

# Hodge Theory, Gelfand Theory, and Clifford Analysis Applied to Tomography

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# Section 1

## Introduction

# Motivating problems

- *Electrical Impedance Tomography (EIT)* asks whether one can determine the conductivity of a medium from the voltage-to-current map.
- The *Calderón problem* replaces the medium with a manifold  $M$ , conductivity with  $g$ , and replaces the voltage-to-current map with the Dirichlet-to-Neumann operator  $\Lambda$ .

# Other questions

- What topological information can we retrieve from functions on a manifold?
- Do these functions also contain metric data?
- Can we access these functions from the boundary?

## Subsection 1

### Preliminaries

# Clifford and geometric algebras

Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $K$  with symmetric bilinear form  $g$ .

- Define the tensor algebra

$$\mathcal{T}(V) := \bigoplus_{j=0}^{\infty} V^{\otimes j} = K \oplus (V \otimes V) \oplus (V \otimes V \otimes V) \oplus \cdots .$$

- The associated *Clifford algebra* is the quotient

$$Cl(V, g) := \mathcal{T}(V) / \langle \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v} - g(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) \rangle.$$

# Geometric and exterior algebras

- If  $g$  is non-degenerate then we have a *geometric algebra*

$$\mathcal{G} := \text{Cl}(V, g).$$

- The completely degenerate case is the *exterior algebra*

$$\bigwedge(V) := \text{Cl}(V, 0).$$



# Algebraic structure

$\mathcal{G}$  is generated by scalars and vectors given how  $\otimes$  acts in the quotient.

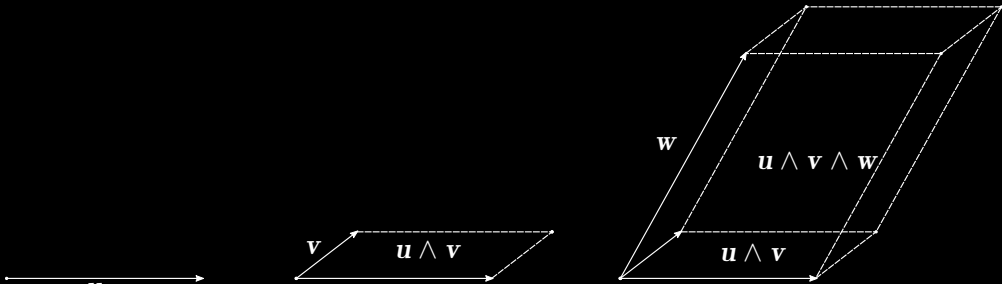
- Given vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{G}$  we can take the product

$$\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v} = \underbrace{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}_{\text{scalar}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v}}_{\text{bivector}}.$$

- The scalar part is symmetric:  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = g(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$ .
- The bivector part is antisymmetric:  $\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v} \wedge \mathbf{u}$ .

# Multivectors

- $\mathcal{G}$  is graded and of dimension  $2^n$ .
  - Grade- $r$  elements,  $\mathcal{G}^r$ , called  *$r$ -vectors*.
  - $\langle A \rangle_r \in \mathcal{G}^r$  extracts the grade- $r$  part of an arbitrary element  $A$ .
  - There are  $\binom{n}{r}$  independent  *$r$ -blades* of the form  $\mathbf{A}_r = \mathbf{v}_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \mathbf{v}_r$ .
  - Elements of the even grade subalgebra,  $\mathcal{G}^+$ , are called *spinors*.
- Since  $\mathcal{G} = \bigoplus_{r=0}^n \mathcal{G}^r$  a general *multivector* is  $A = \sum_{r=0}^n \langle A \rangle_r$ .



