

## THE FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTION FOR PSEUDO-DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS OF PARABOLIC TYPE

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### Introduction

In this paper we shall construct the fundamental solution  $E(t, s)$  for a degenerate pseudo-differential operator  $L$  of parabolic type only by symbol calculus and, as an application, we shall solve the Cauchy problem for  $L$ :

$$(0.1) \quad \begin{cases} Lu(t) = f(t) & \text{in } t > s, \\ u(s) = u_0. \end{cases}$$

Another application of the present fundamental solution will be done in [12] in order to construct left parametrices for degenerate operators studied by Grushin in [2].

Now let us consider the operator  $L$  of the form

$$L = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + p(t; x, D_x),$$

where  $p(t; x, D_x)$  is a pseudo-differential operator of class  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$  with a parameter  $t$  ( $\rho > \delta$ ) (See §1). For the operator  $p(t; x, D_x)$  we set the following conditions:

$$(0.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} p(t; x, \xi) + c_0 \geq c_1 \lambda(x, \xi)^{m'}$$

$$(0.3) \quad |p^{(\alpha)}(t; x, \xi) / (\operatorname{Re} p(t; x, \xi) + c_0)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} \lambda(x, \xi)^{-(\rho \cdot \alpha) + (\delta \cdot \beta)},$$

where  $m \geq m' \geq 0$  and  $\lambda = \lambda(x, \xi)$  is a basic weight function defined in §1. We note that  $\lambda(x, \xi)$  in general varies even in  $x$  and increases in polynomial order.

We call  $E(t, s)$  a fundamental solution for  $L$  when  $E(t, s)$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} LE(t, s) = 0 & \text{in } t > s, \\ E(s, s) = I. \end{cases}$$

The main theorem of this paper is stated as follows.

**Main theorem.** *Under the conditions (0, 2) and (0, 3) we can construct the unique fundamental solution  $E(t, s)$  for  $L$  as a pseudo-differential operator of*

class  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^0$  with parameters  $t$  and  $s$  (For the precise statement see Theorem 3.1).

Using the fundamental solution of this theorem the solution of the Cauchy problem (0. 1) is given in the form

$$u(t) = E(t, s)u_0 + \int_s^t E(t, \sigma)f(\sigma)d\sigma .$$

We note that Greiner [1] constructed the fundamental solution for parabolic differential operators on a compact  $C^\infty$ -manifold by using pseudo-differential operators. But his method is different from ours and not applicable to our non-compact case  $R^n$ . We reduce the construction of the fundamental solution to solving the integral equation

$$(0.4) \quad \Phi(t, s) + K(t, s) + \int_s^t K(t, \sigma)\Phi(\sigma, s)d\sigma = 0$$

for a known operator  $K(t, s) \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^0$ .

To solve the equation (0.4) the product formula of pseudo-differential operators plays an essential role. We also note that by the same method we can construct the fundamental solution for degenerate operators which have been considered by Helffer [3] and Matsuzawa [7]. On the other hand Shinkai [9] constructed the fundamental solution  $E(t, s)$  when  $p(x, \xi)$  is a system of pseudo-differential operator by our method and applied it to the proof of hypoellipticity of  $L$ .

In Section 1 we define pseudo-differential operators with symbol  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$ . In Section 2 main properties of pseudo-differential operators defined in Section 1 will be given. In Section 3 we shall construct the fundamental solution  $E(t, s)$  under the conditions (0.2) and (0.3), and in Section 4 we study the behavior of  $E(t, s)$  for large  $(t-s)$ .

The results of the present paper have been announced partly in [10] and [11].

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### 1. Definitions and notations

Let  $R^n$  be the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space.  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}(R^n)$  is the space of all rapidly decreasing functions with semi-norms

$$|f|_{l, \mathcal{S}} = \max_{|\alpha| + |\beta| \leq l} \sup_{x \in R^n} |x^\alpha \partial_x^\beta f(x)| ,$$

where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ ,  $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$ ,  $x^\alpha = x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n}$  and  $\partial_x^\beta = (\partial/\partial x_1)^{\beta_1} \dots (\partial/\partial x_n)^{\beta_n}$ .  $\mathcal{S}'$  is its dual space.  $\hat{f}(\xi) = \mathcal{F}[f](\xi)$  denotes the Fourier transform of  $f(x)$  which is defined by

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{R^n} e^{-ix \cdot \xi} f(x) dx , \quad f \in \mathcal{S} .$$

For a pair of real vectors  $a=(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $b=(b_1, \dots, b_n)$  we denote  $a > b$ , if  $a_j > b_j$  for any  $j$  and  $a \geq b$ , if  $a_j \geq b_j$  for any  $j$ .

DEFINITION 1.1. We say that a  $C^\infty$ -function  $\lambda(x, \xi)$  defined in  $R_x^n \times R_\xi^n$  is a basic weight function if there exists a pair of vectors  $\tilde{\rho}=(\tilde{\rho}_1, \dots, \tilde{\rho}_n)$  and  $\delta=(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(i)} \quad \tilde{\rho} > \delta, \quad \tilde{\rho}_j > 0 \quad 1 \leq j \leq n \\ \text{(ii)} \quad 1 \leq \lambda(x+y, \xi) \leq A_0 \langle y \rangle^\tau \lambda(x, \xi) \quad \tau \geq 0, \quad A_0 \geq 1 \\ \text{(iii)} \quad |\lambda^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)| \leq A_{\alpha, \beta} \lambda(x, \xi)^{1 - (\tilde{\rho}, \alpha) + (\delta, \beta)} \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\lambda^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) = (\partial/\partial \xi_1)^{\alpha_1} \dots (\partial/\partial \xi_n)^{\alpha_n} (-i\partial/\partial x_1)^{\beta_1} \dots (-i\partial/\partial x_n)^{\beta_n} \lambda(x, \xi)$ ,  $\langle y \rangle = (1 + |y|^2)^{1/2}$ ,  $(\tilde{\rho}, \alpha) = \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{\rho}_j \alpha_j$  and  $A_0$  and  $A_{\alpha, \beta}$  are constants.

For a basic weight function  $\lambda(x, \xi)$  and a vector  $\rho=(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n)$  such that  $\tilde{\rho} \geq \rho \geq \delta$ , we define symbol class  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$  as follows.

DEFINITION 1.2.  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$  is the set of all  $C^\infty$ -functions  $p(x, \xi)$  defined in  $R_x^n \times R_\xi^n$  which satisfy for any  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

$$|p^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} \lambda(x, \xi)^{m - (\rho, \alpha) + (\delta, \beta)}$$

for some constant  $C_{\alpha, \beta}$ . For  $p \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$  we define semi-norms  $|p|_l^{(m)}$  by

$$|p|_l^{(m)} = \max_{|\alpha| + |\beta| \leq l} \sup_{(x, \xi) \in R^n \times R^n} \{ |p^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)| \lambda(x, \xi)^{-m + (\rho, \alpha) - (\delta, \beta)} \}.$$

Set  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-\infty} = \bigcap_m S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$  and  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{\infty} = \bigcup_m S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$ .

For  $p(x, \xi) \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$  we define a pseudo-differential operator with the symbol  $\sigma(P) = p(x, \xi)$  by

$$Pu(x) = Os - \iint e^{-iy \cdot \xi} p(x, \xi) u(x+y) dy d\xi$$

for  $u \in \mathcal{S}$ , where  $d\xi = (2\pi)^{-n} d\xi$  and 'Os-' means the oscillatory integral defined in Definition 1.4 below.

Now let us mention the important properties about the oscillatory integral contained in [5].

DEFINITION 1.3. We say that a  $C^\infty$ -function  $q(\eta, y)$  in  $R_\eta^n \times R_y^n$  belongs to a class  $\mathcal{A}_{\delta, \tau}^m$  ( $-\infty < m < \infty$ ,  $\delta < 1$ ,  $\tau=(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k, \dots)$ ,  $\tau_k \geq 0$ ) if for any multiindex  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  there exists a constant  $C_{\alpha, \beta}$  such that

$$|\partial_\eta^\alpha \partial_y^\beta q(\eta, y)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} \langle \eta \rangle^{m + \delta |\beta|} \langle y \rangle^{\tau |\beta|}.$$

We also define the semi-norms  $|q|_l^{(m)}$  by

$$|q|_l^{(m)} = \max_{|\alpha| + |\beta| \leq l} \sup_{(\eta, y) \in R^n \times R^n} \{ |\partial_\eta^\alpha \partial_y^\beta q(\eta, y)| \langle y \rangle^{-\tau |\beta|} \langle \eta \rangle^{-m - \delta |\beta|} \}.$$

DEFINITION 1.4. For  $q(\eta, y) \in \mathcal{A}_{\delta, \tau}^m$  we define

$$\begin{aligned} Os-[e^{-iy \cdot \eta} q(\eta, y)] &= Os-\iint e^{-iy \cdot \eta} q(\eta, y) dy d\eta \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \iint e^{-iy \cdot \eta} \chi_{\varepsilon}(\eta, y) q(\eta, y) dy d\eta, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\chi_{\varepsilon}(\eta, y) = \chi(\varepsilon\eta, \varepsilon y)$  and  $\chi(\eta, y)$  is a function such that  $\chi \in \mathcal{S}(R^{2n})$  and  $\chi(0, 0) = 1$ .

PROPOSITION 1.5. For  $q(\eta, y) \in \mathcal{A}_{\delta, \tau}^m$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} Os-[e^{-iy \cdot \eta} q(\eta, y)] \\ = \iint e^{-iy \cdot \eta} \langle y \rangle^{-2l'} \langle D_{\eta} \rangle^{-2l} \{ \langle \eta \rangle^{-2l} \langle D_y \rangle^{2l} q(\eta, y) \} dy d\eta, \end{aligned}$$

where  $l$  and  $l'$  are positive integers such that  $-2l(1-\delta) < -n$  and  $-2l' + \tau_{2l} < -n$ .

PROPOSITION 1.6. Let  $\{q_{\varepsilon}\}_{0 < \varepsilon < 1}$  be a subset of  $\mathcal{A}_{\delta, \tau}^m$  such that  $\sup_{\varepsilon} |q_{\varepsilon}|_l^{(m)} \leq M_l$  for any  $l$ . If there exists  $q_0(\eta, y) \in \mathcal{A}_{\delta, \tau}^m$  such that  $q_{\varepsilon}(\eta, y) \rightarrow q_0(\eta, y)$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on any compact set of  $R_{\eta}^n \times R_y^n$ , then we have  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} Os-[e^{-iy \cdot \eta} q_{\varepsilon}] = Os-[e^{-iy \cdot \eta} q_0]$ .

