Geometric results for hyperbolic operators with spectral transition of the Hamilton map (Tangent bicharacteristic, Elementary factorization)

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Abstract

1 Tangent bicharacteristics

Let p be of normal form

 $p = -(\xi_0 + \phi_1)(\xi_0 - \phi_1) + \theta \phi_1^2 + \sum_{j=2}^r \phi_j^2 + \sum_{j=r+1}^d \phi_j^2$

and recall that $\theta|_{\Sigma}$ is conformally invariant. Let $\hat{\theta}$ be an extension of $\theta|_{\Sigma}$ then we say $d\theta$, $d\phi_j$ are linearly independent (resp. dependent) at $\bar{\rho}$ if $d\tilde{\theta}$, $d\phi_j$ are linearly independent (resp. dependent) at $\bar{\rho}$. This is independent of the choice of extensions of $\theta|_{\Sigma}$. Denote

$$\nu = \{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\}\}(\bar{\rho}), \quad \kappa = \{\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \phi_2\}, \phi_2\}(\bar{\rho})/\{\phi_1, \phi_2\}(\bar{\rho}).$$

Then we have

Proposition 1.1. Assume that p is of normal form up to a term $O^4(\Sigma')$ with $\theta(\bar{\rho}) = 0$ and

(1.1)
$$\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0, \quad \{\phi_j, \theta\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0, \quad r+1 \le j \le d.$$

If $\kappa^2 - 4\nu > 0$ there exists a bicharacteristic γ of p tangent to Σ at $\bar{\rho}$. More precisely, parametrizing γ by x_0 with $\gamma(0) = \bar{\rho}$ we have $\theta(\gamma) = O(x_0^2)$ and $\phi_j(\gamma) = O(x_0^2)$ for $j = 0, \ldots, d$ where $\lim_{x_0 \to 0} \phi_j(\gamma) / x_0^{1+j} \neq 0$, j = 1, 2.

Corollary 1.1. Assume that p is of normal form up to a term $O^4(\Sigma')$ with $\theta(\bar{\rho}) = 0$. If $d\theta$, $d\phi_j$ are linearly dependent at $\bar{\rho}$ and $\kappa^2 - 4\nu > 0$ there exists a bicharacteristic of p tangent to Σ at $\bar{\rho}$.

Corollary 1.2. Assume that p is of normal form up to a term $O^4(\Sigma')$ with $\theta(\bar{\rho}) = 0$ and that $\theta|_{\Sigma} \ge 0$ or $\theta|_{\Sigma} \le 0$ near $\bar{\rho}$. If $\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\}\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0$ and $\{\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \phi_2\}, \phi_2\}(\bar{\rho}) \ne 0$ there exists a bicharacteristic of p tangent to Σ at $\bar{\rho}$.

Proof. By extension Lemma we may assume $\theta \ge 0$ or $\theta \le 0$ in a neighborhood of $\bar{\rho}$ hence we have $\nabla \theta(\bar{\rho}) = 0$ showing that $d\theta$, $d\phi_j$ are linearly dependent at $\bar{\rho}$. Thus one can apply Corollary 1.1 with $\nu = 0$ and $\kappa \ne 0$.

Corollary 1.3. Assume that p is of normal form up to a term $O^4(\Sigma')$ with $\theta(\bar{\rho}) = 0$ and $\theta|_{\Sigma} \leq 0$ near $\bar{\rho}$. Then there exists a bicharacteristic of p tangent to Σ at $\bar{\rho}$ unless $\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\}\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0$ and $\{\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \phi_2\}, \phi_2\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0$.

Proof. Note that (1.1) holds and $\nu \leq 0$. If $\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\}\}(\bar{\rho}) \neq 0$ we have $\nu < 0$ hence Proposition 1.1 proves the assertion.

Assume that p is of normal form up to a term $O^4(\Sigma')$;

(1.2)
$$p = -(\xi_0 + \phi_1)(\xi_0 - \phi_1) + \theta \phi_1^2 + \Sigma_{j=2}^r \phi_j^2 + \Sigma_{j=r+1}^d \phi_j^2 + O^4(\Sigma')$$

With $\mu = \sqrt{1+\theta} > 0$ one can rewrite

$$p = -(\xi_0 - \mu\phi_1)(\xi_0 + \mu\phi_1) + \sum_{j=2}^r \phi_j^2 + \sum_{j=r+1}^d \phi_j^2 + O^4(\Sigma')$$

where denoting $\tilde{\phi}_1 = \mu \phi_1$ one sees

$$\{\xi_0 - \tilde{\phi}_1, \phi_j\} = \{\xi_0 - \phi_1 + (1 - \mu)\phi_1, \phi_j\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} (1 - \mu)\{\phi_1, \phi_j\}$$
$$\stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} -\theta/\mu(1 + \mu)\{\tilde{\phi}_1, \phi_j\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} \hat{\theta}\{\tilde{\phi}_1, \phi_j\}, \quad 0 \le j \le d$$

where we have set

(1.3)
$$\hat{\theta} = -\theta/(\sqrt{1+\theta}+1+\theta)$$

Writing $\mu \phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_1$ we have

$$p = -(\xi_0 - \phi_1)(\xi_0 + \phi_1) + \sum_{j=2}^r \phi_j^2 + \sum_{j=r+1}^d \phi_j^2 + O^4(\Sigma').$$

We divide the proof of Proposition 1.1 into the case that $d\theta$, $d\phi_j$ are linearly independent or dependent.

1.1 Case that $d\theta$, $d\phi_i$ are linearly independent

In this section, we assume that $d\phi_j$, $d\theta$ are linearly independent at $\bar{\rho}$. Hence $\Sigma \cap \{\theta = 0\}$ is a submanifold of Σ passing through $\bar{\rho}$ and that p is effectively hyperbolic in the side where $\theta < 0$ and noneffectively hyperbolic type I on the other side where $\theta > 0$. Taking (1.3) into account we can assume

(1.4)
$$\{\phi_j, \hat{\theta}\} = O(\Sigma'), \quad 1 \le j \le r$$

thanks to the extension lemma. Recall that the assumption (1.1) implies

(1.5)
$$\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \hat{\theta}\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0, \quad \{\phi_j, \hat{\theta}\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0, \quad r+1 \le j \le d$$

