

Remarks on propagation of singularities

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1. Introduction

The methods used in [5] and [6] are also applicable to the general studies of propagation of singularities both in Gevrey classes and in  $C^\infty$ . In this note we shall show that it is sufficient to obtain microlocal basic *a priori* estimates in order to prove theorems on propagation of singularities.

Let  $1 < \kappa \leq \infty$ . When  $1 < \kappa < \infty$ , we consider the problem in Gevrey classes  $\delta^{(\kappa)}$  ( or the spaces  $\mathcal{D}^{(\kappa)}$ , of ultradistributions). When  $\kappa = \infty$ , we consider the problem in  $C^{(\infty)}$  ( or  $\mathcal{D}'$ ). We write  $\delta^{(\infty)} = C^\infty$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{(\infty)} = \mathcal{D}'$  formally. We denote by  $WF_{(\kappa)}(u)$  the wave front set of  $u$  in  $\delta^{(\kappa)}$ . Let  $z^0 = (x^0, \xi^0) \in T^*\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0$  (  $|\xi^0| = 1$ ), and let  $W$  be a closed conic subset of  $T^*\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0$  such that  $z^0 \in W$ . Moreover, let  $\{\varphi_j^W(x, \xi)\}_{j=1,2,\dots}$  be a family of real-valued symbols satisfying the following conditions: (i)  $\varphi_j^W(x, \xi)$  is positively homogeneous of degree 0 and satisfies

$$|\varphi_{j(\beta)}^W(x, \xi)| \leq C_j A_j^{|\alpha|+|\beta|} (|\alpha|+|\beta|)! \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n, |\xi|=1$$

if  $1 < \kappa < \infty$ ,

$$|\varphi_{j(\beta)}^W(x, \xi)| \leq C_{j,\alpha,\beta} \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n, |\xi|=1 \quad \text{if } \kappa = \infty.$$

(ii)  $\varphi_j^W(z^0) < 0$ . (iii) There is a conic neighborhood  $\mathcal{E}_0$  of  $z^0$  such that for any conic nbd  $\tilde{W}$  of  $W$  there is  $j_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfying

$\{z \in \mathcal{E}_0; \varphi_j^W(z) \leq 0\} \subset \tilde{W} \cap \mathcal{E}_0$  for  $j \geq j_0$ . When  $1 < \kappa < \infty$ , we need another family  $\{\psi_j^W(x, \xi)\}_{j=1,2,\dots}$  of real-valued symbols which satisfies the following conditions: (iv)  $\psi_j^W(x, \xi)$  is pos. homo. of deg. 0 and satisfies

$$|\psi_j^{W(\alpha)}(x, \xi)| \leq C_j A_j^{|\alpha|+|\beta|} (|\alpha|+|\beta|)! \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n, |\xi|=1.$$

(i)  $\psi_j^W(z) \geq \varphi_j^W(z)$  and  $\psi_j^W(z) > 0$  for  $z \in \partial W \cap \mathcal{E}_0$ . (vi)  $\{z \in \mathcal{E}_0; \psi_j^W(z) \leq 0\} \subset \mathcal{E}_0 \cap W$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{a,b,j}^\delta(x, \xi) &\equiv \Lambda_{a,b}^\delta(x, \xi; \kappa, \varphi_j^W) \\ &= a\psi(\xi)\varphi_j^W(x, \xi)\langle \xi \rangle^{1/\kappa-\delta} + b\psi(\xi)\psi_j^W(x, \xi)\langle \xi \rangle^{1/\kappa} \quad \text{when } 1 < \kappa < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{a,b,j}^\delta(x, \xi) &\equiv \Lambda_{a,b}^\delta(x, \xi; \infty, \varphi_j^W) \\ &= a\psi(\xi)\varphi_j^W(x, \xi) \log \langle \xi \rangle + b \log(1+\delta \langle \xi \rangle) \quad \text{when } \kappa = \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b, \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \delta \leq 1$  and  $\psi(\xi) \in \mathcal{S}^{(\kappa)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\psi(\xi) = 1$  if  $|\xi| \geq 1$  and  $\psi(\xi) = 0$  if  $|\xi| \leq 1/2$ .

### Assumptions

(A-1) $_{\kappa}$   $L(x, D) \equiv (L_{ij}(x, D))$ :  $N \times N$  matrix whose entries are properly supported  $\Psi$ .D.Ops in  $\mathcal{S}^{(\kappa)}$ .

