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从出版方面来讲,除了较好较快地出版我们自己的成果外,引进国外的先进出版物无疑也是十分重要与必不可少的。从数学来说,施普林格(Springer)出版社至今仍然是世界上最具权威的出版社。科学出版社影印一批他们出版的好的新书,使我国广大数学家能以较低的价格购买,特别是在边远地区工作的数学家能普遍见到这些书,无疑是对推动我国数学的科研与教学十分有益的事。

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## Preface

The microlocal analysis is the local analysis in cotangent bundle space. The remarkable progress made in the theory of linear partial differential equations over the past two decades is essentially due to the extensive application of the microlocalization idea. The Hamiltonian systems, canonical transformations, Lagrange manifolds and other concepts, used in theoretical mechanics for examining processes in the phase space, have in recent years become the central objects of the theory of differential equations. For example, the evolution of singularities of solutions of a differential equation is described most naturally in terms of Lagrange manifolds and Hamiltonian systems, the solvability conditions are formulated in terms of the behaviour of integral curves of the Hamiltonian system whose Hamiltonian function serves as the characteristic form, the class of pseudodifferential equations arises in a natural way from that of differential equations under the action of canonical transformations, the class of sub-elliptic operators is defined by means of the Poisson brackets, etc. The difficulty faced in the microlocal analysis is connected with the principle of uncertainty which does not permit us to localize a function in any neighbourhood of a point of the cotangent space.

This paper presents a survey of the most interesting results, from our point of view, of the microlocal analysis achieved over the recent years. Unfortunately, due to lack of space many significant results could not be included. Also incomplete is the list of the literature cited; more complete lists can be found in Egorov [1984], Shubin [1978], Hörmander [1963, 1983, 1985], Taylor [1981] and Trèves [1982].

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# Chapter 1

## Microlocal Properties of Distributions

### § 1. Microlocalization

The study of the singularities of solutions constitutes one of the most important problems in the theory of differential equations. In this theory, just as in other mathematical disciplines, one often examines functions modulo smooth ones, so that the points where a given function is infinitely differentiable may be neglected. This approach reflects physical realities: singular points correspond to those phenomena which are most interesting from the point of view of each physical theory.

In investigating physical processes that take place in a bounded space an extensive use is made of the principle of *locality*. Its essence lies in that by knowing the state of the process at a given moment of time in a fixed region  $\Omega$  of the physical space one may determine, by means of physical laws, the course of the process in a region  $\Omega'$ , lying strictly inside  $\Omega$ , for a future time interval. During this time interval the effect of processes taking place outside  $\Omega$  will have no influence on phenomena in  $\Omega'$  because the effect is propagated with a finite velocity.

We can introduce a more general principle, the principle of *microlocality*, by examining the phenomenon in a bounded region of the phase space. If we know the state of the process in this region at a certain moment of time, we can describe this process for future close points lying strictly inside the region. In physical terms, this means that the change in the impulse too takes place with a finite velocity because the acting forces are finite.

The above-mentioned principles are reflected in mathematical physics in the investigation of singularities of solutions of differential equations. Namely, local properties of such solutions are those properties which remain unaltered when the solutions are multiplied by smooth functions with a small support. Microlocal properties of a solution refer naturally to those properties which do not change on "multiplication" of the solution by a smooth function having support in a small neighbourhood of the given point in the phase space. However, this operation is much more complicated. In fact, it consists in multiplying by an ordinary smooth cutoff function with a small support, in applying Fourier transformation, in multiplying successively by a smooth cutoff function of dual coordinates, and in applying inverse Fourier transformation. Instead of Fourier transformation we can also use some other decomposition in plane waves; for example, the Radon transformation. In fact, the microlocal analysis is the local analysis on the cotangent bundle space.

A special feature of the microlocal analysis is the fact that localization in the phase space is possible only to a certain extent: the localization of spatial coordinates obstructs that of impulses. In quantum mechanics, this fact is referred to as the Heisenberg uncertainty principle.

