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# SPECTRAL INVARIANT OF THE ZETA FUNCTION OF THE LAPLACIAN ON $Sp(r + 1)/Sp(1) \times Sp(r)$

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**Abstract.** The aim of this paper is to compute a spectral invariant of the Zeta function  $\zeta(A, s)$  at  $s = 0$  of the Laplace Beltrami operator  $\Delta$  acting on 1-forms on  $Sp(r + 1)/Sp(1) \times Sp(r)$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

When  $A$  is a self adjoint positive elliptic pseudo-differential operator of order  $m (> 0)$  acting on a compact  $n$ -dimensional manifold  $X$ , its eigen values are  $\lambda > 0$ . Its Zeta function  $\zeta(A, s)$  is defined as

$$(1) \quad \zeta(A, s) = \text{Trace } A^{-s} = \sum_{\lambda > 0} \lambda^{-s}.$$

Here each eigenvalue repeats as many times as its multiplicity. This series converges to  $\text{Re}(s) > \frac{n}{m}$  [4] and gives a holomorphic function of the complex variables in this half plane. Moreover  $\zeta(A, s)$  can be analytically continued to the whole of  $s$  plane as a meromorphic function with simple poles. When the operator  $A$  is not necessarily positive, we define its eta function as  $\eta(A, s) = \sum_{\lambda \neq 0} \text{Sign } \lambda |\lambda|^{-s}$ , where each eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$  repeats as many times as its multiplicity.

The real valued invariants of the metric satisfying the condition that it is a continuous function of the metric can be obtained by evaluating  $\zeta$  at some point where it is known to be finite. For a positive operator  $A$ ,  $\eta(A, s) = \zeta(A, s)$  is finite at  $s = 0$  by the results in [7]. In [2] and [3], the spectral asymmetry of certain selfadjoint elliptic operators arising in Riemannian geometry was studied. In particular an expression for  $\eta(0)$  was given in [2] for the selfadjoint operator  $B = \pm(*d - d^*)$  acting on even forms on the boundary  $Y$  of a  $4k$  dimensional

compact oriented manifold  $X$ . Here  $B^2$ , the square of  $B$ , is the usual Laplace Beltrami operator  $\Delta$ . The function  $\zeta(A, s)$  for arbitrary selfadjoint operators was studied in detail in [4]. In [10], we gave a general method of analytic continuation to compute the spectral invariant of the Zeta function  $\zeta(\Delta, s)$  at  $s = 0$  of the Laplace Beltrami operator  $\Delta$  acting on 2-forms on sphere  $S^{4r-1}$  and computed explicitly the value of  $\zeta(\Delta, 0)$  for  $S^{4r-1}$ . The aim of this paper is to compute the spectral invariant of the Zeta function  $\zeta(\Delta, s)$  at  $s = 0$  of the Laplacian  $\Delta$  acting on forms of degree 1 on  $Sp(r + 1)/Sp(1) \times Sp(r)$ . The method we have used here is similar to the method that we used in [10].

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## 2. SPECTRA OF THE LAPLACIAN $\Delta$ ON $Sp(r + 1)/Sp(1) \times Sp(r)$

Let  $G$  be a compact connected semisimple Liegroup and  $K$  be a closed subgroup of it. We consider the space  $M = G/K$ . The Laplace Beltrami operator or Laplacian is defined as  $\Delta = d\delta + \delta d$ , where  $d$  is the exterior differentiation defined on  $C^\infty(\Lambda^p M)$ , the vector space of the smooth sections of the  $p^{\text{th}}$  exterior power of the complexified cotangent bundle  $\Lambda^p M$  on  $M$  and  $\delta$  is the operator adjoint to  $d$ . When  $B$  is the Killing form of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{J}$  of  $G$ , the casimir element is  $C = \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq N} C^{ij} X_i \cdot X_j$ , where  $\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$  is a basis of  $\mathfrak{J}$  and  $C^{ij} = (B(X_i, X_j))^{-1}$ .

