

Motivation.

We learned/reviewed some aspects of SUSY. Now the question is what is an index what is the problem at hand and why?

The Theorem: in simple words

The Atiyah-Singer index states
The topological index of a
~~differential~~ differential operator
is equal to its analytic index.

Here we consider elliptic differential op.

Diff. op.: is a mapping (linear) between
smooth sections of two vector bundles
over a manifold. locally this looks
like a linear combination of
partial derivatives.

Elliptic: $\ker(D)$, $\text{coker}(D)$ are finite-dimensional

That is $Df = g$

has finitely many linearly independent
solutions for f & given g .

And only finitely many restrictions
for what g 's have solutions.

$$\ker - \text{coker} = \text{ind.}$$



Problem! This means we potentially
need to tabulate an ~~infinite~~ ^{the} set of solutions
all possible

This is hopeless!

An outline of what follows:

toy index theorem to get our feet wet.

- A look at the playground involved (i.e. the topology)

- Def of Dirac operator on this playground.

- Analytic index of D .

- Statement of the index theorem

in general and what its reduction to a spin complex looks like.

- Proof.

Along the way we will develop any other needed materials as we go.

It's worth emphasizing how deeply the interplay between mathematics & physics is. A physically relevant calculation can answer a fundamental mathematical question. What will see is

$\dim \ker D - \dim \ker D^+$ is the difference of $+$ & $-$ chirality zero modes.

Simple example:

Let V, W be vector spaces, $f: V \rightarrow W$

a linear map. The image of f is

$f(V) \subseteq W$. The kernel is $\ker f = \{v \in V \mid f(v) = 0\}$

So we have

$$\text{Im } f = \{y \mid y = f(v), v \in V\}, \text{Im } f \subset W$$

$$\text{Ker } f = \{v \mid f(v) = 0\}$$

Theorem: if $f: V \rightarrow W$ is linear

$$\dim V = \dim(\text{Ker } f) + \dim(\text{Im } f)$$

Proof involves considering basis $\{g_1, \dots, g_r\} = \text{Ker } f$
 $\{h_1, \dots, h_s\} = \text{Im } f$

and showing this forms a basis for V
 -if they form a basis then $\dim V$ is the # of elements in the basis for finite V

metric - is a vector space isomorphism

$$g: V \rightarrow V^* \quad g \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}), \quad V(n, \mathbb{R})$$

$$g: v_i \rightarrow g_{ij} v_j$$

This defines an inner product

$$g(v_1, v_2) = g_{ij} v_1^i v_2^j$$

Let W be a separate vector space

with $G: W \rightarrow W^*$ Then with a map $f: V \rightarrow W$

The adjoint is defined so that

$$G(w, f(v)) = g(v, \tilde{f}(w))$$

$$w^\alpha G_{\alpha\beta} f^\beta v^i = v^i g_{ij} \tilde{f}^j w^\alpha$$

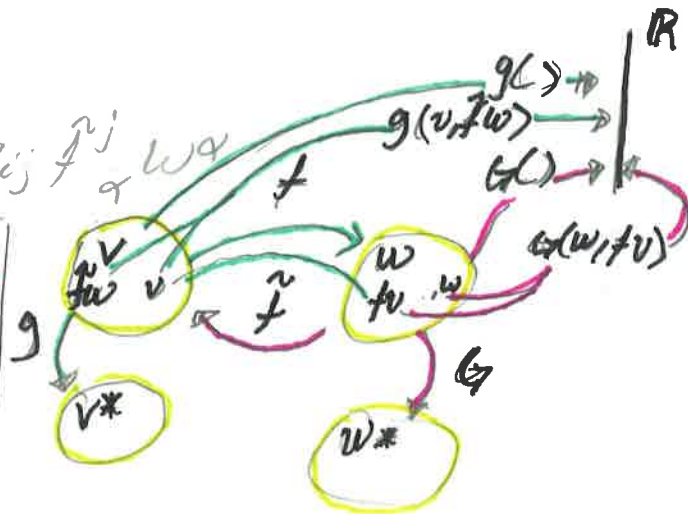
Theorem: let V, W be finite dim vector spaces; $f: V \rightarrow W$ be linear Then

$$\dim(\text{Ker } f) - \dim(\text{Ker } \tilde{f})$$

$$= \dim V - \dim W$$

RHS does not depend on f !

This is a toy version of the index theorem



opening example:

Suppose I have vector spaces $V \neq W$

with $\dim V = 3$ $\dim W = 2$.

