

# Eta invariant and parity conditions

(example of a nontrivial  $\eta$ -invariant for a second order operator)

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## I. Historical introduction

### a) Definition of the $\eta$ -invariant

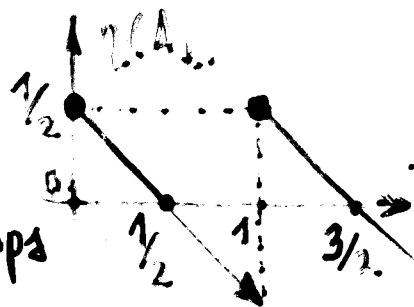
$$\eta(A, s) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{\lambda_i} \operatorname{sgn} \lambda_i |\lambda_i|^{-s} + \dim \ker A \right) \Big|_{\operatorname{Re} s \gg 0}$$

$A$  - elliptic, self-adjoint operator on a closed mfd  $M$

Th (APS & Gilkey)  $\eta(A) = \eta(A, 0)$  - well-defined

Example 1  $A_t = -i \frac{d}{dt} + t$  on  $S^1$ ,  $\lambda_n = n + t$

$$\eta(A_t) = \frac{1}{2} - \{t\} \quad t \in \mathbb{Z} \text{-jumps}$$



smooth family  
 $A_t$

piecewise smooth  
 $\eta(A_t)$

smooth  
 $\{\eta(A_t)\} \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$

jumps at points where eigenvalue changes its sign

We consider  $\{\eta(A)\}$  to eliminate jumps

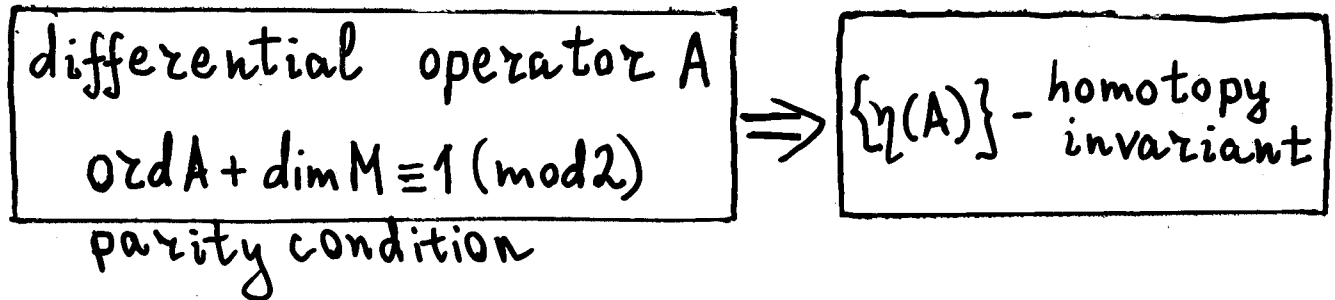
### b) Situations when $\{\eta(A)\}$ is homotopy invariant

(i) (APS 75) Operators with coefficients in flat bundles

(ii) (Gilkey 89) Differential operators with parity condition

# Parity conditions

Th (Gilkey 89)

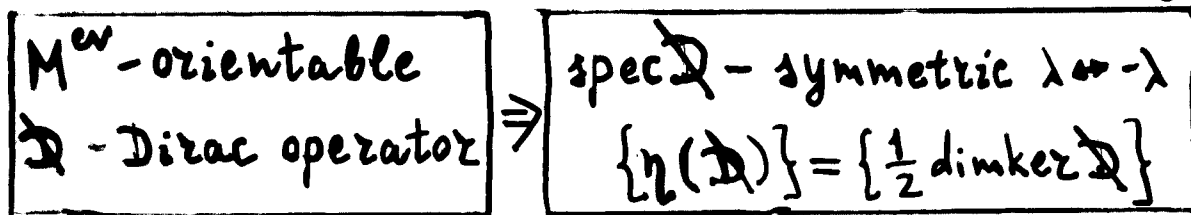


C) On the nontriviality of  $\{\eta(A)\}$ .

