

Recall:

For  $a \in S_{1,0,h}^k$ , can define  $Op_h(a): S \rightarrow S, S' \rightarrow S'$   
 $H_h^S \rightarrow H_h^{S-k}$

We previously introduced the spaces of classical symbols.

How  $k$  - positively homogeneous of order  $k$   
 $S^k \subset S_{1,0}^k$ : symbols that are  $\sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j$ ,  $a_j \in \mathcal{H}^{k-j}$

$S_h^k \subset S_{1,0,h}^k$ : symbols that are  $\sim \sum_e h^e a_e$ ,  $a_e \in S^{k-e}$

Def. We say that  $A: S \rightarrow S'$  is in  $\Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , if  $A = Op_h(a)$  for some  $a \in S_h^k$ .

We say that  $A = O(h^\alpha)_{\Psi^{-\infty}}$  if  $A \in \mathcal{H}_h^{-N} \Psi_h^{-\infty}$   
 $A = Op_h(a)$  for some  $a \in h^\alpha S^{-\infty}$ .

Note:  $A = O(h^\alpha)_{\Psi^{-\infty}} \Rightarrow \|A\|_{H_h^{-N} \rightarrow H_h^N} \in C_N h^N \forall N$

~~In general we would want to con~~

Principal symbol

For  $A = Op_h(a) \in \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , define the semiclassical principal symbol  
 $\sigma_h(A) \in S^k_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $\sigma_h(A) := a_0$  where  
 $a \sim \sum_e h^e a_e$ ,  $a_e \in S^{k-e}$ . That is,  $a_0 \in S^k$  and  
 $a = a_0 + h S_h^{k-1}$ .

Based on what we proved last time, we get the following properties:

①  $\sigma_h: \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow S^k(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  is onto.

(indeed,  $\sigma_h(\text{Op}_h(a)) = a$ ,  $a \in S^k(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$ )

② For  $A \in \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\sigma_h(A) = 0 \iff A \in h\Psi_h^{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

(immediate from the definition of  $\sigma_h$ )

③ For  $A \in \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $B \in \Psi_h^\ell(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $AB \in \Psi_h^{k+\ell}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

and ③a  $\sigma_h(AB) = \sigma_h(A)\sigma_h(B)$

③b  $\sigma_h\left(\frac{i}{h}[A, B]\right) = \{\sigma_h(A), \sigma_h(B)\}$ .

④ For  $A \in \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $A^* \in \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and

$\sigma_h(A^*) = \overline{\sigma_h(A)}$ .

Note: ① + ② give a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow h\Psi_h^{k-1} \rightarrow \Psi_h^k \xrightarrow{\sigma_h} S^k \rightarrow 0$$

$\text{Op}_h$

READ [Dy2w, §§E.15, E.1.6]

### Operators on manifolds

If  $M$  is a manifold, then we can use coordinate charts

to still define the class  $\Psi_h^k(M)$  & ①-④ still hold, but:

- $S^k(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  is replaced by  $S^k(T^*M)$ ,

$T^*M \rightarrow$  cotangent bundle:  $T^*M = \{(x, \xi) \mid x \in M, \xi \in T_x^*M\}$

- If  $M$  noncompact - usually just require estimates on compact sets, so  $\Psi_h^k: H_{h, \text{comp}}^{k, S} \rightarrow H_{h, \text{comp}}^{s-k}$

$H_{h, \text{loc}}^s \rightarrow H_{h, \text{loc}}^{s-k}$

- $\text{Op}_h$  is not canonical - many choices!

# Elliptic set & WF set of operators

We will still work on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  but the statements & the proofs do in fact apply to any manifold.

For  $A \in \mathcal{L}_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we want to associate to it 2 sets:

- Wavefront set  $WF_h(A)$ : "the support of the full symbol of  $A$ , modulo  $h$ "
- Elliptic set  $ell_h(A)$ : "the set where ~~the~~  $\sigma_h(A)$  does not vanish"

But we have to be careful with  $|\xi| \rightarrow \infty$ .

