

## 44 Pseudolocal property and microlocal regularity of pseudodifferential operators.

Let  $A$  be a linear continuous operator from  $D(\mathbf{R}^n)$  to  $D'(\mathbf{R}^n)$ . The Schwartz kernel of  $A$  is the distribution  $E \in D'(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$  such that  $(Au, v) = E(u(y)\overline{v(x)})$  for all  $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $v \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ . Let  $Au$  be a  $\psi do$  of the form (43.2). Let

$$(44.1) \quad E_\varepsilon(x, y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} a(x, y, \xi) e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi} \chi(\varepsilon\xi) d\xi,$$

and let  $w \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$ . Then  $E_\varepsilon(x, y) \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$  and

$$E_\varepsilon(w(x, y)) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} E_\varepsilon(x, y) w(x, y) dx dy$$

converges in  $D'(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$  to  $E \in D'(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$  where

$$(44.2) \quad E(w(x, y)) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} a(x, y, \xi) e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi} w(x, y) dx dy d\xi.$$

The integral in (44.2) is understood as a repeated integral: first integrated in  $x$  and  $y$  and then integrated in  $\xi$ . Since  $(Au, v) = E(u(y)\overline{v(x)})$ , the distribution  $E$  is the Schwartz kernel of  $A$ . When  $\alpha < -n$  the integral

$$(44.3) \quad E(x, y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} a(x, y, \xi) e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi} d\xi$$

converges absolutely and defines the Schwartz kernel of  $A$ . When  $\alpha \geq -n$  we understand (44.3) as a limit in  $D'(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$  of

$$E_\varepsilon(x, y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} a(x, y, \xi) e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi} \chi(\varepsilon\xi) d\xi$$

when  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

**Theorem 44.1.** *For arbitrary  $\delta > 0$  the distribution  $(1 - \chi(\frac{x-y}{\delta}))E$  belongs to  $C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$ .*

**Proof:** Since  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_k} e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi} = i(x_k - y_k) e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi}$  we have the following identity:

$$(44.4) \quad e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi} = (-\Delta_\xi)^N \frac{e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi}}{|x-y|^{2N}},$$

where  $\Delta_\xi = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi_j^2}$ . Substituting (44.4) into (44.1) and integrating by parts in  $\xi$  we get

$$(44.5) \quad (1 - \chi(\frac{x-y}{\delta}))E_\varepsilon(x, y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (-\Delta_\xi)^N (a(x, y, \xi) \chi(\varepsilon \xi)) \frac{(1 - \chi(\frac{x-y}{\delta}))}{|x-y|^{2N}} e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi} d\xi.$$

Denote

$$(44.6) \quad E^{(\delta)}(x, y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} (-\Delta_\xi)^N a(x, y, \xi) \frac{(1 - \chi(\frac{x-y}{\delta}))}{|x-y|^{2N}} e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi} d\xi.$$

We will study the limit of (44.5) when  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Fix  $M > 0$  and assume that  $2N > 2M + n + 1 + \alpha$ . Note that  $|\frac{\partial^k}{\partial \xi^k} \chi(\varepsilon \xi)| \leq C\varepsilon^k$  and  $\frac{\partial^k}{\partial \xi^k} \chi(\varepsilon \xi)$  differs from zero only when  $\frac{1}{\varepsilon} < |\xi| < \frac{c}{\varepsilon}$  for  $|k| \geq 1$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |(1 - \frac{\chi(x-y)}{\delta})E_\varepsilon(x, y) - E^{(\delta)}(x, y)| &\leq C \int_{|\xi| > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}} (1 + |\xi|)^{\alpha-2N} d\xi \\ &+ C \sum_{|k|=1}^{2N} \int_{\frac{1}{\varepsilon} < |\xi| < \frac{c}{\varepsilon}} \varepsilon^k (1 + |\xi|)^{\alpha-2N+k} d\xi \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

when  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , since  $2N > n + 1 + \alpha$ . Since  $(1 - \frac{\chi(x-y)}{\delta})E_\varepsilon(x, y) \rightarrow (1 - \frac{\chi(x-y)}{\delta})E$  in the distribution sense we got that

