

**Exercise (Hadamard parametrix for the resolvent):** Consider the “Bessel potential” on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (in the distributional sense)

$$F_0(|x|) = (2\pi)^{-n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix \cdot \xi} (|\xi|^2 - z)^{-1} d\xi, \quad (1)$$

where  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$  is fixed.

(a) Show that  $F_0(|x|)$  is a fundamental solution to  $(-\Delta - z)$ . More generally, assuming that the matrix  $(g^{jk})$  is constant, show that

$$(-\partial_j g^{jk} \partial_k - z) F_0(|x|_g) = (\det g^{jk})^{1/2} \delta_0(x). \quad (2)$$

(b) Consider a second order partial differential operator

$$P(x, D) = -\partial_j g^{jk}(x) \partial_k + b_j(x) \partial_j + c(x), \quad (3)$$

where the coefficients  $g^{jk}$ ,  $b_j$  and  $c$  are smooth on an open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $(g^{jk})$  is a real positive definite matrix. Choose geodesic normal coordinates near 0 vanishing there and recall that in these coordinates

$$g^{jk}(x) x_k = g^{jk}(0) x_k \quad j = 1, \dots, n. \quad (4)$$

Prove that, if  $\eta \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is supported in a small enough neighborhood  $V$  of zero, then

$$(P(x, D) - z) \eta(x) F_0(|x|_g) = \eta(0) (\det g^{jk}(0))^{1/2} \delta_0(x) + R(x, D) F_0(|x|_g), \quad (5)$$

where  $R(x, D)$  is a first order differential operator whose coefficients are supported in  $V$  and independent of  $z$ . By solving a transport equation, show that  $\eta$  can be chosen in such a way that the first order terms of  $R(x, D)$  vanish.

(c) Consider now

$$F_\nu(|x|) = \nu!(2\pi)^{-n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix \cdot \xi} (|\xi|^2 - z)^{-\nu-1} d\xi, \quad \nu = 1, 2, \dots \quad (6)$$

Show that

$$(-\Delta - z)F_\nu(|x|) = \nu F_{\nu-1}(|x|), \quad -2\partial_x F_\nu(|x|) = x F_{\nu-1}(|x|)$$

and drive the analogue identity to (2) and (5).

(d) Let  $Y$  be a fixed relatively compact subset of  $\Omega$ . By choosing geodesic normal coordinates near an arbitrary point of  $y \in Y$  find a right parametrix  $E_N$  of  $(P(x, D) - z)$  with Schwartz kernel of the form

$$E_N(x, y) = \sum_{\nu=0}^N \eta_\nu(x, y) F_\nu(d_g(x, y))$$

in a neighborhood of the diagonal of  $Y \times Y$  and satisfying

$$(P(x, D) - z) E_N(x, y) = (\det g^{jk}(y))^{1/2} \delta_y(x) + R_N(x, y), \quad (7)$$

where  $R_N \in C^{2N+1-n}$  and smooth away from the diagonal.

(e) On the level of operators (7) means

$$(P(x, D) - z) E_N = I + R_N, \quad (8)$$

where  $R_N$  is the operator with kernel  $R_N(x, y)$ . By taking the adjoint of (8) find a left parametrix, i.e. an operator  $\tilde{E}_N$  such that

$$\tilde{E}_N (P(x, D) - z) = I + \tilde{R}_N, \quad (9)$$

where  $\tilde{R}_N$  has similar smoothing properties as  $R_N$ .