

## WELLPOSEDNESS OF THE CAUCHY PROBLEMS

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{D}'_{\omega}(R^n)$  denote the space of ultradistributions on  $R^n$  defined by Beurling[1] and  $P(D)$  be a differential operator of order  $m$  with constant coefficients. In [10] we have shown the following statements are equivalent:

- ( $\alpha$ )  $P(D)$  is  $\omega$ -hyperbolic with respect to the given vector  $N$ , that is,  $P_m(N) \neq 0$  and there is a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $P(\xi + i\tau N) \neq 0$  for every  $\xi \in R^n$  and  $\tau < -c(1 + \omega(\xi))$ .
- ( $\beta$ )  $P(D)$  has a fundamental solution in  $\mathcal{D}'_{\omega}(R^n)$  whose support is contained in a proper cone of the half space generated by  $N$ .

In this paper we show that the wellposedness of Cauchy problem for  $P(D)$  in  $\mathcal{E}_{\omega}$  and the above properties in  $\mathcal{D}'_{\omega}(R^n)$  are equivalent for some limited class of  $\omega$ 's.

To show this result we denote by  $M$  (respectively,  $M_c$ ) the set of all continuous real valued functions  $\omega$  on  $R^n$  satisfying the following conditions (i) - (vi) (respectively, (i) - (iv))

- (i)  $0 = \omega(0) \leq \omega(\xi + \eta) \leq \omega(\xi) + \omega(\eta), \quad \xi, \eta \in R^n$
- (ii)  $\int_{R^n} \frac{\omega(\xi)}{(1 + |\xi|)^{n+1}} d\xi < \infty$
- (iii)  $\omega(\xi) \geq a + b \log(1 + |\xi|)$  for some constants  $a$  and  $b > 0$
- (iv)  $\omega(\xi) = \Omega(|\xi|)$  for some even concave function  $\Omega$  on  $R$
- (v)  $\log t = o(\Omega(t))$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$
- (vi)  $\Phi : t \mapsto \Omega(e^t)$  is a convex function on  $R$ .

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Beurling and Björck [2] defined the test function space as the set  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(U)$  of all  $\phi \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $\phi$  has compact support in the open set  $U$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and

$$\|\phi\|_\lambda = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\hat{\phi}(\xi)| e^{\lambda\omega(\xi)} d\xi < \infty \quad \text{for every } \lambda > 0$$

and  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(U)$  the set of all complex valued functions  $\psi$  on  $U$  such that  $\phi\psi$  is in  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(U)$  for every  $\phi$  in  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(U)$ . In this case they only require that  $\omega$  satisfies the property (i) - (iv). The reader can find the definition of other spaces and related properties in [2]. In this paper we add two more conditions (v) and (vi) for our purpose, which are introduced by Braun, Meise and Taylor[3].

With these conditions they proved the following representation of  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(U)$  :

LEMMA 1.1. *If  $\omega \in M$  and  $U$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then*

$$\mathcal{D}_\omega(U) = \{ \phi \in C_c^\infty(U) \mid \forall k \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$\sup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} \sup_{x \in U} |\phi^{(\alpha)}(x)| \exp(-k\Phi^*(\frac{|\alpha|}{k})) < \infty \}$$

where  $\Phi^*$  denotes the Young's conjugate of the convex function  $\Phi(t) = \Omega(e^t)$ .

Using this representation we obtain the following lemma which we need later.

