

## CONVEXITY CONDITIONS RELATED WITH 1/2 ESTIMATE IN BOUNDARY PROBLEMS WITH SIMPLE CHARACTERISTICS. II

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Choose a submanifold (not necessarily closed)  $\mathcal{N}^\lambda$  of  $S^*U$ , which is transversal to  $C^\lambda$  and intersects  $C^\lambda$  only at  $(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$ . Pick a nonzero  $u$  in  $W^\lambda(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0)) =$  the image of  $\rho_1^\lambda(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$ . Then the function

$$f_u(x, \xi) = |a(x, \xi)\rho_1^\lambda(x, \xi)u|^2$$

viewed as a function on  $\mathcal{N}^\lambda$  is of class  $C^\infty$  and nonnegative, and  $(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$  is its isolated zero, i.e., an isolated critical point of  $f_u$  on  $\mathcal{N}^\lambda$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Assume that the characteristics of  $A$  is smooth. We say that a characteristic  $(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$  of  $A$  is nondegenerate if and only if  $(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$  is a nondegenerate critical point of  $f_u$  on  $\mathcal{N}^\lambda$  for all nonzero  $u$  in  $W^\lambda(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$ . We say that the characteristics of  $A$  are nondegenerate when each characteristic is so.

Since  $f_u$  on  $\mathcal{N}^\lambda$  takes the minimum value at  $(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$ , the above condition means that the Hessian of  $f_u$  on  $\mathcal{N}^\lambda$  at  $(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$  is positive definite. In terms of a chart  $(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$  of  $\mathcal{N}^\lambda$  with center  $(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$ , this means that the  $k \times k$ -matrix  $(\partial^2 f_u / \partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j)(0)$  is positive definite. If  $(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$  is nondegenerate for a choice of a pair of  $\mathcal{N}^\lambda$  and a local trivialization of  $E$ , it is also so for any other such choice. We can check this by writing down how  $f_u$  and its Hessian change when we make a different choice. Note on this connection that  $a(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0)) \cdot \rho_1^\lambda(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0)) = 0$ .

Because of (9) and (10),  $\{(w, (\zeta^\lambda(x^0) + \chi)/(1 + |\chi|^2)^{1/2}); w \in N^\lambda \text{ and } \chi \perp \zeta^\lambda(x^0)\}$  forms a submanifold  $\zeta^\lambda$  as above. Hence by (11) and (15), the nondegeneracy condition means that  $F^\lambda(x^0; w, \chi)|W^\lambda(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$  is injective for all  $w \in T_{x^0}N^\lambda$  and  $\chi \perp \zeta^\lambda(x^0)$ . Thus we have

**Proposition 2.1.** Assume that the characteristics of  $A$  are smooth and the projection  $C^\lambda \rightarrow {}^*C^\lambda$  is bijective, and further that  $(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$  is a nondegenerate characteristic. Then  $F^\lambda(x^0; w, \chi)$ , restricted to  $W(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$ , is injective for sufficiently small  $w \in N^\lambda$  and any  $\chi \perp \zeta^\lambda(x^0)$  provided  $(w, \chi) \neq 0$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** Under the assumptions in Proposition 2.1, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we

can find  $\delta_\varepsilon > 0$  satisfying the following condition: For any  $\delta_\varepsilon > \delta > 0$  there is  $C_{\varepsilon, \delta}$  such that

$$\Re \langle K_{\delta_2}^\lambda(x, D)u, u \rangle + C_{\varepsilon, \delta} \|Q(u)\|^2 \geq -\varepsilon \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2$$

for all  $u \in C_0^\infty(U, U \times L_0)$ , provided we choose  $U$  sufficiently small and  $\varphi^\lambda$  with its support sufficiently close to  $C^\lambda$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.1,  $F^\lambda(y; w, \chi)$  on  $W^\lambda(y, \zeta^\lambda(y))$  is injective when  $(w, \chi) \neq 0$  and  $\chi \perp \zeta^\lambda(y)$  provided  $|y|$  and  $|w|$  are sufficiently small. On the other hand,  $H_2^\lambda(x, \xi)$  is of order at least 3 in  $(w, \chi(x, \xi))$ . Hence for any  $\delta > 0$  there is  $\delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that

$$\langle \delta F^\lambda(y; w \langle \zeta^\lambda(y), \xi \rangle, \chi)^* F^\lambda(y; w \langle \zeta^\lambda(y), \xi \rangle, \chi) + H_2^\lambda(x, \xi)u, u \rangle > 0,$$

where  $\chi = \chi(y, \xi)$  for all nonzero  $u \in W^\lambda(y, \zeta^\lambda(y))$  provided  $|y|, |w|$  and  $|\xi|^{-1} \chi(y, \xi)$  are less than  $\delta(\varepsilon)$ . Since  $W^\lambda(y, \zeta^\lambda(y))$  is the image of  $\rho_1^\lambda(y, \xi)$ , we see by (22) that

$$\langle K_{\delta_2}^\lambda(x, \xi)u, u \rangle > 0$$

for all  $u \in L_0$ , provided we choose  $U$  sufficiently small and  $\varphi^\lambda$  with its support sufficiently close to  $C^\lambda$ . Hence by Theorem 1.4,

$$\langle K_{\delta_2}^\lambda(x, D)u, u \rangle \geq -\langle L(x, D)u, u \rangle,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, \xi) = & \sum \frac{1}{2} (1 + |\xi|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} a_{jk} \partial^2 K_{\delta_2}^\lambda(x, \xi) / \partial \xi_j \partial \xi_k \\ & + (1 + |\xi|^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} b_{jk} \partial^2 K_{\delta_2}^\lambda(x, \xi) / \partial x_j \partial x_k + \text{terms of lower orders,} \end{aligned}$$

and  $a_{jk}, b_{jk}$  are given in (12) of § 1. By (22) and (23) we see easily that each component of the matrices  $\partial^2 K_{\delta_2}^\lambda(x, \xi) / \partial \xi_j \partial \xi_k$  and  $\partial^2 K_{\delta_2}^\lambda(x, \xi) / \partial x_j \partial x_k$  can be written as  $\varphi^\lambda(x, \xi)^2 (\delta t(x, \xi) + h(x, \xi)) + s(x, \xi)$ , where  $t$  and  $h$  are independent of the choice of  $\varphi^\lambda$  and  $\text{Supp } s(x, \xi)$  does not touch the characteristics. Moreover,  $h(x, \xi)$  is of order at least 1 in  $w_1, \dots, w_{n-1}, \chi_1(x, \xi), \dots, \chi_{n-1}(x, \xi)$ . Thus we can suppose that  $|\varphi^\lambda(x, \xi)^2 (\delta t(x, \xi) + h(x, \xi))| / |\xi|$  is as small as we wish, when  $\delta$  and  $U$  are sufficiently small and  $\text{Supp } \varphi^\lambda(x, \xi)$  is sufficiently close to  $C^\lambda$ . From this together with Lemma 2.3, we therefore see that

$$|\Re \langle L(x, D)u, u \rangle| \leq \varepsilon (\|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}})^2 + CQ(u).$$

Hence  $\Re \langle K_{\delta_2}^\lambda(x, D)u, u \rangle + CQ(u) \geq -\varepsilon (\|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}})^2$ . q.e.d.

By Lemmas 2.7 and 2.8, we have

**Lemma 2.9.** *Under the assumptions in Lemma 2.8, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can find  $\delta_\varepsilon$  such that for any  $\delta_\varepsilon > \delta > 0$  we have*

$$C_{\varepsilon, \delta} Q(u) + \varepsilon \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 \geq (1 - \delta) \|F^\lambda \{\varphi^\lambda(x, D) \rho_1^\lambda(x, D)\} u\|^2 \quad (u \in C_0^\infty(U, U \times L_0)),$$

provided  $C_{\varepsilon, \delta}$  is sufficiently large,  $U$  is sufficiently small, and  $\text{Supp } \varphi^\lambda$  is sufficiently close to  $C^\lambda$ .

We further reduce the problem to a case of a differential operator with constant coefficient in  $w\langle \zeta^\lambda(y), D \rangle$  and  $\chi(x, D)$ .

**Lemma 2.10.** *Under the assumptions in Proposition 2.1, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can find  $\delta_\varepsilon$  such that for any  $0 < \delta < \delta_\varepsilon$  we have the following: If  $U$  is sufficiently small and  $\text{Supp } \varphi^\lambda$  is sufficiently close to  $C^\lambda$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|F^\lambda(y; w\langle \zeta^\lambda(y), D \rangle, \chi(y, D))\{\varphi^\lambda(x, D)\rho_1^\lambda(x, D)\}u\|^2 \\ & - (1 - \delta)\|F^\lambda(0; w\langle \zeta^\lambda(y), D \rangle, \chi(y, D))\{\varphi^\lambda(x, D)\rho_1^\lambda(x, D)\}u\|^2 \\ & \geq \varepsilon\|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 - C\|u\|^2 - \|R(x, D)u\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in C_0^\infty(U, U \times L_0)$ , where  $R(x, \xi)$  depends on  $\varphi^\lambda$ , is of order 1, and  $\text{Supp } R$  is outside of the characteristics.

