

On the Attempt to use a Stochastic Interpretation to compute the Trace of a Regular Representation U on $X = A_K/K^*$

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Let $X = A_K/K^*$, which is proposed by A. Connes, and think of the trace of a regular representation U on X of the idele class C_K . It is interesting for number theory whether the trace is computable or not. However, because of the non-compactness of X , it is hard to compute the trace of U . In this article, we try to show that the trace is computable. In order to show this, we will use a stochastic interpretation. We will ignore various subtle problems which the adèle ring has and consider the adèle ring as the Riemannian variety discussing on this problem.

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Let K be a global field, K_ν be a local field that is the completion of K at the place ν of K and A_K be the adèle ring of K . Set

$$X = A_K/K^*.$$

The $L^2(X, dx)$ is an interesting space for the number theory.

(A) For $\xi(x) \in L^2(X, dx)$, let $(T\xi)(a) = |a|^{1/2}\xi(a)$; $\forall a \in C_K$ be the restriction of $\xi(x)$ to the idele class group $C_K = A_K^*/K^*$. Since $dx = |x|d^*x$, we will understand that

$$(T\xi)(a) \in L^2(C_K, d^*x).$$

(B) The idele class group C_K naturally acts on $\xi(x)$ as follows;

$$(U(g)\xi)(x) = \xi(g^{-1}x) \quad \forall g \in C_K, x \in X,$$

since $X = A_K/K^*$. Thus the restriction of $L^2(X)$:

$$\begin{aligned} T(U(g)\xi)(a) &= \text{the restriction of } \xi(g^{-1}x) \\ &= |g|^{1/2}(V(g)T\xi)(a) \quad \forall a, g \in C_K, \end{aligned}$$

gives a regular representation $(V, T(L^2(X)))$ of C_K which is unitary. Here, $T(L^2(X)) = \{(T\xi)(a) \mid \xi(x) \in L^2(X)\}$.

The space $L^2(X)$ gives a representation of C_K , which isn't always unitary. However if $L^2(X)$ is decomposed in irreducible representations then $\mathbb{T}(L^2(X))$ which is a subspace of $L^2(C_K, d^*x)$ is also decomposed in irreducible representations of C_K . Especially, it is important whether U is a trace-class operator or not. In this article, we try to consider this problem. We will think of the case $K = \mathbb{Q}$.

1.

Set

$$\Delta = |x|^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$$

which is a differential operator on X . Let

$$\langle \xi, \eta \rangle = \int_X \xi \bar{\eta} dx.$$

We can show that

$$\int_X \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \xi \cdot \bar{\eta} dx = \int_X \xi \cdot \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \bar{\eta} dx.$$

Since $\frac{d}{dx} \bar{\eta} = \overline{\frac{d}{dx} \eta}$ and $|x| = \overline{|x|}$,

$$\int_X |x|^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \xi \cdot \bar{\eta} dx = \int_X \xi \cdot |x|^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \bar{\eta} dx = \int_X \xi \cdot \overline{|x|^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \eta} dx.$$

We see that

$$\langle \Delta \xi, \eta \rangle = \langle \xi, \Delta \eta \rangle.$$

Namely, Δ is Hermitian. Thus its eigenvalues $\{\lambda\}$ are discrete. We shall think of the eigenvalue problems on the analogy of Sturm-Liouville problem:

$$\Delta \xi(x) - \lambda \xi(x) = 0; \quad \xi(x) = 0 \text{ on } \partial X.$$

We can show that $\lambda \leq 0$. Counting multiplicity, we will denote $\{\lambda\}$ by

$$-\infty \leftarrow \leq \dots \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_1 \leq 0.$$

Let the eigen-space be

$$E(\lambda) = \{\phi_i(x) \mid \Delta \phi_i(x) - \lambda \phi_i(x) = 0\}.$$

It must be a subtle problem what $L^2(X)$ is. We shall start with the following statement.

Thesis 1.1.

$$L^2(X) = \bigoplus_{\lambda} E(\lambda).$$

2.