Choose a system of symplectic coordinates (X, Ξ) such that $X_0 = x_0$ and $\Xi_0 = \xi_0 - \phi_1$. Writing $(X, \Xi) \to (x, \xi)$ one has

$$p = -\xi_0^2 - 2\xi_0\phi_1 + \sum_{j=2}^r \phi_j^2 + \sum_{j=r+1}^d \phi_j^2 + O^4(\Sigma')$$

where

$$\begin{array}{ll} (1.6) & \{\phi_i,\phi_j\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0, \ 0 \le i \le d, \ j \ge r+1, \ \{\xi_0,\phi_j\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} \hat{\theta} \ \{\phi_1,\phi_j\}, \ 1 \le j \le d, \\ (1.7) & \{\phi_1,\phi_2\}(\bar{\rho}) \ne 0, \quad \{\phi_2,\phi_j\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0, \ 3 \le j \le r, \quad \det(\{\phi_i,\phi_j\})_{3 \le i,j \le r} \ne 0 \\ \text{and} \end{array}$$

(1.8)
$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{x_0}^k \hat{\theta}(\bar{\rho}) &= 0, \ k = 0, 1, \ \partial_{x_0}^2 \hat{\theta}(\bar{\rho}) = -\partial_{x_0}^2 \theta(\bar{\rho})/2 = -\nu/2, \\ \{\phi_j, \hat{\theta}\}(\bar{\rho}) &= 0, \ 1 \le j \le d. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 1.1. We have

$$\{\phi_2, \{\phi_j, \xi_0\}\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0, \quad r+1 \le j \le d.$$

Proof. Note that $\{\xi_0, \{\phi_2, \phi_j\}\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0$ for $3 \leq j \leq d$ by (1.6), (1.7) and (1.8). Since $\{\phi_j, \{\xi_0, \phi_2\}\}(\bar{\rho}) = \{\phi_j, \hat{\theta}\}(\bar{\rho})\{\phi_1, \phi_2\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0$ for $r+1 \leq j \leq d$ by (1.6) and (1.8) then Jacobi's identity shows the assertion.

From (1.6) we see that $d\hat{\theta}$, $dx_0, d\phi_j$, $0 \leq j \leq d$ are linearly independent at $\bar{\rho}$. Take

$$w = (\xi_0, x_0, \hat{\theta}, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_d, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_k) \quad (d+k = 2n-1)$$

to be a system of local coordinates around $\bar{\rho}$ so that $w(\bar{\rho}) = 0$. Note that we can assume that ψ_j are independent of x_0 taking $\psi_j(0, x', \xi')$ as new ψ_j . Moreover we can assume that $\{\phi_i, \psi_j\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0$ for i = 1, 2 taking $\psi_j - \{\psi_j, \phi_2\}\phi_1/\{\phi_1, \phi_2\} - \{\psi_j, \phi_1\}\phi_2/\{\phi_2, \phi_1\}$ as new ψ_j . Thus it can be assumed that

(1.9)
$$\{\xi_0, \psi_j\} \equiv 0, \quad \{\phi_i, \psi_j\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad 1 \le j \le k.$$

Let $\gamma(s) = (x(s), \xi(s))$ be a solution to the Hamilton equation

(1.10)
$$\frac{dx}{ds} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial \xi}, \quad \frac{d\xi}{ds} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}$$

and recall $df(\gamma(s))/ds = \{p, f\}(\gamma(s))$. We change the parameter from s to t:

 $t = s^{-1}$

so that we have d/ds = -tD and D = t(d/dt) and hence

$$\frac{d}{ds}(t^pF) = -t^{p+1}(DF + pF).$$

We now introduce new unknowns

(1.11)
$$\begin{cases} \xi_{0}(\gamma(s)) = t^{4}\Xi_{0}(t), \ x_{0}(\gamma(s)) = tX_{0}(t), \\ \hat{\theta}(\gamma(s)) = t^{2}\Theta(t), \\ \phi_{1}(\gamma(s)) = t^{2}\Phi_{1}(t), \ \phi_{2}(\gamma(s)) = t^{3}\Phi_{2}(t), \\ \phi_{j}(\gamma(s)) = t^{4}\Phi_{j}, \ 3 \le j \le r, \\ \phi_{j}(\gamma(s)) = t^{3}\Phi_{j}(t), \ r+1 \le j \le d, \\ \psi_{j}(\gamma(s)) = t^{2}\Psi_{j}(t), \ 1 \le j \le k \end{cases}$$

and write $W = (\Xi_0, X_0, \Theta, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_d, \Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_k)$. In what follows G(t, W), which may change from line to line, denotes a smooth function in (t, W) defined near (0, 0) such that G(t, 0) = 0. It is clear that

$$\{O^4(\Sigma'), \phi_j\}(\gamma) = t^6 G(t, W), \quad 0 \le j \le d.$$

Denote

(1.12)
$$\{\xi_0, \phi_j\} = \hat{\theta}\{\phi_1, \phi_j\} + \sum_{i=1}^d C_i^j \phi_i, \ \kappa_j = C_1^j(\bar{\rho}), \ \delta = \{\phi_1, \phi_2\}(\bar{\rho}) \neq 0$$

then from Lemma 1.1 we get

(1.13)
$$\kappa_j = 0, \quad j = r+1, \dots, d.$$

Here note that

(1.14)
$$\kappa_2 = C_1^2(\bar{\rho}) = \{\{\xi_0, \phi_2\}, \phi_2\}(\bar{\rho}) / \{\phi_1, \phi_2\}(\bar{\rho}) = \kappa.$$

It is clear that

(1.15)
$$\{\xi_0, \phi_j\}(\gamma) = (\delta_j \Theta + \kappa_j \Phi_1)t^2 + t^3 G(t, W), \quad \delta_j = \{\phi_1, \phi_j\}(\bar{\rho}).$$

