

# EQUIVARIANT INDEX FORMULAS FOR ORBIFOLDS

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $P$  be a smooth manifold. Let  $H$  be a compact Lie group acting on  $P$ . We assume that the action of  $H$  is infinitesimally free, that is, the stabilizer  $H(y)$  of any point  $y \in P$  is a finite subgroup of  $H$ . We write the action of  $H$  on the right. The quotient space  $P/H$  is an orbifold. (If  $H$  acts freely, then  $P/H$  is a manifold.) Reciprocally, any orbifold  $M$  can be presented this way: for example, one might choose  $P$  to be the bundle of orthonormal frames for a choice of a metric on  $M$  and  $H = O(n)$  if  $n = \dim M$ . We will assume that there is a compact Lie group  $G$  acting on  $P$  such that its action commutes with the action of  $H$ . We will write the action of  $G$  on the left. Then the space  $P/H$  is provided with a  $G$ -action. Such data  $(P, H, G)$  will be our definition of a presented  $G$ -orbifold. We will say shortly that  $P/H$  is a  $G$ -orbifold.

Consider a compact  $G$ -orbifold  $P/H$ . A tangent vector on  $P$  tangent at  $y \in P$  to the orbit  $H \cdot y$  will be called a vertical tangent vector. Let  $T_H^*P$  be the subbundle of  $T^*P$  orthogonal to all vertical vectors. We will say that  $T_H^*P$  is the horizontal cotangent space. We denote by  $(y, \xi)$  a point in  $T^*P$ . Consider two  $(G \times H)$ -equivariant vector bundles  $\mathcal{E}^\pm$  on  $P$ . Let  $\Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^\pm)$  be the spaces of smooth sections of  $\mathcal{E}^\pm$ . Let

$$\Delta: \Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^+) \rightarrow \Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^-)$$

be a  $(G \times H)$ -invariant differential operator. Consider the principal symbol  $\sigma(\Delta)$  of  $\Delta$ . The operator  $\Delta$  is said to be  $H$ -transversally elliptic if

$$\sigma(\Delta)(y, \xi_0): \mathcal{E}_y^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_y^-$$

is invertible for all  $\xi_0 \in (T_H^*P)_y - \{0\}$ . When  $\Delta$  is  $H$ -transversally elliptic, the equivariant index of  $\Delta$  is defined as in [1] and is a trace-class virtual representation of  $G \times H$ . Introduce  $(G \times H)$ -invariant metrics on  $P$  and on  $\mathcal{E}^\pm$ . Let  $\Delta^*$  be the formal adjoint of  $\Delta$ . The virtual space  $Q(\Delta)$  of  $H$ -invariant “solutions” of  $\Delta$

$$Q(\Delta) = [(\text{Ker}(\Delta))^H] - [(\text{Ker}(\Delta^*))^H]$$

is a finite-dimensional virtual representation space for  $G$ . More generally, we consider  $(G \times H)$ -transversally elliptic operators on  $P$ . Then the space  $Q(\Delta)$  of  $H$ -invariant “solutions” of  $\Delta$  is a trace-class virtual representation of  $G$ .

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Let us first consider the case where  $\Delta$  is  $H$ -transversally elliptic and  $H$  acts freely. It is then easy to describe what is the virtual representation  $Q(\Delta)$  of  $G$ . Since  $\Delta$  commutes with  $H$ , the operator  $\Delta$  determines a map

$$\Delta^{P/H}: \Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^+)^H \rightarrow \Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^-)^H.$$

We have  $\Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^\pm)^H = \Gamma(P/H, \mathcal{E}^\pm/H)$ , and  $\Delta^{P/H}$  is a  $G$ -invariant elliptic operator on  $P/H$ . Thus, we have, for  $s \in G$ ,

$$\mathrm{Tr} Q(\Delta)(s) = \mathrm{index}(\Delta^{P/H})(s).$$

Let  $(P/H)(s)$  be the set of fixed points for the action of  $s$  on  $P/H$ . The equivariant index formula of Atiyah-Segal-Singer [2], [4] allows us to write  $\mathrm{index}(\Delta^{P/H})(s)$  as an integral over  $T^*(P/H)(s)$ . If  $H$  acts only infinitesimally freely, we will give an integral formula for  $\mathrm{Tr} Q(\Delta)(s)$  generalizing the formula for  $\mathrm{index}(\Delta^{P/H})(s)$  in the case of free action.

More generally, if  $\Delta$  is a  $(G \times H)$ -transversally elliptic operator on  $P$ , we state in Theorem 2 a formula for the character of the trace-class virtual representation  $Q(\Delta)$  of  $G$  in terms of the equivariant cohomology of  $T^*(P/H)$ . This theorem generalizes the cohomological index formula given in [7], [9] for the equivariant index of  $G$ -transversally elliptic operators on compact manifolds to the case of compact orbifolds.