(A-2) $_{\kappa}$  ( $1 < \kappa < \infty$ )  $\exists j_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\exists \chi_k(x, \xi) \in C^\infty(T^*\mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $k=1,2$ ) s.t.

' $\chi_k(x, \xi)$ : pos. homo. of deg. 0 for  $|\xi| \geq 1$ ,  $\chi_k(z) = 1$  near  $z^0$  ( $k=1,2$ ) and  $\forall j \geq j_0$ ,  $\exists a_0 > 0$ ,  $\exists b_0 > 0$  s.t.  $\forall a \geq a_0$ ,  $\forall b \geq b_0$ ,

$\exists \delta_0 > 0$  ( $\delta_0 \leq 1$ ),  $\exists \ell_k \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $1 \leq k \leq 3$ ),  $\exists C > 0$  satisfying

$$\|\chi_1(x, D)v\|_{\ell_1} \leq C\{\|L_\Lambda(x, D)v\|_{\ell_2} + \|v\|_{\ell_1^{-1}} + \|(1-\chi_2(x, D))v\|_{\ell_3}\}$$

if  $v \in C_0^\infty$  and  $0 < \delta \leq \delta_0$ , where  $L_\Lambda(x, D) = \mathbb{R}(e^{-\Lambda})(x, D)L(x, D) \times$

$(e^\Lambda)(x, D)$ ,  $\Lambda(x, \xi) = \Lambda_{a,b,j}^\delta(x, \xi)$  and

$$\mathbb{R}(e^{-\Lambda})(x, D)u(x) = \int \int e^{i(x-y) \cdot \xi} e^{-\Lambda(y, \xi)} u(y) dy d\xi.'$$

(A-2) $_{\infty}$  ( $\kappa = \infty$ )  $\exists j_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\exists \chi_k(x, \xi) \in C^\infty(T^*\mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $k=1,2$ ),  $\exists \ell_k \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $1 \leq k \leq 3$ )

s.t. " $\chi_k(x, \xi)$ : pos. homo. of deg. 0 for  $|\xi| \geq 1$ ,  $\chi_k(z) = 1$  near  $z^0$  ( $k=1, 2$ ) and  $\forall j \geq j_0$ ,  $\exists a_0 > 0$ ,  $\exists \Lambda_1(x, \xi) \in C^\infty(T^*\mathbb{R}^n)$

s.t.  $|\Lambda_1^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)| \leq \exists C_{\alpha, \beta} \langle \xi \rangle^{\delta' |\beta| - \rho' |\alpha|} \log(1 + \langle \xi \rangle)$  with  $0 \leq \delta' < \rho' \leq 1$  and  $\forall a \geq a_0$ ,  $\exists b_0 > 0$ ,  $\exists \Lambda_2(x, \xi) \in S_{1,0}^0$  s.t.

' $|\Lambda_2^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)| \leq \exists C'_{\alpha, \beta} \langle \xi \rangle^{-|\alpha|}$  and  $\forall b \geq b_0$ ,  $\exists \delta_0 > 0$  ( $\delta_0 \leq 1$ ),

$\exists C > 0$  satisfying

$$\|\chi_1(x, D)v\|_{\ell_1} \leq C\{\|L_\Lambda(x, D)v\|_{\ell_2} + \|v\|_{\ell_1} + \|(1 - \chi_2(x, D))v\|_{\ell_3}\}$$

if  $v \in C_0^\infty$  and  $0 < \delta \leq \delta_0$ , where  $\Lambda(x, \xi) = \Lambda_{a,b,j}^\delta(x, \xi) + \Lambda_1(x, \xi) + \Lambda_2(x, \xi)$ .' "

Theorem 1. Assume that  $(A-1)_\kappa$  and  $(A-2)_\kappa$  are satisfied. If  $u \in \mathcal{D}^{(\kappa)}$ ,  $z^0 \notin WF_{(\kappa)}(Lu)$  and  $\exists \mathcal{E}$ : conic nbd of  $z^0$  s.t.  $WF_{(\kappa)}(u) \cap \mathcal{E} \cap (W \setminus \{(x^0, \lambda \xi^0); \lambda > 0\}) = \emptyset$ , then  $z^0 \notin WF_{(\kappa)}(u)$ . Moreover, if  $\kappa = \infty$ , there is a conic nbd  $\mathcal{E}_1$  of  $z^0$  s.t. 'if  $u \in \mathcal{D}$ ' and  $WF(Lu) \cap \overline{\mathcal{E}} = \emptyset$  and  $WF(u) \cap \partial \mathcal{E} \cap W = \emptyset$  for some conic nbd  $\mathcal{E}$  of  $z^0$  with  $\mathcal{E} \subset \subset \mathcal{E}_0$ , then  $z^0 \notin WF(u)$ .'