The action of $C_Q = A_Q^* / Q^*$ on the functions on X is

$$(U(g)\phi)(x) = \phi(g^{-1}x) \quad \forall g \in C_Q, x \in X.$$

Now, one computes

$$(U(g)|x|^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \phi)(x) = (U(g)|\cdot|^2 \phi'')(x) = |g^{-1}x|^2 \phi''(g^{-1}x).$$

It holds that $dgx = |g|dx$, so

$$\begin{aligned} |x|^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (U(g)\phi)(x) &= |x|^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \phi(g^{-1}x) = |x|^2 \frac{d^2 g^{-1}x}{dx^2} \frac{d^2}{d(g^{-1}x)^2} \phi(g^{-1}x) \\ &= |g^{-1}x|^2 \phi''(g^{-1}x). \end{aligned}$$

It turns out that $U(g)$ and Δ are commutative. Hence they share the same eigen-space. We have set the eigen-space:

$$E(\lambda) = \{\phi_i(x) \mid \Delta\phi_i(x) - \lambda\phi_i(x) = 0\}.$$

Then we may think that $(U, E(\lambda))$ gives an irreducible representation. We will have

$$U = \bigoplus_{\lambda} U_{\lambda}; \quad (U, V) = \bigoplus_{\lambda} (U, E(\lambda)).$$

From the above Thesis 1.1, we will obtain

$$U = \bigoplus_{\lambda} U_{\lambda}; \quad (U, L^2(X)) = \bigoplus_{\lambda} (U, E(\lambda)).$$

Our main problem is whether

$$\text{tr}U_{\lambda}(g) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle (U(g)\phi_i)(x), \phi_i(x) \rangle$$

exists or not.

Think of a certain function h on X , which satisfies that

$$h(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \phi_i(x); \quad a_i = \int_X h(y) \phi_i(y) dy.$$

Put $\lambda_i(g) = \langle U(g)\phi_i(x), \phi_i(x) \rangle$ and $t \in [0, \infty)$. Here $\lambda_i(g) \in \mathbb{C}$. Set

$$h(t; x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{t\lambda_i(g)} \cdot a_i \phi_i(x).$$

We can compute as follows;

$$h(t; x) = \int_X \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{t\lambda_i(g)} \cdot \phi_i(x)\phi_i(y) \right\} h(y) dy.$$

We may say that $U(g)\phi_i(x) = \phi_i(g^{-1}x) = \lambda_i(g)\phi_i(x)$. Thus, we can define the following operator

$$(e^{tU_{\lambda}(g)}h)(x) = h(t; x).$$

Let

$$p_{\lambda}(t; x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{t\lambda_i(g)} \cdot \phi_i(x)\phi_i(y).$$

So, $e^{tU_{\lambda}(g)}$ has the integral expression:

$$(e^{tU_{\lambda}(g)}h)(x) = \int_X p_{\lambda}(t; x, y)h(y) dy.$$

When $t \rightarrow 0^+$ then

$$h(t; x) = h(x) = \int_X \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} p_{\lambda}(t; x, y)h(y) dy.$$

Thus

$$(1) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} p_{\lambda}(t; x, y) = \delta(x-y) = \delta_x(y).$$

This implies that

$$\delta(x-y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \phi_i(x)\phi_i(y).$$

We will see that

(2) the symmetry

$$p_{\lambda}(t; x, y) = p_{\lambda}(t; y, x).$$

Put

$$p_{\lambda}(t; x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \phi_i(y); \quad a_i = \int_X p_{\lambda}(t; x, z)\phi_i(z) dz.$$

We compute as follows;

$$\begin{aligned}
p_\lambda(t+s; x, y) &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{s\lambda_i(g)} \cdot e^{t\lambda_i(g)} \phi_i(x) \phi_i(y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{s\lambda_i(g)} \cdot a_i \phi_i(y) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{s\lambda_i(g)} \cdot \phi_i(y) \int_X p_\lambda(t; x, z) \phi_i(z) dz \\
&= \int_X \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{s\lambda_i(g)} \cdot \phi_i(y) \phi_i(z) \right\} p_\lambda(t; x, z) dz \\
&= \int_X p_\lambda(s; y, z) p_\lambda(t; x, z) dz.
\end{aligned}$$

So,

(3) for all $t, s \in [0, \infty)$

$$p_\lambda(t+s; x, y) = \int_X p_\lambda(t; x, z) p_\lambda(s; z, y) dz.$$

From the theory of semi-group, we see that

$$e^{t \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i(g)} = \int_X p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx.$$

[Remark]

$$\int_X p_\lambda(t; x, y) dy = \int_X \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{t\lambda_i(g)} \cdot \phi_i(x) \phi_i(y) dy.$$

On the other hand,

$$\int_X p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx = \int_X \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{t\lambda_i(g)} \cdot \phi_i(x) \phi_i(x) dx.$$

Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i(g) = \frac{d}{dt} e^{t \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i(g)} \Big|_{t=0}$$

Therefore,

$$\text{tr}U_\lambda(g) \text{ exists if and only if } \frac{d}{dt} \int_X p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx \Big|_{t=0} \text{ exists.}$$

3.

