

*SCHWARTZ SPACES ASSOCIATED WITH SOME  
NON-DIFFERENTIAL CONVOLUTION OPERATORS  
ON HOMOGENEOUS GROUPS*

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**Introduction.** Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a homogeneous group (cf. e.g. [3]) and let  $P$  be a homogeneous distribution on  $\mathcal{N}$  such that

$$(0.1) \quad P : C_c^\infty \ni f \mapsto f * P \in C^\infty$$

is the infinitesimal generator of a semigroup of symmetric probability measures  $\mu_t$  on  $\mathcal{N}$  which are absolutely continuous with respect to Haar measure,  $d\mu_t(x) = h_t(x) dx$ . It is well known (cf. e.g. [3]) that if  $P$  is supported at the identity, then  $h_t$  belongs to the space  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$  of rapidly decreasing functions. Let

$$Pf = \int_0^\infty \lambda dE_P(\lambda)f$$

be the spectral resolution of  $P$ . In [7] A. Hulanicki has proved that if  $P$  is supported at the identity and  $m$  is a Schwartz function on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , i.e.,

$$\sup_\lambda |(1 + \lambda)^k m^{(l)}(\lambda)| \leq C_{k,l} \quad \text{for all } k, l \in \mathcal{N} \cup \{0\},$$

then

$$\int_0^\infty m(\lambda) dE_P(\lambda)f = f * \check{m},$$

where  $\check{m}$  is in  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$ . This is deduced, by means of a functional calculus, from the fact that for the rapidly decreasing function  $m(\lambda) = e^{-\lambda}$  the function  $\check{m} = h_1$  is in  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$ .

The aim of this paper is to examine a similar situation where the distribution  $P$  is of the form

$$(0.2) \quad \langle P, f \rangle = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|x| > \varepsilon} \frac{f(0) - f(x)}{|x|^{Q+1}} \Omega(x) dx,$$

where  $\Omega \neq 0$ ,  $\Omega \geq 0$  is a symmetric function smooth on  $\mathcal{N} - \{0\}$  and homogeneous of degree 0,  $|x|$  is a homogeneous norm on  $\mathcal{N}$  smooth away from the origin, and  $Q$  is the homogeneous dimension of  $\mathcal{N}$ . These distributions and the convolution semigroups they generate have been investigated by P. Głowacki in [4] and [5]. The kernels  $h_t$  are smooth but their decay at infinity is mild. The basic observation in our present considerations is that if

$$f * q^{(N)} = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda^N} dE_P(\lambda) f$$

then the decay of  $q^{(N)}$  at infinity increases with  $N$  (cf. [1]). Thus by working with  $e^{-\lambda^N}$  instead of  $e^{-\lambda}$  we are able to give a characterization of the functions  $m$  such that  $\tilde{m}$  is in  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$  (cf. Theorem 4.1).

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**Preliminaries.** A family of *dilations* on a nilpotent Lie algebra  $\mathcal{N}$  is a one-parameter group  $\{\delta_t\}_{t>0}$  of automorphisms of  $\mathcal{N}$  determined by

$$\delta_t e_j = t^{d_j} e_j,$$

where  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  is a linear basis for  $\mathcal{N}$  and  $d_1, \dots, d_n$  are positive real numbers called the *exponents of homogeneity*. The smallest  $d_j$  is assumed to be 1.

If we regard  $\mathcal{N}$  as a Lie group with multiplication given by the Campbell–Hausdorff formula, then the dilations  $\delta_t$  are also automorphisms of the group structure of  $\mathcal{N}$  and the nilpotent Lie group  $\mathcal{N}$  equipped with these dilations is said to be a *homogeneous group*.

The *homogeneous dimension* of  $\mathcal{N}$  is the number  $Q$  defined by

$$d(\delta_t x) = t^Q dx,$$

where  $dx$  is a right-invariant Haar measure on  $\mathcal{N}$ .

