by non-degeneracy  $\Sigma_2$  is a manifold near  $(x_0, \xi_0)$ . In order to obtain conditions on lower order terms of  $P$  on the multiple characteristic set we assume the following version of the Levi condition. For  $j = 1, \dots, r_0$  there exist  $m_j \in \mathbb{N}$ , with the property that, if  $\varphi_j \in C^\infty$ ,  $(x, d_x \varphi_j) \in S_j$  near  $x_0$ , and  $d_x \varphi_j(x_0) = \xi_0$ , then

$$(1.3) \quad |e^{-i\varrho \varphi_j} P(e^{i\varrho \varphi_j} a)| \leq C(1 + \varrho d^{k_0+1}(x, d_x \varphi_j))^{m_0 - m_j} (1 + \varrho)^{m - m_0}, \quad \varrho \rightarrow \infty,$$

$\forall a \in C_0^\infty$  supported near  $x_0$ . Here  $m_0 = \sum_{j=1}^{r_0} m_j$ , and  $d(x, \xi)$  is the homogeneous distance to  $\Sigma_2$ , i.e. the distance with respect to the metric  $|dx|^2 + |d\xi|^2/(1 + |\xi|^2)$ . This means that  $p$  vanishes of order  $m_j$  at  $S_j \setminus \Sigma_2$ , of order  $m_0$  at  $\Sigma_2$ , and  $P$  satisfies the Levi condition on  $S_j$  and  $\Sigma_2$  (see [2]). We also have uniform conditions on lower order terms on  $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma \setminus \Sigma_2$  when approaching  $\Sigma_2$ . In order to avoid extra zeroes of the principal symbol at  $\Sigma_2$ , we assume

$$(1.4) \quad d^{m_0} p \neq 0 \text{ at } \Sigma_2, \quad m_0 = \sum_{j=1}^{r_0} m_j,$$

microlocally near  $(x_0, \xi_0)$ , where  $d^k p$  is the  $k$ :th differential of  $p$ .

Clearly, (1.1), (1.2) and (1.4) are invariant under multiplication with elliptic pseudodifferential operators and conjugation by elliptic Fourier integral operators corresponding to canonical transformations preserving the projection condition:  $\Pi(\Sigma_2) = X$ .

LEMMA 1.1. *Condition (1.3) is invariant under multiplication of  $P$  with elliptic pseudo-differential operators and conjugation of  $P$  by elliptic Fourier integral operators corresponding to canonical transformations preserving the projection condition.*

The proof follows by using the stationary phase (see [5, Th. 7.7.1 and 7.7.6]) when conjugating with elliptic Fourier integral operators, since  $k_0 \geq 1$ .

We shall now state the result for propagation of singularities for  $P$ . Since the surfaces are tangent at  $\Sigma_2$ , their Hamilton fields are parallel. Because  $\Sigma_2$  is involutive and  $\Sigma_2 = \bigcap S_j$ , the Hamilton fields of  $S_j$  are tangent to  $\Sigma_2$ , and they define the same flow there.

DEFINITION 1.2. *The Hamilton flow on  $\Sigma$  is the union of the Hamilton flow on  $S_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r_0$ .*

The following is the main result.

THEOREM 1.3. *Assume that  $P \in \Psi_{phg}^m(X)$  satisfies (1.1)–(1.4) microlocally near  $w \in \Sigma$ . If  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(X)$ , then  $WFu \setminus WFPu$  is invariant under the Hamilton flow on  $\Sigma = p^{-1}(0)$  near  $w$ .*

On  $\Sigma_1$  this follows from the fact that the characteristics have constant multiplicity, see [2, Th. 1.1]. Theorem 1.3 will be proved in section 5.

## 2. REDUCTION TO A FIRST ORDER SYSTEM

We assume  $P \in \Psi_{phg}^m(X)$  satisfies (1.1)–(1.4) microlocally near  $w \in \Sigma_2$ . Since the result is local and the conditions are invariant, we may assume  $X = \mathbf{R}^n$ . Because  $\Sigma_2$  is involutive and  $\Pi(\Sigma_2) = X$ , we may choose symplectic, homogeneous coordinates  $(x, \xi) \in T^*\mathbf{R}^n$  near  $w \in \Sigma_2$ , so that  $w = (0; (0, \dots, 1))$  and

$$(2.1) \quad \Sigma_2 = \{(x, \xi) \in T^*\mathbf{R}^n : \xi' = 0\},$$

where  $\xi = (\xi', \xi'') \in \mathbf{R}^{d_0} \times \mathbf{R}^{n-d_0}$ . We may also assume

$$(2.2) \quad S_1 = \{(x, \xi) \in T^*\mathbf{R}^n : \xi_1 = 0\},$$

near  $w$ . We rename  $x_1 = t$ ,  $(x_2, \dots, x_{d_0}) = x'$  and  $(x_{d_0+1}, \dots, x_n) = x''$ . Since  $S_j$  is tangent to  $S_1$  at  $\Sigma_2$ , we obtain

$$(2.3) \quad S_j = \{(t, x; \tau, \xi) \in T^*(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}^n) : \tau + \beta_j(t, x, \xi) = 0\},$$

with  $\beta_j$  real and homogeneous of degree 1 in  $\xi$ ,  $\beta_1 \equiv 0$ , and

$$(2.4) \quad c|\xi'|^{k_0+1}/|\xi|^{k_0} \leq |\beta_j - \beta_k| \leq C|\xi'|^{k_0+1}/|\xi|^{k_0}, \quad j \neq k, \quad C, c > 0,$$

in a conical neighborhood of  $w$ . By taking  $k = 1$ , we obtain that  $\beta_j$  vanishes of exactly order  $k_0 + 1$  at  $\{\xi' = 0\}$ .

