

## DIRAC OPERATORS AND HYPERELLIPTIC MAPPING CLASS GROUPS

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Meyer defined a 2-cocycle on the mapping class group of a closed oriented surface of genus greater than 0 using the signature of 4-manifolds. It is called Meyer's signature 2-cocycle [15, 1, 2, 7, 12, 16]. It defines a nontrivial class in the second cohomology group of the mapping class group with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . In the case that the genus of the surface is 1 or 2, it is a torsion class, hence is trivial over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Since the first cohomology group over  $\mathbb{Q}$  of the mapping class group vanishes, there is a unique rational valued function on the mapping class group of genus 1 or 2 whose coboundary is the Meyer's signature cocycle. This function is called Meyer function. Since Meyer's signature cocycle is defined in a geometrical manner, it is thought that there is a geometric interpretation of the Meyer function. In fact, in the case of genus 1, using the fact that the mapping class group is  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , Atiyah gave various geometric interpretations of it in terms of the following: Hirzebruch's signature defect, Dedekind  $\eta$ -function, Quillen's determinant line bundle, Shimizu L-function, Atiyah-Patodi-Singer  $\eta$ -invariant and the adiabatic limit of  $\eta$ -invariant [1].

In higher genus cases, Meyer's signature 2-cocycle defines a nontrivial class over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Thus, on the whole mapping class group, the same doesn't go well, but if we consider only the subgroup of it called the hyperelliptic mapping class group, the same situation occurs. Therefore we have a unique function whose coboundary is Meyer's signature 2-cocycle on the subgroup, which is also called the Meyer function.

Since hyperelliptic mapping class groups and Meyer's signature 2-cocycles are geometrical objects, Meyer functions ought to have some geometric interpretations or some relations to other geometrical objects like the case of genus 1. In fact, there are some works in this direction. See [7, 10, 14, 16] for genus  $\geq 2$ .

In this note, we define some functions on subgroups of the hyperelliptic mapping class groups of surfaces using  $\eta$ -invariants of the Dirac operator and the signature one and show

a relation of them to the Meyer function on the hyperelliptic mapping class group (see also [11]).

## 2. $\eta$ -INVARIANTS OF THREE MANIFOLDS

In this section we recall the definition of  $\eta$ -invariants of 3-manifolds and some properties of them [3].

Let  $M$  be a closed oriented spin manifold of dimension 3. If a Riemannian metric on  $M$  is given, then the Dirac operator

$$D: \Gamma(S_M) \rightarrow \Gamma(S_M)$$

on the spinor bundle  $S_M$  over  $M$  is defined. It is a self adjoint elliptic operator. The function

$$\eta_D(s) = \sum_{\lambda \neq 0} \frac{\text{sign} \lambda}{|\lambda|^s},$$

where  $\lambda$  runs over the nonzero eigenvalues of the Dirac operator  $D$  with multiplicities, is holomorphic for  $\text{Re}(s) > -\frac{1}{2}$  and extends to a meromorphic function on the whole  $s$ -plane with a finite value at  $s = 0$ . The  $\eta$ -invariant  $\eta_D$  of the Dirac operator  $D$  is defined by the value  $\eta_D(0)$  of this function at the origin.

It is known that any closed oriented spin 3-manifold is realized as the boundary of a compact oriented spin 4-manifold. For the spin 3-manifold  $M$ , let  $Z$  be such a spin 4-manifold. We give a Riemannian metric on  $Z$  such that its restriction to a product neighborhood  $(-1, 0) \times M \subset Z$  of the boundary  $\partial Z = M$  is the product metric of the one on  $M$  with the standard one on  $(-1, 0]$ . Then the Dirac operator

$$D^+: \Gamma(S_Z^+) \rightarrow \Gamma(S_Z^-)$$

on the half spinor bundles is defined. Here  $S_Z^\pm$  denote the positive and the negative half spinor bundles over  $Z$ . On the product neighborhood  $(-1, 0] \times M$  of the boundary, we have

$$D^+ = e_1 \cdot \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - D \right),$$

where  $t$  is the coordinate of  $(-1, 0]$  and  $e_1 \cdot$  is the Clifford multiplication by  $\partial/\partial t$ . We remark that the orientation of  $(-1, 0] \times M$ , namely of  $Z$  is given by  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \wedge (\text{orientation of } M)$  in this note.

