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Here seems to be the good construction of Connes cocycles. We consider  $C^*(A, A \otimes A)$  where  $A \otimes A$  is regarded as a superalgebra. Let  $\theta \in C^*(A, A \otimes A)$  be the ~~isomorphism~~  
~~isomorphism~~ canonical homomorphism in.  
If we identify  $A \otimes A$  with  $\mathbb{R}_A$  equipped with the \* product, then

$$\theta(a) = \underbrace{a + da}_{\theta^+(a)} + \underbrace{\theta^-(a)}_{\theta^-(a)}$$

Let  $\tau$  be a supertrace on  $A \otimes A$ . Then we ought to be able to combine it with  $N$  to obtain a <sup>super</sup>trace  $\tilde{\tau}$  on  $C^*(A, A \otimes A)$  with values in  $C_A^{*-1}(A)$  such that  $\delta \tilde{\tau} = +\tilde{\tau} \delta$ .

If this is true, then the Connes cocycles are given by  $\tilde{\tau}((\theta)^n)$ . In effect we have that the "connection" form  $\theta$  is flat, so we have

$$[\delta + \theta^+, \theta^-] = 0$$

hence

$$\delta \tilde{\tau}((\theta^-)^n) = \tilde{\tau} [\delta + \theta^+, (\theta^-)^n] = 0$$

Notice that because  $\tilde{\tau}$  is a <sup>super</sup>trace we don't have  $\tilde{\tau}(\theta^{-2n}) = 0$  necessarily, because  $\theta^-$  is even.

The signs here are really confused. It seems ridiculous to make the product in  $C^*(A, A \otimes A)$  depend on the  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  grading of  $A \otimes A$ . ??

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Let's return to extensions and to the problem of the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \tilde{H}C_{2n-1}(A) \rightarrow I^n/[I, I^{n-1}] \rightarrow I^{n-1} \otimes_B I^n \otimes_B$$

The goal will be to give a direct proof of this spectral sequence where  $B = T(A)/(1 - p(A))$ .

First we should recall how a trace on  $I^n$  vanishing on  $[I, I^{n-1}]$  gives a cyclic cocycle. We consider the canonical map  $p(a) = eae$  from  $A$  to  $B$  as a "connection" form  $p \in C^1(A, B)$ . The "curvature" is  $\underbrace{(dp + p^2)}_{K}(a_1, a_2) = p(a_1 a_2) - p(a_1, a_2) \in C^2(A, I)$ .

Then we have  $K$

$$\delta(K^n) + [p, K^n] = 0$$

in  $C^{2n}(A, I^n)$ . This implies that the image of  $K^n \in C^{2n}(A, I^n)$  in  $C_A^{2n-1}(A, I^n/[B, I^n])$  is a cocycle.

Let's recall that  $I^n/[B, I^n] \cong (I \otimes_B)^n$  has a natural action of  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  with quotient  $I^n/[I, I^{n-1}]$ . It seems that  $I^n/[I, I^{n-1}] = (I \otimes_B)^n$  has a natural action of  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ , so perhaps  $(I \otimes_B)^n$  has a natural action of  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ .

Let's begin by trying to prove

$$I^n/[I, I^{n-1}] \xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{K}^{2n}/[\tilde{K}^n, \tilde{K}^{2n-1}]$$

where  $\tilde{K} = CeC\bar{e}C + C\bar{e}CeC$  in  $C$ . Once this is proved then we will get a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action on the LHS from the  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  action  $\varepsilon$  on  $C$ .

We propose to describe  $C$  via  $\Omega_A$  with the  $*$  product. Recall that we have  $A * A \cong \Omega_A$  with  $*$  product and where  $\text{in}_*: A \rightarrow A * A$  and  $\text{F} \mapsto F \otimes F$  can be identified with

$$a \mapsto a + da$$

$$\omega \mapsto (-1)^{\deg \omega} \omega$$

respectively. We obtain  $C$  from  $A * A$  by adjoining the element  $F$ .

Here's a model for  $C$ . Consider the subalgebra of  $M_2(\Omega, *)$  consisting of  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}$  such that  $\alpha, \delta \in \Omega^{\text{ev}}$  and  $\beta, \gamma \in \Omega^{\text{odd}}$ . Let  $F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $C$  can be identified with this subalgebra such that the grading  $\tau$  on  $C$  is given by conjugating with  $\varepsilon$ .

The nice thing about this model is that it fits nicely with the block description of  $C, \tilde{K}$  that we ~~had~~ used before. So  $\tilde{K}^{2n}$  can be described as consisting of  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}$  where the forms belong to  $\Omega^{>0}$ . ~~where~~

We now would like to calculate the quotient  $\tilde{K}^{2n}/[C, \tilde{K}^{2n}]$ . Because  $C$  is generated by the image of  $A$  and  $F$  we have

$$[C, \tilde{K}^{2n}] = [A, \tilde{K}^{2n}] + [F, \tilde{K}^{2n}]$$

Now  $\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \right] = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \beta \\ -\gamma & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \delta \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha * \delta - \delta * \alpha & \dots \\ \dots & \alpha * \delta - \delta * \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence it follows that

$$\tilde{K}^{2n}/[C, \tilde{K}^{2n}] = \begin{pmatrix} \text{[redacted]} I^n/[B, I^n] & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{I}^n/[\bar{B}, \bar{I}^n] \end{pmatrix}$$

where we have used that  $[A, I^n] = [B, I^n]$  since A generates B. From this we can see an action of  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  on  $\tilde{K}^{2n}/[C, \tilde{K}^{2n}]$ .

Next we want to divide out further by  $[\tilde{K}, \tilde{K}^{2n-1}]$ . ~~redacted~~ The ~~redacted~~ diagonal blocks for  $\tilde{K}^{2n-1}$  and for  $\tilde{K}^{2n}$  are the same. Thus we ~~redacted~~ need only consider commutators

$$[(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & \gamma \\ \beta & 0 \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & \gamma \\ \beta & 0 \end{smallmatrix})]$$

where  $\beta, \gamma \in \Omega^{\text{odd}, \geq 1}$  and  $\beta', \gamma' \in \Omega^{\text{odd}, \geq 2n-1}$ .

Enough to look at

$$[(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & \omega \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \eta & 0 \end{smallmatrix})] = \begin{pmatrix} \omega * \eta & 0 \\ 0 & -\eta * \omega \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\omega, \eta$  are odd of degrees  $\geq 1$  and  $\geq 2n-1$ , or  $\geq 2n-1$  and  $\geq 1$ , respectively.

Here's how to define an action of  $\mathbb{Z}/2n$  on  $I^n/[B, I^n]$ . Recall that

$$I = eCe\bar{e} = eCe \otimes_{\bar{B}} \bar{e}Ce$$

where  $\bar{B} = \bar{e}C\bar{e}$ . Thus

$$I^n/[B, I^n] \stackrel{B \text{ free}}{=} (I \otimes_B)^n = (eCe \otimes_{\bar{B}} \bar{e}Ce \otimes_B)^n$$

Now we have the autom.  $\epsilon$  of C, which fixes A and changes F to  $-F$ ; let's denote this  $z \mapsto \bar{z}$ .

Then we have the automorphism  
of  $I^n/[B, I^n]$  given by

$$(\alpha_1 \otimes \beta_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \beta_n) \in (\mathbf{e} \mathbf{C} \bar{\mathbf{e}} \otimes_{\bar{B}} \bar{\mathbf{e}} (\mathbf{e} \otimes_B))$$



$$\textcircled{1} \quad (\bar{\alpha}_1 \otimes \bar{\beta}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \bar{\beta}_n) \in (\bar{\mathbf{e}} (\mathbf{e} \otimes_B) \mathbf{e} \bar{\mathbf{C}} \bar{\mathbf{e}} \otimes_{\bar{B}})$$



$$(\bar{\beta}_1 \otimes \bar{\alpha}_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \bar{\alpha}_n) \in (\mathbf{e} \mathbf{C} \bar{\mathbf{e}} \otimes_{\bar{B}} \bar{\mathbf{e}} (\mathbf{e} \otimes_B))$$

The square of this is the backward cyclic permutation of order  $n$  on  $I^n/[B, I^n] = (\mathbf{I} \otimes_B)^n$ . Consequently the automorphism  $\textcircled{1}$  is of order  $2n$ .

Let  $\tau$  be a linear functional on  $I^n/[I, I^{n+1}]$ , i.e.  $\tau$  is a linear functional on  $\Omega^{\text{even}, \geq 2n}$  such that  $\tau(\omega_1^* \omega_2) = \tau(\omega_2^* \omega_1)$  if  $\deg(\omega_1) + \deg(\omega_2) \geq 2n$ . I claim there is another linear functional  $\bar{\tau}$  on  $I^n/[I, I^{n+1}]$  ~~uniquely characterized by~~ uniquely characterized by

$$\bar{\tau}(\eta_1 * \eta_2) = \tau(\eta_2 * \eta_1)$$

for  $\eta_1, \eta_2 \in \Omega^{\text{odd}}$  with  $\deg(\eta_1) + \deg(\eta_2) \geq 2n$ .