Next, we prepare  $P \in \Psi_{phg}^m(X)$ . Assume  $P$  to be given by the expansion  $p + p_{m-1} + p_{m-2} + \dots$ , where  $p = \sigma(P)$  and  $p_j \in S^j$ . Conditions (1.3) (with  $\varphi_1 = t$ ) and (1.4) give

$\partial_\tau^j p = 0$  at  $\Sigma_2$  when  $j < m_0$ , and  $\partial_\tau^{m_0} p \neq 0$ , near  $w \in \Sigma_2$ . Thus Malgrange's preparation theorem gives, by homogeneity (see [5, Th. 7.5.5]),

$$p = c \sum_{j=0}^{m_0} a_{m_0-j} \tau^j \quad \text{near } w \in \Sigma_2,$$

where  $0 \neq c \in S^{m-m_0}$ ,  $a_j \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}, S^j)$  are homogeneous in  $\xi$ ,  $a_0 \equiv 1$  and  $a_j = 0$  at  $\Sigma_2$ ,  $j > 0$ . By multiplication with an elliptic pseudo-differential operator, we may assume  $m = m_0$  and  $c \equiv 1$ . By using Malgrange's preparation theorem repeatedly, we get

$$(2.5) \quad P \cong \sum_{j=0}^{m_0} A_{m_0-j} D_t^j \pmod{C^\infty}, \quad \text{microlocally near } w,$$

where  $A_j \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}, \Psi_{phg}^j)$  and  $A_0 \equiv 1$ . Now (1.3) gives more information about  $A_j$ , but we first have to introduce some symbol classes corresponding to the  $\beta_j$ 's.

Let

$$(2.6) \quad m(\xi) = 1 + |\xi'|^{k_0+1} \langle \xi \rangle^{-k_0},$$

where  $\langle \xi \rangle = (1 + |\xi|^2)^{1/2}$ , thus  $m \approx 1 + \beta_j$ . Put

$$(2.7) \quad g(dx, d\xi) = |dx|^2 + |d\xi'|^2 / (\langle \xi \rangle^\mu + |\xi'|)^2 + |d\xi''|^2 / \langle \xi \rangle^2 \quad \text{at } (x, \xi),$$

where  $\mu = k_0/(k_0 + 1)$ , which gives  $h^2 = \sup g/g^\sigma = (\langle \xi \rangle^\mu + |\xi'|)^{-2} \leq 1$ . It is easy to see that  $g$  is  $\sigma$  temperate, and  $m \approx \langle \xi \rangle^{-k_0} h^{-k_0-1}$  is a weight for  $g$ . We shall denote by  $S(mh^j, g)$  the symbol classes in  $(x, \xi)$  of weight  $mh^j$ ,  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ , depending  $C^\infty$  on  $t$ , and  $Op S(mh^j, g)$  the corresponding (classical) pseudo-differential operators. (Thus we shall suppress the  $t$  dependence.) The reason for using these classes is that  $\beta_j \in S(m, g)$ . Also, if  $a(t, x, \xi)$  is homogeneous of degree  $j$  in  $\xi$  and  $|a| \leq c m^k$ , then  $a \in S(m^j, g)$ . In fact, if  $k < j$ , then  $a \equiv 0$ , otherwise  $a$  vanishes of order  $\geq j(k_0 + 1)$  at  $\Sigma_2$ .

LEMMA 2.1. Assume that  $P$  is given by (2.5) and satisfies (1.1)–(1.4) with  $m = m_0$  and  $S_1 = \{\tau = 0\}$ , near  $w \in \Sigma_2$ . Then  $A_i \in Op S(m^i, g)$  and

$$(2.8) \quad b_j = e^{-i\varphi_j} P(e^{i\varphi_j} a) \in S(m^{m_0-m_j+r}, g) \quad \text{near } (t_0, x_0, \xi_0),$$

for all  $a \in S(m^r, g)$ , if  $\varphi_j(t, x, \xi)$  is homogeneous of degree 1 in  $\xi$ ,  $(t, x, d_{t,x}\varphi_j) \in S_j$  near  $(t_0, x_0, \xi_0)$ ,  $(t_0, x_0, d_{t,x}\varphi_j(t_0, x_0, \xi_0)) = w$ , and  $(t, x, d_{t,x}\varphi_j) \in \Sigma_2$  when  $\xi' = 0$ .

PROOF: We obtain  $\varphi_j$  satisfying the conditions in the lemma by solving (3.3), according to Lemma 3.1. To compute (2.8) for homogeneous  $a$ , we may use the formal expansion in Lemma A.1, and homogeneity, to find

$$b_j \cong \sum_{k \geq 0} L_k(P, \varphi_j) a \pmod{S^{-\infty}},$$

since  $h \leq \langle \xi \rangle^{-\mu}$ . Here  $L_k(P, s\varphi_j) = s^{m_0-k} L_k(P, \varphi_j)$  is differential operator of order  $k$  in  $(t, x)$ , with principal symbol

$$\sigma(L_k(P, \varphi_j))(\varrho, \eta) = \sum_{|\alpha|=k} (\partial_{\tau, \xi}^\alpha p)(t, x, d_{t, x} \varphi_j)(\varrho, \eta)^\alpha / k!.$$

Applying this to  $a \in S(1, g)$ , homogeneous of degree 0 in  $\xi$ , (1.3) gives that  $L_k(P, \varphi_j) \equiv 0$  when  $k < m_j$ , and that all coefficients of  $L_k(P, \varphi_j)$  are bounded by  $c m^{m_0-m_j}$  when  $k \geq m_j$  (since  $m = m_0$ ). By homogeneity, all coefficients of  $L_k(P, \varphi_j)$  are in  $S(m^{m_0-k}, g)$  when  $k \geq m_j$ . Observe that this implies that  $p$  vanishes of order  $m_j$  at  $S_j$ , and  $\partial_{\tau, \xi}^\alpha p|_{S_j} \in S(m^{m_0-|\alpha|}, g)$ ,  $|\alpha| \geq m_j$ , near  $w$ .

By induction we obtain that  $p_{m_0-i}$  vanishes of order  $(m_j - i)_+ = \max(m_j - i, 0)$  at  $S_j$ , and

$$(2.9) \quad \partial_{\tau, \xi}^\alpha p_{m_0-i}|_{S_j} \in S(m^{m_0-i-|\alpha|}, g), \quad |\alpha| \geq m_j - i.$$

By using the expansion (A.4) for general  $a$ , we get (2.8). We obtain  $A_i \in Op S(m^i, g)$ , by using (2.9) for  $j = 1$  (i.e.  $\tau = 0$ ).

LEMMA 2.2. Assume that  $P$  satisfies the conditions in Lemma 2.1. Then we can find  $A, A_I \in Op S(1, g)$ ,  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_{r_0}) \in \mathbb{N}^{r_0}$ , so that  $\sigma(A) \equiv 1$  and

$$(2.10) \quad P = A \prod_{j=1}^{r_0} Q_j^{m_j} + \sum_{\substack{|I| < m_0 \\ i_j \leq m_j}} A_I \prod_{j=1}^{r_0} Q_j^{i_j},$$

microlocally near  $w \in \Sigma_2$ . Here  $Q_j = D_t + B_j$ ,  $B_j \in Op S(m, g)$  and  $\sigma(B_j) = \beta_j$ .

