

# **Asymptotic Expansions of Solution to Differential Equations on Complex Manifolds Near Singular Points**

**Boris Sternin, Victor Shatalov,  
and Alexandr Yevsyukov<sup>1</sup>**

Max-Planck-Arbeitsgruppe  
“Partielle Differentialgleichungen und  
komplexe Analysis”  
Universität Potsdam  
Am Neuen Palais 10  
14469 Potsdam  
Germany

Max-Planck-Institut  
für Mathematik  
Gottfried-Claren-Str. 26  
53225 Bonn  
Germany

<sup>1</sup>  
Moscow State University  
Department of Computational Math.  
and Cybernetics  
119899 Moscow  
  
Russia



# Asymptotic Expansions of Solution to Differential Equations on Complex Manifolds Near Singular Points

Boris Sternin\*, Victor Shatalov\*, and Alexandr Yevsyukov

Moscow State University

Dept. of Computational Math. and Cybernetics

119899 Moscow, RUSSIA

e-mail: sternin@cs.msu.su

July 1, 1996

## Abstract

Singularities of the solution of the Cauchy problem on complex manifold are investigated. The case of differential equation with constant coefficients is considered in detail with the help of integral representations of solutions. In the case of variable coefficients the singularities of the solution are examined by expansion in series with parameter-dependent integrals as their terms. Normal forms of corresponding integral representations are obtained that allowed to construct asymptotic expansions near singular point of the solution for singularity types of generic position.

**Keywords:** complex manifold, asymptotic expansion, normal form, parameter-dependent integral, Cauchy problem, vanishing cycle, singularities.

---

\*Supported by Max-Planck-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Wissenschaften e.V., Arbeitsgruppe "Partielle Differentialgleichungen und komplexe Analysis" and Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.

# Contents

<b>Introduction</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>1 Preliminary Results</b>	<b>3</b>
1.1 Integral representations of the solutions . . . . .	3
1.2 Some facts from the theory of normal forms . . . . .	7
<b>2 The Cauchy Problem with Constant Coefficients</b>	<b>11</b>
2.1 Geometric description . . . . .	11
2.2 General form of integrals . . . . .	14
<b>3 Further investigation of singularities</b>	<b>16</b>
3.1 Non-degenerated singular point . . . . .	16
3.2 Singular point of $A_k$ type . . . . .	18
<b>4 The Cauchy Problem with Variable Coefficients</b>	<b>21</b>
4.1 Geometric description . . . . .	21
4.2 Investigation of integrals . . . . .	22
<b>5 Examples</b>	<b>26</b>

## Introduction

The present paper is written in the framework of analysis of differential equations on complex manifolds. This theory originated by the classical works of Jean Leray [1] — [6] at present have its further development in a set of works by Boris Sternin and Victor Shatalov (see [7] and the bibliography therein). In particular, for differential equation with constant coefficients it allows to obtain explicit solution in form of parameter-dependent integral with the help of an integral transform of ramifying analytic functions introduced by Boris Sternin and Victor Shatalov (see [7] — [10]).

In case of equation with variable coefficients, clearly, there is no possibility to present an exact formula for solutions. However, it is possible to obtain an asymptotics of solutions near its singular<sup>1</sup> points. Such asymptotics have the form of parameter-dependent integrals over some cycles (homology classes) of the corresponding complex spaces (see [7], [11]).

Clearly (this concerns the case of constant coefficients as well), one should like to obtain more explicit expressions for asymptotic expansions of solutions (say, in

---

<sup>1</sup>Singular points arising in this theory are as a rule ramification points of a solution.

the form of Puiseux series). This paper is aimed at writing out such formulas at least in generic position. To this end, since solutions to Cauchy problems are, as a rule, ramifying, such an investigation must include the description of the Riemannian structure of solutions. This can be done in terms of normal forms, and the investigation can be naturally accomplished within the framework of the theory of singularities [12], [13] and given paper is devoted to this theme.

# 1 Preliminary Results

## 1.1 Integral representations of the solutions

The main tool of investigation of solutions to differential equations on complex manifolds is the integral representation given in [7]. To make the presentation in this paper self-contained, let us make a short description of corresponding representation for solution to the Cauchy problem with constant coefficients.

1. Let  $f(x) = f(x^1, \dots, x^n)$  be a complex-analytic function,

$$X = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid s(x) = 0\}$$

be a complex algebraic manifold. Consider a linear differential operator of order  $m$  with constant coefficients

$$H\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) = \sum_{|\alpha|=m} a_\alpha \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\alpha,$$

where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  is a multiindex with integer  $\alpha_j$ s,  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$ , and

$$\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\alpha = \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}\right)^{\alpha_1} \cdots \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x^n}\right)^{\alpha_n}.$$

Consider the Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} H\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) u(x) = f(x), \\ u(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \text{ on } X, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where the comparizon in (1) means that the function  $u(x)$  has zero of order  $m$  on the manifold  $X$ . The solution to this problem may be represented in integral form (see [7]):

$$u(x) = (n-m-1)! \left(\frac{i}{2\pi}\right)^{n-1} \int_{h(x)} \operatorname{Res} \frac{f(y) dy \wedge \omega(p)}{H(p) (p(y-x))^{n-m}}, \quad n > m, \quad (2)$$

$$u(x) = \frac{(-1)^{m-n}}{(m-n)!} \left( \frac{i}{2\pi} \right)^{n-1} \int_{h_1(x)} \frac{f(y) (p(y-x))^{m-n} dy \wedge \omega(p)}{H(p)}, \quad n \leq m, \quad (3)$$

where  $\omega(p)$  is Leray's form

$$\omega(p) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^j p_j dp_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dp_j} \wedge \dots \wedge dp_n,$$

and

$$p(y-x) = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j (y^j - x^j).$$

The homology classes  $h(x)$  and  $h_1(x)$  involved in the integrals on the right in (2) and (3) can be described as follows. The class

$$h(x) \in H_{2n-2}(\Sigma_x \setminus \text{char } H, X)$$

is a homology class in the space  $\mathbf{C}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1,p}$  coinciding with the vanishing cycle of the complex quadrics  $(\Sigma_x, \Sigma_x \cap X)$  for  $x$  close to  $X$  (one can show that the intersection  $\Sigma_x \cap X$  is biholomorphic to a complex quadrics for such values of  $x$ ). The class

$$h_1(x) \in H_{2n-1}(\mathbf{C}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1,p} \setminus \text{char } H, \Sigma_x \cup X)$$

is now defined as a solution to the equation

$$\partial h_1(x) = h(x),$$

where

$$\partial : H_{2n-2}(\Sigma_x \setminus \text{char } H, X) \rightarrow H_{2n-1}(\mathbf{C}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1,p} \setminus \text{char } H)$$

is the Bokstein homomorphism. In the latter formulas we used the following notation:

$$\Sigma_x = \{(y, p) \in \mathbf{C}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1,p} \mid p(y-x) = 0\},$$

$$\text{char } H = \{(y, p) \in \mathbf{C}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1,p} \mid H(p) = 0\},$$

and  $X$  is the lifting of initial manifold to the space  $\mathbf{C}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1,p}$ . We remark that near any noncharacteristic point  $x$  of the initial data manifold the solution  $u(x)$  to problem (1) belongs to function space  $\mathcal{A}_m$  (see [7]). The latter means that there exist a constant  $C$  such that

$$|u(x)| \leq C |s(x)|^m.$$

Near a noncharacteristic point of  $X$ , the solution to Cauchy problem (1) in the integral form (2), (3) can be expanded in a series in integer degrees of  $x$  (the Taylor formula). On the contrary, it is clear that in the neighborhood of a characteristic point there exists no such expansion. So, the problem of obtaining an asymptotic expansion for solutions to the Cauchy problem near characteristic points of the manifold  $X$  is of great interest.

The asymptotic expansions for solutions to the Cauchy problem can be solved with the help of classification of singularities of special contour integrals being the representation of the solution. For problem (1) this investigation can be naturally split into the following three subproblems:

- To construct normal forms of sets  $X$ ,  $\Sigma_x$  and  $\text{char } H$  included in representations (2), (3).
- To obtain normal forms of integrals (2), (3).
- To investigate singularities of obtained normal forms of integrals and point out possible types of ramification.

