

## THE INDEX OF ELLIPTIC OPERATORS OVER $V$ -MANIFOLDS

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### Introduction

Let  $M$  be a compact smooth manifold and let  $G$  be a finite group acting smoothly on  $M$ . Let  $E$  and  $F$  be smooth  $G$ -equivariant complex vector bundles over  $M$  and let  $P: \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; E) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; F)$  be a  $G$ -invariant elliptic pseudo-differential operator. Then the kernel and the cokernel of the operator  $P$  are finite-dimensional representations of  $G$ . The difference of the characters of these representations is an element of the representation ring  $R(G)$  of  $G$  and is called the  $G$ -index of the operator  $P$ .

$$(1) \quad \text{ind } P = \text{char} [\text{kernel } P] - \text{char} [\text{cokernel } P] .$$

It is well-known that the  $G$ -index  $\text{ind } P \in R(G)$  depends only on the homotopy class of the elliptic operator and, as Atiyah and Singer showed in [2],  $\text{ind } P$  is determined by the stable equivalence class  $[\sigma(P)] \in K_G(\tau M)$  of the principal symbol  $\sigma(P)$  viewed as the difference bundle over the tangent bundle  $\tau M$ . The Atiyah-Singer index theorem asserts that the value  $(\text{ind } P)(g)$  is expressed by the evaluation of a certain characteristic class over the tangent bundle  $\tau(M^g)$  of the fixed point set  $M^g$ .

$$(2) \quad (\text{ind } P)(g) = (-1)^{\dim M^g} \langle \text{ch}^g [\sigma(P)] \mathcal{J}^g(M), [\tau(M^g)] \rangle .$$

Here  $\text{ch}^g [\sigma(P)]$  is a class in the compactly supported cohomology group  $H_c^*(\tau(M^g); \mathbb{C})$  expressed in the characteristic classes of the complex eigenvector bundles by the action of  $g$  on the stable vector bundle  $[\sigma(P)]|_{\tau(M^g)}$ .  $\mathcal{J}^g(M)$  is a class in  $H^*(M^g; \mathbb{C})$  expressed in the characteristic classes of the real and complex eigenvector bundles by the action of  $g$  on the real vector bundle  $\tau M|_{M^g}$ . We call these classes over the fixed point set as the residual characteristic classes.

Next we consider the index of the operator  $P^g: \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; E)^g \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; F)^g$

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between  $G$ -invariant sections. By the orthonormality of irreducible characters, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ind } P^g &= \dim [\text{kernel } P^g] - \dim [\text{cokernel } P^g] \\
 (3) \quad &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} (\text{ind } P)(g) \\
 &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} (-1)^{\dim M^g} \langle \text{ch}^g [\sigma(P)] \mathcal{J}^g(M), [\tau(M^g)] \rangle .
 \end{aligned}$$

The operator  $P^g$  can be viewed as an operator over the orbit space  $G \backslash M$  in the following sense. The invariant section  $s: M \rightarrow E$  is determined uniquely by the induced section  $\bar{s}: G \backslash M \rightarrow G \backslash E$  over the orbit space. So we may consider the invariant sections  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(M; E)^g$  as the sections over the orbit space  $X = G \backslash M$ . The operator  $P^g$  operates on these sections and its index  $\text{ind } P^g$  depends only on the  $G$ -equivariant homotopy class of the principal symbol  $[\sigma(P)]$ , which is considered to be a section over the orbit space  $G \backslash \tau M$ . Thus we consider  $P^g$  as an operator over  $X = G \backslash M$ .

We remark that the evaluation in (3) admits a purely local expression over  $X$ . Choose  $G$ -invariant metrics and connections on manifolds  $M$  and  $M^g$ , on bundles  $\tau M, \tau(M^g)$  and  $\nu(M^g)$  (the normal bundle of  $M^g$  in  $M$ ) and on a stable bundle  $\sigma(P)$ . Then the evaluations of residual characteristic classes are given by the integrations of the corresponding characteristic forms. For each  $x \in M$ , we choose a small neighbourhood  $U_x$  so that the isotropy subgroup  $G_x$  acts on  $U_x$  and, for  $g \in G, U_x \cap gU_x \neq \emptyset$  implies  $g \in G_x$ . Then the orbit space  $G_x \backslash U_x$  is naturally identified with an open subset in  $X$ . A family  $\{G_x \backslash U_x\}_{x \in M}$  defines an open covering of  $X$ . Choose a partition of unity  $1 = \sum \phi_x$  subordinate to this covering. Then we can rewrite (3) in the following form

$$(4) \quad \text{ind } P^g = \sum_{x \in M} \frac{1}{|G_x|} \sum_{g \in G_x} (-1)^{\dim U_x^g} \int_{\tau(U_x^g)} \phi_x \text{ch}^g [\sigma(P)|_{U_x}] \mathcal{J}^g(U_x) .$$

The orbit space  $G \backslash M$  is a typical example of  $V$ -manifold, and the above formula (4) can be given an interpretation which still makes sense for general  $V$ -manifolds.

The purpose of the present paper is to give an index theorem for elliptic operators over  $V$ -manifolds which generalize the formula (4).

Let  $X$  be a compact  $V$ -manifold. (For the precise definitions of  $V$ -manifolds and  $V$ -bundles, see Kawasaki [6]). For each  $x \in X$ , there is a neighbourhood  $U_x$  and an identification  $U_x = G_x \backslash \tilde{U}_x$ , where  $\tilde{U}_x$  is a

neighbourhood of the origin in an effective real representation space of a finite group  $G_x$ . For each  $y \in U_x$ , choose small  $U_y$  so that  $U_y \subset U_x$ , then there is an open embedding  $\phi: \tilde{U}_y \rightarrow \tilde{U}_x$  that covers the inclusion  $U_y \subset U_x$ . The choice of such  $\phi$  is unique up to the action of  $G_x$  on  $\tilde{U}_x$ . Each  $\phi$  determines an injective group homomorphism  $\lambda_\phi: G_y \rightarrow G_x$  that makes  $\phi$  be  $\lambda_\phi$ -equivariant.

To express our theorem in cohomological terms, we have to assign to each  $V$ -manifold  $X$  a certain global geometric object over which the residual characteristic classes should be evaluated. If we look at (4), such an object must be a collection of all  $\tilde{U}_x^g$ 's. Each  $\tilde{U}_x^g$  admits the action of the centralizer  $Z_{G_x}(g)$  of  $g$  in  $G_x$ . If  $g$  and  $g'$  are conjugate in  $G_x$ , then  $U_x^g$  and  $U_x^{g'}$  are diffeomorphic by the action of some element  $h$  in  $G_x$  ( $g' = hgh^{-1}$ ). So we consider one element  $g$  for each conjugacy class ( $g$ ) in  $G_x$ . For each point  $x \in X$ , let  $(1), (h_x^1), \dots, (h_x^{\rho_x})$  be all the conjugacy classes in  $G_x$ . Then we have a natural bijection

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(y, (h_x^j)) \mid y \in U_x, j = 1, 2, \dots, \rho_x\} \\ & \cong \coprod_{i=1}^{\rho_x} Z_{G_x}(h_x^i) \backslash \tilde{U}_x^{h_x^i}. \end{aligned}$$

So we define globally:

$$\Sigma X = \{(x, (h_x^i)) \mid x \in X, G_x \neq \{1\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, \rho_x\}.$$

Then  $\Sigma X$  has a natural  $V$ -manifold structure whose local coordinate coverings are  $\tilde{U}_x^h \rightarrow Z_{G_x}(h) \backslash \tilde{U}_x^h$  ( $h \neq 1$ ). The action of  $Z_{G_x}(h)$  on  $\tilde{U}_x^h$  is not effective. The order of the trivially acting subgroup is called the *multiplicity* of  $\Sigma X$  in  $X$  at  $(x, (h))$ . In general,  $\Sigma X$  has many connected components of varying dimensions. Let  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \dots, \Sigma_c$  be the connected components of  $\Sigma X$ . Since the multiplicity is locally constant on  $\Sigma X$ , we may assign the multiplicity  $m_i$  to each connected component  $\Sigma_i$ .

On each local coordinate  $\tilde{U}_x^h$  over  $\Sigma X$ , we have the normal bundle  $\nu(\tilde{U}_x^h)$  in  $\tilde{U}_x$  and the tangent bundle  $\tau(\tilde{U}_x^h)$ . On the normal bundle  $\nu(\tilde{U}_x^h)$ , we have the action of  $h$ . Then we have the eigenspace decomposition of  $\nu(\tilde{U}_x^h)$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(\tilde{U}_x^h) &= \bigoplus_{0 < \theta \leq \pi} \nu_h^\theta, \\ \begin{cases} hv = e^{i\theta}v & \text{if } v \in \nu_h^\theta \ (0 < \theta < \pi), \\ hv = -v & \text{if } v \in \nu_h^\pi. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The collection of these  $Z_{G_x}(h)$ -equivariant bundles  $\nu_h^\theta$  ( $0 < \theta \leq \pi$ ) and  $\tau(\tilde{U}_x^h)$  form a real or complex vector  $V$ -bundles over  $\Sigma X$ . By choosing invariant connections, we have a collection of residual characteristic forms

$$\mathcal{J}^h(\tilde{U}_x) \in \Omega^*(\tilde{U}_x^h) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}.$$

These forms define characteristic classes

$$\mathcal{J}^2(X) \in H^*(\Sigma X; \mathbb{C}), \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{J}(X) \in H^*(X; \mathbb{Q}) \quad (h = 1).$$

By a  $V$ -bundle  $E$  over a  $V$ -manifold  $X$ , we mean a family  $\{(G_x^E, \tilde{E}_x \rightarrow \tilde{U}_x)\}$  of equivariant fibre bundles with surjective homomorphisms  $G_x^E \rightarrow G_x$  and their attaching bundle maps  $\{\Phi\}: \tilde{E}_y \rightarrow \tilde{E}_x$  for each inclusive pair  $U_y \subset U_x$ . We call  $V$ -bundle  $E$  to be *proper* if, for each  $x \in X$ ,  $G_x^E = G_x$ . The attaching bundle maps  $\{\Phi\}$  define a unique induced open embedding  $\bar{\Phi}: G_x^E \backslash \tilde{E}_y \rightarrow G_x^E \backslash \tilde{E}_x$  of the orbit spaces of total spaces. These induced maps define the total space  $E = \bigcup (G_x^E \backslash \tilde{E}_x)$  and the projection  $E \rightarrow X$ .  $E$  itself admit a structure of  $V$ -manifold.