PROOF: Observe that the products in (2.10) are commutative modulo lower order terms. We find that  $\sigma(P) = p = \prod q_j^{m_j}$ , where  $q_j = \sigma(Q_j)$ , since it is a monic polynomial of degree  $m_0$  in  $\tau$ , vanishing of order  $m_j$  at  $\tau = -\beta_j$ . We shall consider the cases  $|\xi'| \geq c\langle \xi \rangle^\mu$ , by using a partition of unity in  $S(1, g)$ . When  $|\xi'| \leq c\langle \xi \rangle^\mu$ , we find  $S(m^k, g) \subset S(1, g)$ ,  $\forall k$ . Replacing  $D_t^k$  by  $\prod Q_j^{k_j}$ , where  $\sum k_j = k$  and  $k_j \leq m_j$ , only changes terms of lower order in  $D_t$ . Thus we only have to consider  $|\xi'| \geq c\langle \xi \rangle^\mu$ . The result will follow if we can write  $p_{m_0-k}$ ,  $k > 0$ , on the form

$$(2.11) \quad p_{m_0-k} = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i_j \leq m_j \\ |I| < m_0}} a_I^k \prod_j q_j^{i_j}, \quad a_I^k \in S(1, g),$$

when  $|\xi'| \geq c\langle \xi \rangle^\mu$ .

The proof of Lemma 2.1 implies that  $p_{m_0-k}$  vanishes of order  $(m_j - k)_+$  at  $\{\tau = -\beta_j\}$ . Since  $p_{m_0-k}/p$  is rational in  $\tau$ , residue calculus gives

$$p_{m_0-k}/p = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq \min(m_j, k) \\ j}} a_{ki}^j (q_j)^{-i}.$$

By (2.9) and the fact that  $q_i^{-1}|_{\tau=-\beta_j} = (\beta_i - \beta_j)^{-1} \in S(m^{-1}, g)$  when  $|\xi'| \geq c\langle \xi \rangle^\mu$ , we find  $a_{ki}^j \in S(1, g)$  when  $|\xi'| \geq c\langle \xi \rangle^\mu$ . This proves (2.11) and the lemma.

Now it is simple to reduce (2.10) to a first order diagonalizable system. See Morimoto [11] for the details. Summing up, we obtain the following result.



PROPOSITION 2.3. Assume that  $P \in \Psi_{phg}^m$  satisfies (1.1)–(1.4). Then, by conjugation with elliptic Fourier integral operators and multiplication by elliptic pseudo-differential operators, the equation  $Pu = f$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(X)$ , can be reduced to the  $N_0 \times N_0$  system

$$(2.12) \quad D_t U + K(t, x, D_x) U = F,$$

microlocally near  $w \in \Sigma_2$ . Here  $WFF = WFf$ ,  $WFU = WFu$ ,  $N_0 = \sum_{j=1}^{m_0} m_0! / j!$ , and  $K \in OpS(m, g)$  with principal symbol

$$(2.13) \quad k_1(t, x, \xi) = (\delta_{jk} \beta_{i_k})_{j,k=1,\dots,N_0}$$

being diagonal matrix, with real eigenvalues  $\beta_i \in S(m, g)$  homogeneous of degree 1 in  $\xi$ , satisfying (2.4), and  $\beta_1 \equiv 0$ .

### 3. THE CAUCHY PROBLEM

We shall study the Cauchy problem for the  $N_0 \times N_0$  system

$$(3.1) \quad P = D_t Id_{N_0} + K(t, x, D_x),$$

having the properties in Proposition 2.3. Let  $\pi_j$  be the projection on the eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\beta_j$ , along the others, thus  $k = \sum_{j=1}^{r_0} \beta_j \pi_j$ . We are going to solve

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{cases} PE \cong 0 \\ E|_{t=0} \cong Id_{N_0} \end{cases}$$

microlocally near  $(0, (0, \xi_0), (0, \xi_0))$ ,  $\xi'_0 = 0$ , with  $E: \mathcal{E}'(\mathbf{R}^{n-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^n)$ . We shall use Lax' method of oscillatory solutions. In order to do that, we must solve the eiconal equations

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t \phi_j + \beta_j(t, x, d_x \phi_j) = 0 \\ \phi_j(0, x, \eta) = \langle x, \eta \rangle \end{cases} \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, r_0.$$

By Hamilton-Jacobi, this has a unique local solution, homogeneous of degree 1 in  $\eta$ .

LEMMA 3.1. Let  $\phi_j$  solve (3.3) with  $\beta_j$  satisfying the conditions in (2.4), and  $\beta_1 \equiv 0$ . Then we find that  $\varphi_j(t, x, \eta) = \phi_j(t, x, \eta) - \langle x, \eta \rangle$  satisfies

$$(3.4) \quad \partial_{\eta'}^\gamma \varphi_j \equiv 0 \quad \text{when } \eta' = 0, \quad |\gamma| \leq k_0, \quad \forall j.$$

IDEA OF PROOF: Clearly (3.3) gives  $\varphi_j \equiv 0$  when  $\eta' = 0$ . Successively differentiating the equation, we find that  $\partial_t \partial_{\eta'}^\gamma \varphi_j \equiv 0$  when  $\eta' = 0$  and  $\gamma \leq k_0$ .

Now we define  $E_j: \mathcal{E}'(\mathbf{R}^{n-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r_0$ , as oscillatory integrals

$$(3.5) \quad E_j u(t, x) = (2\pi)^{1-n} \iint e^{i(\phi_j(t, x, \eta) - \langle y, \eta \rangle)} a_j(t, x, \eta) u(y) dy d\eta,$$

with  $a_j \in S(1, g)$ . Assume that  $a_j$  is supported in a conical neighborhood of  $\{\eta' = 0\}$ . By Lemma A.1 in the appendix, we get

$$(3.6) \quad PE_j u(t, x) = (2\pi)^{1-n} \iint e^{i(\phi_j(t, x, \eta) - \langle y, \eta \rangle)} b_j(t, x, \eta) u(y) dy d\eta,$$

where

$$(3.7) \quad b_j(t, x, \eta) = (\partial_t \phi_j Id_{N_0} + k(t, x, d_x \phi_j)) a_j + L_j a_j + R_j a_j,$$

$R_j$  is continuous  $S(m^i h^l, g) \rightarrow S(m^i h^{l+1}, g)$ ,  $\forall i, j, l$ , and

$$L_j a_j = D_t a_j + \sum_i (\partial_{\xi_i} k)(t, x, d_x \phi_j) D_{x_i} a_j + M_j a_j,$$

with  $M_j \in S(1, g)$ . In general, we cannot find homogeneous  $a_j$  making  $b_j \in S^{-\infty}$ . However, we have the following result.

