

## GEVREY HYPOELLIPTICITY OF A CLASS OF PSEUDODIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS

Dedicated to Professor Tadashi Kuroda on his sixtieth birthday

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**Introduction.** We consider a pseudodifferential equation:

$$(1) \quad a(x, D)u = f$$

with data  $f$  having Gevrey index  $s \geq 1$ . Here  $a(x, D)$  is a pseudodifferential operator of type  $S_{\rho, \delta}^m$  of Hörmander (cf. [4]). We are interested in the Gevrey regularity of solutions, more precisely, in which way the Gevrey index of solutions depends on  $\rho$ ,  $\delta$  and  $s$ .

In [3], we have given the definition of a class of hypoelliptic pseudodifferential operators of symbol class  $S_{\rho, \delta, \sigma}^m(\Omega \times R^n)$ ,  $\Omega \subset R^n$ ,  $0 \leq \delta < \rho \leq 1$ ,  $\sigma \geq 1$ , which consists of symbols  $a(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega \times R^n)$  satisfying

$$(2) \quad |a(x, \xi)| \geq c |\xi|^{m'}, \quad |\xi| \geq B, \quad -\infty < m' < \infty,$$

$$(3) \quad |a_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)| \leq C_0 C_1^{|\alpha+\beta|} \alpha! \beta!^\sigma |a(x, \xi)| (1 + |\xi|)^{-\rho|\alpha| + \delta|\beta|}, \\ x \in \Omega, \quad |\xi| \geq B |\alpha|^\theta, \quad \theta = \sigma/(\rho - \delta).$$

Under these conditions, we have constructed a parametrix  $b$  of  $a(x, D)$  with symbol  $b(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta, \sigma}^{-m'}(\Omega \times R^n)$ . Here  $b$  is expressed by an infinite series of symbols, and the remainder  $r = ba - I$  is an integral operator with a kernel of Gevrey function of index  $\theta = \sigma/(\rho - \delta)$  (cf. Theorem 3.1 and Corollary 3.1 of [3]). Thus we have  $\max(\sigma/(\rho - \delta), s)$  as the Gevrey index for solutions of the equation (1). This gives the best possible index when  $\rho \equiv 1$ ,  $0 \leq \delta < 1$  as was shown by several examples in [3], but not necessarily the best possible when  $0 < \rho < 1$ .

It seems impossible to apply directly the method of [3] to obtain sharper results if  $0 < \rho < 1$ . We use a finite approximation of parametrix instead of infinite approximation used in [3]. The remainder term is not necessarily smooth, so we are forced to estimate all derivatives of solutions inductively. This method seems unusual in the study of hypoellipticity because it looks tedious. However, surprisingly this method provides a sharper result for Gevrey hypoellipticity. For the nonlinear problem such a method was used by Friedman [2] to get

analyticity of solutions of elliptic and parabolic systems and by Volevič [16] for a class of pseudodifferential equations.

Now we would like to summarize the basic idea of this paper partly motivated by [14] without going into technical details. We consider the equation (1) with  $a(x, \xi)$  satisfying

$$(2) \quad |a(x, \xi)| \geq c |\xi|^{m'}, \quad |\xi| \geq B,$$

$$(3') \quad |a_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)| \leq C_0 C_1^{|\alpha+\beta|} \alpha! B^{|\alpha|} |a(x, \xi)| (1 + |\xi|)^{-\rho|\alpha| + \delta|\beta|}, \quad x \in \Omega, \quad |\xi| \geq B.$$

The condition (3') is slightly stronger than (3) but enough for applications. We first construct a left parametrix  $b^N(x, D)$  of  $a(x, D)$  consisting of a finite number of pseudodifferential operators. Then we reduce the equation (1) into an integral equation.

$$u = b^N f - r^N u, \quad (b^N a u = b^N f = u + r^N u).$$

By induction on  $k = |\alpha|$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , we obtain successive estimates of type

$$(4) \quad \sup_{x \in K \subset \subset \Omega} |D^\alpha u| \leq C_0 C_1^{|\alpha|} \alpha!^{\max(s, \theta)}, \quad \theta = \max(1/\rho, \sigma/(1 - \delta)),$$

(cf. Theorem 3.1).

Since we have  $\sigma/(\rho - \delta) > \max(1/\rho, \sigma/(1 - \delta))$  for  $0 < \delta < \rho < 1$  and  $\sigma \geq 1$ , this improves our previous result of [3].

The plan of the paper is as follows. In §1, we start with the precise definition of pseudodifferential operators considered in this paper. The regularity properties of their kernels and the pseudolocal property will be studied. In §2, we shall consider the symbolic calculus of a composed operator. In §3, we shall prove the main result (Theorem 3.1) on Gevrey hypoellipticity of pseudodifferential equations. In §4, we shall give some examples of differential operators.

Finally we remark that the same problem has been investigated in [7] and [14] recently. In [7], similar results have been obtained by constructing parametrices for a class of degenerate parabolic pseudodifferential operators, and in [14] by applying the theory of multiple products of pseudodifferential operators. Compared with these results our proof given here would be significantly elementary.

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**1. A class of pseudodifferential operators.** Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $R^n$  whose point is denoted by  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . We use general notation

such as  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$  for a multi-index  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  and  $D^\alpha = D_1^{\alpha_1} \dots D_n^{\alpha_n}$ ,  $D_j = 1/i\partial/\partial x_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , etc.

**DEFINITION 1.1.** Let  $u \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ . Then we say that  $u$  is in  $G^s$  in  $\Omega$  ( $s \geq 1$ ) if for any compact set  $K$  of  $\Omega$  there are positive constants  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \sup_{x \in K} |D^\alpha u(x)| \leq C_0 C_1^{|\alpha|} |\alpha|^{s|\alpha|}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n.$$

**DEFINITION 1.2.** Let  $-\infty < m < \infty$ ;  $0 \leq \delta < \rho \leq 1$ ;  $\sigma \geq 1$ . We denote by  $S_{\rho, \delta, \sigma}^m(\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  the set of all  $a(x, \xi) \in C^\infty(\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  such that for every compact set  $K$  of  $\Omega$  there are positive constants  $C_0, C_1$  and  $B$  such that

$$(1.2) \quad \sup_{x \in K} |a_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)| \leq C_0 C_1^{|\alpha| + |\beta|} |\alpha|! |\beta|! |\xi|^{m - \rho|\alpha| + \delta|\beta|}, \quad |\xi| \geq B,$$

where  $a_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) = \partial_\xi^\alpha D_x^\beta a(x, \xi)$ ,  $\partial_\xi = (\partial/\partial \xi_1, \dots, \partial/\partial \xi_n)$ .

We associate with such a symbol  $a(x, \xi)$  a pseudodifferential operator as usual:

$$a(x, D)u(x) = (2\pi)^{-n} \iint e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} a(x, \xi) u(y) dy d\xi, \quad u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega).$$

Let  $K(x, y) \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega \times \Omega)$  be the distribution kernel of  $a(x, D)$  expressed by the oscillatory integral:

$$K(x, y) = (2\pi)^{-n} \int e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} a(x, \xi) d\xi.$$

The following theorems strengthen Theorem 1.1 in [3].

**THEOREM 1.1.** Let  $a(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta, \sigma}^m(\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then we have

$$K(x, y) \in G_{x, y}^{\theta_0, 1/\rho}(\Omega \times \Omega \setminus \Delta), \quad \Delta = \{(x, x); x \in \Omega\}, \quad \theta_0 = \max(1/\rho, \sigma + \delta/\rho).$$

**THEOREM 1.2.** If  $u \in \mathcal{E}'(\Omega)$  which is in  $G^s$  ( $s \geq 1$ ) in a neighborhood of  $x_0 \in \Omega$ , then we have  $a(x, D)u \in G^{\theta_1}$  in the same neighborhood of  $x_0 \in \Omega$ , where  $\theta_1 = \max(s, \sigma + s\delta, 1/\rho, \sigma + \delta/\rho)$ . More precisely, we have

- (1)  $\theta_1 = \max(1/\rho, \sigma + \delta/\rho)$  if  $1 \leq s \leq \min(1/\rho, \sigma/(1 - \delta))$ ;
- (2)  $\theta_1 = \sigma + s\delta$  if  $1/\rho \leq s \leq \sigma/(1 - \delta)$ ;
- (3)  $\theta_1 = 1/\rho$  if  $\sigma/(1 - \delta) \leq s \leq 1/\sigma$ ;
- (4)  $\theta_1 = s$  if  $s \geq \max(1/\rho, \sigma/(1 - \delta))$ .

**PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1.** Let  $U$  be any compact set of  $\Omega \times \Omega \setminus \Delta$ . For each  $(x, y) \in U$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$ , we have in the sense of oscillatory integral:

$$D_x^\alpha D_y^\beta K(x, y) = (2\pi)^{-n} \sum_{\tau+\alpha=\beta} \frac{\alpha!}{\gamma! \tau!} \int e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} \xi^\tau (-\xi)^\beta a_{(\tau)}(x, \xi) d\xi.$$

We have the estimate

$$(1.3) \quad \left| \int_{|\xi| \leq B} e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} \xi^\tau (-\xi)^\beta a_{(\tau)}(x, \xi) d\xi \right| \leq C_0 C_1^{\alpha+\beta} \tau!^\sigma$$

with constants  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  independent of  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\tau \leq \alpha$ . Next, by setting

$$N = [ (|\gamma + \beta| + \delta |\tau| + m_+ + n + 2) / \rho ], \quad m_+ = \max(m, 0),$$

we have for a fixed  $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & (x_i - y_i)^N \int_{|\xi| \geq B} e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} \xi^\tau (-\xi)^\beta a_{(\tau)}(x, \xi) d\xi \\ &= \int_{|\xi| \geq B} e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} D_{\xi_i}^N \{ \xi^\tau (-\xi)^\beta a_{(\tau)}(x, \xi) \} d\xi \\ &\quad - \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (x_i - y_i)^{N-1-k} \int_{|\xi|=B} e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} D_{\xi_i}^k \{ \xi^\tau (-\xi)^\beta a_{(\tau)}(x, \xi) \} dS_\xi \\ &\equiv G_1(x, y) - G_2(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

By the hypothesis (1.2) the integrand of  $G_1$  is estimated by

$$(1.4) \quad \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\gamma_i + \beta_i} \frac{N! (\gamma_i + \beta_i)!}{k! (N-k)! (\gamma_i + \beta_i - k)!} \xi_i^{\gamma_i + \beta_i - k} D_{\xi_i}^{N-k} a_{(\tau)}(x, \xi) \right| \\ \leq C_0 C_1^{|\tau|+N} (\tau!)^\sigma N! \sum_{k=0}^{\gamma_i + \beta_i} \binom{\gamma_i + \beta_i}{k} |\xi_i|^{|\tau| + \beta_i - k} |\xi|^{m_+ - \rho(N-k) + \delta |\tau|}.$$

Taking another couple of constants  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  we can estimate this by

$$C_0 C_1^{\alpha+\beta} \tau!^\sigma N! (1 + |\xi|)^{-n-1}.$$

By the definition of the number  $N$ , we have

$$\tau!^\sigma N! \leq C^{|\alpha+\beta|} |\beta|^{(|\beta|/\rho)} |\gamma|^{(|\gamma|/\rho)} |\tau|^{(\sigma+\delta/\rho)|\tau|}$$

with a constant  $C$  independent of  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\tau \leq \alpha$ . Hence we have an estimate of type

$$(1.5) \quad |G_1(x, y)| \leq C_0 C_1^{|\alpha+\beta|} |\alpha|^{\theta_0 |\alpha|} |\beta|^{(|\beta|/\rho)}, \quad \theta_0 = \max(1/\rho, \sigma + \delta/\rho).$$

Similar estimate holds for  $G_2(x, y)$ . Since  $U$  is a compact set of  $\Omega \times \Omega \setminus \Delta$ , one can find a direction  $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , such that  $|x_i - y_i| \geq d > 0$  for any  $(x, y) \in U$  and finally we have the estimate

$$(1.6) \quad \sup_{(x, y) \in U} |D_x^\alpha D_y^\beta K(x, y)| \leq C_0 C_1^{|\alpha+\beta|} |\alpha|^{\theta_0 |\alpha|} |\beta|^{(|\beta|/\rho)}, \quad \alpha, \beta \in Z_+^n,$$

where the constants  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  are independent of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2. We first remark that for  $f \in C_0^\infty(\Omega')$ ,  $\Omega'$  is a relatively compact open subset of  $\Omega$ , and we have

$$(1.7) \quad |D_x^\alpha \{a(x, D)f(x)\}| \leq \sum_{\gamma+\tau=\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\gamma} C^{|\tau|+1} (\tau!)^\sigma \text{Vol}\{\text{supp } f\} \\ \times \sup_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} |D_x^\tau (1 - \Delta)^N f(x)|,$$

where the constant  $C$  depends only on  $\Omega'$  and  $N = N(\tau) = [(\delta|\tau| + m_+ + n + 2)/2]$ . Indeed, we have

$$D_x^\alpha a(x, D)f(x) = (2\pi)^{-n} \sum_{\gamma+\tau=\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\gamma} \iint e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} \xi^\tau a_{(\tau)}(x, \xi) f(y) dy d\xi \\ = (2\pi)^{-n} \sum_{\gamma+\tau=\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\gamma} \iint e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} (1 + |\xi|^2)^{-N} a_{(\tau)}(x, \xi) (1 - \Delta_y)^N D_y^\tau f(y) dy d\xi$$

which gives the estimate (1.7).

Now we take  $u \in \mathcal{S}'(\Omega)$  which is in  $G^s$  in a bounded neighborhood  $V$  of  $x_0 \in \Omega$ . Let  $U$  be a neighborhood of  $x_0$  such that  $\bar{U} \subset V$ . There is a positive number  $d$  such that  $0 < d < \text{dis}(U, R^n \setminus V)$ . Let  $\{g_i\}_{i=0}^\infty$  be a series of functions in  $C_0^\infty(V)$  such that  $g_i(x) = 1$  on  $\{x; \text{dis}(x, U) < d\}$  and  $|D_x^\alpha g_i(x)| \leq C^l \alpha^l$  if  $|\alpha| \leq l$ , where the constant  $C$  is independent of  $l$  (cf. [5]). Then we have for  $x \in U$

$$(1.8) \quad D_x^\alpha \{a(x, D)u(x)\} = D_x^\alpha \{a(x, D)g_l u(x)\} + D_x^\alpha \int K(x, y) \{1 - g_l(y)\} u(y) dy.$$

By using (1.7) we have

$$|D_x^\alpha a(x, D)g_l u(x)| \leq \sum_{\gamma+\tau=\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\gamma} C^{|\tau|+1} (\tau!)^\sigma \sup_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} |D_x^\tau (1 - \Delta)^N \{g_l(x)u(x)\}|,$$

where  $N = [(\delta|\tau| + m_+ + n + 2)/2]$ . Taking  $l = 2|\alpha|$  we have

$$|D_x^\alpha a(x, D)g_l u(x)| \leq C_1^{|\alpha|+1} \sum_{\gamma+\tau=\alpha} |\tau|^{(\sigma+s\delta)|\tau|} |\gamma|^{s|\tau|} \leq C_2^{|\alpha|+1} |\alpha|^{\max(s, \sigma+s\delta)|\alpha|}.$$

By Theorem 1.1, the last term of (1.8) is in  $G^{\theta_0}$  in  $U$ ,  $\theta_0 = \max(1/\rho, \sigma + \delta/\rho)$ . Thus  $a(x, D)u$  is in  $G^{\theta_1}$  in  $U$ , where  $\theta_1 = \max(s, \sigma + s\delta, 1/\rho, \sigma + \delta/\rho)$ .

