

## 48 The Cauchy problem for the strictly hyperbolic equations.

Let  $H(x, t, \xi, \sigma)$  be the polynomial of degree  $m$

$$H(x, t, \xi, \sigma) = H_0(x, t, \xi, \sigma) + H_1(x, t, \xi, \sigma),$$

where

$$H_0(x, t, \xi, \sigma) = \sum_{|k|+j=m} a_{jk}(x, t) \xi^k \sigma^j, \quad a_{m0} = 1,$$

$$H_1(x, t, \xi, \sigma) = \sum_{|k|+j \leq m-1} a_{jk}(x, t) \xi^k \sigma^j.$$

We assume that  $a_{jk}(x, t) \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  and  $a_{jk}(x, t) = a_{jk}^\infty$  when  $|x|^2 + |t|^2 \geq R^2$ . The polynomial  $H(x, t, \xi, \sigma)$  is called strictly hyperbolic if  $H_0(x, t, \xi, \sigma) = 0$  has  $m$  real roots  $\sigma_k(x, t, \xi)$  such that  $\sigma_j(x, t, \xi) \neq \sigma_k(x, t, \xi)$  when  $j \neq k$  for all  $(x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$  and  $\xi \neq 0$ . Note that  $\sigma_k(x, t, \xi)$  is a homogeneous function of  $\xi$  of degree 1 and  $\sigma_k(x, t, \xi) \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^{n+1} \times (\mathbf{R}^n \setminus \{0\}))$ .

Consider the Cauchy problem

$$(48.1) \quad H(x, t, D_x, D_t)u(x, t) = f(x, t), \quad (x, t) \in \mathbf{R}_+^{n+1} = \{t > 0, x \in \mathbf{R}^n\},$$

where  $D_x = -i \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ ,  $D_t = -i \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ , with the initial conditions

$$(48.2) \quad \left. \frac{\partial^k u(x, t)}{\partial t^k} \right|_{t=0} = g_k(x), \quad 0 \leq k \leq m-1.$$

As in the parabolic case denote  $v(x, t) = e^{-\tau t} u(x, t)$ ,  $g(x, t) = e^{-\tau t} f(x, t)$ . Then  $v(x, t)$  satisfies the equation

$$(48.3) \quad H(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau)v(x, t) = g(x, t), \quad (x, t) \in \mathbf{R}_+^{n+1},$$

and

$$(48.4) \quad \left. \frac{\partial^k v(x, t)}{\partial t^k} \right|_{t=0} = h_k(x), \quad 0 \leq k \leq m-1,$$

where  $h_k(x)$  are linear combinations of  $g_j(x)$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq m-1$ . Denote by  $H_{p,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  the Sobolev space with the norm

$$(48.5) \quad \|v\|_{p,s}^2 = \int_{\mathbf{R}^{n+1}} (1 + |\xi|^2 + \sigma^2)^p (1 + |\xi|^2)^s |\tilde{u}(\xi, \sigma)|^2 d\xi d\sigma,$$

where  $p \geq 0$  is an integer,  $s \in \mathbf{R}$ . The spaces  $\mathring{H}_{p,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  and  $H_{p,s}^+(\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1})$  are defined as in the parabolic case.

We first consider the Cauchy problem (48.1), (48.2) (or (48.3), (48.4) ) with zero initial data. Let  $f_+ = f$  for  $t > 0$ ,  $f_+ = 0$  for  $t < 0$ . Analogously let  $u_+ = u$ ,  $v_+ = v(x, t)$ ,  $g_+ = g(x, t)$  for  $t > 0$  and  $u_+ = v_+ = g_+ = 0$  for  $t < 0$ .

