

## AN APPLICATION OF REGULARLY VARYING FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $\mathcal{K}'_M$  be the space of distributions growing no faster than  $e^{M(cx)}$  for some constant  $c$ , where  $M$  is a suitably defined function. We assume that the dual of  $M$  in the sense of Young is regularly varying at zero and infinity with positive indices of variation. We prove that two necessary conditions for a convolution operator to be hypoelliptic in  $\mathcal{K}'_M$  are also sufficient.

**0. Introduction.** D.H. Paik [2] studied hypoelliptic convolution equations in spaces  $\mathcal{K}'_M$  of distributions growing no faster than  $e^{M(cx)}$  for some positive constant  $c$ . Here  $M$  is a function defined on  $[0, \infty)$  by

$$(0.1) \quad M(x) = \int_0^x \mu(t) dt$$

where  $\mu$  is a continuous, increasing function on  $[0, \infty)$  such that  $\mu(0) = 0$  and  $\mu(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . We will also consider the extension of  $M$ , which we also denote by  $M$ , to all of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  by  $M(x) = M(|x|)$ .

Paik proved that the Fourier transform  $\hat{S}$  of a distribution  $S$  which is a hypoelliptic convolution operator in  $\mathcal{K}'_M$  satisfies the following conditions:

( $H_r$ ) There exist positive constants  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  such that

$$|\hat{S}(\xi)| \geq |\xi|^{-A_1}, \quad \text{if } \xi \in \mathbf{R}^n \quad \text{and} \quad |\xi| \geq B_1.$$

( $H_c$ )  $(N(\eta)/\log|\zeta|) \rightarrow \infty$ , if  $\zeta = \xi + i\eta \in \mathbf{C}^n$ ,  $|\zeta| \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\hat{S}(\zeta) = 0$ , where  $N$  is the dual of  $M$  in the sense of Young.

On the other hand, a convolution operator  $S$  in  $\mathcal{K}'_M$  is hypoelliptic in  $\mathcal{K}'_M$  if its Fourier transform  $\hat{S}$  satisfies the seemingly stronger condition:

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(H) Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we can find a positive constant  $B$  such that, for every integer  $m \geq 0$ , there exists a constant  $C_m$  with the property that

$$\frac{1}{|\hat{S}(\zeta)|} \leq |\zeta|^B e^{\varepsilon N(\eta)},$$

if  $\zeta = \xi + i\eta \in \mathbf{C}^n$ ,  $N(\eta) \leq m \log |\zeta|$  and  $|\zeta| \geq C_m$ .

The question whether conditions  $(H_r)$  and  $(H_c)$  imply (H) was left open. However, it is known [3, Theorem 8] that they are equivalent in the case where  $M(x) = x^p/p$  for  $p > 1$ .

In this paper we prove that conditions  $(H_r)$  and  $(H_c)$  are indeed equivalent to (H), if we assume that the function  $N$  is regularly varying at zero and at infinity with positive indices of variation. The notion of regular variation at infinity was first introduced by J. Karamata [1] for application in probability theory.

In Section 1 we recall the basic facts concerning the space  $\mathcal{K}'_M$  and the space  $\mathcal{O}'_c(\mathcal{K}'_M : \mathcal{K}'_M)$  of convolution operators in  $\mathcal{K}'_M$ . In Section 2 we discuss some properties of regularly varying functions. Section 3 contains the fundamental lemma and Section 4 is devoted to the proof of our main result.

**1. Preliminaries.** Let  $M$  and  $N$  be functions on  $[0, \infty)$  defined as in equation (0.1) by means of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , respectively. We say that  $M$  and  $N$  are dual in the sense of Young if  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are mutual inverses. For example,  $x^p/p$  and  $x^q/q$  are dual in the sense of Young when  $p > 1$  and  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ . If  $x, \eta \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , we set  $M(x) = M(|x|)$  and  $N(\eta) = N(|\eta|)$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{K}_M$  the space of all  $C^\infty$ -functions on  $\mathbf{R}^n$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad p_k(\varphi) = \sup_{x \in \mathbf{R}^n, |\alpha| \leq k} e^{M(kx)} |D^\alpha \varphi(x)| < \infty, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where, as usual,  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \dots + \alpha_n$  and  $D^\alpha = \prod_{j=1}^n (i^{-1}(\partial/\partial x_j))^{\alpha_j}$ .