We only verify the case (4), the other cases being treated similarly. Namely, we assume  $s \geq \max(1/\rho, \sigma/(1 - \delta))$ . Then we have  $s \geq \sigma + s\delta$  and  $s \geq \sigma + \delta/\rho$ , which proves the assertion (4).

**2. Symbolic calculus.** Let  $a(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta, \sigma}^{m'}(\Omega \times R^n)$  and  $b(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta, \sigma}^{m''}(\Omega \times R^n)$ . Let  $\Omega'$  be a relatively compact open subset of  $\Omega$  and take  $h \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  so that  $h = 1$  on a neighborhood  $\tilde{U}$  of  $\bar{\Omega}'$ . Then the symbol of the operator  $r(x, D) = a(x, D)hb(x, D)$  is given by

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} r(x, \xi) &= a(x, D + \xi)h(x)b(x, \xi) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-n} \int_{R^n} \int_{\Omega} e^{i\langle x-y, \eta \rangle} a(x, \xi + \eta)h(y)b(y, \xi)dyd\eta . \end{aligned}$$

We set

$$r^N(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} \frac{1}{\alpha!} a^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)b_{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) , \quad N = 0, 1, \dots .$$

Then we easily see  $r^N(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta, \sigma}^m(\Omega \times R^n)$ ,  $m = m' + m''$ ,  $N = 0, 1, \dots$ .

**THEOREM 2.1.** *We have*

$$r(x, D) = r^N(x, D) + F^N(x, D) \quad \text{in } \Omega' ,$$

where  $F^N(x, D)$  can be written as a sum of two operators,  $F^N(x, D) = F_1^N + F_2^N$ .  $F_1^N$  is an integral operator from  $C^\infty(\bar{\Omega}')$  into  $G^\theta(\Omega')$  with kernel  $F_1^N(x, y)$ ,  $(x, y) \in (\Omega'_x \times \Omega'_y)$ ,  $\theta = \max(1/\rho, \sigma/(1 - \delta))$ .  $F_2^N$  is a pseudo-differential operator with symbol  $F_2^N(x, \xi)$  satisfying the condition

$$(F) \quad \begin{aligned} |D_x^\beta \partial_\xi^\gamma F_2^N(x, \xi)| &\leq C_0 C_1^{N+|\beta|+|\gamma|} N!^\sigma \gamma! \beta!^\sigma |\xi|^{m_+ + n - (\rho - \delta)N - \rho|\gamma|} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{\tau \leq \beta} \binom{\beta}{\tau} |\tau|^{|\sigma\delta|\tau|} |\xi|^{|\delta|\beta - \tau| + \delta^2|\tau|} \\ m_+ &= \max(m, 0), \quad x \in \Omega', \quad |\xi| \leq B \quad (\text{cf. (1.3)}) . \end{aligned}$$

More precisely, we can write

$$D_x^\beta F_2^N(x, \xi) = \sum_{\tau \leq \beta} \binom{\beta}{\tau} u^\tau(x, \xi) ,$$

where each  $u^\tau(x, \xi)$  satisfies an estimate of type

$$(F') \quad \begin{aligned} |\partial_\xi^\gamma u^\tau(x, \xi)| &\leq C_0 C_1^{N+|\gamma|+\beta} N!^\sigma \gamma! \beta!^\sigma \tau!^{|\sigma\delta|} |\xi|^{m_+ + n - (\rho - \delta)N - \rho|\gamma| + \delta|\beta - \tau| + \delta^2|\tau|} , \\ &\quad x \in \Omega' , \quad |\xi| \geq B . \end{aligned}$$

**PROOF.** First we choose cut-off functions  $h_l(x) \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $=1$  on the neighborhood  $\tilde{U}$  of  $\bar{\Omega}'$ , with support in a fixed compact set. Moreover, we assume

$$(2.2) \quad |D^\alpha h_l(x)| \leq C^l \alpha! , \quad |\alpha| \leq l + m'_+ + n + 2 , \quad l = 0, 1, \dots ,$$

where the constant  $C$  is independent of  $l$ . We express  $F(x, \xi) = r(x, \xi) - r^N(x, \xi)$  by

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} F^N(x, \xi) &= r(x, \xi) - r_l(x, \xi) + r_l(x, \xi) - r_l^N(x, \xi) + r_l^N(x, \xi) - r^N(x, \xi) \\ &= r_l^1(x, \xi) + r_l^2(x, \xi) + r_l^3(x, \xi) , \end{aligned}$$

where  $r_l(x, \xi) = a(x, D + \xi)h_l(x)b(x, \xi)$  and

$$r_l^N(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} \frac{1}{\alpha!} a^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) D_x^\alpha \{h_l(x)b(x, \xi)\}.$$

We note that  $r_l^i(X, \xi) \equiv 0$  in  $\Omega' \times R^n$ . Let  $K_a(x, y)$  and  $K_b(x, y) \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega \times \Omega)$  be the distribution kernels of  $a(x, D)$  and  $b(x, D)$ , respectively. Then for  $u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} r_l^i(x, D)u(x) &= \int K_a(x, z)\{h(z) - h_l(z)\} \left\{ \int K_b(z, y)u(y)dy \right\} dz \\ &= \int \left( \int K_a(x, z)\{h(z) - h_l(z)\} K_b(z, y)dz \right) u(y)dy. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the kernel of  $r_l^i(x, D)$  is given by

$$(2.4) \quad K_l^i(x, y) = \int_{\Omega} K_a(x, z)\{h(z) - h_l(z)\} K_b(z, y)dz.$$

This is in  $G_{x,y}^{0,1/\rho}$  in  $\Omega' \times \Omega'$  uniformly with respect to  $h_l, l = 0, 1, \dots$ , (cf. Theorem 1.1), and so we shall use this as if it is not depending on  $l$ .

Next we observe  $r_l^2(x, \xi)$ . We have for  $x, \xi \in \Omega' \times R^n$

$$r_l^2(x, \xi) = (2\pi)^{-n} \iint e^{i\langle x-y, \eta \rangle} \left[ a(x, \xi + \eta) - \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} \frac{1}{\alpha!} a^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) \eta^\alpha \right] u(y, \xi) dy d\eta,$$

where we have written  $u(y, \xi) = h_l(y)b(y, \xi)$ . We shall need the following cut-off functions  $\chi_j(\xi) \in C_0^\infty(R^n), j = 0, 1, \dots$ , such that  $\chi_j(\xi) = 1$  for  $|\xi| \leq 1/4, \chi_j(\xi) = 0$  for  $|\xi| \geq 1/2$  and  $|\chi_j^{(\alpha)}(\xi)| \leq C^j \alpha!$  for  $|\alpha| \leq j + 1$ , where the constant  $C$  is independent of  $j, j = 0, 1, \dots$ . By using  $\chi_j(\xi)$  we divide  $r_l^2(x, \xi)$  into four parts:

$$\begin{aligned} r_l^2(x, \xi) &= (2\pi)^{-n} \iint e^{i\langle x-y, \eta \rangle} \left[ a(x, \xi + \eta) - \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} \frac{1}{\alpha!} a^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) \eta^\alpha \right] \chi_j\left(\frac{\eta}{|\xi|}\right) u(y, \xi) dy d\eta \\ &\quad + (2\pi)^{-n} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} \frac{1}{\alpha!} a^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) \iint e^{i\langle x-y, \eta \rangle} \eta^\alpha \left[ \chi_j\left(\frac{\eta}{|\xi|}\right) - 1 \right] u(y, \xi) dy d\eta \\ &\quad + (2\pi)^{-n} \iint e^{i\langle x-y, \eta \rangle} a(x, \xi + \eta) \left[ 1 - \chi_j\left(\frac{\eta}{|\xi|}\right) \right] \left[ 1 - \chi_j\left(\frac{\xi + \eta}{|\xi|}\right) \right] u(y, \xi) dy d\eta \\ &\quad + (2\pi)^{-n} \iint e^{i\langle x-y, \eta \rangle} a(x, \xi + \eta) \left[ 1 - \chi_j\left(\frac{\eta}{|\xi|}\right) \right] \chi_j\left(\frac{\xi + \eta}{|\xi|}\right) u(y, \xi) dy d\eta \\ &= I_1(x, \xi) + I_2(x, \xi) + I_3(x, \xi) + I_4(x, \xi). \end{aligned}$$