For instance,  $a(x, \xi) = e^{-|\xi|}$  is  $O(h^\infty)$  everywhere but it is not in  $h^\infty S^{-\infty}$  &  $Op_h(a)$  does not map  $H_h^{-N} \rightarrow H_h^N$ ...

A neat way to deal with this is the

READ [Dy2w, SE.1.2]

## Fiber-radially compactified cotangent bundle

$\overline{T^*\mathbb{R}^n}$

We have  $T^*\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{2n} = \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \mathbb{R}_\xi^n$  for each  $x$ ,

~~we can~~ Define  $\overline{T^*\mathbb{R}^n} = \mathbb{R}_x^n \times \overline{\mathbb{R}_\xi^n}$  where

$\overline{\mathbb{R}_\xi^n} \cong \overline{B(0,1)} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n \hookrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}^n}$  by the map

$\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \eta = \frac{\xi}{1 + \langle \xi \rangle} \in B(0,1)$ . So, the interior of

the ball is  $\mathbb{R}^n$  & the boundary  $\partial \overline{\mathbb{R}^n} \cong S^{n-1}$  corresponds to  $\xi$  going to infinity in different directions.

Note: ~~the~~ defining fn. of the boundary is  $1 - |\eta|^2 =$

$$= 1 - \frac{|\xi|^2}{(1 + \langle \xi \rangle)^2} = \frac{1 + \langle \xi \rangle^2 + 2\langle \xi \rangle - |\xi|^2}{(1 + \langle \xi \rangle)^2} \sim |\xi|^{-1} \text{ as } |\xi| \rightarrow \infty.$$

READ (Dydz, §§ E.2.1, E.2.2)

Now can define WF<sub>h</sub> & ell<sub>h</sub>:

Def. Let  $A \in \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We say that  $(x_0, \xi_0) \in \overline{T^*\mathbb{R}^n}$  does NOT lie in  $WF_h(A)$ , if  $A = \mathcal{O}_h(a)$  &  $\exists$  a nbhd  $U$  of  $(x_0, \xi_0)$  in  $\overline{T^*\mathbb{R}^n}$  such that  $\partial_x^{\alpha} \partial_\xi^{\beta} a = \mathcal{O}(h^{|\alpha|} \langle \xi \rangle^{-|\beta|})$  with  $\cdot$  in  $U$ .  
This defines  $WF_h(A) \subset \overline{T^*\mathbb{R}^n}$  closed set.

Note: if  $A = e^{-1/h} Id$ ,  $a = e^{-1/h}$ , then

$$WF_h(A) = \partial \overline{T^*\mathbb{R}^n} = \{(x, \xi) \mid |\xi| = \infty\}$$

Principal symbol: If  $A \in \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then  $\sigma_h(A) \in S^k$ .

Then it is immediate to check that  $\langle \xi \rangle^{-k} \sigma_h(A)$  extends to a  $C^\infty$  function on  $\overline{T^*\mathbb{R}^n}$ .

Def. Let  $A \in \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The elliptic set  $ell_h(A) \subset \overline{T^*\mathbb{R}^n}$  is the set where

$$ell_h(A) = \{ \langle \xi \rangle^{-k} \sigma_h(A)(x, \xi) \neq 0 \}$$

Note:  $ell_h(A) \subset \overline{T^*\mathbb{R}^n}$  is open. For  $\xi \in T^*\mathbb{R}^n$ , just need  $\sigma_h(A)(x, \xi) \neq 0$ . For  $(x, \eta) \in \partial T_x^*\mathbb{R}^n \sim S^{n-1}$ , need  $|\sigma_h(A)(x, \xi)| > c |\xi|^k$  for  $|\xi| \gg 1$ ,  $\frac{\xi}{|\xi|} \approx \eta$ .