The last two decades have seen immensely fruitful applications of the microlocality principle to the theory of partial differential equations. Every function (ordinary or generalized) can be regarded as an aggregate of linear differential equations which this function satisfies. The microlocality principle extends in a natural manner this aggregate to the system of pseudodifferential equations derived from differential equations by transforming the phase space without altering its structure. By applying the microlocality principle we not only obtain a more precise description of singular points of a distribution but we also have a simpler description of the propagation process of these singularities. By this principle we can also extend to distributions the operations defined initially for smooth functions only; for example, the operation of taking trace or the operation of multiplication, etc.

Let us explain the idea of microlocalization with the following simple example. Let  $n \geq 2$  be a natural number and let  $f$  be a function in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of the form  $f(x) = g(\alpha \cdot x)$ , where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0$ ,  $\alpha \cdot x = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \cdot x_j$  and  $g$  is a function of a single variable. If  $g(t)$  has a singularity, for example, if  $g(t)$  is not differentiable at  $t = t_0$ , then all the points  $x$  lying on the plane  $\alpha \cdot x = t_0$  are singular points of  $f$ . However,  $f$  is a smooth function in each direction lying on this plane so that for it singular will be only the direction of the vector  $\alpha$ . Radon's theorem enables us to represent each distribution  $f$  in  $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  as an integral of plane waves:

$$f(x) = \int_{|\alpha|=1} g_\alpha(\alpha \cdot x) d\alpha.$$

Therefore at each point  $x$  those directions  $\alpha$  will be singular for which the distribution  $g_\alpha(t)$  has a singularity at the point  $t = x \cdot \alpha$ . If, instead of Radon's theorem, we apply Fourier transformation, then  $f$  can be represented as an integral of plane waves:

$$f(x) = \int g(\alpha) e^{i\alpha \cdot x} d\alpha,$$

where the integration is performed over the whole  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Now those directions of  $\alpha$  become singular for  $f$  in which  $g(t\alpha)$  does not decrease, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , rapidly enough.

As mentioned earlier, in the modern theory of differential equations the microlocality principle is extensively applied to investigate the singularities of the solution. Many important results achieved in recent years by means of this principle in the theory of boundary-value problems, in the spectral theory, in the theory of functions of several complex variables, and in other branches of mathematics point towards great potentialities of the microlocal analysis.

## § 2. Wave Front of Distribution. Its Functorial Properties

**2.1. Definition of the Wave Front.** The notion of a singular point of a distribution does not have only one meaning. Depending on the problem under discussion, a singular point may signify a point of discontinuity, or a point where

the function becomes infinite, or a point where the function has an essential singularity in the sense of the theory of complex variables, etc. For the general theory of distributions, the most natural is the following

**Definition 2.1.** A point  $x_0$  is a non-singular point for a distribution  $u$  if there exists a function  $\varphi$  in  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $\varphi(x_0) \neq 0$  and  $\varphi u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

It follows from the definition that the singular points of a distribution constitute a closed set. This set is known as the *singular support* of the distribution  $u$  and is denoted by  $\text{sing supp } u$ . We can easily see that this set is invariant under diffeomorphisms of the space; thus the definition of a singular support can be readily extended to distributions on a smooth manifold.

For a smooth manifold  $X$ , we denote by  $T^*(X)$  the cotangent bundle space and by  $T^*(X) \setminus 0$  the same space with the zero section removed (see, for example, Arnol'd [1974], Egorov [1984]). The following definition and examples are due to Hörmander. It should be remarked that in the general theory there are many close concepts that are extensively used, namely, the analytic wave front, Gevrey wave front, oscillation front, etc (see Hörmander [1983, 1985], Trèves [1982], and §4.2 of Chapter 6).

**Definition 2.2.** A point  $(x_0, \xi_0) \in T^*(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus 0$  does not belong to the *wave front* of a distribution  $u$  in  $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if there are a function  $\varphi$  in  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , with  $\varphi(x_0) \neq 0$ , and a cone  $\Gamma$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with vertex at the origin of coordinates, which contains in its interior the ray  $\{\xi; \xi = t\xi_0, t > 0\}$  such that the relations

$$|\tilde{\varphi}u(\xi)| = O((1 + |\xi|)^{-N})$$

holds for all  $\xi \in \Gamma$  and all integers  $N$ .

The wave front of  $u$  will be denoted by  $\text{WF}(u)$ .