LEMMA 1.2. *If  $\omega \in M$  and  $\phi$  is in  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $D_1^j \phi(0, x') = 0$  for all  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $x' = (x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ , then the function  $\phi_0$  is in  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , where  $\phi_0$  is given by*

$$\phi_0(x) = \begin{cases} \phi(x) & \text{if } x_1 \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* From the fact that  $\phi_0 \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} |\phi_0^{(\alpha)}(x)| \exp(-k\Phi^*(\frac{|\alpha|}{k})) \\ & \leq \sup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} |\phi^{(\alpha)}(x)| \exp(-k\Phi^*(\frac{|\alpha|}{k})) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

for every  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , it follows, due to lemma 1.1,  $\phi_0 \in \mathcal{D}_\omega(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

## 2. Wellposedness of the Cauchy Problems

Let  $a$  be any real number. Consider the following Cauchy problem:

$$(*) \quad \begin{aligned} P(D)u &= f & \text{for } < x, N > > a \\ D_N^j u &= g_j & \text{for } < x, N > = a \text{ and } 0 \leq j < m, \end{aligned}$$

when  $f \in \mathcal{E}_\omega(R^n)$  and  $g_j \in \mathcal{E}_\omega(R^{n-1})$ . Here  $P(D)$  is a partial differential operator of order  $m$  and of constant coefficients, and  $D_N$  denotes the derivation along  $N \in R^n - \{0\}$ .

For a given real number  $a$ , the Cauchy problem  $(*)$  is said to be  $\omega$ -wellposed for  $P$  in the half-space  $< x, N > \geq a$  if, for all  $f \in \mathcal{E}_\omega(R^n)$  and all  $g_j \in \mathcal{E}_\omega(R^{n-1})$ , there exists a unique function  $u$  in  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(R^n)$  such that  $(*)$  holds. And the Cauchy problem is said to be  $\omega$ -wellposed for  $P$  in the direction  $N$  if and only if it is  $\omega$ -wellposed in every half-space  $< x, N > \geq a$ ,  $a \in R$ . But we note that this is equivalent to the  $\omega$ -wellposedness in the half space  $< x, N > \geq 0$ .

We may consider our problem for  $N = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} D &= (D_1, \dots, D_n) = (D_1, D'), \\ \zeta &= (\zeta_1, \zeta') = (\xi_1 + i\eta_1, \xi' + i\eta'), \\ P(D) &= P(D_1, D') \quad \text{and} \quad P(\zeta) = P(\zeta_1, \zeta'). \end{aligned}$$

We now have the following lemma from the  $\omega$ -hyperbolicity.

**LEMMA 2.1.** *Let  $\omega \in M_c$ , and  $P(D)$  be of order  $m$  and  $\omega$ -hyperbolic with respect to  $N = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Then, for  $0 \leq k < m$  and  $x_1 \in R$ , there is a distribution  $H_k(x_1) \in \mathcal{E}'_\omega(R^{n-1})$  such that*

- (1)  $D_1^j H_k(x_1) \in \mathcal{E}'_\omega(R^{n-1})$  for every  $j \geq 0$ ,  $P(D_1, D')H_k(x_1) = 0$ ,  $D_1^k H_k(0) = \delta$  and  $D_1^j H_k(0) = 0$  when  $k \neq j < m$ .
- (2)  $\{(x_1^0, x') \mid x' \in \text{supp} H_k(x_1^0)\} \subset \text{supp} E \cap \{x \mid x_1 = x_1^0\}$  for  $x_1^0 \geq 0$ , when  $E$  is the fundamental solution of  $P(D)$  given by the  $\omega$ -hyperbolicity of  $P(D)$  with respect to  $N$ .

*Proof.* We write

$$P(\zeta) = P(\zeta_1, \zeta') = \sum_{j=0}^m \zeta_1^{m-j} q_j(\zeta')$$

and define

$$p_k(\zeta_1, \zeta') = \sum_{j=0}^k \zeta_1^{k-j} q_j(\zeta').$$

Let  $\Gamma$  be a simple, positively oriented curve which for fixed  $\zeta'$  surrounds the zeros  $\zeta_1$  of  $P(\zeta_1, \zeta')$ . Then the function  $\widehat{H}_k(x_1, \zeta')$ , defined by

$$\widehat{H}_k(x_1, \zeta') = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} e^{i\zeta_1 x_1} \frac{p_{m-1-k}(\zeta_1, \zeta')}{P(\zeta_1, \zeta')} d\zeta_1,$$

