

# DETERMINATION OF THE RICCI STRUCTURE ON A COMPACT MANIFOLD BY SOME SPECTRA

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## Abstract

Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact and orientable Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n$ . We consider one parameter family of second order differential operators  $D_q^\varepsilon$  from which we obtain a spectrum  $Sp(M, D_q^\varepsilon)$ . The aim of the present paper is to determine the influence of  $Sp(M, D_q^\varepsilon)$  on the Ricci structure on  $(M, g)$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact, connected and orientable Riemannian manifold without boundary of dimension  $n$ . We denote by  $\Lambda^q(M, IR)$  and the vector space of exterior  $q$ -forms on  $M$ , where  $q = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . On  $\Lambda^q(M, IR)$  there are different differential operators. We consider one parameter family of second order differential operators  $D_q^\varepsilon, \varepsilon \in IR$ . We denote by  $Sp(M, D_q^\varepsilon)$  the spectrum of  $D_q^\varepsilon$  for  $(M, g)$ , it is obvious that  $Sp(M, D_q^\varepsilon)$  depends on  $\varepsilon$ .

The purpose of this paper is to study the influence of different  $Sp(M, D_q^\varepsilon)$  on the Ricci structure on the Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ .

The whole paper contains four sections.

The first section is the introduction.

Some basic properties of Ricci manifold are given in the second section.

The third section includes relations between geometry and spectrum of an elliptic differential operator of second order.

Some connections between the spectra of different elliptic differential operators of second order and the Ricci structure on a compact orientable Riemannian manifold are given in the fourth section.

## 2 Ricci manifolds

Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n$ . It is known that to this manifold we can associate different tensor fields.

- (I) The Riemannian curvature tensor field of type  $(0, 4)$  denoted by  $R$ .
- (II) The curvature tensor field of type  $(1, 3)$  denoted also by  $R$ .
- (III) The Ricci tensor field of type  $(0, 2)$  denoted by  $\rho$ .
- (IV) The scalar curvature of type  $(0, 2)$  denoted by  $T$ , which is function on  $M$ .
- (V) The Einstein tensor field of type  $(0, 0)$  denoted by  $G$ .
- (VI) The Weyl conformal tensor field of type  $(1, 3)$  denoted by  $C$ .

All these vector fields can be determined by the metric tensor  $g$ . We can also determine some other vector fields on  $M$  by means of  $g$ .

Let  $(U, \varphi)$  be a chart of  $(M, g)$  with local coordinate system  $(x^1, \dots, x^n)$ . If the restriction of the Ricci tensor field  $\rho$  on  $U$  satisfies the relation

$$\nabla \rho = 0 \quad (1)$$

then  $(M, g)$  is called locally Ricci manifold. If the property (1) is valid for the whole manifold, then  $(M, g)$  is called Ricci manifold.

If on  $U$  we have the relation

$$\rho = 0 \quad (2)$$

then  $(M, g)$  is called locally flat Ricci manifold. If the relation (2) is valid on the whole manifold then  $(M, g)$  is called flat Ricci manifold.

The following propositions are valid for Ricci manifolds ([6]).

**Proposition 1** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a Ricci manifold. Then the scalar curvature of  $(M, g)$  is constant*

**Proposition 2** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact and orientable Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n$ .  $(M, g)$  is Ricci manifold, if and only if, the Einstein tensor field is parallel.*

*Let  $\rho$  be the Ricci tensor field on the Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then for each point  $P \in M$ ,  $\rho(P)$  is a symmetric covariant tensor of order two, obtained by the tangent space  $T_p(M)$  of  $M$  at  $P$ . If  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  is an orthonormal base of  $T_p(M)$ , then  $\rho(P)$  can be represented by the symmetric matrix*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \rho_{11}(P) & \rho_{12}(P) & \dots & \rho_{1n}(P) \\ \rho_{21}(P) & \rho_{22}(P) & \dots & \rho_{2n}(P) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \rho_{n1}(P) & \rho_{n2}(P) & \dots & \rho_{nn}(P) \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

*with respect to  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ . The eigenvalues of (3) are real numbers*

$$\lambda_1(P), \lambda_2(P), \dots, \lambda_n(P)$$

If  $\lambda_i(P) > 0$  (resp.  $\lambda_i(P) < 0$ )  $i = 1, \dots, n$  for ever  $P \in M$ , then the Ricci tensor field  $\rho$  is called positive definite (resp. negative definite). If  $\lambda_i(P) \geq 0$  (resp.  $\lambda_i(P) \leq 0$ )  $i = 1, \dots, n$  for every  $P \in M$ , then the Ricci tensor field  $\rho$  is called semi-positive (resp. semi-negative).

