# Strongly Hyperbolic Systems of Maximal Rank

Dedicated to Professor Yujiro Ohya on his sixtieth birthday

By

Tatsuo NISHITANI\*

### §1. Introduction

Let L be a first order differential operator defined in an open set  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ 

$$L(x, D) = D_0 I_m + \sum_{j=1}^n A_j(x) D_j$$

where  $A_1(x)$  are real analytic  $m \times m$  matrices defined in  $\Omega$  and  $x = (x_0, x') = (x_0, x_1, ..., x_n)$ ,  $\xi = (\xi_0, \xi') = (\xi_0, \xi_1, ..., \xi_n)$ . Let us denote by  $h(x, \xi)$  and  $M(x, \xi)$  the determinant and the cofactor matrix of  $L(x, \xi)$  respectively. Let  $\Sigma = \{z = (x, \xi) | h(z) = \cdots = d^{m-1}h(z) = 0\}$  be the set of characteristics of order m of h. We assume that  $\Sigma$  is a real analytic manifold near a reference point  $\hat{z} = (\hat{x}, \hat{\xi})$ . Without restrictions we may suppose that  $0 \in \Omega$  and  $\hat{x} = 0$ . Let  $\Sigma$  be given by

$$\phi_0(x, \xi) = \xi_0 = 0, \quad \phi_j(x, \xi') = 0, \ 1 \le j \le k$$

where  $\phi_{\tau}(x, \xi')$  are real analytic, homogeneous of degree 0 in  $\xi'$  with linearly independent differentials at  $\hat{z}$ . Since we are interested in strongly hyperbolic systems, we assume that  $L(x, \xi)$  satisfies a necessary condition for strong hyperbolicity obtained in [5], that is

 $M(x, \xi)$  vanishes of order m-2 on  $\sum$ 

which implies in particular  $(L|_{\Sigma})^2 = O$  where  $L|_{\Sigma}$  is the restriction of L to  $\Sigma$ . Thus we have

Communicated by T. Kawai, December 20, 1996.

<sup>1991</sup> Mathematics Sobject Classification: Primary 35M50, 35L45, secondary 35M10.

Key words and phrases. Strongly hyperbolic systems, maximal rank. Cauchy problem.

<sup>\*</sup>Department of Mathematics, Graduate School of Science, Osaka University, Machikaneyama 1-16. Toyonaka Osaka 560, Japan

#### TATSUO NISHITANI

## $0 \leq \operatorname{rank}(L|_{\Sigma}) \leq [m/2].$

In our previous papers [6], [7] we studied the extreme case that  $\operatorname{rank}(L|_{\Sigma}) = 0$ , the case closest to symmetric systems. In this note we study the other extreme case when  $\operatorname{rank}(L|_{\Sigma}) = [m/2]$ , which is, in a sense, farthest away from symmetric systems. Our aim is to show that if the localization  $h_z$  of  $h(x, \xi)$  at  $z \in \Sigma$ , the first non-trivial term in the Taylor expansion of h at z which is a polynomial on  $T_z(T^*\Omega)/T_z\Sigma$ , is strictly hyperbolic and the propagation cone of  $h_z$  is transversal to  $\Sigma$  at every  $z \in \Sigma$  then L(x, D) is strongly hyperbolic (Theorem 1.2). Here the propagation cone is defined as the dual cone of the hyperbolic cone of  $h_z$  with respect to the canonical symplectic structure on  $T_z(T^*\Omega)$ .

We remark that L is not symmetrizable and h, as a scalar operator, is not strongly hyperbolic if  $m \ge 3$ . In fact in order that h is strongly hyperbolic then every characteristic must be at most double ([1]).