LEMMA 3.2. Assuming (2.13), we can find  $a_j \in S(1, g)$  such that  $b_j \in S(m^{-N}, g)$ ,  $\forall N$ , in (3.7),  $j = 1, \dots, r_0$ , and

$$(3.8) \quad \sum_j a_j|_{t=0} \equiv Id_{N_0}.$$

PROOF: Let  $a_j \sim a_j^0 + a_j^{-1} + \dots$ , where  $a_j^{-k} \in S(m^{-k}, g)$ . The term in  $S(m^{-r}, g)$ ,  $r \geq 0$ , in the expansion (3.7), is given by

$$\sum_i \phi_j^*(\beta_i - \beta_j) \pi_i a_j^{-1-r} + L_j a_j^{-r} + R_j a_j^{1-r},$$

where  $\phi_j^* f = f(t, x, d_x \phi_j)$ , since  $h \leq m^{-1}$  ( $a_j^1 \equiv 0$ ). For  $r = -1$ , we obtain  $a_j^0 \in \text{Im } \pi_j = \bigcap_{i \neq j} \text{Ker } \pi_i$ . If we take  $a_j^0 = \pi_j$  at  $t = 0$ , we obtain  $\sum a_j^0|_{t=0} = Id_{N_0}$ . Now  $\phi_j^*(\beta_i - \beta_j) \in S(m, g)$  is invertible modulo  $S(m^{-1}, g)$  according to (2.4), when  $j \neq i$ , since  $d_{x'} \phi_j = \mathcal{O}(|\eta'|)$  by (3.4). Thus, it suffices to solve successively, with suitable initial data,

$$(3.9) \quad \pi_j(L_j a_j^{-r} + \tilde{R}_j a_j^{1-r}) = 0, \quad r \geq 0,$$

where  $a_j^1 \equiv 0$ , and  $(Id_{N_0} - \pi_j) a_j^{-r}$  has been determined in the previous step. Here  $\tilde{R}_j$  is continuous  $S(m^i, g) \rightarrow S(m^{i-1}, g)$ ,  $\forall i$ .

Now fix  $j$ , let  $\{v_j^i\}_i$  be a base for  $\text{Im } \pi_j$ , and consider  $\sum_i \alpha_i v_j^i$ ,  $\alpha_i \in S(m^{-r}, g)$ . We obtain  $\pi_j L_j \sum_i \alpha_i v_j^i = \sum_i \gamma_i v_j^i$ , where

$$(3.10) \quad \gamma_i = D_t \alpha_i + \sum_l \phi_j^*(\partial_{\xi_l} \beta_j) D_{x_l} \alpha_i + \sum_l \mu_i^l \alpha_l \in S(1, g),$$

with  $\mu_i^l \in S(1, g)$ . If we introduce local  $g$  orthogonal coordinates, then  $\sum_l \phi_j^*(\partial_{\xi_l} \beta_j) D_{x_l}$  transforms into a uniformly bounded  $C^\infty$  vector field. Thus, by adding a suitable linear combination of  $v_j^i$  to each column of  $a_j^{-r}$  we may solve (3.9) for all  $1 \leq j \leq r_0$ , with initial data making (3.8) hold modulo  $S(m^{-r-1}, g)$ .

Now the symbols in  $\bigcap_N S(m^{-N}, g)$  are integrable in  $\eta'$ . We obtain new symbol classes after integrating (3.6), according to the following lemma.

LEMMA 3.3. If  $a(t, x, \eta) \in \bigcap_N S(m^{-N}, g)$  has support where  $|\eta'| \leq c|\eta''|$ , and  $\varphi(t, x, \eta)$  is homogeneous of degree 1 satisfying (3.4), then

$$(3.11) \quad \tilde{a}(t, x, y', \eta'') = \int e^{i(\varphi(t, x, \eta) + \langle x' - y', \eta' \rangle)} a(t, x, \eta) d\eta' \in S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu,$$

where  $\nu = \mu(d_0 - 1)$ ,  $\mu = k_0/(k_0 + 1)$ ,  $d_0 = \text{codim } \Sigma_2$ . Here  $S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$  is defined by

$$(3.12) \quad \left| D_t^k D_x^{\alpha'} D_{x''}^{\alpha''} D_{y'}^{\beta'} D_{\eta''}^{\gamma''} b(t, x, y', \eta'') \right| \leq C_{\alpha\beta\gamma k} \langle \eta'' \rangle^{\nu + \mu|\alpha' + \beta'| - |\gamma''|}.$$

PROOF: If  $N(k_0 + 1) \geq d_0 + |\alpha|$ , we obtain

$$(3.13) \quad \int_{|\eta'| \leq c|\eta''|} \eta'^\alpha (1 + |\eta'|^{k_0+1} \langle \eta \rangle^{-k_0})^{-N} d\eta' \\ \leq \langle \eta'' \rangle^{(|\alpha| + d_0 - 1)\mu} \int \xi'^\alpha (1 + |\xi'|^{k_0+1})^{-N} d\xi' \leq C_\alpha \langle \eta'' \rangle^{(|\alpha| + d_0 - 1)\mu},$$

by putting  $\xi' = \eta'/\langle \eta'' \rangle^\mu$ . This gives  $|\tilde{a}| \leq C\langle \eta'' \rangle^\nu$ . When differentiating (3.11), the derivatives falling on  $a$  gives the right factors. The derivatives falling on the exponent gives either  $\eta'$  factors, or factors

$$\left| \partial_t^k \partial_x^\alpha \partial_{\eta''}^{\gamma''} \varphi(t, x, \eta) \right| \leq C_{k\alpha\gamma''} \langle \eta \rangle^{-|\gamma''|} m,$$

by (3.4) and homogeneity. The  $\eta'$  factors gives only  $\langle \eta'' \rangle^\mu$  factors by (3.13), and the  $m$  factors are harmless since  $a \in S(m^{-N}, g)$ ,  $\forall N$ . This completes the proof.