Remark. If  $z^0 \in \hat{W}$ , then Theorem 1 is obvious. Giving  $\{\varphi_j^W(x, \xi)\}$  one may determine  $W$  so that  $\{\varphi_j^W\}$  satisfies the condition (iii). If  $W = \{z \in T^*\mathbb{R}^n; \varphi(z) \leq 0\}$  and  $\varphi(x, \xi)$  is analytic ( $1 < \kappa < \infty$ ) and smooth ( $\kappa = \infty$ ), then we can choose  $\varphi_j^W(z) = \varphi(z) - 1/j$  and  $\psi_j^W(z) = \varphi(z) + 1$ .

Corollary 1 ([6]). Assume that  $W = \{(x^0, \lambda \xi^0); \lambda > 0\}$  and that  $(A-1)_\kappa$  and  $(A-2)_\kappa$  are satisfied. If  $u \in \mathcal{D}^{(\kappa)}$  and  $z^0 \notin WF_{(\kappa)}(Lu)$ , then  $z^0 \notin WF_{(\kappa)}(u)$ .

Corollary 2. Assume that  $(A-1)_\kappa$  is satisfied. Let  $\psi(x, \xi) \in C(T^*\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0)$  be a real-valued function s.t.  $\psi(x, \xi)$ : pos. homo. of

deg. 0,  $\psi(z^0)=0$ , and assume that  $\exists \varphi \in \mathcal{E}^{(\kappa)}(T^*\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0)$  s.t.  $\varphi(x, \xi)$ :  
 pos. homo. of deg. 0,  $\varphi(z^0)=0$ ,  $\varphi(z) > \psi(z)$  for  $z \in \mathcal{E}_0 \setminus \{(x^0, \lambda \xi^0);$   
 $\lambda > 0\}$ ,  $\varphi(x, \xi)$ : analytic if  $1 < \kappa < \infty$ , and  $(A-2)_\kappa$  is satisfied, where  
 $\mathcal{E}_0$ : conic nbd of  $z^0$ ,  $\varphi_j^W(z) = \varphi(z) - 1/j$  and  $\psi_j^W(z) = \varphi(z) + 1$ . Then  
 $z^0 \notin WF_{(\kappa)}(u)$  if  $z^0 \notin WF_{(\kappa)}(Lu)$  and  $\exists \mathcal{E}$ : conic nbd of  $z^0$  s.t.  $\{z \in \mathcal{E};$   
 $\psi(z) < 0\} \cap WF_{(\kappa)}(u) = \emptyset$ .

Remark. This corollary is a microlocal version of Holmgren's uniqueness theorem. When  $\kappa = \infty$ , we can obtain a little stronger results, corresponding to Theorem 1.