We fix a *homogeneous norm* on  $\mathcal{N}$ , that is, a continuous positive symmetric function  $x \mapsto |x|$  which is, moreover, smooth on  $\mathcal{N} - \{0\}$  and satisfies

$$|\delta_t x| = t|x|, \quad |x| = 0 \text{ if and only if } x = 0.$$

Let

$$X_j f(x) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} f(x \cdot t e_j)$$

be left-invariant basic vector fields. If  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_n)$  is a multi-index ( $i_j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ), we set

$$X^I f = X_1^{i_1} \dots X_n^{i_n} f, \quad |I| = i_1 d_1 + \dots + i_n d_n.$$

A distribution  $R$  on  $\mathcal{N}$  is said to be a *kernel of order*  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $R$  coincides with a  $C^\infty$  function away from the origin, and satisfies

$$\langle R, f \circ \delta_t \rangle = t^r \langle R, f \rangle \quad \text{for } f \in C_c^\infty(\mathcal{N}), t > 0.$$

If  $R$  is a kernel of order  $r$  then there exists a function  $\Omega_R$  homogeneous of degree 0 and smooth away from the origin such that

$$(1.1) \quad \langle R, f \rangle = - \int_{\mathcal{N}} \frac{\Omega_R(x)}{|x|^{Q+r}} f(x) dx \quad \text{for } f \in C_c^\infty(\mathcal{N} - \{0\}).$$

Note that if  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are kernels of order  $r_1 > 0, r_2 > 0$  respectively, then  $R_1 * R_2$  is a kernel of order  $r_1 + r_2$ . Indeed, decompose  $R_j$  as  $R_j = \psi R_j + (1 - \psi)R_j, j = 1, 2$ , where  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(\mathcal{N}), \psi \equiv 1$  in a neighbourhood of the origin. Since  $\psi R_j$  has compact support and  $(1 - \psi)R_j$  is smooth and belongs (with its all derivatives) to  $L^2(\mathcal{N}) \cap L^1(\mathcal{N})$  our statement follows.

We say that a kernel  $R$  of order  $r > 0$  satisfies the *Rockland condition* if for every non-trivial irreducible unitary representation  $\pi$  of  $\mathcal{N}$  the linear operator  $\pi_R$  is injective on the space of  $C^\infty$  vectors of  $\pi$ . It is easily seen that if  $R$  satisfies the Rockland condition, then  $R^N = R * R * \dots * R$  ( $N$  times), has the same property.

If a kernel  $R$  of order  $r > 0$  has compact support, i.e.,  $\Omega_R \equiv 0$  (cf. (1.1)), then  $R$  is supported at the origin. Hence

$$(1.2) \quad R = \sum_{|I|=r} a_I X^I.$$

We call a differential operator  $R$  on  $\mathcal{N}$  a *Rockland operator* if  $R$  is of the form (1.2) and satisfies the Rockland condition.

We say that a function  $\varphi$  on  $\mathcal{N}$  belongs to the *Schwartz class*  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$  if for every  $M \geq 0$

$$(1.3) \quad \|\varphi\|_{(M)} = \sup_{|I| \leq M, x \in \mathcal{N}} (1 + |x|)^M |X^I \varphi(x)|$$

is finite.

We denote by  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^+)$  the space of all functions  $m \in C^\infty([0, \infty))$  such that for each  $k \geq 0$

$$\sup_{\lambda \in [0, \infty), 0 \leq l \leq k} (1 + \lambda)^k |m^{(l)}(\lambda)| < \infty,$$

where  $m^{(l)}(\lambda) = (d^l/d\lambda^l)m(\lambda)$ .

**Semigroups generated by  $P^N$ .** Let  $P$  be the operator defined by (0.1) and (0.2). Since  $P$  is positive and self-adjoint we can investigate, for

each natural  $N$ , the semigroup  $\{T_t^{(N)}\}_{t>0}$  generated by  $P^N$ . Obviously

$$(2.1) \quad T_t^{(N)} f = \int_0^\infty e^{-t\lambda^N} dE_P(\lambda) f.$$

It has been proved by P. Głowacki [5] that the operator  $P$  satisfies the following subelliptic estimate:

$$(2.2) \quad \|X^I f\|_{L^2} \leq C_I (\|P^k f\|_{L^2} + \|f\|_{L^2}),$$

where  $|I| \leq k$ .

