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ABSTRACT

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In this paper we present a Hilbert space treatment for proving uniqueness in the Cauchy problem for a general linear $2k$ -parabolic operator P . We assume that P has variable coefficients having bounded partial derivatives of all orders on R^{n+1} . We follow in rough outline the Hilbert space approach to the Cauchy problem for parabolic operators of the form $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - L(t)$, where $L(t)$ is uniformly strongly elliptic, as developed by Stanley Kaplan.

By means of a change of variables we associate with P the evolution operator $R = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - H(t) \Lambda^{2k} - J(t)$, where $H(t)$ and $J(t)$ are singular integral operators of order 0 and $2k-1$, respectively. We then establish a generalization of the classical energy inequality for R applicable to test functions on R^{n+1} . We prove this inequality by using the fact that the spectrum of the symbol H is contained in a compact subset of the open left-half complex plane. We also apply certain estimates from the theory of pseudo-differentials. By extending the energy inequality to distributions, we prove uniqueness in the Cauchy problem for P .

In the last part of this paper, we use the energy inequality to solve the Cauchy problem for R .

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1. Introduction

We present a Hilbert space treatment for proving uniqueness in the Cauchy problem for a general linear $2k$ -parabolic operator. We shall follow in rough outline the Hilbert space approach to the Cauchy problem for parabolic operators of the form

$$P = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - L(t) \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2k} a_{\alpha}(x,t) D^{\alpha},$$

where $L(t)$ is uniformly strongly elliptic (here $x = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$, $\alpha = \langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \rangle$, $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$, and

$$D^{\alpha} = \left(\frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right)^{\alpha_1} \dots \left(\frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right)^{\alpha_n},$$

as given in [5]. As in [5] we shall make use of the Hilbert spaces $\mathcal{H}^{r,s}$ ($\equiv \mathcal{B}_{2,k}$ in the notation of [4], Chapter II, where $k(\xi, \tau) = k_{r,s}(\xi, \tau)$ is the temperate weight function defined for $\langle \xi, \tau \rangle = \langle \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n, \tau \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ by $k_{r,s}(\xi, \tau) = Q^r(\xi, \tau) q^s(\xi)$. Here $q(\xi) = \{1 + |\xi|^2\}^{1/2}$ with

$$|\xi|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j^2,$$

is the usual elliptic weight function in \mathbb{R}^n and $Q(\xi, \tau) = \{q^{4k}(\xi) + \tau^2\}^{\frac{1}{4k}}$. H^s is the usual Sobolev space on \mathbb{R}^n .

We assume P is of the form

$$P(x,t; D, D_t) = \sum_{|\alpha| + 2kj \leq 2km} a_{\alpha,j}(x,t) D^{\alpha} D_t^j,$$

with $a_{\alpha, m}$ non-vanishing, and that the functions $\{a_{\alpha, j}(x, t) : |\alpha| + 2kj \leq 2km\}$ belong to the class $C_B^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ of complex valued functions having bounded (and therefore continuous) partial derivatives of all orders for all $\langle x, t \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. Moreover, we assume P is uniformly $2k$ -parabolic on \mathbb{R}^{n+1} , i.e., there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$P_0(x, t; \xi, z) \equiv \sum_{|\alpha| + 2kj = 2km} a_{\alpha, j}(x, t) \xi^\alpha z^j = 0$$

for $\langle x, t \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ and $\xi \in \Sigma$ implies that $\text{Im } z \geq \delta$, where $\Sigma = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\xi| = 1\}$ and $\xi^\alpha = \xi_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \xi_n^{\alpha_n}$. We call δ a module of parabolicity for P . By means of a change of variables we can associate with P the evolution operator $R = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - H(t)\Lambda^{2k} - J(t)$, where $H(t)$ and $J(t)$ are matrices of singular integral operators uniformly of order 0 and $2k-1$, respectively, on \mathbb{R}^n .

In Sections 2 and 3 we establish a generalization of the classical energy inequality for R applicable to test functions on \mathbb{R}^{n+1} . We prove this inequality by using the fact that the spectrum of the symbol of H is contained in a compact subset of the open left-half complex plane (a trivial consequence of the parabolicity of P). We also apply certain estimates from [6] for pseudo-differential operators with bounded symbols.

In Sections 4 and 5 we first introduce the $\mathcal{H}^{r, s}$ spaces and the space $\mathcal{H}^{r, s}(\Omega)$ of restrictions to Ω of elements of $\mathcal{H}^{r, s}$, where $\Omega = \Omega_{a, b} = \{\langle x, t \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : a < t < b\}$. Then, by employing a form of the energy inequality applicable to distributions (Theorem 3), we deduce that:

Theorem 4: If $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$, of $r > 2km-k$, and if s is any real number, the mapping

$$\phi \rightsquigarrow \left\langle P\phi, \phi(a), \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)\phi(a), \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^2 \phi(a), \dots, \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^{m-1} \phi(a) \right\rangle$$

is one-one from $\mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)$ into $\mathcal{H}^{r-2km,s}(\Omega) \oplus H^{r+s-k} \oplus H^{r+s-3k} \oplus \dots \oplus H^{r+s-(2m-1)k}$.

In Section 6 we show that $R + \lambda I$ is a topological isomorphism of $\{\mathcal{H}^{r,s}\}^m$ onto $\{\mathcal{H}^{r-2k,s}\}^m$, provided λ is sufficiently large. To prove this result we employ our estimates from [6] and a commutator estimate from [5]. By employing the energy inequality once again we deduce that:

Theorem 7: If $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$, if $r > k$, and if s is any real number, the mapping $u \rightsquigarrow \langle Ru, u(a) \rangle$ is a topological isomorphism of $\{\mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)\}^m$ onto $\{\mathcal{H}^{r-2k,s}(\Omega)\}^m \oplus \{H^{r+s-k}\}^m$.

Remark. By A^m , where A is a non-empty set, we mean the set $\{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) : a_j \in A, j = 1, \dots, m\}$.

2. The Basic Inequality

Notation. For $\zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{C}^m$ we use the usual notation $(\zeta, \eta) = \sum_{j=1}^m \zeta_j \bar{\eta}_j$ and $|\zeta|^2 \equiv (\zeta, \zeta) = \sum_{j=1}^m |\zeta_j|^2$. If $A = (a_{ij})$ is a complex $m \times m$ matrix, the norm of A , denoted by $\|A\|$, is given by $\left\{ \sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2 \right\}^{1/2}$.

Let $0 < \delta < 1$ be a module of parabolicity for P which shall remain fixed throughout this paper. Let \mathcal{K} be a compact subset of \mathbb{C} satisfying the property: $z \in \mathcal{K} \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re} z \leq -\delta$. We define $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{K})$ to be the class of complex $m \times m$ matrices \mathcal{h} of the form

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{h} = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ \dots & \dots & 0 & \dots & \\ 0 & 0 & & 0 & 1 \\ -p_m & -p_{m-1} & \dots & \dots & -p_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad p_j \in \mathbb{C},$$

such that the eigenvalues of \mathcal{h} are contained in \mathcal{K} .

Theorem 1: Let δ and $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{K})$ be as above. Then there exists a constant $C_0 > 0$ (depending only on \mathcal{K} , δ and m) such that given any matrix $\mathcal{h} \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{K})$ there exists a non-singular matrix $N(\mathcal{h})$ with the following properties:

a) $\operatorname{Re}(R_\gamma^{-1} N(\mathcal{h})^{-1} \mathcal{h} N(\mathcal{h}) R_\gamma \zeta, \zeta) \leq -\frac{\delta}{4} |\zeta|^2$ for all $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^m$ and $0 < \gamma \leq \frac{\delta}{2}$

where

$$R_\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & 0 \\ & \gamma & & & \\ & & \gamma^2 & & \\ & 0 & & \ddots & \\ & & & & \gamma^{m-1} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and}$$

$$b) \quad \|N(\lambda)\| + \|N(\lambda)^{-1}\| \leq C_0.$$

Lemma 1: Suppose m is a positive integer, and suppose $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{2}$.

Let the function τ be defined by $\tau(\rho) = \theta \rho^M$ where $M = \frac{1}{2} m(m-1)$. Then,

there exists $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\theta, m) > 0$ with the following properties: if Λ is any set of complex numbers with no more than m elements, then, either

1) there exists $\lambda_1 \in \Lambda$ such that $\lambda \in \Lambda \Rightarrow |\lambda - \lambda_1| < \theta$, or

2) there exists $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k \in \Lambda$ ($1 < k \leq m$) such that

$$(i) \quad \rho = \min_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| > \varepsilon; \text{ and}$$

(ii) for every $\lambda \in \Lambda$, there exists λ_i , $1 \leq i \leq k$, such that

$$|\lambda - \lambda_i| < \tau(\rho).$$

Proof: For $m = 1$ there is nothing to show. For $m \geq 2$ we define the

numbers $\rho_0, \rho_1, \dots, \rho_m$ by $\rho_0 = 1$, $\rho_j = \tau(\rho_{j-1})$, $j = 1, \dots, m$. Let

$\varepsilon = \rho_m$. We define a finite sequence of subsets of Λ , A_j , $j = 1, \dots, k$,

where $1 \leq k \leq m$, as follows. Choose any $\lambda_1 \in \Lambda$. Let $A_1 = \{\lambda \in \Lambda:$

$|\lambda - \lambda_1| \geq \rho_1\}$. If $A_1 = \emptyset$, our proof is complete, since $\rho_1 = \theta$ and 1)

holds. If $A_1 \neq \emptyset$, we choose $\lambda_2 \in A_1$, and define $A_2 = \{\lambda \in \Lambda:$

$\min(|\lambda - \lambda_1|, |\lambda - \lambda_2|) \geq \rho_2\}$. If $A_2 = \emptyset$, we see that 2) holds with $k = 2$,

since $\rho = |\lambda_1 - \lambda_2| \geq \rho_1 \Rightarrow \tau(\rho) \geq \tau(\rho_1) = \rho_2$, and given any $\lambda \in \Lambda$, we

must have either $|\lambda - \lambda_1| < \rho_2$ or $|\lambda - \lambda_2| < \rho_2$. If $A_2 \neq \emptyset$, we choose

$\lambda_3 \in A_2$, and define $A_3 = \{\lambda \in \Lambda : \min_{1 \leq j \leq 3} |\lambda - \lambda_j| \geq \rho_3\}$. If $A_3 = \phi$,

we see that 2) holds with $k = 3$, since $|\lambda_1 - \lambda_2| \geq \rho_1 > \rho_2 \Rightarrow$

$\rho = \min_{1 \leq i < j \leq 3} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| \geq \rho_2 \Rightarrow \tau(\rho) \geq \tau(\rho_2) = \rho_3$, and given any

$\lambda \in \Lambda$, we must have either $|\lambda - \lambda_1| < \rho_3$, $|\lambda - \lambda_2| < \rho_3$ or $|\lambda - \lambda_3| < \rho_3$.

If $A_3 \neq \phi$, we define A_4 in the obvious way. Assuming $A_1 \neq \phi$ we have,

after some k steps, $1 < k \leq m$, that $A_{k-1} \neq \phi$ and $A_k = \phi$. Since

A_1, \dots, A_{k-1} are non-empty, we have points $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ in Λ such that

$\rho = \min_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| \geq \rho_{k-1} \Rightarrow \tau(\rho) \geq \tau(\rho_{k-1}) = \rho_k$. Since

$A_k = \phi$, if $\lambda \in \Lambda$ we must have either $|\lambda - \lambda_1| < \rho_k$, or $|\lambda - \lambda_2| < \rho_k, \dots$,

or $|\lambda - \lambda_k| < \rho_k$, and our proof is complete. ■

Proof of Theorem 1: First we fix θ , $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{2}$, and let $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\theta, m)$

from Lemma 1. Let $\mathcal{A}_\varepsilon(X)$ be the collection of matrices \mathcal{A} in $\mathcal{A}(X)$

having the property that \mathcal{A} has at least two distinct eigenvalues

(thus $m \geq 2$) and that the minimum distance between the distinct eigen-

values of \mathcal{A} is greater than $\varepsilon(\theta, m)$. Now let $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon(X)$ and suppose

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$, $1 < k \leq m$, are the distinct eigenvalues of \mathcal{A} with multi-

plicities $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k$, respectively. Let

$$\rho = \rho(\mathcal{A}) = \min_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| > \varepsilon(\theta, m);$$

we may assume $\rho < 1$. Let $N(\mathcal{A})$ be the $m \times m$ matrix

$$N(\mathcal{A}) = \left(e(\lambda_1)e'(\lambda_1)\dots \frac{e^{(\mu_1-1)}(\lambda_1)}{(\mu_1-1)!} \dots e(\lambda_k)e'(\lambda_k)\dots \frac{e^{(\mu_k-1)}(\lambda_k)}{(\mu_k-1)!} \right)$$

whose column vectors are defined starting from $e(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda \\ \vdots \\ \lambda^{m-1} \end{pmatrix}$ and

differentiating with respect to $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Considering $N(\mathcal{A})$ as a linear transformation of \mathbb{C}^m into \mathbb{C}^m on the basis $\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_m\}$,

$$\varepsilon_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad 1 \text{ in the } j\text{-th component, zeros elsewhere, we have that}$$

$$N(\mathcal{A})\varepsilon_1 = e(\lambda_1), \quad N(\mathcal{A})\varepsilon_2 = e'(\lambda_1), \dots, N(\mathcal{A})\varepsilon_{\mu_1} = \{1/(\mu_1-1)!\} e^{(\mu_1-1)}(\lambda_1),$$

$$\dots, N(\mathcal{A})\varepsilon_m = \{1/(\mu_k-1)!\} e^{(\mu_k-1)}(\lambda_k). \quad \text{Since } e(\lambda) \text{ and its derivatives}$$

are bounded on \mathcal{K} , there exists $C > 0$ (depending only on \mathcal{K} and m)

such that $\|N(\mathcal{A})\| \leq C$ for all $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{A}_e(\mathcal{K})$. Shilov [8] shows that if

$\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_m$ are m arbitrary complex numbers having a subset of dis-

tinct points $\tau_1, \tau_k, \tau_\ell, \dots, \tau_p$, where $1 < k < \ell < \dots < p \leq m$, then

$$\det \left(e(\tau_1)e'(\tau_1)\dots \frac{e^{(k-1)}(\tau_1)}{(k-1)!} \dots e(\tau_p)e'(\tau_p)\dots \frac{e^{(m-p-1)}(\tau_p)}{(m-p-1)!} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} (\tau_j - \tau_i) \\
= & \lim \frac{\prod_{1 \leq i < j < k} (\tau_j - \tau_i) \prod_{k \leq i_k < j_k < \ell} (\tau_{j_k} - \tau_{i_k}) \cdots \prod_{p \leq i_p < j_p \leq m} (\tau_{j_p} - \tau_{i_p})}{\prod_{1 \leq i < j < k} (\tau_j - \tau_i) \prod_{k \leq i_k < j_k < \ell} (\tau_{j_k} - \tau_{i_k}) \cdots \prod_{p \leq i_p < j_p \leq m} (\tau_{j_p} - \tau_{i_p})}
\end{aligned}$$

where the limit is taken as $\tau_j \rightarrow \tau_1, \tau_{j_k} \rightarrow \tau_k, \dots, \tau_{j_p} \rightarrow \tau_p$. It is easily seen that the above limit is equal to a polynomial in $\tau_1, \tau_k, \dots, \tau_p$

of the form $\prod_{\substack{i, j = 1, k, \ell, \dots, p \\ i < j}} (\tau_j - \tau_i)^{\alpha_{ij}}$, where the α_{ij} 's are positive integers

satisfying $\sum_{i, j} \alpha_{ij} \leq \frac{1}{2} m(m-1) = M$. Taking $\lambda_1 = \tau_1, \lambda_2 = \tau_k, \dots, \lambda_k = \tau_p$ with the appropriate multiplicities $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k$ we see that

$$|\det N(\lambda)| \geq \rho(\lambda)^M > \varepsilon^M(\theta, m).$$

Thus, there exists $C > 0$ (depending on \mathcal{X} and m) such that

$$(2.2) \quad \|N(\lambda)^{-1}\| \leq \frac{C}{\rho(\lambda)^M} < \frac{C}{\varepsilon^M}$$

for all $\lambda \in \mathcal{X}_\varepsilon(\mathcal{X})$, $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\theta, m)$. The matrix form of $N(\lambda)^{-1} \mathcal{X} N(\lambda)$ with respect to the basis $\{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_m\}$ is easily determined by considering how \mathcal{X} acts on the basis

$$B = \left(e(\lambda_1), e'(\lambda_1), \dots, \frac{e^{(\mu_1-1)}(\lambda_1)}{(\mu_1-1)!}, \dots, e(\lambda_k), \dots, \frac{e^{(\mu_k-1)}(\lambda_k)}{(\mu_k-1)!} \right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} (R_Y^{-1} N(h)^{-1} h N(h) R_Y \zeta, \zeta) &= \sum_{s=1}^k \operatorname{Re} (\eta_s \zeta, \zeta) \\ &\leq (\gamma - \delta) |\zeta|^2, \text{ for all } \zeta \in \mathbb{C}^m. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (2.5) holds for all $h \in \mathfrak{H}_\varepsilon(\mathcal{X})$, $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\theta, m)$. We remark that the estimate (2.5) is independent of θ .

We now wish to treat those $h \in \mathfrak{H}(\mathcal{X})$ having the property that the minimum distance between the distinct eigenvalues of h is less than $\varepsilon(\theta, m)$ (see Lemma 1). It is easy to see that $N(h)$, as constructed above, will not satisfy statement b) of our theorem since, in general, $\|N(h)^{-1}\| \rightarrow \infty$ as the minimum distance between the distinct eigenvalues of h approaches 0. We get around this problem as follows. By taking θ sufficiently small (depending on \mathcal{X} , δ and m) we shall show that for each $h \in \mathfrak{H}(\mathcal{X})$ we can find a matrix $h \in \mathfrak{H}_\varepsilon(\mathcal{X})$ satisfying the following:

- 1) the eigenvalues of h are "close" to the eigenvalues of h by a distance less than $\varepsilon(\theta, m)$,
- 2) the choice of $N(h)$, instead of $N(h)$, satisfies statement a) of our theorem. $N(h)$ satisfies statement b) of our theorem by our previous argument for matrices $h \in \mathfrak{H}_\varepsilon(\mathcal{X})$.