Concerning  $I_1(x, \xi)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_x^\beta \partial_\xi^\gamma I_1(x, \xi) &= (2\pi)^{-n} \sum_{\substack{\tau \leq \beta \\ \mu \leq \gamma}} \binom{\beta}{\tau} \binom{\gamma}{\mu} \iint e^{i\langle x-y, \eta \rangle} \sum_{|\alpha| = N+1} \frac{N+1}{\alpha!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^N \\ &\quad \times a_{(\tau)}^{(\alpha+\mu)}(x, \xi + t\eta) dt D_y^{\alpha+\beta-\tau} \partial_\xi^{-\mu} \left[ \chi_j\left(\frac{\eta}{|\xi|}\right) u(y, \xi) \right] dy d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

We have  $|\xi|/2 \geq |\xi + t\eta| \leq 3|\xi|/2$  and  $|\eta| \leq |\xi|/2$  when  $\chi_j(\eta/|\xi|) \neq 0$  and  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . By using this and taking  $j = N + |\gamma| + 1$  and  $l = N + |\beta|$ , we have an estimate of type

$$(2.5) \quad |D_x^\beta \partial_\xi^\gamma I_1(x, \xi)| \leq C_0 C_1^{N+|\beta+\gamma|} N! \gamma! \beta!^\sigma |\xi|^{m+n-(\rho-\delta)N-\rho|\gamma|+\delta|\beta|}, \quad x \in \Omega', \quad |\xi| \geq B.$$

Next we consider  $I_2(x, \xi)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} D_x^\beta \partial_\xi^\gamma I_2 &= \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} \sum_{\substack{\tau \leq \beta \\ \mu \leq \gamma}} \binom{\beta}{\tau} \binom{\gamma}{\mu} \frac{1}{\alpha!} a_{(\tau)}^{(\alpha+\mu)}(x, \xi) \left[ \int u_{(\alpha+\beta-\tau)}^{(\gamma-\mu)} \left( x - \frac{y}{|\xi|}, \xi \right) \chi_j(y) dy \right. \\ &\quad \left. - u_{(\alpha+\beta-\tau)}^{(\gamma-\mu)}(x, \xi) \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} \sum_{\substack{\tau \leq \beta \\ \mu \leq \gamma}} \binom{\beta}{\tau} \binom{\gamma}{\mu} \frac{1}{\alpha!} a_{(\tau)}^{(\alpha+\mu)}(x, \xi) \sum_{\substack{\lambda \leq \gamma-\mu \\ \lambda \neq 0}} \binom{\gamma-\mu}{\lambda} \int e^{i\langle x-y, \eta \rangle} u_{(\alpha+\beta-\lambda)}^{(\gamma-\mu-\lambda)}(y, \xi) \\ &\quad \times \partial_\xi^\lambda \chi_j \left( \frac{\eta}{|\xi|} \right) dy d\eta, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\chi_j(x) = (2\pi)^{-n} \int e^{i\langle x, \eta \rangle} \chi_j(\eta) d\eta.$$

Noting that  $\int \chi_j(x) dx = \chi_j(0) = 1$  and that the other moment of  $\chi_j$  is equal to zero, we see that the first sum on the right hand side is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} \sum_{\substack{\tau \leq \beta \\ \mu \leq \gamma}} \binom{\beta}{\tau} \binom{\gamma}{\mu} \frac{1}{\alpha!} a_{(\tau)}^{(\alpha+\mu)}(x, \xi) \sum_{|\kappa| = N+1-|\alpha|} \frac{N+1-\alpha}{\kappa!} \int (y/|\xi|)^\kappa \\ \times u_{(\alpha+\beta-\tau+\kappa)}^{(\gamma-\mu)}(x - ty/|\xi|, \xi) (1-t)^{N-|\alpha|+1} dt \chi_j(y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

We have by the definition of  $\chi_j$ ,  $j = N + |\gamma| + 1$ ,

$$\int |y^\alpha \chi_j(y)| dy \leq C^{N+|\gamma|+1} \alpha!, \quad |\alpha| \leq N+1.$$

We recall that we have taken  $l = N + |\beta|$ . Then we have  $|\alpha + \beta - \tau + \kappa| \leq N + |\beta| + 1$  and noting that  $\text{supp } \partial_\xi^\lambda \chi_j(\eta/|\xi|) \subset \{|\xi|/4 \leq |\eta| \leq |\xi|/2\}$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$ , we have finally

$$(2.6) \quad |D_x^\beta \partial_\xi^\gamma I_2| \leq C_0 C_1^{N+|\alpha+\beta|} N!^\sigma \gamma! \beta!^\sigma |\xi|^{m-(\rho-\delta)N-\rho|\gamma|+\delta|\beta|}, \quad x \in \Omega', \quad |\xi| \geq B,$$

where the constants  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  are independent of  $N$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

Now we consider  $I_3(x, \xi)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} D_x^\beta \partial_\xi^\gamma I_3(x, \xi) &= (2\pi)^{-n} \sum_{\substack{\tau \leq \beta \\ \mu \leq \gamma}} \binom{\beta}{\tau} \binom{\gamma}{\mu} \iint e^{i\langle x-y, \eta \rangle} a_{(\tau)}^{(\mu)}(x, \xi + \eta) \\ &\quad \times \partial_\xi^{\gamma-\mu} \left\{ \left[ 1 - \chi_j \left( \frac{\eta}{|\xi|} \right) \right] \cdot \left[ 1 - \chi_j \left( \frac{\xi + \eta}{\xi} \right) \right] u_{(\beta-\tau)}(y, \xi) \right\} dy d\eta \end{aligned}$$

$$= (2\pi)^{-n} \sum_{\substack{\tau \leq \beta \\ \mu \leq \tau \\ \lambda \leq \tau - \rho}} \binom{\beta}{\tau} \binom{\gamma}{\mu} \binom{\gamma - \mu}{\lambda} \sum_{|\alpha| = N' + m + n + 2} \frac{N'!}{\alpha!} \int H_{\alpha, \mu, \tau, \lambda}(x, x - y, \xi) \times (-\Delta_y)^{[\delta|\tau|/2]} u_{(\alpha + \beta - \tau)}^{(\lambda)}(y, \xi) dy,$$

where

$$H_{\alpha, \mu, \tau, \lambda}(x, x - y, \xi) = \int e^{i\langle x - y, \eta \rangle} \partial_{\xi}^{\gamma - \mu - \lambda} \left\{ \left[ 1 - \chi_j \left( \frac{\eta}{|\xi|} \right) \right] \times \left[ 1 - \chi_j \left( \frac{\xi + \eta}{|\xi|} \right) \right] a_{(\tau)}^{(\mu)}(x, \xi + \eta) \right\} \eta^{\alpha} |\eta|^{-2N' - 2[\delta|\tau|/2]} d\eta.$$

