

On a Class of Differential Operators with Polynomial Coefficients

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§ 1. Introduction

In this paper, we study the existence and approximation of holomorphic solutions of a differential operator with polynomial coefficients. In general, we cannot expect the existence of holomorphic solutions even if the coefficients of an operator have no common zero ([7], [9], [10]). For example, in the complex two dimensional space \mathbf{C}^2 , the equation

$$\left[x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - 1 \right] u(x, y) = x$$

has no solution even in the space of formal power series.

An outline of this paper is as follows. In Section 2, we give some sufficient condition on a differential operator $L(\zeta, D)$ with polynomial coefficients under which $L(\zeta, D)\phi$ and ϕ have the same exponential type for every entire function ϕ (Theorem 1). This condition is then applied in Section 3 to show the existence and approximation of holomorphic solutions in some circular domain (Theorem 3).

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§ 2. Exponential type of entire solutions

Let $L(\zeta, D)$ be a differential operator with polynomial coefficients in \mathbf{C}^n . Then we can write

$$(1) \quad L(\zeta, D) = \sum_{\text{finite}} c_{\lambda\mu} \zeta^\lambda \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right)^\mu,$$

where λ and μ are multi-indices, $c_{\lambda\mu} \in \mathbf{C}$, $\zeta^\lambda = \zeta_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots \zeta_n^{\lambda_n}$ and $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right)^\mu = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_1} \right)^{\mu_1} \cdots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_n} \right)^{\mu_n}$. We decompose L as follows:

$$(2) \quad L = L_l + L_{l+1} + \cdots + L_{l+k}, \quad (k \geq 0),$$

where $L_j = \sum_{|\lambda| - |\mu| = j} c_{\lambda\mu} \zeta^\lambda \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right)^\mu$. We note that l may be a negative integer.

DEFINITION 1. In the decomposition (2) of L , we shall call L_l the *leading part* of L . When the leading part L_l is written as

$$L_l(\zeta, D) = \sum_{\nu \text{ finite}} c_\nu \zeta^{\nu+\nu_0} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right)^\nu$$

for some multi-index $\nu_0 = (\nu_1^{(0)}, \dots, \nu_n^{(0)})$, L_l is called ν_0 -*simple*. In this case, l is equal to $|\nu_0| = \nu_1^{(0)} + \dots + \nu_n^{(0)}$. The ν_0 -simple leading part L_l is said to be of *degree* m , if for any multi-index α such that $|\alpha|$ is sufficiently large the following inequality holds:

$$(3) \quad |L_l[\zeta^\alpha]| = |\sum c_\nu \zeta^{\nu+\nu_0} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right)^\nu \zeta^\alpha| \geq C |\alpha|^m |\zeta^{\nu_0+\alpha}|,$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant independent of α and ζ .

REMARK. In the one dimensional case ($n=1$), for every differential operator with polynomial coefficients $L(\zeta, D)$, $\zeta^\tau L(\zeta, D)$ has a ν_0 -simple leading part for some integers $\tau \geq 0$ and $\nu_0 \geq 0$, and in this case, the degree of its leading part is the highest order of differentiation in the leading part.

EXAMPLE. Let $L(\zeta, D) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_1} \right)^m \zeta_1^m + \dots + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_n} \right)^m \zeta_n^m$. Then L is 0-simple and its degree is equal to m . In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} L[\zeta^\alpha] &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_1} \right)^m \zeta_1^{m+\alpha_1} \zeta_2^{\alpha_2} \dots \zeta_n^{\alpha_n} + \dots + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_n} \right)^m \zeta_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \zeta_{n-1}^{\alpha_{n-1}} \zeta_n^{m+\alpha_n} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n (m+\alpha_j)(m+\alpha_j-1)\dots(\alpha_j+1) \right\} \zeta^\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$|L[\zeta^\alpha]| \geq \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j^m \right) |\zeta^\alpha| \geq \frac{1}{n^{m-1}} (\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n)^m |\zeta^\alpha|.$$

For an entirely holomorphic function $f(\zeta)$, we have the following

PROPOSITION 1. (Fuks [2], p. 339) Let $f(\zeta) = \sum c_\alpha \zeta^\alpha$ be entirely holomorphic, and $\sigma = \inf \{ \tau > 0 \mid |f(\zeta)| \leq C_\tau \exp \tau |\zeta| \text{ for some } \bar{C}_\tau \}$, where $|\zeta| = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |\zeta_j|$. Then

$$e\sigma = \overline{\lim}_{|\alpha| \rightarrow \infty} |\alpha| |c_\alpha|^{1/|\alpha|}.$$

Remark that σ is called the exponential type of $f(\zeta)$ (with respect to the norm $|\zeta|$). For the more precise relation between the Taylor coefficients of $f(\zeta)$ and the type with respect to a norm $\rho(\zeta)$ on \mathbb{C}^n , we refer to Fuks [2] and Martineau [5].