The idea of the proof of strong hyperbolicity is very simple. Let  $S^m (= S_{1,0}^m)$  denote the space of symbols of order m and denote by  $\Psi^m$  the space of pseudo-differential operators with symbol in  $S^m$  (for the definition, see for example [2]). Then we can find  $M_t \in \Psi^{m-1-t}$  so that for any lower order B(x) we can apply our previous results in [4], [3], on the well posedness of the Cauchy problem for scalar operators or rather its proof to (L+B)  $(M+M_1+M_2)$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $\hat{z} \in \Sigma$  and on  $\Sigma$  near  $\hat{z}$  we assume that rank  $L(x, \xi) = [m/2]$  and  $M(x, \xi)$  vanishes of order m-2. Then one can find  $M_i \in \Psi^{m-1-i}$ , i=1, 2 defined near  $\hat{z}$  such that with

$$(L+B) (M+M_1+M_2) = hI_m + H_{m-1} + \dots + H_{m-j} + \dots$$

where  $H_{m-j} \in \Psi^{m-j}$  near  $\hat{z}$ , we have either (1) or (11):

(1) for every  $B(x) \in C^{\infty}(\Omega; M(m, \mathbb{C})), H_{m-1}(x, \xi)$  vanishes of order m-2j on  $\sum$  near  $\hat{z}$ ,

(1) for every  $B(x) \in C^{\infty}(\Omega; M(m, \mathbb{C}))$  all elements of  $H_{m-j}(x, \xi)$  vanish of order m-2j on  $\Sigma$  near  $\hat{z}$  except for the last row and column which vanishes of order m-2j-1 and m-2j+1 on  $\Sigma$  near  $\hat{z}$  respectively.

*Remark.* We can find  $M_1 \in \Psi^{m-2}$  so that either  $(L+B)(M+M_1)$  or  $(M+M_1)(L+B)$  verifies the assertion (1) of Theorem 1.1. We give the proof at the end of Section 3.

In virtue of Theorem 1.1 we can apply our previous results or rather its proof in [4], [3] to get

**Theorem 1.2.** Assume the same assumptions as in Theorem 1.1. Suppose that the localization  $h_{\hat{z}}$  is strictly hyperblic on  $T_{\hat{z}}(T^*\Omega)/T_{\hat{z}}\Sigma$  and the propagation cone of  $h_{\hat{z}}$  is transversal to  $\Sigma$  at  $\hat{z}$ . Then L is microlocally strongly hyperbolic near  $\hat{z}$ . With  $A(x, \xi') = \sum_{j=1}^{n} A_j(x) \hat{\xi}_j$  we can write

$$A(x, \xi') = \sum_{j=1}^{k} B_j(x, \xi') \phi_j(x, \xi') + P(x, \xi')$$

with  $P(x, \xi') = A(x, \xi')|_{\Sigma}$ . Then we have rank  $P(x, \xi') = [m/2]$  near  $\hat{z}$  by assumption. Let us write

$$J(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$$

and denote  $J(r_1, ..., r_s) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^s J(r_j)$ . The next lemma is well known.

**Lemma 1.3.** Suppose that rank  $P(x, \xi') = [m/2]$  near  $\hat{z}$ . Then there is a real analytic  $N(x, \xi') \in S^0$  defined near  $\hat{z}$  satisfying

$$N(x, \xi')^{-1}P(x, \xi')N(x, \xi') = J|\xi'|$$

where  $J = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{m/2} J(2)$  if m is even and  $J = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{m/2} J(2) \bigoplus \{0\}$  if m is odd.

Since the existence of a parametrix of the Cauchy problem with finite propagation speed, which assures the well posedness of the Cauchy problem, is independent of changes of basis for  $\mathbb{C}^m$ , one can assume that

$$A(x, \xi') = \sum_{j=1}^{k} B_j(x, \xi') \phi_j(x, \xi') + J |\xi'|$$

if rank  $A(x, \xi') = [m/2]$  near  $\hat{z}$  where  $B_j \in S^1$  is real analytic near  $\hat{z}$  and J is given in Lemma 1.3.

