

# The eta invariant and equivariant bordism of flat manifolds

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## Dirac operators and special geometries

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# First restriction

the true title of the talk

**Eta series and eta invariants of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds**

by R.P., etc

# Outline

- 1 Introduction
- 2  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds
- 3 Spectral asymmetry of Dirac operators
- 4 Appendix: Number theoretical tools
- 5 Epilogue

# Settings

## General setting

- $M =$  (compact) Riemannian manifold
- $E \rightarrow M =$  vector bundle of  $M$
- $D : \Gamma^\infty(E) \rightarrow \Gamma^\infty(E) =$  elliptic differential operator

## Our interest

- $M =$  compact flat manifold
  - $D =$  twisted spin Dirac operator
- [but also Laplacians and Dirac-type operators]

# Spectrum

Let  $M$  be a compact Riemannian manifold

## Definition

The **spectrum** of  $D$  on  $M$  is the set

$$\text{Spec}_D(M) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{R} : Df = \lambda f, f \in \Gamma^\infty(E)\} = \{(\lambda, d_\lambda)\}$$

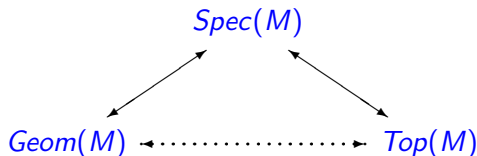
of eigenvalues counted with multiplicities

- $\text{Spec}_D(M) \subset \mathbb{R}$  is discrete
- $0 \leq |\lambda_1| \leq \dots \leq |\lambda_n| \nearrow \infty$
- $d_\lambda = \dim H_\lambda < \infty$ ,  $H_\lambda = \lambda$ -eigenvalue

# Spectral geometry

**Goal:** to study

- $Spec(M)$
- relations between  $Spec(M)$  with  $Geom(M)$  and  $Top(M)$



# Some problems

## Some problems of (our) interest

- ① Computation of the spectrum
- ② Isospectrality
- ③ **Spectral asymmetry** (this talk)

### Definition

$\text{Spec}_D(M)$  is **asymmetric**  $\Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda \neq 0$  such that  $d_\lambda \neq d_{-\lambda}$



# Eta series

To study this phenomenon Atiyah-Patodi-Singer '73 introduced

- The **eta series**:

$$\eta_D(s) = \sum_{\lambda \neq 0} \frac{\text{sgn}(\lambda)}{|\lambda|^s} = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{d_\lambda^+ - d_\lambda^-}{|\lambda|^s} \quad \text{Re}(s) > \frac{n}{d}$$

where  $n = \dim M$ ,  $d = \text{ord } D$

- has a **meromorphic continuation** to  $\mathbb{C}$  called the **eta function**, also denoted by  $\eta_D(s)$ , with (possible) **simple poles** in  $\{s = n - k : k \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$

# Eta invariants

- the **eta invariant**:

$$\eta_D = \eta_D(0)$$

It is not a trivial fact that  $\eta(0) < \infty$

[APS '76,  $n$  odd], [Gilkey '81,  $n$  even]

- the **reduced eta invariant**:

$$\bar{\eta}_D = \frac{\eta_D + \dim \ker D}{2} \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$$

# Relation with Index Theorems

- For  $M$  closed, the Index Theorem of APS states

$$\text{Ind}(D) = \int_M \alpha_0$$

- For  $M$  with boundary  $\partial M = N$   
(under certain boundary conditions)

$$\underbrace{\text{Ind}(D)}_{\text{top}} = \underbrace{\int_M \alpha_0}_{\text{geom}} - \underbrace{\bar{\eta}_{DN}}_{\text{spec}}$$

# Relation with Index Theorems

$M$  with boundary  $N$

- $D =$  Dirac operator

$$\text{Ind}(D) = \int_M \hat{A}(p) - \frac{\eta_{D_N} + h}{2}$$

where  $h = \dim \ker D_N$

- $D =$  signature operator,  $\dim M = 4k$

$$\text{Sign}(D) = \int_M L(p) - \eta_{D_N}$$

# Our interest

## In general

To study questions in Riemannian and spectral geometry using

- $M =$  compact flat manifold
- $D =$  Laplacians or Dirac-type operators

## In particular (this talk)

- $M = \mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds
- $D_\ell =$  twisted spin Dirac operator

# Particular setting and notations

## From now on we consider

- $p =$  odd prime in  $\mathbb{Z}$
- $M =$  compact flat manifold with holonomy group  $F \simeq \mathbb{Z}_p$
- $\varepsilon =$  spin structure on  $M$
- $\rho_\ell =$  character of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $0 \leq \ell \leq p - 1$
- $D_\ell =$  Dirac operator twisted by  $\rho_\ell$

# Problems considered

## Spectral asymmetry (this talk)

for any  $(M, \varepsilon)$  compute:

- ① the eta series  $\eta_\ell(s)$  associated to  $D_\ell$
- ② the reduced eta invariants  $\bar{\eta}_\ell$
- ③ the relative eta invariants  $\bar{\eta}_\ell - \bar{\eta}_0$

## Bordism groups

in addition, can we say something about

the *reduced equivariant spin bordism group*  $\tilde{M} \text{Spin}_n(B\mathbb{Z}_p)$ ?

# Compact flat manifolds

- A **flat manifold** is a Riemannian manifold with  $K \equiv 0$
- Any compact flat  $n$ -manifold  $M$  is isometric to

$$M_\Gamma = \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \Gamma \simeq \pi_1(M)$$

where  $\Gamma$  is a *Bieberbach group*, i.e.

a **discrete, cocompact, torsion-free** subgroup of

$$I(\mathbb{R}^n) \simeq O(n) \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

- $\gamma \in \Gamma \Rightarrow \gamma = BL_b$ , with  $B \in O(n)$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and

$$BL_b \cdot CL_c = BCL_{C^{-1}b+c}$$



# Algebraic properties

- The map

$$r : I(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow O(n) \quad BL_b \mapsto B$$

induces the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Lambda \rightarrow \Gamma \xrightarrow{r} F \rightarrow 1$$

- $\Lambda =$  lattice of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (the lattice of pure translations)
- $F \simeq \Lambda \backslash \Gamma \subset O(n)$  is finite, called the **holonomy group** of  $\Gamma$
- One says that  $M$  is an  $F$ -**manifold**
- fact:

$$n_B := \dim (\mathbb{R}^n)^B \geq 1 \quad \forall BL_b \in \Gamma$$

# The first non-trivial example

A  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -manifold in dimension 2

- The Klein bottle:

$$K^2 = \langle [-1 \ 1] L_{\frac{e_2}{2}}, L_{e_1}, L_{e_2} \rangle \backslash \mathbb{R}^2$$

- where

$$\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}^2, \quad F \simeq \langle [-1 \ 1] \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2$$

# Holonomy representation

- The action by conjugation on  $\Lambda$  by  $F \simeq \Lambda \backslash \Gamma$

$$B L_\lambda B^{-1} = L_{B\lambda}$$

defines the **integral holonomy representation**

$$\rho : F \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{Z})$$

- This  $\rho$  is far from determining a flat manifold uniquely
- There are (already in dim 4) non-homeomorphic orientable flat manifolds  $M_\Gamma, M_{\Gamma'}$  with the same integral holonomy representation, i.e.