# Algebraic Structure

- Extend the multiplication from vectors to multivectors.
- On homogeneous elements,

$$A_r B_s = \langle A_r B_s \rangle_{|r-s|} + \langle A_r B_s \rangle_{|r-s|+2} + \cdots + \langle A_r B_s \rangle_{r+s}$$

- The most important products for us are

$$A_r \wedge B_s := \langle A_r B_s \rangle_{r+s}$$

$$A_r \lrcorner B_s := \langle A_r B_s \rangle_{s-r}$$

# Reciprocals and reverses

- Given any vector basis  $\mathbf{e}_i$ , define the *reciprocal vectors* by  $\mathbf{e}^i \cdot \mathbf{e}_j = \delta_j^i$ .
- The *reverse*  $\dagger$  is extended linearly from the action on  $r$ -blades

$$\mathbf{A}_r^\dagger = (\mathbf{v}_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \mathbf{v}_r)^\dagger = \mathbf{v}_r \wedge \cdots \wedge \mathbf{v}_1.$$

# Inner product and norm

- Define the *multivector inner product* and *multivector norm* by

$$A * B := \langle A^\dagger B \rangle =: |A|^2$$

- Reverse  $\dagger$  is the adjoint operator

$$(CA) * B = A * (C^\dagger B)$$

$$(AC) * B = A * (BC^\dagger).$$

- $g$  definite  $\implies *$  and  $|\blacksquare|$  definite.

# Blades and subspaces

- If  $|U_r| = \pm 1$ , then  $U_r$  is a *unit blade*.
- Unit  $r$ -blades correspond to subspaces  $U \subset V$  (points in  $\text{Gr}(r, n)$ ).
- The *projection* of  $A$  into a subspace  $U_r$  by

$$P_{U_r}(A) := A \lrcorner U_r U_r^{-1}.$$

# Pseudoscalars

- *Pseudoscalars* are the grade- $n$  elements.
- For example, the volume element

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \mathbf{e}_n.$$

- We define the *unit pseudoscalar* (which corresponds to  $V \subset V$ ) by

$$\boldsymbol{I} := \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\mu}|} \boldsymbol{\mu}.$$

# Duality

- The *dual*  $\perp$  of a multivector  $A$  is

$$A^\perp := A\mathbf{I}^{-1} \in \mathcal{G}^{n-r}.$$

- The *Hodge star*  $\star_g$  of a multivector  $A$  is

$$\star_g A = (\mathbf{I}^{-1}A)^\dagger.$$

- Dual exchanges products  $(A \lrcorner B)^\perp = A \wedge B^\perp$ .



# Examples

- Define  $\mathcal{G}_{p,q}$  by  $\mathbf{e}_i^2 = -1$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p$  and  $\mathbf{e}_i^2 = +1$  otherwise.
- $\mathcal{G}_{1,3}$  is the *spacetime algebra*.
- $\mathcal{G}_{1,3}^2 \cong \mathfrak{spin}(1,3)$  which is the Lie algebra of the Lorentz group.
- *Quaternion algebra*  $\mathbb{H}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{G}_{0,3}^+$ .
- *Complex algebra*  $\mathbb{C}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{G}_{0,2}^+$ .
  - Standard basis  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{e}_{12} := \mathbf{e}_1 \mathbf{e}_2$ . Then  $\mathbf{e}_{12}^2 = -1$ .
  - Right multiplication of vectors by  $\mathbf{e}_{12}$  rotates counter-clockwise by  $\pi/2$ .

## Section 2

### Clifford analysis

# Multivector Fields

- $(M, g)$  is a smooth, compact, connected, oriented  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold.
- **Idea: Form the Clifford algebras on tangent spaces.**
  - Form the *geometric algebra bundle*

$$\mathcal{G}M := \bigsqcup_{p \in M} \mathcal{C}\ell(T_p M, g_p).$$

- The (*smooth*) *multivector fields*  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  are the sections of  $\mathcal{G}M$ .
- Take same naming scheme and notation:  $\mathfrak{X}^r(M)$ ,  $\mathfrak{X}^+(M)$ , etc.

