

Some Properties of Analytical Indices on $K(B(M), S(M))$

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In this note, we shall assume that M is a closed oriented Riemannian manifold of dimension n without any statements. Let $T(M)$ be the tangent bundle over M . For

$$B(M) = \{v \in T(M) \mid \|v\| \leq 1\}, S(M) = \{v \in T(M) \mid \|v\| = 1\}$$

let $K(B(M), S(M))$ be the relative K -groups on $(B(M), S(M))$.

The purpose of this note is to prove some properties of elliptic differential operators (Proposition 4, Lemma 5) and to prove that there exists a homomorphism

$$i_a : K(B(M), S(M)) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$$

(Theorem 7) which is induced from the Atiyah-Singer analytic indices ([2]).

Let ξ and η be two complex vector bundles over M . We put

$$\varepsilon(M, \xi) = \{f : M \rightarrow \xi \mid f \text{ is a } C^\infty\text{-cross section}\}.$$

For the Sobolev norm $\|\cdot\|_{s, \xi}$ let $W^s(M, \xi)$ be the completion of $\varepsilon(M, \xi)$ with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_{s, \xi}$ ([1]). Then we have a sequence of inclusions of the Hilbert spaces

$$\dots \supset W^s \supset W^{s+1} \supset \dots \supset W^{s+j} \supset \dots$$

where $W^s = W^s(M, \xi)$ ([1]). If $t < s$ then the natural inclusion $j : W^s(M, \xi) \rightarrow W^t(M, \xi)$ is a completely continuous linear map. We define $OP_k(\xi, \eta)$ the set of all C -linear map $T : \varepsilon(M, \xi) \rightarrow \varepsilon(M, \eta)$ such that there exists the extension $\bar{T} : W^s(M, \xi) \rightarrow W^{s-k}(M, \eta)$ of T which is called an *operator of order k* , where C is the field of complexes.

We shall define a subspace $Int_k(\xi, \eta)$ of $OP_k(\xi, \eta)$ with the following properties ([4]).

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(i) $\text{Op}_{k-1}(\xi, \eta) \subseteq \text{Int}_k(\xi, \eta)$ which is precisely the kernel of the linear symbol map

$$\sigma_k : \text{Int}_k(\xi, \eta) \rightarrow \text{Smb}_k(\xi, \eta).$$

(ii) Let $\text{Diff}_k(\xi, \eta)$ be the set of differential operators from $\epsilon(M, \xi)$ to $\epsilon(M, \eta)$ with rank k . Then $\text{Diff}_k(\xi, \eta)$, $\text{Int}_k(\xi, \eta)$ and σ_k is an extension of the symbol maps $\text{Diff}_k(\xi, \eta) \rightarrow \text{Smb}_k(\xi, \eta)$.

(iii) $T \in \text{Int}_k(\xi, \eta)$ and $S \in \text{Int}_l(\eta, \zeta)$ (ζ is a complex vector bundle over M) $\Rightarrow ST \in \text{Int}_{k+l}(\xi, \eta)$ and $\sigma_{k+l}(ST) = \sigma_l(S)\sigma_k(T)$.

(iv) For each $T \in \text{Int}_k(\xi, \eta)$ the transpose $T^t \in \text{Int}_k(\eta, \xi)$ and $\sigma_k(T^t) = (-1)^k \sigma_k(T)^*$.

(v) There is the continuous right inverse

$$X_k : \text{Smb}_k(\xi, \eta) \rightarrow \text{Int}_k(\xi, \eta).$$

We define the projection by

$$\pi : T(M) = (T(M) - M) \rightarrow M$$

and put such that $\tilde{\xi} = \pi^*\xi|S(M)$. We also use the following notations :

$L(\xi, \eta)$ = the complex vector bundle over $S(M)$ whose fiber at $(v, x) \in S(M)$ is the space of all linear maps of ξ_x into η_x .

$I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ = the open subspace of $L(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ whose fiber at $(v, x) \in S(M)$ is all linear isomorphisms of $\tilde{\xi}_x$ into $\tilde{\eta}_x$.

$H(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ = the complex vector bundle of all C^∞ -cross sections of $L(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$, i.e.,

$$\text{Hom}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}) = C^\infty(L(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$$

$$\text{Iso}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}) = C^\infty(I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})).$$

Definition 1. For $h_t \in \text{Iso}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ ($t \in [0, 1]$) if there is a C^∞ -function $h : S(M) \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \text{Iso}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ defined by

$$h((v, x), t) = h_t(v, x)$$

then $\{h_t\}$ is called a *regular homotopy of h_0 with h_1* . Moreover, h_0 and h_1 are C^∞ -regularly homotopic.

Property 2. (i) $\sigma \in \text{Smb}_k(\xi, \eta)$ is elliptic if and only if $\tilde{\sigma} = \sigma|S(M) \in \text{Iso}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ which is dense in $C^0(I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})) = \{f : M \rightarrow I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}) \mid f \text{ is continuous}\}([4])$.

