

Analysis VIII/Linear Differential Equations

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On this course

Purpose: We learn basics of pseudodifferential operators.

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Chapter 1

Oscillatory Integrals

§ 1.1 Introduction

○ Notation

In this course we use the notation

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}, \quad \mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} = \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}.$$

We usually let $d \in \mathbb{N}$ be the dimension of the **configuration space**. For any **multi-index** $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d) \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ we define its **length** and **factorial** as

$$|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_d, \quad \alpha! = (\alpha_1!) \cdot \dots \cdot (\alpha_d!),$$

respectively. In addition, for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ we let

$$\alpha \leq \beta \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \alpha_j \leq \beta_j \text{ for all } j = 1, \dots, d,$$

and define the **binomial coefficient** as

$$\binom{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{\alpha!}{\beta!(\alpha - \beta)!} \quad \text{if } 0 \leq \beta \leq \alpha, \quad \binom{\alpha}{\beta} = 0 \quad \text{otherwise,}$$

where $\alpha - \beta = (\alpha_1 - \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_d - \beta_d)$.

For any $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d) \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ we write

$$x^\alpha = x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_d^{\alpha_d}, \quad \partial^\alpha = \partial_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots \partial_d^{\alpha_d}, \quad \partial_j = \partial_{x_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}.$$

Moreover, we introduce the notation

$$D_j = -i\partial_j, \quad D^\alpha = D_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots D_d^{\alpha_d}.$$

Then, in particular, we have

$$D^\alpha = (-i)^{|\alpha|} \partial^\alpha.$$

Throughout the course for any $x, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$ we write simply

$$x\xi = x \cdot \xi = x_1\xi_1 + \cdots + x_d\xi_d, \quad x^2 = x \cdot x, \quad |x| = \sqrt{x \cdot x},$$

and we adopt the **Fourier transform** and its inverse defined as extensions from

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}u(\xi) &= (2\pi)^{-d/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-ix\xi} u(x) \, dx \quad \text{for } u \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d), \\ \mathcal{F}^*f(x) &= (2\pi)^{-d/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ix\xi} f(\xi) \, d\xi \quad \text{for } f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d), \end{aligned}$$

respectively. Note, in particular, for any $u, v \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$

$$(u, v)_{L^2} = (\mathcal{F}u, \mathcal{F}v)_{L^2}, \quad \mathcal{F}^*\xi^\alpha \mathcal{F}u = D^\alpha u,$$

where $(\cdot, \cdot)_{L^2}$ denotes the L^2 -**inner product**, being linear and conjugate-linear in the first and second entries, respectively.

Problem. 1. (Binomial theorem) Show for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$(x + y)^\alpha = \sum_{\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} x^{\alpha - \beta} y^\beta; \quad \text{In particular, } \sum_{\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} = 2^{|\alpha|}.$$

2. (Leibniz rule) Show for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ and $f, g \in C^{|\alpha|}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\partial^\alpha(fg) = \sum_{\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} (\partial^{\alpha - \beta} f)(\partial^\beta g).$$

- **Partial differential operators**

Consider a partial differential operator (PDO) on \mathbb{R}^d :

$$A = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha, \quad a_\alpha \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

If we let

$$a(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) \xi^\alpha,$$

then we can write for any $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$Au(x) = a(x, D)u(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} e^{i(x-y)\xi} a(x, \xi) u(y) \, dy d\xi.$$

The last integral makes sense even if we replace the polynomial $a(x, \xi)$ in ξ by a **symbol** growing at most polynomially in $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$. That is a **pseudodifferential operator** (Ψ DO, or PsDO). We are going to develop a pseudodifferential calculus for an appropriate symbol class, and discuss its applications.

Remark. The last integral has to be interpreted as an iterated integral; The integrand is not integrable in (y, ξ) . However, we can also justify it as an **oscillatory integral**, as discussed in the following section.

§ 1.2 Oscillatory Integrals

For any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ we let

$$\langle x \rangle = (1 + x^2)^{1/2} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

Lemma 1.1. 1. For any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 + |x|) \leq \langle x \rangle \leq 1 + |x|.$$

2. For any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ there exists $C_\alpha > 0$ such that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$|\partial^\alpha \langle x \rangle| \leq C_\alpha \langle x \rangle^{1-|\alpha|}.$$

3. (**Peetre's inequality**) For any $s \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\langle x + y \rangle^s \leq 2^{|s|} \langle x \rangle^{|s|} \langle y \rangle^s.$$

Proof. 1, 2. We omit the proofs.