DEFINITION 1.7. Let  $F$  be a Fréchet space. We define  $\mathcal{E}_l^i(F)$  by

$$\mathcal{E}_l^i(F) = \{l\text{-times continuously differentiable } F\text{-valued function } u(t) \text{ in the interval } I\}.$$

DEFINITION 1.8 ([6]). We say that  $\{p_{\varepsilon}(x, \xi)\}_{0 < \varepsilon < 1}$  converges to  $p_0(x, \xi)$  weakly in  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$  if  $\{p_{\varepsilon}(x, \xi)\}_{0 < \varepsilon < 1}$  is a bounded set in  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$  and if  $p_{\varepsilon}(x, \xi)$  converges to  $p_0(x, \xi)$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on any compact set of  $R_x^n \times R_{\xi}^n$ . We define  $u \in \mathcal{E}_{l, s}^i(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m)$  in  $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$  by

$$u \in \mathcal{E}_{l, s}^i(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m) = \{S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m\text{-valued functions } u(t, s) \text{ defined in } 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T \text{ which are } l\text{-times continuously differentiable with respect to } t \text{ and } s \text{ in the weak topology of } S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m\}.$$

## 2. Calculus of pseudo-differential operators in class $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$

The main theorem of this section is the following

THEOREM 2.1. Let  $P_j \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m_j}$  ( $j = 1, \dots, \nu$ ). Then the product operator  $P = P_1 \cdots P_{\nu}$  belongs to  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m_0}$ , where  $m_0 = \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} m_j$ . Moreover for any  $l$  there exists  $l_0$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad |\sigma(P)|_l^{(m_0)} \leq (C_0)^{\nu} \prod_{j=1}^{\nu} |p_j|_{l_0}^{(m_j)}$$

where  $l_0$  and  $C_0$  are constants depending on  $\sum_{j=1}^{\nu} |m_j|$  but independent of  $\nu$ .

Proof. We can write

$$Pu(x) = Os - \int \dots \int \exp \left\{ -i \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} y^j \cdot \xi^j \right\} p_1(x, \xi^1) p_2(x + y^1, \xi^2) \dots \\ \dots p_{\nu}(x + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu-1} y^j, \xi^{\nu}) u(x + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} y^j) dy^1 dy^2 \dots dy^{\nu} d\xi^1 d\xi^2 \dots d\xi^{\nu}.$$

So the symbol of  $P$  is given by

$$(2.2) \quad p(x, \xi) = Os - \int \dots \int \exp \left\{ -i \sum_{j=1}^{\nu-1} y^j \cdot \eta^j \right\} \prod_{j=1}^{\nu} p_j(x + \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} y^k, \xi + \eta^j) dV,$$

where  $y^0=0, \eta^{\nu}=0$  and  $dV = dy^1 dy^2 \dots dy^{\nu-1} d\eta^1 d\eta^2 \dots d\eta^{\nu-1}$ .

By (2.2) it is sufficient to prove (2.1) for  $l=0$ .

For the proof we prepare the following

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $q(x^1, \xi^1, \dots, x^{\nu}, \xi^{\nu})$  be a  $C^{\infty}$ -function on  $R^{2n\nu}$  such that

$$(2.3) \quad \left| \partial_{x^1}^{\beta^1} \partial_{x^2}^{\beta^2} \dots \partial_{x^{\nu}}^{\beta^{\nu}} \partial_{\xi^1}^{\alpha^1} \partial_{\xi^2}^{\alpha^2} \dots \partial_{\xi^{\nu}}^{\alpha^{\nu}} q^1(x^1, \xi^1, x^2, \xi^2, \dots, x^{\nu}, \xi^{\nu}) \right| \\ \leq M_{\alpha^1, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{\nu}, \beta^1, \beta^2, \dots, \beta^{\nu}} \prod_{j=1}^{\nu} \lambda(x^j, \xi^j)^{m_j - (\rho, \alpha^j) + (\delta, \beta^j)}$$

for any sequence of multi-indices  $\alpha^1, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{\nu}, \beta^1, \beta^2, \dots, \beta^{\nu}$ . Set

$$(2.4) \quad I_{\theta} = Os - \int \dots \int \exp \left\{ -i \sum_{j=1}^{\nu-1} y^j \cdot \eta^j \right\} \\ \times q(x, \xi + \theta \eta^1, x + y^1, \xi + \theta \eta^2, \dots, \xi + \theta \eta^{\nu-1}, x + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu-1} y^j, \xi) dV \\ (0 \leq \theta \leq 1).$$

Then we can find  $l_0$  such that

$$(2.5) \quad |I_{\theta}| \leq (C_0)^{\nu} M_{l_0} \lambda(x, \xi)^{m_0},$$

where  $m_0 = \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} m_j, M_{l_0} = \max_{|\alpha^j| + |\beta^j| \leq l_0} \{M_{\alpha^1, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{\nu}, \beta^1, \beta^2, \dots, \beta^{\nu}}\}$  and  $C_0$  is a constant depending on  $\sum_{j=1}^{\nu} |m_j|$  but independent of  $\nu$  and  $\theta$ .

Apply the above Lemma 2.2 to (2.2) setting  $q(x^1, \xi^1, x^2, \xi^2, \dots, x^{\nu}, \xi^{\nu}) = \prod_{j=1}^{\nu} p_j(x^j, \xi^j)$  and  $\theta=1$ . Then we get

$$|p|_{\delta^{(m_0)}} \leq (C_0)^{\nu} \prod_{j=1}^{\nu} |p_j|_{\delta_0^{(m_j)}}.$$

Thus the proof is completed.

For the proof of Lemma 2.2 we prepare some propositions. For simplicity we may assume  $\bar{\rho}_j = \bar{\rho}$ ,  $\rho_j = \rho$  and  $\delta_j = \delta$  for any  $j$ . Otherwise we have only to repeat the same argument for each variable.

Set

$$F(x, \eta; y) = (1 + \lambda(x, \eta)^{2\bar{\delta}n_0} |y|^{2n_0})^{-1},$$

where  $\bar{\delta} = \max(\delta, 0)$  and  $n_0 = [n/2] + 1$ . Then, by (1.1)–(iii) we have easily the following

**Proposition 2.3.**  $F(x, \eta; y)$  satisfies the inequality with constants  $C_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma}$

$$|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_y^\beta \partial_\eta^\gamma F(x, \eta; y)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} F(x, \eta; y) \lambda(x, \eta)^{-\bar{\rho}|\gamma| + \bar{\delta}|\alpha| + \beta}$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$ .

Proof is omitted.

**Proposition 2.4.** If  $r_1 \geq 0$  and  $r_2 - 2\tau\bar{\delta}n_0 \geq 0$ , then we get for some constant  $C$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int F(z^1, \xi + \eta^1; z^1 - z^0) F(z^2, \xi + \eta^2; z^2 - z^1) \langle z^0 - z^1 \rangle^{-r_1} \langle z^2 - z^1 \rangle^{-r_2} dz^1 \\ & \leq C \langle z^2 - z^0 \rangle^{-r_2} \{ F(z^2, \xi + \eta^2; z^2 - z^0) \lambda(z^2, \xi + \eta^1)^{-n\bar{\delta}} \\ & \quad + F(z^2, \xi + \eta^1; z^2 - z^0) \lambda(z^2, \xi + \eta^2)^{-n\bar{\delta}} \}. \end{aligned}$$

where  $r_3 = \min(r_1, r_2 - 2\tau\bar{\delta}n_0)$ .

Proof. We divide  $R^n$  into two parts  $\Omega_1 = \{z^1 \in R^n; |z^1 - z^2| \geq |z^0 - z^2|/2\}$  and  $\Omega_2 = R^n \setminus \Omega_1$ . For  $z^1 \in \Omega_1$  we have

$$(2.6) \quad F(z^2, \xi + \eta^2; z^2 - z^1) \leq 2^{2n_0} F(z^2, \xi + \eta^2; z^2 - z^0) \quad \text{in } \Omega_1$$

and

$$(2.7) \quad \langle z^1 - z^2 \rangle^{-1} \leq 2 \langle z^2 - z^0 \rangle^{-1} \quad \text{in } \Omega_1.$$

For  $z^1 \in \Omega_2$ , we get

$$(2.8) \quad F(z^2, \xi + \eta^1; z^1 - z^0) \leq 2^{2n_0} F(z^2, \xi + \eta^1; z^2 - z^0) \quad \text{in } \Omega_2$$

and

$$(2.9) \quad \langle z^1 - z^0 \rangle^{-1} \leq 2 \langle z^2 - z^0 \rangle^{-1} \quad \text{in } \Omega_2.$$

Since  $2n_0 > n$ , it is clear that

$$(2.10) \quad \int_{R^n} F(x, \eta; y) dy = c_1 \lambda(x, \eta)^{-n\bar{\delta}}.$$

By (1.1)–(ii) we get

$$(2.11) \quad F(z^1, \xi + \eta^1; z^1 - z^0) \leq (A_0)^{2\bar{\delta}n_0} \langle z^2 - z^1 \rangle^{2\tau\bar{\delta}n_0} F(z^2, \xi + \eta^1; z^2 - z^0).$$

Then by (2.6)~(2.11) we get the assertion.

Q.E.D.

By (1.1)~(iii) there exists a constant  $c_0 > 0$  such that

$$|\lambda(x, \xi + \eta) - \lambda(x, \xi)| \leq \lambda(x, \xi)/2$$

if  $|\eta| \leq c_0 \lambda(x, \xi)^{\tilde{\rho}}$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** *Set*

$$I(K) = |\eta|^{-2K} \lambda(x, \xi + \eta)^m \{ \lambda(x, \xi + \eta) + \lambda(x, \xi) \}^{2K\bar{\delta}} \\ \times \left\{ \lambda(x, \xi + \eta)^{-n\bar{\delta}} + \frac{F(x, \xi + \eta; y)}{F(x, \xi; y)} \lambda(x, \xi)^{-n\bar{\delta}} \right\} \quad (K \geq 0)$$

and set

$$I_1 = \{ \eta; |\eta| \leq c_0 \lambda(x, \xi)^{\bar{\delta}} \},$$

$$I_2 = \{ \eta; c_0 \lambda(x, \xi)^{\bar{\delta}} \leq |\eta| \leq c_0 \lambda(x, \xi)^{\tilde{\rho}} \}$$

and

$$I_3 = \{ \eta; |\eta| \geq c_0 \lambda(x, \xi)^{\tilde{\rho}} \}.$$

Then we have for a constant  $c$

$$(2.12) \quad \int_{I_j} I(K_j) d\eta \leq c \lambda(x, \xi)^m \quad (j = 1, 2, 3),$$

if  $K_1 = 0, K_2 > n/2$  and  $K_3 > (|m| + 2\bar{\delta}n_0 + n\bar{\rho})/2(\bar{\rho} - \delta)$ .

