

## HYPOLLIPTIC OVERDETERMINED SYSTEMS WITH VARIABLE COEFFICIENTS

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### 1. Introduction

Let

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

be a system of partial differential equations. We shall say that  $p(x, D)$  is hypoelliptic if the distribution solution  $u$  is in  $C^\infty$  wherever  $f \in C^\infty$  (cf. section 2, Definition 5.)

Here we shall give a sufficient condition for the hypoellipticity of overdetermined systems with variable coefficients.

For determined and overdetermined systems with constant coefficients a necessary and sufficient condition was obtained by Lech [5], Hörmander [1], Malgrange [6] and Matsuura [7]. On the other hand, Volevič [8] gave a sufficient condition for determined systems with variable coefficients. His condition corresponds to the formally hypoellipticity in the scalar case. Furthermore, a more general sufficient condition was obtained by Hörmander [2]. For overdetermined systems with variable coefficients, Kato [3] gave a sufficient condition as an extension of the Volevič condition.

As in [2] our method is to construct a left parametrix by pseudo-differential operators. § 2 is devoted to some properties of matrices of pseudo-differential operators. In § 3 we shall state a main theorem on a sufficient condition for the hypoellipticity of overdetermined systems with variable coefficients. We shall prove this theorem in § 4.

### 2. Preliminaries

Let  $R^n$  be the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space with coordinates  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\Omega$  an open subset in  $R^n$ . We denote the set of all  $\nu$ -dimensional vectors whose components are  $C^\infty$ -functions in  $\Omega$  and those with compact sup-

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ports in  $\Omega$  by  $C^\infty(\Omega; C^\nu)$  and by  $C_0^\infty(\Omega; C^\nu)$ , respectively. Let  $p(x, D)$  be a  $\mu \times \nu$  matrix

$$(2) \quad p(x, D) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha,$$

of partial differential operators, where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  ( $\alpha_i \geq 0$ , integer) is a multi-index,  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$ ,  $\alpha! = \alpha_1! \dots \alpha_n!$ ,  $D_j = -i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$  ( $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ ),  $D = (D_1, \dots, D_n)$  and  $D^\alpha = D_1^{\alpha_1} \dots D_n^{\alpha_n}$ . If we denote the Fourier transform of  $u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega; C^\nu)$  by  $\hat{u}(\xi) = \int u(x) e^{-i \langle x, \xi \rangle} dx$  where  $\langle x, \xi \rangle = x_1 \xi_1 + \dots + x_n \xi_n$ , then  $p(x, D)u$  is given by the  $\mu$ -dimensional vector

$$(3) \quad p(x, D)u(x) = (2\pi)^{-n} \int p(x, \xi) \hat{u}(\xi) e^{i \langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi.$$

Here we set  $p(x, \xi) = \sum_{\alpha} a_\alpha(x) \xi^\alpha$ .

The class of partial differential operators can be extended as follows.

**DEFINITION 1.** If  $m, \rho$  and  $\delta$  are real numbers with  $1 \geq \rho > 0$  and  $\delta \geq 0$ , we denote by  $S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  the set of all  $p(x, \xi) \in C^\infty(\Omega \times R^n; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  such that for every compact subset  $K$  in  $\Omega$  and all multi-indices  $\alpha, \beta$  we have with a constant  $C_{\alpha, \beta, K}$

$$|D_\xi^\alpha D_x^\beta p(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta, K} (1 + |\xi|)^{m - \rho|\alpha| + \delta|\beta|}, \quad x \in K \text{ and } \xi \in R^n,$$

where  $|\cdot|$  denotes an operator norm of matrices from  $C^\nu$  into  $C^\mu$ . Set  $\bigcup_m S_{\rho, \delta}^m = S_{\rho, \delta}^\infty$  and  $\bigcap_m S_{\rho, \delta}^m = S_{\rho, \delta}^{-\infty}$ .

It is easy to see that matrices of partial differential operators are contained in  $S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ . For  $p \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  we define an operator  $p(x, D)$  as follows:

**DEFINITION 2.** (See [2], for example.) For  $p \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  we can define

$$(4) \quad p(x, D)u(x) = (2\pi)^{-n} \int p(x, \xi) \hat{u}(\xi) e^{i \langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi$$

where  $u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega; C^\nu)$  and  $x \in \Omega$ .