The lemma gives

$$(3.14) \quad PE_j u = (2\pi)^{d_0 - n} \iint e^{i\langle x'' - y'', \eta'' \rangle} r_j(t, x, y', \eta'') u(y) dy d\eta''$$

where  $r_j \in S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r_0$ . We shall compensate for these terms by adding a similar term  $E_0: \mathcal{E}'(\mathbf{R}^{n-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^n)$  with symbol  $a_0 \in S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$ . By lemma A.2 in the appendix, we obtain that  $PE_0$  has symbol  $b_0 \in S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$  given by

$$(3.15) \quad b_0 = D_t a_0 + e^{i\langle D_y, D_\xi \rangle} \tilde{k}(t, x, \xi) a_0(t, y, z', \eta'') \Big|_{\substack{y=x \\ \xi=(0, \eta'')}}$$

if  $\tilde{k}$  is the full symbol of  $K$ . By using Proposition 4.1, we may solve  $b_0 \cong -\sum r_j$ ,  $0 < t < c$ ,  $a_0|_{t=0} \cong 0$ , modulo  $S^{-\infty}$ . Since we can do this with  $t$  replaced by  $t - s$ , for small  $s$ , we obtain

PROPOSITION 3.4. Let  $K(t, x, D_x) \in OpS(m, g)$  be an  $N_0 \times N_0$  system with principal symbol  $k(t, x, \xi)$  satisfying (2.13). Then the Cauchy problem for  $|s| < \varepsilon$

$$(3.16) \quad \begin{cases} D_t E^{(s)} + K(t, x, D_x) E^{(s)} \cong 0, & t > s, \\ E^{(s)}|_{t=s} \cong Id_{N_0}, \end{cases}$$

microlocally near  $(0, (0, \xi_0), (0, \xi_0))$ ,  $\xi'_0 = 0$ , has a solution  $E^{(s)}: \mathcal{E}'(\mathbf{R}^{n-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^n)$  on the form

$$E^{(s)} = \sum_{j=0}^{r_0} E_j^{(s)}.$$

Here

$$E_j^{(s)} u(t, x) = (2\pi)^{1-n} \iint e^{i(\phi_j(t, x, \eta) - \langle y, \eta \rangle)} a_j(t, x, \eta) u(y) dy d\eta, \quad j \geq 1,$$

$\phi_j$  solves (3.3),  $a_j \in S(1, g)$ ; and

$$E_0^{(s)} u(t, x) = (2\pi)^{d_0-n} \iint e^{i\langle x'' - y'', \eta'' \rangle} a_0(t, x, y', \eta'') u(y) dy d\eta'',$$

where  $a_0 \in S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$ ,  $\nu = \mu(d_0 - 1)$ ,  $\mu = k_0/(k_0 + 1)$ ,  $d_0 = \text{codim } \Sigma_2$ .

#### 4. THE MICRO-LOCAL PSEUDO-DIFFERENTIAL OPERATOR

We are going to study the system

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{cases} D_t f + e^{i\langle D_\nu, D_\xi \rangle} k(t, x, \xi) f(t, y, z', \eta'') \Big|_{\substack{y=x \\ \xi=(0, \eta'')}} \cong r(t, x, z', \eta''), & t > 0, \\ f(0, x, z', \eta'') \cong f_0(x, z', \eta''), \end{cases}$$

modulo  $S^{-\infty}$ , where  $f_0, r \in S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$  have values in  $\mathbf{C}^{N_0}$ , and  $k \in S(m, g)$  is  $N_0 \times N_0$  system (see section 3). By lemma A.2 in the appendix, we have  $r \in S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$  if  $f \in S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$ . We shall also assume that  $k$  is symmetrizable, i.e.  $\exists$  symmetric  $N_0 \times N_0$  system  $M(t, x, \xi) \in S(1, g)$  such that  $0 < c \leq M$  and  $Mk - (Mk)^* \in S(1, g)$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** *Assume that  $k(t, x, \xi) \in S(m, g)$  is a symmetrizable  $N_0 \times N_0$  system. Then, for every  $f_0, r \in S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$ , the equation (4.1) has a solution  $f \in S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$  in a conical neighborhood of  $(0, 0, (0, \eta''_0)) \in \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}^{2d_0-2} \times T^*\mathbf{R}^{n-d_0}$ .*

**PROOF:** We shall solve (4.1) by iteration, modulo  $S_{1, \mu, 0}^{\nu-\mu}$ ,  $\mu = k_0/(k_0 + 1) < 1$ . By Lemma A.2, we have

$$(4.2) \quad e^{i\langle D_\nu, D_\xi \rangle} k(t, x, \xi) f(t, y, z', \eta'') \Big|_{\substack{y=x \\ \xi=(0, \eta'')}} \cong e^{i\langle D_{\nu'}, D_{\xi'} \rangle} k f \Big|_{\substack{y'=x' \\ \xi'=0}} = k(t, x, D_{x'}, \eta'') f,$$

modulo terms in  $S_{1, \mu, 0}^{\nu-1}$ . Also, we may assume  $k$  supported where  $|\xi - (0, \eta'')| < \varepsilon \langle \eta'' \rangle$  and  $|t| < c$ . By cutting off, we may assume  $\nu = 0$ ,  $k, f$  supported where  $\langle \eta'' \rangle \approx \langle \eta''_0 \rangle$ , and  $f_0, r$  having compact support. Put  $\lambda = \langle \eta''_0 \rangle^{-\mu} \leq 1$ , and choose  $w = (x'', \lambda^{-1} z', \lambda^{1/\mu} \eta'')$  as new coordinates. If we make the symplectic dilation  $(y, \eta) = (\lambda^{-1} x', \lambda \xi')$ , then it suffices to solve the system

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{cases} D_t f(t, y, w) + k_\lambda(t, y, w, D_y) f(t, y, w) \cong r(t, y, w), & t > 0, \\ f(0, y, w) \cong f_0(y, w), \end{cases}$$

modulo  $S(\lambda, |dw|^2 + |dy|^2)$ , where  $k_\lambda(t, y, w, \eta) \in S(\langle \eta \rangle^{k_0+1}, g_\lambda)$ ,  $g_\lambda = \lambda^2 |dy|^2 + |dw|^2 + |d\eta|^2 / \langle \eta \rangle^2$  and  $f_0, r \in B^\infty$ , uniformly in  $\lambda$ . Here  $B^\infty$  is the set of  $C^\infty$  functions having  $L^\infty$  bounds on all derivatives. By assumption, there exists a symmetric  $N_0 \times N_0$  system  $0 < c \leq M_\lambda(t, y, w, \eta) \in S(1, g_\lambda)$ , such that  $M_\lambda k_\lambda$  is symmetric modulo  $S(1, g_\lambda)$ . To complete the proof we need to solve (4.3) with  $f \in B^\infty$ , uniformly in  $\lambda$ . Going back, we obtain a solution in  $S_{1,\mu,0}^\nu$  to (4.1) modulo  $S_{1,\mu,0}^{\nu-\mu}$ .

