

INDEX THEORY

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1. UNBOUNDED KK -THEORY (BAAJ-JULG)

Recall the definition of cycles of $KK(A, B)$ are triples of form (\mathcal{E}, π, F) where

- (1) $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}^{(0)} \oplus \mathcal{E}^{(1)}$ is graded Hilbert B-module.
- (2) A unital $\pi : A \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E})$ is a graded $*$ -representation of A .
- (3) $F \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E})$ is of odd grading satisfying $F = F^*$, $F^2 - 1 \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{E})$, $[F, \pi(a)] \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{E})$.

To define a unbounded cycle A, π, \mathcal{E} have the same assumption, and F is replaced by a unbounded D with the following assumption:

- (1) $D = D^*$. Recall definition of D^* : if $\text{Dom}(D)$ dense in \mathcal{E} and $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{E}, \exists z \in \mathcal{E}$ such that $\langle Dx, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle$, then $D^*y = z$.
- (2) D has compact resolvent, i.e. $(D + iI)^{-1} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{E})$. Note that $D + iI$ is invertible because $\text{Sp}(D) \subset \mathbb{R}$.
- (3) There exists a dense algebra $\mathcal{A} \in A$ such that $[\pi(a), D]$ is bounded, $\forall a \in \mathcal{A}$.
- (4) D is regular, i.e. $(\text{Graph} D)^\perp \oplus \mathcal{U}\text{Graph}(D) = \mathcal{E} \oplus \mathcal{E}$, where $\text{Graph}(D) = \{(x, Dx), x \in \text{Dom} D\}$ and $U : (x, y) \rightarrow (-y, x)$.

Remark 1.1. Every KK -element can be made unbounded. KK -product is sometimes easier for unbounded KK -elements, in particular outer KK -product over \mathbb{C} .

Construction from unbounded cycles to a bounded ones:

$$(\mathcal{E}, \pi, D) \rightarrow (\mathcal{E}, \pi, D(1 + D^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}})$$

Things to be checked:

- (1) $F = D(1 + D^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ extends to a bounded operator on \mathcal{E} .
- (2) $1 - F^2 = (1 + D^2)^{-1}$ compact.
- (3) $[F, \pi(a)] \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{E})$ (It is enough to check on the dense algebra \mathcal{A}).

Note that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x + t^2} dt,$$

then

$$(1 + D^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty (I(1 + t^2) + D^2)^{-1} dt$$

is a uniformly convergent integral.

Given $[D, \pi(a)]$ bounded we have $[D(1 + t^2 + D^2)^{-1}, \pi(a)]$ compact, then the norm convergence of the integral

$$[F, \pi(a)] = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty [D(1 + t^2 + D^2)^{-1}, \pi(a)] dt$$

gives rise to a compact limit.

2. EXAMPLES OF ELLIPTIC DIFFERENTIAL OPERATOR

2.1. de Rham operator. : M compact manifold, $n = \dim M$

Let d be exterior differential on M , $\Omega^0 = C^\infty(M, \mathbb{C})$, $\Omega^1 \cong T^*M \otimes \mathbb{C}$, $\Omega^k = \bigwedge^k T^*M \otimes \mathbb{C}$, $\Omega = \bigoplus_{k=0}^n \Omega^k$.

Then $d : C^\infty(\Omega^k) \rightarrow C^\infty(\Omega^{k+1})$, $\forall \omega_1 \in C^\infty(\Omega^j)$, $\omega_2 \in C^\infty(\Omega^k)$.

$$\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 = (-1)^{jk} \omega_2 \wedge \omega_1$$

$$d(\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2) = d\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 + (-1)^j \omega_1 \wedge d\omega_2.$$

$$d^2 = 0.$$

Choose a Riemannian metric on M , then we have a Hermitian structure on $C^\infty(\Omega)$, denote H as the completion of $C^\infty(\Omega)$ under the inner product:

$$H = H^{(0)} \oplus H^{(1)}, H^{(0)} = \bigoplus_{k \text{ even}} L^2(\Omega^k), H^{(1)} = \bigoplus_{k \text{ odd}} L^2(\Omega^k).$$

Let π denote the representation of $C(M)$ on H by point-wise multiplication.

