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Atiyah-Singer Index Theorem Seminar.

Hirzebruch-Riemann-Roch (Lee Cohn).

Chapter 13!

Let M be compact, even-dim, spin,
let Δ be its associated spin bundle,
and let D be the Dirac operator.

Last time: $\text{Ind}(D) = \int_M \hat{A}(TM) \wedge \text{ch}(S/\Delta)$.

Remark: \hat{A} -genus is the Pontrjagin genus $z \mapsto \frac{\frac{\sqrt{z}}{2}}{\sinh(\frac{\sqrt{z}}{2})}$

$$\hat{A}_4 = \frac{-P_1}{24}, \quad \hat{A}_8 = \frac{-4P_2 + 7P_1^2}{5760}, \dots$$

Easy application (Lichnerowicz):

Let M -spin and $\int_M \hat{A}(TM) \neq 0$. Then M has no metric of strictly positive curvature.

Proof:

Weitzenböck: $D^2 = \nabla^* \nabla + \frac{1}{4}K$. So if $K > 0$, Bochner arg implies

$$\ker D = \ker D^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Ind}(D) = 0.$$

□

The Signature Theorem.

Let M be oriented, compact, $2m$ -dim; D the de Rham operator and $i^m \omega$ grading op (ω -vol form).

Let \mathbb{D} be the associated Dirac op, called the Signature operator.

$$\varepsilon = i^m \omega = i^{m+p(p-1)} * \text{ on } p\text{-forms.}$$

Prop: The index of the sig. op. is equal to the topological index. That is, #pos e-vals - #neg e-vals on the sig form on $H^m(M, \mathbb{R})$.

Proof:

Write $\Delta \stackrel{D^2}{=} \Delta^+ \oplus \Delta^-$ rel. to ε . Then $\text{Ind}(\mathbb{D}) = \dim(\ker(\mathbb{D}^+)) - \dim(\ker(\mathbb{D}^-))$

Let Δ_l^+, Δ_l^- denote the restriction of Δ^+, Δ^- to ε -invariant subspaces $C^\infty(\Lambda^l T^*M \oplus \Lambda^{2m-l} T^*M)$, $0 \leq l < m$ and $C^\infty(\Lambda^m T^*M)$ for $l=m$.

If $l < m$ and $\alpha \in \ker(\Delta_l^+)$ then $\alpha = \beta + \varepsilon(\beta)$ where β is a monic l -form. Then $\beta - \varepsilon(\beta) \in \ker(\Delta_l^-)$, so

$$\ker(\Delta_l^+) \cong \ker(\Delta_l^-) \quad \text{for } l < m.$$

$$\text{So, } \text{Ind}(\mathbb{D}) = \dim(\ker(\Delta_m^+)) - \dim(\ker(\Delta_m^-)) \\ = \dim \mathcal{H}^+ - \dim \mathcal{H}^-$$

where \mathcal{H}^\pm are ± 1 e-spaces of $\varepsilon = *$ on harmonic m -forms.

The quadratic form $\int \alpha \wedge \alpha$ is pos def on \mathcal{H}^+ and neg def on \mathcal{H}^- . So $\text{Ind}(\mathbb{D})$ is topological signature. □

Aux calc: $\Delta_\ell^+(\beta + \varepsilon(\beta)) = \Delta_\ell^+(\beta) + \Delta_\ell^+(i^{m+\ell(\ell-1)} * \beta) = \Delta_\ell^+(\beta) + \Delta_\ell^+(*\beta) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \beta + \varepsilon(\beta) \in \ker(\Delta_\ell^+).$$

Now, calculate $\text{Ind}(\mathbb{D})$ of the signature operator. Let $S = \Lambda^* T^* M$ on which \mathbb{D} acts.

Lemma: $\text{ch}(S/\Delta) = 2^m \tilde{G}(TM)$.
 $\hat{\uparrow}$ Pont. genus of $z \mapsto \cosh(\frac{1}{2}z)$.

