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- January 19: Connes's basic examples of cocycles. Lie theory versus the discrete group.
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- January 23: Determinant line bundle and singular set. New idea for producing invariant forms.
- January 24: Brief discussion on using ideas of Atiyah and Bott to produce equivariant forms in the presence of a circle action.
- January 25: Computations with the free loop groups of U_n . Summary of aim to define a character for the index of a family of Dirac operators.

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- January 27: Formulas relevant for calculating the equivariant form.
- January 28: Preparation for lecture on the determinant line bundle including the use of the formula $\text{Tr}_{(\text{reg})}(D^{-1}\delta D)$.
- January 29: Transgression in the Chern-Simons paper applied to GL_n - bundles.
- January 30: Relating Lie K -theory to algebraic K -theory. Characteristic classes of representations and implications for de Rham cohomology, Connes cohomology and Deligne cohomology.
- February 1: On a paper of Benora, Cotta-Ramasino: Remarks on BRS Anomalies and Gauge Transformation Groups.
- February 2: Constructing classes in $H^*(B\mathcal{G}_\delta)$ where \mathcal{G}_δ is the discrete group underlying \mathcal{G} .
- February 4: Preparation for the third lecture on the determinant line bundle and its connection.
- February 16, 17: Continuing work on defining the character of the index as a differential form, metric version.
- February 18, 19: Computing the differential of $\text{Tr}_{(\text{reg})}(D^{-1}\delta D)$ for the Riemann surface case.

February 20, 22: Circle case: $\mathcal{G} = \text{Maps}(S^1, U_n)$ and \mathcal{A} the unitary connections.

February 23: Meaning of an analytic proof of an index theorem for families.

February 24: Comment on problems encountered with current approach.

February 25: Preparation for lecture 5: ζ -function determinants or analytic torsion.

February 26: More on the problem of finding an analytic formula for the index of a family of operators.

February 27: Formal structure of proof of the index theorem.

February 28: Idea from Bott-Chern paper.

March 1: Bott-Chern formulas in the holomorphic setting.

March 2: Curvature calculations for the determinant line bundle belonging to a family of $\bar{\partial}$ operators over a Riemann surface.

March 3: Generalizing $\text{Tr}(e^{-tD^*D}) = \text{Tr}(e^{-tDD^*})$. Review Schwinger calculation using Witten formulas.

March 6: Preparation for 7th lecture: Computation of the curvature for \mathcal{L} using the analytic torsion metric.

March 5: Bott-Chern theory applied to investigating:

$$[ch(E) - ch(F)] - [ch(Ker(D)) - ch(Coker(D))] = d(???)$$

March 6: Eigenvalue calculations for variations of D^*D .

March 6, 9: Discussion of the problem of finding an analytic proof of an index theorem for a family of Dirac operators. Review of spinors, Clifford algebras and their K -theory, Dyer-Kan classification theorem for diagrams of simplicial sets.

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March 10, 11: Calculations for a family of Dirac operators on $\mathbb{R}^p/\mathbb{Z}^p \times \mathbb{R}^q/\mathbb{Z}^q$.

March 11: Notes for 7th lecture.

March 12: Clifford algebras and Dirac operators.

March 13: Dirac operator on $(S^1)^{n-1} \times S^1$, $n = 2m$.

March 14, 15: Kasparov cup product. Further work on families of Dirac operators.

March 16: Lagrangian viewpoint.

March 17: Path integral approach. Heat kernel over a product of two tori. Path integral formula for the Dirac operator over Euclidean space.

March 18, 20, 23: Calculating diagonal values for the kernel $e^{-t\Box}$.

March 24: Family of Dirac operators and the Connes algebra assigned to a foliation.

March 27: Calculation of the index of the standard harmonic oscillator $d + d^*$ on \mathbb{R}^n . Comments on the Patodi approach and the Seeley approach to the asymptotic expansion of $e^{-y\Box}$.

March 28, 29: Physics approach to calculating terms in the heat kernel.

March 30: Further calculations for the heat kernel.

March 31: Review $\zeta(-k)$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and the Adams operations in K -theory.

April 1: Arekelov-Faltings intersection theory on arithmetic surfaces. Related questions and ideas.

April 3: Return to holomorphic vector bundles over Riemann surfaces.

April 4: Calculating constant term in $\text{Tr}(e^{tD^*D}D^{-1}B)$ as $t \rightarrow 0$.

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April 8, 9: The fermion C^* algebra.

April 10, 11: A C^* algebra and its K -theory, particularly the Kronecker foliation algebra.