Proof. If  $\eta$  belongs to  $I_1$  or  $I_2$ , then we have for some constant  $c_2$

$$I(K) \leq c_2 |\eta|^{-2K} \lambda(x, \xi)^{(2K-n)\bar{\delta}+m}, \quad K \geq 0.$$

Hence (2.12) is proved for  $j=1$  and  $2$ . If  $\eta$  belongs to  $I_3$  we have

$$(2.13) \quad I(K) \leq c_3 |\eta|^{-2K + (\bar{m} + 2\bar{\delta}K + 2\bar{\delta}n_0)/\tilde{\rho}}, \quad \bar{m} = \max(m, 0),$$

since it holds that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda(x, \xi + \eta) \leq c_4 |\eta|^{1/\tilde{\rho}}, \quad \eta \in I_3, \\ \left| \frac{F(x, \xi + \eta; y)}{F(x, \xi; y)} \lambda(x, \xi)^{-n\bar{\delta}} \right| \leq c_4 |\eta|^{2\bar{\delta}n_0/\tilde{\rho}} \end{array} \right.$$

for some constant  $c_4$ . By (2.13) we get (2.12) for  $j=3$  if  $K_3$  is chosen as above.

Q.E.D.

**Proposition 2.6.** *Set*

$$J_l = |\eta|^{-2K_l} \{ \lambda(z^2, \xi + \eta) + \lambda(z^2, \xi) \}^{2\bar{\delta}K_l} \lambda(z^1, \xi + \eta)^m \langle z^1 - z^0 \rangle^{-r_1} \\ \times F(z^1, \xi + \eta^1; z^1 - z^0) \langle z^2 - z^1 \rangle^{-r_2} F(z^2, \xi; z^2 - z^0), \\ (l = 1, 2, 3).$$

Then we have for  $l=1, 2, 3$

$$\int_{I_l} \int_{R^n} J_l dz^1 d\eta^1 \leq B \langle z^2 - z^0 \rangle^{-r_3} \lambda(z^2, \xi)^m F(z^2, \xi; z^2 - z^0)$$

with  $B = Cc(A_0)^{|m|}$  and  $r_3 = \min(r_1, r_2 - 2\tau\delta n_0 - \tau|m|)$  if  $K_l$  and  $I_l$  are defined as in Proposition 2.5 and  $n_0 = [n/2] + 1, r_1 \geq 0$  and  $r_2 - 2\tau\delta n_0 - \tau|m| \geq 0$ .

Proof. By means of Proposition 2.4 for  $\eta^1 = \eta, \eta^2 = 0$  and (1.1)-(ii) we get

$$(2.14) \quad \int_{R^n} J_l dz^1 \leq C(A_0)^{|m|} |\eta|^{-2K_l} \{ \lambda(z^2, \xi + \eta) + \lambda(z^2, \xi) \}^{2\delta K_l} \\ \times \left\{ \lambda(z^2, \xi + \eta)^{-\delta n} + \frac{F(z^2, \xi + \eta; z^2 - z^0)}{F(z^2, \xi, z^2 - z^0)} \lambda(z^2, \xi)^{-\delta n} \right\} \\ \times \langle z^2 - z^0 \rangle^{-r_3} \lambda(z^2, \xi + \eta)^m F(z^2, \xi; z^2 - z^0), \quad l = 1, 2, 3.$$

Now by Proposition 2.5 and we get the assertion.

Q.E.D.

Proof of Lemma 2.2. Set  $n_0 = [n/2] + 1, M = \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} |m_j|, K = [M + 2\delta n_0 + n\bar{\rho}/2(\bar{\rho} - \delta)] + 1, N = [\tau(3\delta n_0 + 3\delta K + 2M)] + 1$  and functions  $K_j = K_j(\eta^j, \eta^{j+1}, z^{j+1})$  ( $j=1, \dots, \nu-1$ ) as follow:  $K_j = 0$  on  $I_{j,1}, K_j = n_0$  on  $I_{j,2}$  and  $K_j = K$  on  $I_{j,3}$ , where

$$I_{j,1} = \{ \eta^j \in R^m; |\eta^j - \eta^{j+1}| \leq c_0 \lambda(z^{j+1}, \xi + \theta \eta^{j+1})^{\bar{\delta}} \},$$

$$I_{j,2} = \{ \eta^j \in R^n; c_0 \lambda(z^{j+1}, \xi + \theta \eta^{j+1})^{\bar{\delta}} < |\eta^j - \eta^{j+1}| \leq c_0 \lambda(z^{j+1}, \xi + \theta \eta^{j+1})^{\bar{\rho}} \}$$

and

$$I_{j,3} = \{ \eta^j \in R^n; |\eta^j - \eta^{j+1}| > c_0 \lambda(z^{j+1}, \xi + \theta \eta^{j+1})^{\bar{\rho}} \} \quad (z^\nu = x, \eta^\nu = 0).$$

By integration by parts we obtain

$$I_\theta = O_s - \int \dots \int \exp \left\{ -i \sum_{j=1}^{\nu-1} y^j \cdot \eta^j \right\} \prod_{j=1}^{\nu-1} \langle y^j \rangle^{-2N} \\ \times \{ 1 + (-\Delta_{\eta^j})^{n_0} \lambda(x + \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} y^k, \xi + \theta \eta^j)^{2\delta n_0} \} \{ 1 + \lambda(x + \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} y^k, \xi + \theta \eta^j)^{2\delta n_0} \\ \times |y^j|^{2n_0} \}^{-1} (-\Delta_{\eta^j})^N q(x, \xi + \theta \eta^1, \dots, x + \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} y^k, \xi + \theta \eta^j, \dots, x + \sum_{k=1}^{\nu-1} y^k, \xi) dV,$$

where  $y^0 = 0$ . Then by change of variables  $x + \sum_{k=1}^j y^k = z^j$  ( $j=1, \dots, \nu-1$ ) we get

$$I_\theta = \int \dots \int \exp \left\{ -i \sum_{j=1}^{\nu-1} z^j \cdot (\eta^j - \eta^{j+1}) \right\} \prod_{j=1}^{\nu-1} |\eta^j - \eta^{j+1}|^{-2K_j} (-\Delta_{z^j})^{K_j} r dV,$$

where

$$r = \prod_{j=1}^{\nu-1} \{ 1 + (-\Delta_{\eta^j})^{n_0} \lambda(z^{j-1}, \xi + \theta \eta^j)^{2\delta n_0} \} \prod_{j=1}^{\nu-1} \langle z^j - z^{j-1} \rangle^{-2N} \\ \times F(z^{j-1}, \xi + \theta \eta^j; z^j - z^{j-1}) \langle \Delta_{\eta^j} \rangle^N q(z^0, \xi + \theta \eta^1, z^1, \dots, \xi + \theta \eta^{\nu-1}, z^{\nu-1}, \xi), \\ z^0 = x \text{ and } \eta^\nu = 0.$$



Then from Proposition 2.3 and (2.3) we have with a constant  $C_1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.15) \quad & \left| \prod_{j=1}^{\nu-1} (-\Delta_{z^j})^{K_j} r \right| \leq (C_1)^\nu M_{2(K+N+n_0)} \prod_{j=1}^{\nu-1} \langle z^j - z^{j-1} \rangle^{-2N} \\
 & \times \{ \lambda(z^{j-1}, \xi + \theta\eta^j) + \lambda(z^j, \xi + \theta\eta_0^{j+1}) \}^{2\bar{\delta}K_j} F(z^{j-1}, \xi + \theta\eta^j; z^j - z^{j-1}) \\
 & \times \prod_{j=1}^{\nu} \lambda(z^{j-1}, \xi + \theta\eta^j)^{m_j} \\
 & \leq C_2^\nu M_{2(K+N+n_0)} \prod_{j=1}^{\nu-1} \{ \lambda(z^{j+1}, \xi + \theta\eta^j) + \lambda(z^{j+1}, \xi + \theta\eta^{j+1}) \}^{2\bar{\delta}K_j} \\
 & \times \langle z^j - z^{j-1} \rangle^{-2M+R} F(z^j, \xi + \theta\eta^j; z^j - z^{j-1}) \lambda(z^j, \xi + \theta\eta^j)^{m_j} \\
 & \times \langle z^\nu - z^{\nu-1} \rangle^{R'} \lambda(z^\nu, \xi)^{m_\nu},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $z^0 = z^\nu = x$ ,  $\eta^\nu = 0$ ,  $R = \tau(2\bar{\delta}n_0 + 4\bar{\delta}K + M)$ ,  $R' = \tau(2\bar{\delta}K + M)$  and  $C_2 = C_1(2A_0)^{M+2\bar{\delta}(K+n_0)}$ . We used (1.1)–(iii) and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{ 1 + \lambda(z^j, \xi + \theta\eta^j)^{\bar{\delta}} \lambda(z^{j-1}, \xi + \eta^j)^{-\bar{\delta}} \} & \leq (2A_0)^{\bar{\delta}} \langle z^j - z^{j-1} \rangle^{\bar{\delta}} \\
 (j = 1, \dots, \nu-1)
 \end{aligned}$$