3. By the assertion 1 we can estimate

$$\begin{aligned}\langle x + y \rangle &\leq 1 + |x + y| \leq 1 + |x| + |y| \\ &\leq (1 + |x|)(1 + |y|) \leq 2\langle x \rangle \langle y \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

This implies the assertion for $s \geq 0$. The same estimate also implies

$$\langle y \rangle^{-1} \leq 2\langle x \rangle \langle x + y \rangle^{-1}.$$

If we replace x by $-x$, and then y by $x + y$, it follows that

$$\langle x + y \rangle^{-1} \leq 2\langle x \rangle \langle y \rangle^{-1},$$

which implies the assertion for $s \leq 0$. Hence we are done. \square

◦ Oscillatory Integrals

For any $m, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$ we define the set of **amplitude functions** as

$$A_\delta^m(\mathbb{R}^d) = \left\{ a \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d); \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d \quad \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \langle x \rangle^{-m-\delta|\alpha|} |\partial^\alpha a(x)| < \infty \right\}.$$

For any $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ define a **seminorm** $|\cdot|_k$ on $A_\delta^m(\mathbb{R}^d)$ as

$$|a|_k = |a|_{k, A_\delta^m} = \sup \left\{ \langle x \rangle^{-m-\delta|\alpha|} |\partial^\alpha a(x)|; \quad |\alpha| \leq k, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d \right\}.$$

Remark. Obviously, $A_\delta^m(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is a **Fréchet space** with respect to the family $\{|\cdot|_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ of seminorms.

Theorem 1.2. Let Q be a non-degenerate real symmetric matrix of order d , and let $m \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\delta < 1$. Then for any $a \in A_\delta^m(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\chi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $\chi(0) = 1$ there exists the limit

$$I_Q(a) := \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} \chi(\epsilon x) a(x) \, dx, \quad (\spadesuit)$$

and it is independent of choice of $\chi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Moreover, there exist $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $C > 0$ such that for any $a \in A_\delta^m(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$|I_Q(a)| \leq C |a|_{k, A_\delta^m}.$$

Remark. The last bound implies $I_Q: A_\delta^m(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is continuous.

Proof. Noting that for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$y \partial \left(\frac{x Q x}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d y_j (e_j Q x + x Q e_j) = y Q x,$$

we can deduce

$$e^{ixQx/2} = {}^t L e^{ixQx/2}; \quad {}^t L = \langle x \rangle^{-2} (1 + x Q^{-1} D).$$

Substitute the above identity into the integrand of (\spadesuit) , and integrate it by parts. Repeat this procedure, and we obtain

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} \chi(\epsilon x) a(x) \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} L^k (\chi(\epsilon x) a(x)) \, dx$$

for any $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Since L is of the form

$$L = c_0 + \sum_{j=1}^d c_j \partial_j; \quad c_0 \in A_{-1}^{-2}(\mathbb{R}^d), \quad c_j \in A_{-1}^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

there exists $C > 0$ such that for any $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$ and $a \in A_\delta^m(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\left| L^k(\chi(\epsilon x)a(x)) \right| \leq C|a|_{k, A_\delta^m} \langle x \rangle^{m-k \min\{2, 1-\delta\}}. \quad (\heartsuit)$$

We also note there exists a pointwise limit

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} L^k(\chi(\epsilon x)a(x)) = L^k a(x).$$

Then, if we choose $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that $m - k \min\{2, 1 - \delta\} < -d$, it follows by the Lebesgue convergence theorem that

$$I_Q(a) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} \chi(\epsilon x)a(x) \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} L^k a(x) \, dx.$$

Certainly the last expression is independent of χ . Combined with (\heartsuit) , it also implies the asserted bound. We are done. \square

Remarks. 1. The limit (\spadesuit) from Theorem 1.2 is called an **oscillatory integral**, and is denoted simply by

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} a(x) \, dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} \chi(\epsilon x) a(x) \, dx.$$

The notation is compatible with the case $a \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

2. We can also define the oscillatory integral as

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} a(x) \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} L^k a(x) \, dx,$$

where L^k is from the proof of Theorem 1.2. Practically, in order to compute an oscillatory integral we may implement *any* formal integrations by parts until the integrand gets integrable, see also Lemma 1.3.3.