We will think of $\int_X p_\lambda(t; x, y)dy$ where $p_\lambda(t; x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{t\lambda_i(g)} \cdot \phi_i(x)\phi_i(y)$. This integral is given formally. Especially, it is important whether this integral, as the function of t , converges or not. Now, we have seen that

$$\delta(x-y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \phi_i(x)\phi_i(y).$$

So, in the neighborhood $t = 0$, we may hope that $p_\lambda(t; x, y)$ has a nice property. We must be allowed to think that $\int_X p_\lambda(t; x, y)dy$ is meaningful. By stating its usefulness and effectiveness, we shall think that whether the integral converges or not is solved.

We have seen that

$$p_\lambda(t+s; x, y) = \int_X p_\lambda(t; x, z)p_\lambda(s; z, y)dz.$$

It satisfies Chapman-Kolmogorov equation. It turns out that

$$p_\lambda(t; x, y) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(t+s; x, y) = \int_X p_\lambda(t; x, dz) \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(s; y, z).$$

Here, $p_\lambda(t; x, z)dz = p_\lambda(t; x, dz)$. So we can say that

$$p_\lambda(t; x, y) = \int_X \delta(y-z)p_\lambda(t; x, dz).$$

We will rewrite the above formula from a stochastic view. If $p_\lambda(t; x, dz)$ gives a stochastic measure then

$$p_\lambda(t; x, y) = E[\lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(s; y, z)].$$

We hope to be given a stochastic model of $p_\lambda(t; x, y)$. To be brief, there exists a stochastic measure $v_\lambda(t; x, dy)$, which satisfies that

$$p_\lambda(t; x, dy) = \alpha(t; x, y)v_\lambda(t; x, dy)$$

for a certain function $\alpha(t; x, y)$. The stochastic measure $v_\lambda(t; x, dy)$ determines a stochastic process on X :

$$B_t^\lambda = \{x_t^\lambda \mid t \in [0, \infty)\}.$$

Set $x = x^\lambda_0$. The probability of the event where x^λ_t is contained in $Y \subseteq X$ is given as

$$P_x(x^\lambda_t \in Y) = \int_Y v_\lambda(t; x, x^\lambda_t) dx^\lambda_t.$$

[Remark] Suppose that $\{s_t\}$ satisfies the stochastic differential equation:

$$ds_t = a(t, s_t)dt + b(t, s_t)dx^\lambda_t.$$

It turns out that

$$\begin{aligned} E(s_{t+\Delta} - s_t) &= a(t, s_t)\Delta + o(\Delta), \\ V(s_{t+\Delta} - s_t) &= b^2(t, s_t)\Delta + o(\Delta). \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$a(t, s_t) = \frac{dE(s_t)}{dt} \text{ and } b^2(t, s_t) = \frac{dV(s_t)}{dt}.$$

We may be allowed to consider that a stochastic process $\{s_t\}$ is given. Thus, we may think that the stochastic process B^λ_t is given as the solution of

$$ds_t = 0dt + 1dx^\lambda_t.$$

We will rewrite $a(t; x, y)$ as $a(x^\lambda_t)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} p_\lambda(t; x, y) &= E[a(x^\lambda_t) \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(s; y, x^\lambda_t)] \\ &= \int_X \left\{ a(x^\lambda_t) \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(s; y, x^\lambda_t) \right\} v_\lambda(t; x, dx^\lambda_t). \end{aligned}$$

We shall call it “a stochastic interpretation”.

Especially, we can say that

$$\begin{aligned} p_\lambda(t; x, x) &= E[a(x^\lambda_t) \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(s; x, x^\lambda_t)] \\ &= \int_X \left\{ a(x^\lambda_t) \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(s; x, x^\lambda_t) \right\} v_\lambda(t; x, dx^\lambda_t). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(t; x, x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_X \left\{ a(x^\lambda_t) \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(s; x, x^\lambda_t) \right\} v_\lambda(t; x, dx^\lambda_t).$$

We have shown that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(t; x, y) = \delta(x-y)$. So

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(s; x, x^\lambda_t) = \begin{cases} \infty & \dots x^\lambda_t = x \\ 0 & \dots x^\lambda_t \neq x. \end{cases}$$

Thus

$$\alpha(x^{\lambda_t}) \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(s; x, x^{\lambda_t}) = \begin{cases} \infty & \dots x^{\lambda_t} = x \\ 0 & \dots x^{\lambda_t} \neq x. \end{cases}$$

It must be allowed to think that $\int_X \left\{ \alpha(x^{\lambda_t}) \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(s; x, x^{\lambda_t}) \right\} v_\lambda(t; x, dx^{\lambda_t})$ is almost identified with $\int_X \delta(x-y) dy$. Thus,

$$E[\alpha(x^{\lambda_t}) \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(s; x, x^{\lambda_t})] = \int_X \left\{ \alpha(x^{\lambda_t}) \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(s; x, x^{\lambda_t}) \right\} v_\lambda(t; x, dx^{\lambda_t}) < \infty$$

and it must be satisfied independently of t. So we may say that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(t; x, x) < \infty$.