Let $h \in \mathfrak{H}(\mathcal{X})$ and let Λ denote its set of eigenvalues (counting multiplicities). By Lemma 1 there exists two possible configurations for the set Λ :

Case 1. There exists $\lambda_1 \in \Lambda$ such that $\lambda \in \Lambda \Rightarrow |\lambda - \lambda_1| < \theta$, or

Case 2. There exists $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k \in \Lambda$ ($1 < k \leq m$) such that

$$(i) \quad \rho = \min_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| > \varepsilon = \varepsilon(\theta, m)$$

(ii) for every $\lambda \in \Lambda$, there exists λ_i , $1 \leq i \leq k$, such that

$$|\lambda - \lambda_i| < \tau(\rho) = \theta \rho^M, \quad M = \frac{1}{2} m(m-1).$$

Let $\mathfrak{A}_\varepsilon^1(\mathcal{X})$ and $\mathfrak{A}_\varepsilon^2(\mathcal{X})$ be the sets of matrices h in $\mathfrak{A}(\mathcal{X})$ whose eigenvalues satisfy case 1 and case 2, respectively. Thus $\mathfrak{A}(\mathcal{X})$

$= \mathfrak{A}_\varepsilon^1(\mathcal{X}) \cup \mathfrak{A}_\varepsilon^2(\mathcal{X})$. Let $h \in \mathfrak{A}_\varepsilon^2(\mathcal{X})$ and suppose h has eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ (note that $m > 1$). If $k = m$, we have, by our previous argument, that the matrix $N(h) = (e(\lambda_1)e(\lambda_2) \dots e(\lambda_m))$ satisfies (2.5) with $\mathfrak{h} = h$ and that $\|N(h)^{-1}\| < C/\varepsilon^M$, where $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\theta, m)$ and $C > 0$ depends only on \mathcal{X} , δ and m . Now if $k < m$, then

$$\rho_h = \min_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| > \varepsilon(\theta, m). \quad \text{Let us consider open disks}$$

S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k of radius $\tau(\rho_h)$ centered at the points $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$, respectively. By case 2(ii), each of the points $\lambda_{k+1}, \dots, \lambda_m$ is contained in one of these disks; moreover, since $\theta < \frac{1}{2}$, each of the points $\lambda_{k+1}, \dots, \lambda_m$ is contained in only one of these disks. Assuming that for each j , $1 \leq j \leq k$, S_j contains exactly μ_j eigenvalues of h ,

we have that $\sum_{j=1}^k \mu_j = m$. Define the complex numbers $\tilde{p}_1, \dots, \tilde{p}_m$ by

$$\tilde{p}(z) \equiv \prod_{j=1}^k (z - \lambda_j)^{\mu_j} = z^m + \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{p}_j z^{m-j}.$$

If we define \mathfrak{h} by

$$(2.11) \quad h = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & & & 0 & 1 \\ \sim & \sim & & & & \sim \\ -p_m & -p_{m-1} & & & & -p \end{pmatrix}$$

then $h \in \mathcal{H}_\varepsilon(\mathcal{X})$ by our previous argument, and we say that h is a perturbation of h . We remark that $N(h)$ is only defined for $h \in \mathcal{H}_\varepsilon(\mathcal{X})$. Thus $N(h)$ is given by

$$N(h) = \left(e(\lambda_1)e'(\lambda_1) \dots \frac{e^{(\mu_1-1)}(\lambda_1)}{(\mu_1-1)!} \dots e(\lambda_k)e'(\lambda_k) \dots \frac{e^{(\mu_k-1)}(\lambda_k)}{(\mu_k-1)!} \right)$$

Considering $N(h)$ as a linear transformation $\mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$ on the basis $\{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_m\}$, we know by our previous arguments that there exists $C > 0$ (depending on \mathcal{X} , m and δ) such that $\|N(h)\| \leq C$ and $\|N(h)^{-1}\| < C/\varepsilon(\theta, m)^M$ for $h \in \mathcal{H}_\varepsilon(\mathcal{X})$. Returning to h given by

(2.11) and its perturbation h we know that the matrix form of

$N(h)^{-1}hN(h)$ with respect to the basis $\{\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_m\}$ is determined by

its action on the basis B . Letting $p(z) \equiv z^m + \sum_{j=1}^m p_j z^{m-j}$,

where the p_j 's are the entries of h in the form (2.1), we have that

$$he(\lambda) = \lambda e(\lambda) - p(\lambda)\varepsilon_m \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{p^{(j)}(\lambda_s)}{j!} N(\mathcal{A})^{-1} \left(\frac{e^{(\mu_k-1)}(\lambda_k)}{(\mu_k-1)!} \right),$$

$1 \leq j \leq \mu_s - 1$, $s = 1, 2, \dots, k$, $\mu_s > 1$. If $h \in \mathfrak{K}_\varepsilon(\mathcal{X})$, we have, by our previous argument, that $\mathcal{E}(h) = 0$. Since $N(\mathcal{A})^{-1}hN(\mathcal{A})$ has the form (2.12), by (2.7) we obtain

$$(2.13) \quad \operatorname{Re} (R_\gamma^{-1}N(\mathcal{A})^{-1}hN(\mathcal{A})R_\gamma \zeta, \zeta) \leq \{ \|\mathcal{E}(h)\| - \frac{\delta}{2} \} |\zeta|^2$$

for all $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^m$ and $\gamma \leq \frac{\delta}{2}$. Since $e^{(\mu)}(\lambda)/\mu$ is bounded for $\lambda \in \mathcal{X}$, we have that $\|\mathcal{E}(h)\|$ is bounded by a finite number of terms of the form $C \|N(\mathcal{A})^{-1}\| \{ \frac{1}{j!} |p^{(j)}(\lambda_s)| \}$, where $1 \leq j \leq \mu_s - 1$, $\mu_s > 1$ and $s = 1, 2, \dots, k$. In general, for $1 \leq s \leq k$, we know that

$$\frac{p^{(\ell)}(\lambda_s)}{\ell!} = C_\ell \sum_{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{\ell-1}}^k \prod_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq k, j \neq s \\ j \neq k_1, \dots, k_{\ell-1}}} (\lambda_s^{-\lambda_j}), \quad 1 \leq \ell \leq m.$$

Since each of the points $\lambda_{k+1}, \dots, \lambda_m$ is contained in exactly one of the disks S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k , each having radius $\tau(\rho_h)$, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{j!} |p^{(j)}(\lambda_s)| \leq C_m \tau(\rho_h)^{\mu_j - j} \leq C_m \tau(\rho_h)$$

for $1 \leq j \leq \mu_s - 1$, $\mu_s > 1$ and $s = 1, \dots, k$. Since $\rho_h = \rho(\mathcal{A})$ we can combine the above estimate with the estimate $\|N(\mathcal{A})^{-1}\| \leq C_1 \rho(\mathcal{A})^{-M}$ to obtain $\|\mathcal{E}(h)\| \leq C_1 \rho(\mathcal{A})^{-M} \cdot \theta \rho(\mathcal{A})^M = C_1 \theta$ where $C_1 > 0$ depends only on

\mathcal{X} , δ and m . Taking

$$(2.14) \quad 0 < \theta < \min \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\delta}{4C_1} \right)$$

we see that (2.13) yields

$$\operatorname{Re} (R_Y^{-1} N(\mathcal{A})^{-1} h N(\mathcal{A}) R_Y \zeta, \zeta) \leq -\frac{\delta}{4} |\zeta|^2$$

for all $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^m$ and $\gamma \leq \frac{\delta}{2}$. Letting $N(h) = N(\mathcal{A})$ the theorem is proved for all $h \in \mathcal{H}_\varepsilon^2(\mathcal{X})$ where $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\theta, m)$ with θ fixed and satisfying (2.14).

Now suppose $h \in \mathcal{H}_\varepsilon^1(\mathcal{X})$ with eigenvalues $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m\}$. By renumbering we may assume that $|\lambda_i - \lambda_1| < \theta$ for each $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$; thus $k = 1$. Since

$$N(h) = \begin{pmatrix} e(\lambda_1) & e'(\lambda_1) & \dots & \frac{e^{(m-1)}(\lambda_1)}{(m-1)!} \end{pmatrix}$$

it is easily seen that there exists $C > 0$ (depending only on \mathcal{X} , m and δ) such that $\|N(h)\| \leq C$ for all $h \in \mathcal{H}_\varepsilon^1(\mathcal{X})$, $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\theta, m)$. Since $|\det N(h)| = 1$ we have that $\|N(h)^{-1}\| \leq C$ for all $h \in \mathcal{H}_\varepsilon^1(\mathcal{X})$, $C > 0$ depends only on \mathcal{X} , δ and m . Expressing $N(h)^{-1} h N(h)$ in the form (2.12) we see that the "error" term $\|\mathcal{E}(h)\|$ is easily estimated by $C_2 \theta$, where C_2 depends only on \mathcal{X} , m and δ . Taking θ such that $0 < \theta < \min \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\delta}{4C_1}, \frac{\delta}{4C_2} \right)$ our proof is complete. ■

3. The Energy Inequality for Test Functions

The H^s spaces on \mathbb{R}^n

i) For $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n) \equiv C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, the space of infinitely differentiable functions with compact support, $\tilde{\phi}$ denotes the n -dimensional Fourier transform of ϕ :

$$\tilde{\phi}(\xi) = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-i\langle x, \xi \rangle} \phi(x) dx$$

(here $\langle x, \xi \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \xi_j$). $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^k)$ denotes the space of infinitely differentiable and rapidly decreasing functions on \mathbb{R}^k ; $\mathcal{L}'(\mathbb{R}^k)$ denotes the space of tempered distributions on \mathbb{R}^k . For real s we define

$$H^s \equiv \left\{ u \in \mathcal{L}'(\mathbb{R}^n) : \tilde{u} \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ and } \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \{1 + |\xi|^2\}^s |\tilde{u}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \equiv \|u\|_s^2 < \infty \right\}.$$

H^s is a Hilbert space with the scalar product $(\cdot, \cdot)_s$ defined in the obvious way; here, we use the usual extension to $\mathcal{L}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ of $u \rightsquigarrow \tilde{u}$ on $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

ii) The topological inclusions $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset H^s$ are dense.

iii) For $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we write

$$(\phi, \psi)_0 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(x) \bar{\psi}(x) dx.$$

Also for $\phi \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and any s ,

$$(3.1) \quad \|\phi\|_s = \sup_{\substack{\psi \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n) \\ \psi \neq 0}} \frac{|(\phi, \psi)_0|}{\|\psi\|_{-s}}.$$

Thus H^s and H^{-s} are dual Hilbert spaces, the duality being given by the sesquilinear form (which we again denote by $(\cdot, \cdot)_0$) obtained by extension.

iv) If $s < t$ then $H^t \subset H^s$ and $\|u\|_s \leq \|u\|_t$. Given $s_1 \leq t < s_2$ and any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $C(\epsilon) > 0$ such that

$$(3.1)' \quad \|u\|_t^2 \leq \epsilon \|u\|_{s_2}^2 + C(\epsilon) \|u\|_{s_1}^2$$

for all $u \in H^{s_2}$. Note that $H^\infty \equiv \bigcap_s H^s \subset C^\infty$.

v) Let L be a linear operator from $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow H^\infty$. Following Kohn and Nirenberg [6], we say that L has order r if for each real number s there exists a constant $C_s > 0$ such that

$$\|Lu\|_s \leq C_s \|u\|_{s+r} \text{ for all } u \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

The infimum of all orders of L is called the true order of L . Let L be an operator of order r . Then L can be extended to a bounded operator L_s from $H^s \rightarrow H^{s-r}$ for any s . Since $L_s = L_t$ on $H^s \cap H^t$ for all s and t , we shall denote all these extensions of L by L . We also denote the extension of L to an operator on H^s by L . If L and L^* are linear maps $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow H^\infty$, and $(L\phi, \psi)_0 = (\phi, L^*\psi)_0$ for all $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then L^* is called the formal adjoint of L . Since $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is dense in $U_s H^s$, L^* is

unique. If L is of order r , then its extension $L_s : H^s \rightarrow H^{s-r}$ has an adjoint $L_s^* : H^{-s+r} \rightarrow H^{-s}$ which is bounded. Thus L has a formal adjoint L^* of order r whose restriction to $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is L_s^* . If L and M are operators of order r and s , respectively, then LM has order $r+s$.

If $a(\xi)$ is a complex valued measurable function on $\mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$ such that for some number r and $C > 0$ $|a(\xi)| \leq C\{1 + |\xi|^2\}^{r/2}$ for all $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$, then the operator $a(D)$ defined by $a(D)u(\xi) = a(\xi)\tilde{u}(\xi)$ for $u \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is of order r . In particular we define the operators,

$$\Lambda^s = \lambda_s(D), \quad \text{where } \lambda_s(\xi) = |\xi|^s, \quad s \geq 0, \quad \text{and}$$

$$R^\alpha = r^\alpha(D), \quad \text{where } r^\alpha(\xi) = \left(\frac{\xi}{|\xi|}\right)^\alpha.$$

The operators Λ^s and R^α have order s and zero, respectively, and $D^\alpha = \Lambda^{|\alpha|}R^\alpha$. Operators of the form $a(D)$ are called multipliers.

(3.2) Definition: We say $a(x, \xi) \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\})$ is a symbol on $\mathbb{R}^n \times \Sigma$ if

- i) $a(x, \xi)$ is homogeneous in ξ of degree zero, and
- ii) for each α there exists $C_\alpha > 0$ such that $|D_x^\alpha a(x, \xi)| \leq C_\alpha$ for all $\langle x, \xi \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \Sigma$.

(Note that a is not a symbol in the sense of Kohn and Nirenberg [6], since we do not insist that $a(x, \xi)$ converge rapidly to a unique limit $a(\infty, \xi)$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$). We associate with each symbol $a(x, \xi)$ the formal operator $A = a(x, D)$ defined by

$$Au(x) = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle} a(x, \xi) \tilde{u}(\xi) d\xi, \quad u \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

We say A is a singular integral operator on R^n with symbol $a(x, \xi)$.

A is of order zero (see [7]). If $a(x, \xi) \equiv a(\xi)$ then $a(x, D)$ is easily seen to be the multiplier $a(D)$. If $a(x, \xi) \equiv a(x)$ (thus $a \in C_B^\infty(R^n)$), then $a(x, D)$ is the operation of multiplication by a which we denote by $a \cdot$.

Let $a(x, \xi)$ be a symbol on $R^n \times \Sigma$. Then, for k, p non-negative integers, we define

$$\|a\|_{[k,p]} = \sum_{\substack{|\alpha| \leq k \\ |\beta| \leq p}} \sup_{\substack{x \in R^n \\ \omega \in \Sigma}} |D_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta a(x, \omega)|.$$

We define the pseudo-adjoint of $A = a(x, D)$, denoted by $A^\#$, as the singular integral operator with symbol $\overline{a(x, \xi)}$. If $B = b(x, D)$ is another singular integral operator, we define the pseudo-adjoint of A and B , denoted by $A \circ B$, as the singular integral operator with symbol $a(x, \xi)b(x, \xi)$ (thus $A \circ B = B \circ A$).

Propositions 1: Let $A = a(x, D)$ and $B = b(x, D)$ be singular integral operators. Then for every integer m there is a constant $C_m > 0$ such that

i) A is of order zero and the norm of A as a bounded operator:

$$H^m \rightarrow H^m \leq C_m \|a\|_{[|m|+1, n+1]},$$

ii) $A^* - A^\#$ is of order -1 and the norm of $A^* - A^\#$ as a bounded operator:

$$H^m \rightarrow H^{m+1} \leq C_m \|a\|_{[|m|+2, 2n+3]},$$

iii) $AB - A \circ B$ is of order -1 and the norm of $AB - A \circ B$ as a bounded operator:

$$H^m \rightarrow H^{m+1} \leq C_m \|a\|_{[|m|+2, 2n+3]} \|b\|_{[|m|+2, 2n+3]}$$

Proof: See Sections 5, 6 and 7 [7].

Corollary: Let A and B be singular integral operators as above. Then for every real s there is a constant $C_s > 0$ such that

i) the norm of A as a bounded operator:

$$H^s \rightarrow H^s \leq C_s \|a\|_{[|m|+1, n+1]},$$

ii) the norm of $A^* - A^\#$ as a bounded operator:

$$H^s \rightarrow H^{s+1} \leq C_s \|a\|_{[|m|+3, 2n+3]},$$

iii) the norm of $AB - A \circ B$ as a bounded operator:

$$H^s \rightarrow H^{s+1} \leq C_s \|a\|_{[|m|+3, 2n+3]} \|b\|_{[|m|+3, 2n+3]}$$

where $m = [s]$, the integral part of s .

Proof: The proof is an easy consequence of Proposition 1 and an application of Calderon's multilinear interpolation theorem [2]. ■ Let

$$(3.3) \quad k(x, t; \xi), \langle x, t \rangle \in R^{n+1}, \xi \in R^n - \{0\},$$

satisfy: i) $k(x, t; \xi)$ is homogeneous in ξ of degree zero, and ii) for each α there exists $C_\alpha > 0$ such that $|D_x^\alpha k(x, t; \xi)| \leq C_\alpha$ for all $\langle x, t; \xi \rangle \in R^{n+1} \times \Sigma$. Then, by the Corollary to Proposition 1, for ℓ, p non-negative integers there is a constant $C_{\ell, p} > 0$ such that

$$(3.4) \quad \|k(t)\|_{[\ell, p]} \leq C_{\ell, p} \text{ for all } t \in \mathbb{R}^1.$$

Let $k(x, t; \xi)$ satisfy condition (3.3) above. For each $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$ we define $K(t)$ to be the singular integral operator with symbol $k(t)$ ($= k(\cdot, t; \cdot)$). Thus, by Proposition 1(i),

$$\|K(t)\phi\|_s \leq C_s \|\phi\|_s$$

for all $\phi \in H^s$ and all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$, s real. Let $\phi(x, t)$ be a complex-valued function on \mathbb{R}^{n+1} ; by $\phi(t)$ we mean the function on \mathbb{R}^n given by $x \rightsquigarrow \phi(x, t)$. If A is a bounded operator $H^s \rightarrow H^t$ we denote the norm A as a bounded operator from $H^s \rightarrow H^t$ by $\|A\|_{H^s \rightarrow H^t}$.