### §2. Lemmas

Let

(2.1) 
$$L(x, \xi) = (a_{ij}(x, \xi))_{1 \le i,j \le m} = \xi_0 I_m + \sum_{j=1}^k B_j(x, \xi') \phi_j(x, \xi') + j |\xi'|$$

where  $B_j$  are real analytic near  $\hat{z}$ . Let  $J = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{s} J(2) \bigoplus_{i=1}^{t} \{0\}$  with m = 2s + t. We actually interested in the case t = s + 1. Denote by  $\tilde{a}_{ij}$  the cofactor of  $a_{ij}$  in  $L(x, \xi)$  so that  $M = (\tilde{a}_{ji})$ , the transposed of  $(\tilde{a}_{ij})$ . We denote  $C(x, \xi) = O(s)$  if  $C(x, \xi)$  vanishes of order s on  $\Sigma$  near  $\hat{z}$  and we write  $C(x, \xi) = O_w(s)$  if  $C(x, \xi)$  vanishes of order s at  $w \in \Sigma$ . Note that

$$a_{ij} = O(1)$$
 unless  $(i, j) = (2k-1, 2k), 1 \le k \le s$ .

In this section we show

Lemma 2.1. Assume that h=O(m), M=O(m-2). Then we have  $a_{2i,2j-1}=O(2)$ ,  $1 \le i, j \le s$ .

We first observe that

Lemma 2.2. Assume that  $M(x, \xi) = O(m-2)$ . Then we have  $a_{2k-2l+2,2k-1} = O(2), \quad 1 \le k \le s, \quad 2 \le l,$  $a_{2k,2k-2l+1} = O(2), \quad 1 \le k \le s, \quad 2 \le l.$ 

In particular,  $a_{2i,2j-1} = O(2)$ ,  $1 \le i, j \le s, i \ne j$ .

*Proof.* Let us denote by  $S_m$  the set of all permutations on  $\{1, 2, ..., m\}$ . Note that

$$\widetilde{a}_{2k,2k-2l+1} = \dots + \sum_{\sigma \in T} a^{\sigma} \xi_0^{m-4} + \dots = O(m-2), \ a^{\sigma} = \prod_{i \neq 2k, \sigma(i) \neq i} a_{i\sigma(i)}$$

where  $T = \{\sigma \in S_m | \# \{i | \sigma(i) = i\} = m - 4, \sigma(2k) = 2k - 2l + 1\}$ . We show that  $a^{\sigma} = O(2)$  if  $\sigma \in T$  unless  $\sigma(2k - 2l + 1) = 2k - 2l + 2$ ,  $\sigma(2k - 1) = 2k$  and hence  $a^{\sigma} = \pm a_{2k-2l+2,2k-1} + O(2)$  which proves the assertion. Let  $1 \le k \le s$  and  $\sigma \in T$ . Assume that  $\sigma(2k-2l+1) = p \ne 2k - 2l + 2$ . If p = 2k there is *i* with  $\sigma(i) \le i$  and then  $a_{1\sigma(i)}a_{2k-2l+1,2k} = O(2)$ . If  $p \ne 2k$ , with  $\sigma(p) = q$ ,  $\sigma(q) = r$  we have  $q \ne 2k$  if  $\sigma \in T$ . Thus  $p \ne q$ ,  $q \ne r$  hence  $a_{p,q}a_{q,r} = O(1)$  and therefore  $a_{2k-2l+1,p}a_{p,q}a_{q,r} = O(2)$ . Thus we have  $a^{\sigma} = O(2)$ .

We next assume that  $\sigma(2k-2l+1) = 2k-2l+2$ ,  $\sigma(2k-1) = p \neq 2k$ . With  $\sigma(p) = q$ ,  $\sigma(q) = r$  we see  $p \neq 2k-1$ ,  $q \neq 2k$  if  $\sigma \in T$ . Thus  $p \neq q$ ,  $q \neq r$  and hence  $a_{p,q}a_{q,r} = O(1)$ . Then as above we have  $a_{2k-1,p}a_{p,q}a_{q,r} = O(2)$  and hence the assertion. The second assertion can be proved similarly considering  $\tilde{a}_{2k-2l+2,2k-1}$ .