Claim: $(H, \pi, d + d^*)$ is an unbounded cycle. In fact:

(1) $\forall f \in C^\infty(M, \mathbb{C})$, $[d, \pi(f)]\omega = df \wedge \omega$ this is bounded (with norm $\|df\|_\infty$, where $\|\cdot\|$ is maximal norm)

In addition, $[d^*, \pi(f)] = -[d, \pi(f^*)]^*$, so $[d + d^*, \pi(f)]$ is bounded on H .

(2) $d + d^*$ has compact resolvent.

Remark 2.1. $d + d^*$ does not depend on metric and manifold.

Let $M = \mathbb{T}^n = (\mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z})^n$, then basis for Ω are of the form: $x \rightarrow e^{-i\langle k, x \rangle} dx_I = \omega_{k, I} \in \Omega$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$, $I \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$.

One can check that $(d + d^*)^2 \omega_{k, I} = (dd^* + d^*d)\omega_{k, I} = |k|^2 \omega_{k, I}$, where $|k| = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i^2$ and observe that $(d + d^*)^2$ has compact inverse.

The analytical index of $d + d^*$ is defined as

$$\text{ind}_a(d + d^*) = \dim(\ker(d + d^*)|_{H^{(0)}}) - \dim(\ker(d + d^*)|_{H^{(1)}}).$$

So

$$\text{ind}_a(d + d^*) = \sum (-1)^k \beta_k(M), \text{ where } \beta_k(M) =: \dim H^k(M, \mathbb{C}),$$

the Euler number of M .

2.2. Signature Operator. M oriented $4k$ -dimensional, $\Omega, d + d^*$, $\ker(d + d^*) = H^*(M) = H^0 \oplus \dots \oplus H^{4k}$.

We define a quadratic form on Ω :

$$Q(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (-1)^{\frac{l(l-1)}{2}} \int_M \overline{\omega_1} \wedge \omega_2, \forall \omega_1, \omega_2 \in \Omega, \deg \omega_1 = l.$$

Note that if $\deg \omega_1 + \deg \omega_2 \neq 4k$, $Q(\omega_1, \omega_2) = 0$.

We define the signature of M as the signature of the quadratic form, note that if $\dim(M) \neq 4k$, the signature is 0.

There exists a grading operator τ on Ω with $\tau^2 = \text{id}$, $\tau^* = \tau$ satisfying

$$Q(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \langle \tau \omega_1, \omega_2 \rangle.$$

(τ is the Hodge $*$ operator when $p = 2k$.)

Observe that $\int d\omega = 0 \Rightarrow \int d(\overline{\omega_1} \wedge \omega_2) = 0 \Rightarrow d\tau = -\tau d^* \Rightarrow \tau(d + d^*)\tau = -(d + d^*) \Rightarrow d + d^*$ is odd in the grading given by τ .

Then by definition

$$\text{ind}(d + d^*, \tau) = \dim(\text{eigenspace of } 1) \cap H^* - \dim(\text{eigenspace of } (-1) \cap H^*)$$

$= \dim((\text{eigenspace of } 1) \cap H^{2k}) - \dim(\text{eigenspace of } (-1)) \cap H^{2k} = \text{signature of } M$

Remark 2.2. The de Rham operator and signature operator are the same but acting on spaces with different grading.

2.3. Dirac Operator.

Definition 2.3. A Clifford bundle is a graded Hermitian vector bundle E over M together with a smooth vector bundle map $c : T^*M \otimes E \rightarrow E$ or $c : T^*M \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E)$, such that $\forall \xi \in T_x^*M$, $c(\xi) = c(\xi)^*$, $c(\xi)^2 = \|\xi\|^2 \text{id}_E$, $c(\xi) \in L(E)^1$.

Remark 2.4. Use the universal property of Clifford algebra, $c : T^*M \rightarrow L(E)$ can be extended to an algebra homomorphism $c : \text{Cliff}(T^*M) \rightarrow L(E)$, where $\text{Cliff}(T^*M)$ is a bundle over M with each fiber as Clifford algebra generated by T_x^*M .

Definition 2.5. Let E be a vector bundle over M and $C^\infty(E)$ is the set of smooth section of M in E . A connection is a linear map $\nabla : C^\infty(E) \rightarrow C^\infty(T^*M \otimes E)$ satisfying $\nabla(f\xi) = df \otimes \xi + f(\nabla\xi)$, where $f \in C^\infty(M)$, $\xi \in C^\infty(E)$

Remark 2.6. There always exists a connection on E which respects scalar product and grading.