April 12: Cross products and factors in C^* algebras. Atiyah's L^2 index theorem.

April 13: Asymptotic behaviour of $\text{Tr}(e^{-tD^*D}D^{-1}\delta D)$ as $t \downarrow 0$ where $D = \bar{\partial}$ on a Riemann surface.

April 14: The determinant line bundle over a space of constant coefficient $\bar{\partial}$ -operators on a trivial line bundles over a 2-dimensional torus.

April 16, 17, 18: Review the Ray-Singer calculation of torsion on elliptic curves.

April 19: The GRR formula for a family of constant coefficient $\bar{\partial}$ -operators over a torus.

April 20, 22: Connes K -theory of a foliation, especially the Kronecker foliation.

April 23: Identifying $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ equipped with the operators translation by 1 and multiplication by $e^{2\pi ix}$ with sections of the trivial line bundle over \mathbb{T}^2 .

April 24: Calculating \mathbf{Pic} of the orbit topos of the Kronecker foliation. Review of θ -functions.

April 25, 26: A construction using von Neumann algebras of type II which shows that a flat unitary bundle gives zero in $K(X) \otimes \mathbb{R}$.

April 27, 28: Principal bundles with discrete structure group.

April 29, 30: Equivalence of holomorphic structures and metrics on a compact oriented surface of fixed volume.

May 1: Conversation with George wilson about the Yang-Baxter identity.

May 7: Preparation for talk on Arakelov-Faltings theory and zeta determinants.

May 8: Computing analytic torsion for line bundles. Results from Falting's paper.

May 9: Talk on Arakelov-Faltings theory.

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May 10, 11: Discussion of the possibility of a K -theory of holomorphic vector bundles.

May 12: K -theory of non-unital rings.

May 18: Preparation for K -theory conference in Luminy.

May 19: Return to discussing families of holomorphic curves, seeking inspiration from the work of Connes work and Feigin- Tsygan.

May 20, 21, 22, 23: Calculations inspired by the Connes results on the Kronecker foliation.

May 25: Notes on cyclic homology. Mixed Hodge structure for a non-singular variety which is not complete. Removing points and discs from a Riemann surface.

May 26: The KMS condition.

may 27: Cyclic homology calculation- forward shift.

May 29: Why $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty}(1 - q^n)$ is a modular function.

May 30: Cyclic cohomology and cyclic graphs.

June 1: On cyclic homology for rings without unit.

June 2: Relative cyclic homology of A modulo k .

June 3: Relating the Quillen approach to cyclic homology from Hochschild homology to the Connes approach through the non-commutative de Rham complex. Connes definition as a functor on cyclically ordered finite sets.

June 4: The cyclic category.

June 5: Hsiang and Staffeldt result that $HC_p(T(V), k) = 0$ if $p \neq 1$. Comparison with de Rham homology.

June 6: Cyclic and de Rham homology.

June 9: Preparation for a paper on cyclic homology giving an exposition of some aspects using the double complex.

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June 30- July 4: Review of progress on the index theorem for families.

July 5: Summary of analytic progress and change of direction to a geometrical attack. Introduction of form $\text{Tr}(e^{-tL^2 + \sqrt{t}dL + \Omega})$.

July 6: Summary of progress on ideas on the cohomology of gauge groups.

July 7: Invariant forms on G give natural transformations from flat connections on $Y \times G/Y$ to $\Omega^*(Y)$.

July 8, 9: Review of Bott-Chern formulas and applications to flat bundles on the trivial principal \mathcal{G} -bundle over Y .

July 10: Calculation of characteristic classes using Maurer-Cartan form.

July 14: Using the transgression formula $\int_0^1 dt(e^{td''w + (t^2-t)w^2})$.

July 15: Preparation for letter to Loday on the natural transformation from the Connes complex $\mathcal{C}(A)$ to the filtered de Rham complex based on using $\int_0^1 dt(e^{td''w + (t^2-t)w^2})$.

July 17, 18: Connes periodicity operator. Connes index: $\text{Index}(epe) = \text{tr}((p^{-1}[p, e])^{2m+1})$.

July 19: Loday's conjecture on the filtration of cyclic homology obtained from \mathfrak{gl}_n for different n .

July 20: Defining homology classes for $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{gl}_n(A)$ with values in the filtered de Rham complex using the Chern-Weil curvature process.

July 21, 22: More work on Loday's conjecture. Letter to Loday.

July 23, 24: Fadeev-Popov Ansatz. List of ideas and problems. Formal category of a scheme and related de Rham complexes.