$$\rho_\Gamma = \rho_{\Gamma'} \quad \text{but} \quad M_\Gamma \not\cong M_{\Gamma'}$$

# Geometric properties

## Bieberbach theorems

- $T_\Lambda \rightarrow M_\Gamma, \quad M_\Gamma = T_\Lambda/F = (\mathbb{R}^n/\Lambda)/(\Gamma/\Lambda)$
- diffeomorphic  $\Leftrightarrow$  homeomorphic  $\Leftrightarrow$  homotopically equivalent

$$M_\Gamma \simeq M_{\Gamma'} \Leftrightarrow \Gamma \simeq \Gamma' \Leftrightarrow \pi_n(M_\Gamma) = \pi_n(M_{\Gamma'})$$

since  $\pi_n(M_\Gamma) = 0$  for  $n \geq 2$

- In each dimension, there is a finite number of affine equivalent classes of compact flat manifolds

# Geometric properties

- Every finite group can be realized as the holonomy group of a compact flat manifold [Auslander-Kuranishi '57]
- Every compact flat manifold bounds, i.e., if  $M^n$  is a compact flat manifold, then there is a  $N^{n+1}$  such that  $\partial N = M$  [Hamrick-Royster '82]

# $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds

We will now describe the  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds  $M_\Gamma$

- $M_\Gamma$  satisfies

$$0 \rightarrow \Lambda \simeq \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow 1$$

- $M_\Gamma$  can be thought to be constructed by

integral representations of  $\mathbb{Z}_p = \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_p]$ -modules

- $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -modules were classified by Reiner [Proc AMS '57]
- $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds were classified by Charlap [Annals Math '65]
- We won't need Charlap's classification, just Reiner's

# Reiner $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -modules

Any  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module is of the form

$$\Lambda(a, b, c, \alpha) := \alpha \oplus (a - 1) \mathcal{O} \oplus b \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_p] \oplus c \text{Id}$$

where

- $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $a + b > 0$
- $\xi =$  primitive  $p^{\text{th}}$ -root of unity
- $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\xi] =$  ring of algebraic integers in  $\mathbb{Q}(\xi)$
- $\alpha =$  ideal in  $\mathcal{O}$
- $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_p] =$  group ring over  $\mathbb{Z}$
- $\text{Id} =$  trivial  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module

$\mathbb{Z}_p$ -actions

- The actions on the modules are given by **multiplication by  $\xi$**
- In matrix form, the action of  $\xi$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}_p]$  are given by

$$C_p = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & & & -1 \\ & 1 & & & -1 \\ & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & & 0 & -1 \\ & & & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \in GL_{p-1}(\mathbb{Z}), \quad J_p = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & & & 0 \\ & 1 & & & 0 \\ & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & & 0 & 0 \\ & & & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in GL_p(\mathbb{Z})$$

- The action on  $\mathfrak{a}$  is given by  $C_{p,a} \in GL_{p-1}(\mathbb{Z})$  with  $C_{p,a} \sim C_p$
- $n_{J_p} = 1$ ,  $n_{C_p} = n_{C_{p,a}} = 0$



# Properties of $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds

## Proposition

Let  $M_\Gamma = \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{R}^n$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold with  $\Gamma = \langle \gamma, \Lambda \rangle$ ,  $\gamma = BL_b$ . Then

- $(BL_b)^p = L_{b_p}$  where  $b_p = \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} B^j b \in L_\Lambda \setminus (\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} B^j) \Lambda$
- As a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module,  $\Lambda \simeq \Lambda(a, b, c, a)$ , with  $c \geq 1$  and

$$n = a(p-1) + bp + c$$

- $a, b, c$  are uniquely determined by the  $\simeq$  class of  $\Gamma$
- $\Gamma$  is conjugate in  $I(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to a Bieberbach group  $\tilde{\Gamma} = \langle \tilde{\gamma}, \Lambda \rangle$  with  $\tilde{\gamma} = BL_{\tilde{b}}$  where  $B\tilde{b} = \tilde{b}$  and  $\tilde{b} \in \frac{1}{p}\Lambda \setminus \Lambda$

# Properties of $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds

## Proposition (continued)

- $n_B = 1 \Leftrightarrow (b, c) = (0, 1)$  and in this case  $\gamma = BL_b$  can be chosen so that  $b = \frac{1}{p}e_n$
- One has

$$H_1(M_\Gamma, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^{b+c} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p^a$$

$$H^1(M_\Gamma, \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^{b+c}$$

and hence  $n_B = b + c = \beta_1$

- $M_\Gamma$  is orientable

# The models

For our purposes, **it will suffice to work with the “models”**

$$M_{p,a}^{b,c}(\mathfrak{a}) = \langle BL_{\frac{e_n}{p}}, \Lambda_{p,a}^{b,c}(\mathfrak{a}) \rangle \setminus \mathbb{R}^n$$

where

$$\Lambda_{p,a}^{b,c}(\mathfrak{a}) = X_{\mathfrak{a}} L_{\mathbb{Z}^n} X_{\mathfrak{a}}^{-1} = X_{\mathfrak{a}} \mathbb{Z}^{n-c} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^c$$

for some  $X_{\mathfrak{a}} \in GL_n(\mathbb{R})$

# The models

and

$$B = \text{diag}(\underbrace{B_p, \dots, B_p}_{a+b}, \underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{b+c})$$

with

$$B_p = \begin{pmatrix} B(\frac{2\pi}{p}) & & & \\ & B(\frac{2 \cdot 2\pi}{p}) & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & B(\frac{2q\pi}{p}) \end{pmatrix} \quad q = \lfloor \frac{p-1}{2} \rfloor$$

$$B(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

# Exceptional $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds

- In Charlap's classification there is a distinction between *exceptional* and *non-exceptional*  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds
- A  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold is called **exceptional** if

$$\Lambda \simeq \Lambda(a, 0, 1, \mathbf{a})$$

- We will use exceptional  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds  $M_{p,\mathbf{a}}^{0,1}(\mathbf{a})$  of dim

$$n = a(p - 1) + 1 \quad (\because \text{odd})$$

# Example: the “tricosm”

- It is the only 3-dimensional  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -manifold
- It is exceptional:  $M_{3,1} = M_{3,1}^{0,1}(\mathcal{O})$ , with  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\frac{2\pi i}{3}]$
- As a  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -module,  $\Lambda \simeq \mathbb{Z}[e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}] \oplus \mathbb{Z}$
- with  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -(integral) action given by  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- Thus

$$M_{3,1} = \langle BL\frac{e_3}{3}, L_{f_1}, L_{f_2}, L_{e_3} \rangle \backslash \mathbb{R}^3$$

with

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 & \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SO}(3)$$

where  $f_1, f_2, e_3$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\Lambda_{3,1} = X\mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  and  $X \in \text{GL}_3(\mathbb{R})$  is such that  $X C X^{-1} = B$