2. Let us consider now the Cauchy problem with variable coefficients:

$$\begin{cases} H(x, -\partial/\partial x)u(x) = f(x), \\ u(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \text{ on } X, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where function  $f$  is holomorphic,

$$X = \{x \in \mathbf{C}^n \mid s(x) = 0\}$$

is a complex algebraic manifold, and

$$H\left(x, -\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^\alpha$$

is a differential operator with variable holomorphic coefficients  $a_\alpha(x)$ . The asymptotic expansion of the solution to problem (4) can be written down (see [7]) in the form integrals similar to that involved in representations (2), (3), but with different phase function and with some amplitude function not equal to 1, namely

$$u(x) = 2\pi i \left(\frac{i}{2\pi}\right)^{n-1} \int_{h(x)} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial q_0}\right)^{n-m} G(x, q, t) \Big|_{q=y=0} f(y) \omega(t, q') \wedge dy, \quad (5)$$

In the latter formula we have used the following notation:

i) The variables  $q$ ,  $q'$ , and  $t$  belong to the spaces

$$q = (q_0, q_1, \dots, q_n) \in \mathbf{C}_q^{n+1}, \quad q' = (q_1, \dots, q_n) \in \mathbf{C}_{q'}^n \text{ and } t \in \mathbf{C}_t,$$

and  $qy = q_0 + q_1y^1 + \dots + q_ny^n$ .

ii)  $\omega(t, q')$  is modified Leray form

$$\omega(t, q') = (1 - m)t dq_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dq_n - dt \wedge \tilde{\omega}(q'),$$

where

$$\tilde{\omega}(q') = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{j-1} q_j dq_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{dq_j} \wedge \dots \wedge dq_n.$$

iii) The function  $G(x, q, t)$  is an *elementary solution* to problem 4 (see [7], [14]). This solution has the form

$$G(x, q, t) = \sum_{k=-1}^{\infty} a_k(x, q', t) f_{k+1}(q_0 + S(x, q', t)), \quad (6)$$

where  $a_k(x, q, t)$  is some holomorphic amplitude function and  $\{f_k(z)\}$  is the following Ludwig sequence<sup>2</sup> ([15]):

$$f_j(z) = \begin{cases} (-1)^{j-1} \frac{(-j-1)!}{z^j}, & j < 0, \\ \frac{z^j}{j!} (\ln z - c_j), & j \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where

$$c_j = \begin{cases} 0, & j = 0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^j 1/i, & j \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

iv) If the operator  $(\partial/\partial q_0)^{n-m}$  has negative power  $n < m$ , then by definition

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial q_0} \right)^{-1} \sum a_k f_k = \sum a_k f_{k+1},$$

and operators  $(\partial/\partial q_0)$ ,  $(\partial/\partial q_0)^{-1}$  are obviously inverse to each other on the set of functions representable in the form (6).

---

<sup>2</sup>A function sequence  $f_k(z)$  is called a *Ludwig sequence* if it is closed under differentiation:  $f'_j(z) = f_{j-1}(z)$ .

v) The function  $S(x, q', t)$  is a solution to a special Cauchy problem for the Hamilton-Jacobi equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial S(x, q', t)}{\partial t} + H\left(x, \frac{\partial S(x, q', t)}{\partial x}\right) = 0 \\ S(x, q', 0) = q_1 x^1 + \dots + q_n x^n = q' x. \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

To describe the class  $h(x)$ , we introduce the set of singularities of the integrand in (5):

$$\Sigma_x = \{(q', t, y) | S(x, q', t) - q'y = 0\}. \quad (9)$$

Then  $h(x)$  is a relative homology class

$$h(x) \in H_{2n}(\mathbf{C}_t \times \mathbf{CP}_{q'}^n \times \mathbf{C}_y^n \setminus \Sigma_x, X \cup \{t = 0\}). \quad (10)$$

More precisely,  $h(x)$  is to be a homology class on the Riemannian surface of elementary solution  $G(x, q, t)$  ramifying along  $\Sigma_x$  logarithmically. The detailed description of  $h(x)$  the reader will find in Subsection 4.2 below.

## 1.2 Some facts from the theory of normal forms

The notion of monodromy naturally arises in the investigation of ramification of parameter-dependent integrals. Suppose that on a level set  $G_z = \{g(y) = z\}$  of some function  $g(y)$  a homology class  $\sigma(y)$  is defined, and in the plane  $\mathbf{C}$  with the coordinate  $z$  some path  $\gamma$  is given. Then the analytic continuation of integral

$$\int_{\sigma(y)} \omega$$

along path  $\gamma$  can be found in the form of the integral

$$\int_{M_\gamma \sigma} \omega,$$

where the monodromy operator  $M_\gamma$  is an automorphism of homology groups of the set  $G_z$  onto itself along path  $\gamma$ .

Let us now introduce some facts from the theory of normal forms (see, for example, [13]) that will be used in the sequel for investigation of singularities of parameter-dependent integrals in question.

Let

$$g : M^n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$$

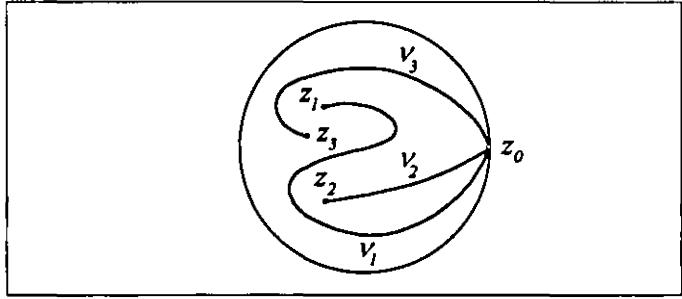


Figure 1. Marked set of cycles

be a holomorphic function defined on  $n$ -dimensional complex manifold  $M$ , and  $U$  be some contractible compact domain in the plane  $\mathbf{C}$ . As above, we denote the level set of the function  $g$  by  $G_z = g^{-1}(z)$  and fix some non-critical value  $z_0 \in \partial U$  on the boundary of the domain  $U$ .

**Definition 1** A set of cycles  $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_\mu$  from  $(n-1)$ -dimensional homology group  $H_{n-1}(G_{z_0})$  together with the set of paths  $v_1, \dots, v_\mu$  connecting the base point  $z_0$  with critical points  $z_1, \dots, z_\mu$  is called *the marked set of cycles* if it the following three conditions are fulfilled:

- for any  $i = 1, \dots, \mu$  the cycle  $\Delta_i$  is a vanishing cycle along the path  $v_i$ ;
- any two different paths  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  have the only common point  $v_i(1) = v_j(1) = z_0$ ;
- the paths  $v_1, \dots, v_\mu$  are enumerated in accordance with the order, in which they enter into point  $z_0$  counterclockwise, beginning from the boundary  $\partial U$  of domain  $U$  (see Fig. 1).

The matrix of intersection numbers for marked set of cycles (this set forms a basis in corresponding homology group) defines the monodromy group of the singularity. There exist a number of ways to describe intersection numbers of cycles. We shall use below the so-called *D-diagrams* (*Dynkin's diagrams*, [13]). To define *D*-diagrams we need the notion of stabilization.

**Definition 2** [13]. Let

$$g(x) : (\mathbf{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbf{C}, 0)$$

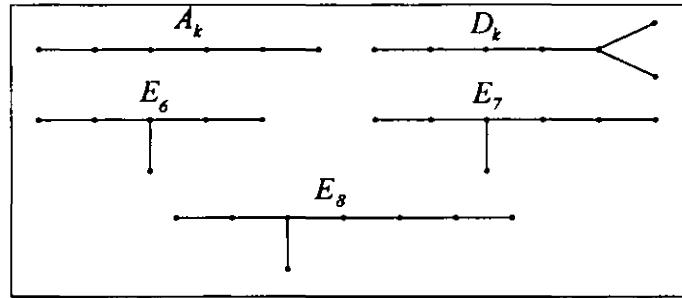


Figure 2. Diagrams of singularities

be a germ of holomorphic function. For any integer  $m$  a germ of function

$$g(x) + \sum_{j=1}^m t_i^2 : (\mathbb{C}^{n+m}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, 0)$$

is called a *stabilization* of germ  $g(x)$ .

