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Abstract

We identify Melrose’s suspended algebra of pseudodifferential operators with a subalgebra of the algebra of parametric pseudodifferential operators with parameter space \( \mathbb{R} \). For a general algebra of parametric pseudodifferential operators, where the parameter space may now be a cone \( \Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^p \), we construct a unique “symbol valued trace”, which extends the \( L^2 \)-trace on operators of small order. This allows to construct various trace functionals in a systematic way. Furthermore we study the higher–dimensional eta–invariants on algebras with parameter space \( \mathbb{R}^{2k-1} \). Using Clifford representations we construct for each first order elliptic differential operator a natural family of parametric pseudodifferential operators over \( \mathbb{R}^{2k-1} \). The eta–invariant of this family coincides with the spectral eta–invariant of the operator.

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1 Introduction

Let $M$ be a smooth compact Riemannian manifold without boundary. Furthermore, let $E$ be a hermitian vector bundle over $M$. We denote by $\text{CL}^\ast(M, E)$ the algebra of classical pseudodifferential operators acting on $L^2(M, E)$. It is well-known that up to a scalar factor $\text{CL}^\ast(M, E)$ has a unique trace, the residue trace of Guillemin [8] and Wodzicki [18].

In this paper we study traces on the algebra of parameter dependent pseudodifferential operators $\text{CL}^\ast(M, E, \Gamma)$, where $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ is a conic set. These algebras play an important role in the study of the resolvent of an elliptic differential operator in which case $\Gamma$ is a sector in $\mathbb{C}$ (cf. [17]).

Our first result shows that $\text{CL}^\ast(M, E, \mathbb{R})$ contains a canonical isomorphic image of the algebra $\text{CL}^\ast_{\text{sus}}(M, E)$ introduced by Melrose [13]. This algebra appears naturally in an index theorem for manifolds with boundary [15, Sec. 12]. It should be thought of a pseudodifferential suspension of the algebra $\text{CL}^\ast(M, E)$.

More generally we then study the algebra $\text{CL}^\ast(M, E, \Gamma)$ for a connected cone $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ with nonempty interior. Our main result is that for $H^\ast_{\text{dr}}(\Gamma) \neq 0$ the algebra $\text{CL}^\ast(M, E, \Gamma)$ has a unique “symbol valued trace”. More precisely, there exists a unique linear map

$$\text{TR} : \text{CL}^\ast(M, E, \Gamma) \to \text{PS}^\ast(\Gamma)/\mathbb{C}[\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_p]$$

with the following properties:

(i) $\text{TR}(AB) = \text{TR}(BA)$, i.e. TR is a “trace”,

(ii) $\text{TR}(\partial_j A) = \partial_j \text{TR}(A), \quad j = 1, \ldots, p,$

(iii) If $A \in \text{CL}^m(M, E, \Gamma)$ and $m + \text{dim} M < 0$ then

$$\text{TR}(A)(\mu) = \text{tr}_{L^2}(A(\mu)).$$

Here $\text{PS}^\ast(\Gamma)$ is the class of symbols having a complete asymptotic expansion in terms of homogeneous functions and log-powers.

Note that in the non-parametric situation the residue trace is not an extension of the $L^2$-trace. So the parametric situation is different: the symbol valued $L^2$-trace can be extended, however only modulo polynomials. Nevertheless, our main result allows to construct various traces on the algebra $\text{CL}^\ast(M, E, \Gamma)$ just by composing TR with linear functionals on $\text{PS}^\ast(\Gamma)/\mathbb{C}[\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_p]$.

The most important examples are the extended and the formal trace $\overline{\text{Tr}}$ resp. $\text{Tr}$. For $A \in \text{CL}^m(M, E, \mathbb{R}^p)$ the extended trace is given by

$$\overline{\text{Tr}}(A) = \int_{E^p} \text{TR}(A)(\mu) d\mu,$$

where $\int_{E^p}$ is a certain regularization of the integral (cf. 5.3). If $m + \text{dim} M + p < 0$ the function $\text{TR}(A)$ is integrable, and

$$\text{Tr}(A) = \int_{E^p} \text{tr}_{L^2}(A(\mu)) d\mu.$$
holds indeed.

From $\text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}^p)$ we can construct a de Rham complex $(\Omega^*\text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}^p), d)$ in a canonical way. Then $\text{Tr}$ extends to a graded trace on the complex $\Omega^*\text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}^p)$

$$\text{Tr}(\omega) := \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \deg \omega < p, \\ \text{Tr}(f), & \text{if } \omega = fdx_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge dx_p. \end{cases}$$

(1.3)

However, the graded trace is not closed, but its derivative $\text{Tr} := d\text{Tr}$ is a closed graded trace on $\Omega^*\text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}^p)$. If $p = 1$, then $\text{Tr}$ and $\frac{1}{2\pi}\text{Tr}$ coincide with the corresponding traces introduced in [13].

Like in [13] $\text{Tr}$ is an analogue of the residue trace. It only depends on finitely many terms of the symbol expansion of the operator. One of the results of Melrose[13] was the construction of the eta–homomorphism. In our notation

$$\eta : \text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R})^{-1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

(1.4)

is a homomorphism from the group of invertible elements of $\text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R})$ into the additive group $\mathbb{C}$. In some sense $\eta$ generalizes the winding number. Namely, for $A \in \text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R})^{-1}$ one has

$$\eta(A) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \text{Tr}(A^{-1} dA) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \text{TR}(A^{-1} A')(x) dx.$$  

(1.5)

In case $A$ is a function on $\mathbb{R}$ taking values in the space of invertible matrices and which is constant outside a compact set then $\frac{1}{2\pi} \eta(A)$ is an integer equal to the winding number of $A$. Thus it is natural to expect a similar invariant for odd-dimensional parameter spaces. Indeed for $A \in \text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}^{2k-1})^{-1}$ we put

$$\eta_k(A) := 2c_k \text{Tr}((A^{-1} dA)^{2k-1}),$$

(1.6)

where $c_k$ is a normalization constant. Again, if $A$ is just a matrix valued function and constant outside a compact set, (1.6) is an even integer which actually classifies the $(2k - 1)$th homotopy group of $\text{GL}((\infty, \mathbb{C})$.

In contrast to its finite–dimensional analogue $\eta_0$ is not a homotopy invariant. However its variation is local that means for a smooth family $A_s$ of invertible elements the equality

$$\frac{d}{ds} \eta_k(A_s) = 2(2k - 1)c_k \text{Tr} \left( (A_s^{-1} \partial_s A_s)(A_s^{-1} dA_s)^{2k-2} \right)$$

(1.7)

holds true. Unfortunately $\eta_k$ is not a homomorphism for $k \geq 2$, instead we have

$$\eta_k(AB) - \eta_k(A) - \eta_k(B) = \text{Tr} (\omega(A, B)),$$

(1.8)

where $\omega(A, B)$ denotes a universal polynomial in the 1–forms $B^{-1}(A^{-1} dA)B, B^{-1} dB$. So the defect of the additivity is a symbolic term.

Finally we compare $\eta_k$ with the spectral eta–invariant. For any first order invertible self–adjoint elliptic differential operator $D$ we construct a natural family $\mathcal{D}(\mu) := D + c(\mu)$ in $\text{CL}^1(M, E, \mathbb{R}^{2k-1})$ such that

$$\eta_k(\mathcal{D}) = -\eta(D).$$

(1.9)
where $c$ is the standard Clifford representation and $\eta(D)$ the spectral eta-invariant of $D$.

We understand that some of our results also have been obtained by R. B. Melrose and V. Nistor [16].

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2 Review of parametric pseudodifferential operators

The concept of parameter dependent symbols and pseudodifferential operators used in this article involves several different classes of symbol spaces. For the convenience of the reader and to fix the notation we briefly recall some basic facts about symbols and the corresponding operator calculus. As general references we mention the books Shubin [17] and Grigis-Sjöstrand [6].

A conic manifold is a smooth principal fiber bundle $\Gamma \to B$ with structure group $\mathbb{R}_+:=(0,\infty)$. It is always trivializable (cf. Duistermaat [4], §2.1). A subset $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^v := \mathbb{R}^v \setminus \{0\}$ which is a conic manifold by the natural $\mathbb{R}_+$-action on $\mathbb{R}^v$ is called a conic set. The base manifold of a conic set $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^v$ is isomorphic to $\Sigma \Gamma := \Gamma \cap S^{v-1}$. By a cone $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^v$ we will always mean a conic set or the closure of a conic set in $\mathbb{R}^v$ such that $\Gamma$ has nonempty interior. Thus $\mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbb{R}^n$ are cones, but only the latter is a conic set.

Now let $M$ be a smooth manifold, $m \in \mathbb{R}$, and $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^v$ a cone, and $0 < \rho \leq 1$. Then by $S^m_{\rho}(X,\Gamma)$ we denote the space of all functions $a(x,\xi) \in C^\infty(M \times \Gamma)$ such that for every differential operator $D$ on $M$, all compact $L \subset \Gamma$ and $K \subset M$ we have the uniform estimate

$$|D \partial^\alpha_x a(x,\xi)| \leq C_{K,L,D,\alpha} \langle \xi \rangle^{m-|\alpha|}, \quad x \in K, \xi \in L^c, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^v. \quad (2.1)$$

Here, $L^c := \{t\xi \mid \xi \in L, t \geq 1\}$, $C_{K,L,D,\alpha} > 0$ and $\langle \xi \rangle := (1+|\xi|^2)^{1/2}$ for all $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^v$. In case $\rho = 1$ we write $S^m(M,\Gamma)$ for $S^m_{\rho}(M,\Gamma)$.

A symbol $a \in S^m(M,\Gamma)$ is called classical polyhomogeneous of degree $m$ or just classical, if it has an asymptotic expansion of the form $a \sim \sum_{j \geq 0} a_{m-j}$, where the $a_k(x,\xi) \in S^k(M,\Gamma)$ are $k$-homogeneous in $\xi$ of degree $k$. The space of classical polyhomogeneous symbols of order $m$ is denoted by $CS^m(M,\Gamma)$.

Now let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set, and $a \in S^m_{\rho}(U,\mathbb{R}^n \times \Gamma)$. For each fixed $\mu_0$ we have $a(\cdot,\cdot,\mu_0) \in S^m(U,\mathbb{R}^n)$, hence we obtain a family of pseudodifferential operators parametrized over $\Gamma$ by putting

$$[\text{Op}(a(\mu)) u](x) := [A(\mu) u](x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(x,\xi)} a(x,\xi,\mu) \hat{u}(\xi) d\xi, \quad d\xi := (2\pi)^{-n} d\xi. \quad (2.2)$$

Note that for $a \in S^{-\infty}(U,\mathbb{R}^n \times \Gamma)$ the operator $A(\mu)$ has a kernel in $S(\Gamma,C^\infty(U \times U))$, the Schwartz space of $C^\infty(U \times U)$-valued functions. We denote by $L^m_{\rho}(U,\Gamma)$ the set of all $A(\mu)$, where $a \in S^m_{\rho}(U,\mathbb{R}^n \times \Gamma)$. In case $\Gamma = \{0\}$ we obtain the well-known space $L^m_{\rho}(U)$ of pseudodifferential operators of order $m$ and type $\rho$ on $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. 