Using (2.2) and a standard calculation (cf. [1]) we deduce that there are  $C^\infty$  functions  $q_t^{(N)}$  on  $\mathcal{N}$  such that

$$(2.3) \quad T_t^{(N)} f = f * q_t^{(N)},$$

$$(2.4) \quad X^I q_t^{(N)} \in L^2 \cap C^\infty(\mathcal{N}) \quad \text{for every multi-index } I.$$

In virtue of the homogeneity of  $P$ , we get

$$(2.5) \quad q_t^{(N)}(x) = t^{-Q/N} q_1^{(N)}(\delta_{t^{-1/N}} x).$$

(2.6) THEOREM. *For every natural  $N > 0$  and every multi-index  $I$  there is a constant  $C_{I,N}$  such that*

$$(2.7) \quad |X^I q_t^{(N)}(x)| \leq C_{I,N} t(t^{1/N} + |x|)^{-Q-N-|I|}.$$

Moreover, if  $|\bar{x}| = 1$ , then

$$(2.8) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{Q+N} q_1^{(N)}(\delta_t \bar{x}) = \Omega_{P^N}(\bar{x}).$$

Proof. We first assume that  $N > Q$ . It has been proved in [1] that if  $I$  is a multi-index,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathcal{N} \times \mathbb{R} - \{(0,0)\})$ , then

$$(2.9) \quad \sup_{t>0} \|\varphi X^I P^{Nk} q_t^{(N)}\|_{L^2} < \infty.$$

Since  $P^N q_t^{(N)} = -\partial_t q_t^{(N)}$  the inequality (2.9) implies that

$$(2.10) \quad |X^I q_t^{(N)}(x)| \leq Ct \quad \text{for } 1/2 < |x| < 2, \quad t \in (0, 1).$$

Using (2.10) and (2.5), we get

$$(2.11) \quad |X^I q_1^{(N)}(x)| \leq C_{I,N} (1 + |x|)^{-Q-N-|I|} \quad \text{for } N > Q,$$

which, by (2.5), gives (2.7) for  $N > Q$ .

In order to show that (2.7) holds for every natural  $N > 0$ , we use the ‘‘principle of subordination’’. Let  $l$  be a natural number such that  $2^l N > Q$ . Set  $M = 2^l N$ . Then

$$q_1^{(M/2)}(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-s}}{(\pi s)^{1/2}} q_{1/(4s)}^{(M)}(x) ds = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-s}}{(\pi s)^{1/2}} (4s)^{Q/M} q_1^{(M)}(\delta_{(4s)^{1/M}} x) ds.$$

Consequently, for every multi-index  $I$

$$X^I q_1^{(M/2)}(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-s}}{(\pi s)^{1/2}} (4s)^{(Q+|I|)/M} (X^I q_1^{(M)}) (\delta_{(4s)^{1/M} x}) ds.$$

According to (2.11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |X^I q_1^{(M/2)}(x)| &\leq C \int_0^\varepsilon (4s)^{(Q+|I|)/M} s^{-1/2} ds \\ &+ C \int_\varepsilon^1 (4s)^{(Q+|I|)/M} s^{-1/2} (4s)^{-(M+Q+|I|)/M} |x|^{-M-Q-|I|} ds \\ &+ C \int_1^\infty \frac{e^{-s}}{(\pi s)^{1/2}} (4s)^{(Q+|I|)/M} (4s)^{-(M+Q+|I|)/M} |x|^{-M-Q-|I|} ds. \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $\varepsilon = |x|^{-M}$ , we obtain

$$|X^I q_1^{(M/2)}(x)| \leq C |x|^{-Q-M/2-|I|}.$$

By (2.4) and (2.5), we have

$$|X^I q_t^{(M/2)}(x)| \leq C t(t^{2/M} + |x|)^{-Q-M/2-|I|}.$$

Iterating the procedure described above, we get (2.7) for every natural  $N > 0$ .

We next show (2.8). From (2.7) and (2.5) it follows that

$$(2.13) \quad |X^I q_t^{(N)}(x)| \leq C_{N,I} t \quad \text{for } 1/2 < |x| < 2, \quad t \in (0, 1), \quad N > 0.$$

Note that  $(1/t)q_t^{(N)}(x)$  converges weakly to  $\Omega_{PN}(x)/|x|^{Q+N}$  for  $1/2 < |x| < 2$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . The estimate (2.13) and the Arzelà theorem imply that this convergence is uniform. Applying the Taylor expansion, we get

$$(2.14) \quad q_t^{(N)}(\bar{x}) = t\Omega_{PN}(\bar{x}) + o(t).$$

From (2.14) and (2.5) (cf. [2]), we obtain (2.8), which completes the proof.

