

# DIRAC OPERATORS AND THE WEITZENBÖCK FORMULA FOR $Spin^G(3)$ -STRUCTURES

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## Abstract

The aims of this article are to present a few properties of the Dirac operators associated to  $Spin^G(3)$ -structures and to give a generalised version of the Weitzenböck Formula for  $Spin^G(3)$ -structures. This formula is in fact a Bochner-Lichnerowicz type identity, as it can be found in [LM], Theorem II. 8.8., Theorem II. 8.17. and Theorem D.12. and gives identities in which one of the terms is a Dirac laplaceian (in this case the square of a Dirac operator). It can be found also in papers related to the Seiberg-Witten theory (see for instance [OT1], [OT2], [OT3] and [OT4]), with the name of Weitzenböck formula. The definitions related to vector bundles and connections can be found in [FU], [K], [KN] and [We]. The general definitions of the Lie groups  $Spin^G(n)$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ), of  $Spin^G(n)$ -structures in  $SO(n)$ -principal bundles and of associated Seiberg-Witten monopole equations (for  $SO(4)$ -coframes bundles) have been introduced and studied in [T1] and [T3]. We shall consider only the case  $n = 3$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a Riemannian compact manifold of dimension 3 and  $E$  a hermitian vector bundle over  $X$  of rank  $r$ . We shall assume that the associated vector bundles like  $\Lambda^q T^*X$  or  $End(E)$  are endowed with the canonically induced respective metrics. We shall use the following

**Notations:**

$ad(E) = P \times_{ad_{U(r)}} u(r)$ , where  $P$  is the principal bundle of the unitary frames in  $E$  and  $u(r)$  the Lie algebra of the unitary group  $U(r)$ .

$A^0(E) = \{s : X \rightarrow E; s \text{ is a smooth section in } E\}$ .

$A^q(X) = A^0(\Lambda^q T^*(X))$ .

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$$A^q(E) = A^0(\Lambda^q T^*(X) \otimes E).$$

$$\Lambda_X^q = \Lambda^q T^*(X).$$

$$A(E) = \{a : A^0(T(X)) \times A^0(E) \longrightarrow A^0(E); a \text{ unitary connection in } E\}.$$

For a given Lie group we shall denote by  $Ad$  the adjoint morphism from the Lie group to its group of automorphisms and by  $ad$  the adjoint representation of the Lie group in its Lie algebra.

**Convention:**  $su(2)$  shall be considered endowed with the scalar product  $\langle a, b \rangle = -\frac{1}{2}Tr(ab)$ , for any  $a, b \in su(2)$ .

The adjoint representation of the Lie group  $SU(2)$  on its Lie algebra  $su(2)$  gives the exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \hookrightarrow SU(2) \xrightarrow{ad} SO(su(2)) \longrightarrow 1$$

which induces the exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \hookrightarrow SU(2) \xrightarrow{p} SO(3) \longrightarrow 1$$

Since  $SU(2)$  is connected and simply connected it follows that the group  $Spin(3)$ , defined as the universal cover of  $SO(3)$ , is  $SU(2)$ .

**Definition 1.1** Let  $(V, h)$  be a hermitian vector space of finite dimension. Let  $G \subseteq U(V)$  be a closed subgroup of the unitary group of  $V$  which contains the central involution  $-Id_V$ . Then

$$Spin^G(3) := Spin(3) \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} G = SU(2) \times_{\mathbb{Z}_2} G,$$

where  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  as subgroup of  $SU(2) \times G$  is  $\{\pm(Id_2, Id_V)\}$ .

**Notation:**  $L := Lie(G)$ .

**Remark 1.2** With the above notations,  $L \subset u(V)$ .

**Notations:** For  $(u, g) \in SU(2) \times G$  we denote by  $[u, g]$  the corresponding class modulo  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  of  $(u, g)$  in  $Spin^G(3)$ .

When there is no danger of confusion we use the same notation for elements in fibre bundles associated with a given principal bundle and a left action of its structure Lie group on a given manifold. (For such fibre bundles we use the definition from [KN], pg. 52-53).

We define now some important Lie group morphisms defined on  $Spin^G(3)$ .