$$(44.7) \quad (1 - \frac{\chi(x-y)}{\delta})E = E^{(\delta)},$$

where  $E^{(\delta)}$  is the same as in (44.6). Note that  $\frac{(1 - \chi(\frac{x-y}{\delta}))}{|x-y|^{2N}} \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$  since  $\frac{(1 - \chi(\frac{x-y}{\delta}))}{|x-y|^{2N}} = 0$  when  $|x-y| < \delta$ . We shall show that  $E^{(\delta)} \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$ . Note that  $|(-\Delta_\xi)^N a(x, y, \xi)| \leq C(1 + |\xi|)^{\alpha-2N} \leq C(1 + |\xi|)^{-(n+1)-2M}$ . Therefore differentiating (44.6) in  $x$  and  $y$  we get that  $E^{(\delta)}$  has  $M$  continuous derivatives in  $x$  and  $y$ . Since  $M$  is arbitrary we get that  $E^{(\delta)} = (1 - \frac{\chi(x-y)}{\delta})E \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$ .

**Corollary 44.2** (Pseudolocal property of  $\psi do.$ ). *Let  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $\psi(x) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$  and  $\text{supp } \varphi \cap \text{supp } \psi = \emptyset$ . Let  $A(x, \xi) \in S^\alpha$ . Then  $\psi(x)A\varphi u$  is an integral operator with  $C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$  kernel.*

**Proof:** Since  $\text{supp } \varphi \cap \text{supp } \psi = \emptyset$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\psi(x)a(x, y, \xi)\varphi(y) = 0$  when  $|x - y| < \delta$ . Therefore  $\psi(x)A\varphi$  is an integral operator with  $C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$  kernel. Note that  $\text{ord } \psi A\varphi = -\infty$ .

**Lemma 44.3.** *Let  $A(x, \xi) \in S^\alpha$  and let  $u \in H_s(\mathbf{R}^n)$  for some  $s \in \mathbf{R}$ . We have*

$$\text{sing supp } Au \subset \text{sing supp } u.$$

**Proof:** Let  $x_0 \notin \text{sing supp } u$ . Then there exists  $\varphi(x) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $\varphi(x) = 1$  near  $x_0$  and  $\text{supp } \varphi \cap \text{sing supp } u = \emptyset$ . Let  $\psi(x) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $\psi(x_0) \neq 0$ ,  $\text{supp } \psi$  is contained in the interior of the set where  $\varphi = 1$ . Then  $\text{supp } \psi \cap \text{supp } (1 - \varphi) = \emptyset$ . We have:

$$(44.8) \quad \psi Au = \psi A\varphi u + \psi A(1 - \varphi)u.$$

Note that  $\varphi u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ , since  $\text{supp } \varphi \cap \text{sing supp } u = \emptyset$ . Then by Theorem 40.1  $\psi A\varphi u \in C^\infty$ . Also  $\psi A(1 - \varphi)u \in C^\infty$  by the Theorem 44.1. Therefore  $\psi Au \in C^\infty$  and  $x_0 \notin \text{sing supp } Au$  since  $\psi(x_0) \neq 0$ .  $\square$

The following theorem gives a refinement of Lemma 44.3.

**Theorem 44.4.** *Let  $A(x, \xi) \in S^\alpha$  and let  $u \in H_s(\mathbf{R}^n)$  for some  $s \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . We have*

$$WF(Au) \subset WF(u).$$

**Proof:** Let  $(x_0, \xi_0) \notin WF(u)$ . Then there exists  $\varphi(x) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $\varphi(x) = 1$  in a small neighborhood of  $x_0$  and there exists  $\alpha(\xi) \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$ ,  $\alpha(\xi)$  is homogeneous in  $\xi$  of degree zero,  $\alpha(\xi) = 1$  in a small conic neighborhood of  $\xi_0$  such that  $\alpha(D)\varphi(x)u \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ .

Let  $\psi(x) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $\psi(x_0) \neq 0$ ,  $\text{supp } \psi$  is contained in an interior of  $\{x : \varphi(x) = 1\}$  and let  $\beta(\xi) \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$ ,  $\beta(\xi)$  is homogeneous of degree 0,  $\beta(\xi_0) \neq 0$  and  $\text{supp } \beta \cap \{|\xi| = 1\}$  is contained in the interior of the set where  $\alpha(\xi) = 1$ .

