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Atiyah-Singer Index Theorem Seminar.

The Heat and Wave Equations

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Heat Equation.

On \mathbb{R}^n , the heat equation is

$$\frac{\partial u_t}{\partial t} - \Delta u_t(x) = 0, \quad (\text{HE})$$

so let's think about the case on \mathbb{R} . Take the Fourier transform,

$$\hat{u}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u(x) e^{-ix\xi} dx,$$

then the (HE) becomes

$$\frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial t} + \xi^2 \hat{u}_t = 0,$$

with solution $\hat{u}_t(\xi) = C(\xi) e^{-t\xi^2}$

Let V_t be such that

$$V_0 = \delta_0,$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} - \Delta V_t = 0.$$

Then for any f ,

$V_t * f$ is a solution of (HE)
with $V_0 * f = f$.

Now, $\widehat{\delta}_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$, so,

$$\widehat{V}_t(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t\xi^2}; \text{ and,}$$

$$V_t(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z\xi^2} e^{ix\xi} d\xi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}} \quad \text{Fundamental Solution}$$

Let's extend to Clifford Bundles...

Let M be a compact Riemannian manifold, $S \rightarrow M$ a Clifford bundle.

We have seen the motivation $\mathbb{D}^2 = -\Delta$.

So we define for Clifford bundles

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} + \mathbb{D}^2 s = 0 \quad (\text{H.E.})$$

s a section
of Clifford bundle

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} - i\mathbb{D}s = 0 \quad (\text{W.E.})$$

Recall that the Classical W.E. is

$$\frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial t^2} - \Delta s = 0.$$

Theorem:

The (WE) and (HE) have unique solutions for $s_0 \in L^2(S)$
for

$$\begin{array}{l} t > 0 \quad (\text{HE}), \\ t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{WE}). \end{array}$$

The solution satisfies:

- $\|s_t\| < \|s_0\|$ for $t > 0$ (HE),
- $\|s_t\| = \|s_0\|$ (WE).

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \|s_t\|^2 &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial t} s_t, s_t \right\rangle + \left\langle s_t, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} s_t \right\rangle = -\langle D^2 s_t, s_t \rangle - \langle s_t, D^2 s_t \rangle \\ &= -2 \|D s_t\|^2\end{aligned}$$

↖ heat eq² version here

Then existence follows by using the solution operators)

$$s_t = e^{-tD^2} s_0 \quad (\text{HE}),$$

$$s_t = e^{itD} s_0 \quad (\text{WE}).$$

□

Since e^{-tD^2} is a smoothing operator, there exists $k_t(p, q)$ a section of $S \boxtimes S^*$ such that

$$e^{-tD^2} s_0(p) = \int_M k_t(p, q) s_0(q) \text{vol}(q)$$

↖ Sobolev space

and if $s_0 \in H_\ell$ then $s_t \rightarrow s_0$ in H_ℓ .

Define $H_{-\ell}$ as dual of H_ℓ via \langle, \rangle_0 ,

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi \in H_\ell & \quad \gamma \cdot \varphi = \langle \gamma, \varphi \rangle \\ \gamma \in C^\infty & \end{aligned}$$

If ℓ is "big enough", then the delta function lies in $H_{-\ell}$. The solution operator then takes

$$e^{-tD^2}: H_\ell \rightarrow H_\ell, H_{-\ell} \rightarrow H_{-\ell}.$$

Theorem:

The heat kernel $k_t(p, q)$ satisfies

$$(1) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbb{D}_p^2 \right] k_t(p, q) = 0. \quad \leftarrow \text{If } q \text{ is fixed then } k_t(\cdot, q) \text{ is a section of } S \otimes S_q^*, \text{ and } \mathbb{D}_q \text{ acts on it (is the Dirac operator associated with this bundle).}$$

$$(2) \int_M k_t(p, q) s(q) \text{vol}(q) \rightarrow s(p) \text{ uniformly for } s \text{ smooth.}$$

Moreover, $k_t(p, q)$ is the unique such section.