**Definition 3** [13]. *D-diagram* is a graph satisfying the following two conditions:

- nodes of graph are in one-to-one correspondence with elements  $\Delta_i$  of marked base of homology group of level manifold considered for stabilization of the initial function with number of variables equal to  $N \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ;
- $i$ -th and  $j$ -th nodes of graph are connected by edge of order  $\langle \Delta_i, \Delta_j \rangle$ , where by  $\langle , \rangle$  we denote the intersection number; edges of negative order are shown by dotted lines.

For simple singularities the following theorem holds (see [13, p. 75]):

**Theorem 1** *For simple singularities of the types*

$$\begin{aligned} & A_k (x^{k+1} + \sum t_i^2), \\ & D_k (x^2y + y^{k-1} + \sum t_i^2), \\ & E_6 (x^3 + y^4 + \sum t_i^2), \\ & E_7 (x^3 + xy^3 + \sum t_i^2), \\ & E_8 (x^3 + y^5 + \sum t_i^2) \end{aligned}$$

there exist marked bases of vanishing cycles, for that intersection numbers are given by D-diagrams shown on Figure 2.

Having intersection numbers of vanishing cycles for stabilization with some fixed numbers of variables, one can easily calculate intersection numbers for stabilization of any number of variables with the help of the following proposition (see [13, p. 46]):

**Theorem 2** *If  $\{\Delta_i\}$ - marked base of cycles in homology group of non-singular level manifold for singularity  $g(x)$ , then there exists a marked base  $\{\tilde{\Delta}_i\}$  for singularity  $g(x) + \sum_{j=1}^m t_j^2$  such that the matrix of intersection numbers is defined by the relation*

$$\langle \tilde{\Delta}_i, \tilde{\Delta}_j \rangle = [\operatorname{sgn}(j-i)]^m (-1)^{nm + \frac{m(m-1)}{2}} \langle \Delta_i, \Delta_j \rangle,$$

and marked bases  $\{\Delta_i\}$ ,  $\{\tilde{\Delta}_i\}$  correspond to the same sets of paths connecting critical and non-critical values of functions  $\tilde{g}(x)$ ,  $\tilde{g}(x) + \sum_{j=1}^m t_j^2$ .

Consider now a holomorphic function

$$h(y) : \mathbf{C}_y^n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$$

with an isolated critical point and let

$$\tilde{h} : \mathbf{C}_y^n \times \mathbf{C}_x^k \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$$

be its deformation, that is  $\tilde{h}(y, 0) = h(y)$ . Let some complex plane be chosen in parameter space  $\mathbf{CP}_x^k$  which is not contained in the set of critical values  $\sigma$  of the function  $\tilde{h}(x, y)$ . Then intersection of the plane and set of critical values is discrete. Denote by  $t$  a holomorphic coordinate on the plane with the origin in point of intersection. In a small neighborhood of the selected point let us consider a sector  $a \leq \arg t \leq b$ . For any  $t \neq 0$  in this sector one can choose a base

$$\Delta_1(t), \dots, \Delta_\mu(t)$$

in homologies of local non-singular level hypersurface of function  $\tilde{h}$ . Let a form  $\omega$  be a holomorphic  $(n-1)$ -form in  $\mathbf{CP}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_x^k$  near the origin. In the sector introduced above we consider the vector-function

$$I(t) = \left( \int_{\Delta_1(t)} \omega, \dots, \int_{\Delta_\mu(t)} \omega \right).$$

The following theorem is valid (see [13], [16]).

**Theorem 3** *The function  $I(t)$  admits the expansion into the series*

$$\sum_{\alpha,k} a_{k,\alpha} t^\alpha (\ln t)^k$$

*convergent for sufficiently small in module value of the parameter. The numbers  $\alpha$  are rational and non-negative. For every  $\alpha$  involved in the latter expansion the number  $\exp(2\pi i\alpha)$  is an eigenvalue of the classical monodromy operator. The coefficients  $a_{k,\alpha}$  are vectors in  $\mathbf{C}^n$  such that  $a_{k,0} = 0$  for any  $k > 0$ , and  $a_{k,\alpha} = 0$  when Jordan form of classical monodromy operator has no blocks of dimension more than  $k$  with the eigenvalue  $\exp(2\pi i\alpha)$ .*

## 2 The Cauchy Problem with Constant Coefficients

### 2.1 Geometric description

The following two sections are aimed at the consideration of the Cauchy problem (1) with constant coefficients.

As it was mentioned in the previous section, solutions to Cauchy problem in question can be written down in the form of integral representations (2), (3). The integrand in both these representations is a differential form on the space  $\mathbf{C}_x^n \times \mathbf{C}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1,p}$ . We remark that, since  $X$  is an algebraic manifold, it can be lifted into the space  $\mathbf{CP}_y^n$  as an analytic set. This allows one to use the Thom theorem (see, e. g., [17]) for investigation of singularities of solutions to (1). More precisely, to apply the Thom theorem, one has only to compactify the space  $\mathbf{C}_y^n$ .

Denote by

$$\Sigma_x = \{p(y - x) = 0\} \in \mathbf{C}_x^n \times \mathbf{CP}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1,p}$$

and

$$\text{char } H = \{H(p) = 0\} \in \mathbf{C}_x^n \times \mathbf{CP}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1,p}$$

the zero sets of the denominator in the representation (2), and by  $X$  the lifting of the initial set to  $\mathbf{C}_x^n \times \mathbf{CP}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1,p}$  (we remark that all these sets included in the definition of cycles  $h(x)$  and  $h_1(x)$  are well-defined in this space).

Consider the natural projection

$$\mathbf{C}_x^n \times \mathbf{CP}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1,p} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_x^n,$$

that determines (in general, not locally trivial) bundle

$$\Sigma_x \setminus (\text{char } H \cup X) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_x^n. \quad (11)$$

Later on, bundle (11) induces the projection of the space  $T_x(\Sigma_x \setminus (\text{char } H \cup X))$  to the base space  $\mathbf{C}_x^n$ :

$$T_x(\Sigma_x \setminus (\text{char } H \cup X)) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_x^n.$$

Let  $L \subset \mathbf{C}_x^n$  be a set of points in the base of bundle (11) such that the rank of the latter projection degenerates. Then, due to the Thom theorem, bundle (11) is locally trivial in a sufficiently small neighborhood of any point  $x \in \mathbf{C}_x^n \setminus L$  and, hence, all singularities of integrals (2), (3) lie in set  $L$ .

Geometrically, it means that singularities of the solution to problem (1) occur for values of  $x$  such that the manifold  $\Sigma_x$  is tangent to some stratum of the union of initial and characteristic sets  $X \cup \text{char } H$ . We distinguish the following four cases:

- $\Sigma_x$  is tangent to  $\text{char } H$ . The tangency condition has the form

$$(x - y)dp - p dy = \lambda \frac{\partial H(p)}{\partial p} dp$$

for a constant  $\lambda$ . One can easily see that it holds just for  $p = 0$ . However, this is impossible since  $p \in \mathbf{CP}_{n-1,p}$ . So, this case does not contribute to the singularity set of the solution.