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.1 there is a constant  $c > 0$  such that

$$|F^\lambda(y; w, \chi)u|^2 \geq c(|w|^2 + |\chi|^2)|u|^2,$$

provided  $y, w$  are sufficiently small,  $\chi \perp \zeta^\lambda(y)$ , and  $u/|u|$  is in a sufficiently small neighborhood of  $W(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$ . Since  $F^\lambda(y; w, \chi)$  is linear in  $w$  and  $\chi$ , it follows

$$\begin{aligned} & |\varphi^\lambda(x, \xi)F^\lambda(y; w\langle \zeta^\lambda(y), \xi \rangle, \chi(y, \xi))\rho_1^\lambda(x, \xi)u|^2 \\ & \geq c(|w|^2\langle \zeta^\lambda(y), \xi \rangle^2 + |\chi(y, \xi)|^2)\varphi^\lambda(x, \xi)^2|\rho_1^\lambda(x, \xi)u|^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in L_0$  and  $x \in U$ , provided  $U$  is sufficiently small and  $\text{Supp } \varphi^\lambda$  is sufficiently close to  $C^\lambda$ . For any  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  we may also assume that  $U$  is so small that

$$|F^\lambda(y; w, \chi)u|^2 - |F^\lambda(0; w, \chi)u|^2 \leq \varepsilon_1(|w|^2 + |\chi|^2)|u|^2.$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, \xi) &= F^\lambda(y; w\langle \zeta^\lambda(y), \xi \rangle, \chi(y, \xi)), \\ G_0(x, \xi) &= F^\lambda(0; w\langle \zeta^\lambda(y), \xi \rangle, \chi(y, \xi)). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & |G(x, \xi)\varphi^\lambda(x, \xi)\rho_1^\lambda(x, \xi)u|^2 - (1 - \delta)|G_0(x, \xi)\varphi^\lambda(x, \xi)\rho_1^\lambda(x, \xi)u|^2 \\ & = \delta|G(x, \xi)\varphi^\lambda(x, \xi)\rho_1^\lambda(x, \xi)u|^2 \\ & \quad + (1 - \delta)(|G(x, \xi)\varphi^\lambda(x, \xi)\rho_1^\lambda(x, \xi)u|^2 - |G_0(x, \xi)\varphi^\lambda(x, \xi)\rho_1^\lambda(x, \xi)u|^2) \\ & \geq (\delta c - (1 - \delta)\varepsilon_1)\varphi^\lambda(x, \xi)^2(|w\langle \zeta^\lambda(y), \xi \rangle|^2 + |\chi(y, \xi)|^2)|\rho_1^\lambda(x, \xi)u|^2. \end{aligned}$$

For a given  $\delta > 0$  we choose  $\varepsilon_1$  so small that  $\delta c - (1 - \delta)\varepsilon_1 > 0$ . Then  $\langle \varphi^\lambda(x, \xi)^2 J(x, \xi)u, u \rangle \geq 0$ , where

$$J(x, \xi) = \rho_1^i(x, \xi)(G(x, \xi)^*G(x, \xi) - (1 - \delta)G_0(x, \xi)^*G_0(x, \xi))\rho_1^i(x, \xi) .$$

Hence by Theorem 1.4,

$$\langle \{\varphi^i(x, D)^2 J(x, D)\}u, u \rangle \geq -\mathcal{R}\langle L(x, D)u, u \rangle ,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, \xi) = & \varphi^i(x, \xi)^2 \sum_{j,k} (\tfrac{1}{2}(1 + |\xi|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} a_{jk} \partial^2 J(x, \xi) / \partial \xi_j \partial \xi_k \\ & + \tfrac{1}{2}(1 + |\xi|^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} b_{jk} \partial^2 J(x, \xi) / \partial x_j \partial x_k) + R_1(x, \xi) \\ & + \text{terms of lower orders,} \end{aligned}$$

where  $R_1(x, \xi)$  is a sum of terms containing derivatives of  $\varphi^i(x, \xi)$  and hence its support does not touch the characteristics. By (12) of § 1, we may choose  $g(x)$  in Theorem 1.4 in such a way that the absolute value of each component of the matrix  $\sum \tfrac{1}{2}(1 + |\xi|^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} b_{jk} \partial^2 J(x, \xi) / \partial x_j \partial x_k$  is less than  $\varepsilon' |\xi|$ .  $\partial^2 J(x, \xi) / \partial \xi_j \partial \xi_k$  is a sum of terms which contain as a factor  $G(x, \xi)^*G(x, \xi) - (1 - \delta)G_0(x, \xi)^*G_0(x, \xi)$  or its partial derivatives in  $\xi$ . Since these partial derivatives can enter only through partial derivatives of  $\langle \zeta^i(y), \xi \rangle$  or of  $\chi(y, \xi)$ , each term contains a factor of the form  $(a(y) - (1 - \delta)a(0))b(x, \xi)$ , so that if we choose  $\delta$  and  $U$  sufficiently small, its absolute value can be made to be less than  $\varepsilon' |\xi|$ . Thus for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we find for a sufficiently small choice of  $\varepsilon'$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $U$  that

$$|\langle \{\varphi^i(x, D)^2 L(x, D)\}u, u \rangle| \leq \varepsilon \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 + |\langle R_1(x, D)u, u \rangle|$$

for all  $u \in C_0^\infty(U, U \times L_0)$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \|F^i(y; w\langle \zeta^i(y), D \rangle, \chi(y, D))\{\varphi^i(x, D)\rho_1^i(x, D)\}u\|^2 \\ & - (1 - \delta) \|F^i(0; w\langle \zeta^i(y), D \rangle, \chi(y, D))\{\varphi^i(x, D)\rho_1^i(x, D)\}u\|^2 \\ & = \langle \{\varphi^i(x, D)^2 J(x, D)\} + B(x, D)u, u \rangle \\ & \geq \langle B(x, D)u, u \rangle - \varepsilon \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 - |\langle R_1(x, D)u, u \rangle| , \end{aligned}$$

where  $B(x, \xi)$  is of order 1 and can be calculated by means of the formula for the symbols of compositions and adjoints of pseudo-differential operators. Hence it remains to show that we may assume

$$(26) \quad |\mathcal{R}\langle B(x, D)u, u \rangle| \leq \varepsilon \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 + |\langle R_2(x, D)u, u \rangle| + |\langle T_0 u, u \rangle| ,$$

where  $R_2(x, \xi)$  is of order  $\leq 1$  and does not touch the characteristics. We see easily that each term of the 1st order part of  $B(x, \xi)$  contains either  $\varphi^i(x, \xi)^2 \cdot w\langle \zeta^i(y), \xi \rangle$ ,  $\varphi^i(x, \xi)^2 \chi(y, \xi)$ , a factor of the form  $(a(y) - (1 - \delta)a(0))$ , or a derivative of  $\varphi^i(x, \xi)$ . The sum of the terms of the last type is  $R_2(x, \xi)$ . We may assume that the absolute values of other terms are less than  $\varepsilon' |\xi|$ . Hence for a sufficiently small choice of  $\varepsilon'$  we have the formula (26). q.e.d.

By Lemmas 2.9 and 2.3 we have the following:

**Proposition 2.2.** *Assume that the characteristics of  $A$  are smooth,  $C^\lambda \rightarrow 'C^\lambda$  is bijective, and the characteristics are nondegenerate at  $(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$ . Then, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  by a choice of a sufficiently small neighborhood  $U$  of  $x^0$  and  $\varphi^\lambda(x, \xi)$  with its support sufficiently close to  $C^\lambda$ ,*

$$C_\varepsilon \|Q(u)\|^2 + \varepsilon \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 \geq \|F^\lambda(x^0; w \langle \zeta^\lambda(y), D \rangle, \chi(y, D))\{\varphi^\lambda(x, D)\rho_1^\lambda(x, D)\}u\|^2$$

for all  $u \in C_0^\infty(U, U \times L_0)$  provided  $C_\varepsilon$  is sufficiently large.

