

# DEGENERATE ELLIPTIC OPERATORS ON THE TORUS $\mathbb{T}^n$

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## Notation

### Partial derivatives

$$D_i u = (-i) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}; \quad D^\alpha u = D_n^{\alpha_n} \dots D_2^{\alpha_2} D_1^{\alpha_1} u; \quad x^\alpha = x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n}.$$

### Differential Operators

$$P(x, D) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha$$

The order of  $P$  is  $m$  if there is  $\alpha$  such that  $|\alpha| = m$  and  $a_\alpha(x) \neq 0$ . The coefficients  $a_\alpha(x)$  are considered  $C^\infty$ .

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## Hörmander metric

$X \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ ,  $g_X$  positive definite quadratic form on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . We say that  $g$  is an Hörmander metric if:

❶ **Continuity:**

$$\exists C > 0, g_X(Y) \leq C^{-1} \implies C^{-1} \cdot g_{X+Y} \leq g_X \leq C \cdot g_{X+Y}.$$

❷ **Uncertainty principle:** We define  $g_X^\sigma(T) = \sup_{W \neq 0} \frac{[T, W]^2}{g_X(W)}$ ,

$$g \leq g^\sigma.$$

❸ **Temperancy:** We say that  $g$  is temperate if  $\exists \overline{C} > 0, J \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\left( \frac{g_X(\cdot)}{g_Y(\cdot)} \right)^{\pm 1} \leq \overline{C} (1 + g_Y^\sigma(X - Y))^J.$$

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## $g$ -weight

We say that a strictly positive function  $M$  is a  $g$ -admissible weight if:

- ①  $M$  is  $g$ -**continuous**:  $\exists C > 0$  such that and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$

$$g_X(Y) \leq \frac{1}{\tilde{C}} \implies \left( \frac{M(X+Y)}{M(X)} \right)^{\pm 1} \leq \tilde{C}.$$

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$$\left( \frac{M(Y)}{M(X)} \right)^{\pm 1} \leq \tilde{C}(1 + g_Y^\sigma(X - Y))^N.$$



# Examples

(i)

$$g_X^{\rho,\delta} = \langle \xi \rangle^{2\delta} dx^2 + \langle \xi \rangle^{-2\rho} d\xi^2, \quad X \in \mathbb{R}^{2n},$$

$\rho \leq 1$  is equivalent to the continuity condition. The uncertainty principle is equivalent to the condition  $\delta \leq \rho$ . The temperancy condition is equivalent to the fact  $\delta < 1$ .

(ii) The function

$$X = (x, \xi) \mapsto \langle \xi \rangle,$$

is a weight for the metric  $g^{\rho,\delta}$ , and  $S_{\rho,\delta}^m = S(\langle \xi \rangle^m, g^{\rho,\delta})$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(iii) The function

$$(x, \xi) \mapsto 1$$

is a  $g$ -weight for every Hörmander's metric  $g$ .

## Examples

(iv) The Beals-Fefferman classes can be obtained from:

$$g_{(x,\xi)} = dx^2/\varphi(x,\xi)^2 + d\xi^2/\Phi(x,\xi)^2,$$

where the functions  $\varphi$  and  $\Phi$  satisfy:

- (1)  $\varphi \leq C$ ;
- (2)  $\Phi\varphi \geq c$ ;
- (3)  $c \leq \Phi(x,\xi)\Phi(y,\eta)^{-1} \leq C$  and  $c \leq \varphi(x,\xi)\varphi(y,\eta)^{-1} \leq C$  if

$$|x - y| \leq c\varphi(x,\xi) \text{ and } |\xi - \eta| \leq c\Phi(x,\xi),$$

- (4)  $R(x,0) \leq C < x >^c$ , where  $R(x,\xi) = \Phi(x,\xi)\varphi(x,\xi)^{-1}$ ;
- (5)  $c \leq R(x,\xi)R(y,\eta)^{-1} \leq C$ , if  $|\xi - \eta| \leq cR(x,\xi)^{\delta+\frac{1}{2}}$  and

$$|x - y| \leq cR(x,\xi)^\delta R(y,\eta)^{-\frac{1}{2}},$$

where  $c, C, \delta$  are suitable constants.