Let  $P$  be the projection of  $\Gamma(S_M)$  onto the space spanned by the eigenfunctions of  $D$  for nonnegative eigenvalues. Let  $\Gamma(S_Z^+; P)$  be the subspace of  $\Gamma(S_Z^+)$  consisting of the sections  $u$  which satisfy the condition  $P(u|_{0 \times M}) = 0$ . The operator

$$D^+: \Gamma(S_Z^+; P) \rightarrow \Gamma(S_Z^-)$$

has a finite index, which is denoted by  $\text{ind } D^+$ .

**Theorem 1** (Atiyah-Patodi-Singer [3]). *Under the above setting, the equality*

$$\text{ind } D^+ = -\frac{1}{24} \int_Z p_1 - \frac{h_D + \eta_D}{2}$$

*holds. Here  $p_1$  is the first Pontrjagin form of the Riemannian metric on  $Z$  and  $h_D := \dim \ker D$  is the dimension of the harmonic spinors on  $M$  with respect to the metric.*

Similarly we have the following theorem, which doesn't need spin structures.

**Theorem 2** (Atiyah-Patodi-Singer [3]). *The equality*

$$\text{sign } Z = \frac{1}{3} \int_Z p_1 - \eta_B$$

*holds. Here  $\text{sign } Z$  is the signature of the 4-manifold  $Z$  and  $\eta_B$  is the  $\eta$ -invariant of the signature operator*

$$B: \Omega^{\text{even}}(M; \mathbb{C}) \ni \phi \mapsto (-1)^{\frac{\deg \phi}{2}} (*d - d*)\phi \in \Omega^{\text{even}}(M; \mathbb{C}),$$

*where  $*$  is the Hodge  $*$ -operator with respect to the Riemannian metric on  $M$ .*

Put

$$F_M^\sigma(m) := 4\eta_D + \eta_B,$$

where  $m$  and  $\sigma$  are the Riemannian metric and the spin structure on  $M$  considered above respectively. Theorem 1 and 2 imply

$$F_M^\sigma(m) = -8 \text{ind } D^+ - \text{sign } Z - 4h_D.$$

It is known that  $\eta_B$  is continuous on the space  $\text{Met}(M)$  of the Riemannian metrics on  $M$  and that so is  $\eta_D$  on the subspace  $\text{Met}_0(M) := \{m \in \text{Met}(M) | h_{D(m)} = 0\}$  of  $\text{Met}(M)$ , where  $D(m)$  is the Dirac operator with respect to a Riemannian metric  $m$ . This implies that, on  $\text{Met}_0(M)$ ,  $F_M^\sigma(m)$  is locally constant and  $F_M^\sigma(m) = -8 \text{ind } D^+ - \text{sign } Z$ . We remark that the above result holds also in the case that the 3-manifold  $M$  is not connected. We also remark that the invariant  $F_M^\sigma(m)$  has appeared in the Seiberg-Witten theory [18, 19].

### 3. BISMUT AND CHEEGER'S PROPOSITION

In this section, we partially extend Proposition 4.41 in [6] by Bismut and Cheeger to the case that a manifold admits boundaries.

Let  $\Sigma$  be a closed oriented smooth manifold of even dimension  $l$  and  $B$  compact oriented smooth manifold of even dimension  $k$  possibly with boundary. We consider a fiber bundle

$\pi: Z \rightarrow B$  with fiber  $\Sigma$ . Near the boundary of the fibration, we may identify it with the product  $id \times (\pi|_{\partial Z}): (-\delta, 0] \times \partial Z \rightarrow (-\delta, 0] \times \partial B$  for some  $\delta > 0$ . Take a splitting  $TZ = T^H Z \oplus T^V Z$  of the tangent bundle over  $Z$  satisfying  $\mathbb{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \subset T^H Z$ , where  $t$  denotes the standard coordinate of  $(-\delta, 0]$ . Here  $T^V Z$  denotes the tangent bundle along the fiber. We assume that both  $T^V Z$  (, hence  $\Sigma$ ) and  $B$  have spin structures. Then a spin structure on  $T^H Z$  is induced from that of  $B$  via  $\pi: Z \rightarrow B$ , hence that of  $TZ$ , namely of  $Z$  is also defined (see [13]). In this paper, such a spin structure on a fiber bundle is called a *decomposed* spin structure.