If  $\lambda_i(P) = 0$   $i = 1, \dots, n$  for every  $P \in M$ , then  $\rho = 0$  and  $(M, g)$  is Ricci flat manifold.

### 3 Connection between spectrum and Riemannian geometry

Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n$ . Let  $(U, \varphi)$  be a chart of  $M$  with local coordinate system  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . The Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $U$  takes the form

$$ds^2 = g^{ij} dx_i dx_j.$$

Let  $[g^{ij}]$  be the metric on the cotangent bundle  $T^*M$  over  $M$  and let  $dM$  be the Riemannian measure of  $M$ .

Let  $V$  be a smooth vector bundle over  $M$ . We consider

$$D : C^\infty(V) \rightarrow C^\infty(V)$$

a second order elliptic differential operator with leading symbol given by the metric tensor  $g$ . We choose a local orthonormal frame

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

for  $V$  which corresponds to the chart  $(U, \varphi)$  with local coordinate system  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

Hence  $D$  in a local level can be expressed by

$$D = -(g^{ij} \partial^2 / \partial x_i \partial x_j + P_k \partial / \partial x_k + S),$$

where  $P_k$  and  $S$  are square matrices which are not invariantly defined but depend on the choice of frame and local coordinates.

Let  $V_x$  be the fibre of  $V$  over  $x$ . We choose a smooth fibre metric on  $V$ . Let  $L^2(V)$  be the completion of  $C^\infty(V)$  with respect to global integrated inner product, that is

$$L^2(V) = \left\{ S \in C^\infty(V) / \int_M \|S\|^2 dM < \infty \right\}.$$

As a Banach space  $L^2(V)$  is independent on the Riemannian and fibre metric and for  $t > 0$

$$\exp(-tD) : L^2(V) \rightarrow C^\infty(V)$$

is an infinitely smoothing operator of trace class. Let  $K(t, x, y) : V_y \rightarrow V_x$  be the Kernell of  $\exp(-tD)$ .  $K$  is a smooth endomorphism valued function of  $(t, x, y)$ .

We define

$$f(t, D, x) = \text{Trace}_{V_x}(K(t, x, y))$$

and

$$f(t, D) = \int_M K(t, x, x) dM$$

It is known that  $f(t, D, x)$  has an asymptotic expansion, that is ([2])

$$f(t, D, x) \underset{t \rightarrow 0^+}{\cong} (4nt)^{-n/2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \alpha_m(D, x) t^m$$

The coefficients,  $\alpha_m(D, x)$  are smooth functions of  $x$ , which can be estimated functionally of the derivatives of the total symbols of the differential operator  $D$ . If we integrate the function

$$\alpha_m(D, x) : M \rightarrow IR, m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

on the manifold  $M$  we obtain the numbers

$$\alpha_m(D) = \int_M \alpha_m(D, x) dM$$

It is known that the numbers  $\alpha_m(D), m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , are isospectral invariants.

Let  $D = \Delta_q = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , be the Laplacian which is second order elliptic differential operator with leading symbol defined by the metric tensor on the cross sections of the vector bundle of exterior  $q$ -forms  $\Lambda^q(M, R)$  over the manifold  $M$ , that is

$$\nabla_q = d\delta + \delta d : C^\infty(\Lambda^q(M)) \rightarrow C^\infty(\Lambda^q(M)),$$

where  $d$  and  $\delta$  are the exterior differentiation and codifferentiation respectively.

Now, we can define the reduced or Bochner Laplacian operator  $B_k^\nabla$  by the following diagram

$$B_k^\nabla : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(TM \otimes V) \xrightarrow{\nabla_g \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \nabla} C^\infty(T^*M \otimes T^*M \otimes V), \quad (4)$$

where  $g$  is the Riemannian metric on  $M$ ,  $\nabla_g$  the Levi-Civita connection on  $TM$ , extend  $\nabla_g$  on the tensor fields of all type and  $\nabla$  any connection on  $V$ . The Bochner Laplacian  $B_k^\nabla$  defined by Levi-Civita connection in local coordinate system has the form

$$B_k^\nabla = -g_{ij} \nabla_i \nabla_j. \quad (5)$$

Now, we form one parameter family of second order elliptic differential operators