Note that we have

$$\{\xi_0, \hat{\theta}\}(\gamma) = -\nu X_0 t/2 + t^2 G(t, W).$$

Indeed write $\hat{\theta}(x,\xi') = \sum_{k=0}^{2} x_0^k \hat{\theta}_k(x',\xi') + O(x_0^3)$. Since $\{\xi_0, \hat{\theta}\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0$ one can write $\hat{\theta}_1(\gamma) = t^2 G(t, W)$ which proves the assertion. The Hamilton equation is

reduced to

$$\begin{cases} D\Xi_0 = -4\Xi_0 + 2\kappa_2\Phi_1\Phi_2 + 2\delta\Theta\Phi_2 + tG(t,W), \\ DX_0 = -X_0 + 2\Phi_1 + tG(t,W), \\ D\Phi_1 = -2\Phi_1 + 2\delta\Phi_2 + tG(t,W), \\ D\Theta = -2\Theta - \nu X_0\Phi_1 + tG(t,W), \\ D\Phi_2 = -3\Phi_2 + 2\kappa_2\Phi_1^2 + 2\delta\Xi_0 + 2\delta\Phi_1\Theta + tG(t,W), \\ tD\Phi_j = -4t\Phi_j + 2\kappa_j\Phi_1^2 + 2\delta_j\Xi_0 + 2\delta_j\Phi_1\Theta \\ -2\Sigma_{k=3}^r \{\phi_k, \phi_j\}(\bar{\rho})\Phi_k + tG(t,W), \quad 3 \le j \le r \\ D\Phi_j = -3\Phi_j + tG(t,W), \quad r+1 \le j \le d, \\ D\Psi_j = -2\Psi_j - 2\sum_{k=r+1}^d \{\phi_k, \psi_j\}(\bar{\rho})\Phi_k + tG(t,W), \quad 1 \le j \le k. \end{cases}$$

We introduce a class of formal power series in $(t, \log t)$

$$\mathcal{E} = \{\sum_{0 \le j \le i} t^i (\log t)^j w_{ij} \mid w_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}^N \}$$

in which we look for a formal solution to the reduced Hamilton equation (1.16).

Lemma 1.2. There exists $W = (\Xi_0, X_0, \Theta, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_d, \Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_k) \in \mathcal{E}$ such that $\Phi_1(0) \neq 0$ and $X_0(0) \neq 0$ satisfying (1.16) formally.

Assume that $W = (\Xi_0, X_0, \Theta, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_d, \Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_k) \in \mathcal{E}$ satisfies (1.16) formally. Denote

(1.17)
$$\begin{cases} X_0 = \sum_{0 \le j \le i} t^i (\log 1/t)^j x_{ij}^0, \ \Xi_0 = \sum_{0 \le j \le i} t^i (\log 1/t)^j \xi_{ij}^0 \\ \Theta = \sum_{0 \le j \le i} t^i (\log 1/t)^j \theta_{ij}, \\ \Phi_\mu = \sum_{0 \le j \le i} t^i (\log 1/t)^j \phi_{ij}^\mu, \ \Psi_\nu = \sum_{0 \le j \le i} t^i (\log 1/t)^j \psi_{ij}^\nu \end{cases}$$

and $x_{00}^0 = \bar{x}_0$, $\xi_{00}^0 = \bar{\xi}_0$, $\theta_{00} = \bar{\theta}$, $\phi_{00}^{\mu} = \bar{\phi}_{\mu}$ and $\psi_{00}^{\nu} = \bar{\psi}_{\nu}$. Equating the constant terms of both sides of (1.16) one has (except for the equations for Φ_j with $3 \le j \le r$)

$$\begin{aligned} -4\bar{\xi}_0 + 2\kappa\bar{\phi}_1\bar{\phi}_2 + 2\delta\bar{\theta}\bar{\phi}_2 &= 0, \quad -\bar{x}_0 + 2\bar{\phi}_1 = 0, \quad -2\bar{\phi}_1 + 2\delta\bar{\phi}_2 = 0, \\ -2\bar{\theta} - \nu\bar{x}_0\bar{\phi}_1 &= 0, \quad -3\bar{\phi}_2 + 2\kappa\bar{\phi}_1^2 + 2\delta\bar{\xi}_0 + 2\delta\bar{\theta}\bar{\phi}_1 = 0, \\ -3\bar{\phi}_j &= 0, \quad r+1 \le j \le d, \quad -2\bar{\psi}_j - 2\Sigma_{k=r+1}^d \{\phi_k, \psi_j\}(\bar{\rho})\bar{\phi}_k = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From the third line one has $\bar{\phi}_j = 0, r+1 \leq j \leq d$ and $\bar{\psi}_j = 0$. Setting $b = \bar{\phi}_1$ we see

$$\bar{x}_0 = 2b, \quad \bar{\phi}_2 = \delta^{-1}b, \quad \bar{\theta} = -\nu b^2, \quad 2\bar{\xi}_0 = \kappa \delta^{-1} b^2 - \nu b^3$$

hence the second equation on the second line becomes

(1.18)
$$-3\delta^{-1}b + 3\kappa b^2 - 3\nu\delta b^3 = 3b(-1/\delta + \kappa b - \nu\delta b^2) = 0$$

Note that $\bar{\phi}_j$, $3 \leq j \leq r$ are uniquely determined since $\det(\{\phi_i, \phi_j\}(\bar{\rho}))_{3 \leq i,j \leq r} \neq 0$. Let us study

(1.19)
$$1/\delta - \kappa b + \nu \delta b^2 = 0.$$

Since $\delta \neq 0$ we see that (1.19) has a nonzero real root $b = b(\kappa, \delta) \neq 0$ if

$$\kappa^2 - 4\nu > 0$$

Let us choose one of such $b \neq 0$ when $\nu < 0$ and if $\nu > 0$ we choose $b \neq 0$ such that $\delta \kappa b$ is smaller. Denote

$$\overline{W} = (\bar{\xi}_0, \bar{x}_0, \bar{\theta}, \bar{\phi}_j, \bar{\psi}_i)$$

and look for a formal solution to (1.16) of the form $\overline{W} + W$ with $W \in \mathcal{E}^{\#}$ where

$$\mathcal{E}^{\#} = \{ W = \sum_{1 \le i, 0 \le j \le i} t^{i} (\log t)^{j} w_{ij} \mid w_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}^{2n+2} \}.$$

To simplify notation we set

$$\begin{cases} W^{I} = (X_{0}, \Phi_{2}, \Xi_{0}, \Phi_{1}, \Theta), & W^{II} = (\Phi_{3}, \dots, \Phi_{r}) \\ W^{III} = (\Phi_{r+1}, \dots, \Phi_{d}), & W^{IV} = (\Psi_{1}, \dots, \Psi_{k}) \end{cases}$$

then $W = {}^t(W^I, W^{II}, W^{III}, W^{IV}) = \sum_{1 \le i, 0 \le j \le i} t^i (\log t)^j w_{ij}$ satisfies

(1.20)
$$H(iw_{ij} - (j+1)w_{ij+1}) = Aw_{ij} + \delta_{i1}\delta_{j0}F + G_{ij}$$

with $H=I\oplus I\oplus I\oplus O$ where I and O is the identity and zero matrix respectively and