Now, we state the main theorem in this section.

THEOREM 1. *Let $L(\zeta, D)$ be a differential operator with polynomial coefficients and let its leading part be v_0 -simple for some multi-index v_0 and of degree m ($m \geq 0$). Further we assume the following condition (A).*

$$(A) \quad \text{in } L_{l+j} = \sum_{|\lambda| - |\mu| = l+j} c_{\lambda\mu} \zeta^\lambda \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right)^\mu \quad (j=1, \dots, k),$$

$$c_{\lambda\mu} = 0 \quad \text{if } |\mu| > m - j - 1.$$

Then, every entire function $\phi(\zeta)$ such that $L(\zeta, D)\phi$ is of exponential type σ is also of exponential type σ .

PROOF. It is sufficient, by Proposition 1, to examine the growth of the Taylor coefficients of $\phi(\zeta)$. We set $\phi(\zeta) = \sum a_\alpha \zeta^\alpha$, and $L(\zeta, D)\phi = \psi(\zeta) = \sum b_\beta \zeta^\beta$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} L_l \phi &= \sum_\nu c_\nu \zeta^{\nu+v_0} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right)^\nu \sum_\alpha a_\alpha \zeta^\alpha \\ &= \sum_\alpha a_\alpha L_l[\zeta^\alpha] \\ &= \sum_\alpha a_\alpha c(l; \alpha) \zeta^{\alpha+v_0}, \end{aligned}$$

where $c(l; \alpha)$ is the coefficient of $\zeta^{\alpha+v_0}$ in $L_l[\zeta^\alpha]$. Since L_l is of degree m , we obtain by (3),

$$(4) \quad |c(l; \alpha)| \geq C|\alpha|^m \text{ for sufficiently large } |\alpha|.$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} L_{l+j} \phi &= \sum_\alpha a_\alpha \left(\sum_{|\lambda| - |\mu| = l+j} c_{\lambda\mu} \zeta^\lambda \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right)^\mu \right) \zeta^\alpha \\ &= \sum_\alpha a_\alpha \sum_{\lambda, \mu} c_j(\lambda, \mu; \alpha) \zeta^{\lambda+\alpha-\mu} \end{aligned}$$

where $c_j(\lambda, \mu; \alpha)$ is the coefficient of $\zeta^{\lambda+\alpha-\mu}$ in $L_{l+j}[\zeta^\alpha]$. By the condition (A), there exists a constant $C' > 0$ which is independent of α such that

$$(5) \quad |c_j(\lambda, \mu; \alpha)| \leq C' |\alpha|^{m-j-1} \quad \text{for any } \alpha.$$

Now, we compare the coefficients of $\zeta^{\lambda_0+v_0}$ in the both sides of the equation $L_l \phi = \psi - (L - L_l)\phi$. Then we have

$$(6) \quad c(l; \lambda_0) a_{\lambda_0} = b_{\lambda_0+v_0} - \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{\substack{|\lambda| - |\mu| = l+j \\ \lambda + \alpha - \mu = \lambda_0 + v_0}} a_\alpha c_j(\lambda, \mu; \alpha).$$

We set $a_p = \max\{|a_\alpha|; |\alpha| = p\}$ and $b_p = \max\{|b_\beta|; |\beta| = p\}$. Then, by (5), for some constants C'_j ,

$$|c(l; \lambda_0)| |a_{\lambda_0}| \leq b_{|\lambda_0 + \nu_0|} + \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{\substack{|\lambda| - |\mu| = l + j \\ \lambda + \alpha - \mu = \lambda_0 + \nu_0}} |a_\alpha c(\lambda, \mu; \alpha)| \\ \leq b_{|\lambda_0 + \nu_0|} + \sum_{j=1}^k C_j (|\lambda_0| - j)^{m-j-1} a_{|\lambda_0| - j}.$$