Lemma 1.3. Let Q be a non-degenerate real symmetric matrix of order d , and let $a \in A_\delta^m(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $m \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\delta < 1$.

1. For any $c \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} a(x) \, dx = e^{icQc/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{iyQy/2} (e^{icQy} a(y + c)) \, dy.$$

2. For any real invertible matrix P of order d

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} a(x) \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{iy({}^tPQP)y/2} a(Py) |\det P| \, dy.$$

3. For any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\partial^\alpha e^{ixQx/2}) a(x) \, dx = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} \partial^\alpha a(x) \, dx.$$

Proof. 1 and 2. We can prove 1 and 2 very similarly, and here we discuss only 2. Let $\chi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $\chi(0) = 1$, and then by definition of the oscillatory integral

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} a(x) \, dx &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} \chi(\epsilon x) a(x) \, dx \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{iy({}^tPQP)y/2} \chi(\epsilon Py) a(Py) |\det P| \, dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{iy({}^tPQP)y/2} a(Py) |\det P| \, dy. \end{aligned}$$

This implies the assertion.

3. Similarly to the above, let $\chi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $\chi(0) = 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\partial^\alpha e^{ixQx/2}) a(x) \, dx \\
&= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\partial^\alpha e^{ixQx/2}) \chi(\epsilon x) a(x) \, dx \\
&= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} (-1)^{|\alpha|} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} \chi(\epsilon x) \partial^\alpha a(x) \, dx \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{|\beta| \geq 1} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/2} (\partial^\beta \chi(\epsilon x)) (\partial^{\alpha-\beta} a(x)) \, dx \right].
\end{aligned}$$

For the second integral in the above square brackets we can further implement integrations by parts, e.g., by using L from the proof of Theorem 1.2, and then we can verify that it converges to 0 as $\epsilon \rightarrow +0$. Thus we obtain the assertion. \square

§ 1.3 Expansion Formula

Definition. Let Q be a non-degenerate real symmetric matrix of order d , and let $u \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$. We define

$$e^{iDQD/2}u = \mathcal{F}^* e^{i\xi Q \xi/2} \mathcal{F}u \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

Theorem 1.4. Let Q be a non-degenerate real symmetric matrix of order d , and let $a \in A_\delta^m(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $m \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\delta < 1$. Then

$$e^{iDQD/2}a(x) = \frac{e^{i\pi(\operatorname{sgn} Q)/4}}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\det Q|^{1/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-iyQ^{-1}y/2} a(x+y) dy.$$

Remark. As for $a \in A_\delta^m(\mathbb{R}^d)$ we can compute pointwise values of $e^{iDQD/2}a$ as an oscillatory integral.

Theorem 1.5. There exists $C > 0$ dependent only on the dimension d such that for any non-degenerate real symmetric matrix Q of order d , $a \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $N \in \mathbb{N}$

$$e^{iDQD/2}a(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{i^k}{2^k k!} (DQD)^k a(x) + R_N(a)$$

with

$$|R_N(a)| \leq \frac{C}{2^N N!} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq d+1} \left\| \partial^\alpha (DQD)^N a \right\|_{L^1}.$$

Lemma 1.6. Let Q be a non-degenerate real symmetric matrix of order d . Then

$$\left(\mathcal{F}e^{ixQx/2}\right)(\xi) = \frac{e^{i\pi(\operatorname{sgn} Q)/4}}{|\det Q|^{1/2}} e^{-i\xi Q^{-1}\xi/2}.$$

Proof. Step 1. We first let $d = 1$. Since $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$ is continuous, we can proceed as

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\mathcal{F}e^{iQx^2/2}\right)(\xi) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \left(\mathcal{F}e^{-(\epsilon - iQ)x^2/2}\right)(\xi) \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \left(\epsilon - iQ\right)^{-1/2} e^{-(\epsilon - iQ)^{-1}\xi^2/2} \\ &= \frac{e^{i\pi(\operatorname{sgn} Q)/4}}{|Q|^{1/2}} e^{-iQ^{-1}\xi^2/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the assertion for $d = 1$ is verified.