The topology in  $\mathcal{K}_M$  is defined by the seminorms (1.1).

The dual  $\mathcal{K}_{M'}$  of  $\mathcal{K}_M$  can be identified with a subspace of the space  $\mathcal{D}'$  of distributions on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . A distribution  $u \in \mathcal{D}'$  is in  $\mathcal{K}_{M'}$  if and only if there exists an integer  $m \geq 0$ , a constant  $c \geq 0$ , and a bounded

continuous function  $f$  on  $\mathbf{R}^n$  with

$$u = \frac{\partial^{mn}}{\partial x_1^m \dots \partial x_n^m} [e^{M_c} f], \quad \text{where } M_c(x) = M(cx).$$

Because of this property we call  $\mathcal{K}'_M$  the space of distributions which “grow no faster than  $e^{M(cx)}$ ” for some  $c > 0$ .

If  $S \in \mathcal{K}'_M$  and the function  $g(y) = \langle S_x, \varphi(y - x) \rangle$  is in  $\mathcal{K}_M$  for every  $\varphi \in \mathcal{K}_M$ , then  $S$  is a convolution operator in  $\mathcal{K}'_M$ . In this case one can define the convolution  $S * u$  of  $S$  with every distribution  $u \in \mathcal{K}'_M$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{O}'_c(\mathcal{K}'_M : \mathcal{K}'_M)$  the space of all convolution operators in  $\mathcal{K}'_M$ . If  $S \in \mathcal{O}'_c(\mathcal{K}'_M : \mathcal{K}'_M)$  then the Fourier transform  $\hat{S}$  of  $S$  is an entire function having the following Paley-Wiener type property:

(PW) For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist positive constants  $A_2$  and  $B_2$  such that

$$|\hat{S}(\zeta)| \leq |\zeta|^{B_2} e^{\varepsilon N(\eta)}, \quad \text{if } \zeta = \xi + i\eta \in \mathbf{C}^n \quad \text{and} \quad |\zeta| \geq A_2,$$

where  $N$  is the dual to  $M$  in the sense of Young.

We denote by  $\mathcal{E}_M$  the space of all  $C^\infty$ -functions  $f$  on  $\mathbf{R}^n$  such that

$$D^\alpha f(x) = O(e^{M(ax)}) \quad \text{as } |x| \rightarrow \infty,$$

for all multi-indices  $\alpha$  and some constant  $a \geq 0$  depending on  $f$ . If  $S \in \mathcal{O}'_c(\mathcal{K}'_M : \mathcal{K}'_M)$  and  $u \in \mathcal{E}_M$  then  $S * u \in \mathcal{E}_M$ . The distribution  $S$  is said to be hypoelliptic in  $\mathcal{K}'_M$  if every solution  $u \in \mathcal{K}'_M$  of the convolution equation  $S * u = v$  is in  $\mathcal{E}_M$  whenever  $v \in \mathcal{E}_M$ .

**2. Regularly varying functions.** We consider real-valued, increasing functions  $\psi$  defined on  $[0, \infty)$  with  $\psi(0) = 0$ .

**Definition.** The function  $\psi$  is *regularly varying at infinity* if, for each  $x > 0$  and for some  $\rho \in \mathbf{R}$ ,

$$(2.1) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\psi(rx)}{\psi(r)} = x^\rho.$$

The number  $\rho$  is called the index of regular variation at infinity.

The function  $\psi$  is regularly varying at zero if  $\psi(x^{-1})$  is regularly varying at infinity. In other words,  $\psi$  is regularly varying at zero if, for each  $x > 0$  and some  $\sigma \in \mathbf{R}$  we have

$$(2.2) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\psi(rx)}{\psi(r)} = x^\sigma.$$

We call  $\sigma$  the index of regular variation at zero.