If $|\lambda_0| = p$, we have by (4),

$$C_p^m a_p \leq b_{p+1} + \sum_{j=1}^k C_j p^{m-j-1} a_{p-j}.$$

Consequently we have the following inequality for sufficiently large p

$$(7) \quad a_p \leq C_0 p^{-m} b_{p+1} + \sum_{j=1}^k C_j p^{-j-1} a_{p-j}$$

where C_0, C_1, \dots, C_k are independent of p . Now, if $\psi(\zeta)$ is of exponential type σ , by Proposition 1 we have for every $\tau < \sigma$,

$$b_p \leq \left(\frac{e\tau}{p}\right)^p \quad \text{for sufficiently large } p.$$

Then we can choose a constant $M_0 > 0$ such that

$$b_p \leq M_0 \left(\frac{e\tau}{p}\right)^p \quad \text{for every } p \geq 0.$$

If we suppose that $a_q \leq M'_q \left(\frac{e\tau}{q}\right)^q$ for $0 \leq q \leq p-1$, then

$$a_p \leq C_0 p^{-m} M_0 \left(\frac{e\tau}{p+1}\right)^{p+1} + \sum_{j=1}^k C_j p^{-j-1} M'_{p-j} \left(\frac{e\tau}{p-j}\right)^{p-j} \\ = \left(\frac{e\tau}{p}\right)^p \{C_0 M_0 p^{p-m} (p+1)^{-(p+1)} (e\tau)^1 + \\ \sum_{j=1}^k C_j M'_{p-j} p^{p-j-1} (p-j)^{-(p-j)} (e\tau)^{-j}\}.$$

Let \tilde{M}_p be the $\max\{M'_{p-1}, M'_{p-2}, \dots, M'_{p-k}\}$. Then

$$a_p \leq \left(\frac{e\tau}{p}\right)^p \left\{C_0 M_0 (e\tau)^1 p^{-(m+1)} + \tilde{M}_p \sum_{j=1}^k C_j (e\tau)^{-j} \left(\frac{p}{p-k}\right)^p \frac{1}{p-k}\right\}.$$

For sufficiently large p , we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^k C_j (e\tau)^{-j} \left(\frac{p}{p-k}\right)^p \frac{1}{p-k} \leq 1$$

because $\left(\frac{p}{p-k}\right)^p$ converges to e^k as $p \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, if we set $M_p = \tilde{M}_p + C_0 M_0 (e\tau)^1 p^{-(m+1)}$, then

$$a_p \leq M_p \left(\frac{e\tau}{p} \right)^p.$$

By induction, for some integer N and a constant M_N ,

$$a_p \leq \{M_N + C_0 M_0 (e\tau)^l \sum_{q=N}^p q^{-(m+l)}\} \left(\frac{e\tau}{p} \right)^p \text{ for any } p \geq N.$$

Then if $m \geq 2$, $\sum_{q=N}^p q^{-(m+l)}$ is bounded, so that, $\overline{\lim}_{p \rightarrow \infty} p a_p^{1/p} \leq e\tau$. For the case $m = 1$ or 0, the condition (A) shows that $L_{l+j} = 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq k$. Hence $a_p \leq \frac{C_0}{p} b_{p+l} \leq \frac{C_0 M_0}{p} \left(\frac{e\tau}{p+l} \right)^{p+l}$, so we also have $\overline{\lim}_{p \rightarrow \infty} p a_p^{1/p} \leq e\tau$. Since τ is an arbitrary number larger than σ , the exponential type of $\phi(\zeta)$ is, in any case, less than or equal to σ . Since the exponential type of $\psi(\zeta)$ is σ , it follows that $\phi(\zeta)$ must be of exponential type σ . This completes the proof.

We give an example which shows that the conclusion of Theorem 1 fails to hold if the condition (A) is not satisfied.