# Spin group and maximal torus

- The **spin group**  $\text{Spin}(n)$  is the universal covering of  $\text{SO}(n)$

$$\pi : \text{Spin}(n) \xrightarrow{2} \text{SO}(n) \quad n \geq 3$$

- A maximal torus of  $\text{Spin}(n)$  is given by

$$T = \{x(t_1, \dots, t_m) : t_1, \dots, t_m \in \mathbb{R}, m = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\}$$

$$x(t_1, \dots, t_m) := \prod_{j=1}^m (\cos t_j + \sin t_j e_{2j-1} e_{2j})$$

where  $\{e_i\}$  is the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

# Spin group and maximal torus

- Notation:

$$x_a(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_q) := x(\underbrace{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_q}_1, \dots, \underbrace{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_q}_a) \quad a \in \mathbb{N}$$

- A maximal torus in  $SO(n)$  is given by

$$T_0 = \{x_0(t_1, \dots, t_m) : t_1, \dots, t_m \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$x_0(t_1, \dots, t_m) := \text{diag}(B(t_1), \dots, B(t_m), "1")$$

- The restriction map  $\pi : T \rightarrow T_0$  duplicates angles

$$x(t_1, \dots, t_m) \mapsto x_0(2t_1, \dots, 2t_m)$$



# Spin representations

The **spin representation** of  $\text{Spin}(n)$  is the restriction  $(L_n, S_n)$  of any irreducible representation of  $\text{Cliff}(\mathbb{C}^n)$

- $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} S_n = 2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$
- $(L_n, S_n)$  is irreducible if  $n$  is odd
- $(L_n, S_n)$  is reducible if  $n$  is even,  $S_n = S_n^+ \oplus S_n^-$
- $L_n^{\pm} := L_n|_{S_n^{\pm}}$  are the **half-spin representations**

# Characters of spin representations

Characters of  $L_n$ ,  $L_n^\pm$  are known on the maximal torus

Lemma (Miatello-P, TAMS '06)

$$\chi_{L_n}(x(t_1, \dots, t_m)) = 2^m \prod_{j=1}^m \cos t_j$$

$$\chi_{L_n^\pm}(x(t_1, \dots, t_m)) = 2^{m-1} \left( \prod_{j=1}^m \cos t_j \pm i^m \prod_{j=1}^m \sin t_j \right)$$

where  $m = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$

# Spin structures

Let

- $M =$  orientable Riemannian manifold
- $B(M) = \text{SO}(n)$ -principal bundle of oriented frames on  $M$

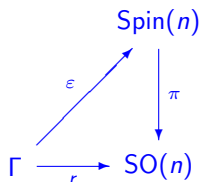
A **spin structure** on  $M$  is

- an equivariant double covering  $p : \tilde{B}(M) \rightarrow B(M)$
- $\tilde{B}(M)$  is a  $\text{Spin}(n)$ -principal bundle of  $M$ , i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \tilde{B}(M) & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & \tilde{B}(M) & & \\ \downarrow p & & \downarrow p & \searrow \tilde{\pi} & \\ B(M) & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & B(M) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & M \end{array}$$

# Spin structures on compact flat manifolds

- The spin structures on  $M_\Gamma$  are in a 1–1 correspondence with group homomorphisms  $\varepsilon$  commuting the diagram



# Spin structures on compact flat manifolds

- Let  $M_\Gamma$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold,  $\Gamma = \langle \gamma, \Lambda = \mathbb{Z}f_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}f_n \rangle$ .  
Then  $\varepsilon$  is determined by

$$\varepsilon(\gamma) \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_j := \varepsilon(L_{f_j}) \in \{\pm 1\} \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$$

- $\exists$  necessary and sufficient conditions on  $\varepsilon : \Gamma \rightarrow \text{Spin}(n)$   
for defining a spin structure on  $M_\Gamma$  when  $F \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2^k$  or  $F \simeq \mathbb{Z}_n$   
[Miatello-P, MZ '04]

# Spin structures on flat manifolds

- Not every flat manifold is spin [Vasquez '70]
- Flat tori are spin [Friedrich '84]
- $\mathbb{Z}_2^k$ -manifolds are not spin (in general) but  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -manifolds are always spin [Miatello-P '04]

# Spin structures on $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds

## Existence

- every  $F$ -manifold with  $|F|$  odd is spin (Vasquez, JDG '70)
- thus every  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold is spin

## Number

- if  $M$  is spin, the spin structures are classified by  $H^1(M, \mathbb{Z}_2)$
- If  $M$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold, since  $H^1(M, \mathbb{Z}_2) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2^{b+c}$ ,

$$\#\{\text{spin structures of } M\} = 2^{b+c} = 2^{\beta_1}$$

# Spin structures on the models $M_{p,a}^{b,c}(\mathbf{a})$

## Proposition

A  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold  $M$  admits exactly  $2^{\beta_1}$  spin structures, only one of which is of trivial type.

If  $M = M_{p,a}^{b,c}(\mathbf{a})$ , its  $2^{b+c}$  spin structures are explicitly given by

$$\varepsilon_{|\Lambda} = \left( \underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{a(p-1)}, \underbrace{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_1}_p, \dots, \underbrace{\delta_b, \dots, \delta_b}_p, \delta_{b+1}, \dots, \delta_{b+c-1}, (-1)^{h+1} \right)$$

$$\varepsilon(\gamma) = (-1)^{(a+b)\lfloor \frac{q+1}{2} \rfloor + h+1} \chi_{a+b} \left( \frac{\pi}{p}, \frac{2\pi}{p}, \dots, \frac{q\pi}{p} \right)$$

Note: here  $\varepsilon_{|\Lambda} = (\varepsilon(L_{f_1}), \dots, \varepsilon(L_{f_n})) \in \{\pm 1\}^n$



# Spin structures on exceptional $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds

## Remark

If  $M$  is an exceptional  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold, i.e.  $M \simeq M_{p,a}^{0,1}(\mathfrak{a})$ , then  $M$  has only 2 spin structures  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$  given by

$$\varepsilon_h|_{\Lambda} = (1, \dots, 1, (-1)^{h+1})$$

$$\varepsilon_h(\gamma) = (-1)^{a[\frac{q+1}{2}] + h + 1} \chi_a\left(\frac{\pi}{p}, \frac{2\pi}{p}, \dots, \frac{q\pi}{p}\right)$$

with  $h = 1, 2$ . In particular,  $\varepsilon_1$  is of trivial type

## Twisted Dirac operators on flat manifolds

- Let  $(M_\Gamma, \varepsilon) =$  compact flat spin  $n$ -manifold  
 $\rho : \Gamma \rightarrow U(V) =$  unitary representation such that  $\rho|_\Lambda = 1$
- The **spin Dirac operator twisted by  $\rho$**  is

$$D_\rho = \sum_{i=1}^n L_n(e_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

where  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  is an o.n.b. of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