(i) Atiyah-Patodi-Singer: see Example 1.

(ii) operators with parity conditions

- even-dimensional manifolds (Gilkey 85)



Th (Gilkey 85)

$$\{\eta(\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{R}P^{2n}})\} = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$$

$\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{R}P^{2n}}$  -  $\text{pin}^c$  Dirac operator on nonorientable  $\mathbb{R}P^{2n}$

Applications to  $\text{pin}^c$ -bord  
Bahri-Gilkey?

Ⓐ - odd-dimensional manifolds (?)  
even order operators

We solve problem A in this talk

## II. Solution of Problem A

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a Construction of the operator and the main result:

Manifold:  $\mathbb{R}P^{2n} \times S^1$

Operator:  $A_n =$

$$= \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} (2 \sin \varphi (-i \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi}) \mathcal{D} - i \cos \varphi \mathcal{D}) & \Delta_x e^{-i\varphi} + (-i \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi}) e^{i\varphi} (-i \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi}) \\ \Delta_x e^{i\varphi} + (-i \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi}) e^{-i\varphi} (-i \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi}) & 2 \sin \varphi (i \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi}) \mathcal{D} + i \cos \varphi \mathcal{D} \end{pmatrix}, \varphi \in (0, \pi) \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{-i\varphi} \Delta \\ \Delta e^{i\varphi} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \varphi \in (\pi, 2\pi) \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathcal{D}$  - pin<sup>c</sup> Dirac operator on  $\mathbb{R}P^{2n}$

$$\Delta_x = \mathcal{D}^2$$

$$\Delta = \mathcal{D}^2 + (-i \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi})^2$$

$$A_n^2 \equiv \Delta^2 \quad (\text{modulo lower order term.})$$

Th

$$\boxed{\{2 \eta(A_n)\} = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}}$$

(\*)

## β Main theorem

Th A-differential operator:  $\text{ord } A + \dim M \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

Then

$$\{2 \eta(A)\} = \langle [\zeta(A)], [\Lambda^n(M)] \rangle,$$

where  $[\zeta(A)] \in K_c^1(T^*M)$ ,  $\Lambda^n(M)$  - orientation bundle,  $\langle, \rangle$  - Poincaré duality:

$$\text{Tor } K_c^1(T^*M) \times \text{Tor } K^0(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$$

(ScSS)

Proof (sketch) For even order operators:

a)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ell}^{\text{ev}}(M) & \xrightarrow{\approx} & K(P^*M) \\ A & \mapsto & \text{Im } \Pi_+ \zeta(A) \in \text{Vect}(S^*M) \end{array}$$

where  $\text{Ell}^{\text{ev}}(M)$  - group of homotopy classes for even order operators;

$P^*M = S^*M/\mathbb{Z}_2$  - projectivization.

b)

$$K(P^*M)/K(M) - 2\text{-torsion group if } \dim M \text{ odd}$$

From a) and b) we obtain:

For any operator  $A \in N$ :

$$2^N A \sim_{B_t} \Delta_{E'} \oplus -\Delta_{E''}$$

(Gil)

operator

$$A = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) (-1)^{|\alpha|} \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial x^\alpha}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha^i = 1, \dots, n \\ & x_1, \dots, x_n \\ & \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial x^\alpha} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\partial^{d_1}}{\partial x^{d_1}} \dots \frac{\partial^{d_n}}{\partial x^{d_n}} \end{aligned}$$

principal symbol

$$\sigma(A)(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha|=m} a_\alpha(x) \xi^\alpha$$

$$\xi^\alpha = \xi_1^{d_1} \dots \xi_n^{d_n}$$

globally defined  
for  $(x, \xi) \in T^*M$

c) Lemma (Gilkey)