*Remark 1.* Since  $\psi$  is increasing and positive for  $x > 0$ , it is regularly varying at infinity if we assume only that the limit in (2.1) exists and is finite for two positive values of  $x$ , say  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , such that  $x_1 \neq 1$  and  $x_2 \neq 1$  and  $\log x_1 / \log x_2$  is irrational, see [4, Theorem 1.8].

One of the fundamental theorems on regularly varying functions concerns uniform convergence.

**Uniform convergence theorem** [4, Theorem 1.1]. *If  $\psi$  is regularly varying at infinity (or at zero), then for every interval  $[a, b]$ ,  $0 < a < b < \infty$ , the convergence in (2.1) (in (2.2), respectively) is uniform for  $x \in [a, b]$ .*

Another useful result concerns the growth of a regularly varying function at infinity.

**Theorem** [4, p. 18]. *If  $\psi$  is regularly varying at infinity with index  $\rho$ , then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{-\rho-\varepsilon} \psi(x) = 0.$$

*In particular, if  $p > \rho$ , then there is a constant  $C$  such that*

$$(2.3) \quad \psi(x) \leq C(1 + x^p), \quad 0 \leq x < \infty.$$

If  $\psi$  is regularly varying at infinity with index  $\rho > 0$ , we can improve the uniform convergence theorem in the following way.

**Theorem 1.** *If  $\psi$  is regularly varying at infinity with index  $\rho > 0$ , then, for every  $h > 0$  the convergence in (2.1) is uniform for  $x \in [0, h]$ .*

*Proof.* For a given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , choose  $x_0 > 0$  so that  $x_0^\rho < \varepsilon/3$ . Next, choose  $r_0$  such that

$$(2.4) \quad \left| \frac{\psi(rx)}{\psi(r)} - x^\rho \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad \text{for } x_0 \leq x \leq h \quad \text{and} \quad r \geq r_0.$$

This is possible by the uniform convergence theorem. It follows that

$$\frac{\psi(rx_0)}{\psi(r)} \leq \left| \frac{\psi(rx_0)}{\psi(r)} - x_0^\rho \right| + x_0^\rho < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \frac{2\varepsilon}{3} \quad \text{for } r \geq r_0,$$

and so

$$\psi(rx_0) < \frac{2\varepsilon}{3}\psi(r) \quad \text{for } r \geq r_0.$$

Since  $\psi$  is increasing, we have

$$\psi(rx) \leq \psi(rx_0) < \frac{2\varepsilon}{3}\psi(r) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq x_0 \quad \text{and} \quad r \geq r_0.$$

Also, since  $\rho > 0$ ,

$$x^\rho \leq x_0^\rho < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq x_0.$$

Therefore,

$$(2.5) \quad \left| \frac{\psi(rx)}{\psi(r)} - x^\rho \right| \leq \frac{\psi(rx)}{\psi(r)} + x^\rho < \frac{2\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \varepsilon$$

for  $0 \leq x \leq x_0$  and  $r \geq r_0$ .

Now, combining (2.4) and (2.5), we obtain

$$\left| \frac{\psi(rx)}{\psi(r)} - x^\rho \right| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq h \quad \text{and} \quad r \geq r_0,$$

which proves the theorem.  $\square$

In a similar way we can extend the uniform convergence theorem for functions regularly varying at zero.

**Theorem 2.** *If  $\psi$  is regularly varying at zero with index  $\sigma > 0$ , then, for every  $h > 0$  the convergence in (2.2) is uniform for  $x \in [0, h]$ .*

**Corollary 1.** *If  $\psi$  is regularly varying at both zero and infinity with positive indices of variation, then, for any  $h > 0$ ,  $\psi(rx)/\psi(r)$  is bounded when  $0 \leq x \leq h$  and  $0 < r < \infty$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 2, there are  $\sigma > 0$  and  $r_1 > 0$  such that

$$\frac{\psi(rx)}{\psi(r)} \leq 1 + x^\sigma \leq 1 + h^\sigma \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq h \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < r < r_1.$$

Similarly, by Theorem 1, there are  $\rho > 0$  and  $r_2 > r_1$  such that

$$\frac{\psi(rx)}{\psi(r)} \leq 1 + x^\rho \leq 1 + h^\rho \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq h \quad \text{and} \quad r \geq r_2.$$