EXAMPLE. Let $L\left(\zeta, \frac{d}{d\zeta}\right) = \frac{d}{d\zeta} \zeta - \zeta$, $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^1$. Then L has a 0-simple leading part of degree 1, but the condition (A) is not satisfied. We set, as before, $\phi(\zeta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \zeta^n$, $\psi(\zeta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n \zeta^n$ and $L\left(\zeta, \frac{d}{d\zeta}\right)\phi(\zeta) = \psi(\zeta)$. Then comparing the coefficients of the both sides, we have

$$a_n = \frac{b_n}{n+1} + \frac{a_{n-1}}{n+1} \text{ for } n \geq 0, \quad (a_{-1} = 0).$$

If $b_n = n^{-n} (n \geq 1)$ and $b_0 = 1$, by induction

$$a_n = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left\{ \frac{n!}{n^n} + \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-1)^{n-1}} + \dots + \frac{2!}{2^2} + \frac{1!}{1^1} + 1 \right\}.$$

From Stirling's formula $n! = n^n e^{-n} \sqrt{2\pi n} e^{\delta_n/12n} (0 < \delta_n < 1)$,

$$a_n \geq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left\{ \frac{1}{e^n} + \frac{1}{e^{n-1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{e} + 1 \right\} = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left\{ \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{n+1}}{1 - \frac{1}{e}} \right\}.$$

Then,

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} n a_n^{1/n} \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^n}{(n+1)!} \right)^{1/n} \left\{ \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{n+1}}{1 - \frac{1}{e}} \right\}^{1/n} = e.$$

On the other hand, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} nb_n^{1/n} = 1$. That is, ψ is of exponential type e^{-1} , while the exponential type of ϕ is larger than or equal to 1.

REMARK. When we regard $L(\zeta, D)$ in Theorem 1 as an operator from the space of the entire functions of exponential type into itself, the codimension of the image of L is, in general, infinite. Since only the terms $\{b_{\alpha+\nu_0}\}$ determine a_α , if ψ is contained in the image of L , then the coefficients $\{b_\mu\}$ where μ cannot be represented by the form $\alpha+\nu_0$ for some α , must satisfy some conditions. In particular, if $\nu_0 = (0, \dots, 0)$, that is, L has a 0-simple leading part, for every ψ of exponential type with $b_\mu = 0$ for $|\mu| < N$ (N is chosen so that (4) holds for $|\alpha| \geq N$), we can construct a solution ϕ of exponential type. Therefore the codimension of the image of L is finite and the basis of the complementary space consists of polynomials. Moreover if $c(l; \alpha) = c(0; \alpha) \neq 0$ for every α , L becomes a (topological) isomorphism.

Next we consider the case where ψ is holomorphic in a polydisc. The following proposition, a generalization of Cauchy-Hadamard's formula, is well known.

PROPOSITION 2. (Biermann-Lemaire) *The formal power series $f(\zeta) = \sum c_\alpha \zeta^\alpha$ is holomorphic in a polydisc $\Delta(r) = \{\zeta \mid |\zeta_j| < r, j=1, \dots, n\}$ if and only if*

$$\overline{\lim}_{|\alpha| \rightarrow \infty} |c_\alpha|^{1/|\alpha|} \leq \frac{1}{r}.$$

We shall prove the following

THEOREM 2. *Suppose that the operator $L(\zeta, D)$ has a ν_0 -simple leading part of degree $m(\geq 0)$. Further we assume that*

$$(A') \quad \text{in } L_{l+j} = \sum_{|\lambda| - |\mu| = l+j} c_{\lambda\mu} \zeta^\lambda \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right)^\mu \quad (j=1, \dots, k),$$

$$c_{\lambda\mu} = 0 \quad \text{if } |\mu| > m - j.$$

Then every formal power series $\phi(\zeta)$ such that $L(\zeta, D)\phi$ is holomorphic in a polydisc $\Delta(r)$ ($0 < r \leq +\infty$), is also holomorphic in $\Delta(r)$.

