

# Cauchy problem for non-strictly hyperbolic systems II. Leray-Volevich's systems and well-posedness

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## Introduction

We consider the Cauchy problem for non strictly hyperbolic systems with diagonal principal part of constant multiplicity. We shall derive a necessary condition in order that the Cauchy problem for such systems is well posed in  $C^\infty$  class.

We consider the following Cauchy problem in  $G(x)$  a neighborhood of  $\hat{x} = (\hat{x}_0, \hat{x}_1, \dots, \hat{x}_n) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ ,

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} a(x, D)u^s(x) + \sum_{i=1}^N b_i^s(x, D)u^i(x) = f^s(x), & x \in G(\hat{x}) \cap \{x_0 > \hat{x}_0\}, \\ D_0^h u^s|_{x_0=\hat{x}_0} = g_h^s(x'), & x' \in G(\hat{x}) \cap \{x_0 = \hat{x}_0\}, \quad h \leq m-1, s = 1, \dots, N. \end{cases}$$

where  $a(x, D)$  and  $b_i^s(x, D)$  are differential operators of which coefficients are infinitely differential functions defined in a domain  $G \subset \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ . We assume here that we can factorize in  $G \subset \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$  the principal part of  $a(x, D)$ ,  $\hat{a}(x, \xi)$  as follows

$$(2) \quad \hat{a}(x, \xi) = \prod_{l=1}^r (\xi_0 - \lambda^{(l)}(x, \xi'))^{v^{(l)}},$$

where  $v^{(l)}$  are constant integers in  $G \times \mathbf{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\lambda^{(l)}$  are  $C^\infty$ -real valued functions and  $\lambda^{(l)} \neq \lambda^{(j)}$  on  $G \times \mathbf{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$  for  $l \neq j$ . Moreover we assume that there exist integers  $n_1, \dots, n_N$  such that

$$(3) \quad \text{order } b_i^s \leq m-1 + n_i - n_s$$

where  $m = \text{order } a = \sum_{l=1}^r v^{(l)}$ .

We call here a system with above properties (2) and (3) a hyperbolic Leray-Volevich's system with diagonal principal part of constant multiplicity.

**Definition 1.** The Cauchy problem (1) for a system  $\{\delta_i^s a + b_i^s\}$  is said to be well posed at  $\hat{x}$  in  $G$ , if the following conditions hold

(E) There exists  $G(\hat{x}) \subset G$ , a neighborhood of  $\hat{x}$ , such that for any  $f(x)$  in  $C^\infty(G(\hat{x}))$  and  $g_h^s$  in  $C^\infty(G(\hat{x}) \cap \{x_0 = x_0\})$ , there are functions  $u^s(x)$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, N$  in  $C^\infty(G(\hat{x}))$  satisfying (1).

(U) For any  $G(\hat{x}) \subset G$ , a neighborhood of  $\hat{x}$ , there exists  $\tilde{G}(\hat{x}) \subset G(x)$ , a neighborhood of  $\hat{x}$ , such that if  $u^s(x)$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N$ ) in  $C^\infty(G(x))$  satisfy  $u^s + \sum b_i^s u^t = 0$  in  $\tilde{G}(\hat{x}) \cap \{x_0 > \hat{x}_0\}$  and  $\text{supp } u^s \subset \{x_0 > \hat{x}_0\}$ , then  $u^s = 0$  in  $\tilde{G}(\hat{x}) \cap \{x_0 > \hat{x}_0\}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N$ ).

If the Cauchy problem (1) for a system  $\{\delta_i^s a + b_i^s\}$  is well posed at  $\hat{x}$  for any  $\hat{x} \in G$ , it is said to be well posed in  $G$ .

**Remark.** We note that the property of finite propagation speed is not necessary in the definition of the well posedness.

We call  $\psi$  a phase function associated to  $\lambda(x, \xi')$  a function in  $G \times \mathbf{R}^n \setminus 0$ , if  $\psi$  are real valued  $C^\infty$ -function in  $G' \subset G$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{x_0} &= \lambda(x, \psi_{x'}) \quad \text{in } G, \\ \psi_{x'} &\neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

We denote by  $\psi^{(l)}$  a phase function associated to  $\lambda^{(l)}$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $\{\delta_i^s a(x, D) + b_i^s(x, D)\}$  be a Leray-Volveich's system with diagonal principal part of constant multiplicity. It is said that  $\{\delta_i^s a + b_i^s\}$  satisfies the Levi's condition in  $G$  if there exist integers  $n_1^{(l)}, \dots, n_N^{(l)}$  ( $l = 1, \dots, d$ ) such that for any phase function  $\psi^{(l)}(x)$  and for any  $w \in C_0^\infty(G)$

$$\begin{aligned} (4) \quad & e^{-i\rho\psi^{(l)}} \{\delta_i^s a(x, D) + b_i^s(x, D)\} (e^{i\rho\psi^{(l)}} w) \\ & = O(\rho^{m-v^{(l)}+n_i^{(l)}-n_s^{(l)}}) \quad (\rho \longrightarrow \infty), \end{aligned}$$

for  $s, t = 1, \dots, N$  and  $l = 1, \dots, r$ .

We have proved the following theorem in the part I [2].

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\{\delta_i^s a + b_i^s\}$  be a Leray-Volveich's system with diagonal principal part of constant multiplicity. Then if  $\{\delta_i^s a + b_i^s\}$  satisfies the Levi's condition, the Cauchy problem (1) for  $\{\delta_i^s a + b_i^s\}$  is well posed in  $G$ .

The condition (4) is not necessary. For example, a  $2 \times 2$  system,

$$(5) \quad \begin{bmatrix} D_0^2 & 0 \\ 0 & D_0^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} D_1 & D_1 \\ -D_1 & -D_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is well posed in  $\mathbf{R}^2$ . But we can not find the integers such that (4) is valid. Here our aim is to investigate a necessary condition in order that the Cauchy problem for Leray-Volveich's system with principal part of constant multiplicity is well posed.

We assume that the condition (4) is not valid for some  $\hat{\lambda}$ . For simplicity we write  $\lambda^{(l)} = \lambda$  and  $v^{(l)} = v$ . Then we can decompose

$$\delta_t^s a(x, D) + b_t^s(x, D) = \delta_t^s Q(x, D)q(x, D)^r + B_t^s(x, D)$$

where  $q(x, D) = D_0 + i\lambda(x, D')$ ,

$$Q(x, D) = \prod_{l=1}^r (D_0 + i\lambda^{(l)}(x, D'))^{r^{(l)}},$$

and the order of  $B_t^s$  satisfies (3). Hence the principal symbol  $\hat{Q}(x, \xi)$  of  $Q(x, D)$  satisfies

$$(6) \quad \hat{Q}(x, \lambda(x, \xi'), \xi') \neq 0 \quad \text{in } G \subset \mathbf{R}^n \setminus \{0\}.$$

We rewrite  $B_t^s(x, D)$  as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} B_t^s(x, D) &= \sum_{j=0}^{m_t^s} \tilde{B}_{t,j}^s(x, D') D_0^j \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{m_t^s} \tilde{B}_{t,j}^s(x, D') (q(x, D) - i\lambda(x, D'))^j \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{m_t^s} B_{t,j}^s(x, D') q(x, D)^j, \end{aligned}$$

here  $m_t^s = m - 1 + n_t - n_s$ . We put

$$(7) \quad d_{t,j}^s = \begin{cases} \text{order } B_{t,j}^s(x, D'), & \text{if } B_{t,j}^s \neq 0, \\ -\infty, & \text{if } B_{t,j}^s \equiv 0. \end{cases}$$

Then we note

$$(8) \quad d_{t,j}^s \leq m - 1 + n_t - n_s - j.$$

For a scalar function  $\psi(x)$  and a pseudo differential operator  $P(x, D)$  of order  $m$ , we introduce differential operators  $\sigma_j(\psi, P)$  of order  $j$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-i\rho\psi} p(x, D) e^{i\rho\psi} f(x) \\ = \sum_{j \geq 0} \rho^{m-j} \sigma_j(\psi, P) f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Then the principal part of  $\sigma_j(\psi, P)$  is given by

$$\hat{\sigma}_j(\psi, P)(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \frac{1}{\alpha!} \hat{P}^{(\alpha)}(x, \psi_x) \xi^\alpha,$$

where  $\hat{P}$  is the principal part of  $P(x, D)$  and  $P^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}\right)^\alpha P(x, \xi)$ . In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}_0(\psi, P) &= \hat{P}(x, \psi_x) \\ \hat{\sigma}_1(x, P) &= \sum_{j=0}^n \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} \hat{P}\right)(x, \psi_x) \xi_j. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\psi(x)$  be a phase function associated to  $\lambda$  and  $q(x, D) = D_0 + i\lambda(x, D)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{-i\rho\psi}q(x, D)e^{i\rho\psi} &= \sum_{j \geq 0} \sigma_j(\psi, q)\rho^{1-j}, \\
 &= \sum_{j \geq 0} \sigma_{j+1}(\psi, q)\rho^{-j},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma_0(\psi, q) = -i(\psi_{x_0} - \lambda(x, \psi_{x'}) ) \equiv 0$ ,

$$\sigma_1(\psi, q) = D_0 - \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_{\xi_j}(x, \psi_x) D_j.$$