Definition 2.7. Dirac operator $\not{D} : C^\infty(E) \rightarrow C^\infty(E)$ is the composition $C^\infty(E) \rightarrow C^\infty(T^*M \otimes E) \rightarrow C^\infty(E)$ where the first arrow is the connection and the second is the Clifford multiplication of $c(\xi), \xi \in T^*M$.

Remark 2.8. One need to check \not{D} has compact resolvent and commute with $\pi(a), \forall a \in C(M)$ up to compact operator ($\pi : C(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(L^2(E))$ by multiplication).

Remark 2.9. If $E = \Omega$ and define $c(\xi) = e(\xi) + e(\xi)^*$ where $e(\xi)\omega = \xi \wedge \omega$ then one can check the last two subsections are examples of Dirac Operators.

Question: Let T be a real Euclidean vector bundle over an even dimensional space M , we can form a bundle $\text{Cliff}_{\mathbb{C}} T$ over M with fiber $\text{Cliff}_{\mathbb{C}} T_x \cong M_{2^m}(\mathbb{C})$. Does there exist a graded vector bundle E such that $\text{Cliff}_{\mathbb{C}} T \cong \mathcal{L}(E)$? (E is irreducible representation of $\text{Cliff}_{\mathbb{C}} T$?)

Answer: It is not always true. There is an obstruction (Dixmier-Douady obstruction). Giving such a bundle is what we call a $Spin^c$ structure on T .

Remark 2.10. Each Riemannian vector bundle E gives rise to a principal $O(n)$ bundle over M . We say E is oriented if we can lift the structure group $O(n)$ to $SO(n)$.

An oriented vector bundle T is $spin^c$ if the structure group $SO(n)$ lifts to to $spin^c(n) = U(1) \times_{\mathbb{Z}/2} spin(n)$, where $spin(n)$ is a double cover of $SO(n)$ (If $n \geq 3$, $spin(n)$ is the universal cover of $SO(n)$).

3. TOPOLOGICAL INDEX

The Atiyah-Singer Index theorem computes the index of such operators. It can be stated as:

$$\text{ind}_a(P) = \text{ind}_t(\sigma_P)$$

where P is an *elliptic (pseudo)differential operator* and σ_P is (the K -theory class of) its *principal symbol*.

We now give a few explanations on these and define the map $\text{ind}_t : K^0(T^*M) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$.

Given an elliptic operator $P : C^\infty(M, E) \rightarrow C^\infty(M, E)$ on a compact manifold M , its symbol $\sigma(P)$ is a matrix valued map defined on T^*M ($\sigma(P) : T^*M \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$). The definition of ellipticity implies $\sigma(P)$ invertible off the zero section.

Using relative K-theory we know the symbol $\sigma(P)$ gives rise to an element in $K^0(T^*M)$. Apply ind_t to this element we get an integer, we will call it topological index of P .

The construction of $\text{ind}_t : K(T^*M) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ needs the following ingredients: Thom isomorphism, tubular neighborhood and Bott.

3.1. Bott element. Bott element is β is the generator of $K_0(C_0(\mathbb{R}^{2n}))$, the map given by

$$\begin{aligned} K^0(M) &\cong K_0(C(M)) \\ &\rightarrow K_0(C_0(\mathbb{R}^{2n})) \otimes K_0(C(M)) \cong K_0(C_0(M \times \mathbb{R}^{2n})) = K^0(M \times \mathbb{R}^{2n}) : \end{aligned}$$

$K^0(M) \rightarrow K^0(M \times \mathbb{R}^{2n}) : p \mapsto \beta \otimes p$ is called Bott map. This map is an isomorphism.

3.2. Thom isomorphism.

Theorem 3.1. *If T is a spin^c bundle over M then there is an isomorphism $K^0(M) \rightarrow K^0(T)$. In particular, any complex vector bundle carries a spin^c -structure, so we have Thom isomorphism for complex vector bundles.*

Remark 3.2. The inverse of Thom isomorphism is constructed as follows:

T , spin^c -bundle over M , $\exists T'$ such that $T \oplus T' = M \times \mathbb{R}^{2n}$. There is a natural spin^c structure on T' . Then $T \oplus T'$ is a spin^c bundle over T so

$$K(T) \rightarrow K(T \oplus T') \cong K(M \times \mathbb{R}^{2n}) \rightarrow K(M),$$

the first arrow is Thom isomorphism and the last one is the inverse Bott map.