If we have  $r_1 \leq r \leq r_2$ , then

$$\frac{\psi(rx)}{\psi(r)} \leq \frac{\psi(r_2x)}{\psi(r_1)} \leq \frac{\psi(r_2h)}{\psi(r_1)} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq h.$$

Consequently,

$$\frac{\psi(rx)}{\psi(r)} \leq \max \left\{ 1 + h^\sigma, 1 + h^\rho, \frac{\psi(r_2h)}{\psi(r_1)} \right\}$$

for  $0 \leq x \leq h$  and  $0 < r < \infty$ .  $\square$

So far we have only assumed that  $\psi$  is an increasing function on  $[0, \infty)$  with  $\psi(0) = 0$ . Now suppose that  $\psi$  is also continuous on  $[0, \infty)$ . Then, given  $h > 0$  and  $r_0 > 0$ ,  $r \rightarrow r_0$  implies that  $\psi(r) \rightarrow \psi(r_0) > 0$  and  $\psi(rx) \rightarrow \psi(r_0x)$  uniformly for  $x \in [0, h]$ . We therefore have the following.

**Corollary 2.** *If  $\psi$  is continuous and regularly varying at both zero and infinity with positive indices of variation, and if  $\psi(rx)/\psi(r) \rightarrow L(x)$  as  $r \rightarrow 0^+$ , or  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , or  $r \rightarrow r_0$ ,  $0 < r_0 < \infty$ , then  $L(x) \leq C(1 + x^p)$ ,  $0 \leq x < \infty$  for some positive constants  $C$  and  $p$ .*

*Proof.* If  $r \rightarrow 0^+$  or  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , the conclusion follows immediately from the definition of regular variation of  $\psi$  at zero or infinity. Also, since

$\psi$  is regularly varying at infinity, there are positive constants  $C$  and  $p$  such that

$$\psi(x) \leq C(1 + x^p) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x < \infty,$$

by (2.3). Hence, if  $r \rightarrow r_0$ ,  $0 < r_0 < \infty$ , we have

$$L(x) = \frac{\psi(r_0 x)}{\psi(r_0)} \leq C^*(1 + x^p), \quad 0 \leq x < \infty,$$

where  $C^* = (C(1 + r_0^p)/\psi(r_0))$ .

**3. The basic lemma.** We assume that  $\psi$  is a continuous, increasing function on  $[0, \infty)$  with  $\psi(0) = 0$ , and we extend  $\psi$  to  $\mathbf{R}$  by setting  $\psi(-x) = \psi(x)$  for  $x > 0$ .

**Lemma.** *Let  $\psi$  be regularly varying at both zero and infinity with positive indices of variation. Then, for given positive constants  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $b$ , we can find a constant  $H$  such that, if  $u$  is a harmonic function for  $x^2 + y^2 < R^2$  and satisfies the inequalities*

$$u(x, 0) \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u(x, y) \geq -a\psi(r) - B\psi(r), \quad x^2 + y^2 < R^2,$$

it follows that

$$u(x, y) \leq a\psi(y) + (B + b)\psi(r), \quad x^2 + y^2 < r^2,$$

provided that  $0 < a < A$  and  $0 < r < R/H$ .

*Proof.* Assume the lemma is false. Then we can find positive constants  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $b$ , sequences of numbers  $a_n, R_n$  and  $r_n$  with  $0 < a_n < A$  and  $R_n/r_n \geq n$ , and a sequence of harmonic functions  $u_n$  such that

$$(3.1) \quad u_n(x, 0) \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u_n(x, y) \geq -a_n\psi(r_n) - B\psi(r_n),$$

$$x^2 + y^2 < Rn^2,$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad u_n(x_n, y_n) > a_n\psi(y_n) + (B + b)\psi(r_n),$$

for some  $(x_n, y_n) \in \mathbf{R}^2$  with  $x_n^2 + y_n^2 < r_n^2$ .