Henceforce we denote  $\sigma_1(\psi, q)$  by  $H(x, D)$ . In general, for a positive integer  $r$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{-i\rho\psi}(q(x, D))^r e^{i\rho\psi} &= \sum_{j \geq 0} \rho^{r-j} \sigma_j(\psi, q^r) \\
 &= \sum_{j \geq 0} \rho^{-j} \sigma_{r+j}(\psi, q^r),
 \end{aligned}$$

where we note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_j(\psi, q^r) &\equiv 0, \quad j=0, 1, \dots, r-1, \\
 \sigma_r(\psi, q^r) &= (\sigma_1(\psi, q))^r = H(x, D)^r.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9) \quad & e^{-i\rho\psi}Q(x, D)q(x, D)^v e^{i\rho\psi} \\
 &= \rho^{m-v} \sum_{j \geq 0} \sigma_{j+v}(\psi, Qq^v)\rho^{-j}, \\
 & \sigma_v(\psi, Qq^v) = \hat{Q}(x, \psi_x)H(x, D)^v,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (10) \quad & e^{-i\rho\psi}B_t^s e^{i\rho\psi} = \sum_{j=0}^{m_t^s} (e^{-i\rho\psi}B_{tj}^s e^{i\rho\psi})(e^{-i\rho\psi}q^j e^{i\rho\psi}) \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{m_t^s} \sum_{l \geq 0} \rho^{d_{tj}^s - l} \sigma_l(\psi, B_{tj}^s) \sum_{k \geq 0} \sigma_{k+j}(\psi, q^j)\rho^{-k} \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{m_t^s} \sum_{p \geq 0} \rho^{d_{tj}^s - p} \sum_{l+k=p} \sigma_l(\psi, B_{tj}^s)\sigma_{k+j}(\psi, q^j).
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\phi(x)$  be a scalar function and  $\sigma$  a positive rational number which both are determined later on. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{-(i\rho\psi+i\rho^\sigma\phi)}P_t^s e^{i\rho\psi+i\rho^\sigma\phi} &= \rho^{m_t^s - \nu + \nu\sigma} \{ \delta_t^s \hat{Q}(x, \psi_x)H(x, \phi_x)^\nu + o(1) \} \\
 &+ \sum_{j=0}^{m_t^s} \rho^{d_{tj}^s + j\sigma} \{ \hat{B}_{tj}^s(x, \psi_x)H(x, \phi_x)^j + o(1) \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $m_t^s = m - 1 + n_t - n_s$ . We put

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{tj}^s(\sigma) &= d_{tj}^s + j\sigma, \\
 m_t^s(\sigma) &= \max_{0 < j < \nu} m_{tj}^s(\sigma),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$m_t^s(\sigma) = \max_{0 \leq j \leq m_t^s} m_{t_j}^s(\sigma) \quad (s \neq t),$$

$$g(\sigma) = \max_{1 \leq p \leq N} \max_{1 \leq s_1 < \dots < s_p \leq N} \max_{\pi} \sum_{i=1}^p \{m_{s_{\pi(i)}}^{s_i}(\sigma) - m + v - \sigma v\},$$

where  $\pi$  is taken over all permutations of  $[1, \dots, p]$ . Then we note that  $g(\sigma)$  is continuous in  $[0, 1]$ . Now we investigate the zeros of the function  $g(\sigma)$ . To do so, we need a lemma, (so called, Volevich's lemma).

**Lemma (Volevich [7]).** *Let  $M_t^s(s, t = 1, \dots, N)$  be  $N^2$  rational numbers. Then there exist rational numbers  $(l_s, n_s)$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N$ ) such that for any  $(s, t)$  we have*

$$M_t^s \leq l_t - n_s,$$

$$\sum_{s=1}^N (l_t - n_s) = \max_{\pi} \sum_{s=1}^N M_{\pi(s)}^s,$$

where  $\pi$  is taken over all permutations of  $[1, \dots, N]$ . In particular, if

$$\max_{\pi} \sum_{s=1}^N M_{\pi(s)}^s = 0$$

is valid, we can take

$$n_s = l_s \quad (s = 1, \dots, N).$$

Now we return to the equation  $g(\sigma) = 0$ . We at first note that we have  $g(0) > 0$ , if the Levi's condition does not hold for  $l = \bar{l}$ . In fact, if  $g(0) \leq 0$ , applying Volevich's lemma to  $\{m_t^s(0) - m + v\}$ , ( $s, t = 1, \dots, N$ ), we have  $l_1, \dots, l_N$  such that  $m_t^s(0) \leq m - v + l_t - l_s$ . Hence noting  $d_{t_j}^s \leq m_t^s(0)$ ,

$$d_{t_j}^s \leq m - v + l_t - l_s,$$

which is the Levi's condition. Moreover by virtue of (8), we have  $g(1) < 0$ . Therefore since  $g(\sigma)$  is continuous in  $[0, 1]$ , we have a solution  $\sigma = \sigma^{(1)}$  in  $(0, 1)$  of the equations

$$(11) \quad g(\sigma) = 0.$$

Then applying again Volevich's lemma to  $\{m_t^s(\sigma^{(1)}) - m - \sigma^{(1)}v + v\}$ , we have the rational numbers  $(l_1, \dots, l_N)$  such that

$$m_t^s(\sigma^{(1)}) \leq m - v + \sigma^{(1)}v + l_t - l_s,$$

for  $s, t = 1, \dots, N$ . We put

$$(12) \quad \#_t^s = \{j; m_{t_j}^s(\sigma^{(1)}) = m - v + v\sigma^{(1)} + l_t - l_s\}.$$

We define the characteristic matrix and the characteristic polynomial for  $\{P_t^s\}$  as follows

$$A_i^s(x, \psi_x, H) = \delta_i^s \hat{Q}(x, \psi_x) H^v + \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_i^s} \hat{B}_{ij}^s(x, \psi_x) H^j,$$

$$h(x, \psi_x, H) = \det \{A_i^s(x, \psi, H)\}.$$

For example, the characteristic matrix for (5) is given by

$$A(x, \psi_x, H) = \begin{vmatrix} H^2 & 0 \\ 0 & H^2 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \psi_x & \psi_x \\ -\psi_x & -\psi_x \end{vmatrix}.$$

Now we state our main Theorem,

**Theorem 2.** *Assume that the Cauchy problem for  $\{p_i^s\}$  is well posed in  $G$ . Then for any phase function  $\psi(x)$  associated to  $\lambda$  the characteristic polynomial  $h(x, \psi_x, H)$  can not have non zero root.*

**Remark 2.** The definition of the characteristic polynomial follows from Mizohata in [3]. Our result is the generalization of the theorem obtained by Mizohata et Ohya [4] and Frascchka and Strang [1], and applicable to derive the necessary condition considered by Petkov [5] and Vaillant [6].

We have announced our above Theorem without proof in [2]. Here we shall give the detailed proof of Theorem 2.

**§1. Proof of Theorem 2**

We assume that the Cauchy problem (1) is well posed in  $G$ . We put

$$P = \{P_i^s(x, D)\} = \{\delta_i^s a(x, D) + b_i^s(x, D)\}.$$

Then it follows from the closed graph theorem that for any neighborhood  $U(\hat{x})$  of  $\hat{x} \in G$ , there exist a neighborhood  $G(x) \subset U(x)$ , a positive integer  $s_0$  and a positive constant  $C$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad |u|_{0, \overline{G^+(\hat{x})}} \leq C \{ |Pu|_{s_0, \overline{G^+(\hat{x})}} + |u|_{s_0, \overline{G_0(\hat{x})}} \}$$

for any  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_N) \in C^\infty(U(\hat{x}))^N$ , where  $G^+(\hat{x}) = \{x \in G(x), x_0 > \hat{x}_0\}$ ,  $G_0(\hat{x}) = \{x \in G(\hat{x}), x_0 = \hat{x}_0\}$  and

$$|u|_{s_0, \overline{G}} = \sup_{x \in \overline{G}} \sum_{|x| \leq s_0} \sum_{j=1}^N |D^x u_j(x)|.$$

We shall construct an asymptotic solution of (1) with  $f_s = 0$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N$ ) which does not satisfy the inequality (1.1).

We assume that the characteristic polynomial  $h^{(1)}(x, \psi_x, H) = \det \{A_i^s(x, \psi_x, H)\}$  has non zero root at  $x = \hat{x} \in G$  for some phase function  $\psi(x)$  with  $\psi_x(\hat{x}) = \hat{\xi}'$ . Then there exists an open set  $U^{(1)} \subset G$  such that we can factorize

$$(1.2) \quad h^{(1)}(x, \psi_x, H) = Q^{(1)}(x, H)(H - C^{(1)}(x))^{v^{(1)}}, \quad \text{in } U^{(1)}$$

$$(Q^{(1)}(x, C^{(1)}(x)) \neq 0 \quad \text{in } U^{(1)}).$$

Then without loss of generality we may assume

$$(1.3) \quad \text{Im } C^{(1)}(x) < 0 \quad \text{in } U^{(1)}.$$

In fact,  $h^{(1)}(x, -\psi_x, H) = (-1)^{M^{(1)}N} h(x, \psi_x, (-1)^{-\sigma^{(1)}} H)$ , ( $M^{(1)} = m - v + \sigma v$ ). Hence  $h(x, -\psi_x, H)$  has a root  $(-1)^{\sigma^{(1)}} C^{(1)}(x)$  which imaginary part is negative, if we choose a branch  $(-1)^{\sigma^{(1)}}$ , because of  $0 < \sigma^{(1)} < 1$ . Then we define  $\phi^{(1)}(x)$  as a solution,

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{cases} H(x, \phi_x^{(1)}) = C^{(1)}(x), \\ \phi^{(1)}|_{x_0 = \hat{x}_0} = \langle x', \omega' \rangle, \omega' \in \mathbf{R}^n \setminus 0. \end{cases}$$

Then (1.3) implies

$$(1.5) \quad \text{Im } \phi^{(1)} < 0 \quad \text{in } U \cap \{x_0 > \hat{x}_0\}.$$

