

MAYER-VIETORIS SEQUENCES FOR COMPLEXES OF DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS

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1. **Preliminaries.** Let X be a smooth manifold, E^i , $i = 0, 1, \dots$, smooth vector bundles, and $\Omega \subset X$ open. Let $E^i(\Omega) = C^\infty(\Omega, E^i)$. We consider complexes of linear differential operators with locally constant orders

$$E(\Omega): E^0(\Omega) \xrightarrow{D^0} E^1(\Omega) \xrightarrow{D^1} \dots$$

The cohomology of $E(\Omega)$ is $H^i(\Omega) = \ker D^i / \text{im } D^{i-1}$. Let $S \subset \Omega$ be a smooth hypersurface dividing Ω into two parts: $\Omega - S = \overset{\circ}{\Omega}^+ \cup \overset{\circ}{\Omega}^-$; $\overset{\circ}{\Omega}^+ \cap \overset{\circ}{\Omega}^- = \emptyset$; and $S \cup \overset{\circ}{\Omega}^\pm = \Omega^\pm$. Let $E^i(\Omega^\pm)$ be the sections over Ω^\pm smooth up to S . We obtain

$$E(\Omega^\pm): E^0(\Omega^\pm) \xrightarrow{D^0} E^1(\Omega^\pm) \xrightarrow{D^1} \dots$$

A section $u \in E^i(\Omega)$ has zero Cauchy data on S if $D^i \tilde{u} = \tilde{f}$ is valid on Ω in the sense of distributions where $\tilde{u} = u$ on Ω^+ and $= 0$ on $\Omega - \Omega^+$, and $\tilde{f} = D^i u$ on Ω^+ and $= 0$ on $\Omega - \Omega^+$; and similarly with Ω^+ replaced by Ω^- . The space of such sections is $I(\Omega, S)$, and $I(\Omega^\pm, S) = I(\Omega, S)|_{\Omega^\pm}$. We obtain complexes

$$I(\Omega, S): I^0(\Omega, S) \xrightarrow{D^0} I^1(\Omega, S) \xrightarrow{D^1} \dots,$$

and

$$I(\Omega^\pm, S): I^0(\Omega^\pm, S) \xrightarrow{D^0} I^1(\Omega^\pm, S) \xrightarrow{D^1} \dots,$$

with cohomologies $H^i(\Omega, I)$ and $H^i(\Omega^\pm, I)$, respectively.

The tangential complex is the quotient complex $0 \rightarrow I(\Omega, S) \rightarrow E(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(S) \rightarrow 0$. An element of $\mathcal{C}^i(S)$ is Cauchy data for D^i , the induced operator is D_s^i , and the cohomology is $H^i(S)$.

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