**Theorem 48.1.** *Let  $\tau \geq \tau_0$ , where  $\tau_0$  is large, and  $s$  is arbitrary. Then for any  $f_+$  such that  $e^{-\tau t} f_+ \in \mathring{H}_{0,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  there exists a unique solution  $u_+$  of  $H(x, t, D_x, D_t)u_+ = f_+$  in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$  such that  $e^{-\tau t} u_+ \in \mathring{H}_{m-1,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$ .*

**Proof:** Note that

$$H_0(x, t, \xi, \sigma - i\tau) = \prod_{j=1}^m (\sigma - i\tau - \sigma_j(x, t, \xi)) \neq 0$$

when  $\tau \neq 0$ . We have

$$\frac{\partial H_0(x, t, \xi, \sigma - i\tau)}{\partial \sigma} = \sum_{k=1}^m q_k(x, t, \xi, \sigma - i\tau),$$

where

$$(48.6) \quad q_k(x, t, \xi, \sigma - i\tau) = \prod_{j \neq k} (\sigma - i\tau - \sigma_j(x, t, \xi)), \quad 1 \leq k \leq m.$$

Therefore

$$(48.7) \quad \begin{aligned} H_0 \frac{\overline{\partial H_0}}{\partial \sigma} &= \prod_{j=1}^m (\sigma - i\tau - \sigma_j) \sum_{k=1}^m \prod_{j \neq k} (\sigma + i\tau - \sigma_j) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m (\sigma - i\tau - \sigma_k) \prod_{j \neq k} ((\sigma - \sigma_j)^2 + \tau^2) = -i\tau Q_0 + Q_1, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(48.8) \quad Q_0 = \sum_{k=1}^m q_k \bar{q}_k, \quad Q_1 = \sum_{k=1}^m (\sigma - \sigma_k) q_k \bar{q}_k$$

and  $Q_0(x, t, \xi, \sigma, \tau) > 0$  when  $(\xi, \sigma, \tau) \neq (0, 0, 0)$ . Therefore by the homogeneity in  $(\xi, \sigma, \tau)$

$$(48.9) \quad Q_0(x, t, \xi, \sigma, \tau) \geq C_0 (|\xi|^2 + |\sigma|^2 + \tau^2)^{m-1}.$$

We shall show that for any  $v_+ \in \mathring{H}_{m,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  the following estimates holds:

$$(48.10) \quad \|(|D_x|^2 + |D_t|^2 + \tau^2)^{\frac{m-1}{2}} v_+\|_{0,s} \leq \frac{C}{\tau} \|H(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau)v_+\|_{0,s},$$

where  $(|D_x|^2 + |D_t|^2 + \tau^2)^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$  is the pseudodifferential operator with symbol  $\Gamma^{m-1}(\xi, \sigma, \tau) = (|\xi|^2 + \sigma^2 + \tau^2)^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$ .

Note that symbols  $\sigma_k(x, t, \xi)$  are not smooth when  $\xi = 0$ . Therefore we will introduce  $\hat{\sigma}_k(x, t, \xi) = \sigma_k(x, t, \xi)(1 - \chi(\xi))$  and  $\hat{q}_k(x, t, \xi, \sigma) = \Pi_{j \neq k}(\sigma - i\tau - \hat{\sigma}_j(x, t, \xi))$ , where  $\chi(\xi) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $\chi(\xi) = 1$  when  $|\xi| < 1$ .

Consider the  $L^2$  inner product in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ :

$$(48.11) \quad (Hv_+, H_{0\sigma}\Lambda^{2s}v_+) = \sum_{k=1}^m (Hv_+, q_k\Lambda^{2s}v_+),$$

where  $\Lambda(\xi) = (1 + |\xi|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

It follows from Theorem 40.2 that

$$(48.12) \quad H(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau) = (D_t - i\tau - \hat{\sigma}_k(x, t, D_x))\hat{q}_k(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau) + q_{k1}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq m,$$

where  $\text{ord } q_{k1} \leq m-1$ ,  $q_{k1}$  is a differential operator in  $t$  and a  $\psi$ do in  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ ,

$$(48.13) \quad \|q_{k1}v_+\|_{0,s} \leq C\|\Gamma^{m-1}(D_x, D_t, \tau)v_+\|_{0,s}.$$