Reduction of P to first order in t

We call

$$P_0(x, t; D_x, D_t) = \sum_{|\alpha| + 2kj = 2km} a_{\alpha, j}(x, t) D_x^\alpha D_t^j$$

the principal part of P . Since $a_{0, m} \equiv 1$ we can express P in the form $P = P_0 + P_1 + Q$ where

$$P_0(x, t; \xi, \tau) = \tau^m + \sum_{j=1}^m p_j(x, t; \xi) \tau^{m-j},$$

with

$$p_j(x, t; \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha| = 2kj} a_{\alpha, j}(x, t) \xi^\alpha,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_1(x, t; \xi, \tau) &= \sum_{2k(m-1) \leq |\alpha| + 2kj < 2km} a_{\alpha, j}(x, t) \xi^\alpha \tau^j \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{2k(m-j) \leq |\alpha| < 2k(m-j+1)} a_{\alpha, j-1}(x, t) \xi^\alpha \tau^{j-1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q(x, t; \xi, \tau) &= \sum_{|\alpha| + 2kj < 2k(m-1)} a_{\alpha, j}(x, t) \xi^\alpha \tau^j \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \sum_{|\alpha| < 2k(m-j)} a_{\alpha, j-1}(x, t) \xi^\alpha \tau^{j-1}
\end{aligned}$$

(here we assume $m > 1$; if $m = 1$ we define $P_1 = Q = 0$).

We use a method of Calderon (see [3]) to reduce the study of P to the study of an evolution operator $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - H(t)\Lambda^{2k} - J(t)$, where $H(t)$ and $J(t)$ are matrices of singular integral operators depending on $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$. Let $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ and let u be the vector of functions $u = \langle u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m \rangle$ where

$$(3.5) \quad u_j = \Lambda^{2k(m-j)} D_t^{j-1} \phi \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

We have that $D_t u_j = \Lambda^{2k} u_{j+1}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$, and

$$\begin{aligned}
D_t u_m &= D_t^m \phi \\
&= (P_0 + P_1)\phi - \sum_{j=1}^m P_j(x, t; D) D_t^{m-j} \phi \\
&\quad - \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{2k(m-j) \leq |\alpha| < 2k(m-j+1)} a_{\alpha, j-1}(x, t) D_t^{\alpha} D_t^{j-1} \phi \\
&= (P_0 + P_1)\phi - \sum_{j=1}^m P_j(t) \Lambda^{2k} u_{m-j+1} \\
&\quad - \sum_{j=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{2k(m-j) \leq |\alpha| < 2k(m-j+1)} A_{\alpha, j-1}(t) \Lambda^{|\alpha| - 2k(m-j)} \right\} u_j
\end{aligned}$$

where $P_j(t)$ and $A_{\alpha, j}(t)$ are singular integral operators on \mathbb{R}^n whose symbols are $p_j(x, t; \frac{\xi}{|\xi|})$ and $a_{\alpha, j}(x, t) \left(\frac{\xi}{|\xi|} \right)^\alpha$, respectively. Thus we have that

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = H(t) \Lambda^{2k} u + J(t)u + i((P_0 + P_1)\phi) \epsilon_m$$

where

$$\epsilon_m = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and the ℓ -th component of $J(t)u$ is given by

(3.6)

$$(J(t)u)_\ell = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \ell \neq m \\ -i \sum_{j=1}^m \left\{ \sum_{\substack{2k(m-j) \leq |\alpha| < 2k(m-j+1)}} A_{\alpha, j-1}(t) \Lambda^{|\alpha| - 2k(m-j)} \right\} u_j & \text{if } \ell = m \end{cases}$$

and $H(t)$ is the matrix of singular integral operators whose symbol $h(t)$ is given by

$$(3.7) \quad h(x, t; \xi) = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ 0 & & 0 & 1 & \\ & & & 0 & 1 \\ -p_m\left(x, t; \frac{\xi}{|\xi|}\right) & - & . & . & . & - & p_1\left(x, t; \frac{\xi}{|\xi|}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

for $\langle x, t \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ and $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$. We define the order of a matrix of operators in the obvious way. Since the coefficients of P are elements of $C_B^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$, we have, by (3.4), that $H(t)$ and $J(t)$ are uniformly of order zero and $2k-1$, respectively, for $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$.

By definition of δ , a module of parabolicity for P (which we have fixed in Section 2), we know that for each $\langle x, t \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ and $\xi \in \Sigma$ the zeros of $P_0(x, t; \xi, z)$ in z are contained in the closed half-plane $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im } z \geq \delta\}$. Since the coefficients of P_0 are bounded, it is easily shown that the zeros of $P_0(x, t; \xi, z)$ in z are contained in a compact subset of the closed half-plane $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im } z \geq \delta\}$

independent of $\langle x, t \rangle$ and ξ in $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \times \Sigma$. Also we observe that the eigenvalues of $-ih(x, t; \xi)$ are precisely the zeros of $P_0(x, t; \xi, z)$ in z . Thus, there exists a compact subset of \mathbb{C} , call it \mathcal{X} , having the property that $z \in \mathcal{X} \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re} z \leq -\delta$, and that for all $\langle x, t \rangle$, ξ in $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \times \Sigma$ the eigenvalues of $h(x, t; \xi)$ are contained in \mathcal{X} . \mathcal{X} shall remain fixed throughout the remainder of this paper. If we let

$$(3.8) \quad R = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - H(t)\Lambda^{2k} - J(t)$$

we have that

$$Ru = i(P_0 + P_1)\phi \quad \varepsilon_m = i(P\phi - Q\phi)\varepsilon_m.$$

This fact will be used in Section 5 where we will take ϕ to be a distribution on \mathbb{R}^{n+1} . In this section we shall confine our study to the operator R . Suppose R is of the form

$$(3.9) \quad R(h) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - h\Lambda^{2k} - J(t),$$

where $J(t)$ is given by (3.6) and h is a constant matrix of the form (2.1) having all its eigenvalues contained in \mathcal{X} , i.e., $h \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{X})$.

If we let $\gamma = \delta/2$ in Theorem 1, then we can find constants

$C_i = C_i(\mathcal{X}, \delta, m) > 0$, $i = 1, 2$, such that for each $h \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{X})$ there exists a non-singular matrix $N(h)$ satisfying:

$$(3.10) \quad C_2 \left| N(h) R_{\frac{\delta}{2}} \zeta \right| \leq |\zeta| \leq C_1 \left| N(h) R_{\frac{\delta}{2}} \zeta \right|$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(R_{\frac{\delta}{2}}^{-1} N(h)^{-1} h N(h) R_{\frac{\delta}{2}} \zeta, \zeta \right) \leq -\frac{\delta}{4} |\zeta|^2$$

for all $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^m$. For convenience, we shall denote $N(h)R_{\frac{\delta}{2}}$ simply by $N(h)$. For operators of the form (3.9) we have the following form of the energy inequality:

Lemma 2: Let $R(h)$ be of the form (3.9) and suppose $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$.

Then there exists $C = C(\delta) > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{C_2}{2} \|u(b)\|_0^2 - \frac{C_1}{2} \|u(a)\|_0^2 + \frac{C_2 \delta}{8} \int_a^b dt \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2k} |\tilde{u}(\xi, t)|^2 d\xi \\ & + C_2 (\lambda - C) \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_0^2 dt \\ & \leq \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b (N(h)^{-1} (R(h) + \lambda I) u(t), N(h)^{-1} u(t))_0 dt \end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$ and $\lambda > 0$, with C_1, C_2 as in (3.10).

Proof: Let $N \equiv N(h)$ and $R \equiv R(h)$ and for $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$ let $v(t) = N^{-1}u(t)$. Since

$$N^{-1}(R + \lambda I)u(t) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \Lambda^{2k} N^{-1} h N - N^{-1} J N + \lambda I \right) v(t),$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.11) \quad \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b (N^{-1}(R + \lambda I)u(t), N^{-1}u(t))_0 dt \\
= \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(t), v(t) \right)_0 dt + \lambda \int_a^b \|v(t)\|_0^2 dt \\
- \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b (\Lambda^{2k} N^{-1} h N v(t), v(t))_0 dt \\
- \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b (N^{-1} J(t) N v(t), v(t))_0 dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Let us estimate from below the last two terms in equation (3.11).

Since $\operatorname{Re}(N^{-1} h N \zeta, \zeta) \leq -\frac{\delta}{4} |\zeta|^2$, we obtain, using Plancherel's Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.12) \quad -\operatorname{Re} (\Lambda^{2k} N^{-1} h N v(t), v(t))_0 &= -\operatorname{Re} (N^{-1} h N \Lambda^k v(t), \Lambda^k v(t))_0 \\
&\geq \frac{\delta}{4} \int_a^b |\xi|^{2k} |v(\xi, t)|^2 d\xi, \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}^1.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $J(t)$ is uniformly of order $2k-1$, we can apply (3.1), (3.10) and (3.1)' to obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(N^{-1} J(t) N v(t), v(t))_0| \\
&= |(J(t) N v(t), (N^{-1})^* v(t))_0| \leq
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C \|J(t)Nv(t)\|_{-k} \| (N^{-1})^* v(t) \|_k \\
&\leq C \|v(t)\|_{k-1} \|v(t)\|_k \\
&\leq \varepsilon \|v(t)\|_k^2 + C(\varepsilon) \|v(t)\|_0^2
\end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$. Thus, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$ we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned}
&| (N^{-1}J(t)Nv(t), v(t))_0 | \\
&\leq C_k \varepsilon \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2k} |\tilde{v}(\xi, t)|^2 d\xi + C(\varepsilon) \|v(t)\|_0^2
\end{aligned}$$

for all $v \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$ and all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$. Combining (3.10), (3.12), (3.13) and letting $\varepsilon = \delta/8C_k$ our proof is complete. ■

In order to prove a similar energy inequality for operators R of the form (3.8), we shall use a special partition of unity on \mathbb{R}^{n+1} and certain estimates from Kohn and Nirenberg [6]. Since our symbols are not symbols in the sense of Kohn and Nirenberg, we shall have to modify their proof slightly.

Proposition 2 (Compare with Theorem 5 of [6]): Let $k(x, t; \xi)$ satisfy (3.3), let $K(t) = k(x, t; D)$ and suppose $|k(x, t; \xi)| \leq \eta$ for all $\langle x, t \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, $\xi \in \Sigma$. Then, for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $C(\varepsilon) > 0$ such that

$$\|K(t)\phi(t)\|_0^2 \leq (\eta + \varepsilon)^2 \|\phi(t)\|_0^2 + C(\varepsilon) \|\phi(t)\|_{-1}^2$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$ and all $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$.

As in [6], Proposition 2 is based on the following form of Gårding's inequality:

Lemma 3 (Compare with Lemma 6.1 of [6]): Let $a(x, \xi)$ be a symbol on $\mathbb{R}^n \times \Sigma$, let $A = a(x, D)$ and suppose $\operatorname{Re} a(x, \xi) \geq \lambda_0$ for all $\langle x, \xi \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \Sigma$. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $C(\varepsilon) > 0$ such that

$$\operatorname{Re} (A\phi, \phi)_0 \geq (\lambda_0 - \varepsilon) \|\phi\|_0^2 - C(\varepsilon) \|\phi\|_{-1}^2$$

for all $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof: Let $b(x, \xi) = \operatorname{Re} a(x, \xi) - \lambda_0 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and let $g(x, \xi) = \{b(x, \xi)\}^{1/2}$. Clearly $b(x, \xi)$ and $g(x, \xi)$ are symbols on $\mathbb{R}^n \times \Sigma$; we let $B = b(x, D)$ and $G = g(x, D)$. Since $B - G^*G$ is of order -1 we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} \{(B\phi, \phi)_0 - (G^*G\phi, \phi)_0\} \geq -C_1 \|\phi\|_{-1} \|\phi\|_0$$

which implies that

$$(3.14) \quad \operatorname{Re} (B\phi, \phi)_0 \geq -C_1 \|\phi\|_{-1} \|\phi\|_0$$

for all $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$. We have that $\operatorname{Re} (A\phi, \phi)_0 = \left(\frac{1}{2}(A + A^*)\phi, \phi\right)_0$.

However, since $\frac{1}{2}(A + A^*) = \mathcal{R} + \frac{1}{2}(A^* - A^\#)$, where $\mathcal{R} = (\operatorname{Re} a)(x, D)$, we obtain

$$(3.15) \quad \operatorname{Re} (A\phi, \phi)_0 \geq \operatorname{Re} (\mathcal{R}\phi, \phi)_0 - C_2 \|\phi\|_{-1} \|\phi\|_0.$$

Since $\mathcal{R}\phi = B\phi + (\lambda_0 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2})\phi$ we have that

$$(\mathcal{R}\phi, \phi)_0 = (B\phi, \phi)_0 + (\lambda_0 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2})\|\phi\|_0^2.$$

Using (3.14) and (3.15) we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re} (A\phi, \phi)_0 \geq -C'\|\phi\|_{-1}\|\phi\|_0 + (\lambda_0 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2})\|\phi\|_0^2.$$

Taking

$$\|\phi\|_{-1}\|\phi\|_0 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2C'}\|\phi\|_0^2 + C(\varepsilon)\|\phi\|_{-1}^2$$

for all $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we are done. ■

Proof of Proposition 2: Let $A(t) \equiv (\eta + \varepsilon)^2 - K(t)^*K(t)$. Then $A(t) = (\eta + \varepsilon)^2 - K(t)^{\#} \circ K(t) + R(t)$ where $R(t)$ is of order -1 and the norm of $R(t)$ as a bounded operator: $H^{-1} \rightarrow H^0$ is, by Proposition 1, bounded by a constant C_1 independent of $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$. Let $b(x, t; \xi) = (\eta + \varepsilon)^2 - |k(x, t; \xi)|^2$; clearly $b(x, t; \xi)$ satisfies (3.3) and $b(x, t; \xi) \geq \varepsilon^2$. Let $B(t) = b(x, t; D)$; by Lemma 3 we have that for any $\delta > 0$ there is $C(\delta) > 0$ such that

$$\operatorname{Re} (B(t)\phi(t), \phi(t))_0 \geq (\varepsilon^2 - \delta)\|\phi(t)\|_0^2 - C(\delta)\|\phi(t)\|_{-1}^2$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$ and $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$. Also, for arbitrary $\delta > 0$

$$|(R(t)\phi(t), \phi(t))_0| \leq \delta\|\phi(t)\|_0^2 + C(\delta)\|\phi(t)\|_0^2$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$ and $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$. Since $A(t) = B(t) + R(t)$ we have that

$$\operatorname{Re} (A(t)\phi(t), \phi(t))_0 \geq (\varepsilon^2 - 2\delta)\|\phi(t)\|_0^2 - C(\delta)\|\phi(t)\|_{-1}^2$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$ and $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$. However, since

$$(A(t)\phi(t), \phi(t))_0 = (\eta + \varepsilon)^2 \|\phi(t)\|_0^2 - \|K(t)\phi(t)\|_0^2,$$

we can take $\delta = \varepsilon/2$ and we obtain

$$\|K(t)\phi(t)\|_0^2 \leq (\eta + \varepsilon)^2 \|\phi(t)\|_0^2 - C(\varepsilon) \|\phi(t)\|_{-1}^2$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$ and $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$. ■

Partitions of unity on \mathbb{R}^{n+1} and Σ

Let $h(x, t; \xi)$ be given by (3.7). Since the coefficients of P are uniformly continuous on \mathbb{R}^{n+1} and since $h(x, t; \xi)$ is homogeneous in ξ of degree zero we have that for any $\eta > 0$ there exists $\gamma > 0$ such that

$$(3.16) \quad \|h(x, t; \omega) - h(y, \tau; \omega)\| < \frac{\eta}{2}$$

for $|x-y|^2 + |t-\tau|^2 \leq \gamma^2$ and all $\omega \in \Sigma$. Let $d > 0$ be such that $\sqrt{n+1} d > \gamma/\sqrt{2}$. For each $(n+1)$ -tuple $(\alpha, \beta) = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n, \beta)$ let

$$Q_{\alpha, \beta} = \{(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : |x_j - d\alpha_j| < d, |t - d\beta| < d, j = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

Choose $\zeta \in C_0^\infty(Q_{0,0})$ such that $0 \leq \zeta \leq 1$ and $\sum_{(\alpha, \beta)} \{\zeta(x-d\alpha, t-d\beta)\}^2 \equiv 1$

on \mathbb{R}^{n+1} . Thus, if we define $\zeta_{\alpha, \beta}(x, t) \equiv \zeta(x-d\alpha, t-d\beta)$, then $\zeta_{\alpha, \beta}$

$\in C_0^\infty(Q_{\alpha, \beta})$ and $\sum_{(\alpha, \beta)} \zeta_{\alpha, \beta}^2 \equiv 1$ on \mathbb{R}^{n+1} . Enumerate the cubes $Q_{\alpha, \beta}$ and

the corresponding functions $\zeta_{\alpha,\beta}$ in some order: Q_1, Q_2, \dots and ζ_1, ζ_2, \dots . We remark that the cubes Q_i overlap in such a fashion that any fixed point in R^{n+1} is contained in exactly 2^{n+1} distinct cubes except for points on $U_i \partial Q_i$, a set of measure zero. Thus

$$(3.17) \quad \sum_i \zeta_i(x,t)^2 \equiv 1 \quad \text{for all } \langle x,t \rangle \in R^{n+1},$$

and for any non-negative integer m there exists $C_m > 0$ such that

$$(3.18) \quad \sum_i \sum_{\substack{|\alpha| + \ell \leq m}} |D^\alpha \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^\ell \zeta_i(x,t)|^2 \leq C_m$$

for all $\langle x,t \rangle \in R^{n+1}$. Also, if we let $\langle x_i, t_i \rangle$ be the center of the cube Q_i , we see that

$$(3.19) \quad \|h(x,t;\xi) - h(x_i,t_i;\xi)\| < \eta/2$$

for all $\langle x,t \rangle \in Q_i$ and all $\xi \in \Sigma$.