We have the Cartan decomposition

$$\mathfrak{J} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{m}$$

(direct sum), where  $\mathfrak{k}$  is Lie algebra of  $K$  and  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the orthogonal complement to  $\mathfrak{k}$  in  $\mathfrak{J}$  with respect to the Killing form  $B$ . Restricting the Killing form sign changed to  $\mathfrak{m}$ , we get a bi-variant Riemannian metric on  $M = G/K$  and the identity  $\Delta = -C$  [5]. Using this result, the eigenvalues and its multiplicities for  $\Delta$  acting on  $p$ -form were computed for some  $p$  and some  $r$  for the space  $Sp(r + 1)/Sp(1) \times Sp(r)$  in [13]. In [9], we computed all eigenvalues of  $\Delta$  acting on 1-form on  $Sp(r + 1)/Sp(1) \times Sp(r)$  without using the identity  $\Delta = -C$  and our results coincide with the results in [13]. We state the theorem  $A$  that we have proved in [9].

**Theorem.** *The spectrum of the de Rham Hodge operator  $\square$  (or Laplacian  $\Delta$ ) acting on forms of degree 1 on  $Sp(r+1)/Sp(1) \times Sp(r)$  ( $r \geq 1$ ) is the union of the sets*

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2(r+2)}(n^2 + 2nr + n); n \in N^* \right\},$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2(r+2)}(n^2 + 2nr + 3n + 2r + 4); n \in N \right\}$$

and

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2(r+2)}(n^2 + 2nr + 2n + 2r + 1); n \in N^* \right\}.$$

Using the notations in [9] if  $A_\rho$  is the highest weight of the irreducible representation  $\rho$  intervening in the  $C^\infty$  sections of the complexified cotangent bundle on  $m$ , then the multiplicity of an eigenvalue  $\omega$  is the product of the multiplicity of  $A_\rho$  and the dimension of the representation  $\rho$ . By the results in [9], the multiplicity of  $A_\rho$  is 1 in each case. The dimension of the representation can be computed using Weyl's formula:

$$\frac{\pi \langle A_\rho + \delta, \alpha \rangle}{\alpha > 0 \langle \delta, \alpha \rangle}.$$

Here  $\alpha > 0$  are the positive roots in  $Sp(r+1)$  and  $\delta$  is half the sum of the positive roots in  $Sp(r+1)$ . So we get the following table.

Highest weight $A_\rho$	Multiplicity of the eigenvalue
$n(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$	$K_1 \cdot a(n, 2r) \cdot a(n, 2r - 1) (n \in N^*)$
$(n+2)\lambda_1 + n\lambda_2$	$K_2 \cdot a(n+2, 2r) \cdot a(n, 2r - 1) (n \in N)$
$(n+1)\lambda_1 + n\lambda_2 + \lambda_3$	$K_3 \cdot a(n+1, 2r+1) \cdot a(n, 2r) (n \in N^*)$

Here

$$K_1 = \frac{2n + 2r + 1}{(2r + 1)(n + 1)},$$

$$K_2 = \frac{3(2n + 2r + 3)}{(2r + 1)(n + 3)},$$

$$K_3 = \frac{4nr(2r - 2)(2n + 2r + 2)}{(n + 1)(n + 3)(n + 2r - 1)(n + 2r + 1)}$$

and

$$a(r, s) = \binom{r+s}{s}.$$

### 3. ZETA FUNCTION OF THE LAPLACIAN $\Delta$ ON $Sp(r+1)/Sp(1) \times Sp(r)$ AND THE SPECTRAL INVARIANT

As we consider the positive operator  $\Delta$ , we get  $\eta(\Delta, s) = \zeta(\Delta, s)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(\Delta, s) = & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{2n+2r+1}{(2r+1)(n+1)} \binom{n+2r}{2r} \binom{n+2r-1}{2r-1} \times \left\{ \frac{n^2+2nr+n}{2(r+2)} \right\}^{-s} \right\} + \\ & + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3(2n+2r+3)}{(2r+1)(n+3)} \binom{n+2r-1}{2r-1} \binom{n+2r+2}{2r} \times \left\{ \frac{n^2+2nr+3n+2r+4}{2(r+2)} \right\}^{-s} \Bigg\} + \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4nr(2r-2)(2n+2r+2)}{(n+1)(n+3)(n+2r-1)(n+2r+1)} \binom{n+2r+2}{2r+1} \binom{n+2r}{2r} \times \\ & \times \left\{ \frac{n^2+2nr+2n+2r+1}{2(r+2)} \right\}^{-s} \Bigg\}. \end{aligned}$$