Let  $E \rightarrow X$  be a proper  $V$ -bundle. A section  $s: X \rightarrow E$  is called a  $C^\infty$   $V$ -section if, for each  $U_x, s|_{U_x}: U_x \rightarrow E_x = G_x \backslash \tilde{E}_x$  is covered by a  $G_x$ -invariant  $C^\infty$  section  $\tilde{s}_x: \tilde{U}_x \rightarrow \tilde{E}_x$ . For a vector  $V$ -bundle  $E$ , we denote the set of all  $C^\infty$   $V$ -sections by  $\mathcal{C}_V^\infty(X; E)$ , which forms a vector space. On a vector  $V$ -bundle  $E$ , we can always construct a invariant linear connection, that is, a family of invariant connections on  $(G_x^E, \tilde{E}_x \rightarrow \tilde{U}_x)$  which are compatible with attaching bundle maps. Then the characteristic forms define a  $C^\infty$   $V$ -section of the exterior power of the cotangent vector  $V$ -bundle, which represent a cohomology class on  $X$ .

Let  $E$  and  $F$  be proper complex vector  $V$ -bundles over  $X$ . A linear map  $P: \mathcal{C}_V^\infty(X; E) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_V^\infty(X; F)$  is called a (*pseudo-*) *differential operator* if locally it is covered by invariant (*pseudo-*) differential operators

$$\tilde{P}_x: \mathcal{C}_c^\infty(\tilde{U}_x; \tilde{E}_x) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(\tilde{U}_x; \tilde{F}_x)$$

(modulo smoothing operators), which are compatible with attaching maps. We call  $P$  to be *elliptic* if each  $\tilde{P}_x$  is elliptic. For an elliptic pseudo-differential operator  $P: \mathcal{C}_V^\infty(X; E) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_V^\infty(X; F)$ , we have the  $V$ -index defined by:

$$(5) \quad \text{ind}_V P = \dim [\text{kernel } P] - \dim [\text{cokernel } P].$$

This index generalize  $\text{ind } P^g$  in (3) and (4).

Like  $G$ -equivariant case, the  $V$ -index depends only on the homotopy class of elliptic operators. The principal symbol  $\sigma(P)$  of the operator  $P$  is a well-defined  $C^\infty$   $V$ -section of the  $V$ -bundle  $\text{Hom}(E, F)$  over the total space  $\tau_V^*X$  of the cotangent vector  $V$ -bundle. For  $P$  elliptic, the principal symbol  $\sigma(P)$  defines a compactly supported difference  $V$ -bundle and the index  $\text{ind}_V P$  is determined by its stable equivalence class  $[\sigma(P)]$ . The stable equivalence classes of compactly supported proper difference vector  $V$ -bundles over  $\tau_V^*X \cong \tau_V X$  form a group  $K_V(\tau_V^*X) \cong K_V(\tau_V X)$ . ( $\tau_V X$  denotes the total space of the tangent vector  $V$ -bundle). Then  $V$ -index defines a homomorphism

$$(6) \quad \text{ind}_V : K_V(\tau_V X) \longrightarrow Z .$$

An element  $u \in K_V(\tau_V X)$  is represented by proper complex vector  $V$ -bundles  $E$  and  $F$  over  $\tau_V X$  and an isomorphism  $\sigma : E \rightarrow F$  over  $\tau_V X - X$ . Then, choosing a suitable invariant connections, we have the residual Chern characters

$$\text{ch}^h(E) - \text{ch}^h(F) \in \Omega^*(\tau(\tilde{U}_x^h)) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} ,$$

and globally we have the classes

$$\text{ch}^z(u) \in H_c^*(\tau_V(\Sigma X); \mathbb{C}) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{ch}(u) \in H_c^*(\tau_V X; \mathbb{Q}) \quad (h = 1) .$$

In this framework, we can state our theorem

**THEOREM.** *Let  $X$  be a compact  $V$ -manifold. Then, for  $u \in K_V(\tau_V X)$ , we have:*

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{ind}_V(u) &= (-1)^{\dim X} \langle \text{ch}(u) \mathcal{J}(X), [\tau_V X] \rangle \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^c \frac{(-1)^{\dim \Sigma_i}}{m_i} \langle \text{ch}^z(u) \mathcal{J}^z(X), [\tau_V \Sigma_i] \rangle . \end{aligned}$$

As a special case of this theorem, we get the following results:

I) (Kawasaki [6]) Let  $X$  be a compact oriented  $V$ -manifold of dimension  $4k$ . As a topological space,  $X$  is an oriented rational homology manifold. The signature  $\text{Sign}(X)$  of  $X$  is defined by the signature of the non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form on the middle dimensional cohomology group  $H^{2k}(X; \mathbb{Q})$  given by the cup product. Using de Rham cohomology, we can represent  $\text{Sign}(X)$  as the  $V$ -index of the signature operator  $D_+ : \Omega_V^+(X) \rightarrow \Omega_V^-(X)$  over  $V$ -manifold  $X$ . Then we have:

$$\text{Sign}(X) = \langle L(X), [X] \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^c \frac{1}{m_i} \langle L^{\mathbb{Z}}(X), [\Sigma_i] \rangle .$$

The classes  $L(X)$  and  $L^{\mathbb{Z}}(X)$  are defined locally by the residual  $L$ -class  $L^h(\tilde{U}_x)$ , as we have defined  $\mathcal{S}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{S}^{\mathbb{Z}}(X)$ .

II) (Kawasaki [7]) Let  $X$  be a compact complex  $V$ -manifold and let  $E \rightarrow X$  be a holomorphic vector  $V$ -bundle. Then  $X$  admits a natural structure of an analytic space and the local holomorphic  $V$ -sections of  $E$  define a coherent analytic sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_V(E)$  over  $X$ . The arithmetic genus  $\chi(X; E)$  is defined by:

$$\chi(X; E) = \sum_{i=1}^{\dim X} (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^i(X; \mathcal{O}_V(E)) .$$

Then  $\chi(X; E)$  is represented by the  $V$ -index of the Dolbeault complex over the  $V$ -manifold  $X$  with coefficients in  $E$ . We can apply our theorem and we have:

$$\chi(X; E) = \langle \mathcal{S}(X; E), [X] \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^c \frac{1}{m_i} \langle \mathcal{S}^{\mathbb{Z}}(X; E), [\Sigma_i] \rangle .$$

The classes  $\mathcal{S}(X; E)$  and  $\mathcal{S}^{\mathbb{Z}}(X; E)$  are defined locally by the residual Todd class with coefficients in  $E$ .

The proof that we adopt here is completely different from those in the above two reports [6] and [7]. As we have remarked in [6], every  $V$ -manifold  $X$  is presented as the orbit space of a smooth  $G$ -manifold  $\tilde{X}$  with only finite isotropy subgroups and with the trivial principal orbit type. We may choose such  $(G, \tilde{X})$  with  $G$  compact and connected. Let  $P$  be an elliptic operator over  $X$ . Then we can lift the principal symbol  $\sigma(P)$  considered as a difference  $V$ -bundle over  $\tau_V X$  to a  $G$ -equivariant difference bundle over  $\tau_G \tilde{X}$ , the space of tangent vectors orthogonal to the orbits of  $G$ . The lifted symbol determines up to homotopy a transversally elliptic operator  $\tilde{P}$  over  $\tilde{X}$  relative to  $G$ . Then the  $V$ -index  $\text{ind}_V P$  is equal to the evaluation  $(\text{ind}^G \tilde{P})(1_G)$  of the distributional index  $\text{ind}^G \tilde{P}$  by the unit function over  $G$ .

For the distributional index of transversally elliptic operators, we refer to Atiyah [1]. We use two main results of [1]. One result is an expression of  $\text{ind}^T P$ , for a transversally elliptic operator  $P$  over a manifold  $M$  relative to a toral action with only finite isotropy subgroups. The value  $(\text{ind}^T P)(1_T)$  is written by the evaluation of the equivariant residual characteristic classes over the orbit spaces  $T \backslash_{\tau_T} M^h$  ( $h \in T, M^h \neq \emptyset$ ) (including

$h = 1$ ). By a direct translation, this formula gives the formula (7) in our theorem, when the  $V$ -manifold  $X$  has the form  $X = T \backslash M$ . Another result is a reduction formula  $(\text{ind}^G P)(1_G) = (\text{ind}^T([\tilde{\delta}] \otimes P))(1_T)$ , for a compact connected Lie group  $G$ , where  $T$  is a maximal torus of  $G$  and  $[\tilde{\delta}]$  denotes the Dolbeault complex over the flag manifold  $G/T$ .