**Functional calculus.** In this section we introduce some notation and recall some facts we shall need later.

Let  $U = \{x \in \mathcal{N} : |x| < 1\}$  and  $\tau(x) = \inf\{n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} : x \in U^n\}$ . For every  $\alpha \geq 0$  the function  $w_\alpha = (1 + \tau(x))^\alpha$  is submultiplicative. Moreover, there are constants  $c, C, a, b$  such that  $a < 1, 2 < b$  and

$$(3.1) \quad c\tau(x)^a \leq |x| \leq C\tau(x)^b \quad \text{for } |x| > 1$$

(cf. [7], Lemma 1.1).

Denote by  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha$  the  $*$ -algebra of Borel measures  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{N}$  such that  $\int_{\mathcal{N}} w_\alpha(x) d|\mu|(x) < \infty$ .

If  $A$  is a self-adjoint operator on  $L^2(\mathcal{N})$ ,  $E_A$  is its spectral resolution and  $m$  is a bounded function on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then we denote by  $m(A)$  the operator  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} m(\lambda) dE_A(\lambda)$ . If  $Af = f * \psi$ , then  $m(\psi)$  is the abbreviation for  $m(A)$ .

The following theorem, due to A. Hulanicki (cf. [7]), is the basic tool of the present paper.

(3.2) THEOREM. *Suppose that  $\psi = \psi^* \in \mathcal{M}_\alpha \cap L^2(\mathcal{N})$ ,  $\alpha > \beta + \frac{1}{2}bQ + 2$ ,  $k > 3(\beta + \frac{1}{2}bQ + 3)$ ,  $d > 0$ . Then there is a constant  $C$  such that for every  $m \in C_c^\infty(-d, d)$  with  $m(0) = 0$  there exists a measure  $\nu \in \mathcal{M}_\beta$  such that  $m(\psi)f = f * \nu$  and  $\int_{\mathcal{N}} w_\beta(x) d|\nu|(x) \leq C\|m\|_{C^k}$ .*

**Main result.** The main result of this paper is

(4.1) THEOREM. *Let  $m \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^+)$ . Then  $m(P)f = f * \check{m}$  with  $\check{m} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$  if and only if the function  $m$  satisfies the following condition:*

(\*) *for every natural  $N > 0$  if  $m^{(N)}(0) \neq 0$  then  $P^N$  is a differential operator.*

(4.2) Remark. Note that if  $\check{m} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$  for some  $m \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)$ , then  $m \in C^\infty(0, \infty)$  and  $\sup_{\lambda > 1} \lambda^k |m^{(s)}(\lambda)| < \infty$  for every  $s, k > 0$ . This is a consequence of the following two facts:

$$(i) \quad \int_0^\infty \lambda^N m(\lambda) dE_P(\lambda) f = f * (\check{m} * P^N),$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=1} \int_0^\infty m(t\lambda) dE_P(\lambda) f = f * \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=1} (\check{m}_t),$$

where  $\check{m}_t = t^{-Q} \check{m}(\delta_{t^{-1}}x)$ .

(4.3) PROPOSITION. *Assume that  $F \in C_c^\infty(\varepsilon, \delta)$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon < \delta < \infty$ . Then there is a unique function  $\check{F} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$  such that*

$$\int_0^\infty F(\lambda) dE_P(\lambda) f = f * \check{F}.$$

Moreover, for each natural  $M$  there are constants  $C$ ,  $k = k(M)$  such that

$$(4.4) \quad \|\check{F}\|_{(M)} \leq C\|F\|_{C^{k(M)}}.$$

Proof. By the definition of  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$  (cf. (1.3)), the proof will be complete if we show (4.4). Let  $N > 0$  be a natural number. Then

$$(4.5) \quad \int_0^\infty F(\lambda) dE_P(\lambda) f = \int_0^\infty F_N(\lambda) dE_{P^N}(\lambda) f,$$

where  $F_N(\lambda) = F(\lambda^{1/N})$ . Put  $n(\lambda) = F_N(-\log \lambda)/\lambda$ . Clearly,  $n \in C_c^\infty(e^{-\delta^N}, e^{-\varepsilon^N})$ . Moreover, by (4.5) and (2.3),

$$(4.6) \quad F(P)f = F_N(P^N)f = T_1^{(N)}n(q_1^{(N)})f = \{n(q_1^{(N)})f\} * q_1^{(N)}.$$

Applying (4.6), (3.2), (2.7), (3.1) with sufficiently large  $N$ , we get (4.4).

