

## 90. Some Examples of Global Gevrey Hypoellipticity and Solvability

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**1. Notations and results.** Let  $\mathbf{T}^2 := \mathbf{R}^2/\mathbf{Z}^2$  be the two dimensional torus, where  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$  are the sets of real numbers and integers respectively. We denote the variables in  $\mathbf{T}^2$  by  $(x, y)$  and the differentiations on  $\mathbf{T}^2$  by  $\partial_x = \partial/\partial x$ , and  $\partial_y = \partial/\partial y$ . We denote by  $C^\infty(\mathbf{T}^2)$  the set of smooth functions on  $\mathbf{T}^2$ . For  $\sigma \geq 1$  we say that a function  $f(x, y) \in C^\infty(\mathbf{T}^2)$  belongs to the Gevrey class  $G^\sigma(\mathbf{T}^2)$  if for some  $C > 0$

(1.1)  $|\partial_x^m \partial_y^n f(x, y)| \leq C^{m+n+1} (m!n!)^\sigma$ , for all  $m, n \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $(x, y) \in \mathbf{T}^2$ , with the convention that  $G^\infty(\mathbf{T}^2) := C^\infty(\mathbf{T}^2)$ , if  $\sigma = \infty$ . We denote by  $G^\sigma(\mathbf{T}^2)'$  the space of ultradistributions of class  $\sigma$  on  $\mathbf{T}^2$ . Clearly,  $G^1(\mathbf{T}^2)$  is the set of analytic functions on  $\mathbf{T}^2$  and  $G^1(\mathbf{T}^2)'$  coincides with the class of periodic hyperfunctions on  $\mathbf{T}^2$  (cf. [6] and [9]).

A differential operator  $P$  is said to be globally  $G^\sigma(\mathbf{T}^2)$  solvable on  $\mathbf{T}^2$  if for every  $f \in G^\sigma(\mathbf{T}^2)$  there exists an ultradistribution  $u \in G^\sigma(\mathbf{T}^2)'$  satisfying  $Pu = f$ . We say that  $P$  is globally  $G^\sigma(\mathbf{T}^2)$  hypoelliptic if  $u \in G^\sigma(\mathbf{T}^2)$  when  $Pu \in G^\sigma(\mathbf{T}^2)$  and  $u \in G^\sigma(\mathbf{T}^2)'$ . The operator  $P$  is said to be locally  $G^\sigma$  solvable at a point  $p \in \mathbf{T}^2$  if there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of  $p$  such that for every  $f \in G_0^\sigma(U)$ , there exists an ultradistribution  $u \in G^\sigma(U)'$  such that  $Pu = f$  in  $U$ . Similarly, we say that  $P$  is locally  $G^\sigma$  hypoelliptic at  $p$  if the following condition holds; if a point  $p$  does not belong to  $G^\sigma$  singular support of  $Pu$  then  $p$  does not belong to  $G^\sigma$  singular support of  $u$ .

In this note we shall give examples of first order operators with real coefficients on tori whose global properties are exotic in the following sense: Their global hypoellipticity and solvability in Gevrey class depend on Gevrey index  $\sigma$ . This makes a clear contrast to the known local results for operators of real principal type (cf. [5] and [1]). In fact, the first order analytic pseudodifferential operators of real principal type are not locally  $G^\sigma$  hypoelliptic for any  $1 \leq \sigma \leq \infty$  and they are locally  $G^\sigma$  solvable for all  $1 \leq \sigma \leq \infty$  (cf. [5] and [9]). In the global case, we have the following

**Theorem 1** (Global hypoellipticity). *For every number  $\sigma$ ,  $1 \leq \sigma < \infty$  we can find infinitely many linearly independent real-valued functions  $a \in G^1(\mathbf{T})$  such that the operators  $P = \partial_x - a(x)\partial_y$  are globally  $G^\theta(\mathbf{T}^2)$  hypoelliptic if  $1 \leq \theta \leq \sigma$ , while they are not globally  $G^\theta(\mathbf{T}^2)$  hypoelliptic if  $\sigma < \theta \leq \infty$ .*

**Theorem 2** (Global solvability). *For every number  $\sigma$ ,  $1 \leq \sigma < \infty$  we can*

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find infinitely many linearly independent real-valued functions  $a \in G^1(\mathbf{T})$  such that the equations  $(\partial_x - a(x)\partial_y)u = f$ ,  $f \in G^\theta(\mathbf{T}^2)$  are always  $G^\theta(\mathbf{T}^2)$  solvable for  $f$  such that  $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x, y) dx dy = 0$  if  $1 \leq \theta \leq \sigma$ , while they are not  $G^\theta(\mathbf{T}^2)$  solvable for some  $f \in G^\theta(\mathbf{T}^2)$  such that  $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x, y) dx dy = 0$  if  $\sigma < \theta \leq \infty$ .