First we explain below the method of analytic continuation which we use to compute  $\zeta(\Delta, s)$  at  $s = 0$ . Let  $S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g(n) \{f(n)\}^{-s}$  be a series, where  $g(n)$  and  $f(n)$  are two primitive polynomials of degrees  $q$  and  $k$  respectively. This series  $S$  has analytic continuation in the entire complex plane as

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g(n) \{n^k + P(n)\}^{-s} - n^{-ks} \Bigg\} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g(n) n^{-ks}.$$

Here  $f(n) = n^k + P(n)$ ,  $P(n)$  being a polynomial of degree  $k-1$ . Let

$$(I) = \sum_{n \leq c} g(n) \{n^k + P(n)\}^{-s} - n^{-ks},$$

$$(II) = \sum_{n > c} g(n) n^{-ks} \left\{ \left( 1 + \frac{P(n)}{n^k} \right)^{-s} - 1 \right\},$$

$$(III) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g(n) n^{-ks}.$$

The positive number  $c$  is chosen such that  $\left| \frac{Pu \cdot p(n)}{n^k} \right| < 1$ . So,  $S$  has analytic continuation in the entire complex plane with

$$S = (I) + (II) + (III).$$

Now, (I) is an entire function whose value at  $s = 0$  is 0. In (II),  $\left( 1 + \frac{Pu \cdot p(n)}{n^k} \right)^{-s}$

can be expanded using binomial theorem because  $\left| \frac{Pu \cdot p(n)}{n^k} \right| < 1$ .

So

$$(II) = \sum_{n>c} g(n) n^{-ks} \left\{ \frac{-sP(n)}{n^k} + \frac{s(s+1)}{2} \left( \frac{P(n)}{n^k} \right)^2 \dots \text{to } \infty \right\},$$

when  $s \rightarrow 0$ , (II) gives some constants due to first few terms as  $s\zeta(s+1) \rightarrow 1$  and all the other terms in (II) will tend to zero. Here  $\zeta$  is the ordinary Riemann-Zeta function. Moreover the sum in (II) taken over any finite rectangle also tends to zero as  $s \rightarrow 0$ .

Let  $g(n) = \sum_{i=0}^q a_i n^i$  where

$$a_i \quad (0 \leq i \leq q)$$

are constants with

$$a_q = 1.$$

Then

$$(III) = \sum_{i=0}^q a_i \zeta(ks - i),$$

when  $s \rightarrow 0$ , (III) will contribute some constants to  $\zeta(\Delta, 0)$ . Now we compute  $\zeta(\Delta, s)$  at  $s = 0$  for  $Sp(r+1)/Sp(1) \times Sp(r)$ . Let us make the following assumptions:

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(n) &= \frac{2n+2r+1}{(2r+1)(n+1)} \binom{n+2r}{2r} \binom{n+2r-1}{2r-1} = \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{4r-1} a_i n^i, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_2(n) &= \frac{3(2n+2r+3)}{(2r+1)(n+3)} \binom{n+2r-1}{2r-1} \binom{n+2r+2}{2r} = \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{4r-1} b_i n^i, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_3(n) &= \frac{4nr(2r-2)(2n+2r+2)}{(n+1)(n+3)(n+2r-1)(n+2r+1)} \times \\ &\times \binom{n+2r+2}{2r+1} \binom{n+2r}{2r} = \sum_{i=0}^{4r-1} c_i n^i, \end{aligned}$$

$$f_1(n) = \frac{n^2 + 2rn + n}{2(r+2)},$$

$$f_2(n) = \frac{n^2 + 2nr + 3n + 2r + 4}{2(r+2)},$$

$$f_3(n) = \frac{n^2 + 2nr + 2n + 2r + 1}{2(r+2)}.$$

Then

$$\zeta(\Delta, s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_1(n) \{f_1(n)\}^{-s} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_2(n) \{f_2(n)\}^{-s} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_3(n) \{f_3(n)\}^{-s},$$

$$\zeta(\Delta, s)_{(s=0)} = (r+1)(2r+3) + \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_1(n) \{f_1(n)\}^{-s} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_2(n) \{f_2(n)\}^{-s} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_3(n) \{f_3(n)\}^{-s} \right\} \quad (s=0).$$

We first find the contribution to  $\zeta(\Delta, 0)$  from

$$S_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_1(n) \{f_1(n)\}^{-s}.$$