July 25: Review of Feynmann diagrams, effective potentials and vertex functions.

July 26: Review normalization (Lee model).

July 28, 29, 30, August 1: Characteristic classes for $H^*(B\mathcal{G})$. How to realize $\text{ch}(E_{\text{invar}}$ on $H^*(B\mathcal{G} \times M)$ by equivariant forms on $(\mathcal{G} \backslash \mathcal{A})$.

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August 7: Determining $H^*(B\mathcal{G})$ and realising primitive generators of $S(\mathfrak{g}^*)$ as differential forms. Contrast between compact group and gauge group cases.

August 8: Comment on continuous cohomology. Is $H_c^*(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{M}) = H^*((\mathcal{M} \times \Omega^*(\mathcal{A})^{\mathcal{G}})?)$

August 9: More work on $B(\mathcal{G})$ and $H^*(\mathcal{G})$.

August 10, 11, 12: The Lie algebra of the gauge group and Gelfand-Fuks cohomology. The map $H^*(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow H^*(\mathcal{G})$. Rational cohomology of $B\mathcal{G}$ and \mathcal{G} .

August 13: Continuation of the program to determine the continuous and Lie algebra cohomology of gauge groups. Conjecture on primitive generators of the cohomology of \mathcal{G} , \mathcal{G} , $B_c\mathcal{G}$, and $B\mathcal{G}$.

August 17: On the Poyakov formula for $\det(\not{D} + A)$ on \mathbb{R}^2 .

August 19: On normalization.

August 20: Feynmann's formula for $\frac{1}{ab} = \int_0^1 dt \frac{1}{[ta+(1-t)b]^2}$. Field theory of a real-valued function $\phi(x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ given by action $S(\phi) = \int d^n x \{ \frac{1}{2} \phi(-\Delta + m^2)\phi + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 \}$.

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August 21: Motion of a particle on the line governed by the Hamiltonian (anharmonic oscillator) $H = \frac{p^2}{2} - \frac{w_0^2}{2} x^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!} x^4$.

August 29, 30: Magnetism.

September 1: Conversation with Jackiw on anomalies and σ -model approximation to low energy QCD.

September 9: BRS and Dixon's work.

September 10: Review problem left over from Loday letter. Review determinant line bundle.

September 15: Discussion of whether there is a direct connection between cyclic cohomology and anomalies.

September 17, 18: Discussion of Connes Λ -interpretation of cyclic cohomology and the discussion of compatibility of two maps from the Lie algebra homology to Deligne cohomology.

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September 20, 22: Construction of character forms associated to an invariant connection on an equivariant bundle in equivariant cohomology.

September 24-29: Determining $H^*(B\mathcal{G})$.

October 2: Lifting a $\mathfrak{gl}_n(A)$ cycle with values in the De Rham complex to one with values in the complex $\mathcal{B}(A)$. Amitsur complex.

October 4: Observations from a paper of Witten on baryons.

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October 9: What is $\text{Ext}_\lambda^*(k^\natural, A^\natural)$? Return to problem of letter to Loday on constructing a cocycle for $\mathfrak{gl}_n(A)$ with values in the double complex $\mathcal{C}(A)$.

October 10: Chain complexes $\Omega^*(Y, P \times^G V)$ and $C^*(\mathfrak{g}, V)$, and connection with Lie algebra cohomology. Formulas for the boundary operators b and B in $\mathcal{C}(A)$.

October 11: Karoubi's non-commutative differential algebra of forms $\overline{\Omega}(A) = \Omega(A)/[,]$. Application of Connes theorem to the Loday problem.

October 13, 14: Chern characteristic classes of $\mathfrak{gl}_n(A)$ with values in non-commutative de Rham cohomology of A .

October 17, 18: Curvature of the Grassmannian connection form $\text{ch}_n = \frac{1}{n!} \text{tr}(e(de)^{2n})$. Index formula for F : $\text{Index} = (-1)^n \text{tr}(\epsilon e[F, e]^{2n})$.

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October 20: Maps $K_0(A) \rightarrow HC_{2n}(A)$ and $K_1(A) \rightarrow HC_{2n-1}(A)$.

October 22, 23: Proving $\mathcal{B}(A)_{\text{red}}$ is quasi-isomorphic to $\overline{A}^{*(*)+1}/(1+t, b)$. Lie algebra cohomology of the gauge group and how it is related to the index and determinant questions.

October 26, 27: Connes S -operator.

October 29, 30,: Trace for 1-summable Fredholm modlues.

October 31, November 1: Connes S -operator.