**Definition 1.3** 1)  $ad_S : Spin^G(3) \longrightarrow SO(su(2))$  is the morphism canonically induced by the adjoint representation of  $SU(2)$  in its Lie algebra:  $ad_S([u, g]) = ad(u)$ .

2)  $ad_G : Spin^G(3) \longrightarrow O(L)$  is the morphism canonically induced by the adjoint representation of  $G$  in its Lie algebra:  $ad_G([u, g]) = ad(g)$ .

3)  $Ad_S : Spin^G(3) \longrightarrow Aut(SU(2))$  is the morphism canonically induced by the adjoint morphism from  $SU(2)$  to  $Aut(SU(2))$ :  $Ad_S([u, g]) = Ad(u)$ .

4)  $Ad_G : Spin^G(3) \longrightarrow Aut(G)$  is the morphism canonically induced by the adjoint



morphism from  $G$  to  $\text{Aut}(G)$ :  $\text{Ad}_G([u, g]) = \text{Ad}(g)$ .

5)  $\lambda : \text{Spin}^G(3) \rightarrow U(C^2 \otimes_C V)$  is the morphism defined by  $\lambda([u, g])(z \otimes v) = uz \otimes gv$  for any  $u \in \text{SU}(2)$ ,  $g \in G$ ,  $z \in C^2$  and  $v \in V$ .

6)  $\pi : \text{Spin}^G(3) \rightarrow \text{SO}(3)$  is the morphism defined by  $\pi([u, g]) = p(u)$  for any  $u \in \text{SU}(2)$  and  $g \in G$ .

7)  $\delta : \text{Spin}^G(3) \rightarrow G/Z_2$  is the canonical projection  $\delta([u, g]) = [g](\text{mod } Z_2)$ .

**Remark 1.4** The following sequences are exact:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\longrightarrow \text{SU}(2) \hookrightarrow \text{Spin}^G(3) \xrightarrow{\delta} G/Z_2 \longrightarrow 1, \\ 1 &\longrightarrow G \hookrightarrow \text{Spin}^G(3) \xrightarrow{\pi} \text{SO}(3) \longrightarrow 1, \\ 1 &\longrightarrow Z_2 \hookrightarrow \text{Spin}^G(3) \xrightarrow{(\pi, \delta)} \text{SO}(3) \times G/Z_2 \longrightarrow 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof** The proof is a direct consequence of the general theorems of group isomorphisms.

**Convention:** From now on we shall always assume a Riemannian 3-manifold to be connected, compact and oriented.

**Convention:** If  $P$  is the  $\text{SO}(3)$ -principal bundle of the oriented and  $\rho$ -orthonormal coframes of  $(X, \rho)$  then  $P \times_{\text{SO}(3)} \mathbb{R}^3$  shall be considered automatically endowed with the euclidian structure given by

$$\langle [p, (u^1, u^2, u^3)], [p, (v^1, v^2, v^3)] \rangle = u^1 v^1 + u^2 v^2 + u^3 v^3$$

for any  $[p, (u^1, u^2, u^3)], [p, (v^1, v^2, v^3)] \in P \times_{\text{SO}(3)} \mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Remark 1.5** If  $P$  is the  $\text{SO}(3)$ -principal bundle of the oriented and  $\rho$ -orthonormal coframes of  $(X, \rho)$ , then  $P \times_{\text{SO}(3)} \mathbb{R}^3$  is canonically isometric in an orientation preserving way with  $\Lambda_X^1$ , where the cotangent bundle  $\Lambda_X^1$  is endowed with the metric induced by  $\rho$ .

**Proof** One can check very easily that the morphism given by

$$P \times_{\text{SO}(3)} \mathbb{R}^3 \ni [p, (u_1, u_2, u_3)] \mapsto u^1 p_1 + u^2 p_2 + u^3 p_3 \in \Lambda_X^1$$

for any  $p = (p_1, p_2, p_3) \in P$  and  $(u_1, u_2, u_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  is the required isometry.

**Definition 1.6** A  $\text{Spin}^G(3)$ -structure on a Riemannian 3-manifold  $(X, \rho)$  is a pair  $(P^G, \gamma : P \times_{\text{SO}(3)} \mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{\sim} P^G \times_{\pi} \mathbb{R}^3)$  where  $P^G$  is a  $\text{Spin}^G(3)$ -principal bundle over  $X$ ,  $P$  is the  $\text{SO}(3)$ -principal bundle of the oriented and  $\rho$ -orthonormal coframes of  $(X, \rho)$  and  $\gamma$  is an orientation preserving linear isometry.