- $\Sigma_x$  is tangent to  $X$  and not to  $X \cap \text{char } H$ . The direct computation shows that this is possible iff  $x$  is a noncharacteristic point of  $X$ . However, as it follows from the Cauchy-Kowalewski theorem, integrals (2) and (3) are holomorphic for such values of  $x$  (see, for instance, [18]). On the other hand one can give a direct proof of the assertion that integrals (2) and (3) are holomorphic at such a point. Namely, the tangency condition

$$(x - y)dp - p dy = \lambda \frac{\partial s(y)}{\partial y} dy$$

gives

$$x = y \quad \text{and} \quad p = -\lambda \frac{\partial s(y)}{\partial y},$$

that is,  $x \in X$  and  $p$  is a covector of  $X$  in the tangency point. Later on, the integration cycle  $h(x)$  is the vanishing cycle of the quadrics  $\Sigma_x \cap X$  of dimension  $2n - 2$ . The self-intersection number  $\langle h, h \rangle$  equals zero for given dimension of  $h(x)$ . According to Picard-Lefschetz theory [19] for quadric singularity the vanishing cycle variation vanishes:

$$\text{var } h(x) = (-1)^{(2n-2)(2n-1)/2} \langle h, h \rangle h = 0,$$

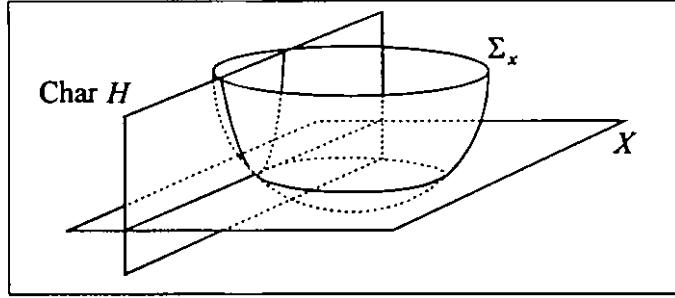


Figure 3.  $\Sigma_x$  contacts  $X \cap \text{char } H$  and not contacts  $X$

which means that there is no ramification at the point in question. Since  $u(x) \in A_m$  with  $m > -1$ , and (2) is a single-valued function, integral (2) is holomorphic due to the removed singularity theorem. As it will be shown below integral (3) can be evaluated via derivatives of integral (2) with respect to  $x$ , whence it follows that integral (3) is also holomorphic.

- $\Sigma_x$  is tangent both to  $X$  and  $X \cap \text{char } H$ . The straightforward computations show that this is possible iff  $x$  is a characteristic point of the initial manifold  $X$ . This case was investigated by Jean Leray [1], [6] with the help of the uniformization of the Cauchy problem.
- $\Sigma_x$  is tangent to  $X \cap \text{char } H$  and not to  $X$ . Integrals (2), (3) do have singularities for such type of tangency. The geometric explanation of this fact is that cycles of integration  $h(x)$  and  $h_1(x)$  are covanishing cycles and their variation does not vanish. The simplified representation of this case is shown on Figure 3.

## 2.2 General form of integrals

Let us show that for investigation of singularities of the solution of the problem (1) it is sufficient to examine integral (2).

Let  $x$  be a point where the solution  $u(x)$  is regular and let  $m = n$ . One can easily check that derivatives of function  $u(x)$  are given by

$$\frac{\partial u(x)}{\partial x^j} = \left( \frac{i}{2\pi} \right)^{n-1} \int_{h(x)} \text{Res} \frac{p_j f(y) dy \wedge \omega(p)}{H(p)(p(y-x))},$$

due to representation (3) and the identity  $\partial h_1(x) = h(x)$ . If  $m > n$ , then the equality

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^{m-n} u(x)}{\partial x^{j_1} \dots \partial x^{j_{m-n}}} &= \\ &= \left( \frac{i}{2\pi} \right)^{n-1} \int_{h_1(x)} \frac{p_{j_1} \dots p_{j_{m-n}} f(y) (p(y-x))^{m-n} dy \wedge \omega(p)}{H(p)}, \end{aligned}$$

holds, which allows to write down integral representation for derivatives of the solution

$$\frac{\partial^{m-n+1} u(x)}{\partial x^{j_1} \dots \partial x^{j_{m-n+1}}} = \left( \frac{i}{2\pi} \right)^{n-1} \int_{h(x)} \text{Res} \frac{p_{j_1} \dots p_{j_{m-n+1}} f(y) dy \wedge \omega(p)}{H(p) (p(y-x))},$$

for any  $m \geq n$ . Next, if function  $u(x)$  is regular along some path connecting points  $a$  and  $x$  then

$$\frac{\partial^k u}{\partial x^{j_1} \dots \partial x^{j_k}}(x) = \frac{\partial^k u}{\partial x^{j_1} \dots \partial x^{j_k}}(a) + \int_a^x \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^{k+1} u}{\partial x^{j_1} \dots \partial x^{j_k} \partial x^i}(y) dy^i.$$

By that, singularities of the solution are expressed by singularities of its first derivatives, singularities of first derivatives are expressed by singularities of second derivatives, and so on. Hence, the investigation of singularities of the solution of problem (1) is reduced to the investigation of integrals of the form

$$\int_{h(x)} \text{Res} \frac{\tilde{f}(y) dy \wedge \omega(p)}{H(p) (p(y-x))^N}, \quad N = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (12)$$

with some holomorphic function  $\tilde{f}(y)$ .

In space  $\mathbf{CP}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1,p}$ , we have three manifolds  $\Sigma_x$ ,  $X$  and  $\text{char } H$  defining the integratiion cycle  $h(x)$ . On the other hand, as it follows from definition of representation (2), one can see that  $h(x) \subset \Sigma_x$ . Let us use this fact and restrict integral (12) to  $\Sigma_x$  for its investigation. Evidently, the class  $h(x)$  on  $\Sigma_x$  is now defined by two manifolds  $\Sigma_x \cap X$  and  $\Sigma_x \cap \text{char } H$ , and the singularities of integral (12) are originated by their tangency. Under the requirement that  $X$  and  $\text{char } H$  are regular manifolds, the intersections  $\Sigma_x \cap X$  and  $\Sigma_x \cap \text{char } H$  are also regular (supposing  $\Sigma_x \cap X$  and  $\Sigma_x \cap \text{char } H$  are not tangent to each other), and one can use coordinates

$z = (z_0, \dots, z_{2n-2})$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_x \cap X &= \{z_0 = 0\}, \\ \Sigma_x \cap \text{char } H &= \{z_0 = \Phi(z_1, \dots, z_{2n-2}, x)\}.\end{aligned}$$

Now critical points of function  $\Phi$  can be classified according to standard methods (see [12]) and normal form of  $\Phi$  can be obtained for every concrete critical point type.

The calculation of the residue in formula (12) gives

$$\text{Res} \frac{\tilde{f}(y) dy \wedge \omega(p)}{H(p)(p(y-x))^N} = \frac{\Omega(y, p)}{H(p)^N},$$

with some regular form  $\Omega(y, p)$ . The latter formula together with the Taylor expansion of the form  $\Omega$  allows us to expand integral (12) in a series

$$\sum_j \sum_{\alpha} C_j^{\alpha} \int_{h(x)} \frac{z^j}{(z_0 - \Phi(z', x))^l} \tilde{\omega}_{\alpha}(z).$$

Here and below we use the following notation:

$$\begin{aligned}z &= (z_0, z') \text{ where } z' = (z_1, \dots, z_{2n-2}), \\ z^j &= (z_0)^{j_0} \dots (z_{2n-2})^{j_{2n-2}},\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\tilde{\omega}_{\alpha}(z) = dz_0 \wedge \dots \wedge d\hat{z}_{\alpha} \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{2n-2}.$$

The obtained expansion leads us to the investigation of singularities of the integrals

$$I_j^{\alpha, l} = \int_{h(x)} \frac{z^j}{(z_0 - \Phi(z', x))^l} \tilde{\omega}_{\alpha}(z). \quad (13)$$

After the change of variables that brings function  $\Phi(z', x)$  to the normal form, the equation of the manifold  $\Sigma_x \cap \text{char } H$  takes the form  $z_0 = g(z', \lambda)$ , where  $g(z', \lambda)$  is a *versal deformation* (see [13, p. 67]) for a normal form of the corresponding singularity type, and  $\lambda = \lambda(x)$  is new parameters of integral (13). Here and below we use the same notation  $z$  for variables of integration assuming that integral (13) is already normalized. Since a versal deformation function  $g(z', \lambda)$  has an absolute term  $\lambda_0$ , the equality holds:

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_0} \right)^{l-1} \int_{h(\lambda)} \frac{z^j}{z_0 - g(z', \lambda)} \tilde{\omega}_{\alpha}(z) = (-1)^{l-1} (l-1)! I_j^{\alpha, l}(x).$$

From this, it follows that the singularities of integral (13) coincide with singularities of the integral

$$\int_{h(\lambda)} \frac{z^j}{z_0 - g(z', \lambda)} \tilde{\omega}_\alpha(z). \quad (14)$$

The latter integral is an integral over a relative cycle homeomorphic to the covanishing cycle from the group  $H_{2n-2}^{(f)}(\Sigma_x \setminus (\text{char } H \cap \Sigma_x))$  in sufficiently small neighborhood of the tangency point of manifolds  $\Sigma_x \cap \text{char } H$  and  $\Sigma_x \cap X$ . It is easier to use integrals over an absolute cycle, therefore we reduce integral (14) to the form

$$I_j^\alpha(\lambda) = \int_{\Delta(\lambda)} \frac{z^j \ln z_0}{z_0 - g(z', \lambda)} \tilde{\omega}_\alpha(z), \quad (15)$$

in small sector up to the factor  $1/(2\pi i)$ . Here the cycle  $\Delta(\lambda)$  is constructed as the union of two copies of a representative of the class  $h(\lambda)$  lying on different sheets of the Riemannian surface of the integrand and having opposite orientation. This cycle can be treated as a representative of an absolute homology class in the space

$$\Delta(\lambda) \in H_{2n-2}(\Sigma_x \setminus (\text{char } H \cup X) \cap \Sigma_x)$$

(the similar construction was used in [20, p. 154].)