3.3. Tubular neighborhood theorem. When we embed M in \mathbb{R}^n , $TM \rightarrow T\mathbb{R}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$, the normal bundle N of M also embed in \mathbb{R}^{2n} ($N \oplus TM = M \times \mathbb{R}^n$).

By the tubular neighborhood theorem, there is an open neighborhood U of M in \mathbb{R}^n such that N is diffeomorphic with $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

3.4. Construction of ind_t . Embed M in \mathbb{R}^n , n is even, $TM \rightarrow T\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{2n}$, normal bundle $N \cong U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ (U is a open neighborhood of M in \mathbb{R}^n) and $TM \oplus N \cong M \times \mathbb{R}^n$

Since $U \cong N$ is a vector bundle over M , so TU is a vector bundle of TM . In fact,

$$TU \cong \pi^*(N \oplus N) \cong \pi^*(N \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C})$$

where $\pi : TM \rightarrow M$.

By Thom isomorphism, we have

$$K^0(TU) \cong K^0(TM).$$

Since U is open in \mathbb{R}^n , so TU is open in $T\mathbb{R}^n \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$. Hence we get a map $K(TN) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ induced by inclusion map. Therefore, we have

$$K^0(T^*M) \cong K^0(TM) \cong K^0(TU) \rightarrow K^0(\mathbb{R}^{2n}) \cong \mathbb{Z}.$$

The image of $[\sigma(P)] \in K^0(T^*M)$ under these process is defined as the topological index of P .

4. COMPUTATION OF INDEX OF SOME ELLIPTIC OPERATOR

(a) Take $M = S^1$. We will construct two elliptic operators whose symbol is respectively the generator of $K^1(S^1) = \mathbb{Z}$ and of $K^0(\mathbb{R} \times S^1) = K^1(S^1) = \mathbb{Z}$.

For the first one, (writing $S^1 = \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ and x the real variable) just take

$$-i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} : L^2(S^1) \rightarrow L^2(S^1),$$

whose principal symbol is $(x, \xi) \mapsto \xi$. Here $L^2(S^1)$ is generated by $\{z^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$, $z = e^{ix}$, $x \in S^1$ and denote $e_i = z^n$ and clearly we have $-i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} z^n = n z^n$.

Then making it bounded we obtain H (the Hilbert transform) given by

$$(4.1) \quad H(e_n) = \begin{cases} e_n & n > 0 \\ -e_n & n < 0 \\ 0 & n = 0 \end{cases}$$

whose principal symbol is $(x, \xi) \mapsto \text{sign}(\xi) = \frac{\xi}{|\xi|}$. Put also $P = \frac{H+1}{2}$ whose principal

symbol is $\sigma(x, \xi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \xi > 0 \\ 0 & \xi < 0 \end{cases}$

To define the second element, write $\overline{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ and use the exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow C_0(\mathbb{R} \times S^1) \rightarrow C(\overline{\mathbb{R}} \times S^1) \rightarrow C(S^1) \oplus C(S^1) \rightarrow 0$$

The connecting map $K^1(S^1) \oplus K^1(S^1) \rightarrow K^0(S^1 \times \mathbb{R}) = K^1(S^1)$ is the map $(a, b) \mapsto a - b$. It follows that the principal symbol of $F = zP + (1 - P)$ is the generator of $K^0(\mathbb{R} \times S^1)$. Therefore, using $K^0(T^*S^1) \cong K^0(S^1 \times \mathbb{R})$:

$$\text{ind}_a : K^0(T^*S^1) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : \sigma(F) \mapsto \text{ind}(F).$$

Since $F(e_n) = \begin{cases} e_n & n < 0 \\ e_{n+1} & n \geq 0 \end{cases}$, we have $\text{ind}(F) = -1$.

(b) Let Λ be a lattice in \mathbb{C} ($\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}a + \mathbb{Z}b$, a, b independent over \mathbb{R}) then $M = \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \cong \mathbb{T}^2$ compact. E is a graded complex bundle over M , we want to compute the index of the Dirac operator $D : L^2(E^{(0)}) \rightarrow L^2(E^{(1)})$, more precisely, the index of the Dolbeault operator $\bar{\partial}_E$ with the coefficient in E . In fact, $\{\bar{\partial}_E\}$, where E is complex vector bundle over X , generates $K_0(M)$, K-homology of M .