In effect let's define

$$\bar{\tau}(a_0 da_1 \cdots da_{2k}) = \tau(da_{2k} a_0 da_1 \cdots da_{2k-1})$$

for  $2k \geq 2n$ . This formula defines  $\bar{\tau}$  on  $\Omega^{2k} = A \otimes \bar{A}^{\otimes 2k}$ , and one has

$$\bar{\tau}(\eta da) = \tau(da \eta) \quad \eta \in \Omega^{\text{odd}, \geq 2n-1}$$

Next suppose  $\eta \in \Omega^{2k-1}$ , ~~and~~ and let  $2k-1 + 2l-1 \geq 2n$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\tau}(\eta * a_0 da, \dots da_{2k-1}) &= \tau(da_{2k-1} (\eta * a_0 da, \dots da_{2k-2})) \\
 &= \tau((da_{2k-1})^* \boxed{\eta} a_0 da, \dots da_{2k-2}) \\
 &= \tau(a_0 da, \dots da_{2k-2} * da_{2k-1} \eta) \\
 &= \tau(a_0 da, \dots da_{2k-1} * \eta)
 \end{aligned}$$

showing  $\bar{\tau}(\eta_1 * \eta_2) = \tau(\eta_2 * \eta_1)$  when  $\eta_1, \eta_2$  are odd with  $\deg(\eta_1) + \deg(\eta_2) \geq 2n$ .

~~Next~~ Next let  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  be even forms whose sum of degrees ~~is~~  $\deg(\omega_1) + \deg(\omega_2) \geq 2n$ . I am supposing  $n \geq 1$ . To verify  $\bar{\tau}(\omega_1 * \omega_2) = \bar{\tau}(\omega_2 * \omega_1)$  I can suppose  $\deg \omega_2 > 0$ , and then that  $\omega_2 = a_0 da, \dots da_{2k}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\tau}(\omega_1 * a_0 da, \dots da_{2k}) &= \bar{\tau}((\omega_1 * a_0 da, \dots da_{2k-1}) * da_{2k}) \\
 &= \bar{\tau}(da_{2k} * \omega_1 * a_0 da, \dots da_{2k-1}) \\
 &= \bar{\tau}(a_0 da, \dots da_{2k-1} * da_{2k} * \omega_1) = \bar{\tau}(a_0 da, da_{2k} * \omega_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

and so it works.

$$\text{Prop. } I^n/[I, I^{n-1}] \xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{R}^{2n}/[\tilde{R}, \tilde{R}^{2n-1}]$$

Proof: Let  $\tau$  be a linear functional on  $I^n/[I, I^{n-1}]$ . We will show it extends to  $\tilde{R}^{2n}/[\tilde{R}, \tilde{R}^{2n-1}]$ . Let  $\bar{\tau}$  be as above and define  $\tilde{\tau}$  on  $\tilde{R}^{2n}$  by

$$\tilde{\tau}\left(\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}\right) = \tau(\alpha) + \bar{\tau}(\delta)$$

Here  $\alpha, \beta \in \Omega^{\text{even}, \geq 2n}$  and  $\beta, \delta \in \Omega^{\text{odd}, \geq 2n+1}$ . ~~Suppose~~

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 \\ \gamma_1 & \delta_1 \end{pmatrix} \in \tilde{R} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 & \beta_2 \\ \gamma_2 & \delta_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \tilde{R}^{2n-1}$$

that is  $\alpha_1, \delta_1 \in \Omega^{\text{even}, \geq 2}$  and  $\alpha_2, \delta_2 \in \Omega^{\text{even} \geq 2n+2}$   
 while  $\beta_1, \gamma_1 \in \Omega^{\text{odd}, \geq 1}$  and  $\beta_2, \gamma_2 \in \Omega^{\text{odd} \geq 2n-1}$ ,

Then

$$\tilde{\tau} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 + \beta_1 \gamma_2 & \alpha_1 \beta_2 + \beta_1 \delta_2 \\ \gamma_1 \alpha_2 + \delta_1 \gamma_2 & \gamma_1 \beta_2 + \delta_1 \delta_2 \end{pmatrix} = \tau(\alpha_1 \alpha_2 + \beta_1 \gamma_2) + \tilde{\tau}(\gamma_1 \beta_2 + \delta_1 \delta_2)$$

$$\tilde{\tau} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 \alpha_1 + \beta_2 \gamma_1 & \alpha_2 \beta_1 + \beta_2 \delta_1 \\ \gamma_2 \alpha_1 + \delta_2 \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 \beta_1 + \delta_2 \delta_1 \end{pmatrix} = \tau(\alpha_2 \alpha_1 + \beta_2 \gamma_1) + \tilde{\tau}(\gamma_2 \beta_1 + \delta_2 \delta_1).$$

But we have seen that  $\tilde{\tau}(\delta_1 \delta_2) = \tilde{\tau}(\delta_2 \delta_1)$   
 $\tau(\beta_1 \gamma_2) = \tilde{\tau}(\gamma_2 \beta_1)$ ,  $\tilde{\tau}(\gamma_1 \beta_2) = \tau(\beta_2 \gamma_1)$  and so

these two  $\tilde{\tau}$  values coincide. Thus we ~~can see~~ see that  $\tilde{\tau}$  is defined on  $\tilde{K}^{2n}/[\tilde{K}, \tilde{K}^{2n-1}]$ . The uniqueness of  $\tilde{\tau}$  is clear, which proves the proposition.

Next let's return to the cyclic  $(2n-1)$ -cocycle associated to  $\tau \in (I^n/[I, I^{n-1}])^\vee$ . Actually we saw that we have a  $2n$ -cochain in  $C^{2n}(A, I^n)$ , namely

$$\varphi(a_1, \dots, a_{2n}) = da_1 \cdots da_{2n}$$

which satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet (\delta\varphi)(a_1, \dots, a_{2n+1}) &= -d(a_1 a_2) da_3 \cdots da_{2n+1} \\ &\quad + da_1 d(a_2 a_3) da_4 \cdots \\ &\quad \cdots \\ &\quad + (-1)^{2n} da_1 \cdots d(a_{2n} a_{2n+1}) \\ &= -a_1 da_2 \cdots da_{2n+1} + da_1 \cdots da_{2n} a_{2n+1} \end{aligned}$$

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Consider a Dirac operator  $D_0$  over an odd dimensional manifold and let  $g$  be a gauge transformation of the coefficient bundle. Then there is an integer defined - it is the pairing of the odd K-homology class represented by  $D_0$  with the odd K-cohomology class represented by  $g$ . The problem is to find a simple analytical expression for this "index".

It seems that APS explains this index in terms of "spectral flow" as follows. Using the linear path  $(1-t)D_0 + t g^{-1} D_0 g$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ , together with the gauge transformation at the ends as a clutching function, we obtain a family of Dirac operators ~~on~~ on our odd manifold which is parametrized by  $S^1$ . To this family is associated a spectral flow, which roughly is the <sup>net</sup> number of eigenvalues crossing 0, as  $t$  goes from 0 to 1. The spectral flow is also ~~the~~ the index of the family. This index is an odd K-cohomology class over the circle  $S^1$ , hence it can be identified with an integer.

The superconnection character form for the index of the family is a 1-form on  $S^1$  whose integral ~~gives~~ gives the index. This gives one analytical expression for the index.

Another ~~procedure~~ procedure is to compare the two operators  $D_0$  and  $g^{-1} D_0 g$  via the superconnection family  $\begin{pmatrix} D_0 & 0 \\ 0 & g^{-1} D_0 g \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

This should give ~~the same result as the previous method~~

a 1-form on  $[0, \infty)$  whose integral is the index.

It might be possible to ~~L~~ get a geometric picture for the index using the Cayley transform interpretation of superconnection forms. Let's consider the setup abstractly. We have the skew adjoint operator  $X$  on  $H$  and the automorphism  $g$ . We use the path

$$(1-t)X + t\tilde{g}^1 X g = X + t\tilde{g}^1 [X, g]$$

~~the path~~

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Problem: Let us consider a Dirac operator  $D_0$  over an odd dimensional compact manifold and a gauge transformation  $g$  on the coefficient bundle. Then there is an index defined - it is the pairing of the K-homology class represented by the Dirac operator with the K-cohomology class represented by the gauge transformation. The problem is to find nice analytical expressions for this index.

A nice analytical expression of heat operator type should yield (by small-time (or Planck's constant) asymptotics) an expression for the index as an integral over the manifold  $M$  of a characteristic differential form. One expects the Todd or  $\hat{A}$  class of  $M$ , multiplied by an odd degree character class associated to the given connection on the coeff. bundle and the gauge transf.  $g$ .