We consider a Riemannian metric

$$m_Z = \pi^* m_B \oplus m^V$$

on  $Z$  such that the above splitting of  $TZ$  is orthogonal, where  $m_B$  is a Riemannian metric on  $B$  and  $m^V$  is a fiber metric on  $T^V Z$ . Moreover we assume  $m_B = dt^2 \oplus (m_B|_{\partial B})$  on  $(-\delta, 0] \times \partial B$  and  $m_Z = dt^2 \oplus \pi^*(m_B|_{\partial B}) \oplus (m^V|_{\partial Z})$  on  $(-\delta, 0] \times \partial Z$ . Thus the boundary  $\partial Z \rightarrow \partial B$  also is in the same situation.

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , put

$$m_{Z,\varepsilon} = \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \pi^* m_B\right) \oplus m^V,$$

then we have a 1-parameter family of Riemannian metrics on  $Z$ .

Thus we can consider a 1-parameter family of Dirac operators

$$D_{Z,\varepsilon}: \Gamma(S_{Z,\varepsilon}) \rightarrow \Gamma(S_{Z,\varepsilon}),$$

where  $\varepsilon$  presents the dependence on the metrics.

We can consider the Dirac operators

$$D_{Z,\varepsilon}: \Gamma(S_Z, P_\varepsilon) \rightarrow \Gamma(S_Z)$$

with the Atiyah-Patodi-Singer boundary condition as in section 2. We note that, for each  $b \in B$ , we have the Dirac operator  $D_{\pi^{-1}(b)}(m_Z|_{\pi^{-1}(b)})$  on  $\pi^{-1}(b)$  with respect to the induced Riemannian metric  $m_Z|_{\pi^{-1}(b)}$ .

**Proposition 3.** *Under the above situation, assume that the Dirac operator  $D_{\pi^{-1}(b)}(m_Z|_{\pi^{-1}(b)})$  is invertible for any  $b \in B$ . Then, for any sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the kernel of the Dirac operator  $D_{Z,\varepsilon}: \Gamma(S_Z, P_\varepsilon) \rightarrow \Gamma(S_Z)$  vanishes.*

We can prove this proposition in the same way as the proof by Bismut and Cheeger in

**Corollary 4.** *Under the assumption of Proposition 3, the kernels, the cokernels and the indices of the Dirac operators  $D_{Z,\varepsilon}^+ : \Gamma(S_{Z,\varepsilon}^+, P_\varepsilon^+) \rightarrow \Gamma(S_{Z,\varepsilon}^-)$  and  $D_{\partial Z,\varepsilon} : \Gamma(S_{\partial Z,\varepsilon}) \rightarrow \Gamma(S_{\partial Z,\varepsilon})$  vanish for any sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$ .*

The statement on  $D_{\partial Z,\varepsilon}$  in this corollary is a result of Bismut and Cheeger's proposition [6].

#### 4. THE HYPERELLIPTIC MAPPING CLASS GROUPS AND THE MEYER FUNCTIONS

In this section, we recall the definitions of the hyperelliptic mapping class group and of the Meyer function on it.

Let  $\Sigma_g$  be a closed oriented surface of genus  $g \geq 1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_g$  its mapping class group consisting of the isotopy classes of orientation preserving diffeomorphisms of  $\Sigma_g$ . We denote the 2-sphere with 3-holes by  $P$ . For any  $a, b \in \mathcal{M}_g$ , let  $N_{a,b}$  be the  $\Sigma_g$ -bundle over  $P$  with monodromies  $a^{-1}$  and  $b^{-1}$ .

Meyer's signature 2-cocycle

$$\text{sign}_g : \mathcal{M}_g \times \mathcal{M}_g \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

is defined by  $\text{sign}_g(a, b) := \text{sign}(N_{a,b})$ , where  $\text{sign}(N_{a,b})$  is the signature of the 4-manifold  $N_{a,b}$  [1, 15]. Novikov additivity for the signature of manifolds shows that  $\text{sign}_g$  satisfies the cocycle condition.