Now we return to (9) and (10). We rewrite as follows,

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} e^{-i\rho\psi} P_i^s e^{i\rho\psi} &= \sum_{l \geq 0} \rho^{m-v-l} \sigma_{v+l}(\psi, \delta_i^s Q q^v) \\ &+ \sum_{j=0}^{m_i^s} \sum_{p \geq 0} \rho^{d_i^s j - p} \sum_{l+k=p} \sigma_l(\psi, B_{ij}^s) \sigma_{k+j}(\psi, q^j) \\ &= \rho^{m-v+\sigma^{(1)}v+l_i-l_s} \{ \delta_i^s \hat{Q}(\rho^{-\sigma^{(1)}} H(x, D))^v \\ &+ \sum_{j \in \#_i^s} \hat{B}_{ij}^s(x, \psi_{x'}) (\rho^{-\sigma^{(1)}} H(x, D))^j + Q_i^s(\rho) \}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma^{(1)}$  is a rational number satisfying (11),  $\#_i^s$  defined by (12),  $m_i^s = m - 1 + n_i - n_s$ , and

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{aligned} Q_i^s(\rho) &= \sum_{l \geq 1} \rho^{-l-v\sigma^{(1)}} \sigma_{l+v}(\psi, Q q^v) \\ &+ \sum_{l \geq 0} \sum_{j \in \#_i^s} \rho^{-l+d_i^s j - (m+v(\sigma^{(1)}-1)+l_i-l_s)} \sigma_{j+l}(\psi, B_{ij}^s q^j). \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the theory of elementary divisors that for the characteristic matrix  $A^{(1)}(x, H) = A_i^s(x, \psi_x, H)$  there exist two elementary operations  $R^{(1)}(x, H)$  and  $S^{(1)}(x, H)$  of which elements are polynomials in  $H$ , such that

$$(1.9) \quad R^{(1)}(x, H) A^{(1)}(x, H) S^{(1)}(x, H) = \begin{bmatrix} e_1^{(1)}(x, H) & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & & e_N^{(1)}(x, H) \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $e_s^{(1)}(x, H)$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N$ ) is a polynomial in  $H$  of degree  $m_s^{(1)}$  and  $e_{s+1}^{(1)}(x, H) / e_s^{(1)}(x, H)$  is also a polynomial in  $H$ . Moreover by virtue of (1.2), we have

$$(1.10) \quad \begin{aligned} h^{(1)}(x, \psi_x, H) &= \prod_{s=1}^N e_s^{(1)}(x, H) \\ &= Q^{(1)}(x, H) (H - C^{(1)}(x))^v. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we can factorize

$$(1.11) \quad e_s^{(1)}(x, H) = \tilde{e}_s^{(1)}(x, H)(H - C^{(1)}(x))^{v_s^{(1)}}, \quad (\tilde{e}_s^{(1)}(x, C^{(1)}) \neq 0 \text{ in } U^{(1)}),$$

$$v_s^{(1)} \leq m_s^{(1)}, \quad s = 1, \dots, N.$$

Then the two cases occurs,

$$(1.12) \quad \begin{cases} \text{case (i)} & \begin{cases} v_s^{(1)} = 0, & s = 1, \dots, r^{(1)}, \\ v_s^{(1)} > 0, & s = r^{(1)} + 1, \dots, N, \end{cases} \\ \text{case (ii)} & v_s^{(1)} > 0, \quad s = 1, \dots, N. \end{cases}$$

We put

$$\begin{aligned} A^{(1)}(\rho) &= \{\rho^{l_t - l_s} A_t^{s(1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(1)}} H(x, D))\} \\ R^{(1)}(\rho) &= \{\rho^{l_t - l_s} R_t^{s(1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(1)}} H(x, D))\}, \\ S^{(1)}(\rho) &= \{\rho^{l_t - l_s} S_t^{s(1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(1)}} H(x, D))\}, \\ P^{(0)}(\rho) &= \{e^{-i\rho\psi} P_t^s e^{i\rho\psi}\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$P^{(1)}(\rho) = e^{-i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}} R^{(1)}(\rho) P^{(0)}(\rho) S^{(1)}(\rho) e^{i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}}.$$

Then by virtue of (1.9) we have

$$(1.13) \quad R^{(1)}(\rho) A^{(1)}(\rho) S^{(1)}(\rho) = \begin{vmatrix} e_1^{(1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(1)}} H(x, D)) & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & e_N^{(1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(1)}} H(x, D)) & \\ & & & \end{vmatrix} + \{\rho^{l_t - l_s} \sum_{j \geq 1} \rho^{-j\sigma^{(1)}} e_{tj}^{s(1)}(x, D)\},$$

where  $e_{tj}^{s(1)}(x, D)$  is a differential operator and

$$(1.14) \quad \text{order } e_{tj}^{s(1)} \leq j - 1, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots.$$

We note by (1.8)

$$(1.15) \quad \begin{aligned} R^{(1)}(\rho) \{\rho^{l_t - l_s} Q_t^{s(1)}(\rho)\} S^{(1)}(\rho) \\ = \{\rho^{l_t - l_s} \sum_{j \geq 1} Q_{tj}^{s(1)}(x, D) \rho^{-j\epsilon^{(1)}}\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $Q_{tj}^s$  are differential operators and  $(\epsilon^{(1)})^{-1}$  is the denominator of  $\sigma^{(1)}$  and

$$(1.16) \quad \text{order } Q_{tj}^{s(1)} < j\sigma^{(1)-1}\epsilon^{(1)}, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots.$$

Finally we obtain by (1.6)

$$\begin{aligned} P^{(1)}(\rho) &= \rho^{M^{(1)}} e^{-i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}} R^{(1)}(\rho) (A^{(1)}(\rho) + \{\rho^{l_t - l_s} Q_t^{s(1)}(\rho)\}) S^{(1)}(\rho) e^{i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}} \\ &= \rho^{M^{(1)}} \{\delta_t^s e^{-i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}} e_s^{(1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(1)}} H(x, D)) e^{i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}}\} \\ &\quad + \rho^{M^{(1)}} \{\rho^{l_t - l_s} \sum_{j \geq 1} \rho^{-j\sigma^{(1)}} e^{-i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}} e_{tj}^{s(1)} e^{i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}}\} \\ &\quad + \rho^{M^{(1)}} \{\rho^{l_t - l_r} \sum_{j \geq 1} \rho^{-j\epsilon^{(1)}} e^{-i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}} Q_{tj}^{s(1)} e^{i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}}\}, \end{aligned}$$



where  $M^{(1)} = m - \nu + \nu\sigma^{(1)}$ . By (1.11) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{-i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}}e_s^{(1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(1)}}H(x, D))e^{i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}} \\ &= e^{-i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}}\tilde{e}_s^{(1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(1)}}H(x, D))e^{i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}}(H(x, D))^{v_s^{(1)}}, \\ &= \rho^{-\sigma^{(1)}v_s^{(1)}}\tilde{e}_s^{(1)}(x, C^{(1)})H(x, D)^{v_s^{(1)}} + \sum_{l \geq \tilde{v}_s^{(1)}+1} \rho^{-l\sigma^{(1)}}e_{sl}^{(1)}(x, D), \end{aligned}$$

where the order of  $e_{sl}^{(1)}(x, D) \leq l$ , and by (1.14)

$$e^{-i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}}e_{ij}^{s(1)}(e^{i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}}) = \sum_{l \geq 0} \rho^{\sigma^{(1)}(j-1-l)}\sigma_l(\phi^{(1)}, e_{ij}^{s(1)}),$$

and moreover by (1.16)

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{-i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}}Q_{ij}^{s(1)}e^{i\rho\sigma^{(1)}\phi^{(1)}} \\ &= \sum_{l \geq 0} \rho^{(j-1)\varepsilon^{(1)}-l\sigma^{(1)}}\sigma_l(\phi^{(1)}, Q_{ij}^{s(1)}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus summing up, we have

$$P_i^{s(1)}(\rho) = \rho^{M^{(1)}+l_i-l_s} \sum_{j \geq 0} \rho^{-j\varepsilon^{(1)}}P_{ij}^{s(1)}(x, D),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & P_0^{s(1)} \equiv 0 \\ & d_{ij}^{s(1)} = \text{order } P_{ij}^{s(1)} < j\sigma^{(1)-1}\varepsilon^{(1)}, \quad j = 1, \dots, v_s^{(1)}\sigma^{(1)}\varepsilon^{(1)-1} - 1, \\ & \hat{P}_{s\tilde{v}_s^{(1)}\sigma^{(1)}\varepsilon^{(1)}-1}^{s(1)} = \hat{e}_s(x, C^{(1)})H(x, \xi)^{v_s^{(1)}}, \\ & d_{ij}^{s(1)} \leq j\sigma^{(1)}, \quad j \geq v^{(1)}\sigma^{(1)}\varepsilon^{(1)-1} + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover we note that there occur two cases of (1.12).