For a smooth manifold $M$ and vector bundles $E, F$ over $M$ the spaces $L^m(M, E, F; \Gamma)$ of parameter dependent pseudodifferential operators between sections of $E, F$ are defined in the usual way by patching together local data.

The space of parameter dependent pseudodifferential operators with symbol lying in the space $CS^m(U, \mathbb{R}^n \times \Gamma)$ will be denoted by $CL^m(U, \Gamma)$. Its elements are the classical parameter dependent pseudodifferential operators over $U$. Following Grubb and Seeley [7] we also call these operators strongly polyhomogeneous.

**Example 2.1** Let $M$ be a compact manifold, $A \in CL^m(M)$, and assume that $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ is a cone such that $\sigma_A^m(x, \xi) - z$ is invertible for $z \in \Gamma$. If $A$ is a differential operator and $\text{spec } A \cap \Gamma = \emptyset$ then $(A - z)^{-1} \in L^m(M, \Gamma)$. However, in general this need not be true for pseudodifferential operators.

The following result is just a mild generalization of the classical resolvent expansion of a differential operator (see e.g. [5, Sec. 1.7]).

**Theorem 2.2** Let $M$ be a compact manifold, $\dim M = n$, and $A \in L^m(M, E, \Gamma)$ (resp. $CL^m(M, E, \Gamma)$). If $m + \dim M < 0$ then $A(\mu)$ is trace class for all $\mu \in \Gamma$ and

$$\text{tr } A(\cdot) \in S^{m+\dim M}(\Gamma) \quad (\text{resp. } CS^{m+\dim M}(\Gamma)).$$

**Proof:** We present the proof for $A \in CL$. For $A \in L$, it is even a bit simpler. Choosing a suitable partition of unity it suffices to prove the claim for $E = \mathbb{C}$, $M = U$ a coordinate patch, and $A$ compactly supported, i.e.

$$Au(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sigma_A(x, \xi, \mu) u(\xi) d\xi = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_U e^{i(x-y, \xi)} \sigma_A(x, \xi, \mu) u(y) dy d\xi, \quad (2.3)$$

where $\sigma_A \in CS^m(U, \mathbb{R}^n \times \Gamma)$ and $\pi_1(\text{supp } \sigma_A(\cdot, -, \mu)) \subset K \subset U$ is compact for every $\mu \in \Gamma$. For fixed $\mu$ we have $A(\mu) \in CL^m(U)$, hence $A(\mu)$ is trace class since $m < -\dim M = -n$. Since $\sigma_A \in CS^m(U, \mathbb{R}^n \times \Gamma)$ we have

$$\sigma_A \sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{m-j} \quad (2.4)$$

with $a_{m-j}(x, \lambda \xi, \lambda \mu) = \lambda^{m-j} a_{m-j}(x, \xi, \mu)$ for $\lambda \geq 1$, $|\langle \xi, \mu \rangle| \geq 1$. Thus we write

$$\sigma_A = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} a_{m-j} + R_N \quad (2.5)$$

with $R_N \in CS^{m-N}(U, \mathbb{R}^n \times \Gamma)$. Now pick $L \subset \Gamma$ compact and a multiindex $\alpha$. Then

$$|\partial_\mu^\alpha \text{tr } \text{Op}(R_N(\mu))| = \left| \int_K \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \partial_\mu^\alpha R_N(x, \xi, \mu) d\xi dx \right|$$

$$\leq C_{\alpha, K, L} \int_K \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2 + |\mu|^{1/2})^{m-|\alpha| - N} d\xi dx \quad (2.6)$$

$$\leq C_{\alpha, K, L}(1 + |\mu|)^{m+n-|\alpha| - N}.$$
Furthermore let $\lambda \geq 1$, $|\mu| \geq 1$. Then
\[
\text{tr } \text{Op}(a_{m-j}(\lambda \mu)) = \int_U \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} a_{m-j}(x, \xi, \lambda \mu) \tilde{d}\xi \, dx \\
= \lambda^{m-j} \int_U \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} a_{m-j}(x, \lambda^{-1} \xi, \mu) \tilde{d}\xi \, dx \\
= \lambda^{m+n-j} \text{tr } \text{Op}(a_{m-j}(\mu)),
\]
and similar to (2.6) one shows that $\text{tr } (\text{Op}(a_{m-j})) \in S^{m-j+n}(\Gamma)$, thus
\[
\text{tr } A(\mu) \sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \text{tr } \text{Op}(a_{m-j}(\mu))
\]
in $C^{m+n}(\Gamma)$, where $\text{tr } \text{Op}(a_{m-j}(\mu))$ is homogeneous of degree $m+n-j$ for $\mu \geq 1$. □

The previous proof provides even more, namely

**Theorem 2.3** Let $M$ be a smooth manifold. If $m + \dim M < 0$ then for any properly supported $A \in L^m(M, E, F; \Gamma)$ (resp. $C^m(M, E, F; \Gamma)$) there is a density
\[
\omega_A \in S^m(M, \text{Hom}(E, F) \otimes |\Omega M; \Gamma) \\
(\text{resp. } CS^m(M, \text{Hom}(E, F) \otimes |\Omega M; \Gamma))
\]
with the following properties:

1. For any local chart $\phi : M \supset U \to \phi(U) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ we have
   \[
   \phi^* \omega_{\phi^* A} = \omega_A.
   \]

2. If $E = F$, then
   \[
   \text{tr } A(\mu) = \int_M \text{tr}_{E, \mu} \omega_A(x, \mu).
   \]

**Proof:** The proof of Theorem 2.2 shows that we can put
\[
\omega_A(x, \mu) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sigma_A(x, \xi, \mu) \tilde{d}\xi \, |dx|.
\]
Then 1. and 2. follow easily. □

**Remark 2.4** For the preceding two theorems the assumption $m + \dim M < 0$ was essential. However in this paper we will show that these theorems can be extended to arbitrary parametric operators.

### 3 Melrose’s suspended algebra of pseudodifferential operators

In the paper [13] R. B. MELROSE invented a "suspended" algebra of pseudodifferential operators on a compact manifold. He introduced trace functionals on this algebra and
constructed the "\(\eta\)-homomorphism". In this section we will briefly recall the definition of the suspended algebra and we will show that it is isomorphic to a subalgebra of \(\text{CL}^*(M, \mathbb{R})\).

In the subsequent sections we will construct trace functionals on \(\text{CL}^*(M, \Gamma)\) which generalize the MELROSE traces.

Let \(M\) be a compact manifold. Following [13] \(\text{CL}_{\text{sus}}^m(M)\) consists of those operators \(A \in \text{CL}^m(M \times \mathbb{R})\) such that

(i) \(A\) acts as convolution in the second variable, i.e. by slight abuse of notation

\[
(Au)(x, t) = \int_M \int_{\mathbb{R}} K_A(x, y, t - s)u(y, s)dyds,
\]

where \(K_A\) denotes the convolution kernel of \(A\).

(ii) The kernel satisfies

\[
K_A \in C_0^{-\infty}(M^2 \times \mathbb{R}; \Omega M) + S(M^2 \times \mathbb{R}; \Omega M).
\]

For vector bundles \(E\) and \(F\), \(\text{CL}_{\text{sus}}^m(M, E, F)\) is defined accordingly. \(\text{CL}_{\text{sus}}^*(M, E)\) is an order filtered algebra. For \(A \in \text{CL}_{\text{sus}}^*(M, E)\) MELROSE introduced what he calls the indicial family \(\hat{A}\). This is the partial Fourier transform in the \(t\)-variable. Namely, for \(\mu \in \mathbb{R}\) we obtain a pseudodifferential operator \(\hat{A}(\mu) \in \text{CL}^m(M, E)\) by putting

\[
\hat{A}(\mu)g = e^{-it\mu}A(e^{it\mu}g)(\cdot, t), \quad g \in C^\infty(M, E).
\]

Proposition 3.1 The map

\[
\text{CL}_{\text{sus}}^*(M, E) \longrightarrow \text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}), \quad A \mapsto \hat{A}(\cdot)
\]

is an order preserving injective homomorphism of \(*\)-algebras.

**Proof:** We only have to check that for \(A \in \text{CL}_{\text{sus}}^m(M, E)\) we have \(\hat{A}(\cdot) \in \text{CL}^m(M, E, \mathbb{R})\). It suffices to check this locally for \(E = \mathbb{C}\). Let \(U\) be a coordinate patch in \(M\). Then for \(u \in C_0^\infty(U \times \mathbb{R})\) we have

\[
(Au)(x, t) = \int_{U \times \mathbb{R}} \sigma_A((x, t), (\xi, \mu))\hat{u}(\xi, \mu)e^{i\xi(x, \xi) + i\mu}d\mu d\xi,
\]

with \(\sigma_A \in \text{CS}^m(U \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R})\). In view of (3.1), \(\sigma_A\) is independent of \(t\), hence \(\sigma_A(x, \xi, \mu) \in \text{CS}^m(U, \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R})\) and this is the complete symbol of \(\hat{A}(\mu)\).

Summing up the suspended algebra can be viewed as an algebra of strongly polyhomogeneous parameter dependent pseudodifferential operators. We did not try to express (ii) in terms of the indicial family \(\hat{A}\). However, it turns out that the extended trace and the \(\eta\)-homomorphism can be constructed without using (ii). So one could equally well consider the algebra \(\text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R})\) as \(\text{CL}_{\text{sus}}^*(M, E)\).

There is no reason to restrict the consideration to \(\mathbb{R}\) as a parameter space. Therefore, we will deal with \(\text{CL}^*(M, \Gamma)\) in the sequel.
4 Tracial maps on $L^*(M, E, \Gamma)$

During the whole section let $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ be a connected cone with nonempty interior.

Definition 4.1 We define the following spaces of functions on $\Gamma$:

$$\mathcal{P}^m = \mathcal{P}^m(\Gamma) := \{ P | \Gamma | P \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_p], \deg P \leq m \}, \ m \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

$$\tilde{S}^m(\Gamma) := \begin{cases} 
S^m(\Gamma), & m \notin \mathbb{Z}_+,
\{ f \in \bigcap_{\alpha > 0} S^{m+\alpha}(\Gamma) | \partial^\alpha f \in S^{m-|\alpha|}(\Gamma), |\alpha| \geq m + 1 \}, & m \in \mathbb{Z}_+.
\end{cases}$$

Note that $\tilde{S}^*(\Gamma) = \bigcap_{m \in \mathbb{R}} \tilde{S}^m(\Gamma) = S^*(\Gamma)$.

Since $\Gamma$ is assumed to be connected with nonempty interior the restriction map $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^p) \to C^\infty(\Gamma), f \mapsto f | \Gamma$ induces an isomorphism $\mathcal{P}^m(\mathbb{R}^p) \to \mathcal{P}^m(\Gamma)$. This justifies the notation $\mathcal{P}^m$ for $\mathcal{P}^m(\Gamma)$.