One more definition: if  $A = A(h) : C_c^\infty(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(U)$ ,  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $A$  is compactly supported on U if  $\exists \chi \in C_c^\infty(U)$   $h$ -indepdt such that  $A = \chi A \chi$  for all  $h$ .

Note:  $A \in \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is compactly supported  $\Rightarrow \otimes WF_h(A) \subset \overline{T^*\mathbb{R}^n}$  is compact (i.e. compact in  $x$ .)

Elliptic parametrix

Let  $P \in \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We want to understand solutions to  $Pu = f$ :  $\|u\|_2 \lesssim C \|f\|_2 + \text{remainder}$ . However it is often useful to estimate  $u$  using different methods in different parts of phase space  $\overline{T^*\mathbb{R}^n}$ .

So we'd like to first do  $\|Au\|_2 \lesssim C \|f\|_2 + \text{remainder}$ .

The easiest situation is when we can write  $A = QP + \text{rem.}$  for some  $Q$ . It is given by

Thm. [Dy2w, Proposition E.31] Assume  $P \in \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $A \in \Psi_h^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $A$  is compactly supported, and

$$\text{WF}_h(A) \subset \text{ell}_h(P).$$

Then there exists  $Q \in \Psi_h^{-k}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that

$$A = QP + O(h^\infty)_{\Psi^{-\infty}}.$$

Proof ① First construct  $Q_0 \in \Psi_h^{-k}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  s.t.

$$A = Q_0 P + h \Psi_h^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^n). \text{ For that, } \cancel{\text{just}}$$

note that by the assumption  $\text{WF}_h(A) \subset \text{ell}_h(P)$ , we get  $\text{supp } \sigma_h(A) \subset \text{ell}_h(P)$  & thus, ~~we~~ denote

$\omega := \sigma_h(A)$ ,  $p := \sigma_h(P)$ , we have  $|p(x, \xi)| \geq c \langle \xi \rangle^k$  near  $\text{supp } \omega$ .

Then we can define  $q_0 := Q_0 / P$  and verify directly that

$$q_0 \in \Psi_h^{-k} S_h^{-k}.$$

Put  $Q_0 := Q_{p_h}(q_0) \in \mathcal{U}_h^{-k}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then  
by the Product Rule,

$$A - Q_0 P \in \mathcal{U}_h^0(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ and}$$

$$\sigma_h(A - Q_0 P) = q_0 - q_0 P = 0. \text{ So}$$

$$A - Q_0 P \in h \mathcal{U}_h^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

② Now we iterate. Note that  $WF_h(Q_0) \subset WF_h(A)$   
by construction of  $q_0$ . So we have

$$A = Q_0 P + h R_0, \quad R_0 \in \mathcal{U}_h^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^n), \quad WF_h(R_0) \subset WF_h(A).$$

Repeating the process <sup>①</sup> for  $-R_0$  ~~as~~ we set  
in place of  $A$

$$Q_1 \in \mathcal{U}_h^{-k-1}(\mathbb{R}^n): \quad -R_0 = Q_1 P + h \mathcal{U}_h^{-2}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

$$\text{Thus } A = (Q_0 + h Q_1) P + h^2 R_1, \quad R_1 \in \mathcal{U}_h^{-2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \dots$$

~~Write Put  $q_0$  as  $Q_0$~~  Put  $Q := Q_{p_h}(q)$ ,  $q \sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} h^j q_j$ ,

$$Q_j = Q_{p_h}(q_j) \text{ constructed iteratively, } Q_j \in \mathcal{U}_h^{j-k}$$

$$\text{Then } Q - \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} h^j Q_j \in h^J \mathcal{U}_h^{-k-J}.$$

$$\text{And } A = \left( Q \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} h^j Q_j \right) P + h^J \mathcal{U}_h^{-J}. \quad \text{So}$$

$$A = Q P + h^J \mathcal{U}_h^{-J} \quad \forall J \Rightarrow A = Q P + O(h^\infty)_{\mathcal{U}_h^{-\infty}}$$

as needed.