To be more specific suppose  $M$  spin,  $\exists$   ~~$S$~~   $S$  be the module of spinors, and let  $E$  be coefficient bundle. The  $\exists$  Dirac operator  $D_0$  operates on  $L^2(M, S \otimes E)$  and is obtained from the Clifford multiplication and a connection on  $S \otimes E$ :

$$C^\infty(M, S \otimes E) \xrightarrow[\text{connection}]{} C^\infty(M, T^* \otimes S \otimes E) \xrightarrow[\text{Cliff mult}]{} C^\infty(M, S \otimes E)$$

The connection on  $S \otimes E$  is the tensor product of the connection on  $S$  obtained from the Levi-Civita connection and a given connection  $\nabla$  on  $E$ .

To the autom.  $g$  of  $E$  belongs a sequence of odd cohomology classes; these are the character classes of the odd K-class represented by  $g$ . It is possible to represent these character classes by differential forms using the connection  $\nabla$ . However there

are several possible ways to do this. We will now review the different methods, since each one might lead to a different analytical expression for the index.

The main thing we have to do is to compare the two connections  $\nabla$  and  $g^{-1}\nabla g$ . The obvious method is to use the linear path  $\nabla_t = (1-t)\nabla + t g^{-1} \nabla g = \nabla + t g^{-1} [\nabla, g]$ . The curvature of  $\nabla_t$  is

$$\nabla_t^2 = \nabla^2 + t \underbrace{[\nabla, g^{-1} [\nabla, g]]}_{= [\nabla, g^{-1}] [\nabla, g] + g^{-1} [\nabla^2, g]} + t^2 (g^{-1} [\nabla, g])^2$$

$$\nabla_t^2 = \nabla^2 + t g^{-1} [\nabla^2, g] + (t^2 - t) (g^{-1} [\nabla, g])^2$$

In general one has for a path of connections  $\nabla_t$  the formula

$$\text{tr}(\nabla_t^2)^n - \text{tr}(\nabla_0^2)^n = d \int_0^1 dt n \text{tr} \left( \frac{d}{dt} (\nabla_t^2)^{n-1} \right)$$

In the present ~~example~~ example the LHS is zero so that the odd forms for  $n \geq 1$

$$\boxed{\int_0^1 dt n \text{tr} \left\{ g^{-1} [\nabla, g] \left( (1-t) \nabla^2 + t g^{-1} \nabla^2 g + (t^2 - t) (g^{-1} [\nabla, g])^2 \right)^{n-1} \right\}}$$

are closed.

The other way to compare two connections is to consider the superconnection family

$$\tilde{\nabla}_t = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \nabla_1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The curvature is

$$\tilde{\nabla}_t^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_0^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \nabla_1^2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \nabla_1 - \nabla_0 \\ \nabla_1 - \nabla_0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - t^2$$

Upon integrating the formula

$$\partial_t \text{tr}(e^{\tilde{\nabla}_t^2}) = d \text{tr}(e^{\tilde{\nabla}_t^2} e^{\tilde{\nabla}_t^2})$$

from 0 to  $\infty$  we get

$$\text{tr}(e^{\nabla_0^2} - e^{\nabla_1^2}) = d \int_0^\infty dt \left\{ \text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{(\nabla_0^2 \ 0) + t(0 \ \nabla_0 - \nabla_1) - t^2} \right\}$$

If we conjugate:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & g \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nabla & 0 \\ 0 & g^{-1}\nabla g \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & g^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla & 0 \\ 0 & \nabla \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & g \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & g^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -g^{-1} \\ g & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

we get

$$\tilde{\nabla}_t = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla & 0 \\ 0 & \nabla \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -g^{-1} \\ g & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\tilde{\nabla}_t^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \nabla^2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -[\nabla, g^{-1}] \\ [\nabla, g] & 0 \end{pmatrix} - t^2$$

So we obtain the closed form

$$\boxed{- \int_0^\infty dt \text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g^{-1} \\ g & 0 \end{pmatrix} \exp(-t^2 + \nabla^2 + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -[\nabla, g^{-1}] \\ [\nabla, g] & 0 \end{pmatrix})}$$

The third idea is to use Narasimhan-Ramanan to handle the connection. Thus we embed  $E \xrightarrow{i^*} \tilde{V}$  so that  $\nabla = i^* d i$  and we extend  $g$  on  $E$  by 1 on  $E^\perp$  to obtain  $\tilde{g} = \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $\tilde{V}$ .

Thus we reduce to the case where  $(E, \nabla) = (\tilde{V}, d)$ .

Let's calculate the odd forms where  $\nabla$  is flat. The ~~odd~~ form of degree  $(2n-1)$  obtained from  $\text{tr}(\nabla_t^{2n})$  for the path

$$\nabla_t = \nabla + t g^{-1} [\nabla, g] \quad \text{is}$$

$$\text{tr} (g^{-1} [\nabla, g])^{2n-1} \underbrace{\int_0^1 dt}_{n! (-1)^{n-1}} \underbrace{n(t^2 - t)^{n-1}}_{\frac{(n-1)!}{(2n-1)!}}$$

In the superconnection case we want

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_0^\infty dt \text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g^{-1} \\ g & 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t^2} \frac{t^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -[\nabla, g^{-1}] \\ [\nabla, g] & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{2n-1} \\ &= + \text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} g^{-1} [\nabla, g] [\nabla, g^{-1}] \dots [\nabla, g] & 0 \\ 0 & g [\nabla, g^{-1}] [\nabla, g] \dots [\nabla, g^{-1}] \end{pmatrix} (-1)^{n-1} \\ & \quad \times \int_0^\infty e^{-t^2} t^{2n-1} dt \frac{1}{(2n-1)!} \\ &= \cancel{\text{tr}} (-1)^{n-1} \cancel{2} \text{tr} (g^{-1} [\nabla, g])^{2n-1} \frac{1}{(2n-1)!} \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^n \frac{du}{2u} \\ &= (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)!}{(2n-1)!} \text{tr} (g^{-1} [\nabla, g])^{2n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Let's now look at an embedding

$\diamond E \xrightleftharpoons[i]{\ast} \tilde{V}$  with  $\nabla = i^* d_i$ . Then

$$d = \begin{pmatrix} i^* d_i & i^* d_j \\ f^* d_i & f^* d_j \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{g} = \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[d, \tilde{g}] = \begin{pmatrix} [\nabla, g] & -(g-1)(\iota^* d_j) \\ (\iota^* d_i)(g-1) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{g}^{-1}[d, \tilde{g}] = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{g}^{-1}[\nabla, g] & (\tilde{g}^{-1}-1)(-\iota^* d_j) \\ \iota^* d_i (\tilde{g}-1) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Motivation: Suppose given  $E, \nabla, g$  over ~~the manifold~~ the manifold  $M$ , we have seen that one way to attach an odd character form to this data is to use the superconnection

$$dt \partial_t + \begin{pmatrix} \nabla & 0 \\ 0 & \nabla \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -g^{-1} \\ g & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

over  $\mathbb{R} \times M$  and to integrate the even form ~~over~~ <sup>character</sup> from  $t=0$  to  $t=\infty$ . I propose to find a Dirac operator analogue when  $M$  is odd dimensional. The idea will be to produce a family of Dirac operators on  $M$  corresponding to the family of superconnections

$$\circledast \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nabla & 0 \\ 0 & \nabla \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -g^{-1} \\ g & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This will then give us an odd form on  $\mathbb{R}$  which can be integrated hopefully from  $t=0$  to  $\infty$  to obtain ~~the~~ index.

The obvious way to proceed is to take the Dirac operator with "potential" term ~~with superconnection~~ associated to the superconnection  $\circledast$ . Thus we need to recall how to mix Dirac operators and superconnections:

Even-Even:  $S$  comes with  $\gamma^\mu, \epsilon_5$  anti-comm.  
 $E$  —————  $\epsilon_E, X$  "

Then on  $S \otimes E$  we have  $\gamma^\mu \otimes 1, \epsilon_5 \otimes X$  which anti-commute, and which anti-commute with the total grading  $\epsilon_5 \otimes \epsilon_E$

Odd-Even:  $S$  comes with  $\gamma^\mu$ ,  $E$  comes with  $\epsilon_E, X$ . On  $S \otimes E$  we have  $\gamma^\mu \otimes \epsilon_E, 1 \otimes X$  anti-commuting.

Even-Odd:  $S$  comes with  $\gamma^\mu, \epsilon_S$ ,  $E$  comes with  $X$ . ~~SOE~~ On  $S \otimes E$  we have  $\gamma^\mu \otimes I$ ,  $\epsilon_S \otimes X$  anti-commuting

Odd-odd:  $S$  comes with  $\gamma^\mu$ ,  $E$  with  $X$   
On  $(S \otimes E)^{\oplus 2}$  we have

$$\epsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \gamma^\mu \otimes I \\ \gamma^\mu \otimes I & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -iX \\ iX & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ anticommuting}$$

We are concerned with the odd-even case which means that on  $S \otimes E$  we have

$$(\gamma^\mu \otimes \epsilon) (\nabla_\mu^S \otimes I + I \otimes \nabla_\mu^E) + I \otimes X.$$

~~Even-odd~~ The first term is the direct sum of the Dirac on  $S \otimes E^+$  with respect to  $\nabla^{E^+}$  and minus the Dirac on  $S \otimes E^-$  with respect to  $\nabla^{E^-}$ .