# The $z$ -variables

define those here and then give an example which I plot

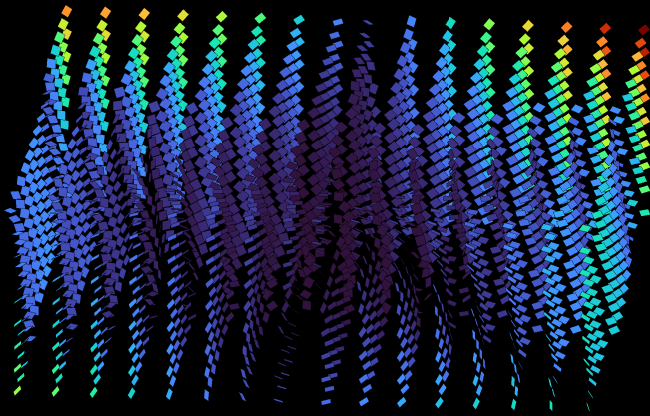
# Scalar field

The scalar field  $A_0 = \langle something \rangle$



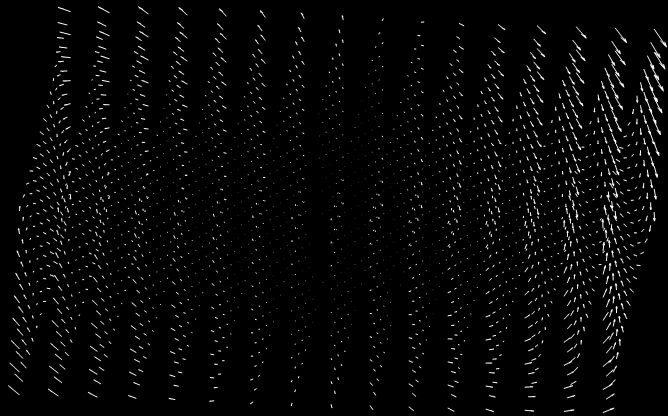
# Bivector field

The bivector field  $A_2 = \langle \rangle_2$



# Vector field

The vector field  $A_2^\perp$



# Hodge–Dirac operator

$M$  has the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  and covariant derivative  $\nabla_u$  which can be extended to act on multivectors [Schindler: 2018].

- Define the *Hodge–Dirac operator* locally by

$$\nabla = \sum_{i=1}^n e^i \nabla_{e_i}$$

- $\nabla$  acts as a vector in  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  with Leibniz rule  $\nabla(AB) = \dot{\nabla} \dot{A}B + \dot{\nabla} A \dot{B}$ .
- $\nabla^2$  is the Laplace-Beltrami operator.



# Examples

- For  $A_+ \in \mathfrak{X}^+(\mathbb{R}^2)$  if  $\nabla A_+ = 0$  then  $A_+$  is a **holomorphic function**.
- For a vector field  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{X}^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$  we have

$$\nabla \mathbf{v} = \underbrace{\nabla \lrcorner \mathbf{v}}_{\text{divergence}} + \underbrace{\nabla \wedge \mathbf{v}}_{\text{curl}}.$$

- Specifically,

$$\text{curl}(\mathbf{v}) = (\nabla \wedge \mathbf{v})^\perp$$

# Differential forms

- Define the *r-dimensional directed measure*  $dX_r$  by

$$dX_r := \mathbf{e}_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \mathbf{e}_{i_r} dx^{i_1} \cdots dx^{i_r}.$$

- Any  $r$ -form  $\alpha_r$  has a *multivector equivalent*  $A_r$  so  $\alpha_r = A_r \lrcorner dX_r^\dagger$ .
- Algebra and calculus descend to multivector equivalent:

$$\alpha_r \wedge \beta_s = (A_r \wedge B_s) \lrcorner dX_{r+s}$$

$$\underbrace{d\alpha_r = (\nabla \wedge A_r) \lrcorner dX_{r+1}^\dagger}_{\text{exterior derivative}}$$

$$\alpha_r \lrcorner \beta_s = (A_r \lrcorner B_s) \lrcorner dX_{r-s}$$

$$\underbrace{\delta\alpha_r = (-\nabla \lrcorner A_r) \lrcorner dX_{r-1}^\dagger}_{\text{codifferential}}$$

# Submanifolds

Fix an  $r$ -dimensional submanifold  $R$ .

