

9. Propagation of Singularities of Solutions to Semilinear Schrödinger Equations

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The purpose of this note is to study micro-local singularities of solutions to some semilinear Schrödinger equation. In [4], Rauch studied singularities of classical solutions to the equation $\square u = f(u)$ and showed that singularities modulo H^r , for some r , propagate along null bicharacteristic strips. Here, we follow his arguments and obtain a similar result for semilinear Schrödinger equations.

1. Notation and statement of the result. Let Ω denote an open set of \mathbf{R}^n . Let $M = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$ be a multiweight on the dual space \mathbf{R}_n , with $\inf \{\mu_j\} = 1$. If $\xi \in \mathbf{R}_n$ and $t > 0$ we shall use the notation $t^M \xi = (t^{\mu_1} \xi_1, \dots, t^{\mu_n} \xi_n)$. We shall say that a function g on $\Omega \times (\mathbf{R}_n \setminus 0)$ is (M -) quasi-homogeneous of degree m if $g(x, t^M \xi) = t^m g(x, \xi)$ for $t > 0$, and that a subset Γ of $\Omega \times (\mathbf{R}_n \setminus 0)$ is a M -cone if $(x, \xi) \in \Gamma$ implies $(x, t^M \xi) \in \Gamma$ for every $t > 0$. We introduce the function $[\cdot]_M$ defined implicitly by $\sum \xi_j^2 / [\xi]_M^{2\mu_j} = 1$ if $\xi \neq 0$ and $[0]_M = 0$.

We let $S_M^m(\Omega)$ denote the space of C^∞ -functions $p: \Omega \times \mathbf{R}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ satisfying the following estimate: for every $\alpha, \beta \in N^n$, $K \subset \subset \Omega$ there exists a constant $C = C_{\alpha\beta K}$ such that

$$|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta p(x, \xi)| \leq C(1 + [\xi]_M)^{m - \langle \alpha, M \rangle} \quad \text{for } x \in K,$$

where $\langle \alpha, M \rangle = \sum \alpha_j \mu_j$. If $p \in S_M^m(\Omega)$ we set

$$p(x, D_x)u(x) = (2\pi)^{-n} \iint e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} p(x, \xi) u(y) dy d\xi \quad \text{for } u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega),$$

and use the terminology of M -pseudo-differential operators for it. We shall say that $p \in S_M^m(\Omega)$ is a classical symbol if p has an asymptotic expansion by quasi-homogeneous functions p_{m_j} of degree m_j : $p(x, \xi) \sim p_m(x, \xi) + \sum_{j=1}^\infty p_{m_j}(x, \xi)$, with $m-1 \geq m_1 > m_2 > \dots$. For a classical symbol $p \in S_M^m(\Omega)$ we call the top term p_m principal symbol and define its M -Hamiltonian vector field in $\Omega \times (\mathbf{R}_n \setminus 0)$ to be $\sum_{\mu_j=1} (\partial_{\xi_j} p_m \partial_{x_j} - \partial_{x_j} p_m \partial_{\xi_j})$ which is denoted by H_p^M . To the classical M -pseudo-differential operator with real principal symbol, a bicharacteristic strip is an integral curve of the M -Hamiltonian vector field.

Let $H_M^s(\Omega)$ be a weighted Sobolev space with the norm

$$\|u\|_{M,s} = \|(1 + [\xi]_M)^s \hat{u}(\xi)\|_{L^2} \quad \text{for } u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega).$$

We also define its micro-localization:

Definition. Let $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ and $z_0 \in \Omega \times (\mathbf{R}_n \setminus 0)$. The implication $u \in H_M^s(z_0)$ means that there exists a classical symbol $a(x, \xi) \in S_M^0(\Omega)$ such that $a_0(z_0) \neq 0$ and $a(x, D_x)u \in H_M^s(\Omega)$. (We then say that u belongs to H_M^s at z_0 .)