In the case (i), we must transform  $\{P_i^{s(1)}(\rho)\}$ . To do so, we need a lemma as follows,

**Lemma 1.1.** *We consider a system of differential operators*

$$P(\rho) = \{P_i^s(\rho)\} = \{\rho^{l_i-n_s} \sum_{j \geq 0} \rho^{-j} P_{ij}^s(x, D)\}.$$

We assume

$$P_0 = \{P_{i0}^s\} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ 0 & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then there exists  $T(\rho) = \{T_i^s(\rho)\}$  such that

$$P(\rho)T(\rho) \equiv T(\rho) \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{P}^{(11)}(\rho) & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{P}^{(22)}(\rho) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{mod } \rho^{-\infty})$$

where

$$T(\rho) = \{\rho^{n_i-1s} \sum_{j \geq 0} T_{ij}^s(x, D)\},$$

$$T_0 = I, \quad (\text{the identity matrix}).$$

*Proof.* We put

$$P(\rho) = \begin{bmatrix} P^{(11)}(\rho) & P^{(12)}(\rho) \\ P^{(21)}(\rho) & P^{(22)}(\rho) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$T(\rho) = \begin{bmatrix} T^{(11)}(\rho) & T^{(12)}(\rho) \\ T^{(21)}(\rho) & T^{(22)}(\rho) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $PT = T\tilde{P}$  implies

$$(1.17) \quad P^{(11)}T^{(11)} + P^{(12)}T^{(21)} = T^{(11)}\tilde{P}^{(11)},$$

$$(1.18) \quad P^{(21)}T^{(11)} + P^{(22)}T^{(21)} = T^{(21)}\tilde{P}^{(11)},$$

$$(1.19) \quad P^{(11)}T^{(12)} + P^{(12)}T^{(22)} = T^{(12)}\tilde{P}^{(22)},$$

$$(1.20) \quad P^{(21)}T^{(12)} + P^{(22)}T^{(22)} = T^{(22)}\tilde{P}^{(22)}.$$

By (1.17) we have

$$\sum_r \rho^{n_i - n_s - j - 1} (\sum_r P_{rj}^{s(11)} T_{il}^{r(11)} + P_{rj}^{s(12)} T_{il}^{r(21)} - T_{rj}^{s(11)} \tilde{P}_{il}^{r(11)}) = 0$$

which implies

$$(1.21) \quad \sum_{l=0}^j (P_{j-l}^{(11)} T_l^{(11)} + P_{j-l}^{(12)} T_l^{(21)} - T_{j-l}^{(11)} \tilde{P}_l^{(11)}) = 0,$$

for  $j=0, 1, 2, \dots$ . In particular,

$$P_0^{(11)} T_0^{(11)} + P_0^{(12)} T_0^{(21)} - T_0^{(11)} \tilde{P}_0^{(11)} = 0.$$

Since  $P_0^{(12)} = 0$ , and  $P_0^{(11)} = I$ , the above equation is valid, if we choose

$$T_0^{(11)} = I,$$

$$\tilde{P}_0^{(11)} = P_0^{(11)} = I$$

In general, we have by (1.21)

$$(1.22) \quad \tilde{P}_j^{(11)} = P_j^{(11)} + \sum_{l=0}^{j-1} P_{j-l}^{(12)} T_l^{(21)}, \quad (j \geq 1),$$

if we put

$$T_j^{(11)} = 0,$$

for  $j \geq 1$ , where  $T_0^{(21)}, \dots, T_{j-1}^{(21)}$  are determined later on. Next by (1.18),

$$\sum_{l=0}^j (P_{j-l}^{(21)} T_l^{(11)} + P_{j-l}^{(22)} T_l^{(21)} - T_{j-l}^{(21)} \tilde{P}_l^{(11)}) = 0,$$

for  $j=0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Noting that  $P_0^{(22)}=0$ ,  $T_l^{(11)}=0(l \geq 1)$  and  $\tilde{P}_0^{(11)}=I$ , we have

$$(1.23) \quad T_0^{(21)}=0,$$

$$T_j^{(21)}=P_j^{(21)}+\sum_{l=0}^{j-1}(P_{j-l}^{(22)}T_l^{(21)}-T_{j-l}^{(21)}P_l^{(11)})$$

for  $j \geq 1$ . Moreover by (1.19), for  $j \geq 0$ ,

$$\sum_{l=0}^j(P_{j-l}^{(11)}T_l^{(12)}+P_{j-l}^{(12)}T_l^{(22)}-T_{j-l}^{(12)}\tilde{P}_l^{(22)})=0.$$

Hence

$$(1.24) \quad T_j^{(12)}=\sum_{l=0}^{j-1}(T_l^{(12)}P_{j-l}^{(22)}-P_{j-l}^{(11)}T_l^{(12)})-P_j^{(12)},$$

if we choose

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}_0^{(22)} &= 0, \\ T_0^{(22)} &= I, \\ T_l^{(22)} &= 0, \quad (l \geq 1). \end{aligned}$$

Finally by (1.20)

$$\sum_{l=0}^j(P_{j-l}^{(21)}T_l^{(12)}+P_{j-l}^{(22)}T_l^{(22)}-T_{j-l}^{(22)}\tilde{P}_l^{(22)})=0,$$

which implies

$$(1.25) \quad \tilde{P}_j^{(22)}=\sum_{l=0}^{j-1}P_{j-l}^{(21)}T_l^{(12)}+P_j^{(22)}, \quad (j \geq 1).$$

**Remark 1.1.** Here we note that since  $T_0=I$ , we have  $T^{-1}(\rho)$  such that

$$T(\rho)T^{-1}(\rho) \equiv T^{-1}(\rho)T(\rho) \equiv I \pmod{\rho^{-\infty}}.$$

Moreover we remark that it follows from the construction of  $T(\rho)$  and  $\tilde{P}(\rho)$ , (1.22), (1.23), (1.24) and (1.25) that if

$$\begin{aligned} \text{order } P_{ij}^s &< \bar{l}_i - \bar{l}_s + j\kappa, \quad j=0, 1, \dots, v_s, \quad s \neq i, \\ \text{order } P_{sj}^{(11)} &\leq j\kappa, \quad j=0, 1, \dots, v_s, \\ \text{order } P_{sj}^{s(22)} &< j\kappa, \quad j=0, 1, \dots, v_s - 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\text{order } P_{sv_s}^{s(22)} = v_s\kappa,$$

are valid, then the orders of  $\tilde{P}_{ij}^{s(i)}(i=1,2)$  are also satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \text{order } \tilde{P}_{ij}^{s(11)} &\leq j\kappa, \quad j=0, 1, \dots, v_s, \\ \text{order } \tilde{P}_{ij}^{s(22)} &< j\kappa, \quad j=0, 1, \dots, v_s - 1, \\ \text{order } \tilde{P}_{sv_s}^{s(22)} &= v_s\kappa. \end{aligned}$$

Now for  $k \geq 2$  we define the operator  $P^{(k)}(\rho)$ , the characteristic polynomial  $h^{(k)}(x, H)$ , the rational number  $\sigma^{(k)}$ , the phase function  $\phi^{(k)}(x)$  and so on. We assume that  $P^{(0)}(\rho), P^{(1)}(\rho), \dots, P^{(k-1)}(\rho)$  are defined as the forms

(1.26)

$$T^{(k-1)}(\rho)^{-1} e^{i\rho\sigma^{(k-1)}\phi^{(k-1)}} R^{(k-1)}(\rho) P^{(k-2)}(\rho) S^{(k-1)}(\rho) e^{i\rho\sigma^{(k-1)}\phi^{(k-1)}} T^{(k-1)}(\rho) = \begin{vmatrix} * & 0 \\ 0 & P^{(k-1)}(\rho) \end{vmatrix},$$

$$P^{(k-1)}(\rho) = \{\rho^{l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}} \sum_{j \geq 0} \rho^{-j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}} P_{ij}^{s(k-1)}(x, D), \quad s, t = 1, \dots, N^{(k-1)},$$

$$d_{ij}^{s(k-1)} = \begin{cases} \text{order } P_{ij}^{s(k-1)}, & P_{ij}^{s(k-1)} \neq 0, \\ -\infty, & P_{ij}^{s(k-1)} \equiv 0, \end{cases}$$

$$(1.27)_{k-1} \begin{cases} P_{i0}^{s(k-1)} \equiv 0, \text{ that is } d_{i0}^{s(k-1)} = -\infty, \\ d_{ij}^{s(k-1)} < j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}/\sigma^{(k-1)}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, s \neq t, \\ d_{sj}^{s(k-1)} < j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}/\sigma^{(k-1)}, \quad j < \tau_s^{(k-1)}, \end{cases}$$

$$(1.28)_{k-1} \quad d_{sj}^{s(k-1)} \leq j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}/\sigma^{(k-1)}, \quad j \geq \tau_s^{(k-1)},$$

$$(1.29)_{k-1} \quad P_{st}^{s(k-1)}(x, \xi) = \tilde{e}^{(k-1)}(x) H(x, \xi) v_s^{(k-1)}, \quad (\tilde{e}^{(k-1)}(x) \neq 0 \text{ in } U^{(k-1)}),$$

$(\varepsilon^{(k-1)})^{-1}$ ; the least common denominator of  $(\sigma^{(1)}, \dots, \sigma^{(k-1)})$ ,

$$\tau_s^{(k-1)} = v_s^{(k-1)} \sigma^{(k-1)} / \varepsilon^{(k-1)},$$

$$(1.30)_{k-1} \begin{cases} m_j^{s(k-1)}(\sigma) = \sigma d_{ij}^{s(k-2)} - j\varepsilon^{(k-2)}, \\ m_s^{s(k-1)}(\sigma) = \max_{0 < j < \tau_s^{(k-2)}} m_{s,j}^{s(k-1)}(\sigma), \\ m_t^{s(k-1)}(\sigma) = \max_{j > 0} m_{tj}^{s(k-1)}(\sigma) \quad (s \neq t). \end{cases}$$

For  $\sigma = 0$ , we put

$$(1.30)'_{k-1} \quad m_t^{s(k-1)}(0) = \max_{d_{jt}^{s(k-2)} \neq -\infty} (-j\varepsilon^{(k-2)}).$$