Observing that the support of the integrand is in the domain  $|\eta| \geq |\xi|/4$  and  $|\xi + \eta| \geq |\xi|/4$ , we have the estimate

$$|H_{\alpha, \mu, \tau, \lambda}(x, x - y, \xi)| \leq C^{N + |\gamma - \lambda| + |\tau| + 1} |\gamma - \lambda|! \cdot \tau!^{\sigma} |\xi|^{-N - \rho|\gamma - \lambda|},$$

where the constant  $C$  is independent of  $N, \mu$  and  $\tau$ . On the other hand, since we have taken  $l = N + |\beta|$  and  $\tau \leq \beta, |\alpha| = N',$  we have an estimate of type

$$|(-\Delta_y)^{[\delta|\tau|/2]} u_{(\alpha + \beta - \tau)}^{(\lambda)}(y, \xi)| \leq C_0 C_1^{N + |\lambda| + |\beta - \tau|} N!^{\sigma} \lambda! (\beta - \tau)!^{\sigma} \times [\delta|\tau|]!^{\sigma} |\xi|^{m'' - \rho|\lambda| + \delta(N + |\beta - \tau) + \delta|\tau|}.$$

From these estimates we have

$$(2.7) \quad |D_{\xi}^{\beta} \partial_{\xi}^{\gamma} I_3| \leq C_0 C_1^{N + |\gamma + \beta|} N!^{\sigma} \gamma! \beta!^{\sigma} |\xi|^{m'' - (1 - \delta)N - \rho|\gamma|} \times \sum_{\tau \leq \beta} \binom{\beta}{\tau} [\delta|\tau|]!^{\sigma} |\xi|^{|\delta|\beta - \tau| + \delta^2|\tau|}.$$

Finally we shall consider  $I_4(x, \xi)$ . We rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} I_4(x, \xi) &= (2\pi)^{-n} \iint e^{i\langle x - y, \eta \rangle} a(x, \xi + \eta) [h_i(y) - h_k(y)] b(y, \xi) dy d\eta \\ &\quad - (2\pi)^{-n} \iint e^{i\langle x - y, \eta \rangle} a(x, \xi + \eta) [h_i(y) - h_k(y)] b(y, \xi) \chi_j \left( \frac{\eta}{|\xi|} \right) dy d\eta \\ &\quad - (2\pi)^{-n} \iint e^{i\langle x - y, \eta \rangle} a(x, \xi + \eta) [h_i(y) - h_k(y)] b(y, \xi) \\ &\quad \quad \times \left[ 1 - \chi_j \left( \frac{\eta}{|\xi|} \right) \right] \left[ 1 - \chi_j \left( \frac{\xi + \eta}{|\xi|} \right) \right] dy d\eta \\ &\quad + (2\pi)^{-n} \iint e^{i\langle x - y, \eta \rangle} a(x, \xi + \eta) h_k(y) b(y, \xi) \left[ 1 - \chi_j \left( \frac{\eta}{|\xi|} \right) \right] \\ &\quad \quad \times \left[ 1 - \chi_j \left( \frac{\xi + \eta}{|\xi|} \right) \right] dy d\eta \\ &\equiv I_{4,1} - I_{4,2} - I_{4,3} + I_{4,4}. \end{aligned}$$

We can easily see that  $I_{4,1}(x, D)$  is an integral operator with kernel in  $G_{x,z}^{\theta, 1/\rho}$  in  $\Omega' \times \Omega'$  uniformly with respect to  $l, k \in Z_+$  (cf. (2.4)).

Next we have

$$D_x^\beta \partial_\xi^\gamma I_{4,2}(x, \xi) = (2\pi)^{-n} \sum_{\substack{\tau \leq \beta \\ \mu \geq \gamma}} \binom{\beta}{\tau} \binom{\gamma}{\mu} \iint e^{i\langle x-y, \eta \rangle} (1 + |\eta|^2)^{-q} \eta^{\beta-\tau} \\ \times a_{(\tau)}^{(\mu)}(x, \xi + \eta) (1 - \Delta_y)^q \partial_\xi^{\gamma-\mu} \left\{ \chi_j \left( \frac{\eta}{|\xi|} \right) [h_l(y) - h_k(y)] b(y, \xi) \right\} dy d\eta .$$

By taking  $q = q(\tau) = [(|\beta - \tau| + N)/2]$ , we have an estimate of type

$$(2.8) \quad |D_x^\beta \partial_\xi^\gamma I_{4,2}(x, \xi)| \leq C_0 C_1^{N+|\beta+\gamma|} N!^{\sigma\gamma} |\beta|! |\xi|^{m_++n-(\rho-\delta)N-\rho|\gamma|+\delta|\beta|} , \\ x \in \Omega' , \quad |\xi| \geq B .$$

We can handle  $I_{4,3}(x, \xi)$  similarly as in  $I_3(x, \xi)$ . It remains to consider  $I_{4,4}$ . We have

$$D_x^\beta I_{4,4}(x, \xi) = (2\pi)^{-n} \sum_{\tau \leq \beta} \binom{\beta}{\tau} \iint e^{i\langle x-y, \eta \rangle} (1 + |\eta|^2)^{-r} \eta^{\beta-\tau} a_{(\tau)}(x, \xi + \eta) \\ \times \chi_j \left( \frac{\xi + \eta}{|\xi|} \right) \left[ 1 - \chi_j \left( \frac{\eta}{|\xi|} \right) \right] (1 - \Delta_y)^r \{ h_k(y) b(y, \xi) \} dy d\eta .$$

Taking  $r = [(|\beta - \tau| + \delta|\tau| + s + n + 2)/2(1 - \delta)]$  depending on  $\tau$  and  $s = 0, 1, \dots$ , and taking  $k = 2r$ , we have the estimate

$$(2.9) \quad |I_{4,4(\beta)}(x, \xi)| \leq C_0 C_1^{s+|\beta|} (s + |\beta|)!^{\sigma/(1-\delta)} |\xi|^{-s-(n+1)} , \\ x \in \Omega' , \quad |\xi| \geq B , \quad s \in Z_+ .$$

By virtue of (2.9), the kernel of  $I_{4,4}(x, D)$  given by

$$I_{4,4}(x, z) = (2\pi)^{-n} \int e^{i\langle x-z, \xi \rangle} I_{4,4}(x, \xi) d\xi$$

is in  $G^\theta(\Omega'_x \times \Omega'_z)$ ,  $\theta = \max(1/\rho, \sigma/(1 - \delta))$ . Indeed, we have

$$D_x^\alpha D_z^\gamma I_{4,4}(x, z) = (2\pi)^{-n} \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \int e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} \xi^{\alpha-\beta+\gamma} I_{4,4(\beta)}(x, \xi) d\xi$$

and we have the estimate (taking  $s = |\alpha - \beta + \gamma|$ )

$$|D_x^\alpha D_z^\gamma I_{4,4}(x, z)| \leq C_0 C_1^{|\alpha+\gamma|} |\alpha + \gamma|!^{\sigma/(1-\delta)} , \quad (x, z) \in \Omega' \times \Omega' ,$$

where the constants  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  are independent of  $\alpha, \gamma \in Z_+^n$ . Summing up, we can split the operator as  $F^N(x, D) = F_1^N + F_2^N$ , where  $F_1^N$  is an integral operator from  $G^\theta(\Omega')$  into  $G^\theta(\Omega')$  and  $F_2^N$  is a pseudodifferential operator with symbol satisfying the condition (F). By the above argument the property (F') is obviously verified.