To complete the proof of Lemma 2.1 it is enough to show

**Lemma 2.3.** Assume that h = O(m) and  $a_{2i,2j-1} = O(2)$ ,  $1 \le i, j \le s, i \ne j$ . Then we have

$$a_{2i,2j-1} = O(2), \quad 1 \le i, j \le s.$$

*Proof.* It is enough to prove  $a_{2i,2i-1} = O_w(2)$  for every  $w \in \Sigma$  near  $\hat{z}$ ,  $1 \le i \le s$ . Suppose that the assertion does not hold and hence the differentials of  $a_{2ip,2ip-1}$  at  $w \in \Sigma$  were different from zero for  $p=1, ..., l, 1 \le i_p \le s$  and  $a_{2i,2i-1} = O_w(2)$  if  $i \notin \{i_1, ..., i_l\}$ . Set  $T = \{\sigma \in S_m | \#\{i | \sigma(i) = i\} = m - 2i\}$  and  $J^\sigma = \{1, ..., m\} \setminus \{i | \sigma(i) = i\}$  for  $\sigma \in T$ . We recall that

(2.2) 
$$h = \dots + \sum_{\sigma \in T} a^{\sigma} \xi_0^{m-2l} + \dots = O(m), \quad a^{\sigma} = \prod_{i,\sigma(i) \neq i} a_{i\sigma(i)}$$

768

by assumption. Let  $\nu \in T$  be such that  $\nu(2i_p-1) = 2i_p$ ,  $\nu(2i_p) = 2i_p-1$  and note that  $a^{\nu}$  vanishes at w exactly of order l. We show that  $a^{\sigma} = O_w(l+1)$  unless  $\sigma = \nu$ . If  $\#\{i | \sigma(2i-1) = 2i\} < l$  then it is clear that  $a^{\sigma} = O_w(l+1)$ . Thus it suffices to consider the case  $J^{\sigma} = \{2j_p-1, 2j_p\}_{p=1}^l$ . Suppose that  $J^{\sigma} \neq J^{\nu}$  and hence there were 2q-1 such that  $2q-1 \in J^{\sigma}$ ,  $2q-1 \notin J^{\nu}$ . Since  $a_{2q,2q-1} = O_w(2)$  by assumption we get  $a^{\sigma} = O_w(l+1)$  and hence the assertion. Therefore from (2,2) we would have  $a^{\nu} = O_w(l+1)$  which is a contradiction.

## § 3. Proof of Theorem 1.1

In this section we work near  $\hat{z}$  without mention it. We denote by  $\sigma(M)$  the symbol of an operator M and by Op(M) the operator with symbol M. But we frequently use M to denote both an operator and its symbol if this leads no confusion.

We first assume that m is even and we write 2m instead of m.

**Proposition 3.1.** Assume that  $h(x, \xi)$  and  $M(x, \xi)$  vanishes of order 2mand 2m-2 on  $\Sigma$  respectively. Then there is  $M_1 \in \Psi^{2m-2}$  with  $\sigma(M_1) = O(2m-3)$ such that for any B(x) we have

$$(L+B)$$
  $(M+M_1) = hI_{2m} + H_{2m-1} + \dots + H_{2m-1} + \dots$ 

where  $H_{2m-j} \in \Psi^{2m-j}$  and  $\sigma(H_{2m-j}) = O(2m-2j)$ .

For the proof we remark that

**Lemma 3.2.** Under the same assumptions as in Proposition 3.1 every even row and odd column of M is O(2m-1).

*Proof.* Since  $LM = hI_{2m}$  it follows that  $\{J|\xi'|+O(|\phi|)\}M = hI_{2m}$  that is  $J|\xi'|M = O(2m-1)$ . This implies clearly that every even row of M is O(2m-1). Considering  $ML = hI_{2m}$  the second assertion follows similarly.