**Example 2.1.** If the distribution  $u$  is a plane wave, that is, if  $u(x) = g(\alpha \cdot x)$ , where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0$  and  $g \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R})$ , then every direction  $\xi_0$ , non-collinear with the vector  $\alpha$ , is non-singular for  $u$ . That is,  $\text{WF}(u)$  may only contain points  $(x_0, \xi_0)$  for which  $\xi_0 = t\alpha$  with  $t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus 0$  and  $\alpha \cdot x_0 \in \text{sing supp } g$ .

**Example 2.2.** Suppose that  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus 0$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi} \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}(0) = 1$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}(0) > 0$ . Then for the function

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(kx)}{k^2} e^{ik^2(x, \eta)}$$

which is continuous in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the wave front consists of the ray  $\{(0, t\eta), t > 0\}$  (Hörmander [1979a]).

Summing over  $\eta$ , we obtain from this example a function whose wave front coincides with an arbitrary conical closed subset of  $T^*(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus 0$ .

**2.2. Localization of Wave Front.** It is comparatively easy to establish the following properties of the wave front (see Hörmander [1971, 1983, 1985], Egorov [1984]):



1. If  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then

$$\text{WF}(\varphi u) \subset \text{WF}(u).$$

2. If  $\pi: T^*(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is the natural projection, then  $\pi \text{WF}(u) = \text{sing supp } u$  for every  $u$  in  $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**2.3. Wave Front and Singularities of One-Dimensional Distributions.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be smooth manifolds, and let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a smooth map.  $f$  is called *proper* if the set  $f^{-1}(K)$  is compact for every compact set  $K$  in  $Y$ . For a  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(Y)$  and a proper map  $f$  we set

$$f^* \varphi(x) = \varphi(f(x)).$$

Then  $f^* \varphi \in C_0^\infty(X)$  and  $f^*$  is a continuous map from  $\mathcal{D}(Y)$  into  $\mathcal{D}(X)$ . This enables us to define, by means of duality, the *pushforward*  $f_* u$  of every *distribution*  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(X)$  by the formula

$$\langle f_* u, \varphi \rangle = \langle u, f^* \varphi \rangle.$$

It is obvious that the same construction remains valid for an arbitrary map  $f$  (not necessarily proper) when  $u$  has a compact support, that is, when  $u \in \mathcal{E}'(X)$ .

The *pullback*  $f^* u$  of a *distribution* is defined when  $f$  is a submersion of  $X$  onto  $Y$ . This last condition means that for every point  $y \in Y$  the set  $f^{-1}(y)$  is a smooth submanifold of  $X$  and all these submanifolds are diffeomorphic to a fixed  $k$ -dimensional smooth manifold. Locally such a map is a projection, and in a suitable local coordinate system it becomes the projection  $\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ . If  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(X)$  and the support of  $\varphi$  lies in a coordinate neighbourhood, and if  $x = (x', x'')$ , where  $x' \in \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $x'' \in \mathbb{R}^l$ , then  $f_* \varphi(x') = \int \varphi(x', x'') dx''$ . For any  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(Y)$  we now set

$$\langle f^* u, \varphi \rangle = \langle u, f_* \varphi \rangle.$$

If  $f$  is both proper and submersion (for example, if  $f$  is a diffeomorphism), then  $f^* u$  and  $f_* v$  are simultaneously defined for every  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(Y)$ ,  $v \in \mathcal{D}'(X)$ .

**Example 2.3.** Let  $\pi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  be the projection onto the  $x_1$ -axis. In this case both  $\pi^* u$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R})$ , and  $\pi_* v$ ,  $v \in \mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , are defined, and

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^* v(x^1) &= u(x^1) \otimes 1_{x_2, \dots, x_n}; \\ \pi_* v(x) &= \int v(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_2 \dots dx_n. \end{aligned}$$

Using these concepts, we can establish the following

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\Omega$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ . A point  $(x_0, \xi_0)$  of  $T^*(\Omega) \setminus 0$  does not lie in  $\text{WF}(u)$  if and only if there exist a function  $\varphi$  in  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ , with  $\varphi(x_0) \neq 0$ , and an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for every smooth function  $f: \text{supp } \varphi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , with  $|\text{grad } f(x_0) - \xi_0| < \varepsilon$ , the function  $f_*(\varphi u)(t)$  is infinitely differentiable on the real line (Guillemin and Sternberg [1977], Egorov [1985a]).