**3. Gevrey hypoellipticity.**

**THEOREM 3.1.** (cf. [3, Theorem 3.1].) *Let  $a(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta, \sigma}^m(\Omega \times R^n)$  (see Definition 1.2), and assume that there are positive constants  $c$  and  $B$  and  $-\infty < m' < \infty$  such that*

$$(H_1) \quad |a(x, \xi)| \geq c |\xi|^{m'}, \quad x \in \Omega, \quad |\xi| \geq B.$$

*Assume also that for any compact set  $K \subset \Omega$ , there are positive constants  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  such that*

$$(H_2) \quad |a_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)| \leq C_0 C_1^{|\alpha+\beta|} \alpha! \beta!^\sigma |a(x, \xi)| |\xi|^{-\rho|\alpha|+\delta|\beta|}, \quad x \in K, \quad |\xi| \geq B.$$

*Then the operator  $a(x, D)$  is Gevrey hypoelliptic of order  $\theta$ ,  $\theta = \max(1/\rho, \sigma/(1 - \delta))$ , that is, if  $u \in \mathcal{S}'(\Omega)$  and  $a(x, D)u$  is in  $G^s$  in  $\Omega'$ ,  $\Omega' \subset \Omega$ , then  $u$  is also in  $G^s$  in  $\Omega'$  for  $s \geq \theta$ .*

For the proof we need two lemmas. We first define the symbol of a left parametrix of  $a(x, D)$  as usual by:

$$(3.1) \quad b_0(x, \xi) = 1/a(x, \xi), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad |\xi| \geq B,$$

$$(3.2) \quad b_j(x, \xi) = -b_0(x, \xi) \sum_{1 \leq |\alpha| \leq j} b_{j-|\alpha|}^{(\alpha)} a_{(\alpha)}(x, \xi), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad |\xi| \geq B, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots.$$

Take a function  $\chi(\xi) \in C^\infty(R^n)$  such that  $\chi(\xi) = 0$  for  $|\xi| \leq B$  and  $\chi(\xi) = 1$  for  $|\xi| \geq B + 1$ , and set

$$b^N(x, \xi) \equiv \chi(\xi) \sum_{j=0}^N b_j(x, \xi).$$

Then we have  $b^N(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta, \sigma}^{m'}(\Omega \times R^n)$ .

**LEMMA 3.1.** *Let  $\Omega'$  be a relatively compact open subset of  $\Omega$ , and take a function  $h \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  such that  $h = 1$  in a neighborhood of  $\bar{\Omega}'$ . Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} b^N(x, D)ha(x, D) &= I + R^N(x, D) \quad \text{in } \Omega', \\ R^N(x, D) &= R_1^N + R_2^N, \end{aligned}$$

where  $R_1^N$  is an integral operator from  $C^\infty(\bar{\Omega}')$  into  $G^\theta(\bar{\Omega}')$  with kernel  $R_1^N(x, y)$  and  $R_2^N$  is a pseudodifferential operator with symbol  $R_2^N(x, \xi)$  satisfying the conditions (F) and (F') in Theorem 2.1.

**PROOF.** By Theorem 2.1 we have

$$b^N(x, D)ha(x, D) = r^N(x, D) + F^N \quad \text{in } \Omega',$$

where the symbol of  $r^N(x, D)$  is given by

$$r^N(x, \xi) = \sum_{k=0}^N \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \frac{1}{\alpha!} \partial_\xi^\alpha \left( \sum_{j=0}^N b_j(x, \xi) \right) a_{(\alpha)}(x, \xi), \quad x \in \Omega', \quad |\xi| \geq B.$$

By the definition of  $b_j(x, \xi)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots$ , we have

$$r^N(x, \xi) = 1 + r^N(x, \xi)', \quad x \in \Omega', \quad |\xi| \geq B,$$

$$\chi(\xi)r^N(x, \xi)' \in S_{\rho, \delta, \sigma}^{m_+, -(\rho-\delta)N}(\Omega' \times R^n).$$

All the symbols of the class  $S_{\rho, \delta, \sigma}^{m_+, -(\rho-\delta)N}(\Omega' \times R^n)$  satisfy the conditions (F) and (F'). Hence we have the assertion of Lemma 3.1.

LEMMA 3.2. *Let  $R_2^N(x, y)$  be the kernel of the operator  $R_2^N(x, D)$  given in Lemma 3.1. Then*

$$R_2^N(x, y) \in G_{x, y}^{\theta, 1/\rho}(\Omega' \times \Omega' \setminus \Delta), \quad \Delta = \{(x, x); x \in \Omega'\},$$

where  $\theta = \max(1/\rho, \sigma/(1 - \delta))$ .

PROOF. For simplicity we assume  $N$  is so large that  $N \geq (m_+ + n + 2)/(\rho - \delta)$ . Let  $U$  be a relatively compact open subset of  $\Omega' \times \Omega' \setminus \Delta$ . We shall estimate

$$\sup_U |D_x^\alpha D_y^\gamma R_2^N(x, y)|.$$

By virtue of the construction of  $R^N$  and by the fact  $\theta \geq \theta_0$ , as in the proof of Theorem 1.1 the problem is reduced to estimating each term of the form

$$I = \int e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} \xi^{\alpha-\beta} (-\xi)^r u^\tau(x, \xi) d\xi$$

$$= (x_i - y_i)^{-[|\alpha-\beta|+|r|+\delta|\beta-\tau|+\delta^2|\tau|/\rho]} \int e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle}$$

$$\times D_{\xi_i}^{[|\alpha-\beta|+|r|+\delta|\beta-\tau|+\delta^2|\tau|/\rho]} \{ \xi^{\alpha-\beta} (-\xi)^r u^\tau(x, \xi) \} d\xi,$$

for a fixed  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $\tau \leq \beta \leq \alpha$ .

By using the property (F'), we have an estimate of the form

$$(3.3) \quad |I| \leq C_0 C_1^{N+|\alpha+\beta|} N!^\sigma \gamma!^{1/\rho} (\alpha - \beta)!^{1/\rho} \beta!^\sigma \tau!^{\sigma\delta} (\beta - \tau)!^{\delta/\rho} \tau!^{\delta^2/\rho}.$$

For the right hand side of (3.3) we have an estimate of type

$$(\alpha - \beta)!^{1/\rho} \beta!^\sigma \tau!^{\sigma\delta} (\beta - \tau)!^{\delta/\rho} \tau!^{\delta^2/\rho} \leq C^{|\alpha|} (\alpha - \tau)!^{\theta_1} \tau!^{(\sigma+\sigma\delta+\delta^2/\rho)}.$$

Observing that we have

$$\theta = \max(1/\rho, \sigma/(1 - \delta)) \geq 1/\rho, \sigma + \delta/\rho, \sigma + \sigma\delta + \delta^2/\rho.$$

The last term is estimated by  $C^{|\alpha|} \alpha!^\theta$ . Thus we obtain an estimate of the form

$$(3.4) \quad \sup_U |D_x^\alpha D_y^\gamma R_2^N(x, y)| \leq C_0 C_1^{|\alpha+\tau|} \alpha!^\theta \gamma!^{1/\rho}.$$

We remark that we must take  $l = |\alpha| + N$  in the construction of  $R_2^N$ .

However  $R_1^N(x, y)$  is in  $G^\theta$  in  $\Omega' \times \Omega'$  uniformly with respect to  $l, l = 0, 1, \dots$ , and so we may use the operator  $R_2^N$  as if it is not depending on  $l$ .

PROOF OF THEOREM 3.1. We are considering the equation

$$a(x, D)u = f, \quad u \in \mathcal{E}'(\Omega), \quad f \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega),$$

where  $f$  is assumed to be  $G^s$  in  $\Omega' \subset \subset \Omega, s \geq \theta$ . For simplicity we shall prove the case where  $s = \theta = \max(1/\rho, \sigma/1 - \rho)$ . It is well known (cf. [4]) that  $u$  is in  $C^\infty(\Omega')$  under the hypotheses of Theorem 3.1. Now take an arbitrary point  $x_0 \in \Omega'$  and a small neighborhood  $U_d = \{x: |x - x_0| < d\} \subset \Omega', d > 0$ . Let  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(U_d)$  be such that  $\varphi(x) = 1$  on  $U_{d/2}$ . Then we have by Theorem 1.1

$$a(x, D)\varphi u = f - a(x, D)(1 - \varphi)u \equiv f_1 \in C^\infty(\Omega') \cap G^\theta(U_{d/2}).$$