(5)

$$\eta(B_1) - \eta(B_0) = \int_{t \in [0,1]} \text{sf}(B_t)$$

d)

$$B_1 = \Delta_{E'} \oplus -\Delta_{E''}$$

$$B_0 = 2^N A$$

$$\Downarrow \eta(\Delta) = 0$$

$$\{\eta(A)\} = -\frac{1}{2^N} \text{mod } 2^N - \int \text{sf}(B_t) \in \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}]/\mathbb{Z} \quad \text{(APS)}$$

e) Th

mod m - index theorem

$$\text{mod } m - \int \text{sf}(B_t) = -\rho! [\sigma(B_t)],$$

$$\text{where } [\sigma(B_t)] \in K_c(T^*M, \mathbb{Z}_m), \rho!: K_c(T^*M, \mathbb{Z}_m) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_m$$

$$f) \{2\eta(A)\} = \frac{1}{2^N} \rho! \left( (1+d^*) [\sigma(B_t)] \right)$$

APS,  
Freed, Melrose  
Zhang

$$\text{where } d: T^*M \rightarrow T^*M$$

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

$$d^*: K_c(T^*M, \mathbb{Z}_{2^N}) \rightarrow K_c(T^*M, \mathbb{Z}_{2^N})$$

g)

$$\boxed{d^* = (-1)^{\dim M} [\Lambda^n(M)]} \quad (\text{based on work of Karoubi})$$

$$\{2\eta(A)\} = \frac{1}{2^N} \rho! \left( [1 - \Lambda^n(M)] [\sigma(B_t)] \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle [\sigma(A)], [1 - \Lambda^n(M)] \rangle.$$

□

Formula can be written in the Atiyah-Singer form (5)

$$\Lambda^n(M^n) - \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-bundle}$$

$$\Lambda^n(M^n) \simeq f^* \gamma, \quad f: M^n \rightarrow B\mathbb{Z}_2 = \mathbb{R}P^\infty$$

$\gamma$ -tautological line bundle

Th

$$\{2\eta(A)\} = f_! [6(A)]$$

Atiyah-Singer formula:

$$\text{ind } D = f_! [6(D)]$$

$$f_!: K_c(T^*M) \rightarrow K(\text{pt}) = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$f_!: K_c^1(T^*M) \rightarrow K_c^1(T^*\mathbb{R}P^\infty) = \mathbb{Z}_{2^\infty} = \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}] / \mathbb{Z}$$

Corollaries

$$1) \quad \eta(A) \in \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}]$$

$$2) \quad M - \text{orientable} \Rightarrow \eta(A) \in \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2}$$

$$\begin{matrix} M^{2k+1} \\ M^{2k} \end{matrix} - \text{nonorientable} \Rightarrow 2^{k+1} \eta(A) \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

□ The proof of formula (\*)

(6)

$$\{2\eta(A_n)\} = \langle [\sigma(A_n)], [1 - \Lambda^{2n+1}(\mathbb{R}P^{2n} \times S^1)] \rangle$$

a) Lemma  $[\sigma(A_n)] = [\sigma(\mathcal{D})] \cdot [\sigma(\mathcal{D}_0)],$

where  $\mathcal{D}_0$  — an elliptic  $\psi$ DO on  $S^1$ ,  $\text{ind } \mathcal{D}_0 = 2$

b)  $\{2\eta(A_n)\} = \langle [\sigma(\mathcal{D})][\sigma(\mathcal{D}_0)], [1 - \Lambda^{2n}(\mathbb{R}P^{2n})] \rangle =$   
 $= \text{ind } \mathcal{D}_0 \langle [\sigma(\mathcal{D})], [1 - \Lambda^{2n}(\mathbb{R}P^{2n})] \rangle =$

$$= 2 \cdot \{2\eta(\mathcal{D})\} \underset{\uparrow}{=} 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}.$$

use Gilkey's  
result

# A geometric construction of second order operators (7)

operators

First order operator  $D$

Second order operator  $D$



Principal symbol  $\sigma(D)(x, \xi)$  - linear in  $\xi$

Principal symbol  $\sigma(x, \xi)$  quadratic in  $\xi$

Idea:

use quadratic transformation (Gilkey 1984) of covariables  $\xi$

linear symbol

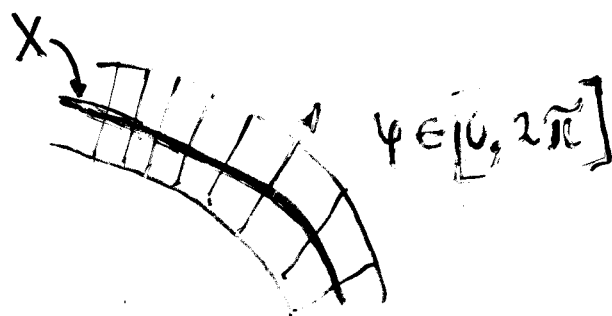


quadratic symbol

Geometry

$X \subset M^n$ , trivial normal bundle

$$U_X \cong \mathbb{D}^n \times X$$

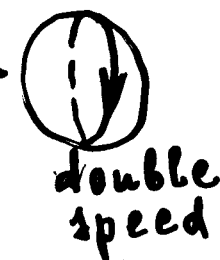


Quadratic transformation

$$h: S^{m-1} \rightarrow S^{m-1}$$

$$(\tau, \tau) \mapsto (2\tau\eta, \tau^2 - \eta^2)$$

degree 2 map



Deformation

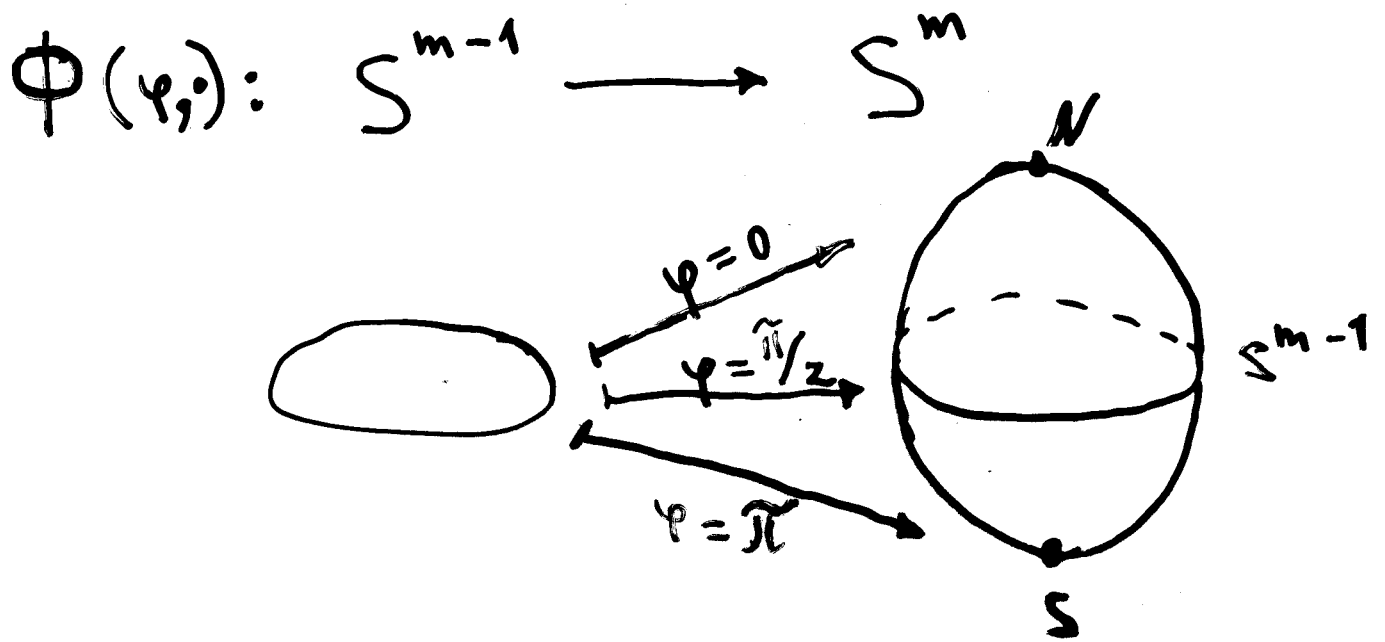
$$\Phi: [0, \pi] \times S^{m-1} \rightarrow S^m$$

