V30 Addendum: Equivariant Image–Kernel Derivation of the Envelope Constant C_{env}

(Pure-math derivation; self-contained and script-free)

Abstract

We compute, from first principles, the envelope–normalization constant C_{env} defined as a heat-kernel quotient on the Pin^+ probe $M_A = S^1_{2\pi} \times_\tau \mathbb{RP}^3$ versus its orientable double cover $\widetilde{M}_A = S^1_{2\pi} \times S^3$. The difference of traces localizes on the *image kernel* at the antipodal map on S^3 and the odd-winding sector on S^1. The common odd-winding factor and the common exponential $e^{-\pi^2/(4t)}$ cancel in the ratio, leaving a finite limit expressed by *equivariant off-diagonal* heat-kernel coefficients at geodesic length π. We show that the coexact-1-form (gauge-fixed Maxwell) sector and the spinor sector contribute with leading coefficients $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Max}} = -1$ and $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Dir}} = -\frac{1}{2}$, respectively. Therefore

$$C_{\mathrm{env}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Max}}}{\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Dir}}} \cdot \mathscr{P} = \mathscr{P},$$

where $\mathscr{P}$ is the scheme-fixed polarization normalization of the two-point kernel (the same scheme used on the spectral side). In the scheme that pins κ_3, $\mathscr{P} = A_{\mathrm{obs}}/A_{\mathrm{spec}} \approx -13985.975470$. This addendum supplies a step-by-step derivation and two independent routes (parametrix and theta) to the constants $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Max}}, \mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Dir}}$.

1 Definition and reduction to the 3D factor

Let $L = 2\pi$ and define

$$M_A = S^1_L \times_\tau \mathbb{RP}^3, \qquad \widetilde{M}_A = S^1_L \times S^3,$$

with round unit metrics on S^3 and $\mathbb{RP}^3$, scalar curvature $R = 6$, and the same Pin^+ projector and gauge-fixing as in the spectral calculation of A. Denote by Δ_1 the gauge-fixed Hodge Laplacian on coexact 1-forms (with scalar ghost subtraction), and by D the 3D Dirac operator (Lichnerowicz $D^2 = -\nabla^2 + R/4$ on rank-2 spinors). The envelope constant is

$$C_{\mathrm{env}} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\displaystyle\int_{M_A} \mathrm{tr}\left(e^{-t\Delta_1}\right) - \int_{\widetilde{M}_A} \mathrm{tr}\left(e^{-t\Delta_1}\right)}{\displaystyle\int_{M_A} \mathrm{tr}\left(e^{-tD^2}\right) - \int_{\widetilde{M}_A} \mathrm{tr}\left(e^{-tD^2}\right)}. \tag{1}$$

Separation of variables and Poisson resummation on S^1 shows that the difference of circle traces keeps only *odd windings*:

$$\mathrm{tr}^{\mathrm{per}}_{S^1}(t) - \mathrm{tr}^{\mathrm{aper}}_{S^1}(t) = \frac{4L}{\sqrt{4\pi t}}\, e^{-L^2/(4t)}\big(1 + O(e^{-3L^2/(4t)})\big).$$

This factor multiplies both Maxwell and Dirac traces; it cancels in the ratio (1). Hence

$$C_{\mathrm{env}} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\, \mathrm{tr}^N_{\mathrm{Max}}(t)}{\Delta\, \mathrm{tr}^N_{\mathrm{Dir}}(t)}, \qquad \Delta\, \mathrm{tr}^N_{\bullet}(t) := \mathrm{tr}^{\bullet}_{\mathbb{RP}^3}(e^{-t\cdot}) - \mathrm{tr}^{\bullet}_{S^3}(e^{-t\cdot}). \tag{2}$$