(ii) $C^\infty(L(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})) = \text{Hom}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ is dense in $C^0(L(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$ with is a Banach space consisting

of all continuous cross sections of $L(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ with the compact open topology. Moreover, $C^0(I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$ is open in the locally arcwise connected Banach space $C^0(L(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$ ([4]).

Definition 3. Let $\Delta(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ be the set of arc components of $C^0(I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})) \subset C^0(L(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$. For each $\sigma \in C^0(I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$ let $[\sigma]$ be the arc component in $\Delta(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ to which σ belongs. For $\sigma, \sigma' \in C^0(I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$ if $[\sigma] = [\sigma']$ then we say that σ and σ' are *homotopic*.

Proposition 4. The map

$$\text{Iso}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}) \rightarrow \Delta(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}) \quad (\sigma \rightarrow [\sigma])$$

is surjective. Moreover, if $[\sigma] = [\sigma']$ ($\sigma, \sigma' \in C^0(I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$) then they are C^∞ -regularly homotopic.

Proof. By (ii) of Property 2 for each component δ of $C^0(L(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$ $\delta \cap C^0(I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$ is open in $C^0(I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$. Moreover, since $\text{Iso}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ is dense in $C^0(I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$ by (i) of property 2 we have an element

$$\sigma \in \text{Iso}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}) \cap \delta \circ \circ [\sigma] = \delta.$$

Thus, $\sigma \rightarrow [\sigma] = \delta$ is surjective.

Next, we have to note that $C^\infty(I(\tilde{\xi} \times [0,1], \tilde{\eta} \times [0,1]))$ is dense in $C^0(I(\tilde{\xi} \times [0,1], \tilde{\eta} \times [0,1]))$ by the same reason that $C^\infty(I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$ is dense in $C^0(I(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}))$. Since $[\sigma] = [\sigma']$ there exists a C^∞ -map

$$h_t : S(M) \rightarrow \text{Iso}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$$

such that $h_0 = \sigma$ and $h_1 = \sigma'$. Hence

$$h : S(M) \times [0,1] \rightarrow \text{Iso}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$$

is defined by $h(v,x,t) = h_t(v,x)$. By Definition 1 σ and σ' are C^∞ -regularly homotopic. / / /

We shall put such that

$$E_k(\xi, \eta) = \{T \in \text{Int}_k(\xi, \eta) \mid \sigma_k(T) \text{ is elliptic}\}$$

and

$$E(\xi, \eta) = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} E_k(\xi, \eta) \quad (\mathbb{Z} = \text{the integers})$$

Thus $E_k(\xi, \eta) \cap \text{Diff}_k(\xi, \eta)$ is just the set of K^{th} order elliptic differential operators from ξ to η . We define for each elliptic operator $T \in E_k(\xi, \eta)$ the *index* $\text{Ind}(T)$ of T by $\text{Ind}(T) = \dim \ker T - \dim \text{Coker } T < \infty$ ([1], [4]).

For each symbol map $\sigma \in \text{Smbk}_k(\xi, \eta)$ we put $\tilde{\sigma} = \sigma|_{S(M)}$. In this case, σ is elliptic if and only if $\tilde{\sigma} \in \text{Iso}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ ([4]). We have the restricted symbol map

$$\Sigma : E(\xi, \eta) \rightarrow \text{Iso}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$$

which is defined by $\Sigma(T) = \tilde{\sigma}_k(T)$.

Lemma 5. There is a surjective map

$$\delta : E(\xi, \eta) \rightarrow \Delta(\xi, \eta),$$

and if $\delta(S) = \delta(T)$ for $S, T \in E(\xi, \eta)$ then $\text{Ind}(S) = \text{ind}(T)$.

Proof. By Proposition 4 we can find $\sigma_0 \in \text{Iso}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ for each $\delta_0 \in \Delta(\xi, \eta)$ such that $[\sigma_0] = \delta_0$. Since

$$\text{Smbk}_k(\xi, \eta) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}) \quad (\sigma \mapsto \tilde{\sigma})$$

is a bijective ([4]) there is $\sigma \in \text{Smbk}_k(\xi, \eta)$ which is elliptic such that $\tilde{\sigma} = \sigma_0$. Since the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{OP}_{k-1}(\xi, \eta) \rightarrow \text{Int}_k(\xi, \eta) \xrightarrow{\sigma_k} \text{Smbk}_k(\xi, \eta) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact ([4]) there exists $T \in E_k(\xi, \eta)$ such that $\sigma_k(T) = \sigma$. Then

$$\delta(T) = [\Sigma(T)] = [\tilde{\sigma}_k(T)] = [\tilde{\sigma}] = [\sigma_0] = \delta_0$$

proving the first statement.