PROOF. We use the same method as in the proof of Theorem 1. Then we have, instead of (7),

$$a_p \leq C_0 p^{-m} b_{p+l} + \sum_{j=1}^k C_j p^{-j} a_{p-j}$$

(notations are the same as those of Theorem 1). If $b_p \leq M_0 \rho^p$ for $p \geq 0$ and $a_q \leq M'_q \rho^q$ for $1 \leq q \leq p-1$, then

$$a_p \leq \rho^p \left\{ C_0 M_0 p^{-m} \rho^l + \sum_{j=1}^k C_j p^{-j} M'_{p-j} \rho^{-j} \right\}$$

$$\leq \{ \tilde{M}_p + C_0 M_0 p^{-m} \rho^l \} \rho^p$$

for sufficiently large p such that $\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{C_j}{(\rho p)^j} \leq 1$, where $\tilde{M}_p = \max\{M'_{p-1}, \dots, M'_{p-k}\}$. Therefore if $m \geq 1$, we have

$$a_p \leq \left\{ M + C_0 M_0 \rho^l \cdot \sum_{q=1}^p \frac{1}{q^m} \right\} \rho^p$$

$$\leq \{M + C_0 M_0 \rho^l (1 + \log p)\} \rho^p$$

for some constant $M > 0$. Then $\overline{\lim}_{p \rightarrow \infty} a_p^{1/p} \leq \rho$. For the case $m=0, L_{l+j}=0$ because of the condition (A'). Hence $a_p \leq C_0 M_0 \rho^{p+l}$, so we also have $\overline{\lim}_{p \rightarrow \infty} a_p^{1/p} \leq \rho$. This means that ϕ is holomorphic in $\Delta(r)$.

In the following example, L has a 0-simple leading part of order 1, but does not satisfy the condition (A'). Then we can construct a function ϕ not entire for which $L\left(\zeta, \frac{d}{d\zeta}\right) \phi$ is entire.

EXAMPLE. $L\left(\zeta, \frac{d}{d\zeta}\right) = \frac{d}{d\zeta} \zeta - \frac{d}{d\zeta} \zeta^2$, and $\phi(\zeta) = \frac{1}{1-\zeta}$.

We consider the topological structure of the space of entire functions of exponential type. Let B be any nonnegative number. We denote by $\widetilde{\text{Exp}}(B)$ the space of all entire functions f which satisfy

$$(8) \quad |f(\zeta)| \leq C \exp B|\zeta|$$

for some constant C and every $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^n$, where $|\zeta| = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |\zeta_j|$. For $f \in \widetilde{\text{Exp}}(B)$, we define $\|f\|_B$ as the infimum of the constant C in (8). Then $\widetilde{\text{Exp}}(B)$ becomes a Banach space. The space of inductive limit of these $\widetilde{\text{Exp}}(B)$ as $B \rightarrow r$ and $B < r$ is denoted by $\text{Exp}(r)$. It is the space of all entire functions of exponential type less than r ($0 < r \leq +\infty$).

PROPOSITION 3. Let $L(\zeta, D)$ be the same operator as in Theorem 1. Suppose that $L_i(\zeta, D)\zeta^\alpha \neq 0$ for any $\zeta^\alpha \neq 0$. Then the map $L(\zeta, D): \text{Exp}(r) \rightarrow \text{Exp}(r)$ is injective and has a closed range.

PROOF. Let the filter $\{\psi_k\}$ converge to ψ_0 in $\text{Exp}(r)$, and $\psi_k = L(\zeta, D)\phi_k$ for some $\phi_k \in \text{Exp}(r)$ ($k \in \Lambda$, some ordered set). Since $\{\psi_k\}$ converge to ψ_0 uniformly on every compact set in \mathbb{C}^n , the Taylor coefficients $b_\mu^{(k)}$ of $\psi_k = \sum b_\mu^{(k)} \zeta^\mu$ converge to those $b_\mu^{(0)}$ of $\psi_0 = \sum b_\mu^{(0)} \zeta^\mu$. By the assumption, each of the Taylor coefficients $a_\lambda^{(k)}$ of $\phi_k = \sum a_\lambda^{(k)} \zeta^\lambda$, is expressed as a finite linear combination of $\{b_\mu^{(k)}\}$, so that L is injective and $\{a_\lambda^{(k)}\}$ ($\forall \lambda$ fixed) becomes a converging filter, that is, there exists a formal power series $\phi_0(\zeta) = \sum a_\lambda^{(0)} \zeta^\lambda$ which satisfies $L(\zeta, D)\phi_0$

$(\zeta) = \psi_0(\zeta)$. Since $\psi_0 \in \text{Exp}(r)$, by Theorem 1, ϕ_0 must be of exponential type less than r . This completes the proof.