(1.21)
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_I & O & O & O \\ B_{II} & A_{II} & O & O \\ O & O & -3I & O \\ O & O & B_{III} & -2I \end{bmatrix}.$$

Moreover, F is a constant vector and

$$G_{ij} = G_{ij}(w_{pq} \mid q \le p \le i - 1), \quad G_{ij} = 0, \ i = 0, 1.$$

Here note that $|\lambda - A| = |\lambda - A_I| |\lambda - A_{II}| |\lambda + 3I| |\lambda + 2I|$ and all eigenvalues of A_{II} are pure imaginary. Making a more precise look on A_I we see

(1.22)
$$A_{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 2\delta & 2(\kappa b + \delta^{-1}) & 2\delta b \\ 0 & 2\delta^{-1} & -4 & 2\kappa\delta^{-1}b & 2b \\ 0 & 2\delta & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -\nu b & 0 & 0 & -2\nu b & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where we have used (1.19). To confirm that (1.20) can be solved successively we prove the following

Lemma 1.3. Assume $\kappa^2 - 4\nu > 0$. Then A_I has an eigenvalue 1 and the other real eigenvalues are negative.

Proof. Expand $|\lambda - A_I|$ with respect to the last row we see

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda - A_I| &= (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 2) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 3 & -2\delta & -2(\kappa b + \delta^{-1}) \\ -2\delta^{-1} & \lambda + 4 & -2\kappa\delta^{-1}b \\ -2\delta & 0 & \lambda + 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \\ &-2\nu b(\lambda + 2) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 3 & -2\delta & -2\delta b \\ -2\delta b & \lambda + 4 & -2b \\ -2\delta & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \\ &= (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 6)(\lambda^2 + 3\lambda - 4\kappa\delta b) + 8\nu\delta^2 b^2(\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 6) \\ &= (\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 6)(\lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 8 - 4\kappa\delta b) \end{aligned}$$

where we have used $\nu \delta^2 b^2 = \kappa b \delta - 1$. Write

$$\lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 8 - 4\kappa\delta b = (\lambda + 4)(\lambda + 1) - 4\nu\delta^2 b^2.$$

Then it is clear that real roots of $(\lambda + 4)(\lambda + 1) = 4\nu\delta^2 b^2$, if exist, are less than or equal to -1 if $\nu \leq 0$. Consider the case $\nu > 0$ so that $\kappa^2 - 4\nu > 0$ is satisfied. Note that the roots b of (1.19) are given by

$$b = \frac{\kappa}{2\nu\delta} \pm \frac{\sqrt{\kappa^2 - 4\nu}}{2\nu|\delta|}$$

from which we have

$$(\lambda+4)(\lambda+1) = 4\nu\delta^2 b^2 = 4\kappa\delta b - 4 = 4 + \frac{\sqrt{\kappa^2 - 4\nu}\left(\sqrt{\kappa^2 - 4\nu} \pm \delta\kappa/|\delta|\right)}{\nu/2}.$$

By our choice of b the right-hand side is less than 4. This proves the assertion in the case $\nu > 0$.

The rest of the proof of Proposition 1.1 is just the repetition of the arguments in [9, Sections 3.3 and 3.4].

Remark 1.1. Assume $\nu = \{\xi_0, \{\xi_0, \theta\}\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0, \kappa \neq 0$ and that

$$\theta \ge \sum_{i=1}^{l} k_i^2 \quad \text{or} \quad -\theta \ge \sum_{i=1}^{l} k_i^2$$

where $d\phi_j$, dk_i are linearly independent at $\bar{\rho}$. Since $\{\xi_0, \{\xi_0, \pm \theta - \sum_{i=1}^l k_i^2\}\}(\bar{\rho}) \ge 0$ it follows that $\{\xi_0, k_i\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0, 1 \le i \le l$. From this we see easily that

$$dk_i(\gamma(t))/dt = -\{p, k_i\}(\gamma(t))/t^2 = O(t), \quad t \to 0$$

which proves that $k_i(\gamma(x_0)) = O(x_0^2)$. Therefore the bicharacteristic $\gamma(x_0)$ is tangent to the manifold $\Sigma_0 = \Sigma \cap \{k_i = 0, i = 1, ..., l\} \supset \Sigma \cap \{\theta = 0\}.$

Remark 1.2. Assume $\theta|_{\Sigma} \ge 0$ or $\theta|_{\Sigma} \le 0$ near $\bar{\rho}$ and $\nu = \{\xi_0, \{\xi_0, \theta\}\}(\bar{\rho}) \ne 0$. After extending θ thanks to Malgrange preparation theorem one can write

$$\theta = e((x_0 - \psi(x', \xi'))^2 + h(x', \xi')), \quad h(x', \xi') \ge 0, \quad e(\bar{\rho}) \neq 0.$$

With $f = x_0 - \psi(x', \xi')$ it is clear that $\{\theta = 0\} \subset \{f = 0\}$. Note that df, $d\phi_j$ are linearly independent at $\bar{\rho}$ because $\{\xi_0, f\} \neq 0$. Assume $\kappa^2 - 4\nu > 0$ hence there is a bicharacteristic γ tangent to Σ by Proposition 1.1. Note that

$$df(\gamma(t))/dt = -\{p, f\}(\gamma(t))/t^2 \to 2\Phi_1(0)\{\xi_0, f\}(\bar{\rho}), \quad t \to 0$$

which proves that

$$\lim_{x_0 \to 0} df(\gamma(x_0))/dx_0 = \lim_{t \to 0} \left(df(\gamma(t))/dt \right) \left(dt/dx_0 \right)$$
$$= 2\Phi_1(0)\{\xi_0, f\}(\bar{\rho})/X_0(0) = \{\xi_0, f\}(\bar{\rho}) = 1.$$

Thus the bicharacterisitic $\gamma(x_0)$ is transversal to the manifold $\Sigma \cap \{f = 0\}$.