Combining these two results, we get an expression of the  $V$ -index using the evaluation of characteristic classes over an auxiliary  $V$ -manifold  $T \backslash \tilde{X}$  and its singularities. This new  $V$ -manifold  $T \backslash \tilde{X}$  is a fibration (with singularities) over  $X$  with generic fibre  $G/T$ . We apply the Gysin homomorphism (the integration over the fibre) to these characteristic classes. Then we get classes over the  $V$ -manifold  $X$  and its singularities. To deduce (7), we need a formula on the equivariant residual Todd classes over the flag manifold  $G/T$ . This formula is a generalization of the following result in Borel-Hirzebruch [5].

Let  $G$  be a compact connected Lie group and let  $T$  be a maximal torus of  $G$ . We fix a  $G$ -invariant complex structure on the flag manifold  $G/T$ . Consider the fibration  $\pi: BT \rightarrow BG$  of classifying spaces with fibre  $G/T$ . Its bundle along the fibre is a complex vector bundle over  $BT$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{T}_G(G/T)$  the Todd class of this bundle. (This class is the  $G$ -equivariant Todd class of the complex  $G$ -manifold  $G/T$ ). Then Borel and Hirzebruch proved the following:

**THEOREM** (Borel-Hirzebruch [5]). *Let  $\pi_! : H^{**}(BT; \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow H^{**}(BG; \mathbf{R})$  be the Gysin homomorphism (the integration over the fibre). Then we have:*

$$(8) \quad \pi_! \mathcal{T}_G(G/T) = 1 \in H^{**}(BG; \mathbf{R}) = H_G^{**}(pt; \mathbf{R}),$$

where  $H_G^{**}$  denotes the completed equivariant cohomology group for  $G$ -spaces.

Let  $h \in T$  be an element. The action of  $h$  on  $G/T$  is holomorphic. So the fixed point set  $(G/T)^h$  is a complex submanifold (non-connected) with the holomorphic action of the centralizer  $Z_G(h)$ . The tangent bundle  $\tau_h$  and the normal bundle  $\nu_h$  are the  $Z_G(h)$ -equivariant complex vector bundles. Let  $\nu_h = \bigoplus \nu_h^{\theta}$  be the eigenspace decomposition by the action of  $h$ . Then we define the equivariant residual Todd class by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_G^h(G/T) &= \mathcal{T}_{Z_G(h)} \prod_{0 < \theta < 2\pi} \mathcal{T}_{Z_G(h)}^{\theta}(\nu_h^{\theta}) \\ &= \mathcal{T}(EZ_G(h) \times_{Z_G(h)} \tau_h) \prod_{0 < \theta < 2\pi} \mathcal{T}^{\theta}(EZ_G(h) \times_{Z_G(h)} \nu_h^{\theta}) \\ &\in H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}((G/T)^h; \mathbf{C}) = H^{**}(EZ_G(h) \times_{Z_G(h)} (G/T)^h; \mathbf{C}). \end{aligned}$$

The base space  $EZ_G(h) \times_{Z_G(h)} (G/T)^h$  is a fibration over  $BZ_G(h)$  with the fibre  $(G/T)^h$ . Then we have the Gysin homomorphism  $\pi_1: H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}((G/T)^h; \mathbf{C}) \rightarrow H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(pt; \mathbf{C}) = H^{**}(BZ_G(h); \mathbf{C})$ .

**THEOREM.** *The Gysin homomorphism of the equivariant residual Todd class is given by:*

$$(9) \quad \pi_1 \mathcal{T}_G^h(G/T) = 1 \in H^{**}(BZ_G(h); \mathbf{C}) = H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(pt; \mathbf{C}).$$

If we put  $h = 1$ , we recover (8). The proof of this formula is straightforward. The same technique as in Borel-Hirzebruch [4] is applicable. We can express  $\pi_1 \mathcal{T}_G^h(G/T) \in H^{**}(BZ_G(h); \mathbf{C}) \subset H^{**}(BT; \mathbf{C})$  in the power series in the roots of the Lie group  $G$ . Then we deduce our formula from the Weyl's relation on the roots of  $G$ .

### §1. Distributional index and $V$ -index

In this section we summarize the results in Atiyah [1] that we need and we shall show the relation between the distributional index of transversally elliptic operators and the  $V$ -index of elliptic operators over  $V$ -manifolds.

Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group and let  $M$  be a compact smooth  $G$ -manifold without boundary. We choose a  $G$ -invariant Riemannian metric on  $M$  and we identify the cotangent bundle  $\tau^*M$  and the tangent bundle  $\tau M$ . We define a subset  $\tau_\sigma M$  in  $\tau M$  as the set of all the tangent vectors that are orthogonal to the orbits of  $G$ .

Let  $E$  and  $F$  be  $G$ -equivariant smooth complex vector bundles over  $M$  and let  $P: \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; E) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; F)$  be a  $G$ -invariant pseudo-differential operator of order  $m$ . By choosing invariant metrics and invariant connections on  $E$  and  $F$ , we have the space of Sobolev sections  $\mathcal{H}^s(M; E)$  and  $\mathcal{H}^s(M; F)$  ( $s \in \mathbf{R}$ ). Then the operator  $P$  extends uniquely to a bounded operator  $P: \mathcal{H}^s(M; E) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{s-m}(M; F)$ . Also we have the adjoint operator  $P^*: \mathcal{H}^s(M; F) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{s-m}(M; E)$ . The null spaces  $\mathcal{N}^s(P)$  and  $\mathcal{N}^s(P^*)$  are closed subspaces and admit the structure of Hilbert spaces. We may consider  $\mathcal{N}^s(P)$  and  $\mathcal{N}^s(P^*)$  as unitary representations of  $G$ . We denote by  $\hat{G}$  the set of all equivalence classes of irreducible representations of  $G$ . For  $\alpha \in \hat{G}$ , we denote the  $\alpha$ -components by  $\mathcal{N}_\alpha^s(P)$  and  $\mathcal{N}_\alpha^s(P^*)$ .

We call a  $G$ -invariant pseudo-differential operator  $P: \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; E) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; F)$  to be *transversally elliptic* relative to  $G$  if the principal symbol  $\sigma(P)$  is invertible over  $\tau_\sigma M - M$ . Then we have:

**THEOREM** (Atiyah [1]). *Let  $P: \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; E) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; F)$  be a transversally elliptic operator. Then for each  $\alpha \in \hat{G}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_\alpha^s(P)$  is finite dimensional and does not depend on  $s$ . Furthermore the formal sum*

$$\text{char } \mathcal{N}(P) = \sum_{\alpha \in \hat{G}} \text{char } \mathcal{N}_\alpha^s(P)$$

*converges in  $\mathcal{H}^{-n-\varepsilon}(G)$  ( $n = \dim M$ ) for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ .*

Now we can define the distributional index:

**DEFINITION.** Let  $P: \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; E) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; F)$  be a transversally elliptic operator relative to  $G$ . Then the *distributional index*  $\text{ind}^G(P)$  is defined by:

$$\text{ind}^G(P) = \text{char } \mathcal{N}(P) - \text{char } \mathcal{N}(P^*) \in \mathcal{D}'(G)^{\text{inv}}$$

Here we denote by  $\mathcal{D}'(G)^{\text{inv}}$  the distributions on  $G$  invariant under the inner automorphisms of  $G$ .

The distributional index has the following properties:

**THEOREM** (Atiyah [1]). *The distributional index of a transversally elliptic operator  $P$  depends only on the homotopy class of the restriction of the principal symbol  $\sigma(P)$  to  $\tau_G M - M$*

$$\sigma(P)|_{\tau_G M - M} \in \text{Iso}(\pi^* E, \pi^* F)|_{\tau_G M - M}.$$

**COROLLARY.** *The distributional index defines a  $R(G)$ -module homomorphism*

$$\text{ind}^G: K_G(\tau_G M) \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}'(G)^{\text{inv}}.$$

For each  $\alpha \in \hat{G}$ , the transversally elliptic operator  $P$  defines a  $G$ -invariant Fredholm operator

$$P_\alpha: \mathcal{H}_\alpha^s(M; E) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_\alpha^{s-m}(M; F).$$

So we may consider  $\text{ind}^G(P) = \sum_\alpha \text{ind}(P_\alpha)$ . Then by the orthonormality of irreducible characters, we have:

$$(\text{ind}^G P)(1_G) = \text{index } [P^G: \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; E)^G \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M; F)^G].$$

Now we assume that the action of  $G$  on  $M$  is of trivial principal orbit type and with only finite isotropy subgroups. Then, by definition, the above number is the  $V$ -index of the elliptic operator  $P^G: \mathcal{C}_V^\infty(G \setminus M; G \setminus E) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_V^\infty(G \setminus M; G \setminus F)$  over the  $V$ -manifold  $G \setminus M$ . Each  $G$ -equivariant bundle

$E \rightarrow M$  defines a proper  $V$ -bundle  $G \setminus E \rightarrow G \setminus M$ , and vice versa. The  $V$ -manifold  $G \setminus \tau_G M$  is exactly the total space  $\tau_V(G \setminus M)$  of the tangent  $V$ -bundle. Then we have the canonical isomorphism  $K_G(\tau_G M) \cong K_V(\tau_V(G \setminus M))$  and the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K_G(\tau_G M) & \xrightarrow{\text{ind}^G} & \mathcal{D}'(G)^{\text{inv}} \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \int_G \\ K_V(\tau_V(G \setminus M)) & \xrightarrow{\text{ind}_V} & Z \subset \mathcal{C} . \end{array}$$

Conversely, given a  $V$ -manifold  $X$ , we choose a Riemannian metric on  $X$ . Then the total space  $O(n)(\tau_V X)$  of the associated tangential orthonormal frame  $V$ -bundle is a smooth manifold. The right action of  $O(n)$  is of trivial principal orbit type and with only finite isotropy subgroups. Its orbit space is canonically identified with the original  $V$ -manifold  $X$ . If we choose an injective homomorphism of  $O(n)$  into a compact connected Lie group  $G$ , then the total space  $\tilde{X} = O(n)(\tau_V X) \times_{O(n)} G$  of the associated tangential  $G$ -principal  $V$ -bundle is a smooth manifold with a right  $G$ -action and its orbit space is again a  $V$ -manifold  $X$ . So we recover the original situation and we also have an identification  $K_V(\tau_V X) \cong K_G(\tau_G \tilde{X})$ . Thus we reduce the computations of  $V$ -index into those of distributional index.