Since the coefficients of P are bounded on R^{n+1} , we can find points $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_s$ on Σ and neighborhoods $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \dots, \Omega_s$ on Σ of ξ_1, \dots, ξ_s , respectively, such that

$$(3.20) \quad \sup_{\langle x,t \rangle \in R^{n+1}} \|h(x,t;\xi) - h(x,t;\xi_j)\| < \eta/2$$

for all $\xi \in \Omega_j$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$. Let $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_s$ be functions defined on Σ such that $0 \leq \phi_j \leq 1$, $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega_j)$, and

$\sum_{j=1}^s \phi_j(\omega)^2 \equiv 1$ on Σ . Extend ϕ_j to all of $R^n - \{0\}$ so that ϕ_j is

homogeneous of degree zero. On R^n we define the operators $\phi_j \equiv \phi_j(D)$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$. Thus

$$\sum_{i,j} \|\zeta_i(t)\phi_j u\|_0^2 = \sum_{j=1}^s \|\phi_j u\|_0^2 = \|u\|_0^2$$

for all $t \in R^1$ and all $u \in H^0$.

Remark. Since the selection of $\{Q_i\}$, $\{\zeta_i\}$, $\{\Omega_j\}$, $\{\phi_j\}$ and s depends on the number η satisfying (3.16) we have that for each non-negative k there is $\tilde{C}(k, \eta) > 0$ such that

$$(3.21) \quad \sup_{\langle x, t \rangle \in R^{n+1}} \sum_{|\alpha| + \ell \leq k} \sum_i |D^\alpha \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^\ell \zeta_i(x, t)|^2 \leq \tilde{C}(k, \eta);$$

using Leibnitz's rule we obtain,

$$(3.22) \quad \sum_{i,j} \|\zeta_i(t)\phi_j u\|_k^2 \leq \tilde{C}(k, \eta) \sum_{j=1}^s \|\phi_j u\|_k^2 \\ = \tilde{C}(k, \eta) \|u\|_k^2$$

for all $t \in R^1$ and $u \in H^k$. To estimate $\sum_i \|\zeta_i(t)u\|_{-k}^2$ in terms of $\|u\|_{-k}^2$, k a positive integer, we use the following proposition:

Proposition 3: Let k be a positive integer and suppose $\{\zeta_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ is a set of functions satisfying:

a) $\zeta_i \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots$

b) for each positive integer m there exists $C_m > 0$ such that

$$\sum_i |D^\alpha \zeta_i(x)|^2 \leq C_m$$

for all $|\alpha| \leq m$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then there exists $C > 0$ (in fact

$$C = C_k \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_i |D^\alpha \zeta_i(x)|^2$$

such that

$$\sum_i \|\zeta_i u\|_{-k}^2 \leq C \|u\|_{-k}^2$$

for all $u \in H^{-k}$.

Proof: We shall employ the well known fact that $u \in H^{-k}$ if and only if there exists $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n \in H^{-k+1}$ such that

$$u = u_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n D_j u_j \quad (D_j = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}) \text{ and}$$

$$C' \|u\|_{-1}^2 \leq \sum_{j=0}^n \|u_j\|_0^2 \leq C'' \|u\|_{-1}^2.$$

Since

$$\zeta_i u = \left\{ \zeta_i u_0 - \sum_{j=1}^n (D_j \zeta_i) u_j + \sum_{j=1}^n D_j (\zeta_i u_j) \right\}$$

we obtain

$$\|\zeta_i u\|_{-1}^2 \leq C_1 \left\{ \|\zeta_i u\|_0^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n \|(D_j \zeta_i) u_j\|_0^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n \|\zeta_i u_j\|_0^2 \right\}.$$

Thus

$$\sum_i \|\zeta_i u\|_{-1}^2 \leq C \sum_{j=0}^n \|u_j\|_0^2 \leq C \|u\|_{-1}^2$$

where

$$C = C_1 \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 1} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_i |D^\alpha \zeta_i(x)|^2.$$

We now assume the proposition holds for $k-1$ and prove it for k .

There are constants $C', C'' > 0$ such that for each $u \in H^{-k}$ there exists $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n \in H^{-k+1}$ with

$$u = u_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n D_j u_j \quad \text{and} \quad C' \|u\|_{-k}^2 \leq \sum_{j=0}^n \|u_j\|_{-k+1}^2 \leq C'' \|u\|_{-k}^2.$$

Thus

$$\zeta_i u = \left\{ \zeta_i u_0 - \sum_{j=1}^n (D_j \zeta_i) u_j \right\} + \sum_{j=1}^n D_j (\zeta_i u_j),$$

and

$$\|\zeta_i u\|_{-k}^2 \leq C_k \left\{ \|\zeta_i u_0\|_{-(k-1)}^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n \|(D_j \zeta_i) u_j\|_{-(k-1)}^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n \|\zeta_i u_j\|_{-(k-1)}^2 \right\}$$

By our induction hypothesis we have that

$$\sum_i \| (D_j \zeta_i) u_j \|_{-(k-1)}^2 \leq C_u \| u_j \|_{-(k-1)}^2$$

where

$$C_j = C_{k-1} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k-1} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_i |D^\alpha D_j \zeta_i(x)|^2.$$

Thus

$$\sum_i \| \zeta_i u \|_{-k}^2 \leq C \sum_{j=0}^n \| u_j \|_{-k+1}^2 \leq C \| u \|_{-k}^2$$

where

$$C = C_k \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_i |D^\alpha \zeta_i(x)|^2$$

and our proof is complete. ■

Let $h_{ij} = h(x_i, t_i; \xi_j)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$, where $h(x, t; \xi)$ is given by (3.7). Define R^{ij} by

$$R^{ij} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - h_{ij} \Lambda^{2k} - J(t)$$

where $J(t)$ is given by (3.6). Define $N_{ij} = N(h_{ij})$ (see Theorem 1). We now state and prove our first generalization of the classical energy inequality for operators of the form $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - H(t) \Lambda^{2k} - J(t)$ (see (3.8)).

Theorem 2: Let R be of the form (3.3) and let $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$. Then there exist constants $C'(\delta)$ and $C''(\delta) > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{C_1}{2} \|u(b)\|_0^2 - \frac{C_1}{2} \|u(a)\|_0^2 \\ & + C'(\delta) \int_a^b dt \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2k} |\tilde{u}(\xi, t)|^2 dt + C_2(\lambda - C''(\delta)) \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_0^2 dt \\ & \leq \sum_{i,j} \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b (N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j (R + \lambda I) u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j u(t))_0 dt \end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$ and all $\lambda > 0$ (here C_1 and C_2 are given by (3.10)).

Proof: We have $R = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - H(t)\Lambda^{2k} - J(t)$ where $J(t)$ and $H(t)$ are given by (3.6) and (3.7), respectively. Consider the sesquilinear form A defined by

$$\begin{aligned} A[u, v] &= \frac{C_2}{2} (u(b), v(b))_0 - \frac{C_1}{2} (u(a), v(a))_0 \\ & + \frac{C_2 \delta}{8} \int_a^b dt \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2k} \overline{u(\xi, t)} \tilde{v}(\xi, t) d\xi + C_2(\lambda - C) \int_a^b (u(t), v(t))_0 dt \end{aligned}$$

for $u, v \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$ where $\lambda > 0$ is fixed, and the constants C_1 , C_2 and C are those from Lemma 2. By Lemma 2 we know that for each i and j ($i = 1, 2, \dots, j = 1, 2, \dots, s$)

$$A[u, u] \leq \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b (N_{ij}^{-1} (R^{ij} + \lambda I) u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} u(t))_0 dt$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$. Since $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m \Rightarrow \phi_j u(t) \in H^\infty(\subset C^\infty)$,

we obtain

$$(3.24) \quad A[\zeta_i \phi_j u, \zeta_i \phi_j u] \\ \leq \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b (N_{ij}^{-1} (R^{ij} + \lambda I) \zeta_i \phi_j u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i \phi_j u(t))_0 dt$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$ (here $\zeta_i \phi_j$ denotes the operator $\zeta_i \cdot \phi_j$).

We shall estimate $\sum_{i,j} A[\zeta_i \phi_j u, \zeta_i \phi_j u]$ from above by the right side of (3.23) and an error term. By subtracting this "error" term from a certain lower estimate on $\sum_{i,j} A[\zeta_i \phi_j u, \zeta_i \phi_j u]$ we shall arrive, with the appropriate choice of constants C' and C'' , at inequality (3.23).

A trivial computation yields

$$\begin{aligned} R^{ij}(\zeta_i \phi_j u) &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - h_{ij} \Lambda^{2k} - J(t) \right) (\zeta_i \phi_j u) \\ &= \zeta_i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - h_{ij} \Lambda^{2k} \right) (\phi_j u) - J(t) (\zeta_i \phi_j u) \\ &+ \frac{\partial \zeta_i}{\partial t} \phi_j u - h_{ij} \sum_{|\alpha| = k} \sum_{0 < \beta \leq 2\alpha} a_\alpha \binom{2\alpha}{\beta} (D^\beta \zeta_i) \phi_j D^{2\alpha - \beta} u \end{aligned}$$

where the a_α 's are positive integers. Since

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - h_{ij} \Lambda^{2k} = R + (H(t) - h_{ij}) \Lambda^{2k} + J(t)$$

and

$$R\phi_j = \phi_j R + (\phi_j H(t) - H(t)\phi_j) \Lambda^{2k} + (\phi_j J(t) - J(t)\phi_j)$$

we obtain

$$(3.25) \quad R^{ij}(\zeta_i \phi_j u) = \zeta_i \phi_j R u + \mathcal{E}_{ij}^1 u + \mathcal{E}_{ij}^2 u + \mathcal{E}_{ij}^3 u + \mathcal{E}_{ij}^4 u + \mathcal{E}_{ij}^5 u$$

where

$$(3.26) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{E}_{ij}^1 = \frac{\partial \zeta_i}{\partial t} \cdot \phi_j \\ \mathcal{E}_{ij}^2 = h_{ij} \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \sum_{0 < \beta \leq 2\alpha} a_{\alpha} \binom{2\alpha}{\beta} D^{\beta} \zeta_i \cdot \phi_j D^{2\alpha-\beta} \\ \mathcal{E}_{ij}^3 = \zeta_i (\phi_j H(t) - H(t)\phi_j) \Lambda^{2k} \\ \mathcal{E}_{ij}^4 = \zeta_i (\phi_j J(t) - J(t)\phi_j) \\ \mathcal{E}_{ij}^5 = \zeta_i (H(t) - h_{ij}) \Lambda^{2k} \phi_j \end{array} \right.$$

We now estimate the "error" terms:

$$\sum_{i,j} \left| \int_a^b (N_{ij}^{-1} \mathcal{E}_{ij}^{\ell} u, N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i \phi_j u)_0 dt \right|, \text{ for } \ell = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.$$

We remark that, by (3.10), $\|N_{ij}^{-1}\| \leq C_1$ for all i and j .

1) To estimate the "error" terms involving \mathcal{E}_{ij}^2 we apply (3.21) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i,j} \int_a^b |(N_{ij}^{-1} \mathcal{E}_{ij}^1 u, N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i \phi_j u)_0| dt \\
&= \sum_{i,j} \int_a^b |(N_{ij}^{-1} \frac{\partial \zeta_i}{\partial t}(t) \phi_j u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j u(t))_0| dt \\
&\leq c_1 \sum_{i,j} \int_a^b \|\frac{\partial \zeta_i}{\partial t}(t) \phi_j u(t)\|_0^2 dt + c_1 \sum_{i,j} \int_a^b \|\zeta_i(t) \phi_j u(t)\|_0^2 dt \\
&\leq \tilde{C}(n) \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_0^2 dt
\end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$.

2) Apply Theorem 1, Proposition 2, (3.21) and (3.22) and we obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i,j} \int_a^b |(N_{ij}^{-1} h_{ij} D^\beta \zeta_i(t) \phi_j D^{2\alpha-\beta} u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j u(t))_0| dt \\
&\leq c \sum_{i,j} \int_a^b \|D^\beta \zeta_i(t) \phi_j D^{2\alpha-\beta} u(t)\|_{-k} \|\zeta_i(t) \phi_j u(t)\|_k dt \\
&\leq \varepsilon \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_k^2 dt + \tilde{C}(n) C(\varepsilon) \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_{k-1}^2 dt
\end{aligned}$$

where $|\alpha| = k$, $0 < \beta \leq 2$. Thus, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i,j} \int_a^b |(N_{ij}^{-1} \mathcal{E}_{ij}^{2k} u, N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i \phi_j u)_0| dt \\ & \leq \varepsilon \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_k^2 dt + \tilde{C}(\eta) C(\varepsilon) \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_{k-1}^2 dt \end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$.

3) To estimate the "error" terms involving \mathcal{E}_{ij}^3 we apply Proposition 3, (3.1), (3.21) and (3.22) to obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i,j} |(N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) [\phi_j H(t) - H(t) \phi_j] \Lambda^{2k} u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j u(t))_0| \\ & \leq C \sum_{i,j} \|\zeta_i(t) [\phi_j H(t) - H(t) \phi_j] \Lambda^{2k} u(t)\|_{-k} \|\zeta_i(t) \phi_j u(t)\|_k \\ & \leq \varepsilon \|u(t)\|_k^2 + C(\varepsilon) \tilde{C}(\eta) \sum_{j=1}^s \|(\phi_j H(t) - H(t) \phi_j) \Lambda^{2k} u(t)\|_{-k}^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$ and $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$. By Proposition 1(ii), the commutator $\phi_j H(t) - H(t) \phi_j$ is uniformly of order -1 for $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$ and we obtain, applying (3.4), that

$$\sum_{j=1}^s \|(\phi_j H(t) - H(t) \phi_j) \Lambda^{2k} u(t)\|_{-k}^2 \leq \tilde{C}(\eta) \|u(t)\|_{-k}^2$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$. Thus, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i,j} \int_a^b |(N_{ij}^{-1} \mathcal{E}_{ij}^3 u, N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i \phi_j u)_0| dt \\ & \leq \varepsilon \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_k^2 dt + C(\varepsilon) \check{C}(\eta) \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_{k-1}^2 dt \end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$.

4) In order to estimate the "error" terms involving \mathcal{E}_{ij}^4 we apply (3.1), (3.22) and the fact that $J(t)$ is uniformly of order $2k-1$ to obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i,j} \int_a^b |(N_{ij}^{-1} \mathcal{E}_{ij}^4 u, N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i \phi_j u)_0| dt \\ & = \sum_{i,j} \int_a^b |(N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) [\phi_j J(t) - J(t) \phi_j] u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j u(t))_0| dt \\ & \leq C \sum_{i,j} \int_a^b \|\zeta_i(t) [\phi_j J(t) - J(t) \phi_j] u(t)\|_{-k} \|\zeta_i(t) \phi_j u(t)\|_k dt \\ & \leq \varepsilon \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_k^2 dt + \check{C}(\eta) C(\varepsilon) \sum_{j=1}^m \int_a^b \|\phi_j J(t) - J(t) \phi_j\|_{k-1}^2 dt \\ & \leq \varepsilon \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_k^2 dt + \check{C}(\eta) C(\varepsilon) \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_{k-1}^2 dt \end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$.

5) To estimate the "error" terms involving \mathcal{E}_{ij}^5 we observe that

$$\Lambda^{2k} = \sum_{|\alpha| = k} a_{\alpha} D^{2\alpha}, \text{ where the } a_{\alpha} \text{'s are positive integers. Using inte-}$$

gration by parts we obtain for $|\alpha| = k$,

$$(3.27) \quad \left| (N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) (H(t) - h_{ij}) \phi_j D^{2\alpha} u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j u(t))_0 \right|$$

$$\leq \left| (N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) (H(t) - h_{ij}) \phi_j D^{\alpha} u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j D^{\alpha} u(t))_0 \right|$$

+ a finite sum of remainder terms of the form

$$\left| (N_{ij}^{-1} D^{\delta} \zeta_i(t) (H(t) - h_{ij}) \phi_j D^{\alpha} u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} D^{\rho} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j D^{\gamma} u(t))_0 \right|$$

and

$$\left| (N_{ij}^{-1} D^{\delta} \zeta_i(t) \partial^{\tau} H(t) \phi_j D^{\alpha} u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} D^{\rho} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j D^{\gamma} u(t))_0 \right|$$

where $|\delta|, |\tau|, |\rho| \leq k, |\gamma| \leq k-1$ and $\partial^{\tau} H(t)$ is the matrix of singular integral operators whose symbol is given by $(D_x^{\tau} h)(x, t; \xi)$, $\langle x, \xi \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \Sigma, t \in \mathbb{R}^1$. It is clear that the number of non-zero remainder terms depends only on k .

We now estimate the second type of remainder term in (3.27).