Step 2. There exists an invertible real matrix P such that

$${}^tPQP = \text{diag}(I_p, -I_q),$$

where I_p, I_q are the identity matrices of order $p, q \in \mathbb{N}_0$ with $p + q = d$, respectively. Changing variables as $x = Py$ and splitting $y = (y', y'') \in \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^q$, we can compute

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathcal{F}e^{ixQx/2})(P^{-1}\eta) \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \left(\mathcal{F}e^{ixQx/2} e^{-\epsilon x({}^tP^{-1}P^{-1})x} \right) (P^{-1}\eta) \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} (2\pi)^{-d/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{iy\eta} e^{i(y'^2 - y''^2)/2} e^{-\epsilon y^2} |\det P| \, dy \\ &= |\det P| e^{i\pi(\text{sgn } Q)/4} e^{-i(\eta'^2 - \eta''^2)/2}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last equality we use the result from Step 1. Finally let $\eta = P\xi$, and we obtain the assertion. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.4. Let $a \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Then it follows by change of variables, the Plancherel theorem and Lemma 1.6

$$\begin{aligned} e^{iDQD/2}a(x) &= (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{i\xi Q\xi/2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-iy\xi} a(x+y) dy \right) d\xi \\ &= \frac{e^{i\pi(\operatorname{sgn} Q)/4}}{(2\pi)^{d/2} |\det Q|^{1/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-iyQ^{-1}y/2} a(x+y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

Then, since the right-hand side of the asserted identity is continuous on $A_\delta^m(\mathbb{R}^d)$ by Theorem 1.2, we obtain the assertion. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.5. Recall by Taylor's theorem for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$e^{it} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{(it)^k}{k!} + \frac{i^N}{(N-1)!} \int_0^t e^{is} (t-s)^{N-1} ds,$$

so that we can write

$$e^{i\xi Q\xi/2} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{(i\xi Q\xi)^k}{2^k k!} + r_N(\xi); \quad |r_N(\xi)| \leq \frac{|\xi Q\xi|^N}{2^N N!}.$$

Substitute the above expansion into the definition of $e^{iDQD/2}a$ and implement the Fourier inversion formula, and then

$$e^{iDQD/2}a(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{i^k}{2^k k!} (DQD)^k u(x) + R_N(a)$$

with

$$|R_N(a)| \leq \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2} 2^N N!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \left(\mathcal{F}(DQD)^N a \right)(\xi) \right| d\xi.$$

Finally it suffices to show that for any $v \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\|\mathcal{F}v\|_{L^1} \leq C \sum_{|\alpha| \leq d+1} \|\partial^\alpha v\|_{L^1}.$$

However, it is clear since

$$\mathcal{F}v(\xi) = (2\pi)^{-d/2} \langle \xi \rangle^{-2(d+1)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-ix\xi} (1 + \xi D)^{d+1} v(x) dx.$$

Thus we are done. □

Corollary 1.7 (Stationary phase theorem). There exists $C > 0$ dependent only on the dimension d such that for any non-degenerate real symmetric matrix Q of order d , $a \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $h > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ixQx/(2h)} a(x) \, dx \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{(2\pi)^{d/2} h^{k+d/2} e^{i\pi(\operatorname{sgn} Q)/4}}{|\det Q|^{1/2} (2i)^k k!} \left((DQ^{-1}D)^k a \right)(0) + R_N(a, h) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\left| R_N(a, h) \right| \leq \frac{Ch^{N+d/2}}{|\det Q|^{1/2} 2^N N!} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq d+1} \left\| \partial^\alpha (DQ^{-1}D)^N a \right\|_{L^1}.$$

Proof. The assertion is clear by Theorems 1.4 and 1.5. □

Remarks. 1. As $h \rightarrow +0$, the rapid oscillatory factor $e^{ixQx/(2h)}$ cancels contributions from the amplitude a . However, the oscillation is slightly milder at the stationary point $x = 0$ of the phase function. This is why the behavior of a at around $x = 0$ dominates the asymptotics.

2. The **semiclassical parameter** $h > 0$, rooted in the **Planck constant**, plays a fundamental role in the **semiclassical analysis**. However, in this course we do not discuss it.

Problem. Show the following extended version of the “pointwise Fourier inversion formula”: For any $a \in A_\delta^m(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $m \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\delta < 1$ and for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ and $x' \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$(2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} e^{i(x'-x)\xi} \xi^\alpha a(x) \, dx d\xi = (D^\alpha a)(x').$$

Remark. This is an oscillatory integral on $\mathbb{R}^{2d} = \mathbb{R}_x^d \times \mathbb{R}_\xi^d$, not on \mathbb{R}^d , with a phase function

$$-x\xi = 4^{-1} \left((x - \xi)^2 - (x + \xi)^2 \right)$$

and an amplitude $e^{ix'\xi} \xi^\alpha a(x) \in A_{\max\{\delta, 0\}}^{|\alpha| + \max\{m, 0\}}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$.