Theorem 2. Let  $\Omega$  be a conic set in  $T^*\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0$ , and assume that  
 $(A-1)_\kappa$  are satisfied and  $\exists \mathcal{G}: \Omega \ni z \mapsto \mathcal{G}(z) \in T_z^*\Omega$ : cont. and  $\exists \{\mathcal{E}_z\}_{z \in \Omega}$ :  
 a family of closed convex cones s.t.  $\mathcal{E}_z \subset \{\delta z; \sigma(\mathcal{G}(z), \delta z) > 0\} \cup \{0\}$   
 $(\subset T_z^*\Omega)$ ,  $\{\mathcal{E}_z\}_{z \in \Omega}$  is outer semi-cont. and  $(A-2)_\kappa$  is valid for  
 $\forall z^0 = (x^0, \xi^0) \in \Omega$  ( $|\xi^0| = 1$ ) if  $\mathcal{G}^0 \in \text{int}(\mathcal{E}_{z^0}^\sigma)$ ,  $\sigma(r(z^0), \mathcal{G}^0) = 0$ ,  $k > 0$ ,  
 $\varphi_j^W(z) = \varphi_k(z) - 1/j$ ,  $\psi_j^W(z) = \varphi_k(z) + 1$ ,  $\varphi_k(z) = \tilde{\varphi}_k(z)(1 + \tilde{\varphi}_k(z)^2)^{-1/2}$  and  
 $\tilde{\varphi}_k(x, \xi) = \sigma(\mathcal{G}^0, (x - x^0, \xi/|\xi| - \xi^0)) + k(|x - x^0|^2 + |\xi/|\xi| - \xi^0|^2)$ , where  
 $\sigma((\delta x, \delta \xi), (\delta y, \delta \eta)) = \delta y \cdot \delta \xi - \delta x \cdot \delta \eta$ ,  $r(x, \xi) = \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j \partial / \partial \xi_j$ ,  $\mathcal{E}^\sigma = \{\delta z;$   
 $\sigma(\delta w, \delta z) \geq 0$  for  $\forall \delta w \in \mathcal{E}\}$  and  $\text{int}(\mathcal{E})$ : the interior of  $\mathcal{E}$ . If  $u \in$   
 $\mathcal{D}^{(\kappa)}$ ,  $z^0 \in WF_{(\kappa)}(u) \cap \Omega$  and  $WF_{(\kappa)}(Lu) \cap \Omega = \emptyset$ , then  $\exists a \in (-\infty, 0] \cup \{-\infty\}$ ,  
 $\exists \{z(t)\}_{t \in (a, 0]}$ : Lip. cont. curve in  $\Omega$  s.t.  $z(t) \in WF_{(\kappa)}(u)$  for  $t \in$   
 $(a, 0]$ ,  $(d/dt)z(t) \in \mathcal{E}_z \cap \{|\delta z| = 1\}$  for a.e.  $t \in (a, 0]$ ,  $z(0) = z^0$ , and  
 $\lim_{t \rightarrow a+0} z(t) \in \partial\Omega$  if  $a > -\infty$ , where  $\partial\Omega$ : the boundary of  $\Omega$  in  $T^*\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Corollaries 1 and 2 are immediate consequences of Theorem 1. Theorem 2 follows from Corollary 2 of Theorem 1, applying the same arguments as in [5], [10] and [11]. We shall prove Theorem 1 in the case where  $\kappa = \infty$  in §2. Theorem 1 for  $1 < \kappa < \infty$  can

be proved in the same manner. In §3 we shall consider several examples, applying the results in §1.

## 2. Proof of Theorem 1 ( $\kappa=\infty$ )

We may assume that  $u \in \delta' \cap H^{s'}$  for some  $s' \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}_1$  be a conic nbd of  $z^0$  s.t.  $\mathcal{E}_1 \cap \{|\xi| \geq 1\} \subset \{\chi_1(x, \xi) = \chi_2(x, \xi) = 1\}$ . Assume that  $WF(f) \cap \bar{\mathcal{E}} = \emptyset$  and  $WF(u) \cap \partial \mathcal{E} \cap W = \emptyset$  for  $\exists \mathcal{E}$ : conic nbd of  $z^0$  with  $\mathcal{E} \subset \subset \mathcal{E}_1$ , where  $f = Lu$ . Choose  $\chi(x, \xi) \in C^\infty(T^*\mathbb{R}^n)$  so that  $\chi(x, \xi)$ : pos. homo. of deg. 0 for  $|\xi| \geq 1$ ,  $\chi(z) = 1$  near  $z^0$ ,  $\text{supp } \chi \cap \{|\xi| \geq 1\} \subset \subset \mathcal{E}_1$ ,  $WF(f) \cap \text{supp } \chi \cap \{|\xi| \geq 1\} = \emptyset$  and  $WF(u) \cap W \cap \text{supp } d\chi \cap \{|\xi| \geq 1\} = \emptyset$ . Then  $\exists j \geq j_0$ ,  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $(x, \xi) \notin WF(u)$  if  $(x, \xi) \in \text{supp } d\chi$ ,  $|\xi| \geq 1$  and  $\varphi_j^W(x, \xi) \leq 2\varepsilon$ . For a fixed  $s > s'$  we can choose  $a \geq a_0$  so that

$$a\varepsilon + \liminf_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{|\xi| \geq \lambda} \Lambda_1(x, \xi) (\log|\xi|)^{-1} > \ell_2 + m - 1 - s',$$

