

32. L^p -theory of Pseudo-differential Operators

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Introduction. The L^2 -theory of pseudo-differential operators has been studied in many papers, but we know very few papers which are concerned with L^p -theory. We say $g(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m$, $0 < \rho \leq 1$, $0 \leq \delta$, when $g(x, \xi) \in C^\infty(R_x^n \times R_\xi^n)$ and for any α, β , there exists a constant $C_{\alpha, \beta}$ such that

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

where $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$, $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$ are multi-indices whose elements are non-negative integers, $\langle \xi \rangle = (1 + |\xi|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$, and $\partial_{x_j} = \partial / \partial x_j$, $\partial_{\xi_j} = \partial / \partial \xi_j$, $j = 1, \dots, n$,

$$\partial_x^\alpha = \partial_{x_1}^{\alpha_1} \cdots \partial_{x_n}^{\alpha_n}, \quad \partial_\xi^\beta = \partial_{\xi_1}^{\beta_1} \cdots \partial_{\xi_n}^{\beta_n}, \quad |\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n,$$

$|\beta| = \beta_1 + \cdots + \beta_n$. For a pseudo-differential operator defined by the symbol of class $S_{\rho, \delta}^m$, the L^2 -boundedness of the form $\|g(X, D_x)u\|_s \leq C\|u\|_{m+s}$ was proved by Hörmander [2] and Kumano-go [4] in the case $0 \leq \delta < \rho \leq 1$.

In the present paper we shall study the general L^p -theory for pseudo-differential operators of class $S_{1, \delta}^m$ in the case: $0 \leq \delta < 1$ and $1 < p < \infty$. Recently for operators of class $S_{1, \delta}^m$, Kagan [3] proved the L^p -boundedness: $\|p(X, D_x)u\|_{L^p} \leq C\|u\|_{L^p}$ for $1 < p \leq 2$. Applying the theory in Kumano-go [5], we first prove the inequality $\|g(X, D_x)u\|_{p, s} \leq C\|u\|_{p, m+s}$ for any real s and $1 < p < \infty$ (which solves a problem of Hörmander in [2], p. 163, for the typical case $\rho = 1$), and prove the theorems: the generalized Poincaré inequality, the invariance of the space $H_{p, s}$ under coordinate transformation and the a priori estimate for elliptic operators.

1. Definitions and fundamental lemmas.

We shall use the following notations:

$$\mathcal{S} = \{u(x) \in C^\infty(R^n); \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} |x|^m |\partial_x^\alpha u(x)| = 0 \text{ for any } m \text{ and } \alpha\}.$$

\mathcal{S}' denotes the dual space of \mathcal{S} . For $u \in \mathcal{S}$, we define the Fourier transform of u by $\hat{u}(\xi) = \int e^{-ix \cdot \xi} u(x) dx$, $x \cdot \xi = x_1 \xi_1 + \cdots + x_n \xi_n$. For any real s we define an operator $\langle D_x \rangle^s: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ by

$$\langle D_x \rangle^s u(x) = (2\pi)^{-n} \int e^{ix \cdot \xi} \langle \xi \rangle^s \hat{u}(\xi) d\xi.$$

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