**Remark 1.7** If  $(P^G, \gamma : P \times_{\text{SO}(3)} \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow P^G \times_{\pi} \mathbb{R}^3)$  is a  $\text{Spin}^G(3)$ -structure on Riemannian 3-manifold  $(X, \rho)$  then  $P^G \times_{\pi} \mathbb{R}^3$  can be isometrically identified with

$P^G \times_{ad_S} su(2)$ . Furthermore,  $P \times_{SO(3)} \mathbb{R}^3$  can be identified with  $\Lambda_X^1$  as seen in remark 1.5 and  $\gamma$  can be considered as an orientation preserving isometry

$$\gamma : \Lambda_X^1 \longrightarrow P^G \times_{ad_S} su(2).$$

**Definition 1.8** If  $(P^G, \gamma)$  is a  $Spin^G(3)$ -structure in a Riemannian 3-manifold  $(X, \rho)$  then the isometry  $\gamma$  is called the Clifford map of the given structure.

**Convention:** From now on we shall consider a fixed hermitian vector space  $(V, h)$  and an associated Lie group  $G \subset U(V)$  as in definition 1.1. We shall consider a fixed Riemannian 3-manifold  $(X, \rho)$  endowed with a given  $Spin^G(3)$ -structure  $(P^G, \gamma)$ .

We shall define now some fibre bundles associated to  $(P^G, \gamma)$ .

**Definition 1.9**  $ad(P^G) := P^G \times_{ad_S} su(2)$ ,  
 $\mathcal{L}(P^G) := P^G \times_{ad_G} L$ ,  
 $\Sigma(P^G) := P^G \times_{\lambda} (C^2 \otimes_C V)$ ,  
 $\delta(P^G) := P^G \times_{\delta} (G/Z_2)$ .

**Definition 1.10** The vector bundle  $\Sigma(P^G)$  is called the spinor bundle and its associated space of sections,  $A^0(\Sigma(P^G))$ , the space of spinors. The elements of  $A^0(\Sigma(P^G))$  are called spinors.

**Convention:** By composing with the respective isomorphisms between the Lie algebras we shall consider

- 1) the space of connections in  $\delta(P^G)$  as an affine space over  $A^1(\mathcal{L}(P^G))$ ,
- 2) the connections in  $P^G$  defined by  $su(2) \oplus L$  valued 1-forms.

**Proposition 1.11** The real vector bundles  $ad(P^G)$  and  $\mathcal{L}(P^G)$  are isomorphically included in  $End(\Sigma(P^G))$  as real subbundles via the morphisms:

$\alpha : ad(P^G) \longrightarrow End(\Sigma(P^G))$ ,  $\alpha([p, u]) = [p, u \otimes Id_V]$  for any  $p \in P^G$  and  $u \in su(2)$  and

$\beta : \mathcal{L}(P^G) \longrightarrow End(\Sigma(P^G))$ ,  $\beta([p, g]) = [p, Id_2 \otimes g]$  for any  $p \in P^G$  and  $g \in L$ , respectively. Considering a convenient scalar product for complex  $2 \times 2$ -matrices,  $\beta$  is an isometry onto its image and by rescaling the scalar product in  $End(V)$  such that  $Id_V$  has norm 1,  $\alpha$  becomes an isometry onto its image, too.

**Proof** Direct easy computations on the fibres. •

## 2 The Dirac Operators Associated to a $Spin^G(3)$ -Structure

Let  $(X, \rho)$  be the given Riemannian 3-manifold and  $(P^G, \gamma)$  its fixed  $Spin^G(3)$ -structure.