$$-a\varepsilon'/2 + \limsup_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{|\xi| \geq \lambda} \Lambda_1(x, \xi) (\log|\xi|)^{-1} < \ell_1 - s,$$

where  $\varepsilon' = -\varphi_j^W(z^0)$  ( $> 0$ ). By the assumptions in (A-2) $_\infty$   $\exists b_0 > 0$  and  $\exists \Lambda_2(x, \xi) \in S^0$  for each  $a$ . Choose  $b \geq b_0$  so that

$$b > b(u) \equiv -a \inf \varphi_j^W(x, \xi) - \liminf_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{|\xi| \geq \lambda} \Lambda_1(x, \xi) (\log|\xi|)^{-1} + \max\{\ell_2 + m, \ell_1 - 1, \ell_3\}.$$

It follows from calculus of  $\Psi$ .D.Op. that  $\exists q(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho', \delta'}^{\delta', -\rho'+d}$  ( $\forall d > 0$ ) s.t.

$$(e^\Lambda)(x, D)(1+q(x, D))^R (e^{-\Lambda})(x, D) = 1 \quad (\text{mod } L^{-\infty}).$$

Put  $v_\delta(x) \equiv v(x) = (1+q(x, D))^R (e^{-\Lambda})(x, D)\chi(x, D)u(x)$ . Then  $\chi u \equiv (e^\Lambda)(x, D)v(x)$  ( $\text{mod } L^{-\infty}$ ) and

$$L_\Lambda(x, D)v \equiv {}^R(e^{-\Lambda})\chi f + {}^R(e^{-\Lambda})[L, \chi]u \quad (\text{mod } L^{-\infty}).$$

Since  $u \in C^\infty$  near  $\{(x, \xi); \varphi_j^W(x, \xi) \leq 2\varepsilon, (x, \xi) \in \text{supp } d\chi \text{ and } |\xi| \geq 1\}$  and  $a\varphi_j^W(x, \xi) + \liminf_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{|\xi| \geq \lambda} \Lambda_1(x, \xi) (\log|\xi|)^{-1} > \ell_2 + m - 1 - s'$  if

$\varphi_j^W(x, \xi) \geq \varepsilon$ , we have  $\|L_\Lambda v\|_{\ell_2} \leq C$ , where  $C$  is indep. of  $\delta$  ( $0 < \delta \leq \delta_0$ ).

Noting that  $v \in H^{\max\{\ell_2+m, \ell_1-1, \ell_3\}}$  for  $\delta > 0$ , we have  $\|x_1(x, D)v\|_{\ell_1}$

$\leq C$ , where  $C$  is indep. of  $\delta$  ( $0 < \delta \leq \delta_0$ ). Therefore,  $v_\delta \rightarrow v_0$  weakly

in  $H^{\ell_1}$  as  $\delta \downarrow 0$ . This implies that  $v_0 \in H^{\ell_1}$ . Since  $\Lambda^0(x, \xi) \equiv$

$a\varphi_j^W(x, \xi) \log \langle \xi \rangle + \Lambda_1(x, \xi) + \Lambda_2(x, \xi) < (\ell_1 - s) \log \langle \xi \rangle$  if  $\varphi_j^W(x, \xi) \leq -\varepsilon'/2$

and  $|\xi| \gg 1$ , we have  $u \in H^s$  at  $z^0$ . This proves Theorem 1 for  $\kappa = \infty$ .

### Roles of $e^\Lambda$ and $R(e^{-\Lambda})$

(i) To reduce the problem in Gevrey classes (or  $C^\infty$ ) to the problem in the Sobolev spaces.

(ii) To deal with  $[L, \chi]$ , i.e., to neglect the term  $R(e^{-\Lambda})[L, \chi]u$  in  $R(e^{-\Lambda})L\chi u = R(e^{-\Lambda})\chi f + R(e^{-\Lambda})[L, \chi]u$ .

(iii) To change norms of  $u$  and  $Lu$ .

## 3. Applications of Theorems 1 and 2

### 3.1. Microhyperbolic operators

Let  $1 < \kappa \leq 2$ , and let  $\Omega$  be an open conic subset of  $T^*\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0$ .