We have the obvious inclusion

$$\mathcal{P}^m \subset \tilde{S}^m(\Gamma). \quad (4.1)$$

Moreover, if $m < 0$ then

$$S^m(\Gamma) \cap \mathcal{P} = \{ 0 \}. \quad (4.2)$$

If $\mathcal{A} \subset C^\infty(\Gamma)$ is a vector space which is closed under $\partial_j$, $j = 1, \ldots, p$, we put

$$\Omega^j \mathcal{A} := \left\{ \sum f_i dx_i \in \Omega^j(\Gamma) \right\} f_i \in \mathcal{A}. \quad (4.3)$$

If $\mathcal{A}$ is graded then $\Omega^j \mathcal{A}$ is bigraded, namely

$$\Omega^j \mathcal{A}^m := \left\{ \sum f_i dx_i \in \Omega^j(\Gamma) \right\} f_i \in \mathcal{A}^m. \quad (4.4)$$

Since $\mathcal{A}$ is closed under $\partial_j$, $j = 1, \ldots, p$, the exterior derivative maps $\Omega^j \mathcal{A}$ into $\Omega^{j+1} \mathcal{A}$, hence we obtain a complex $(\Omega^j \mathcal{A}, d)$. Obvious examples are $S^*(\Gamma), \tilde{S}^*(\Gamma), \mathcal{P}^*(\Gamma)$. Note that $d(\Omega^j \mathcal{P}^m) \subset \Omega^{j+1} \mathcal{P}^{m+1}$.

Lemma 4.2 The homology of the complex $(\Omega^* \mathcal{P}, d)$ is given by

$$H^l(\Omega^* \mathcal{P}, d) = \begin{cases} 
\mathbb{C}, & l = 0, \\
0, & l \geq 1.
\end{cases}$$

More precisely, if $\omega \in \Omega^l \mathcal{P}^m$ with $l \geq 1$, is closed then there exists $\eta \in \Omega^{l-1} \mathcal{P}^{m+1}$ with $d\eta = \omega$.

Proof: $H^0(\Omega^* \mathcal{P}, d) = \mathbb{C}$ is obvious. We mimick the usual proof of the Poincaré Lemma (cf. [2, Sec. I.4]) and proceed by induction on $p = \dim \Gamma$. If $p = 1$ and $\omega = f(x)dx, f \in \mathcal{P}^m$, then we put $\eta(x) := \int_0^x f(t)dt \in \mathcal{P}^{m+1}$. Hence the assertion is true for $p = 1$.

Next we consider

$$\mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{s} \mathbb{R}^p, \ \pi(x, t) = x, s(x) = (x, 0). \quad (4.5)$$
Obviously,

\[ \pi^* (\Omega^j \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^p)) \subset \Omega^j \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}), \]
\[ s^* (\Omega^j \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R})) \subset \Omega^j \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^p) \]

holds. Since \( \pi \circ s = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^p} \) we have \( s^* \circ \pi^* = \text{id}_{\Omega^j \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^p)} \). An inspection of the construction of the usual homotopy operator \( K \) (cf. \[2, \text{Sec. 1.4}\]) shows that it induces a map

\[ K : \Omega^j \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \Omega^{j-1} \mathcal{P}^{m+1}(\mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}). \]

(4.7)

Furthermore, \( K \) satisfies the identity

\[ \text{id} - \pi^* \circ s^* = dK + K d \]

(4.8)

from which the assertion follows immediately. \( \square \)

**Proposition 4.3** Let \( \omega \in \Omega^1 \tilde{S}^m(\Gamma), d\omega = 0. \) If the cohomology class of \( \omega \) in \( H^1_{\text{dR}}(\Gamma) \) vanishes then there exists \( F \in \tilde{S}^{m+1}(\Gamma) \) with \( dF = \omega. \) If \( m + 1 < 0, \) then \( F \) is uniquely determined.

**Proof:** It is clear by assumption that \( \omega \) has a primitive in \( C^\infty(\Gamma). \) The point is to prove that one of its primitives already lies in \( \tilde{S}^{m+1}(\Gamma). \) We write

\[ \omega =: \sum_{j=1}^p h_j dx_j. \]

If \( m + 1 < 0, \) then the constant functions do not belong to \( \tilde{S}^{m+1}(\Gamma) \) which proves the uniqueness statement.

If \( m + 1 > 0, \) we fix \( x_0 \in \Gamma \) and put

\[ F(x) := \int_{x_0}^x \omega, \]

(4.9)

where \( \int_{x_0}^x \) denotes integration along any path from \( x_0 \) to \( x. \) This makes sense since \( [\omega]_{H^1_{\text{dR}}(\Gamma)} = 0. \) Since \( \partial_j F = h_j \in \tilde{S}^m(\Gamma) \) it suffices to prove the estimate

\[ |F(x)| \leq C_{\varepsilon,L}(1 + |x|)^{1 + \varepsilon + m}, \quad x \in L, \]

(4.10)

for compact \( L \subseteq \Gamma \) and \( \varepsilon > 0 \) (resp. \( \varepsilon = 0 \) if \( m + 1 \notin \mathbb{Z}_+ \)).

Since \( h_j \in \tilde{S}^m(\Gamma) \) we have

\[ |h_j(x)| \leq C_{\varepsilon,L}(1 + |x|)^{m + \varepsilon} \]

and thus

\[ |F(x)| = |F\left( \frac{x}{|x|} \right) + \int_{|x|}^x \omega| \leq C + \int_{|x|}^x |\omega|. \]

Now

\[ \int_{|x|}^x \omega = \sum_{j=1}^p \int_{|x|}^1 h_j(tx) x_j dt \]
and consequently
\[
|\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \omega| \leq C_{\epsilon, L} \int_{1/|x|}^{1} (1 + t|x|)^{m+c} |x| dt \\
\leq C_{\epsilon, L}(1 + |x|)^{m+c+1}.
\]

If \( m = -1 \), then \( h_j(x) \leq C(1 + |x|)^{-1} \). Similarly
\[
|F(x)| \leq C(1 + \int_{1/|x|}^{1} (1 + t|x|)^{-1} |x| dt) \leq C_1 + C_2 |\log |x| |
\]
holds for any \( \epsilon > 0 \), hence we reach the conclusion in this case.

It remains to consider the case \( m + 1 < 0 \). Then we put
\[
F(x) := -\sum_{j=1}^{p} \int_{1}^{\infty} h_j(t x) x_j dt.
\]

(4.11)

Since \( m + 1 < 0 \) we may differentiate under the integral. Taking \( \partial_j h_1 = \partial_t h_j \) into account we find \( \partial_j F = h_j \). Moreover one easily checks
\[
|F(x)| \leq C_L(1 + |x|)^{m+1},
\]
which implies \( F \in \tilde{S}^{m+1}(\Gamma) \). \( \square \)

The partial derivatives \( \partial_j, j = 1, \ldots, p \), are well-defined on the quotient space \( \tilde{S}^*(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P} \), hence we can form the complex \((\Omega^*(\tilde{S}^*(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P}), d)\), which is obviously isomorphic to the quotient complex \((\Omega^*\tilde{S}^*(\Gamma), d)/(\Omega^*\mathcal{P}, d)\).

**Proposition 4.4** Let \( \Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^p \) be a connected cone. For \( \omega \in \Omega^1(\tilde{S}^m(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P}), d\omega = 0, [\omega]|_{H_{\text{an}}^1(\Gamma)} = 0 \) there exists \( F \in \tilde{S}^{m+1}(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P} \) with \( dF = \omega \). \( F \) is the unique element in \( \tilde{S}^*(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P} \) with \( dF = \omega \).

**Remark 4.5** Here \( [\omega]|_{H_{\text{an}}^1(\Gamma)} = 0 \) means that \( [\omega_1]|_{H_{\text{an}}^1(\Gamma)} = 0 \) for a closed representative \( \omega_1 \in \Omega^1(\tilde{S}^m(\Gamma)) \) of \( \omega \). In view of Lemma 4.2 we then have \( [\omega_2]|_{H_{\text{an}}^1(\Gamma)} = 0 \) for any closed representative \( \omega_2 \) of \( \omega \).

**Proof:** We first prove that \( \omega = \sum_{j=1}^{p} f_j dx_j \) has a closed representative in \( \Omega^1\tilde{S}^m(\Gamma) \). Namely, pick representatives \( g_j \in \tilde{S}^m(\Gamma) \) of \( f_j \) and put
\[
\bar{\omega} = \sum_{j=1}^{p} g_j dx_j.
\]

Since \( d\omega = 0 \) we have \( d\bar{\omega} \in \Omega^2\mathcal{P}^{m-1} \). Since \( d\bar{\omega} \) is closed, in view of Lemma 4.2 there exists \( \eta \in \Omega^1\mathcal{P}^m \) with \( d\eta = d\bar{\omega} \). Thus \( \omega_1 := \bar{\omega} - \eta \) is a closed representative of \( \omega \).

By Proposition 4.3 there exists \( F_1 \in \tilde{S}^{m+1}(\Gamma) \) with \( dF_1 = \omega_1 \). Then \( F := F_1 \mod \mathcal{P} \) satisfies \( dF = \omega_1 \mod \mathcal{P} = \omega \), which proves the existence of \( F \).
If \( \omega_2 \in \Omega^1\tilde{S}^m(\Gamma) \) is another closed representative of \( \omega \) and \( F_2 \in \tilde{S}^{m+1}(\Gamma) \), \( dF_2 = \omega_2 \), then
\[
d(F_1 - F_2) = \omega_1 - \omega_2 \in \Omega^1\mathcal{P}^m.
\]
Since \( d(\omega_1 - \omega_2) = d^2(F_1 - F_2) = 0 \) we again invoke Lemma 4.2 and find a polynomial \( P \in \mathcal{P}^{m+1} \) with \( dP = \omega_1 - \omega_2 \). Hence \( d(F_1 - F_2 - P) = 0 \) and thus \( F_1 - F_2 = P + c \in \mathcal{P}^{m+1} \). This proves the uniqueness statement.

**Theorem 4.6** Let \( M \) be a compact manifold, \( E \) a smooth vector bundle over \( M \), and \( \Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^p \) a connected cone with nonempty interior and \( H^1_{dR}(\Gamma) = 0 \). Then there exists a unique linear map
\[
TR : L^\ast(M, E, \Gamma) \to S^\ast(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P}
\]
with the following properties:

(i) \( TR(AB) = TR(BA) \), i.e. \( TR \) is a “trace”,

(ii) \( TR(\partial_j A) = \partial_j TR(A) \), \( j = 1, \ldots, p \),

(iii) If \( A \in L^m(M, E, \Gamma) \) and \( m + \dim M < 0 \) then
\[
TR(A)(\mu) = \text{tr}_{L^2}(A(\mu)).
\]

This unique \( TR \) satisfies furthermore:

(iv) \( TR(\mu_j A) = \mu_j TR(A) \), \( j = 1, \ldots, p \),

(v) \( TR(L^m(M, E, \Gamma)) \subset \tilde{S}^{m+\dim M}(\Gamma) \).