For convenience if  $d_{ij}^{s(k-2)} = -\infty$  for all  $j$  (for  $j < \tau_s^{(k-2)}$ , if  $s = t$ ), we put

$$m_t^{s(k-1)}(0) = -\infty.$$

Then we note that  $m_t^{s(k-1)}(\sigma)$  is continuous in  $[0, \infty)$ , when  $m_t^{s(k-1)}(0) \neq -\infty$ . We set

$$(1.31)_{k-1} \quad g^{(k-1)}(\sigma) = \max_{1 \leq p \leq N^{(k-2)}} \max_{1 \leq s_1 < \dots < s_p \leq N^{(k-2)}} \max_{\pi} \sum_{i=1}^p \{m_{s_{\pi(i)}}^{s_i(k-1)}(\sigma) - (\sigma - \sigma^{(k-2)}) v_{s_i}^{(k-2)}\},$$

where  $\pi$  is taken over all permutations of  $[1, \dots, p]$ . Moreover we put

$$(1.32)_{k-1} \quad \begin{cases} M_t^{s(k-1)}(\sigma) = m_t^{s(k-1)}(\sigma), & (s \neq t), \\ M_s^{s(k-1)}(\sigma) = \max \{m_s^{s(k-1)}(\sigma), (\sigma - \sigma^{(k-2)})v_s^{(k-2)}\} \\ = \max_{0 < j \leq \tau_s^{(k-2)}} m_{s_j}^{s(k-1)}(\sigma). \end{cases}$$

We assume inductively

$$g^{(k-1)}(0) > 0.$$

Then the equation

$$(1.33)_{k-1} \quad g^{(k-1)}(\sigma) = 0$$

has a solution  $\sigma = \sigma^{(k-1)}$  in  $(0, \sigma^{(k-2)})$ . In fact, the function  $g^{(k-1)}(\sigma)$  is continuous in  $[0, \sigma^{(k-1)}]$  and (1.27)<sub>k-2</sub> implies that  $g^{(k-1)}(\sigma^{(k-2)}) < 0$ .

We put

$$(1.34)_{k-1} \quad M_t^{s(k-1)} = M_t^{s(k-1)}(\sigma^{(k-1)}) + l_t^{(k-2)} - n_s^{(k-2)}, \quad s, t = 1, \dots, N^{(k-1)},$$

where  $n_s^{(1)} = l_s^{(1)} - (m - v + \sigma^{(1)}v)$ . Then by virtue of Volevich's lemma we have the rational numbers  $(l_t^{(k-1)}, n_s^{(k-1)})$  such that

$$M_t^{s(k-1)} \leq l_t^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}, \quad s, t = 1, \dots, N^{(k-1)},$$

$$\sup_{\pi} \sum_{s=1}^{N^{(k-1)}} M_{\pi(s)}^{s(k-1)} = \sum_{s=1}^{N^{(k-1)}} (l_s^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}).$$

We define

$$(1.35)_{k-1} \quad \begin{cases} \#_s^{s(k-1)} = \{j < \tau_s^{(k-1)}; m_{s_j}^{s(k-1)}(\sigma^{(k-1)}) = l_s^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)} - l_s^{(k-2)} + n_s^{(k-2)}\}, \\ \#_t^{s(k-1)} = \{j; m_{t_j}^{s(k-1)}(\sigma^{(k-1)}) = l_t^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)} - l_t^{(k-2)} + n_s^{(k-2)}\} \quad (s \neq t), \\ A_t^{s(k-1)}(x, \xi) = \delta_t^s \tilde{\sigma}_s^{(k-2)} H(x, \xi) v_s^{(k-2)} + \sum_{j \in \#_t^{s(k-1)}} \hat{P}_{t_j}^{s(k-2)}(x, \xi), \\ h^{(k-1)}(x, \xi) = \det \{A_t^{s(k-1)}(x, \xi)\}, \end{cases}$$

where  $H(x, \xi) = \xi_0 - \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_{\xi_j}(x, \psi_x) \xi_j$  and  $\hat{P}_{t_j}^{s(k-1)}(x, \xi)$  stands for the principal part of  $P_{t_j}^{s(k-1)}(x, D)$ . Then the characteristic matrix  $A^{(k-1)}(x, \xi)$  and the characteristic polynomial  $h^{(k-1)}(x, \xi)$  are polynomials in only  $H(x, \xi)$ , which fact will be proved in Lemma 1.2. Therefore we can factorize in an open set  $U^{(k-1)} \subset U^{(k-2)}$ ,

$$(1.36)_{k-1} \quad h^{(k-1)}(x, \xi) = h^{(k-1)}(x, H) = Q^{(k-1)}(x, H)(H - C^{(k-1)}(x))^{v^{(k-1)}} \\ Q^{(k-1)}(x, C^{(k-1)}) \neq 0 \quad \text{in } U^{(k-1)}.$$

Moreover it follows from the elementary divisor theory that there exist two elementary operations  $R^{(k-1)}(x, H)$  and  $S^{(k-1)}(x, H)$  for the characteristic matrix  $A^{(k-1)}(x, H)$  such that

$$(1.37) \quad R^{(k-1)}A^{(k-1)}S^{(k-1)} = \begin{vmatrix} e_1^{(k-1)}(x, H) & & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \\ & & e_{N^{(k-2)}}^{(k-1)}(x, H) \end{vmatrix},$$

where  $e_s^{(k-1)}(x, H)$  ( $s=1, \dots, N^{(k-1)}$ ) is a polynomial in  $H$  of degree  $m_s^{(k-1)}$  and  $e_{s+1}^{(k-1)}/e_s^{(k-1)}$  is also polynomial. Here we may assume that we can factorize in  $U^{(k-1)}$ ,

$$(1.38) \quad e_s^{(k-1)}(x, H) = \tilde{e}_s^{(k-1)}(x, H)(H - C^{(k-1)}(x))^{v_s^{(k-1)}}, \\ \tilde{e}^{(k-1)}(x, C^{(k-1)}) \neq 0 \quad \text{in } U^{(k-1)},$$

for  $s=1, \dots, N^{(k-2)}$ , where  $v_1^{(k-1)} \leq \dots \leq v_{N^{(k-2)}}^{(k-1)}$ , and  $\sum v_s^{(k-1)} = v^{(k-1)}$ . Then the following two cases occurs analogously to the case of  $k=1$ .

$$(1.39)_{k-1} \quad \begin{cases} \text{(i)} & \begin{cases} v_s^{(k-1)} = 0, & s = 1, \dots, r^{(k-1)}, \\ v_s^{(k-1)} > 0, & s = r^{(k-1)} + 1, \dots, N^{(k-2)}, \end{cases} \\ \text{(ii)} & v_s^{(k-1)} > 0, \quad s = 1, \dots, N^{(k-2)} \end{cases}$$

We define the phase function  $\phi^{(k-1)}$  as follows

$$(1.40) \quad \begin{cases} H(x, \phi_x^{(k-1)}) = C^{(k-1)}(x) \\ \phi^{(k-1)}|_{x_0 = \hat{x}_0} = \langle x, \omega^{(k-1)} \rangle, \quad \omega^{(k-1)} \in \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases}$$

We define also

$$R^{(k-1)}(\rho) = \{\rho^{l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}} R_i^{s(k-1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(k-1)}} H(x, D))\}, \\ A^{(k-1)}(\rho) = \{\rho^{l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}} A_i^{s(k-1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(k-1)}} H(x, D))\}, \\ S^{(k-1)}(\rho) = \{\rho^{n_i^{(k-1)} - l_s^{(k-1)}} S_i^{s(k-1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(k-1)}} H(x, D))\}.$$

Then

$$(1.41) \quad R^{(k-1)}(\rho)A^{(k-1)}(\rho)S^{(k-1)}(\rho) \\ = \{\rho^{l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}} \delta_i^s e_s^{(k-1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(k-1)}} H(x, D))\} \\ + \{\rho^{l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}} \sum_{j \geq 1} \rho^{-j\epsilon^{(k-1)}} e_{ij}^{s(k-1)}(x, D)\},$$

where  $e_{ij}^{s(k-1)}(x, D)$  is a differential operator satisfying

$$(1.42) \quad \text{order } e_{ij}^{s(k-1)} < j\epsilon^{(k-1)}/\sigma^{(k-1)}, \quad j \geq 1.$$

On the other hand we can rewrite

$$P^{(k-2)}(\rho) = \left\{ \sum_{j \geq 0} \rho^{l_i^{(k-2)} - n_s^{(k-2)} - j\epsilon^{(k-2)}} P_{ij}^{s(k-2)}(x, D) \right\} \\ = \left\{ \sum_j \rho^{m_{ij}^{s(k-1)}(\sigma^{(k-1)} + l_i^{(k-2)} - n_s^{(k-2)} - \sigma^{(k-1)})} d_{ij}^{s(k-2)} P_{ij}^{s(k-2)}(x, D) \right\} \\ = A^{(k-1)}(\rho) + \{\rho^{l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}} \sum_{j \geq 1} \rho^{-j\epsilon^{(k-1)}} Q_{ij}^{s(k-1)}(x, D)\},$$

where

$$(1.43) \quad \text{order } Q_{ij}^{s(k-1)} < j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}/\sigma^{(k-1)}.$$

Hence

$$(1.44) \quad R^{(k-1)}(\rho)P^{(k-2)}(\rho)S^{(k-1)}(\rho) = R^{(k-1)}(\rho)A^{(k-1)}(\rho)S^{(k-1)}(\rho) + \tilde{Q}^{(k-1)}(\rho)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Q}^{(k-1)}(\rho) &= R^{(k-1)}(\rho) \left\{ \rho^{l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}} \sum_{j \geq 1} \rho^{-j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}} Q_{ij}^{s(k-1)} \right\} S^{(k-1)}(\rho) \\ &= \left\{ \rho^{l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}} \sum_{j \geq 1} \rho^{-j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}} \tilde{Q}_j^{s(k-1)}(x, D) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have by (1.43)

$$(1.45) \quad \text{order } \tilde{Q}_i^{s(k-1)} < j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}/\sigma^{(k-1)}.$$