In the case of interest where we start with a Dirac  $\not{D}$  on  $S \otimes E$  and a gauge transformation  $g$ , we obtain the family of skew-adjoint operators

$$x_t = \begin{pmatrix} \not{D} & 0 \\ 0 & -\not{D} \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -g^{-1} \\ g & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

in  $\Gamma(S \otimes E)^{\oplus 2}$ . We have

$$x_t^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \not{D}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \not{D}^2 \end{pmatrix} - t^2 + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -[\not{D}, g^{-1}] \\ -[g, \not{D}] & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We want to consider the superconnection  $dt \partial_t + x_t \circ$  over the line  $\mathbb{R}$  and integrate the associated character form over  $[0, \infty)$ . As

$$(dt \partial_t + x_t \circ)^2 = x_t^2 + dt \dot{x}_t \circ$$

we obtain the ~~triangle~~ number

$$u \int_0^\infty \text{tr}_S (x_t \circ e^{u x_t^2}) dt = \bar{s} u \int_0^\infty \text{tr} (\dot{x}_t e^{u x_t^2}) dt$$

$$(2i)^{1/2}$$

Let's change signs slightly

$$X_t = \begin{pmatrix} \emptyset & 0 \\ 0 & -\emptyset \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g^{-1} \\ -g & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_t^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \emptyset^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \emptyset^2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [\emptyset, g^{-1}] \\ [\emptyset, g] & 0 \end{pmatrix} - t^2$$

The candidate for the index is

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \text{tr}_s \left( e^{u \underbrace{(\emptyset dt \partial_t + X_t \sigma)^2}_{dt (\partial_t X_t) \sigma + X_t^2}} \right) \\ &= u \int_0^\infty dt \text{tr}_s ((\partial_t X_t) \sigma e^{u X_t^2}) \\ &= u \bar{\sigma} \int_0^\infty dt \text{tr} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g^{-1} \\ -g & 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{u(\emptyset^2 - t^2 + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [\emptyset, g^{-1}] \\ [\emptyset, g] & 0 \end{pmatrix})} \right) \end{aligned}$$

We now expand the exponential obtaining

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \left( u \bar{\sigma} \int_0^\infty dt e^{-ut^2} (ut)^{2n+1} \right) \int_{t_0 + \dots + t_{2n+1} = 1} \text{tr} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g^{-1} \\ -g & 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{ut_0 \emptyset^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [\emptyset, g^{-1}] \\ [\emptyset, g] & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ \times e^{ut_1 \emptyset^2} \cdot \cdot \cdot \left. \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [\emptyset, g^{-1}] \\ [\emptyset, g] & 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{ut_{2n+1} \emptyset^2} \right)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} u \bar{\sigma} \int_0^\infty dt e^{-ut^2} (ut)^{2n+1} &= \bar{\sigma} \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} e^{-ut^2} (ut)^{2n+2} \\ &= \bar{\sigma} \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{2t} e^{-ut} (u)^{2n+2} t^{n+1} = \frac{\bar{\sigma}}{2} \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{u^{n+1}} u^{2n+2} \\ &= \frac{\bar{\sigma}}{2} \cancel{n!} u^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

So our formula for the index seems to be

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\bar{\sigma}}{2} n! u^{n+1} u^{\frac{2n}{2n+1}} I_n \quad \text{where}$$

$$I_n = \int_0^{\infty} \int_{t_0 + \dots + t_{2n+1} = 1} \text{tr} (g^{-1} e^{ut_0 \phi^2} [\phi, g] \dots [\phi, g^{-1}] e^{ut_{2n} \phi^2} [\phi, g] e^{ut_{2n+1} \phi^2}) \\ - \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\text{tot. } t_0 + \dots + t_{2n+1} = 1} \text{tr} (g e^{ut_0 \phi^2} [\phi, g^{-1}] \dots [\phi, g^{-1}] e^{ut_{2n+1} \phi^2})$$

One can simplify a bit by using the L.T.

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda u} I_n du = \text{tr} \left\{ g^{-1} \frac{1}{\lambda - \phi^2} [\phi, g] \frac{1}{\lambda - \phi^2} \left( [\phi, g^{-1}] \frac{1}{\lambda - \phi^2} [\phi, g] \frac{1}{\lambda - \phi^2} \right)^n \right\} \\ - \text{tr} \left\{ g \frac{1}{\lambda - \phi^2} [\phi, g^{-1}] \frac{1}{\lambda - \phi^2} \left( [\phi, g] \frac{1}{\lambda - \phi^2} [\phi, g^{-1}] \frac{1}{\lambda - \phi^2} \right)^n \right\}$$

Note

$$\prod_{j=1}^n \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda x_j} f_j(x_j) dx_j = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \cdots \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda(y_1 + \dots + y_n)} f_1(y_1) \cdots f_n(y_n) dy_1 \cdots dy_n \\ \text{set } y_k = x_1 + \dots + x_n$$

$$= \int_0^\infty dy_1 \int_0^\infty dy_2 \cdots \int_0^\infty dy_n e^{-\lambda y_1} f_1(y_1 - y_2) \cdots f_{n-1}(y_{n-1} - y_n) f_n(y_n)$$

$$= \int_0^\infty du e^{-\lambda u} u^{n-1} \int_0^{t_2} dt_2 \int_0^{t_3} dt_3 \cdots \int_0^{t_{n-1}} dt_n f_1(u(1-t_2)) \cdots f_n(u(t_n))$$

$$= \int_0^\infty da e^{-\lambda a} \boxed{a^{n-1} \int_{t_1 + \dots + t_n = 1} f_1(at_1) \cdots f_n(at_n)}$$

$$(f_1 * \cdots * f_n)(a)$$

This seems to be too messy to deal with

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Return to Kasparov theory. I want

to examine the index in the odd case thoroughly, from as many angles as possible.

The abstract situation is the following. One has a Hilbert space  $H$  and an involution  $\eta$  modulo compacts. Given a unitary  $g$  on  $H$  preserving  $\eta$ , there is an index  $\square$  defined. In fact the index is a homomorphism

$$U_{\text{rest}}(H, \eta) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}.$$

A natural question is what is the graded analogue? One might start with a graded  $H = H^+ \oplus H^-$  and an odd involution  $\eta$  modulo compacts. But then it is not so obvious what the analogue of  $g$  should be. Possibly one should look at even projectors commuting with  $\eta$  modulo compacts. To simplify suppose  $\eta$  has index zero, whence it can be represented by an odd involution  $F$ , i.e.  $F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  relative to an isom.  $H^+ = H^-$ . Then we are looking at the space of pairs of projectors  $(e, e')$  on  $H^+$  which are congruent modulo compacts. We want to consider only those pairs such that the image and kernel are infinite-dimensional and the fibre is the restricted Grassmannian, so again we have a space of the homotopy type  $\mathbb{Z} \times BU$ .

It might be better to consider a more concrete situation where one is given a Dirac operator on a manifold  $M$ . This represents an element of  $K(C(M), \mathbb{C})$  and the index map is the pairing with various elements of  $K(\mathbb{C}, C(M))$ .

Traditionally elements of  $K(\mathbb{C}, C(M))$ , that is, K-homology of  $M$ , are represented by maps from  $M$  to <sup>the</sup> classifying

usual models for these spaces are unitary matrices  $\equiv 1$  modulo compacts and the restricted Grass of involutions congruent to a fixed one modulo compacts. However in the AS paper one has other Fredholm operator models which are apparently better ~~██████████~~ for the purpose of the Kasparov cup product.

Look at the ungraded case. The K-homology class is represented by a Hilbert space representation  $H$  of  $C^{(M)}$  with an  $F$  modulo compacts commuting with elements of  $C^{(M)}$  modulo compacts.

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Let's fix an  $F$  on  $L^2(M, S) = H$ , whence we have an element  $\alpha$  of  $KK(C(M), \mathbb{C})$ , and let us consider pairing with  $\alpha$ :

$$KK(\mathbb{C}, C(M)) \longrightarrow KK(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C})$$

~~Definition~~ To fix the ideas consider the ungraded case where  $M$  is odd dimensional. Then we can represent any element of  $KK^1(\mathbb{C}, C(M))$  by a map  $g: M \rightarrow U(V)$  with  $V$  finite-dimensional, or with  $V$  infinite-dimensional but with  $U(V)$  replaced by unitaries  $\equiv 1 \pmod K$ . In either of these cases we form  $L^2(M, S \otimes \tilde{V}) = H \otimes V$  and compare  $F = F \otimes I$  with  $\tilde{F}$  on  $L^2(M, S \otimes \tilde{V})$ . It seems that  $g$  preserves  $\tilde{F}$  modulo compacts, so the index is defined.

The other way to represent an element of  $KK^1(\mathbb{C}, C(M))$  is by a map  $M \xrightarrow{A} \mathcal{F}_I =$  self adj contractions ess. spectrum  $\{-1, +1\}$  on  $V$  infinite-dimensional. Then we would have to construct the Kasparov cup product.