**Convention:** Using remark 1.7, we shall consider from now on

$$\gamma : \Lambda_X^1 \longrightarrow ad(P^G)$$



as well as

$$so(3) \mathbb{R}^3 \longrightarrow ad(P^G).$$

**Lemma 2.1** *The Clifford map  $\gamma$  defines a structure of  $A^1(X)$ -Clifford module in  $A^0(\Sigma(P^G))$ . Furthermore,  $\Sigma(P^G)$  is a complex vector bundle of Clifford-modules over the corresponding fibres of  $\Lambda_X^1$ .*

**Proof** According to proposition 1.11 and to the propositions 1.1 and 1.3 from [LM] we only have to check the Clifford identity for  $\gamma$ , i.e. that

$$\gamma(\omega)\gamma(\theta) + \gamma(\theta)\gamma(\omega) = -2\rho(\omega, \theta)Id_{\Sigma(P^G)} \quad \forall \omega, \theta \in \Lambda_X^1.$$

The checking can be done fibrewise. With convenient choices of trivialisations we may assume that  $\omega, \theta \in \{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$  where  $(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  is an oriented orthonormal frame of  $\Lambda^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$  which is transformed via  $\gamma$  into the oriented orthonormal frame  $(\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3)$  in  $su(2)$ , where

$$\tau_0 := Id_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tau_1 = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \tau_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tau_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For this choice of  $\omega$  and  $\theta$  the Clifford identity is a direct consequence of the relations

$$\tau_1^2 = \tau_2^2 = \tau_3^2 = -\tau_0,$$

$$\tau_1\tau_2 = -\tau_2\tau_1 = \tau_3,$$

$$\tau_2\tau_3 = -\tau_3\tau_2 = \tau_1,$$

$$\tau_3\tau_1 = -\tau_1\tau_3 = \tau_2.$$

and it extends in general by linearity.

**Notations:**

1) We shall also denote by  $\gamma$  the morphism  $A^1(\Sigma(P^G)) \longrightarrow A^0(\Sigma(P^G))$  naturally induced by the Clifford map,  $\gamma(\omega \otimes \psi) = \alpha(\gamma(\omega))(\psi)$  for any  $\omega \in A^1(X)$  and  $\psi \in A^0(\Sigma(P^G))$  and extended to  $A^1(\Sigma(P^G))$  by linearity where  $\alpha$  is the morphism given in proposition 1.11.

2) We shall denote by  $\Gamma$  the morphism  $\Lambda_X^2 \longrightarrow \text{End}(\Sigma(P^G))$  induced by the Clifford map  $\gamma$  and given fibrewise by  $\Gamma(\omega \wedge \theta) := \frac{1}{2}[\alpha(\gamma(\omega))\alpha(\gamma(\theta)) - \alpha(\gamma(\theta))\alpha(\gamma(\omega))]$  for any  $\omega, \theta \in \Lambda_X^1$  and then extended to  $\Lambda_X^2$  by linearity.

3) The same notation  $\Gamma$  shall be used for the multiplication with 2-forms

$A^2(X) \longrightarrow \text{End}(A^0(\Sigma(P^G)))$  induced by  $\gamma$ , namely

$[\Gamma(\omega(\varphi))](x) := \Gamma(\omega_x(\varphi_x))$  for any  $\omega \in A^2(X)$ ,  $\varphi \in A^0(\Sigma(P^G))$  and  $x \in X$  and then extended to  $A^2(X)$  by linearity.

;) The same notations shall be used for the canonical extensions to  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued forms of  $\gamma$  and  $\Gamma$ , respectively:  $\gamma(i\theta) := i\gamma(\theta)$  for any 1-form  $\theta$  and  $\Gamma(i\omega) := i\Gamma(\omega)$  for any 2-form  $\omega$ .

**Remark 2.2**  $\Gamma$  extends naturally to a morphism (which shall be denoted by  $\Gamma$  as well)

$$\Gamma : A^2(\mathcal{L}(P^G)) \longrightarrow A^0(ad(P^G) \otimes \mathcal{L}(P^G)),$$

defined by  $\Gamma(\omega \otimes f) = \Gamma(\omega) \otimes f$  and then extended by linearity.

**Remark 2.3** The multiplication with forms induced by  $\gamma$  acts locally (via trivialisations) as identity on the  $V$ -component of a section in  $\Sigma(P^G)$ .