is an entire function of  $\zeta'$  for every  $x_1$  and every  $k$  by the continuity in  $\zeta'$  of the solution curve. According to the  $\omega$ -hyperbolicity of  $P(D)$ , we have

$$|\zeta_1| \leq C(1 + |\zeta'|) \quad \text{and} \quad |\eta_1| \leq C(1 + |\eta'| + \Omega(|\xi'|) + \Omega(|\xi_1|))$$

for some constant  $C$  when  $P(\zeta_1, \zeta') = 0$ . And from the conditions (i) and (ii) of  $\omega$  we also have

$$|\xi_1| < C(1 + |\zeta'|) \quad \text{and} \quad |\eta_1| < C(1 + |\eta'| + \Omega(|\xi'|))$$

for some constant  $C$  when  $P(\zeta_1, \zeta') = 0$ . In order to estimate  $D_1^j \widehat{H}_k(x_1, \zeta')$ , we can then choose  $\Gamma$  as the rectangle

$$(**) \quad |\xi_1| = C(1 + |\zeta'|); \quad |\eta_1| = C(1 + |\eta'| + \Omega(|\xi'|)).$$

Since  $|p_{m-1-k}(\zeta_1, \zeta')|$  is majorized by a constant multiple of  $(1 + |\zeta'|)^{m-1-k}$ , and both  $|\zeta_1|$  and the length of  $\Gamma$  by constant multiples of  $(1 + |\zeta'|)$ , we get

$$(***) \quad |D_1^j \widehat{H}_k(x_1, \zeta')| \leq C(1 + |\zeta'|)^{m-k+j} e^{C(|x_1|+1)[1+|\eta'|+\Omega(|\xi'|)]}$$

for some constant  $C$ . In particular,

$$|\widehat{H}_k(x_1, \zeta')| \leq C e^{C(|x_1|+1)|\eta'|+\epsilon|\eta'|+C(|x_1|+1)\Omega(|\xi'|)}$$

for all  $\epsilon > 0$  and some constant  $C$ . Hence, by Paley-Wiener Theorem,  $\widehat{H}_k(x_1, \zeta')$  is the Fourier-Laplace transform of an element  $H_k(x_1)$  of  $\mathcal{E}'_w(R^{n-1})$  given by

$$\langle H_k(x_1), \phi \rangle = (2\pi)^{-n+1} \int_{R^{n-1}} \widehat{H}_k(x_1, \xi') \hat{\phi}(-\xi') d\xi'$$

when  $\phi$  is in  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(R^{n-1})$ . We define  $\langle D_1^j H_k(x_1), \phi \rangle = D_1^j \langle H_k(x_1), \phi \rangle$ . Then our estimates imply

$$\langle D_1^j H_k(x_1), \phi \rangle = (2\pi)^{-n+1} \int D_1^j \hat{H}_k(x_1, \xi') \hat{\phi}(-\xi') d\xi'.$$

Thus  $D_1^j H_k(x_1) \in \mathcal{E}'_\omega(R^{n-1})$  and  $[D_1^j H_k(x_1)](\zeta') = D_1^j \hat{H}_k(x_1, \zeta')$ . And

$$P(D_1, \zeta') \hat{H}_k(x_1, \zeta') = (2\pi i)^{-1} \int_\Gamma e^{i\zeta_1 x_1} p_{m-1-k}(\zeta_1, \zeta') d\zeta_1 = 0$$

since the integrand is analytic. So  $P(D_1, D') H_k(x_1) = 0$ . On the other hand, we have

$$D_1^j \hat{H}_k(0, \zeta') = (2\pi i)^{-1} \int_\Gamma \zeta_1^j p_{m-1-k}(\zeta_1, \zeta') / P(\zeta_1, \zeta') d\zeta_1.$$