Proof:

Denote $H = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbb{D}_p^2$. If we can show that

$$H \underbrace{\int_M k_t(p, q) s_0(q) \text{vol}(q)}_{=0} = \int_M (H k_t(p, q)) s_0(q) \text{vol}(q),$$

and since the integrand is uniformly differentiable w.r.t. t , we can bring $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ inside the integral, and it is sufficient to show that

$$\mathbb{D} \int_M k_t(p, q) s_0(q) \text{vol}(q) = \int_M (\mathbb{D}_p k_t(p, q)) s_0(q) \text{vol}(q).$$

Locally we can write $\mathbb{D}s = \sum_i e_i \nabla_i s$, and we need only show that

$$\nabla_i \int_M k_t(p, q) s_0(q) \text{vol}(q) = \int_M (\nabla_i k_t(p, q)) s_0(q) \text{vol}(q).$$

Again by uniform differentiability, can bring ∇_i inside,

$$\nabla_i \int_M k_t(p, q) s_0(q) \text{vol}(q) = \int_M \nabla_i (k_t(p, q) s_0(q)) \text{vol}(q).$$

Now we have to actually do a calculation. Oy:

$$\nabla_i (k_t(p, q) \delta) = (\nabla_{i,p} k_t(p, q)) \delta, \quad s(q) = \delta \in S_q.$$

$$k_t(p, q) = v \otimes \varphi, \quad \leftarrow \text{write } k_t \text{ as sum of these guys, use linearity}$$

$\delta \in S_q, v \in T(s), \varphi \in T(S_q^*)$

$$\nabla_i (v \otimes \varphi) = \nabla_i v \otimes \varphi + v \otimes \partial_i \varphi,$$

so, $\nabla_i (v \otimes \varphi) \delta = \nabla_i v \otimes \varphi(\delta) + v \otimes \partial_i \varphi(\delta)$. Applying δ first, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_i (v \otimes \varphi(\delta)) &= \nabla_i (\varphi(\delta) v) = \varphi(\delta) \nabla_i v + \partial_i \varphi(\delta) v \\ &= \nabla_i (v \otimes \varphi) \delta, \end{aligned}$$

proving (1).

(2) is "obvious".

Uniqueness: Suppose k'_t is another such heat kernel, then

$$(k_t - k'_t) s_0 = s_t, \quad \|s_t\| < \|s_0\|,$$

and $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} s_t = 0$ ($\|s_t\| < \varepsilon$ for any ε). So $k_t = k'_t$.



Finite Propagation Speed.

Theorem:

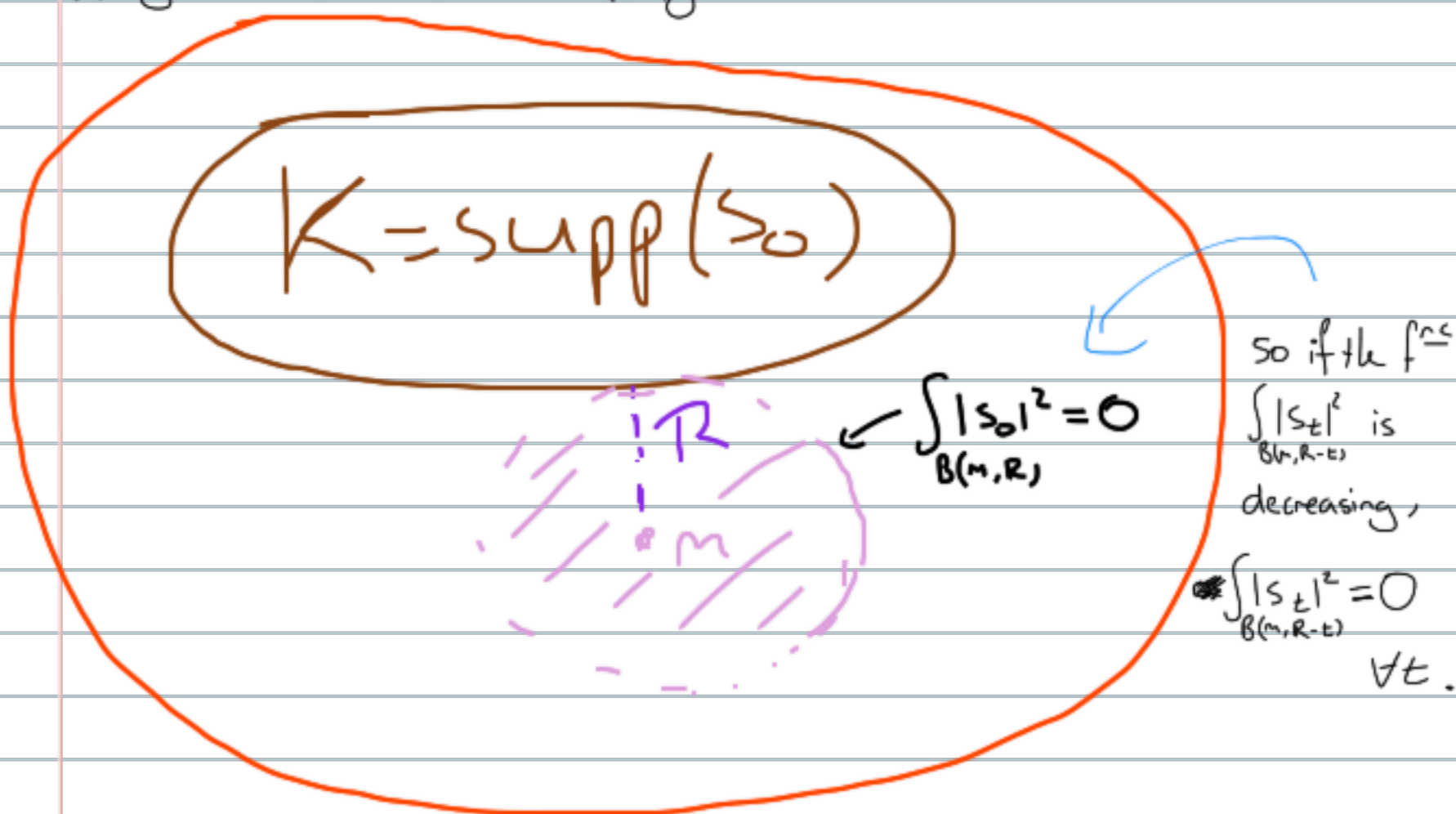
For any $s \in C_c^\infty(S)$, the support of $e^{itD}s$ lies within distance $|t|$ of $\text{supp}(s)$. ↙ solution to wave eqⁿ