In the graded case we have to consider representations of elements on  $KK^0(\mathbb{C}, C(M))$ . The simplest representation is by maps  $M \rightarrow Q(V)$   $V$  finite-dimensional. Here one reduces  $F \otimes I$  on  $L^2(M, S) \otimes V$  by the idempotent. The next kind of representation would be by maps from  $M$  to a restricted Grassmannian. Now before one can talk about the index map to  $\mathbb{Z}$  from the restricted Grass one needs to have fixed at least the zero component. It seems therefore

reasonable to require a basepoint  $\varepsilon$  to be given in the restricted Grass before one considers it to be a classifying space for  $K^0$ .

Then we have  $V = V^+ \oplus V^-$  a graded Hilbert space, and  $\blacksquare$  we have a map  $\varepsilon_V$  from  $M$  to involutions congruent to  $\varepsilon_V$  modulo compact. We form

$$L^2(M, S \otimes V) = L^2(M, S) \otimes V$$

and we would like to couple  $F \otimes I$  with the family  $\{\Phi_x\}$  so as to obtain either a Fredholm operator or a point  $\blacksquare$  in a restricted Grassmannian.

$$\text{In } \tilde{H} = L^2(M, S) \otimes V = H \otimes V$$

we have  $\tilde{F} = F \otimes I$  and  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_H \otimes \varepsilon_V$  and the ~~involution~~ involution  $\Phi$ .

We want to combine  $F, \Phi$  following the finite dimensional model. ?

Questions: 1) Fix a Fredholm module  $(H, F)$  over  $C(\gamma)$  (ungraded), let  $g$  be a unitary automorphism of the Hilbert space  $V$ , which is  $\equiv 1 \pmod{K}$ . Then  $\blacksquare$  on  $H \otimes V$ , does  $F \otimes I$   $\blacksquare$  commute  $\pmod{K}$  with  $g$ ? For example, when  $H = L^2(S^1)$  and  $F$  is the Hilbert transform, does  $F \otimes I$  on  $H \otimes V = L^2(S^1, \tilde{V})$  commute  $\pmod{K}$  with  $g$ ?

2) Suppose instead of  $M \rightarrow U(V; 1)$  we take  $M \rightarrow Gr(V, \varepsilon)$ . How can one couple this to  $F$ ?

Recall the space of pairs  $(e, e')$  of projectors on  $H$  such that  $e = e' \text{ mod } P$ <sup>0</sup> is homotopy equivalent to the restricted Grass, since it fibres over the contractible space of all projectors  $e'$  (we assume  $\text{Im } e'$ ,  $\text{Ker } e'$  are  $\infty$ -dirl). Moreover we ~~know~~ how to construct a map from this space to a restricted Grass.  $\blacksquare$  Namely we take the odd almost involutive contraction  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & e'e \\ e'e & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $eH \oplus e'H$ , we take its modified C.T. which gives an involution on  $eH \oplus e'H$  which equals  $-e$  when  $e = e'$ , and then we extend the by  $-e$  on the orthogonal complement  $(1-e)H \oplus (1-e')H$  in  $H \oplus H$ .

$\blacksquare$  It seems this map <sup>almost</sup> lifts into the space of odd almost involutive contractions. At least it does provide the almost-inv. contraction  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & ee' \\ e'e & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $eH \oplus e'H$ . One then wants an isomorphism of the complements  $(1-e)H$   $\spadesuit$  and  $(1-e')H$ . What we can do is to add  $H^{\oplus\infty}$  and use the infinite repetition isomorphism

$$(1-e)H \oplus H \oplus H \oplus \dots$$

$$= (1-e)H \oplus (eH \oplus (1-e)H) \oplus (eH \oplus (1-e)H) \oplus \dots$$

$$= ((1-e)H \oplus eH) \oplus ((1-e)H \oplus eH) \oplus \dots$$

$$= H \oplus H \oplus \dots$$

and similarly for  $e'$ .

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Wave packet transform on  $\mathbb{R}$ . We consider  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  with the operators  $g = x$  and  $p = \frac{\hbar}{i} \partial_x$ . We would like a way to associate operators on  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  to functions  $f(g, p)$ , i.e. a quantization procedure. One method uses the holomorphic representation. Here  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is identified with the subspace of  $L^2(\mathbb{C}, e^{-|z|^2} \frac{d^2 z}{\pi})$  consisting of holomorphic functions, and  $f(g, p)$  is identified with a smooth function " $f(z, \bar{z})$ " on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Quantization is then multiplication by  $f$  and projection back onto the holom. functions. In the holom representation the generators are the coherent states  $u_\lambda = e^{\lambda z} = e^{\lambda a^*} |0\rangle$ . These states are complete but not independent. We have

$$\langle u_\lambda | u_\mu \rangle = e^{\bar{\lambda} \mu}$$

$$\int \frac{d^2 z}{\pi} e^{-|z|^2} |u_\lambda \rangle \langle u_\lambda|.$$

Let's look for similar things in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . We ~~will~~ consider

$$e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} + \lambda x}$$

If  $\lambda = u + iv$  with  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ , then this

$$e^{ivx} e^{-\frac{(x-u)^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}}$$

which is a wave packet of wave number  $v$  centered around  $x=u$ . Thus to each  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  we have attached a wave packet.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} + \lambda x} \left| e^{-\frac{y^2}{2} + \mu y} \right. \right\rangle &= \int e^{-x^2 + (\lambda + \mu)x} dx \\ &= \sqrt{\pi} e^{+\frac{(\lambda + \mu)^2}{4}} = \sqrt{\pi} e^{+\frac{\lambda^2}{4} + \frac{\mu^2}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\lambda\mu} \end{aligned}$$

so if we put

$$\boxed{\varphi_\lambda = \pi^{-1/4} e^{-\frac{\lambda^2}{4}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} + \lambda x}}$$

then we have

$$\boxed{\langle \varphi_\lambda | \varphi_\mu \rangle = e^{\frac{1}{2}\bar{\lambda}\mu}}$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int d^2\lambda e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\lambda|^2} \varphi_\lambda(x) \overline{\varphi_\lambda(y)} \\ &= \int \frac{d^2\lambda}{\pi^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\lambda|^2 - \frac{\lambda^2}{4} - \frac{\bar{\lambda}^2}{4} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \lambda x - \frac{y^2 + \bar{\lambda}y}{2}} \\ &= \int \frac{d^2\lambda}{\pi^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{4}(\lambda + \bar{\lambda})^2 + \lambda x + \bar{\lambda}y - \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}} \\ &= \int \frac{du dv}{\pi^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{4}(2u)^2 + u(x+y) + iv(x-y) - \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}} \\ &= 2\pi \delta(x-y) \pi^{-1/2} \left( \int du e^{-u^2 + u(x+y)} \right) e^{-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}} \\ &= 2\pi \delta(x-y) e^{\frac{(x+y)^2}{4}} e^{-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}} = 2\pi \delta(x-y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\int \frac{d^2\lambda}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\lambda|^2} \varphi_\lambda(x) \overline{\varphi_\lambda(y)} = \boxed{\delta(x-y)}}$$

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Let's return to index theory over the circle with a view toward understanding the analysis better.

We consider  $L^2(S^1)$ ,  $S^1 = \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ , Lebesgue measure  $\frac{dx}{2\pi}$ ; it has orthonormal basis  $e^{inx}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We consider operators on  $L^2(S^1)$  built up out of multiplication by functions of  $x$  and ~~the exponential~~ functions of  $p = \frac{h}{i} \partial_x$ , where  $h$  is real. If  $f$  is a function defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $f(p)$  is the diagonal operator

$$f(p) e^{inx} = f(nh) e^{inx}.$$

(Although this operator depends only on the values of  $f$  on the set  $\mathbb{Z}h$ , we want to treat  $h$  as a parameter, and so we want  $f$  to be defined on all of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Also we could take  $p$  to be  $\frac{h}{i}(\partial_x + ia)$  with  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , i.e. use a non-trivial constant coefficient connection.)

We have ~~the~~

$$f(p) * e^{inx} = e^{inx} * f(p+nh)$$

where  $*$  denotes operator composition. Thus one is led to introduce the cross product algebra of functions of  $p$  by the integers, the integers being identified with the exponential functions  $\{e^{inx}\}$ .

One can generalize to a torus  $M = \mathbb{R}^n/\Gamma$ . One takes functions on  $T^*M = M \times (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$  and associates operators to them.

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We are reviewing index theory over the circle. I recall being stuck on how to couple a Dirac operator on  $S^1$  to a loop  $g: S^1 \rightarrow U(V)$ . I ran into difficulty trying to define something like

$$\frac{1}{i} \partial_x + \frac{g-1}{g+1}$$

The reason for the difficulty ~~is~~ probably lies somewhere in the analysis - there's something ill-posed, some failure of transversality which would become clear if I had good control of the analysis.