For the computations of distributional index, we write down some of the results in Atiyah [1]. Let  $G$  be a compact connected Lie group and let  $T$  be its maximal torus. We choose and fix a  $G$ -invariant complex structure on the flag manifold  $G/T$ . Then we have the Dolbeault complex on  $G/T$  and we consider its symbol  $[\bar{\partial}]$  as an element of  $K_G(\tau(G/T))$ . Let  $M$  be a smooth  $G$ -manifold with only finite isotropy subgroups. We have a  $G$ -equivariant diffeomorphism  $G \times_T M \cong G/T \times M$  by sending  $(g, x) \in G \times_T M$  to  $(gT, gx)$ . Then we have the equivalences of vector bundles

$$G \times_T \tau_T M \cong \tau_G(G \times_T M) \cong \tau_G(G/T \times M) \cong \tau(G/T) \times \tau_G M .$$

The first equivalence comes from the  $(G \times T)$ -equivariant bundle map  $G \times \tau_T M = \tau_{G \times T}(G \times M)$ , where  $G \times T$  acts on  $G \times M$  by  $(g, h)(g', x) = (gg'h^{-1}, hx)$ . The third equivalence comes from the natural identification  $\tau(G/T \times M) \cong \tau(G/T) \times \tau M$ . Then we define a homomorphism  $r: K_G(\tau_G M) \rightarrow K_T(\tau_T M)$  by:

$$r: K_G(\tau_G M) \xrightarrow{[\bar{\partial}]^\times} K_G(\tau(G/T) \times \tau_G M) \cong K_G(G \times_T \tau_T M) \cong K_T(\tau_T M) .$$

By this homomorphism, we can compute  $\text{ind}^G$  through  $\text{ind}^T$ .

**THEOREM** (Atiyah [1]). *Let  $M$  be a compact smooth  $G$ -manifold without boundary (with only finite isotropy subgroups)\*). Then the following diagram commutes:*

$$\begin{CD} K_G(\tau_G M) @>r>> K_T(\tau_T M) \\ @VV\text{ind}^G V @VV\text{ind}^T V \\ \mathcal{D}'(G)^{\text{inv}} @<i_*<< \mathcal{D}'(T), \end{CD}$$

where  $i_*: \mathcal{D}'(T) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(G)^{\text{inv}}$  is the dual of the restriction  $i^*: \mathcal{C}^\infty(G)^{\text{inv}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(T)$ .

Especially, for  $u \in K_G(\tau_G M)$ , we have:

$$(10) \quad (\text{ind}^G u)(1_G) = (\text{ind}^T ru)(1_T).$$

Another result that we need is the following:

**THEOREM** (Atiyah [1]). *Let  $M$  be a compact smooth  $T$ -manifold without boundary, with only finite isotropy subgroups. Then for  $u \in K_T(\tau_T M)$ , we have:*

$$(11) \quad (\text{ind}^T u)(1_T) = \sum_{\substack{h \in T, M^h \neq \emptyset \\ M_i^h \subset M^h}} \frac{(-1)^{\dim(T \setminus M_i^h)}}{m_T(M_i^h)} \{ \text{ch}_T^h(u) \cdot \mathcal{S}_T^h(M) \} [T \setminus \tau_T M_i^h],$$

where  $M_i^h$  moves over the connected components of  $M^h$  and for each  $M_i^h$ , we define the multiplicity  $m_T(M_i^h)$  by:

$$m_T(M_i^h) = \text{the order of } \{g \in T \mid gx = x, \text{ for any } x \in M_i^h\}^{**}.$$

We review the definitions of  $\text{ch}_T^h(u)$  and  $\mathcal{S}_T^h(u)$ . Let  $i_h: \tau_T M^h \rightarrow \tau_T M$  be the inclusion, then  $i_h^* u \in K_T(\tau_T M^h)$  admits the eigenspace decomposition  $i_h^* u = \bigoplus_{0 \leq \theta < 2\pi} u_h^\theta$ , where  $u_h^\theta \in K_T(\tau_T M^h)$  is the stable eigenvector bundle of eigenvalue  $e^{i\theta}$ . Then we have an element  $\text{ch}_T(u_h^\theta) \in H_{T,c}^*(\tau_T M^h; \mathbf{Q}) \cong H_c^*(T \setminus \tau_T M^h; \mathbf{Q})$  (the subscript  $c$  denotes the cohomology with compact support). We define  $\text{ch}_T^h(u) \in H_{T,c}^*(\tau_T M^h; \mathbf{C}) \cong H_c^*(T \setminus \tau_T M^h; \mathbf{C})$  by:

$$\text{ch}_T^h(u) = \sum_{0 \leq \theta < 2\pi} e^{i\theta} \text{ch}_T(u_h^\theta).$$

\*) In Atiyah [1], this theorem is proved without any restriction on isotropy subgroups.

\*\*) The definition of the multiplicity  $m(h)$  in Atiyah [1] is incorrect. It depends on the whole group  $T$  and the connected component  $M_i^h$  in  $M^h$ .

Let  $\tau_T M|_{M^h} = \tau_T M^h \oplus \nu_{h,T} = \tau_T M^h \oplus (\oplus_{0 < \theta \leq \pi} \nu_{h,T}^\theta)$  be the eigenspace decomposition.  $\nu_{h,T}^\pi$  is the real eigenvector bundle of eigenvalue  $-1$  and  $\nu_{h,T}^\theta$  ( $0 < \theta < \pi$ ) is a complex vector bundle on which the action of  $h$  is the multiplication by the scalar  $e^{i\theta}$ . We denote formally the equivariant Pontrjagin classes of  $\tau_T M^h$  and  $\nu_{h,T}^\pi$  by  $p_T(\tau_T M^h) = \prod (1 + x_j^2) \in H_T^*(M^h; \mathbf{Q})$  and  $p_T(\nu_{h,T}^\pi) = \prod (1 + y_j^2) \in H_T^*(M^h; \mathbf{Q})$  respectively, and the equivariant Chern classes of  $\nu_{h,T}^\theta$  by  $c_T(\nu_{h,T}^\theta) = \prod (1 + z_j) \in H_T^*(M^h; \mathbf{Q})$ . Then we define  $\mathcal{S}_T^h(M) \in H_T^*(M^h; \mathbf{C}) \cong H^*(T \setminus M^h; \mathbf{C})$  by:

$$\mathcal{S}_T^h(M) = \det_{\mathbf{R}} (1 - h|_{\nu_{h,T}})^{-1} \mathcal{R}_T(\nu_{h,T}^\pi) \left\{ \prod_{0 < \theta < \pi} \mathcal{S}_T^\theta(\nu_{h,T}^\theta) \right\} \mathcal{S}_T(M^h),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_T(M^h) &= \mathcal{S}_T(\tau_T M^h \otimes_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{C}) = \prod_j \left( \frac{x_j}{1 - e^{-x_j}} \frac{-x_j}{1 - e^{x_j}} \right), \\ \mathcal{R}_T(\nu_{h,T}^\pi) &= \prod_j \left( \frac{2}{1 + e^{y_j}} \frac{2}{1 + e^{-y_j}} \right), \\ \mathcal{S}_T^\theta(\nu_{h,T}^\theta) &= \prod_j \left( \frac{1 - e^{i\theta}}{1 - e^{z_j + i\theta}} \frac{1 - e^{-i\theta}}{1 - e^{-z_j - i\theta}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Consider the orbit space  $X = T \setminus M$  as a  $V$ -manifold. By definition, we can see:

$$\begin{aligned} X \coprod \left( \coprod_i \Sigma_i \right) &= T \setminus M \coprod \left( \coprod_{\substack{h \in T, M^h \neq \emptyset \\ M_i^h \subset M^h}} T \setminus M_i^h \right), \\ \tau_V X \coprod \left( \coprod_i \tau_V \Sigma_i \right) &= T \setminus \tau_T M \coprod \left( \coprod_{h,i} T \setminus \tau_T M_i^h \right). \end{aligned}$$

So we may identify  $H_{T,c}^*(\tau_T M; \mathbf{Q})$  with  $H_c^*(\tau_V X; \mathbf{Q})$  and  $H_{T,c}^*(\tau_T M_i^h; \mathbf{C})$  with  $H_c^*(\tau_V \Sigma_i; \mathbf{C})$ . Then, for  $u \in K_V(\tau_V X) \cong K_T(\tau_T M)$ , we can interpret:

$$\text{ch}(u) \mathcal{S}(X) + \text{ch}^{\mathbb{Z}}(u) \mathcal{S}^{\mathbb{Z}}(X) = \text{ch}_T(u) \mathcal{S}_T(M) + \sum_h \text{ch}_T^h(u) \mathcal{S}_T^h(M).$$

Thus we have shown that the Atiyah's formula (11) is equivalent to our formula (7), if the  $V$ -manifold  $X$  is obtained as the orbit space of a toral action.