- Define the *tangent unit pseudoscalar*  $I_R$ .
- Dual is the *normal blade*  $\nu_R = I_R^\perp$ .
- Define the *volume form* on  $R$  by

$$d\mu_R := I_R^{-1} \lrcorner dX_r$$

- For  $M$  this yields  $d\mu = \sqrt{|g|} dx^1 \cdots dx^n$

# Integral products

- Define the *directed integral product on  $R$*

$$\langle\!\langle A, B \rangle\!\rangle_R := A^\dagger \mathbf{I}_R B d\mu_R.$$

- Define the *multivector field inner product on  $R$*  by

$$\langle\!\langle A, B \rangle\!\rangle_R := \int_R A * B d\mu_R$$

# Green's formulas

- From [Hestenes, Sobczyk, 1984] and [Booß-Bavnbek, Wojciechowski, 1993]

$$\langle \nabla A, B \rangle = (-1)^n \langle A, \nabla B \rangle + \langle A, B \rangle_{\partial M}$$

- Following from the above

$$\langle \nabla A, B \rangle = -\langle A, \nabla B \rangle + \langle A, \nu B \rangle.$$

## Subsection 1

### Monogenic fields

# Monogenic fields

- The *monogenic fields*  $\mathcal{M}(M)$  is the kernel of  $\nabla$ .
- Ex.  $f = u + v\mathbf{e}_{12} \in \mathfrak{X}^+(\mathbb{R}^2)$  then  $\nabla f = 0$  is holomorphic

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \qquad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}.$$

- ADD A PICTURE?

# Cauchy integral

There is a map from boundary values  $\mathrm{tr}\mathfrak{X}(M)$  to monogenic fields  $\mathcal{M}(M)$  [Calderbank, 1995].

- There exists a vector-valued *Cauchy kernel*  $G_x$  where  $\nabla G_x = \delta_x$ .
- Given  $A \in \mathcal{M}(M)$ , the *Cauchy integral* is

$$A(x) = (-1)^{n-1} \langle A, G_x \rangle_{\partial M}^\perp.$$



# Example

Consider fields on a region  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ :

- Define  $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{1}{S_n} \frac{\mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}|^n}$  then the Cauchy integral is

$$A(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{S_n} \int_{\partial M} \frac{\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}|^n} \boldsymbol{\nu}(\mathbf{x}') A(\mathbf{x}') d\mu_{\partial M}(\mathbf{x}').$$

- **Scalar part of the above is the double layer potential.**

# Boundary values

From [Calderbank, 1995]:

- **Theorem.**  $\mathrm{tr}\mathfrak{X}(M) = \mathrm{tr}\mathcal{M}(M) \oplus \nu\mathrm{tr}\mathcal{M}(M)$
- Cauchy integral is evaluation and an isomorphism from  $\mathrm{tr}\mathcal{M}(M)$ .

# Inversion

- [Calderbank, 1995] Can solve the equation  $\nabla A = B$  by

$$A(x) = (-1)^{n-1} \langle B, G_x \rangle^\perp.$$

- In a region  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  take a vector field  $\mathbf{J}$ ,

$$\text{BS}(\mathbf{J})(\mathbf{x}) = \left\langle \langle \mathbf{J}, G_{\mathbf{x}} \rangle^\perp \right\rangle_2 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{N^3} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{y}) \wedge \frac{\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}|^3} d\mu_{N^3}(\mathbf{x}').$$

- **This is the Biot–Savart formula which recovers magnetic field from current.**

## Section 3

### Hodge theory

# Idea

Hodge theory relates analysis to topology.

- **Theorem (Hodge Isomorphisms).**

$$H^r(M) \cong \mathcal{M}_N^r(M) \qquad H^r(M, \partial M) \cong \mathcal{M}^r(M, \partial M).$$

- Put some pictures I've already made such as solid torus.

# Product on cohomologies

## Proposition

The contraction  $\lrcorner$  is a product on cohomologies by:

- $\lrcorner: H^r(M) \times H^s(M) \rightarrow H^{s-r}(M);$
  - $\lrcorner: H^r(M, \partial M) \times H^s(M, \partial M) \rightarrow H^{s-r}(M, \partial M);$
  - $H^r(M) \lrcorner H^s(M, \partial M)$  is trivial;
  - $H^r(M, \partial M) \lrcorner H^s(M)$  is trivial;
- 
- This product is equivalent to the mixed cup product in [Shonkwiler, 2009].