Therefore we obtain by (1.41) and (1.44),

$$\begin{aligned} R^{(k-1)}(\rho)P^{(k-2)}(\rho)S^{(k-1)}(\rho) &= \left\{ \rho^{l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}} \delta_i^s e_s^{(k-1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(k-1)}} H(x, D)) \right\} \\ &\quad + \left\{ \rho^{l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}} \sum_{j \geq 1} \rho^{-j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}} \tilde{e}_{ij}^{s(k-1)}(x, D) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then by (1.42) and (1.45) we have

$$(1.46) \quad \tilde{q}_{ij}^{s(k-1)} = \text{order } \tilde{e}_{ij}^{s(k-1)} < j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}/\sigma^{(k-1)}.$$

Moreover we note by (1.38)

$$\begin{aligned} (1.47) \quad e^{-i\rho\sigma^{(k-1)}\phi^{(k-1)}} \tilde{e}_s^{(k-1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(k-1)}} H(x, D)) e^{i\rho\sigma^{(k-1)}\phi^{(k-1)}} \\ = e^{-i\rho\sigma^{(k-1)}\phi^{(k-1)}} \tilde{e}_s^{(k-1)}(x, \rho^{-\sigma^{(k-1)}} H(x, D)) \\ \times e^{i\rho\sigma^{(k-1)}\phi^{(k-1)}} (\rho^{-\sigma^{(k-1)}} H(x, D)) v_s^{(k-1)} \\ = \tilde{e}_s^{(k-1)}(x, H(x, \phi_x^{(k-1)})) (\rho^{-\sigma^{(k-1)}} H(x, D)) v_s^{(k-1)} \\ + \sum_{j \geq 1} \rho^{-(j+1)\sigma^{(k-1)}} e_{sj+v_s^{(k-1)}}^{(k-1)}(x, D), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(1.48) \quad \text{order } e_{sj+v_s^{(k-1)}}^{(k-1)} \leq v_s^{(k-1)} + j.$$

Thus we have in the case (ii) of (1.39)<sub>k-1</sub>,

$$\begin{aligned} (1.49) \quad P^{(k-1)}(\rho) &= e^{-i\rho\sigma^{(k-1)}\phi^{(k-1)}} R^{(k-1)}(\rho)P^{(k-2)}(\rho)S^{(k-1)}(\rho) e^{i\rho\sigma^{(k-1)}\phi^{(k-1)}} \\ &= \left\{ \rho^{l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}} \sum_{j \geq 1} \rho^{-(j+1)\sigma^{(k-1)}} e_{sj}^{(k-1)}(x, D) \right\} \\ &\quad + \left\{ \rho^{l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}} \sum_{j \geq 1} \rho^{-j\varepsilon^{(k-1)} + (\tilde{q}_i^{s(k-1)} - l)\sigma^{(k-1)}} \sigma_l(\phi^{(k-1)}, \tilde{e}_{ij}^{s(k-1)}) \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_j \rho^{l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}} \sum_{j \geq 1} \rho^{-j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}} P_{ij}^{s(k-1)}(x, D) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we obtain

$$(1.50) \quad P_{ij}^{s(k-1)}(x, D) = \begin{cases} \sum_{l,p} \sigma_l(\phi^{(k-1)}, \tilde{e}_{ip}^{s(k-1)}), & 0 \leq j < v_s^{(k-1)}\sigma^{(k-1)}/\varepsilon(k-1), \\ \sum_{l,p} \sigma_l(\phi^{(k-1)}, \tilde{e}_{ip}^{s(k-1)}) + \delta_{ij}^s e_{sj\varepsilon}^{(k-1)}/\sigma(k-1), & j \geq v^{(k-1)}\sigma^{(k-1)}/\varepsilon(k-1), \end{cases}$$

where the summation is taken over all  $l$  and  $p$  satisfying

$$(1.51) \quad (l - \tilde{q}_{ip}^{s(k-1)})\sigma^{(k-1)} + p\varepsilon^{(k-1)} = j\varepsilon^{(k-1)},$$

which implies with (1.46)

$$l < j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}/\sigma.$$

Hence we obtain  $(1.27)_{k-1}$ . Moreover (1.48) implies  $(1.28)_{k-1}$  and  $(1.29)_{k-1}$  follows from (1.47). Then we take  $N^{(k-1)} = N^{(k-2)}$  in the case (ii) of  $(1.39)_{k-1}$ .

In the case (i) of  $(1.39)_{k-1}$  we must transform the operator by the right side of (1.49) by  $T^{(k-1)}(\rho)$  by use of Lemma 1.1. Then  $P^{(k-1)}(\rho)$  is of from in (1.25) and has the features  $(1.27)_{k-1}$ ,  $(1.28)_{k-1}$  and  $(1.29)_{k-1}$  as noted in the Remark 1.1. In the case (ii) we take

$$N^{(k-1)} = N^{(k-2)} - r^{(k-1)}.$$

Thus we have explained all quantities to appear in (1.26). Hence we shall prove inductively  $(1.33)_k$  and  $(1.36)_k$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** For  $j \in \#_i^{s(k)}$ ,  $\hat{P}_{ij}^{s(k-1)}(x, \xi)$  is a polynomial in only  $H(x, \xi)$ , if we choose suitably  $\omega^{(j-1)} \in R^n \setminus \{0\}$ , the direction of the intial deta of the phase function  $\phi^{(k-1)}(x)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $j \in \#_i^{s(k)}$ ,  $j < \tau_s^{(k-1)}$ ,  $s \neq t$ . Hence we have by (1.50).

$$\hat{P}_{ij}^{s(k-1)}(x, \xi) = \sum_p \hat{\sigma}_l(\phi^{(k-1)}, \tilde{e}_{ip}^{s(k-1)}),$$

where the summation is taken over all  $p$  satisfying (1.51) with  $l = d_{ij}^{s(k-1)}$ . We develop

$$\tilde{e}_{ip}^{s(k-1)}(x, D) = \sum_{q=0}^{\tilde{q}_{ip}^{s(k-1)}} \tilde{e}_{ipq}^{s(k-1)}(x, D') H(x, D)^q.$$

Then

$$\sigma_l(\phi^{(k-1)}, \tilde{e}_{ip}^{s(k-1)}) = \sum_{l'+l''=l} \sigma_{l'}(\phi^{(k-1)}, \tilde{e}_{ipq}^{s(k-1)}) \sigma_{l''}(\phi^{(k-1)}, H^q).$$

Hence

$$\hat{P}_{ij}^{s(k-1)}(x, \xi) = \sum_{l'+l''=d_{ij}^{s(k-1)}} \sum_q \hat{\sigma}_{l'}(\phi^{(k-1)}, \tilde{e}_{ipq}^{s(k-1)}) \hat{\sigma}_{l''}(\phi^{(k-1)}, H^q)$$

where the summation is taken over all  $p$  as



$$(d_{ij}^{s(k-1)} - \tilde{q}_{ip}^{s(k-1)})\sigma^{(k-1)} + p\varepsilon^{(k-1)} = j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}.$$

Since  $\hat{\sigma}_{l'}(\phi^{(k-1)}, H^q) = \binom{p}{l'} H(x, \xi)^{q-1}$ , it suffices to prove

$$\hat{\sigma}_{l'}(\phi^{(k-1)}, \tilde{e}_{ipq}^{s(k-1)}) \equiv 0 \quad \text{for } l' \neq 0$$

Assume that for some  $p, q$  and  $l' \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{\sigma}_{l'}(\phi^{(k-1)}, \tilde{e}_{ipq}^{s(k-1)})(x, \xi) \\ &= \sum_{|\alpha|=l'} \frac{1}{|\alpha|!} D_{\xi'}^{\alpha} \hat{e}_{ipq}^{s(k-1)}(x, \phi_x^{(k-1)})(\xi')^{\alpha} \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then if we choose  $\phi_x^{(k-1)} = \omega^{(k-1)}(x_0 = \hat{x}_0)$  suitably, we have

$$\hat{\sigma}_{l'-1}(\phi^{(k-1)}, \tilde{e}_{ipq}^{s(k-1)}) \neq 0,$$

which is included in the terms of  $\hat{P}_{ij-\sigma^{(k-1)}/\varepsilon^{(k-1)}}^{s(k-1)}$ . Hence

$$(1.52) \quad d_{ij-\sigma^{(k-1)}/\varepsilon^{(k-1)}}^{s(k-1)} \geq d_{ij}^{s(k-1)} - 1,$$

On the other hand, since  $j \in \#_i^{s(k)}$ , we have

$$(1.53) \quad \sigma^{(k)} d_{ij}^{s(k-1)} - j\varepsilon^{(k-1)} = l_i^{(k)} - n_s^{(k)} - (l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}),$$

and by the definition of  $(l_i^{(k)}, n_s^{(k)})$  we have

$$\sigma^{(k)} d_{ij-\sigma^{(k-1)}/\varepsilon^{(k-1)}}^{s(k-1)} - (j - \sigma^{(k-1)}/\varepsilon^{(k-1)})\varepsilon^{(k-1)} \leq l_i^{(k)} - n_s^{(k)} - (l_i^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}).$$