in the last step. From (2.15) and Proposition 2.6 we get for  $l=1, 2, 3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{I_{1,l}} |\eta^1 - \eta^2|^{-2K_1} \left| \prod_{j=1}^{\nu-1} (-\Delta_{z^j})^{K_j} r \right| dz^1 d\eta^1 \\
 & \leq (C_2)^{\nu-1} C_3 M_{2(K+N+n_0)} \prod_{j=2}^{\nu-1} \{ \lambda(z^{j+1}, \xi + \theta\eta^j) + \lambda(z^{j+1}, \xi + \theta\eta^{j+1}) \}^{2\bar{\delta}K_j} \\
 & \times \prod_{j=3}^{\nu-1} F(z^j, \xi + \theta\eta^j; z^j - z^{j-1}) \langle z^j - z^{j-1} \rangle^{-2N+R} \lambda(z^j, \xi + \theta\eta^j)^{m_j} \\
 & \times F(z^2, \xi + \theta\eta^2; z^2 - z^0) \langle z^2 - z^0 \rangle^{-2N+R''} \lambda(z^2, \xi + \theta\eta^2)^{\tilde{m}_2} \\
 & \times \langle z^\nu - z^{\nu-1} \rangle^{R'} \lambda(z^\nu, \xi)^{m_\nu},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_3 = C_2 C c(A_0)^M$ ,  $\tilde{m}_2 = m_1 + m_2$ , and  $R'' = R + \tau(2\bar{\delta}n_0 + M)$ . Since  $-2N + R + \tau(2\bar{\delta}n_0 + M) \leq 0$ , we can repeat the same argument. Hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int \dots \int \prod_{j=1}^{\nu-1} |\eta^j - \eta^{j+1}|^{-2K_j} (-\Delta_{z^j})^{K_j} r dz^1 dz^2 \dots dz^{\nu-2} d\eta^1 d\eta^2 \dots d\eta^{\nu-2} \\
 & \leq (C_2)^2 (C_3)^{\nu-1} M_{2(K+N+n_0)} |\eta^\nu - \eta^{\nu-1}|^{-2K_{\nu-1}} \{ \lambda(z^\nu, \xi + \theta\eta^{\nu-1}) \\
 & \quad + \lambda(z^\nu, \xi + \theta\eta^\nu) \}^{2\bar{\delta}K_{\nu-1}} F(z^{\nu-1}, \xi + \theta\eta^{\nu-1}; z^{\nu-1} - z^0) \\
 & \quad \times \langle z^{\nu-1} - z^0 \rangle^{-2N+R''} \lambda(z^{\nu-1}, \xi + \theta\eta^{\nu-1})^{\tilde{m}_{\nu-1}} \langle z^\nu - z^{\nu-1} \rangle^{R'} \lambda(z^\nu, \xi)^{m_\nu} \\
 & \quad (z^0 = z^\nu = x, \eta^\nu = 0),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{m}_{\nu-1} = \sum_{j=1}^{\nu-1} m_j$ . Noting  $-2N + R'' + R' + 2\tau\bar{\delta}n_0 + M = -2N + \tau(6\bar{\delta}n_0 + 6\bar{\delta}K + 4M) \leq 0$ , we get, by (1.1)–(ii), (2.10), (2.11) and Proposition 2.5,

$$\int \dots \int \prod_{j=1}^{v-1} |\eta^j - \eta^{j+1}|^{-2K_j} |(-\Delta_{z^j})^{K_j} r| dV \leq C_2(C_3)^{v-1} M_{2(K+N+n_0)} \lambda(x, \xi)^{m_0}.$$

Take  $l_0=2(K+N+n_0)$  and  $C_0=C_3$ . Thus we get (2.5). Q.E.D.

We denote the symbol  $\sigma(P_1 P_2 \dots P_v)$  by

$$\sigma(P_1 P_2 \dots P_v) = p_1 \circ p_2 \circ \dots \circ p_v$$

as used in [9].

Now for an operator  $P=p(x, D_x) \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$  we define the adjoint operator  $P^*$  by the relation

$$(Pu, v) = (u, P^*v) \quad \text{for } u, v \in S.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} P^*u(x) &= \iint e^{i(x-y)\cdot\xi} p(y, \xi) u(y) dy d\xi \\ &= \int \dots \int e^{-(y^1 \cdot \xi^1 + y^2 \cdot \xi^2)} p(x+y^1, \xi^1) u(x+y^1+y^2) dy^1 d\xi^1 dy^2 d\xi^2. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that  $P^*$  is also a pseudo-differential operator with symbol

$$\sigma(P^*)(x, \xi) = Os - \iint e^{-iy \cdot \eta} p(x+y, \xi+\eta) dy d\eta.$$

**Theorem 2.7.** *If  $P$  belongs to  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$ , then  $P^*$  belongs to  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$ . Moreover for any  $l$  there exists  $l'$  such that*

$$|\sigma(P^*)|_{l'}^{(m)} \leq C |\sigma(P)|_l^{(m)}$$

with some constant  $C$ .

Proof. Set  $n_0=[n/2]+1$ . By integration by parts we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(P^*)(x, \xi) &= Os - \iint e^{-iy \cdot \eta} \langle y \rangle^{-2N} \{1 + \lambda(x, \xi)^{2\bar{\delta}n_0} |y|^{2n_0}\}^{-1} \\ &\quad \times \{1 + \lambda(x, \xi)^{2\bar{\delta}} (-\Delta_\eta)^{n_0}\} \langle -\Delta_\eta \rangle^N p(x+y, \xi+\eta) dy d\eta. \end{aligned}$$

Choose  $K$  as follows:  $K=0$  on  $I_1$ ,  $K=n_0$  on  $I_2$  and  $K=[(|m|+2\bar{\delta}n_0+n\bar{\rho})/2(\bar{\rho}-\delta)]+1$  on  $I_3$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \{\eta \in R^n; |\eta| \leq c_0 \lambda(x, \xi)^{\bar{\delta}}\}, \\ I_2 &= \{\eta \in R^n; c_0 \lambda(x, \xi)^{\bar{\delta}} < |\eta| \leq c_0 \lambda(x, \xi)^{\bar{\rho}}\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$I_3 = R^n \setminus (I_1 \cup I_2).$$

Then we have

$$\sigma(P^*)(x, \xi) = \iint e^{-iy \cdot \eta} |\eta|^{-2K} (-\Delta_y)^K r dy d\eta,$$

where  $r$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} |(-\Delta_y)^K r| &\leq C |\mathcal{P}|_{\frac{2}{2}(K+N+n_0)}^{(m)} \langle y \rangle^{-2N+\tau(1m+2\delta K)} \\ &\times \lambda(x, \xi + \eta)^{m+2\delta K} \{1 + \lambda(x, \xi)^{2\delta n_0} |y|^{2n_0}\}^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Choose  $2N \geq \tau(|m| + 2\delta K)$ . Noting the above estimate, we get the assertion if we repeat the same argument as in the proof of Lemma 2.2. Q.E.D.

From Theorems 2.1 and 2.7 we get the  $L^2$ -boundedness theorem by the same argument in [5].

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $P \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^0$ . Then  $P$  is a bounded operator in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and there exist  $l_0$  and  $C$  such that*

$$\|Pu\| \leq C |\mathcal{P}|_{l_0}^{(0)} \|u\|, \quad u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

For pseudo-differential operators of this class we get the following expansion theorem.

**Theorem 2.9.** *If  $p_j(x, \xi)$  belongs to  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m_j}$  ( $j=1, 2$ ), we can write for any  $N$*

$$(p_1 \circ p_2)(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha| < N} \frac{1}{\alpha!} p_1^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) p_{2(\alpha)}(x, \xi) + r_N(x, \xi),$$

where  $r_N(x, \xi)$  belongs to  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m_1+m_2-\varepsilon_0 N}$  and  $\varepsilon_0 = \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} (\rho_j - \delta_j)$ .

*Proof.* By the Taylor expansion we can write

$$\begin{aligned} (p_1 \circ p_2)(x, \xi) &= Os - \iint e^{-iy \cdot \eta} p_1(x, \xi + \eta) p_2(x + y, \xi) dy d\eta \\ &= Os - \iint e^{-iy \cdot \eta} \sum_{|\alpha| < N} \frac{1}{\alpha!} p_1^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) \eta^\alpha p_2(x + y, \xi) dy d\eta \\ &\quad + Os - \iint e^{-iy \cdot \eta} \sum_{|\gamma| = N} \frac{\eta^\gamma}{\gamma!} \int_0^1 (1-\theta)^{N-1} p_1^{(\gamma)}(x, \xi + \theta\eta) d\theta p_2(x + y, \xi) dy d\eta \\ &= \sum_{|\alpha| < N} \frac{1}{\alpha!} p_1^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) p_{2(\alpha)}(x, \xi) + r(x, \xi), \end{aligned}$$

where  $r(x, \xi) = N \sum_{|\gamma| = N} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-\theta)^{N-1}}{\gamma!} \left\{ Os - \iint e^{-iy \cdot \eta} p_1^{(\gamma)}(x, \xi + \theta\eta) \right. \\ \left. \times p_{2(\gamma)}(x + y, \xi) dy d\eta \right\} d\theta$ . Apply Lemma 2.2 for  $r(x, \xi)$  setting  $q(x^1, \xi^1, x^2, \xi^2) = \sum_{|\gamma| = N} p_1^{(\gamma)}(x^1, \xi^1) p_{2(\gamma)}(x^2, \xi^2)$ . Then it is clear that  $r(x, \xi)$  belongs to  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m_1+m_2-\varepsilon_0 N}$ . Q.E.D.

In what follows we assume that  $\varepsilon_0 = \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} (\rho_j - \delta_j)$  is positive. Let  $p(x, \xi) \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$  satisfy the following conditions (H.E)

$$(2.16) \quad (\text{H.E}) \begin{cases} |p(x, \xi)| \geq c\lambda(x, \xi)^{m'} & m \geq m' \geq 0, \\ |p_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)/p(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} \lambda(x, \xi)^{-(\rho, \alpha) + (\delta, \beta)} & (\rho > \delta). \end{cases}$$

Then we get the following theorems in the same way as in [6].

**Theorem 2.10** (cf. [4], [6]). *If  $p(x, \xi)$  satisfies Condition (H.E), then  $p(x, D_x)$  has a parametrix  $q(x, D_x)$ , which belongs to  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-m'}$ , in the sense  $p(x, D_x)q(x, D_x) \equiv q(x, D_x)p(x, D_x) \equiv I \pmod{S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-\infty}}$ .*

**Theorem 2.11** (cf. [6], [8]). *If  $p(x, \xi)$  satisfies (H.E) and  $\arg p(x, \xi)$  is well defined, then we can construct the complex power  $\{p_z(x, D_x)\}_{z \in \mathbb{C}}$  of  $p(x, D_x)$  such that  $P_{z_1}P_{z_2} \equiv P_{z_1+z_2}$ ,  $P_0 = I$ ,  $P_1 \equiv P$ ,  $P_z \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m \operatorname{Re} z}$  ( $\operatorname{Re} z \geq 0$ ) and  $P_z \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m' \operatorname{Re} z}$  ( $\operatorname{Re} z < 0$ ).*

Let  $\Lambda(x, D_x)$  be a pseudo-differential operator with a symbol  $\lambda(x, \xi)$ . For any  $s \geq 0$  we define  $H_s = \{u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n); \Lambda_s(x, D_x)u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^m)\}$  with the norm

$$\|u\|_s^2 = \|\Lambda_s u\|^2 + \|u\|^2.$$

Let  $0 \leq s_1 < s_2$  and let  $\lambda(x, \xi)$  satisfy that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $C_\varepsilon$  such that

$$(2.17) \quad \lambda(x, \xi)^{s_1} \leq \varepsilon \lambda(x, \xi)^{s_2} + C_\varepsilon.$$

**Proposition 2.12.** *If  $\lambda(x, \xi)$  satisfies (2.17), then we have for any  $\varepsilon > 0$*

$$\|u\|_{s_1} \leq \varepsilon \|u\|_{s_2} + C_\varepsilon \|u\|$$

with a constant  $C_\varepsilon$ .