Expanding  $a(x, \xi) \rho_1^\lambda(x, \xi) \rho_2^\lambda(x, \xi) = 0$  in Taylor series in  $(w, \chi)$  at  $(y, \langle \xi, \zeta^\lambda(y) \rangle \zeta^\lambda(y))$  and noting that  $a(y, \zeta^\lambda(y)) \rho_1^\lambda(y, \zeta^\lambda(y)) = 0$  we find that

$$F^\lambda(y; w, \chi) \rho_2^\lambda(y, \zeta^\lambda(y)) = 0.$$

In particular,

$$(27) \quad F^\lambda(x^0; w, \chi) \rho_2^\lambda(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0)) = 0,$$

and we may consider that

$$(28) \quad F^\lambda(x^0; w, \chi) \in \text{Hom}(W^\lambda(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0)), E_0).$$

**Definition 2.4.** Assume that the characteristics of  $A$  are smooth. We say that the characteristics are of fiber dimension 0 if and only if, for each point  $x^0$  of  $M$  and for each component  $C^\lambda$  of the characteristics passing over  $x^0$ ,  $\pi: C^\lambda \rightarrow 'C^\lambda$  is bijective.

**Proposition 2.3.** *Assume that the characteristics of  $A$  are smooth, of fiber dimension 0, and nondegenerate, and further that there is  $r \geq 0$  such that for each  $\lambda$  we have, for all sufficiently small  $\theta > 0$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|F^\lambda(x^0; w \langle \zeta^\lambda(y), D \rangle, \chi(y, D))v\|^2 + C_\theta \|v\|^2 \\ & \geq -C\theta^{r+\frac{1}{2}} \|v\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 + c_0 \theta^r \langle \langle \zeta^\lambda(x^0), D \rangle v, v \rangle + \langle L_\theta \langle \zeta^\lambda(x^0), D \rangle v, v \rangle \\ & + \mathcal{R} \langle (T_1^{\lambda\theta}(x, D) + R^{\lambda\theta}(x; w \langle \zeta^\lambda(y), D \rangle, \chi(y, D)))v, v \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for all  $v \in C_0^\infty(U, W^\lambda(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0)))$ , where  $L_\theta$  is an endomorphism of  $W^\lambda(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$  such that  $\langle L_\theta v, v \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $v$ ,  $T_1^{\lambda\theta}$  is of order 1,  $T_1^{\lambda\theta}(x^0, \xi) = 0$  for all  $\xi$ , and  $R^\theta(x; w, \chi)$  is linear in  $(w, \chi)$ . Then, for a sufficiently small neighborhood  $U$  of  $x^0$ ,  $Q(u) \geq c \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2$  for all  $u \in C_0^\infty(U, U \times L_0)$ .

*Proof.* For simplicity we set  $\rho^\lambda = \rho_1^\lambda(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$ . Clearly

$$(29) \quad \|\rho^\lambda \{\varphi^\lambda(x, D) \rho_1^\lambda(x, D)\} u\|_{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}} + C_1 \|u\|,$$

where  $C_1$  may depend on  $\varphi^\lambda$ . Put

$$\begin{aligned}
K(x, \xi) &= |\xi| \varphi(x, \xi)^2 + \sum_{\lambda} \varphi^{\lambda}(x, \xi)^2 (|\xi| \rho_2^{\lambda}(x, \xi) \\
&\quad + \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, \xi) \langle \zeta^{\lambda}(x^0), \xi \rangle) \rho^{\lambda} \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, \xi) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{|\xi|} \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, \xi) F^{\lambda}(x^0; w \langle \zeta^{\lambda}(y), \xi \rangle, \chi(y, \xi)) * F^{\lambda}(x^0; \\
&\quad w \langle \zeta^{\lambda}(y), \xi \rangle, \chi(y, \xi)) \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, \xi) .
\end{aligned}$$

Since the characteristics are nondegenerate,

$$(30) \quad \langle (K(x, \xi) - c_1 |\xi|) u, u \rangle \geq 0$$

for a constant  $c_1$ . Therefore, since  $K(x, \xi)$  is of order 1, Theorem 1.4 implies that

$$(31) \quad \langle K(x, D) u, u \rangle \geq c_1 \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 - C \|u\|^2 .$$

On the other hand, by Lemmas 2.3 and 2.6 together with Proposition 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned}
(32) \quad \langle K(x, D) u, u \rangle &\leq \varepsilon \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}} + C_{\varepsilon} Q(u) \\
&\quad + \sum_{\lambda} \langle \langle \zeta^{\lambda}(x^0), D \rangle \rho^{\lambda} \varphi^{\lambda}(x, D) \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, D) u, \rho^{\lambda} \varphi^{\lambda}(x, D) \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, D) u \rangle .
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, by our assumption,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{\lambda} \|F^{\lambda}(x^0; w \langle \zeta^{\lambda}(y), D \rangle, \chi(y, D)) \varphi^{\lambda}(x, D) \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, D) u\|^2 \\
&= \sum_{\lambda} \|F^{\lambda}(x^0; w \langle \zeta^{\lambda}(y), D \rangle, \chi(y, D)) \rho^{\lambda} \varphi^{\lambda}(x, D) \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, D) u\|^2, \quad (\text{by (27)}) \\
&\geq \sum_{\lambda} (-C \theta^{r+\frac{1}{2}} \|\rho^{\lambda} \varphi^{\lambda}(x, D) \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, D) u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 \\
&\quad + c_0 \theta^r \langle \langle \zeta^{\lambda}(x^0), D \rangle \rho^{\lambda} \varphi^{\lambda}(x, D) \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, D) u, \rho^{\lambda} \varphi^{\lambda}(x, D) \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, D) u \rangle \\
&\quad + \mathcal{R} \langle (T_1^{\lambda \theta}(x, D) + R^{\lambda \theta}(x; w \langle \zeta^{\lambda}(y), D \rangle, \\
&\quad \chi(y, D)) \rho^{\lambda} \varphi^{\lambda}(x, D) \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, D) u, \rho^{\lambda} \varphi^{\lambda}(x, D) \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, D) u \rangle) + \gamma \\
&\geq -\theta^{r+\frac{1}{2}} c' \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 + c_0 \theta^r (\langle K(x, D) u, u \rangle - \varepsilon \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}} - C'_{\varepsilon} Q(u)) \\
&\quad + \langle T_1^{\theta}(x, D) u, u \rangle + \gamma, \quad (\text{by (29) and (32)}) ,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $T_1^{\theta}(x, \xi) = \sum_{\lambda} \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, \xi) (T_1^{\lambda \theta}(x, \xi) + R^{\lambda \theta}(x; \chi(x, \xi))) \varphi^{\lambda}(x, \xi)^2 \rho^{\lambda} \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, \xi)$ , and  $\gamma = \langle L_{\theta} \langle \zeta^{\lambda}(x^0), D \rangle \rho^{\lambda} \{ \varphi^{\lambda}(x, D) \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, D) \} u, \rho^{\lambda} \{ \varphi^{\lambda}(x, D) \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, D) \} u \rangle$ . By choosing  $\text{Supp } \varphi^{\lambda}$  sufficiently close to  $C^{\lambda}$  and  $U$  small, we may assume that  $\langle L_{\theta} \langle \zeta^{\lambda}(x^0), \xi \rangle \varphi^{\lambda}(x, \xi)^2 \rho^{\lambda} \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, \xi) u, \rho^{\lambda} \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, \xi) u \rangle \geq 0$ , so that  $\gamma \geq -C_{\theta} \|u\|^2$ . Hence by (31),

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{\lambda} \|F^{\lambda}(x^0; w \langle \zeta^{\lambda}(y), D \rangle, \chi(y, D)) \{ \varphi^{\lambda}(x, D) \rho_1^{\lambda}(x, D) \} u\|^2 + C''_{\theta} Q(u) \\
&\geq c_0 \theta^r (c_1 - (\varepsilon + \theta^{\frac{1}{2}} c')) \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 + \langle T_1^{\theta}(x, D) u, u \rangle .
\end{aligned}$$

Choose  $\theta_1$  and  $\varepsilon$  so small that  $c_1 - (\varepsilon + \theta_1^{\frac{1}{2}}c') > 0$ . Then, for constants  $c > 0$  and  $C > 0$  (setting  $T_1(x, \xi) = T_1^{\theta_1}(x, \xi)$ ),

$$(33) \quad \sum_{\lambda} \|F^{\lambda}(x^0; w\langle \zeta^{\lambda}(y), D \rangle, \chi(y, D))\{\varphi^{\lambda}(x, D)\rho_1^{\lambda}(x, D)\}u\|^2 + CQ(u) \\ \geq c\|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 + \langle T_1(x, D)u, u \rangle$$

for all  $u \in C_0^{\infty}(U, U \times L_0)$ , provided  $U$  is sufficiently small and  $\text{Supp } \varphi^{\lambda}$  is sufficiently close to  $C^{\lambda}$ . Now by applying Proposition 2.2 to the left hand side of (33) for a sufficiently small choice of  $\varepsilon$ , for constants  $c > 0$  and  $C > 0$  (where  $c$  is independent of but  $C$  is dependent on the choice of  $\varphi^{\lambda}$ ) we find that

$$CQ(u) \geq c\|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 + \langle T_1(x, D)u, u \rangle.$$

Since  $T_1(x, \xi) = \sum_{\lambda} (T_1^{\lambda\theta_1}(x, \xi) + R^{\lambda\theta_1}(x; \chi(x, \xi)))\varphi^{\lambda}(x, \xi)^2\rho_1^{\lambda}(x, \xi)$  and  $T_1^{\theta}(x^0, \xi) = 0$ ,  $T_1(x, \xi)/|\xi|$  can be made arbitrarily small by choosing  $U$  sufficiently small and  $\text{Supp } \varphi^{\lambda}$  sufficiently close to  $C^{\lambda}$ . Hence for such choice of  $U$  and  $\varphi^{\lambda}$ ,  $\frac{c}{2}\|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 \leq CQ(u)$ .