Solution. By Lemma 1.3 it suffices to prove the assertion for $\alpha = 0$. By definition of oscillatory integrals, take any $\chi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $\chi(0) = 1$, and then we can compute

$$\begin{aligned}
& (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} e^{i(x'-x)\xi} a(x) \, dx d\xi \\
&= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} e^{i(x'-x)\xi} \chi(\epsilon x) \chi(\epsilon \xi) a(x) \, dx d\xi \\
&= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} (2\pi\epsilon)^{-d/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\mathcal{F}\chi)((x-x')/\epsilon) \chi(\epsilon x) a(x) \, dx \\
&= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} (2\pi)^{-d/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\mathcal{F}\chi)(\eta) \chi(\epsilon(x' + \epsilon\eta)) a(x' + \epsilon\eta) \, d\eta \\
&= (2\pi)^{-d/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} a(x') (\mathcal{F}\chi)(\eta) \, d\eta \\
&= a(x').
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we are done. □

Chapter 2

Pseudodifferential Calculus

§ 2.1 Pseudodifferential Operators

Definition. Let $m, \rho, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$. We denote by $S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ the set of all the functions $a \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ satisfying that for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ there exists $C > 0$ such that for any $(x, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$

$$|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta a(x, \xi)| \leq C \langle \xi \rangle^{m + \delta|\alpha| - \rho|\beta|}.$$

We call $S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ the **Kohn–Nirenberg** (or **Hörmander**) **symbol class**, and its element a **symbol of order** m . In addition, we set

$$S_{\rho, \delta}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2d}) = \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{R}} S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d}), \quad S^{-\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{2d}) = \bigcap_{m \in \mathbb{R}} S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d}).$$

We often write $S^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d}) = S_{1,0}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ for short.

Remarks. 1. In order to have an appropriate pseudodifferential calculus available it is typically assumed that

$$0 \leq \delta < \rho \leq 1, \quad \text{or} \quad 1 - \rho \leq \delta < \rho \leq 1.$$

2. Some authors define $S_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ as the set of all the functions $a \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ satisfying that for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ and $K \in \mathbb{R}^d$ there exists $C > 0$ such that for any $(x, \xi) \in K \times \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\left| \partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta a(x, \xi) \right| \leq C \langle \xi \rangle^{m+\delta|\alpha|-\rho|\beta|}.$$

3. There are many other variations of symbol classes, including semiclassical ones.

4. The symbol class $S_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ is a Fréchet space with respect to a family of seminorms given by

$$|a|_j = |a|_{j,S_{\rho,\delta}^m} = \sup \left\{ \langle \xi \rangle^{-m-\delta|\alpha|+\rho|\beta|} \left| \partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta a(x, \xi) \right|; \right. \\ \left. |\alpha| + |\beta| \leq j, (x, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d} \right\}.$$

Problem. 1. Show that, if $l \leq m$, $\sigma \geq \rho$ and $\epsilon \leq \delta$, then

$$S_{\sigma,\epsilon}^l(\mathbb{R}^{2d}) \subset S_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d}).$$

2. Show that for any $a \in S_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$, $b \in S_{\rho,\delta}^l(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$

$$\partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta a \in S_{\rho,\delta}^{m+\delta|\alpha|-\rho|\beta|}(\mathbb{R}^{2d}), \quad ab \in S_{\rho,\delta}^{m+l}(\mathbb{R}^{2d}).$$

Solution. We omit it. □

Examples. 1. Consider

$$a(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) \xi^\alpha; \quad a_\alpha \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

If a_α for all $|\alpha| \leq m$ satisfy that for any $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} |\partial^\beta a_\alpha(x)| < \infty, \quad (\heartsuit)$$

then obviously $a \in S^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$. Even if a_α dissatisfy (\heartsuit) , take any $\chi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$, and then

$$\chi(x)a(x, \xi) \in S^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d}).$$

We can still discuss local properties of a PDO by letting $\chi(x) = 1$ in a neighborhood of a point of our interest.