# Hodge decompositions

Hodge, Morrey, Friedrichs found decompositions of the space of forms.

- **Theorem [Hodge–Morrey].**  $\mathfrak{X}^r(M) = \mathcal{E}_D^r(M) \oplus \mathcal{C}_N^r(M) \oplus \mathcal{M}^r(M)$ .
- **Theorem [Hodge–Morrey–Friedrichs].**

$$\mathcal{M}^r(M) = \mathcal{M}_D^r(M) \oplus \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{co}}^r \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{M}^r(M) = \mathcal{M}_N^r(M) \oplus \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{ex}}^r$$

- But,  $\mathcal{M}(M) \neq \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \mathcal{M}^j(M)$ .

The exact and coexact fields satisfy certain boundary constraints. Combining them...

- Define the *Dirac fields*  $\nabla\mathfrak{X}(M)$  as

$$\nabla\mathfrak{X}(M) := \{\nabla A \mid A \in \mathfrak{X}(M) \text{ and } A|_{\partial M} = 0\};$$



### Theorem: Clifford–Hodge Decomposition

The space of multivector fields  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  has the orthogonal decomposition

$$\mathfrak{X}(M) = \mathcal{M}(M) \oplus \nabla \mathfrak{X}(M).$$

# Comparing to Hodge–Morrey

- From Hodge–Morrey

$$\mathfrak{X}(M) = \sum_{r=0}^n \underbrace{\mathcal{E}_D^r(M)}_{\operatorname{Im}(\nabla \wedge)} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{C}_N^r(M)}_{\operatorname{Im}(\nabla \cdot)} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{H}^r(M)}_{\operatorname{Ker}(\nabla)}.$$

- But the Clifford-Hodge-Morrey is not filtered by grades

$$\mathfrak{X}(M) = \mathcal{M}(M) \oplus \nabla \mathfrak{X}(M).$$

## Section 4

# Tomography

# EIT problem

Probably just remove sigma here

- Let  $M$  be an Ohmic region of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\sigma$  a conductivity.
- Ohm's law:  $-\sigma \nabla \wedge u = \mathbf{J}$  and conservation  $\nabla \lrcorner \mathbf{J} = 0$
- Suppose  $M$  free of charges, then the forward problem

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \lrcorner (\sigma \nabla \wedge u) = 0 & \text{in } M \\ u = \phi & \text{on } \partial M \end{cases}$$

- Define the *electric Dirichlet-to-Neumann (DN) map*  
 $\Lambda_E: \mathfrak{tX}^0(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{tX}^0(M)$  by  $\Lambda_E \phi = \nu \lrcorner (\sigma \nabla \wedge u)$ .
- Question: Can we determine  $(M, \sigma)$  from  $\Lambda_E$ ?

# Magnetic analog

- Magnetic bivector field  $B$  solves the forward problem

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 B = 0 & \text{in } M \\ B = \boldsymbol{\nu} \wedge \mathbf{J} & \text{on } \partial M \end{cases}$$

- Define the *magnetic DN operator*  $\Lambda_B: \mathfrak{n}\mathfrak{X}^2(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{n}\mathfrak{X}^2(M)$  by  $\Lambda_B(\boldsymbol{\nu} \wedge \mathbf{J}) = \boldsymbol{\nu} \wedge \nabla \lrcorner B$ .
- Question: What can we get from  $\Lambda_B$ ?

# Electromagnetic tomography

- **Can combine to monogenic spinor  $A_+ = u + B$ .**
- Can we recover the space of monogenic fields from the DN operators?
- If the space of monogenic fields contained geometric data, this would be a step forward in the Calderón problem...

# Calderón problem

Don't forget our goal...

- The problem has been solved in dimension  $n = 2$  [Belishev: 2003].
- Solved in dimensions  $n \geq 3$  when  $M$  is an analytic manifold [Lassas, Taylor, Uhlmann: 2003].
- The smooth cases is still unsolved.