$$D_k^\varepsilon = \varepsilon \Delta_k + 1 - \varepsilon) B_k. \quad (6)$$

The coefficients,  $\alpha_m(D_k^\varepsilon)$  for  $m = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , are given by

$$\alpha_0(D_1^\varepsilon) = nVol(M), \quad \alpha_1(D_1^\varepsilon) = \frac{6\varepsilon - 1}{6} \int_M T dM, \quad (7)$$

$$\alpha_2(D_1^\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{360} \int_M \left[ (5n - 6\varepsilon)T^2 - (180\varepsilon^2 - 2n)|\rho|^2 + (2n - 30)|R|^2 \right] dM, \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_3(D_1^\varepsilon) = & \frac{1}{360 \cdot 7!} \int_M [(-98 + 588\varepsilon - 5680n)|\nabla T|^2 + (392 + 1470\varepsilon^2 - \\ & -2480n)|\nabla \rho|^2 + (49 - 280n)|\nabla R|^2 + (245 - 1400n)T^2 + \\ & + (-980 - 1470\varepsilon^2 + 1680n)T|\rho|^2 + (245 + 98\varepsilon - \\ & -1680n)T|R|^2 + (245 + 245\varepsilon - 1400n)|\rho|^3 + (393 + \\ & + 800n)L_1 + (98 - 1470\varepsilon^2 + 320n)L_2 + (147 - 960)L_3] dM, \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$L_1 = \rho_{ij}\rho_{km}R_{ijkm}, \quad L_2 = R_{iklm}R_{jklm}, \quad (10)$$

$$L_3 = R_{ijkm}R_{ijuu}R_{knmu}, \quad (11)$$

$|R|$  and  $|\rho|$  the norm of  $R$  and  $\rho$  respectively,  $(\rho_{ij})$  and  $(R_{ijkl})$  are the components of  $\rho$  and  $R$ , respectively with respect to the local coordinate system  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  on the manifold  $M$  and  $\nabla T, \nabla \rho, \nabla R$  are the covariant derivatives of  $T, \rho, R$  respectively.

## 4 Relation between spectra and Ricci manifold

In this section we study the influences of  $S_p(D_1^\varepsilon)$  for different values of the parameter  $\varepsilon$  on the Ricci structure on a Riemannian manifold.

Now, we prove the theorem

**Theorem 3** *Let  $(M, g)$  and  $(N, h)$  be two compact Riemannian manifold with the properties  $S_p(M, D_1^\varepsilon) = S_p(N, D_1^\varepsilon)$  for four distinct values of  $\varepsilon$ . If  $(M, g)$  is Ricci, so is  $(N, h)$ .*

**Proof.** From the assumption of the theorem we obtain

$$\mathbf{a}_k(D_1^\varepsilon, M) = \mathbf{a}_k(D_1^\varepsilon, N), \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3 \quad (12)$$

for four distinct values of  $\varepsilon$ , that  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3$  and  $\varepsilon_4$ .

The formulas (12) by means of the formulas (7), (8) and (9) imply

$$Vol(M) = Vol(N), \quad (13)$$

$$\int_M T_M dM = \int_N T_N dN, \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M \left[ A_1(n, \varepsilon) T_M^2 + A_2(n, \varepsilon) |\rho_M|^2 + A_3(n) |R_M|^2 \right] dM = \\ & \int_N \left[ A_1(n, \varepsilon) T_N^2 + A_2(n, \varepsilon) |\rho_N|^2 + A_3(n) |R_N|^2 \right] dN, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where

$$A_1(n, \varepsilon) = 5n - 6\varepsilon, \quad A_2(n, \varepsilon) = -180\varepsilon^2 + 2n, \quad A_3(n) = 2n - 30, \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M [B_1(n, \varepsilon) |\nabla T_M|^2 + B_2(n, \varepsilon) |\nabla \rho_M|^2 + B_3(n) |\nabla R_M|^2 + \\ & + B_4(n) T_M^3 + B_5(n, \varepsilon) T_M |\rho_M|^2 + B_6(n, \varepsilon) T_M |R_M|^2 + \\ & + B_7(n, \varepsilon) |\rho|^3 + B_8(n) L_{1M} + B_9(n, \varepsilon) L_{2M} + B_{10}(n) L_{3M}] dM \\ = & \int_N [B_1(n, \varepsilon) |\nabla T_N|^2 + B_2(n, \varepsilon) |\nabla \rho|^2 + B_3(n) + B_3(n) |\nabla R_N|^2 + \\ & + B_4(n) T_N^3 + B_5(n, \varepsilon) |\rho_N|^2 T_N + B_6(n, \varepsilon) |R_N|^2 T_N + B_7(n, \varepsilon) |\rho_N|^3 + \\ & + B_8(n) L_{1N} + B_9(n, \varepsilon) L_{2N} + B_{10}(n) L_{3N}] dN, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