**Proposition 2.13.** *Let  $p(x, \xi) \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$  satisfy (H.E) and let  $q(x, \xi)$  satisfy*

$$|q_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)/p(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} \lambda(x, \xi)^{k - (\rho, \alpha) + (\delta, \beta)}$$

with a constant  $k$ . Then there exists  $r(x, \xi) \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^k$  such that  $q(x, D_x) = r(x, D_x)p(x, D_x) + k(x, D_x)$ , with  $k(x, \xi) \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-\infty}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $r_1(x, \xi) = q(x, \xi)/p(x, \xi) \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^k$ . Then we have for any  $N$

$$(r_1 \circ p)(x, \xi) = q(x, \xi) + t_N(x, \xi) + k_N(x, \xi),$$

where  $t_N(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha| \geq 1} \frac{1}{\alpha!} r_1^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) p_{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)$  and  $k_N(x, \xi) \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m+k-\varepsilon_0 N}$ . We note that

$$|t_N^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)/p(x, \xi)| \leq C'_{\alpha, \beta} \lambda(x, \xi)^{k - \varepsilon_0 - (\rho, \alpha) + (\delta, \beta)}.$$

Set  $r_2(x, \xi) = t_N(x, \xi)/p(x, \xi) \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{k-\varepsilon_0}$ . Then we have

$$\sigma\left(\sum_{j=1}^2 r_j(x, D_x)p(x, D_x)\right) = q(x, \xi) + t'_N(x, \xi) + k'_N(x, \xi),$$

where  $t'_N(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha| \geq 1} \frac{1}{\alpha!} r_2^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) p_{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)$  and  $k'_N(x, \xi) \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m+k-\varepsilon_0 N}$ . If we repeat the same calculus, we get the assertion. Q.E.D.

**Proposition 2.14.** *If  $p_\varepsilon(x, \xi)$  converges to  $p_0(x, \xi)$  weakly in  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , then  $(p_\varepsilon \circ q)(x, \xi)$  converges to  $(p_0 \circ q)(x, \xi)$  weakly in  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m+k}$  for any  $q(x, \xi) \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^k$ . Moreover  $P_\varepsilon u$  converges to  $P_0 u$  in  $H_{s-m}$  for  $u \in H_s$ .*

Proof. For large  $l$  and  $l'$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & (p_\varepsilon \circ q)(x, \xi) \\ &= \int \dots \int e^{-iy \cdot \eta} \langle y \rangle^{-2l'} \langle D_\eta \rangle^{2l'} \{ \langle \eta \rangle^{-2l} \langle D_\eta \rangle^{2l} p_\varepsilon(x, \xi + \eta) q(x + y, \xi) \} dy d\eta. \end{aligned}$$

Then the first part of the Proposition is clear. Set  $Q_\varepsilon = \Lambda_{-s-m} P_\varepsilon \Lambda_s$ . Then  $Q_\varepsilon$  belongs to  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^0$  and  $q_\varepsilon(x, \xi)$  converges to  $q(x, \xi)$  weakly in  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^0$ . It is sufficient to show that if  $q_\varepsilon(x, \xi)$  converges to 0 weakly in  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^0$ , then  $Q_\varepsilon u$  converges to 0 for  $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Define  $u_\varepsilon(x) = \varphi_\varepsilon(x) \varphi_\varepsilon(D_x) u$  where  $\varphi_\varepsilon(x) = \varphi(\varepsilon x)$  and  $\varphi$  is a  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ -function such that  $\varphi(x) = 1$  ( $|x| \leq 1$ ) and  $\varphi(x) = 0$  ( $|x| \geq 2$ ). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q_\varepsilon u\| &\leq \|Q_\varepsilon(u_\varepsilon - u)\| + \|Q_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon\| \\ &\leq C \|u_\varepsilon - u\| + \|Q_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon\|, \end{aligned}$$

where we use Theorem 2.8. It is clear that  $u_\varepsilon$  converges to  $u$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We can write

$$Q_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon = \tilde{q}_\varepsilon(x, D_x) u,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{q}_\varepsilon(x, \xi) &= \iint_{|x+y| \leq 2\varepsilon^{-1}} e^{-iy \cdot \eta} \langle y \rangle^{-2l'} \langle D_\eta \rangle^{2l'} (\langle \eta \rangle^{-2l} q(x, \xi + \eta)) \\ &\quad \times \langle D_y \rangle^{2l} \varphi(\varepsilon(x+y)) \varphi(\varepsilon \xi) dy d\eta. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\tilde{q}_\varepsilon(x, \xi)$  converges to 0 in  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^0$ . So we get  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \|Q_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon\| = 0$  by Theorem 2.8. Q.E.D.

### 3. Fundamental solution of degenerate pseudo-differential operator of parabolic type and the Cauchy problem

In this section we consider the Cauchy problem for a pseudo-differential operator of parabolic type as follows.

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{cases} Lu(t) = \left( \frac{d}{dt} + p(t; x, D_x) \right) u(t) = f(t) & \text{in } 0 < t < T \\ u(0) = u_0 \end{cases}$$

where  $p(t; x, D_x)$  is an operator in the class  $\mathcal{E}_i^0(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m)$  ( $\delta < \rho$ ) on  $[0, T]$  which satisfies the following conditions

$$(3.2) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(i)} \quad \text{There exist constants } c_1 \geq 0 \text{ and } c_0 > 0 \text{ such that} \\ \quad \text{Re } p(t; x, \xi) + c_1 \geq c_0 \lambda(x, \xi)^{m'} \text{ in } [0, T] \quad m \geq m' \geq 0. \\ \text{(ii)} \quad \text{For any multi-index } \alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \text{ and } \beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \\ \quad \text{there exists a constant } C_{\alpha, \beta} \text{ such that} \\ \quad |p_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(t; x, \xi) / (\text{Re } p(t; x, \xi) + c_1)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} \lambda(x, \xi)^{-(\rho, \omega) + (\delta, \beta)} \\ \quad \text{in } [0, T]. \end{array} \right.$$

We call  $E(t, s)$  the fundamental solution of  $L$  if  $E(t, s)$  satisfies

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{cases} LE(t, s) = 0 & \text{in } 0 \leq s < t \leq T, \\ E(s, s) = I \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *Under the assumptions (3.2)-(i) and (3.2)-(ii) there exists a fundamental solution  $E(t, s)$  in the class  $\omega - \mathcal{E}_{i, s}^0(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^0)$  in  $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ . Moreover for any  $N$  such that  $m - \varepsilon_0 N \leq 0$  ( $\varepsilon_0 = \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} (\rho_j - \delta_j)$ )  $E(t, s)$  has the following expansion*

$$e(t, s) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} e_j(t, s) + f_N(t, s),$$

where

$$(3.4) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(i)} \quad e_j(t, s) \in \omega - \mathcal{E}_{i, s}^0(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-\varepsilon_0 j}), \quad j \geq 0 \\ \text{(ii)} \quad e_0(t, s) \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } t \rightarrow s \text{ weakly in } S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^0, \\ \text{(iii)} \quad e_j(t, s) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow s \text{ weakly in } S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-\varepsilon_0 j}, \\ \text{(iv)} \quad a_{j, \alpha, \beta}(t, s; x, \xi) = e_{j, (\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(t, s; x, \xi) / e_0(t, s; x, \xi) \quad (j \geq 0) \text{ satisfies} \\ \quad |a_{j, \alpha, \beta}(t, s; x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} \lambda(x, \xi)^{-\varepsilon_0 j - (\rho, \omega) + (\delta, \beta)} \\ \quad \times \sum_{k=2}^{|\alpha| + |\beta| - 2j} \left\{ \text{Re} \int_s^t p(\sigma; x, \xi) d\sigma + c_1(t-s) \right\}^k \\ \text{(v)} \quad f_N(t, s) \in \omega - \mathcal{E}_{i, s}^0(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m - \varepsilon_0 N}) \text{ and satisfies} \\ \quad |f_N^{(\alpha)}(t, s; x, \xi)| \leq C(t-s)^k \lambda(x, \xi)^{km - \varepsilon_0 N - (\rho, \omega) + (\delta, \beta)} \\ \quad (k=1, 2). \end{array} \right.$$

Proof. We may assume (3.2) for  $c_1=0$ . In fact let  $E_{c_1}(t, s)$  be the fundamental solution for  $L+c_1$ . Then  $E(t, s) = e^{c_1(t-s)} E_{c_1}(t, s)$  is the fundamental solution for  $L$ .

As in [10], [11] we construct  $e_j(t, s; x, \xi)$  ( $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ ) as the series of solutions of the following equations

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{cases} \left( \frac{d}{dt} + p(t; x, \xi) \right) e_0(t, s; x, \xi) = 0 & \text{in } t > s, \\ e_0(s, s; x, \xi) = 1 \end{cases}$$

and for  $j \geq 1$

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{cases} \left(\frac{d}{dt} + p(t; x, \xi)\right) e_j(t, s; x, \xi) = -q_j(t, s; x, \xi) & \text{in } t > s, \\ e_j(s, s; x, \xi) = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $q_j(t, s; x, \xi)$  is defined by

$$(3.7) \quad q_j(t, s; x, \xi) = \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \sum_{|\alpha|+k=j} \frac{1}{\alpha!} p^{(\alpha)}(t; x, \xi) e_{k(\alpha)}(t, s; x, \xi).$$

Set

$$(3.8) \quad b_{j,\alpha,\beta}(t, s; x, \xi) = q_{j(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(t, s; x, \xi) / e_0(t, s; x, \xi) \quad j \geq 1.$$

Then, by (3.5)~(3.7) and (3.2)-(ii) we have the following proposition, which derives (3.4)-(i)~(3.4)-(iv).