Let  $\iota$  be the involution on  $\Sigma_g$  with  $2g + 2$  fixed points depicted in Figure 1.

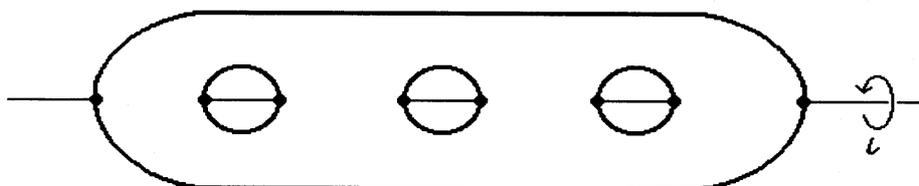


FIGURE 1. An involution  $\iota$  on  $\Sigma_g$  with  $2g + 2$  fixed points.

The hyperelliptic mapping class group  $\mathcal{H}_g$  of  $\Sigma_g$  is the subgroup of  $\mathcal{M}_g$  consisting of elements which commute with the class of  $\iota$ . It is known that  $\mathcal{M}_1 = \mathcal{H}_1 = SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_2 = \mathcal{H}_2$  and that  $\mathcal{H}_g (g \geq 3)$  is a subgroup of  $\mathcal{M}_g$  of infinite index.

Meyer's signature cocycle  $\text{sign}_g$  defines a nontrivial class of the second cohomology group  $H^2(\mathcal{M}_g, \mathbb{Z})$  of  $\mathcal{M}_g$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}$  and its restriction to  $\mathcal{H}_g$  is also nontrivial. But it is trivial in  $H^2(\mathcal{H}_g, \mathbb{Q})$ . Thus there exists a function or 1-cochain

$$\phi_g : \mathcal{H}_g \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$$

such that  $sign_g = \delta\phi_g$ , where  $\delta$  denotes the coboundary operator defined by  $\delta\phi_g(a, b) = \phi_g(b) - \phi_g(ab) + \phi_g(a)$  for  $a, b \in \mathcal{H}_g$ . It follows that  $\phi_g$  is unique from the fact of  $H^1(\mathcal{H}_g, \mathbb{Q}) = \{0\}$ . This function  $\phi_g$  is called the Meyer function. It is known to be conjugacy invariant. Its values are contained in  $\frac{1}{2g+1}\mathbb{Z}$  and concrete values on Lickorish generators and BSCC maps are calculated by Endo [7], Matsumoto [14] and Morifuji [16].

In the case of  $g = 1$ , under the identification  $\mathcal{M}_1 \cong \mathcal{H}_1 \cong SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , Meyer [15] and Atiyah [1] gave an explicit expression of the Meyer function using the Dedekind sums (see also [12]). Thus we can compute the values of it. Moreover Atiyah [1] put various geometric interpretations on the values of  $\phi_1$  on hyperbolic elements.

There is another description of the hyperelliptic mapping class group as follows, which is needed in this note.

We consider the subgroup  $Diff_+^t(\Sigma_g)$  of the group  $Diff_+(\Sigma_g)$  of orientation preserving diffeomorphisms of  $\Sigma_g$  consisting of the elements which commute with  $\iota$ . Birman and Hilden [5] proved that the quotient group of this subgroup modulo its identity component is isomorphic to the hyperelliptic mapping class group  $\mathcal{H}_g$ .

In this note we let a hyperelliptic fibration mean a  $\Sigma_g$ -bundle with structure group  $Diff_+^t(\Sigma_g)$ . Since it is known that the identity component of  $Diff_+^t(\Sigma_g)$  is contractible, that we consider hyperelliptic fibrations is equivalent to that we consider representations of the fundamental groups of their base spaces to the hyperelliptic mapping class group  $\mathcal{H}_g$ .

## 5. A RESULT OF BÄR AND SCHMUTZ FOR DIRAC OPERATORS ON SURFACES

In this section we recall a result [4] of Bär and Schmutz for the Dirac operators on hyperelliptic Riemann surfaces.

