

**DIRICHLET SERIES,
NOVIKOV THEORY AND
SPECTRAL GEOMETRY**

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$$(M, g, \omega)$$

M closed manifold

ω closed one form i.e. $d(\omega) = 0$

g Riemmanian metric.

PURPOSE

Provide analytic interpretation of:

- a) Novikov incidences (of critical points of ω),
- b) the counting function (for closed trajectories of $-\text{grad}_g\omega$)

in terms of the spectral theory of $\Delta_\omega(t)$, the

Witten Laplacians associated to g and ω .

This is done with the help of Dirichlet series.

DIRICHLET SERIES

A Dirichlet series f is given by:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{cccccc} \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3 \cdots < \lambda_k < \lambda_{k+1} \cdots \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \cdots & a_k & a_{k+1} & \cdots \end{array} \right\}$$

with $\lambda_k \rightarrow \infty$ if the sequences are infinite

The associated series is

$$f(z) = \sum_i e^{-z\lambda_i} a_i$$

and has an

Abscissa of Convergence,

$$\rho(f) \leq \infty,$$

a) If $\Re z > \rho(f) \Rightarrow f(z)$ is convergent and

defines a holomorphic function

b) If $\Re z < \rho(f) \Rightarrow f(z)$ is divergent.

NOVIKOV RINGS

$[\omega] : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ injective group homomorphism

$$\Lambda_{[\omega]} := \{f : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ has property N}\}$$

Property N: f has property N if for any $R \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\#\{\text{Supp } f\} \cap \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \omega(\gamma) < R\} < \infty$$

$$f \in \Lambda_{[\omega]} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda' s \equiv \omega(\gamma), f(\gamma) \neq 0 \\ a' s \equiv f(\gamma) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Lambda_{[\omega], \rho} := \{f \in \Lambda_{[\omega]}, \rho(f) < \rho\}$$

Observation. *With respect to convolution*

a) $\Lambda_{[\omega]}$ is a field,

b) $\Lambda_{[\omega], \rho}$ is a subring of $\Lambda_{[\omega]}$,

The evaluation at z , $\Re z > \rho$, $ev_z : \Lambda_{[\omega], \rho} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

is a ring homomorphism and the Laplace

transform

$$L : \Lambda_{[\omega], \rho} \rightarrow C^\omega(\rho, \infty)$$

is an injective ring homomorphism.

TOPOLOGY, NOVIKOV THEORY

Consider (M, g, ω)

M closed manifold

ω closed one form, i.e. $d(\omega) = 0$

g Riemmanian metric.

Denote by:

$$X = -grad_g \omega$$

$\Psi_t : M \rightarrow M$ the flow of X .

$\mathcal{P}_{x,y} :=$ homotopy classes α of paths from x to y

Define:

$$\omega \Rightarrow [\omega] : H_1(M) / \ker([\omega]) \cong \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{P}}_{x,y} := \mathcal{P}_{x,y} / \sim, (\alpha \sim \alpha' \text{ iff } \alpha^{-1} \circ \alpha' \in \ker([\omega]))$$

The group Γ acts freely and transitively on $\hat{\mathcal{P}}_{x,y}$

$\pi : \tilde{M} \rightarrow M$ the associated Γ -principal covering.

H1: ω is a Morse form

i.e. $\omega = dh$, $h(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x_1$ or

$$h(x_1, \dots, x_n) = -1/2 \sum_1^k x_i^2 + 1/2 \sum_{k+1}^n x_i^2$$

Critical points:

$$\mathcal{X} := \{x \in M \mid \omega(x) = 0\}$$

$$\mathcal{X}_q := \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid \text{ind}(x) = q\}$$

Stable/unstable sets:

$$W_x^\pm := \{y \in M \mid \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \Psi_t(y) = x\}, x \in \mathcal{X}.$$

Observation 1. \mathcal{X} is finite

H2: (ω, g) is Morse Smale

$$\text{i.e. } x, y \in \mathcal{X} \Rightarrow W_x^- \pitchfork W_y^+$$

Observation 2. *Suppose H1 and H2 are satisfied.*

If $x \in \mathcal{X}_q$, $y \in \mathcal{X}_{q-1}$, $\alpha \in \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{x,y}$ then the set of trajectories from x to y in the equivalence class α is finite

Novikov incidences.