Since $|\gamma| \leq k-1$, we can apply Proposition 1 and (3.4), (3.1) and (3.21) to obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i,j} |(N_{ij}^{-1} D^\delta \zeta_i(t) \partial^\tau H(t) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} D^\rho \zeta_i(t) \phi_j D^\gamma u(t))_0| \\ & \leq \epsilon \|u(t)\|_k^2 + C(\epsilon) \|u(t)\|_{k-1}^2 \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R}^1. \end{aligned}$$

Now consider the second type of remainder term in (3.27). We observe that since the coefficients of P are uniformly bounded, there is a constant $C = C(P) > 0$ such that $\|h_{ij}\| \leq C$ for all i and j . Since $|\zeta - \eta|^2 \leq 2|\zeta|^2 + 2|\eta|^2$ for all $\zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{C}^m$, we can use the fact that $H(t)$ is uniformly of order zero along with (3.4) to obtain for $|\alpha| = k$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i,j} |D^\delta \zeta_i(t) (H(t) - h_{ij}) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t)|_0^2 \\ & \leq \tilde{C}(n) \sum_{j=1}^s \left\{ \|H(t) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 + \|\phi_j D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 \right\} \\ & \leq \tilde{C}(n) \|u(t)\|_k^2 \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R}^1. \end{aligned}$$

However, for arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i,j} |(N_{ij}^{-1} D^\delta \zeta_i(t) (H(t) - h_{ij}) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} D^\rho \zeta_i(t) \phi_j D^\gamma u(t))_0| \\ & \leq \epsilon \sum_{i,j} \|D^\delta \zeta_i(t) (H(t) - h_{ij}) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$+ C(\varepsilon) \sum_{i,j} \|D^\rho \zeta_i(t) \phi_j D^\gamma u(t)\|_0^2$$

where $|\alpha| = k$ and $|\gamma| \leq 2k-1$. Thus

$$(3.28) \quad \sum_{i,j} \int_a^b |(N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_{ij}^5 u, N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i \phi_j u)_0| dt$$

$$\leq \varepsilon \|u(t)\|_k^2 + C(\varepsilon) \mathcal{C}(\eta) \|u(t)\|_{k-1}^2$$

$$+ C_k \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \sum_{i,j} \int_a^b |(N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) (H(t) - h_{ij}) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t))_0| dt.$$

Let us estimate the last terms in the right side of (3.28). We have that $H(t) - h_{ij} = h(x, t; D) - h_{ij}^*$. Let $h - h_{ij} = k_j' + s_{ij}$ where

$$k_j'(x, t; \xi) = h(x, t; \xi) - h(x, t; \xi_j)$$

and

$$s_{ij}(x, t) = h(x, t; \xi_j) - h(x_i, t_i; \xi_j).$$

Thus $H(t) - h_{ij} = K_j'(t) + s_{ij}(t)$ where $K_j'(t) = k_j'(x, t; D)$. For each j , $1 \leq j \leq s$, let $\psi_j \in C_0^\infty(\Omega_j)$ with $\psi_j \equiv 1$ on the support of ϕ_j with $0 \leq \psi_j \leq 1$. Extend ψ_j to all of $\mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$ so that ψ_j is homogeneous of degree zero. Define $k_j(x, t; \xi) \equiv \psi_j(\xi) k_j'(x, t; \xi)$ for $\langle x, t \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ and $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$, $j = 1, \dots, s$. If we let $K_j(t) = k_j(x, t; D)$, then

$$(3.29) \quad K_j'(t) \phi_j = K_j(t) \phi_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, s.$$

Now since, by (3.20), $|k_j(x, t, \xi)| \leq \eta/2$ for all $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ and $\xi \in \Sigma$, we can apply Proposition 2 to obtain, for arbitrary $\rho > 0$,

$$(3.30) \quad \begin{aligned} \|K_j(t)\phi_j D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 &\leq \left(\frac{\eta}{2} + \rho\right)^2 \|\phi_j D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 \\ &+ C(\rho) \|\phi_j D^\alpha u(t)\|_{-1}^2, \quad j = 1, \dots, s, \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$. Letting $\rho = \eta/2$ in (3.30) and using (3.29) we obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{i,j} |(N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) K_j'(t) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t))_0| \\ &= \sum_{i,j} |(N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) K_j(t) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t))_0| \\ &\leq \varepsilon \|D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 + C(\varepsilon) \sum_{j=1}^s \|K_j(t) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 \\ &\leq (\eta^2 + \varepsilon) \|u\|_k^2 + \tilde{C}(\eta) C(\varepsilon) \|u(t)\|_{k-1}^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$. We now consider the terms involving the multiplications s_{ij} .

By (3.19) we obtain

$$(3.32) \quad \sum_{i,j} \|\zeta_i(t) s_{ij}(t) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{i,j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \zeta_i(x,t)^2 \|h(x,t;\xi_j) - h(x_i,t_i;\xi_j)\|^2 |\phi_j D^\alpha u(x,t)|^2 dx \\
&\leq \frac{\eta^2}{4} \sum_{i,j} \|\zeta_i(t) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 \\
&= \frac{\eta^2}{4} \|D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R}^1.
\end{aligned}$$

Applying (3.32) we obtain, for $|\alpha| = k$ and arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{i,j} |(N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) s_{ij}(t) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j D^\alpha u(t))_0| \\
&\leq \varepsilon \|D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 + C(\varepsilon) \frac{\eta^2}{4} \|D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 \\
&\leq \left\{ \varepsilon + C(\varepsilon) \frac{\eta^2}{4} \right\} \|u(t)\|_k^2 \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R}^1.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining the above estimate with (3.28) and (3.31) we obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{i,j} \int_a^b |(N_{ij}^{-1} \mathcal{E}_{ij}^5 u, N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i \phi_j u)_0| dt \\
&\leq \left\{ \varepsilon + C(\varepsilon) \frac{\eta^2}{4} \right\} \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_k^2 dt + C(\varepsilon) \tilde{C}(\eta) \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_{k-1}^2 dt
\end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty \mathbb{R}^{n+1}\}^m$. Thus, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i,j} A[\zeta_i \phi_j u, \zeta_i \phi_j u] \\
\leq & \sum_{i,j} \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b (N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j (R+\lambda I) u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j u(t))_0 dt \\
& + \{\varepsilon + \tilde{C}(\varepsilon) n^2\} \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_k^2 dt \\
& + C(\varepsilon) \tilde{C}(n) \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_{k-1}^2 dt + \tilde{C}(n) \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_0^2 dt
\end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$. We shall now obtain a lower estimate on

$\sum_{i,j} A[\zeta_i \phi_j u, \zeta_i \phi_j u]$ by an expression similar in form to the left side

of (3.23). We use the following lemma:

Lemma 4: There exists constants $C_k > 0$ and $\tilde{C}(n) > 0$ (see (3.21))

such that

$$\begin{aligned}
& C_k \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2k} \tilde{u}(\xi, t)^2 d\xi - \tilde{C}(n) \|u(t)\|_0^2 \\
\leq & \sum_{i,j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2k} |\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_x(\zeta_i(t) \phi_j u(t))(\xi)|^2 d\xi
\end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$ and $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ (for convenience we denote $\tilde{\phi}$ by $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_x \phi$).

Assuming Lemma 4 we see that there exists $C_0 = C_0(\delta, \mathcal{X}, k, m) > 0$ and $C'_0 = C'_0(\delta, \mathcal{X}, k, m, \eta) > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.33) \quad & \frac{C_2}{2} \|u(b)\|_0^2 - \frac{C_1}{2} \|u(a)\|_0^2 \\
 & + C_0 \int_a^b dt \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2k} |\tilde{u}(\xi, t)|^2 d\xi + C_2(\lambda - C'_0) \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_0^2 dt \\
 & \leq \sum_{i,j} A[\zeta_i \phi_j u, \zeta_i \phi_j u]
 \end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$. We observe that

$$(3.34) \quad \|u(t)\|_k^2 \leq C_k \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2k} |\tilde{u}(\xi, t)|^2 d\xi + C_k \|u(t)\|_0^2$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$ and $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$. Combining (3.33), (3.34) with (3.1) we obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{C_2}{2} \|u(b)\|_0^2 - \frac{C_1}{2} \|u(a)\|_0^2 \\
 & + C_0 \int_a^b dt \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2k} |\tilde{u}(\xi, t)|^2 d\xi + C_2(\lambda - C'_0) \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_0^2 dt \\
 & \leq \sum_{i,j} \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b (N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j (R + \lambda I) u(t), N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i(t) \phi_j u(t))_0 dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \{\epsilon + C(\epsilon)\eta^2\} \int_a^b dt \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2k} |\tilde{u}(\xi, t)|^2 d\xi \\
& + C(\epsilon)\tilde{C}(\eta) \int_a^b \|u(t)\|_0^2 dt
\end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$. Letting $\epsilon = C_0/3$ and $\eta^2 = C_0/3C(\epsilon)$

completes the proof of Theorem 2.

Proof of Lemma 4: Since

$$C_1 \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \xi^{2\alpha} \leq |\xi|^{2k} \leq C_2 \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \xi^{2\alpha}$$

for all $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2k} |\mathcal{F}_x(\zeta_i(t)\phi_j u(t))(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\
& \leq C_1 \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \|D^\alpha(\zeta_i(t)\phi_j u(t))\|_0^2
\end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$. Applying the inequality $|z+w|^2 \geq |z|^2 - 2|z||w|$

for all $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$ we obtain, using Liebnitz's rule,

$$|D^\alpha(\zeta_i \phi_j u)|^2 \geq |\zeta_i \phi_j D^\alpha u|^2 - C_k \sum_{0 < \beta \leq \alpha} |\zeta_i \phi_j D^\alpha u| |D^\beta \zeta_i \phi_j D^{\alpha-\beta} u|.$$

For $|\alpha| = k$ and $0 < \beta \leq \alpha$ we use (3.21) to obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i,j} \|\zeta_i(t)\phi_j D^\alpha u(t)\|_0 \|D^\beta \zeta_i(t)\phi_j D^{\alpha-\beta} u(t)\|_0 \\ & \leq \varepsilon \|D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 + C(\varepsilon)\tilde{C}(\eta)\|D^{\alpha-\beta} u(t)\|_0^2 \\ & \leq \varepsilon \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2k} |\tilde{u}(\xi, t)|^2 d\xi + C(\varepsilon)\tilde{C}(\eta)\|u(t)\|_0^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$. Thus, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & C_1 \sum_{i,j} \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \|D^\alpha(\zeta_i(t)\phi_j u(t))\|_0^2 \\ & \geq C_1 \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \|D^\alpha u(t)\|_0^2 - \varepsilon \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2k} |\tilde{u}(\xi, t)|^2 d\xi \\ & \quad - C(\varepsilon)\tilde{C}(\eta)\|u(t)\|_0^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$ and $u \in \{C_0(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$. Letting $\varepsilon = C_1/2C_2$ completes our proof. ■

4. The Energy Inequality for Distributions

Definition. Let $Q(\xi, \tau) = \{\tau^2 + q^{4k}(\xi)\}^{1/4k}$ where $q(\xi) = \{1 + |\xi|^2\}^{1/2}$, then for real r and s , $k_{r,s}(\xi, \tau) = Q^{2r}(\xi, \tau)q^s(\xi)$ is a temperate weight function.

$$\mathcal{H}^{r,s} = \left\{ u \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}) : \hat{u} \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}) \text{ and } \|u\|_{r,s}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} Q^{2r}(\xi, \tau) q^{2s}(\xi) |\hat{u}(\xi, \tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau < \infty \right\}$$

is a Hilbert space with the scalar product $(u, v)_{r,s}$ defined in the obvious way; here, we write

$$\mathcal{F} u(\xi, \tau) = \hat{u}(\xi, \tau) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{(n+1)}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} e^{-i\langle x, \xi \rangle + t\tau} u(x, t) dx dt$$

when $u \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$, and extend to $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ in the usual way. We refer the reader to Section 2 of [5] for the various properties of $\mathcal{H}^{r,s}$ spaces. For $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$, we set $\Omega = \Omega_{a,b} = \{\langle x, t \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : a < t < b\}$. Then $\mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega) \equiv \{u \in \mathcal{S}'(\Omega) : \text{there exists } v \in \mathcal{H}^{r,s} \text{ such that } u = v|_{\Omega}\}$ is a Banach space with the usual quotient norm: $\|u\|_{r,s,\Omega} = \inf \{\|v\|_{r,s} : v \in \mathcal{H}^{r,s} \text{ and } u = v|_{\Omega}\}$. The spaces $\mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)$ are studied in Section 4 of [5].

Proposition 4: Let p be a positive integer. Then $\mathcal{H}^{2kp,0}$
 $= \{ u \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}) : u, D_t^p u, D^\alpha u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}) \text{ for all } \alpha, |\alpha| = 2kp \}$ and
 $\|u\|_{2kp,0}$ is equivalent to the norm

$$\left\{ \sum_{|\alpha| = 2kp} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})}^2 + \|D_t^p u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})}^2 + \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})}^2 \right\}^{1/2}.$$

Proof: A trivial consequence of the inequality

$$(4.1) \quad \{(1 + |\xi|^2)^{2k} + \tau^2\}^p \leq C_{k,p} \{1 + |\xi|^{2kp} + \tau^{2p}\}$$

for all $(\xi, \tau) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$.

Remark. If $|\alpha| + 2kj \leq 2kp$, then $D^\alpha D_t^j$ is bounded : $\mathcal{H}^{r,s} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}^{r-2kp,s}$
for all real r and s .

Proposition 5: Let p be a positive integer. Then $u \in \mathcal{H}^{-4kp,0}$ if and
only if u has a representation

$$u = u_0 + \sum_{|\alpha| = 4k} D^\alpha u_\alpha + D_t^2 u_2,$$

where $u_0 \in \mathcal{H}^{-4k(p-2),0}$, $u_\alpha \in \mathcal{H}^{-4k(p-2),-4k}$ for $|\alpha| = 4k$, and

$u_2 \in \mathcal{H}^{-4k(p-1),0}$, in such a way that $\|u\|_{-4kp,0}$ is equivalent to

$$\left\{ \|u_0\|_{-4k(p-1),0}^2 + \sum_{|\alpha| = 4k} \|u_\alpha\|_{-4k(p-1),-4k}^2 + \|u_2\|_{-4k(p-1),0}^2 \right\}^{1/2}.$$

Proof: Define $\sigma(\xi, \tau) = \left\{ 1 + \sum_{|\alpha| = 4k} \xi^{2\alpha} + \tau^2 \right\}^{-1}$, $\langle \xi, \tau \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. For

$u \in \mathcal{H}^{-4kp, 0}$ we let $u_0 = \sigma(D, D_t)u$, $u_\alpha = [D^\alpha \sigma(D, D_t)]u$ for each α ,

$|\alpha| = 4k$, and $u_2 = [D_t^2 \sigma(D, D_t)]u$. Our results follows by a simple calculation.

Notation. As in [5] we write $[\phi, \psi] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \phi(x, t) \bar{\psi}(x, t) dx dt$

where ϕ and $\psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$. By Proposition 3 of [5], $\mathcal{H}^{r, s}$ and $\mathcal{H}^{-r, -s}$ are dual Hilbert spaces, the duality being given by the sesquilinear form (which we again denote by $[\cdot, \cdot]$) obtained by extension.

Let $\{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ be elements of $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ satisfying the following condition: for every non-negative integer m there exists $C_m > 0$ such that

$$(4.2) \quad \sum_i \sum_{|\alpha|+j=m} |D^\alpha \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^j \psi_i(x, t)|^2 \leq C_m \text{ for all } \langle x, t \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}.$$

We recall from Section 3 that if $\{\zeta_i\}_1^\infty$ and $\{\psi_i\}_1^\infty$ satisfy (4.2) and if ℓ is a non-negative integer, then

$$\sum_i |(\zeta_i(t)\phi(t), \psi_i(t)\psi(t))_0| \leq C \|\phi(t)\|_\ell \|\psi(t)\|_{-\ell}$$

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$, $\phi, \psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ where $C > 0$ depends upon $\{\zeta_i\}_1^\infty$, $\{\psi_i\}_1^\infty$,

and ℓ . Integrating with respect to t , it is easily seen that

$$(4.3) \quad \left| \sum_i [\zeta_i \phi, \psi_i \psi] \right| \leq C \|\phi\|_{0,2\ell} \|\psi\|_{0,-2\ell}$$

for all $\phi, \psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ where $C > 0$ depends upon $\{\zeta_i\}_1^\infty$, $\{\psi_i\}_1^\infty$ and ℓ .

Thus $\sum_i [\zeta_i \cdot, \psi \cdot]$ is uniquely extended to a continuous sesquilinear form on $\mathcal{H}^{0,2\ell} \times \mathcal{H}^{0,-2\ell}$ satisfying (4.3) with $\phi \in \mathcal{H}^{0,2\ell}$ and

$\psi \in \mathcal{H}^{0,-2\ell}$. By Proposition 1 of [5] $\sum_i [\zeta_i u, \psi_i v]$ does not

depend on ℓ . We wish, however, to show that $\sum_i [\zeta_i \cdot, \psi_i \cdot]$ can be

define in a continuous way on $\mathcal{H}^{r,s} \times \mathcal{H}^{-r,-s}$ for general r and s .

Proposition 6: Let $\{\zeta_i\}_1^\infty$ and $\{\psi_i\}_1^\infty$ satisfy (4.1) and suppose r and

and s are given real numbers. Then the form $\sum_i [\zeta_i \phi, \psi_i \psi]$,

$\phi, \psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$, extends in a unique way to a continuous sesquilinear

form on $\mathcal{H}^{r,s} \times \mathcal{H}^{-r,-s}$ (which we denote by $\sum_i [\zeta_i u, \psi_i v]$).

Proof: First we assume $r = 4kp$ and $s = 0$ where p is a non-negative integer. In this case our proof will proceed by induction on p .