*Proof of Proposition* 3.1. Recall that  $\sigma(LM) = hI_{2m} + \sum_{\alpha} L^{(\alpha)} M_{(\alpha)} / \alpha!$  and note that

$$S^{2m-j} \ni \sum_{|\alpha|=j} \frac{1}{\alpha!} L^{(\alpha)} M_{(\alpha)} = O\left(2m - 2 - j\right).$$

Since  $2m - 2j \le 2m - 2 - j$  for  $j \ge 2$ , it is clear that  $LM - Op(\sum_{|\alpha|=1}L^{(\alpha)}M_{(\alpha)})$  verifies the desired properties. Set

$$\sum_{|\alpha|=1} L^{(\alpha)} M_{(\alpha)} = T_e + T_o$$

where  $T_e$  and  $T_o$  consists of even and odd rows of  $\sum_{|\alpha|=1} L^{(\alpha)} M_{(\alpha)}$  respectively. Set

#### TATSUO NISHITANI

$$M_1 = -t J T_o |\xi'|^{-1}$$

so that  $J|\xi'|M_1 = -T_o$  and  $M_1 = O(2m-3)$ . Then it follows that  $L(M+M_1) = T_e + desired$  form, because  $L = J|\xi'| + O(|\phi|)$ . It is also clear that  $B(M+M_1)$  has the desired form for every B. Thus it suffices to study  $T_e$ . Note that the 2*i*-th row of  $T_e$  is given by a sum of the following terms over  $|\alpha| = 1$ 

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2m} a_{2i,k}^{(\alpha)} \widetilde{a}_{jk(\alpha)} = \sum_{k: \text{ even}} a_{2i,k}^{(\alpha)} \widetilde{a}_{jk(\alpha)} + \sum_{k: \text{ odd}} a_{2i,k}^{(\alpha)} \widetilde{a}_{jk(\alpha)}.$$

By Lemma 3.2 we see that  $\tilde{a}_{jk} = O(2m-1)$  if k is even and by Lemma 2.1 we have  $a_{2t,k} = O(2)$  if k is odd. Then it follows that  $T_e = O(2m-2)$ . This proves the assertion.

We turn to the odd *m* case. We write 2m+1 instead of *m*. Our aim is to prove that

**Proposition 3.3.** Assume that  $h(x, \xi)$  and  $M(x, \xi)$  vanishes of order 2m+1 and 2m-1 on  $\Sigma$  respectively. Then we have either (1) or (1):

(1) there is  $M_1 \in \Psi^{2m-1}$  with  $\sigma(M_1) = O(2m-2)$  such that

$$(L+B) (M+M_1) = hI_{2m+1} + H_{2m} + \dots + H_{2m+1-j} + \dots$$

where  $H_{2m-j} \in \Psi^{2m+1-j}$  and  $\sigma(H_{2m+1-j}) = O(2m+1-2j)$ ,

(ii) there are  $M_i \in \Psi^{2m-i}$ , i=1, 2 such that

$$(L+B) (M+M_1+M_2) = hI_{2m+1} + H_{2m} + \dots + H_{2m+1-j} + \dots$$

where every element of  $\sigma(H_{2m+1-j})$  is O(2m+1-2j) except for the last row and column which is O(2m-2j) and O(2m+2-2j) respectively.

To prove the proposition we start with

**Lemma 3.4.** Assume that  $h(x, \xi)$  and  $M(x, \xi)$  vanishes of order 2m+1 and 2m-1 respectively. Then every even row of M is O(2m) and every odd column except for the last one is O(2m).

*Proof.* The proof is a repetition of that of Lemma 3.2.