(L-1)  $\exists m_1, \dots, m_N, n_1, \dots, n_N \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\exists L^0(x, \xi) = (L_{ij}^0(x, \xi))$  and  $\rho > 0$  s.t.  $L_{ij}^0(x, \xi)$ : pos. homo. of deg.  $m_i + n_j$ ,  $L_{ij}(x, D) - L_{ij}^0(x, D)\psi(D)$  is a  $\Psi$ .D.Op. of order  $m_i + n_j - \rho$  and  $0 < \rho \leq 1$  if  $N > 1$ .

(L-2)  $\exists g: \Omega \ni z \mapsto g(z) \in T_z^*\Omega$ : cont. s.t.  $p(x, \xi)$  ( $\equiv \det L^0(x, \xi)$ ) is microhyperbolic w.r.t.  $g(z)$  at  $z \in \Omega$ , i.e.,  $\forall z^0 \in \Omega$ ,  $\exists \mathcal{U}$ : nbd of  $z^0$  in  $T^*\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0$ ,  $\exists \ell \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $\exists c > 0$  and  $\exists t_0 > 0$  s.t.

$$|\sum_{j=0}^{\ell} (-itg(z^0))^j p(z)/j!| \geq ct^\ell \text{ for } z \in \mathcal{U} \text{ and } 0 \leq t \leq t_0.$$

(L-3)  $\mu_0 = \sup_{z \in \Omega} \mu(z) < \infty$ , where  $\mu(z^0)$  is the multiplicity of  $p(z)$  at  $z^0$ , i.e.,

$$p(z^0 + s\delta z) = s^{\mu(z^0)} (p_{z^0}(\delta z) + o(1)) \text{ as } s \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $p_{z^0}(\delta z) \neq 0$  in  $\delta z$ .

(L-4)  $1 < \kappa \leq \min\{2, \mu_0/(\mu_0 - \rho)\}$ , where  $\kappa \leq 2$  if  $\mu_0 \leq \rho$ .

Theorem 3 ([5]). Assume that (A-1) $_{\kappa}$  and (L-1)-(L-4) are satisfied. Then the conclusion of Theorem 2 is valid, taking  $\mathcal{G}_{z^0} = \Gamma(p_{z^0}, \mathcal{G}(z^0))^{\sigma}$ .

### 3.2. Symmetric hyperbolic systems

Let  $1 < \kappa \leq \infty$ , and let  $\Omega$  be an open conic subset of  $T^*\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0$ .

(D-1)  $L_{ij}(x, D)$ : properly supported  $\Psi$ .D.Op. of order 1 in  $\delta^{(\kappa)}$  and  $\exists L^0(x, \xi) = (L_{ij}^0(x, \xi))$  s.t.  $L_{ij}^0(x, \xi)$ : pos. homo. of deg. 1 and  $L_{ij}(x, D) - L_{ij}^0(x, D)\psi(D)$  is a  $\Psi$ .D.Op. of order  $1/\kappa$ , where  $1/\kappa = 0$  if  $\kappa = \infty$ .

(D-2)  $L$  is dissipative in  $\Omega$ , i.e.,  
 $-i(L^0(x, \xi) - L^0(x, \xi)^*) \leq 0$  for  $(x, \xi) \in \Omega$ .

(D-3)  $\exists \mathcal{G}: \Omega \ni z \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(z) \in T_z \Omega$ : cont. s.t.  
 $\text{Re}((\mathcal{G}L^0)(z^0)v, v) > 0$  for  $\forall z^0 \in \Omega$  and  $\forall v \in \text{Ker } L^0(z^0) \setminus \{0\}$ .

Lemma 4. Under the assumptions (D-1)-(D-3),  $p(x, \xi) \equiv \det L^0(x, \xi)$  is microhyp. w.r.t.  $\mathcal{G}(z^0)$  at  $z^0$  ( $\in \Omega$ ). Moreover, for  $z^0 \in \Omega$

$\text{Re}((\mathcal{G}_x \cdot (\partial L^0 / \partial x)(z^0) + \mathcal{G}_\xi \cdot (\partial L^0 / \partial \xi)(z^0))v, v) > 0$   
 if  $v \in \text{Ker } L^0(z^0) \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}_x, \mathcal{G}_\xi) \in \Gamma(p_{z^0}, \mathcal{G}(z^0))$ .