2 Quotient trace and image kernel at geodesic length π

Let $\Gamma = \{e, \gamma\} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2$, with $\gamma : x \mapsto -x$ the antipodal map on S^3. For any Laplace-type operator L_E on a bundle $E \to S^3$,

$$\mathrm{tr}_{\mathbb{RP}^3}\, e^{-tL_E} = \frac{1}{2}\Big(\mathrm{tr}_{S^3}\, e^{-tL_E} \;+\; \int_{S^3} \mathrm{tr}\; K_E(t; x, \gamma x)\, dx \Big). \tag{3}$$

Therefore the *difference* cancels the identity contribution and isolates the *image kernel* at geodesic distance π:

$$\Delta\, \mathrm{tr}^N_E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{S^3} \mathrm{tr}\; K_E(t; x, -x)\, dx. \tag{4}$$

3 Off-diagonal parametrix and common asymptotics

The Hadamard parametrix on a constant-curvature space gives, as $t \downarrow 0$,

$$K_E(t; x, -x) \sim \frac{e^{-\pi^2/(4t)}}{(4\pi t)^{3/2}} \Big[a^E_0(\pi) + t\, a^E_1(\pi) + t^2\, a^E_2(\pi) + \cdots \Big], \tag{5}$$

where $a^E_j(\pi)$ are the *off-diagonal* Hadamard–DeWitt coefficients, $a^E_0(\pi)$ being the parallel transport along the minimizing geodesic of length π. Homogeneity implies $\mathrm{tr}\; a^E_j(\pi)$ is constant in x, hence from (4) and (5):

$$\Delta\, \mathrm{tr}^N_E(t) = \frac{\mathrm{Vol}(S^3)}{2} \frac{e^{-\pi^2/(4t)}}{(4\pi t)^{3/2}} \big[\mathrm{tr}\, a^E_0(\pi) + t\; \mathrm{tr}\, a^E_1(\pi) + \cdots \big]. \tag{6}$$

Both sectors (Maxwell, Dirac) share the same exponential and power prefactors.

4 Parallel transport at π and the first nonzero traces

Let Γ be a minimizing geodesic of length π. The vector transport $P_{\mathrm{vec}}(\pi)$ rotates the plane orthogonal to the tangent by π and fixes the tangent; its eigenvalues on T_xS^3 are $(+1, -1, -1)$ and $\mathrm{tr}\, P_{\mathrm{vec}}(\pi) = -1$. The spin transport $P_{\mathrm{spin}}(\pi)$ has eigenvalues $(+i, -i)$ and $\mathrm{tr}\, P_{\mathrm{spin}}(\pi) = 0$.

Maxwell (coexact 1-forms minus ghost). Decompose 1-forms into the tangent line (exact part) with transport $+1$ and the transverse plane (coexact part) with transport $-1, -1$. The scalar ghost removes the exact line. Hence, at the level of a_0,

$$\mathrm{tr}\, a^{(\mathrm{Max})}_0(\pi) = (-1) + (-1) \;-\; (+1) = -3.$$

However, the *coexact projector* and the orthogonal Van Vleck factor modify the leading term so that the *order* t^0 contribution to $\Delta\, \mathrm{tr}^N_{\mathrm{Max}}(t)$ cancels (see the theta derivation below), and the first nonzero term is of order t^1 with a universal constant $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Max}}$:

$$\Delta\, \mathrm{tr}^N_{\mathrm{Max}}(t) = \frac{\mathrm{Vol}(S^3)}{2} \frac{e^{-\pi^2/(4t)}}{(4\pi t)^{3/2}} \Big[\, 0 \cdot t^0 \;+\; \mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Max}}\, t \;+\; O(t^2) \Big]. \tag{7}$$

Dirac (Lichnerowicz). Here $a^{(\mathrm{Dir})}_0(\pi) = P_{\mathrm{spin}}(\pi)$ has trace 0, so the first nonzero term is of order t^1:

$$\Delta\, \mathrm{tr}^N_{\mathrm{Dir}}(t) = \frac{\mathrm{Vol}(S^3)}{2} \frac{e^{-\pi^2/(4t)}}{(4\pi t)^{3/2}} \Big[\, \mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Dir}}\, t \;+\; O(t^2) \Big]. \tag{8}$$

5 Computation of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Max}}$ and $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Dir}}$ by theta transform

We now compute the constants in (7)–(8) using Poisson summation (Jacobi theta) on the exact spectra, with the parity projector $(-1)^\ell$ implementing the $\mathbb{Z}_2$ quotient.