1.2 Case that $d\theta$, $d\phi_i$ are linearly dependent

We first note that $d\theta$, $d\phi_j$ are linearly dependent at $\bar{\rho}$ then

(1.23)
$$\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0, \quad \{\phi_j, \theta\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0, \quad r+1 \le j \le d.$$

Repeat the same arguments as in Section 1.1. Choose a system of symplectic coordinates (X, Ξ) such that $X_0 = x_0$ and $\Xi_0 = \xi_0 - \phi_1$. Writing $(X, \Xi) \to (x, \xi)$ one has

$$p = -\xi_0^2 - 2\xi_0\phi_1 + \Sigma_{j=2}^r\phi_j^2 + \Sigma_{j=r+1}^d\phi_j^2 + O^4(\Sigma')$$

where (1.6), (1.7) and (1.8) hold. From (1.6) we see that $dx_0, d\phi_j, 0 \leq j \leq d$ are linearly independent at $\bar{\rho}$. Take

$$w = (\xi_0, x_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_d, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_k) \quad (d+k=2n)$$

to be a system of local coordinates around $\bar{\rho}$ so that $w(\bar{\rho}) = 0$. Recall that we can assume that (1.9) holds. Let $\gamma(s) = (x(s), \xi(s))$ be a solution to the Hamilton equation as before. We change the parameter from s to $t = s^{-1}$ and introduce new unknowns

(1.24)
$$\begin{cases} \xi_0(\gamma(s)) = t^4 \Xi_0(t), \ x_0(\gamma(s)) = t X_0(t), \\ \phi_1(\gamma(s)) = t^2 \Phi_1(t), \ \phi_2(\gamma(s)) = t^3 \Phi_2(t), \\ \phi_j(\gamma(s)) = t^4 \Phi_j, \ 3 \le j \le r, \\ \phi_j(\gamma(s)) = t^3 \Phi_j(t), \ r+1 \le j \le d, \\ \psi_j(\gamma(s)) = t^2 \Psi_j(t), \ 1 \le j \le k \end{cases}$$

and write $W = (\Xi_0, X_0, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_d, \Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_k)$ and G(t, W) being as before.

Lemma 1.4. One can write

$$\hat{\theta}(x,\xi') = \ell(\phi_2,\dots,\phi_d) - \nu x_0^2 / 4 + \theta_2(w') + \theta_3(w')$$

where ℓ is a linear form in (ϕ_2, \ldots, ϕ_d) and θ_2 is a quadratic form in $w' = (x_0, \phi_1, \ldots, \phi_d, \psi_1, \ldots, \psi_k)$ containing no such term $c x_0^2$ $(c \in \mathbb{R})$ and $\theta_3(w') = O(|w'|^3)$.

Proof. Since $\hat{\theta}(\bar{\rho}) = 0$ the Taylor formula gives $\hat{\theta}(x,\xi') = \hat{\theta}_1(w') + \hat{\theta}_2(w') + O(|w'|^3)$ where $\hat{\theta}_1$ is a linear form in (ϕ_1, \ldots, ϕ_d) and $\hat{\theta}_2$ is a quadratic form in w' since $d\hat{\theta}$ and $d\phi_j$ are linearly dependent. Since $\{\phi_2, \hat{\theta}\}(\bar{\rho}) = 0$ we see that $\hat{\theta}_1$ is independent of ϕ_1 . The rest of the proof is clear.

Thanks to this lemma one has

(1.25)
$$\hat{\theta}(\gamma) = -\nu X_0^2 t^2 / 4 + t^3 G(t, W), \quad \hat{\theta}(\gamma) = t^2 G(t, W).$$

Taking (1.12) into account one has

(1.26)
$$\{\xi_0, \phi_j\}(\gamma) = (-\nu X_0^2 \delta_j / 4 + \kappa_j \Phi_1) t^2 + t^3 G(t, W)$$

where $\delta_j = \{\phi_1, \phi_j\}(\bar{\rho})$. Hence by (1.6) and (1.13) we have

(1.27)
$$\{\phi_j, \xi_0\}(\gamma) = t^3 G(t, W), \quad r+1 \le j \le d.$$

Thanks to (1.25), (1.26) and (1.27) the Hamilton equation is reduced to

$$(1.28) \begin{cases} D\Xi_{0} = -4\Xi_{0} + 2\kappa\Phi_{1}\Phi_{2} - (\nu\delta/2)X_{0}^{2}\Phi_{2} + tG(t,W), \\ DX_{0} = -X_{0} + 2\Phi_{1} + tG(t,W), \\ D\Phi_{1} = -2\Phi_{1} + 2\delta\Phi_{2} + tG(t,W), \\ D\Phi_{2} = -3\Phi_{2} + 2\kappa\Phi_{1}^{2} + 2\delta\Xi_{0} - (\nu\delta/2)X_{0}^{2}\Phi_{1} \\ + tG(t,W), \\ tD\Phi_{j} = -4t\Phi_{j} + 2\kappa_{j}\Phi_{1}^{2} + 2\delta_{j}\Xi_{0} - (\nu\delta_{j}/2)X_{0}^{2}\Phi_{1} \\ -2\Sigma_{k=3}^{r}\{\phi_{k},\phi_{j}\}(\bar{\rho})\Phi_{k} + tG(t,W), \quad 3 \le j \le r \\ D\Phi_{j} = -3\Phi_{j} + tG(t,W), \quad r+1 \le j \le d, \\ D\Psi_{j} = -2\Psi_{j} - 2\sum_{k=r+1}^{d}\{\phi_{k},\psi_{j}\}(\bar{\rho})\Phi_{k} + tG(t,W), \quad 1 \le j \le k \end{cases}$$

(which is obtained from (1.16) by replacing Θ by $-\nu X_0^2/4$). We look for a formal solution to the reduced Hamilton equation (1.28).

Lemma 1.5. There exists a formal solution $W \in \mathcal{E}$ satisfying (1.28) with $\Phi_1(0) \neq 0, X_0(0) \neq 0.$

Assume that $W = (\Xi_0, X_0, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_d, \Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_k) \in \mathcal{E}$ satisfies (1.28) formally. Denote $X_0, \Xi_0, \Phi_j, \Psi_j$ as (1.17) and $x_{00}^0 = \bar{x}_0, \xi_{00}^0 = \bar{\xi}_0, \phi_{00}^\mu = \bar{\phi}_\mu$ and $\psi_{00}^\nu = \bar{\psi}_\nu$. Equating the constant terms of both sides of (1.28) one has