The integrand is

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_1^j p_{m-1-k}(\zeta_1, \zeta') / P(\zeta_1, \zeta') &= \zeta_1^{j-k-1} + \zeta_1^{j-k-1} [\zeta_1^{k+1} p_{m-1-k}(\zeta_1, \zeta') \\ &\quad - P(\zeta_1, \zeta')] / P(\zeta_1, \zeta'). \end{aligned}$$

The degree of  $\zeta_1$  in the numerator of the second term is majorized by  $j - k - 1 + k = j - 1$ , hence, by  $m - 2$  when  $j < m$ . Since the degree of  $\zeta_1$  in the denominator is  $m$ , we get

$$D_1^j \hat{H}_k(0, \zeta') = (2\pi i)^{-1} \int_\Gamma \zeta_1^{j-k-1} d\zeta_1 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq j < m.$$

Thus  $D_1^k H_k(0) = \delta$  and  $D_1^j H_k(0) = 0$  when  $k \neq j < m$ . Finally, we localize the support of  $H_k(x_1^0)$ . Let  $\phi$  be in  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(R^{n-1})$  with  $\{(x_1^0, x') | x' \in \text{supp} \phi\} \cap \text{supp} E = \emptyset$  and take  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}_\omega(R)$  satisfying  $\text{supp} \psi \subset [-1, 1]$  and  $\int \psi dx = 1$ . We set

$$\chi_\epsilon(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \chi_\epsilon(x_1, x') = \epsilon^{-1} \psi(\epsilon^{-1}(x_1 - x_1^0)) \phi(x').$$

Then  $\hat{\chi}_\epsilon(\zeta) = \hat{\chi}_\epsilon(\zeta_1, \zeta') = \epsilon x p[-i\zeta_1 x_1^0] \hat{\psi}(\epsilon\zeta_1) \hat{\phi}(\zeta')$  and, for small  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\text{supp} \chi_\epsilon \cap \text{supp} E = \emptyset$ . Hence, for all small  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= E(p_{m-1-k}(-D_1, -D') \chi_\epsilon) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-n} \int_{\sigma(N, t)} e^{i\zeta_1 x_1^0} p_{m-1-k}(\zeta_1, \zeta') \hat{\psi}(-\epsilon\zeta_1) \hat{\phi}(-\zeta') / P(\zeta_1, \zeta') d\zeta \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma(N, t)$  is the surface  $(\xi_1 + it(1 + \Omega(|\xi_1|) + \Omega(|\xi'|)), \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)$  with  $t \leq -C(N)$ , where  $C(N)$  is the  $\omega$ -hyperbolicity constant of  $P(D)$  with respect to  $N$ . From Paley-Wiener Theorem, we have, for all  $\lambda > 0$ , and some  $C_\lambda$ ,

$$|e^{i\zeta_1 x_1^0} \hat{\psi}(-\epsilon\zeta_1)| \leq C_\lambda e^{-\eta_1 x_1^0 + \epsilon|\eta_1| - \lambda\Omega(\epsilon|\xi_1|)}.$$

Integrating first with respect to  $\zeta_1$  for fixed  $\xi'$ , this estimate and the analyticity of the integrand show that the integration path can be deformed to a positively oriented circle  $\Gamma$  surrounding the zeros  $\zeta_1$  of  $P(\zeta_1, \xi')$  when  $0 < \epsilon < x_1^0$ . Hence, letting  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (2\pi)^{-n} \int_{R^{n-1}} \int_{\Gamma} e^{i\zeta_1 x_1^0} \frac{P_{m-1-k}(\zeta_1, \xi') \hat{\phi}(-\xi')}{P(\zeta_1, \xi')} d\zeta_1 d\xi' \\ &= i \langle H_k(x_1^0), \phi \rangle \quad \text{for } x_1^0 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $(x_1^0, \text{supp}H_k(x_1^0))$  is contained in  $\text{supp} E$  and in  $\{x|x_1 = x_1^0\}$  when  $x_1^0 > 0$ . Since this is trivial for  $x_1^0 = 0$ , the proof of the existence is complete.