If  $G = \{e\}$ , we identify  $Q(\Delta)$  with an integer. Several authors gave an integral formula for this integer in various degrees of generality. The notion of an orbifold was introduced by Satake who proved a Gauss-Bonnet formula [16] for orbifolds. For any  $H$ -transversally elliptic operator  $\Delta$ , a formula for the number  $Q(\Delta)$  was given by Atiyah [1, Corollary 9.12] in the case where  $H$  is a torus. When  $P/H$  is a complex algebraic variety,  $\mathcal{F}/H$  an holomorphic orbifold bundle on  $P/H$ , and  $\Delta$  the  $\bar{\partial}$  operator on the space of sections of  $\mathcal{F}/H$ , the number  $Q(\Delta)$  was computed by Kawasaki [12]. It is the Riemann-Roch number of a sheaf on  $P/H$ . For  $H$  an arbitrary compact group and any  $H$ -transversally elliptic operator  $\Delta$ , a formula for the number  $Q(\Delta)$  was given by Kawasaki [13].

In our case as well as in Kawasaki's proof in [13], Atiyah's algorithm to compute the equivariant index of an  $H$ -transversally elliptic operator is a fundamental ingredient. Indeed, our proof of the general formula for index of transversally elliptic operators [9] relies heavily on Atiyah's results in [1]. Once this general formula is established, it is a pleasant exercise on Fourier inversion for compact groups to deduce the formula given here for  $G$ -transversally elliptic operators on orbifolds from our index formula for transversally elliptic operators on manifolds. I feel it is useful to do this exercise in order to extend to symplectic orbifolds the universal formula [17] for the character of a quantized representation. In fact,  $G$ -orbifolds appear naturally when studying the quantized representation associated to a prequantized symplectic manifold  $M$ . Let  $M$  be a symplectic manifold with Hamiltonian action of  $G \times H$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a Kostant-

Souriau line bundle on  $M$ , and let  $\mu: M \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$  be the moment map for the  $H$ -action. Consider the space  $M_{\text{red}} = \mu^{-1}(0)/H$ . When 0 is a regular value of  $\mu$ , the space  $M_{\text{red}}$  is a symplectic orbifold with a  $G$ -action. The quantized representation  $Q(M, \mathcal{L})$  is a virtual representation of  $G \times H$  constructed as the  $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$ -graded space of solutions of the  $\mathcal{L}$ -twisted Dirac operator on  $M$ . If  $M_{\text{red}}$  is an orbifold, the virtual representation  $Q(M_{\text{red}}, \mathcal{L}_{\text{red}})$  of  $G$  can be constructed in a similar way [19]. We give in Proposition 4 an integral formula for the character of the quantized representation  $Q(M_{\text{red}}, \mathcal{L}_{\text{red}})$  of the symplectic orbifold  $M_{\text{red}}$ .

## 2. Equivariant index formula on orbifolds

**2.1. Differential forms and integration.** Let  $N$  be a manifold with infinitesimally free action of a compact group  $H$ . Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group acting on  $N$  such that the action of  $G$  commutes with the action of  $H$ . A differential form  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}(N)$  will be called  $H$ -horizontal (or simply horizontal if  $H$  is understood) if  $\iota(Y_N)\alpha = 0$  for all  $Y \in \mathfrak{h}$ . A form  $\alpha$  on  $N$  is called  $H$ -basic if  $\alpha$  is  $H$ -horizontal and  $H$ -invariant. If the action of  $H$  on  $N$  is free, a basic form is the pullback of a form on  $N/H$ . Thus, we will also say that an  $H$ -basic differential form  $\alpha$  on  $N$  is a differential form on  $N/H$ . The operator  $d_{\mathfrak{g}}$  on  $G$ -equivariant differential forms on  $N$  is defined as in [5, Chapter 7]. For  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ , we denote by  $d_X$  the operator  $d - \iota(X_N)$  on forms on  $N$ . A  $G$ -equivariant differential form on  $N$  is called  $H$ -basic if, for all  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ , the differential form  $\alpha(X)$  is  $H$ -basic. We will also say that  $\alpha$  is a  $G$ -equivariant differential form on  $N/H$ . The operator  $d_{\mathfrak{g}}$  preserves the space of  $G$ -equivariant differential forms on  $N/H$ .

We identify the bundle of vertical vectors with  $N \times \mathfrak{h}$ . Choose a  $(G \times H)$ -invariant decomposition

$$(1) \quad TN = T_{\text{hor}} N \oplus (N \times \mathfrak{h}).$$

This decomposition allows us to identify  $T_H^* N$  with  $T_{\text{hor}}^* N$ .

