

4.16 Example:

In the situation of Example 4.13, we see that

$$P := f \cdot \Delta^{-1/2} \in \Psi^{-1}(\Pi, T^*\Pi_{\mathbb{C}}) \text{ with } \sigma^P(x, \zeta) = f(x) \|\zeta\|^{-1}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_w(P) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{S^*\Pi} \text{tr } \sigma^P(x, \zeta) \omega_{\zeta} \wedge dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\Pi} f(x) \underbrace{\left(\int_{\|\zeta\|_{T_x^*\Pi} = 1} \omega_{\zeta} \right)}_{= 2} dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\Pi} f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Theorem 4.15 yields (4.5).

4.17 Remark:

(i) Let $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D})$ be the Hodge-de Rham triple (Thm 2.15) for an oriented compact Riemannian manifold (M, g) of dimension n . Then the Hodge-Laplacian $\Delta = \mathcal{D}^2$

is a pseudodifferential operator of order 2. After modification on $\ker \Delta$, we may suppose that Δ is invertible; then, for each $f \in C^\infty(M, \mathbb{C}) = \mathcal{A}$, $P := f \cdot \Delta^{-n/2} \in \Psi^{-n}(M, \Lambda^0_{\mathbb{C}} T^*M_{\mathbb{C}})$ and by Theorem 4.15,

$$\int f \cdot \Delta^{-n/2} = \frac{1}{n} \text{Res}_w(f \cdot \Delta^{-n/2}) = c(n) \int_M f,$$

for some constant $c(n) > 0$.

(ii) A similar result is true for the spectral triple $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D})$

associated to spin^c manifolds, where \mathcal{D} is the Dirac operator; see Remark 2.21.

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(iii) In view of results like (i) and (ii), one considers $\Delta^{-n/2}$ for $\Delta := \mathcal{D}^2$ as the counterpart of the Riemann-Lebesgue measure for general spectral triples $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D})$, where $n > 0$ is chosen such that $\Delta^{-n/2} \in I_n(\mathcal{H})$; if such n exists, we call it the dimension of $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D})$.

4.18. Example (Laplace-Beltrami operator)

In Theorem 2.17., the Riemann-Lebesgue measure vol was constructed for every compact Riemannian manifold (M, g) , namely as the unique Radon measure vol on $\mathcal{B}(M)$, the Borel σ -algebra of M , which satisfies

$$\int_M f = \int_M f(x) \, \text{dvol}(x) \quad \forall f \in C(M, \mathbb{C})$$

This relies on the Riesz-Markov-Kakutani representation theorem, which one applies to the positive linear functional

$$\int_M : C(M, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad f \mapsto \int_M f$$

that is given by (linear and continuous) extension of

$$\int_M : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f \mapsto \int_M f.$$

The Hodge-de Rham triple (Theorem 2.19), however, which recovers integration as we have seen in Remark 4.17, requires in addition an orientation on M . In order to deal with the general case, one considers instead the Laplace - Beltrami operator $\Delta: C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$, which is determined by the condition

$$\int_M f(x)(\Delta g)(x) \, d\text{vol}(x) = - \langle df, dg \rangle_{\Omega^1(M)}$$

for every $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$; Δ is a differential operator of order 2 with principal symbol $\sigma^\Delta(x, \xi) = -\|\xi\|_{T_x^*M}^2$ and hence elliptic. Therefore, after modification of Δ on its kernel, we may consider $\Delta^{-n/2}$, which is then a pseudodifferential operator of order $-n$.

Theorem 4.15 yields that $\Delta^{-n/2} \in \mathcal{L}^{(1, \infty)}(L^2(M))$, which is in accordance with Weyl's Law (1911): if

$$0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n \leq \lambda_{n+1}, \quad \lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$$

are the eigenvalues of Δ (listed with multiplicities) and

$$N(\lambda) := \#\{j \in \mathbb{N} \mid \lambda_j \leq \lambda\} \quad \text{for } \lambda \geq 0,$$

then $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(\lambda)}{\lambda^{n/2}} = \frac{\Omega_n}{n(2\pi)^n} \text{vol}(M)$ with $\Omega_n := \frac{2\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})}$,

where Γ is the Gamma function and Ω_n the surface measure of the unit sphere S^{n-1} in \mathbb{R}^n . Furthermore,

$$\mu_k(\Delta^{-n/2}) \sim \frac{\Omega_n}{n(2\pi)^n} \text{vol}(M) \frac{1}{k} \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

for the characteristic values of $\Delta^{-n/2}$, i.e., $\Delta^{-n/2} \in I_n(L^2(\mathcal{M}))$. 4-20