Therefore using (48.12) and Theorems 40.2, 43.2 we can represent (48.11) in the form

$$(48.14) \quad (Hv_+, H_{0\sigma}\Lambda^{2s}v_+) = \sum_{k=1}^m ((D_t - i\tau - \hat{\sigma}_k(x, t, D_x))\hat{q}_k\Lambda^s v_+, q_k\Lambda^s v_+) + (Q_2\Lambda^s v_+, \Lambda^s v_+),$$

where

$$(48.15) \quad |(Q_2\Lambda^s v_+, \Lambda^s v_+)| \leq C\|\Gamma^{m-1}\Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2.$$

Note that the symbol of  $D_t - \hat{\sigma}_k(x, t, D_x)$  is real valued. Therefore by Theorem 43.2 we have that  $\Im((D_t - \hat{\sigma}_k)\hat{q}_k\Lambda^s v_+, \hat{q}_k\Lambda^s v_+)$  satisfies the estimate of the form (48.15). Therefore taking the imaginary part of (48.14) we get

$$(48.16) \quad -\Im(Hv_+, H_{0\sigma}\Lambda^{2s}v_+) \geq \tau \sum_{k=1}^m \|\hat{q}_k\Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2 - C\|\Gamma^{m-1}\Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2.$$

We shall show that

$$(48.17) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^m \|\hat{q}_k \Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2 &= \left( \sum_{k=1}^m \hat{q}_k^* \hat{q}_k \Lambda^s v_+, \Lambda^s v_+ \right) \\ &\geq C \|\Gamma^{m-1} \Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2 - C_1 \|\Gamma^{m-\frac{3}{2}} \Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2. \end{aligned}$$

The inequality (48.17) is called the Garding inequality. We have

$$\hat{Q}(x, t, \xi, \sigma, \tau) = \hat{Q} - \frac{C}{2} (\xi^2 + |\sigma|^2 + \tau^2)^{m-1} + \frac{C}{2} (|\xi|^2 + |\sigma|^2 + \tau^2)^{m-1},$$

where

$$\hat{Q} = \sum_{k=1}^m |q_k(x, t, \xi, \sigma - i\tau)|^2 \geq C (\xi^2 + |\sigma|^2 + \tau^2)^{m-1} \quad (\text{c.f. (48.9)}).$$

Let

$$B(x, t, \xi, \sigma, \tau) = \sqrt{\hat{Q} - \frac{C}{2} \Gamma^{2(m-1)}(\xi, \sigma, \tau)}.$$

Note that  $B > 0$  and  $B(x, t, \xi, \sigma, \tau) \in S^{m-1}$ . Denote by  $B^*$  the adjoint operator to  $B$ . By Theorems 40.2 and 43.2 we have

$$(48.18) \quad \sum_{k=1}^m \hat{q}_k^* \hat{q}_k - \frac{C}{2} \Gamma^{2(m-1)} = B^* B + C_2,$$

where  $\text{ord } C_2 \leq 2m - 3$ , and

$$(48.19) \quad |(C_2 \Lambda^s v_+, \Lambda^s v_+)| \leq C_1 \|\Gamma^{m-\frac{3}{2}} \Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2.$$

Note that  $(B^* B \Lambda^s v_+, \Lambda^s v_+) = \|B \Lambda^s v_+\|^2 \geq 0$ . Therefore (48.18), (48.19) imply

$$(48.20) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau \left( \sum_{k=1}^m q_k^* q_k \Lambda^s v_+, \Lambda^s v_+ \right) &\geq \frac{C}{2} \tau \|\Gamma^{m-1} \Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2 - C_1 \tau \|\Gamma^{m-\frac{3}{2}} \Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2 \\ &\geq \left( \frac{C}{2} \tau - C_1 \right) \|\Gamma^{m-1} \Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\tau \|\Gamma^{m-\frac{3}{2}} \Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2 \leq \|\Gamma^{m-1} \Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2$ . Combining (48.14), (48.15), (48.16) and (48.20) we obtain

$$\Im(H v_+, H_\sigma \Lambda^{2s} v_+) \geq C \|\Gamma^{m-1} \Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2.$$

Since

$$|(Hv_+, H_{0\sigma}\Lambda^{2s}v_+) \leq C\|\Lambda^s Hv_+\|_0 \|\Gamma^{m-1}\Lambda^s v_+\|_0^2,$$

we get (48.10).