It seems likely that a way around the difficulty can be found by working in two dimensions. We see ~~two~~ two approaches. First one can replace the loop  $g$  by a family of Dirac's over an auxiliary circle parametrized by the given circle. Thus an element of  $U(V)$  is to be replaced by "the" ~~connection~~ connection in the trivial bundle  $\tilde{V}$  over the circle with the monodromy  $u$ . After making suitable choices we find a Dirac operator on the torus  $S^1 \times S^1$  which should be coupling of  $\frac{1}{i} \partial_x$  and  $g$ .

Secondly we can work over the cotangent bundle  $T^*(S^1) = S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$ . We algebras, symbol algebras, which are constructed from functions on  $T^*(S^1)$ , and which operate in various ways on  $L^2(S^1)$ . ~~on the cotangent bundle~~ This formalism links index theory of KDO's on  $S^1$  ~~is~~ and the K-theory of  $T^*(S^1)$ . Specifically it gives a map from the K-theory of  $T^*(S^1)$  to

Let's follow the second approach which assigns operators on  $L^2(S^1)$  to functions on  $T^*(S^1) = S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$ . We consider an extension of algebras.

$$0 \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \longrightarrow C^\infty(S^1 \times \{\pm 1\}) \xrightarrow{\quad} 0$$

cosphere  
bundle of  $S^1$

$\mathcal{A}$  consists of smooth functions  $f(h, x, p)$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times \underbrace{S^1 \times \mathbb{R}}_{T^*(S^1)}$  which are rapidly decreasing as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , whereas  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  ~~consists of~~ consists of  $f(h, x, p)$  which tend rapidly to constant functions in  $p$  as  $p \rightarrow +\infty$  or  $-\infty$ . We know how given a connection  $\partial_x + ia$  on  $S^1$  and  $h \neq 0$  to define a homomorphism

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}} \longrightarrow L(L^2(S^1))$$

such that  $\mathcal{A}$  gets mapped to smooth kernel operators. ~~such that~~ An element of  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  can be expanded as a Fourier series in  $x$

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{inx} f_n(h, p)$$

and the algebra structure is determined by the rule

$$f_n(h, p) * e^{ikx} = e^{ikx} f_n(h, p+k)$$

Let's assume we understand the above algebra extension and concentrate on the index theory.

Let's consider an extension of algebras

$$0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow R \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

where  $R$  operates on  $H$  so that  $I$  acts as operators in a certain Schatten class.

In this case we have an index map

$$K_1(A) \xrightarrow{\partial} K_0(I) \rightarrow K_0(\mathcal{K}(H)) = \mathbb{Z},$$

and we have various trace formulas for the index. Let's review these.

Let us start with an element of  $K_1(A)$ ; it can be represented by an invertible matrix  $u$  over  $A$ . The connecting homomorphism  $\partial$  is defined as follows. One lifts  $u$  to  $p \in R$  and  $u^{-1}$  to  $g \in R$ . Then we have

$$gp = 1-x \quad \text{with } x \in I$$

$$pg = 1-y \quad \text{with } y \in I$$

$$pgp = p - y p = p - px \Rightarrow px = y p$$

$$gpg = g - xg = g - gy \Rightarrow xg = gy$$

We have the index formula

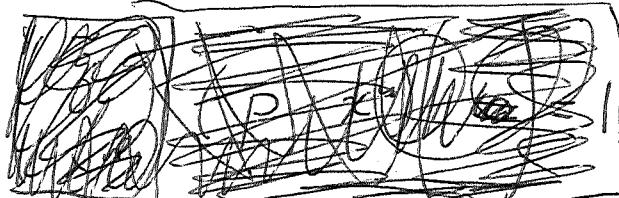
~~$$\text{Index} = \text{tr}(x^n) - \text{tr}(y^n)$$~~

where  $n$  is large enough so the traces are defined. To prove this we,

set  $\tilde{g} = (1+x+\dots+x^{2n-1})g$  so that

$$\tilde{g}p = 1 - x^{2n}$$

Then we have



~~$(\tilde{g} \quad x^n)$~~ 

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \tilde{g} \\ x^n \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} P \\ x^n \end{array} \right) = 1$$

so that  ~~$\tilde{g}$~~

$$e = \left( \begin{array}{c} P \\ x^n \end{array} \right) (\tilde{g} \quad x^n) = \left( \begin{array}{cc} P\tilde{g} & Px^n \\ x^n\tilde{g} & x^{2n} \end{array} \right)$$

is a projector  $\equiv$  mod  $I^n$  to  $e_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

■ The connecting homomorphism takes  $[e] \in K_1(A)$  into the difference  $[e] - [e_0] \in K_0(I)$ .

Note that  $[e] - [e_0]$  ~~is~~ is a well-defined class in  $K_0(I^n)$ . If trace is defined on  $I^n$  we have

$$\text{tr}(e - e_0) = \text{tr}(\underbrace{P\tilde{g}}_{I^n} - 1 + x^{2n})$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(1+x+\dots+x^{2n-1})\tilde{g} &= (1+y+\dots+y^{2n-1})(\overline{P\tilde{g}}) \\ &= 1-y^{2n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{tr}(e - e_0) = \underline{\text{tr}(x^{2n}) - \text{tr}(y^{2n})}.$$

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Consider an algebra extension with a map to the Calkin extension

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & I & \rightarrow & R & \rightarrow & A \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & K(H) & \rightarrow & L(H) & \rightarrow & Q(H) \end{array} \rightarrow 0$$

Given an invertible matrix  $u$  over  $A$ , one lifts it to  $p$  over  $R$ . Then  $p$  is a Fredholm operator on  $H$ , so there is an index defined.

It seems that the fact that a Fredholm operator has closed image and finite dimensional kernel + cokernel is a basic fact from analysis. One might try to define the index via the connecting homomorphism

$$K_1(A) \xrightarrow{\partial} K_0(I) \longrightarrow K_0(K(H)) = \mathbb{Z}.$$

This starts from  $u$ ; one lifts  $u$  and  $u^{-1}$  to  $p$  and  $g$  respectively. Replacing  $g$  by  $\tilde{g} = [I - (I - gp)]g$  if necessary one can suppose  $gp = I - \beta\alpha$  with  $\beta, \alpha \in I$ .

Then

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g & \beta \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad e_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

are projectors over  $I^+ = \mathbb{C} \oplus I$  which are congruent mod  $I$ , so  $[e] - [e_0]$  is a class in  $K_0(I)$ . But now one still has to assign an index to two projectors on  $H$  which are congruent modulo compacts. The method is to

look at the projection

$$e(H^{\oplus 2}) \xrightarrow{e_0 e} e_0(H^{\oplus 2})$$

which is Fredholm, and take the index.  
 (In the ~~case~~ case being considered  $e(H^{\oplus 2})$  and  $e_0(H^{\oplus 2})$  can be identified with  $H$  and then  $e_0 e$  becomes  $p$ .) Thus one still ends up using the basic fact about Fredholm operators.

Remark: Index formula: Suppose  $e, e_0$  are two ~~operator~~ projectors on  $H$  which differ by ~~a~~ an operator in a Schatten class. Then we have

$$\text{Index}([e] - [e_0]) = \text{tr} (e - e_0)^{2n+1}$$

for  $n$  large enough so the index is defined.

Proof when  $e, e_0$  are self-adjoint. Set  $F = 2e - 1$ ,  $\varepsilon = 2e_0 - 1$ . ~~a~~ We want the index of  $e_0 e$ :  $e_0 H \rightarrow e H$ . One has

$$\text{Ker}(e_0 e) = \underbrace{eH}_{F=1} \cap \underbrace{(e_0 H)^\perp}_{\varepsilon=-1}$$

note:  
 $(e_0 e)^* = ee_0$ ;  
 think of  $e_0 e$   
 as  $f^* f$

$$\text{Ker}(ee_0) = \underbrace{e_0 H}_{\varepsilon=1} \cap \underbrace{(eH)^\perp}_{F=-1}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Index} &= -\text{tr} (\varepsilon \text{ on } g = -1 \text{ eigenspace}) & g = F\varepsilon \\ &= -\text{tr} (\varepsilon f(g)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $f$  is a function with  $f(1) = 0$ ,  $f(-1) = 1$ , ~~such that~~ such that  $f(g) \in \mathcal{L}^1$ .

$$\text{Take } f(g) = \text{a power of } \frac{2-g-g^{-1}}{4} = \frac{1-g}{2} \frac{1-g^{-1}}{2}$$

$$\frac{2-g-g^{-1}}{4} = \frac{2-F\varepsilon-\varepsilon F}{4} = \left(\frac{F-\varepsilon}{2}\right)^2$$

So

$$\text{Index} = +\text{tr}(-\varepsilon)\left(\frac{F-\varepsilon}{2}\right)^{2n} = \text{tr}\left(\frac{F-\varepsilon}{2}\right)F\left(\frac{F-\varepsilon}{2}\right)^{2n-1}$$

$$= \text{tr } F\left(\frac{F-\varepsilon}{2}\right)^{2n}$$

$$\therefore \text{Index} = \text{tr}\left(\frac{F-\varepsilon}{2}\right)^{2n+1} = \text{tr}(e-e_0)^{2n+1}$$


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Next we want to discuss the possible purpose of this discussion. We are interested in the problem of coupling a Dirac on  $S^1$  with a loop  $g: S^1 \rightarrow U(V)$ . This means that I would like a construction which produces an element of the restricted Grassmannian of a Hilbert space close to  $L^2(S^1)$ . 