**Definition 2.5.**  $F^{\lambda}(x^0; w\langle \zeta^{\lambda}(y), D \rangle, \chi(y, D))$  will be called the localized operator of  $A$  at  $x^0$  for the characteristics  $C^{\lambda}$ . For  $\eta = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_{2n-2}) \in \mathbf{R}^{2(n-1)}$ ,  $g^{\lambda}(\eta) = F^{\lambda}(x^0; \eta_1, \dots, \eta_{2n-2})$  will be called the indirect symbol of the localized operator. (We recall  $w$  and  $y$  are considered as functions of  $x$ .)

In order to make the writing easy, we fix  $\lambda$  once for all and set for  $j = 1, \dots, n-1$

$$(34) \quad X_j(x, \xi) = w_j(x)\langle \zeta^{\lambda}(y(x)), \xi \rangle, \quad X_j = X_j(x, D),$$

$$(35) \quad X_{n-1+j}(x, \xi) = \chi_j(x, \xi), \quad X_{n-1+j} = X_{n-1+j}(x, D),$$

$$(36) \quad f^{jj}(x^0) = f^j, \quad g^{jj}(x^0) = f^{n-1+j}.$$

Thus we can write

$$(37) \quad F^{\lambda} = F^{\lambda}(x^0; w\langle \zeta^{\lambda}(y), D \rangle, \chi(y, D)) = \sum_{s=1}^{2n-2} f^s X_s,$$

By direct calculation we find that for  $s, t = 1, \dots, 2n-2$

$$(38) \quad X_s^* X_t - X_t^* X_s = \frac{1}{i} c_{st}(x) \langle \zeta^{\lambda}(y), D \rangle + \sum_{r=1}^{2n-1} b_{st}^r(x) X_r,$$

where  $c_{st}(x)$  is a real valued function, skew-symmetric in  $s, t$ , given by, for  $j, k = 1, \dots, n-1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_{jk}(x) &= 0, \\
 (39) \quad c_{n-1+j, k}(x) &\equiv iX_{n-1+j}w_k(x) \pmod{w}, \\
 c_{n-1+j, n-1+k}(x) &\equiv i(X_{n-1+j}\zeta_k^\lambda(x) - X_{n+1+k}\zeta_j^\lambda(x)), \pmod{\zeta^\lambda}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Another way of writing down these functions are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 dw_j &\equiv \sum_k c_{b+j, k}\chi_k(y, dx) \pmod{\langle \zeta^\lambda(y), dx \rangle}, \\
 d\zeta^\lambda &\equiv \sum_{j, k} \frac{1}{2} c_{n-1+k, n-1+j}\chi_j(y, dx) \wedge \chi_k(y, dx), \pmod{\langle \zeta^\lambda(y), dx \rangle},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta^\lambda$  denotes the differential form  $\langle \zeta^\lambda(y(x)), dx \rangle = \sum_j \zeta_j^\lambda(y(x))dx_j$ .

### 3. Study of the characteristic parts

In this section we fix vector spaces  $W, V$ , and a linear mapping

$$(1) \quad g: \mathbf{R}^{2n-2} \ni \eta \rightarrow g(\eta) \in \text{Hom}(W, V).$$

We write

$$(2) \quad g(\eta) = \sum_{s=1}^{2n-2} g^s \eta_s,$$

where  $g^s \in \text{Hom}(W, V)$ .  $U$  will be as in § 2,  $T_j$  will denote as in § 2 the pseudo-differential operators of order  $j$  which may change from formulas to formulas, and  $X_1, \dots, X_{2n-2}$  will have the same meaning as in § 2. For  $u \in C_0^\infty(U, W)$  we set

$$(3) \quad g(X)u = \sum g^s X_s u,$$

which is in  $C_0^\infty(U, V)$ . We are interested in an estimate of the type described in Proposition 2.3. To this end we apply our results to the case where  $g(\eta) = F^\lambda(x^0; \eta)$ ,  $W = W^\lambda(x^0, \zeta^\lambda(x^0))$  and  $V = E_0$ . Assume that we are given hermitian metrics on  $W, V$ , and set

$$(4) \quad \Delta_g(x, \xi) = g(X(x, \xi))^* g(X(x, \xi)).$$

**Lemma 3.1.** For  $u \in C_0^\infty(U, W)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|g(X)u\|^2 &= \mathcal{R} \langle \Delta_g(x, D)u, u \rangle \\
 &\quad + \sum \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{R} \left\langle g^{s*} g^t \left( \frac{1}{i} c_{st}(x) \langle \zeta^\lambda(y), D \rangle + b_{st}^r(x) X_r \right) u, u \right\rangle \\
 &\quad + \langle g(X)u, g(h(x))u \rangle + \langle T_0(x, D)u, u \rangle,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $h_s(x)$  is a  $C^\infty$  function,  $c_{st}(x)$  and  $b_{st}^r(x)$  are defined in § 2 of (38).



*Proof.* Clearly,  $X_s^* = X_s + h_s(x)$ , where  $h_s(x)$  is a  $C^\infty$  function. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} g(X)^* g(X)u &= \Delta_g(x, D)u + \sum_{s,t,j} g^{s*} g^t (\partial X_s(x, \xi) / \partial \xi_j) Y_{tj}(x, \xi) u \\ &\quad + g(h(x))^* g(X)u, \end{aligned}$$

where  $Y_{tj} = (1/i) \partial X_t(x, \xi) / \partial x_j$ , and therefore

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} \|g(X)u\|^2 &= \Re \langle \Delta_g(x, D)u, u \rangle + \Re \langle g(X)u, g(h(x))u \rangle \\ &\quad + \Re \sum \langle g^{s*} g^t (\partial X_s(x, \xi) / \partial \xi_j) Y_{tj}(x, D)u, u \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

(Note that  $\partial X_s / \partial \xi_j$  is a function of  $x$ .) On the other hand, since  $Y_{tj}(x, \xi)$  has purely imaginary coefficients, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\Re \sum \langle g^{s*} g^t (\partial X_s(x, \xi) / \partial \xi_j) Y_{tj}(x, D)u, u \rangle \\ &= -\Re \sum \langle g^{s*} g^t (\partial X_t(x, \xi) / \partial \xi_j) Y_{sj}(x, D)u, u \rangle + \Re \langle T_0(x, D)u, u \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \Re \sum \langle g^{s*} g^t \{ (\partial X_s(x, \xi) / \partial \xi_j) Y_{tj}(x, D) \\ &\quad - (\partial X_t(x, \xi) / \partial \xi_j) Y_{sj}(x, D) \} u, u \rangle + \Re \langle T_0(x, D)u, u \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \Re \sum \langle g^{s*} g^t (X_s X_t - X_t X_s) u, u \rangle + \Re \langle T_0(x, D)u, u \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \Re \sum \langle g^{s*} g^t (X_s^* X_t - X_t^* X_s) u, u \rangle + \Re \langle T_0(x, D)u, u \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \Re \sum \left\langle g^{s*} g^t \left( \frac{1}{i} c_{st}(x) \langle \zeta^i(y), D \rangle + b_{st}^r(x) X_r \right) u, u \right\rangle + \Re \langle T_0(x, D)u, u \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

which together with (5) thus implies our formula. q.e.d.