This series has analytic continuation in the entire complex plane as

$$S_1 = \text{(I)} + \text{(II)} + \text{(III)},$$

where

$$\text{(I)} = \sum_{n=1}^{2r+1} g_1(n) \left\{ \left( \frac{n^2}{2(r+2)} + \frac{2nr+n}{2(r+2)} \right)^{-s} - \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt{2(r+2)}} \right)^{-2s} \right\},$$

$$\text{(II)} = \sum_{n=2r+2}^{\infty} g_1(n) \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt{2(r+2)}} \right)^{-2s} \left\{ \left( 1 + \frac{2r+1}{n} \right)^{-s} - 1 \right\},$$

$$\text{(III)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_1(n) \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt{2(r+2)}} \right)^{-2s},$$

(I) is entire function whose value at  $s=0$  is 0. As

$$\left| \frac{2r+1}{n} \right| < 1 \quad \text{for } n \geq 2r+2,$$

$$\text{(II)} = \sum_{n=2r+2}^{\infty} g_1(n) \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt{2(r+2)}} \right)^{-2s} \left\{ -s \frac{2r+1}{n} + \frac{s(s+1)}{2} \left( \frac{2r+1}{n} \right)^2 - \dots \text{to } \infty \right\}.$$

Denoting by  $(\text{II})_i$ , the  $i$ -th term of (II) in above expansion, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{II})_1 &= -s \sum_{n=2r+2}^{\infty} g_1(n) \left\{ \frac{n}{\sqrt{2(r+2)}} \right\}^{-2s} \cdot \frac{2r+1}{n} = \\ &= \frac{-s(2r+1)}{(\sqrt{2(r+2)})^{-2s}} \sum_{n=2r+2}^{\infty} g_1(n) n^{-(2s+1)}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{II})_1 \quad (\text{at } s=0) &= -(2r+1) \left\{ s \sum_{i=0}^{4r-1} a_i \zeta(2s+1-i) \right\} = \frac{-(2r+1)}{2} a_0 \\ & \quad (\text{at } s=0). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$(II)_2 \quad (\text{at } s = 0) = \frac{(2r+1)^2}{4} \cdot a_1,$$

$$(II)_3 \quad (\text{at } s = 0) = \frac{-(2r+1)^3}{6} \cdot a_2$$

and so on. Finally

$$(II)_{4r-1} \quad (\text{at } s = 0) = \frac{(-1)^{4r-1} (2r+1)^{4r-1}}{2(4r-1)} \cdot a_{4r-2}$$

and

$$(II)_{4r} \quad (\text{at } s = 0) = \frac{(-1)^{4r} (2r+1)^{4r}}{2(4r)} \cdot a_{4r-1}.$$

All the other terms in (II) will tend to zero as  $s$  tends to zero.

$$(III) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_1(n) \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt{2(r+2)}} \right)^{-2s} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(r+2)}} \right)^{-2s} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_1(n) n^{-2s},$$

$$\begin{aligned} (III) \quad (\text{at } s = 0) &= \sum_{i=0}^{4r-1} a_i \zeta(2s-i) \quad (\text{at } s = 0) = \\ &= a_0 \zeta(0) + a_1 \zeta(-1) + a_3 \zeta(-3) + \dots + a_{4r-1} \zeta(1-4r) = \\ &= \frac{-a_0}{2} - \frac{a_1 B_1}{2} + \frac{a_3 B_2}{4} - \frac{a_5 B_3}{6} + \dots + a_{4r-1} \frac{B_{2r}}{4r}. \end{aligned}$$

Here we used the formulae:

$$\zeta(0) = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad \zeta(-2m) = 0$$

and

$$\zeta(1-2m) = \frac{(-1)^m B_m}{2m} \quad \text{for } m = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

in which  $B_1, B_2, \dots$  are Bernoulli's numbers [12].