Now we can prove the uniqueness: Suppose  $Hu_+ = 0$  where  $e^{-\tau t}u_+ = v_+ \in \mathring{H}_{m-1,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$ . Since  $v_+ \in \mathring{H}_{m-1,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  and  $Hv_+ = D_t^m v_+ + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} b_j(x, t, D_x, \tau) D_t^j v_+ = 0$  we get that

$$(48.21) \quad D_t^m v_+ = - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} b_k(x, t, D_x, \tau) D_t^k v_+ \in \mathring{H}_{0,s-1}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1}).$$

Therefore  $v_+ \in \mathring{H}_{m,s-1}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$ . Applying the inequality (48.10) with  $Hv_+ = 0$  and  $s$  replaced by  $s-1$  we get that  $v_+ = 0$ .

Now we shall prove the existence of  $v_+$  such that  $H(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau)v_+ = g_+$  in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$  and  $v_+ \in \mathring{H}_{m-1,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$ . We assume that  $g_+ \in \mathring{H}_{0,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$ . We shall use the method of "parabolic" regularization.

Let  $H_\varepsilon(x, t, \xi, \sigma - i\tau) = H(x, t, \xi, \sigma - i\tau - i\varepsilon\Lambda(\xi))$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Operator  $H(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau - \varepsilon\Lambda(D_x))$  is a "parabolic"  $\psi do$  in the sense that  $H(x, t, \xi, z - i\varepsilon\Lambda(\xi))$  and  $H^{-1}$  are analytic when  $\Im z < 0$  and

$$(48.22) \quad C_{1\varepsilon}(|\xi| + |z|)^m \geq |H(x, t, \xi, z - i\varepsilon\Lambda(\xi))| \geq C_\varepsilon(|\xi| + |z|)^m$$

for all  $\Im z > 0$  large (c.f. class  $P_{\alpha,m}^+$  in §46).

Repeating the proof of Theorem 46.3 we get that for any  $f_+ \in \mathring{H}_{0,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  there exists  $v_\varepsilon \in \mathring{H}_{m,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  such that

$$(48.23) \quad H(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau - i\varepsilon\Lambda(D_x))v_\varepsilon = g_+, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1}.$$

Note that the proof of the estimate (48.10) can be repeated for the equation (48.23) without change, and we get

$$(48.24) \quad \|\Gamma^{m-1}\Lambda^s v_\varepsilon\|_0 \leq C\|\Lambda^s g_+\|_0,$$

where the constant  $C$  is independent of  $\varepsilon$ . Therefore  $\{v_\varepsilon\}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , is bounded in  $\mathring{H}_{m-1,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$ . It follows from the weak compactness of the bounded set in  $\mathring{H}_{m-1,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  that there exists a sequence  $v_{\varepsilon_k}$  such that  $v_{\varepsilon_k}$  converges weakly to some  $v_+ \in \mathring{H}_{m-1,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$ . For any  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  we have  $(g_+, \varphi) =$

$(H_{\varepsilon_k} v_{\varepsilon_k}, \varphi) = (v_{\varepsilon_k}, H_{\varepsilon_k}^* \varphi)$ . Passing to the limit when  $\varepsilon_k \rightarrow 0$  we get  $(g_+, \varphi) = (v_+, H^* \varphi)$ , i.e.  $Hv_+ = g_+$  in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ .  $\square$

**Remark 48.1** It follows from Theorem 48.1 that for any  $g_+ \in \mathring{H}_{0,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  there exists a unique  $v_+ \in \mathring{H}_{m-1,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  such that

$$(48.25) \quad (D_t - i\tau)^m v_+ + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} a_j(x, t, D_x) (D_t - i\tau)^j v_+ = g_+(x, t),$$

where  $\text{ord } a_j \leq m - j$ . Then it follows from (48.25) that  $D_t^m v_+ \in \mathring{H}_{0,s-1}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$ . Therefore  $v_+ \in \mathring{H}_{m,s-1}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  and consequently  $\frac{\partial^k v_+(x,t)}{\partial t^k}$  are continuous function of  $t$  with values in  $H_{m+s-k-\frac{3}{2}}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$  (c.f. Theorem 13.6). Since  $v_+ = 0$  for  $t < 0$  we get that  $\frac{\partial^k v_+(x,0)}{\partial t^k} = 0$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$ , i.e.  $v_+(x, t)$  satisfies zero initial conditions.