Let  $V'$  be a vector space with a hermitian metric, and assume that we have, for all  $\theta$  with sufficiently small absolute value, a linear map

$$g_\theta: R^{2n-2} \ni \eta \rightarrow g_\theta(\eta) \in \text{Hom}(W, V'),$$

which depends differentiably on  $\theta$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** Assume that for an integer  $d \geq 1$  we have the following:

- (i)  $g^{s*} g^t = g_0^{s*} g_0^t \quad (s, t = 1, \dots, 2n-2),$
- (ii)<sub>d</sub>  $g(\eta)^* g(\eta) - g_\theta(\eta)^* g_\theta(\eta) = \theta^{d+1} h_\theta(\eta),$

where  $h_\theta(\eta)$  depends differentiably on  $\theta$ , and

$$(iii)_d \quad \sum \left\langle \frac{1}{i} c_{st}(x^0) (g^{s*} g^t - g_\theta^{s*} g_\theta^t) u, u \right\rangle \geq c_0 \theta^d |u|^2$$

for all  $u \in W$  and all sufficiently small  $\theta > 0$ . Assume further that

$$(iv) \quad \langle \Delta_g(x, \xi)u, u \rangle \geq c_1 (\sum_s |X_s(x, \xi)u|^2).$$

Then for sufficiently small  $\theta > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \|g(X)u\|^2 + C_\theta \|u\|^2 &\geq -C\theta^{d+\frac{1}{2}}\|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}} + c_0\theta^d \langle \langle \zeta^\lambda(x^0), D \rangle u, u \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle L_\theta \langle \zeta^\lambda(x^0), D \rangle u, u \rangle + \langle (T_1^\theta(x, D) + R^\theta(x, X))u, u \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in C_0^\infty(U, W)$ , where  $T_1^\theta(x^0, \xi) = 0$  for all  $\xi$ ,  $R^\theta(x, \eta)$  is linear in  $\eta$ , and  $L_\theta \in \text{Hom}(W, W)$  such that  $\langle L_\theta u, u \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $u$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.1,

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_\theta(X)u\|^2 &= \mathcal{R} \langle \Delta_{g_\theta}(x, D)u, u \rangle + \mathcal{R} \sum \frac{1}{i} \left\langle g_\theta^{s*} g_\theta^t \left( \frac{1}{i} c_{st}(x^0) \langle \zeta^\lambda(y), D \rangle \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + b_{st}^r X_r \right) u, u \right\rangle + \mathcal{R} \langle g_\theta(X)u, h_\theta(h(x))u \rangle + \langle T_0^\theta(x, D)u, u \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for  $0 < \delta < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \|g(X)u\|^2 &= \delta \|g(X)u\|^2 + (1 - \delta) \|g_\theta(X)u\|^2 \\ &\quad + (1 - \delta) (\|g(X)u\|^2 - \|g_\theta(X)u\|^2) \\ &= (1 - \delta) \|g_\theta(X)u\|^2 + \mathcal{R} \langle (\delta \Delta_g(x, D) + (1 - \delta)(\Delta_g(x, D) \\ &\quad - \Delta_{g_\theta}(x, D)))u, u \rangle \\ &\quad + \mathcal{R} \sum \left\langle \frac{c_{st}}{2i} (\delta g^{s*} g^t + (1 - \delta)(g^{s*} g^t - g_\theta^{s*} g_\theta^t)) \langle \zeta^\lambda(y), D \rangle u, u \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \mathcal{R} \langle (R^{\theta, \delta}(x, x) + T_0^{\theta, \delta}(x, D))u, u \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|g(X)u\|^2 + C_\theta \|u\|^2 &\geq \mathcal{R} \langle (\delta \Delta_g(x, D) + (1 - \delta)(\Delta_g(x, D) - \Delta_{g_\theta}(x, D)))u, u \rangle \\ &\quad + \mathcal{R} \sum \frac{1}{2i} \langle c_{st} (\delta g^{s*} g^t + (1 - \delta)(g^{s*} g^t - g_\theta^{s*} g_\theta^t)) \langle \zeta^\lambda(x), D \rangle u, u \rangle \\ &\quad + \mathcal{R} \langle R^{\theta, \delta}(x, X)u, u \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

By (ii)<sub>d</sub> and (iv),

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle (\delta \Delta_g(x, \xi) + (1 - \delta)(\Delta_g(x, \xi) - \Delta_{g_\theta}(x, \xi)))u, u \rangle \\ &\geq \delta c_1 \sum_s |X_s(x, \xi)u|^2 - (1 - \delta) \theta^{d+1} \langle h_\theta(X(x, \xi))u, u \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\theta > 0$  and  $\delta = \theta^{d+\frac{1}{2}}$ , the right hand side of the above inequality becomes

$$\theta^{d+\frac{1}{2}} (c_1 \sum_s |X_s(x, \xi)u|^2 - (1 - |\theta|^{d+\frac{1}{2}}) \theta^{\frac{1}{2}} \langle h_\theta(X(s, \xi))u, u \rangle).$$

Therefore for sufficiently small  $\theta$ , by Theorem 1.4 we have

$$(7) \quad \langle (\delta \Delta_g(x, D) + (1 - \delta)(\Delta_g(x, D) - \Delta_{g_\theta}(x, D)))u, u \rangle \geq -C_1 \theta^{d+\frac{1}{2}} \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where  $\delta = \theta^{d+\frac{1}{2}}$ . By (iii)<sub>d</sub> we have for  $\delta = \theta^{d+\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \left\langle \frac{1}{2i} c_{st}(x^0) (\partial g^{s*} g^t + (1 - \delta)(g^{s*} g^t - g_\theta^{s*} g_\theta^t)) \langle \zeta^\lambda(x^0), D \rangle u, u \right\rangle \\ \geq C_0 \theta^d \langle \langle \zeta^\lambda(x^0), D \rangle u, u \rangle - \theta^{d+\frac{1}{2}} c' \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 + \langle L_\theta \langle \zeta^\lambda(x^0), D \rangle u, u \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

together with (6) and (7)

$$\begin{aligned} \|g(X)u\|^2 + C_\theta \|u\|^2 &\geq c_0 \theta^d \langle \langle \zeta^\lambda(x^0), D \rangle u, u \rangle - \theta^{d+\frac{1}{2}} c \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 \\ &\quad + \mathcal{R} \langle R^{\theta, \beta}(x, X)u, u \rangle + \mathcal{R} \langle T_1^\theta(x, D)u, u \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle L_\theta \langle \zeta^\lambda(x^0), D \rangle u, u \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where  $T_1^\theta(x^0, \xi) = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $A$  be a pseudo-differential operator of order 1 mapping  $C_0^\infty(M, L)$  into  $C_0^\infty(M, E)$ . Assume that the characteristics of  $A$  are smooth, of fiber dimension 0, and nondegenerate, and further that, for each  $x^0 \in M$  and each component of the characteristics  $C^\lambda$  passing over  $x^0$ , the indirect symbol  $g(\eta)$  of the localized operator of  $A$  at  $x^0$  relative to  $C^\lambda$  satisfies conditions (i), (ii)<sub>d</sub>, and (iii)<sub>d</sub> (for an integer  $d \geq 1$ ) in Lemma 3.2. Then there is a constant  $c > 0$  such that*

$$\|Au\|^2 + \|u\|^2 \geq c \|u\|_{\frac{1}{2}}^2$$

for all  $u \in C^\infty(M, E)$ .

*Proof.* If  $g(\eta)$  satisfies the conditions in Lemma 3.2 for  $d \geq 1$ , and  $m$  is an integer  $m \geq 1$ , then  $g(\eta)$  satisfies the conditions for  $dm$ , so that we may use the common  $d$  for the indirect symbols relative to the components  $C^1, \dots, C^\lambda, \dots$ . Hence our theorem is an immediate corollary of Proposition 2.3 and Lemma 3.2. q.e.d.

We further study the conditions in Lemma 3.2. For  $g(\eta) = \sum g^s \eta_s$  they are conditions on  $g^{s*} g^t \in \text{Hom}(W, W)$ . Thus if we have another  $h(\eta) \in \text{Hom}(W, E_2)$  such that  $h^{s*} h^t = g^{s*} g^t$  for all  $s, t = 1, \dots, 2n - 2$ , and if  $g(\eta)$  satisfies the conditions, then so does  $h(\eta)$ .  $g$  induces a linear mapping  $g: W \otimes \mathbb{R}^{2n-2} \rightarrow E_1$ , and vice versa, and  $g$  and  $h$  are related by

$$g(u \otimes e^s) = g^s u \quad (u \in W),$$

where  $\{e^s\}$  is the standard base of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n-2}$ . We impose the hermitian metric on  $W \otimes \mathbb{R}^{2n-2}$  induced by that of  $W$ . Let  $h$  be the positive semidefinite hermitian square root of  $g^* g$ , and  $h(\eta) \in \text{Hom}(W, W \otimes \mathbb{R}^{2n-2})$  be defined by  $h$  as above. Then  $\langle h^{s*} h^t u, u' \rangle = \langle h^t u, h^s u' \rangle = \langle h(u \otimes e^t), h(u' \otimes e^s) \rangle = \langle g(u \otimes e^t), g(u' \otimes e^s) \rangle = \langle g^{s*} g^t u, u' \rangle$ , i.e.,  $h^{s*} h^t = g^{s*} g^t$ . Thus we may replace  $g$  by  $h$ . Moreover

$$(8) \quad \ker g = \ker h.$$

Hence we may assume without loss of generality that  $V = W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}$ , and that  $g$  is a positive semidefinite hermitian metric. If  $g_\theta$  as in Lemma 3.2 exists, we may assume also that  $g_\theta(\eta) \in \text{Hom}(W, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$ , or equivalently  $g_\theta \in \text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$ . Then the first condition says that  $g^*g = g_0^*g_0$ , i.e.,  $g = vg_0$  where  $v$  is a unitary transformation of  $W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}$ . Replacing  $g_\theta$  by  $vg_\theta$  we may assume that  $g_0 = g$ .