### 3 Further investigation of singularities

#### 3.1 Non-degenerated singular point

To begin with, let us consider the non-degenerated singularity  $A_1$ , for which the manifolds  $\Sigma_x \cap \text{char } H$  and  $\Sigma_x \cap X$  have the quadratic tangency. This means that the function  $g(z', \lambda)$  from integral (15) has a non-degenerated second differential and the normal forms for the manifolds  $\Sigma_x \cap \text{char } H$  and  $\Sigma_x \cap X$  are

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_x \cap X &= \{z_0 = 0\}, \\ \Sigma_x \cap \text{char } H &= \{z_0 = (z_1)^2 + \dots + (z_{2n-2})^2 + \lambda_0\}. \end{aligned}$$

In this case integral (15) can be rewritten as

$$I_j^\alpha(\lambda) = \int_{\Delta(\lambda)} \frac{z^j \ln z_0}{z_0 - (z')^2 - \lambda_0} \tilde{\omega}_\alpha(z),$$

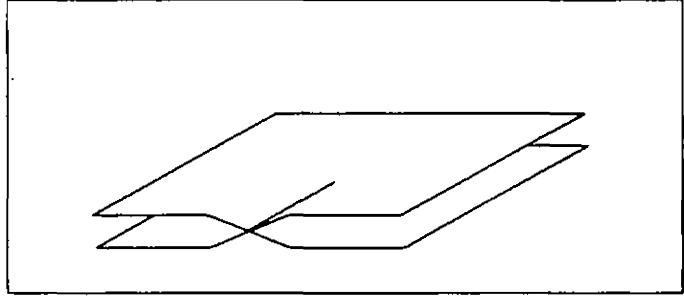


Figure 4. Singularity  $A_1$

where

$$(z')^2 = (z_1)^2 + \dots + (z_{2n-2})^2.$$

This integral has singularity for  $\lambda_0 = 0$  only. The monodromy operator for the integration cycle  $\Delta(\lambda)$  (and, hence, for integral (15)) is completely defined by its self-intersection number. Non-critical level manifold is diffeomorphic to fibre space of disks of tangent bundle for  $(2n - 2)$ -dimensional sphere. Therefore, if this manifold is oriented in accordance with structure of tangent bundle to a sphere, the self-intersection number of vanishing cycle in this manifold equals the Euler characteristic of the sphere

$$\chi(S^{2n-2}) = 1 + (-1)^{2n-2} = 2,$$

and, in considered dimension,

$$\langle \Delta, \Delta \rangle = (-1)^{(2n-2)(2n-3)/2} \chi(S^{2n-2}) = (-1)^{n-1} 2.$$

As it follows from Picard-Lefschetz theorem [13], the action of the monodromy operator corresponding to encircling the critical value  $\lambda_0 = 0$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} M\Delta &= \Delta + (-1)^n \langle \Delta, \Delta \rangle \Delta = -\Delta, \\ MM\Delta &= -\Delta - (-1)^n \langle \Delta, \Delta \rangle \Delta = \Delta, \end{aligned}$$

and monodromy operator corresponds to a one-cell matrix  $M = -1$  having a single eigenvalue  $\exp(2\pi i)$ . Thus, non-degenerated singularity  $A_1$  is a singularity of square root type, the Riemannian surface of integral (15) is that of square root (Figure 4). In accordance with theorem 2 from section 1.2 on asymptotic expansion of an integral, integral (15) can be expanded in a series

$$\sum_j a_j \lambda_0^{(2j+1)/2}$$

in the neighborhood of such singular point. In the book [13, p. 205] it is shown that the summation is carried only over non-negative  $j$  for singularity of square root type.

### 3.2 Singular point of $A_k$ type

The singularity  $A_1$  examined in previous section is one of the series  $A_k$  (see [12], [13]). For any  $k > 1$  not only first but also the second differential of the function  $g(z', \lambda)$  from (15) is degenerated, so the situation is a more complicated one. Let us consider singularities  $A_k$  in detail.

The manifolds  $\Sigma_x \cap \text{char } H$  and  $\Sigma_x \cap X$  have the following normal forms:

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_x \cap X &= \{z_0 = 0\}, \\ \Sigma_x \cap \text{char } H &= \{z_0 = (z_1)^{k+1} + \lambda_{k-1}(z_1)^{k-1} + \dots + \lambda_1 z_1 + \\ &\quad + (z_2)^2 + \dots + z_{2n-2}^2 + \lambda_0\}.\end{aligned}$$

The function

$$(z_1)^{k+1} + \lambda_{k-1}(z_1)^{k-1} + \dots + \lambda_1 z_1 + (z_2)^2 + \dots + z_{2n-2}^2$$

has  $k$  critical points and critical values, which can be easily computed for every concrete  $k$ . For instance, when  $k = 2$  one can obtain two critical points

$$z_1 = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{\lambda_1}{3}}, \quad z_2 = \dots = z_{2n-2} = 0,$$

with the critical values

$$\lambda_0 = \pm \frac{2\lambda_1}{3} \sqrt{-\frac{\lambda_1}{3}}.$$

The critical values of the parameters  $\lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_1$  for  $k = 2$  are shown on Figure 5. Every critical value  $w_j$  is attached with the vanishing cycle

$$\Delta_j \in H_{2n-2}(\Sigma_x \setminus (\text{char } H \cap \Sigma_x)),$$

that vanishes along the path from critical value  $w_j$  to some non-critical value. From the theorem about matrix of intersection numbers (see section 1.2) follows that there exists a marked base of vanishing cycles  $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_k$  for which the intersection numbers in our dimension are given by the formulas

$$\begin{aligned}<\Delta_i, \Delta_i> &= (-1)^{n-1} 2, \quad i = 1, \dots, k \\ <\Delta_i, \Delta_{i+1}> &= (-1)^n, \quad i = 1, \dots, k-1, \\ <\Delta_i, \Delta_j> &= 0, \quad |i - j| > 1.\end{aligned}$$

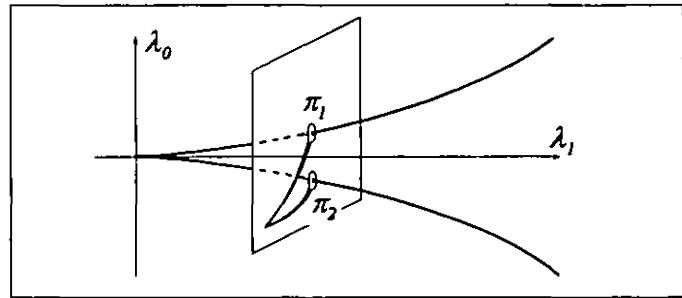


Figure 5. Critical values of parameters for  $A_2$

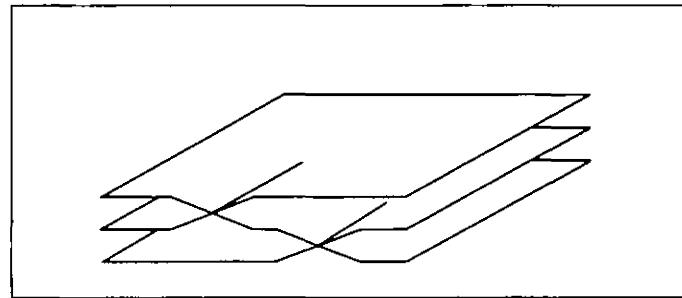


Figure 6. Singularity  $A_2$

Therefore, one can obtain the monodromy operators  $M_j$  corresponding to encircling the critical values  $w_j$ . For instance, for  $k = 2$  we have