□

We can now prove the Elliptic Estimate:

Thm [DyZw, Theorem E.32] Assume that

- $P \in \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a semiclassical differential operator (only need it to be differential to be able to apply it to fns. defined on  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . Properly supported on  $U$  would do.)
- $A \in \Psi_h^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is compactly supported on some open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , i.e.  $\exists \chi_A \in C_c^\infty(U)$  s.t.  $A = \chi_A A \chi_A$ .
- $WF_h(A) \subset \text{ell}_h(P)$

Then  $\exists \chi \in C_c^\infty(U)$  s.t. the following holds.

Let  $u \in \mathcal{D}(U)$  and ~~assume that~~ put  $f := P u \in \mathcal{D}'(U)$ .  
Assume that for some  $s$ ,  $\chi f \in H^s$  (note:  $\chi f \in \mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ )

Then  $A u \in H^{s+k}$  and  $\forall N, \forall h \in (0, 1]$

$$\|A u\|_{H_h^{s+k}} \leq C \|\chi f\|_{H_h^s} + \cancel{O(h^{-N})} C_N \|u\|_{H_h^{-N}}$$

where  $C, C_N$  do not depend on  $h$  or  $u$ .  
(they depend on  $P, A, U, s$ )

Proof. Mostly just need to fight with cutoffs.

Density  $\chi_1 \prec \chi_2$  if  ~~$\chi_2 \prec \chi_1$~~   
 $\text{supp } \chi_1 \cap \text{supp } (1 - \chi_2) = \emptyset$

we ~~set~~ fix  $\chi_1, \chi \in C_c^\infty(U)$  s.t.

$$\chi_A \prec \chi_1 \prec \chi$$

Put  $v := \chi_1 u \in \mathcal{E}'(U) \subset \mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Then  $A u = \chi_A A \chi_A u = \chi_A A v$ . Let  $Q$  be the elliptic parametrix, i.e.  $Q \in \Psi_h^{-k}$ ,  $A = Q P + \underbrace{O(h^\infty)}_{\text{call this } R} \Psi_h^{-\infty}$ .

Then  $A u = \chi_A A v = \chi_A Q P v + \chi_A R v$ .

Again:

$$Au = \chi_A Q P v + \chi_A R \chi_1 u.$$

We show  $Au \in H^{s+k}_h$  & estimate  $\|Au\|_{H^{s+k}_h}$ :

- $\chi_A R \chi_1 = O(h^\infty) \in \mathcal{D}'(U) \rightarrow C_c^\infty(U)$

and  $\chi_1 = \chi_1 \chi$ , so  $\forall N$ ,

$$\|\chi_A R \chi_1 u\|_{H^{s+k}_h} \leq C_N h^N \|Xu\|_{H_h^{-N}}.$$

(note:  $Xu \in \mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{R}^n) \Rightarrow Xu \in H_h^{-N}$  for some  $N$ .)

- We write  $Pv = P\chi_1 u = \chi_1 f + [P, \chi_1]u$ .

$$\|\chi_A Q \chi_1 f\| \leq C \|Xf\|_{H_h^s} \text{ since } Q \in \Psi_h^{-k}.$$

- Finally, we need to look at

$$\chi_A Q [P, \chi_1]u = \chi_A Q [P, \chi_1]Xu.$$

However,  $[P, \chi_1]$  is a diff. operator supported away from  $\text{supp } \chi_A$ . By

pseudolocality of  $Q$ , we set

~~$$\chi_A Q [P, \chi_1] \in \mathcal{O}(h^\infty) \Psi_h^{-\infty}$$~~

$$\chi_A Q [P, \chi_1] = \mathcal{O}(h^\infty) \Psi_h^{-\infty},$$

So  $\|\chi_A Q [P, \chi_1]u\|_{H_h^{s+k}} \leq C_N h^N \|Xu\|_{H_h^{-N}} \forall N. \quad \square$

Note: pseudolocality of  $Q$  was crucial ~~at~~ the best step.