Proof: $S \cong \text{Cl}(TM) = \Delta \oplus \Delta^*$ locally. Thus,

$$\text{ch}(\Delta^m) = 2^m \tilde{G}(TM) \text{ by previous talk.}$$

□

Def: \mathcal{L} -class is Pont. genus associated to $z \mapsto \frac{\sqrt{z}}{\tanh(\sqrt{z})}$.

Signature Theorem:

$$\text{Ind}(\mathcal{D}) = \text{Sign}(M) = \int_M \mathcal{L}(TM).$$

Here $\dim M = 2m$, m is even.

Proof:

$$\text{Ind}(\mathcal{D}) = 2^m \int_M \hat{A}(TM) G(TM),$$

$$\frac{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}}{\sinh\left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}\right)} \cdot \cosh\left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}\right) = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}}{\tanh\left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}\right)}, \text{ change of vars cancels the } 2^m.$$

□

Remark: $\mathcal{L}_4 = \frac{P_1}{3}$, $\mathcal{L}_8 = \frac{7P_2 - P_1^2}{45}$, ...

$$\text{So } \mathcal{L}_4 = -8\hat{A}_4.$$

So the signature of a spin 4-mfld is divisible by 16.

Hirzebruch-Riemann-Roch Theorem.

M^n -complex manifold, $TM \otimes \mathbb{C} = T^{1,0}M \oplus T^{0,1}M$ and $T^{1,0}M \cong TM$.

$S = \Lambda^*(T^{0,1}M)^*$ carries spin rep. of $Cl(TM)$.

M also has a $Spin^c$ -structure w/ fundamental line bundle given by

$$L = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(\bar{S}, S) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(\Lambda^*(T^{1,0})^*, \Lambda^*(T^{0,1}M)^*).$$

$1 \in \Lambda^0(T^{1,0})^*$ is mapped to a top form. So $L \cong \Lambda^n(T^{0,1}M)^*$.

Recall: $Spin^c(k) \subset Cl(k) \otimes \mathbb{C}$ generated by $Sph(k)$ and $S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}$.

$$Spin^c(k) \cong Spin(k) \times_{\{\pm 1\}} S^1.$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow Spin^c(k) \rightarrow SO(k) \times S^1 \rightarrow 1.$$

Def: A $Spin^c$ -structure on M is a principal $Spin^c(n)$ bundle \tilde{E} which is a double covering of $E \times L$ where L is a principal S^1 -bundle, thought of as a Hermitian line bundle.

Claim: Now if $\underset{M}{S}$ is Clifford s.t. each fibre is a copy of spin rep., then M admits a $Spin^c$ -structure where $L = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(\bar{S}, S)$.

Lemma: For the Clifford bundle S , the rel. Chern character $Ch(S/\Delta)$ is equal to the Chern genus of $T^{1,0}M$ associated to $z \mapsto e^{-z/2}$.

Proof:

$$c_1(L) = c_1((T^{0,1}M)^*) = c_1(T^{1,0}M), \text{ so } ch(L) = e^{-c_1}.$$

Also, the twisting curvature of S is $\frac{1}{2}$ the twisting curvature of L — why? — and so the relative Chern char of S is $e^{-c_1/2}$.



Hirzebruch-Riemann-Roch Theorem:

Let W be a holomorphic vector bundle on M_C . Then

$$\sum_k (-1)^k \dim H^{0,k}(W) = \int_M Td(T^{1,0}) ch(W).$$

Td is Chern genus associated to $z \mapsto \frac{z}{e^z - 1}$.

"Proof:"

Give W a Hermitian metric and compatible connection. Consider Clifford bundle $S \otimes W$. If M is Kähler, $D = \sqrt{2}(\bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}^*)$ and its Index is $\chi(\Omega^{\bullet,\bullet}(W))$.

