

82. On Multi-products of Pseudo-differential Operators in Gevrey Classes and its Application to Gevrey Hypoellipticity

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§ 1. Introduction and pseudo-differential operators in Gevrey classes. In [6] we give an estimate of multi-products of pseudo-differential operators with symbols in $S_{G(\kappa)}^m$. This corresponds to the case $\rho=1$ and $\delta=0$ in the sense of Hörmander [3]. In the present paper we treat the general case of (ρ, δ) . As an application, we improve a result of Gevrey hypoellipticity obtained by Hashimoto-Matsuzawa-Morimoto [2]. The detailed background and description will be published elsewhere.

The symbols we want to treat in this paper are the following :

Definition. Let $m \in \mathbf{R}$, $\kappa \geq 1$, $\kappa' \geq 1$, $\theta \geq 0$ and $0 \leq \delta \leq \rho \leq 1$, $\delta < 1$ with $\kappa(1-\delta) \geq 1$. We say that a symbol $p(x, \xi)$ belongs to a class $SG_{\rho, \delta; \kappa, \kappa', \theta}^m$ if $p(x, \xi)$ satisfies

$$(1) \quad |p_{(\alpha)}^{(\sigma)}(x, \xi)| \leq CM^{-(|\alpha|+|\beta|)} \alpha!^{\kappa'} (\beta!^{\kappa} + \beta!^{\kappa(1-\delta)} \langle \xi \rangle^{|\beta|}) \langle \xi \rangle^{m-\rho|\alpha|} \quad \text{if } \langle \xi \rangle \geq h|\alpha|^{\theta},$$

ii) for any multi-index α there exists a constant C_{α} such that

$$(2) \quad |p_{(\alpha)}^{(\sigma)}(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha} M^{-|\beta|} (\beta!^{\kappa} + \beta!^{\kappa(1-\delta)} \langle \xi \rangle^{|\beta|}) \langle \xi \rangle^{m-\rho|\alpha|}$$

for all x, ξ , where M is a constant independent of α and β .

This definition owes to C. Iwasaki (see also [4]). We also note that the class $SG_{\rho, \delta; \kappa, \kappa', \theta}^m$ contains the class $S_{\rho, \delta, \sigma}^m$ studied in [2] if we set $\kappa = \sigma/(\rho-\delta)$, $\kappa' = 1$ and $\theta = \sigma/(\rho-\delta)$ (=their θ).

Let $P = p(X, D_x)$ denote a pseudo-differential operator with a symbol $p(x, \xi) \in SG_{\rho, \delta; \kappa, \kappa', \theta}^m$ defined by

$$Pu = (2\pi)^{-n} \int e^{ix \cdot \xi} p(x, \xi) \hat{u}(\xi) d\xi, \quad u \in \mathcal{S},$$

where $\hat{u}(\xi)$ is a Fourier transform of u . Then, by the method of [7] we can prove

Proposition 1. Let $\mathcal{D}_{L^2}^{[s]}$ be a class of ultradistributions studied in [7]. Then, pseudo-differential operators with symbols in $SG_{\rho, \delta; \kappa, \kappa', \theta}^m$ act on $\mathcal{D}_{L^2}^{[s]}$ and their images are also contained in $\mathcal{D}_{L^2}^{[s]}$.

This proposition was first proved by the author in the case of $\rho=1$, $\delta=0$ and by C. Iwasaki in the case of $\delta>0$.

Proposition 2. Let $\kappa > 1$ and let $WF_{G(\kappa)}(u)$ be the wave front set of u in the Gevrey class of order κ . Assume $\rho > 0$ and $\tilde{\kappa} \geq \max(\kappa, \theta, \kappa'/\rho)$. Then for $p(x, \xi) \in SG_{\rho, \delta; \kappa, \kappa', \theta}^m$ we have

$$WF_{G(x)}(Pu) \subset WF_{G(x)}(u).$$

§ 2. Multi-products. Let $P_j = p_j(X, D_x)$, $p_j \in SG_{\rho, \delta; \kappa, \kappa', \theta}^m$ with $m \geq 0$. Consider