Hence we have

$$\sigma^{(k)} d_{ij-\sigma^{(k-1)}/\varepsilon^{(k-1)}}^{s(k-1)} + \sigma^{(k-1)} \leq \sigma^{(k)} d_{ij}^{s(k)},$$

which contradicts to (1.52), because of  $\sigma^{(k)} < \sigma^{(k-1)}$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** *If  $g^{(k)}(0) > 0$  and  $N^{(k)} = N^{(k-1)}$  are valid, then we have positive integers  $\hat{p}, 1 \leq s_1 < \dots < s_{\hat{p}} \leq N^{(k)}$  and a permutation  $\hat{\pi}$  of  $[1, \dots, \hat{p}]$  such that  $\#_{s_{\hat{\pi}(i)}}^{s_i(k)}$  is not empty for any  $i = 1, \dots, \hat{p}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $g^{(k)}(0) > 0$ , we have a solution  $\sigma^{(k)}$  of (1.33)<sub>k</sub>, that is, by virtue of (1.31)<sub>k</sub>, we have  $\hat{p}, 1 \leq s_1 < \dots < s_{\hat{p}} \leq N^{(k-1)}$  and  $\hat{\pi}$  such that

$$(1.54) \quad \begin{aligned} g^{(k)}(\sigma^{(k)}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{\hat{p}} \{m_{s_{\hat{\pi}(i)}}^{s_i(k)}(\sigma^{(k)}) - (\sigma^{(k)} - \sigma^{(k-1)})v_{s_i}^{(k-1)}\} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

We define a permutations  $\pi$  of  $[1, \dots, N^{(k)}]$  as

$$\pi(s) = \begin{cases} s, & \text{if } s \neq s_i \text{ for any } i \leq \hat{p}, \\ s_{\hat{\pi}(i)}, & \text{if } s = s_i \text{ for some } i. \end{cases}$$

Noting that  $M_s^{s(k)}(\sigma^{(k)}) = (\sigma^{(k)} - \sigma^{(k-1)})v_s^{(k-1)}$ , we have by (1.34)<sub>k</sub>, and (1.54)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=1}^{N^{(k)}} M_{\pi(s)}^{s(k)} &= \sum_{s=1}^{N^{(k)}} (M_{\pi(s)}^{s(k)}(\sigma^{(k)}) + I_s^{(k-1)} - n_{\pi(s)}^{(k-1)}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\hat{p}} \{m_{s\hat{\pi}(i)}^{s_i(k)}(\sigma^{(k)}) - (\sigma^{(k)} - \sigma^{(k-1)})v_s^{(k-1)}\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{s=1}^{N^{(k-1)}} (\sigma^{(k)} - \sigma^{(k-1)})v_s^{(k-1)} + \sum_{s=1}^{N^{(k-1)}} (I_s^{(k-1)} - n_s^{(k-1)}) \\ &= \sum_{s=1}^{N^{(k-1)}} (I_s^{(k)} - n_s^{(k)}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$M_t^{s(k)} \leq I_t^{(k)} - n_s^{(k)}$$

for any  $(s, t)$ . Hence in particular we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M_{s\hat{\pi}(i)}^{s_i(k)} &= m_{s\hat{\pi}(i)}^{s_i(k)}(\sigma^{(k)}) + I_s^{(k-1)} - n_{s\hat{\pi}(i)}^{(k-1)} \\ &= I_{s_i}^{(k)} - n_{s\hat{\pi}(i)}^{(k)}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $i=1, \dots, \hat{p}$ , which implies that  $\#_{s(i)}^{s_i(k)}$  is not empty for  $i=1, \dots, \hat{p}$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** *Assume that  $g^{(k)}(0) > 0$  and that  $v^{(k)} = v^{(k-1)}$ . The characteristic polynomial  $h^{(k)}(x, H)$  has at least a non zero root.*

*Proof.* Since  $v^{(k)} = \sum v_s^{(k)}$  and  $v_s^{(k)} \leq v_s^{(k-1)}$  for any  $s$ ,  $v^{(k)} = v^{(k-1)}$  implies

$$v_s^{(k)} = v_s^{(k-1)} \quad \text{for all } s.$$

Then it is evident that  $h^{(k)}(x, H)$  has only a root  $C^{(k)}(x)$ , that is,

$$(1.55) \quad h^{(k)}(x, H) = \hat{Q}^{(k)}(x)(H - C^{(k)})^{v^{(k)}}.$$

Hence the elementary divisors of  $\{A_i^{s(k)}(x, H)\}$  are of forms

$$(1.56) \quad e_s^{(k)}(x, H) = (H - C^{(k)}(x))^{v_s^{(k)}}, \quad s = 1, \dots, N^{(k)}.$$

On the other hand

$$(1.57) \quad A_i^{s(k)}(x, H) = \delta_i^s \tilde{e}^{(k-1)} H^{v_s^{(k-1)}} + \sum_{j \in \#_i^{s(k)}} \hat{p}_{ij}^{s(k-1)}(x, H).$$

In particular, since  $e_1^{(k)}(x, H)$  is the first elementary divisor,  $A_i^{1(k)}(x, H)$  can be divided by  $e_1^{(k)}(x, H)$ . If  $C^{(k)}(x) \equiv 0$  and  $v_1^{(k)} = v_1^{(k-1)}$ , noting  $d_{ij}^{1(k-1)} < v_1^{(k-1)}$  by (1.27)<sub>k-1</sub>, we obtain

$$\sum_{j \in \#_i^{1(k)}} \hat{p}_{ij}^{1(k-1)}(x, H) \equiv 0, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N^{(k)}.$$

Further by (1.53) we have

$$d_{ij}^{1(k-1)} \neq d_{ij'}^{1(k-1)}, \quad \text{for } j \neq j'.$$

Hence since  $P_{ij}^{1(k-1)}$  is homogeneous in  $H$ , we have

$$P_{ij}^{1(k-1)}(x, H) \equiv 0.$$

for  $j \in \#_i^{1(k)}$  and  $t = 1, \dots, N^{(k)}$ . Repeating this discussion, we obtain

$$\hat{P}_{ij}^{s(k-1)}(x, H) \equiv 0$$

for  $j \in \#_i^{s(k)}$  and  $s \leq t$ . This and Lemma 1.3 imply that  $\#_i^{s(k)}$  is empty for  $s \leq t$ , which contradicts to the hypothesis  $g^{(k)}(0) > 0$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** For some finite  $k$ , we have  $g^{(k)}(0) \leq 0$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $g^{(k)}(0) > 0$  for any  $k$ . There exists  $k_0$  such that

$$v^{(k)} = v^{(k_0)}$$

for any  $k \geq k_0$ . In fact, if  $v^{(k)} = 1$ , it is evident that  $N^{(k)} = 1$  and  $g^{(k+1)}(0) = -\infty$ . It follows from Lemma 1.4 that the characteristic  $h^{(k)}(x, H)$  is of form (1.55) with  $C^{(k)} \neq 0$  and the first elementary divisor  $e_1^{(k)}(x, H)$  has the form (1.56) with  $s = 1$ . Moreover in particular  $A_1^{1(k)}(x, H)$  can be divided by  $e_1^{(k)}(x, H)$ . Therefore since  $v_1^{(k)} = v_1^{(k-1)}$ , we have by (1.57),

$$\begin{aligned} A_1^{1(k)}(x, H) &= \tilde{e}_1^{(k-1)} H^{v_1^{(k-1)}} + \sum_{j \in \#_1^{1(k)}} P_{1j}^{1(k-1)}(x, H) \\ &= \tilde{e}_1^{(k-1)} (H - C^{(k)})^{v_1^{(k)}} \\ &= \tilde{e}_1^{(k-1)}(x) \sum (v_1^{(k)}) H^l (C^{(k)})^{v_1^{(k)} - l}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $k-1 \geq k_0$ . Hence since  $C^{(k)} \neq 0$ , for any integer  $0 \leq l < v_1^{(k)}$  there exists  $j(l) \in \#_1^{1(k)}$  such that  $d_{1j(l)}^{1(k-1)} = l$ . On the other hand by (1.53) we have  $\tilde{l}_1^{(k)}, \dots, \tilde{l}_{N^{(k)}}^{(k)}$  such that

$$(1.58) \quad d_{1j}^{s(k-1)} = \tilde{l}_i^{(k)} - \tilde{l}_s^{(k)} + v_s^{(k-1)}(1 - \sigma^{(k-1)}/\sigma^{(k)}) + j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}/\sigma^{(k)},$$

for  $j \in \#_1^{1(k)}$ . In fact, noting that (1.43) is valid for  $j = \tau_s^{(k-1)}$  and that  $d_{s\tau_s}^{s(k-1)} = v_s^{(k-1)}$  for  $j = \tau_s^{(k-1)}$ , we have

$$v_s^{(k-1)} = \sigma^{(k-1)}(l_s^{(k)} - n_s^{(k)} - l_s^{(k-1)} + n_s^{(k-1)} + v_s^{(k-1)}\sigma^{(k-1)}).$$

Hence (1.58) is valid, if we put

$$\tilde{l}_s^{(k)} = \sigma^{(k-1)}(l_s^{(k)} - l_s^{(k-1)}).$$

In particular by (1.58)

$$d_{1j}^{1(k-1)} = v^{(k-1)}(1 - \sigma^{(k-1)}/\sigma^{(k)}) + j\varepsilon^{(k-1)}/\sigma^{(k)}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} d_{1j(1)}^{1(k-1)} &= d_{1j(0)}^{1(k-1)} = (j(1) - j(0))\varepsilon^{(k-1)}/\sigma^{(k)} \\ &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $\varepsilon^{(k)} = \varepsilon^{(k-1)}$ . In fact,  $\varepsilon^{(k)}$  is the least common denominator of  $\sigma^{(k)}$  and  $\varepsilon^{(k-1)}$ . Thus we obtain

$$\sigma^{(k)} = \varepsilon^{(k_0)} p^{(k)}, \quad \text{for } k \geq k_0,$$

where  $p^{(k)}$  is a positive integer. On the other hand it follows from Lemma 1.2 that

$$\sigma^{(k)} > \sigma^{(k+1)} > 0, \quad k \geq k_0$$

which implies

$$(1.59) \quad p^{(k)} > p^{(k+1)} > 0, \quad k \geq k_0$$

Since  $p^{(k)}$  is a positive integer, for some finite  $k$ , we have

$$p^{(k)} = 0,$$

which contradicts to (1.59). Thus we have have prove Theorem 1.1.