Now we consider a general  $V$ -manifold  $X$ . We may assume that  $X$  is the orbit space of a  $G$ -manifold  $M$ .  $G$  acts on  $M$  with only finite isotropy subgroups and of trivial principal orbit type. Then, for a real or complex  $G$ -equivariant vector bundle  $E$ , we may identify the  $G$ -equivariant characteristic class of  $E$  with the characteristic class of the  $V$ -bundle  $G \setminus E \rightarrow X$

(defined by the same polynomial in Pontrjagin classes or Chern classes). We shall rewrite the formula (7) in the word of equivariant characteristic classes.

By the compactness of  $M$  and the smoothness of the  $G$ -action, the number of orbit types of  $G$ -manifold  $M$  is finite. Also, all the isotropy subgroups are finite, so the number of conjugacy classes of elements of  $G$  with non-empty fixed point set is finite. Let  $(1), (h_1), \dots, (h_\rho)$  be such conjugacy classes. Each fixed point set  $M^h$  admits the action of the centralizer  $Z_G(h)$ . Then the action of  $h$  on  $\tau M|_{M^h}$  defines the decomposition into eigenvector bundles

$$\tau M|_{M^h} = \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h \oplus \nu_{h,G} = \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{0 < \theta \leq \pi} \nu_{h,G}^\theta \right).$$

Since  $Z_G(h)$  commutes with  $h$ , each summand is  $Z_G(h)$ -equivariant. Then we define  $\mathcal{S}_G^h(M) \in H_{Z_G(h)}^*(M^h; \mathbb{C})$  by;

$$\mathcal{S}_G^h(M) = \det_{\mathbb{R}} (1 - h|_{\nu_{h,G}})^{-1} \mathcal{R}_{Z_G(h)}(\nu_{h,G}^\pi) \left\{ \prod_{0 < \theta < \pi} \mathcal{S}_{Z_G(h)}^\theta(\nu_{h,G}^\theta) \right\} \mathcal{S}_{Z_G(h)}(M^h).$$

We remark that  $\nu_{h,G}$  and the normal bundle of  $M^h$  in  $M$  differ in dimension equal to  $\dim G - \dim Z_G(h)$ . For  $u \in K_V(\tau_V X) \cong K_G(\tau_G M)$ , we have  $i_h^* u \in K_{Z_G(h)}(\tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h)$  and the eigenspace decomposition  $i_h^* u = \bigoplus_{0 \leq \theta < 2\pi} u_h^\theta$ . Then we define:

$$\text{ch}_G^h(u) = \sum_{0 \leq \theta < 2\pi} e^{i\theta} \text{ch}_{Z_G(h)}(u_h^\theta) \in H_{Z_G(h),c}^*(\tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h; \mathbb{C}).$$

Let  $\Sigma X = \coprod \Sigma_i$  be the singularity  $V$ -manifold. Then we have canonical identifications

$$\coprod \Sigma_i = \coprod_{j=1}^p Z_G(h_j) \setminus M^{h_j}, \quad \coprod \tau_V \Sigma_i = \coprod_{j=1}^p Z_G(h_j) \setminus \tau_{Z_G(h_j)} M^{h_j}.$$

Let  $Z_G(h) \setminus M^h = \coprod Z_G(h) \setminus M_i^h$  be the decomposition into connected components. Each  $M_i^h$  is  $Z_G(h)$ -invariant but not connected in general. We define the multiplicity  $m_G(M_i^h)$  by:

$$m_G(M_i^h) = \text{the order of } \{g \in Z_G(h) \mid gx = x, \text{ for any } x \in M_i^h\}.$$

Now we can rewrite the formula (7) into:

$$(12) \quad (\text{ind}^G u)(1_G) = \sum_{\substack{(h) \in (\mathcal{G}) \\ M_i^h \subset M^h}} \frac{(-1)^{\dim(Z_G(h) \setminus M_i^h)}}{m_G(M_i^h)} \{ \text{ch}_G^h(u) \cdot \mathcal{S}_G^h(M) \} [Z_G(h) \setminus \tau_{Z_G(h)} M_i^h],$$

where we denote by  $(G)$  the set of conjugacy classes of  $G$ . We shall deduce this formula from (11) and a computation in the equivariant Chern classes on the flag manifold  $G/T$ .

**§ 2. Gysin homomorphisms (integrations over the fibre)**

Let  $G$  be a compact connected Lie group and let  $M$  be a compact  $G$ -manifold without boundary. We assume that  $G$  acts on  $M$  with only finite isotropy subgroups. Let  $T$  be a maximal torus of  $G$ . We choose and fix a  $G$ -invariant complex structure on the flag manifold  $G/T$ . Then, by (10) and (11), we have, for  $u \in K_G(\tau_G M)$ :

$$(13) \quad \begin{aligned} (\text{ind}^G u)(1_G) &= (\text{ind}^T ru)(1_T) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{h \in T \\ M_i^h \subset M^h}} \frac{(-1)^{\dim(T \setminus M_i^h)}}{m_T(M_i^h)} \{ \text{ch}_T^h(ru) \mathcal{F}_T^h(M) \} [T \setminus \tau_T M_i^h]. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $M_i^h \subset M^h$  denotes a connected component. In the sequel we omit  $i$ 's since all the arguments are parallel.

To deduce (12), we need to reform (13) into the evaluation over  $[Z_G(h) \setminus \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h]$ 's. We use the Gysin homomorphisms. Consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} ET \times_T M^h & \xrightarrow{\pi} & EZ_G(h) \times_{Z_G(h)} M^h \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ T \setminus M^h & \xrightarrow{\pi} & Z_G(h) \setminus M^h. \end{array}$$

The vertical maps induce the identifications  $H^*(T \setminus M^h; \mathbf{Q}) \cong H_T^*(M^h; \mathbf{Q})$  and  $H^*(Z_G(h) \setminus M^h; \mathbf{Q}) \cong H_{Z_G(h)}^*(M^h; \mathbf{Q})$ . The upper  $\pi$  is a fibration with fibre  $Z_G(X)/T$ . We orient  $Z_G(h)/T$  by the induced complex structure from  $G/T$ . We denote the orientation sheaf on  $M^h$  by  $o(M^h)$ . Then we have the Gysin homomorphism  $\pi_1: H_T^*(M^h; o(M^h) \otimes \mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow H_{Z_G(h)}^*(M^h; o(M^h) \otimes \mathbf{Q})$ . We may reconstruct  $\pi_1$  by using the Leray-Serre spectral sequence of the map  $\pi: T \setminus M^h \rightarrow Z_G(h) \setminus M^h$ . Then we have the following proposition:

**PROPOSITION.** *The Gysin homomorphism  $\pi_1$ :*

$$H_T^*(M^h; o(M^h) \otimes \mathbf{Q}) \longrightarrow H_{Z_G(h)}^*(M^h; o(M^h) \otimes \mathbf{Q})$$

*is a  $H_{Z_G(h)}^*(M^h; \mathbf{Q})$ -module homomorphism. For  $x \in H_T^*(M^h; o(M^h) \otimes \mathbf{Q})$ , we have the following formula:*

$$\frac{1}{m_T(M^h)} \langle x, [T \setminus M^h] \rangle = \frac{1}{m_G(M^h)} \langle \pi_! x, [Z_G(h) \setminus M^h] \rangle .$$

Also we have the Thom isomorphisms

$$\psi_T : H_T^*(M^h; \mathfrak{o}(M^h) \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \longrightarrow H_{T,c}^*(\tau_T M^h; \mathbb{Q})$$

and

$$\psi_{Z_G(h)} : H_{Z_G(h)}^*(M^h; \mathfrak{o}(M^h) \otimes \mathbb{Q}) \longrightarrow H_{Z_G(h),c}^*(\tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h; \mathbb{Q}) .$$

Then we define  $\tau\pi_! = \psi_{Z_G(h)} \circ \pi_! \circ (\psi_T)^{-1} : H_{T,c}^*(\tau_T M^h; \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H_{Z_G(h),c}^*(\tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h; \mathbb{Q})$ . It is also a  $H_{Z_G(h)}^*(M^h; \mathbb{Q})$ -homomorphism. Looking carefully at the orientations of  $T \setminus \tau_T M^h$  and  $Z_G(h) \setminus \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h$ , we have, for  $y \in H_{T,c}^*(\tau_T M^h; \mathbb{Q})$ :

$$\frac{1}{m_T(M^h)} \langle y, [T \setminus \tau_T M^h] \rangle = \frac{(-1)^{m_h}}{m_T(M^h)} \langle \tau\pi_! y, [Z_G(h) \setminus \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h] \rangle ,$$

$$(m_h = \frac{1}{2} \dim_{\mathbb{R}}(Z_G(h)/T) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(Z_G(h)/T)) .$$

We apply  $\tau\pi_!$  to  $\{\text{ch}_T^h(ru) \mathcal{S}_T^h(M)\}$  in (13). Then we get:

$$(14) \quad (\text{ind}^G u)(1_G) = \sum_{h \in T} \frac{\varepsilon_G(M^h)}{m_G(M^h)} (-1)^{m_h} \tau\pi_! \{ \text{ch}_T^h(ru) \mathcal{S}_T^h(M) \} [Z_G(h) \setminus \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h] ,$$

$$(\varepsilon_G(M^h) = (-1)^{\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(Z_G(h), M^h)} .$$

We compute each term  $(-1)^{m_h} \tau\pi_! \{ \text{ch}_T^h(ru) \mathcal{S}_T^h(M) \}$  independently. First we consider  $\mathcal{S}_T^h(M) \in H_T^*(M^h; \mathbb{C})$ . We have isomorphisms:

$$H_T^*(M^h; \mathbb{C}) \cong H_{Z_G(h)}^*(Z_G(h) \times_T M^h; \mathbb{C}) \cong H_{Z_G(h)}^*(Z_G(h)/T \times M^h) .$$