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and the loops  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$ , encircling the corresponding critical points are shown on Figure 5. Further, for  $k = 3$

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In general case we obtain  $k$  matrices defined by

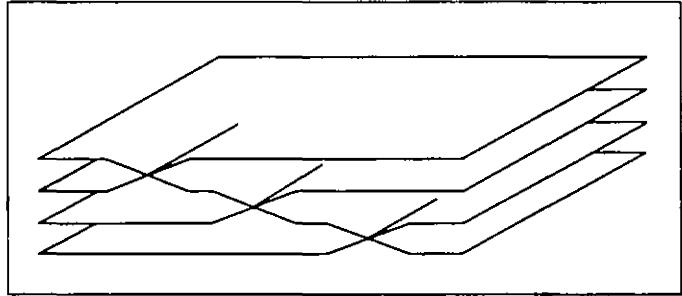


Figure 7. Singularity  $A_3$

$$M_j = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad j = 1, \dots, k,$$

where  $-1$  is placed in  $j$ -th row and  $j$ -th column of matrix  $M_j$ . Clearly, for investigating the action of the monodromy on the cycle  $\Delta$ , that is, on the vector  $(c_1, \dots, c_k)$  of coefficients from expansion

$$\Delta = \sum_{j=1}^k c_j \Delta_j,$$

one have to use transposed matrices. Keeping this fact in mind, for singularity  $A_2$  one can obtain

$$(M_1^T)^2 = (M_2^T)^2 = (M_1^T M_2^T)^3 = (M_2^T M_1^T)^3 = E,$$

where  $E$  is the identity matrix. The latter relations for the monodromy matrices describe also the ramification of integral (15) in the case when the parameter  $\lambda_0$  encircles a critical value, and corresponding Riemannian surface is shown on Figure 6. For asymptotics of integral (15), it is also easy to see that operator of classical

monodromy  $M = M_1 M_2$  has two different eigenvalues  $\exp(\pm\pi i/3)$ . Now one can use theorem 2 from section 1.2.

The ramification of integral (15) for other  $k$  can be carried out in the similar way. For instance, the Riemannian surface for  $k = 3$  is shown on Figure 7.

## 4 The Cauchy Problem with Variable Coefficients

### 4.1 Geometric description

In the case when the Cauchy problem with variable coefficients is considered, its solution can be written down in the form of integral representation. So, to describe possible singularities of solutions to the Cauchy problem, one have to investigate the ramification of integrals of the form (5):

$$u(x) = 2\pi i \left( \frac{i}{2\pi} \right)^{n-1} \int_{h(x)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial q_0} \right)^{n-m} G(x, q, t) |_{q_y=0} f(y) \omega(t, q') \wedge dy,$$

with

$$h(x) \in H_{2n}(\mathbf{C}_t \times \mathbf{CP}_{q'}^n \times \mathbf{C}_y^n \setminus \Sigma_x, X \cup \{t = 0\}). \quad (16)$$

Similar to the case of constant coefficients, we consider the following three manifolds:

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \{(y, q', t) \mid s(x) = 0\}, \\ T &= \{(y, q', t) \mid t = 0\}, \\ \Sigma_x &= \{(y, q', t) \mid S(x, q', t) - q'y = 0\} \end{aligned}$$

involved in (16) (see formula (9) above) in the compactified space  $\mathbf{C}_x^n \times \mathbf{CP}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1, q'} \times \mathbf{C}_t$ . Consider the natural projection

$$\mathbf{C}_x^n \times \mathbf{CP}_y^n \times \mathbf{CP}_{n-1, q'} \times \mathbf{C}_t \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_x^n,$$

that induces a bundle

$$\Sigma_x \setminus (X \cup T) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_x^n. \quad (17)$$

Applying the Thom theorem to bundle (17) one can obtain a simple geometric sense of singular points: they are posited at points where the manifold  $\Sigma_x$  is tangent to a stratum from the union  $X \cup T$ .

There exist the same four types of tangency:

- $\Sigma_x$  is tangent to  $T$ . From the tangency conditions

$$\lambda dt = \frac{\partial S(x, q', t)}{\partial q'} dq' - y dq' + \frac{\partial S(x, q', t)}{\partial t} dt - q' dy,$$

it follows that  $q' = 0$ . Since  $q' \in \mathbf{CP}_{n-1, q'}$ , this case is excluded.

- $\Sigma_x$  is tangent to  $X$  and not to  $X \cap T$ . Due to the Cauchy-Kowalewski theorem the solution is holomorphic.
- $\Sigma_x$  is tangent to  $X$  and  $X \cap T$ . This case was investigated in terms of Leray's uniformisation (see [1], [6], [7]).
- $\Sigma_x$  is tangent to  $X \cap T$  and not to  $X$ . At such points  $x$  the solution to (4) has singularities, since these points lie in the characteristic conoid of initial manifold  $X$ .

So, geometrically there are no essential differences in investigation of singularities in cases of constant and variable coefficients.

## 4.2 Investigation of integrals

For the case of variable coefficients, the main difficulty is the definition of the homology class since the integrand in (5) is a ramifying function. Let us describe representation (5) in more detail. First of all, class (10) should be defined as a solution of equation

$$\partial h(x) = \delta h_1(x),$$

where  $\delta$  is the Leray coboundary homomorphism,  $\partial$  is the Bokstein homomorphism and

$$h_1(x) \in H_{2n-2}(\Sigma_x \cap T, X)$$

is a relative vanishing class of the quadrics  $\Sigma_x \cap T \cup X$ . One has to take into account that the class  $h(x)$  must be a homology class on the Riemannian surface of the elementary solution  $G(x, q, t)$  which ramifies around  $\Sigma_x$  logarithmically. However, the class  $\delta h_1(x)$  can not be lifted to this surface. Consider the homology class  $\tilde{\delta} h_1(x)$  defined by the cycle

$$\delta \gamma_1(x) + \gamma_2(x) - \gamma_3(x)$$

(see Fig. 8, where  $\gamma_1(x)$  is representative of  $h_1(x)$ ) as a homology class on universal covering of  $R \setminus \Sigma_x$ , whose projection to Riemannian surface  $R$  coincides with  $\delta h_1(x)$ . Now the equation

$$\partial h(x) = \tilde{\delta} h_1(x)$$

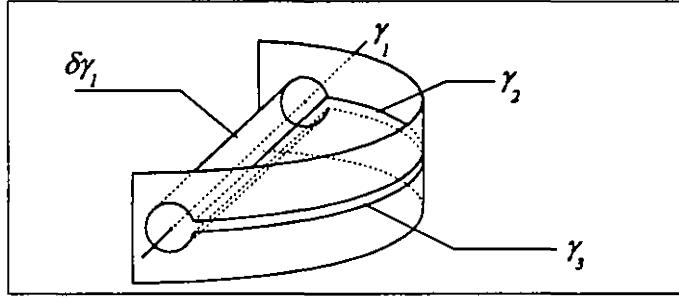


Figure 8. Construction of homology class  $h(x)$

is uniquely solvable with respect to  $h(x)$  and this solution is used in the integral (5).