An easy example: When E is 1 dim trivial line bundle:

$$\bar{\partial} : C^\infty(M, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow C^\infty(M, \mathbb{C}) : f \mapsto \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} f = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right),$$

the symbol of which is the clifford multiplication by $i\xi - \eta$. Since

$$f \in \ker \bar{\partial} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} f = 0 \Leftrightarrow f \text{ holomorphic on } M$$

and f is bounded on compact M , f can be lifted to a bounded holomorphic function on \mathbb{C} with the same value on the orbit, which implied f to be constant. We have $\dim \ker \bar{\partial} = \dim \ker \bar{\partial}^* = 1$, so

$$\text{ind}(\bar{\partial}) = 0.$$

Remark 4.1. For any complex bundle E over M with \dim large enough, E has a complex sub line bundle L ($E = \mathbb{C}^k \oplus L$). It is enough to compute $\text{ind}(\bar{\partial}_L)$. The kernel of $\bar{\partial}_L$ are all holomorphic sections of the line bundle L . (We will assume L a holomorphic line bundle, i.e. the transition function $g_{ij} : U_i \cap U_j \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ are holomorphic and satisfy the cocycle equality. If ω_i is a nowhere vanishing holomorphic section over U_i , then on $U_i \cap U_j$, we have $\omega_i = g_{ij}\omega_j$.)

Now we define $\bar{\partial}_L$ on the section in L locally by

$$\bar{\partial}_L(fw_i) = (\bar{\partial}f)w_i,$$

it is well defined because g_{ij} is holomorphic.

Now choose a Hermitian metric on L : $\|w_i\| =: \alpha_i$ with $\alpha_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^*$ smooth. The inner product is locally

$$\langle fw_i, hw_i \rangle = \int_M \bar{f}h\alpha_i^2 dx dy, \forall f \in C_c^\infty(U_i),$$

so $\bar{\partial}_L^*$ locally is

$$\langle \bar{\partial}_L^* hw_i, fw_i \rangle = \langle hw_i, \bar{\partial}_L fw_i \rangle = \int (\bar{\partial}f)\bar{h}\alpha_i^2 dx dy = - \int f\bar{\partial}(\bar{h}\alpha_i^2) dx dy.$$

This means we have an anti-linear bundle map $\varphi_L : L \rightarrow L^* = \text{Hom}(L, \mathbb{C})$ where the holomorphic section on L^* is given by w_i^* , $\varphi_L(hw_i) = \bar{h}\alpha_i^2 w_i^*$ is a well-defined isometric map. One need to check that $\bar{\partial}_L^* = -\varphi^{-1} \circ \bar{\partial}_{L^*} \circ \varphi_L$, therefore,

$$\text{ind}(\bar{\partial}_L) = \dim(\ker \bar{\partial}_L) - \dim(\ker \bar{\partial}_{L^*}).$$

Definition 4.2. A divisor on M is a function $D : M \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ with finite discrete support, denoted by $D = \sum_{p \in M} D(p)p$. The degree of D is $\text{deg}(D) = \sum_{p \in M} D(p)$. Divisor of a meromorphic function f on M is $D(f) = \sum_{p \in M} s_{f(p)}p$, where $s_{f(p)} = 1$ if p is a simple zero of f . In general, $s_{f(p)}$ is equal to the multiplicity of the zero p or minus the multiplicity of the pole p .

Given a divisor $D : a_1, \dots, a_k \in M, n_1, \dots, n_k \in \mathbb{Z}$, we can construct a holomorphic line bundle L as follows:

Let $U_0 = M \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$, $U_i =$ (disjointed) disc around a_i , ($i > 0$) be the open cover of M with the transition function $g_{0i}(z) = (z - a_i)^{-n_i}$. (L^* is constructed through $g_{0i} = (z - a_i)^{n_i}$).