Let  $\Sigma_g$  be a closed oriented surface of genus  $g \geq 2$ .

For any spin structure and any Riemannian metric on  $\Sigma_g$ , we have the Dirac operator

$$D: \Gamma(S_{\Sigma_g}) \rightarrow \Gamma(S_{\Sigma_g}),$$

where  $S_{\Sigma_g}$  is the spinor bundle over  $\Sigma_g$  with respect to the spin structure and the Riemannian metric on  $\Sigma_g$ .

We are interested in the behavior of the dimension  $\dim \ker D$  of the space of the harmonic spinors under deformation of metrics. On a surface, since the dimensions of the spaces of the positive and the negative harmonic spinors agree, we have only to know the behavior of the dimension  $h^0$  of the positive spinors. If we consider only metrics inducing a hyperelliptic complex structure, it has been completely described by C. Bär and P. Schmutz [4] as follows.

**Theorem 5** (C. Bär and P. Schmutz [4]). *Let  $\Sigma_g$  be a hyperelliptic Riemann surface of odd genus  $g$  with Weierstrass points  $p_1, \dots, p_{2g+2}$ . Then the  $2^{2g}$  divisors*

$$(g-1)p_1, (g-2k)p_{i_1} + p_{i_2} + \dots + p_{i_{2k}} \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{g-1}{2}), -p_1 + p_{i_2} + \dots + p_{i_{g+1}},$$

where  $i_\nu < i_\mu$  for  $\nu < \mu$ , are the pairwise inequivalent square roots of the canonical divisor, hence these give the spin structures of  $\Sigma_g$ .

Moreover, for the spin structures corresponding to the above divisors, the dimensions  $h^0$  of the positive harmonic spinors are given by

$$\frac{g+1}{2}, \frac{g-2k+1}{2} \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{g-1}{2}), 0$$

respectively.

Similarly in the case of even genus  $g$ , the  $2^{2g}$  divisors are given by

$$(g-(2k+1))p_{i_1} + p_{i_2} + \dots + p_{i_{2k+1}} \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{g-2}{2}), -p_1 + p_{i_2} + \dots + p_{i_{g+1}}$$

and the corresponding dimensions  $h^0$  are given by

$$\frac{g-(2k+1)+1}{2} \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{g-2}{2}), 0$$

respectively.

Let  $\mathcal{S}(\Sigma_g)$  be the set of the spin structures on  $\Sigma_g$ , then we have  $\#\mathcal{S}(\Sigma_g) = 2^{2g}$ .

Let  $\iota$  be the involution in section 4 and  $Met(\Sigma_g)^\iota$  the space of  $\iota$ -invariant Riemannian metrics on  $\Sigma_g$ . Then we can obtain the following corollary from Theorem 5 and some elementary facts about hyperelliptic Riemann surfaces.

**Corollary 6.** *For any fixed spin structure on  $\Sigma_g$ , the dimension  $\dim \ker D$  of the harmonic spinors on  $\Sigma_g$  is constant on  $Met(\Sigma_g)^\iota$ . Moreover put  $\mathcal{S}_0(\Sigma_g) = \{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}(\Sigma_g) \mid \dim \ker D = 0 \text{ on } Met(\Sigma_g)^\iota\}$ , then the number  $\#\mathcal{S}_0(\Sigma_g)$  is  $\binom{2g+1}{g}$ .*

Clearly the subset  $\mathcal{S}_0(\Sigma_g)$  is preserved by the action of  $\mathcal{H}_g$ .

We remark that this corollary holds also for  $g = 0, 1, 2$  by a result [9] of Hitchin. In this case, it holds on the space of all Riemannian metrics.

## 6. SOME FUNCTIONS ON SUBGROUPS OF HYPERELLIPTIC MAPPING CLASS GROUPS

In this section we define some functions on subgroups of hyperelliptic mapping class groups and state our main theorem.

For any spin structure  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}(\Sigma_g)$ , let  $\mathcal{H}_g^\sigma$  be the subgroup of  $\mathcal{H}_g$  consisting of the elements which preserve  $\sigma$ .