Further, differentiating  $n - m$  times in  $q_0$  and substituting  $q_0 = -q'y$  one obtains

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \left( \frac{i}{2\pi} \right)^{n-1} \int_{h(x)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial q_0} \right)^{n-m} G(x, q, t) |_{qy=0} f(y) \omega(t, q') \wedge dy \\
 &= \left( \frac{i}{2\pi} \right)^{n-1} \left\{ \int_{h(x)} \frac{G_1(x, q, t)}{[S(x, q', t) - q'y]^{n-m+1}} f(y) \omega(t, q') \wedge dy \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \int_{h(x)} G_0(x, q, t) \ln(S(x, q', t) - q'y) f(y) \omega(t, q') \wedge dy \right\} \tag{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

(all manipulations with integral of the type (5) such as differentiation under the integral sign, integration by parts and so on can be performed formally.) Denote

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_2(x, q, t) &= \int_a^t G_0(x, q, \tau) d\tau, \\
 G_3(x, q, t) &= \int_b^{q_1} G_0(x, q_0, \tau, q_2, \dots, q_n, t) d\tau,
 \end{aligned}$$

where integrations are performed over regular paths. Then second term in right side

of (18) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{h(x)} \left\{ \frac{\partial G_3}{\partial q_1} (1-m) t d\mathbf{q}' - \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial t} dt \wedge \tilde{\omega}(\mathbf{q}') \right\} \wedge \ln(S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}', t) - q'y) f(y) dy \\ &= - \int_{h(x)} \left\{ G_3(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}, t) \left( \frac{\partial S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}', t)}{\partial q_1} - y_1 \right) (1-m) t d\mathbf{q}' - \right. \\ & \quad \left. G_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}, t) \frac{\partial S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}', t)}{\partial t} dt \wedge \tilde{\omega}(\mathbf{q}') \right\} \wedge \frac{f(y)}{S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}', y) - q'y} dy \end{aligned}$$

via integration by parts. The latter formula reduces the investigation of solution to the problem with variable coefficients to the investigation of integrals

$$\int_{h'(\mathbf{x})} \text{Res} \frac{\phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{q}, t) \omega}{[S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}', t) - q'y]^l}, \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, \quad (19)$$

where the class  $\delta h'(\mathbf{x})$  is a part of  $h(\mathbf{x})$  encircling  $\Sigma_x$ , and  $\omega$  is some regular form.

Since  $h'(\mathbf{x}) \in H_{2n-2}(\Sigma_x \cap T, X)$ , we can restrict the integrand in (19) on  $\Sigma_x$ . It is clear that the cycle  $h'(\mathbf{x})$  on  $\Sigma_x$  is now defined by two manifolds  $\Sigma_x \cap X$  and  $\Sigma_x \cap T$ , and the singularities of integral (12) arise when these two manifolds are tangent to each other. If  $X$  and  $\text{char } H$  are regular manifolds, the intersections  $\Sigma_x \cap X$  and  $\Sigma_x \cap T$  are also regular (if  $\Sigma_x \cap X$  is not tangent to  $\Sigma_x \cap T$ ), and one can choose coordinates  $\mathbf{z} = (z_0, \dots, z_{2n-1})$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_x \cap X &= \{z_0 = 0\}, \\ \Sigma_x \cap T &= \{z_0 = \Phi(z_1, \dots, z_{2n-1}, x)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now there are no essential differences from the case of constant coefficients. Critical points of function  $\Phi$  can be classified according to standard methods and a normal form of  $\Phi$  can be obtained.

Computing the residue in integral (19) and using the Taylor expansion of the amplitude function, we arrive at the formula

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{h'(\mathbf{x})} \text{Res} \frac{\phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{q}, t) \omega}{[S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}', t) - q'y]^l} = \int_{h'(\mathbf{x})} \Omega(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{q}, t) = \\ & \sum_j \sum_{\alpha} C_j^{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) \int_{h'(\mathbf{x})} z^j \tilde{\omega}_{\alpha}(z), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} z &= (z_0, z'), \quad z' = (z_1, \dots, z_{2n-1}), \\ j &= (j_0, \dots, j_{2n-1}), \\ z^j &= (z_0)^{j_0} \dots (z_{2n-1})^{j_{2n-1}}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\tilde{\omega}_\alpha(z) = dz_0 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dz_\alpha} \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{2n-1}.$$

By the latter expansion, we come to investigation of the integral

$$I_j^\alpha = \int_{h'(x)} z^j \tilde{\omega}_\alpha(z). \quad (20)$$

The change of variables transforming function  $\Phi(z', x)$  to normal form reduces the equation of the manifold  $\Sigma_x \cup T$  to the form  $z_0 = g(z', \lambda)$ , where  $g(z', \lambda)$  is a versal deformation for the normal form of the corresponding singularity type, and  $\lambda = \lambda(x)$  are new parameters of integral (20). Similar to Section 2 above, we can represent integral (20) in the form

$$I_j^\alpha(\lambda) = \int_{\Delta(\lambda)} z^j \ln z_0 \tilde{\omega}_\alpha(z), \quad (21)$$

in a small sector up to the factor  $1/(2\pi i)$  (see the end of Section 2.) Now the integration is carried over the cycle

$$\Delta(\lambda) \in H_{2n-1}(\Sigma_x \setminus (T \cup X)),$$

which determines a homology class in a non-critical level set of the function  $g(z', \lambda)$ .

All further investigation of integral (21) is quite similar to that for constant coefficients, as described in section 3 but one has to take into account different dimension of the class  $\Delta(\lambda)$ .

## 5 Examples

1. Consider the Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{(\partial x^1)^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{(\partial x^2)^2} = f(x^1, x^2), \\ u(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \text{ on } X \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

with a holomorphic function  $f(x)$ . The initial manifold  $X$  is given by

$$(x^1/a)^2 + (x^2/b)^2 = 1,$$

where  $a \neq b$ . The integral representations of the solution and its derivatives have the form

$$\begin{aligned} u(x^1, x^2) &= \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{h_1(x)} \frac{f(y) dy^1 \wedge dy^2 \wedge (p_1 dp_2 - p_2 dp_1)}{(p_1)^2 + (p_2)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^1}(x^1, x^2) &= \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{h(x)} \text{Res} \frac{p_1 f(y) dy^1 \wedge dy^2 \wedge (p_1 dp_2 - p_2 dp_1)}{((p_1)^2 + (p_2)^2)(p_1(y^1 - x^1) + p_2(y^2 - x^2))}, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^2}(x^1, x^2) &= \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{h(x)} \text{Res} \frac{p_2 f(y) dy^1 \wedge dy^2 \wedge (p_1 dp_2 - p_2 dp_1)}{((p_1)^2 + (p_2)^2)(p_1(y^1 - x^1) + p_2(y^2 - x^2))}. \end{aligned}$$

The characteristic set  $\text{char } H$  has three strata.

The stratum

$$A^1 = \{p_1 = p_2 = 0\}$$

is tangent to the initial manifold, so that we do not consider it.

Let us examine the stratum

$$A^2 = \{p_1 + ip_2 = 0 \setminus p_1 = p_2 = 0\}.$$

The tangency condition for the manifolds  $A^2|_{\Sigma_x}$  and  $X|_{\Sigma_x}$  at some point  $(y, p)$  is

$$\begin{cases} (y^2 - x^2) - i(y^1 - x^1) = 0, \\ (y^1/a)^2 + (y^2/b)^2 = 1, \\ y^2 a^2 - iy^1 b^2 = 0, \end{cases}$$

where the last equality expresses the proportionality of differentials. Resolving this system, one can find the singularity manifold

$$x^2 - ix^1 = \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}.$$

Later on, one can choose new variables  $z = (z_0, z_1, z_2)$  such that the manifold  $X|_{\Sigma_x}$  has the equation  $z_0 = 0$  and the manifold  $A^2|_{\Sigma_x}$  has the equation  $z_0 = (z_1)^2 + (z_2)^2 + \lambda(x)$  (in the case of square root type ramification). Such symmetric change does exist and does not lead to any essential modification in the investigation. Actually, the substitution  $z_0 = y^2 - iy^1 - x^2 + ix^1$  leads to the equation  $z_0 = 0$  for the manifold  $X|_{\Sigma_x}$  and, moreover, we obtain

$$A^2|_{\Sigma_x} = \{z_0 = (y^1/a)^2 + (y^2/b)^2 - 1 + y^2 - iy^1 - \lambda(x)\},$$

where  $\lambda(x) = x^2 - ix^1$ . Since the second differential of the function on the right in the latter equation is non-degenerated, the considered singularity is of  $A_1$  (square root) type at point  $\lambda(x) = \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}$  and the following expansions take place

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x^1} &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j^{(1)} (x^2 - ix^1)^{(2j+1)/2}, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^2} &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j^{(2)} (x^2 - ix^1)^{(2j+1)/2}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the solution of the Cauchy problem (22) in the neighborhood of the point

$$\lambda(x) = \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}$$

can be expanded into the series

$$u(x) = u(x_0) + \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^1}(y) dy^1 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^2}(y) dy^2 \cong \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} c_j (x^2 - ix^1)^{(2j+1)/2}.$$