Let us now find out the contribution to  $\zeta(\Delta, 0)$  from

$$S_2 = \sum g_2(n) \{f_2(n)\}^{-s}.$$

$S_2$  has analytic continuation in the entire complex plane as  $S_2 = (IV) + (V) + (VI)$  where

$$(IV) = \sum_{n=1}^c g_2(n) \left\{ \left( \frac{n^2}{2(r+2)} + \frac{2nr+3n+2r+4}{2(r+2)} \right)^{-s} - \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt{2(r+2)}} \right)^{-2s} \right\},$$

$$(V) = \sum_{n=c+1}^{\infty} g_2 \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt{2(r+2)}} \right)^{-2s} \left\{ \left( 1 + \frac{2nr+3n+2r+4}{n^2} \right)^{-s} - 1 \right\},$$



$$(VI) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_2(n) \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt{2(r+2)}} \right)^{-2s}.$$

Here  $c$  is chosen such that  $\left| \frac{2nr + 3n + 2r + 4}{n^2} \right| < 1$ .

For example when  $r = 2$ ,  $c$  can be chosen to be equal to 8. (IV) is entire function whose value at  $s = 0$  is 0.

$$(V) = \sum_{n=c+1}^{\infty} g_2(n) \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt{2(r+2)}} \right)^{-2s} \left\{ -s \cdot \frac{2nr + 3n + 2r + 4}{n^2} + \frac{s(s+1)}{1.2} \left( \frac{2nr + 3n + 2r + 4}{n^2} \right)^2 - \dots \text{ to } \infty \right\}.$$

Let

$$P_2(n) = 2nr + 3n + 2r + 4$$

and

$$g_2(n) (P_2(n))^t = \sum_{i=0}^{4r+t-1} b_{(t,i)} n^i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq t \leq 4r.$$

Denoting by  $(V)_i$ , the  $i$ -th term of (V), we get

$$(V)_1 = \frac{-s}{(\sqrt{2(r+2)})^{-2s}} \sum_{n=c+1}^{\infty} g_2(n) P_2(n) n^{-(2s+2)},$$

$$(V)_1 \quad (\text{at } s = 0) = -s \sum_{i=0}^{4r} b_{(1,i)} \zeta(2s+2-i) = -\frac{1}{2} b_{(1,1)}$$

(at  $s = 0$ ).

Similarly

$$(V)_2 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot b_{(2,3)} \quad \text{and so on.}$$

Finally

$$(V)_{4r} = \frac{(-1)^{4r}}{8r} \cdot b_{(4r, 8r-1)}.$$

Now

$$(VI) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_2(n) \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt{2(r+2)}} \right)^{-2s} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(r+2)}} \right)^{-2s} \sum_{i=0}^{4r-1} b_i \zeta(2s-i),$$

$$(VI) \quad (\text{at } s = 0) = -\frac{b_0}{2} - \frac{b_1 B_1}{2} + \frac{b_3 B_2}{4} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{2r} b_{4r-1} B_{2r}}{4r}.$$

Similarly to find the contribution from  $S_3 = \sum g_3(n) \{f_3(n)\}^{-s}$ , we assume that

$$P_3(n) = 2nr + 2n + 2r + 1$$

and

$$g_3(n) (P_3(n))^t = \sum_{i=0}^{4r+t-1} c_{(t,i)} n^i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq t \leq 4r.$$

As we have done for  $S_2$ , the contribution from  $S_3$  can be found out.

So we have now proved the following theorem:

**Theorem.** A spectral invariant of the Zeta function  $\zeta(\Delta, s)$  at  $s = 0$  of the Laplace Beltrami operator  $\Delta$  acting on forms of degree 1 on  $Sp(r + 1)/Sp(1) \times Sp(r)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{t=1}^{4r} \frac{(-1)^t (2r+1)^t}{2t} \cdot a_{t-1} - \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{t=0}^{2r} \frac{(-1)^t a_{2t-1} B_t}{2t} + \\ & + \sum_{t=1}^{4r} \frac{(-1)^t}{2t} \cdot b_{(t, 2t-1)} - \frac{b_0}{2} + \sum_{t=1}^{2r} \frac{(-1)^t b_{2t-1} B_t}{2t} + \\ & + \sum_{t=1}^{4r} \frac{(-1)^t}{2t} c_{(t, 2t-1)} - \frac{c_0}{2} + \sum_{t=1}^{2r} \frac{(-1)^t c_{2t-1} B_t}{2t} + (r+1)(2r+3) \end{aligned}$$

The meanings of the above symbols were already explained.

**Remarks.** Using the same method and using the results in [8], a spectral invariant for  $SO(n + 2)/SO(2) \times SO(n)$  can be computed [11].

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