2. For any $m \in \mathbb{R}$ we have $\langle \xi \rangle^m \in S^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$.
3. Assume $a \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ is **positively homogeneous of degree** $m \in \mathbb{R}$ in $|\xi| \geq 1$, i.e., for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $|\xi| \geq 1$ and $t \geq 1$

$$a(x, t\xi) = t^m a(x, \xi).$$

In addition, assume for simplicity

$$\pi_1(\text{supp } a) \Subset \mathbb{R}^d,$$

where $\pi_1: \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ is the first projection. Then we have $a \in S^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$.

Definition. Let $a \in S_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ with $m \in \mathbb{R}$, $\rho > -1$ and $\delta < 1$. Define the **pseudodifferential operator** $a(x, D)$ **of order** m as, for any $u \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$,

$$a(x, D)u(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} e^{i(x-y)\xi} a(x, \xi) u(y) dy d\xi.$$

We denote

$$\Psi_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{a(x, D); a \in S_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})\},$$

and similarly for $\Psi_{\rho,\delta}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\Psi^{-\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\Psi^m(\mathbb{R}^d)$. In particular, an element of $\Psi^{-\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is called a **smoothing operator**.

Remarks. 1. Such a systematic procedure to assign operators to symbols is called a **quantization**, as in the quantum mechanics. There are various quantizations.

2. It is also common to use the notation $\text{Op}(a)$ for $a(x, D)$.

3. The **semiclassical pseudodifferential operator** is defined as

$$\text{Op}_h(a) = a(x, hD).$$

Here $h > 0$ is the semiclassical parameter.

4. The operator $e^{iDQD/2}$ from the previous chapter may be considered as a pseudodifferential operator, but the associated symbol $e^{i\xi Q\xi/2}$ is in a much worse class.

Theorem 2.1. Let $a \in S_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ with $m \in \mathbb{R}$, $\rho > -1$ and $\delta < 1$. Then $a(x, D)$ is a continuous operator on $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

Proof. For any $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$ we can write

$$a(x, D)u(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} e^{i(x-y)\xi} \langle \xi \rangle^{-2N} a(x, \xi) \langle D_y \rangle^{2N} u(y) \, dy d\xi.$$

Here the integrand is estimated as, for any $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$,

$$\left| \partial_x^\beta e^{i(x-y)\xi} \langle \xi \rangle^{-2N} a(x, \xi) \langle D_y \rangle^{2N} u(y) \right| \leq C_\alpha \langle \xi \rangle^{m+|\beta|-2N},$$

and hence we can differentiate $a(x, D)u(x)$ as much as we want by retaking N be larger beforehand. Thus for any $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^\beta a(x, D)u(x) &= (2\pi)^{-d} \sum_{\tau \in \mathbb{N}_0^d} \binom{\beta}{\tau} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} e^{i(x-y)\xi} \\ &\quad \cdot (i\xi)^{\beta-\tau} \langle \xi \rangle^{-2N} (\partial_x^\tau a)(x, \xi) \langle D_y \rangle^{2N} u(y) \, dy d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Futhermore, by Lemma 1.3 for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$

$$x^\alpha \partial^\beta a(x, D)u(x) = (2\pi)^{-d} \sum_{\tau, \sigma \in \mathbb{N}_0^d} \binom{\alpha}{\sigma} \binom{\beta}{\tau} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} e^{i(x-y)\xi} y^{\alpha-\sigma} \\ \cdot \left((-D_\xi)^\sigma (i\xi)^{\beta-\tau} \langle \xi \rangle^{-2N} \partial_x^\tau a \right) (x, \xi) \langle D_y \rangle^{2N} u(y) dy d\xi.$$

Therefore for any $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ by letting N be sufficiently large we can find $C > 0$ and $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that for any $u \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$|a(x, D)u|_{k, \mathcal{S}} \leq C|u|_{l, \mathcal{S}}.$$

This implies the assertion. □

§ 2.2 Asymptotic Summation

Theorem 2.2. For each $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ given $a_j \in S_{\rho,\delta}^{m_j}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ such that

$$m := m_0 > m_1 > m_2 > \cdots > m_j \rightarrow -\infty \quad \text{as } j \rightarrow \infty,$$

and $\rho, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$. There exists $a \in S_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ such that for any $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$

$$a - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} a_j \in S_{\rho,\delta}^{m_k}(\mathbb{R}^{2d}). \quad (\spadesuit)$$

Such a is unique up to $S^{-\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$. Moreover, one can choose $a \in S_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ such that

$$\text{supp } a \subset \overline{\left(\bigcup_{j=0}^{\infty} \text{supp } a_j \right)}. \quad (\heartsuit)$$

Definition. Under the setting of Theorem 2.2 we write

$$a \sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j,$$

and call it the **asymptotic sum** or **asymptotic expansion**. In addition, when $a_0 \neq 0$, we call a_0 the **principal symbol** of a , or of $A := a(x, D)$, and often write it as

$$\sigma(A) = a_0.$$

Note the principal symbol is not unique by definition, and the above identity has to be understood up to lower order errors.