# Twisted Dirac operators on flat manifolds

$D_\rho$  acts on smooth sections of the spinor bundle

$$D_\rho : \Gamma^\infty(\mathcal{S}_\rho(M_\Gamma, \varepsilon)) \rightarrow \Gamma^\infty(\mathcal{S}_\rho(M_\Gamma, \varepsilon))$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_\rho(M_\Gamma, \varepsilon) &= \Gamma \backslash (\mathbb{R}^n \times (S_n \otimes V)) \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash \mathbb{R}^n \\ \gamma \cdot (x, \omega \otimes v) &= (\gamma x, L(\varepsilon(\gamma))(\omega) \otimes \rho(\gamma)v) \end{aligned}$$

# Spectrum of $D_\rho$ on compact flat manifolds

- The spectrum of  $D_\rho$  on  $(M_\Gamma, \varepsilon)$  is

$$\text{Spec}_{D_\rho}(M_\Gamma, \varepsilon) = \{ (\pm 2\pi\mu, d_{\rho, \mu}^\pm(\Gamma, \varepsilon)) : \mu = \|v\|, v \in \Lambda_\varepsilon^* \}$$

where

$$\Lambda_\varepsilon^* = \{ u \in \Lambda^* : \varepsilon(L_\lambda) = e^{2\pi i \lambda \cdot u} \quad \forall \lambda \in \Lambda \}$$

## Theorem (Miatello-P, TAMS '06)

The multiplicities of  $\lambda = \pm 2\pi\mu$  are given by

(i) for  $\mu > 0$ :

$$d_{\rho,\mu}^{\pm}(\Gamma, \varepsilon) = \frac{1}{|\Gamma|} \sum_{\gamma \in B\Lambda_b \in \Lambda \setminus \Gamma} \chi_{\rho}(\gamma) \sum_{u \in (\Lambda_{\varepsilon,\mu}^*)^B} e^{-2\pi i u \cdot b} \chi_{L_{n-1}^{\pm\sigma(u, x_{\gamma})}}(x_{\gamma})$$

with  $(\Lambda_{\varepsilon,\mu}^*)^B = \{v \in \Lambda_{\varepsilon}^* : Bv = v, \|v\| = \mu\}$

(ii) for  $\mu = 0$ :

$$d_{\rho,0}(\Gamma, \varepsilon) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|\Gamma|} \sum_{\gamma \in \Lambda \setminus \Gamma} \chi_{\rho}(\gamma) \chi_{L_n}(\varepsilon(\gamma)) & \varepsilon|_{\Lambda} = 1 \\ 0 & \varepsilon|_{\Lambda} \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

# Eta series of flat manifolds

★ For  $\eta_{D_\rho}(s)$  we have

- a general expression for arbitrary compact flat manifolds
- an explicit formula for:
  - $\mathbb{Z}_2^k$ -manifolds
  - a family of  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ -manifolds
  - $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds in the untwisted case

([Miatello-P, TAMS '06, PAMQ '08], [P, Rev UMA '05])

★ We will compute  $\eta_{D_\ell}(s)$  for any  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold

# Notations

## From now on we consider

- $p = 2q + 1$  an odd prime
- $M = \mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold of dim  $n$
- $\varepsilon_h =$  spin structure on  $M$ ,  $1 \leq h \leq 2^{b+c}$
- For  $0 \leq \ell \leq p - 1$ , the characters

$$\rho_\ell : \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^* \quad k \mapsto e^{\frac{2\pi i k \ell}{p}}$$

- $D_\ell =$  Dirac operator twisted by  $\rho_\ell$
- $d_{\ell, \mu, h}^\pm := d_{\rho_\ell, \mu}^\pm(M, \varepsilon_h)$

# The eta series for $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds

- Recall that

$$\eta_{\ell,h}(s) = \sum_{\pm 2\pi\mu \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{d_{\ell,\mu,h}^+ - d_{\ell,\mu,h}^-}{(2\pi\mu)^s}$$

- Although the expressions for  $d_{\ell,\mu,h}^{\pm}$  are not explicit, the differences  $d_{\ell,\mu,h}^+ - d_{\ell,\mu,h}^-$  can be computed



## An important reduction

- For flat manifolds, by a result in [Miatello-P, TAMS '06],

$$n_B > 1 \quad \forall BL_b \in \Gamma \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Spec}_D(M) \text{ is symmetric}$$

thus

$$d_{\ell, \mu, h}^+ = d_{\ell, \mu, h}^- \quad \Rightarrow \quad \eta_D(s) \equiv 0$$

- For  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds, since  $n_B = 1 \Leftrightarrow (b, c) = (0, 1)$  then

$$\eta(s) \equiv 0 \quad \text{for non-exceptional } \mathbb{Z}_p\text{-manifolds}$$

# An important reduction

We can focus on exceptional  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds

- Thus, it **suffices** to compute

$$d_{\ell,\mu,h}^+ - d_{\ell,\mu,h}^-, \quad \eta_{\ell,h}(s), \quad \eta_{\ell,h}$$

for the **exceptional**  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds only

- In particular,

**we can assume** that  $M = M_{p,a}^{0,1}(\alpha)$

(i.e.  $b = \frac{1}{p}e_n$ )

# The differences $d_{\ell,\mu,h}^+ - d_{\ell,\mu,h}^-$

## Key lemma

For an exceptional  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold  $(M, \varepsilon_h)$  we have

$$d_{\ell,\mu,h}^+ - d_{\ell,\mu,h}^- = \kappa_{p,a} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} (-1)^{k(h+1)} \left(\frac{k}{p}\right)^a e^{\frac{2\pi i k \ell}{p}} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi \mu k}{p}\right)$$

where

$$\kappa_{p,a} = (-1)^{\left(\frac{p^2-1}{8}\right)a+1} i^{m+1} 2 p^{\frac{a}{2}-1}$$

# Sketch of proof I

- Apply the general multiplicity formula to this case

$$d_{\ell, \mu, h}^{\pm} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i \ell k}{p}} \sum_{u \in (\Lambda_{\varepsilon_h, \mu}^*)^{B^k}} e^{-2\pi i u \cdot b_k} \chi_{L_{n-1}}^{\pm \sigma(u, x_{\gamma^k})}(\varepsilon_h(\gamma^k))$$

- note that  $(\Lambda_{\varepsilon_h}^*)^{B^k} = \mathbb{R}e_n$  and hence

$$(\Lambda_{\varepsilon_h, \mu}^*)^{B^k} = \{\pm \mu e_n\}$$

## Sketch of proof II

- Thus, we get

$$d_{\ell, \mu, h}^{\pm} = \frac{1}{p} \left( 2^{m-1} |\Lambda_{\varepsilon_h, \mu}^*| + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i k \ell}{p}} S_{\mu, h}^{\pm}(k) \right)$$

where

$$S_{\mu, h}^{\pm}(k) := e^{\frac{-2\pi i \mu k}{p}} \chi_{L_{n-1}^{\pm}}(\varepsilon_h(\gamma^k)) + e^{\frac{2\pi i \mu k}{p}} \chi_{L_{n-1}^{\mp}}(\varepsilon_h(\gamma^k))$$

(only 2-terms sums)

## Sketch of proof III

- Note that

$$\varepsilon_h(\gamma^k) = (-1)^{s_{h,k}} \chi_a\left(\frac{k\pi}{p}, \frac{2k\pi}{p}, \dots, \frac{qk\pi}{p}\right)$$

for  $1 \leq k \leq p$ , where

$$s_{h,k} := k\left(\left[\frac{q+1}{2}\right]a + h + 1\right)$$

- Compute

$$\chi_{L_{n-1}^{\pm}}(\varepsilon_h(\gamma^k)) = (-1)^{s_{h,k}} 2^{m-1} \left\{ \left( \prod_{j=1}^q \cos\left(\frac{jk\pi}{p}\right) \right)^a \pm i^m \left( \prod_{j=1}^q \sin\left(\frac{jk\pi}{p}\right) \right)^a \right\}$$

- compute the **blue** trigonometric products

The differences  $d_{\ell,\mu,h}^+ - d_{\ell,\mu,h}^-$ 

## Proposition

Let  $(M, \varepsilon_h)$  be an exceptional  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold. Put  $r = \lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor$ .