**Remark 4.7** By slight abuse of notation \( \mu_j \) denotes the operator of multiplication by the \( j \)-th coordinate function. Note that \( \partial_j \) and \( \mu_j \) is well-defined on the quotient \( S^\ast(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P} \) since both operators map \( \mathcal{P} \) into itself. Furthermore,
\[
\partial_j : L^m(M, E, \Gamma) \to L^{m-1}(M, E, \Gamma) \quad \mu_j : L(M, E, \Gamma) \to L^{m+1}(M, E, \Gamma).
\]

**Proof:** Uniqueness: Assume there are \( T_1, T_2 \) satisfying (i)–(iii). By (iii) \( T_1 \) and \( T_2 \) coincide on \( L^m(M, E, \Gamma) \) for \( m < -\dim M \). By induction assume that \( T_1, T_2 \) coincide on \( L^{m_0}(M, E, \Gamma) \) and let \( A \in L^m(M, E, \Gamma), m \leq m_0 + 1 \), be given.

Consider the 1-form
\[
\omega := \sum_{j=1}^p T_1(\partial_j A)(\mu)d\mu_j = \sum_{j=1}^p T_2(\partial_j A)(\mu)d\mu_j \in \Omega^1(\tilde{S}^{m-1}(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P}).
\]

In view of (ii) \( \omega \) is closed and we have
\[
dT_1(A) = \omega = dT_2(A).
\]
Hence Proposition 4.4 implies \( T_1(A) = T_2(A) \).

Next we assume that we have the unique \( TR \) with (i)–(iii) and prove that it also satisfies (iv), (v).
If \( m + 1 + \dim M < 0 \) and \( A \in L^m(M, E, \Gamma) \) then by (iii)
\[
\text{TR}(\mu_j A)(\mu) = \text{tr}_{L^2}(\mu_j A(\mu)) = \mu_j \text{tr}_{L^2}(A(\mu)) = \mu_j \text{TR}(A)(\mu)
\] (4.15)
and
\[
\text{TR}(A) = \text{tr}_{L^2}(A(\cdot)) \in \tilde{S}^{m+\dim M}(\Gamma)
\] (4.16)
in view of Theorem 2.2.

By induction we assume that (4.15) and (4.16) are true for \( m \leq m_0 \). Now pick \( A \in L^m(M, E, \Gamma), m \leq m_0 + 1 \). Then
\[
d\text{TR}(\mu_j A) = \sum_{i=1}^{p} \text{TR}(\mu_j \partial_i A) d\mu_i + \text{TR}(A) d\mu_j
\]
\[
= \sum_{i=1}^{p} \mu_j \partial_i \text{TR}(A) d\mu_i + \text{TR}(A) d\mu_j
\]
\[
= d(\mu_j \text{TR}(A))
\]
(4.17)
and again by Proposition 4.4 we find \( \text{TR}(\mu_j A) = \mu_j \text{TR}(A) \).

Similar, if \( \text{TR}(\partial_j A) \in \tilde{S}^{m-1+\dim M}(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P} \) then
\[
d\text{TR}(A) = \sum_{j=1}^{p} \text{TR}(\partial_j A) d\mu_j
\]
(4.18)
implies \( \text{TR}(A) \in \tilde{S}^{m+\dim M}(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P} \). This proves (v) again by induction.

**Existence:** Existence is also proved by induction using Proposition 4.4. Assume we have constructed \( \text{TR} \) on \( L^{m_0}(M, E, \Gamma) \). For \( A \in L^m(M, E, \Gamma), m \leq m_0 + 1 \), we let \( \text{TR}(A) \in \tilde{S}^{m+\dim M}(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P} \) be the unique primitive of the closed 1-form
\[
\omega := \sum_{j=1}^{p} \text{TR}(\partial_j A) d\mu_j \in \Omega^1(\tilde{S}^{m-1+\dim M}(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P}),
\] (4.19)
Obviously, in this way we obtain a linear map \( \text{TR} : L^{m_0+1}(M, E, \Gamma) \to \tilde{S}^*(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P} \).

Now let \( A \in L^m(M, E, \Gamma), B \in L^{m'}(M, E, \Gamma), m + m' \leq m_0 + 1 \). Then
\[
d[\text{TR}(AB) - \text{TR}(BA)]
\]
\[
= \sum_{j=1}^{p} [\text{TR}((\partial_j A)B) + \text{TR}(A\partial_j B) - \text{TR}((\partial_j B)A) - \text{TR}(B\partial_j A)] d\mu_j = 0,
\] (4.20)
hence \( \text{TR}(AB) = \text{TR}(BA) \) again by Proposition 4.4.

Since (ii) is obvious by construction we reach the conclusion.

\[\square\]

**Remark 4.8** Similarly to Theorem 2.3 \( \text{TR} \) is given by integration of a canonically defined “density”. See Remark 5.4 below.

The construction of \( \text{TR} \) is much simpler, and more concrete, if \( \Gamma \) is star-shaped:
Proposition 4.9 Let $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ be a star-shaped cone with star-point $\mu_0$. Given $A \in L^m(M, E, \Gamma)$ we have for fixed $\mu \in \Gamma$

$$A(\mu) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N-1} \frac{(\partial^\alpha \mu A)(\mu_0)}{\alpha!} (\mu - \mu_0)^\alpha \in L^{m-N}(M, E), \quad (4.21)$$

and

$$\text{TR}(A)(\mu) = \text{tr}_{L^2} \left( A(\mu) - \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N-1} \frac{(\partial^\alpha \mu A)(\mu_0)}{\alpha!} (\mu - \mu_0)^\alpha \right) \pmod{\mathcal{P}}, \quad (4.22)$$

where $N$ is large enough.

**Proof:** Taylor’s formula implies

$$A(\mu) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N-1} \frac{(\partial^\alpha \mu A)(\mu_0)}{\alpha!} (\mu - \mu_0)^\alpha$$

$$= \frac{1}{(N-1)!} \sum_{|\alpha| = N} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{N-1} (\partial^\alpha \mu A)(\mu_0 + t(\mu - \mu_0)) \, dt \, (\mu - \mu_0)^\alpha \in L^{m-N}(M, E),$$

hence the right hand side of (4.22) is well-defined. Now it is easy to check that the right hand side of (4.22) defines a (well-defined, i.e. independent of $N$) map with the properties (i), (ii) and (iii) of Theorem 4.6. By uniqueness we reach the conclusion. \hfill $\square$

We tried hard to prove that for the algebra $\mathcal{CL}(M, \Gamma)$ the properties (i), (ii), and (iv) of Theorem 4.6 already determine TR up to a scalar factor. This would be nicer than assuming (iii), which prescribes TR on a large class of operators.

We state this as a conjecture:

Conjecture 4.10 Let $M$ be a compact manifold and $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ be a connected cone with nonempty interior and $H^*_{\text{dR}}(\Gamma) = 0$. Let $\tau : \mathcal{CL}(M, \Gamma) \to \mathcal{S}(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P}$ be a linear map satisfying (i), (ii), and (iv) of Theorem 4.6. Then there is a constant $c$ such that $\tau = c \text{TR}$. But we have a partial result:

Proposition 4.11 Let $M$ and $\Gamma$ be as in the preceding conjecture. Let $\tau : L^{-\infty}(M, \Gamma) \to S^{-\infty}(\Gamma)$ be a linear map satisfying (i), (ii), and (iv) of Theorem 4.6. Then there is a constant $c$ such that $\tau = c \text{TR} | L^{-\infty}(M, \Gamma)$, i.e. for $A \in L^{-\infty}(M, \Gamma)$

$$\tau(A)(\mu) = c \text{tr}_{L^2}(A(\mu)).$$

**Proof:** $\tau$ is local, e.g. $\tau(A(\cdot))(\mu) = 0$ if $A(\mu) = 0$. To see this let $A(\mu_0) = 0$. We write

$$A(\mu) = \sum_{j=1}^p A_j(\mu)(\mu_j - \mu_{0,j})$$

with $A_j \in L^{-\infty}(M, \Gamma)$. Then in view of (iv) we have $\tau(A)(\mu_0) = 0$.

Next we pick $\mu_0 \in \Gamma$ and choose a function $f \in C_0^\infty(\Gamma)$ with $f(\mu_0) = 1$. For $K \in L^{-\infty}(M)$ we have $f(\cdot)K \in L^{-\infty}(M, \Gamma)$. Consequently,

$$\tau_{\mu_0} : L^{-\infty}(M) \to \mathbb{C}, \quad K \mapsto \tau(f(\cdot)K)(\mu_0) \quad (4.23)$$
is a trace on $L^{-\infty}(M)$.

Indeed, from the locality of $\tau$ we conclude that $\tau_{\mu_0}$ is independent of the $f$ chosen and in view of (i) $\tau_{\mu_0}$ is a trace.

Since each trace on $L^{-\infty}(M)$ is a scalar multiple of the $L^2$–trace (see e.g. [8, Appendix]) there is a constant $c(\mu_0)$ such that

$$\tau_{\mu_0} = c(\mu_0)\text{tr}_{L^2}.$$  

(4.24)

For $f \in C^\infty_0(\Gamma)$ with $f(\mu_0) \neq 0$ we find in view of (4.24)

$$\tau(f(\cdot)K)(\mu_0) = f(\mu_0)c(\mu_0)\text{tr}_{L^2}(K).$$  

(4.25)

By the locality of $\tau$ (4.25) also holds if $f(\mu_0) = 0$. Since $\tau(f(\cdot)K) \in S^{-\infty}(\Gamma)$ we infer from (4.25) that the function $\mu \mapsto c(\mu)$ is smooth.

Now loc. cit. gives for $f \in C^\infty_0(\Gamma)$

$$\partial_j \tau(f(\cdot)K) = ((\partial_j f)c + f\partial_j c)\text{tr}_{L^2}(K).$$  

(4.26)

On the other hand using (ii) and (4.25)

$$\partial_j \tau(f(\cdot)K) = \tau((\partial_j f)(\cdot)K) = c(\partial_j f)\text{tr}_{L^2}(K).$$  

(4.27)

Hence $\partial_j c = 0$, $j = 1,...,p$, and thus $c$ is a constant.

Finally we invoke again the locality of $\tau$. Let $A \in L^{-\infty}(M,\Gamma)$ and $f \in C^\infty_0(\Gamma)$ with $f(\mu_0) = 1$. Then

$$\tau(A)(\mu_0) = \tau(A - f(\cdot)A(\mu_0))(\mu_0) + \tau(f(\cdot)A(\mu_0))(\mu_0)$$

$$= \tau_{\mu_0}(A(\mu_0)) = c\text{tr}_{L^2}(A(\mu_0)),$$

(4.28)

since $A - f(\cdot)A(\mu_0)$ vanishes at $\mu_0$.

This proof cannot be extended to prove the Conjecture 4.10, at least not in an obvious way. The main reason is that if $K \in L^m(M,\Gamma)$ (resp. $\text{CL}^m(M,\Gamma)$), $m > -\infty$, and $f \in C^\infty_0(\Gamma) \setminus \{0\}$ then $f(\cdot)K \not\in L^*(M,\Gamma)$ (resp. $\text{CL}^m(M,\Gamma)$).