$$B_1(n, \varepsilon) = -98 + 588\varepsilon - 5680n, \quad B_2(n, \varepsilon) = 392 - 1470\varepsilon^2 - 2480n, \quad (18)$$

$$B_3(n) = 49 - 280n, \quad B_4(n) = 245 - 1400n, \quad (19)$$

$$B_5(n, \varepsilon) = -980 - 1470\varepsilon^2 + 1680n, \quad B_6(n, \varepsilon) = 245 + 98\varepsilon - 1680n, \quad (20)$$

$$B_7(n, \varepsilon) = 245 + 245\varepsilon - 1400n, \quad B_8(n) = 392 + 800n, \quad (21)$$

$$B_9(n, \varepsilon) = 98 - 1470\varepsilon^2 + 320n, \quad B_{10}(n) = 147 - 960n. \quad (22)$$

If we put

$$Y_1 = \left( \int_M T_M^2 dM - \int_N T_N^2 dN \right), \quad Y_2 = \left( \int_M |\rho_M|^2 dM - \int_N |\rho_N|^2 dN \right), \quad (23)$$

$$Y_3 = \int_M |R_M|^2 dM - \int_N |R_N|^2 dN, \quad (24)$$

then from the relation (15) for three distinct values  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3$  of the parameter  $\varepsilon$ , we obtain the following system

$$\begin{aligned} A_1(n, \varepsilon_1)Y_1 + A_2(n, \varepsilon_1)Y_2 + A_3(n)Y_3 &= 0, \\ A_1(n, \varepsilon_2)Y_1 + A_2(n, \varepsilon_2)Y_2 + A_3(n)Y_3 &= 0, \\ A_1(n, \varepsilon_3)Y_1 + A_2(n, \varepsilon_3)Y_2 + A_3(n)Y_3 &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

If we choose the numbers  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$  and  $\varepsilon_3$  such that the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} A_1(n, \varepsilon_1) & A_2(n, \varepsilon_1) & A_3(n) \\ A_1(n, \varepsilon_2) & A_2(n, \varepsilon_2) & A_3(n) \\ A_1(n, \varepsilon_3) & A_2(n, \varepsilon_3) & A_3(n) \end{vmatrix} \neq 0, \tag{26}$$

then the system (25) has the trivial solution, that means:

$$Y_1 = 0, Y_2 = 0, Y_3 = 0, \tag{27}$$

which imply

$$\int_M T_M^2 dM = \int_N T_N^2 dN, \tag{28}$$

$$\int_M \rho_M^2 dM = \int_N \rho_N^2 dN, \int_M R_M^2 dM = \int_N R_N^2 dN. \tag{29}$$

Since the Riemannian manifold  $M$  is Ricci then we obtain

$$T_M = \text{constant}. \tag{30}$$

From the relations (15) and (28) we have

$$T_N = T_M = \text{constant}. \tag{31}$$

From the relations (29) and (31) we conclude that

$$\int_M T_M |\rho_M|^2 dM = \int_N T_N |\rho_N|^2 dN, \int_M T_M |R_M|^2 dM = \int_N T_N |R_N|^2 dN. \tag{32}$$

The relation (17) by means of (31) and (32) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} \int [B_2(n, \varepsilon) |\nabla R_M|^2 + B_3(n) |\nabla \rho_M|^2 + B_7(n, \varepsilon) |\rho_M|^3 + \\ B_8(n)L_{1M} + B_9(n, \varepsilon)L_{2M} + B_{10}(n)L_{3M}] dM = \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int [B_1(n, \varepsilon) |\nabla \rho_N|^2 + B_3(n) |\nabla R_N|^2 + B_7(n, \varepsilon) |\rho_N|^3 + B_8(n) L_{1M} + B_9(n, \varepsilon) L_{2M} + B_{10}(n)] L_{3M} dN. \quad (33)$$