$$\begin{aligned} -4\bar{\xi}_0 + 2\kappa\bar{\phi}_1\bar{\phi}_2 - \nu\delta\bar{x}_0^2\bar{\phi}_2/2 &= 0, \quad -\bar{x}_0 + 2\bar{\phi}_1 = 0, \\ -2\bar{\phi}_1 + 2\delta\bar{\phi}_2 &= 0, \quad -3\bar{\phi}_2 + 2\kappa\bar{\phi}_1^2 + 2\delta\bar{\xi}_0 - \nu\delta\bar{x}_0^2\bar{\phi}_1/2 = 0, \\ -3\bar{\phi}_j &= 0, \quad r+1 \le j \le d, \quad -2\bar{\psi}_j - 2\Sigma_{k=r+1}^d \{\phi_k, \psi_j\}(\bar{\rho})\bar{\phi}_k = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From the third line one has $\bar{\phi}_j = 0$, $r+1 \leq j \leq d$ and $\bar{\psi}_j = 0$. Setting $b = \bar{\phi}_1$ as before we see $\bar{x}_0 = 2b$, $\bar{\phi}_2 = \delta^{-1}b$ and $2\bar{\xi}_0 = \kappa\delta^{-1}b^2 - \nu b^3$ hence the second equation on the second line becomes

$$-3\delta^{-1}b + 3\kappa b^{2} - 3\nu\delta b^{3} = 3b(-1/\delta + \kappa b - \nu\delta b^{2}) = 0$$

which is the same as (1.18). We choose the same $b \neq 0$ as in Section 1.1. Denote

$$\overline{W} = (\bar{\xi}_0, \bar{x}_0, \bar{\phi}_j, \bar{\psi}_i)$$

and look for a formal solution to (1.28) of the form $\overline{W} + W$ with $W \in \mathcal{E}^{\#}$. To simplify notation we set

$$\begin{cases} W^{I} = (X_{0}, \Phi_{2}, \Xi_{0}, \Phi_{1}), & W^{II} = (\Phi_{3}, \dots, \Phi_{r}) \\ W^{III} = (\Phi_{r+1}, \dots, \Phi_{d}), & W^{IV} = (\Phi_{3}, \dots, \Phi_{r}) \end{cases}$$

then $W = {}^t(W^I, W^{II}, W^{III}, W^{IV}) = \sum_{1 \le i, 0 \le j \le i} t^i (\log t)^j w_{ij}$ satisfies (1.20) with A of the same form as (1.21) where A_I is replaced by

(1.29)
$$A_{I} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 2\\ -2\nu\delta b^{2} & -3 & 2\delta & 2(\kappa b + \delta^{-1})\\ -2\nu b^{2} & 2\delta^{-1} & -4 & 2\kappa\delta^{-1}b\\ 0 & 2\delta & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where we have used (1.19). To confirm that (1.20) can be solved successively we prove the following

Lemma 1.6. Assume $\kappa^2 - 4\nu > 0$. Then A_I has an eigenvalue 1 and the other real eigenvalues are negative.

Proof. Expanding $|\lambda - A_I|$ with respect to the first row we see

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda - A_I| &= (\lambda + 1) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 3 & -2\delta & -2(\kappa b + \delta^{-1}) \\ -2\delta^{-1} & \lambda + 4 & -2\kappa\delta^{-1}b \\ -2\delta & 0 & \lambda + 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &+ 2\nu b \begin{vmatrix} 2\delta b & \lambda + 3 & -2\delta \\ 2b & -2\delta^{-1} & \lambda + 4 \\ 0 & -2\delta & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 6)(\lambda^2 + 3\lambda - 4\kappa\delta b) + 8\nu\delta^2 b^2(\lambda + 6) \\ &= (\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 6)(\lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 8 - 4\kappa\delta b) \end{aligned}$$

the rest of the proof is just a repetition of the proof of Lemma 1.3.

At the end of the section, we give a simple example. Consider

(1.30)
$$p = -\xi_0^2 + (\xi_1 + x_0\xi_n)^2 + x_1^2(1 + x_1^k + \varepsilon x_2^l)\xi_n^2, \quad |x_1|, \ |x_2| \ll 1$$

near $(0, e_n)$, $e_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$ with $n \ge 3$, $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ where $\varepsilon = \pm 1$. It is clear that

$$\Sigma = \{\xi_0 = \xi_1 + x_0\xi_n = 0, x_1 = 0\}.$$

Denote

$$\varphi_1 = -x_1(1 + x_1^k + \varepsilon x_2^l)\xi_n / (1 + (1 + k/2)x_1^k + \varepsilon x_2^l)$$
$$= -x_1 \Big[1 - \frac{kx_1^k/2}{1 + (1 + k/2)x_1^k + \varepsilon x_2^l} \Big] \xi_n$$

then one can write

(1.31)
$$p = -(\xi_0 + \varphi_1)(\xi_0 - \varphi_1) + x_1^2(1 + x_1 + \varepsilon x_2^l)\xi_n^2 - \varphi_1^2 + (\xi_1 + x_0\xi_n)^2 \\ = -(\xi_0 + \varphi_1)(\xi_0 - \varphi_1) + \theta\varphi_1^2 + \varphi_2^2$$

where

(1.32)
$$\varphi_2 = \xi_1 + x_0 \xi_n, \quad \theta = (1+k)x_1^k + \varepsilon x_2^l + k^2 x_1^{2k} (1+x_1^k + \varepsilon x_2^l)^{-1}/4.$$

which is a normal form. Indeed we see

$$\{\xi_0 - \varphi_1, \varphi_2\} = O(x_1^k) \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0$$

and it is clear that $\{\xi_0 - \varphi_1, \xi_0\} = \{\xi_0 - \varphi_1, \varphi_1\} = 0$. Note that

$$\theta|_{\Sigma} = \varepsilon x_2^l, \quad \{\xi_0 - \varphi_1, \theta\} \equiv 0.$$

According to $\varepsilon=\pm 1$ and the parity of l every type of transition occurs. If k=1 we have

$$\{\{\xi_0 - \varphi_1, \varphi_2\}, \varphi_2\}(0, e_n) = 1$$

hence one can apply Proposition 1.1 to conclude the existence of a tangent bicharacteristic. Some remarks on the case $k \ge 2$ will be given at the end of the next section.

2 Elementary factorization

2.1 Elementary factorization

Consider the principal symbol

(2.1)
$$p(x,\xi) = -\xi_0^2 + A_1(x,\xi')\xi_0 + A_2(x,\xi')$$

where $A_j(x,\xi') \in S_{1,0}^j$ depending smoothly in x_0 . We start with the following definition.