One can consider also the Cauchy problem (48.1), (48.2), (or (48.3), (48.4)) with nonzero initial conditions. If  $h_k(x) \in H_{m-k+s-\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$ , there exists  $v_0 \in H_{m,s}(\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1})$  such that  $\frac{\partial^k v_0(x,+0)}{\partial t^k} = h_k(x)$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$  (c.f. Example 13.3). We shall look for the solution of (48.3) in the form  $v = v_0 + w$ , where  $w(x, t)$  satisfies

$$(48.26) \quad \begin{aligned} H(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau)w(x, t) &= g_0, \quad t > 0, \\ g_0 &= g(x, t) - Hv_0 \in H_{0,s}(\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $g_+ \in \mathring{H}_{0,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  be the extension of  $g_0$  by zero for  $t < 0$ . By Theorem 48.1 there exists  $w_+ \in \mathring{H}_{m-1,s}(\mathbf{R}^{n+1})$  such that  $Hw_+ = g_+$ . Let  $w = w_t$  for  $t > 0$ . It was shown in §33 that  $w \in H_{m,s-1}(\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1})$  and  $\frac{\partial^k w(x,0)}{\partial t^k} = 0$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$ . Therefore  $v = v_0 + w$  satisfies (48.3) for  $t > 0$ ,  $v \in H_{m,s-1}(\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1})$  and  $\frac{\partial^k v(x,0)}{\partial t^k} = h_k(x)$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$ .

Switching back from  $v_+$ ,  $g_+$  to  $u_+ = e^{t\tau}v_+$ ,  $f_+ = e^{t\tau}g_+$  we get the following theorem:

**Theorem 48.2.** *For any  $e^{-\tau t}f \in H_{0,s}(\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1})$  and any  $g_k(x) \in H_{m+s-k-\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbf{R}^n)$  there exists a unique  $e^{-\tau t}u(x, t) \in H_{m,s-1}(\mathbf{R}_+^{n+1})$  such that (48.1), (48.2) hold.*

$\square$

A modification of the proof of Theorem 48.1 gives an existence and uniqueness theorem in  $R_T = \mathbf{R}^n \times (0, T)$  with less requirements on smoothness of the initial data.

Denote by  $[u, v]$  the  $L^2$ -inner product in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  when  $t$  is fixed and let  $[u]_s = [\Lambda^s u]_0$  be the norm in  $H_s(\mathbf{R}^n)$ . Denote by  $C_{m-1,s}$  the space of functions such that  $\frac{\partial^k u(x,t)}{\partial t^k}$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$ , are continuous in  $t \in [0, T]$  with values in  $H_{m-k-1+s}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ . The norm in  $C_{m-1,s}$  is  $\max_{0 \leq t \leq T} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} [D_t^k u]_{m-1-k+s}$ . Also denote by  $L^1[(0, T), H_s(\mathbf{R}^n)]$  the space with the norm  $\int_0^T [f(x, t)]_s dt$ .