Choose:

$\mathcal{O} := \{\mathcal{O}_x, x \in \mathcal{X}\}$, \mathcal{O}_x orientation of W_x^- ,

Denote by:

$I_{\mathcal{O}}(x, y, \alpha) \in \mathbb{Z}$, the algebraic cardinality of trajectories from x to y in $\alpha \in \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{x,y}$.

Lifts:

$$\mathcal{L} := \{s : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \tilde{M} \mid \pi \cdot s = id\}$$

Choose a lift $s \in \mathcal{L}$.

One can better organize the integers $I_{\mathcal{O}}(x, y, \alpha)$ as follows:

Define $I_{\mathcal{O},s}(x, y) := I_{\mathcal{O}}(x, y, \alpha_s)$, α_s the image by π

of a path between $s(x)$ and $s(y)$

Define

$$\mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{O},s}(x, y) : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{C}$$

by $\mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{O},s}(x, y)(\gamma) := I_{\mathcal{O}}(x, y, \gamma\alpha_s)$,

A trajectory $\theta(t) := \Psi_t(x)$ is closed

iff there exists $T \in \mathbb{R}_+$ so that $\theta(t + T) = \theta(t)$.

$$\Rightarrow \theta : S^1 = \mathbb{R}/T\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow M$$

A closed trajectory θ is nondegenerate

iff $D_x(\Psi_T) : T_x M \rightarrow T_x M$ has only one no nonzero eigenvector with eigevalue 1.

H3: All closed trajectories of X are nondegenerate.

Observation 3. *If H3 is satisfied then for any $\gamma \in \Gamma$, the set of closed trajectories in the class γ is finite*

For $\theta(t)$ a nondegenerate closed trajectory

$$\epsilon(\theta) := \text{sign det}(D_x(\Psi_T))$$

$p(\theta)$ the period

$$\zeta(\gamma) := \sum_{\theta \in \gamma} \frac{(-1)^{\epsilon(\theta)}}{p(\theta)} \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\omega,g} : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{C},$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\omega,g}(\gamma) = \zeta(\gamma)$$

Novikov Theory. (*Novikov, Hutchings, Patzhitnov*)

Suppose (M, g, ω) satisfies H1-H3. Choose \mathcal{O} and $s \in \mathcal{L}$.

1. For $x \in \mathcal{X}_q$ and $y \in \mathcal{X}_{q-1}$, the maps $\mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{O},s}(x, y)$ and

$\mathcal{Z}_{\omega,g}$ are in $\Lambda_{[\omega]}$.

2. The free modules $C^q := \text{Maps}(\mathcal{X}_q, \Lambda_{[\omega]})$ and the $\Lambda_{[\omega]}$ -

linear maps $\partial^q : C^{q-1} \rightarrow C^q$, defined by

$$\partial(E_y) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_q} \mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{O},s}(x, y) E_x,$$

E_x the characteristic map of $x \in \mathcal{X}_q$ define a cochain

complex (the Novikov complex).

3. The function $\mathcal{Z}_{\omega,g}$ has interpretation as a torsion

element in $Wh(\Lambda_{[\omega]})$

Note: Both functions $\mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{O},s}(x, y)$ and $\mathcal{Z}_{\omega,g}$ can be defined without the hypotheses H2 and H3.

ANALYSIS, SPECTRAL GEOMETRY

Witten deformation:

$$(\Omega^*(M), d_\omega(t)), \quad d_\omega(t) := d + t\omega \wedge \cdot$$

g induce the **Witten Laplacians** $\Delta^q(t) := \Delta_\omega^q(t)$

$$\Delta_\omega^q(t) := d_\omega(t) \cdot d_\omega^\sharp(t) + d_\omega^\sharp(t) \cdot d_\omega(t)$$

$$\Delta_\omega^q(t) = \Delta^q + t(L_X - L_X^\sharp) + t^2\|X\|^2 Id$$

Theorem (Witten). *If ω is a Morse form then there exists positive constants C_1, C_2, C_3, T so that for $t > T$:*