We remark that  $\langle H_k(x_1), \phi \rangle \in \mathcal{E}_\omega(R)$ .

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $\omega \in M$ . Let  $P(D)$  be of order  $m$  which is  $\omega$ -hyperbolic with respect to  $N = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Then the Cauchy problem*

$$\begin{aligned} P(D_1, D')\phi(x_1, x') &= f(x_1, x') \quad \text{for } x_1 > a \\ D_1^j \phi(a, x') &= g_j(x') \quad \text{for } 0 \leq j < m \end{aligned}$$

is  $\omega$ -wellposed in the direction  $N$ .

*Proof.* By translation invariance it is enough to consider the hyperplane  $\langle x, N \rangle = 0$ . Because of the  $\omega$ -hyperbolicity with respect to  $N$  and  $-N$ ,  $P(D)$  has a unique fundamental solution  $E_1$  with support in  $\{x|x_1 \geq 0\}$ , and a unique fundamental solution  $E_2$  with support in  $\{x|x_1 \leq 0\}$ . Write  $f = f_1 + f_2$  where  $\text{supp} f_1$  is in  $\{x|x_1 \geq -1\}$ , and  $\text{supp} f_2$  is in  $\{x|x_1 \leq 1\}$  and  $f_1, f_2$  are in  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(R^n)$ . Set

$$(E_1 * f_1)(x_1, x') + (E_2 * f_2)(x_1, x') = V(x_1, x').$$

We apply Lemma 2.1 and the notations there. Writing

$$\langle H_k(x_1), \psi \rangle = \int_{R^{n-1}} H_k(x_1, x') \psi(x') dx'$$

the function

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi(x_1, x') \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^m \int_{R^{n-1}} H_k(x_1, y') [g_k(x' - y') - D^k V(0, x' - y')] dy' + V(x_1, x') \end{aligned}$$

belongs to  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(R^n)$  and solves the given problem. Indeed, from Lemma 2.2 in [10], we have  $V \in \mathcal{E}_\omega(R^n)$ . When  $\beta \in \mathcal{D}_\omega(R^{n-1})$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} [H_k(x_1) * \beta](x') &= \langle H_k(x_1)(y'), \beta(x' - y') \rangle \\ &= (2\pi)^{-n+1} \int \widehat{H}_k(x_1, \xi') e^{i\langle x', \xi' \rangle} \widehat{\beta}(\xi') d\xi'. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\alpha(x)$  be in  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(R^n)$ , and put  $u(x_1, x') = (H_k(x_1) * \beta)(x') \alpha(x)$ . Then, for all  $\mu$  in  $R^n$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{u}(\mu) &= (2\pi i)^{-n} \int_{R^n} \int_{R^{n-1}} \int_{\Gamma} e^{-i\langle x, \mu - (\zeta_1, \xi') \rangle} \\ & \quad \alpha(x) \widehat{\beta}(\xi') p_{m-1-k}(\zeta_1, \xi') d\zeta_1 d\xi' dx. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Fubini's Theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\widehat{u}(\mu)| &\leq C' \int_{R^{n-1}} \int_{\Gamma} |\widehat{\alpha}(\mu - (\zeta_1, \xi'))| |\widehat{\beta}(\xi')| d\zeta_1 d\xi' \\ &\leq C_\lambda \int_{R^{n-1}} e^{-\lambda\Omega(|\mu - (\xi_1, \xi')|)} e^{A|\eta_1|} |\widehat{\beta}(\xi')| d\xi' \end{aligned}$$

and  $|\xi_1|, |\eta_1| \leq C(1 + \Omega(|\xi'|))$  for some constants  $C'$ ,  $C_\lambda$ , and  $C$ . Thus we get

$$|\widehat{u}(\mu)| \leq C_\lambda e^{-\lambda\Omega(|\mu|)} \int_{R^{n-1}} e^{B(1 + \Omega(|\xi'|))} |\widehat{\beta}(\xi')| d\xi'$$

for some constants  $C_\lambda$  and  $B$ . Since  $\beta$  is in  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(R^{n-1})$ , we conclude that  $u$  is in  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(R^n)$ . We also have  $H_k(x_1) * \beta \in \mathcal{E}_\omega(R^n)$  when  $\beta \in \mathcal{E}_\omega(R^{n-1})$ , using a local unit. Consequently,  $\phi(x_1, x') \in \mathcal{E}_\omega(R^n)$  since

