

# Elliptic operators on manifolds with conical singularities, II

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# Mellin transform

If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a manifold with boundary, then

$$\dot{C}^\infty(\mathcal{M}) = \{u \in C^\infty(\mathcal{M}) : u \text{ vanishes to infinite order on } \partial\mathcal{M}\}$$

*Let  $u \in \dot{C}^\infty[0, \infty)$  be compactly supported. The Mellin transform of  $u$  is*

$$\mathcal{M}(u)(\sigma) = \int_0^\infty x^{-i\sigma} u(x) \frac{dx}{x}$$

The inverse Mellin transform is

$$\mathcal{M}^{-1}(v) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\operatorname{Re} \sigma = 0} x^{i\sigma} v(\sigma) d\sigma.$$

The Mellin transform is the Fourier transform with  $e^t$  replaced by  $x$ .

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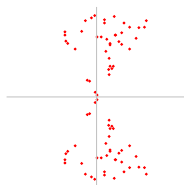
If  $P$  is elliptic, then  $\widehat{P}(\sigma)$  is elliptic. In this case,  $\widehat{P}(\sigma)$  is a holomorphic Fredholm family of index 0. The set

$$\text{spec}_b(P) = \{\sigma \in \mathbb{C} : \widehat{P}(\sigma) \text{ is not injective}\}$$

is discrete,

$$\text{spec}_b(P) \cap \{\sigma : |\sigma| < a\}$$

is finite for every  $a > 0$ .



# Sobolev spaces

$$L_b^2 = L^2(\mathcal{M}, \frac{1}{x} \mathfrak{m})$$

1. If  $s$  is a nonnegative integer, then  $H_b^s(\mathcal{M})$  consists of all  $u \in L_b^2(\mathcal{M})$  such that

$$X_1 \dots X_k u \in L_b^2(\mathcal{M}) \text{ for all } X_1, \dots, X_k \in C^\infty(\mathcal{M}; {}^bT^*\mathcal{M}), k \leq s$$

2. The space  $H_b^{-s}(\mathcal{M})$  is the dual of  $H_b^s(\mathcal{M})$
3. If  $s$  is not an integer, then  $H_b^s(\mathcal{M})$  is defined by interpolation.
4. If  $s$  and  $\nu$  are real numbers, then  $x^\nu H_b^s(\mathcal{M}) = \{x^\nu u : u \in H_b^s(\mathcal{M})\}$ .

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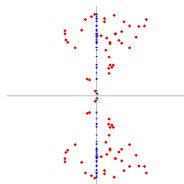
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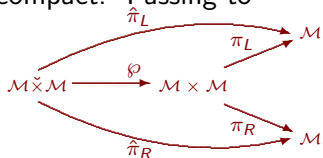
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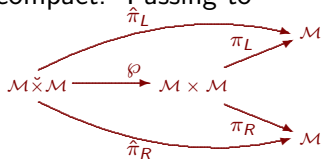
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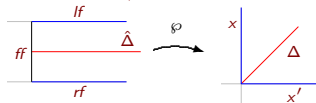
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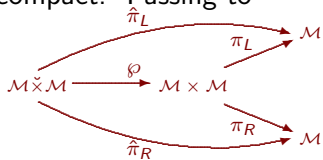
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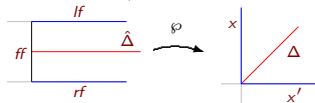
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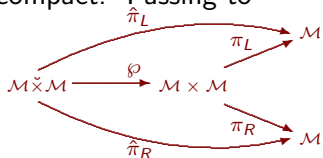
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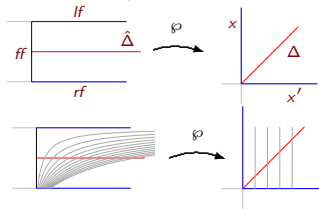
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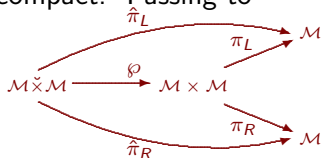
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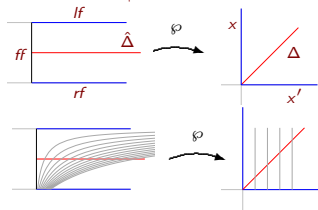
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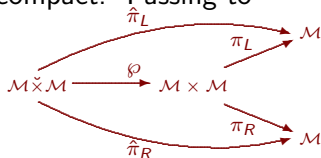
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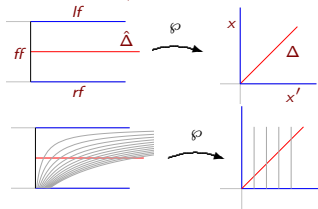
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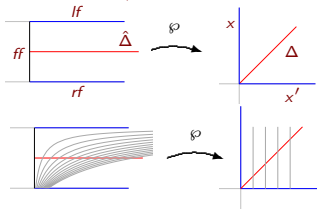
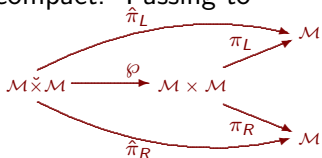
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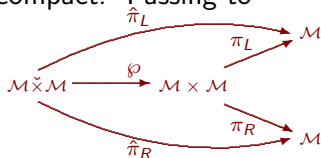
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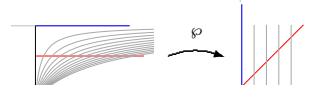
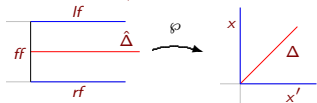
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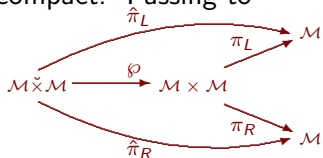
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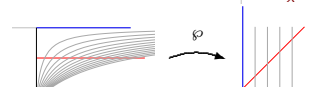
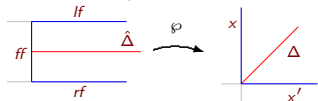
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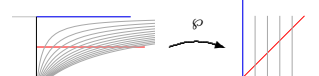
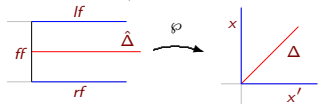
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