November 2: Connes-Karoubi theorem: $H^p(\overline{\Omega}) = \text{Im}\{S : \overline{HC}_{p+2}(A) \rightarrow \overline{HC}_p(A)\}$.

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November 10: Computing transgression $H^*(B\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow H^*(\mathcal{G})$. $(BG)^{S^1} \equiv PG \times^G (G_c)$ where G_c denotes the G space with G acting as conjugation.

November 11: Discussion of Singer's approach to calculating transgression.

November 12, 13: Calculating transgression using the Chern-Simons form.

November 14, 15: Transgression formula: $\text{tr}(e^{F_A}) - \text{tr}(e^{F_B}) = d \int_0^1 dt \text{tr}(A-B)e^{(1-t)F_B + tF_A - t(1-t)(A-B)^2}$.

November 16: Notes on an anomaly formula: $c_1(\overline{\mathcal{L}}) = \int_{M^{2n}} (\text{ch}(E)\hat{A}(M))_{n+1}$. Connections on the principal bundle.

November 17: Calculations on the principal bundle. Equivariant curvature in both D and A notations.

November 18: Constructing characterisitic classes for \mathcal{G} -bundles out of character classes for U -bundles.

November 19, 20: Formulas for gauge transformations on the principal bundle. Action of gauge transformations on connections: $g^{-1} \circ D \circ g$ on $\Omega(M, E) \leftrightarrow d + g^*A$ on $\Omega(P) \times V$. Transgression map: $W(\mathfrak{g})_{\text{basic}} \rightarrow \Lambda(\mathfrak{g})^G$.

November 21: Check transgression calculations.

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November 21: Letter to Singer on transgression formulas. Checking left and right actions of the gauge group.

November 26: Review of local index formulas. Some new ideas.

November 27: Review construction of characterisitic classes for the Lie algebra of gauge tranformations as in letter to Loday.

November 28: Constructing invariant forms on \mathcal{G} .

November 29: On Atiyah's suggestion that Quillen's formula $e^{tL^2 + \sqrt{t}[D, L] + F} = e^{tL^2 + \sqrt{t}d^\mu[D_\mu, L] + \frac{1}{2}dx^\mu dx^\nu F_{\mu\nu}}$ and Getzler's proof should be part of the same framework.

November 30, December 1,2: Comment on Wess-Zumina Lagrangian as described by Witten. Preparation for letter on transgression.

December 3: Comment on Singer's intention on using his vol_B construction and how it works for flat connections.

December 4: Summary of formulas and explanation of apparent paradox.

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December 6: Talk in Jaffe's seminar. Notes of a conversation with Luis and Ginzpang about anomaly formulas.

December 8: Describing anomalies using cyclic cohomology.

December 11: Note that Witten-Alvarez obtain the \hat{A} -genus by means of a constant EM-field. Fermion quantum mechanics.

December 13: Lot's problem.

December 14: Fujikawa's approach to anomalies.

December 15: Return to Lot's problem. Witten's table and QCD.

December 16: Facts about QCD, Witten's observation about a physical interpretation of stable homotopy groups.

December 17: On the Connes S -operator.

December 18: The local index theorem using path integrals on Euclidean space with arbitrary gauge potential. Digression on spinor representations in $2n$ and almost complex manifolds.

December 19: The index of the Rarita-Schwinger operator.

December 21: Discussion of Clifford algebras.

December 22: Weyl quantization and its fermion version.

December 23: Developing a formal theory of path integral and fermion integration theory.

December 24: Quantizing the Toeplitz process. Fermionic analogues.

December 28: Review transgression process for constructing differential forms on \mathcal{G} .

December 29: Local index formula for a family of Dirac operators on M parametrized by a family of connections quotiented by a gauge group.

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December 30: Is the cohomology class of the form $\text{tr}_E(\epsilon_E e^{L^2 + [D, L] + D^2})$ independent of L ?

December 31: Super-trace.

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Donaldson: Generalization of a theorem of Narasimhan-Seshadri

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Getzler: New proof close to Kotake.

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Kirwan: Theorems about convex bodies.

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Atiyah: Integrals over fixed point submanifolds.

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Quillen: Review of local index theorem.

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Witten: Equivariant index theorem.

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Witten: Some QCD inequalities.

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Getzler: Heat kernel of $H = \frac{1}{2}[-\Delta + A^*A]$.

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Kazhdan and Thomas Parker: On Hecke algebra $C_c^\infty(G)$. Super-symmetric σ -model.

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Cutz and Connes: Quasi-homomorphisms. Cyclic cohomology.

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