$V(0, x') \in \mathcal{E}_\omega(R^{n-1})$ . And we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(D_1, D')\phi(x_1, x') &= P(D_1, D') \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \int_{R^{n-1}} H_k(x_1, y') [g_k(x' - y') \\ &\quad - D_1^k V(0, x' - y')] dy' + P(D_1, D')V(x_1, x') \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} P(D)H_k(x_1) * (g_k - D_1^k V(0)) + f_1 + f_2 \\ &= f, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D_1^j \phi(0, x') &= \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} D_1^j H_k(0) * (g_k - D_1^k V(0)) + D_1^j V(0, x') \\ &= D_1^j H_j(0) * (g_j - D_1^j V(0)) + D_1^j V(0, x') \\ &= g_j(x') - D_1^j V(0) + D_1^j V(0) \\ &= g_j(x') \quad \text{for } 0 \leq j < m. \end{aligned}$$

In order to prove the uniqueness, let

$$\begin{aligned} P(D_1, D')\phi(x_1, x') &= 0 \quad \text{for } x_1 > 0 \\ D_1^j \phi(0, x') &= 0, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq j < m, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\phi \in \mathcal{E}_\omega(R^n)$ . Since  $P_m(N) = 0$ , this implies that  $D_1^j \phi(0, x') = 0$  for every integer  $j \geq 0$  and  $x' \in R^{n-1}$ . Hence, applying Lemma 1.2, we can write  $\phi = g_1 + g_2$  where  $\text{supp } g_1$  is in  $\{x|x_1 \geq 0\}$  and  $\text{supp } g_2$  is in  $\{x|x_1 \leq 0\}$ , and  $g_1, g_2$  belong to  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(R^n)$ . And then we get

$$g_1 = g_1 * \delta = g_1 * P(D)E_2 = P(D)g_1 * E_2 = 0.$$

We have the following converse:

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $\omega \in M$ . If the Cauchy problem is  $\omega$ -wellposed in the direction  $N = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , then  $P$  is  $\omega$ -hyperbolic with respect to  $N$ .*

*Proof.* Assuming  $P_m(N) \neq 0$ , we first prove that for any  $h$  in  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(H)$ , the set of all functions in  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(R^n)$  with supports in  $H = \{x| \langle x, N \rangle \geq$



0}, there is a unique function  $v$  in  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(H)$  such that  $P(D)v = h$  in  $R^n$ . Let  $h$  be any function in  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(H)$ . Then, from the hypothesis, there is a function  $\phi$  in  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(R^n)$  such that  $P(D)\phi = h$  for  $x_1 > 0$  and  $D_1^j\phi = 0$  for  $x_1 = 0, 0 \leq j < m$ . Since  $P_m(N) = 0$ , this implies that  $D_1^{m+j}\phi = 0$  for  $x_1 = 0$  and for all  $j \geq 0$ . Putting

$$v = \phi_0 = \begin{cases} \phi & \text{if } x_1 \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x_1 \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

we then have  $v \in \mathcal{E}_\omega(H)$  and  $P(D)v = h$  in  $R^n$  by Lemma 1.2. The uniqueness follows from the  $\omega$ -wellposedness in the halfspace  $x_1 \geq 0$ .