- 1) $\text{Spec}\Delta^q(t) \cap [C_1e^{-C_2t}, C_3t] = \emptyset, 1 \in [C_1e^{-C_2t}, C_3t],$
- 2) $\sharp(\text{Spect}\Delta^q(t) \cap [0, 1]) = \sharp(\mathcal{X}_q)$

Witten Theorem implies that for $t > T$

$$(\Omega(M), d_\omega(t)) = (\Omega(M,)_{sm}(t), d_\omega(t)) \oplus (\Omega(M,)_{la}(t), d_\omega(t))$$

$$\Delta^q(t) = \Delta_{sm}^q(t) \oplus \Delta_{la}^q(t)$$

Theorem 1.

Suppose (M, g, ω) satisfies H1 and H2. Choose \mathcal{O} and $s \in \mathcal{L}$.

There exist $\rho(\omega, g) > 0$ and a canonical base $\{E_x(t), x \in \mathcal{X},\}$

of $\Omega^*(M)_{sm}(t)$ for $t > \rho(\omega, g)$ so that the inverse Laplace

transform of $(\Omega^*(M)_{sm}(t), d^*(t), E_x(t))$ is exactly the

Novikov complex associated to $(\omega, g), \mathcal{O}$ and $s \in \mathcal{L}$.

Precisely, $\mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{O},s}(x, y) \in \Lambda_{[\omega],\rho}$ and with respect to the

canonical base

$$d_\omega(t)(E_y(t)) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_q} I(x, y)(t) E_x(t), \quad y \in \mathcal{X}_{q-1}$$

with $I_{x,y}(t) = L(\mathbb{I}_{\mathcal{O},s}(x, y))$.

Introduce the functions:

$$\text{a) } \log V_s(t) := \sum (-1)^q \log \text{Vol}(E_x(t), x \in \mathcal{X}_q),$$

$$\text{b) } \log T_{an,la}(t) := 1/2 \sum_q (-1)^{q+1} q \log \text{Det} \Delta_{la}^q(t)$$

The metric g and the vector field X define

$$\text{c) } \Phi(g, X) \in \Omega^{n-1}(M \setminus \mathcal{X})$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Phi(g) \in \Omega^{n-1}(TM \setminus M) \\ X : M \rightarrow TM \end{array} \right\}$$

Theorem 2. *If (ω, g) satisfies H1-H3 then*

1. *The integral $A = \int_{M \setminus \mathcal{X}} \omega \wedge \Phi$ is convergent*

Consider $\log \mathbb{T}_{an,la,s}(t) := \log T_{an,la}(t) + \log V_s(t) + tA$

the corrected large torsion. Then:

2. *$\mathcal{Z}_{\omega,g} \in \Lambda_{[\omega],\rho}$ and*

$$\frac{L(\mathcal{Z}_{\omega,g}) - \log \mathbb{T}_{an,la,s}(t)}{t} = C \in [\omega](\Gamma) \subset \mathbb{R}$$

with C a computable constant depending on ω, g, s .

ABOUT THE PROOF

TOPOLOGY (Compactification Theorem)

ANALYSIS (Integration Theory)

SPECTRAL GEOMETRY (Relative Torsion)

Denote by:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{X}}_q = \pi^{-1}(\mathcal{X}_q)$$

$$h_{\tilde{x}} : \tilde{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ s.t. } d(h_{\tilde{x}}) = \pi^*(\omega), h_{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x}) = 0$$

For $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$, $W_{\tilde{x}}^{\pm}$

$\tilde{i}_{\tilde{x}}^{\pm} : W_{\tilde{x}}^{\pm} \rightarrow \tilde{M}$ smooth embedding,

$\pi \cdot \tilde{i}_{\tilde{x}}^{\pm} : W_{\tilde{x}}^{\pm} \rightarrow W_{\pi(\tilde{x})}^{\pm} \subset \tilde{M}$ injective smooth immersion

$$\mathcal{M}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = W_{\tilde{x}}^{-} \cap W_{\tilde{y}}^{+}, \mathcal{T}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \mathcal{M}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})/\mathbb{R}$$