# Basics on $S_{\rho,\delta}^m$

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**Theorem :**

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$$H^s(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{u \in \mathcal{S}' : \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{R}^n}} \langle \xi \rangle^{2s} |\hat{u}(\xi)|^2 d\xi < \infty\}$$

$$\|u\|_{H^s} = \left( \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{R}^n}} \langle \xi \rangle^{2s} |\hat{u}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

**Theorem :**

$$p(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m \Rightarrow p(x, D) : H^s \rightarrow H^{s-m}$$

## $L^2$ boundedness

### A more general version

**Theorem :**

$$a(x, \xi) \in S(1, g) \Rightarrow a(x, D) : L^2 \rightarrow L^2$$

The **Sobolev space**  $H(m, g)$  can be defined as

$$H(m, g) = \{u \in \mathcal{S}' : a(x, D)u \in L^2, \forall a(x, D) \in OpS(m, g)\}.$$

$$\|u\|_{H(m, g)} = \inf \{\|a(x, D)u\|_{L^2} : a(x, D) \in OpS(m, g)\}$$

**Theorem :** For two  $g$  – weights  $m_1, m$  we have

$$a(x, \xi) \in S(m, g) \Rightarrow a(x, D) : H(m_1, g) \rightarrow H(m_1/m, g).$$

# Pseudo-differential operators on the torus

The idea of treating pseudo-differential operators on the torus with symbols on  $\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{Z}^n$  was first suggested by M.S. Agranovich in 1979.

## Special features on the torus:

1. Estimates about pseudo-differential operators on  $\mathbb{T}^n$  can be extended to smooth manifolds diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{T}^n$ .
2. Results on  $\mathbb{T}^n$  can be reduced to the study of  $n = 1$ .
3. Periodic integral operators are a source of applications for the theory of pseudo-differential operators on the torus.



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# Symbol classes on the torus

The symbol  $\sigma(x, \xi)$  is in the class  $S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{Z}^n)$  for  $1 < \rho, 0 \leq \delta \leq 1$  if

$$|\partial_x^\beta \Delta_\xi^\alpha \sigma(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} \langle \xi \rangle^{m - \rho|\alpha| + \delta|\beta|} .$$

The operator  $\Delta$  enjoys of good properties:

1. Leibnitz formula
2. Summation by parts

# An $L^2(\mathbb{T}^n)$ theorem

**Theorem (Ruzhansky and Turunen 2007)** : Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k > \frac{n}{2}$ . Let  $a : \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be such that

$$|\partial_x^\beta a(x, \xi)| \leq C_\beta,$$

for all  $|\beta| \leq k$ . Then

$$a(x, D) : L^2(\mathbb{T}^n) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{T}^n).$$

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**Theorem. (Equality of operator classes).** For  $0 \leq \delta \leq 1$ ,  $0 < \rho \leq 1$  we have

$$OpS_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n) = OpS_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{Z}^n),$$

i.e., classes of 1-periodic pseudodifferential operators with euclidean (Hörmander's) symbols in  $S_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  and toroidal symbols in  $S_{\rho,\delta}^m(\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{Z}^n)$  coincide.

# Degenerate elliptic operators on $\mathbb{R}^n$

Cancelier-Chemin-Xu studied (Ann. Inst. Fourier, vol 43, no.4, 1993) the existence of parametrices for sublaplacians

$$\Delta_{(P)} = \sum_{j=1}^q P_j^* P_j$$

associated to a system of smooth real vector fields satisfying the Hörmander condition of order 2.

$$g_X(dx, d\xi) = m^{-2}(X)(\langle \xi \rangle^2 dx^2 + d\xi^2),$$

where  $m$  is the Hörmander's weight

$$m(X) = m(x, \xi) = (a(x, \xi) + \langle \xi \rangle)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

and  $a(x, \xi) = \sum_{j=1}^q P_j^0(x, \xi)^2.$



# Non-homogeneous classes

$\sigma \in S(m^t, g) :$

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# Non-homogeneous classes

More general, on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+m}$  for  $n + m \geq 2$

$$\Delta_x + |\tilde{x}|^{2\ell} \Delta_t,$$

where  $\Delta_x = \sum_{i=1}^n D_{x_i}^2$  and  $\Delta_t = \sum_{i=1}^m D_{t_i}^2$ ,  $\ell = 1, 2, \dots$