Another idea of proving Conjecture 4.10 is to mimic the uniqueness proof for the noncommutative residue. If every $A \in \text{CL}^m(M,\Gamma)$ could be written

$$A = \sum_{j=1}^N [P_j, Q_j] + R,$$

(4.29)

with $R \in L^{-\infty}(M,\Gamma)$ and $P_j, Q_j \in \text{CL}(M,\Gamma)$ (as it is the case for $\Gamma = \{0\}$) then the Conjecture 4.10 would immediately follow from the previous Proposition 4.11.

However, there is some evidence that (4.29) actually is wrong in general.

5 Exotic traces on $\text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}^P)$

Let TR be the map defined in Theorem 4.6. First we want to characterize the space $\text{TR}(\text{CL}^*(M, E, \Gamma))$. We know from Theorem 2.2 that $\text{TR}(\text{CL}^m(M, E, \Gamma)) \subset \text{CS}^{m + \dim M}(\Gamma)$ if $m + \dim M < 0$. 

Lemma 5.1 Let $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ be a connected cone with nonempty interior and $H^1_{dR}(\Gamma) = 0$. If $A \in CL^m(M, E, \Gamma)$ then $\text{TR}(A)$ has a representative $f \in S^*(\Gamma)$ which has an asymptotic expansion in $S^*(\Gamma)$

$$f \sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_j + \sum_{k=0}^{[m+\dim M]} g_k + \sum_{k=0}^{[m+\dim M]} h_k, \quad (5.1)$$

where $f_j(\mu)$ is homogeneous of degree $m-j$ for $|\mu| \geq 1$, $g_k(\mu)$ is homogeneous of degree $k$ for $|\mu| \geq 1$, and $h_k(\mu) = h_k(\mu/|\mu|)|\mu|^k \log |\mu|$ for $|\mu| \geq 1$.

**Proof:** If $m + \dim M < 0$ then the assertion follows from Theorem 2.2. Assume by induction that the assertion is true for $m \leq m_0$ and consider $A \in CL^m(M, E, \Gamma)$ with $m \leq m_0 + 1$. Then $\text{TR}(\partial_j A), j = 1, \ldots, p$, has a representative of the form (5.1). Integrating the representative of $d\text{TR}(A)$ we reach the conclusion. \(\square\)

Definition 5.2 Let $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ be a cone. We denote by $PS^m(\Gamma)$ the set of all functions $a \in S^*(\Gamma)$ which admit an asymptotic expansion $a \sim \sum_{j \geq 0} a_{m_j}$ in $S^*(\Gamma)$, where $a_{m_j} \in C^\infty(\Gamma)$, $m \geq m_j \searrow -\infty$ and

$$a_{m_j} = \sum_{i=0}^{k_j} g_{ij},$$

with $g_{ij}(\xi) = g_{ij}(\xi/|\xi|)|\xi|^{m_j} \log^j |\xi|$ for $|\xi| \geq 1$. We call these functions log-polyhomogeneous (cf. [10]).

By Lemma 5.1 $\text{TR}(A)$ is log-polyhomogeneous for $A \in CL^m(M, E, \Gamma)$.

From now on we content ourselves to $\Gamma = \mathbb{R}^p$. First we are going to introduce a regularized integral for log-polyhomogeneous functions. Let us consider a log-polyhomogeneous function $f$ and write

$$f = \sum_{m_j \geq -N} f_{m_j} + g,$$

where

$$g(\xi) = O(|\xi|^{-N}), \quad |\xi| \to \infty.$$ 

Thus we have an asymptotic expansion

$$\int_{|\xi| \leq R} f(\xi) d\xi \sim_{R \to \infty} \sum_{a \to -\infty} p_a(\log R) R^a, \quad (5.2)$$

where $p_a$ is a polynomial of degree $k(\alpha)$. Then we define $\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} f(x) dx$ to be the constant term in this asymptotic expansion, i.e.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} f(x) dx := \lim_{R \to \infty} \int_{|x| \leq R} f(x) dx := p_0(0), \quad (5.3)$$

(cf. [10, Sec. 5]). If $p = 1$ then $\int$ coincides with the Hadamard partie finie.

Here and in the sequel we will use the common notation $\lim$ for the constant term in the log-polyhomogeneous expansion as $R \to \infty$.

The transformation behavior of $\int_{\mathbb{R}^p}$ is more complicated than that of the usual integral. The following result gives the change of variables formula for $\int$ under linear coordinate changes:
Proposition 5.3 (cf. [10, Prop. 5.2]) Let $A \in \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{R})$ be a regular matrix. Furthermore, let $f \in \text{PS}^*(\mathbb{R}^p)$ with $f \sim \sum_{a \to -\infty} f_a$, $f_a(\xi) = \sum_{l=0}^{k[a]} f_{a,l}(\xi/|\xi|)|\xi|^l \log^l(|\xi|)$, $|\xi| \geq 1$. Then we have

$$\int_{E^p} f(A\xi) d\xi = |\det A|^{-1} \left( \int_{E^p} f(\xi) d\xi + \sum_{l=0}^{k[a]} \frac{(-1)^{l+1}}{l+1} \int_{S^{p-1}} f_{a,l}(\xi) \log^{l+1} |A^{-1}\xi| d\xi \right).$$

Remark 5.4 Proposition 5.3 allows to give an alternative existence proof for TR which in addition shows that TR is given by integration of a canonical density.

We consider the local situation. For simplicity let $E = \mathbb{C}$, $U$ a coordinate patch and $A \in \text{CL}^m(U, \Gamma)$ as in (2.3). For fixed $x \in U, \mu \in \Gamma$ the symbol $\xi \mapsto \sigma_A(x, \xi, \mu)$ is polyhomogeneous. We define the density

$$\omega_A(x, \mu) := \int_{R^n} \sigma_A(x, \xi, \mu) dx : C^\infty(U) \otimes \mathcal{P}. \quad (5.4)$$

Using Proposition 5.3 one shows similarly to [10, Lemma 5.3] that in this way one obtains a well-defined “density”

$$\omega_A \in \tilde{S}^{m+\dim M} (M, |\Omega|, \Gamma) / C^\infty(M, |\Omega|) \otimes \mathcal{P} \quad (5.5)$$

fulfilling

$$\text{TR}(A) = \int_M \omega_A. \quad (5.6)$$

Note that $\int_M \omega_A$ is a well-defined element of $\tilde{S}^{m+\dim M} (M, \Gamma) / \mathcal{P}$. Thus we obtain the analogue of Theorem 2.3 for arbitrary $m$. The details are left to the reader.

We note that Stokes’ theorem does not hold for $\int$, or in other words $\int$ is not a closed functional on $\Omega^*(\text{PS}(\mathbb{R}^p))$. More precisely, we extend $\int$ to $\Omega^*(\text{PS}^*(\mathbb{R}^p))$ by putting

$$\int : \omega \mapsto \begin{cases} 0, & \omega \in \Omega^k, k < p, \\ \int_{E^p} f(\xi) d\xi, & \omega = f(\xi) d\xi_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge d\xi_p. \end{cases} \quad (5.7)$$

In this way we obtain a graded trace on the complex $(\Omega^*(\text{PS}^*(\mathbb{R}^p)), d)$. This would be a cycle in the sense of Connes [3, Sec. III.1.1] if $\int$ were closed.

The next lemma shows that $d \int$, which is defined by $(d \int) \omega := \int d\omega$, is nontrivial. However, it is local in the sense that it depends only on the log–polyhomogeneous expansion of $\omega$.

Lemma 5.5 Let $f \in \text{PS}^*(\mathbb{R}^p)$, $f \sim \sum_{a \to -\infty} f_a$, where

$$f_a(\xi) = \sum_{l=0}^{k[a]} f_{a,l}(\xi/|\xi|) |\xi|^l \log^l(|\xi|), \quad |\xi| \geq 1, \quad f_{a,l} \in C^\infty(S^{p-1}).$$

Then

$$\int_{E^p} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_i} d\xi = \int_{S^{p-1}} f_{i-p,0}(\xi) d\text{vol}_S(\xi).$$
**Proof:** It suffices to prove this formula for \( f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^p) \) with
\[
f(\xi) = f(|\xi|)|\xi|^\alpha \log^k |\xi|, \quad |\xi| \geq 1.
\]
Then by Gauß' formula
\[
\int_{|\xi| \leq R} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_j} d\xi = \int_{|\xi| = R} f(\xi) \frac{\xi_j}{|\xi|} \, d\text{vol}_S(\xi)
\]
\[
= \int_{|\xi| = 1} f(\xi) \xi_j \, d\text{vol}_S(\xi) \, R^{p-1+\alpha} \log^k R
\]
and we reach the conclusion. \( \square \)

Next we consider \( f \in \mathcal{P} \). As \( f \) is a sum of homogeneous polynomials
\[
f = \sum_{k=0}^m f_k, \quad f_k(\lambda \xi) = \lambda^k f_k(\xi)
\]
we have \( \mathcal{P} \subset \text{PS}^*(\mathbb{R}^p) \). Thus
\[
\int_{|\xi| \leq R} f(\xi) d\xi = \sum_{k=0}^m \int_{|\xi| \leq 1} f_k(\xi) d\xi \, R^{k+p}
\]
and hence
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} f(\xi) d\xi = 0.
\]
As a consequence \( \mathcal{P} \) factorizes through \( \mathcal{P} \) to a well-defined functional on \( \text{PS}^*(\mathbb{R}^p)/\mathcal{P} \).

For an arbitrary connected cone \( \Gamma \) with \( H^1_{\text{DR}}(\Gamma) = 0 \) we can construct a complex from \( \text{CL}^*(M, E, \Gamma) \). Namely, similarly to (4.3) we put
\[
\Omega^k \text{CL}^*(M, E, \Gamma) := \left\{ \sum A_I dx_I \left| |I| = k, A_I \in \text{CL}^*(M, E, \Gamma) \right. \right\}.
\]
The exterior derivative maps \( \Omega^* \text{CL}^*(M, E, \Gamma) \) into itself and so we obtain a complex \( (\Omega^* \text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}^p), d) \). The cup product makes \( \Omega^* \text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}^p) \) into a graded algebra and \( \text{TR} \) extends naturally to a complex homomorphism
\[
\text{TR} : (\Omega^* \text{CL}^*(M, E, \Gamma), d) \rightarrow (\Omega^* \text{PS}^*(\Gamma)/\mathcal{P}, d)
\]
\[
\sum A_I dx_I \mapsto \sum \text{TR}(A_I) dx_I.
\]
That \( \text{TR} \) is indeed a complex homomorphism follows from Theorem 4.6.