Using Theorem 4.15, we obtain for every $f \in C^\infty(\mathcal{M}, \mathbb{C})$

$$\int f \Delta^{-n/2} = \frac{\Omega_n}{n(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathcal{M}} f(x) \text{dvol}(x).$$

Indeed, $P := f \cdot \Delta^{-n/2} \in \Psi^{-n}(\mathcal{M}; \mathbb{C})$ and

$$\sigma^P(x, \zeta) = f(x) \|\zeta\|_{T_x^* \mathcal{M}}^{-n},$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_W(P) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{S^* \mathcal{M}} \text{tr} \sigma^P(x, \zeta) \omega_\zeta \wedge dx \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \underbrace{\left(\int_{\|\zeta\|_{T_x^* \mathcal{M}}=1} \omega_\zeta \right)}_{=\Omega_n} f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{\Omega_n}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathcal{M}} f(x) \text{dvol}(x). \end{aligned}$$

4.19 Remark:

(i) We have used implicitly that \mathcal{M} carries an orientation when we defined the Wodzinski residue via the forms ω_ζ and dx ; in general, one replaces them by their densities $|\omega_\zeta|$ and $|dx|$, which give the surface measure on $\{\zeta \in T_x^* \mathcal{M} \mid \|\zeta\|_{T_x^* \mathcal{M}} = 1\}$ and the Riemann-Liebesgue measure vol , respectively. Hence,

$$\text{Res}_W(P) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\int_{\|\zeta\|_{T_x^* \mathcal{M}}=1} \text{tr} \sigma^P(x, \zeta) |\omega_\zeta| \right) |dx|.$$

(ii) Furthermore, we made use of the general fact that an elliptic (pseudo-) differential operator $P \in \Psi^m(\mathcal{M}; E)$ has an inverse modulo smoothing operators $\Psi^{-\infty}(\mathcal{M}; E)$, which are those pseudodifferential operators that have symbols in the class

$$\text{Sym}^{-\infty}(\mathcal{M}; E) := \bigcap_{m \in \mathbb{R}} \text{Sym}^m(\mathcal{M}; E);$$

more explicitly, there is $Q \in \Psi^{-m}(\mathcal{M}; E)$ such that

$$PQ - 1, QP - 1 \in \Psi^{-\infty}(\mathcal{M}; E);$$

we call such Q a parametrix for P .

Note that $P \in \Psi^m(\mathcal{M}; E)$ is said to be elliptic if its principal symbol $\sigma^{\mathbb{P}}$ has a representative, which is pointwise invertible whenever $\xi \in T_x^* \mathcal{M} \setminus \{0\}$.

5. Tame spectral triples and integration

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In Chapter 4, we have seen that, for spectral triples $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D})$ associated to compact Riemannian manifolds (M, g) of dimension n , $\int f \cdot \Delta^{-n/2}$ with $\Delta = \mathcal{D}^2$ yields an operator-theoretic avatar of integration $\int_M f \, d\text{vol}$ for functions $f \in C^\infty(M, \mathbb{C})$.

For a general spectral triple $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D})$ of dimension $n > 0$ (or, more generally, (n, ∞) -summable), we may consider

$$\text{Tr}_\omega(\pi(a) \Delta^{-n/2}) \quad \text{for } a \in \mathcal{A},$$

for any Dixmier trace Tr_ω ; see Theorem 4.8. We want to show that such "integrals" for elements in \mathcal{A} inherit some properties of their commutative ancestors.

5.1. Theorem:

Let $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D})$ be an (n, ∞) -summable spectral triple (with a separable complex Hilbert space \mathcal{H} of infinite dimension). Further, let $\text{Tr}_\omega: \mathcal{L}^{(n, \infty)}(\mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be any Dixmier trace. Then, for all $T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$,

$$\text{Tr}_\omega(\pi(a) T \Delta^{-n/2}) = \text{Tr}_\omega(T \pi(a) \Delta^{-n/2}).$$

In particular,

$$\tau: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad a \mapsto \text{Tr}_\omega(\pi(a) \Delta^{-n/2})$$

is a trace on \mathcal{A} , i.e., $\tau(a_1 a_2) = \tau(a_2 a_1)$ for all $a_1, a_2 \in \mathcal{A}$.