Singularities originated by the stratum

$$A^3 = \{p_1 - ip_2 = 0 \setminus p_1 = p_2 = 0\}$$

can be investigated in the similar way, and one obtains the asymptotics near this singularity in the form

$$u(x) \cong \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} c_j (x^2 + ix^1)^{(2j+1)/2}.$$

**2.** Let us examine the problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{(\partial x^1)^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{(\partial x^2)^2} = f(x^1, x^2), \\ u(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \text{ on } X, \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

where a function  $f(x)$  is holomorphic and the initial manifold is defined by the equation

$$(x^1)^2 + (x^2)^2 = 1.$$

The corresponding integral representations for the solution and its derivatives are

$$\begin{aligned} u(x^1, x^2) &= \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{h_1(x)} \frac{f(y) dy^1 \wedge dy^2 \wedge (p_1 dp_2 - p_2 dp_1)}{(p_1)^2 - (p_2)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^1}(x^1, x^2) &= \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{h(x)} \text{Res} \frac{p_1 f(y) dy^1 \wedge dy^2 \wedge (p_1 dp_2 - p_2 dp_1)}{((p_1)^2 - (p_2)^2)(p_1(y^1 - x^1) + p_2(y^2 - x^2))}, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^2}(x^1, x^2) &= \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{h(x)} \text{Res} \frac{p_2 f(y) dy^1 \wedge dy^2 \wedge (p_1 dp_2 - p_2 dp_1)}{((p_1)^2 - (p_2)^2)(p_1(y^1 - x^1) + p_2(y^2 - x^2))}. \end{aligned}$$

The characteristic set  $\text{char } H$  has three strata  $A^1$ ,  $A^2$  and  $A^3$ .

The stratum

$$A^1 = \{p_1 = p_2 = 0\},$$

similar to the previous example, is tangent to the initial manifold  $X$ .

Let us consider the stratum

$$A^2 = \{p_1 - p_2 = 0 \setminus p_1 = p_2 = 0\}.$$

The tangency condition for manifolds  $A^2|_{\Sigma_x}$  and  $X|_{\Sigma_x}$  at some point  $(y, p)$  is given by the system

$$\begin{cases} (y^2 - x^2) + (y^1 - x^1) = 0, \\ (y^1)^2 + (y^2)^2 = 1, \\ y^2 - y^1 = 0, \end{cases}$$

where the latter equality expresses the condition of proportionality of differentials.

The equation of singular manifold can be found in the form

$$(x^2 + x^1)^2 = 2.$$

Similar to the previous section, we can choose a variable change such that the equation of manifold  $X|_{\Sigma_x}$  becomes  $z_0 = 0$ , and the equation of  $A^2|_{\Sigma_x}$  —

$$z_0 = (z_1)^2 + (z_2)^2 + \lambda(x)$$

(for ramification of square root type). Actually, if  $z_0 = y^2 + y^1 - x^2 - x^1$ , then the equation of  $X|_{\Sigma_x}$  becomes  $z_0 = 0$ , and the equation of  $A^2|_{\Sigma_x}$  is

$$z_0 = (y^1)^2 + (y^2)^2 - 1 + y^2 + y^1 - \lambda(x),$$

where  $\lambda(x) = x^2 + x^1$ . Since second differential is not degenerated for the function on the right in the latter equation, there is ramification of square root type at point  $\lambda^2(x) = 2$ . The derivatives of the solution  $u(x)$  of the problem (23) are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x^1} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j^{(1)} (x^2 + ix^1)^{(2j+1)/2},$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x^2} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j^{(2)} (x^2 + ix^1)^{(2j+1)/2}.$$

Hence, the solution  $u(x)$  can be expanded near the point  $\lambda^2(x) = 2$  in a series

$$u(x) = u(x_0) + \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^1}(y) dy^1 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^2}(y) dy^2 \cong \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} c_j (x^2 + ix^1)^{(2j+1)/2}.$$

Singularities originated by the stratum

$$A^3 = \{p_1 + p_2 = 0 \setminus p_1 = p_2 = 0\}$$

are examined similarly, and the expansion in a neighborhood of the corresponding singular point are

$$u(x) \cong \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} c_j (x^2 - ix^1)^{(2j+1)/2}.$$

## References

- [1] J. Leray. Uniformisation de la solution du problème linéaire analytique de Cauchy de la variété qui porte les données de Cauchy (Problème de Cauchy I). *Bul. Soc. Math. de France*, **1**, No. 85, 1957, 389 – 429.
- [2] J. Leray. La solution unitaire d'un opérateur différentiel linéaire (Problème de Cauchy II). *Bul. Soc. Math. de France*, **2**, No. 86, 1958, 75 – 96.
- [3] J. Leray. Le calcul différentiel et intégral sur une variété analytique complexe (problème de Cauchy III). *Bul. Soc. Math. de France*, **3**, No. 87, 1959, 81 – 180.
- [4] J. Leray. Un prolongement de la transformation de Laplace qui transforme la solution unitaire d'un opérateur hyperbolique en sa solution élémentaire (problème de Cauchy IV). *Bul. Soc. Math. de France*, **4**, No. 90, 1962, 39 – 156.

- [5] J. Leray. Un complément au théorème de N. Nilsson sur les intégrales de formes différentielles à support singulier algébrique. *Bull. Soc. Math. France*, **95**, 1967, 313 – 374.
- [6] J. Leray, L. Gårding, and T. Kotake. Uniformisation et développement asymptotique de la solution de problème de Cauchy linéaire, à données holomorphes; analogie avec la théorie des ondes asymptotiques et approchées (problème de Cauchy I bis et IV). *Bull. Soc. Math. France*, **92**, 1964, 263 – 361.
- [7] B. Sternin and V. Shatalov. *Differential Equations on Complex Manifolds*. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 1994.
- [8] B. Sternin and V. Shatalov. On an integral transformation of complex-analytic functions. *Soviet Math. Dokl.*, **31**, 1985, 125 – 127.
- [9] B. Sternin and V. Shatalov. An integral transformation of complex-analytic functions. *Math. USSR Izv.*, **29**, No. 2, 1987, 407 – 427.
- [10] B. Sternin and V. Shatalov. Laplace-Radon integral transformation and its applications to nonhomogeneous Cauchy problem. *Differ. Uravnenija*, **24**, No. 1, 1988, 167 – 174.
- [11] B. Sternin and V. Shatalov. Asymptotics of solutions of differential equations on complex varieties. *Math. USSR Sbornik*, **65**, No. 2, 1990, 385 – 422.
- [12] V.I. Arnol'd, A.N. Varchenko, and S.M. Gussein-Zade. *Singularities of Differentiable Maps*, volume 1. Birkhäuser, Boston-Basel-Berlin, 1985.
- [13] V.I. Arnol'd, A.N. Varchenko, and S.M. Gussein-Zade. *Singularities of Differentiable Maps*, volume 2. Birkhäuser, Boston-Basel-Berlin, 1988.
- [14] B. Sternin and V. Shatalov. On a notion of elementary solution in complex theory. *Soviet Math. Dokl.*, **44**, No. 2, 1991, 567 – 571.
- [15] D. Ludwig. Exact and asymptotic solutions of the Cauchy problem. *Comm. Pure and Appl. Math.*, **13**, No. 3, 1960, 473 – 508.
- [16] B. Malgrange. Intégrales asymptotiques et monodromie. *Ann. Sci. École Norm. Sup.*, **4**, 1974.
- [17] F. Pham. *Introduction a L'Étude Topologique des Singularités de Landau*. Gauthier-Villars, Paris, 1967.

- [18] J. Hadamard. Le problème de Cauchy et les équations aux dérivées partielles linéaires hyperboliques. Paris, 1932.
- [19] C. H. Clements. Picard-Lefschetz theorem for families of non singular algebraic variables acquiring ordinary singularities. *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.*, **136**, 1969, 93 – 108.
- [20] B. Sternin and V. Shatalov. *Borel-Laplace Transform and Asymptotic Theory*. CRC-Press, Boca Raton, Florida, USA, 1996.