**Proposition 3.2.** *For any  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  there exists a constant  $C_{j,\alpha,\beta}$  such that*

$$(3.9)_j \quad |a_{j,\alpha,\beta}(t, s; x, \xi)| \leq C_{j,\alpha,\beta} \lambda(x, \xi)^{-\varepsilon_0 j - (\rho, \alpha) + (\delta, \beta)} \omega_{j,\alpha,\beta} \quad (j \geq 0),$$

$$(3.10)_j \quad |b_{j,\alpha,\beta}(t, s; x, \xi)| \leq C_{j,\alpha,\beta} \operatorname{Re} p(t; x, \xi) \lambda(x, \xi)^{-\varepsilon_0 j - (\rho, \alpha) + (\delta, \beta)} \omega'_{j,\alpha,\beta} \quad (j \geq 1),$$

where  $\omega_{j,\alpha,\beta}$  and  $\omega'_{j,\alpha,\beta}$  are defined by

$$\omega_{0,0,0} = 1, \quad \omega_{0,\alpha,\beta} = \max \{\omega, \omega^{|\alpha|+|\beta|}\} \quad |\alpha| + |\beta| \neq 0$$

$$\omega_{j,\alpha,\beta} = \max \{\omega^2, \omega^{2+|\alpha|+|\beta|}\} \quad (j \geq 1),$$

$$\omega'_{j,\alpha,\beta} = \max \{\omega, \omega^{2j-1+|\alpha|+|\beta|}\} \quad (j \geq 1)$$

$$\text{and } \omega = \int_s^t \operatorname{Re} p(\sigma; x, \xi) d\sigma.$$

Proof. By (3.7) we have

$$q_{j(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(t, s; x, \xi) = \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \sum_{|\gamma|+k=j} \sum_{\substack{\alpha_k \leq \alpha \\ \beta_k \leq \beta}} C_{j,\alpha,\beta,\gamma} p_{(\beta_k)}^{(\gamma+\alpha_k)}(t) e_{k(\gamma+\beta_k)}^{(\alpha-\alpha_k)}(t, s)$$

with some positive constants  $C_{\gamma,\alpha,\beta}$ . Then it follows that

$$(3.11) \quad b_{j,\alpha,\beta}(t, s) = \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \sum_{|\gamma|+k=j} \sum_{\substack{\alpha_k + \alpha_{k'} = \alpha \\ \beta_k + \beta_{k'} = \beta}} C_{\gamma,\alpha,\beta} p_{(\beta_k)}^{(\gamma+\alpha_k)}(t) a_{k,\alpha'_k,\gamma+\beta'_k}(t, s).$$

From (3.6) we can write

$$e_j(t, s; x, \xi) = \int_s^t -e_0(t, \sigma; x, \xi) q_j(\sigma, s; x, \xi) d\sigma.$$

Thus we have for any  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $j \geq 1$

$$(3.12)_j \quad a_{j,\alpha,\beta}(t, s) = - \sum_{\substack{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = \alpha \\ \beta_1 + \beta_2 = \beta}} \alpha! \beta! / (\alpha_1! \alpha_2! \beta_1! \beta_2!) \int_s^t a_{0,\alpha_1,\beta_1}(t, \sigma) b_{j,\alpha_2,\beta_2}(\sigma, s) d\sigma .$$

We shall prove (3.9)<sub>j</sub> and (3.10)<sub>j</sub> inductively. By (3.5) we get

$$(3.13) \quad e_0(t, s; x, \xi) = \exp \left( - \int_s^t p(\sigma; x, \xi) d\sigma \right) .$$

Then  $a_{0,\alpha,\beta}(t, s)$  is a linear summation of

$$\int_s^t p_{(\beta_1)}^{(\alpha_1)}(\sigma; x, \xi) d\sigma \cdots \int_s^t p_{(\beta_j)}^{(\alpha_j)}(\sigma; x, \xi) d\sigma$$

with  $\alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_j = \alpha, \beta_1 + \cdots + \beta_j = \beta$ . Hence we get (3.9)<sub>0</sub> from the assumption (3.2)-(ii). By (3.11), (3.9)<sub>0</sub> and (3.2)-(ii) we get (3.10)<sub>1</sub>. Now assume (3.9)<sub>j</sub> for  $j \leq k-1$  and (3.10)<sub>j</sub> for  $j \leq k$ . Then we get (3.9)<sub>k</sub> and (3.10)<sub>k+1</sub> in the following way. From (3.9)<sub>0</sub>, (3.10)<sub>k</sub> and (3.12) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{k,\alpha,\beta}(t, s)| &\leq C'_{k,\alpha,\beta} \lambda^{-\varepsilon_0 k - (\rho, \omega) + (\delta, \beta)} \omega \sum_{\substack{\alpha_2 + \alpha_2 = \alpha \\ \beta_1 + \beta_2 = \beta}} \omega'_{k,\alpha_1,\beta_1} \omega_{0,\alpha_2,\beta_2} \\ &\leq C_{k,\alpha,\beta} \lambda^{-\varepsilon_0 k - (\rho, \omega) + (\delta, \beta)} \omega_{k,\alpha,\beta} . \end{aligned}$$

By (3.11) and (3.9)<sub>j</sub> for  $j \leq k$ , it is clear that

$$|b_{k+1,\alpha,\beta}(t, s)| \leq C'_{k,\alpha,\beta} \lambda^{-\varepsilon_0(k+1) - (\rho, \omega) + (\delta, \beta)} \operatorname{Re} p(t) \sum_{j=0}^k \sum_{|\gamma|+j=k+1} \sum_{\substack{\alpha_j < \alpha \\ \beta_j < \beta}} \omega_{j,\alpha_j,\beta_j+\gamma}$$

with some constant  $C'_{k,\alpha,\beta}$ . Also it is easy to show

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\substack{\alpha' < \alpha, \beta' < \beta \\ 0 \leq j \leq k \\ |\gamma|+j=k+1}} \omega_{j,\alpha',\beta'+\gamma} &\leq \omega'_{k+1,\alpha,\beta} . \end{aligned}$$

Then (3.10)<sub>k+1</sub> is proved.

Q.E.D.

Now by Theorem 2.9, we can write for any  $N \geq 1$

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{aligned} \sigma(P(t)E_j(t, s; x, D_x))(x, \xi) &= p(t; x, \xi) e_j(t, s; x, \xi) \\ &+ \sum_{0 < |\alpha| \leq N-j-1} \frac{1}{\alpha!} p^{(\alpha)}(t; x, \xi) e_{j(\omega)}(t, s; x, \xi) + r_{N,j}(t, s; x, \xi) . \end{aligned}$$

Taking a summation in  $j$ , it is clear by (3.5)~(3.7) that

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{aligned} \left( \frac{d}{dt} + P(t) \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} E_j(t, s) \right) &= \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \left( \left( \frac{d}{dt} + p(t) \right) e_j \right) (t, s; x, D_x) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} q_j(t, s; x, D_x) + \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} r_{N,j}(t, s; x, D_x) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} r_{N,j}(t, s; x, D_x) . \end{aligned}$$



**Proposition 3.3.** *We have  $r_{N,j}(t, s; x, \xi) \in \omega - \mathcal{C}_{l,s}^0(S_{\lambda,\rho,\delta}^{m-\varepsilon_0 N})$  and for any  $\alpha, \beta$*

$$(3.16) \quad |r_{N,j}^{(\alpha)}(t, s; x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha,\beta} (t-s)^k \lambda(x, \xi)^{(k+1)m - \varepsilon_0 N - (\rho,\omega) + (\delta,\beta)}, \quad k = 0, 1.$$

Proof. From (3.4)-(i) and (3.14) we have  $r_{N,j}(t, s; x, \xi) \in \omega - \mathcal{C}_{l,s}^0(S_{\lambda,\rho,\delta}^{m-\varepsilon_0 N})$ . From (3.9)<sub>j</sub> and  $\omega \leq C(t-s)\lambda(x, \xi)^m$ , we get (3.16). Q.E.D.

Put  $\sum_{j=0}^N r_{N,j}(t, s; x, \xi) = r_N(t, s; x, \xi)$  and  $\sum_{j=0}^N e_j(t, s; x, \xi) = k_N(t, s; x, \xi)$ . Then we can write by (3.15)

$$(3.17) \quad \begin{cases} LK_N(t, s) = R_N(t, s) & \text{in } t > s \ (0 \leq s < t \leq T) \\ K_N(s, s) = I. \end{cases}$$

Now we construct  $e(t, s; x, \xi)$  in the form

$$e(t, s; x, D_x) = k_N(t, s; x, D_x) + \int_s^t k_N(t, \sigma; x, D_x) \varphi(\sigma, s; x, D_x) d\sigma.$$

Then  $\varphi(t, s; x, D_x) = \Phi(t, s)$  must satisfy a Volterra's integral equation

$$(3.18) \quad R_N(t, s) + \Phi(t, s) + \int_s^t R_N(t, \sigma) \Phi(\sigma, s) d\sigma = 0.$$

Set  $\Phi_1(t, s) = -R_N(t, s)$  and define  $\Phi_j(t, s)$  for  $j \geq 2$

$$(3.19) \quad \begin{aligned} \Phi_j(t, s) &= \int_s^t \Phi_1(t, \sigma) \Phi_{j-1}(\sigma, s) d\sigma \\ &= \int_s^t \int_s^{s_1} \dots \int_s^{s_{j-2}} \Phi_1(t, s_1) \Phi_1(s_1, s_2) \dots \Phi_1(s_{j-1}, s) ds_{j-1} \dots ds_1. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$(3.20) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^l \Phi_j(t, s) &= \Phi_1(t, s) + \sum_{j=2}^l \Phi_j(t, s) \\ &= -R_N(t, s) - \int_s^t R_N(t, \sigma) \sum_{j=1}^{l-1} \Phi_j(\sigma, s) d\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\sigma(\Phi_j(t, s)) = \varphi_j(t, s; x, \xi)$  we have the following estimates.