We now set

$$v_n(x, y) = u_n(r_n x, r_n y) / \psi(r_n), \quad x_n^* = x_n / r_n, \quad y_n^* = y_n / r_n.$$

Since  $R_n / r_n \geq n$ , it follows from (3.1) and (3.2) that

$$(3.3) \quad v_n(x, 0) \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad v_n(x, y) \geq -a_n \frac{\psi(r_n y)}{\psi(r_n)} - B, \quad x^2 + y^2 < n^2,$$

and

$$(3.4) \quad v_n(x_n^*, y_n^*) > a_n \frac{\psi(r_n y_n^*)}{\psi(r_n)} + B + b.$$

By assumption,  $\psi$  is regularly varying at zero and at infinity with positive indices of variation. Therefore, given any  $h > 0$ , the functions  $\psi(r_n y) / \psi(r_n)$  are uniformly bounded for  $|y| \leq h$  by Corollary 1. Accordingly, from (3.3) and Harnack's inequality, it follows that the sequence  $\{v_n\}$  is uniformly bounded on every compact set in  $\mathbf{R}^2$ . Applying the "compactness theorem" for harmonic functions, we can select a subsequence  $\{v'_n\}$  of  $\{v_n\}$  which converges to a harmonic function  $v$  uniformly on every compact subset of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ . Since  $(x_n^*)^2 + (y_n^*)^2 \leq 1$ ,  $0 < a_n < A$  and  $0 < r_n < \infty$ , we can choose the subsequence  $\{v'_n\}$  of  $\{v_n\}$  so that the sequences  $\{x_n^{*'}\}$ ,  $\{y_n^{*'}\}$ ,  $\{r_n'\}$  and  $\{a_n'\}$  have limits  $x_0, y_0, r_0$  and  $a_0$ , respectively, where  $r_0$  may be  $\infty$ . Then, by Theorems 1 and 2, Remark 2 and Corollary 2,  $\psi(r_n' y) / \psi(r_n')$  converges uniformly on every interval  $|y| \leq h$  to a function  $L(y)$  such that

$$0 \leq L(y) \leq C(1 + |y|^p), \quad y \in \mathbf{R},$$

for some constants  $C$  and  $p$ . In particular,  $\psi(r_n' y_n^*) / \psi(r_n')$  converges to  $L(y_0)$ .

Thus, we have

$$(3.6) \quad v(x, y) \leq 0, \quad v(x, y) \geq -a_0 L(y) - B, \quad (x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2,$$

and

$$(3.7) \quad v(x_0, y_0) \geq a_0 L(y_0) + B + b.$$



We apply Harnack's inequality again and infer from (3.5) and (3.6) that  $(1+|y|^p)^{-1}v(x, y)$  is bounded on  $\mathbf{R}^2$ . Hence,  $v$  is a harmonic polynomial that does not depend on  $x$ , and so it must be a linear function of  $y$ . Suppose that  $v(x, y) = cy + d$ . Then  $d \leq 0$ , by the first inequality in (3.6) and, from (3.6) and (3.7), it follows that

$$(3.8) \quad a_0L(y) + cy + B + d \geq 0$$

and

$$(3.9) \quad a_0L(y_0) - cy_0 + B + b - d \leq 0.$$

In particular, setting  $y = -y_0$  in (3.8), we obtain

$$a_0L(y_0) - cy_0 + B + d \geq 0,$$

which contradicts the inequality (3.9) since  $b > 0$  and  $d \leq 0$ . Thus, the lemma is proved.  $\square$

**4. Application to the hypoellipticity problem in  $\mathcal{K}'_M$ .** As stated in Section 1, every distribution  $S \in \mathcal{O}'_C(\mathcal{K}'_M : \mathcal{K}'_M)$  can be characterized in its Fourier transform  $\hat{S}$  by the Paley-Wiener type condition (PW). If  $S$  is hypoelliptic in  $\mathcal{K}'_M$ , then  $\hat{S}$  also satisfies conditions  $(H_r)$  and  $(H_c)$ . Note that the function  $N$  appearing in conditions  $(H_r)$  and (PW) is the dual to  $M$  in the sense of Young. Therefore,  $N$  is continuous and increasing on  $[0, \infty)$  with  $N(0) = 0$ . We now prove our main result.