For any global holomorphic section in L , locally we have $fw_0 = f_i w_i, w_0 = g_{0i} w_i$, and $f = (z - a_i)^{n_i} f_i$ near a_i , then a holomorphic section correspond to a unique meromorphic function f on M such that the multiplicity of the pole at a_i is no more than $-n_i$ if n_i and the multiplicity of zero at a_i is no less than n_i if $n_i > 0$, this is equivalent to say that $D(f) \geq D$, so

$$\dim(\ker \bar{\partial}_L) = \dim(\text{holo. sections in } L) = \dim\{f \text{ mero. on } M | D(f) \geq D\}.$$

Similarly,

$$\dim(\ker \bar{\partial}_{L^*}) = \dim(\text{holo. sections in } L^*) = \dim\{f \text{ mero. on } M | D(f) \geq -D\}.$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ind}(\bar{\partial}_L) &= \dim\{f \text{ mero.} | D(f) - D \geq 0\} - \dim\{f \text{ mero.} | D(f) + D \geq 0\} \\ &= g - 1 - D = -\text{deg}(D), \end{aligned}$$

where L is the line bundle correspond to divisor D . The second equality is due to Riemann Roch theorem.

Remark 4.3. It is fact that for any holomorphic line bundle L it correspond to a divisor $D = \sum n_i [a_i]$, then $\text{ind} \bar{\partial}_L = -\sum n_i$.

5. GENERALIZATION OF PROOF OF THE INDEX THEOREM

Recall in the proof of Atiyah-Singer index theorem we use the tangent groupoid $G \rightrightarrows M \times [0, 1]$ where $G = (0, 1] \times M \times M \cup \{0\} \times T^*M$. G as a continuous field over $[0, 1]$, $M \times M$ continuous deform into T^*M . The normal bundle with respect the inclusion $M \rightarrow M \times M$ is T^*M

Analogously if there is an embedding $i : M \rightarrow V$ we form a normal bundle $N_i(x) = T_{i(x)}/d_i(T_x M)$, $x \in M$, and define a manifold

$$D(i) = N_i \times \{0\} \cup V \times \mathbb{R}^*$$

with the smooth topology defined by $((x_n, \lambda_n) \in V \times \mathbb{R}^*) \rightarrow ((x, \xi, 0) \in N_i \times \{0\}) \Leftrightarrow \lambda_n \rightarrow 0, x_n \rightarrow i(x), p(x_n - i(x))/\lambda_n \rightarrow \xi$, where p is the projection to the quotient in the definition of $N_i(x)$. (deformation to the normal cone)

(a) Atiyah-Singer index theorem for families:

Let $p : M \rightarrow Y$ be a map with fiber $M_y = p^{-1}(y)$ and $(M_y)_{y \in Y}$ a family of manifold. Define the groupoid $G = M \times_Y M = \{(x, y) : p(x) = p(y), x, y \in M\}$ and the inclusion $M \rightarrow M \times_Y M : x \mapsto (x, x)$.

By the normal cone method we can construct $\text{ind} : K(T^*M) \rightarrow K(Y)$ and get the fiberwised index theorem.

(b) Non-commutative fibration:

Let M be a compact manifold and \tilde{M} is the universal covering space of M , and $\Gamma = \pi_1(M)$, then $M = \tilde{M}/\Gamma$.

Construct groupoid $G = \tilde{M} \times \tilde{M} / \Gamma \rightrightarrows \tilde{M} / \Gamma$ by $s((\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) / \Gamma) = \tilde{y} / \Gamma$ and $r((\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) / \Gamma) = \tilde{x} / \Gamma$. (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) and (\tilde{y}', \tilde{z}') is compossible if $\exists g \in \Gamma$ such that $\tilde{y} = \tilde{y}'g$ and the composition is $(\tilde{x}, \tilde{z}g)$. Clearly it is well defined.

The groupoid G is transitive, i.e. $\forall x, y \in M, \exists r \in G$ such that $s(r) = x, r(r) = y$. Also $G_x^x = \{r \in G | s(r) = r(r) = x\} \cong \Gamma$.

Take the inclusion $i : M \rightarrow G$ and the normal bundle to this is the cotangent bundle to M , then $D(i) = T^*M \cup (0, 1] \times G$ and we get a index map

$$\text{ind} : K^0(T^*M) \cong K^0(D(i)) \rightarrow K_0(G) \cong K_0(C_r^*\Gamma).$$

Remark 5.1. Baum-Connes Conjecture: If Γ is torsion free, then

1. Every element in $K_0(C_r^*\Gamma)$ can be constructed using the index of elliptic operator in the above way.

2. If two elliptic operator have the same index, there is a good topological reason. (This will imply Novikov conjecture).