# Geometric generalization

- Allow  $M$  to be  $n$ -dimensional manifold.
- Use intrinsic metric  $g$  and forward problem for  $r$ -vector fields

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 A_r = 0 & \text{in } M \\ A_r = \phi_r & \text{on } \partial M \end{cases}$$

- *Generalized electric DN operator* by  $\Lambda_E: \mathfrak{t}\mathfrak{X}(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}\mathfrak{X}(M)$  by  $\Lambda_E \phi_r = \nu \lrcorner \nabla \wedge A_r$ .
- *Generalized magnetic DN operator* by  $\Lambda_B: \mathfrak{n}\mathfrak{X}(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{n}\mathfrak{X}(M)$  by  $\Lambda_B \phi_r = \nu \wedge \nabla \lrcorner A_r$ .



# Comologies from DN operators

- The kernel of  $\Lambda_E$  are tangent parts of  $\mathcal{M}_N^r(M)$ .
- The kernel of  $\Lambda_B$  are normal parts of  $\mathcal{M}_D^r(M)$ .
- These components uniquely determine elements of  $\mathcal{M}_N^r(M)$  and  $\mathcal{M}_D^r(M)$  respectively.
- Applying Hodge isomorphisms...

## Theorem

We have  $\ker \Lambda_E \cong H^r(M)$  and  $\ker \Lambda_B \cong H^r(M, \partial M)$ .

- The map  $\Lambda_E \times \Lambda_B$  is equivalent to **complete DN operator  $\Pi$**  [Shonkwiler, Sharafutdinov: 2013].

# Spinor DN operator

- Define the *spinor DN operator*  $\mathcal{J}: \text{tr}\mathfrak{X}^\pm(M) \rightarrow \text{tr}\mathfrak{X}^\pm(M)$ .
- Specifically:  $\mathcal{J}\phi_r = \nu \nabla A_r$ .
- Generalized operators are scalar part  $\Lambda_E + \Lambda_B = \langle \mathcal{J} \rangle$ .

## Theorem

We have  $\ker \mathcal{J} = \text{tr}\mathcal{M}(M)$ .

- Recall  $\text{tr}\mathcal{M}(M)$  in correspondence to  $\mathcal{M}(M)$  by Cauchy integral.

## Section 5

### Gelfand theory

# Open questions

- In [Belishev: 2003], we see an algebraic proof for the 2-dimensional Calderón problem.
- In [Belishev, Vakulenko: 2017], we see a proof for a noncommutative Gelfand representation using quaternion fields for a ball  $\mathbb{B}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- Belishev and Vakulenko ask whether this is true in higher dimensions.
- We will prove this is true for arbitrary regions.

# Overview of BC method

The *boundary control (BC) method* in [Belishev: 2003] is as follows:

- Determine the algebra  $\mathcal{A}(M)$  of holomorphic functions on  $M$  using  $\Lambda$ .
- Gelfand theory implies the spectrum of  $\mathcal{A}(M)$  is homeomorphic to  $M$ .
- Algebraic structure of  $\mathcal{A}(M)$  determines the complex structure on  $M$ .
- Find  $g$  that conformal with the complex structure.

# Subsurface spinor fields

- For  $O$  convex, let  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathfrak{X}(O)$  be parallel translation of a unit 2-blade.
- Refer to  $A_+ = P_{\mathbf{B}} \circ A_+$  as a *subsurface spinor*.
- The *algebra of monogenic subsurface spinors* is  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{B}}(O)$
- **Algebra is a commutative Banach algebra (isomorphic to holomorphic functions).**
- Put a picture in here

## $z$ analogs and polynomials

- Define the functions  $z_{ij} = x_j - x_i \mathbf{e}_{ij}$ .
- Then  $z_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{e}_{ij}}(O)$ .
- A *homogeneous monogenic polynomial* is

$$p_{\vec{k}} = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma} z_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots z_{1\sigma(k)}.$$

- Space of *monogenic polynomials* is  $\text{span}_{\mathcal{G}}\{p_{\vec{k}}\}$ .

Locally on  $M$  any monogenic field can be written as a power series.