Let  $*$   $\in D^2 \subset \Sigma_g$  be a base point and an embedded disk in  $\Sigma_g$ . Let  $\mathcal{M}_{g,1}$  be the group of all isotopy classes relative to  $D^2$  of diffeomorphisms of  $\Sigma_g$  which restrict to the identity on  $D^2$ . Then there is a natural homomorphism  $j: \mathcal{M}_{g,1} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_g$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_{g,1}^\sigma$  be the subgroup of  $\mathcal{M}_{g,1}$  given by  $j^{-1}(\mathcal{H}_g^\sigma)$ .

Let  $\sigma_{S^1}$  be the spin structure on  $S^1 = \partial D^2$  induced from the unique one on  $D^2$ .

For any  $a \in \mathcal{H}_{g,1}^\sigma$ , we define a  $\Sigma_g$ -bundle  $M_a$  over  $S^1$  by  $M_a = \Sigma_g \times [0, 1]/(x, 0) \sim (a(x), 1)$ . Moreover we have the identification  $i$  of  $\Sigma_g$  with the fiber of  $M_a$  at the base point  $1 \in S^1$ . Here we remark that we can confuse diffeomorphisms on  $\Sigma_g$  with their mapping classes since surface bundles are determined by their holonomies in  $\mathcal{M}_{g,1}$  for  $g \geq 1$ .

**Lemma 7.** *A decomposed spin structure  $\sigma_a$  on  $M_a$  is uniquely constructed for each  $a \in \mathcal{H}_{g,1}^\sigma$ .*

The decomposed spin structure  $\sigma_a$  in this lemma is defined as follows. Take a splitting  $TM_a = T^V M_a \oplus T^H M_a$ , where  $T^V M_a$  be the tangent bundle of the  $\Sigma_g$ -bundle  $M_a$  along the fiber. A spin structure on  $T^H M_a$  is given by the pullback of the spin structure  $\sigma_{S^1}$  on  $S^1$  via the projection  $\pi: M_a \rightarrow S^1$ . Let  $P_{GL_+}(T^V M_a)$  be the  $GL_+(2, \mathbb{R})$ -bundle over  $M_a$  associated with  $T^V M_a$ . It can be regarded also as a bundle over  $S^1$  with fiber  $P_{GL_+}(T\Sigma_g)$  which is the  $GL_+(2, \mathbb{R})$ -bundle associated with  $T\Sigma_g$ . We note that a spin structure on  $T^V M_a$  is corresponding to a homomorphism from  $\pi_1(P_{GL_+}(T^V M_a))$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  with the non-trivial value on the class of  $SO(2)$  in the fiber  $GL_+(2, \mathbb{R})$ . If we take an oriented basis  $b = \{b_1, b_2\}$  for  $T_*\Sigma_g$  at the base point, then since any element of  $\mathcal{H}_{g,1}^\sigma$  preserves the basis  $b$  for  $T_*\Sigma_g$ , the bundle  $P_{GL_+}(T^V M_a)$  over  $S^1$  has the section  $\bar{b}$  obtained from the basis  $b$ . We give a spin structure on  $T^V M_a$  by the homomorphism on  $\pi_1(P_{GL_+}(T^V M_a))$  whose restriction to the fiber is corresponding to  $\sigma$  and whose value on  $S^1$ , which is the image of  $\bar{b}$ , is trivial.

These spin structures induce a spin structure  $\sigma_a$  on  $TM_a$ . This is the required one.

Next we replace the representative of the class  $a \in \mathcal{H}_{g,1}^\sigma \subset \mathcal{M}_{g,1}^\sigma$  by that of  $j(a) \in \mathcal{H}_g^\sigma$  which is taken in  $Diff_+^1(\Sigma_g)$ . Then we can obtain a structure of a hyperelliptic fibration on  $M_a$ . Moreover this fibration has a decomposed spin structure induced from  $\sigma_a$  using an isotopy between old and new representatives.