**Proof** Direct consequence of proposition 1.11. •

**Definition 2.4** Let  $P$  be the  $SO(3)$ -principal bundle of the oriented and  $\rho$ -orthonormal coframes of  $(X, \rho)$ . Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}(\delta(P^G))$  be a unitary connection in  $\delta(P^G)$  and  $\hat{A}$  the unitary connection induced in  $\Sigma(P^G)$  by  $A$  and the Levi-Civita connection in  $P$ . The Dirac operator defined by  $A$  is

$$\mathcal{D}_A := \gamma \circ \nabla_{\hat{A}} : A^0(\Sigma(P^G)) \longrightarrow A^0(\Sigma(P^G))$$

where  $\gamma : A^1(\Sigma(P^G)) \longrightarrow A^0(\Sigma(P^G))$  and  $\nabla_{\hat{A}} : A^0(\Sigma(P^G)) \longrightarrow A^1(\Sigma(P^G))$ .

**Definition 2.5** Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}(\delta(P^G))$ . A spinor  $\psi \in A^0(\Sigma(P^G))$  is called  $\mathcal{D}_A$ -harmonic iff  $\mathcal{D}_A(\psi) = 0$ .

Now we shall give some properties of the Dirac operators.

**Remark 2.6** For any  $A \in \mathcal{A}(\delta(P^G))$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_A$  has symbol  $\sigma(\mathcal{D}_A) = \gamma$ . Consequently, the symbol of  $\mathcal{D}_A$  does not depend on  $A$ .

**Proof** Direct easy computations using the general definition of symbols. •

**Lemma 2.7** For any  $A \in \mathcal{A}(\delta(P^G))$  the associated Dirac operator  $\mathcal{D}_A$  is an elliptic self-adjoint differential operator of order 1.

**Proof** See [LM, Lemma II.5.1 and Example III.1.5.] for ellipticity, [LM, Proposition II.5.3.] for self-adjointness.

In order to use the proofs given in [LM] it is necessary to add the following remarks: for "Ellipticity": The symbol of  $\mathcal{D}_A$  is  $\gamma$  and for any  $\xi \in \Lambda_X^1$   $\det(\gamma(\xi)) = \|\xi\|^2$ . It follows that  $\sigma_\xi(\mathcal{D}_A)$  is an isomorphism for any  $\xi \in \Lambda_X^1 \setminus \{0\}$ .

for "Self-adjointness": In the proof of II.5.3., when related to spinors we have to use  $\nabla_{\hat{A}}$  instead of  $\nabla$ , which is the Levi-Civita connection in  $\Lambda_X^1$ . Then we use that  $\nabla_{\hat{A}}$  is a unitary connection in  $\Sigma(P^G)$ :

$d \langle \varphi, \psi \rangle = \langle \nabla_{\hat{A}} \varphi, \psi \rangle + \langle \varphi, \nabla_{\hat{A}} \psi \rangle$  for any  $\varphi, \psi \in \Sigma(P^G)$ .

for "Order of  $\mathcal{D}_A$ ": Since  $\gamma$  is an isomorphism (has order 0) and  $\nabla_{\hat{A}}$  has order 1 it follows that  $\mathcal{D}_A := \gamma \circ \nabla_{\hat{A}}$  has order 1. •

### 3 The Weitzenböck Formula for a $Spin^G(3)$ -Structure

Let  $(X, \rho)$  be the given Riemannian 3-manifold and  $(P^G, \gamma)$  its fixed  $Spin^G(3)$ -structure.

The relation we shall give in the following theorem is to be considered subject to the conventions stated after definition 1.10.



**Theorem 3.1** Let  $P$  be the  $SO(3)$ -principal bundle of the oriented and  $\rho$ -orthonormal coframes of  $(X, \rho)$  and  $s$  the scalar curvature of  $(X, \rho)$ . Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}(\delta(P^G))$ ,  $F_A$  its curvature,  $\nabla_{\hat{A}}$  the connection induced in  $\Sigma(P^G)$  by  $A$  and the Levi-Civita connection in  $P$ . Let  $\nabla_{\hat{A}}^*$  be the adjoint operator of  $\nabla_{\hat{A}}$  with respect to the  $L_2$ -scalar product. Then the following relation holds:

$$\mathcal{D}_A^2 = \nabla_{\hat{A}}^* \nabla_{\hat{A}} + \frac{1}{4}s + \Gamma(F_A).$$

**Proof** The links between the Lie groups we use can be illustrated in the following diagram, the closed polygons being commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & & & SU(2) \\ & & & \nearrow p_1 & \\ SU(2) \times G & \xrightarrow{p_2} & & & G \\ & \downarrow q & \searrow \nu & & \downarrow \mu \\ Spin^G(3) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & & & G/Z_2, \end{array}$$

where each morphism is the respective canonical projection.