**Lemma 1.5.** *Assume that  $g^{(k+1)}(0) \leq 0$  for some  $k$ . Then there exist the rational numbers  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{N(k)}$  such that*

$$(1.60) \quad P_{tj}^{s(k)}(x, D) \equiv 0, \quad j < \tau_s^{(k)} + p_t - p_s,$$

where  $\tau_s^{(k)} = \sigma^{(k)} v_s^{(k)} / \varepsilon^{(k)}$ .

*Proof.* By the assumption  $g^{(k+1)}(0) \leq 0$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^p (m_{s\pi(i)}^{s_t^{(k+1)}}(0) + \sigma^{(k)} v_{s_i}^{(k)}) \leq 0$$

for any  $p$  and any  $\pi$ . Hence Volevich's lemma implies that there exist  $\tilde{p}_1, \dots, \tilde{p}_{N(k)}$ , such that

$$m_t^{s_t^{(k+1)}}(0) + \sigma^{(k)} v_s^{(k)} \leq \tilde{p}_t - \tilde{p}_s,$$

for any  $(s, t)$ . Therefore by the definition (1.30) $_{k+1}$  of  $m_t^{s_t^{(k+1)}}(0)$ , we have for  $j$  such that  $d_{tj}^{s(k)} \neq -\infty$ ,

$$j \geq \tau_s^{(k)} + p_t - p_s,$$

where  $p_s = \tilde{p}_s / \varepsilon(k)$ . This implies (1.60).

**Lemma 1.6.** *Assume that  $g^{(k+1)}(0) \leq 0$  for some  $k$ . Then for  $j = \tau_s^{(k)} + p_t - p_s$ ,*

$$P_{tj}^{s(k)}(x, D) = \sum_{l=0}^{d_{jt}^{s(k)}} P_{tj}^{s(k)l}(x) H(x, D)^l,$$

where  $H(x, D) = D_0 - \sum \lambda_{\xi_j}(x, \psi_x) D_j$ .

*Proof.* By (1.50) we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_{tj}^{s(k)}(x, D) &= \sum_{l,p} \sigma_l(\phi^{(k)}, \tilde{e}_{lp}^{s(k)}) \\ &= \sum_{l,p} \sum_{l'=0}^l \sum_{q=0}^{\tilde{\theta}_{lp}^{s(k)}} \sigma_{l'}(\phi^{(k)}, \tilde{e}_{lpq}^{s(k)}) \sigma_{l-l'}(\phi^{(k)}, H^q), \end{aligned}$$

where the summation is taken over  $l$  and  $p$  such that

$$(l - \tilde{q}_{ip}^{s(k)})\sigma^{(k)} + p\varepsilon^{(k)} = j\varepsilon^{(k)}.$$

For  $j = \tau_s + p_t - p_s$ , we have

$$\sigma_{l'}(\phi^{(k)}, \tilde{e}_{ipq}^{s(k)}) \equiv 0 \quad \text{for } l' \neq 0.$$

In fact, assume that for some  $l, p$  and  $q$ ,

$$\sigma_l(\phi^{(k)}, \tilde{e}_{ipq}^{s(k)}) \neq 0$$

is valid. Then

$$\sigma_{l-1}(\phi^{(k)}, \tilde{e}_{ipq}^{s(k)}) \neq 0$$

holds, if  $\phi_x^{(k)} = \omega^{(k)}(x_0 = \hat{x}_0)$  is chosen suitably. Then the term

$$\sigma_{l-1}(\phi^{(k)}, \tilde{e}_{ipq}^{s(k)})\sigma_{l-1}(\phi^{(k)}, H^q)$$

appears in  $P_{tj-\sigma^{(k)}/\varepsilon^{(k)}}^{s(k)}(x, D)$  for  $j = \tau_s^{(k)} + p_t - p_s$ . This contradicts to (1.60).

**Theorem 1.2.** Assume that  $g^{(k+1)}(0) \leq 0$  is valid for some  $k$ . Then there exist a asymptotic null solution  $\omega(\rho) = (\omega^1(\rho), \dots, \omega^{N^{(k)}}(\rho))$  for  $P^{(k)}(\rho) = \{P_t^{s(k)}(\rho)\}$  such that

$$\omega^s(\rho) = \omega^s(\rho, x) = \sum_{j \geq 0} \rho^{-L_s - j\varepsilon^{(k)}} \omega_j^s(x),$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^{N^{(k)}} P_t^{s(k)}(\rho, x, D) \omega^t(\rho, x) \equiv 0 \pmod{\rho^{-\infty}}.$$

*Proof.* By virtue of Lemms 1.5 we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_s^{t(k)}(\rho) &= \sum_{j \geq \tau_s^{(k)} + p_t - p_s} \rho^{l_t^{(k)} - n_s^{(k)} - j\varepsilon^{(k)}} P_{tj}^{s(k)} \\ &= \sum_{j \geq 0} \rho^{L_t - L_s - j\varepsilon^{(k)}} \tilde{P}_{tj}^s(x, D), \end{aligned}$$

where  $L_t = l_t^{(k)} - \varepsilon^{(k)} p_t$ ,  $L_s = n_s^{(k)} + \varepsilon^{(k)} p_s - \varepsilon^{(k)} \tau_s^{(k)}$ , and

$$\tilde{P}_{tj}^s(x, D) = P_{tj + \tau_s^{(k)} + p_t - p_s}^{s(k)}(x, D).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_t P_t^{s(k)}(\rho) \omega^t(\rho) &= \rho^{-L_s} \sum_{j \geq 0} \rho^{-j\varepsilon^{(k)}} \sum_{l=0}^j \tilde{P}_{tj-l}^s(x, D) \omega_l^t \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(1.61) \quad \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{l=0}^j \tilde{P}_{tj-l}^s(x, D) \omega_l^t(x) = 0$$

for  $j=0, 1, 2, \dots$ . It follows from Lemma 1.6 that  $\tilde{P}_{t0}^s(x, D) = P_{tj}^{s(k)}(x, D)$  ( $j = \tau_s + p_t - p_s$ ) are differential operator only in  $H(x, D)$  and moreover their orders satisfy (1.27)<sub>k</sub> and (1.29)<sub>k</sub>. Hence we can solve (1.61) inductively with respect to

$\omega_j^s(x) (j=1, \dots, N^{(k)})$ , if we give the initial data

$$(1.62) \quad D_0^l \omega_j^s|_{x_0=\hat{x}_0} = g_j^l(x'), \quad l=0, 1, \dots, v_s^{(k)} - 1.$$

Now we shall turn to prove Theorem 2. It follows from Theorem 1.2 that for any large integer  $M$  there exists an integer  $M_1$  such that

$$(1.63) \quad \omega^s(\rho, x) = \sum_{j=0}^{M_1} \rho^{-L_s - j\epsilon^{(k)}} \omega_j^s(x)$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^{N^{(k)}} P_t^{s(k)}(\rho, x, D) \omega^t(\rho, x) = (\rho^{-M}),$$

$$(1.64) \quad \omega_\delta^s(x) \neq 0 \quad \text{in } U^{(k)}.$$

Then we define the  $N^{(k-1)}$ -vector as

$$\omega^{(k)}(\rho, x) = S^{(k)}(\rho) e^{i\rho\sigma^{(k)}\phi^{(k)}} T^{(k)}(\rho)^t (\overbrace{0, \dots, 0}^{N^{(k-1)} - N^{(k)}}, \omega^1(\rho), \dots, \omega^{N^{(k)}}(\rho)).$$

In general we put

$$\omega^{(k-l)}(\rho, x) = S^{(k-l)}(\rho) e^{i\rho\sigma^{(k-l)}\phi^{(k-l)}} T^{(k-l)}(\rho)^t (\overbrace{0, \dots, 0}^{N^{(k-l-1)} - N^{(k-l)}}, \omega^{(k-l+1)}(\rho)),$$

for  $l=0, 1, \dots, k-1$ . Then we define

$$u(\rho, x) = e^{i\rho\psi} \omega^{(1)}(\rho, x).$$

By (1.63) we have

$$(1.65) \quad P(x, D)u(\rho, x) = e^{iE(\rho, x)} O(\rho^{-M'})$$

where  $E(\rho, x) = \rho\psi(x) + \sum_{l=1}^k \rho^{\sigma^{(l)}} \phi^{(l)}$  and  $M' = M + M_0$ . Then  $u(\rho, x)$  violates (1.1), if we take  $G(\hat{x}) \subset U^{(k)}$ . In fact, by (1.65)

$$(1.66) \quad |Pu|_{s_0, G} + |u|_{s_0, G_0} \leq C \{e^{E_0(\rho)} \rho^{-M''} + \rho^{s_0}\},$$

where  $M'' = M + M_0 + s_0$  and  $E_0(\rho) = \sup_{x \in G^+} -\text{Im } E(\rho, x)$ . On the other hand by (1.64) we have

$$(1.67) \quad |u(\rho)|_{0, G^+} \geq C_0 \rho^{-\delta_0} e^{E_0(\rho)},$$

where  $C_0$  and  $\delta_0$  are positive constants. By (1.5) we have

$$E_0(\rho) \longrightarrow \infty, \quad (\rho \longrightarrow \infty)$$

which implies that (1.66) and (1.67) contradict to (1.1), if  $M$  and  $\rho$  are large. Thus we have proved Theorem 2.

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