**Lemma 3.5.** Assume that  $M(x, \xi)$  vanishes of order 2m-1 on  $\Sigma$ . If there is i such that  $da_{2m+1,2i-1}(w) \neq 0$  with some  $w \in \Sigma$  near  $\hat{z}$  then we have  $\tilde{a}_{2m+1,j} = O(2m)$  for every  $j, \tilde{a}_{2m+1,2i} = O(2m+1)$  for  $i \leq m$  and  $a_{2j,2m+1} = O(2)$  for  $j \leq m$ .

Proof. Note that

(3.1) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{2m+1} \tilde{a}_{kj} a_{k,2i-1} = \sum_{\substack{k : \text{ odd}, k+2m+1 \\ + \tilde{a}_{2m+1,j} a_{2m+1,2i-1} = O(2m+1).}} \tilde{a}_{kj} a_{k,2i-1} + \sum_{\substack{k : \text{ even} \\ - \tilde{a}_{2m+1,j} a_{2m+1,2i-1} = O(2m+1).}} \tilde{a}_{kj} a_{k,2i-1}$$

Recall that  $a_{k,2i-1}=O(2)$  if k is even and  $i \le m$  by Lemma 2.1 and  $\tilde{a}_{k,j}=O(2m)$  if  $k \ne 2m+1$  is odd by Lemma 3.4. From (3.1) we get  $\tilde{a}_{2m+1,j} a_{2m+1,2i-1}=O(2m+1)$  for every j. Since  $\tilde{a}_{2m+1,j}$  is, up to term  $O(|\phi|^{2m})$ , a polynomial in  $\phi$  of degree 2m-1 with coefficients which are real analytic on  $\Sigma$  we conclude from (3.1) that the coefficient vanishes near w and so does near  $\hat{z}$ . Thus we get the first assertion. To prove the second assertion we note that

(3.2) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{2m+1} a_{2i-1,k} \, \tilde{a}_{2m+1,k} = 0$$

and  $a_{2i-1,2i} = |\xi'|$ ,  $a_{2i-1,k} = O(1)$  if  $k \neq 2i$ . Since  $\tilde{a}_{2m+1,k} = O(2m)$  by the first assertion we get the second assertion from (3.2).

We turn to the third assertion. Consider

(3.3) 
$$\sum_{\substack{k: \text{ odd}, k \neq 2m+1 \\ + a_{2j,2m+1}\tilde{a}_{2m+1,2m+1} = 0.}} a_{2j,k}\tilde{a}_{2m+1,k} + \sum_{\substack{k: \text{ even} \\ + a_{2j,2m+1}\tilde{a}_{2m+1,2m+1} = 0.}} a_{2j,k}\tilde{a}_{2m+1,k}$$

If k is even it follows from the second assertion that  $\tilde{a}_{2m+1,k} = O(2m+1)$ . On the other hand we have  $\tilde{a}_{2m+1,k} = O(2m)$  from the first assertion and  $a_{2j,k} = O(2)$ if  $k \neq 2m+1$  is odd by Lemma 2.1. Since  $\tilde{a}_{2m+1,2m+1}$  vanishes at  $\hat{z}$  exactly of order 2m the third assertion follows from (3,3).

**Lemma 3.6.** Assume that  $a_{2m+1,2i-1} = O(2)$  for every  $i \le m$ . Then we have  $\widetilde{a}_{j,2m+1} = O(2m)$  for every j.

Proof. Note that

(3.4) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{2m+1} a_{2m+1,k} \widetilde{a}_{jk} = \sum_{k : \text{odd}, k \neq 2m+1} a_{2m+1,k} \widetilde{a}_{jk} + \sum_{k : \text{even}} a_{2m+1,k} \widetilde{a}_{jk} + a_{2m+1,2m+1} \widetilde{a}_{j,2m+1} = O(2m+1).$$

If  $k \neq 2m + 1$  is odd then  $a_{2m+1,k} = O(2)$  by assumption. If k is even then  $\tilde{a}_{jk} = O(2m)$  by Lemma 3.4. Since  $a_{2m+1,2m+1}$  vanishes at  $\hat{z}$  exactly of order 1, the assertion follows from (3.4).