In general, $\sqrt{2}(\bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}^*) = D + A$ where $A \in \text{End}(S)$. The homotopy $D + tA$ shows index of D is still equal to $\chi(\Omega^{\bullet,\bullet}(W))$.

$$\text{Ind}(D) = \int_M \hat{A}(TM) \text{ch}(S/\Delta) \text{ch}(W)$$

and $\hat{A}(TM) \text{ch}(S/\Delta)$ is Chern genus associated to

$$\frac{\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)} e^{-z/2} = \frac{z}{e^z - 1} \quad //$$

Remark: Any metric on a compact Riemann surface is Kähler.

Break

time!

The analytic index of a divisor on a compact Riemann surface.

Defⁿ: Let D be a divisor on X , $D = \sum n_p \cdot p$. Associate line bundle \mathcal{L}_D to D . Choose some $\{U_i\}$ an open cover of X and g_i on U_i such that

$$\text{ord}_{g_i}(p) = n_p \quad \forall p \in U_i.$$

The $\{g_i\}$ have the same zeros and poles on $U_i \cap U_j$, $\frac{g_i}{g_j}$ is a nonzero holomorphic functions on $U_i \cap U_j$. So $\{\{U_i\}, \{g_i\}\}$ give the data of a line bundle.

Remark: Let \mathcal{O}_D be a sheaf,

$$\mathcal{O}_D(U) = \left\{ \phi \text{ meromorphic} \mid \mathcal{D}|_U \stackrel{\text{sign?}}{=} \text{div}(\phi) \geq 0 \right\}.$$

Given \mathcal{L}_D we can form Dolbeault complex $E^{p,q}(\mathcal{L}_D)$ and $\bar{\partial}_D$.

$$\bar{\partial}_D(\sum f_i \otimes \beta_i) = \sum f_i \otimes \bar{\partial}(\beta_i) \quad \text{where } \beta_i \text{ is a } (p,q)\text{-form and } f_i \text{ is a section of } \mathcal{L}_D.$$

Claim: $\bar{\partial}_D$ are elliptic.

Observe,

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_D \rightarrow E^{0,0}(\mathcal{L}_D) \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}_D} E^{0,1}(\mathcal{L}_D) \rightarrow 0 \text{ is exact by Dolb't lemma.}$$

$\begin{matrix} \parallel \\ E_{\mathbb{R}}^{0,0} \end{matrix} \qquad \qquad \qquad \begin{matrix} \parallel \\ E_{\mathbb{R}}^{0,1} \end{matrix}$

By LES argument and vanishing of higher cohom's,

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{O}_D) \rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{E}_D^{0,0}) \rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{E}_D^{0,1}) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_D) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{E}_D^{0,0}) \rightarrow \underset{0}{0}$$

$$\ker(\bar{\partial}_D) = H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_D)$$

$$\text{coker}(\bar{\partial}_D) = H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_D).$$

Upshot: $\text{Ind}(\bar{\partial}_D) = h^0(X, \mathcal{O}_D) - h^1(X, \mathcal{O}_D).$

Theorem (Riemann-Roch):

$$h^0(X, \mathcal{O}_D) - h^1(X, \mathcal{O}_D) = 1 - g + \text{deg } D.$$

Want to show RHS is topological information.

Goal: $\int_X (1 + c_1(\mathcal{L}_D) + \frac{1}{2}c_1(TX)) = 1 - g + \text{deg } D.$

Note: $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{L}_D) \text{Td}(TX) = (1 + c_1(\mathcal{L}_D))(1 + \frac{1}{2}c_1(TX))$
 $= 1 + c_1(\mathcal{L}_D) + \frac{1}{2}c_1(TX).$

This really is our Hirzebruch-Riemann-Roch.