$$(3) \quad Q_{\nu+1} = P_1 P_2 \cdots P_{\nu+1}.$$

Theorem 1. Assume that each $p_j(x, \xi)$ satisfies (1) and (2) with constants C, M, h and C_α independent of j . Denote $\tilde{C} = \max_{|\alpha| \leq n_0} (C, C_\alpha)$, where $n_0 = 2[n/2 + 1]$. We assume $\theta = \kappa$ if $\kappa' = \rho = 1$, or $\theta > 0$ if $\rho < 1$ and $\kappa' = 1$. Then, the symbols $q_{\nu+1}(x, \xi)$ of (3) are represented as

$$q_{\nu+1}(x, \xi) = q_{\nu+1}^o(x, \xi) + \tilde{q}_{\nu+1}(x, \xi)$$

and $q_{\nu+1}^o(x, \xi)$ and $\tilde{q}_{\nu+1}(x, \xi)$ satisfy

$$(4) \quad |q_{\nu+1}^o(x, \xi)| \leq C^{\nu+1} A^\nu M_1^{-(|\alpha|+|\beta|)} \alpha! \beta!^{\kappa'} + \beta!^{\kappa(1-\delta)} \langle \xi \rangle^{\delta|\beta|} \langle \xi \rangle^{(\nu+1)m - \rho|\alpha|}$$

if $\langle \xi \rangle \geq h_1 |\alpha|^\theta$,

$$(5) \quad |q_{\nu+1}^o(x, \xi)| \leq \tilde{C}^{\nu+1} A^\nu C'_\alpha M_1^{-|\beta|} (\beta!^\kappa + \beta!^{\kappa(1-\delta)} \langle \xi \rangle^{\delta|\beta|}) \langle \xi \rangle^{(\nu+1)m - \rho|\alpha|},$$

$$(6) \quad |\tilde{q}_{\nu+1}(x, \xi)| \leq \tilde{C}^{\nu+1} A^\nu C'_m C'_\alpha M_1^{-|\beta|} [(\nu+1)m]!^\kappa \beta!^\kappa \exp(-\varepsilon \langle \xi \rangle^{1/\kappa}).$$

In (4)–(6) the constants $A, M, C'_\alpha, C_m, h_1$ and $\varepsilon (> 0)$ are independent of ν and β .

The proof will be done by using the inductive method of ν and the idea used in § 1 of [5], where we divide the symbols $p(x, \xi)$ of Fourier integral operators into the sum of symbols $p^o(x, \xi; \zeta)$ and $\tilde{p}(x, \xi; \zeta)$. These symbols depend also on a parameter ζ and satisfy “ $|\xi - \zeta| \leq \langle \zeta \rangle / 8$ on $\text{supp } p^o$ and $|\zeta - \xi| \geq \langle \zeta \rangle / 10$ on $\text{supp } \tilde{p}$ ”. We make this division by using cut functions in Gevrey classes.

Corollary. Let $p(x, \xi) \in SG_{\rho, \delta; \kappa, \kappa', \theta}^0$ satisfy (1) and (2) with $C < A$ and $C_\alpha < A$ ($|\alpha| \leq n_0$) for A in the above theorem. Then the inverse operator of $I - P$ is obtained by the Neumann series $\sum_{\nu=0}^\infty P^\nu$ and it is represented as the sum $r^o(X, D_x) + \tilde{r}(X, D_x)$ of pseudo-differential operators $r^o(X, D_x)$ and $\tilde{r}(X, D_x)$ with symbols $r^o(x, \xi) \in SG_{\rho, \delta; \kappa, \kappa', \theta}^0$ and $r(x, \xi) \in \mathcal{R}_{G(x)}$, where $\mathcal{R}_{G(x)}$ is a class of regularizers defined in Definition (S) of [6].