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We are going to proceed as follows. We start with an odd K-class on the cosphere bundle  $S^1 \times \{\pm 1\}$  of  $S^1$ . This will be represented by a pair  $(g_+, g_-)$  of invertible matrices over  $C^\infty(S^1)$ . To simplify we suppose  $g_- = 1$ . Thus we have the invertible matrix over  $S^*(S^1) = S^1 \times \{\pm 1\}$  given by

$$u(x, p) = \begin{cases} 1 & p = -1 \\ g(x) & p = +1. \end{cases}$$

Now we would like to investigate ways to assign representatives for the index of  $u$ . Such representatives should lie in standard spaces of the homotopy type  $\mathbb{Z} \times BU$ , such as the restricted Grassmannian or the space of Fredholm operators. To get started let's consider the process of lifting

means of the alg. extension

$$0 \rightarrow a \longrightarrow \tilde{a} \longrightarrow C^0(S^1 \times \{\pm 1\}) \rightarrow 0$$

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$\{f(h, x, p)\}$

we can do the lifting in  $\tilde{Q}$ . Now it would be nice to ~~lift~~ lift  $a$  to a contraction  $P$ , so that when we come to solve

$$QP + \beta\alpha = 1$$

we can take  $Q = P^*$  and  $\beta = \alpha^*$ . I don't know whether this is possible, however ~~we~~ we can look ~~at~~ at the case where  $h = 0$  to get some ideas. In this case  $Q = \mathbb{L}(S^1 \times R)$  and we are using  $a$  to construct ~~an~~ an idempotent over  $S^1 \times (R \cup \{+\infty\}) = S^1 \times S^1$ .

Thus we are looking at the connecting map

$$K^1(S^1 \times \{\pm 1\}) \xrightarrow{\partial} K^0(S^1 \times R),$$

and we want to see what the standard formula for  $\partial$  yields from  $a$ .

Let's fix  $\tau : R \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  a monotone function,  $\tau(-1) = -1$  for  $p \ll 0$ , and  $\tau(p) = +1$  for  $p \gg 0$ . Then  $a$  lifts to

$$\begin{aligned} P(x, p) &= \frac{1-\tau(p)}{2} + g(x) \frac{1+\tau(p)}{2} \\ &= \frac{g+1}{2} + \frac{g-1}{2} \tau \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$P^* = \frac{g^{-1}+1}{2} + \frac{g^{-1}-1}{2} \tau$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P^*P &= \frac{2+g+g^{-1}}{4} + \frac{2-g-g^{-1}}{4}\tau^2 \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{\left((g^{-1}+1)(g-1) + (g^{-1}-1)(g+1)\right)}_{1+g-g^{-1}-1+1-g+g^{-1}-1} \frac{\tau}{4} = 0 \\
 &= \frac{2+g+g^{-1}}{4} + \frac{2g-g^{-1}}{4}(\tau^2 - 1 + 1) \\
 &= 1 - \frac{(1-g)(1-g^{-1})}{4}(1-\tau^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

so if we put

$$\alpha = \frac{g-1}{2} \sqrt{1-\tau^2} \quad \beta = \alpha^*$$

we have  $P^*P + \alpha^*\alpha = 1$ , and so

we obtain the projector

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} (P^* \alpha^*)$$

which is the orthogonal projection on the image of

$$\begin{pmatrix} P \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1-\tau}{2} + g \frac{1+\tau}{2} \\ \frac{g-1}{2} \sqrt{1-\tau^2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{g-1}{2}\tau + \frac{g+1}{2} \\ \frac{g-1}{2} \sqrt{1-\tau^2} \end{pmatrix}$$



We find a new embedding of the suspension of  $U(V)$  into  $\text{Gr}(V^{\oplus 2})$ . Taking  $V=\mathbb{C}$  we have the map

$$\begin{aligned}
 [-1, 1] \times \mathbb{T} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^2 \quad \downarrow iR \\
 (\tau, \zeta) &\longmapsto \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{1-\tau^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\tau^2}} \left( \frac{g+1}{g-1} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

If we set

$$\tau = \frac{p}{\sqrt{1+p^2}}$$

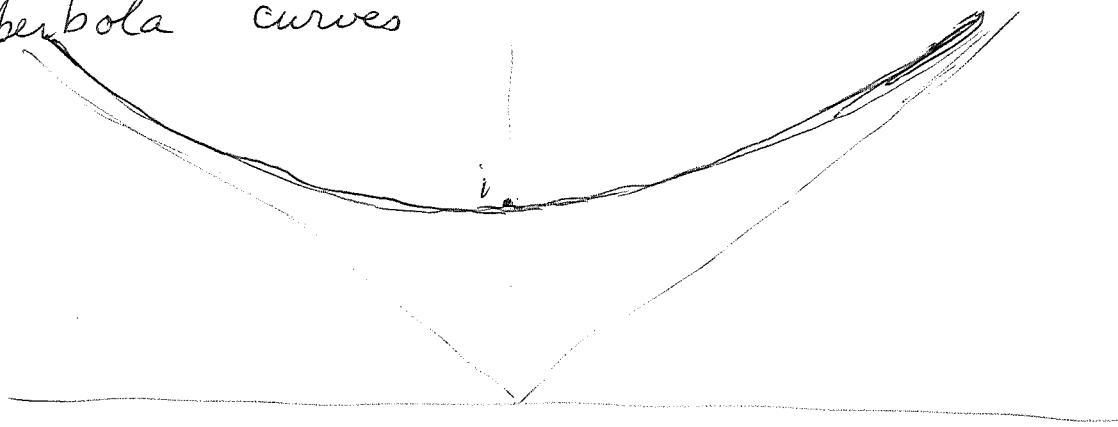
$$1-\tau^2 = 1 - \frac{p^2}{1+p^2} = \frac{1}{1+p^2}$$

we get the map

$$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2$$

$$(p, \xi) \longmapsto p + \sqrt{1+p^2} \begin{pmatrix} \xi - 1 \\ \xi + 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $\xi$  fixed, as  $p$  runs over  $\mathbb{R}$  we get hyperbola curves



The monodromy in the line bundle as we follow such a curve is related to the area inside

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Yesterday we found another "periodicity" map  $\sum u(V) \rightarrow Gr(V^{\oplus 2})$  using the formula for the connecting homomorphism in K theory. Like the map encountered with the operator  $i\partial_x + \frac{g-1}{g+1}$ , the monodromy along the suspension lines doesn't coincide exactly with  $g$ . This suggests looking at the map  $R \times u(V) \rightarrow Gr(V^{\oplus 2})$  given by

$$(p, g) \mapsto \begin{cases} \text{Im} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ p \end{pmatrix} & p \leq 0 \\ \text{Im} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ pg \end{pmatrix} & p > 0 \end{cases}$$

The reason is that the monodromy as  $p$  goes from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$  is essentially  $g$ .

Let's review this. Over  $Gr(W)$  let's consider  $\tilde{W}$  with the connection

$$\nabla = \frac{d + F d \cdot F}{2} = d + \frac{1}{2} F d F$$

Given a curve  $F_t$  in  $Gr(W)$ , the parallel transport along this curve is ~~a family~~ a family

$$g_t: \tilde{W}_{F_0} \longrightarrow \tilde{W}_{F_t}$$

satisfying  $(\partial_t + \frac{1}{2} F_t \dot{F}_t) g_t = 0$ . As a check let's verify that  $g_t$  preserves the involution along the curve i.e. that  $g_t F_0 g_t^{-1} = F_t$ . But

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \{ g_t^{-1} F_t g_t \} &= -g_t^{-1} \dot{g}_t \dot{g}_t^{-1} F_t g_t + g_t^{-1} F_t \dot{g}_t + g_t^{-1} \dot{F}_t g_t \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} F_t \dot{F}_t g_t \end{aligned}$$

$$= +\dot{g}_t^{-1} \left[ +\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\dot{F}_t \dot{F}_t^*}_{-\dot{F}_t^*} - \frac{1}{2} \dot{F}_t \boxed{\dot{F}_t} + \dot{F}_t^* \right] g_t$$

$$= 0$$

so  $\dot{g}_t^{-1} F_t g_t$  is constant.