To prove Theorem 44.4 we need to show that  $\beta(D)\psi(x)Au \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ , i.e.  $(x_0, \xi_0) \notin WF(Au)$ . Since  $\beta(\xi)$  is not smooth at  $\xi = 0$  we replace  $\beta(D)$  by  $(1 - \chi(D))\beta(D)$  where  $\chi(\xi)$  is the cutoff function as above. Note that  $\chi(D)w \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$  when  $w \in H_s, \forall s$ . Since  $\text{supp } \psi \cap \text{supp } (1 - \varphi(x)) = \emptyset$  we have that  $\psi A(1 - \varphi)u \in C^\infty$  because of pseudolocality of  $A(x, D)$ . Consider now  $(1 - \chi(D))\beta(D)\psi A\varphi u$ . Applying Theorem 40.2 to  $(1 - \chi(D))\beta(D)$  and  $\psi A$  we get

$$(44.9) \quad (1 - \chi(D))\beta(D)\psi A\varphi u = \sum_{|k|=0}^N C_k(x, D)\varphi u + T_{\alpha-N-1}\varphi u,$$

where  $\text{ord } T_{\alpha-N-1} \leq \alpha - N - 1$ , and symbols  $C_k(x, \xi)$  contain  $\beta(\xi)$  and derivatives  $\frac{\partial^k \beta(\xi)}{\partial \xi^k}$ . Since  $\alpha(\xi) = 1$  on  $\text{supp } \beta(\xi)$  we have  $C(x, \xi) = \sum_{|k|=0}^N C_k(x, \xi) = C(x, \xi)\alpha(\xi)$ . Therefore  $(1 - \chi(D))\beta(D)\psi A\varphi u = C\alpha(D)\varphi u + T_{\alpha-N-1}\varphi u$ . Since  $\alpha(D)\varphi u \in C^\infty$  we get that  $C\alpha(D)\varphi u \in C^\infty$  (c.f. Theorem 40.1). Therefore  $(1 - \chi(D))\beta(D)\psi A\varphi u \in H_{s-\alpha+N+1}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ . Since  $N$  is arbitrary we get that  $\beta(D)\psi A\varphi u \in C^\infty$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 44.5** (Microlocal regularity). *Let  $A(x, \xi) \in S^m$  and there exists  $A_0(x, \xi)$  homogeneous of degree  $m$  in  $\xi$  such that  $A(x, \xi) - A_0(x, \xi)\chi(\xi) \in S^{m-1}$ . Suppose  $A(x, \xi)$  is elliptic at  $(x_0, \xi_0)$ , i.e.  $A_0(x_0, \xi_0) \neq 0$ . Let  $u \in H_s(\mathbf{R}^n)$  be the solution of  $Au = f$  and let  $f$  be  $C^\infty$  at  $(x_0, \xi_0)$ , i.e.  $(x_0, \xi_0) \notin WF(f)$ . Then  $(x_0, \xi_0) \notin WF(u)$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $\varphi(x), \alpha(\xi), \psi(x), \beta(\xi)$  be the same as in the proof of Theorem 44.4. We assume that  $A_0(x, \xi) \neq 0$  when  $x \in \text{supp } \varphi(x)$ ,  $\xi \in \text{supp } \alpha(\xi)$  and that  $\alpha(D)\varphi(x)f \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ .

Let  $B(x, \xi)$  be the extension of  $A(x, \xi)$  from a neighborhood of  $\text{supp } \varphi(x)\alpha(\xi)$  to  $\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n$  such that  $B(x, \xi) \in S^m$  and  $B(x, \xi)$  is elliptic, i.e.  $|B(x, \xi)| \geq C(1+|\xi|)^m$  for  $|x|^2+|\xi|^2 \geq R^2$ . Note that  $B(x, \xi) - A(x, \xi) = 0$  on  $\text{supp } \varphi(x)\alpha(\xi) \cap \{(x, \xi) : |x|^2 + |\xi|^2 \geq R^2\}$ . As in Lemma 41.3 one can construct a  $\psi do$   $R^{(N)}(x, D)$ ,  $R^{(N)}(x, \xi) \in S^{-m}$ , such that  $R^{(N)}(x, D)B(x, D) = I + T_{-N-1}$ , where  $\text{ord } T_{-N-1} \leq -N - 1$ . We have  $Au = f$ . Therefore