We assume that $\delta(T) = [\Sigma(T)] = \delta(S) = [\Sigma(S)]$. Then by Proposition 4 $\Sigma(S)$ and $\Sigma(T)$ are C^∞ -regularly homotopic, and thus $\text{Ind}(S) = \text{Ind}(T)$ ([4]). // //

Property 6. For every elliptic differential operator $D : C^\infty(\xi) \rightarrow C^\infty(\eta)$ there is an elliptic differential operator D' with order zero such that $\sigma(D) = \sigma(D')$ ([4]) where $\sigma : \text{Diff}_k(\xi, \eta) \rightarrow \text{Smbk}_k(\xi, \eta)$ is the symbol map.

For each element $\gamma_0 \in K(B(M), S(M))$ there exist complex vector bundles ξ and η over M and an isomorphism

$$\sigma_0 : \pi^*\xi|_{S(M)} \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi^*\eta|_{S(M)}$$

such that $\gamma_0 = d(\pi^*\xi, \pi^*\eta, \sigma_0)$ which is a difference element ([1],[3]). By Lemma 5 we have an elliptic differential operator $D : C^\infty(\xi) \rightarrow C^\infty(\eta)$ such that $\sigma(D)$ is homotopic to σ_0 (i.e., $[\sigma(D)]$

$=[\sigma_0]$.

Hence we have $\gamma_0 = d(\pi^*\xi, \pi^*\eta, \sigma(D))$. That is, γ_0 depends only on D , ξ and η , and thus we put.

$$\gamma_0 = \gamma(D) = d^*(\pi^*\xi, \pi^*\eta, \sigma(D)).$$

Theorem 7. There is a homomorphism

$$i_a : K(B(M), S(M)) \rightarrow Z$$

such that each $\gamma(D) = d(\pi^*\xi, \pi^*\eta, \sigma(D)) \in K(B(M), S(M))$ $i_a(\gamma(D)) = i_a(D)$, where $D : C^\infty(\xi) \rightarrow C^\infty(\eta)$ is an elliptic differential operator.

Proof. By Property 6, it suffices to consider only elliptic differential operator D with order zero.

(i) We shall prove that $\gamma(D) = 0$ implies that $i_a(\gamma(D)) = i_a(D) = 0$. At first, we assume that $\sigma(D)$ extends to an automorphism of $\pi^*\xi \cong \pi^*\eta$ over all of $B(M)$. Then $\gamma(D) = 0$ ([3],[4]). We want to show that $i_a(D) = 0$. Since $\pi : B(M) \rightarrow M$ is a homotopy equivalence, for some isomorphism $\varphi : \xi \rightarrow \eta$ $\sigma(D)$ is homotopic to $\pi^*\varphi$. Since $\varphi_* : C^\infty(\xi) \rightarrow C^\infty(\eta)$ is an elliptic differential operator of order zero and $\sigma(\varphi_*) = \pi^*\varphi|S(M)$ we have $i_a(D) = i_a(\varphi_*) = 0$ (Note that φ_* is an isomorphism).

Next, we shall prove that if $\gamma(D) = 0$ for some elliptic differential operator D of order zero then $i_a(D) = 0$. Since there is a bundle ξ over M such that

$$\sigma(D) \oplus 1_\zeta : \xi \oplus \zeta \xrightarrow{\cong} \tilde{\eta} \oplus \zeta$$

extends to an isomorphism over all of $B(M)$ ([3],[4]). Since $\sigma(D) \oplus 1_\zeta = \sigma(D \oplus 1_\zeta)$, by the above reason we have $i_a(D \oplus 1_\zeta) = 0$. But

$$0 = i_a(D \oplus 1_\zeta) = i_a(D) + i_a(1_\zeta) = i_a(D)$$

since $i_a(1_\zeta) = 0$.

(ii) We assume that for elliptic operators D_1 and D_2 $\gamma(D_1) = \gamma(D_2)$. We shall prove that $i_a(D_1) = i_a(D_2)$. Let D_3 be elliptic of order zero such that $\gamma(D_3) = -\gamma(D_1)$ ([3]). Then by the lineality of the symbol map σ we have

$$\sigma(D_1 \oplus D_3) = \sigma(D_1) + \sigma(D_3)$$

([3]). Since

$$\gamma(D_1 \oplus D_3) = \gamma(D_1) + \gamma(D_3) = 0$$

and thus by (i)

$$0=i_a(D_1 \oplus D_3)=i_a(D_1)+i_a(D_3).$$

Similarly, from $\gamma(D_2 \oplus D_3)=\gamma(D_2)+\gamma(D_3)=0$ we have

$$0=i_a(D_2 \oplus D_3)=i_a(D_2)+i_a(D_3).$$

Hence

$$0=i_a(D_1)+i_a(D_3)=i_a(D_2)+i_a(D_3)$$

and thus $i_a(D_1)=i_a(D_2)$. Therefore

$$i_a(D)=i_a(\gamma(D))$$

is well-defined on $K(B(M), S(M))$. Moreover, by the additivity of the difference construction i_a is a homomorphism. // /

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