Proof. Step 1. Fix $\chi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ satisfying

$$\chi(\xi) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } |\xi| \leq 1, \\ 1 & \text{for } |\xi| \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

and we construct $a \in S_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ of the form

$$a(x, \xi) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \chi(\epsilon_j \xi) a_j(x, \xi)$$

with

$$1 > \epsilon_0 > \epsilon_1 > \cdots > \epsilon_j \rightarrow +0.$$

Note the above sum is locally finite, and hence is locally bounded and smooth. Note also, then, (\heartsuit) is automatically satisfied.

Step 2. Here we are going to choose

$$1 > \epsilon_0 > \epsilon_1 > \cdots > \epsilon_j \rightarrow +0$$

such that for any $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ with $|\alpha| + |\beta| \leq j$

$$\left| \partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta (\chi(\epsilon_j \xi) a_j(x, \xi)) \right| \leq 2^{-j} \langle \xi \rangle^{m_j + 1 + \delta|\alpha| - \rho|\beta|} \quad (\clubsuit)$$

For that we note for any $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ there exists $C_{j\alpha\beta} > 0$ such that uniformly in $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$

$$\left| \partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta (\chi(\epsilon \xi) a_j(x, \xi)) \right| \leq C_{j\alpha\beta} \langle \xi \rangle^{m_j + \delta|\alpha| - \rho|\beta|}, \quad (\diamond)$$

since

$$\epsilon \leq 2|\xi|^{-1} \leq 4(1 + |\xi|)^{-1} \quad \text{on } \text{supp}(\partial_\xi^\gamma (\chi(\epsilon \xi))) \text{ with } |\gamma| \geq 1.$$

However, since

$$1 \leq \epsilon|\xi| \leq \epsilon\langle\xi\rangle \quad \text{on } \text{supp } \chi(\epsilon\xi),$$

we can further deduce uniformly in $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$

$$\left| \partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta (\chi(\epsilon\xi) a_j(x, \xi)) \right| \leq C_{j\alpha\beta} \epsilon \langle\xi\rangle^{m_j+1+\delta|\alpha|-\rho|\beta|}.$$

Now we first choose

$$\epsilon_0 < \min\{1, (C_{000})^{-1}\},$$

and then (\clubsuit) is satisfied for $j = 0$. Next, suppose we have found $\epsilon_0, \dots, \epsilon_{j-1}$ as claimed, and then it suffices to choose

$$\epsilon_j < \min\{j^{-1}, \epsilon_{j-1}, 2^{-j}(C_{j\alpha\beta})^{-1}; |\alpha| + |\beta| \leq j\}.$$

Thus by induction we obtain $\epsilon_0, \epsilon_1, \dots$ as claimed.

Step 3. Here we prove a from Steps 1 and 2 belongs to $S_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$. In fact, for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$, if we choose $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that

$$k \geq |\alpha| + |\beta| \quad \text{and} \quad m_k + 1 \leq m,$$

then by (\diamond) and (\clubsuit)

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta a(x, \xi) \right| &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \left| \partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta (\chi(\epsilon_j \xi) a_j(x, \xi)) \right| \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \left| \partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta (\chi(\epsilon_j \xi) a_j(x, \xi)) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} C_{j\alpha\beta} \langle \xi \rangle^{m_j + \delta|\alpha| - \rho|\beta|} + \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \langle \xi \rangle^{m_j + 1 + \delta|\alpha| - \rho|\beta|} \\ &\leq C'_{\alpha\beta} \langle \xi \rangle^{m + \delta|\alpha| - \rho|\beta|}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies the claim.

Step 4. Let us verify (\spadesuit). For any $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ decompose

$$a - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} a_j = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (\chi(\epsilon_j \xi) - 1) a_j(x, \xi) + \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \chi(\epsilon_j \xi) a_j(x, \xi).$$

Then the first sum on the right-hand side belongs to $S^{-\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ since it vanishes for $|\xi| \geq 2/\epsilon_k$, while the second to $S_{\rho, \delta}^{m_k}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ similarly to Step 3. Thus the claim follows.