For $p = 0$ the result is immediate from (4.3) with $\ell = 0$. Suppose now

that our assertion is true for $p = 0, 1, \dots, q-1$ where $q \geq 1$, and

suppose $u \in \mathcal{H}^{4kq,0}$ and $v \in \mathcal{H}^{-4kq,0}$. By Proposition 5 we know that

v can be expressed in the form

$$v = v_0 + \sum_{|\alpha| = 4k} D^\alpha v_\alpha + D_t^2 v_2, \text{ where } v_0 \in \mathcal{H}^{-4k(q-2), 0}$$

$v_\alpha \in \mathcal{H}^{-4k(q-2), -4k}$, $v_2 \in \mathcal{H}^{-4k(q-1), 0}$, in such a way that $\|v\|_{-4kq, 0}$ is equivalent to

$$\left\{ \|v_0\|_{-4k(q-1), 0}^2 + \sum_{|\alpha| = 4k} \|v_\alpha\|_{-4k(q-1), 0}^2 + \|v_2\|_{-4k(q-1), 0}^2 \right\}^{1/2}.$$

Thus

$$[\zeta_i u, \psi_i v] = [\zeta_i u, \psi_i v_0] + \sum_{|\alpha| = 4k} [\zeta_i u, D^\alpha v_\alpha] + [\zeta_i u, D_t^2 v_2]$$

Since, by our induction hypothesis, $\sum_i [\zeta_i \cdot, \psi_i \cdot]$ is continuous on $\mathcal{H}^{4k(q-1), 0} \times \mathcal{H}^{-4k(q-1), 0}$ we obtain

$$\left| \sum_i [\zeta_i u, \psi_i v_0] \right| \leq C \|u\|_{4k(q-1), 0} \|v_0\|_{-4k(q-1), 0}$$

where $C > 0$ depends upon $\{\zeta_i\}_1^\infty$, $\{\psi_i\}_1^\infty$ and $q-1$. Now for each α , $|\alpha| = k$, consecutive integrations by parts yield

$$[\zeta_i u, \psi_i D^\alpha u] = \sum [(D^\delta \zeta_i) D^\beta u, (D^\gamma \psi_i) v_\alpha],$$

the sum being taken over a finite number of multi-indices δ , β and γ (depending on k) with $|\beta| \leq 4k$. By our induction hypothesis

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \sum_i [(D^{\delta} \zeta_i) D^{\beta} u, (D^{\gamma} \psi_i) v_{\alpha}] \right| \\
& \leq C \|D^{\beta} u\|_{4k(q-1), 0} \|v_{\alpha}\|_{-4k(q-1), 0} \\
& \leq C \|u\|_{4kq, 0} \|v_{\alpha}\|_{-4k(q-1), 0}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\left| \sum_i \sum_{|\alpha| = 4k} [\zeta_i u, D^{\alpha} v_{\alpha}] \right| \leq C \|u\|_{4kq, 0} \sum_{|\alpha| = 4k} \|v_{\alpha}\|_{-4k(q-1), 0}$$

A similar procedure yields

$$\left| \sum_i [\zeta_i u, D_t^2 v_2] \right| \leq C \|u\|_{4kq, 0} \|v_2\|_{-4k(q-1), 0}$$

where C depends upon $\{\zeta_i\}_1^{\infty}$, $\{\psi_i\}_1^{\infty}$ and q . Thus

$$\left| \sum_i [\zeta_i u, \psi_i v] \right| \leq C \|u\|_{4kq, 0} \|v\|_{-4kq, 0}$$

for all $u \in \mathcal{H}^{4kq, 0}$ and $v \in \mathcal{H}^{-4kq, 0}$ where C depends upon $\{\zeta_i\}_1^{\infty}$, $\{\psi_i\}_1^{\infty}$ and q .

For general r and s , we employ the multilinear interpolation theorem ([2]). Observe that, in the notation of [2], $\mathcal{H}^{r, s}$
 $= [\mathcal{H}^{r_1, s_1}, \mathcal{H}^{r_2, s_2}]^{\theta}$ where $r = (1-\theta)r_1 + \theta r_2$, $s = (1-\theta)s_1 + \theta s_2$ and
 $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$. Given any real r and s , we may write $r = 2k(p+\theta_1)$ and

$s = \ell + \theta_2$, where p and ℓ are integers, and $0 \leq \theta_1, \theta_2 < 1$. Then since

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}^{r,s} &= [\mathcal{H}^{2r,0}, \mathcal{H}^{0,2s}]^{\frac{1}{2}}, & \mathcal{H}^{-r,-s} &= [\mathcal{H}^{-2r,0}, \mathcal{H}^{0,-2s}]^{\frac{1}{2}}, \\ \mathcal{H}^{2r,0} &= [\mathcal{H}^{4kp,0}, \mathcal{H}^{4k(p+1),0}]^{\theta_1}, & \mathcal{H}^{-2r,0} &= [\mathcal{H}^{-4kp,0}, \mathcal{H}^{-4k(p+1),0}]^{\theta_1}, \\ \mathcal{H}^{0,2s} &= [\mathcal{H}^{0,2\ell}, \mathcal{H}^{0,2(\ell+1)}]^{\theta_2}, & \mathcal{H}^{0,-2s} &= [\mathcal{H}^{0,-2\ell}, \mathcal{H}^{0,-2(\ell+1)}]^{\theta_2}, \end{aligned}$$

our proof is complete. ■

Using the notation of [5], Section 4, we have that the mapping which assigns to $\phi \in C_{(0)}^{\infty}(\bar{\Omega})$ the function $t \rightsquigarrow \phi(\cdot, t)$ taking $[a, b]$ into $C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, extends, in a unique way, to a continuous embedding of $\mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)$ into $C([a, b] : H^{r-k+s})$, provided $r > k$. For $u \in \mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)$, $r > k$, and $t \in [a, b]$, we write $u(t)$ for $u(\cdot, t) \in H^{r-k+s}$. If $\phi \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ define

$$H_a \phi(x, t) = \begin{cases} \phi(x, t) & \text{if } t \geq a \\ 0 & \text{if } t < a \end{cases}.$$

By Proposition 11 of [5], if $|r| < k \implies H_a \phi \in \mathcal{H}^{r,s}$; moreover there exists $C = C_{r,s} > 0$ such that $\|H_a \phi\|_{r,s} \leq C \|\phi\|_{r,s}$. Thus, H_a defines a continuous projection $\mathcal{H}^{r,s}$ onto $\mathcal{H}_0^{r,s}(\bar{\Omega}_{a,+\infty})$.

Proposition 7 (Compare with Proposition 12 of [5]): Let $\{\zeta_i\}_1^\infty$, $\{\psi_i\}_1^\infty$ satisfy (4.2). Then given real r_1 and r_2 , satisfying $r_1 + r_2 \geq 0$ and $\min(r_1, r_2) > -k$, any real s_1 and s_2 , and $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$, the form

$$\sum_i \int_a^b (\zeta_i(t)\phi(t), \psi_i(t)\psi(t))_0 dt, \quad \phi, \psi \in C_{(0)}^\infty(\bar{\Omega}),$$

extends in a unique way to a continuous sesquilinear form on

$\mathcal{H}^{r_1, s_1}(\Omega) \times \mathcal{H}^{r_2, s_2}(\Omega)$ (which we denote by

$$\sum_i \int_a^b (\zeta_i u, \psi_i v)_0 dt),$$

provided $r_1 + s_1 + r_2 + s_2 \geq 0$.

Proof: Suppose first the $\phi, \psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$. Choose r real such that $|r| < k$ and $-r_2 \leq r \leq r_1$; then let $s = \frac{1}{2}(s_1 + r_1 - s_2 - r_2) - r$ which implies that $-(s_2 + r_2) \leq r + s \leq s_1 + r_1$. Thus, by Proposition 6,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_i \int_a^b (\zeta_i(t)\phi(t), \psi_i(t)\psi(t))_0 dt \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_i [(H_a - H_b)\zeta_i \phi, \psi_i \psi] \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_i [\zeta_i (H_a - H_b)\phi, \psi_i \psi] \right| \leq \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq C \| (H_a - H_b) \phi \|_{r,s} \| \psi \|_{-r,-s} \leq C \| \phi \|_{r,s} \| \psi \|_{-r,-s}$$

$$\leq C \| \phi \|_{r_1, s_1} \| \psi \|_{r_2, s_2}.$$

Thus $\sum_i \int_a^b (\zeta_i u, \psi_i v)_0 dt$ extends to a continuous sesquilinear form on

$\mathcal{H}^{r_1, s_1} \times \mathcal{H}^{r_2, s_2}$ which vanishes when $u \in \mathcal{H}_0^{r_1, s_1}(\cap \Omega)$ or when $v \in \mathcal{H}_0^{r_2, s_2}(\cap \Omega)$, and our proof is complete. ■

Note: For $\psi_i = \zeta_i$ we write $\sum_i \int_a^b \| \zeta_i u \|_0^2 dt$ for $\sum_i \int_a^b (\zeta_i u, \zeta_i u)_0 dt$;

if $\sum_i \zeta_i^2 \equiv 1$ it is obvious that $\sum_i \int_a^b \| \zeta_i u \|_0^2 dt = \| u \|_{0,0,\Omega}^2$,

$$\Omega = \Omega_{a,b}.$$

Definition. Let r and s be real numbers. As in [5], $\mathcal{M}_{r,s}$ is the unitary isomorphism of $\mathcal{H}^{\rho, \sigma}$ onto $\mathcal{H}^{\rho-r, \sigma-s}$ (for each real ρ and σ) given by $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}(\mathcal{M}_{r,s} \phi)(\xi, \tau) = Q^r(\xi, \tau) q^s(\xi) \phi(\xi, \tau)$, when $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$, and extended.

In the following theorem we take $\{\zeta_i\}_1^\infty$ to be the square-partition of unity used in Theorem 2.

Theorem 3 (Compare with Theorem 3 of [5]): Let R be given by (3.8). Given real r and s , $r > k$, and $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$, there exist $C_3, C_4 > 0$ (depending on δ, r and s) such that

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.4) \quad & \frac{C_2}{2} \|u(b)\|_{r+s-k}^2 - \frac{C_1}{2} \|u(a)\|_{r+s-k}^2 \\
& + C_3 \int_a^b \|u\|_{r+s}^2 dt + C_2(\lambda - C_4) \int_a^b \|u\|_{r+s-k}^2 dt \\
& \leq \sum_{i,j} \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b (N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i \phi, \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} (R+\lambda I) u, N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i \phi, \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} u)_o dt
\end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{\mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)\}^m$ and $\lambda > 0$, where $\rho = r + s - k$.

Proof: First suppose $r + s = k$. By Theorem 2 and (3.34), (4.4) holds for $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$ with $C_3 = C'(\delta)/C_k$ and $C_4 = C''(\delta) + C'(\delta)/C_2$. (4.4) extends to the case where $u \in \{\mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)\}^m$ by application of Proposition 9 of [5] and our Proposition 7 as follows:

$$\sum_{i,j} \int_a^b (N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i u, N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i v)_o dt$$

is continuous on $\{\mathcal{H}^{r-2k,s}(\Omega)\}^m \times \{\mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)\}^m$ by Proposition 7; since $R : \{\mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)\}^m \rightarrow \{\mathcal{H}^{r-2k,s}(\Omega)\}^m$ is continuous, it follows that

$$\sum_{i,j} \int_a^b (N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i \phi_j (R + \lambda I) u, N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_i \phi_j v)_o dt$$

is continuous on $\{\mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)\}^m \times \{\mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)\}^m$.

Now let $r + s - k = \rho$. We have that

$$R \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} = \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} R + (\mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} H - H \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho}) \Lambda^{2k} + (\mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} J - J \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho}).$$

Choosing θ between 0 and 1, and applying our Proposition 7 and Proposition 5 (ii) and Proposition 2(i) of [5], we obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \sum_{i,j} \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b (N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_{i\phi_j} [\mathcal{M}_{o,\rho}^{H-H} \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho}] \Lambda^{2k} u, N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_{i\phi_j} \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} u)_o dt \right| \\
& \leq C_k \| [\mathcal{M}_{o,\rho}^H - H \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho}] \Lambda^{2k} u \|_{o,-k,\Omega} \| \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} u \|_{o,k,\Omega} \\
& \leq C \| u \|_{o,\rho+k-\theta,\Omega} \| u \|_{o,k+\rho,\Omega} \\
& \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \| u \|_{o,\rho+k,\Omega}^2 + C(\varepsilon) \| u \|_{o,\rho,\Omega}^2 \\
& = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \int_a^b \| u \|_{\rho+k}^2 dt + C(\varepsilon) \int_a^b \| u \|_{\rho}^2 dt.
\end{aligned}$$

A similar calculation yields, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \sum_{i,j} \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b (N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_{i\phi_j} [\mathcal{M}_{o,\rho}^{J-J} \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho}] u, N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_{i\phi_j} \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} u)_o dt \right| \\
& \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \int_a^b \| u \|_{\rho+k}^2 dt + C(\varepsilon) \int_a^b \| u \|_{\rho}^2 dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Let $\varepsilon = C_3/2$ and our proof is complete. ■

5. Uniqueness in the Cauchy Problem for P

Theorem 4: Given real r and s , $r > 2km - k$, and $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$, the mapping $\phi \rightsquigarrow \left\langle P\phi, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(a), \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^2 \phi(a), \dots, \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^{m-1} \phi(a) \right\rangle$ is one-to-one from $\mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)$ into $\mathcal{H}^{r-2km,s}(\Omega) \oplus H^{r+s-3k} \oplus \dots \oplus H^{r+s-(2m-1)k}$, where $\Omega = \Omega_{a,b}$.

Proof: We write $P\phi = \left\langle P\phi, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(a), \dots, \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^{m-1} \phi(a) \right\rangle$ for $\phi \in \mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)$.

For each $\phi \in \mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)$ let $u_\phi = \langle u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m \rangle$ be defined by

$$u_j = \Lambda^{2k(m-j)} D_j^{j-1} \phi, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m; \quad \text{clearly } u_\phi \in \{\mathcal{H}^{r-2k(m-1),s}(\Omega)\}^m.$$

By definition of R (see Section 3) if $\phi \in \mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)$, then $f = P\phi$

$$\in \mathcal{H}^{r-2km,s}(\Omega) \text{ and } R(u_\phi) = i(f - Q\phi)\epsilon_m, \text{ where } \epsilon_m = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

If, in Theorem 3, we replace u by $e^{-\lambda t} u$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (5.1) \quad & \frac{C_2}{2} e^{-2\lambda b} \|u(b)\|_\rho^2 - \frac{C_1}{2} e^{-2\lambda a} \|u(a)\|_\rho^2 \\ & + C_3 \int_a^b \|e^{-\lambda t} u\|_{\rho+k}^2 dt + C_2(\lambda - C_4) \int_a^b \|e^{-\lambda t} u\|_\rho^2 dt \\ & \leq \sum_{i,j} \operatorname{Re} \int_a^b (N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_{i\phi_j} \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} e^{-\lambda t} R u, N_{ij}^{-1} \zeta_{i\phi_j} \mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} e^{-\lambda t} u)_o dt \end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{\mathcal{H}^{r-2k(m-1),s}(\Omega)\}^m$ and all $\lambda > 0$, where $\rho = r+s-(2m-1)k$.

Throughout the remainder of this proof $C, C_0, C_1, C_2, C_3, C_5$ will

denote positive constants depending only on \mathcal{K} , δ , k and m , not necessarily the same at each occurrence. If, in (5.1), we let $\lambda = 2C_4 \equiv C_0$, we obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.2) \quad & C_2 e^{C_0 b} \|u(b)\|_\rho^2 - C_1 e^{-C_0 a} \|u(a)\|_\rho^2 \\
 & + C_3 e^{-C_0 b} \int_a^b \|u\|_{\rho+k}^2 dt + C_5 e^{-C_0 b} \int_a^b \|u\|_\rho^2 dt \\
 & \leq \varepsilon \|M_{0,\rho} u\|_{0,0,\Omega}^2 + C(\varepsilon) e^{-C_0 a} \|M_{0,\rho} (f - Q\phi)\|_{0,0,\Omega}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

for all $\phi \in \mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)$ with $u = u_\phi$ and $f = P\phi$. If we choose $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2} C_5 e^{-C_0 b}$ in (5.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.3) \quad & C_2 \|u(b)\|_\rho^2 - C_1 e^{C_0(b-a)} \|u(a)\|_\rho^2 \\
 & + C_3 \int_a^b \|u\|_{\rho+k}^2 dt + \frac{C_5}{2} \int_a^b \|u\|_\rho^2 dt \\
 & \leq C_0 e^{C_0(b-a)} \left\{ \|M_{0,\rho} Q\phi\|_{0,0,\Omega}^2 + \|f\|_{0,\rho,\Omega}^2 \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$Q = \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2k(m-j)-1} a_{\alpha,j-1}(x,t) D_x^\alpha D_t^{j-1}$$

has its coefficients in $C_B^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$, we have, for arbitrarily small $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$(5.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}_{o,\rho}^Q \phi\|_{o,o,\Omega}^2 &\leq \varepsilon \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \sum_{|\alpha|=2k(m-j)} \|D^\alpha D_t^{j-1}(\mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} \phi)\|_{o,o,\Omega}^2 \\ &+ C(\varepsilon) \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \|D_t^{j-1}(\mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} \phi)\|_{o,o,\Omega}^2 \end{aligned}$$

where $C(\varepsilon)$ is independent of a and b , and $0 < C(\varepsilon_1) < C(\varepsilon_2)$ if

$\varepsilon_1 > \varepsilon_2$. Using Poincaré's inequality:

$$\int_a^b \|u(t)\|_o^2 dt \leq 2(b-a) \int_a^b \|D_t u(t)\|_o^2 dt + 2\|u(a)\|_o^2$$

for all $u \in C(\infty)(\bar{\Omega})$, and extended to $\mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)$, we obtain

$$(5.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \|D_t^{j-1}(\mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} \phi)\|_{o,o,\Omega}^2 &\leq \chi_1(b-a) \|D_t^{m-1}(\mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} \phi)\|_{o,o,\Omega}^2 \\ &+ \chi_2(b-a) \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \|D_t^{j-1}(\mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} \phi)(a)\|_o^2 \end{aligned}$$

where $\chi_1(b-a) \rightarrow 0$ as $b \rightarrow a$. We observe that there exists $A_1, A_2 > 0$

(depending only on k and m) such that

$$(5.6) \quad A_1 \|u_\phi\|_{o,o}^2 \leq \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{|\alpha|=2k(m-j)} \|D^\alpha D_t^{j-1} \phi\|_{o,o}^2 \leq A_2 \|u_\phi\|_{o,o}^2$$

for all $\phi \in \mathcal{H}^{r,s}$ where $r+s = (2m-1)k$. Applying (5.4), (5.5) and (5.6), we obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$(5.7) \quad \|\mathcal{M}_{o,\rho} Q\phi\|_{o,o,\Omega}^2 \leq \varepsilon \|u_\phi\|_{o,\rho,\Omega}^2 \\ + C(\varepsilon) \left\{ \chi_1(b-a) \|D_t^{m-1}\phi\|_{o,\rho,\Omega}^2 + \chi_2(b-a) \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \|D_t^{j-1}\phi(a)\|_\rho^2 \right\}$$

Letting $\varepsilon = (b-a) = \frac{C_5}{4C_o} e^{-C_o(b-a)}$ in (5.7), it follows from (5.3) that

$$(5.8) \quad C_2 \|u(b)\|_\rho^2 - C_1 e^{C_o(b-a)} \|u(a)\|_\rho^2 \\ + C_3 \int_a^b \|u\|_{\rho+k}^2 dt + \frac{C_5}{4} \int_a^b \|u\|_\rho^2 dt \\ \leq C_{a,b} C_o e^{C_o(b-a)} \left\{ \chi_1(b-a) \|D_t^{m-1}\phi\|_{o,\rho,\Omega}^2 \right. \\ \left. + \chi_2(b-a) \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \|D_t^{j-1}\phi(a)\|_\rho^2 \right\} + C_o e^{C_o(b-a)} \|f\|_{o,\rho,\Omega}$$

for all $\phi \in \mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)$ where $u = u_\phi$, $f = P\phi$, $\Omega = \Omega_{a,b}$ and $C_{a,b} = C(\varepsilon(b-a))$. We observe that if $0 < \gamma < b-a$ then $C(\varepsilon(\gamma)) < C_{a,b}$.