Let $g \neq G$ be vector space isomorphisms

for $V \neq W$ respectively i.e. $g: V \rightarrow V^*$ $g \in V \times V^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Then I can tell you if $f: V \rightarrow W$ is a linear

map that $\dim \ker f - \dim \ker \tilde{f} = 1$. GIVE INTRO NOW

Suppose $f: V \rightarrow W$ is given now return to example after definitions.

Then let $u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \in W$ define the adjoint \tilde{f}

so that $g(\tilde{f}u, \tilde{v}) = G(fv, u)$

if $\tilde{f}: W \rightarrow V$ as $\tilde{f} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2u_1 \\ 2u_2 \end{pmatrix}$

Then $\ker(f) = \{v \in V \mid f(v) = \vec{0}\}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2x+y \\ y+2z \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0} \quad \begin{matrix} x = -y/2 \\ z = -y/2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow y \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1 \\ -1/2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \dim \ker f = 1$$

$$\ker(\tilde{f}) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2u_1 \\ 2u_1+u_2 \\ 2u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0} \quad \begin{matrix} u_1 = 0 \\ u_2 = 0 \end{matrix} \quad \ker \tilde{f} = \{\vec{0}\} \quad \dim \ker \tilde{f} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \dim V - \dim W = 3 - 2 = 1 = \dim \ker f - \dim \ker \tilde{f} = 1 - 0$

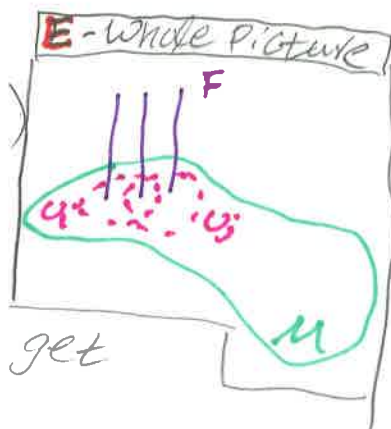
This is an example of the toy index theorem

- What we just saw was an analytic index being equated to a topological index. This is what we want for the Dirac operator.

- Playground

- vector bundles
- complex vector bundles
- spin bundles

See (Nakahara)



I'll remind you of these just so you get the flavor

A differentiable fiber bundle (E, π, M, F, G)

- i) A differentiable manifold (E, M, F) called (total space, base, fiber)
- ii) a surjection $\pi: E \rightarrow M$ called Projection
- iii) Lie group G called structure group it acts on F on the left
- iv) open cover $\{U_i\}$ of M with diffeos

$$\phi_i: U_i \times F \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(U_i) \text{ s.t. } \pi \circ \phi_i(p, f) = p$$

\hookrightarrow local trivialization

$$\text{Since } \phi_i: \pi^{-1}(U_i) \rightarrow U_i \times F$$

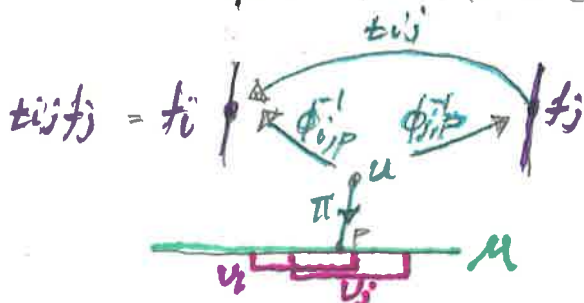
$$p \in M, f \in F$$

\uparrow onto.

Write $\phi_i(p, f) = \phi_{i,p}(f)$ $\phi_{i,p}(f): F \rightarrow F$, F_p fiber at p .

on $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$, $U_i, U_j \in \{U\}$
We require

$$G \ni t_{ij}(p) = \phi_{i,p}^{-1} \circ \phi_{j,p} \circ F \rightarrow F$$



Example:

for instance let $u \in E$, $\pi(u) = p$

$$\phi_{j,p}^{-1}(u) = f_j \text{ apply } \phi_{i,p} \phi_{j,p} \phi_{j,p}^{-1} = u \Rightarrow \phi_{i,p} \phi_{j,p} \phi_{j,p}^{-1}(u) = f_i, t_{ij} f_j = f_i$$

Example:

Tangent Bundle

This is an example of a vector bundle

that is $F = \mathbb{R}^k$ and $G = GL(k, \mathbb{R})$

let M be an m -dimensional manifold

$TM = \bigcup_{p \in M} T_p M$ - where $T_p M$ is the tangent space at p .