$$(44.10) \quad Bu = f + (B - A)u.$$

Applying  $R^{(N)}$  to (44.10) we get

$$(44.11) \quad u = R^{(N)}f + R^{(N)}(B - A)u - T_{-N-1}u.$$

Now apply  $(1 - \chi(D))\beta(D)\psi(x)$  to (44.11). Since  $R^{(N)}(x, \xi) \in S^{-m}$  and  $\alpha(D)\varphi(x)f \in C^\infty$ , the proof of Theorem 44.4 gives that  $(1 - \chi(D))\beta(D)\psi R^{(N)}f \in C^\infty$ . Apply the Theorem 40.2 to the composition  $C$  of  $\psi do$  operators  $(1 - \chi(D))\beta(D)\psi(x)$ ,  $R^{(N)}(x, D)$  and  $B(x, D) - A(x, D)$ . We obtain:

$$Cu = \sum_{|k|=0}^N C_k(x, D)u + T_{-N-1}^{(1)}u,$$

where  $\text{ord } T_{-N-1} \leq -N - 1$  and  $C_k(x, \xi) \in S^{-|k|}$ . Note that all  $C_k(x, \xi)$  contain either  $\psi(x)\beta(\xi)$  or its derivative in  $\xi$  and  $x$ . From other side  $B(x, \xi) -$

$A(x, \xi) = 0$  on  $\text{supp } \varphi(x)\alpha(\xi)$  for  $|x|^2 + |\xi|^2 \geq R$ , i.e.  $B(x, \xi) - A(x, \xi) = 0$  on a neighborhood of  $\text{supp } \psi(x)\beta(\xi)$ . Therefore  $C_k(x, \xi) = 0$  for  $|x|^2 + |\xi|^2 \geq R^2$  for all  $k$ ,  $0 \leq |k| \leq N$ . This implies that  $(1 - \chi(D))\psi(x)u \in H_{s+N+1}(\mathbf{R}^n)$  for arbitrary  $N$ . Thus  $(1 - \chi(D))\psi(x)u \in C^\infty$ .

## 45 Change of variables formula for the pseudodifferential operators.

Let

$$(45.1) \quad x = s(\hat{x})$$

be a one-to-one diffeomorphism of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $s(\hat{x}) = \hat{x}$  for  $|\hat{x}| > R$ ,  $J(\hat{x}) = \det \frac{Ds(\hat{x})}{D\hat{x}} \neq 0$ ,  $\forall \hat{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , where  $\frac{Ds(\hat{x})}{D\hat{x}}$  is the Jacobi matrix of  $x = s(\hat{x})$ . Let  $A(x, D)$  be a  $\psi do$  operator with symbol  $A(x, \xi) \in S^\alpha$ . We have

$$(45.2) \quad A(x, D)u = Bu + T_{-\infty}u,$$

where

$$(45.3) \quad Bu = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} A(x, \xi) \chi\left(\frac{x-y}{\delta}\right) e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi} u(y) dy d\xi,$$

$$(45.4) \quad T_{-\infty}u = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} A(x, \xi) \left(1 - \chi\left(\frac{x-y}{\delta}\right)\right) e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi} u(y) dy d\xi.$$

It follows from Theorem 44.1 that  $T_{-\infty}$  is an integral operator with  $C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$  kernel.

Consider  $v(x) = A(x, D)u$ , where  $u(x) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ . Make change of variables (45.1). Let  $\hat{u}(\hat{x}) = u(s(\hat{x}))$ ,  $\hat{v}(\hat{x}) = v(s(\hat{x}))$  be  $u(x)$  and  $v(x)$  in new coordinates and let  $\hat{v}(\hat{x}) = \hat{A}\hat{u}$  be the image of  $A(x, D)$  in new coordinates. Then

$$(45.5) \quad \hat{A}\hat{u} = \hat{B}\hat{u} + \hat{T}_{-\infty}\hat{u},$$

where  $\hat{B}$  is the image of  $B$  and  $\hat{T}_{-\infty}$  is the image of  $T_{-\infty}$  in new coordinates. Since  $T_{-\infty}$  is an operator with  $C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n)$  kernel, the operator  $\hat{T}_{-\infty}$  is also an integral operator with  $C^\infty$  kernel.