Also, by (5.6), we have that $\|D_t^{m-1}\phi\|_{o,\rho,\Omega}^2 \leq A_2 \|u_\phi\|_{o,\rho,\Omega}^2$, A_2 independent of a and b . Thus, by choosing $\gamma > 0$ so small that $\gamma < b-a$ and $C_{a,b} C_o A_2 e^{C_o \gamma} \chi_1(\gamma) \leq \frac{C_5}{8}$, we obtain, by (5.8)

$$(5.9) \quad C_2 \|u(a+\gamma)\|_\rho^2 + C_3 \int_a^{a+\gamma} \|u\|_{\rho+k}^2 dt + \frac{C_5}{8} \int_a^{a+\gamma} \|u\|_\rho^2 dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C_{a,b} C_0 e^{C_0 \gamma} \chi_2(\gamma) \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \|D_t^{j-1} \phi(a)\|_\rho^2 \\ &+ C_1 e^{C_0 \gamma} \|u(a)\|_\rho^2 + C_0 e^{C_0 \gamma} \|f\|_{0,\rho,\Omega}^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all $\phi \in \mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega)$, $u = u_\phi$, $f = P\phi$ and $\Omega = \Omega_{a,a+\gamma}$. Thus, if

$\phi \in \mathcal{H}^{r,s}(\Omega_{a,b})$ and $P\phi = 0$, then $\phi = 0$ on $\Omega_{a,a+\gamma}$. Applying the

estimate (5.9) for the slab $\Omega_{a+\gamma,a+2\gamma}$, we see that $\phi = 0$ on

$\Omega_{a+\gamma,a+2\gamma}$. Repeating this argument we obtain $\phi = 0$ on $\Omega_{a,b}$ and our

proof is complete. ■

6. The Cauchy Problem for R

Lemma 5: Let $R = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - h\lambda^{2k}$, where h is a constant $m \times m$ matrix of the form (2.1) having its eigenvalues contained in \mathcal{K} . Then there exists $C > 0$ depending on \mathcal{K} , δ , k , m and $\|h\|$ such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \{|\xi|^{4k} + \tau^2 + \lambda^2\} |\widehat{u}(\xi, \tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau \leq C \|(R + \lambda I)u\|_{0,0}^2$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$ and all $\lambda > 0$.

Proof: Let $R(\xi, \tau) = i\tau I - |\xi|^{2k}h$; thus $R = R(D, D_t)$. Since $\lambda + i\tau \notin \mathcal{K}$ for all $\lambda > 0$ we see that $R(\xi, \tau) + \lambda I$ is invertible for all $\langle \xi, \tau \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ and $\lambda > 0$. Moreover, for $\xi \neq 0$

$$\left[R(\xi, \tau) + \lambda I \right]^{-1} = |\xi|^{-2k} \{ |\xi|^{-2k} (i\tau + \lambda)I - h \}^{-1}.$$

For fixed $\xi \neq 0$, $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^1$, $\lambda > 0$, we define

$$f(A) = |\xi|^{-2k} \{ |\xi|^{-2k} (i\tau + \lambda)I - A \}^{-1}$$

where A is any complex $m \times m$ matrix having its eigenvalues contained in \mathcal{K} . Let Γ be a closed contour surrounding \mathcal{K} satisfying the property: $z \in \Gamma \implies \operatorname{Re} z \leq -\frac{\delta}{2}$. Since $f(z) = (\lambda + i\tau - z|\xi|^{2k})^{-1}$ is analytic in $\{z : \operatorname{Re} z < 0\}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
f(A) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} f(z) \{zI - A\}^{-1} dz \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} (\lambda + i\tau - z|\xi|^{2k})^{-1} \{zI - A\}^{-1} dz.
\end{aligned}$$

Letting $A = h$ we obtain

$$(6.1) \quad \|\{R(\xi, \tau) + \lambda I\}^{-1}\| \leq \frac{\ell(\Gamma)}{2\pi} \sup_{z \in \Gamma} \frac{\|(zI - h)^{-1}\|}{|\lambda + i\tau - z|\xi|^{2k}}$$

for $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$, where $\ell(\Gamma)$ denotes the length of Γ . We assert that there exists $C = C(K, \delta) > 0$ such that

$$(6.2) \quad \inf_{z \in \Gamma} |(\lambda + i\tau) - |\xi|^{2k} z|^2 \leq C\{|\xi|^{4k} + \tau^2 + \lambda^2\}$$

for all $\langle \xi, \tau \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ and $\lambda > 0$. For $z \in \Gamma$ let $x = \operatorname{Re} z$ and $y = \operatorname{Im} z$.

Since $z \in \Gamma \Rightarrow x \leq -\frac{\delta}{2}$, we have that $|\lambda - |\xi|^{2k} x|^2 \geq \frac{\delta^2}{4} (\lambda^2 + |\xi|^{4k})$.

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
|(\lambda + i\tau) - |\xi|^{2k} z|^2 &= |\lambda - |\xi|^{2k} x|^2 + |\tau - |\xi|^{2k} y|^2 \\
&\geq \frac{\delta^2}{4} (\lambda^2 + |\xi|^{4k}) + |\tau - |\xi|^{2k} y|^2
\end{aligned}$$

for all $z \in \Gamma$. Let $\gamma = \sup_{z \in \Gamma} |\operatorname{Im} z|$. Clearly it suffices to show that

there exists $C = C(\gamma) > 0$ such that $\frac{\delta^2}{4} x^2 + |\tau - xy|^2 \geq C(x^2 + \tau^2)$ for

all $x \geq 0$, $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^1$ and $-\gamma \leq y \leq \gamma$. Consider the family of functions

$\rho_{x,\tau}$, defined on $[-\gamma, \gamma]$ by

$$\rho_{x,\tau}(y) = \frac{\delta^2}{4} x^2 + |\tau - xy|^2.$$

Since each of the functions $\rho_{x,\tau}$ is uniformly continuous on $[-\gamma, \gamma]$,

we have that the function $g(y) = \inf_{x^2 + \tau^2 = 1} \rho_{x,\tau}(y)$ is continuous

on $[-\gamma, \gamma]$. Since g never vanishes on $[-\gamma, \gamma]$ we see that there exists

$C = C(\gamma) > 0$ such that $\frac{\delta^2}{4} x^2 + |\tau - xy|^2 \geq C$ for all $x \geq 0$, $-\gamma \leq y \leq \gamma$,

where $x^2 + \tau^2 = 1$. Thus (6.2) holds. By choosing Γ sufficiently

close to \mathcal{K} , say $\frac{\delta}{8} \leq \text{dist}(\lambda, \Gamma) \leq \frac{\delta}{4}$ for each $\lambda \in \mathcal{K}$, (6.1) yields

$$\| \{R(\xi, \tau) + \lambda I\}^{-1} \| \leq C \{ |\xi|^{4k} + \tau^2 + \lambda^2 \}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sup_{z \in \Gamma} \| (zI - h)^{-1} \|,$$

$C = C(\delta, \mathcal{K}) > 0$. Since h is of the form (2.1), $(zI - h)^{-1}$ is equal

to $(\det(zI - h))^{-1}$ times a matrix whose entries are polynomials in z ,

p_1, \dots, p_m . If we let $\beta = \text{dist}(\mathcal{K}, \Gamma)$, it follows that

$$|\det(zI - h)| \geq \beta^m \geq \left(\frac{\delta}{8}\right)^m$$

and $\sup_{z \in \Gamma} \| (zI - h)^{-1} \| \leq C\delta^{-m}$,

where $C > 0$ depends on \mathcal{K} , δ , k , m and a polynomial in p_1, \dots, p_m whose

order depends only on m . Writing

$$u(\xi, \tau) = \{R(\xi, \tau) + \lambda I\}^{-1} \{R(\xi, \tau) + \lambda I\} u(\xi, \tau)$$

we obtain

$$|\widehat{u}(\xi, \tau)|^2 \leq C \frac{|(R(\xi, \tau) + \lambda I) \widehat{u}(\xi, \tau)|^2}{|\xi|^{4k} + \tau^2 + \lambda^2}, \quad \lambda > 0,$$

$\langle \xi, \tau \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ and our proof is complete. ■

Lemma 6: Let $H(t)$ and $J(t)$ be given by (3.7) and (3.6), respectively,

and suppose $R = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - H(t)\Lambda^{2k} - J(t)$. Then there exist constants

$C_1, C_2 > 0$ depending on $P, \mathcal{K}, \delta, k$ and m such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \{\tau^2 + |\xi|^{4k} + \lambda^2\} |\widehat{u}(\xi, \tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau \\ & \leq C_1 \|(R + \lambda I)u\|_{0,0}^2 + C_2 \|u\|_{0,0}^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$ and all λ sufficiently large.

Proof: We refer the reader to Section 3 for the definition of (Q_i, ζ_i) ,

(Ω_j, ζ_j) , h_{ij} and N_{ij} , $i = 1, 2, \dots$, $j = 1, \dots, s$, in which $(Q_i, \zeta_i)_1^\infty$,

$(\Omega_j, \phi_j)_1^s$ are determined by the number η satisfying (3.16). We define

$R^{ij} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - h_{ij}\Lambda^{2k}$ and the operator ϕ_j by $\widehat{\phi_j u}(\xi, \tau) = \phi_j(\xi)\widehat{u}(\xi, \tau)$, when

$u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$, and extended. Since $R^{ij} + \lambda I = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - h_{ij}\Lambda^{2k} + \lambda I$, we

can write

$$(R^{ij} + \lambda I)(\zeta_i \phi_j u) = \zeta_i \phi_j (R + \lambda I)u + \zeta_i (H - h_{ij})\Lambda^{2k} \phi_j u +$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \zeta_i (\phi_j H - H \phi_j) \Lambda^{2k} u + \zeta_i \phi_j J u + \frac{\partial \zeta_i}{\partial t} \phi_j u \\
& - h_{ij} \sum_{|\alpha| = k} \sum_{0 < \beta \leq 2\alpha} a_{\alpha} \binom{2\alpha}{\beta} (D^{\beta} \zeta_i) D^{2\alpha-\beta} \phi_j u
\end{aligned}$$

where the a_{α} 's are positive integers. Since the matrices h_{ij} are uniformly bounded, there exists, by Lemma 5, $C = C(\chi, \delta, k, m, P) > 0$ satisfying, for each i and j ,

$$(6.3) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \{ |\xi|^{4k} + \tau^2 + \lambda^2 \} |u(\xi, \tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau \leq C \| (R^{ij} + \lambda I) u \|_{0,0}^2$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$ and all $\lambda > 0$. Our proof shall be roughly like that of Theorem 2. Using (6.2) we shall estimate

$$\sum_{i,j} \| (R^{ij} + \lambda I) (\zeta_i \phi_j u) \|_{0,0}^2$$

in terms of $\| (R + \lambda I) u \|_{0,0}^2$ and various "error" terms. Let

$$(6.4) \quad \mathcal{E}_{i,j}^1 = \frac{\partial \zeta_i}{\partial t} \cdot \phi_j$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{i,j}^2 = h_{ij} \sum_{|\alpha| = k} \sum_{0 < \beta \leq 2\alpha} a_{\alpha} \binom{2\alpha}{\beta} (D^{\alpha} \zeta_i) \cdot \phi_j D^{2\alpha-\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{ij}^3 = \zeta_i \cdot \phi_j J$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{ij}^4 = \zeta_i \cdot (\phi_j^H - H\phi_j) \Lambda^{2k}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{ij}^5 = \zeta_i \cdot (H - h_{ij}) \Lambda^{2k} \phi_j.$$

We estimate the "error" terms $\sum_{\ell=1}^5 \sum_{i,j} \|\mathcal{E}_{ij}^\ell u\|_{0,0}^2$ as follows:

1) We apply (3.21) to obtain

$$\sum_{i,j} \|\mathcal{E}_{ij}^1 u\|_{0,0}^2 = \sum_{i,j} \left\| \frac{\partial \zeta_i}{\partial t} \phi_j u \right\|_{0,0}^2 \leq \tilde{C}(\eta) \|u\|_{0,0}^2$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$.

2) To estimate the fact that $\|h_{ij}\|$ is bounded independent of i and j (see Theorem 1) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j} \|\mathcal{E}_{ij}^2 u\|_{0,0}^2 &\leq c \sum_{i,j} \sum_{\substack{|\alpha| = k \\ 0 < \beta \leq 2\alpha}} \|(D^\alpha \zeta_i) D^{2\alpha-\beta} \phi_j u\|_{0,0}^2 \\ &\leq \tilde{C}(\eta) \sum_{\substack{|\alpha| = k \\ 0 < \beta \leq 2\alpha}} \|D^{2\alpha-\beta} \phi_j u\|_{0,0}^2 \\ &\leq \tilde{C}(\eta) \|u\|_{0,2k-1}^2, \quad u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m. \end{aligned}$$

3) Since $J(t)$ is uniformly of order $2k-1$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$, we have that

$$\sum_{i,j} \|\mathcal{E}_{ij}^3 u\|_{0,0}^2 = \sum_{i,j} \|\zeta_i \phi_j J u\|_{0,0}^2 = \|J u\|_{0,0}^2 \leq C \|u\|_{0,2k-1}^2,$$

$$u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m.$$

4) By Proposition 1 and (3.4) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j} \|\mathcal{E}_{ij}^4 u\|_{0,0}^2 &= \sum_{i,j} \|\zeta_i [\phi_j H - H \phi_j] \Lambda^{2k} u\|_{0,0}^2 \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^s \|[\phi_j H - H \phi_j] \Lambda^{2k} u\|_{0,0}^2 \\ &\leq \tilde{C}(\eta) \|u\|_{0,2k-1}^2, \quad u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m. \end{aligned}$$

5) To estimate the error terms $\mathcal{E}_{ij}^5 u$ we apply the techniques that were used to estimate the last terms on the right side of (3.28); thus we write

$$H(t) - h_{ij} = k_j'(x, t; D) + s_{ij}(t).$$

where $k_j'(x, t; \xi) = h(x, t; \xi) - h(x, t; \xi_j)$

and $s_{ij}(x, t) = h(x, t; \xi_j) - h(x_i, t_i; \xi_j)$.