Broken trajectories:

$$\mathcal{B}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \bigcup_{\substack{k \geq 0, \tilde{y}_0, \dots, \tilde{y}_{k+1} \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}} \\ \tilde{y}_0 = \tilde{x}, \tilde{y}_{k+1} = \tilde{y} \\ \text{ind}(\tilde{y}_i) > \text{ind}(\tilde{y}_{i+1})}} \mathcal{T}(\tilde{y}_0, \tilde{y}_1) \times \cdots \times \mathcal{T}(\tilde{y}_k, \tilde{y}_{k+1}).$$

Completed unstable sets:

$$\hat{W}_{\tilde{x}}^- = \bigcup_{\substack{k \geq 0, \tilde{y}_0, \dots, \tilde{y}_k \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}} \\ \tilde{y}_0 = \tilde{x} \\ \text{ind}(\tilde{y}_i) > \text{ind}(\tilde{y}_{i+1})}} \mathcal{T}(\tilde{y}_0, \tilde{y}_1) \times \cdots \times \mathcal{T}(\tilde{y}_{k-1}, \tilde{y}_k) \times W_{\tilde{y}_k}^-.$$

Let

$$i_{\tilde{x}}^- : \hat{W}_{\tilde{x}}^- \rightarrow \tilde{M}$$

$$\hat{i}_{\tilde{x}} = h_x \cdot i_{\tilde{x}}^-$$

defined in the obvious way

Compactification Theorem.

Let (ω, g) be a Morse-Smale pair.

1. For any $\tilde{x}, \tilde{y} \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$, $\mathcal{B}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$ is compact, in the topology induced from $C^0([h(\tilde{y}), h(\tilde{x})], \tilde{M})$.

The smooth manifold $\mathcal{T}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$ has $\mathcal{B}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$ as a canonical compactification.

Moreover, $\mathcal{B}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$ has the structure of a compact smooth manifold with corners, with $\mathcal{B}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})_k$ being

$$= \bigcup_{\substack{\tilde{y}_0, \dots, \tilde{y}_{k+1} \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}} \\ \tilde{y}_0 = \tilde{x}, \tilde{y}_{k+1} = \tilde{y} \\ \text{ind}(\tilde{y}_i) > \text{ind}(\tilde{y}_{i+1})}} \mathcal{T}(\tilde{y}_0, \tilde{y}_1) \times \cdots \times \mathcal{T}(\tilde{y}_k, \tilde{y}_{k+1})$$

and $\mathcal{B}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})_0 = \mathcal{T}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$.

2. For any critical point $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$, $\hat{W}_{\tilde{x}}^-$ has a structure of a smooth manifold with corners, with $(\hat{W}_{\tilde{x}}^-)_k$ being

$$= \bigcup_{\substack{\tilde{y}_0, \dots, \tilde{y}_k \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}} \\ \tilde{y}_0 = \tilde{x} \\ \text{ind}(\tilde{y}_i) > \text{ind}(\tilde{y}_{i+1})}} \mathcal{T}(\tilde{y}_0, \tilde{y}_1) \times \cdots \times \mathcal{T}(\tilde{y}_{k-1}, \tilde{y}_k) \times W_{\tilde{y}_k}^-$$

and $(\hat{W}_{\tilde{x}}^-)_0 = W_{\tilde{x}}^-$.

Moreover $\hat{i}_{\tilde{x}}$ and $\hat{h}_{\tilde{x}}$ are smooth and proper maps, and $\hat{i}_{\tilde{x}}$ is a closed map.

3. If X has no closed trajectories then W_x^- 's are smooth submanifolds providing a partition of M in open cells (of a CW complex).

INTEGRATION THEORY

$$Int_t : \Omega^q(M)_{sm}(t) \rightarrow Maps(\mathcal{X}_q, \mathbb{C})$$

$$Int_t(a) := \int_{W_{s(x)}^-} i_{s(x)}^*(e^{h_{s(x)}t} \cdot \pi^*(a))$$

a) Convergence

b) Int_t is isomorphism for $t > \rho(\omega, g)$