Proof of Proposition 3.3. We divide the proof into two cases. (a) Assume that  $a_{2m+1,2i-1} = O(2)$ ,  $i \le m$ . Set

$$S_{j} = \sum_{|\alpha|=j} L^{(\alpha)} M_{(\alpha)} / \alpha! = T_{je} + T_{je}$$

where  $T_{je}$  consists of even rows and (2m+1)-th row of  $S_j$  while  $T_{jo}$  consists of (2i-1)-th rows of  $S_j$ ,  $1 \le i \le m$ . Consider the (2m+1)-th row of  $S_1$  which is a sum of the following terms over  $|\alpha|=1$ 

TATSUO NISIIITANI

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2m+1} a_{2m+1,k}^{(\alpha)} \widetilde{a}_{jk(\alpha)} = \sum_{\substack{k : \text{ odd}, k \neq 2m+1 \\ + a_{2m+1,2m+1}^{(\alpha)} \widetilde{a}_{jk(\alpha)}}} a_{2m+1,k}^{(\alpha)} \widetilde{a}_{jk(\alpha)} + \sum_{\substack{k : \text{ even}}} a_{2m+1,k}^{(\alpha)} \widetilde{a}_{jk(\alpha)}$$

From the assumption it follows that  $a_{2m+1,k}^{(\alpha)} = O(1)$  if  $k \neq 2m+1$  is odd. On the other hand from Lemma 3.4 we get  $\tilde{a}_{jk(\alpha)} = O(2m-1)$  if k is even and by Lemma 3.6 we have  $\tilde{a}_{j,2m+1(\alpha)} = O(2m-1)$  for every j. This proves  $T_{1e} = O(2m-1)$ . As in the proof of Proposition 3.1 we set

$$M_1 = -{}^t J T_{1o} |\xi'|^{-1}.$$

Then we have  $M_1 \in \Psi^{2m-1}$  with  $M_1 = O(2m-2)$  and setting

$$(L+B) (M+M_1) = hI_{2m+1} + H_{2m} + \dots + H_{2m+1-j} + \dots$$

it is easy to see that  $H_{2m+1-j} \in \Psi^{2m+1-j}$  and  $H_{2m+1-j} = O(2m+1-2j)$  since L has the form  $J|\xi'|+O(|\phi|)$ .

(b) Assume that there is *i* such that  $da_{2m+1,2t-1}(w) \neq 0$  with some  $w \in \sum$  near  $\hat{z}$ . Let  $S_j$ ,  $T_{je}$  and  $T_{jo}$  be as in (a) again. From Lemmas 2.1, 3.4 and 3.5 we see that  $a_{2t,k} = O(2)$  for odd *k* and  $\tilde{a}_{jk} = O(2m)$  for even *k*. This proves that

even row of 
$$S_j = O(2m + 1 - 2j), j = 1, 2$$

while the last row of  $S_j$  is O(2m-1-j), j=1, 2. Moreover by Lemma 3.5 we have  $\tilde{a}_{2m+1,k} = O(2m)$  for every k,  $\tilde{a}_{2m+1,k} = O(2m+1)$  for even k and  $a_{2i,k} = O(2)$  for odd k by Lemmas 2.1 and 3.5. This proves that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2m+1} a_{2i,k}^{(\alpha)} \widetilde{a}_{2m+1,k}^{(\alpha)} = O\left(2m+2-2|\alpha|\right)$$

and hence the last column of  $T_{je}$  is O(2m+2-2j), j=1, 2. Let us set

 $M_j = -t_j T_{jo} |\xi'|^{-1}, \quad j = 1, 2$ 

so that  $M_j \in \Psi^{2m-j}$  and  $M_j = O(2m-1-j)$ . We remark that the last column of  $M_j$  is O(2m-j) for j=0, 1, 2 with  $M_0=M$  because  $\tilde{a}_{2m+1,k}=O(2m)$ .