We now prove that  $P_m(N) \neq 0$ . Suppose that  $P_m(N) = 0$ . Let  $\xi$  be a fixed non-zero vector in  $R^n$  for which  $P_m(\xi) = 0$  and consider

$$P(sN + t\xi) = 0, \quad s, t \in C.$$

Using Puiseux's Theorem, we have that for some positive integer  $p$  the solution of this equation is

$$t(s) = s \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} c_j (s^{-\frac{1}{p}})^j$$

which is analytic for  $|s^{\frac{1}{p}}| > M$ , for some constant  $M$ . Therefore, we have

$$|t(s)| \leq C|s|^{1-\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{if } |s| > M, \quad M \text{ suitable.}$$

Now we choose a number  $\rho$  such that  $1 - \frac{1}{p} < \rho < 1$  and set, with  $\tau > M$ ,

$$u(x) = \int_{i\tau-\infty}^{i\tau+\infty} e^{i\langle x, sN+t(s)\xi \rangle} e^{-(\frac{s}{i})^\rho} ds.$$

Here we define  $(\frac{s}{i})^\rho$  so that it is real and positive when  $s$  is on the positive imaginary axis, and we choose a fixed branch of  $s^{\frac{1}{p}}$  in the upper half plane. Then we can prove that  $P(D)u = 0$  and  $v_1(x) = u(-x)$  is in  $C^\infty(H)$  and by Theorem 1.7.3 in [2] the function  $v_1 * \phi$  is in  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(H)$  for all  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}_\omega(H)$ . We can choose  $\phi_0 \in \mathcal{D}_\omega(H)$  for which  $v_1 * \phi_0$  does not vanish identically. For if  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}_\omega(H)$  and  $\int \phi dx = 1$  with supp

$\phi \in \overline{B(0,1)}$ , then the function  $\phi_\epsilon(x) = \epsilon^{-n}\phi(\frac{x}{\epsilon})$  belongs to  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(H)$ . But  $v_1 * \phi_\epsilon \rightarrow v_1$  in  $R^n$ . Since  $v_1$  does not vanish identically, this implies the assertion. Now the function  $v(x) = v_1 * \phi_0$  is in  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(H)$  and  $v$  does not vanish identically with  $P(D)v = 0$ , which contradicts the  $\omega$ -wellposedness of the Cauchy problem. We have proved that  $P_m(N) \neq 0$  and for all  $h \in \mathcal{E}_\omega(H)$ , there is a unique function  $v$  in  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(H)$  such that  $P(D)v = h$ . This implies that the mapping  $\phi \mapsto P(D)\phi$  is a bijection from  $\mathcal{E}_\omega(H)$  onto itself. Hence, by Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 in [10],  $P(D)$  is  $\omega$ -hyperbolic with respect to  $N$ . The proof is complete.

REMARK. Because of the condition (v),  $\omega(\xi) = \log(1 + |\xi|)$  can not be contained in  $M$ . But the results in Lemma 1.2 still holds in this case. So our previous results hold when  $\omega(\xi) = \log(1 + |\xi|)$ , which is the result of Gårding[5]. And the results of Larsson[8] for  $\omega(\xi) = |\xi|^{\frac{1}{d}}$ ,  $d > 1$ , is included in our results.

We now give an example referring to [9]. Let  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  be  $n$  fixed real numbers such that  $a_n \neq 0$ . Let  $P(D)$  be a differential operator defined by

$$P(D) = a_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \dots + a_{n-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{n-1}} - a_n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_n^2}.$$

And let  $\omega(\xi) = |\xi|^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\xi_1^2 + \dots + \xi_n^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ . Then, by Example in [10],  $P(D)$  is  $\omega$ -hyperbolic with respect to  $N = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$ , but not hyperbolic with respect to  $N$  in the distribution spaces provided that  $a_n \neq 0$  and  $a_k \neq 0$  for some  $1 \leq k \leq n - 1$ . Hence the Cauchy problem is  $\omega$ -wellposed in the direction  $N$  but not  $C^\infty$ -wellposed in the direction  $N$  if  $a_n \neq 0$  and  $a_k \neq 0$  for some  $1 \leq k \leq n - 1$ .

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