For each $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$, let $\psi_j \in C_0^\infty(\Omega_j)$ with $\psi_j \equiv 1$ on the support of ϕ_j , and $0 \leq \psi_j \leq 1$. Extend ψ_j to all $\mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$ and define

$$k_j(x, t; \xi) = \psi_j(\xi) k_j'(x, t; \xi). \quad \text{Letting } K_j(t) = k_j(x, t; D) \text{ we obtain}$$

$$k_j'(x, t; D) \phi_j = K_j(t) \phi_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, s. \quad \text{Thus}$$

$$(6.5) \quad \sum_{i,j} \|\mathcal{E}_{ij}^5 u\|_{0,0}^2 = \sum_{i,j} \|\zeta_i (H - h_{ij}) \Lambda^{2k} \phi_j u\|_{0,0}^2 \leq$$

$$\leq 2 \sum_{j=1}^s \|K_j \phi_j \Lambda^{2k} u\|_{0,0}^2 + 2 \sum_{i,j} \|\zeta_i s_{ij} \phi_j \Lambda^{2k} u\|_{0,0}^2.$$

To obtain an estimate on the first term on the right side of (6.5) we recall, by (3.20), that $\|k_j(x,t;\xi)\| < \eta/2$ for all $\langle x,t \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ and $\xi \in \Sigma$. By Proposition 2, we obtain, for arbitrary $\rho > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|K_j(t) \phi_j \Lambda^{2k} u(t)\|_0^2 \\ & \leq \left(\frac{\eta}{2} + \rho\right)^2 \|\phi_j \Lambda^{2k} u(t)\|_0^2 + C(\rho) \|\phi_j \Lambda^{2k} u(t)\|_{-1}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Taking $\rho = \eta/2$ and integrating with respect to t we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^s \|K_j \phi_j \Lambda^{2k} u\|_{0,0}^2 \leq \eta^2 \|u\|_{0,2k}^2 + \tilde{C}(\eta) \|u\|_{0,2k-1}^2.$$

For the second term on the right of (6.5) we apply (3.19):

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i,j} \|\zeta_i s_{ij} \phi_j \Lambda^{2k} u\|_{0,0}^2 \\ & = \sum_{i,j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \zeta_i^2(x,t) \|h(x,t;\xi_j) - h(x_i,t_i;\xi_j)\|^2 |\phi_j \Lambda^{2k} u(x,t)|^2 dx dt \\ & \leq \frac{\eta^2}{4} \sum_{i,j} \|\zeta_i \phi_j \Lambda^{2k} u\|_{0,0}^2 \leq C_k \eta^2 \|u\|_{0,2k}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\sum_{i,j} \|\mathcal{E}_{ij}^5 u\|_{o,o}^2 \leq C_k \eta^2 \|u\|_{o,2k}^2 + \tilde{C}(\eta) \|u\|_{o,2k-1}^2$$

for all $u \in \{C_o^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$. Since

$$\sum_{i,j} \|\zeta_i \phi_j (R + \lambda I) u\|_{o,o}^2 = \|(R + \lambda I) u\|_{o,o}^2$$

we can combine estimates 1) through 5) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i,j} \|(R^{ij} + \lambda I) (\zeta_i \phi_j u)\|_{o,o}^2 \\ & \leq \|(R + \lambda I) u\|_{o,o}^2 + C \eta^2 \|u\|_{o,2k}^2 + \tilde{C}(\eta) \|u\|_{o,2k-1}^2. \end{aligned}$$

By (3.1), we obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} (6.6) \quad & \sum_{i,j} \|(R^{ij} + \lambda I) (\zeta_i \phi_j u)\|_{o,o}^2 \\ & \leq \|(R + \lambda I) u\|_{o,o}^2 + \{C \eta^2 + \tilde{C}_1(\eta)\} \|u\|_{o,2k}^2 + \tilde{C}_1(\eta) C(\varepsilon) \|u\|_{o,o}^2. \end{aligned}$$

If we integrate with respect to t in Lemma 4 and apply Plancherel's Theorem for \mathbb{R}^1 , we obtain

$$C_k \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} |\xi|^{4k} |\hat{u}(\xi, \tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau - \tilde{C}(\eta) \|u\|_{o,o}^2$$

$$\leq \sum_{i,j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} |\xi|^{4k} |\widehat{\zeta_i \phi_j u}(\xi, \tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau,$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$. A similar argument yields

$$\begin{aligned} C_k \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \tau^2 |u(\xi, \tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau - \tilde{C}(\eta) \|u\|_{0,0}^2 \\ \leq \sum_{i,j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \tau^2 |\widehat{\zeta_i \phi_j u}(\xi, \tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$. Thus, by (6.3) and (6.6), we obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} (6.7) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \{|\xi|^{4k} + \tau^2 + \lambda^2\} |\widehat{u}(\xi, \tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau - \tilde{C}_2(\eta) \|u\|_{0,0}^2 \\ \leq C_3 \|(R+\lambda I)u\|_{0,0}^2 + \{C\eta^2 + \tilde{C}_1(\eta)\varepsilon\} \|u\|_{0,2k}^2 + \tilde{C}_1(\eta)C(\varepsilon) \|u\|_{0,0}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Applying (4.1) with $p = 1$, we obtain

$$Q^{4k}(\xi, \tau) \leq C_{k,1} \{|\xi|^{4k} + \tau^2 + \lambda^2\} \text{ for all } \lambda \geq 1.$$

Since $\|u\|_{0,2k} \leq \|u\|_{2k,0}$, we can take, in (6.7) $\eta = (4CC_{k,1})^{-1/2}$ and $\varepsilon = (4C_{k,1}\tilde{C}_1(\eta))^{-1}$ and our proof is complete. ■

Remark. It is easily seen that $\|u\|_{2k,0}^2 \leq C\|(R + \lambda I)u\|_{0,0}^2$ for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$ for all λ sufficiently large.

Theorem 5 (Compare with Theorem 2 of [5]): Given any real r and s , for λ real and sufficiently large (depending on r , s and R) $R + \lambda I$ is a topological isomorphism of $\{\mathcal{H}^{r,s}\}^m$ onto $\{\mathcal{H}^{r-2k,s}\}^m$.

Proof: The continuity of $R + \lambda I$ for all λ follows from the results of Sections 3 and 4; here I is the inclusion mapping of $\{\mathcal{H}^{r,s}\}^m$ into $\{\mathcal{H}^{r-2k,s}\}^m$. We next establish the following: there exists $C = C_{r,s} > 0$ such that

$$(6.8) \quad \|u\|_{r+2k,s} \leq C\|(R + \lambda I)u\|_{r,s}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$ and all λ sufficiently large. By Lemma 6,

$$(6.9) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \{|\xi|^{4k} + \tau^2 + \lambda^2\} \widehat{|\mathcal{M}_{r,s} u(\xi, \tau)|}^2 d\xi d\tau \\ \leq C_1 \|(R + \lambda I)\mathcal{M}_{r,s} u\|_{0,0}^2 + C_2 \|u\|_{r,s}^2.$$

We write $(R + \lambda I)\mathcal{M}_{r,s} u = \mathcal{M}_{r,s}(R + \lambda I)u + (\mathcal{M}_{r,s}^H - H\mathcal{M}_{r,s})\Lambda^{2k}u + (\mathcal{M}_{r,s}^J - J\mathcal{M}_{r,s})u$. Fixing a θ between 0 and 1, and applying Proposition 4 and 4 of [5], we obtain, with $C = C(\theta, r, s) > 0$,

$$\| [m_{r,s}^H - H m_{r,s}] \Lambda^{2k} u \|_{0,0}^2 \leq C \| u \|_{r,s+2k-0}^2$$

Applying Proposition 2(ii) of [5] we obtain for arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \| [m_{r,s}^H - H m_{r,s}] \Lambda^{2k} u \|_{0,0}^2 \\ & \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \| u \|_{r,s+2k}^2 + C(\epsilon) \| u \|_{r,s}^2 \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \| u \|_{r+2k,s}^2 + C(\epsilon) \| u \|_{r,s}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\| [m_{r,s}^J - J m_{r,s}] u \|_{0,0}^2 \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \| u \|_{r+2k,s}^2 + C(\epsilon) \| u \|_{r,s}^2.$$

Thus, for arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{R^{n+1}} \{ |\xi|^{4k} + \tau^2 + \lambda^2 \} Q^{2r}(\xi, \tau) q^{2s}(\xi) |\hat{u}(\xi, \tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau \\ & \leq C_1 \| (R + \lambda I) u \|_{r,s}^2 + \epsilon \| u \|_{r+2k,s}^2 + C(\epsilon) \| u \|_{r,s}^2. \end{aligned}$$

By (4.1) we have that $Q^{4k}(\xi, \tau) \leq C_{k,1} \{ |\xi|^{4k} + \tau^2 + 1 \}$. Letting

$\epsilon = 1/2C_{k,1}$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{R^{n+1}} \{ |\xi|^{4k} + \tau^2 + \lambda^2 \} Q^{2r}(\xi, \tau) q^{2s}(\xi) |\hat{u}(\xi, \tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau \\ & \leq C_1 \| (R + \lambda I) u \|_{r,s}^2 + C_k \| u \|_{r,s}^2, \quad \text{for } \lambda \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $\lambda \geq \{1 + 2C_k\}^{1/2}$ completes the proof of (6.8).

If R^* is the formal adjoint of R , i.e., $R^* = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \Lambda^{2k} H^* - J^*$, then we assert that for every real r and s there exists $C = C_{r,s} > 0$ such that

$$(6.10) \quad \|u\|_{r+2k,s} \leq C \|(R^* + \lambda I)u\|_{r,s}$$

for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$ and all λ sufficiently large. We write

$R^\# = R_1 + R_2$ where

$$R_1 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - H^\# \Lambda^{2k} - J^\#$$

and $R_2 = H^\# \Lambda^{2k} - \Lambda^{2k} H^\#$.

By Theorem 3 no^o 7 of [7], we have that for any real s

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| H(t)^\# \Lambda^{2k} - \Lambda^{2k} H(t)^\# \right\|_{H^s \rightarrow H^{s-(2k-1)}} \\ & \leq C \left\| H(t)^\# \Lambda - \Lambda H(t)^\# \right\|_{H^s \rightarrow H^s} \\ & \leq C_s \left\| h(t) \right\|_{[|m|+3, 2n+3]}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^1, \text{ and } m = [s]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (3.4), we see that $H(t)^\# \Lambda^{2k} - \Lambda^{2k} H(t)^\#$ is uniformly of order $2k-1$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$. Applying (6.9) (with R replaced by R_1), (3.1)' and $\|u\|_{0,2k} \leq \|u\|_{2k,0}$, we obtain for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \{|\xi|^{4k} + \tau^2 + \lambda^2\} \widehat{|\mathcal{M}_{r,s} u(\xi, \tau)|^2} d\xi d\tau \\
& \leq C_1 \|(R_1 + \lambda I) \mathcal{M}_{r,s} u\|_{o,o}^2 + C_2 \|u\|_{r,s}^2 \\
& \leq C_1 \|(R^\# + \lambda I) \mathcal{M}_{r,s} u\|_{o,o}^2 + C_1 \|(\mathbb{H}^\# \Lambda^{2k} - \Lambda^{2k} \mathbb{H}^\#) \mathcal{M}_{r,s} u\|_{o,o}^2 + C_2 \|u\|_{r,s}^2 \\
& \leq C_1 \|(R^\# + \lambda I) \mathcal{M}_{r,s} u\|_{o,o}^2 + C_2 \|u\|_{r,s}^2 + C_3 \|\mathcal{M}_{r,s} u\|_{o,2k-1}^2 \\
& \leq C_1 \|(R^\# + \lambda I) u\|_{r,s}^2 + \varepsilon \|u\|_{r+2k,s}^2 + C(\varepsilon) \|u\|_{r,s}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

We write

$$\mathcal{M}_{r,s}(R^\# + \lambda I) = \mathcal{M}_{r,s}(R^* + \lambda I) + \mathcal{M}_{r,s} \Lambda^{2k} (\mathbb{H}^* - \mathbb{H}^\#) + \mathcal{M}_{r,s} (J^* - J^\#).$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}_{r,s} \Lambda^{2k} (\mathbb{H}^* - \mathbb{H}^\#) &= \Lambda^{2k} (\mathbb{H}^* - \mathbb{H}^\#) \mathcal{M}_{r,s} + \Lambda^{2k} (\mathcal{M}_{r,s} \mathbb{H}^* - \mathbb{H}^* \mathcal{M}_{r,s}) \\
&\quad + \Lambda^{2k} (\mathbb{H}^\# \mathcal{M}_{r,s} - \mathcal{M}_{r,s} \mathbb{H}^\#).
\end{aligned}$$

We make the following estimates:

1) Applying Proposition 1, (3.4) and Propositions 2(i) and 2(ii) of [5], we obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\Lambda^{2k} (\mathbb{H}^* - \mathbb{H}^\#) \mathcal{M}_{r,s} u\|_{o,o}^2 \leq C_k \|\mathcal{M}_{r,s} u\|_{o,2k-1}^2 \\
& = C_k \|u\|_{r,s+2k-1}^2 \leq \varepsilon \|u\|_{r+2k,s}^2 + C(\varepsilon) \|u\|_{r,s}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

ii) Fixing a θ between 0 and 1, and applying Propositions 2(i), 2(ii) and (5ii) of [5], we obtain, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\Lambda^{2k} (H^\# \mathcal{M}_{r,s} - \mathcal{M}_{r,s} H^\#) u\|_{0,0}^2 \\ & \leq C \|u\|_{r,s+2k-\theta}^2 \\ & \leq \varepsilon \|u\|_{r+2k,s}^2 + C(\varepsilon) \|u\|_{r,s}^2. \end{aligned}$$

iii) We observe that $\Lambda^{2k} (\mathcal{M}_{r,s} H^* - H^* \mathcal{M}_{r,s}) = \Lambda^{2k} (H \mathcal{M}_{r,s} - \mathcal{M}_{r,s} H)^*$.

Fixing a θ between 0 and 1 we have, by Proposition 5(ii) of [5], that

$H \mathcal{M}_{r,s} - \mathcal{M}_{r,s} H$ is bounded: $\mathcal{K}^{0,0} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}^{-r,-s+\theta}$ which implies that

$(H \mathcal{M}_{r,s} - \mathcal{M}_{r,s} H)^*$ is bounded: $\mathcal{K}^{r,s-\theta} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}^{0,0}$. Applying 2(ii) of [5],

we obtain for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\Lambda^{2k} (\mathcal{M}_{r,s} H^* - H^* \mathcal{M}_{r,s}) u\|_{0,0}^2 \\ & \leq C \|u\|_{r,s+2k-\theta}^2 \\ & \leq \varepsilon \|u\|_{r+2k,s}^2 + C(\varepsilon) \|u\|_{r,s}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Similar estimates for $\mathcal{M}_{r,s} (J^* - J^\#)$ yield, for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \{ |\xi|^{4k} + \tau^2 + \lambda^2 \} Q^{2r}(\xi, \tau) q^{2s}(\xi) |\widehat{u}(\xi, \tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau \\ & \leq C_1 \|(R^* + \lambda I) u\|_{r,s}^2 + \varepsilon \|u\|_{r,s}^2 + C(\varepsilon) \|u\|_{r,s}^2. \end{aligned}$$

As previously shown, we need only take ϵ sufficiently small and the proof of (6.10) is complete.

As a consequence of (6.8), we conclude that the range of $R + \lambda I$ is closed in $\{\mathcal{H}^{r-2k,s}\}^m$; thus all we need show is that the range of $R + \lambda I$, for λ sufficiently large, has trivial orthogonal complement in $\{\mathcal{H}^{r-2k,s}\}^m$. Now suppose $v \in \{\mathcal{H}^{r-2k,s}\}^m$ is such that for all $u \in \{C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}^m$, $0 = ((R + \lambda I)u, v)_{r,s} = [(R + \lambda I)u, \mathcal{M}_{2r,2s} v]$. Then $w = \mathcal{M}_{2r,2s} v \in \{\mathcal{H}^{-r-2k,-s}\}^m$ and $(R^* + \lambda I)w = 0$, which, by (6.10) applied to w , with $-r-2k$ and $-s$ replacing r and s , implies that $w = 0$ and therefore $v = 0$. ■

For any closed set $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, we set

$$\mathcal{H}_0^{r,s}(K) = \{u \in \mathcal{H}^{r,s} : \text{supp } u \subseteq K\}.$$

Letting a bar denote closure and writing \bar{A} for the complement of A , we have that $C_0^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$ is dense in $\mathcal{H}_0^{r,s}(\bar{\Omega})$ for all real r and s , with $\Omega = \Omega_{a,b}$, $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$ (see Section 4 of [5]).

Theorem 6 (Compare with Theorem 4 of [5]): Given any real r , s and c , $R + \lambda I$ is an isomorphism of $\{\mathcal{H}_0^{r,s}(\bar{\Omega}_{c,+\infty})\}^m$ onto $\{\mathcal{H}_0^{r-2k,s}(\bar{\Omega}_{0,+\infty})\}^m$ for all λ sufficiently large (depending on r , s and R).

Proof: First choose $\rho_0 > k$, $\rho_0 \geq r$. Next, choose λ_0 so large that

i) $\lambda_0 \geq C_4$ (C_4 , the constant in Theorem 3), and

ii) $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ implies that $R + \lambda I$ is an isomorphism of $\{\mathcal{H}^{r,s}\}^m$ onto

$\{\mathcal{H}^{r-2k,s}\}^m$ and $\{\mathcal{H}^{\rho_0,s}\}^m$ onto $\{\mathcal{H}^{\rho_0-2k,s}\}^m$ (applying Theorem 5 in

both cases). We assert that for $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$, $R + \lambda I$ has the desired property.

By Theorem 5 it is clear that we need only show that if $u \in \{\mathcal{H}^{r,s}\}^m$

and $v = (R + \lambda I)u$ has its support in $\overline{\Omega}_{c,+\infty}$, then so does u . Since

$\{C_0^\infty(\Omega_{c,+\infty})\}^m$ is dense in $\{\mathcal{H}_0^{r-2k,s}(\Omega_{c,+\infty})\}^m$, then there exists a sequence

$\{v_n\}$ of elements in $\{C_0^\infty(\Omega_{c,+\infty})\}^m$ converging to v in $\{\mathcal{H}^{r-2k,s}\}^m$. By

Theorem 5, for each n there exists a unique $u_n \in \{\mathcal{H}^{r,s}\}^m$ satisfying

$(R + \lambda I)u_n = v_n$; however, there also exists $u'_n \in \{\mathcal{H}^{\rho_0,s}\}^m$ such that

$(R + \lambda I)u'_n = v_n$. Thus $u_n = u'_n \in \{\mathcal{H}^{\rho_0,s}\}^m$; applying Theorem 3 with

$a = -\infty$ and arbitrary $b < c$ we obtain, since $u_n(-\infty) = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (6.11) \quad & \frac{C_2}{2} \|u_n(b)\|_{\rho_0^{-k+s}}^2 + C_3 \int_{-\infty}^b \|u_n\|_{\rho_0^{+s}}^2 dt \\
 & + C_2(\lambda - C_4) \int_{-\infty}^b \|u_n\|_{\rho_0^{-k+s}}^2 dt \\
 & \leq \sum_{i,j} \operatorname{Re} \int_{-\infty}^b (N_{ij} \zeta_i \phi_j \mathcal{M}_{\rho_0^{-k+s}} v_n, N_{ij} \zeta_i \phi_j \mathcal{M}_{\rho_0^{-k+s}} u_n)_0 dt,
 \end{aligned}$$

$n = 1, 2, \dots$. Since $\operatorname{supp} v_n$ is contained in $\Omega_{c,+\infty}$, we see that the

right side of (6.11) vanishes for all n . Thus $u_n(b) = 0$ which implies that each u_n has its support in $\overline{\Omega}_{c,+\infty}$, and the same remains true for u . ■

Theorem 7 (Compare with Theorem 5 of [5]): If s is real, $r > k$, and $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$, the mapping $u \rightsquigarrow \langle Ru, u(a) \rangle$ is a topological isomorphism of $\{H^{r,s}(\Omega)\}^m$ onto $\{H^{r-2k,s}(\Omega)\}^m \oplus \{H^{r-k+s}\}^m$, where $\Omega = \Omega_{a,b}$.

Proof: With only slight modifications the proof is exactly like that of Theorem 5 of [5] with R replacing P , our form of the energy inequality replacing Theorem 3 of [5], and our Theorem 6 replacing Theorem 4 of [5]. ■

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