Consider (L+B)  $(M+M_1+M_2)$ . Note that  $S_j = O(2m+2-2j)$  if  $j \ge 3$  and hence  $LM = T_1 + T_2 + desired$  form (n). Set

$$(L+B) (M_1+M_2) = -T_{1o} - T_{2o} + F_{2m} + \dots + F_{2m+1-j} + \dots$$

where  $F_{2m+1-j} \in \Psi^{2m+1-j}$ . It is not difficult to see that  $F_{2m+1-j} = O(2m+1-2j)$ and the last column of  $F_{2m+1-j}$  is O(2m+2-2j). This proves the assertion (u).

Finally we give a proof of Remark in Section 1. Since the last column of  $M_j$  is O(2m-j) and  $L = J|\xi'| + O(|\phi|)$  it is enough to prove that, in case (b) above, one can find  $M_1 \in \Psi^{2m}$  so that  $(M+M_1)(L+B)$  verifies the assertion (1) of Proposition 3.1. From Lemma 3.5 it follows that  $\tilde{a}_{2m+1,j} O(2m)$  and  $a_{2j,2m+1} = O(2)$ . Let

772

$$S_1 = \sum_{|\alpha|=1} M^{(\alpha)} L_{(\alpha)} = T_e + T_e$$

where  $T_e$  and  $T_o$  consists of even and odd columns of  $S_1$  respectively. Set

$$M_1 = -T_e^t J |\xi'|^{-1}$$

so that  $M_1 f[\xi'] = -T_e$  and  $M_1 = O(2m-2)$ . Then it is clear that  $(M+M_1)(L+B) = T_e + \text{desired term}(1)$ . Thus it is enough to study  $T_e$ . Consider

(3.5) 
$$\sum_{k: \text{ odd}, k \neq 2m+1} \tilde{a}_{kj}^{(\alpha)} a_{k,2i+1(\alpha)} + \sum_{k: \text{ even}} \tilde{a}_{kj}^{(\alpha)} a_{k,2i+1(\alpha)} + \tilde{a}_{2m+1,j}^{(\alpha)} a_{2m+1,2i+1(\alpha)}.$$

From Lemma 3.4 we have  $\tilde{a}_{k_J} = O(2m)$  if  $k \neq 2m+1$  is odd while  $a_{k,2t-1} = O(2)$  if k is even and  $i \leq m$  which follows from Lemma 2.1. Then (3.5) with  $|\alpha| = 1$  shows that  $T_o = O(2m-1)$  except for the last column. We treat the last column which is a sum of (3.5) with i=m over  $|\alpha|=1$ . Since  $a_{k,2m+1}=O(2)$  by virtue of Lemma 3.5 the same arguments as above show  $T_o = O(2m-1)$  and hence the result.

#### References

- Ivrn, V. Ya. and Petkov, V. M., Necessary conditions for the Cauchy problem for non-strictly hyperbolic equations to be well posed, *Uspekhi Mat. Nauk*, 29 (1974), 3-70.
- [2] Hormander, L., The Analysis of Linear Partial Differential Operators III, Springer-Verlag, Berlin-Heidelberg, 1985
- [3] Kajitani, K., Wakabayashi, S. and Nishitani, T., The Cauchy problem for hyperbolic operators of strong type, *Duke Math. J.*, 75 (1994), 357-408.
- [4] Nishitani, T., Hyperbolic operators with symplectic multiple characteristics, J. Math., Kyoto Univ., 29 (1989), 405-447.
- [6] \_\_\_\_\_, On localizations of a class of strongly hyperbolic systems, Osaka J. Math., 32 (1995), 41-69.
- [7] \_\_\_\_\_, Symmetrization of hyperbolic systems with non-degenerate characteristics. J. Funct. Anal., 132 (1995), 215-272.