Then we shall have the following properties for these operators, which are extensions of the results obtained by Hörmander [2] for the scalar case.

**PROPOSITION 1.** Let  $p(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  and assume that  $\delta < 1$ . The operator  $p(x, D)$  defined by (4) is then a continuous linear mapping of  $C_0^\infty(\Omega; C^\nu)$  into

$C^\infty(\Omega; C^\mu)$ , and it can be extended to a continuous linear mapping of  $\mathcal{E}'(\Omega; C^\nu)$  into  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega; C^\mu)$ . The distribution kernel of  $p(x, D)$  is a  $C^\infty$ -function outside the diagonal in  $\Omega \times \Omega$ ; it is in  $C^j(\Omega \times \Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  if  $j + m + n < 0$ . For every  $u \in \mathcal{E}'(\Omega; C^\nu)$ ,

$$(5) \quad \text{sing supp } p(x, D)u \subset \text{sing supp } u,$$

where  $\text{sing supp } u$  means the singular support of  $u$ .

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is reduced to the scalar case in Hörmander's paper [2].

Since  $p(x, D) = (p_{ij}(x, D))_{i=1, \dots, \mu, j=1, \dots, \nu}$ , it follows, by Hörmander's result [2], that  $p_{ij}(x, D)$  is a continuous linear mapping of  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  into  $C^\infty(\Omega)$  and it can be extended to a continuous linear mapping of  $\mathcal{E}'(\Omega)$  into  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ . Hence  $p(x, D)$  becomes a continuous linear mapping of  $C_0^\infty(\Omega; C^\nu)$  into  $C^\infty(\Omega; C^\mu)$ , and it can be extended to a continuous linear mapping of  $\mathcal{E}'(\Omega; C^\nu)$  into  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega; C^\mu)$ . Furthermore considering the results for the scalar pseudo-differential operator  $p_{ij}(x, D)$ , we obtain that the distribution kernel of  $p(x, D)$  is a  $C^\infty$ -function outside the diagonal in  $\Omega \times \Omega$  and that it is in  $C^j(\Omega \times \Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  if  $j + m + n < 0$ . Finally from the scalar pseudo-local property, we have

$$\text{sing supp } p(x, D) u \subset \text{sing supp } u$$

for  $u \in \mathcal{E}'(\Omega; C^\nu)$ . Thus we have the proposition 1.

The following propositions are reduced to the scalar case in the same way as in Proposition 1. Hence we shall not describe the details.

**PROPOSITION 2.** *The space  $S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  is a linear subspace. If  $p \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  and  $q \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\lambda, C^\nu)$ , then  $p \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m-|\alpha|+|\beta|}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ , and  $pq \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m+m'}(\Omega; C^\lambda, C^\mu)$ . If  $p_j \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m_j}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $m_j \rightarrow -\infty$ , one can find  $p \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  such that for every  $k$*

$$(6) \quad p - \sum_{j < k} p_j \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m_k}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$$

where  $m_k = \max_{j \geq k} m_j$ . The function  $p$  is uniquely determined modulo  $S_{\rho, \delta}^{-\infty}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ .

We shall say that  $p$  has an asymptotic expansion  $\sum_{j=0}^\infty p_j$  and we express  $p \sim \sum_{j=0}^\infty p_j$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.** *If  $p \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ , the kernel of  $p(x, D)$  is in  $C^\infty$  if and only if  $p \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{-\infty}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ .*

PROPOSITION 4. Let  $p_j \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m_j}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , and assume that  $m_j \rightarrow -\infty$  when  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $p \in C^\infty(\Omega \times R^n)$  and assume that for all multi-indices  $\alpha, \beta$  and compact sets  $K$  there exist some  $C$  and  $\mu$  depending on  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $K$  such that

$$|p_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)| \leq C(1 + |\xi|)^\mu, \quad x \in K.$$

If there exist numbers  $\mu_k \rightarrow -\infty$  such that

$$(7) \quad |p(x, \xi) - \sum_{j < k} p_j(x, \xi)| \leq C_{x, k}(1 + |\xi|)^{\mu_k}, \quad x \in K,$$

it follows that  $p \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m_0}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ , where  $m_0 = \sup m_j$  and that  $p \sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_j$ .