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More general, on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+m}$  for  $n + m \geq 2$

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$$M(x, t, \xi, \tau) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{x}_i^{2\ell} \sum_{i=1}^m \tau_i^2 + \langle \tilde{\xi} \rangle^{2\delta} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_{x,t,\xi,\tau}(dx, dt, d\xi, d\tau) &= M^{-2/\ell}(x, t, \xi, \tau) \langle \xi, \tau \rangle^{2/\ell} \sum_{i=1}^n dx_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m dt_i^2 \\ &\quad + M^{-2/\ell}(x, t, \xi, \tau) \langle \xi, \tau \rangle^{-2\delta(1-1/\ell)} \sum_{i=1}^n d\xi_i^2 \\ &\quad + \langle \xi, \tau \rangle^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^m d\tau_i^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\langle \xi, \tau \rangle = (1 + |\xi, \tau|^2)^{1/2}$  and  $\delta = \frac{1}{1+\ell}$ .

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One can also prove a version for  $S(m, g)$  classes:

$$OpS_{m^t, g}(\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{Z}^n) = OpS_{m^t, g}(\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$$

In order to illustrate we shall consider a particular case on  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\partial_{x_1}^2 + \tilde{x}_1^2 \partial_{x_2}^2$$

the metric

$$g_X(dx, d\xi) = (\xi_1^2 + \tilde{x}_1^2 \xi_2^2 + \langle \xi \rangle)^{-1} (\langle \xi \rangle^2 dx^2 + d\xi^2),$$

and the weight

$$m(X) = m(x, \xi) = (\xi_1^2 + \tilde{x}_1^2 \xi_2^2 + \langle \xi \rangle)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

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$$|\partial_x^\beta \Delta_\xi^\alpha a(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} m^{t-|\alpha|-|\beta|}(x, \xi) < \xi >^{|\beta|}$$

(a first step of the proof) Let  $a \in S_{m^t, g}(\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ . If  $|\alpha| = 1$  and applying the Lagrange Mean Value Theorem there exists  $\eta$  on the line from  $\xi$  to  $\xi + \alpha$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_\xi^\alpha \partial_x^\beta \tilde{a}(x, \xi) &= \Delta_\xi^\alpha \partial_x^\beta a(x, \xi) \\ &= \partial_\xi^\alpha \partial_x^\beta a(x, \xi)|_{\xi=\eta}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta_\xi^\alpha \partial_x^\beta \tilde{a}(x, \xi)| &\leq C_{\alpha, \beta} m^{t-|\alpha|-|\beta|}(x, \eta) < \eta >^{|\beta|} \\ &\leq ?? C_{\alpha, \beta} m^{t-|\alpha|-|\beta|}(x, \xi) < \xi >^{|\beta|}. \end{aligned}$$

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The last inequality is explained by

## Lemma

*If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^2$  there exist a constant  $C_\alpha > 0$  such that for all  $x \in \mathbb{T}^2, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\eta \in Q := [\xi_1, \xi_1 + \alpha_1] \times [\xi_2, \xi_2 + \alpha_2]$*

$$\left( \frac{m(x, \eta)}{m(x, \xi)} \right)^{\pm 1} \leq C.$$



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For the proof of the existence one needs:

## Lemma

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$$\begin{aligned} i) m(x, \xi + \eta) &\leq C m(x, \xi) m(x, \eta) \\ ii) m(x, \xi) &\leq C m(x, \xi + \eta) m(x, \eta). \end{aligned}$$

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### Lemma

Let  $a : \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a measurable function such that for some  $\gamma > 0$ ,  $|a(x, \xi)| \leq C \langle \xi \rangle^{-(n+\gamma)}$ . Then

$$a(x, D) : L^p(\mathbb{T}^n) \rightarrow L^p(\mathbb{T}^n); 1 \leq p \leq \infty. \quad (1)$$