① $\int_X c_1(\mathcal{L}_D) =: \text{deg}(\mathcal{L}_D) = \text{deg}(D)$ ref: p. 141 of Griffiths & Harris

Idea: $c_1(\mathcal{L}_D) \in H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{[X]} \mathbb{Z}$

↳ Poincaré dual to D thought of as $H^0(X, \mathbb{Z})$

$$\textcircled{2} \deg(TX) = 2 - 2g \Rightarrow \int_X \frac{1}{2} c_1(TX) = 1 - g.$$

So why is $\deg(TX) = 2 - 2g$ or why is $\deg(T^*X) = 2g - 2$?

① Cheating (Gauss-Bonnet)

$$\deg(TX) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_X K \cdot dA = \chi(X) = 2 - 2g$$

↑ BUT THIS IS THE INDEX THM

② Other way: Riemann-Hurwitz formula.

Let $f: S \rightarrow S'$ be a holomorphic map b/w compact Riemann surfaces of degree n .

For any $p \in S$, take coordinates z near p and w near $f(p)$ such that f is given by $w = z^v$.

- v is called ramification index of f at p
- p is called a branch point if $v(p) > 1$.
- The branch locus of f is the divisor

$$B = \sum_{p \in S} (v(p) - 1) \cdot p \text{ or its image } B' = \sum_{p \in S} (v(p) - 1) f(p).$$

For any $p \in S'$, $f^*(p) := \sum_{q \in f^{-1}(p)} v(q) \cdot q$ and $\deg f^*(p) = \sum_{q \in f^{-1}(p)} v(q) = n$.

Upshot: Away from Branch locus f is a covering map, at a branch pt $p \in S'$ of ramification index k , k -sheets of the covering space come together.

Can relate genus of S to genus of S' .

Take a triangulation of S' in which every branched pt lies in a vertex of our triangulation. Let c_0, c_1, c_2 be # 0 cells, 1 cells, 2 cells.

Then we have $\hat{n} c_1$ 1-cells, and $n c_2$ 2-cells, but

$$n \cdot c_0 - \sum_{q \in S} (v(q) - 1) \text{ is \# 0-cells in } S.$$

$$\text{Then } \chi(S) = n \chi(S') - \sum_{q \in S} (v(q) - 1),$$

$$\Rightarrow g(S) = n(g(S') - 1) + 1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{q \in S} (v(q) - 1). \quad \square$$

Now, let ω be a 1-form on S , $\omega = \frac{g(w)}{h(w)} dw$.

For $p \in S$ of index v , f is $w = z^v$.

$$\text{Thus } f^*\omega = \frac{g(z^v)}{h(z^v)} dz^v = v z^{v-1} \frac{g(z^v)}{h(z^v)} dz.$$

$$\text{So } \text{ord}_p(f^*\omega) = v \cdot \text{ord}_{f(p)}(\omega) + (v-1).$$

$$\text{Thus, for our divisor, } (f^*\omega) = f^*\omega + \sum_{p \in S} (v(p)-1) \cdot p.$$

$$\text{Thus, } K_S = f^*K_{S'} + B, \quad \text{deg}(K_S) = n \text{deg} K_{S'} + \sum_{p \in S} (v(p)-1).$$

Recall: Any Riemann surface has a holomorphic map to \mathbb{P}^1 .

Why? If f is a global meromorphic $f = \frac{g}{h}$ written locally as

$$p \mapsto [g(p) : h(p)] \text{ is such a map.}$$

Let $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ be such a map. Since $\chi(\mathbb{P}^1) = 2 = -\text{deg}(K_{\mathbb{P}^1})$,

$$\chi(S) = n\chi(\mathbb{P}^1) - \sum_{p \in S} (v(p)-1)$$

$$= -n \text{deg}(K_{\mathbb{P}^1}) - \sum_p (v(p)-1)$$

$$= -\text{deg} K_S \quad \text{by our triangulation argument,}$$

Thus, for any S , $\text{deg} K_S = -\chi(S) = 2g - 2$.