If we set

$$Z_1 = \int_N (|\nabla \rho_M|^2 dM - \int_N |\nabla \rho_N|^2 dN), \quad Z_2 = \left( \int_M |\nabla R_M|^2 dM - \int_N |\nabla R_N|^2 dN \right), \quad (34)$$

$$Z_3 = \left( \int_M |\rho_M|^3 dM - \int_N |\rho_N|^3 dN \right), \quad Z_4 = \left( \int_M L_{1M} dM - \int_N L_{1N} dN \right), \quad (35)$$

$$Z_5 = \left( \int_M L_{2M} dM - \int_N L_{2N} dN \right), \quad Z_6 = \left( \int_M L_{3M} dM - \int_N L_{3N} dN \right), \quad (36)$$

then the relation (33) for the values  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3$  and another value  $\varepsilon_4$  of the parameter  $\varepsilon$ , we obtain

$$B_2(n, \varepsilon_1) Z_1 + B_3(n) Z_2 + B_7(n, \varepsilon_1) Z_3 + B_8(n) Z_4 + B_9(n, \varepsilon_1) Z_5 + B_{10}(n) Z_6 = 0, \quad (37)$$

$$B_2(n, \varepsilon_2) Z_1 + B_3(n) Z_2 + B_7(n, \varepsilon_2) Z_3 + B_8(n) Z_4 + B_9(n, \varepsilon_2) Z_5 + B_{10}(n) Z_6 = 0, \quad (38)$$

$$B_2(n, \varepsilon_3) Z_1 + B_3(n) Z_2 + B_7(n, \varepsilon_3) Z_3 + B_8(n) Z_4 + B_9(n, \varepsilon_3) Z_5 + B_{10}(n) Z_6 = 0, \quad (39)$$

$$B_2(n, \varepsilon_4) Z_1 + B_3(n) Z_2 + B_7(n, \varepsilon_4) Z_3 + B_8(n) Z_4 + B_9(n, \varepsilon_4) Z_5 + B_{10}(n) Z_6 = 0, \quad (40)$$

The above system (37), (38), (39) and (40) is equivalent to the following system

$$B_2(n, \varepsilon_1) Z_1 + B_3(n) Z_2 + B_7(n, \varepsilon_1) Z_3 + B_8(n) Z_7 + B_9(n, \varepsilon_1) Z_5 + B_{10}(n) Z_6 = 0, \quad (41)$$

$$[B_2(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_2(n, \varepsilon_2)] Z_1 + [B_7(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_7(n, \varepsilon_2)] Z_3 + [B_9(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_9(n, \varepsilon_2)] Z_6 = 0, \quad (42)$$

$$[B_2(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_2(n, \varepsilon_3)] Z_1 + [B_7(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_7(n, \varepsilon_3)] Z_3 + [B_9(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_9(n, \varepsilon_3)] Z_6 = 0 \quad (43)$$



$$[B_2(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_2(n, \varepsilon_4)]Z_1 + [B_7(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_7(n, \varepsilon_4)]Z_3 + [B_9(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_9(n, \varepsilon_4)]Z_6 = 0. \quad (44)$$

The equations (42), (43) and (44) form a homogeneous linear system of three equations with unknown  $Z_1, Z_3$  and  $Z_5$ . If we choose the value  $\varepsilon_4$ , the values  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$  and  $\varepsilon_3$  have been chosen previously, such that the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} B_1(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_2(n, \varepsilon_2) & B_7(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_7(n, \varepsilon_2) & B_9(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_9(n, \varepsilon_2) \\ B_2(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_2(n, \varepsilon_3) & B_2(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_2(n, \varepsilon_3) & B_9(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_9(n, \varepsilon_3) \\ B_2(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_2(n, \varepsilon_4) & B_7(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_7(n, \varepsilon_4) & B_9(n, \varepsilon_1) - B_9(n, \varepsilon_4) \end{vmatrix} \neq 0, \quad (45)$$

then this system has the obvious solution, that is

$$Z_1 = \int_N |\nabla \rho_M|^2 dM - \int_N |\nabla \rho_N|^2 dN = 0, \quad (46)$$

$$Z_2 = \int_N |\nabla \rho_M|^2 dM - \int_N |\nabla \rho_N|^2 dN = 0, \quad (47)$$

$$Z_3 = \int_N L_{2M} dM - \int_N \nabla L_{2N} dN = 0. \quad (48)$$

Since the Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is Ricci, that is

$$\nabla \rho_M = 0 \quad (49)$$

The relation (46) by virtue of (49) implies

$$\nabla \rho_N = 0, \quad (50)$$

which implies  $(N, h)$  is Ricci.

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