We first study the conditions in Lemma 3.2 for the case  $d = 1$ . Write

$$g_\theta \equiv g + \theta r \pmod{\theta^2}.$$

Then (ii)<sub>1</sub> and (iii)<sub>1</sub> are equivalent to

$$(ii)'_1 \quad g^{s*}r^t + r^{s*}g^t + g^{t*}r^s + r^{t*}g^s = 0,$$

$$(iii)'_1 \quad \left\langle \frac{1}{i} c_{st}^0 (g^{s*}r^t + r^{s*}g^t)u, u \right\rangle < 0$$

for all nonzero  $u$  in  $W$ , where  $c_{st}^0 = c_{st}(x^0)$ . In order to write these conditions more concisely, we introduce an automorphism  $\tau$  of  $\text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$  defined by

$$(9) \quad \langle r^\tau(u \otimes e^s), u' \otimes e^t \rangle = \langle r(u \otimes e^t), u' \otimes e^s \rangle$$

for all  $u, u' \in W$  and  $s, t = 1, \dots, 2n-2$ . Then (ii)<sub>1</sub>' is equivalent to

$$(ii)'_1' \quad g^*r + r^*g + (g^*r)^\tau + (r^*g)^\tau = 0,$$

Let  $J: \mathbf{R}^{2n-2} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}$  be defined by

$$J(e^s) = \sum_{t=1}^{2n-2} c_{st}^0 e^t.$$

Then for  $r, g \in \text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s,t} \langle c_{st}^0 r^{s*} g^t u, u' \rangle &= \sum \langle c_{st}^0 g(u \otimes e^t), r(u' \otimes e^s) \rangle \\ &= \sum \langle g(u \otimes c_{st}^0 e^t), r(u' \otimes e^s) \rangle \\ &= \sum \langle r^* g(I \otimes J)(u \otimes e^s), u' \otimes e^s \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where  $I$  is the identity map of  $W$ . This suggests us to introduce a linear mapping  $tr_W: \text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(W, W)$  defined by

$$(10) \quad \langle (tr_W h)u, u' \rangle = \sum_s \langle h(u \otimes e^s), u' \otimes e^s \rangle.$$

Then (iii)<sub>1</sub>' can be written as

$$(iii)'_1' \quad tr_W(i(g^*r + r^*g)(I \otimes J)) > 0.$$

Thus we have the following:

**Lemma 3.3.** *Conditions (i), (ii)<sub>1</sub>, (iii)<sub>1</sub> in Lemma 3.2 are satisfied if and only if we can find  $r \in \text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$  such that*

$$(ii)_1'' \quad g^*r + r^*g + (g^*r)^\tau + (r^*g)^\tau = 0 ,$$

$$(iii)_1'' \quad \text{tr}_W(i(g^*r + r^*g)(I \otimes J)) > 0 .$$

Let  $V, V_1$  be vector spaces with hermitian metrics. Then we always consider the vector space  $\text{Hom}(V, V_1)$  with a hermitian metric defined by

$$\langle r, g \rangle = \text{Tr } g^*r \quad (g, r \in \text{Hom}(V, V_1)) .$$

The subspace over  $\mathbf{R}$  of  $\text{Hom}(V, V)$  consisting of all self-adjoint transformations of  $V$  will be denoted by  $\text{Her}(V, V)$ , so that

$$\dim_{\mathbf{R}}(\text{Her}(V, V)) = (\dim_{\mathbf{C}} V)^2 .$$

$\tau$  defined by the formula (9) is a hermitian unitary transformation of order 2 of  $\text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$  and preserves  $\text{Her}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$ . We set

$$(11) \quad S = \{\alpha \in \text{Her}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}); \alpha^\tau = \alpha\} ,$$

$$(12) \quad S^A = \{\beta \in \text{Her}(W \oplus \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}); \beta^\tau = -\beta\} .$$

For a subspace  $F$  of  $V$ ,  $\rho_F$  generally denotes the orthogonal projection of  $V$  to  $F$ . We can now rewrite Lemma 3.3 as follows:

**Proposition 3.1.** *Conditions (i), (ii)<sub>1</sub>, (iii)<sub>1</sub> in Lemma 3.2 are satisfied if and only if there is  $\beta \in S^A$  such that*

$$1) \quad \rho_K \beta \rho_K = 0 \quad \text{where } K = \ker g ,$$

$$2) \quad \text{tr}_W(i\beta(I \otimes J)) > 0 .$$

*Proof.* Assume that there is  $r$  as in Lemma 3.3. Then  $\beta = g^*r + r^*g$  is in  $S^A$  and satisfies 1) and 2). Conversely, assume that  $\beta$  satisfies 1) and 2). Since  $\beta$  is hermitian, the condition 1) implies that there is  $r \in \text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$  such that  $\beta = g^*r + r^*g$ . Then this  $r$  clearly satisfies (ii)<sub>1</sub>'' and (iii)<sub>1</sub>'' . q.e.d.

In order to study these conditions further, we define a linear map (over  $\mathbf{R}$ )  $\theta: \text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}) \rightarrow \text{Her}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$  by

$$(13) \quad \theta(r) = g^*r + r^*g .$$

$r$  is in  $\text{Ker } \theta$  if and only if  $ir^*g$  is hermitian. Since  $ir^*g$  is zero on  $\text{Ker } g$ , we thus have a linear map

$$\text{Ker } \theta \rightarrow \text{Her}(\text{Im } g, \text{Im } g),$$

where  $\text{Im } g$  denotes the image of  $g$  (being hermitian, it is the orthogonal complement of  $\text{Ker } g$ ). It is easy to check that this map is surjective and the kernel is isomorphic to  $\text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, \text{Ker } g)$ . Thus

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} \dim_{\mathbf{R}} \text{Ker } \theta &= (\dim_{\mathbf{C}} \text{Im } g)^2 + 2m(2n-2) \dim_{\mathbf{C}} \text{Ker } g \\ &= ((2n-2)m)^2 + (\dim_{\mathbf{C}} \text{Ker } g)^2 \quad (m = \dim_{\mathbf{C}} w). \end{aligned}$$

When  $V$  is a vector subspace of  $W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}$ ,  $r \in \text{Hom}(V, V)$  can be identified with an element in  $\text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$ , which coincides with  $r$  on  $V$  and is zero on the orthogonal complement of  $V$ . Thus we always consider  $\text{Hom}(V, V)$  as a subspace of  $\text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$ . We denote by  $\pi_S$  the projection to  $S$  of  $S \oplus S^\perp = \text{Her}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$ . Clearly

$$\pi_S(h) = \frac{1}{2}(h + h^r).$$

**Lemma 3.4.**  $(\text{Im}(\pi_S \circ \theta))^\perp \cap S = \text{Her}(\text{Ker } g, \text{Ker } g) \cap S$ , where  $\perp$  is taken in  $\text{Her}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$ .

*Proof.*  $\alpha$  in  $S$  is in  $(\text{Im}(\pi_S \circ \theta))^\perp \cap S$  if and only if

$$(15) \quad \langle r^*g + g^*r + (r^*g)^r + (g^*r)^r, \alpha \rangle = 0$$

for all  $r \in \text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$ . Since  $\langle r, q \rangle = \langle r^r, q^r \rangle$  and  $h(rq) = h(qr)$ , we see easily that the right hand side is  $4\mathcal{R}tr r^*g\alpha$ . Therefore (15) is satisfied for all  $r$  if and only if  $g\alpha = 0$ . Since  $\alpha$  is hermitian, it follows that the condition is equivalent to  $\alpha \in \text{Her}(\text{Ker } g, \text{Ker } g)$ .