Now consider the path  ~~$\gamma(t)$~~

$$F_\theta = (\cos \theta) \varepsilon + (\sin \theta) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g^{-1} \\ g & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

which is the path  $\text{Im}(\frac{1}{tg})$   $0 \leq t \leq \infty$

with  $t = \tan(\frac{\theta}{2})$ . Then

$$\partial_\theta F_\theta = (-\sin \theta) \varepsilon + (\cos \theta) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g^{-1} \\ g & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_\theta \partial_\theta F_\theta = (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g^{-1} \\ g & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g^{-1} \\ -g & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

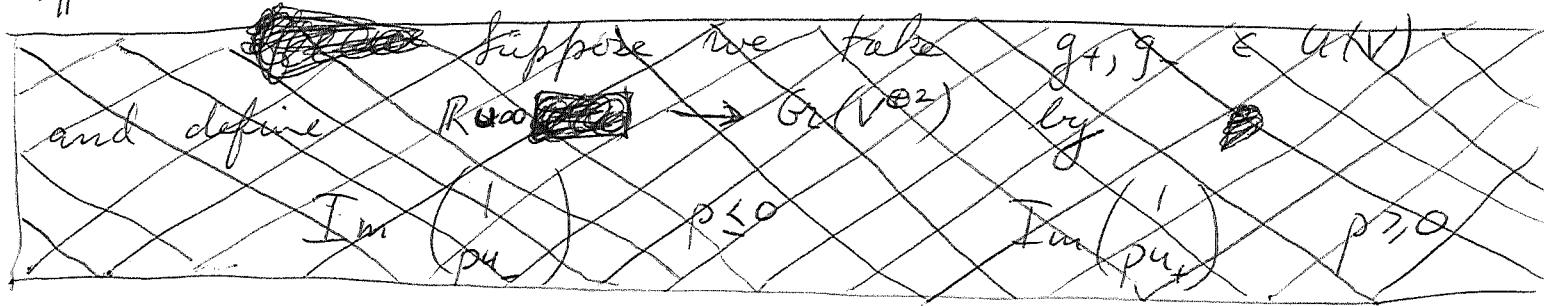
$$g_\theta = c^{-\frac{1}{2}(F_\theta \partial_\theta F_\theta)} = c^{\frac{\theta}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -g^{-1} \\ g & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$g_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) & -g^{-1} \sin(\theta/2) \\ g \sin(\theta/2) & \cos(\theta/2) \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus

$$g_\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -g^{-1} \\ g & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \mathbb{V}^{\oplus 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{V}^{\oplus 2}$$

induces  $g$  on the fibres of the subbundle, i.e.  
 $g$  from  $+1$  eigenspace of  $F_\theta = \varepsilon$  to the  $+1$  eigenspace of  
 $F_{\theta=\pi} = -\varepsilon$ .



Suppose given two loops  $u_+, u_- : S^1 \rightarrow U(V)$ <sup>1090</sup>  
we define  $S^1 \times (R \cup \infty) \rightarrow G_2(V^{\oplus 2})$  by

$$(x, p) \mapsto \begin{cases} \text{Im} \left( \frac{1}{pu_-(x)} \right) & p \leq 0 \\ \text{Im} \left( \frac{1}{pu_+(x)} \right) & p > 0 \end{cases}$$



This gives the monodromy

$$\tilde{V}_{-\varepsilon}^{\oplus 2} \xleftarrow{\quad} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & u_-^{-1} \\ -u_- & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} \tilde{V}_\varepsilon^{\oplus 2} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -u_+^{-1} \\ u_+ & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xleftarrow{\quad} \tilde{V}_\varepsilon^{\oplus 2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -u_+^{-1} \\ u_+ & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -u_-^{-1} \\ u_- & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -u_+ u_- & 0 \\ 0 & -u_+ u_-^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

which gives the monodromy  $-u_+ u_-^{-1}$  on the  $\pm 1$  eigenspace of  $-\varepsilon$ .

So the natural question is whether we can quantize the above K-class  $\circledast$ . Thus for example it is reasonable to look for a PDO on the circle with the symbol

$$\begin{cases} pu_-(x) & p \leq 0 \\ pu_+(x) & p > 0 \end{cases} ?$$

Getyler claimed one could apply heat kernel methods to this first order operator, but I am skeptical.

Let's go over the reasoning behind the above calculations. I am trying to couple a loop  $S^1 \rightarrow U(V)$  with a Dirac on  $S^1$ 's so as to produce either a Fredholm op. or a point in a restricted Grassmannian. I would like a

construction which makes sense as  
 $h \rightarrow 0$  in which case we obtain  
 an even K-class over  $T^*(S^1)$ . The  
 class should be obtained from an  
 invertible matrix over  $S^*(S^1) = S^1 \times \{\pm 1\}$  via  
 the connecting map

$$K^{-1}(S^*(S^1)) \xrightarrow{\partial} K_c^0(T^*(S^1))$$

I have ~~not~~ examined various maps  $T^*(S^1) \rightarrow \text{Gr}(V)$   
 which should realize this <sup>even</sup> K-class.

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Return to the problem of associating to an odd-dim Dirac operator  $D_0$  and a gauge transformation  $u$  an index  $\in \mathbb{Z}$ . Really the problem is to find an analytical expression for this index which is useful; hopefully, it will shed light on the cyclic class belonging to the Dirac operator.

Let's look at the topology first. We consider the linear path

$$X_t = (1-t)D_0 + t u D_0 u^{-1}$$

joining  $D_0$  to  $u D_0 u^{-1}$ . The choice of path is harmless since the space of connections is contractible. (Abstractly we are going to pass from  $X_t$  to the essential involution

$$A_t = \frac{-i X_t}{\sqrt{1-X_t^2}}$$

and we then stay in the contractible space of such  $A$  which mod compact are a fixed involution in the Calkin algebra.)

We then take the Cayley transforms

$$g_t = \frac{1+X_t}{1-X_t}$$

This gives a path in  $U^\infty(H, -1)$  = unitaries congruent to  $-1$  mod compact which starts with  $g_0$  and ends with  $u g_0 u^{-1}$ . But the space of all unitaries in  $H$  is contractible, so we can deform  $u$  to the identity in  $U(H)$  in essentially ~~one~~ one way up to homotopy. Thus we get a loop in

$$\mathcal{U}^\infty(H, -1).$$

~~Such a loop represents an element of~~

$$\pi_1(\mathcal{U}^\infty(H, -1)) = \pi_1(U) = \mathbb{Z}$$

Let's next look for a formula for this index. We have the C.T. map

$$t \mapsto g_t = \frac{1+x_t}{1-x_t} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

from the unit interval to  $U^P(H, -1)$  = unitaries congruent to  $-1$  modulo  $L^P(H)$ , where  $p$  is large enough. On  $U^P(H, -1)$  we have superconnection forms depending on a parameter  $u$ ,  $\text{Re}(u) > 0$ , of odd degree, which are invariant under conjugation by elements of  $U(H)$ .

Let's look at the superconnection form of degree 1. In terms of  $X$  it is

$$u \bar{\sigma} \operatorname{tr} (e^{uX^2} dX) \quad \bar{\sigma} = (2i)^{1/2}$$

and upon dividing by  $(-2\pi i u)^{1/2}$  it should have integral periods. Let's check this over  $U(1)$ .  $X = ia$

$$u(2i)^{1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ua^2} ida = u(2i)^{1/2} i \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{u}} \circledast = (-2\pi i u)^{1/2}$$

Therefore this superconnection ~~is~~ 1-form, when normalized, should be of the form  $d \log \varphi$  where  $\varphi: U^P(H, -1) \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  is unique, if one requires  $\varphi(-1) = 1$ . It's clear that  $\varphi$  is first found as a map  $\varphi_i: U(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  sending  $-1$  to  $1$ , and then

$$\varphi(g) = \prod_i \varphi_i(g_i)$$

where the  $\lambda_i$  are the eigenvalues of  $g$  different from  $-1$ . 1044

So now it's clear that when we take the normalized superconnection 1-form on  $U^P(H, -1)$ , pull it back to  $[0, 1]$  via  $g_t$ , and then integrate, we are just getting a number  $\alpha$  such that

$$\frac{\varphi(g_1)}{\varphi(g_0)} = \exp(\alpha)$$

But  $g_1 = u g_0 u^{-1}$ , so we have  $\exp(\alpha) = 1$ , which means that  $\alpha$  is essentially the index.

Thus we have the formula for the index

$$\text{Index} = \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{u}}{\sqrt{\pi i}} \operatorname{tr}(e^{ux_t^2} dx_t) dt$$

Check:

$$\text{Index} \int_0^\infty e^{-2u} \sqrt{u} \frac{du}{u} = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi i}} \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda - x_t^2} dx_t\right) dt$$

$\underbrace{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^{1/2}}}_{\lambda^{1/2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Index} &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2\pi i} \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{2}{1-x_t^2} dx_t\right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^1 \operatorname{tr}(g_t^{-1} \partial_t g_t) dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g &= \frac{1+x}{1-x} = -1 + \frac{2}{1-x} \\ dg &= \frac{2}{1-x} dx \frac{1}{1-x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g^{-1} dg &= \frac{2}{1+x} dx \frac{1}{1-x} \\ \operatorname{tr}(g^{-1} dg) &= \operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{2}{1-x^2} dx\right) \end{aligned}$$