Theorem 5. Assume that (D-1)-(D-3) are satisfied. Then the conclusion of Theorem 2 is valid, taking  $\mathcal{G}_{z^0} = \Gamma(p_{z^0}, \mathcal{G}(z^0))^{\sigma}$ .

Remark. When  $\kappa = \infty$ , Ivrii [3] proved results corresponding to Corollary 2 of Theorem 1 and Wakabayashi proved Theorem 5 in

[10]. Similarly we can prove results on wave front sets in the Sobolev spaces.

### 3.3. Effectively hyperbolic operators

From now on we consider the problems in  $C^\infty$  ( $\kappa=\infty$ ). Let  $\Omega$  be an open conic subset of  $T^*\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0$ .

(E-1)  $P(x,D)$ : properly supported  $\Psi$ .D.Op. whose symbol is  $P(x,\xi) \in S^m$ , and  $\exists p(x,\xi)$ : real-valued and pos. homo. of deg.  $m$  s.t.  $P(x,\xi) - \psi(\xi)p(x,\xi) \in S^{m-1}$ .

(E-2)  $p(x,\xi)$ : effectively hyperbolic in  $\Omega$ , i.e.,  $\exists g: \Omega \ni z \mapsto g(z) \in T_z\Omega$ : cont. s.t.  $p(x,\xi)$ : microhyp. w.r.t.  $g(z)$  at  $\forall z \in \Omega$  and for  $\forall z^0 \in \{z \in \Omega; dp(z)=0\}$  the fundamental matrix (Hamilton map)  $F_p(z^0)$  has non-zero real eigenvalues, where

$$F_p(x,\xi) = \begin{pmatrix} p_{\xi x}(x,\xi) & p_{\xi\xi}(x,\xi) \\ -p_{xx}(x,\xi) & -p_{x\xi}(x,\xi) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Theorem 6 ([7],[8]). Assume that (E-1) and (E-2) are satisfied. Then the conclusion of Theorem 2 is valid, taking

$$\mathcal{G}_{z^0} = \Gamma(p_{z^0}, g(z^0))^\sigma.$$

Remark. In the theorem the curve  $\{z(t)\}_{t \in (a,0]}$  near  $z^0$  is one of two possible curves, which are limiting bicharacteristics of  $p$ , if  $dp(z^0)=0$  ( see [8] and [4]).

Following Melrose [7], we can assume that  $z^0 = (0; 0, \dots, 0, 1)$  ( $\in \Omega$ ) and  $p(x,\xi) = \xi_1^2 - x_1^2 \alpha(x,\xi') - \beta(x,\xi')$ , where  $\xi' = (\xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$ ,  $\alpha(x,\xi') \geq c|\xi'|^2$  ( $\exists c > 0$ ),  $\beta(x,\xi') \geq 0$  and  $\beta(0; 0, \dots, 1) = 0$ . To prove Theorem 6 we choose

$$\Lambda_1(x,\xi) = \gamma \log(\sqrt{1 + x_1^2 \langle \xi_n \rangle} + x_1 \langle \xi_n \rangle^{1/2}) \quad \text{near } z^0, \quad \Lambda_2(x,\xi) = 0,$$

where  $\gamma \gg 1$ . Finally, we have

$$\|\chi_1 v\|_{3/4} \leq C\{\|P_\Lambda v\|_0 + \|v\|_{-1/4} + \|(1-\chi_1)v\|_2\} \quad \text{if } v \in C_0^\infty, \quad 0 < \delta \leq \delta_0.$$

### 3.4. Branching of singularities

Let us consider a special class of effectively hyperbolic operators. Let  $z^0 = (x^0, \xi^0) \in T^*\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0$  ( $|\xi^0| = 1$ ).

(B-1)  $P(x, D) = p_1(x, D)\psi(D)p_2(x, D)\psi(D) + Q(x, D)$ : properly supported, classical  $\Psi$ .D.Op.,  $p_j(x, \xi)$ : pos. homo. of deg.  $m_j$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) and  $Q(x, \xi) \in S^{m_1+m_2-1}$ .

(B-2)  $p_j(z^0) = 0$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) and  $\{p_1, p_2\}(z^0) \neq 0$ .

Let  $\gamma_j = \{\gamma_j(t)\}_{-\delta \leq t \leq \delta}$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) be bicharacteristics of  $p_j$  s.t.  $\gamma_j(0) = z^0$ , where  $\delta > 0$ , and put  $\gamma_j^\pm = \{\gamma_j(t)\}_{0 < \pm t \leq \delta}$ .