Recall the definition:

$$\mathcal{S}_T^h(M) = \det_{\mathbb{R}}(1 - h|_{\nu_{h,T}})^{-1} \mathcal{R}_T(\nu_{h,T}^{\otimes \pi}) \left\{ \prod_{0 < \theta < \pi} \mathcal{S}_T^{\theta}(\nu_{h,T}^{\theta}) \right\} \mathcal{S}_T(M^h) .$$

$\nu_{h,T}$  is a  $Z_G(h)$ -equivariant bundle and decomposes equivariantly into:

$$\nu_{h,T} = \nu_{h,G} \oplus \tau_0(G/Z_G(h)) ,$$

where  $\tau_0(G/Z_G(h))$  denotes the tangent space of  $G/Z_G(h)$  at the identity coset. (We denote by the same symbol the vector space and the trivial vector bundle). So, if we lift the  $T$ -equivariant bundle  $\nu_{h,T}$  to a  $Z_G(h)$ -equivariant bundle over  $Z_G(h) \times_T M^h \cong Z_G(h)/T \times M^h$ , we may consider it as the pull-back of a  $Z_G(h)$ -equivariant bundle  $\nu_{h,T}$  over  $M^h$ . Since  $Z_G(h)/T$  is a complex submanifold of  $G/T$ ,  $\tau_0(G/Z_G(h))$  is a complex vector space with a linear action of  $h$ .  $h$  does not have any non-zero fixed

vector on  $\tau_0(G/Z_G(h))$ . Let  $\bigoplus_{0 < \theta < 2\pi} \tau'_\theta(G/Z_G(h))$  be the eigenspace decomposition. We define:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_G^h(G/Z_G(h))_0 &= \det_{\mathbb{R}}(1 - h|_{\tau_0(G/Z_G(h))})^{-1} \left\{ \prod_{0 < \theta < 2\pi} \mathcal{S}_{Z_G(h)}^\theta(\tau'_\theta(G/Z_G(h))) \right\} \\ &\in H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(pt; \mathbb{C}). \end{aligned}$$

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \det_{\mathbb{R}}(1 - h|_{\nu_{h,T}})^{-1} \mathcal{R}_T(\nu_{h,T}^\pi) \left\{ \prod_{0 < \theta < \pi} \mathcal{S}_T^\theta(\nu_{h,T}^\theta) \right\} \\ = \mathcal{S}_G^h(G/Z_G(h))_0 \times \det(1 - h|_{\nu_{h,G}})^{-1} \mathcal{R}_{Z_G(h)}(\nu_{h,G}^\pi) \left\{ \prod_{0 < \theta < \pi} \mathcal{S}_{Z_G(h)}^\theta(\nu_{h,G}^\theta) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where the first factor is in  $H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(pt; \mathbb{C})$  and the second factor is in  $H_{Z_G(h)}^*(M^h; \mathbb{C})$ . Also we have a  $T$ -equivariant decomposition:

$$\tau_T M^h = \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h \oplus \tau_0(Z_G(h)/T).$$

If we lift  $\tau_T M^h$  over  $Z_G(h)/T \times M^h$ , then  $\tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h$  is a  $Z_G(h)$ -equivariant bundle over  $M^h$  and  $\tau_0(Z_G(h)/T)$  is the tangent bundle of  $Z_G(h)/T$ . Hence we have:

$$\mathcal{S}_T(M^h) = \mathcal{S}_{Z_G(h)}(Z_G(h)/T) \times \mathcal{S}_{Z_G(h)}(M^h).$$

As a whole, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_T^h(M) &= \mathcal{S}_{Z_G(h)}(Z_G(h)/T) \times \mathcal{S}_G^h(G/Z_G(h))_0 \times \mathcal{S}_G^h(M) \\ &\in H_{Z_G(h)}^*(Z_G(h)/T \times M^h; \mathbb{C}), \end{aligned}$$

where the first factor is in  $H_{Z_G(h)}^*(Z_G(h)/T; \mathbb{Q})$ , the second factor is in  $H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(pt; \mathbb{C})$  and the third factor is in  $H_{Z_G(h)}^*(M^h; \mathbb{C})$ .

Next we compute  $\text{ch}_T^h(ru) \in H_{T,c}^*(\tau_T M^h; \mathbb{C})$ . By definition, we have  $ru[\bar{\partial}] \times u \in K_G(\tau(G/T) \times \tau_G M) \cong K_T(\tau_T M)$ . So

$$i_h^* ru = [\bar{\partial}_{G/T}|_{Z_G(h)/T}] \times i_h^* u \in K_{Z_G(h)}(\tau(Z_G(h)/T) \times \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h).$$

Since  $Z_G(h)/T$  is a complex submanifold of  $G/T$ , we have  $[\bar{\partial}_{G/T}|_{Z_G(h)/T}] = [\bar{\partial}_{Z_G(h)/T}] \lambda_{-1}(\tau_0(G/Z_G(h))) \in K_{Z_G(h)}(\tau(Z_G(h)/T))$ . Hence we have:

$$i_h^* ru = [\bar{\partial}_{Z_G(h)/T}] \times \lambda_{-1}(\tau_0(G/Z_G(h))) \times i_h^* u,$$

where the first factor is in  $K_{Z_G(h)}(\tau(Z_G(h)/T))$ , the second factor is in  $R(Z_G(h))$  and the third factor is in  $K_{Z_G(h)}(\tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h)$ . Consider the eigenspace decomposition by the action of  $h$ . The action is trivial on  $Z_G(h)/T$ . So we have:

$$\sum e^{i\theta}(i_h^*ru)^\theta = [\bar{\delta}_{Z_G(h)/T}] \times (\sum e^{i\theta}\lambda_{-1}(\tau_0^*(G/Z_G(h)))) \times (\sum e^{i\theta}(i_h^*u)^\theta).$$

Applying the Chern character on both sides, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ch}_T^h(ru) &= \text{ch}_{Z_G(h)}[\bar{\delta}_{Z_G(h)/T}] \times \text{ch}_G^h(\lambda_{-1}(\tau_0(G/Z_G(h)))) \times \text{ch}_G^h(u) \\ &\in H_{T,c}^*(\tau_T M^h; \mathbf{C}) \cong H_{Z_G(h),c}^*(\tau(Z_G(h)/T) \times \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h; \mathbf{C}), \end{aligned}$$

where the first factor is in  $H_{Z_G(h),c}^{**}(\tau(Z_G(h)/T); \mathbf{C})$ , the second factor is in  $H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(pt; \mathbf{C})$  and the third factor is in  $H_{Z_G(h),c}^*(\tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h; \mathbf{C})$ . Combining this with the computation on  $\mathcal{S}_T^h(M)$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ch}_T^h(ru)\mathcal{S}_T^h(M) &= \text{ch}_{Z_G(h)}[\bar{\delta}_{Z_G(h)/T}]_{\mathcal{S}_{Z_G(h)}(Z_G(h)/T)} \\ &\quad \times \text{ch}_G^h(\lambda_{-1}(\tau_0(G/Z_G(h))))_{\mathcal{S}_G^h(G/Z_G(h))_0} \\ &\quad \times \text{ch}_G^h(u)\mathcal{S}_G^h(M) \\ &\in H_{T,c}^*(\tau_T M^h; \mathbf{C}) \cong H_{Z_G(h),c}^*(\tau(Z_G(h)/T) \times \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h; \mathbf{C}), \end{aligned}$$

where the first factor is in  $H_{Z_G(h),c}^{**}(\tau(Z_G(h)/T); \mathbf{Q})$ , the second factor is in  $H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(pt; \mathbf{C})$  and the third factor is in  $H_{Z_G(h),c}^*(\tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h; \mathbf{C})$ . We have also:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ch}_{Z_G(h)}[\bar{\delta}_{Z_G(h)/T}]_{\mathcal{S}_{Z_G(h)}(Z_G(h)/T)} &= (-1)^{m_h} \psi(\mathcal{S}_{Z_G(h)}(Z_G(h)/T)), \\ (\psi: H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(Z_G(h)/T; \mathbf{Q}) \longrightarrow H_{Z_G(h),c}^{**}(\tau(Z_G(h)/T); \mathbf{Q}), \text{ Thom isomorphism}), \\ \text{ch}_G^h(\lambda_{-1}(\tau_0(G/Z_G(h))))_{\mathcal{S}_G^h(G/Z_G(h))_0} &= \mathcal{S}_G^h(G/Z_G(h))_0, \\ &\text{(the residual Todd class restricted at the identity component)}. \end{aligned}$$

By the identification  $H_{T,c}^*(\tau_T M^h; \mathbf{C}) \cong H_{Z_G(h),c}^*(\tau(Z_G(h)/T) \times \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h; \mathbf{C})$ ,  $\tau\pi_1$  is given by the composite:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau\pi_1: H_{Z_G(h),c}^*(\tau(Z_G(h)/T) \times \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h; \mathbf{C}) \\ \xrightarrow{\psi^{-1}} H_{Z_G(h)}^*(Z_G(h)/T \times M^h; \mathfrak{o}(M^h) \otimes \mathbf{C}) \\ \xrightarrow{\pi_1} H_{Z_G(h)}^*(M^h; \mathfrak{o}(M^h) \otimes \mathbf{C}) \\ \xrightarrow{\psi} H_{Z_G(h),c}^*(\tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h; \mathbf{C}). \end{aligned}$$