**Theorem.** *Suppose that the function  $N$  is regularly varying at zero and infinity with positive indices of variation. Then conditions  $(H_r)$ ,  $(H_c)$  and (PW) imply condition (H).*

*Proof.* Let  $\zeta = \xi + i\eta \in \mathbf{C}$  be such that  $0 < N(\eta) < m \log |\zeta|$ . We define an analytic function of one complex variable  $z$  by

$$F_\zeta(z) = \hat{S}\left(\xi + z \frac{\eta}{|\eta|}\right),$$

for all  $z$  with  $N(|z|) < m_0 \log |\zeta|$ , where  $m_0$  is a constant to be determined later. If  $|\zeta|$  is sufficiently large, then  $F_\zeta(z) \neq 0$ , in view

of  $(H_c)$ . Applying condition  $(H_r)$  and the fact that  $N(x)/x \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , for  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ , we obtain

$$(4.1) \quad F_\zeta(x) \geq (2|\zeta|)^{-B_1}, \quad \text{if } x \in \mathbf{R} \quad \text{and} \quad N(x) < m_0 \log |\zeta|,$$

provided that  $|\zeta|$  is sufficiently large.

Also, by condition (PW), for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$(4.2) \quad |F_\zeta(z)| \leq (2|\zeta|)^{B_2} e^{\varepsilon N(y)}, \quad \text{if } z \in \mathbf{C} \quad \text{and} \quad N(|z|) < m_0 \log |\zeta|$$

when  $|\zeta|$  is sufficiently large.

We consider the function

$$u_\zeta(x, y) = \log\{(2|\zeta|)^{-B_1} |F_\zeta(z)|^{-1}\}, \quad z = x + iy,$$

which is harmonic when  $N(|z|) < m_0 \log |\zeta|$  and when  $|\zeta|$  is sufficiently large. Moreover, from (4.1) and (4.2), it follows that

$$u_\zeta(x, 0) \leq 0 \quad \text{if } N(x) < m_0 \log |\zeta|$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} u_\zeta(x, y) &\geq -\varepsilon N(y) - (B_1 + B_2) \log(2|\zeta|) \\ &\geq -\varepsilon N(y) - (B_1 + B_2 + 1) \log(|\zeta|), \end{aligned}$$

if  $N(|z|) < m_0 \log |\zeta|$ . In both inequalities, we assume that  $|\zeta|$  is sufficiently large.

We now apply the basic lemma with  $A = 1 + \varepsilon$ ,  $B = (B_1 + B_2 + 1)/(m + 1)$ ,  $b = 1/(m + 1)$ ,  $r = N^{-1}[(m + 1) \log |\zeta|]$  and  $\psi = N$ . Let  $H$  be the constant in that lemma. Since  $N$  is regularly varying at zero and at infinity, there is a constant  $h > 0$  such that  $N(Hx) < hN(x)$ ,  $0 \leq x < \infty$ . Hence  $N^{-1}(x) < N^{-1}(hx)/H$ ,  $0 \leq x < \infty$ . If we set  $m_0 = h(m + 1)$ , then from the lemma it follows that

$$(4.3) \quad u_\zeta(x, y) \leq \varepsilon N(y) - (B_1 + B_2 + 2) \log(|\zeta|)$$

if  $N(|z|) < (m + 1) \log |\zeta|$ .

Since  $N(\eta) < m \log |\zeta| < (m+1) \log |\zeta|$ , we may substitute  $z = i\eta$  in (4.3), which yields

$$\log \left\{ \frac{(2|\zeta|)^{-B_1}}{|\hat{S}(\zeta)|} \right\} \leq \varepsilon N(\eta) + (B_1 + B_2 + 2) \log |\zeta|.$$

Hence, we conclude that

$$\frac{1}{|\hat{S}(\zeta)|} \leq |\zeta|^{(B_1+B_2+3)\varepsilon N(\eta)}, \quad \text{if } N(\eta) < m \log |\zeta|,$$

when  $|\zeta|$  is sufficiently large. This completes the proof of the theorem.

□

**Corollary.** *If  $N$  is regularly varying at zero and at infinity with positive indices of variation, the condition (H) is necessary for the hypoellipticity of  $S$  in  $\mathcal{K}'_M$ .*

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