$$(\psi, \xi) \mapsto (\cos \psi \xi^2, \sin \psi h(\xi))$$

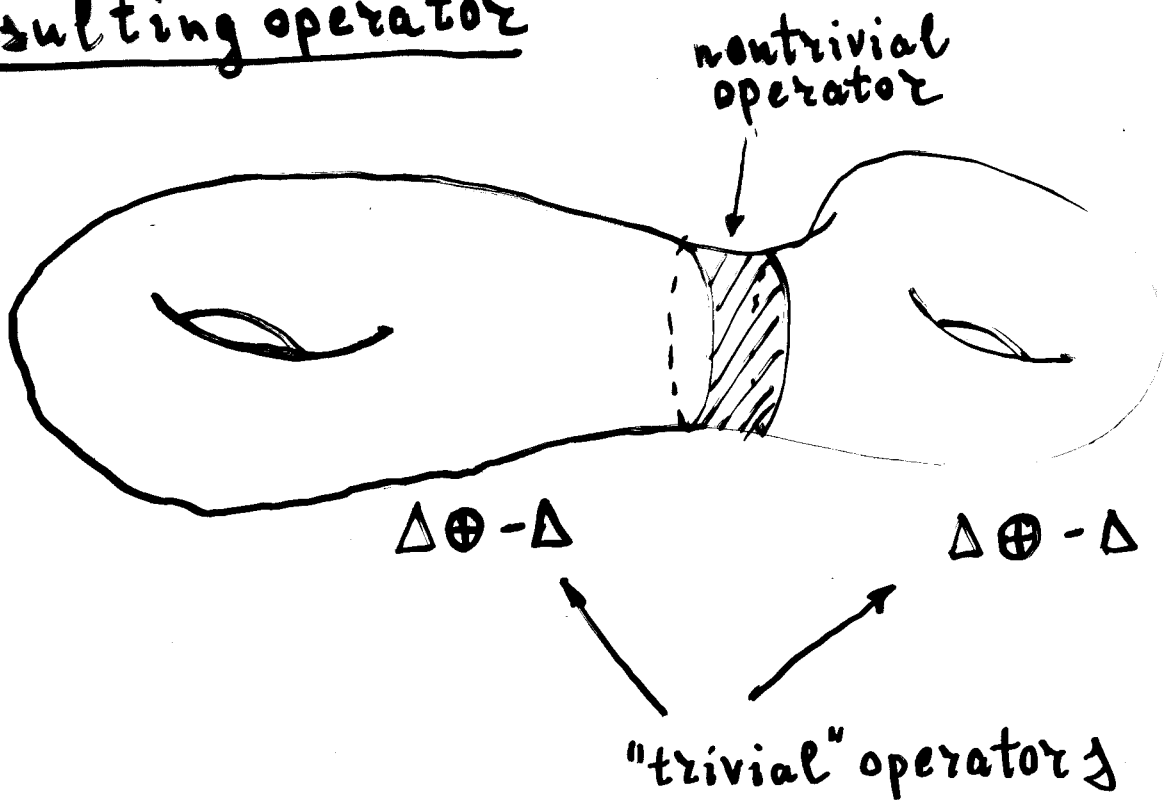
linear symbol on  $X$ :  
 $\sigma(\tau, \xi)$



quadratic symbol on  $U_X$   
 $\sigma \circ \Phi$



Resulting operator



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