(i) If  $a$  is even then

$$d_{0,\mu,h}^+ - d_{0,\mu,h}^- = 0$$
$$d_{\ell,\mu,h}^+ - d_{\ell,\mu,h}^- = \begin{cases} \pm(-1)^r p^{\frac{a}{2}} & p \mid h(\ell \mp \mu) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# The differences $d_{\ell,\mu,h}^+ - d_{\ell,\mu,h}^-$

## Proposition (continued)

(ii) *If  $a$  is odd then*

$$d_{\ell,\mu,h}^+ - d_{\ell,\mu,h}^- = (-1)^{q+r} \left( \binom{2(\ell-\mu)}{p} - \binom{2(\ell+\mu)}{p} \right) p^{\frac{a-1}{2}}$$

*In particular,*

$$d_{0,\mu,h}^+ - d_{0,\mu,h}^- = \begin{cases} 0 & p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ (-1)^r 2 \binom{2\mu}{p} p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} & p \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$



# The differences $d_{\ell, \mu, h}^+ - d_{\ell, \mu, h}^-$

## Sketch of proof

- Rewrite  $d_{0, \mu, h}^+ - d_{0, \mu, h}^-$  in terms of “character Gauß sums”

$$d_{0, \mu, h}^+ - d_{0, \mu, h}^- = \begin{cases} -i^{m+1} 2 p^{\frac{a}{2}-1} F_h^{\chi_0}(\ell, c_\mu) & a \text{ even} \\ -i^{m+1} 2 p^{\frac{a}{2}-1} (-1)^{\binom{p^2-1}{8}} F_h^{\chi_p}(\ell, c_\mu) & a \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

where

$\chi_0 =$  trivial character mod  $p$

$\chi_p =$  quadratic character mod  $p$

- Compute the blue Gauß sums

# The eta series $\eta_{\ell,h}(s)$

$\eta_{\ell,h}(s)$  can be computed in terms of **Hurwitz zeta functions**

$$\zeta(s, \alpha) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n + \alpha)^s}$$

where

$$\alpha \in (0, 1] \quad \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$$

# The eta series $\eta_{\ell,h}(s)$

## Theorem

Let  $(M, \varepsilon_h)$  be an exceptional  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold. Put  $r = [\frac{n}{4}]$ ,  $t = [\frac{p}{4}]$ .

(i) If  $a$  is even then  $\eta_{0,1}(s) = \eta_{0,2}(s) = 0$  and for  $\ell \neq 0$

$$\eta_{\ell,1}(s) = \frac{(-1)^r}{(2\pi p)^s} p^{\frac{a}{2}} \left( \zeta\left(s, \frac{\ell}{p}\right) - \zeta\left(s, \frac{p-\ell}{p}\right) \right)$$

$$\eta_{\ell,2}(s) = \begin{cases} \frac{(-1)^r}{(2\pi p)^s} p^{\frac{a}{2}} \left( \zeta\left(s, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\ell}{p}\right) - \zeta\left(s, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\ell}{p}\right) \right) & 1 \leq \ell \leq q \\ \frac{(-1)^r}{(2\pi p)^s} p^{\frac{a}{2}} \left( \zeta\left(s, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{p-\ell}{p}\right) - \zeta\left(s, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{p-\ell}{p}\right) \right) & q < \ell < p \end{cases}$$

# The eta series $\eta_{\ell,h}(s)$

## Theorem (continued)

(ii) If  $a$  is odd then

$$\eta_{\ell,1}(s) = \frac{(-1)^{t+r}}{(2\pi p)^s} p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left( \binom{\ell-j}{p} - \binom{\ell+j}{p} \right) \zeta\left(s, \frac{j}{p}\right)$$

$$\eta_{\ell,2}(s) = \frac{(-1)^{q+r}}{(\pi p)^s} p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \left( \binom{2\ell-(2j+1)}{p} - \binom{2\ell+(2j+1)}{p} \right) \zeta\left(s, \frac{2j+1}{2p}\right)$$

In particular,  $\eta_{0,h}(s) = 0$  for  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

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# Computation of eta invariants

**We will now compute**, for  $0 \leq \ell \leq p - 1$ ,

- the eta invariants

$$\eta_\ell = \eta_\ell(0)$$

- the reduced eta invariants

$$\bar{\eta}_\ell = \frac{\eta_\ell + \dim \ker D_\ell}{2} \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$$

- the relative eta invariants

$$\bar{\eta}_\ell - \bar{\eta}_0$$

# Eta invariants $\eta_{\ell,h}$

## Theorem

Let  $(M, \varepsilon_h)$  be an exceptional  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold. Put  $r = [\frac{n}{4}]$ ,  $t = [\frac{p}{4}]$ .

(i) If  $a$  is even then

$$\eta_{0,h} = 0$$

and for  $\ell \neq 0$

$$\eta_{\ell,1} = (-1)^r p^{\frac{a}{2}-1} (p - 2\ell)$$

$$\eta_{\ell,2} = (-1)^r p^{\frac{a}{2}-1} 2([\frac{2\ell}{p}]p - \ell)$$

Eta invariants  $\eta_{\ell,h}$ 

## Theorem (continued)

(ii) If  $a$  is odd then

$$\eta_{\ell,1} = \begin{cases} (-1)^{t+r+1} p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} S_1^-(\ell, p) & p \equiv 1 (4) \\ (-1)^{t+r} p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} \left( S_1^+(\ell, p) + \frac{2}{p} \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \binom{j}{p} j \right) & p \equiv 3 (4) \end{cases}$$

$$\eta_{\ell,2} = \begin{cases} (-1)^{q+r+1} p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} \left( S_2^-(\ell, p) - \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) S_1^-(\ell, p) \right) & p \equiv 1 (4) \\ (-1)^{q+r} p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} \left\{ S_2^+(\ell, p) + \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) S_1^+(\ell, p) + \right. \\ \left. + \left(1 - \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)\right) \frac{2}{p} \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \binom{j}{p} j \right\} & p \equiv 3 (4) \end{cases}$$