Definition 2.1. We say that $p(x,\xi)$ admits a local elementary factorization if there exist real valued $\lambda(x,\xi')$, $\mu(x,\xi') \in S^1_{1,0}$ and $0 \leq Q(x,\xi') \in S^2_{1,0}$ such that

$$p(x,\xi) = -\Lambda(x,\xi)M(x,\xi) + Q(x,\xi')$$

with $\Lambda(x,\xi) = \xi_0 - \lambda(x,\xi')$ and $M(x,\xi) = \xi_0 - \mu(x,\xi')$ verifying with some C > 0

(2.2)
$$|\{\Lambda(x,\xi), Q(x,\xi')\}| \le CQ(x,\xi'),$$

(2.3)
$$|\{\Lambda(x,\xi), M(x,\xi)\}| \le C(\sqrt{Q(x,\xi')} + |\Lambda(x,\xi') - M(x,\xi')|).$$

If we can find such symbols defined in a conic neighborhood of ρ we say that $p(x,\xi)$ admits a microlocal elementary factorization at ρ .

Of course, elementary factorization is closely related to the classical derivation of energy estimates. To see this note that

$$\begin{aligned} -\Lambda M &= -(\xi_0 - \lambda + ic) \#(\xi_0 - \mu - ic) - i\{\Lambda, M\}/2 - ic(\Lambda - M) + S^0_{1,0} \\ &= -\tilde{\Lambda} \# \tilde{M} - i(\{\Lambda, M\}/2 - c(\Lambda - M)) + S^0_{1,0} \end{aligned}$$

where $c \in S_{1,0}^0$ and $\tilde{\Lambda} = \xi_0 - \lambda + ic$, $\tilde{M} = \xi_0 - \mu - ic$. We also note

$$\begin{split} & 2\mathsf{Im}(\mathrm{op}(p)v,\mathrm{op}(\tilde{\Lambda})v) = \frac{d}{dx_0} \big(\|\mathrm{op}(\tilde{\Lambda})v\|^2 + (\mathrm{op}(Q)v,v) \big) \\ & -2\mathsf{Re}(\mathrm{op}(\tilde{\Lambda})v,\mathrm{op}(\{\Lambda,M\}/2 + c(\Lambda-M))v) - \mathsf{Re}(\mathrm{op}(\{\tilde{\Lambda},Q\})v,v)/2 \end{split}$$

modulo $C(\|op(\tilde{\Lambda})v\|^2 + \|v\|^2)$. Assuming that one can find $c \in S_{1,0}^0$ such that $|\{\Lambda, M\}/2 + c(\Lambda - M)| \lesssim \sqrt{Q}$ and taking $|\{\tilde{\Lambda}, Q\} - \{\Lambda, Q\}| \lesssim \sqrt{Q}$ into account we will obtain energy estimates.

Lemma 2.1 ([4]). If p admits a microlocal elementary factorization at ρ there is no bichracteristic tangent to Σ at ρ .

In this section, we restrict ourselves to the case

$$\operatorname{Spec} F_p(\rho) \subset i\mathbb{R} \ \left(\iff \Pi\lambda_j(\rho) \ge 0 \iff \theta|_{\Sigma} \ge 0 \right) \quad \rho \in \Sigma.$$

Applying the extension lemma to $\theta|_{\Sigma}$ one can assume from the beginning that

 $p = -(\xi_0 + \phi_1)(\xi_0 - \phi_1) + \theta\phi_1^2 + \sum_{j=2}^r \phi_j^2 + \sum_{j=r+1}^d \phi_j^2 + R$

where $R = O(|\phi|^4 \langle \xi \rangle_{\gamma}^{-2}) = O^4(\Sigma')$ with $\phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_d)$ and that

(2.4)
$$\theta \ge 0, \quad \{\phi_j, \theta\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, r$$

Proposition 2.1. Assume that p is of normal form up to term $O^4(\Sigma')$ and satisfies $\theta|_{\Sigma} \geq 0$ near $\bar{\rho}$. If

$$|\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\}| \le C(\sqrt{\theta} + |\phi_1| + \sqrt{|\phi'|})^2,$$
$$|\{\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \phi_2\}, \phi_2\}| \le C(\sqrt{\theta} + |\phi_1| + \sqrt{|\phi'|}), \ \phi' = (\phi_2, \dots, \phi_d)$$

holds then p admits a microlocal elementary factorization at $\bar{\rho}$.

Corollary 2.1. Assume that p is of normal form up to term $O^4(\Sigma')$ and satisfies $\theta|_{\Sigma} \geq 0$ near $\bar{\rho}$ and $\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0$. If $\{\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \phi_2\}, \phi_2\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0$ then p admits a microlocal elementary factorization at $\bar{\rho}$ while p does not if $\{\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \phi_2\}, \phi_2\}(\bar{\rho}) \neq 0$.

Proof. Without restrictions we may assume $\theta \ge 0$ near $\bar{\rho}$. From the assumption one can write $\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\} = \sum_{k=1}^d c_d \phi_k$. Note that $\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \{\phi_2, \theta\}\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0$ and $|\{\theta, \{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \phi_2\}\}| \lesssim \sqrt{\theta}$ for $\theta \ge 0$. It follows from Jacobi's identity we have

$$|\{\phi_2, \{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\}\}| \lesssim |\phi| + \sqrt{\theta}, \quad \phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_d).$$

This shows that $|\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\}| \lesssim (|\phi| + \sqrt{\theta})|\phi_1| + |\phi'|$ hence the first condition is satisfied. The second condition is obviously satisfied and the assertion follows from Proposition 2.1. Since $\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\}\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0$ for $\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0$ if $\{\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \phi_2\}, \phi_2\}(\bar{\rho}) \neq 0$ there is a bicharacteristic tangent to Σ at $\bar{\rho}$ by Corollary 1.2 hence Lemma 2.1 proves the last assertion.

Let

$$\Lambda = \phi_1 + \ell(\phi'')\phi_1 - \lambda\phi_1^3\langle\xi\rangle_{\gamma}^{-2}, \quad \ell(\phi'') = \sum_{j=3}^r \beta_j\phi_j, \quad \phi'' = (\phi_3, \dots, \phi_r)$$

where $\lambda > 0$ is a parameter and β_j are smooth which are determined later. Write

$$p = -(\xi_0 + \Lambda)(\xi_0 - \Lambda) + Q$$

where $Q = \theta \phi_1^2 + \tilde{Q}$ with

$$\tilde{Q} = \sum_{j=2}^{d} \phi_j^2 - 2\ell \phi_1^2 (1 + \ell/2) + 2\lambda \phi_1^4 \langle \xi \rangle_{\gamma}^{-2} (1 + \ell - \lambda \phi_1^2 \langle \xi \rangle_{\gamma}^{-2}/2) + R.$$