If \( \tau : \text{PS}^*(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \) is any linear functional with \( \tau|\mathcal{P} = 0 \) then \( \tau \) factorizes through \( \mathcal{P} \) to a linear functional on \( \text{PS}^*/\mathcal{P} \) and we obtain a graded trace on \( (\Omega^* \text{PS}^*(M, E, \Gamma)/\mathcal{P}, d) \) by putting
\[
\bar{\tau}(\omega) := \begin{cases} 0, & \omega \in \Omega^k, k < p, \\
\tau(f), & \omega = f dx_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge dx_p. \end{cases}
\]
\( \tau \) induces a graded trace on \( (\Omega^* \text{CL}^*(M, E, \Gamma), d) \) by putting \( \bar{\tau} := \tau \circ \text{TR} \). In particular we can apply this construction to \( \mathcal{P} \) and \( d \mathcal{P} \).
Definition 5.6 On $\Omega^*\text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}^p)$ we define the extended trace

$$\overline{\text{Tr}} := \int \circ \text{TR},$$

and the formal trace

$$\overline{\text{Tr}} := d\overline{\text{Tr}} := \left( d\int \right) \circ \text{TR} = \int \circ d \circ \text{TR} = \int \circ \text{TR} \circ d.$$

**Remark 5.7**

1. The extended trace is graded, thus $((\Omega^*\text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}^p), d), \overline{\text{Tr}})$ is almost a cycle in the sense of CONNES [3, Sec. III.1.a], except that $\overline{\text{Tr}}$ is not closed. Its derivative, the formal trace, $\overline{\text{Tr}}$, is a closed graded trace on $\Omega^*\text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}^p)$. Furthermore, Lemma 5.5 shows that it is symbolic, i.e., depends only on finitely many terms of the symbol expansion of $A$ (see the next proposition below).

2. If $p = 1$ then via the isomorphism of Proposition 3.1 the traces $\frac{1}{2\pi} \overline{\text{Tr}}$ coincide with the traces $\overline{\text{Tr}}, \text{Tr}$ introduced by R. B. MELROSE [13, Sec. 4 and 7]. Note that our normalization of the formal trace $\overline{\text{Tr}}$ differs from the one of [13] by a factor of $\frac{1}{2\pi}$.

**Proposition 5.8** (cf. [13, Prop. 6]) Let $A \in \text{CL}^m(M, E, \mathbb{R}^p)$ and put

$$\omega := (-1)^{\gamma - 1} A d\mu_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge d\mu_j \wedge \ldots \wedge d\mu_p.$$  \hfill (5.15)

Then

$$\overline{\text{Tr}}(\omega) = \lim_{L \to \infty} \int_{|\xi| \leq L} \int_{S^{n-1}} \text{tr}(a_{1-p-n}(x, \xi, \mu)) \mu_j d\text{vol}(\mu) dx d\xi.$$ \hfill (5.16)

**Proof:** It suffices to prove this for $E = \mathbb{C}$. Obviously, we have

$$\overline{\text{Tr}}(\omega) = \overline{\text{Tr}}(d\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \text{TR}(\partial_{\mu_j} A) d\mu.$$ \hfill (5.17)

In view of Proposition 4.9 we introduce the abbreviation

$$b_N(x, \xi, \mu) := \sum_{|a| \leq N-1} \frac{1}{a!} \left( \frac{\partial^a}{\partial \mu} \right)^a a(x, \xi, 0) \mu^a.$$ \hfill (5.18)

Using Lemma 5.5 we find for $N$ large enough

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \text{TR}(\partial_{\mu_j} A)(\mu) d\mu = \lim_{R \to \infty} \int_{|\mu| \leq R} \int_{U} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left[ (\partial_{\mu_j} a)(x, \xi, \mu) - (\partial_{\mu_j} b_N)(x, \xi, \mu) \right] d\xi dx d\mu$$

$$= \int_{U} \int_{S^{n-1}} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} a(x, \xi, \mu) - b_N(x, \xi, \mu) d\xi \right\}_{1-p} \mu_j d\text{vol}(\mu) dx$$

$$= \lim_{L \to \infty} \int_{|\xi| \leq L} \int_{S^{n-1}} a_{1-p-n}(x, \xi, \mu) \mu_j d\text{vol}(\mu) d\xi dx.$$ 

Here $\left\{ . \right\}_{p-1}$ denotes the term of $\mu$-homogeneity $1 - p$. \hfill $\square$
6 The eta–invariant

Now we have all prerequisites to define the higher eta–invariants:

**Definition 6.1** If \( p = 2k - 1 \) then we put for elliptic and invertible \( A \in \text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}^{2k-1}) \)

\[
\eta_k(A) := 2c_k \text{Tr} \left( (A^{-1} dA)^{2k-1} \right),
\]

where \( c_k = \frac{(-1)^{k-1}(k-1)!}{(2\pi i)^{k-1}} \).

**Remark 6.2**

1. If \( k = 1 \) then via the isomorphism of Proposition 3.1 \( \eta_1(A) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \text{Tr} (A^{-1} dA) \) coincides with the \( \eta \)-invariant of Melrose [13, Sec. 5].

2. There are at least two motivations for the choice of the normalization constant \( c_k \):
   - It is well–known that for every smooth map \( f : S^{2k-1} \to \text{GL}(N, \mathbb{C}) \) the number
     
     \[
     w(f) := c_k \int_{S^{2k-1}} \text{tr} \left( (f^{-1} df)^{2k-1} \right)
     \]

     actually is an integer and \( w \) induces an isomorphism \( \pi_{2k-1}(\text{GL}(\infty, \mathbb{C})) \to \mathbb{Z} \). A map with \( w(f) = 1 \) can be constructed using Clifford matrices (cf. (6.25) below). In this sense \( \eta_k \) is a higher “winding number”.
   - The second motivation comes from the relation to the spectral eta–invariant (see Proposition 6.6 below).

**Proposition 6.3** (cf. [13, Prop. 7]) Let \( A_s \in \text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R}^{2k-1}) \) be elliptic invertible and smoothly dependent on \( s \in [0, 1] \). Then

\[
\frac{d}{ds} \eta_k(A_s) = 2(2k - 1)c_k \text{Tr} \left( (A_s^{-1} \partial_s A_s)(A_s^{-1} dA_s)^{2k-2} \right). \tag{6.2}
\]

**Proof:** We introduce the 1–form \( \omega := A^{-1} dA \) and note that since

\[
d\omega = -\omega \wedge \omega
\]

we have for \( l \in \mathbb{Z} \)

\[
d\omega^l = \begin{cases} 0, & l \text{ even}, \\ -\omega^{l+1}, & l \text{ odd}. \end{cases} \tag{6.4}
\]

Using this we find

\[
\frac{d}{ds} \eta_k(A_s) = 2c_k \text{Tr} \left( \frac{d}{ds} (A_s^{-1} dA_s)^{2k-1} \right) = 2(2k - 1)c_k \text{Tr} \left( (A_s^{-1} dA_s)^{2k-2} \frac{d}{ds} A_s^{-1} dA_s \right) = 2(2k - 1)c_k \text{Tr} \left( -(A_s^{-1} dA_s)^{2k-1} A_s^{-1} \partial_s A_s + (A_s^{-1} dA_s)^{2k-2} A_s^{-1} d\partial_s A_s \right) = 2(2k - 1)c_k \text{Tr} \left( d \left[ (A_s^{-1} dA_s)^{2k-2} A_s^{-1} \partial_s A_s \right] \right) = 2(2k - 1)c_k \text{Tr} \left( (A_s^{-1} \partial_s A_s)(A_s^{-1} dA_s)^{2k-2} \right). \tag{6.5}
\]


Next we consider the complex Clifford algebra $\mathcal{Cl}_p$, $p = 2k - 1$ odd. $\mathcal{Cl}_p$ is the universal $C^*$-algebra generated by $p$ unitary elements $e_1, \ldots, e_p$ subject to the relations
\begin{equation}
  e_i \cdot e_j + e_j \cdot e_i = -2\delta_{ij} \tag{6.6}
\end{equation}
(cf. e.g. [9, Chap. 1]). We choose a Clifford representation
\begin{equation}
  c : \mathbb{R}^p \to M(N, \mathbb{C}), \quad c(x) = \sum_{j=1}^p x_j E_j, \tag{6.7}
\end{equation}
where the $E_j$ are skew-adjoint Clifford matrices in $\mathbb{C}^N$. This means that $E_1, \ldots, E_p$ are skew-adjoint matrices satisfying the Clifford relations (6.6). $c$ induces a $*$-representation of $\mathcal{Cl}_p$ in $M(N, \mathbb{C})$.

Let us introduce the map
\begin{equation}
  f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^p \to M(N, \mathbb{C}), \quad x = (x_0, x') \mapsto x_0 + c(x') \tag{6.8}
\end{equation}
and the $p$-form
\begin{equation}
  \omega = \text{tr} \left( f^{-1} df \right)^p \tag{6.9}
\end{equation}
on $\mathbb{R}^{p+1} \setminus \{0\}$. That $f(x)$ is indeed invertible for $x \neq 0$ follows from (6.11) below.

**Proposition 6.4** The $p$-form $\omega$ is given by
\begin{equation}
  \omega = |x|^{-p-1} p! \text{tr} (E_1 \cdot \ldots \cdot E_p) \sum_{j=0}^p (-1)^j x_j dx_0 \wedge \ldots \wedge \hat{d}x_j \wedge \ldots \wedge dx_p. \tag{6.10}
\end{equation}

**Proof:** By definition of $f$ we have $f(x)^* f(x) = |x|^2$, hence
\begin{equation}
  f(x)^{-1} = |x|^{-2} f(x)^*, \tag{6.11}
\end{equation}
and
\begin{equation}
  f(x)^* df(x) = (x_0 - c(x')) \left( dx_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p E_j d x_j \right). \tag{6.12}
\end{equation}
Setting $\omega_1 = (x_0 - c(x')) dx_0$ and $\omega_2 = (x_0 - c(x')) \sum_{j=1}^p E_j dx_j$ we get $\omega_1^2 = 0$ and
\begin{equation}
  (f(x)^* df(x))^p = \omega_2^p + \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \omega_2 \omega_1^j \omega_2^{p-1-j}, \tag{6.13}
\end{equation}
which implies
\begin{equation}
  \omega = |x|^{-2p} \left( \text{tr} \omega_2^p + p \text{tr} \omega_1 \omega_2^{p-1} \right), \tag{6.14}
\end{equation}
as \( p \) is odd. We calculate the two terms on the right hand side separately. First note that both terms are invariant with respect to transformations of the form \( x' = O x \) with \( O \in SO(p) \), so we may assume \( x' = (x_1, 0, \ldots, 0) \). Now

\[
\begin{equation}
\text{tr} \left( \left| \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) \sum_{j=1}^{p} E_j dx_j \right| \right)_{(x_0, x')}
\end{equation}
\]

\[
= \sum_{\sigma \in S_p} \text{sgn} \sigma \left| \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{\sigma(1)} \cdots \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{\sigma(p)} \right| dx_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge dx_p.
\]

(6.15)

We fix a permutation \( \sigma \in S_p \) and put \( j := \sigma^{-1}(1) \). Then for \( l \neq j, j - 1 \) we have the relation

\[
\begin{equation}
(x_0 - x_1 E_1) E_{\sigma(l)} (x_0 - x_1 E_1) E_{\sigma(l+1)} = |x|^2 E_{\sigma(l)} E_{\sigma(l+1)}.
\end{equation}
\]

(6.16)

Hence we obtain

\[
\begin{equation}
\text{tr} \left( \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{\sigma(1)} \cdots \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{\sigma(p)} \right) = \\
= \text{tr} \left( \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{\sigma(j+1)} \cdots \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{\sigma(j-1)} \right) \\
= |x|^{2(j-1)} \text{tr} \left( \left( x_0 - x_1 E_{\sigma(j)} \right) E_{\sigma(j+1)} \cdots E_{\sigma(p)} \cdot E_{\sigma(1)} \cdots E_{\sigma(j)} \right) \\
= x_0 |x|^{p-1} \text{tr} \left( E_{\sigma(1)} \cdots E_{\sigma(p)} \right),
\end{equation}
\]

where we have used the Berezin Lemma (cf. [1, Prop. 3.21]). Summing up we have proved

\[
\text{tr} \left( \left| \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) \sum_{j=1}^{p} E_j dx_j \right| \right)_{(x_0, x')} = p! x_0 |x|^{p-1} \text{tr} \left( E_1 \cdots E_p \right) dx_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge dx_p
\]

for all \( x \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1} \setminus \{0\} \).