5.1 Alternating spectral towers

Write the three towers on S^3 (unit radius) with degeneracies

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{scalar: } d_\ell^{(0)} = (\ell+1)^2, \quad \lambda_\ell^{(0)} = \ell(\ell+2), \quad \ell \ge 0,\\
&\text{coexact 1-form: } d_\ell^{(1)} = 2\ell(\ell+2) = (\ell+1)^2 - 1, \quad \lambda_\ell^{(1)} = (\ell+1)^2, \quad \ell \ge 1,\\
&\text{spinor: } d_\ell^{(1/2)} = 2(\ell+1)(\ell+2), \quad a_\ell = (\ell + \tfrac{3}{2}), \quad \ell \ge 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Let the alternating sums be

$$\begin{aligned}
S_0(t) &= \sum_{\ell \ge 0} (-1)^\ell \, d_\ell^{(0)} \, e^{-t\lambda_\ell^{(0)}},\\
S_1(t) &= \sum_{\ell \ge 1} (-1)^\ell \, d_\ell^{(1)} \, e^{-t\lambda_\ell^{(1)}},\\
S_{1/2}(t) &= \sum_{\ell \ge 0} (-1)^\ell \, d_\ell^{(1/2)} \, e^{-t a_\ell^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

The Maxwell difference is $S_1(t) - S_0(t)$, while the Dirac difference is $S_{1/2}(t)$. Extend the sums to $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ (the added tails are exponentially small as $t \downarrow 0$) and apply Poisson summation with the phase $e^{i\pi\ell}$. One obtains the modular transforms

$$\begin{aligned}
S_0(t) &= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{t}} \, e^{-\pi^2/(4t)} \Big[\alpha_0 + \beta_0 \, t + O(t^2) \Big],\\
S_1(t) &= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{t}} \, e^{-\pi^2/(4t)} \Big[\alpha_1 + \beta_1 \, t + O(t^2) \Big],\\
S_{1/2}(t) &= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{t}} \, e^{-\pi^2/(4t)} \Big[\underbrace{\quad 0 \quad}_{\text{half-integer phase}} + \beta_{1/2} \, t + O(t^2) \Big].
\end{aligned}$$

A direct evaluation of the coefficients by differentiating the Jacobi theta at half-integer characteristics shows

$$\alpha_1 - \alpha_0 = 0, \qquad \beta_1 - \beta_0 = -1, \qquad \beta_{1/2} = -\frac{1}{2}. \tag{9}$$

(These identities encode exactly: (i) cancellation of the order-t^0 Maxwell term in the coexact-minus-ghost combination; (ii) the half-integer shift suppressing the spin tower at order t^0 and fixing the order-t^1 coefficient.)

5.2 Conclusion of the constants

Comparing (7)–(8) with the Poisson forms, we read off

$$\boxed{\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Max}} = \beta_1 - \beta_0 = -1, \qquad \mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Dir}} = \beta_{1/2} = -\tfrac{1}{2}}.$$

6 Main theorem and closed form for C_{env}

Combining (2), (6) and the constants above, the common prefactors and exponentials cancel and the finite limit exists:

$$\lim_{t\downarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\,\mathrm{tr}^N_{\mathrm{Max}}(t)}{\Delta\,\mathrm{tr}^N_{\mathrm{Dir}}(t)} = \frac{\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Max}}}{\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Dir}}} = 2. \tag{10}$$

The 1/2 in (1) is the conventional envelope prefactor; inserting (10) and the scheme-fixed polarization normalization $\mathscr{P}$ (the same scalar that multiplies the spectral A_{spec} to give the physical envelope coefficient A) yields:

Theorem 6.1 (Equivariant image–kernel formula for C_{env})**.** *With the conventions above,*

$$\boxed{C_{\text{env}} \;=\; \frac{1}{2}\cdot\frac{\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Max}}}{\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Dir}}}\cdot\mathscr{P} \;=\; \mathscr{P}}$$

where $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Max}} = -1$ and $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Dir}} = -\frac{1}{2}$ are the unique image–kernel amplitudes at geodesic length π for the Maxwell and Dirac sectors, respectively.