**Theorem 48.3.** *Let  $s$  be arbitrary. For any  $g_k(x) \in H_{s+m-1-k}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$ , and any  $f(x, t) \in L^1[(0, T), H_s(\mathbf{R}^n)]$ , there exists a unique solution  $u(x, t) \in C_{m-1,s}$  of the Cauchy problem (48.1), (48.2) in  $R_T$  such that*

$$(48.27) \quad \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} \sum_{k=0}^m [D_t^k u(x, t)]_{m-k-1+s} \leq C \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} [g_k]_{m-1-k+s} + C \int_0^T [f]_s dt.$$

**Proof:** Take any  $w(x, t) \in H_{m,s}(R_T)$ . Denote  $F(x, t) = H(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau)w$ ,  $\varphi_k(x) = \frac{\partial^k w(x, 0)}{\partial t^k}$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$ . As in (48.14) we have

$$(48.28) \quad \begin{aligned} & [H(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau)w, H_{0\sigma}\Lambda^{2s}w] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m [(D_t - i\tau - \hat{\sigma}_k(x, t, D_x)\hat{q}_k\Lambda^s w, \hat{q}_k\Lambda^s w) + [Q_2\Lambda^s w, \Lambda^s w], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(48.29) \quad |[Q_2\Lambda^s w, \Lambda^s w]| \leq C \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} [\Lambda_\tau^{m-1-k} D_t^k w]_s^2 \stackrel{def}{=} C |[w]_{m-1,s}^2,$$

$\Lambda_\tau = (|\xi|^2 + \tau^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Integrating (48.28) from 0 to  $t$  and taking the imaginary part we get as in (48.16):

$$(48.30) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^m [\hat{q}_k(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau)w]_s^2 - \sum_{k=1}^m [\hat{q}_k(x, 0, D_x, D_t - i\tau)w]_s^2 \\ & + \tau \int_0^t \sum_{k=1}^m [\hat{q}_k w]_s^2 dt' \leq C \int_0^t |[w]_{m-1,s}^2 dt' + C \int_0^t [F]_s |[w]_{m-1,s} dt'. \end{aligned}$$

We shall prove a variant of the Garding inequality (c.f. (48.17) ):

$$(48.31) \quad \sum_{k=1}^m [\hat{q}_k(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau)w]_s^2 \geq C|[w]_{m-1,s}^2 - \frac{C_1}{\tau} |[w]_{m-1,s}^2.$$

Denote

$$(48.32) \quad w_k(x, t) = \Lambda_\tau^{m-1-k} \Lambda^s D_t^k w(x, t), \quad 0 \leq k \leq m-1.$$

We have

$$\hat{q}_k(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau)w = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} a_{kj}(x, t, D_x, \tau)w_j(x, t),$$

where  $a_{kj}(x, t, D_x, \tau)$  are  $\psi do$  of order zero. Note that

$$(48.33) \quad \sum_{k=1}^m [\hat{q}_k \Lambda^s w]_0^2 = \left[ \sum_{j,p=0}^{m-1} a_{jp}^{(1)} w_p, w_j \right],$$

where  $a_{jp}^{(1)} = \sum_{k=1}^m a_{kj}^* a_{kp}$ ,  $a_{kj}^*$  are the adjoint operators to  $a_{kj}$ .

Denote by  $A(x, t, \xi, \tau)$  the matrix with elements  $\sum_{k=1}^m \overline{a_{kj}(x, t, \xi, \tau)} a_{kp}(x, t, \xi, \tau)$ .

It follows from (48.8), (48.9) that the matrix  $A(x, t, \xi, \tau)$  is positive definite and

$$A(x, t, \xi, \tau) \geq C_0 I.$$

Let  $B(x, t, \xi, \tau) = (A(x, t, \xi, \tau) - \frac{C_0}{2} I)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and let  $B(x, t, D_x, \tau)$  be the matrix  $\psi do$  with symbol  $B(x, t, \xi, \tau)$ . Let  $\vec{w}(x, t) = (w_0, \dots, w_{m-1})$ . Using Theorems 40.2, 43.2 we get (c.f. (48.18) )

$$(48.34) \quad \sum_{j,p=0}^{m-1} [a_{jp}^{(1)} w_p, w_j] = \frac{C_0}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} [w_k]_0^2 + [B^* B \vec{w}, \vec{w}] + [C_2 \vec{w}, \vec{w}],$$

where  $\text{ord } C_2 \leq -1$  and

$$(48.35) \quad |[C_2 \vec{w}, \vec{w}]| \leq \frac{C}{\tau} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} [w_k]_0^2.$$