Let  $r: SU(2) \times G \rightarrow U(\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V)$  be the canonical representation of  $SU(2) \times G$  in  $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V$ . Then the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} SU(2) \times G & & \\ \downarrow q \quad \searrow r & & \\ Spin^G(3) & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & U(\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V). \end{array}$$

The Weitzenböck formula can be proven locally since all the operators involved are local. Thus we can suppose that all the bundles we consider here are trivial and that  $P^G$  admits a lift  $\tilde{P} \xrightarrow{f} P^G$  of type  $q$ . We need to introduce some

Notations:  $P_1 := \tilde{P} \times_{p_1} SU(2)$ ,  $P_2 := \tilde{P} \times_{p_2} G$ ,  $S := \tilde{P} \times_{p_1} \mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $E := \tilde{P} \times_{p_2} V$ .

Using the above two diagrams one can check very easily that:

- 1)  $S = P_1 \times_{p_1} \mathbb{C}^2$  and is a  $Spin(3)$ -spinorial vector bundle,
- 2)  $E = P_2 \times_{p_2} V$  and is an unitary complex vector bundle,
- 3)  $P_2$  is a lift  $P_2 \xrightarrow{g} \delta(P^G)$  of type  $\mu$ ,
- 4)  $\Sigma(P^G) = S \otimes E$ .

Let  $\omega$  be the connection form in  $\delta(P^G)$  associated to  $A$  and  $\omega_G$  the connection form in  $P^G$  associated to  $\omega$  and the Levi-Civita connection in  $P$ . Furthermore, let  $\tilde{\omega}$  be the connection form induced in  $P_2$  by  $\omega$  and  $\tilde{\omega}_G$  the connection form induced in  $\tilde{P}$  by

$\omega_G$ . The two following diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T(P_2) & \xrightarrow{dg} & T(\delta(P^G)) \\ \downarrow \tilde{\omega} & & \downarrow \omega \\ L & \xrightarrow{\mu_*} & \text{Lie}(G/\mathbb{Z}_2) \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T(\tilde{P}) & \xrightarrow{df} & T(P^G) \\ \downarrow \tilde{\omega}_G & & \downarrow \omega_G \\ su(2) \oplus L & \xrightarrow{q_*} & \text{Lie}(\text{Spin}^G(3)) \end{array}$$

are exact.

Moreover, the Lie algebra morphisms  $\mu_*$  and  $q_*$  are isomorphisms. With the convention given after definition 1.10 we shall consider these diagrams as:  $\tilde{\omega} = \omega \circ dg$  and  $\tilde{\omega}_G = \omega_G \circ df$ , respectively. It follows that the curvature form of the connection induced by  $\tilde{\omega}$  in  $E$  is equal to  $F_A$  and that the connection form induced by  $\tilde{\omega}_G$  in  $S \otimes E$  is equal to the connection form of  $\nabla_{\hat{A}}$ . The claim follows now from [LM, Theorem 2.8.17.] applied to  $S \otimes E$  with the connection induced in  $E$  by  $\tilde{\omega}$ . •

**Corollary 3.2** *Under the conditions of theorem 3.1, if  $s = 0$  and if  $A$  is flat then every  $\mathcal{P}_A$ -harmonic spinor is globally parallel with respect to  $\nabla_{\hat{A}}$ .*

**Proof** Let  $\psi \in A^0(\Sigma(P^G))$  be a  $\mathcal{P}_A$ -harmonic spinor, namely  $\mathcal{P}_A(\psi) = 0$ . From theorem 3.1 it follows that  $\nabla_{\hat{A}}^* \nabla_{\hat{A}}(\psi) = 0$ . We now take the  $L_2$ -scalar product with  $\psi$  and get  $\langle \nabla_{\hat{A}}^* \nabla_{\hat{A}}(\psi), \psi \rangle_{L^2} = 0$  which implies  $\|\nabla_{\hat{A}}(\psi)\|_{L^2} = 0$ . It follows that  $\nabla_{\hat{A}}(\psi) = 0$ , i.e. that  $\psi$  is  $\nabla_{\hat{A}}$ -parallel. •

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