Choose a partition of unity  $\{\chi_j(y)\} \in S(1, |dy|^2)$ , such that there is a fixed bound of the diameter of the supports of  $\chi_j$ , and on the number of overlapping supports. Replacing  $f_0, r$  with  $\chi_j f_0, \chi_j r$ , and translating in  $y$ , it suffices to solve (4.3) with  $f \in \mathcal{S}$  uniformly, when  $f_0, r \in C_0^\infty$  uniformly with fixed support. Since

$$\lambda^{-1}(k_\lambda(t, y, w, \eta) - k_\lambda(t, 0, w, \eta)) \in S(\langle y \rangle \langle \eta \rangle^{k_0+1}, g_1), \quad \lambda \leq 1,$$

uniformly, we can replace  $k_\lambda(t, y, w, D_y)$  by  $k_\lambda(t, w, D_y) = k_\lambda(t, 0, w, D_y)$  in the system (4.3). By taking  $M_\lambda(t, w, \eta) = M_\lambda(t, 0, w, \eta)$  we obtain that  $M_\lambda k_\lambda$  is symmetric, mod  $S(1, g_\lambda)$ .

Now taking the Fourier transform with respect to  $y$  in (4.3), we want to solve

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{cases} D_t \hat{f}(t, \eta, w) + k_\lambda(t, w, \eta) \hat{f}(t, \eta, w) = \hat{r}(t, \eta, w), & t > 0, \\ \hat{f}(0, \eta, w) = \hat{f}_0(\eta, w). \end{cases}$$

The unique temperate solution to (4.4) is given by

$$(4.5) \quad \hat{f}(t, \eta, w) = F_\lambda(t, \eta, w) \left( \hat{f}_0(\eta, w) + i \int_0^t F_\lambda^{-1}(s, \eta, w) \hat{r}(s, \eta, w) ds \right),$$

if  $F_\lambda(t, \eta, w)$  is temperate solution to

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{cases} D_t F_\lambda(t, \eta, w) + k_\lambda(t, w, \eta) F_\lambda(t, \eta, w) = 0, & t > 0, \\ F_\lambda(0, \eta, w) = Id_{N_0}. \end{cases}$$

Thus the proof is completed by showing that  $f \in \mathcal{S}$  uniformly, which is done in the following

**LEMMA 4.2.**  $F_\lambda$  is temperate, and the mapping  $\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S} \ni (f_0, r) \rightarrow f \in \mathcal{S}$  defined by (4.5) is continuous, uniformly with respect to  $\lambda$ .

**PROOF:** Since Fourier transformation and integration are continuous in  $\mathcal{S}$ , it remains only to prove that multiplication with  $F_\lambda^{\pm 1}$  is uniformly continuous. This will follow from

$$(4.7) \quad 0 < c \leq |F_\lambda(t, \eta, w)| \leq C$$

$$(4.8) \quad \left| D_t^j D_\eta^\alpha D_w^\beta F_\lambda(t, \eta, w) \right| \leq C_{j\alpha\beta} \langle \eta \rangle^{(j+|\beta|)(k_0+1)+|\alpha|k_0}.$$

To prove (4.7), we let  $\|v\|_\lambda = \langle M_\lambda v, \bar{v} \rangle$ ,  $v \in \mathbf{C}^{N_0}$ , then  $c \leq \|v\|_\lambda^2 / |v|^2 \leq C$  uniformly. We obtain by (4.6) that  $\left| \partial_t \|F_\lambda v\|_\lambda^2 \right| \leq C \|F_\lambda v\|_\lambda^2$ , so Grönwall's lemma gives (4.7). By differentiating (4.6), we get (4.8) by induction. This completes the proof.

**REMARK 4.3.** The unique  $f \in \mathcal{S}$  solving (4.4) with  $f_0, r \in \mathcal{S}$ , gives a continuous map  $B^\infty \times B^\infty \rightarrow B^\infty$ , uniformly in  $\lambda$ .

This follows easily by writing (4.5) as an oscillatory integral and integrating by parts, using (4.8).

## 5. THE PROPAGATION OF SINGULARITIES

We shall construct a microlocal parametrix for the  $N_0 \times N_0$  system  $P$  in Proposition 3.4. As before, it suffices to consider  $w = (0, 0, \eta''_0) \in \Sigma_2$ . Let  $\varrho_s$  be the restriction to  $\{t = s\}$ , and  $\varphi \in S_{1,0}^0$  have support in a conical neighborhood of  $w$ , such that  $w \notin \text{WF}(\varphi - 1)$  and  $N^*\{t = s\} \cap \text{WF} \varphi = \emptyset, \forall s$ , where  $N^*$  is the conormal bundle. Then the composition  $\varrho_s \circ \varphi$  is well defined, so for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$  we may define

$$(5.1) \quad Ef = \int_{-\varepsilon}^t E^{(s)} \circ \varrho_s \circ \varphi f ds \quad f \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^n),$$

$t \in ]-\varepsilon, \varepsilon[$ , where  $E^{(s)}$  is the solution to (3.16). Then  $E$  is a microlocal parametrix near  $w$ , and we shall study the singularities of this parametrix. Recall that  $\Sigma = \bigcup_{j=1}^{r_0} S_j$ , where  $S_j$  are non-radial hypersurfaces. Let  $C_j \subset S_j \times S_j$  be the forward (in  $t$ ) Hamilton flow on  $S_j, j = 1, \dots, r_0$ , and  $\Delta^*$  the diagonal in  $T^*\mathbf{R}^n \times T^*\mathbf{R}^n$ .