Next we calculate the second term in (6.14), where we again suppose \( x' = (x_1, 0, \ldots, 0) \):

\[
\begin{equation}
\text{tr} \left( \left| \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right)^2 E_{i_{\sigma(1)}} \right| \cdots \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{i_{\sigma(p-1)}} \right)
\end{equation}
\]

\[
= \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \ldots < i_{p-1} \leq p} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{p-1}} \text{sgn} \sigma \cdot \text{tr} \left( \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right)^2 E_{i_{\sigma(1)}} \right)
\]

\[
\cdot \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{i_{\sigma(2)}} \cdots \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{i_{\sigma(p-1)}} \right) dx_0 dx_{i_1} \wedge \ldots \wedge dx_{i_{p-1}}.
\]

(6.19)

Now consider the trace terms on the right hand side of the last equation with \( i_1 = 1 \) and \( j = \sigma^{-1}(1) \):

\[
\text{tr} \left( \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right)^2 E_{i_{\sigma(1)}} \cdot \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{i_{\sigma(2)}} \cdots \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{i_{\sigma(p-1)}} \right) = \\
= \text{tr} \left( \left( x_0 + (-1)^j x_1 E_1 \right) \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{i_{\sigma(1)}} \cdots \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{i_{\sigma(p-1)}} \right)
\]

\[
\cdot \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{i_{\sigma(1)}} \cdots \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{i_{\sigma(j-1)}} \right) = |x|^{p-1} \text{tr} \left( \left( x_0 + (-1)^j x_1 E_1 \right) \cdot E_{i_{\sigma(j+1)}} \cdots E_{i_{\sigma(p-1)}} \cdot E_{i_{\sigma(1)}} \cdots E_{i_{\sigma(j-1)}} \right) = 0.
\]

(6.20)

In case \( i_1 > 1 \) an analogous argument proves

\[
\text{tr} \left( \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right)^2 E_{i_{\sigma(1)}} \cdot \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{i_{\sigma(2)}} \cdots \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) E_{i_{\sigma(p-1)}} \right) = \\
= |x|^{p-1} \text{tr} \left( \left( x_0 - x_1 E_1 \right) \cdot E_{i_{\sigma(1)}} \cdots E_{i_{\sigma(p-1)}} \right)
\]

\[
= -x_1 |x|^{p-1} \text{tr} \left( E_1 \cdot E_{i_{\sigma(1)}} \cdots E_{i_{\sigma(p-1)}} \right).
\]

(6.21)
Hence by rotation symmetry
\[ \text{tr} \omega_1 \omega_2^{p-1} = |x|^{p-1} (p-1)! \text{tr} (E_1 \cdots E_p) \]
\[ dx_0 \wedge \sum_{j=1}^{p} (-1)^j x_j dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_j \wedge \cdots dx_p \] holds. The assertion follows from (6.14), (6.18) and (6.22).

From now on we choose the standard representation of \( \mathbb{O}_{2k-1} \) in \( \mathbb{C}^{2n-1} \). For this representation one knows that
\[ \text{tr} (E_1 \cdots E_{2k-1}) = 2^{k-1} i^{-k}. \] (6.23)

This is part of the Berezin Lemma (cf. [1, Prop. 3.21]), but can also easily seen as follows. In the standard representation the complex volume element \( i^k e_1 \cdots e_{2k-1} \) acts as identity. Since the standard representation is of rank \( 2^{k-1} \) we obtain (6.23). Now, by Proposition 6.4
\[ \omega = |x|^{-p-1} p! 2^{k-1} i^{-k} \sum_{j=0}^{p} (-1)^j x_j dx_0 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_j \wedge \cdots dx_p, \] (6.24)
and
\[ \int_{\mathbb{S}^{2k-1}} \omega = \int_{B^{2k}} d(|x|^{p+1} \omega) = \]
\[ = i^{-k} 2^{k-1} (2k-1)! \int_{B^{2k}} (p+1) d\text{vol} \]
\[ = i^{-k} 2^k (2k-1)! \frac{\pi^k}{(k-1)!} \]
\[ = \frac{-1}{c_k}, \] (6.25)
where \( c_k \) was defined in Definition 6.1.

We note another consequence of our calculations. Choose \( a \in \mathbb{R} \) and let \( f(x) = a + c(x) \), \( x \in \mathbb{R} \). Then \( (f^*df)^p = \omega_2^p \) and in view of (6.18) and (6.23)
\[ \text{tr} ((f^{-1}df)^p) = (a^2 + |x|^2)^{-p} \text{tr} ((f^*df)^p) \]
\[ = p! a (a^2 + |x|^2)^{-\frac{k+1}{2}} \text{tr} (E_1 \cdots E_p) dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_p \]
\[ = p! a (a^2 + |x|^2)^{-\frac{k+1}{2}} 2^{k-1} i^{-k} dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_p. \] (6.26)

We are now able to calculate the integral of the \( p \)-form \( (f^{-1}df)^p \):
\[ \int_{|z|\leq R} \text{tr} ((f^{-1}df)^p) = 2^{k-1} i^{-k} p! a \int_{|z|\leq R} (a^2 + |x|^2)^{-k} dx \]
\[ = 2^{k-1} i^{-k} p! a \frac{(2k-1)\pi^{k-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(k+\frac{1}{2})} \int_0^R (a^2 + r^2)^{-k} r^{2k-2} dr \]
\[ \xrightarrow{R \to \infty} 2^{k-1} i^{-k} p! a \frac{(2k-1)\pi^{k-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(k+\frac{1}{2})} \int_0^\infty (a^2 + r^2)^{-k} r^{2k-2} dr. \] (6.27)
Using the formula
\[ \int_0^\infty (1 + u^2)^\alpha u^\beta \, du = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma(-\alpha - \frac{\beta}{2} - \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma\left(\frac{\beta+1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma(-\alpha)} \] (6.28)
we find
\[
\int \text{tr} \left( (f^{-1} df)^p \right) = 2^{k-1} i^{-k} p! (2k - 1) (\text{sgn} \, a) \frac{\pi^{k-\frac{1}{2}}}{2^{k+\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma(k - \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(k)}
\]
\[= 2^{k-1} i^{-k} p! (\text{sgn} \, a) \frac{\pi^k}{(k-1)!} = \frac{-\text{sgn} \, a}{2c_k}. \] (6.29)

Now we are ready to relate the \( \eta \)-invariant to the spectral \( \eta \)-invariant of an elliptic operator.

First we briefly recall the regularized integral for functions on \( \mathbb{R}_+ \) (cf. [11, Sec. 2.1], [12]). Let \( f : (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{C} \) be a locally integrable function having log-polyhomogeneous asymptotic expansions as \( x \to 0 \) and as \( x \to \infty \). Then one puts
\[ \int_0^\infty f(x) \, dx := \lim_{a \to 0} \int_a^1 f(x) \, dx + \lim_{b \to \infty} \int_1^b f(x) \, dx. \] (6.30)

For such a function its “Mellin transform”
\[ (\tilde{M}f)(s) := \int_0^\infty x^{s-1} f(x) \, dx \] (6.31)
is well-defined for \( s \in \mathbb{C} \) and there is a discrete subset \( A \subset \mathbb{C} \) such that \( (\tilde{M}f) \mid (\mathbb{C} \setminus A) \) extends to a meromorphic function \( Mf \) on \( \mathbb{C} \). For each \( s \) one has
\[ (\tilde{M}f)(s) = \text{Res}_0 (Mf)(s), \] (6.32)
where \( \text{Res}_0 \) denotes the constant term in the Laurent expansion. In particular, if \( s \) is a regular point of \( Mf \) then \( (\tilde{M}f)(s) = (Mf)(s) \). We note that for \( \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \)
\[ \int_0^\infty x^\alpha \log^k x \, dx = 0. \] (6.33)
(see [11, Sec. 2.1] for proofs of these facts). Of course, there is a simple relation between the integral (6.30) and the integral (5.3). Namely, if \( f \) is an even log-polyhomogeneous function on \( \mathbb{R} \) then \( 2 \int f(x) \, dx = \int_\mathbb{R} f(x) \, dx \).

Next let \( D : C^\infty(E) \to C^\infty(E) \) be a first order invertible self-adjoint elliptic differential operator. Then for \( k \in \mathbb{Z}_+, k > 0 \), the family
\[ \Phi_{k,p} : \mathbb{R}^p \ni x \mapsto D(D^2 + |x|^2)^{-k} \] (6.34)
lies in \( CL^{1-2k}(M, \mathbb{R}^p) \). Note that being a differential operator is really essential for this to be true. We apply Theorem 4.6 to \( \Phi_{k,p} \). Thus for each \( k \in \mathbb{Z}_+, k > 0 \), we have
\[ \text{TR} (D(D^2 + 1d_{\mathbb{R}^p}^2)^{-k}) = \text{TR} (\Phi_{k,p}) \in S^{2k+\dim M}(\mathbb{R}^p)/\mathcal{P}. \] (6.35)
We note for $p = 1$ and $l > \frac{\dim M + 1 - 2k}{2}$ the identity
\begin{equation}
\left( \frac{1}{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^l \text{TR}(\Phi_{k,p})(x) = (-2)^l \frac{(k + l - 1)!}{(k - 1)!} 4 \pi L^2 (D(D^2 + |x|^2)^{-k-l}). \tag{6.36}
\end{equation}

Note that in view of (6.33) the Mellin transforms $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\Phi_{k,1}), \mathcal{M}(\Phi_{k,1})$, are well-defined. For reasons of clarity we now write the various traces on $\text{CL}(M, E, \mathbb{R}^p)$ with a subscript, i.e. $\text{TR}_{p}, \text{TR}_{p}, \text{TR}_{p}$.