# Eta invariants $\eta_{\ell,h}$

where

## Notation

$$S_1^\pm(\ell, p) := \sum_{j=1}^{p-\ell-1} \binom{j}{p} \pm \sum_{j=1}^{\ell-1} \binom{j}{p}$$

$$S_2^\pm(\ell, p) := \sum_{j=1}^{p + \left[ \frac{2\ell}{p} \right] p - 2\ell - 1} \binom{j}{p} \pm \sum_{j=1}^{2\ell - \left[ \frac{2\ell}{p} \right] p - 1} \binom{j}{p}$$

# Eta invariants $\eta_{\ell,h}$

## Sketch of proof

- Evaluate  $\eta_{\ell,h}(s)$  in  $s = 0$ , using that  $\zeta(0, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} - \alpha$
- $a$  even trivial,  $a$  odd:

$$\eta_{\ell,1}(0) = (-1)^{t+r} p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left( \binom{\ell-j}{p} - \binom{\ell+j}{p} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{j}{p} \right)$$

$$\eta_{\ell,2}(0) = (-1)^{q+r} p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \left( \binom{2\ell-(2j+1)}{p} - \binom{2\ell+(2j+1)}{p} \right) \left( \frac{p-1}{2p} - \frac{j}{p} \right)$$

- Study the **violet** sums!

# Eta invariants $\eta_{\ell,h}$ : integrality, parity

## Corollary

(i) If  $(p, a) \neq (3, 1)$  then

$$\eta_{\ell,h} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Furthermore,  $\eta_{0,h}$  is even,  $\eta_{\ell,1}$  is odd and  $\eta_{\ell,2}$  is even ( $\ell \neq 0$ )

(ii) If  $(p, a) = (3, 1)$  then

$$\eta_{\ell,1} = \begin{cases} -2/3 & \ell = 0 \\ 1/3 & \ell = 1, 2 \end{cases} \quad \eta_{\ell,2} = 4/3 \quad \ell = 0, 1, 2$$

# $\dim \ker D_\ell$

It is known that

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \ker D &= \text{multiplicity of the } 0\text{-eigenvalue} \\ &= \# \text{ independent harmonic spinors} \end{aligned}$$

So, we will compute

$$d_{\ell,0,h} = \dim \ker D_{\ell,h}$$

# $\dim \ker D_\ell$

## Proposition

Let  $(M, \varepsilon_h)$  be **any**  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold,  $1 \leq h \leq 2^{b+c}$ .

Then  $d_{\ell,0}(\varepsilon_h) = 0$  for  $h \neq 1$  and

$$d_{\ell,0}(\varepsilon_1) = \frac{2^{\frac{b+c-1}{2}}}{p} \left( 2^{(a+b)q} + (-1)^{\binom{p^2-1}{8}(a+b)} (p\delta_{\ell,0} - 1) \right)$$

In particular, if  $b + c > 1$  then  $d_{\ell,0,1}$  is even for any  $0 \leq \ell \leq p - 1$  while if  $b + c = 1$  then  $d_{0,0,1}$  is even and  $d_{\ell,0,1}$  is odd for  $\ell \neq 0$ .

# $\dim \ker D_\ell$

## sketch of proof:

- We have

$$d_{\ell,0}(\varepsilon_1) = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i k \ell}{p}} \chi_{L_n}(\varepsilon_1(\gamma^k))$$

and

$$\varepsilon_1(\gamma^k) = (-1)^{k[\frac{q+1}{2}]}(a+b) \chi_{a+b}\left(\frac{k\pi}{p}, \frac{2k\pi}{p}, \dots, \frac{qk\pi}{p}\right)$$

- Thus

$$d_{\ell,0,1} = \frac{2^m}{p} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} (-1)^{k[\frac{q+1}{2}]}(a+b) \left( \prod_{j=1}^q \cos\left(\frac{jk\pi}{p}\right) \right)^{a+b} e^{\frac{2\pi i k \ell}{p}}$$

# The reduced eta invariant of $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds

Recall that  $\bar{\eta}_{\ell,h} = \frac{1}{2}(\eta_{\ell,h} + d_{\ell,0,h}) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$

Studying the parities of  $\eta_{\ell,h}$  and  $d_{0,\ell,h}$  we get our **main result**

## Theorem

Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $0 \leq \ell \leq p - 1$ . Let  $M$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold with spin structure  $\varepsilon_h$ ,  $1 \leq h \leq 2^{b+c}$ . Then

$$\bar{\eta}_{\ell,h} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} \pmod{\mathbb{Z}} & p = n = 3 \\ 0 \pmod{\mathbb{Z}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Moreover, the relative eta invariants are

$$\bar{\eta}_{\ell,h} - \bar{\eta}_{0,h} = 0$$

## The exception: the tricasm

- There is **only one**  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold with **non-trivial** reduced eta invariant
- The tricasm: the only 3-dimensional  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ -manifold  $M = M_{3,1}$



## Case $\ell = 0$

- In the **untwisted case  $\ell = 0$**  we have a better insight
- and there is a **close relation with number theory**

We can put

- $\eta(s)$  is in terms of the  **$L$ -function**

$$L(s, \chi_p) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{n}{p}\right)}{n^s}$$

- $\eta$  is in terms of **class numbers  $h_{-p}$  of imaginary quadratic fields  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-p}) = \mathbb{Q}(i\sqrt{p})$**

## Case $\ell = 0$ , eta series

Theorem ([Miatello-P, PAMQ '08])

Let  $(M, \varepsilon_h)$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold of dimension  $n$ .

If  $M$  is *exceptional* and  $n \equiv p \equiv 3(4)$ ,  $a \equiv 1(4)$  then

$$\eta_{0,1}(s) = \frac{-2}{(2\pi p)^s} p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} L(s, \chi_p)$$

$$\eta_{0,2}(s) = \frac{2}{(2\pi p)^s} p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} \left(1 - \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) 2^s\right) L(s, \chi_p)$$

In particular,

$$\eta_{0,2}(s) = \left(\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) 2^s - 1\right) \eta_{0,1}(s)$$

Otherwise we have  $\eta_{0,1}(s) = \eta_{0,2}(s) \equiv 0$

# Case $\ell = 0$ , eta invariants

Theorem ([Miatello-P, PAMQ '08])

*In the non-trivial case before, we have*

(i) *If  $p = 3$  then  $\eta_{0,1} = -2 \cdot 3^{\frac{a-3}{2}}$  and  $\eta_{\varepsilon_2} = 4 \cdot 3^{\frac{a-3}{2}}$*

(ii) *If  $p \geq 7$  then*

$$\eta_{0,1} = -2 p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} h_{-p}$$

$$\eta_{0,2} = \left( \binom{2}{p} - 1 \right) \eta_{\varepsilon_1} = \begin{cases} 0 & p \equiv 7 \pmod{8} \\ 4 p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} h_{-p} & p \equiv 3 \pmod{8} \end{cases}$$

*where  $h_{-p} =$  the class number of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-p})$*