PROPOSITION 5. (Leibniz' formula) Let  $p \in S_{\rho', \delta'}^{m'}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  and  $q \in S_{\rho'', \delta''}^{m''}(\Omega; C^l, C^\nu)$  where  $\delta' < \rho'' \leq 1$ . Set  $\delta = \max(\delta', \delta'')$ ,  $\rho = \min(\rho', \rho'')$  and choose  $f \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ . Then there is an element  $r \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m'+m''}(\Omega; C^l, C^\mu)$  such that  $r(x, D)u = q(x, D)p(x, D)u$  for  $u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega; C^\nu)$ , and

$$(8) \quad r(x, \xi) \sim \sum_{\alpha} q^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) D_x^\alpha (f(x) p(x, \xi)) / \alpha!$$

where  $q^{(\alpha)}$  denote the  $\alpha$ -th derivative of  $q$  in  $\xi$ .

We extend the operators  $p(x, D)$  to the more general class.

DEFINITION 3. By  $L_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  we denote the set of all continuous linear mappings  $P : C_0^\infty(\Omega; C^\nu) \rightarrow C^\infty(\Omega; C^\mu)$  such that for all  $f \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  there exists some  $p_f \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  with  $P(fu) = p_f(x, D)u$ , for  $u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega; C^\mu)$ .

If  $p(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ , then  $p(x, D) \in L_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ .

To consider the multiplication of these operators, we shall impose the following condition.

DEFINITION 4. We shall say that  $P \in L_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  is compactly supported if for every compact set  $K$  in  $\Omega$  there is another compact set  $K'$  in  $\Omega$  such that if  $u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega; C^\nu)$  and  $\text{supp } u \subset K$  it follows that  $\text{supp } Pu \subset K'$ , and if  $u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega; C^\nu)$  and  $u$  vanishes in  $K'$  it follows that  $Pu$  vanishes in  $K$ .

The multiplication of compactly supported operators is also compactly supported.

The following proposition is a representation formula for  $P \in L_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ .

**PROPOSITION 6.** *Let  $P$  be a compactly supported operator of  $L^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ . Then one can find  $p(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  such that  $Pu = p(x, D)u$ . We shall call  $p(x, \xi)$  a symbol of  $P$ .*

*Proof.* This is shown easily by reducing to the scalar case, so we may omit the detail here.

We consider the adjoint of a pseudo-differential operator. In doing so, we write

$$(u, v) = \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} \int u_j(x) v_j(x) dx, \quad u, v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega; C^\mu).$$

**PROPOSITION 7.** *Let  $P$  be a compactly supported operator of  $L_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  ( $0 \leq \delta < \rho \leq 1$ ). Then there is one and only one compactly supported operator  $P^* \in L_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\mu, C^\nu)$  such that*

$$(Pu, v) = (u, P^*v), \quad u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega; C^\nu), \quad v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega; C^\mu);$$

the symbol  $\sigma(P^*)$  of  $P^*$  is given by

$$(9) \quad \sigma(P^*) \sim \sum_{\alpha} D_x^\alpha p^{*(\alpha)}(x, \xi) / \alpha!,$$

where  $p^*$  is adjoint of the matrix  $p(x, \xi)$ .

We can easily see that if  $P$  is compactly supported, then  $p^*$  is so.

### 3. A sufficient condition on the hypoellipticity

To describe a sufficient condition for the hypoellipticity of operators, let us give its definition.

**DEFINITION 5.** Let  $P$  be a compactly supported operator of  $L_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  ( $0 \leq \delta < \rho \leq 1$ ). Then we shall say that  $P$  is hypoelliptic if

$$(10) \quad \text{sing supp } Pu = \text{sing supp } u \quad \text{for } u \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega, C^\nu).$$

We can assert the following main theorem on a sufficient condition for the hypoellipticity. We shall impose that all components of our operator are of the same order.

