

K-THEORY OF Ψ DOS WITH PERIODIC SYMBOLS ON A CYLINDER

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Let \mathfrak{A} denote the smallest norm-closed adjoint-invariant sub-algebra of the algebra of all bounded operators on $L^2(S^1 \times \mathbb{R})$ containing: (i) all operators of multiplication by functions that extend continuously to the compactification $S^1 \times [-\infty, +\infty]$ and by continuous functions which are 2π -periodic on the second variable, (ii) $\Lambda = (1 - \Delta)^{-1/2}$, where Δ denotes the laplacian on $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$, (iii) $\partial_\theta \Lambda$ and (iv) $\partial_t \Lambda$, where ∂_θ and ∂_t denote the canonical first-order derivatives on S^1 and on \mathbb{R} , respectively. This algebra contains the classical zero-order pseudodifferential operators on $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$ with 2π -periodic symbols.

I plan to start this talk with a review of some 1990 results (including a Fredholm criterion) about the structure of \mathfrak{A} , and to state basic definitions and theorems on C^* -algebra K-theory. Then I shall report on the computation, done jointly with Patrícia Hess, of the K-groups of the quotient $\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{K}$, with \mathfrak{K} denoting the ideal of compact operators. Using an Atiyah-Singer-Fedosov index formula for the Fredholm-index of elliptic operators on a compact manifold, we managed to compute the K-theory-index associated to the principal symbol of \mathfrak{A} . We could not, however, directly compute the second connecting mapping for the principal symbol. We bypassed this obstacle by studying several other exact sequences (including a Pimsner-Voiculescu one) associated to certain sub-algebras of \mathfrak{A} . In the end, we were able to completely compute the K-groups of $\mathfrak{A}/\mathfrak{K}$.