**Proposition 3.4.** *We have some constants  $B_{\alpha,\beta}$  and  $B'_{\alpha,\beta}$  independent of  $j$  such that*

$$(3.21) \quad |\varphi_{j(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(t, s; x, \xi)| \leq (B_{\alpha,\beta})^j \frac{(t-s)^{j-1}}{(j-1)!} \lambda(x, \xi)^{m - \varepsilon_0 N - (\rho,\omega) + (\delta,\beta)}$$

$$(3.22) \quad |\varphi_{j(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(t, s; x, \xi)| \leq (B'_{\alpha,\beta})^j \frac{(t-s)^{j-1}}{j!} (t-s) \lambda(x, \xi)^{2m - \varepsilon_0 N - (\rho,\omega) + (\delta,\beta)}.$$

Proof. Note that  $r(t, s; x, \xi) = -\varphi_1(t, s; x, \xi)$  satisfies (3.16). Take  $N$

such that  $m - \varepsilon_0 N \leq 0$ . Then we can apply Theorem 2.1 to  $\Phi_1(s_{j-1}, s_j)$ . For any  $l, \alpha$  and  $\beta$  there exists  $l_0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & |\varphi_{j(\beta)}^{(\omega)}(t, s; x, \xi)|^{(m - \varepsilon_0 N)} \\ & \leq C^j |\varphi_1|_{l_0}^{(m - \varepsilon_0 N)} (|\varphi_1|_{l_0}^{(0)})^{j-1} \int_s^t \cdots \int_s^{s_{j-2}} ds_{j-1} \cdots ds_1 \\ & \leq (B_{\alpha, \beta})^j \frac{(t-s)^{j-1}}{(j-1)!}. \end{aligned}$$

If we use (3.16) for  $k=1$  instead of (3.16) for  $k=0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & |\varphi_{j(\beta)}^{(\omega)}(t, s; x, \xi)|^{(2m - \varepsilon_0 N)} \\ & \leq C^j |\varphi_1|_{l_0}^{(2m - \varepsilon_0 N)} (|\varphi_1|_{l_0}^{(0)})^{j-1} \int_s^t \cdots \int_s^{s_{j-2}} (s_{j-1} - s) ds_{j-1} \cdots ds_1 \\ & \leq (B'_{\alpha, \beta})^j \frac{(t-s)^j}{j!} \end{aligned} \tag{Q.E.D.}$$

Set  $\varphi(t, s; x, \xi) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \varphi_j(t, s; x, \xi)$ . In view of (3.21)  $\varphi(t, s; x, \xi)$  belongs to  $\omega - \mathcal{E}_{t,s}^0(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m - \varepsilon_0 N})$  and satisfies (3.18) and

$$(3.23) \quad |\varphi_{j(\beta)}^{(\omega)}(t, s; x, \xi)| \leq \lambda(x, \xi)^{(k+1)m - \varepsilon_0 N - (\rho, \omega) + (\delta, \beta)} \exp \{B_{\alpha, \beta}(t-s)\} \quad (k=0, 1).$$

Note that  $K_N(t, s)$  belongs to  $\omega - \mathcal{E}_{t,s}^0(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^0)$ . Then by (3.23) we get (3.4)-(v). Q.E.D.

REMARK. 1. By the same method we can construct the fundamental solution for  $L = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + p(t; x, D_x) + q(t; x, D_x)$  under the following conditions:

- (i)  $p(t; x, \xi)$  satisfies (3.2).
- (ii) There exist  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  and  $k \geq 0$  such that

$$\left| \int_s^t q_{j(\beta)}^{(\omega)}(\sigma; x, \xi) d\sigma \right| \leq C'_{\alpha, \beta} \lambda(x, \xi)^{-\varepsilon_1 - (\rho, \omega) + (\delta, \beta)} \left\{ \int_s^t |p(\sigma; x, \xi)| d\sigma \right\}^k$$

In this case  $e_0(t, s; x, \xi)$  is defined by (3.5) and  $e_j(t, s; x, \xi)$  is defined by (3.6) setting

$$q_j(t, s; x, \xi) = \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \sum_{|\alpha|+k=j} \frac{1}{\alpha!} p^{(\omega)}(t; x, \xi) e_{k(\omega)}(t, s; x, \xi) + q(t; x, \xi) e_{j-1}(t, s; x, \xi).$$

REMARK. 2. If  $p(t; x, \xi)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}_t^\infty(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m)$ , the fundamental solution  $e(t, s; x, \xi)$  belongs to  $\bigcap_{l=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_t^l(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m-l})$ .

We note that  $P^*(t)$  also satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 3.1. So we can construct  $V(t, s) \in \omega - \mathcal{E}_{t,s}^0(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^0)$  which satisfies

$$(3.24) \quad \begin{cases} -\frac{\partial}{\partial s} V(t, s) + p^*(s; x, D_x)V(t, s) = 0 & 0 \leq s < t \leq T \\ V(t, t) = I \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $V(t, s)$  and  $E(t, s)$  satisfy (3.24) and (3.3) respectively. Then we get*

$$(3.25) \quad E^*(t, s) = V(t, s) \quad 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$$

and

$$(3.26) \quad -\frac{\partial}{\partial s} E(t, s) + E(t, s)p(s; x, D_x) = 0.$$

*Proof.* Let  $f$  and  $g$  be any function of  $\mathcal{S}(R^n)$ . For any  $r$  such that  $s < r < t$  it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (E(r, s)f, V(t, r)g) \\ &= -(P(r)E(r, s)f, V(t, r)g) + (E(r, s)f, P^*(r)V(t, r)g) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

If we use that  $E(t, s) \rightarrow I, V(t, s) \rightarrow I$  in  $L^2(R^n)$  as  $t \rightarrow s$ , we get (3.25). Considering the adjoint of (3.24), we get (3.26) if we use (3.25). Q.E.D.

**Corollary.** *If  $p(t; x, D_x)$  is independent of  $t$  and self-adjoint then  $E(t, s) = E(t-s)$  is also self-adjoint.*

**Theorem 3.6.** *Under the condition (3.2) the fundamental solution  $E(t, s)$  is uniquely determined in the class  $\omega - \mathcal{E}_{t,s}^0(\mathcal{S}_{\lambda,\rho,\delta}^\infty)$ .*

In order to prove the above theorem we prepare the following

**Proposition 3.7.** *Under the condition (3.2) there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that*

$$\operatorname{Re} (p(t; x, D_x)u, u) + c(u, u) \geq 0 \quad u \in \mathcal{S}(R^n).$$

*Proof of Theorem 3.6.* Let  $E(t, s) (\in \omega - \mathcal{E}_{t,s}^0(\mathcal{S}_{\lambda,\rho,\delta}^\infty))$  satisfy  $LE(t, s) = 0$  in  $t > s$  and  $E(s, s) = 0$ . Then  $e^{-ct}E(t, s) = E_c(t, s)$  satisfies

$$(3.27) \quad \begin{cases} (L+c)E_c(t, s) = 0 & \text{in } t > s, \\ E_c(s, s) = 0 \end{cases}$$

For any  $u \in \mathcal{S}(R^n)$  we get by the above proposition

$$\frac{d}{dt} (E_c(t, s)u, E_c(t, s)u)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2 \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{d}{dt} E_c(t, s)u, E_c(t, s)u \right) \\
 &= -2 \operatorname{Re} ((P(t)+c)E_c(t, s)u, E_c(t, s)u) \leq 0 .
 \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\|E_c(t, s)u\| \leq \|E_c(s, s)u\| = 0 .$$

This means for any  $x \in R^n$  and  $\xi \in R^n$

$$e_c(t, s; x, \xi) = 0 \quad \text{in } t \geq s .$$

Hence we get  $e(t, s; x, \xi) = 0$ .

Q.E.D.

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $p(t; x, \xi)$  belong to  $\mathcal{E}_t^\infty(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m)$  and satisfy (3.2). Then for any  $f(t) \in \mathcal{E}_t^0(H_s)$  and  $u_0 \in H_s$ , the solution  $u(t) \in \mathcal{E}_t^k(H_{s-km})$  of (3.1) is given by*

$$(3.28) \quad u(t) = E(t, 0)u_0 + \int_0^t E(t, s)f(s)ds .$$

This is the unique solution of (3.1) and  $u(t) \rightarrow u_0$  in  $H_s$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . Moreover we get

$$(3.29) \quad \left\| \frac{d^k}{dt^k} u(t) \right\|_{s-km} \leq C \|u_0\|_s + \int_0^t \|f(\sigma)\|_s d\sigma .$$

Proof. It is easy to show that  $u(t)$  given by (3.28) is a solution of (3.1). Let  $u(t)$  satisfy (3.1). Then

$$E(t, s)P(s)u(s) = E(t, s) \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right) u(s) + E(t, s)f(s) .$$

Integrating with respect to  $s$ , we get

$$\int_0^t E(t, s)P(s)u(s)ds = \int_0^t E(t, s)f(s)ds + \int_0^t \frac{d}{ds} E(t, s)u(s)ds - [E(t, s)u(s)]_0^t .$$

By (3.28) we have

$$u(t) = \int_0^t E(t, s)f(s)ds + E(t, 0)u(0) .$$

The inequality (3.29) is clear if we note that  $E(t, s)$  belongs to  $\omega - \mathcal{E}_{t,s}^l(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{m_l})$  ( $l=1, 2, \dots$ ).

Proof of Proposition 3.7. Set  $Q(t) = (P(t) + P^*(t))/2$ . Then  $q(t; x, \xi)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\operatorname{Re} q(t; x, \xi) + c_1 \geq c_0 \lambda(x, \xi)^{m'} , \\
 &|q_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(t; x, \xi) / (\operatorname{Re} q(t; x, \xi) + c_1)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} \lambda(x, \xi)^{-(\rho, \alpha) + (\delta, \beta)}
 \end{aligned}$$

with constants  $c_0$  and  $c_1$ . Apply Theorem 2.11. Then we can construct the complex power  $\{\tilde{Q}_s(t)\}$  for  $Q(t) + c_1$ . Note that  $Q(t)$  is self-adjoint. Then we have  $\tilde{Q}_s^*(t) \equiv \tilde{Q}_s(t)$  for real  $s$  (See Lemma 4.2 in [6]). We obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} ((P(t)+c_1)u, u) = (\tilde{Q}(t)u, u) = (\tilde{Q}_{1/2}(t)u, \tilde{Q}_{1/2}(t)u) + (K(t)u, u),$$

for some  $K(t) \in \mathcal{E}'_i(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-\infty})$ . Then we have

$$\operatorname{Re} ((P(t)+c_1)u, u) \geq \|\tilde{Q}_{1/2}u\|^2 - c_2\|u\|^2.$$

Take  $C=c_1+c_2$ . Then we get the assertion.

Q.E.D.