Next take  $N$  sufficiently large so that  $N \geq (m_+ + n + 2)/(\rho - \delta)$ , and take  $h \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  so that  $h = 1$  on  $\Omega'$ . Then by Lemma 3.1, we have

$$b^N(x, D)ha(x, D)\varphi u = \varphi u + R^N(x, D)\varphi u = b^N(x, D)hf_1;$$

namely, we have an integral equation with respect to  $\varphi u$ :

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi u &= b^N(x, D)hf_1 - \int R_1^N(x, y)\varphi(y)u(y)dy - \int R_2^N(x, y)\varphi(y)u(y)dy \\ &\equiv g(x) - \int R_2^N(x, y)\varphi(y)u(y)dy, \end{aligned}$$

where  $g(x)$  is a function in  $G^\theta(U_{d/2})$ . We set  $R(x, y) = R_2^N(x, y)$  and denote its symbol by  $R(x, \xi)$ . Let  $\omega = U_{d/4}$  and assume  $0 < d \leq 1$ . We denote by  $\omega_\varepsilon$  the open set of points in  $\omega$  at distance  $> \varepsilon$  from the complement of  $\omega$  denoted by  $\omega^c$ . Then  $\omega_\varepsilon = \emptyset$  if  $\varepsilon > 1/4$ . We want to prove that there exists a constant  $B$  such that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and every integer  $j > 0$  we have

$$(3.6) \quad \varepsilon^{|\alpha|} \sup_{\omega_{|\alpha|\varepsilon}} |D^\alpha u(x)| \leq B^{|\alpha|+1} \quad \text{if } |\alpha| \leq j,$$

and

$$(3.6)' \quad \varepsilon^{\theta k} \sup_{\omega_{k\varepsilon}} |(1 - \Delta)^{[k/2]}u(x)| \leq B^{k+1} \quad \text{if } k \leq j.$$

It follows from (3.6) or (3.6)' that  $u$  is in  $G^\theta$  in  $\omega$ . Indeed, let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $\omega$  and choose  $c > 0$  so that  $K \subset \omega_c$ . Setting  $j = |\alpha|$  and  $\varepsilon = c/|\alpha|$  in (3.6), we obtain

$$\sup_K |D^\alpha u| \leq \sup_{\omega_c} |D^\alpha u| \leq (B/c^\theta)^{|\alpha|+1} |\alpha|^{\theta|\alpha|},$$

which proves that  $u \in G^\theta(\omega)$ .

We shall prove (3.6) by induction on  $j$ . This is obviously true when  $j = 1$  if  $B$  is sufficiently large. Assuming that (3.6) is proved for  $j - 1$ ,  $j \geq 2$ , we shall show that (3.6) follows for  $j$  if  $B$  is sufficiently large and independent of  $j$ . To do so we only have to estimate the derivatives  $D^\alpha u$  with  $|\alpha| = j$  ( $j \geq 2$ ). Differentiation of (3.5) gives

$$\varepsilon^{\theta j} \sup_{\omega_{j\varepsilon}} |D^\alpha u(x)| \leq A^{j+1} + \varepsilon^{\theta j} \sup_{x \in \omega_{j\varepsilon}} \left| D_x^\alpha \int R(x, y) \varphi(y) u(y) dy \right| ,$$

where  $A$  is a positive constant independent of  $j$ . By observing the construction of  $R = R_2^N$  we have

$$(3.7) \quad D_x^\alpha \int R(x, y) \varphi(y) u(y) dy = \sum_{0 \neq \beta \leq \alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \int K_\beta(x, y) D_y^{\alpha-\beta}(\varphi u) dy + \int R(x, y) D_y^\alpha(\varphi u) dy .$$

By virtue of the property (F') we have

$$K_\beta(x, y) = \sum_{\tau \leq \beta} \binom{\beta}{\tau} \int e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} u^\tau(x, \xi) d\xi .$$

First we shall treat the last term in (3.7). From the proof of Lemma 3.2, we may assume that there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$(3.8) \quad |D_y^\tau(x, y)| \leq C^{|\tau|+1} \gamma^{|\tau|} |x - y|^{(-|\tau|+1)/\rho} , \quad (x, y) \in U_a \times U_a \setminus \mathcal{A} .$$

For  $|\alpha| = j$ , rewrite  $\alpha = \alpha' + \alpha''$  with  $|\alpha'| = j - 1$ ,  $|\alpha''| = 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon^{\theta j} \sup_{\omega_{j\varepsilon}} \left| \int R(x, y) D_y^\alpha(\varphi(y) u(y)) dy \right| &= \varepsilon^{\theta j} \sup_{\omega_{j\varepsilon}} \left| \int D_y^{\alpha''} R(x, y) D_y^{\alpha'}(\varphi(y) u(y)) dy \right| \\ &\leq \varepsilon^{\theta j} c^2 \sup_{\omega_{(j-1)\varepsilon}} |D^{\alpha'} u| + \varepsilon^{\theta j} \sup_{x \in \varepsilon_j} \left| \int_{\omega_{(j-1)\varepsilon}^c} D_y^{\alpha''} R(x, y) D_y^{\alpha''}(\varphi(y) u(y)) dy \right| \\ &\equiv I_1 + I_2 . \end{aligned}$$

By assumption we have

$$I_1 \leq \varepsilon^\theta C' C^2 B^j ,$$

where  $C'$  is a small constant depending on  $\omega$ . Denoting symbolically by  $D_y^k$  the differentiation of order  $k \geq 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &\leq \varepsilon^{\theta j} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sup_{x \in \omega_{j\varepsilon}} \left| \int_{\partial \omega_{(j-k)\varepsilon}} D_y^k R(x, y) D_y^{j-k-1} u dS_y \right| \\ &\quad + \varepsilon^{\theta j} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sup_{x \in \omega_{j\varepsilon}} \left| \int_{\omega_{(j-k-1)\varepsilon} \setminus \omega_{(j-k)\varepsilon}} D_y^{k+1} R(x, y) D_y^{j-k-1} u(y) dy \right| \\ &\quad + \varepsilon^{\theta j} \sup_{x \in \omega_{j\varepsilon}} \left| \int_{\omega^c} D_y^\alpha R(x, y) \varphi(y) u(y) dy \right| \\ &\equiv I_{2,1} + I_{2,2} + I_{2,3} . \end{aligned}$$

By the induction assumption and by using (3.8), we have

$$I_{2,1} \leq C_\varepsilon \varepsilon^\theta \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} C^{k+1} k!^\theta \varepsilon^{k\theta} (k\varepsilon)^{(-k+1)/\rho} B^{j-k} \leq \varepsilon^\theta C_\varepsilon C B^j \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} (C/B)^k .$$

Similarly we have

$$I_{2,2} \leq \varepsilon^\theta C' C^2 B^j \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} (C/B)^{k-1}$$

and

$$I_{2,3} \leq \varepsilon^\theta C' C^{j+1} .$$

Hence if we take  $B$  greater than  $2C$  we have an estimate of the form

$$(3.9) \quad I_1 + I_2 \leq \varepsilon^\theta C_\varepsilon (C^2 B^j + C^{j+1}) , \quad |\alpha| = j .$$

We want to apply the same method to estimate the first sum on the right hand side of (3.7). By virtue of the property (F') we have

$$K_\beta(x, y) = \sum_{\tau \leq \beta} \binom{\beta}{\tau} \int e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} u^\tau(x, \xi) d\xi .$$

Setting

$$K_\beta^i(x, y) = \int e^{i\langle x-y, \xi \rangle} u^\tau(x, \xi) (1 + |\xi|^2)^{-(\delta|\beta-\tau| + \delta^2|\tau|)/2} d\xi ,$$

we have the following estimate as in (3.8):

$$(3.10) \quad |D_y^i K_\beta^i(x, y)| \leq C^{|\beta+\tau|+1} \beta!^\theta \gamma!^\theta \tau!^{\sigma\delta} |x - y|^{-(|\tau|+1)/\rho} , \quad (x, y) \in U_a \times U_a \setminus \Delta .$$