Step 5. Finally we discuss the uniqueness up to $S^{-\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$. If both of $a, b \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ satisfy (\spadesuit), then for any $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$

$$a - b = \left(a - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} a_j \right) - \left(b - \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} a_j \right) \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m_k}(\mathbb{R}^{2d}),$$

so that $a - b \in S^{-\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$. Thus we are done. □

Definition. Let $m \in \mathbb{R}$. $a \in S^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$, or $a(x, D) \in \Psi^m(\mathbb{R}^d)$, are **classical** (or **polyhomogeneous**) if a has an expansion

$$a \sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j$$

such that, for each $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$, $a_j \in S^{m-j}(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ is positively homogeneous of degree $m - j$ in $\xi \neq 0$. Although we actually need modifications around $\xi = 0$, we often abuse notation as above. We denote

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{cl}}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d}) &= \{a \in S^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d}); a \text{ is classical}\}, \\ \Psi_{\text{cl}}^m(\mathbb{R}^d) &= \{a(x, D); a \in S_{\text{cl}}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})\}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark. Under homogeneity the principal symbol is unique.

Examples. 1. Any partial differential operator of order $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$:

$$A = a(x, D) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha,$$

where $a_\alpha \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ has bounded derivatives, is classical. The principal symbol is given by

$$\sigma(A)(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha|=m} a_\alpha(x) \xi^\alpha.$$

2. For any $m \in \mathbb{R}$ the operator $\langle D \rangle^m \in \Psi^m(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ is classical. In fact, by the Taylor expansion for any $|\xi| > 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \xi \rangle^m &= |\xi|^m (1 + |\xi|^{-2})^{m/2} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(m/2)(m/2 - 1) \cdots (m/2 - j + 1)}{j!} |\xi|^{m-2j}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem (Borel's theorem). Show that, given $c_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$, there exists $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ such that for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$

$$(\partial^\alpha f)(0) = c_\alpha.$$

Solution. Step 1. Fix $\chi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ satisfying

$$\chi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } |x| \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{for } |x| \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

and we construct $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ of the form

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \chi(R_j x) \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \frac{c_\alpha}{\alpha!} x^\alpha; \quad 1 < R_0 < R_1 < \cdots < R_j \rightarrow \infty.$$

Note the above sum is locally finite on $\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$, hence locally bounded there. In addition, it is obviously finite at $x = 0$.

Step 2. Here we are going to choose

$$1 < R_0 < R_1 < \cdots < R_j \rightarrow \infty$$

such that any $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ with $|\beta| \leq j$

$$\left| \partial^\beta \left(\chi(R_j x) \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \frac{c_\alpha}{\alpha!} x^\alpha \right) \right| \leq 2^{-j} |x|^{j-1-|\beta|}$$

Note that, thanks to supporting property of $\chi(Rx)$, for any $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ there exists $C_{j\beta} > 0$ such that uniformly in $R \geq 1$

$$\left| \partial^\beta \left(\chi(Rx) \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \frac{c_\alpha}{\alpha!} x^\alpha \right) \right| \leq C_{j\beta} R^{-1} |x|^{j-1-|\beta|}.$$

Then we can discuss similarly to the proof of Theorem 2.2. We omit the details.

Step 3. Now let $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$, and consider the following series:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \partial^{\beta} \left(\chi(R_j x) \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \frac{c_{\alpha}}{\alpha!} x^{\alpha} \right) &= \sum_{j=0}^{|\beta|} \partial^{\beta} \left(\chi(R_j x) \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \frac{c_{\alpha}}{\alpha!} x^{\alpha} \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=|\beta|+1}^{\infty} \partial^{\beta} \left(\chi(R_j x) \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \frac{c_{\alpha}}{\alpha!} x^{\alpha} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The sum is pointwise finite on \mathbb{R}^d similarly to Step 1. Moreover, it is uniformly and absolutely convergent due to the result from Step 2. Since $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ is arbitrary, we can conclude $f \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ by induction, and differentiate it under the summation. Thus

$$(\partial^{\beta} f)(0) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \partial^{\beta} \left(\chi(R_j x) \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \frac{c_{\alpha}}{\alpha!} x^{\alpha} \right) \Big|_{x=0} = c_{\beta}.$$

We are done. □