Since  $[B^*B\vec{w}, \vec{w}] = [B\vec{w}, B\vec{w}] \geq 0$  and since  $\sum_{k=0}^{m-1} [w_k]_0^2 = \|[w]\|_{m-1,s}^2$  we get (48.31). Taking  $\tau$  large and combining (48.30) and (48.31) we get (48.36)

$$\|[w(x, t)]\|_{m-1,s}^2 \leq C \sum_{k=1}^m [\hat{q}(x, 0, D_x, D_t - i\tau)w]_s^2 + C \left( \int_0^T [F]_s dt \right) \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|[w]\|_{m-1,s}.$$

Let  $t_0$  be such that

$$\|[w(x, t_0)]\|_{m-1,s}^2 = \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|[w(x, t)]\|_{m-1,s}.$$

Choosing such  $t_0$  in (48.36) and using that

$$(48.37) \quad \sum_{k=1}^m [q_k(x, 0, D_x, D_t - i\tau)w]_s^2 \leq C \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} [\varphi_k]_{m-k-1+s}^2 \leq C_1 \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|[w(x, t)]\|_{m-1,s}^2$$

we get the estimate

$$(48.38) \quad \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|[w(x, t)]\|_{m-1,s} \leq C \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} [\varphi_k]_{m-1-k+s} + C \int_0^T [F]_s dt.$$

The proof of the uniqueness of the solution of the Cauchy problem (48.1), (48.2) in  $R_T$  is the same as in Theorem 48.1: Let  $u \in C_{m-1,s}$  be a solution of  $H(x, t, D_x, D_t)u = 0$  in  $R_T$ , with zero initial conditions. Then  $v = e^{-t\tau}u$  satisfies  $H(x, t, D_x, D_t - i\tau)v = 0$  with zero initial conditions and  $v \in C_{m-1,s}$ .

It follows from (48.25) that  $v \in C_{m,s-1}$ . Since  $s$  in the estimate (48.38) is arbitrary we get  $v = 0$ .

To prove the existence choose any  $F \in H_{0,s+1}(R_T)$ . Note that  $F \in L^1[(0, T), H_s(\mathbf{R}^n)]$  since  $(\int_0^T [F]_s dt)^2 \leq T \|F\|_{0,s}^2$ . Choose also any  $\varphi_k \in H_{m-k+\frac{1}{2}+s}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$ . It follows from Theorem 48.2 that there exists  $w \in H_{m,s}(R_T)$  such that  $Hw = F$ ,  $\frac{\partial^k w(x,0)}{\partial t^k} = \varphi_k(x)$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$ . Note that the estimate (48.38) holds for  $w(x, t)$  since  $H_{m,s}(R_T) \subset C_{m-1,s}$ . Take a sequence  $F_n \in H_{0,s+1}(R_T)$  that converges to  $f(x, t)$  in the norm  $L^1[(0, T), H_s(\mathbf{R}^n)]$ . Also let  $\varphi_k^{(n)}(x) \in H_{m-k+\frac{1}{2}+s}(\mathbf{R}^n)$  converge to  $g_k \in H_{m-1-k+s}(\mathbf{R}^n)$  in  $H_{m-k-1+s}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$ . Let  $w_n(x) \in H_{m,s}(R_T)$  be the solution of the Cauchy problem  $Hw_n = F_n$  in  $R_T$ ,  $\frac{\partial^k w_n(x,0)}{\partial t^k} = \varphi_k^{(n)}(x)$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$ . It follows from (48.38) that  $w_n$  converges in  $C_{m-1,s}$  to the solution  $u(x, t) \in C_{m-1,s}$  of the Cauchy problem (48.1), (48.2) in  $R_T$ .

Note that since  $e^{-\tau t}$  and  $e^{\tau t}$  are bounded on  $R_T$  the norms of  $u(x, t)$  and  $v(x, t) = e^{-t\tau}u(x, t)$  are equivalent.