# Case $\ell = 0$ , trigonometric expressions

## Proposition ([Miatello-P, PAMQ '08])

*The eta invariants of an exceptional  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold  $(M, \varepsilon_h)$  can be expressed in the following ways*

$$\eta_{0,1} = -p^{\frac{a-2}{2}} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{k}{p}\right) \cot\left(\frac{\pi k}{p}\right) = -p^{\frac{a-2}{2}} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \cot\left(\frac{\pi k^2}{p}\right)$$

$$\eta_{0,2} = p^{\frac{a-1}{2}} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} (-1)^k \left(\frac{k}{p}\right) \csc\left(\frac{\pi k}{p}\right)$$

# Legendre symbol

## Definition

For  $p$  an odd prime, the **Legendre symbol** of  $k \bmod p$  is

$$\left(\frac{k}{p}\right) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x^2 \equiv k \pmod{p} \text{ has a solution} \\ -1 & \text{if } x^2 \equiv k \pmod{p} \text{ does not have a solution} \end{cases}$$

if  $(k, p) = 1$  and  $\left(\frac{k}{p}\right) = 0$  otherwise

We have

$$\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}} \quad \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$$

# Trigonometric products

## Lemma

Let  $p = 2q + 1$  be an odd prime,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $(k, p) = 1$ . Then

$$(i) \quad \prod_{j=1}^q \sin\left(\frac{jk\pi}{p}\right) = (-1)^{(k-1)\left(\frac{p^2-1}{8}\right)} \left(\frac{k}{p}\right) 2^{-q} \sqrt{p}$$

$$(ii) \quad \prod_{j=1}^q \cos\left(\frac{jk\pi}{p}\right) = (-1)^{(k-1)\left(\frac{p^2-1}{8}\right)} 2^{-q}$$

## Sketch of proof

(i) use

- identities of  $\Gamma(z)$

$$\sin(\pi z) = \frac{\pi}{\Gamma(z)\Gamma(1-z)}$$

$$(2\pi)^{\frac{d-1}{2}} \Gamma(z) = d^{z-\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{z}{d}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{z+1}{d}\right)\cdots\Gamma\left(\frac{z+(d-1)}{d}\right)$$

- Gauß Lemma

$$(-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^{(p-1)/2} \left[\frac{jk}{p}\right]} = (-1)^{(k-1)\left(\frac{p^2-1}{8}\right)} \left(\frac{k}{p}\right)$$

(ii) follows from (i)

# Classical character Gauß sums

## Definition

For  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}_0$  the **character Gauß sum** is

$$G(\ell, p) := G(\chi_p, \ell) = \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{k}{p}\right) e^{\frac{2\pi i k \ell}{p}}$$

We have

$$G(\ell, p) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\ell}{p}\right) \sqrt{p} & p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ i \left(\frac{\ell}{p}\right) \sqrt{p} & p \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$



# Modified character Gauß sums

## Definition

For  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ ,  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 \leq h \leq 2$ ,  $\chi$  a character mod  $p$  we define

$$G_h^\chi(\ell) := \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} (-1)^{k(h+1)} \chi(k) e^{\frac{\pi i k (2\ell + \delta_{h,2})}{p}}$$

$$F_h^\chi(\ell, c) := \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} (-1)^{k(h+1)} \chi(k) e^{\frac{2\pi i k c}{p}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi k (2c + \delta_{h,2})}{p}\right)$$

We want to compute  $G_h^\chi(\ell)$  and  $F_h^\chi(\ell, c)$  for

- $\chi = \chi_0 =$  **trivial character** mod  $p$
- $\chi = \chi_p =$  **quadratic character** mod  $p$  given by  $\left(\frac{\cdot}{p}\right)$

# The sums $G_h^X(\ell)$

$$G_1^{X^0}(\ell) = \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} e^{\frac{2\ell\pi ik}{p}}$$

$$G_2^{X^0}(\ell) = \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} (-1)^k e^{\frac{(2\ell+1)\pi ik}{p}}$$

$$G_1^{X^p}(\ell) = \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{k}{p}\right) e^{\frac{2\ell\pi ik}{p}}$$

$$G_2^{X^p}(\ell) = \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} (-1)^k \left(\frac{k}{p}\right) e^{\frac{(2\ell+1)\pi ik}{p}}$$

# The sums $G_h^{X_0}(\ell)$

## Proposition

We have

$$G_1^{X_0}(\ell) = \begin{cases} p-1 & p \mid \ell \\ -1 & p \nmid \ell \end{cases}$$
$$G_2^{X_0}(\ell) = \begin{cases} p-1 & p \mid 2\ell + 1 \\ -1 & p \nmid 2\ell + 1 \end{cases}$$

In particular,

$$G_1^{X_0}(\ell) \equiv G_2^{X_0}(\ell) \equiv p-1 \pmod{p}$$

# The sums $G_h^{X_p}(\ell)$

## Proposition

We have

$$G_1^{X_p}(\ell) = \delta(p) \left(\frac{\ell}{p}\right) \sqrt{p}$$

$$G_2^{X_p}(\ell) = \delta(p) \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) \left(\frac{2\ell+1}{p}\right) \sqrt{p}$$

where

$$\delta(p) := \begin{cases} 1 & p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ i & p \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

In particular,  $G_1^{X_p}(\ell) = 0$  if  $p \mid \ell$  and  $G_2^{X_p}(\ell) = 0$  if  $p \mid 2\ell + 1$

# The sums $F_h^X(\ell, c)$

$$F_1^{X_0}(\ell, c) = \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} e^{\frac{2\ell\pi ik}{p}} \sin\left(\frac{2c\pi k}{p}\right)$$

$$F_2^{X_0}(\ell, c) = \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} (-1)^k e^{\frac{2\ell\pi ik}{p}} \sin\left(\frac{(2c+1)\pi k}{p}\right)$$

$$F_1^{X_p}(\ell, c) = \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{k}{p}\right) e^{\frac{2\ell\pi ik}{p}} \sin\left(\frac{2c\pi k}{p}\right)$$

$$F_2^{X_p}(\ell, c) = \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} (-1)^k \left(\frac{k}{p}\right) e^{\frac{2\ell\pi ik}{p}} \sin\left(\frac{(2c+1)\pi k}{p}\right)$$

# The sums $F_h^{X_0}(\ell, c)$

## Proposition

We have

① If  $p \mid \ell$  then  $F_h^{X_0}(\ell, c) = 0$  for  $h = 1, 2$

② If  $p \nmid \ell$  then

$$F_1^{X_0}(\ell, c) = \begin{cases} \pm i \frac{p}{2} & \text{if } p \mid \ell \mp c \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$F_2^{X_0}(\ell, c) = \begin{cases} \pm i \frac{p}{2} & \text{if } p \mid 2(\ell \mp c) \mp 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# The sums $F_h^{Xp}(\ell, c)$

## Proposition

We have

$$F_1^{Xp}(\ell, c) = i \delta(p) \left( \left( \frac{\ell-c}{p} \right) - \left( \frac{\ell+c}{p} \right) \right) \frac{\sqrt{p}}{2}$$

$$F_2^{Xp}(\ell, c) = i \delta(p) \left( \frac{2}{p} \right) \left( \left( \frac{2(\ell-c)-1}{p} \right) - \left( \frac{2(\ell+c)+1}{p} \right) \right) \frac{\sqrt{p}}{2}$$