**Proof of Theorem (4.1).** Suppose that  $F \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^+)$  and  $F(\lambda) = 0(\lambda^{l+1})$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ , for some natural  $l > 0$ . Let  $\zeta(\lambda)$  be a  $C^\infty$  function with compact support contained in  $(1/2, 2)$  and with

$$\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \zeta(2^j\lambda) = 1 \quad \text{for } \lambda > 0.$$

Let  $F_j(\lambda) = \zeta(2^j\lambda)F(\lambda)$ ,  $\tilde{F}_j(\lambda) = F(2^{-j}\lambda)\zeta(\lambda) = F_j(2^{-j}\lambda)$ . Then for each natural  $k > 0$  there is a constant  $C$  such that

$$(4.7) \quad \|\tilde{F}_j\|_{C^k} \leq C2^{-(l+1)j} \quad \text{for } j \geq 0.$$

Since  $F \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^+)$ , we conclude that for every natural  $k$  and  $r$  there is a constant  $C$  such that

$$(4.8) \quad \|\tilde{F}_j\|_{C^k} \leq C2^{rj} \quad \text{for } j < 0.$$

Now we turn to proving that for every function  $m$  satisfying (\*) there exists a function  $\tilde{m}$  in  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$  such that  $m(P)f = f * \tilde{m}$ . It is sufficient to find a function  $\tilde{m}$  on  $\mathcal{N}$  such that

$$(4.9) \quad m(P)f = f * \tilde{m} \text{ and } \|\tilde{m}\|_{(M)} \text{ is finite for every } M > 0.$$

It has been proved by P. Głowacki [4] that  $P$  satisfies the Rockland condition. Hence, if  $r \in W_m = \{l \in \mathbb{N} : l > 0, m^{(l)}(0) \neq 0\}$ , then by our assumption  $P^r$  is a positive Rockland operator. Then a theorem of G. Folland and E. M. Stein (cf. [3]), asserts that  $q_t^{(r)}$  belongs to the Schwartz space  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$ . Let  $N$  be the smallest element in  $W_m$ . Put

$$(4.10) \quad F(\lambda) = m(\lambda) + \gamma e^{-\lambda^N} + \eta e^{-2\lambda^N},$$

where

$$\gamma = \frac{-2m(0)N! - m^{(N)}(0)}{N!}, \quad \eta = \frac{m^{(N)}(0) + m(0)N!}{N!}.$$

One can check that

$$F(0) = F'(0) = F^{(2)}(0) = \dots = F^{(N)}(0) = 0, \quad F \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^+).$$

The equality (4.10) and the above-mentioned theorem of Folland and Stein imply that  $\tilde{m} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$  if and only if  $\tilde{F} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$ . Note that if  $s \in W_F = \{l \in \mathbb{N} : l > 0, F^{(l)}(0) \neq 0\}$  then  $P^s$  is a Rockland operator. Iterating this procedure, we find that for every  $l > 0$  there is a function  $F \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^+)$  such

that

$$(4.11) \quad \begin{aligned} F(0) = F'(0) = F^{(2)}(0) = \dots = F^{(l)}(0) = 0, \\ \|\tilde{m}\|_{(M)} \text{ is finite if and only if } \|\check{F}\|_{(M)} \text{ is finite.} \end{aligned}$$

By the homogeneity of  $P$  and the definition of  $F_j$ , we have

$$\int_0^\infty F(\lambda) dE_P(\lambda) f = \sum_{j=-\infty}^\infty f * \check{F}_j = \sum_{j=-\infty}^\infty f * (\tilde{F}_j)_{2^j}^\vee,$$

where  $(\tilde{F}_j)_{2^j}^\vee(x) = 2^{-jQ}(\tilde{F}_j)^\vee(\delta_{2^{-j}x})$ . By Proposition (4.3),

$$\sum_{j=-\infty}^\infty \|(\tilde{F}_j)_{2^j}^\vee\|_{(M)} \leq \sum_{j \geq 0} \|\tilde{F}_j\|_{C^{k(M)}} (2^j)^{-Q+M} + \sum_{j < 0} \|\tilde{F}_j\|_{C^{k(M)}} (2^j)^{-Q-M}.$$

Using (4.7), (4.8) and (4.11) we get (4.9).