Theorem 7 ([2], [1]). Let  $j=1$  or  $2$ . Assume that

$$(-1)^{j+1} i \text{ sub } \sigma(P)(z^0) / \{p_1, p_2\}(z^0) - 1/2 \notin \{0, 1, 2, \dots\},$$

where  $\text{sub } \sigma(P)(x, \xi) = Q_1(x, \xi) + (i/2) \sum_{k=1}^n (\partial^2 / \partial x_k \partial \xi_k)(p_1 p_2)(x, \xi)$  and  $Q_1(x, \xi)$  is the principal symbol of  $Q(x, D)$ . Then  $z^0 \notin \text{WF}(u)$  if  $u \in \mathcal{D}'$ ,  $z^0 \notin \text{WF}(Pu)$  and  $\exists \mathcal{G}$ : conic nbd of  $z^0$  s.t.  $\text{WF}(u) \cap \mathcal{G} \cap (\gamma_j \setminus \{z^0\}) = \emptyset$ .

Corollary. Assume that

$$i \text{ sub } \sigma(P)(z^0) / \{p_1, p_2\}(z^0) - 1/2 \notin \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}.$$

Then  $z^0 \notin \text{WF}(u)$  if  $z^0 \notin \text{WF}(Pu)$  and  $\exists \mathcal{U}$ : nbd of  $z^0$  and  $\exists \gamma^1, \gamma^2 \in \{\gamma_1^+, \gamma_1^-, \gamma_2^+, \gamma_2^-\}$  s.t.  $\gamma^1 \neq \gamma^2$  and  $\text{WF}(u) \cap \mathcal{U} \cap (\gamma^1 \cup \gamma^2) = \emptyset$ .

We may assume that  $z^0 = (0; 0, \dots, 0, 1)$  and  $P(x, \xi) = x_1 \xi_1 + q(x', \xi')$ , where  $q \in S_{1,0}^0$  (see [1], [9]). Choosing  $W = \{x' = 0, \xi'' = 0\}$ , and  $\varphi_j^W(x, \xi) = |\xi''|^2 \xi_n^{-2} + |x'|^2 - 1/j$  near  $z^0$ , we can apply Theorem 1 if  $\text{Im } q_0(z^0) > -1/2$ , where  $\xi'' = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{n-1})$  and  $q_0(x, \xi)$  is the principal symbol of  $q(x, D)$ . Therefore, we can prove

Theorem 7 for  $j=2$  if  $\text{Im } q_0(z^0) > -1/2$ . Following Hanges [1], we can prove Theorem 7 (for  $j=2$ ) in the case where  $\text{Im } q_0(z^0) \leq -1/2$ . In fact,  $x_1^\ell P(x,D)u = (P(x,D) + i\ell)x_1^\ell u$ . So, if  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\text{Im } q_0(z^0) + \ell > -1/2$ ,  $z^0 \notin \text{WF}(Pu)$  and  $\text{WF}(u) \cap \mathcal{B} \cap (\gamma_2 \setminus \{z^0\}) = \emptyset$ , then  $z^0 \notin \text{WF}(x_1^\ell u)$ . Assume that  $z^0 \notin \text{WF}(x_1^k u)$  for some  $k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq \ell$ ). Then we can write

$$x_1^{k-1} u = f_1 + (x_1 + i0)^{-1} f_2 + \delta(x_1) \otimes g(x'),$$

where  $z^0 \notin \text{WF}(f_j)$  ( $j=1,2$ ). We have also

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^{k-1} P(x,D)u &= (P(x,D) + i(k-1))f_1 + D_1 f_2 \\ &\quad + (q+ik)\{(x_1 + i0)^{-1} f_2 + \delta(x_1) \otimes g(x')\}. \end{aligned}$$

So we have  $z^0 \notin \text{WF}((q+ik)((x_1 + i0)^{-1} f_2 + \delta(x_1) \otimes g(x')))$ . The assumptions in Theorem 7 imply that  $iq_0(z^0) \notin \{1,2,3,\dots\}$ , i.e.,  $q+ik$  is elliptic at  $z^0$ . Thus we have  $z^0 \notin \text{WF}(x_1^{k-1} u)$ . Theorem 7 for  $j=1$  can be reduced to the case where  $j=2$ .

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