In particular, if  $p \mid \ell$  then

$$F_1^{Xp}(\ell, c) = \begin{cases} 0 & p \equiv 1(4) \\ \left( \frac{c}{p} \right) \sqrt{p} & p \equiv 3(4) \end{cases}$$

$$F_2^{Xp}(\ell, c) = \begin{cases} 0 & p \equiv 1(4) \\ \left( \frac{2}{p} \right) \left( \frac{2c+1}{p} \right) \sqrt{p} & p \equiv 3(4) \end{cases}$$

# Sums involving Legendre symbols

For  $0 \leq \ell \leq p-1$ , we want to compute the sums

## Definition

$$S_1(\ell, p) := \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left( \left( \frac{\ell-j}{p} \right) - \left( \frac{\ell+j}{p} \right) \right) j$$

$$S_2(\ell, p) := \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \left( \left( \frac{2\ell-(2j+1)}{p} \right) - \left( \frac{2\ell+(2j+1)}{p} \right) \right) j$$



# Sums involving Legendre symbols

## Lemma

$$\sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left( \frac{kl \pm j}{p} \right) = - \left( \frac{kl}{p} \right) \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{2\ell \pm (2j+1)}{p} \right) = 0$$

# Sums involving Legendre symbols

## Lemma

$$\sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{\ell+j}{p}\right)j = p \sum_{j=1}^{\ell-1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right) + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right)j$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{\ell-j}{p}\right)j = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) \left( p \sum_{j=1}^{p-\ell-1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right) + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right)j \right)$$

# Sums involving Legendre symbols

## Lemma

$$\sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{2\ell+j}{p}\right)j = p \sum_{j=1}^{2\ell - \left[\frac{2\ell}{p}\right] p - 1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right) + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right)j$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{2\ell-j}{p}\right)j = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) \left( p \sum_{j=1}^{p + \left[\frac{2\ell}{p}\right] p - 2\ell - 1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right) + \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right)j \right)$$

# Sums involving Legendre symbols

## Lemma

$$\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \left( \frac{2\ell \pm (2j+1)}{p} \right)_j = \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left( \frac{2\ell \pm j}{p} \right)_j - \left( \frac{2}{p} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left( \frac{\ell \pm j}{p} \right)_j$$

# Sums involving Legendre symbols

## Proposition

$$S_1(\ell, p) = \begin{cases} p S_1^-(\ell, p) & p \equiv 1(4) \\ -p S_1^+(\ell, p) - 2 \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right) j & p \equiv 3(4) \end{cases}$$

$$S_2(\ell, p) = \begin{cases} p \left( S_2^-(\ell, p) - \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) S_1^-(\ell, p) \right) & p \equiv 1(4) \\ -p \left( S_2^+(\ell, p) - \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) S_1^+(\ell, p) \right) + \\ \quad + 2 \left( \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) - 1 \right) \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right) j & p \equiv 3(4) \end{cases}$$

# Sums involving Legendre symbols

where we have used the notations

$$S_1^\pm(l, p) := \sum_{j=1}^{p-l-1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right) \pm \sum_{j=1}^{l-1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right)$$

$$S_2^\pm(l, p) := \sum_{j=1}^{p + \left[\frac{2l}{p}\right] p - 2l - 1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right) \pm \sum_{j=1}^{2l - \left[\frac{2l}{p}\right] p - 1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right)$$

Note that

$$S_1^\pm(0, p) = S_1^\pm(0, p) = 0$$

since  $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq p-1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right) = 0$

# Sums involving Legendre symbols

## Dirichlet's class number formula

We recall

$$\frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{j}{p}\right) j = -2 \frac{h_{-p}}{\omega_{-p}} = \begin{cases} -h_{-p} & p \geq 5, \\ -2/3 & p = 3, \end{cases}$$

where

- $h_{-p}$  = class number of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-p}) \subset \mathbb{Q}(\xi_p)$ ,
- $\omega_{-p}$  = the number of  $p^{\text{th}}$ -roots of unity of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-p})$ .

In fact, and  $h_{-3} = 1$ ,  $\omega_{-3} = 6$  and  $\omega_{-p} = 2$  for  $p \geq 5$ .

# Sums involving Legendre symbols

## Corollary

For  $p \geq 5$ ,

$$S_1(0, p) = \begin{cases} 0 & p \equiv 1(4) \\ -2h_{-p} & p \equiv 3(4) \end{cases}$$

$$S_2(\ell, p) = \begin{cases} 0 & p \equiv 1(4) \\ 2\left(\binom{2}{p} - 1\right)h_{-p} & p \equiv 3(4) \end{cases}$$



# Bordism groups

The integrality of  $\eta_\ell - \eta_0$  implies

## Theorem

Let  $(M, \varepsilon, \sigma_p)$  and  $(M, \varepsilon, \sigma_0)$  denote a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold  $M$  equipped with a spin structure  $\varepsilon$  and with the natural and the trivial  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -structures

$$\sigma_p : \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow T_\Lambda \rightarrow M$$

$$\sigma_0 : \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow M \times \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow M$$

Then

$$[(M, \varepsilon, \sigma_p)] - [(M, \varepsilon, \sigma_0)] = 0$$

in the reduced equivariant spin bordism group  $\tilde{M} \text{Spin}_n(B\mathbb{Z}_p)$

# Summary of results

We have

- 1 considered the “models”  $M_{p,a}^{b,c}(\alpha)$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifolds
- 2 given an explicit description of the **spin structures** of  $M_{p,a}^{b,c}(\alpha)$
- 3 explicitly computed, for twisted Dirac operators  $D_\ell$  acting on an arbitrary  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -manifold  $(M_\Gamma, \varepsilon_h)$ , the following
  - the **eta series**  $\eta_{\ell,h}(s)$
  - the **eta invariants**  $\eta_{\ell,h}$
  - the **number of independent harmonic spinors**  $d_{\ell,0,h}$
  - the **reduced eta invariants**  $\bar{\eta}_{\ell,h} = 0$  (except for  $M_{3,1}$ )
  - the **relative eta invariants**  $\bar{\eta}_{\ell,h} - \bar{\eta}_{0,h} = 0$

## Note on methodology

★ There are indirect methods to compute  $\eta$ -invariants (representation techniques, computing  $Ind(D)_{geo} - Ind(D)_{top}$ )

★ However, we have performed the **direct approach**, that is, we have explicitly computed

① the spectrum  $\lambda = \pm 2\pi\mu$ ,  $d_\lambda = d_{\ell,\mu,h}^\pm$

② the eta series  $\eta_\ell(s) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^s} \sum_{\mu \neq 0} \frac{d_{\ell,\mu,h}^+ - d_{\ell,\mu,h}^-}{|\mu|^s}$

③ the different eta invariants

$$\eta_\ell, \quad \bar{\eta}_\ell = \frac{1}{2}(\eta_\ell + \dim \ker D_\ell) \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}, \quad \bar{\eta}_\ell - \bar{\eta}_0$$

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