The wave operator also has a parametrix, but it is not pseudolocal, so we ~~do not~~ might have nonsmooth solns with  $C^\infty$  right-hand side.



A nonsemiclassical application:

Thm. [Elliptic regularity]

Assume  $P = \sum_{|k| \leq k} a_k(x) D_x^k$ ,  $a_k \in C^\infty(U)$ ,

and  $P$  is (nonsemiclassically) elliptic, i.e.  $\exists c > 0$ :

$$|\sum_{|k|=k} a_k(x) \xi^k| \geq c |\xi|^k \text{ for all } x \in U, |\xi| > 1.$$

Then  $\forall u \in \mathcal{D}'(U)$ , if  $Pu \in C^\infty(U)$ , then  $u \in C^\infty(U)$ .

Proof Define  $\hat{P} := h^k P$ . (Can fix  $h=1$  or take any  $h$ , makes no difference!)

The statement is local, so we can shrink  $U$  a bit & extend the coefficients of  $P$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , so that

$\hat{P} \in \Psi_h^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Now,

$$\sigma_h(\hat{P})(x, \xi) = \sum_{|k| \leq k} a_k(x) \xi^k \text{ since the } |k| < k \text{ terms are } O(h).$$

So,  $\text{ell}_h(\hat{P}) \supset \{(x, \xi) \in T^*\mathbb{R}^n : x \in U, \xi \neq 0\}$ .

To deal with 0 section, fix  $\chi_1 \in C_c^\infty(U)$  &  $B \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$ ,  $B=1$  near  $\{(x, \xi) \mid x \in \text{supp } \chi_1\}$ .

Put  $B := \text{Op}_h(B) \chi_1 \in \Psi_h^{-N}(\mathbb{R}^{2n}) \quad \forall N$ .

Enough to show that for any  $\chi_0 \in C_c^\infty(U)$ , we have  $\chi_0 u \in C^\infty$  (note:  $\chi_0 u \in \mathcal{E}'(U) \subset \mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ).

Write  $\chi_0 u = \chi_0 B u + \chi_0 (I-B)u$ . Then

Take  $\chi_1 \chi_0 > \chi_0$ . Then:

•  $\chi_0 B u \in C^\infty$  since

$$\chi_0 B u = \chi_0 \text{Op}_h(B) \chi_1 u \quad \text{and}$$

$\chi_0 \text{Op}_h(B) \chi_1 : \mathcal{D}' \rightarrow C^\infty$  since  $B$  is compactly supported in  $x, \xi$ .

• For  $\chi_0 (1-B) u$ :

$$\chi_0 (1-B) \mathcal{E} = \chi_0 - \chi_0 \text{Op}_h(B) \chi_1 \in \Psi_h^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

is compactly supported in  $U$  and

$$\text{WF}_h(\chi_0 (1-B)) \stackrel{\substack{\text{since} \\ \chi_0 \in \chi_1}}{=} \text{WF}_h(\chi_0 \text{Op}_h(1-B)), \text{ so}$$

$$\text{WF}_h(\chi_0 (1-B)) \cap \{ (x, \zeta) \mid x \in U, \zeta \neq 0 \}.$$

Thus  $\text{WF}_h(\chi_0 (1-B)) \subset \text{Cell}_h(P)$

& we apply the elliptic estimate:

$$P u \in H_{loc}^s(U) \quad \forall s \Rightarrow \chi_0 (1-B) u \in H_{loc}^{s+k} \quad \forall s$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi_0 (1-B) u \in C^\infty. \quad \square$$

Easy application to scattering theory:

if  $P = -h^2 \Delta + V$ ,  $V \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and  $P u = 0$ , then  $u \in C^\infty$ .

Next week: Propagation of Singularities