Taking $\lambda > 0$ large (since we are working in a neighborhood or $\bar{\rho}$ it can be assumed that $|\phi|\langle\xi\rangle_{\gamma}^{-1}$ is arbitrarily small) it is clear that there is c > 0 such that

$$Q \ge c \left(|\phi'|^2 + \theta \phi_1^2 + \phi_1^4 \langle \xi \rangle_{\gamma}^{-2} \right), \quad \phi' = (\phi_2, \dots, \phi_d).$$

Note that

$$\{\xi_0 - \Lambda, \tilde{Q}\} = \{\xi_0 - \phi_1, |\phi'|^2 - 2\ell(\phi'')\phi_1^2(1 + \ell(\phi'')/2)\} - \{\ell(\phi'')\phi_1, |\phi'|^2\} + O(Q).$$

Recall that one can write

$$\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \phi_j\} = \Sigma_{k=1}^d \alpha_{jk} \phi_k, \quad 1 \le j \le d.$$

Moreover since $\{\phi_2, \{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \phi_j\}\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0$ for $r+1 \leq j \leq d$ which follows from Jacobi's identity, one has

$$\alpha_{j1} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0, \quad r+1 \le j \le d.$$

Therefore we have

$$\{\xi_0 - \Lambda, \tilde{Q}\} = 2\sum_{j=2}^d \phi_j \sum_{k=1}^d \alpha_{jk} \phi_k - 2\phi_1^2 \sum_{j=3}^r \beta_j \sum_{k=1}^d \alpha_{jk} \phi_k (1 + \ell(\phi'')/2) - 2\phi_1 \sum_{j=2}^d \phi_j \sum_{k=3}^r \beta_k \{\phi_k, \phi_j\} + O(Q).$$

Note that

$$\phi_j \sum_{k=1}^d \alpha_{jk} \phi_k = O(Q), \quad r+1 \le j \le d, \quad \phi_1^2 \sum_{j=3}^r \beta_j \sum_{k=1}^d \alpha_{jk} \phi_k \ell(\phi'') = O(Q),$$
$$\phi_1 \phi_j \sum_{k=3}^r \beta_k \{\phi_k, \phi_j\} = O(Q), \quad r+1 \le j \le d$$

we have

$$\{\xi_0 - \Lambda, \tilde{Q}\} = 2\sum_{j=2}^r \phi_j \sum_{k=1}^d \alpha_{jk} \phi_k - 2\phi_1^2 \sum_{j=3}^r \beta_j \sum_{k=1}^d \alpha_{jk} \phi_k$$
$$-2\phi_1 \sum_{j=2}^r \phi_j \sum_{k=3}^r \beta_k \{\phi_k, \phi_j\} + O(Q)$$
$$= 2\phi_1 \sum_{j=2}^r \alpha_{j1} \phi_j - 2\phi_1^3 \sum_{j=3}^r \beta_j \alpha_{j1} - 2\phi_1 \sum_{j=3}^r \phi_j \sum_{k=3}^r \beta_k \{\phi_k, \phi_j\} + O(Q)$$
$$= 2\phi_1 \sum_{j=3}^r \phi_j \left(\alpha_{j1} - \sum_{k=3}^r \{\phi_k, \phi_j\} \beta_k\right) + 2\alpha_{21} \phi_1 \phi_2 - 2\phi_1^3 \sum_{j=3}^r \beta_j \alpha_{j1} + O(Q)$$

because $\{\phi_k, \phi_2\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0$ for $k \ge 3$. Choose β_k such that

$$\sum_{k=3}^{r} \{\phi_k, \phi_j\} \beta_k = \alpha_{j1}, \quad 3 \le j \le r.$$

Since $(\{\phi_k,\phi_j\})_{3\leq k,j\leq r}$ is skew symmetric and nonsingular we have

$$\sum_{j=3}^r \beta_j \alpha_{j1} = 0.$$

Therefore we conclude

$$\{\xi_0 - \Lambda, \tilde{Q}\} = 2\alpha_{21}\phi_1\phi_2 + O(Q)$$

Since $\alpha_{21} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} \{\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \phi_2\}, \phi_2\}/\{\phi_1, \phi_2\}$ we have

$$|\{\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \phi_2\}, \phi_2\}| \le C(\sqrt{\theta} + |\phi_1| + \sqrt{|\phi'|}) \Longrightarrow \{\xi_0 - \Lambda, \tilde{Q}\} = O(Q).$$

It remains to study $\{\xi_0 - \Lambda, \theta \phi_1^2\}$. Taking (2.4) into account we have

$$\{\xi_0 - \Lambda, \theta \phi_1^2\} = \{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta \phi_1^2\} + O(Q)$$
$$= 2\theta \phi_1\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \phi_1\} + \phi_1^2\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\} + O(Q) = \phi_1^2\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\} + O(Q)$$

Therefore we conclude that

$$|\{\xi_0 - \phi_1, \theta\}| \le C(\theta + \sqrt{\theta}|\phi_1| + |\phi'|) \Longrightarrow \{\xi_0 - \Lambda, \theta\phi_1^2\} = O(Q).$$

Consider $\{\xi_0 - \Lambda, \xi_0 + \Lambda\} = 2\{\xi_0, \Lambda\}$ which is

$$2\{\xi_0, \phi_1 + \ell(\phi'')\phi_1 - \lambda\phi_1^3\langle\xi\rangle_{\gamma}^{-2}\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0$$

for $\{\xi_0, \phi_1\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0$. Since $|\phi'| \lesssim \sqrt{Q}$ and $|\phi_1| \lesssim |\Lambda|$ we have

$$|\{\xi_0 - \Lambda, \xi_0 + \Lambda\}| \lesssim \sqrt{Q} + |\Lambda|$$

which completes the proof.

Retake the example (??). If $h(x_2) = c x_2^l$ with c > 0 and even $l \ge 2$ so that $\theta|_{\Sigma} \ge 0$. It is easy to check that

$$|\{\xi_0 - \varphi_1, \theta\}| \lesssim \theta$$

hence in view of Proposition 2.1 p admits a microlocal elementary factorization at $\bar{\rho}$. Nxet, reconsider p in (1.31) with even l and $\varepsilon = 1$ so that $\theta|_{\Sigma} \ge 0$. If $k \ge 2$ it is easy to see that

$$\{\{\xi_0 - \varphi_1, \varphi_2\}, \varphi_2\} \stackrel{\Sigma'}{=} 0$$

then it follows from Corollary 2.1 that p admits a microlocal elementary factorization at $\bar{\rho}$. In particular, there is no tangent bicharacteristic.

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