# Idea

- By linearity, we can note that for  $\delta \in \mathfrak{M}(\mathbb{B}_{R,w})$

$$\delta(f(x)) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{\substack{j_2 \dots j_n \\ j_2 + \dots + j_n = j}} \delta(p_{j_2 \dots j_n}(x - w)) a_{j_2 \dots j_n} \right)$$

- On each monogenic polynomial

$$\delta(p_{j_2 \dots j_n}(x)) = \frac{1}{j!} \sum_{\text{permutations}} \delta((z_{1\sigma(1)}(x)) \cdots \delta(z_{1\sigma(j)}(x)))$$

by the multiplicativity of  $\delta$ .

# Characters

- Define the algebra  $\mathbb{A}_B$  to be the algebra generated by 1 and  $B$ .
- The *spinor spectrum*  $\mathfrak{M}(M)$  consists of *spin characters*:
  - Continuous grade-preserving  $\mathcal{G}^+$ -linear maps  $\mathcal{M}^+(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^+$ ,
  - algebra morphisms  $\mathcal{A}_B(O) \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_B$ .
- One example of such characters are point evaluations  $\delta(A_+) = A_+(x_\delta)$ .
- We show these are the only elements in the spectrum.

# Necessary lemmas

For regions  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ :

## Lemma: Density

The space  $\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{P}}(M)$  is dense in  $\mathcal{M}(M)$ .

## Lemma: Point evaluation

For  $\delta \in \mathfrak{M}(M)$  we have  $\delta(z_{ij}) = z_{ij}(x_\delta)$  for some  $x_\delta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Lemma: Identification

Let  $A_+ \in \mathcal{M}^+(M)$ , then  $\delta(A_+) = A_+(x_\delta)$  for some  $x_\delta \in M$ .

The previous lemmas imply the following:

**Theorem: Clifford-algebraic Gelfand theorem**

With the weak-\* topology on  $\mathfrak{M}(M)$ , the map

$$\gamma: \mathfrak{M}(M) \rightarrow M, \quad \delta \mapsto x_\delta$$

is a homeomorphism. The Gelfand transform  $\widehat{A}_+(\delta) = \delta[A_+]$  is an isometric isomorphism so  $\mathcal{M}^+(M) \cong \widehat{\mathcal{M}^+(M)}$ .

## Section 6

**Further results, open questions, conclusion**

# A Stone–Weierstrass theorem

## Lemma: I

If  $M$  is a compact connected Riemannian manifold with boundary, then the space  $\overline{\mathcal{M}^+(M)}$  separates points.

## Theorem: Stone–Weierstrass

$\overline{\mathcal{M}^+(M)}$  is dense in  $C(M; \mathcal{G}^+)$ .

# Sheaf

## Theorem

The sheaf  $\mathcal{M}_M$  is Hausdorff and the map  $\pi: \mathcal{M}_M \rightarrow M$  is a local homeomorphism.

- Can one find a component of  $\mathcal{M}_M$  that is homeomorphic to  $M$ ?

# Future work and open questions

To get a higher dimensional BC method we need:

- The DN operator determines  $\text{tr} \mathcal{M}^+(M)$ .
- The map  $\text{tr}: \vee \mathcal{M}^+(M) \rightarrow \text{tr} \vee \mathcal{M}^+(M)$  is an isometric isomorphism of algebras.
- The space  $\mathcal{M}^+(M)$  determines the metric structure of  $M$  up to isometry.



# Future work and open questions

- Many of these approaches use the Hilbert transform which is also used by Belishev, Sharafutdinov, and Shonkwiler to study the Calderón problem.
- The Hilbert transform is also a classical part of Clifford analysis.
- [Lassas, Uhlmann: 2001] use sheaf theory to solve the analytic Calderón problem.
- Santacesaria proposes another method for solving the Calderón problem using Clifford algebras and complex geometric optics.

## Section 7

### Conclusions

# Conclusion

- Clifford analysis is a natural setting for studying PDEs and Hodge theory on manifolds.
- Able to describe DN operators and extract homological information and boundary values of special functions.
- Special functions are able to tell us the topology of the manifold they are defined on.

Thank you!