From now on, we assume  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_0(\Sigma_g)$ . Let  $m_a = \pi^* m_{S^1} \oplus m^V$  be a metric on  $M_a$  satisfying the same conditions as in Proposition 3 and  $m_{a,\varepsilon} = (\varepsilon^{-1} \pi^* m_{S^1}) \oplus m^V$  a 1-parameter family of Riemannian metrics on  $M_a$  with  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Thus we have the 1-parameter family of the Dirac operators  $D_{M_a,\varepsilon}: \Gamma(S_{M_a,\varepsilon}) \rightarrow \Gamma(S_{M_a,\varepsilon})$  on the 3-manifold  $M_a$  with the spin structure  $\sigma_a$  for  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By Corollary 4 and the fact that the condition of

$\dim \ker D_{M_a} = 0$  is an open one on the space of the Riemannian metrics, the function

$$F_{\sigma,1}: \mathcal{H}_{g,1}^\sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

defined by

$$F_{\sigma,1}(a) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} F_{M_a}^{\sigma_a}(m_{a,\varepsilon}),$$

where  $F_{M_a}^{\sigma_a}(m_{a,\varepsilon})$  was defined in section 2, is well defined since any two metrics on  $M_a$  satisfying the above conditions can be connected by a path of metrics with the same conditions.

**Lemma 8.** *For any  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_0(\Sigma_g)$ , the following holds:*

1.  $F_{\sigma,1}(1) = 0$ ,
2.  $F_{\sigma,1}(a^{-1}) = -F_{\sigma,1}(a)$ ,
3.  $F_{(f^{-1})^*\sigma,1}(faf^{-1}) = F_{\sigma,1}(a)$ ,
4.  $j^* \text{sign}_g = -\delta F_{\sigma,1}$  on  $\mathcal{H}_{g,1}^\sigma$ ,

where  $a \in \mathcal{H}_{g,1}^\sigma$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{g,1}$ ,  $1$  is the identity element of  $\mathcal{H}_{g,1}^\sigma$  and  $\delta$  is the coboundary operator.

For any  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_0(\Sigma_g)$ , let

$$\psi_{\sigma,1}: \mathcal{H}_{g,1}^\sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$$

be the function defined by

$$\psi_{\sigma,1} := F_{\sigma,1} + j^* \phi_g.$$

Since the Meyer function  $\phi_g$  has similar properties to those in Lemma 8, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 9.** *For any  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_0(\Sigma_g)$ ,  $\psi_{\sigma,1}$  is a homomorphism on  $\mathcal{H}_{g,1}^\sigma$ . Moreover the equality  $\psi_{(f^{-1})^*\sigma,1}(faf^{-1}) = \psi_{\sigma,1}(a)$  holds for all  $a \in \mathcal{H}_{g,1}^\sigma$  and  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{g,1}$ .*

The next proposition shows that the functions  $F_{\sigma,1}$  and  $\psi_{\sigma,1}$  are obtained from functions on  $\mathcal{H}_g^\sigma$  by the pullback via  $j: \mathcal{H}_{g,1}^\sigma \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_g^\sigma$ .

**Proposition 10.** *The functions  $F_{\sigma,1}$  and  $\psi_{\sigma,1}$  descend to  $F_\sigma: \mathcal{H}_g^\sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\psi_\sigma: \mathcal{H}_g^\sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  respectively. Moreover  $F_\sigma$  and  $\psi_\sigma$  have similar properties to those in Lemma 8 and Corollary 9 respectively*

Now we state our main theorem. Put  $\mathcal{H}_g^{\mathcal{S}_0} := \bigcap_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_0(\Sigma_g)} \mathcal{H}_g^\sigma$ , then it is a subgroup of  $\mathcal{H}_g$  of finite index and all of functions  $F_\sigma$  are defined on it.

**Theorem 11.** *The equality  $\phi_g = -\frac{1}{\#\mathcal{S}_0(\Sigma_g)} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_0(\Sigma_g)} F_\sigma$  holds on  $\mathcal{H}_g^{\mathcal{S}_0}$ .*

From this theorem and explicit values of  $\phi_g$  (see [7, 16]), we can find that the functions  $F_\sigma$  and  $\psi_\sigma$  are nontrivial on  $\mathcal{H}_g^{\mathcal{S}_0}$ , hence on  $\mathcal{H}_g^\sigma$  for any  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_0(\Sigma_g)$ .

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