§3. Existence and Approximation

Let Ω be a domain in \mathbf{C}^n . We denote by $H(\Omega)$ the space of all holomorphic functions in Ω with compact convergence topology. An element S of the dual space $H'(\Omega)$ is called an analytic functional in Ω , for which we define the Fourier transform \hat{S} as follows:

$$\hat{S}(\zeta) = S_z(e^{<z, \zeta>}),$$

where $<z, \zeta> = \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \zeta_j$. A compact set K in Ω is called a carrier of S if there exists a constant C_ω for every neighborhood ω of K such that

$$|S(f)| \leq C_\omega \sup_{z \in \omega} |f(z)|, \quad f \in H(\Omega).$$

The next proposition is well known.

PROPOSITION 4. (Ehrenpreis-Martineau [5]-Hörmander [4]) *If $S \in H'(\Omega)$ is carried by a compact set K in Ω , then $\hat{S}(\zeta)$ is an entire function and for every $\delta > 0$, there is a constant C_δ such that*

$$|\hat{S}(\zeta)| \leq C_\delta \exp(H_K(\zeta) + \delta|\zeta|), \quad \zeta \in \mathbf{C}^n,$$

where $H_K(\zeta) = \sup_{z \in K} \text{Re} <z, \zeta>$. Conversely, if K is a compact convex set and $M(\zeta)$ an entire function satisfying the above inequality for every $\delta > 0$, there exists an analytic functional S carried by K such that $\hat{S}(\zeta) = M(\zeta)$.

We then study the topological structure of the space of analytic functionals. Let Ω be a convex domain in \mathbf{C}^n , and let $\{K_j\}$ be a sequence of compact convex sets in Ω such that

$$K_j \subset K_{j+1}, \quad \text{and} \quad \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} K_j = \Omega.$$

The space of all entire function $f(\zeta)$ in \mathbf{C}^n such that $|f(\zeta)| \leq C \exp(H_{K_j}(\zeta))$, $\zeta \in \mathbf{C}^n$ is denoted by $\widetilde{\text{Exp}}(K_j)$. As before, $\widetilde{\text{Exp}}(K_j)$ becomes a Banach space, and $\widetilde{\text{Exp}}(K_j) \subset \widetilde{\text{Exp}}(K_{j+1})$. $\text{Exp}(\Omega)$ is defined as the inductive limit of these spaces. Since Fourier transformation is injective on the space of analytic functionals in a Runge domain, it follows by Proposition 4 that $H'(\Omega)$ is algebraically isomorphic to $\text{Exp}(\Omega)$.

LEMMA. *Fourier transformation from $H'(\Omega)$ to $\text{Exp}(\Omega)$ is continuous.*

PROOF. Since $H'(\Omega)$ is a (DFS) space, it is sufficient to show that Fourier transformation is sequentially continuous. Let $S_j \in H'(\Omega)$ be any sequence converging to 0 in $H'(\Omega)$. $H(\Omega)$ is an (FS) space, so that it becomes quasi-normable (Grothendieck [3] p. 325, Prop. 1). Then, there exists a neighborhood V of 0 in $H(\Omega)$ such that S_j converges to 0 uniformly on V . We may take V as the set $\{f \in H(\Omega) \mid \sup_{z \in K_N} |f(z)| \leq M\}$ for some constant M and a compact convex set K_N in Ω . In this case, $\hat{S}_j(\zeta)$ converges to 0 in $\widetilde{\text{Exp}}(K_N)$, hence in $\text{Exp}(\Omega)$.

From this lemma and the open mapping theorem (due to Ptak), we have

PROPOSITION 5. *If Ω is a convex domain in \mathbb{C}^n , then $H'(\Omega)$ is topologically isomorphic to $\text{Exp}(\Omega)$. (See also Ehrenpreis [1], Martineau [6].)*

Let $P(z, D_z) = \sum c_{\lambda\mu} z^\mu \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)^\lambda$ be a differential operator with polynomial coefficients. Then, the Fourier transform of the adjoint operator P' of $P(z, D_z)$ is $L(\zeta, D_\zeta) = \sum c_{\lambda\mu} \zeta^\lambda \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta}\right)^\mu$. In fact, for any $S \in H'(\Omega)$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\widehat{P'(z, D_z)S})(\zeta) &= \langle P'S, e^{\langle z, \zeta \rangle} \rangle \\ &= \langle S, P(z, D_z)e^{\langle z, \zeta \rangle} \rangle \\ &= \sum c_{\lambda\mu} \langle S, \zeta^\lambda \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta}\right)^\mu e^{\langle z, \zeta \rangle} \rangle \\ &= \sum c_{\lambda\mu} \zeta^\lambda \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta}\right)^\mu \hat{S}(\zeta). \end{aligned}$$

In order to prove the existence and approximation of the holomorphic solution, we use the next proposition due to F. Trèves.