**Remark.** Theorems 1 and 2 are valid if we replace the inequalities  $1 \leq \theta \leq \sigma$  and  $\sigma < \theta \leq \infty$  by  $1 \leq \theta < \sigma$  and  $\sigma \leq \theta \leq \infty$ , respectively. These facts can be proved by use of (ii) of Lemma which follows.

**2. Proof of theorems.** Theorems 1 and 2 are proved by constructing Liouville numbers with prescribed approximation rate by rational numbers. More precisely, we have

**Lemma.** *The following two properties are valid:*

(i) *For a given  $\sigma > 0$  we can find an irrational number  $t$  such that for every  $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$  there exists  $C > 0$  satisfying*

$$(2.1) \quad |p - tq| \geq C \exp(-\varepsilon q^{1/\sigma}) \text{ for any } p \in \mathbf{Z}, q \in \mathbf{N}$$

*while for any  $\sigma', 0 < \sigma < \sigma'$  and any  $c > 0$  there exist infinitely many  $p \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $q \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  relatively prime, such that*

$$(2.2) \quad |p - tq| \leq c \exp(-\varepsilon q^{1/\sigma'}).$$

(ii) *For a given  $\sigma > 0$  we can find an irrational number  $t$  such that for every  $1 \leq \theta < \sigma$  and every  $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$  there exists  $C > 0$  satisfying*

$$(2.3) \quad |p - tq| \geq C \exp(-\varepsilon q^{1/\theta}) \text{ for any } p \in \mathbf{Z}, q \in \mathbf{N}$$

*while for any  $c > 0$  there exist infinitely many  $p \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $q \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  relatively prime, such that*

$$(2.4) \quad |p - tq| \leq c \exp(-\varepsilon q^{1/\sigma}).$$

*All two types of numbers exhibited above, have the density of continuum.*

*Proof.* We use the arguments of the paper of J. Leray and C. Pisot [8]. We shall give a sketch of the proof. We use the notations of [8]. First we observe that, if  $t$  exists we may assume  $0 < t < 1$ .

We shall define  $t$  by a continued fractions;  $t = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots]$ . Following (1.3) in [8] we introduce two sequences  $\{p_n\}$  and  $\{q_n\}$ :

$$(2.5) \quad q_1 = 0, q_2 = 1, q_{n+2} = a_n q_{n+1} + q_n,$$

$$(2.6) \quad p_1 = 1, p_2 = 0, p_{n+2} = a_n p_{n+1} + p_n.$$

By (1.1) of [8], for every integer  $q$  such that  $q_{n-1} \leq q \leq q_{n+1}$  we have

$$(2.7) \quad \inf_{p \in \mathbf{Z}} |p - tq| \geq \frac{1}{q_n} - \left| t - \frac{p_n}{q_n} \right| q,$$

where the equality is attained for  $(q, p) = (q_{n-1}, p_{n-1})$  and  $(q_{n+1}, p_{n+1})$ . Therefore we have, for  $q_{n-1} \leq q \leq q_{n+1}$

$$(2.8) \quad \inf_{p \in \mathbf{Z}} |p - tq| \geq \inf \{ |p_{n-1} - tq_{n-1}|, |p_{n+1} - tq_{n+1}| \},$$

where the equality is taken for  $q = q_{n-1}$  and  $q = q_{n+1}$ . On the other hand we have

$$(2.9) \quad |p_{n+1} - tq_{n+1}| = \frac{1}{|\alpha_n q_{n+1} + q_n|},$$

with  $\alpha_n$  being defined by the relation (see (1.2) in [8])  $t = (\alpha_n p_{n+1} + p_n) /$

$(\alpha_n q_{n+1} + q_n)$ . One checks easily that  $\alpha_n = a_n + 1/\alpha_{n+1}$ ,  $\alpha_n > 1$  (see (1.1) in [8]).