[Remark] We have $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(t; x, y) = \delta(x-y)$. Therefore,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(t; x, x) = \delta(0) = \infty.$$

The above stochastic view is to consider $p_\lambda(t; x, x)$ as an expected value i.e. an average. We shall say that to think of the average avoids being $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(t; x, x) = \delta(0) = \infty$.

Therefore,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_X p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx = c \int_X dx = c \cdot \text{the volume of } X.$$

Suppose that the volume of X is finite. Then $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_X p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx$ is finite. Thus,

if the volume of X is finite then $\int_X p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx$ is defined at $t = 0$.

Next, we will think of

$$\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\int_X p_\lambda(t + \Delta; x, x) dx - \int_X p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx}{\Delta}.$$

We can compute

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\int_X p_\lambda(t + \Delta; x, x) dx - \int_X p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx}{\Delta} &= \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\int_X p_\lambda(t + \Delta; x, x) - p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx}{\Delta} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\int_X \left\{ \int_X p_\lambda(t; x, z) p_\lambda(\Delta; x, z) dz \right\} - p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx}{\Delta}. \end{aligned}$$

Here $\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0^+} p_\lambda(\Delta; x, z) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \phi_i(x)\phi_i(z) = \delta(x-z)$. Taking

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{t\lambda_i(g)} - 1}{t} = \left. \frac{d}{dt} e^{t\lambda_i(g)} \right|_{t=0} = \lambda_i(g)$$

into account, it turns out that when t approaches 0 then $e^{t\lambda_i(g)}$ rapidly approaches 1. So we may say that

(a) when $\Delta \rightarrow 0^+$ then $p_\lambda(\Delta; x, z) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{\Delta\lambda_i(g)} \phi_i(x)\phi_i(z)$ rapidly approaches $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \phi_i(x)\phi_i(z) = \delta(x-z)$.

Thus,

(b) when $\Delta \rightarrow 0^+$ then $\int_x \left\{ \int_x p_\lambda(t; x, z) p_\lambda(\Delta; x, z) dz \right\} - p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx$ rapidly approaches zero.

Therefore,

$$\int_x p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx \text{ is a differential function at } t = 0.$$

Thesis 3.1.

If the volume of X is finite then $\left. \frac{d}{dt} \int_x p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx \right|_{t=0}$ exists.

We know that

$$A_{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q} \cong \prod_{p < \infty} \mathbb{Z}_p \times [0, 1] \text{ and } A_{\mathbb{Q}^*}/\mathbb{Q}^* \cong \prod_{p < \infty} \mathbb{Z}_p^* \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}^*.$$

For $r \in \mathbb{Q}_p$, $r = p^o \frac{m}{n}$ ($p \nmid m$, $p \nmid n$). Just imagine as follows;

- (i) \mathbb{Z}_p^* corresponds to a unite circle,
- (ii) \mathbb{Z}_p corresponds to a unite disk.

From this imagination, we can say that

$\prod_{p < \infty} \mathbb{Z}_p$ is a set of countable unite disks \mathbb{Z}_p , namely a cylinder.

Then we can also say that

$\prod_{p < \infty} \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ is the surface of the cylinder except two inner disks.

Now, the thickness of a unite disk \mathbb{Z}_p is zero. Thus the thickness of the cylinder is $0 \cdot \infty = c$, namely the thickness of the cylinder must be finite. We shall consider that

$$A_Q/Q = \text{the cylinder} \times [0, 1]$$

and

$$A_Q^*/Q^* = \text{the surface of the cylinder except two inner disks} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}^*.$$

Intuitively thinking, we may say that X exists in the middle of A_Q/Q and A_Q^*/Q^* . Since we may say that both A_Q/Q and A_Q^*/Q^* have a finite volume, the volume of X must be finite.

Thesis 3.2.

The volume of X is finite.

With Thesis 3.1, we can say that $\frac{d}{dt} \int_x p_\lambda(t; x, x) dx \Big|_{t=0}$ exists. Therefore, we can confirm that U_λ is trace-class. This fact ensures considering U as a trace-class operator.

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