**THEOREM.** *Let  $P$  be a compactly supported operator of  $L_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  where  $\mu > \nu$  and  $p(x, \xi)$  be its symbol. If there exists a compactly supported operator  $Q$  in  $L_{\rho, \delta}^m(\Omega; C^\mu, C^\nu)$  with symbol  $q(x, \xi)$  and if there exist two non-singular  $\nu \times \nu$  matrices  $A(x, \xi)$  and  $B(x, \xi)$  satisfying following conditions (I)  $\sim$  (III), then  $P$  is hypoelliptic.*

$$(I) \quad |A(x, \xi) q_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) p_{(\beta')}^{(\alpha')} (x, \xi) B(x, \xi)| \\ \leq C_{\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta', K} (1 + |\xi|)^{-\rho|\alpha+\alpha'|+\delta|\beta+\beta'|}, \\ x \in K,$$

$$(II) \quad |B(x, \xi)^{-1}(q(x, \xi)p(x, \xi))^{-1}A(x, \xi)^{-1}| \leq C_K, \\ x \in K \text{ and } |\xi| > C_K,$$

$$(III) \quad \text{there is a real number } m' \text{ such that } |A(x, \xi)| + \\ + |B(x, \xi)| \leq C_K |\xi|^{m'}, \quad x \in K \text{ and } |\xi| > C_K.$$

COROLLARY. Let  $P$  be a compactly supported operator of  $L_{\rho, \delta}^{m, \nu}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  where  $\mu > \nu$ . If the symbol  $p(x, \xi)$  of  $P$  satisfies the following conditions (I)' ~ (III)' for two non-singular  $\nu \times \nu$  matrices  $A(x, \xi)$  and  $B(x, \xi)$ , then  $P$  is hypoelliptic.

$$(I)' \quad |A(x, \xi) p_{(\beta)}^*(\alpha)(x, \xi) p_{(\beta')}^{(\alpha')} (x, \xi) B(x, \xi)| \\ \leq C_{\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta', K} (1 + |\xi|)^{-\rho|\alpha+\alpha'|+\delta|\beta+\beta'|} \\ x \in K,$$

$$(II)' \quad |B(x, \xi)^{-1}(p^*(x, \xi) p(x, \xi))^{-1}A(x, \xi)^{-1}| \\ \leq C_K, \quad x \in K \text{ and } |\xi| > C_K,$$

$$(III)' \quad \text{there is a real number } m' \text{ such that } |A(x, \xi)| + |B(x, \xi)| \leq C_K |\xi|^{m'}, \\ x \in K \text{ and } |\xi| > C_K.$$

Remark 1. By the corollary we can easily see that if  $P$  is elliptic in the sense of Komatsu [4] whose components are of the same order, then  $P$  is hypoelliptic.

Remark 2. The conditions (I) ~ (III) of the main theorem is invariant under diffeomorphisms of  $\Omega(1 - \rho \leq \delta < \rho)$ .

In the next section we shall prove the main theorem and the corollary.

#### 4. Proof of the theorem

First we shall introduce the following:

DEFINITION 6. Let  $P$  be a compactly supported operator of  $L_{\rho, \delta}^{m, \nu}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  ( $0 \leq \delta < \rho \leq 1$ ). We shall say that  $P$  has a left parametrix if there exists a compactly supported operator  $E \in L_{\rho, \delta}^{m, \nu}(\Omega; C^\mu, C^\nu)$  for some real number  $m'$  such that the symbol of  $EP$  is identically equal to zero.

Next we shall show that the existence of a left parametrix is a sufficient condition for the hypoellipticity.

**PROPOSITION 8.** (cf. [2]). *Let  $P$  be a compactly supported operator of  $L_{\rho,\delta}^m(\Omega; C^v, C^\mu)$  ( $0 \leq \delta < \rho \leq 1$ ). If  $P$  has a left parametrix, then  $P$  is hypoelliptic.*