**Lemma 3.5.**  $\text{Im } \theta \cap S^\perp = \{\gamma - \gamma^r; \gamma \in \text{Her}(\text{Ker } g, \text{Ker } g)\}^\perp \cap S^\perp$ .

*Proof.* If  $\beta \in \text{Image } \theta \cap S^\perp$ , then for any  $\gamma \in \text{Her}(\text{Ker } g, \text{Ker } g)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}\langle \beta, \gamma - \gamma^r \rangle &= 2\mathcal{R}\langle \beta, \gamma \rangle = 2\mathcal{R}tr \gamma \beta = 2\mathcal{R}tr \gamma(r^*g + g^*r) \\ &= 4\mathcal{R}tr(r^*g\gamma) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the left hand side is contained in the right hand side. We prove the equality by counting the dimension of both sides. Set  $\Phi = \text{Her}(\text{Ker } g, \text{Ker } g) \cap S$ . Then the real dimension of the right hand side is equal to

$$\dim_{\mathbf{R}} S^\perp - (\dim_{\mathbf{C}} \text{Ker } g)^2 + \dim_{\mathbf{R}} \Phi.$$

Since the left hand side is equal to the image by  $\theta$  of  $\text{Ker } \pi_S \circ \theta$ , its dimension is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_{\mathbf{R}}(\text{Ker } \pi_S \circ \theta) &= \dim_{\mathbf{R}}(\text{Ker } \theta) \\ &= \dim_{\mathbf{R}}(\text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})) - \dim_{\mathbf{R}}(\text{Im } \pi_S \circ \theta) \\ &\quad - \dim_{\mathbf{R}}(\text{Ker } \theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2(m(2n-2))^2 - (\dim_{\mathbf{R}} S - \dim_{\mathbf{R}} \Phi) - ((m(2m-2))^2 \\
 &\quad + (\dim_{\mathbf{C}} (\text{Ker } g)^2) \quad \text{(by Lemma 3.4 and (14))} \\
 &= (m(2n-2))^2 - \dim_{\mathbf{R}} S + \dim_{\mathbf{R}} \Phi - (\dim_{\mathbf{C}} \text{Ker } g)^2 \\
 &= \dim_{\mathbf{R}} S^A - (\dim_{\mathbf{C}} \text{Ker } g)^2 + \dim_{\mathbf{R}} \Phi. \quad \text{q.e.d.}
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $\gamma \in \text{Her}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$ , set

$$(16) \quad C(\gamma) = \text{tr}_W(i\gamma(I \otimes J)) = \sum ic_{st}^0 \gamma^{st} \in \text{Hom}(W, W).$$

Since  $J^* = -J$ ,  $C(\gamma)$  is hermitian. If  $H \in \text{Her}(W, W)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \gamma, H \otimes J \rangle &= \text{tr}(-(H \otimes J)\gamma) = i \text{tr}((H \otimes I)(I \otimes J)i\gamma) \\
 &= i \text{tr}(H \text{tr}_W(i\gamma(I \otimes J))) = i \langle C(\gamma), H \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(17) \quad \langle \gamma, H \otimes J \rangle = i \langle C(\gamma), H \rangle \quad (H \in \text{Her}(W, W)).$$

Set

$$(18) \quad Z = \{\beta \in S^A; C(\beta) = 0\}.$$

Then by (17),  $\beta \in S^A$  is in  $Z$  if and only if  $\langle \beta, H \otimes J \rangle = 0$  for all  $H \in \text{Her}(W, W)$ . Hence

$$(19) \quad S^A = Z \oplus (\text{Her}(W, W) \otimes J),$$

where  $\oplus$  indicates an orthogonal decomposition.

**Lemma 3.6.** Set  $G = \{\gamma - \gamma^r; \gamma \in \text{Her}(\text{Ker } g, \text{Ker } g)\}$ . Then

$$G = \rho_G Z \oplus (G \cap (\text{Her}(W, W) \otimes J)).$$

*Proof.* By (19),  $Z$  is orthogonal to  $\text{Her}(W, W) \otimes J$ , so that  $\rho_G Z$  is orthogonal to  $G \cap (\text{Her}(W, W) \otimes J)$ . Let  $v \in G$  be orthogonal to  $\rho_G Z$ . Then  $v$  is orthogonal to  $Z$ . Since  $v$  is in  $S^A$ , it is in  $\text{Her}(W \otimes W) \otimes J$  by (19) and hence in  $G \cap (\text{Her}(W, W) \otimes J)$ . q.e.d.

**Proposition 3.2.** Assume that not all  $c_{st}^0$  are zero, and define  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \text{Her}(W, W)$  by

$$\mathcal{L} \otimes J = \{\gamma - \gamma^r; \gamma \in \text{Her}(\text{Ker } g, \text{Ker } g)\} \cap (\text{Her}(W, W) \otimes J).$$

Then conditions (i), (ii)<sub>1</sub>, (iii)<sub>1</sub> in Lemma 3.2 are satisfied if and only if there is a positive definite hermitian form on  $W$  orthogonal to  $\mathcal{L}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\beta \in S^A$  satisfies conditions 1) and 2) in Proposition 3.1. By 1),  $\langle \beta, \gamma^r \rangle = \langle \beta^r, \gamma \rangle = -\langle \beta, \gamma \rangle = -\text{tr } \gamma \beta = 0$  for all  $\gamma \in \text{Her}(\text{Ker } g, \text{Ker } g)$ ,

so that  $\beta$  is orthogonal to  $G$ . Thus for  $H \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $\langle C(\beta), H \rangle = -i\langle \beta, H \otimes J \rangle = 0$  (cf. (17)). Hence  $C(\beta) = \text{tr}_W(i\beta \circ (I \otimes J))$  is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{L}$  and is positive definite by 2). Conversely, assume that  $h$  is a positive definite hermitian form on  $W$  and is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{L}$ . Take  $\beta_1 \in S^4$  such that  $C(\beta_1) = h$ . Then  $\langle \beta_1, \mathcal{L} \otimes J \rangle = i\langle C(\beta_1), \mathcal{L} \rangle = 0$ , so that  $\beta_1$  is orthogonal to  $G \cap (\text{Her}(W, W) \otimes J)$ . Thus by Lemma 3.5,  $\beta_1 \in G^\perp + \rho_G Z$ , where  $G^\perp$  is the orthogonal complement of  $G$  in  $S^4$ . Since  $\rho_G Z \subset Z + G^\perp$ , it follows that  $\beta_1 \in G^\perp + Z$ . Write  $\beta_1 = \beta + \zeta$ , where  $\beta \in G^\perp$  and  $\zeta \in Z$ . Then  $C(\beta) = C(\beta_1) - C(\zeta) = C(\beta_1) = h$ . Thus  $C(\beta) > 0$ . Since  $\beta \in G^\perp$ , for any  $\gamma \in \text{Her}(\text{Ker } g, \text{Ker } g)$  we have  $\langle \beta, \gamma \rangle = \frac{1}{2}\langle \beta, \gamma - \gamma^* \rangle = 0$ . Thus  $\text{tr } \beta \gamma = 0$  for all  $\gamma \in \text{Her}(\text{Ker } g, \text{Ker } g)$ , and hence  $\beta$  satisfies condition 2) in Proposition 3.1. q.e.d.

By considering the conditions in Lemma 3.2 for  $d = 2$ , we obtain a more general condition for half-estimate. We can write down these conditions parallel to Proposition 3.1 as follows:

**Proposition 3.3.** *Conditions (i), (ii)<sub>2</sub>, (iii)<sub>2</sub> in Lemma 3.2 are satisfied if and only if there is  $\beta \in S^4$  such that*

- 1)  $\rho_K \beta \rho_K \geq 0$  where  $K = \text{ker } g$ ,
- 2)  $\text{tr}_W(i\beta(I \otimes J)) > 0$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $g_\theta$  satisfies (i), (ii)<sub>2</sub>, and (iii)<sub>3</sub>. Write

$$g_\theta = g + \theta r + \theta^2 q \pmod{\theta^3}.$$

Then (ii)<sub>2</sub> and (iii)<sub>2</sub> are equivalent to

$$(20) \quad g^* r + r^* g + (g^* r + r^* g)^* = 0,$$

$$(21) \quad g^* q + q^* g + r^* r + (g^* q + q^* g + r^* r)^* = 0,$$

$$(22) \quad \langle i \text{tr}_W(\theta(g^* r + r^* g) + \theta^2(g^* q + q^* g + r^* r))(I \otimes J)u, u \rangle \geq c\theta^2 |u|^2$$

for all sufficiently small  $\theta$  and all  $u \in W$ . Set

$$H_1 = i \text{tr}_W((g^* r + r^* g)(I \otimes J)), H = i \text{tr}_W((g^* q + q^* g + r^* r)(I \otimes J)).$$