**PROPOSITION 5.1.** *Let  $P = D_t + K(t, x, D_x)$  be an  $N_0 \times N_0$  system, with  $K \in \text{Op} S(m, g)$  having principal symbol  $k$  satisfying (2.13). If  $E$  is the parametrix for  $P$  defined by (5.1), then  $\text{WF}' E \subset (\bigcup_{j=1}^{r_0} C_j) \cup \Delta^*$ ; microlocally near  $(w, w) \in \Sigma_2 \times \Sigma_2$ .*

**PROOF:** We have  $\text{WF}(\varrho_s \varphi f) = \pi(\text{WF}(\varphi f))|_{t=s}$ , where  $\pi: (t, x; \tau, \xi) \rightarrow (t, x, \xi)$  is the projection. Thus, it suffices to show

$$(5.2) \quad \text{WF}(E^{(s)} f_0)|_{t>s} \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{r_0} C_j \circ \iota_s^{*-1}(\text{WF} f_0), \quad f_0 \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^{n-1}),$$

where  $\iota_s^*: T_{t=s}^*\mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow T^*\mathbf{R}^{n-1}$  is the dual to the inclusion of  $\mathbf{R}^{n-1}$  as the surface  $\{t = s\}$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Now, (5.2) holds for  $E_j^{(s)} f_0, j > 0$ , since  $\varphi_j$  solves (3.3). It is clear that

$$\text{WF}(E_0^{(s)} f_0)|_{t>s} \subset C_0 \circ \iota_s^{*-1}(\text{WF} f_0), \quad f_0 \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^{n-1}),$$

where  $C_0 \subset \Sigma_2 \times \Sigma_2$  is the set of  $(w_1, w_2)$  such that  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are in the same leaf of  $\Sigma_2$  and  $t(w_1) > t(w_2)$ . Thus it suffices to prove that  $E_0^{(s)} \in C^\infty$  microlocally near  $(t, x, (0, \eta''_0), z, (0, \eta''_0))$  when  $x' \neq z'$ . By translation we may assume  $s = 0$ .

Now applying  $P$  to  $E_0^{(0)}$ , we obtain by (3.15) and Lemma A.2 in the appendix

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{cases} D_t a_0 + e^{i\langle D_{\nu'}, D_{\xi'} \rangle} \tilde{k}(t, x, z', \xi', \eta'') a_0(t, y', x'', z', \eta'') \Big|_{\substack{\xi'=0 \\ y'=x'}} \cong R_0 a_0, & t > 0, \\ a_0(0, x, z', \eta'') \cong 0, \end{cases}$$

mod  $S^{-\infty}$ , microlocally when  $|x' - z'| \geq \varepsilon > 0$ . Here  $R_0: S_{1,\mu,0}^\nu \rightarrow S_{1,\mu,0}^{\nu-1}, \forall \nu$ , and  $\tilde{k}$  is the full symbol of  $K$ . (This follows since (5.2) holds for  $E_j^{(0)}, j > 0$ .) Also, (5.3) is determined mod  $S^{-\infty}$  by the restriction of  $a_0$  to  $\{|y' - z'| > \varepsilon/2\}$ , and  $\tilde{k}$  to  $\{|\xi'| \leq C\langle \eta'' \rangle\}$ . We shall prove  $a_0 \in S^{-\infty}$  in  $\{x' \neq z'\}$ , by showing that  $a_0 \in S_{1,\mu,0}^\nu \Rightarrow a_0 \in S_{1,\mu,0}^{\nu-\mu/2}, \forall \nu$ , there.

Thus assume  $a_0 \in S'_{1,\mu,0}$  near  $(t_0, x_0, z'_0, \eta''_0)$ ,  $|x'_0 - z'_0| \geq \varrho > 0$ . By translation and localization, we may assume  $x'_0 = 0$ ,  $a_0 \in S'_{1,\mu,0}$  supported where  $\langle \eta'' \rangle \cong \langle \eta''_0 \rangle$ , and  $\tilde{k}$  supported where  $|\xi'| \leq C\langle \eta'' \rangle \cong C\langle \eta''_0 \rangle$ . Let  $\lambda = \langle \eta''_0 \rangle^{-\mu}$ , and change variables as in section 4. Then  $a_0(t, y, w) \in S(\lambda^{-\nu/\mu}, e)$ ,  $\tilde{k}(t, y, w, \eta) \in S(\langle \eta \rangle^{k_0+1}, g_\lambda)$  uniformly, where  $e$  is equal to the Euclidean metric and we may assume  $\nu = 0$ . Clearly  $|w| > \varrho\lambda^{-1}$ , and (5.3) holds mod  $S(\lambda^N, e)$ ,  $\forall N$ , when  $|y| = |\lambda^{-1}x'| < \varrho\lambda^{-1}/2$ . Choose  $\phi(s) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R})$ , such that  $\phi(s) = 1$  when  $|s| \leq 1/2$ ,  $\phi(s) = 0$  when  $|s| > 1$ , and put  $\chi(y, w) = \phi(4\lambda|y|^2/\varrho^2 + |w|^2) \in S(1, \lambda|dy|^2 + |dw|^2)$ . Then  $b_0 = \lambda^{-1/2}\chi a_0$  satisfies

$$(5.4) \quad \begin{cases} D_t b_0 + \tilde{k}_0(t, w, D_y) b_0 = r_1, & 0 < t < \varepsilon, \\ b_0|_{t=0} = r_0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\tilde{k}_0(t, w, \eta) = \tilde{k}(t, 0, w, \eta)$ , and  $r_j \in C_0^\infty$  are uniformly bounded in  $B^\infty$ . In fact,  $\chi a_0 \in S(\lambda^N, e)$ ,  $\forall N$ , at  $t = 0$ . Also, the calculus gives

$$\lambda^{-1/2}[\tilde{k}_0(t, w, D_y), \chi] \in Op S(\langle \eta \rangle^{k_0}, \tilde{g}_\lambda),$$

and

$$\lambda^{-1/2}\chi(\tilde{k}(t, y, w, D_y) - \tilde{k}_0(t, w, D_y)) \in Op S(\langle \eta \rangle^{k_0+1}, \tilde{g}_\lambda),$$

where  $\tilde{g}_\lambda = \lambda|dy|^2 + |dw|^2 + |d\eta|^2/\langle \eta \rangle^2$ . Then Remark 4.3 gives that  $b_0$  is uniformly in  $B^\infty$ ,  $0 \leq t < \varepsilon$ . Thus  $\chi a_0 \in S(\lambda^{1/2}, e)$ , and since this is uniform in  $\lambda$  when  $|x' - z'| \geq \varrho > 0$ , we obtain the proposition.