*Proof.* First we shall prove that  $\text{sing supp } Pu \subset \text{sing supp } u$  for  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega, C^v)$ . Let  $x_0 \in (\text{sing supp } u)^c$ . Since  $(\text{sing supp } u)^c$  is open, we can choose a neighborhood  $U_1$  of  $x_0$  such that  $\text{sing supp } u \cap U_1 = \emptyset$ . We take a function  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(U_1)$  such that  $\varphi \equiv 1$  in some neighborhood  $U_2 (\subset U_1)$  of  $x_0$ . Then  $u = \varphi u + (1 - \varphi)u$ . Since  $\varphi u \in C_0^\infty(U_1, C^v)$ , we see  $P(\varphi u) \in C^\infty(\Omega; C^\mu)$ . Hence, in particular,  $P(\varphi u) \in C^\infty(U_1, C^\mu)$ . So we consider only the second term  $P(1 - \varphi)u$ . Taking some neighborhood  $U_3$  of  $x_0$  such that  $U_3 \subset U_2$ , we consider the following bilinear form for  $v \in C_0^\infty(U_3; C^\mu)$ :

$$(P(1 - \varphi)u, v) = ((1 - \varphi)u, P^*v).$$

Since  $P^*$  has a pseudo-local property, i.e., (5),  $\text{supp } P^*v$  can be contained in some compact set  $K$  in  $\Omega$ . We take  $\chi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  such that  $\chi \equiv 1$  in some neighborhood of  $K$ . Then

$$((1 - \varphi)u, P^*v) = ((1 - \varphi)u, \chi P^*v) = (P\chi(1 - \varphi)u, v).$$

Let  $\phi$  be in  $C_0^\infty(U_2)$  and  $\phi \equiv 1$  in some neighborhood of  $U_3$ . Then

$$(P(1 - \varphi)u, v) = (P\chi(1 - \varphi)u, \phi v) = (\phi P\chi(1 - \varphi)u, v).$$

Since the symbol of  $\phi P\chi(1 - \varphi)u$  is identically zero, we have the following estimate

$$|(\phi P\chi(1 - \varphi)u, v)| \leq C \|v\|_s \quad \text{for } v \in C_0^\infty(U_3; C^\mu),$$

where  $\|v\|_s = ((2\pi)^{-n} \int (1 + |\xi|^2)^s |\hat{v}(\xi)|^2 d\xi)^{1/2}$ . Hence  $P(1 - \varphi)u \in H_{-s}(U_3, C^\mu)$ . As  $s$  is an arbitrary real number, it follows that  $P(1 - \varphi)u \in C^\infty(U_3; C)$ . Since  $x_0$  is an arbitrary point in  $(\text{sing supp } u)^c$ , we see that  $\text{sing supp } Pu \subset \text{sing supp } u$ .

Hence to prove the hypoellipticity, it is sufficient to show that  $\text{sing supp } u \subset \text{sing supp } Pu$ .

Set  $Pu = f$  and let  $E$  be a left parametrix for  $P$ . Then  $u$  can be expressed by

$$u = EPu - (EP - I)u = Ef - (EP - I)u.$$

Since  $E$  is a left parametrix for  $P$ , the symbol of  $EP-I$  is equal to zero. Hence Proposition 1 implies that  $EP-I$  has a  $C^\infty$ -distribution kernel. So  $(EP-I)u \in C^\infty(\Omega; C^\nu)$ . For the first term  $Ef$  we can use the pseudo-local property for  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega, C^\nu)$  and we obtain that  $\text{sing supp } Ef \subset \text{sing supp } f = \text{sing supp } Pu$ . Thus we have the proposition.

Next due to Hörmander is a sufficient condition for the existence of a left parametrix.

PROPOSITION 9. (cf. [2]). *Let  $P \in L_{\rho, \delta}^{m, \beta}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$  ( $0 \leq \delta < \rho \leq 1$ ) and assume that there exist  $\nu \times \nu$  matrices  $A(x, \xi)$  and  $B(x, \xi)$  such that the symbol matrix  $p(x, \xi)$  of  $P$  satisfies the conditions*

$$(11) \quad |A(x, \xi)p_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)B(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta, K}(1 + |\xi|)^{-\rho|\alpha| + \delta|\beta|},$$

$$x \in K \text{ and } \xi \in R^n$$

for any compact subset  $K$  of  $\Omega$  and any multi-indices  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Also assume that

$$(12) \quad |B(x, \xi)^{-1}p(x, \xi)^{-1}A(x, \xi)^{-1}| \leq C_K,$$

$$x \in K \text{ and } |\xi| > C_K$$

and that there is a real number  $m'$  satisfying

$$(13) \quad |A(x, \xi)| + |B(x, \xi)| \leq C_K|\xi|^{m'}, \quad x \in K \text{ and } |\xi| > C_K.$$

Then there exists a left parametrix  $E \in L_{\rho, \delta}^{2m', \beta}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ .

Now we can prove the main theorem and the corollary.

*Proof of the main theorem.*

Let  $P$  be an operator satisfying the conditions of the theorem. By Proposition 5 it follows that the symbol  $r(x, \xi)$  of the operator  $QP$  is given by an asymptotic expansion

$$(14) \quad r(x, \xi) \sim \sum_{\alpha} q^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)D_x^\alpha p(x, \xi)/\alpha!.$$

We shall show that  $r(x, \xi)$  satisfies the conditions of Proposition 9. Then  $QP$  has a parametrix  $F \in L_{\rho, \delta}^{2m'', \beta}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\mu)$ . Setting  $E = FQ$ , we have  $E \in L_{\rho, \delta}^{2m'' + m', \beta}(\Omega; C^\mu, C^\nu)$  and it becomes a left parametrix for  $P$ . Hence by Proposition 8,  $P$  is hypoelliptic.

To show that (11) is satisfied for  $r$ , we can use the asymptotic expansion



$$(14)' \quad R_N(x, \xi) = r(x, \xi) - \sum_{|\alpha| < N} q^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) D_x^\alpha p(x, \xi) / \alpha! \\ \in S^{m+m'-N(\rho-\delta)}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\nu).$$

Differentiate this equality  $\alpha$  times in  $\xi$  and  $\beta$  times in  $x$ , we have, by the Leibniz formula,

$$r_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\gamma| < N} C_{\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'} C_\gamma q_{(\beta')}^{(\gamma+\alpha')} (x, \xi) p_{(\gamma+\beta-\beta')}^{(\alpha-\alpha')} (x, \xi) \\ + R_{N(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi),$$

where  $C_{\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'}$  and  $C_\gamma$  are constants depending only on their subscripts. Here  $R_{N(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m+m'-N(\rho-\delta)-\rho|\alpha|+\delta|\beta|}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\nu)$ . Operating  $A(x, \xi)$  from the left and  $B(x, \xi)$  from the right and considering Proposition 2, we have

$$|A(x, \xi) r_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) B(x, \xi)| \\ \leq \sum_{|\gamma| < N} |C_{\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'} C_\gamma A(x, \xi) q_{(\beta')}^{(\gamma+\alpha')} (x, \xi) p_{(\gamma+\beta-\beta')}^{(\alpha-\alpha')} (x, \xi) B(x, \xi)| \\ + |A(x, \xi) R_{N(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) B(x, \xi)| \\ \leq C_{\alpha, \beta, N, K} (1 + |\xi|)^{-\rho|\alpha|+\delta|\beta|} \\ + C_{\alpha, \beta, K} (1 + |\xi|)^{m+m'+2m'-N(\rho-\delta)-\rho|\alpha|+\delta|\beta|}.$$

If we choose  $N$  sufficiently large, then we have

$$|A(x, \xi) r_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) B(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta, K} (1 + |\xi|)^{-\rho|\alpha|+\delta|\beta|}, \\ x \in K.$$

It suffices to show that the conditions (12) and (13) in Proposition 9 are satisfied for  $r(x, \xi)$ . The condition (13) holds evidently, because the condition (III) of the main theorem are verified.

Finally we shall ascertain (12). Consider the asymptotic expansion (14)' of  $r(x, \xi)$ , i.e.,

$$r(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha| < N} q^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) D_x^\alpha p(x, \xi) / \alpha! + R_N(x, \xi),$$

where  $R_N(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m+m'-N(\rho-\delta)}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\nu)$ . Operating  $A(x, \xi)$  from the right and  $B(x, \xi)$  from the left, we have, by the triangle inequality that

$$(15) \quad |A(x, \xi) r(x, \xi) B(x, \xi)| \geq |A(x, \xi) q(x, \xi) p(x, \xi) B(x, \xi)| \\ - \left| \sum_{0 < |\alpha| < N} \frac{(-i)^{|\alpha|}}{\alpha!} A(x, \xi) q^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) p(x, \xi) B(x, \xi) \right| \\ - |A(x, \xi) R_N(x, \xi) B(x, \xi)|.$$