We shall show that  $\hat{B}$  is also a  $\psi do$  modulo  $T_{\alpha-N}$ , where  $\text{ord } T_{\alpha-N} \leq \alpha - N$ ,  $N$  is arbitrary, and we compute the symbol of  $\hat{B}$ .

Substituting  $x = s(\hat{x}), y = s(\hat{y})$  in (45.3) we get

$$(45.6) \quad \hat{B}\hat{u} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} A(s(\hat{x}), \xi) \chi\left(\frac{s(\hat{x}) - s(\hat{y})}{\delta}\right) e^{i(s(\hat{x}) - s(\hat{y})) \cdot \xi} u(s(\hat{y})) |J(\hat{y})| d\hat{y} d\xi.$$

Note that

$$(45.7) \quad s(\hat{x}) - s(\hat{y}) = \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} s(\hat{y} + t(\hat{x} - \hat{y})) dt = H(\hat{x}, \hat{y})(\hat{x} - \hat{y}),$$

where  $H(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  is  $C^\infty$  matrix and  $H(\hat{x}, \hat{x}) = \frac{Ds(\hat{x})}{D\hat{x}}$ . Since  $\det \frac{Ds(\hat{x})}{D\hat{x}} \neq 0, \forall \hat{x}$ , we get that  $\det H(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \neq 0$  if  $|s(\hat{x}) - s(\hat{y})| \leq \delta$  where  $\delta$  is small. We have

$$(45.8) \quad (s(\hat{x}) - s(\hat{y})) \cdot \xi = H(\hat{x}, \hat{y})(x - y) \cdot \xi = (x - y) \cdot H^T(\hat{x}, \hat{y})\xi,$$

where  $H^T(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  is a matrix transpose to  $H(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$ . Substitute (45.8) into (45.6) and make change of variables

$$(45.9) \quad \eta = H^T(\hat{x}, \hat{y})\xi.$$

In order to justify the change of variables (45.9) one should introduce the cutoff factor  $\chi(\varepsilon\xi)$  into (45.6), make the change of variables and then take the limit when  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . We get

$$(45.10) \quad \hat{B}\hat{u} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} A(s(\hat{x}), (H^T(\hat{x}, \hat{y}))^{-1}\eta) \chi\left(\frac{s(\hat{x}) - s(\hat{y})}{\delta}\right) e^{i(\hat{x} - \hat{y}) \cdot \eta} \hat{u}(\hat{y}) \cdot |J(\hat{y})| |\det H(\hat{x}, \hat{y})|^{-1} d\hat{y} d\eta.$$

Therefore  $\hat{B}$  is an  $\psi do$  of the form (43.2) with the symbol

$$(45.11) \quad \hat{b}(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \eta) = A(s(\hat{x}), (H^T(\hat{x}, \hat{y}))^{-1}\eta) \chi\left(\frac{s(\hat{x}) - s(\hat{y})}{\delta}\right) |J(\hat{y})| |\det H(\hat{x}, \hat{y})|^{-1}.$$

Using Theorem 43.1 we can represent (45.10) in the form

$$\hat{B}\hat{u} = \sum_{|k|=0}^N \hat{B}_k(\hat{x}, \hat{D})\hat{u} + \hat{T}_{\alpha-N-1}\hat{u},$$

where

$$\hat{B}_0(\hat{x}, \eta) = \hat{b}(\hat{x}, \hat{x}, \eta) = A(s(\hat{x}), ((\frac{Ds(\hat{x})}{D\hat{x}})^T)^{-1}\eta),$$

$$B_k(\hat{x}, \eta) = \frac{1}{k!} D_{\hat{y}}^k \frac{\partial^k}{\partial \eta^k} b(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \eta)|_{\hat{y}=\hat{x}},$$

ord  $\hat{T}_{\alpha-N-1} \leq \alpha - N - 1$ ,  $N$  is arbitrary. □