Proof:

It suffices to show that

$\int_{B(m, R-t)} |s_t|^2$ is decreasing for $B(m, R)$ geodesic nbhd of m .

Why? Stare at the diagram



So let's prove that the f^{ac} is decreasing. We have that

$$\langle iD s_t, s_t \rangle + \langle s_t, iD s_t \rangle = id^{\alpha} \omega, \text{ where}$$

$$\omega(x) = \langle X s_t, s_t \rangle.$$

Now,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{B(m, R-t)} |s_t|^2 = \int_{S(m, R-t)} \left(-\langle s_t, s_t \rangle - \langle N \cdot s_t, s_t \rangle \right) \leq 0.$$

↑
by Cauchy-Schwarz, same as. \square

← Schwarz functions
Def¹: $S(\mathbb{R}) =$ smooth functions which decay faster than any rational function

$$\hookrightarrow \|X^{\alpha} D^{\beta} f\|_{L^{\infty}} < +\infty.$$

If $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int \hat{f}(\xi) e^{ix\xi} d\xi$, can consider

$$f(D) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int \hat{f}(\xi) e^{i\xi D} d\xi.$$

Or define it in a weak sense:

$$\langle f(D)x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int \hat{f}(\xi) \langle e^{i\xi D} x, y \rangle d\xi.$$

Proposition:

Suppose $\text{supp}(\hat{f}) \in [-c, c]$. Then $\langle f(D)x, y \rangle = 0$ for $\text{dist}(\text{supp}(x), \text{supp}(y)) > c$.

Recall the statement from Ch 5 that

$$f \mapsto \text{kernel}(f(\mathcal{D})) \text{ is continuous.}$$

Our next proposition is...

Proposition:

The kernel of $f(\pm \mathcal{D})$ outside of $\Delta \subset M \times M (C \rightarrow S \boxtimes S^*)$ tends to zero in the C^∞ -topology.

Idea of proof:

We write $f_u = f_{u,1} + f_{u,2}$ where

$\hat{f}_{u,1}$ is supported on $[-\delta, \delta]$, and $\hat{f}_{u,2} \rightarrow 0$ in $S(\mathbb{R})$. //

Approximating the heat kernel for a Clifford bundle.

Defⁿ: Let $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow E$, E a Banach space. Then

$$f \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \quad (\text{asymptotic expansion})$$

if for all n , there exists l_n such that for all $l > l_n$,

$$\left\| f(t) - \sum_{i=0}^l a_i(t) \right\| < C_{l,n} |t|^n$$

for t small enough.

THE Theorem:

(i) There exists an asymptotic expansion for k_t of the form

$$k_t \sim h_t(\Theta_0(p,q) + t\Theta_1(p,q) + \dots)$$

where Θ_i are smooth sections of $S \otimes S^*$,

$$h_t(p,q) = \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{n/2}} e^{-d(p,q)^2/4t}$$

(ii) The expansion is valid in $C^k(S \otimes S^*)$ for all $k > 0$.

(iii) Θ_i locally depends on **STUFF** (see Roe), and

$$\Theta_0(p,p) = \text{Id}, \quad \Theta_1(p,p) = \frac{1}{6} \overset{\substack{\text{scalar curvature} \\ \text{at } p}}{K(p)} - \overset{\substack{\text{Clifford-contracted curvature} \\ \text{operator appearing in} \\ \text{Weitzenböck formula}}}{K(p)}.$$