The first term on the right hand side of (24) can be estimated as such as

$$(16) \quad |A(x, \xi)q(x, \xi)p(x, \xi)B(x, \xi)| \geq C_K, \quad x \in K \text{ and } |\xi| > C_K.$$

By the assumption (I) of the main theorem we can estimate the second term of (15) as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{0 < |\alpha| < N} |(i)^{|\alpha|} / \alpha! A(x, \xi)q^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)p_{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)B(x, \xi)| \\ & \leq \sum_{0 < |\alpha| < N} \frac{1}{\alpha!} |A(x, \xi)q^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)p_{(\alpha)}(x, \xi)B(x, \xi)| \\ & \leq \sum_{0 < |\alpha| < N} C_{\alpha, K}(1 + |\xi|)^{-(\rho - \delta)N} \leq C_{N, K}(1 + |\xi|)^{-(\rho - \delta)}, \\ & \quad x \in K \text{ and } |\xi| > C_K. \end{aligned}$$

For the third term of (15), we have

$$(17) \quad |A(x, \xi)R_N(x, \xi)B(x, \xi)| \leq C_{N, K}(1 + |\xi|)^{2m'' + m + m' - (\rho - \delta)N}, \\ x \in K.$$

If we choose  $N$  sufficiently large and combine (15), (16) and (17), then we obtain

$$|A(x, \xi)r(x, \xi)B(x, \xi)| \geq C_K - C'_K(1 + |\xi|)^{-(\rho - \delta)}, \\ x \in K \text{ and } |\xi| > C_K,$$

and we can choose  $C''_K$  so large that

$$C'_K(1 + |\xi|)^{-(\rho - \delta)} < \frac{1}{2} C_K, \quad |\xi| > C''_K.$$

Consequently we have

$$|A(x, \xi)r(x, \xi)B(x, \xi)| \geq C_K, \quad x \in K \text{ and } |\xi| > C''_K.$$

Hence the condition (12) of Proposition 9 is proved. Thus the theorem is established.

The corollary of the main theorem is proved in the same way.

*Proof of Corollary.*

Let  $P$  be as in the theorem. By Proposition 7 it follows that the symbol  $q(x, \xi)$  of the adjoint operator  $P^*$  of  $P$  is given by an asymptotic expansion

$$(18) \quad q(x, \xi) \sim \sum_{\alpha} D_x^{\alpha} p^{*(\alpha)}(x, \xi) / \alpha!,$$

i.e.,

$$(18)' \quad R'_N(x, \xi) = q(x, \xi) - \sum_{|\alpha| < N} D_x^\alpha p^{*(\alpha)}(x, \xi) / \alpha! \\ \in S^{m - (\rho - \delta)N}(\Omega; C^\mu, C^\nu).$$

Substituting  $q$  in (14)', we have

$$r(x, \xi) - \sum_{|\alpha| < N, |\beta| < N} D_x^\beta p^{*(\alpha + \beta)}(x, \xi) D_x^\alpha p(x, \xi) / \alpha! \beta! + \\ + \sum_{|\alpha| < N} R_N^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) D_x^\alpha p(x, \xi) / \alpha!.$$

Since  $R_N(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m - N(\rho - \delta)}(\Omega; C^\mu, C^\nu)$ , by Proposition 2, we have  $\sum_{|\alpha| < N} R_N^{(\alpha)}(x, \xi) D_x^\alpha p(x, \xi) / \alpha! \in S^{2m - N(\rho - \delta)}(\Omega; C^\nu, C^\nu)$ . Since  $N$  is arbitrary, we obtain that

$$r(x, \xi) \sim \sum_{\alpha, \beta} D_x^\beta p^{*(\alpha + \beta)}(x, \xi) D_x^\alpha p(x, \xi) / \alpha! \beta!.$$

Using this asymptotic expansion instead of (14) we can easily see that  $r(x, \xi)$  satisfies the conditions (11), (12) and (13) in Proposition 9, which proves the corollary.

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