PROOF OF THEOREM 1.3: As mentioned before, we only have to consider  $w \in \Sigma_2$ . By Proposition 2.3 it suffices to prove the propagation of singularities for the system  $P = D_t Id_{N_0} + K(t, x, D_x)$  with principal symbol satisfying (2.13). The adjoint  $P^*$  satisfies the same conditions, so by Proposition 5.1 we can construct a parametrix  $E$  for  $P^*$  such that  $WF' E \subset (\bigcup C_j) \cup \Delta^*$ , microlocally near  $(w, w) \in \Sigma_2 \times \Sigma_2$ . Cutting off, we may assume  $u \in \mathcal{E}'$  and  $w \in \Sigma_2 \setminus WF Pu$ . Then  $u \cong E^* Pu$  modulo  $C^\infty$ , and since we may change  $t$  to  $-t$ , this gives the result.

#### APPENDIX. SOME CALCULUS LEMMAS

We are going to study the composition of conormal distributions having non-standard symbols. Let  $a_\varphi(x, D) \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$  be given by

$$(A.1) \quad a_\varphi(x, D)u(x) = (2\pi)^{-n} \int e^{i(\langle x-y, \eta \rangle + \varphi(x, \eta))} a(x, \eta) u(y) dy d\eta,$$

$u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ , where  $a \in S(m^k, g)$ , and  $\varphi(x, \eta) \in C^\infty(T^*\mathbf{R}^n \setminus 0)$  is homogeneous of degree 1 in the  $\eta$  variables, satisfying (3.4). Here  $g, m$  are defined by (2.6)–(2.7). The composition with  $p(x, D)$  is given by  $p(x, D)a_\varphi(x, D)u(x) = b_\varphi(x, D)u(x)$ , if  $p, a \in \mathcal{S}$ , where

$$(A.2) \quad b(x, \eta) = e^{i\langle D_y, D_\theta \rangle} f(x, \theta; y, \eta) \Big|_{\substack{\theta=\eta \\ y=x}}$$

if we put

$$(A.3) \quad \theta = \xi - \int_0^1 \partial_x \varphi(x + s(y - x), \eta) ds,$$

and  $f(x, \theta; y, \eta) = p(x, \xi)a(y, \eta)$ , since  $\left| \frac{d(y, \xi)}{d(y, \theta)} \right| \equiv 1$ .

LEMMA A.1. Assume  $\varphi(x, \eta) \in C^\infty(T^*\mathbf{R}^n \setminus 0)$  is homogeneous of degree 1 in the  $\eta$  variables and satisfies (3.4). If  $a \in S(m^k, g)$ ,  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ , has support in a sufficiently small conical neighborhood of  $\{\eta' = 0\}$  and  $p \in S(m, g)$ , then the composition of  $p(x, D)$  and  $a_\varphi(x, D)$  is equal to  $b_\varphi(x, D)$ , where  $b \in S(m^{k+1}, g)$  satisfies (A.2), and has the expansion

$$(A.4) \quad b(x, \eta) \cong \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} (i\langle D_\xi, D_y - (\partial\theta/\partial y)D_\xi \rangle)^j p(x, \xi)a(y, \eta)/j! \Big|_{\substack{y=x \\ \xi=\eta+d_x\varphi(x, \eta)}}$$

modulo  $S(m^{k+1}h^N, g)$ , with  $\theta$  given by (A.3).

IDEA OF PROOF: If  $\varphi \equiv 0$  then (A.4) follows from the Weyl calculus, since  $g(t, -\tau) = g(t, \tau)$  (see Th. 18.5.4 and 18.5.10 in [5]). Now  $p(x, \xi)a(y, \eta) \in S(M, G)$  where  $M(\xi, \eta) = m(\xi)m^k(\eta)$  is a weight for  $G = g_{x, \xi}(dx, d\xi) + g_{y, \eta}(dy, d\eta)$ . Since  $\partial_\xi \chi = (0, Id; 0, 0)$  and  $\partial_y \chi = (0, \partial\theta/\partial y; Id, 0)$ , the result follows by proving  $\chi^*S(M, G) = S(M, G)$ , where  $\chi: (x, \xi; y, \eta) \rightarrow (x, \theta; y, \eta)$  is a diffeomorphism, using Lemma 8.2 in [4].

Next, let  $S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$  be the symbol classes defined by (3.12),  $\mu = k_0/(k_0 + 1)$ . For  $a \in S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$ , we define  $a(x, D'') \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$  by

$$(A.5) \quad a(x, D'')u(x) = (2\pi)^{d_0-n} \iint e^{i\langle x''-y'', \eta'' \rangle} a(x, y', \eta'')u(y) dy d\eta'',$$

$u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ . If  $p, a \in \mathcal{S}$ , then the composition is given by  $p(x, D)a(x, D'')u(x) = b(x, D'')u(x)$ , where

$$(A.6) \quad b(x, z', \eta'') = e^{i\langle D_{y'}, D_\xi \rangle} p(x, \xi)a(y, z', \eta'') \Big|_{\substack{y=x \\ \xi=(0, \eta'')}}.$$

LEMMA A.2. If  $p \in S(m, g)$  and  $a \in S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$ , then the composition of  $p(x, D)$  and  $a(x, D'')$  is equal to  $b(x, D'')$ , where  $b \in S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu$  satisfies (A.6) and

$$(A.7) \quad b(x, z', \eta'') = e^{i\langle D_{y'}, D_{\xi'} \rangle} p(x, \xi', \eta'')a(y', x'', z', \eta'') \Big|_{\substack{\xi'=0 \\ y'=x'}} + Ra,$$

where  $R: S_{1, \mu, 0}^\nu \rightarrow S_{1, \mu, 0}^{\nu-1}$  is continuous. Also,  $b$  and  $Ra$  are determined modulo  $S^{-\infty}$  by the restriction of  $a$  to  $\{|y - x| < \varepsilon\}$ , and  $p$  to  $\{|\xi - (0, \eta'')| < \varepsilon\langle \eta'' \rangle\}$ ,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ .

IDEA OF PROOF: The composition is well defined since the metrics and weights are  $A$  temperate with respect to the diagonal, if  $A(x, \xi, y, z', \eta'') = \langle y, \xi \rangle$ . By using  $e^{i\langle D_{y'}, D_\xi \rangle} = e^{i\langle D_{y'}, D_{\xi'} \rangle} \circ e^{i\langle D_{y'}, D_{\xi''} \rangle}$ , we obtain (A.7) since the restrictions of the metrics and weights to  $\{x'' = y'' \wedge \xi'' = \eta''\}$  also are temperate.



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