#### 4. Behavior of $E(t, s)$ as $(t-s) \rightarrow \infty$

In this section we assume for the basic weight function  $\lambda(x, \xi)$  to satisfy

$$(4.1) \quad \lambda(x, \xi) \geq A_0(1 + |x| + |\xi|)^\sigma$$

with a positive constant  $\sigma$  and for  $p(t; x, \xi) \in \mathcal{E}'_i(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m)$  to satisfy (3.2) with a positive constant  $m'$  and assume that there exist a positive constant  $c_2$  and  $t_0 \geq 0$  such that

$$(4.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} (P(t)u, u) \geq c_2\|u\|^2 \quad t_0 < t < \infty$$

for  $u \in \mathcal{S}(R^n)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $u(t) \in \mathcal{E}'_i(\mathcal{S}(R^n))$  satisfy  $Lu(t) = g(t)$  in  $t > t_0$ . Then for  $b \geq 0$  and any  $c_3 < c_2$  there exists a constant  $B$  independent of  $t$  such that*

$$\|u(t)\|_b \leq B \left( e^{-c_3(t-t_0)} \|u(t_0)\|_b + \int_{t_0}^t e^{-c_3(t-s)} \|g(s)\|_b ds \right).$$

For the proof of the above theorem we prepare the following

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $v$  and  $w$  belong to  $\mathcal{S}(R^n)$ . Then we have with a constant  $C$*

$$(4.3) \quad |(Av, Bw)| \leq C \|v\| \|w\| \quad \text{if } A \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-m} \text{ and } B \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^m,$$

$$(4.4) \quad |(Av, Bw) - (A_1v, B_1w)| \leq C \|v\| \|w\|$$

if  $A, A_1, B, B_1 \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^\infty, A \equiv A_1$  and  $B \equiv B_1,$

$$(4.5) \quad \operatorname{Re} (P(t)\Lambda_s v, \Lambda_s v) \geq 1/2 \|Q_{1/2}\Lambda_s v\|^2 - C \|v\|^2$$

and

$$(4.6) \quad |([\Lambda_s, P(t)]v, \Lambda_s v)| \leq \varepsilon \|Q_{1/2}\Lambda_s v\|^2 + C_\varepsilon \|v\|^2 \quad \text{for any } \varepsilon > 0$$

where  $\{Q_s(t)\}$  is the complex power of  $Q(t) = (P(t) + P^*(t))/2 + c_1$

Proof. Set  $R = (\Lambda + \Lambda^*)/2 + d$  for large number  $d$  such that  $\sigma(R)$  satisfies (H.E) (see (2.16)). Let  $\{R_s\}$  be the complex power for  $R$  constructed in §2. We can write  $R_{-m}R_m + K_1 = I$ , where  $K_1$  belongs to  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-\infty}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (Av, Bw) &= (R_m Av, R_{-m} Bw) + (K_1 Av, Bw) \\ &= (R_m Av, R_{-m} Bw) + (R_m K_1 Av, R_{-m} Bw) + (K_1 Av, K_1^* Bw). \end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $R_m A, R_{-m} B, R_m K_1 A, K_1 A$  and  $K_1^* B$  belong to  $S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^0$ , we get (4.3). The estimate (4.4) is clear by (4.3).

For (4.5) we write

$$\operatorname{Re}(P(t)\Lambda_s v, \Lambda_s \bar{v}) = (Q_{1/2}(t)\Lambda_s v, Q_{1/2}(t)\Lambda_s \bar{v}) + (K_2(t)\Lambda_s v, \Lambda_s \bar{v}) - c_1(\Lambda_s v, \Lambda_s \bar{v}),$$

where

$$(4.7) \quad Q_{1/2}^*(t)Q_{1/2}(t) + K_2(t) = Q(t), \quad K_2 \in \mathcal{E}_t^\infty(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-\infty}).$$

We can write by Proposition 2.13  $c_1 \equiv G_1(t)Q_{1/2}(t)$  where  $G_1(t)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}_t^\infty(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-m'/2})$ . Then we get

$$\operatorname{Re}(P(t)\Lambda_s v, \Lambda_s \bar{v}) \geq \|Q_{1/2}(t)\Lambda_s v\|^2 - \|G_1(t)Q_{1/2}(t)\Lambda_s v\|^2 - C'\|v\|^2.$$

by (4.4). Now applying Proposition 2.12, we get

$$\operatorname{Re}(P(t)\Lambda_s v, \Lambda_s \bar{v}) \geq 1/2\|Q_{1/2}(t)\Lambda_s v\|^2 - C''\|v\|^2.$$

By Proposition 2.13 we can write  $[\Lambda_s, P(t)] \equiv G_2 Q(t)$ , where  $G_2(t) \in \mathcal{E}_t^\infty(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-\varepsilon_0})$ . By (4.7) and  $Q_{1/2} G_2^* \equiv G_3 Q_{1/2}$  with  $G_3 \in \mathcal{E}_t^\infty(S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-\varepsilon_0})$  we get for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  the estimate (4.6). Q.E.D.

Proof of Theorem 4.1. Note that  $\Lambda_b u(t)$  satisfies

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + P(t)\right)\Lambda_b u(t) = \Lambda_b g(t) - [\Lambda_b, P(t)]u(t) \quad \text{for } b \geq 0.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Lambda_b u(t), \Lambda_b u(t)) &= -2\operatorname{Re}(P(t)\Lambda_b u(t), \Lambda_b u(t)) \\ &\quad + 2\operatorname{Re}(\Lambda_b g(t), \Lambda_b u(t)) + 2\operatorname{Re}([\Lambda_b, P(t)]u(t), \Lambda_b u(t)). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4.2 and (4.2) we get for any  $c_3 < c_2$

$$(4.9) \quad \frac{d}{dt}\|\Lambda_b u(t)\|^2 \leq -2c_3\|\Lambda_b u(t)\|^2 + 2\|\Lambda_b g(t)\|\|\Lambda_b u(t)\| + C\|u(t)\|^2$$

with some constant  $C$ . Integrating (4.9) from  $t_0$  to  $t$ , we get

$$(4.10) \quad \|\Lambda_b u(t)\| \leq e^{-c_3(t-t_0)}\|\Lambda_b u(t_0)\| + \int_{t_0}^t e^{-c_3(t-s)}\{\|\Lambda_b g(s)\| + C\|u(s)\|\} ds.$$

On the other hand it is clear that

$$(4.11) \quad \|u(t)\| \leq e^{-c_2(t-t_0)}\|u(t_0)\| + \int_{t_0}^t e^{-c_2(t-s)}\|g(s)\| ds.$$

Then from (4.10) and (4.11) we get the assertion.

Q.E.D.

**Lemma 4.3.** For any  $b$  such that  $\sigma b - (n+1)/2 \geq 0$  we have

$C_b^{-1} \|u\|_{b_1, \mathcal{S}} \leq \|u\|_b \leq C_b \|u\|_{b_2, \mathcal{S}}$ ,  $b_1 = [\sigma b - (n+1)/2]$ ,  $b_2 = \tilde{\tau}(b+1) + (n+1)/2$   
for  $u \in \mathcal{S}(R^n)$ , where  $\tilde{\tau} = \max(1/\tilde{\rho}_j, \tau)$ .

Proof. For  $l \geq 0$  we have

$$\|u\|_{l, \mathcal{S}} \leq C_l \|u\|_k, \quad k = l/\sigma + (n+1)/2\sigma.$$

Note that  $\lambda(x, \xi) \leq (|x| + |\xi| + 1)^{\tilde{\tau}}$ . Then we get Lemma 4.4. Q.E.D.

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $E(t, s)$  be the fundamental solution which is constructed in §3. Then for any fixed  $t_0 > s_0 \geq 0$  and any integers  $l_j$  ( $j=1, 2, 3$ ) there exists a constant  $C$  independent of  $t$  such that

$$|\partial_t^{l_1} e(t, s_0)|_{l_3^{-l_2}} \leq C \exp\{-c_3(t-t_0)\} \quad t \geq t_0$$

where  $c_3$  is any constant such that  $c_3 < c_2$ .

Proof. Let  $f(t, s; x, \xi) = e^{ix \cdot \xi} e(t, s; x, \xi)$ . Then we get

$$\sigma(P(t)E(t, s))(x, \xi) = e^{-ix \cdot \xi} p(t; x, D_x) f(t, s; x, \xi).$$

From the above equation we get the following equations for  $f$

$$(4.12) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(t, s; x, \xi) + p(t; x, D_x) f(t, s; x, \xi) = 0 & \text{in } t > s \\ f(s, s; x, \xi) = e^{ix \cdot \xi}. \end{cases}$$

Then  $f(t, s; x, \xi)$  is a solution of (0.1) with the initial data  $e^{ix \cdot \xi}$ . We see that  $f(t, s_0; x, \xi)$  for  $t > s_0$  belongs to  $\mathcal{S}(R_{x, \xi}^{2n})$  from Theorem 3.1 and the assumption (4.1) for  $\lambda(x, \xi)$ . Apply Theorem 4.1 for  $g=0$  and  $u=f$ . Then we get

$$\|f(t, s_0; \cdot; \xi)\|_b \leq B e^{-c_3(t-t_0)} \|f(t_0, s_0; \cdot, \xi)\|_b.$$

Lemma 4.3 means that for any  $l$  there exists  $l'$  such that

$$\|f(t, s_0; \cdot, \xi)\|_{l, \mathcal{S}} \leq B' e^{-c_3(t-t_0)} \|f(t, s; \cdot, \xi)\|_{l', \mathcal{S}}.$$

From (4.12) we get

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_j} \right) (t, s; x, \xi) + p(t; x, D_x) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} f(t, s; x, \xi) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} f(s, s; x, \xi) = ix_j e^{ix \cdot \xi}. \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

and

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} f(t, s; x, \xi) + p(t; x, D_x) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(t, s; x, \xi) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} p(t; x, D_x) f(t, s; x, \xi) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(s, s; x, \xi) = -p(s; x, D_x) e^{ix \cdot \xi} . \end{array} \right.$$

By the same argument we get

$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} f(t, s_0; \cdot, \xi) \right|_{t, S} \leq B' e^{-c_3(t-t_0)} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_j} f(t_0, s_0; \cdot, \xi) \right|_{t', S}$$

and

$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(t, s_0; \cdot, \xi) \right|_{t, S} \leq B' e^{-c_3(t-t_0)} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(t_0, s_0; \cdot, \xi) \right|_{t', S} .$$

$\partial_{i'}^1 e(t_0, s_0; x, \xi) \in S_{\lambda, \rho, \delta}^{-\infty}$  for  $t_0 > s_0$  means that  $\partial_{i'}^1 f(t_0, s_0; x, \xi)$  belongs to  $S(R_x^n \times R_\xi^n)$  for  $t_0 > s_0$  by the assumption (4.1) for  $\lambda(x, \xi)$ . Hence we get the assertion.

Q.E.D.

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