Our purpose is to estimate  $\varepsilon^{\theta j} \times (3.7)$  in the form

$$(3.11) \quad \varepsilon^{\theta j} \sum_{k=1}^j \binom{j}{k} \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{k}{l} \sup_{\substack{x \in \omega_{j\varepsilon} \\ k=|\beta| \\ l=|\tau|}} \left| \int K_\beta^i(x, y) D_y^{j-k} (1 - \Delta_y)^{(\delta(k-l) + \delta^2 l)/2} (\varphi u) dy \right| ,$$

where  $j = |\alpha|$ . As before, we have for  $1 \leq k \leq j$  and  $0 \leq l \leq k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{j}{k} \binom{k}{l} \sup_{x \in \omega_{j\varepsilon}} \left| \int K_\beta^i(x, y) D_y^{i-k} (1 - \Delta_y)^{(\delta(k-l) + \delta^2 l)/2} (\varphi u) dy \right| \\ & \leq \binom{j}{k} \binom{k}{l} C^{k+1} k!^\theta l!^{\sigma\delta} \sup_{\omega_{(j-1)\varepsilon}} |D^{j-k-1} (1 - \Delta_x)^{(\delta(k-l) + \delta^2 l)/2} u(x)| \\ & \quad + \binom{j}{k} \binom{k}{l} \sup_{x \in \omega_{j\varepsilon}} \left| \int_{\omega_{(j-1)\varepsilon}^c} D_y K_\beta^i(x, y) D_y^{j-k-1} (1 - \Delta_y)^{(\delta(k-l) + \delta^2 l)/2} (\varphi u) dy \right| \\ & \equiv I_{1,k,l} + I_{2,k,l} . \end{aligned}$$

By assumption we have

$$\varepsilon^{\theta j} I_{1,k,l} \leq C' C^{k+1} B^j \binom{j}{k} \binom{k}{l} k! \sigma l!^{\sigma \delta} \varepsilon^{\theta((1-\delta)k + \delta(1-\delta)l)} B^{-(1-\delta)k - 1 + \delta(1-\delta)l}.$$

Since  $\varepsilon \leq 1/4j$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon^{\theta j} I_{1,k,l} &\leq C_\varepsilon C^{k+1} B^j B^{-(1-\delta)k-1} \frac{j! k! \sigma l!^{\sigma \delta}}{(j-k)!(k-l)! l!} \left(\frac{1}{4j}\right)^{\theta((1-\delta)k + \delta(1-\delta)l)} B^{\delta(1-\delta)l} \\ &\leq C_\varepsilon C^{k+1} B^j B^{-(1-\delta)k-1} B^{\delta(1-\delta)l}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\varepsilon^{\theta j} \sum_{l=0}^k I_{1,k,l} \leq C_\varepsilon C B^j [C/B^{(1-\delta)^2}]^k.$$

Hence if  $B^{(1-\delta)^2} \leq 2C$ , we have

$$(3.12) \quad \varepsilon^{\theta j} \sum_{k=1}^j \sum_{l=0}^k I_{1,k,l} \leq C_\varepsilon C B^j.$$

In the same way as we treated  $I_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{2,k,l} &\leq \binom{j}{k} \binom{k}{l} \sum_{s=1}^{j-k-1} \sup_{\omega_{j\varepsilon}} \left| \int_{\partial \omega_{(j-1)\varepsilon}} D_y^s K_{\beta}^{\tau}(x, y) D^{j-k-s-1} (1 - \Delta_y)^{[(\delta(k-l) + \delta^2 l)/2]} u(y) dS \right| \\ &\quad + \binom{j}{k} \binom{j}{l} \sum_{s=1}^{j-k-1} \sup_{x \in \omega_{j\varepsilon}} \left| \int_{\omega_{(j-s-1)\varepsilon} \setminus \omega_{(j-s)\varepsilon}} D_y^s K_{\beta}^{\tau}(x, y) D_y^{j-k-s} (1 - \Delta_y)^{[(\delta(k-l) + \delta^2 l)/2]} u(y) dy \right| \\ &\quad + \binom{j}{k} \binom{k}{l} \sup_{x \in \omega_{j\varepsilon}} \left| \int_{\omega_{k\varepsilon}^c} D_y^{j-k} K_{\beta}^{\tau}(x, y) (1 - \Delta_y)^{[(\delta(k-l) + \delta^2 l)/2]} (\varphi u) dy \right| \\ &\equiv I_{2,k,l}^1 + I_{2,k,l}^2 + I_{2,k,l}^3. \end{aligned}$$

We have as before

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon^{\theta j} I_{2,k,l}^1 &\leq C_\varepsilon C^{k+1} B^j \binom{j}{k} \binom{k}{l} B^{-(1-\delta)k} \cdot \varepsilon^{(k+1-\delta(k-l) + \delta^2 l)\theta} \\ &\quad \times B^{-\delta(1-\delta)l} k! \sigma l!^{\sigma \delta} \sum_{s=0}^{j-k-1} (C/B)^s s!^{\theta} \varepsilon^{\theta(\varepsilon s)^{(-s+1)/\rho}} \\ &\leq C_\varepsilon C^{k+1} B^j B^{-(1-\delta)^2 k} = C_\varepsilon C B^j [C/B(1-\delta)^2]^k. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$(3.13) \quad \varepsilon^{\theta j} \sum_{k=1}^j \sum_{l=0}^k I_{2,k,l}^1 \leq C_\varepsilon C B^j,$$

if  $B^{(1-\delta)^2} \geq 2C$ . In the same way, we have an estimate of the form

$$(3.14) \quad \varepsilon^{\theta j} \sum_{k=1}^j \sum_{l=0}^k (I_{2,k,l}^2 + I_{2,k,l}^3) \leq 2C_\varepsilon C B^j.$$

Combining the estimates (3.9), (3.12), (3.13) and (3.14) we have

$$\varepsilon^{\theta j} \sup_{\omega_{j\varepsilon}} |D^\alpha u(x)| \leq A^{j+1} + C_\varepsilon C((C + 5)B^j + C^j) .$$

Hence if we can take  $B$  so large that

$$A^{j+1} + C_\varepsilon C((C + 5)B^j + C^j) \leq B^{j+1}$$

the proof of (3.6) is completed. This condition is fulfilled for every  $j$  if  $B \geq \max(1, (2C)^{1/(1-\delta)^2}, 2A, A + C_\varepsilon C(C + 6))$ . q.e.d.

**4. Examples.** We consider the following differential operators:

$$(4.1) \quad P_1 = -x^4 d^2/dx^2 + 1 \quad \text{in} \quad -\infty < x < \infty ,$$

$$(4.2) \quad P_2 = x^4(\partial/\partial y - \partial^2/\partial x^2) + 1 \quad \text{in} \quad R_{x,y}^2 .$$

We can easily verify that the characteristic polynomial  $P_1(x, \xi) = x^4 \xi^2 + 1$  satisfies the conditions  $(H_1)$  and  $(H_2)$  in Theorem 3.1 with  $\sigma = \rho = 1$  and  $\delta = 1/2$ . Hence we have  $\theta = 2$ . We have a solution

$$v(x) = \begin{cases} x e^{-1/x} & x > 0 , \\ 0 & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

of the equation  $P_1 v(x) = 0$  and  $v(x)$  is in  $G^2$  in any neighborhood of the origin of  $R^1$ .

We can also easily verify that  $P_2(x, y; \xi, \eta) = v^4(i\eta + \xi^2) + 1$  satisfies  $(H_1)$  and  $(H_2)$  with  $\sigma = 1$ ,  $\rho = 1/2$  and  $\delta = 1/4$ . Hence we have  $\theta = 2$  also for  $P_2$ . We have a solution of the equation  $P_2 u = 0$  as a function expressed by  $u(x, y) = v(x)$ , where  $v(x)$  is the function given above.

We remark that we have only  $\theta = 1/(\rho - \delta) = 4$  by the result of [3].

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