§ 3. Gevrey hypoellipticity. Let $P = p(X, D_x)$ be a differential operator with coefficients in a Gevrey class $r^{(\sigma)}$ of order σ . Assume

$$(7) \quad |p(x, \xi)| \geq C \langle \xi \rangle^{m'} \quad \text{for large } |\xi|,$$

$$(8) \quad |p_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) / p(x, \xi)| \geq CM^{-(|\alpha|+|\beta|)} \alpha! \beta!^\sigma \langle \xi \rangle^{-\rho|\alpha| + \delta|\beta|}$$

for $\langle \xi \rangle \geq h |\alpha|^\theta$ ($\theta = \sigma / (\rho - \delta)$)

and $\rho > \delta$. Under these conditions Hashimoto-Matsuzawa-Morimoto [2] constructed a parametrix $Q = q(X, D_x)$ of P as $q(x, \xi) \in SG_{\rho, \delta; \kappa', \theta, 1, \theta}^{-m'}$ ($\theta = \sigma / (\rho - \delta)$) and $QP - I$ is an integral operator with a kernel in the Gevrey class of order $\theta = \sigma / (\rho - \delta)$. Set $\kappa = \sigma / (1 - \delta)$. Then, we can generalize (8) as

$$(8)' \quad |p_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) / p(x, \xi)| \leq CM^{-(|\alpha|+|\beta|)} \alpha! \beta!^{\kappa'} + \beta!^{\kappa(1-\delta)} \langle \xi \rangle^{\delta|\beta|} \langle \xi \rangle^{-\rho|\alpha|}$$

for $\langle \xi \rangle \geq h |\alpha|^\theta$.

Now, consider a pseudo-differential operator $P = p(X, D_x)$ with a symbol $p(x, \xi) \in SG_{\rho, \delta; \kappa, \kappa', \theta}^m$ and assume (7), (8)' and $\rho > \delta$. Then, by using Corollary in § 2 we can prove

Theorem 2. The parametrix Q of $P = p(X, D_x)$ is constructed as $Q = q(X, D_x)$, $q(x, \xi) \in SG_{\rho, \delta; \kappa, \kappa', \theta}^{-m'}$ and it satisfies

$$QP - I \in \mathcal{R}_{G(\kappa)}.$$

For example, consider an operator

$$P = x_2^4 (iD_{x_1} + D_{x_2}^2) + 1 \quad \text{in } R_x^2$$

following T. Matsuzawa. Then, modifying x_2^4 for large $|x_2|$ we can prove that its symbol satisfies (7) and (8)' with $\kappa=4/3$ and $\rho=1/2$, $\delta=1/4$. So, by our method we can construct its parametrix Q as $Q=q(X, D_x)$, $q(x, \xi) \in SG_{1/2, 1/4; 4/3, 1, 4/3}^0$ such that $QP - I \in \mathcal{R}_{G(4/3)}$. So, we have

$$\text{WF}_{G(2)}(Pu) = \text{WF}_{G(2)}(u).$$

This result is an improvement of the one in [2], since we obtain only $\text{WF}_{G(4)}(Pu) = \text{WF}_{G(4)}(u)$ by their method.

As another example, we consider an operator

$$P = D_{x_1}^2 + a_k(x_1)D_{x_2}^2 + D_{x_3}^2 \quad \text{in } R_x^3,$$

where $a_k(t)$ belongs to $\gamma^{((k+1)/k)}(R^1)$ and satisfies $a_k(t) = t^{2k}$ ($|t| \leq 1$) and $|a_k(t)| \leq 1$ ($|t| \leq 2$). Then, we can construct a parametrix Q of P as $Q=q(X, D_x)$, $q(x, \xi) \in SG_{\delta, \delta; \kappa, 1, \kappa}^{-2\delta}$ ($\delta=1/(k+1)$, $\kappa=(k+1)/k$ [$=1/(1-\delta)$]) and $QP - I \in \mathcal{R}_{G(\kappa)}$. So, we obtain

$$(9) \quad u \in \gamma^{((k+1)/k)}(R_x^3) \quad \text{if } Pu \in \gamma^{((k+1)/k)}(R_x^3)$$

and

$$(10) \quad \text{WF}_{G(k+1)}(Pu) = \text{WF}_{G(k+1)}(u).$$

We note that by Baouendi-Goulaouic [1] (the case $k=1$) and Y. Morimoto (the general case) the property (10) is optimal for the index κ of the estimation $\text{WF}_{G(\kappa)}(Pu) = \text{WF}_{G(\kappa)}(u)$.

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