**Proposition 6.5** Let $D$ be as before and let
\begin{equation}
\eta_D(s) := \sum_{\mu \in \text{spec } D} \text{sgn } \mu |\mu|^{-s} = \text{tr } ((D^2)^{-\text{(s+1)/2}})
\end{equation}

be the spectral $\eta$-function of $D$. Then we have for $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+, k > 0$, and $\text{Re } s$ large
\begin{align}
\eta(s) &= \left( k - 1 - \frac{z + 1}{2} \right)^{-1} \frac{\sin \pi \frac{z + 1}{2}}{\pi} 2 \int_0^\infty x^{2k-2-s} \text{TR}_1 (D(D^2 + \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}^2)^{-k}) (x) \, dx, \\
&= \left( k - 1 - \frac{z + 1}{2} \right)^{-1} \frac{\sin \pi \frac{z + 1}{2}}{\pi} 2 (\mathcal{M}\Phi_{k,1})(2k - 1 - s). \tag{6.38}
\end{align}

Furthermore,
\begin{align}
\eta(0) &= \frac{2\Gamma(k)}{\Gamma(k - \frac{1}{2}) \sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty x^{2k-2} \text{TR}_1 (D(D^2 + \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}^2)^{-k}) (x) \, dx \\
&= \frac{2\Gamma(k)}{\Gamma(k - \frac{1}{2}) \sqrt{\pi}} \text{TR}_1 (\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}^{2k-2} D(D^2 + \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}^2)^{-k}) \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(k)}{\pi} \text{TR}_{2k-1} (D(D^2 + |\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}^{2k-2}|^{-k})]. \tag{6.39}
\end{align}

**Proof:** From the identities
\begin{align}
\lambda^z &= \frac{\sin \pi z}{\pi} \int_0^\infty x^{-z} (\lambda + x)^{-1} \, dx, \quad 0 < \text{Re } z < 1, \\
\lambda^z &= \left( k - 1 - z \right)^{-1} \frac{\sin \pi z}{\pi} \int_0^\infty x^{k-1-z} (\lambda + x)^{-k} \, dx, \quad 0 < \text{Re } z < k, \tag{6.40}
\end{align}
and (6.37) we infer (6.38) for $k$ large enough and $\eta_0(D) < \text{Re } s < 2k - 1$. Integration by parts gives (6.38) for all $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$ (cf. (6.36)). Since $\left( k - 1 - \frac{z + 1}{2} \right)^{-1} \frac{\sin \pi \frac{z + 1}{2}}{\pi}$ is regular and $\neq 0$ at $s = 0$, and since $\eta(s)$ is regular at $s = 0$ (cf. [5, Sec. 3.8]) we conclude from (6.38) that the meromorphic function $\mathcal{M}(\Phi_{k,1})(2k - 1 - s)$ is regular at $s = 0$ and thus in view of (6.32) we arrive at the first equality of (6.39). The second equality of (6.39) is trivial. To prove the third one we note that from the uniqueness statement and (iii) of Theorem 4.6 we conclude the identity
\begin{equation}
\Phi_{k,p}(x) = \Phi_{k,1}(|x|) \tag{6.41}
\end{equation}
and thus

\[
\frac{\Gamma(k)}{\pi^k} \text{Tr}_{2k-1} \left( D(D^2 + \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^{2k-1}})^{-k} \right) \\
= \frac{\Gamma(k)}{\pi^k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2k-1}} \text{Tr}_{2k-1} \left( D(D^2 + |\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^{2k-1}}|^2)^{-k} \right)(x) dx \\
= \frac{\Gamma(k)}{\pi^k} \lim_{R \to \infty} \int_{|x| \leq R} \text{Tr}_{2k-1} \left( D(D^2 + |\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^{2k-1}}|^2)^{-k} \right)(x) dx \\
= \frac{\Gamma(k)}{\pi^k} \lim_{R \to \infty} \frac{(2k-1)\pi^{-1/2}}{\Gamma(k + 1/2)} \int_0^R \text{Tr}_1 \left( D(D^2 + |\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}|^2)^{-k} \right)(x)x^{2k-2} dx \\
= \frac{\Gamma(k)}{\Gamma(k - 1/2)} \sqrt{\pi} \text{Tr}_1 \left( \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}^{2k-2} D(D^2 + |\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}|^2)^{-k} \right).
\]

Proposition 6.6 Let \( D : C^\infty(E) \to C^\infty(E) \) be a first order invertible self-adjoint elliptic differential operator. Let \( c : \mathbb{R}^{2k-1} \to M(2k-1, \mathbb{C}) \) be the standard Clifford representation (see (6.23)). Then the family \( \mathcal{D}_\pm(\mu) := D + \epsilon(\mu) \) lies in \( \text{CL}^1(M, E, \mathbb{R}^{2k-1}) \) and we have

\[
\eta(\mathcal{D}_\pm) = \mp \eta(D).
\]

Remark 6.7

1. This generalizes [13, Prop. 5]. Even for \( k = 1 \) it is more general than there. In contrast to [13] our proof does not use the local index theorem, hence is not restricted to Dirac operators.

2. Since the spectral \( \eta \)-invariant is a regularization of the non-convergent sum

\[
\sum_{\mu \in \text{spec} D \setminus \{0\}} \text{sgn} \mu,
\]

this result is formally a consequence of the integral formula (6.29).

Proof: Since \( D \) is a differential operator we have \( \mathcal{D} \in \text{CL}^1(M, E, \mathbb{R}^{2k-1}) \), where being differential is really essential here. Note that the complete symbol \( \sigma_{\mathcal{D}}(x, \xi, \mu) \) is (affine) linear in \((\xi, \mu)\). From (6.26) and the previous proposition we conclude

\[
\eta(\mathcal{D}_\pm) = 2c_k \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2k-1}} \text{Tr}_{2k-1} \left( \left( (\pm D + c(\cdot))^{-1} dc(\cdot) \right)^{2k-1} \right)(\mu) d\mu \\
= \pm 2^k i^{k} c_k (2k - 1)! \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2k-1}} \text{Tr}_{2k-1} \left( D(D^2 + |\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^{2k-1}}|^2)^{-k} \right)(x) dx \\
= \pm 2^k i^{k} c_k (2k - 1)! \frac{\pi^k}{\Gamma(k)} \eta(D) \\
= \mp \eta(D),
\]

and we are done. \( \square \)
Remark 6.8 (i) $\eta$ is an additive homomorphism from the group of invertible elements of $\text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R})$ into $\mathbb{C}$ [13, Prop. 4]. This follows immediately from the conjugation invariance of the trace $\overline{\text{Tr}}$. Namely, given invertible $A, B \in \text{CL}^*(M, E, \mathbb{R})$ then

$$(AB)^{-1}d(AB) = B^{-1}(A^{-1}dA)B + B^{-1}dB$$

$$=: \omega_1 + \omega_2.$$  \hspace{1cm} (6.45)

Thus

$$\eta_k(AB) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \overline{\text{Tr}}(B^{-1}(A^{-1}dA)B + B^{-1}dB)$$

$$= \eta_1(A) + \eta_1(B).$$  \hspace{1cm} (6.46)

However, $\eta_k$ is not additive for $k \geq 2$. We illustrate this in the case $k = 2$: the 1–forms $\omega_1, \omega_2$ of (6.45) have the following properties:

$$d\omega_1 = -\omega_1^2 - \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 - \omega_2 \wedge \omega_1, \quad d\omega_2 = -\omega_2^2,$$

$$d(\omega_1 + d\omega_2) = -(\omega_1 + \omega_2)^2, \quad d\omega_1 \wedge d\omega_2 = -(\omega_1 + \omega_2) \wedge \omega_1 \omega_2.$$  \hspace{1cm} (6.47)

Consequently

$$\text{TR}((\omega_1 + \omega_2)^3) - \text{TR}(\omega_1) - \text{TR}(\omega_2) = 3\text{TR}((\omega_1 + \omega_2) \wedge \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2)$$

$$= -3d\text{TR}(\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2)$$

and

$$\eta_2(AB) = \eta_2(A) + \eta_2(B) - 6c_2\text{TR}(\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2).$$  \hspace{1cm} (6.49)

So the defect of the additivity of $\eta$ is a symbolic term.

(ii) Finally we add some remarks concerning the divisor flow (cf. [13, Sec. 9]). Following [13, Sec. 8], the right hand side of the variation formula Proposition 6.3 can be defined if $A_s$ is elliptic but not necessarily invertible. Namely, choose a smooth family of parametrices $Q_s \in \text{CL}^{-m}(M, E, \mathbb{R}^{2k-1})$, i.e.

$$Q_sA_s - I, \quad A_sQ_s - I \in \text{CL}^{-\infty}(M, E, \mathbb{R}^{2k-1}),$$

and put

$$v\eta(A_s) := 2(2k - 1)c_k \overline{\text{Tr}} \left( (Q_s \partial_s A_s)(Q_s dA_s)^{2k-2} \right).$$  \hspace{1cm} (6.50)

In view of Proposition 5.8 $v\eta(A_s)$ is independent of the choice of $Q_s$.

Now fix an elliptic and invertible $A \in \text{CL}(M, E, \mathbb{R}^{2k-1})$. If $B \in \text{Ell}_m(A)$, the component of $A$ in the elliptic elements of order $m$, then according to [13, Def. 5] the divisor flow was defined to be

$$\text{DF}(B, A) := \frac{1}{2} \left( \eta_k(B) - \eta_k(A) - \int_0^1 v\eta(B_s) ds \right)$$  \hspace{1cm} (6.51)

where $B_s$ is any smooth family in $\text{Ell}_m(A)$ with $B_0 = A, B_1 = B$.

However, it is not immediately clear, whether $\text{DF}(B, A)$ is independent of the particular choice of a path $B_s$. There seems to be some evidence that this might not be the
case. Let us give an example for $M$ a point. Although this is quite an exceptional case it at least shows where the problems are:

Let $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ with $f' \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$, and \( \lim_{\lambda \to \pm \infty} f(\lambda) \neq 0 \). If $f$ is invertible, then

\[
\eta(f) := \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f'}{f}(\lambda) d\lambda.
\]

If $f_s$ is a family of such functions, the variation formula reads

\[
\partial_s \eta(f_s) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_\lambda \left( f_s^{-1} \partial_s f_s \right) d\lambda
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{\pi i} \left( \frac{\partial_s f_s}{f_s}(+\infty) - \frac{\partial_s f_s}{f_s}(-\infty) \right) = \nu \eta(f_s).
\]

Now let

\[
f_s(\lambda) := \begin{cases}
1, & \lambda \geq 1, \\
e^{2\pi is}, & \lambda \leq s, \\
e^{2\pi i(\lambda)}, & s \leq \lambda \leq 1.
\end{cases}
\]

The two points at which $f_s$ is just continuous but not smooth can easily be smoothed out.

Then one calculates

\[
\int_0^1 \nu \eta(f_s) \, ds = -2.
\]

On the other hand

\[
g_s := (1-s)f_0 + sf_1, \quad 0 \leq s \leq 1,
\]

also is an elliptic family joining $f_0$ and $f_1$. Here, elliptic means invertible outside a compact set. However,

\[
\int_0^1 \nu \eta(g_s) \, ds = 0 \neq \int_0^1 \nu \eta(f_s) \, ds
\]

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