PROPOSITION 6. (Trèves [8]) *Let E_0, F_0, E, F be locally convex topological linear spaces and E, F be Fréchet spaces. In the following commutative diagram (all maps are continuous and linear), we assume that the ranges of u_0 ,*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_0 & \xrightarrow{i} & E \\ u_0 \downarrow & & \downarrow u \\ F_0 & \xrightarrow{j} & F \end{array}$$

u and i are dense in the corresponding spaces and that in E_0 , the dual space of E_0 , the range of u'_0 , the adjoint operator of u_0 , is equal to the polar of the null space of u_0 . Then the following two properties are equivalent.

- 1) u is surjective and $i(N(u_0))$ is dense in $N(u)$,
- 2) $y'_0 \in F'_0$ such that $u'_0(y'_0) \in R(i') \Rightarrow y'_0 \in R(j')$,

For every r ($0 < r \leq +\infty$), we define the domain $\Omega(r)$ in \mathbb{C}^n as

$$\Omega(r) = \{z \mid \|z\| < r\},$$

where $\|z\| = |z_1| + \dots + |z_n|$. Then, by Proposition 5, $H'(\Omega(r))$ is isomorphic to $\text{Exp}(r) = \{f(\zeta) \in H(\mathbb{C}^n) \mid |f(\zeta)| \leq C \exp \tau |\zeta| \text{ for some } \tau < r\}$ where $|\zeta| = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |\zeta_j|$, for if $K = \{z \mid \|z\| \leq \tau\}$, then $H_K(\zeta) = \tau |\zeta|$.

THEOREM 3. Let $P(z, D_z) = \sum c_{\lambda\mu} z^\lambda \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)^\mu$ be a differential operator with

polynomial coefficients. We assume that $L(\zeta, D_\zeta) = \sum c_{\lambda\mu} \zeta^\lambda \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta}\right)^\mu$ satisfies all the conditions in Proposition 3, that is, L has a v_0 -simple leading part L_l (for some multi-index v_0) of degree $m (\geq 0)$, and $L_l(\zeta^\alpha) \neq 0$ for any $\zeta^\alpha \neq 0$, and the condition (A) in Theorem 1 is fulfilled. Then for every r ($0 < r \leq +\infty$), we have

- 1) $P(z, D_z): H(\Omega(r)) \rightarrow H(\Omega(r))$ is surjective and
- 2) for $u \in H(\Omega(r))$ such that $P(z, D_z)u = 0$, there exists a sequence $\{u_j\}$ in $H(\mathbb{C}^n)$ such that $P(z, D_z)u_j = 0$ and $\{u_j\}$ convergers to u in $H(\Omega(r))$.

PROOF. We first prove the case $r = +\infty$. In this case, 2) is trivial. To show 1), it is sufficient to prove that the adjoint operator P' of P is injective and has a weakly closed range. Since $H(\mathbb{C}^n)$ is reflexive, a subspace in H' is weakly closed if and only if it is strongly closed. By Proposition 5, P' is injective and has a closed range if and only if $L: \text{Exp}(r) \rightarrow \text{Exp}(r)$ is injective and has a closed range, which follows from Proposition 3. In the general case, we apply Proposition 6 with $E_0 = F_0 = H(\mathbb{C}^n)$, $E = F = H(\Omega(r))$, i and j being natural injections, and $u_0 = u = P(z, D_z)$. Since $\Omega(r)$ is convex, the ranges of i and j are dense. By the first step of this proof, u_0 is surjective, so that all the assumptions of Proposition 6 are fulfilled. Therefore it is sufficient to show that every $S \in H'(\mathbb{C}^n)$ such that $P'(z, D_z)S \in H'(\Omega(r))$ is also an analytic functional in $\Omega(r)$. But this follows from Theorem 1. The proof is complete.

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