Then we can see:

$$\begin{aligned} &(-1)^{m_h} \tau\pi_1 \{ \text{ch}_T^h(ru)\mathcal{S}_T^h(M) \} \\ &= \pi_1 \{ \mathcal{S}_{Z_G(h)}(Z_G(h)/T)\mathcal{S}_G^h(G/Z_G(h))_0 \} \text{ch}_G^h(u)\mathcal{S}_G^h(M), \\ &(\pi_1: H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(Z_G(h)/T; \mathbf{C}) \longrightarrow H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(pt; \mathbf{C})). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have proved:

$$(15) \quad (\text{ind}^G u)(1_G) = \sum_{\substack{h \in T \\ M^h \neq \emptyset}} \frac{\varepsilon_G(M^h)}{m_G(M^h)} \{ \pi_1 \{ \mathcal{S}_{Z_G(h)}(Z_G(h)/T)\mathcal{S}_G^h(G/Z_G(h))_0 \} \\ \times \text{ch}_G^h(u)\mathcal{S}_G^h(M) \} [Z_G(h) \setminus \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h].$$

We compare this formula with the final form (12). In (12), the summation moves over the conjugacy classes  $(h)$  in  $G$  such that  $M^h \neq \emptyset$ , but in (15), the summation moves over all the elements in  $T$  such that  $M^h \neq \emptyset$ . We recall that every conjugacy class  $(h)$  in  $G$  meets  $T$  by finite (non-zero) times. So in (15), we sum up first the terms corresponding to the elements that belong to the same conjugacy class in  $G$ .

Let  $h$  and  $h'$  be elements in  $T$  conjugate in  $G$ . Choose  $g \in G$  such that  $ghg^{-1} = h'$ . We denote by  $\phi_g$  the action of  $g$  on  $M$  and by  $\iota_g$  the inner automorphism induced by  $g$ . Then  $\phi_g: M \rightarrow M$  is  $\iota_g$ -equivariant and maps  $M^h$  onto  $M^{h'}$ . It induces bundle equivalences  $\tau_h \phi_g: \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h \rightarrow \tau_{Z_G(h')} M^{h'}$  and  $\nu_h \phi_g: \nu_{h,G} \rightarrow \nu_{h',G}$ . These equivalences are  $[\iota_g: Z_G(h) \rightarrow Z_G(h')]$ -equivariant. This shows  $\phi_g^* \mathcal{F}_G^h(M) = \mathcal{F}_G^{h'}(M)$  and  $(\tau_h \phi_g)^* \text{ch}_G^h(u) = \text{ch}_G^{h'}(u)$ . Hence we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\tau_h \phi_g)^* \{ \pi_1 \{ \mathcal{T}_{Z_G(h')} (Z_G(h')/T) \mathcal{F}_G^{h'}(G/Z_G(h'))_0 \} \text{ch}_G^{h'}(u) \mathcal{F}_G^{h'}(M) \} \\ &= \{ \iota_g^* \pi_1 \{ \mathcal{T}_{Z_G(h')} (Z_G(h')/T) \mathcal{F}_G^{h'}(G/Z_G(h'))_0 \} \} \text{ch}_G^h(u) \mathcal{F}_G^h(M). \end{aligned}$$

For each conjugacy class  $(h)$  in  $G$ , we put  $(h) \cap T = \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{w(h)}\}$ . For each  $j$ , we choose  $g_j \in G$  such that  $h_j = g_j h g_j^{-1}$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (16) \quad (\text{ind}^G u)(1_G) &= \sum_{\substack{(h) \in (G) \\ M^h \neq \emptyset}} \frac{\varepsilon_G(M^h)}{m_G(M^h)} \left\{ \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{w(h)} \iota_{g_j}^* \pi_1 \{ \mathcal{T}_{Z_G(h_j)} (Z_G(h_j)/T) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times \mathcal{F}_G^{h_j}(G/Z_G(h_j))_0 \right\} \text{ch}_G^h(u) \mathcal{F}_G^h(M) \right\} [Z_G(h) \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h]. \end{aligned}$$

Now we consider the class

$$\sum_{j=1}^{w(h)} \iota_{g_j}^* \pi_1 \{ \mathcal{T}_{Z_G(h_j)} (Z_G(h_j)/T) \mathcal{F}_G^{h_j}(G/Z_G(h_j))_0 \} \in H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(pt; \mathbb{C}).$$

The action of  $h$  on  $\tau_0(G/Z_G(h))$  has no fixed non-zero vector. By an elementary consideration, we have:

$$(G/T)^h = \prod_{j=1}^{w(h)} g_j^{-1} Z_G(h_j) / T.$$

Recall the definition of  $\mathcal{F}_G^h(G/T) \in H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}((G/T)^h; \mathbb{C})$ . We can see that  $\mathcal{T}_{Z_G(h)}(Z_G(h)/T) \mathcal{F}_G^h(G/Z_G(h))_0$  is the restriction of  $\mathcal{F}_G^h(G/T)$  onto the component  $Z_G(h)/T$ . The holomorphic action of  $g_j$  on  $G/T$  defines a map  $\psi_{g_j}: g_j^{-1} Z_G(h_j) / T \rightarrow Z_G(h) / T$ . It is  $\iota_{g_j}$ -equivariant. Hence we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \iota_{g_j}^* \pi_1 \{ \mathcal{T}_{Z_G(h_j)} (Z_G(h_j)/T) \mathcal{F}_G^{h_j}(G/Z_G(h_j))_0 \} \\ &= \pi_1 \{ \psi_{g_j}^* \mathcal{T}_{Z_G(h)} (Z_G(h)/T) \mathcal{F}_G^h(G/Z_G(h))_0 \} \\ &= \pi_1 (\mathcal{F}_G^h(G/T)|_{g_j^{-1} Z_G(h_j) / T}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have proved:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\text{ind}^G u)(1_G) \\
 (17) \quad &= \sum_{\substack{(h) \in (G) \\ M^h \neq \emptyset}} \frac{\varepsilon_G(M^h)}{m_G(M^h)} \{ \pi_1(\mathcal{F}_G^h(G/T)) \text{ch}_G^h(u) \mathcal{F}_G^h(M) \} [Z_G(h) \backslash \tau_{Z_G(h)} M^h], \\
 & (\pi_1 : H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}((G/T)^h; C) \longrightarrow H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(pt; C)) .
 \end{aligned}$$

To complete the proof it will suffice to show:

$$\pi_1(\mathcal{F}_G^h(G/T)) = 1 \in H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(pt; C) .$$

This will be done in the next section.

**§ 3. Equivariant residual Todd classes over flag manifolds**

Let  $G$  be a compact connected Lie group and let  $T$  be a maximal torus of  $G$ . Choose and fix a  $G$ -invariant complex structure on the flag manifold  $G/T$ . Let  $h \in T$  be an element. Then the fixed point set  $(G/T)^h$  is a complex submanifold (closed but not connected in general). It admits the holomorphic action of the centralizer  $Z_G(h)$ . Let  $E (= EG) \rightarrow E/G (= BG)$  be the universal  $G$ -principal bundle. Then we have an associated bundle:  $E \times_{Z_G(h)} (G/T)^h \rightarrow E/Z_G(h) (= BZ_G(h))$ . Over its total space  $E \times_{Z_G(h)} (G/T)^h$ , we have vector bundles

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau((G/T)^h)_{Z_G(h)} &= E \times_{Z_G(h)} \tau((G/T)^h) , \\
 \nu^\theta((G/T)^h)_{Z_G(h)} &= E \times_{Z_G(h)} \nu^\theta((G/T)^h) \quad (0 < \theta < 2\pi) ,
 \end{aligned}$$

( $\nu^\theta$  denotes the eigenvector bundle by the action of  $h$ ). Then we define:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}_G^h(G/T) &= \mathcal{F}(\tau((G/T)^h)_{Z_G(h)}) \prod_{0 < \theta < 2\pi} \mathcal{F}^\theta(\nu^\theta((G/T)^h)_{Z_G(h)}) \\
 &\in H^{**}(E \times_{Z_G(h)} (G/T)^h; C) = H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}((G/T)^h; C) .
 \end{aligned}$$

$\pi : E \times_{Z_G(h)} (G/T)^h \rightarrow E/Z_G(h)$  defines the Gysin homomorphism

$$\pi_* : H^{**}(E \times_{Z_G(h)} (G/T)^h; C) \longrightarrow H^{**}(E/Z_G(h); C) .$$

The purpose of this section is to prove the following formula

$$(18) \quad \pi_* \mathcal{F}_G^h(G/T) = 1 \in H^{**}(E/Z_G(h); C) = H_{Z_G(h)}^{**}(pt; C) .$$

This is the last formula in the previous section.