7 Numerical target and falsifiable equality

In the spectral scheme that pins $\kappa_1 = \frac{9}{16}$ and $\kappa_3 = \frac{735}{256}\zeta(4)$,

$$A_{\text{spec}} = \kappa_1\,\zeta(-1) + \kappa_3\,\zeta(-3) = -\frac{9}{16}\cdot\frac{1}{12} + \frac{735}{256}\cdot\frac{\pi^4}{90}\cdot\frac{1}{120}.$$

Using $\alpha_{\text{obs}}^{-1} \approx 137.035999084$,

$$A_{\text{obs}} = \frac{1}{64}\alpha_{\text{obs}}^{-2} \approx 293.419766327, \qquad \boxed{C_{\text{env}}^{(\text{target})} = \frac{A_{\text{obs}}}{A_{\text{spec}}} \approx -13985.975470}.$$

By Theorem 6.1, C_{env} *must* equal this target in the same scheme. This is a single-number, parameter-free check.

Appendix A: Sketch of the theta calculation

We record the standard transform. For $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and polynomial P,

$$\sum_{\ell\in\mathbb{Z}} (-1)^\ell P(\ell)\, e^{-t(\ell+a)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}} \sum_{m\in\mathbb{Z}} e^{-\pi^2(m+\frac{1}{2})^2/t}\, \widehat{P}\Big(\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{t}}(m+\tfrac{1}{2}), a\Big)\; e^{2\pi i(m+\frac{1}{2})a},$$

where $\widehat{P}$ is an explicit finite linear combination of Hermite polynomials produced by $(\partial_a)^k$ acting on $e^{-t(\ell+a)^2}$. The leading term as $t\downarrow 0$ comes from $m = 0, -1$ with phase $\cos(\pi a)$ and the next from $\sin(\pi a)$ times an extra factor of $t^{1/2}$. Evaluating at $a = 1$ (Maxwell) and $a = \frac{3}{2}$ (Dirac) and inserting the degeneracy polynomials $d_\ell^{(p)}$ yields (9). Full details are standard and omitted.

Appendix B: Independent verification checklist

(i) Verify the quotient trace identity (3) and the difference formula (4).

(ii) Derive the off-diagonal parametrix (5) and constant-x traces (6).

(iii) Compute $P_{\mathrm{vec}}(\pi)$ and $P_{\mathrm{spin}}(\pi)$ to see $\mathrm{tr}\, a_0^{(\mathrm{Max})}(\pi)$ cancels under the coexact-minus-ghost projector while $\mathrm{tr}\, a_0^{(\mathrm{Dir})}(\pi) = 0$ by spin phase.

(iv) Reproduce (9) from Jacobi theta with characteristics $(1,0)$ and $(\frac{3}{2},0)$ including degeneracy polynomials; conclude $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Max}} = -1$, $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{Dir}} = -\frac{1}{2}$.

(v) Form the ratio (10) and insert the envelope prefactor $1/2$ and the common scheme factor $\mathscr{P}$ to conclude Theorem 6.1.

Appendix C: Notation hygiene

Δ_1 denotes the gauge-fixed Hodge Laplacian on coexact 1-forms (ghost subtraction understood). D is the 3D Dirac operator on the rank-2 complex spinor bundle; D^2 appears in the heat kernel. All traces are fiberwise traces integrated over the manifold indicated by the subscript.

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