It remains to show that the condition (\*) is necessary. Let  $N$  be the smallest non-zero natural number such that  $m^{(N)}(0) \neq 0$  and  $P^N$  is not a differential operator (i.e., the function  $\Omega_{P^N}$  is non-zero), and let  $r = \inf W_m$ . We consider two cases:  $r = N$  and  $r < N$ .

For  $r = N$  let  $F(\lambda)$  be defined by (4.10). We first show that

$$(4.12) \quad |\check{F}(x)| \leq C(1 + |x|)^{-Q-N-1/2}.$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{x \in \mathcal{N}} |\check{F}(x)|(1 + |x|)^{Q+N+1/2} &\leq \sup_{x \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{j=-\infty}^\infty |(\tilde{F}_j)_{2^j}^\vee(x)|(1 + |x|)^{Q+N+1/2} \\ &\leq C \sup_{x \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{j=-\infty}^\infty |(\tilde{F}_j)_{2^j}^\vee(x)| + C \sup_{x \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{j=-\infty}^\infty |(\tilde{F}_j)_{2^j}^\vee(x)| |x|^{Q+N+1/2} \\ &\leq C \sup_{x \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{j=-\infty}^\infty |(\tilde{F}_j)^\vee(\delta_{2^{-j}x})| 2^{-jQ} \\ &\quad + C \sup_{x \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{j=-\infty}^\infty |(\tilde{F}_j)^\vee(\delta_{2^{-j}x})| \left(\frac{|x|}{2^j}\right)^{Q+N+1/2} 2^{j(Q+N+1/2)} 2^{-jQ}. \end{aligned}$$

In virtue of Proposition (4.3) there are constants  $C$  and  $k$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{x \in \mathcal{N}} |\check{F}(x)|(1 + |x|)^{Q+N+1/2} \\ \leq C \sum_{j=-\infty}^\infty 2^{-jQ} \|\tilde{F}_j\|_{C^k} + C \sum_{j=-\infty}^\infty 2^{j(N+1/2)} \|\tilde{F}_j\|_{C^k}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying (4.7), (4.8) (with  $l = N$ ), we get (4.12).



On the other hand, there exists  $\bar{x}$  such that  $|\bar{x}| = 1$  and  $\Omega_{PN}(\bar{x}) \neq 0$ . By (4.12) and (4.10), we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{Q+N} \check{m}(\delta_t \bar{x}) = - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{Q+N} [\gamma q_1^{(N)}(\delta_t \bar{x}) + \eta q_2^{(N)}(\delta_t \bar{x})].$$

Using (2.5) and (2.8), we obtain

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{Q+N} \check{m}(\delta_t \bar{x}) = -\gamma \Omega_{PN}(\bar{x}) - 2\eta \Omega_{PN}(\bar{x}) = -\Omega_{PN}(\bar{x}) \frac{m^{(N)}(0)}{N!} \neq 0.$$

Hence, the function  $\check{m}$  does not belong to  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$ .

In the case when  $r < N$  set  $m_1(\lambda) = m(\lambda) + b_1 e^{-\lambda^r} + b_2 e^{-2\lambda^r}$ , where  $b_1 = -2m(0) - m^{(r)}(0)/r!$ ,  $b_2 = m(0) + m^{(r)}(0)/r!$ . Then  $m_1 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^+)$  and  $m_1(0) = m_1'(0) = \dots = m_1^{(r)}(0) = 0$ . Since  $P^r$  is a Rockland operator, by the above-mentioned theorem of Folland and Stein (cf. [3, p. 135]), we get that the kernels associated with the multipliers  $e^{-\lambda^r}$  and  $e^{-2\lambda^r}$  belong to  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{N})$ . Note that  $N \in W_{m_1}$ ,  $r \notin W_{m_1}$ , and  $N = \inf\{l \in W_{m_1} : P^l \text{ is not a differential operator}\}$ . Iterating the above procedure reduces our considerations to the case  $r = N$ .

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