Let us assume that  $a_k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$  are given. Then by (2.5) we define  $q_{n+1}$ . Next we choose and fix  $a_n = [\exp(q_{n+1}^{1/\sigma}/(\ln q_{n+1}))]$ , where  $[\cdot]$  stands for the integral part of  $r \in \mathbf{R}$ . On the other hand we recall (see (1.1) in [8]) that  $\alpha_n = a_n + 1/\alpha_{n+1}$  and  $\alpha_n > 1$ . Then we easily see that for a given  $0 < \delta \ll 1$  the quantity  $\alpha_n q_{n+1} + q_n$  is estimated from below (respectively from above) by  $(\alpha_n - \delta)q_{n+1}$  (respectively by  $(\alpha_n + \delta)q_{n+1}$ ) when  $n$  is sufficiently large. Because of the consecutive construction of  $q_{n+2}$  and  $a_{n+1}$  we have that  $t$  is well defined and that there exist two positive constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that

$$C_1 q_{n+1} \exp\left(\frac{q_{n+1}^{1/\sigma}}{\ln q_{n+1}}\right) \leq |\alpha_n q_{n+1} + q_n| \leq C_2 q_{n+1} \exp\left(\frac{q_{n+1}^{1/\sigma}}{\ln q_{n+1}}\right), \quad n \in N,$$

which proves part (i) of the lemma.

Concerning part (ii), we choose  $a_n = [\exp(q_{n+1}^{1/\sigma})]$  for  $n$  sufficiently large. Then, by the last two-sided inequality we have the desired exponential growth.

The final statement for the density follows from the fact that all three estimates do not change when we replace  $a_n$  by  $a_n + 1$  for infinitely many  $n \in N$ .

*Sketch of the proof of Theorems.* We note that  $u(x, y) \in G^\sigma(\mathbf{T}^2)$  if and only if for some  $c > 0$  and  $C > 0$  the following estimate is true

$$|\partial_x^k \hat{u}(x, \eta)| \leq C^{k+1} (k!)^\sigma \exp(-c|\eta|^{1/\sigma}), \quad k \in \mathbf{N}, \eta \in \mathbf{Z},$$

where  $\hat{u}(x, \eta)$  denotes the partial Fourier transform of  $u$  with respect to  $y$ . By the partial Fourier transform with respect to  $y$  the equation  $Pu := (\partial_x - a(x)\partial_y)u = f$  is equivalent to  $\hat{P}\hat{u} = (\partial_x - ia(x)\eta)\hat{u} = \hat{f}$ . We set  $2\pi\tau_a = \int_0^{2\pi} a(x)dx$ ,  $\Lambda(x) := \int_0^x a(t)dt$ . We assume that  $\tau_a$  is positive and irrational. Then the periodic solution to the equation  $\hat{P}\hat{u} = \hat{f}$  is given by (2.10)

$$\hat{u}(x, \eta) = e^{i\eta\Lambda(x)} \left( \frac{e^{2\pi i\eta\tau_a}}{1 - e^{2\pi i\eta\tau_a}} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i\eta\Lambda(t)} \hat{f}(t, \eta) dt + \int_0^x e^{-i\eta\Lambda(t)} \hat{f}(t, \eta) dt \right),$$

for  $\eta \neq 0$ . If  $a(x)$  is real-valued this expression implies that  $P$  is globally hypoelliptic and solvable in  $G^\sigma$  for  $f$  such that  $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x, y) dx dy = 0$  if and only if for every  $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$  there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$(2.11) \quad \left| \tau_a - \frac{p}{q} \right| \geq C \exp(-\varepsilon q^{1/\sigma}), \quad p \in \mathbf{Z}, q \in N.$$

Indeed, (2.11) follows from the estimate of the denominator  $1 - e^{2\pi i\eta\tau_a}$  in (2.10).

Hence our theorem is proved if we choose  $c$  to be a number  $t$  satisfying the statement (i) of Lemma and we choose  $a(x)$  such that  $\int_0^{2\pi} a(x)dx = 2\pi c$ .

This proves Theorems.

**Remark.** Let  $t$  be a transcendental number constructed in the proof of

(i) of Lemma with  $\sigma = 1$ . Then the equation  $Pu := (\partial_x - t\partial_y)u = f$  is solvable for  $f \in G^1(\mathbf{T}^2)$  such that  $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x, y) dx dy = 0$ . On the other hand, for every  $\sigma > 1$  it is not solvable for some  $f \in G^\sigma(\mathbf{T}^2)$  such that  $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x, y) dx dy = 0$ . We remark that in view of the definition of periodic hyperfunctions the solution exists in the class of periodic hyperfunctions even in the case  $\sigma > 1$  (cf. (2.11) and Proposition 2.4.4 of [6]).

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