and $p \in U_i \subset M$, if coordinates are given by:

$x^M = \varphi_i(p)$ a vector $V = V^M(p) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^M} \Big|_p \in T_p M$

if $\pi(u) = p$ then $\phi_i(u) = (p, V)$ a direct product of $U_i \times \mathbb{R}^m$

if $p \in U_i \cap U_j$ then $V = V^M \frac{\partial}{\partial x^M} \Big|_p = \tilde{V}^N \frac{\partial}{\partial y^N} \Big|_p$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{V^M \frac{\partial y^N}{\partial x^M}}_{\substack{\tilde{V}^N \\ \in \\ GL(m, \mathbb{R})}} = \tilde{V}^N$$

A vector field $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ may be viewed as $X: M \rightarrow TM$ and is an example of a section and the set of all vector fields $\mathcal{X}(M) = \Gamma(M, TM)$ - The space of sections on TM .

In general $\Gamma(M, E)$ the space of sections $\sigma: M \rightarrow E$ can be globally defined or only locally defined in which case it is called a local section.
s.t. $\pi \circ \sigma = \text{id}_M$

Direct Sum Bundle (Whitney sum)

Suppose we have $E \xrightarrow{\pi} M$; $E' \xrightarrow{\pi'} M'$

A product bundle $E \times E' \xrightarrow{\pi \times \pi'} M \times M'$

has typical fiber $F \oplus F'$ that is

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix}, \quad v \in F, \quad w \in F'$$

which is clearly a vector space of $\dim = \dim F + \dim F'$

under

$$\begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} v' \\ w' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v+v' \\ w+w' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda v \\ \lambda w \end{pmatrix}$$

if $\pi(u) = p$; $\pi'(u') = p'$ then $(u, u') \in E \times E'$

$$\therefore (\pi \times \pi')(u, u') = (p, p')$$

Exo) if $M = M_1$; $M = M_2$ then $TM = TM_1 \times TM_2$
 i.e. the tangent bundle of M is product
 of the tangent bundles of M_1 & M_2

Now let $M' = M$, $E \xrightarrow{\pi} M$, $E' \xrightarrow{\pi'} M$

$E \oplus E'$ is the pullback bundle by the trivial
 map $f: M \rightarrow M \times M$ as $f(p) = (p, p)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E \oplus E' & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & E \times E' \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \times \pi' \\ M & \xrightarrow{f} & M \times M \end{array}$$

All that this formalism says is that

$$E \oplus E' = \left\{ (u, u') \in E \times E' \mid (\pi \times \pi')(u, u') = (p, p) \right\}$$

Exo) Normal Bundle

Consider $S^2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 1\}$

We can construct the tangent space $TS^2 = \bigcup_{p \in S^2} T_p S^2$

Consider $\phi_i = x^\mu$ as coordinates on $U_i \subset S^2$.

Then $V = V^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \Big|_p \in T_p M$ for $\pi(u) = p$

$$\phi_i^{-1}(u) = (p, v) \in S^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2, \quad v \in F_p \cong \mathbb{R}^2$$

Consider the set of vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 s.t.

For v embedded in \mathbb{R}^3 $u \cdot v = 0$

The set $\{U\}$ at p consists of lines \mathbb{R}

that pierce the surface of S^2 and constitutes

the normal bundle $NS^2 = \bigcup_{p \in S^2} N_p S^2$, $NS^2 \cong \mathbb{R}$

Let ψ_j be the local trivializations of NS^2

Then $\psi_j^{-1}(v) = (p, u) \in S^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ provided

$\pi' : NS^2 \rightarrow S^2$ takes $\pi(v) = p$.

Construct the product bundle $TS^2 \times NS^2$

if $(u, v) \in TS^2 \times NS^2$ then $\Phi_i = \phi_i \times \psi_j$

takes $\Phi_i(u, v) = (\phi_i \times \psi_j)(u, v) = (p, p; v, u)$

Notice however I have chosen $\in S^2 \times S^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$

points s.t. $\pi'(v) = \pi(u) = p$ and so

We can reduce $TS^2 \times NS^2 \rightarrow TS^2 \oplus NS^2$

with

$$\Phi_i(u, v) = (p; v, u)$$

with fiber $\mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R}^3$

with transition functions

$$T_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} (Z_{ij})_{2 \times 2} & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha \end{pmatrix} \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \quad Z_{ij} \in GL(2, \mathbb{R})$$