(22) implies that for a sufficiently large real number  $a$ ,  $aH_1 + H_2 > 0$ . Set

$$f = q + ar, \quad \beta = g^* f + f^* g + r^* r,$$

Then  $\text{tr}_W(i\beta(I \otimes J)) > 0$  by (22), and  $\beta \in S^4$  by (20) and (21). Moreover,  $\rho_K \beta \rho_K = \rho_K r^* r \rho_K \geq 0$ . Thus  $\beta$  satisfies our conditions. Conversely, assume that there is  $\beta \in S^4$  satisfying our conditions. Write  $\rho_K \beta \rho_K = r^* r$ , where  $r \in \text{Hom}(\text{Ker } g, \text{Ker } g)$ . Then  $\rho_K(\beta - r^* r)\rho_K = 0$ , and therefore there is  $q \in \text{Hom}(W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2}, W \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-2})$  such that



$$\beta - r^*r = g^*q + q^*g .$$

Noting  $r^*g = g^*r = 0$  since  $\text{Im } g \perp \text{Ker } g$ , we see easily that  $g_\theta = g + \theta r + \theta^2 q$  satisfies our requirements (20), (21) and (22).

### Appendix

*Proof of Theorem 1.4.* Set  $\langle \xi \rangle = (1 + |\xi|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Expanding  $J(x, \xi + z\langle \xi \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}})$  in Taylor's series in  $z$ , multiplying by  $bt g(z)^2$ , integrating over  $\mathbf{R}^n$  in  $z$ , and noting that  $g(z)$  is an even function, we find that

$$(13) \quad J(x, \xi) = J_1(x, \xi) - (\partial^2 J(x, \xi) / \partial \xi_j \partial \xi_k) a_{jk} \langle \xi \rangle + R(x, \xi) ,$$

where

$$(14) \quad J_1(x, \xi) = \int J(x, \xi + z\langle \xi \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}) g(z)^2 dz ,$$

and  $R(x, \xi)$  is of order  $l - 2$ . Set

$$(15) \quad \gamma(\chi, \xi) = \hat{J}(\chi, \xi) , \quad \gamma_1(\chi, \xi) = \hat{J}_1(\chi, \xi) ,$$

where  $\wedge$  indicates Fourier transform in the space variables. Then by applying a change of variables  $z = \langle \xi \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta - \xi)$  to (13),

$$(16) \quad \gamma_1(\chi, \xi) = \int \gamma(\chi, \xi) g(\langle \xi \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta - \xi))^2 \langle \xi \rangle^{-n/2} d\zeta .$$

In view of (13) we are interested in estimating  $\int \langle \gamma_1(\chi - \xi) \hat{u}(\xi), \hat{u}(\chi) \rangle d\xi d\chi$  from below. However, instead of  $\gamma_1$  we first consider

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} \gamma_2(\chi, \xi) &= \int \gamma(\chi, \zeta) g(\langle \xi + \chi \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta - \xi - \chi)) \langle \xi + \chi \rangle^{-n/4} \\ &\quad \cdot g(\langle \xi \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta - \xi)) \langle \xi \rangle^{-n/4} d\zeta \\ &= \int \gamma(\chi, \xi + z\langle \xi \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}) g(\langle \xi + \chi \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}}(z\langle \xi \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} - \chi)) \\ &\quad \cdot \langle \xi + \chi \rangle^{-n/4} g(z) \langle \xi \rangle^{n/4} dz , \end{aligned}$$

and then study the difference  $\gamma_1 - \gamma_2$ .

From the first defining formula of  $\gamma_2(\chi, \xi)$ , it follows that

$$(18) \quad \int \langle \gamma_2(\chi - \xi, \xi) \hat{u}(\xi), \hat{u}(\chi) \rangle d\xi d\chi = \int \langle J(x, \zeta) u_\zeta(x), u_\zeta(x) \rangle dx d\zeta ,$$

where  $\hat{u}_\zeta(\xi) = g(\langle \xi \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta - \xi)) \langle \xi \rangle^{-n/4} \hat{u}(\xi)$ . Therefore by our assumption,

$$(19) \quad \mathcal{R} \int \langle \gamma_2(\chi - \xi, \xi) \hat{u}(\xi), \hat{u}(\chi) \rangle d\xi d\chi \geq 0 .$$

By (2) and the second defining formula of  $\gamma_2(\chi, \xi)$  in (17),

$$(20) \quad \begin{aligned} \gamma_1(\chi, \xi) - \gamma_2(\chi, \xi) &= \int \gamma(\chi, \xi + z\langle \xi \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &\cdot \{g(\langle \xi + \chi \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}}(z\langle \xi \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} - \chi))\langle \xi + \chi \rangle^{-n/4}\langle \xi \rangle^{n/4} - g(z)\}g(z)dz . \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \xi + \chi \rangle^{-a}\langle \xi \rangle^a &= 1 - a\langle \xi \rangle^{-2}(\xi, \chi) + R_a(\chi, \xi) , \\ |R_a(\chi, \xi)| &\leq C_a\langle \xi \rangle^{-2}\langle \chi \rangle^{|a+2|+4} , \end{aligned}$$

where  $(\xi, \chi)$  is the inner product of  $\xi$  and  $\chi$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} &g(\langle \xi + \chi \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}}(z\langle \xi \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}} - \chi))\langle \xi + \chi \rangle^{-n/4}\langle \xi \rangle^{n/4} - g(z) \\ &= -(n/4)\langle \xi \rangle^{-2}(\xi, \chi)g(z) - (\frac{1}{2}\langle \xi \rangle^{-2}(\xi, \chi)z_j + \langle \xi \rangle^{-\frac{1}{2}}\chi_j)\partial g/\partial z_j \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\langle \xi \rangle^{-1}\chi_j\chi_k\partial^2 g/\partial z_j\partial z_k + S_1(\chi, \xi, z) , \\ &|S_1(\chi, \xi, z)| \leq C\langle \xi \rangle^{-3/2}\langle \chi \rangle^k\langle z \rangle^k \end{aligned}$$

for a sufficiently large  $k$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(\chi, \xi + z\langle \xi \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}) &= \gamma(\chi, \xi) + z\langle \xi \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}\partial\gamma(\chi, \xi)/\partial\xi_\nu + S_2(\chi, \xi, z) , \\ |S_2(\chi, \xi, z)| &\leq C_N\langle \xi \rangle^{-1}\langle z \rangle^k\langle \chi \rangle^{-N} , \end{aligned}$$

it follows then by (20) that

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1(\chi, \xi) - \gamma_2(\chi, \xi) &= \frac{1}{2}\gamma(\chi, \xi)\langle \xi \rangle^{-1}\chi_j\chi_k \int (\partial^2 g/\partial z_j\partial z_k)g(z)dz \\ &\quad - \gamma(\chi, \xi)\langle \xi \rangle^{-2}(\xi, \chi) \left\{ (n/4) + \frac{1}{2} \int z_j g(z)(\partial g/\partial z_j)dz \right\} \\ &\quad - \chi_j(\partial\gamma(\chi, \xi)/\partial\xi_k) \int z_k g(z)(\partial g/\partial z_j)dz + S(\chi, \xi) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\gamma(\chi, \xi)\langle \xi \rangle^{-1}\chi_j\chi_k b_{jk} + \hat{T}(\chi, \xi) + S(\chi, \xi) , \end{aligned}$$

where  $|S(\chi, \xi)| \leq C_N\langle \xi \rangle^{l-3/2}\langle \chi \rangle^{-N}$ ,  $T(x, \xi)$  is of order  $l-1$ , and

$$(21) \quad \mathcal{R}\langle T(x, \xi)u, u \rangle = 0$$

for all  $u$ . The above equations together with (13), (18) and (19) therefore give

$$\mathcal{R}\langle J(x, D)u, u \rangle \geq -\mathcal{R}\langle L(x, D)u, u \rangle + \mathcal{R}\langle T(x, D)u, u \rangle + \mathcal{R}\langle S(x, D)u, u \rangle .$$

Since  $\Re \langle T(x, D)u, u \rangle = 0$  we can apply our argument to  $\langle T(x, D)u, u \rangle$ . Note that we have not used the hermitian assumption of  $J(x, \xi)$  except for getting (21). Since  $T(x, \xi)$  is of order  $l - 1$  we find that  $|\Re \langle T(x, D)u, u \rangle| \geq +\Re \langle S'(x, D)u, u \rangle$  where  $S'(x, \xi)$  is of order  $\leq l - 2$ . This completes the proof of our theorem.

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