Let  $Z_G(h)_0 \subset Z_G(h)$  denote the identity component. Then the projection  $E/Z_G(h)_0 \rightarrow E/Z_G(h)$  is a finite regular covering. The induced map

$H^{**}(E/Z_G(h); \mathbf{C}) \rightarrow H^{**}(E/Z_G(h)_0; \mathbf{C})$  is injective. So we may reduce the structure group  $Z_G(h)$  to  $Z_G(h)_0$ . We denote by  $\pi'$  the projection

$$\pi': E \times_{Z_G(h)_0} (G/T)^h \longrightarrow E/Z_G(h)_0 .$$

Then it will suffice to show:

$$\pi'_! \mathcal{F}_G^h(G/T) = 1 \in H^{**}(E/Z_G(h)_0; \mathbf{C}) .$$

Let  $W(G) = N_G(T)/T$  and  $W(Z_G(h)_0) = N_{Z_G(h)_0}(T)/T$  be the Weyl group of  $G$  and  $Z_G(h)_0$  respectively. For each right coset  $[w_j]$  in  $W(G)/W(Z_G(h)_0)$ , choose one representative  $g_j \in N_G(T)$ . Then, as a  $Z_G(h)_0$ -manifold,  $(G/T)^h$  decomposes into a disjoint union

$$(G/T)^h = \coprod_{[w_j] \in W(G)/W(Z_G(h)_0)} (Z_G(h)_0 g_j^{-1})/T .$$

Put  $h_j = g_j h g_j^{-1}$ , then the holomorphic action of  $g_j$  maps  $(Z_G(h)_0 g_j^{-1})/T$  onto  $Z_G(h_j)_0/T$ . This map is  $[\iota_{g_j}: Z_G(h)_0 \rightarrow Z_G(h_j)_0]$ -equivariant. Over each component  $(Z_G(h)_0 g_j^{-1})/T$  in  $(G/T)^h$ , we may translate everything onto  $Z_G(h_j)_0/T$  by the action of  $g_j$ . Then the bundles

$$E \times_{Z_G(h)_0} \tau((G/T)^h) \quad \text{and} \quad E \times_{Z_G(h)_0} \nu^\theta((G/T)^h)$$

are translated to:

$$\begin{aligned} E \times_{Z_G(h_j)_0} \tau(Z_G(h_j)_0/T) &\cong E \times_T \tau_0(Z_G(h_j)_0/T) , \\ E \times_{Z_G(h_j)_0} \nu^\theta(Z_G(h_j)_0/T) &\cong E \times_T \tau_0^\theta(G/Z_G(h_j)_0) . \end{aligned}$$

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} &\pi'_! \{ \mathcal{F}_G^h(G/T)|_{(Z_G(h)_0 g_j^{-1})/T} \} \\ &= \iota_{g_j}^* (\pi_j)_! \left\{ \mathcal{F}_T(\tau_0(Z_G(h_j)_0/T)) \prod_{0 < \theta < 2\pi} \mathcal{F}_T^\theta(\tau_0^\theta(G/Z_G(h_j)_0)) \right\} , \\ &(\pi_j: E/T \longrightarrow E/Z_G(h_j)_0, \quad \iota_{g_j}: E/Z_G(h)_0 \longrightarrow E/Z_G(h_j)_0) . \end{aligned}$$

We can describe these classes in terms of the roots of  $G$ . Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m$  be the positive roots of  $G$ , corresponding to the invariant complex structure on  $G/T$  (see Borel-Hirzebruch [4]). Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be the Lie algebra of  $G$  and let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \alpha_1 \oplus \alpha_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha_m$  be the root space decomposition. That is:  $\mathfrak{g} = \tau_0(G)$  and  $\mathfrak{h} = \tau_0(T)$ .  $T$  acts on  $\mathfrak{g}$  by the conjugacy.  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \alpha_1 \oplus \alpha_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha_m$  is the irreducible decomposition of this  $T$ -action.  $\mathfrak{h}$  is the trivial summand.  $a_k$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) is a linear functional on  $\mathfrak{h}$  such that, on  $\alpha_k \cong \mathbf{C}$ , the action of  $T$  is given by:

$$hz = e^{2\pi i a_k(H)} z, \\ (h \in T, z \in \alpha_k \cong \mathbb{C}, H \in \mathfrak{h} \text{ such that } \exp H = h).$$

For the fixed  $h \in T$ , we choose  $H \in \mathfrak{h}$  such that  $\exp H = h$  and we put  $H_j = w_j H = \text{Ad}(g_j)H$ . Then the  $T$ -invariant subspaces  $\tau_0(Z_G(h_j)_0/T)$  and  $\tau_0^\theta(G/Z_G(h_j)_0)$  in  $\tau_0(G/T) = \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h} = \alpha_1 \oplus \alpha_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha_m$  are given by:

$$\tau_0(Z_G(h_j)_0/T) = \bigoplus_{\substack{k; a_k(H_j) \equiv 0 \\ \text{mod } \mathbb{Z}}} \alpha_k, \\ \tau_0^\theta(G/Z_G(h_j)_0) = \bigoplus_{\substack{k; a_k(H_j) \equiv \theta/2\pi \\ \text{mod } \mathbb{Z}}} \alpha_k.$$

By Borel-Hirzebruch [4], we may identify  $H^{**}(BT; \mathbb{R}) = H^{**}(E/T; \mathbb{R})$  with the completion of the symmetric tensor algebra  $S^{**}(\mathfrak{h}^*)$ . We denote by  $[a_k] \in H^2(E/T; \mathbb{R})$  the corresponding class to  $a_k \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ . Then the equivariant total Chern classes are written by:

$$c_T(\tau_0(Z_G(h_j)_0/T)) = \prod_{k; a_k(H_j) \equiv 0} (1 + [a_k]) \in H^{**}(E/T; \mathbb{R}), \\ c_T(\tau_0^\theta(G/Z_G(h_j)_0)) = \prod_{k; a_k(H_j) \equiv \theta/2\pi} (1 + [a_k]) \in H^{**}(E/T; \mathbb{R}).$$

Hence we have:

$$\mathcal{F}_T(\tau_0(Z_G(h_j)_0/T)) \prod_{0 < \theta < 2\pi} \mathcal{F}_T^\theta(\tau_0^\theta(G/Z_G(h_j)_0)) \\ = \prod_{k; a_k(H_j) \equiv 0} \frac{[a_k]}{1 - e^{-[a_k]}} \prod_{0 < \theta < 2\pi} \prod_{k; a_k(H_j) \equiv \theta/2\pi} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-[a_k] - i\theta}} \\ = \left\{ \prod_{k; a_k(H_j) \equiv 0} [a_k] \right\} \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{1 - e^{-[a_k] - 2\pi i a_k(H_j)}} \right\}.$$

By Borel-Hirzebruch [5], we can compute the Gysin homomorphism  $(\pi_j)_!$ . We remark that  $\{a_k | a_k(H_j) \equiv 0 \text{ mod } \mathbb{Z}\}$  are the positive roots of  $Z_G(h_j)_0$ . Then we have:

$$\left\{ \prod_{k; a_k(H_j) \equiv 0} [a_k] \right\} (\pi_j)_! \left\{ \mathcal{F}_T(\tau_0(Z_G(h_j)_0/T)) \prod_{0 < \theta < 2\pi} \mathcal{F}_T^\theta(\tau_0^\theta(G/Z_G(h_j)_0)) \right\} \\ = \sum_{w \in W(Z_G(h_j)_0)} \text{sgn}(w) \left\{ \prod_{k; a_k(H_j) \equiv 0} [wa_k] \right\} \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{1 - e^{-[wa_k] - 2\pi i a_k(H_j)}} \right\}.$$

For  $w \in W(Z_G(h_j)_0)$ , we have:

$$\text{sgn}(w) \left\{ \prod_{k; a_k(H_j) \equiv 0} [wa_k] \right\} = \prod_{k; a_k(H_j) \equiv 0} [a_k], \\ wa_k(H_j) = a_k(w^{-1}H_j) = a_k(H_j) \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, m).$$

Hence we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\pi_j)_! \left\{ \mathcal{F}_T(\tau_0(Z_G(h_j)_0/T)) \prod_{0 < \theta < 2\pi} \mathcal{F}_T^\theta(\tau_0^\theta(G/Z_G(h_j)_0)) \right\} \\
 &= \sum_{w \in W(Z_G(h_j)_0)} \prod_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{1 - e^{-[wa_k] - 2\pi i w a_k(H_j)}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The conjugation  $\iota_{g_j}: E/Z_G(h)_0 \rightarrow E/Z_G(h_j)_0$  is covered by the map  $\iota_{g_j}: E/T \rightarrow E/T$ . So, in cohomology,  $\iota_{g_j}^*$  is given by the action of the element  $w_j^{-1} \in W(G)$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi'_! \mathcal{F}_G^h(G/T) &= \sum_j \iota_{g_j}^* (\pi_j)_! \left\{ \mathcal{F}_T(\tau_0(Z_G(h_j)_0/T)) \prod_\theta \mathcal{F}_T^\theta(\tau_0^\theta(G/Z_G(h_j)_0)) \right\} \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{[w_j] \in W(G)/W(Z_G(h)_0) \\ w \in W(Z_G(h_j)_0)}} \prod_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{1 - e^{-[w_j^{-1} w a_k] - 2\pi i w a_k(H)}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $w a_k(H_j) = w a_k(w_j H) = w_j^{-1} w a_k(H)$  and in summation  $w_j^{-1} w$  move just all over  $W(G)$ . Hence:

$$\pi'_! \mathcal{F}_G^h(G/T) = \sum_{w \in W(G)} \prod_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{1 - e^{-[w a_k] - 2\pi i w a_k(H)}}.$$

Recall the Weyl's relation that was used in Borel-Hirzebruch [4]. That is, as a function in  $X \in \mathfrak{h}$ , we have:

$$\sum_{w \in W(G)} \prod_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{1 - e^{-w a_k(X)}} \equiv 1.$$

Replace  $X$  by  $X + 2\pi i H$  and we get:

$$\sum_{w \in W(G)} \prod_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{1 - e^{-w a_k(X) - 2\pi i w a_k(H)}} \equiv 1.$$

The formal power series expansion of this expression gives a relation in  $S^{**}(\mathfrak{h}^*) \otimes C = H^{**}(E/T; C)$ . This shows:

$$\pi_! \mathcal{F}_G^h(G/T) = 1 \in H^{**}(E/Z_G(h); C) \subset H^{**}(E/T; C).$$

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