The decomposition (1) gives us a connection form

$$(2) \quad \theta \in (\mathcal{A}^1(N) \otimes \mathfrak{h})^{H \times G}.$$

We denote by  $\Theta \in \mathcal{A}^2(N) \otimes \mathfrak{h}$  the curvature of  $\theta$ . Let  $\phi$  be a smooth function on  $\mathfrak{h}$ . Then we define the horizontal form  $\phi(\Theta)$  on  $N$  using Taylor's expansion of  $\phi$  at 0. If  $\phi$  is invariant, then  $\phi(\Theta)$  is basic.

The stabilisers  $H(y)$  of points  $y \in N$  are finite subgroups of  $H$ . The set  $B$  of conjugacy classes of stabilizers of elements of  $N$  is a partially ordered set. Let  $N_a$  be a connected component of  $N$ . Then the set  $\{H(y), y \in N_a\}$  has a unique minimal element [10]. This element  $S_a$  is referred to as the *generic stabilizer* on  $N_a$ . We consider the generic stabilizer as a locally constant function from  $N$  to conjugacy classes of subgroups of  $H$  writing  $S(y) = S_a$  if  $y \in N_a$ . Let  $|S(y)|$  be the order of  $S(y)$ . In particular,  $y \rightarrow |S(y)|$  is a locally constant function on  $N$ . We

denote this function by  $|S|$  (or  $|S^N|$  when we need to specify the manifold  $N$ ). An element  $y \in N$  such that  $H(y)$  is conjugated to  $S(y)$  is called *regular*. We denote by  $N_{\text{reg}}$  the set of regular elements. It is an  $H$ -invariant open subset of  $N$ , and  $N_{\text{reg}}/H$  is a manifold.

Assume the bundle  $T_{\text{hor}}^*N$  has an  $H$ -invariant orientation  $o$ . We will then say that  $N/H$  is oriented. If  $N$  is connected, we define  $\dim(N/H)$  to be  $\dim N - \dim H$ . Otherwise, we consider  $\dim(N/H)$  as a locally constant function on  $N$ .

An  $H$ -basic differential form  $\alpha$  defines a differential form on  $N_{\text{reg}}/H$ . If  $\alpha$  is compactly supported on  $N$ , then the component  $\alpha_{[\dim(N/H)]}$  of exterior degree  $\dim(N/H)$  of  $\alpha$  is integrable on the oriented manifold  $N_{\text{reg}}/H$ . By definition,

$$(3) \quad \int_{N/H} \alpha = \int_{N_{\text{reg}}/H} \alpha_{[\dim(N/H)]}.$$

Let us give a formula for  $\int_{N/H} \alpha$  as an integral over  $N$ . Let  $n = \dim \mathfrak{h}$ . Let  $E^1, E^2, \dots, E^n$  be a basis of  $\mathfrak{h}$ . We write the connection form  $\theta \in \mathcal{A}^1(N) \otimes \mathfrak{h}$  as

$$\theta = \sum_1^n \theta_k E^k.$$

Let  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  be the dual basis of  $\mathfrak{h}^*$ . It defines a Euclidean volume form  $dY$  on  $\mathfrak{h}$  and an orientation  $o^{\mathfrak{h}}$  on  $\mathfrak{h}$ . We denote by  $dh$  the Haar measure on  $H$  tangent to  $dY$  at the identity of  $H$ . Notice that the form

$$v_{o^{\mathfrak{h}}} = (\text{vol}(H, dh))^{-1} \theta_1 \wedge \theta_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \theta_n$$

depends only of  $\theta$  and  $o^{\mathfrak{h}}$ .

Assume  $N/H$  is oriented. Let  $o^{N/H}$  be the corresponding orientation. Then  $N$  is oriented. We choose as positive volume form  $\omega \wedge v_{o^{\mathfrak{h}}}$  if  $\omega$  is a positive  $H$ -invariant section of  $\Lambda^{\max} T_H^*N$ . We denote this orientation by  $o^{N/H} \wedge o^{\mathfrak{h}}$ . If  $\alpha$  is a basic form on  $N$  with compact support, then

$$(4) \quad \int_{N/H} \alpha = \int_N |S| \alpha \wedge v_{o^{\mathfrak{h}}}.$$

In this formula, the orientation on  $N$  is the orientation  $o^{N/H} \wedge o^{\mathfrak{h}}$ .

If  $\mathcal{V} \rightarrow N$  is an  $H$ -equivariant vector bundle over  $N$  with projection  $p_0$ , then the integration over the fiber of an  $H$ -basic differential form on  $\mathcal{V}$  is an  $H$ -basic differential form on  $N$ . If  $\alpha$  is compactly supported, we have the integration formula

$$(5) \quad \int_{\mathcal{V}/H} \alpha = \int_{N/H} |S^{\mathcal{V}}|/|S^N|(p_0)_* \alpha.$$

Let us define the cotangent bundle to an orbifold  $N/H$ . When  $H$  acts freely on  $N$ , then  $N/H$  is a smooth manifold and we have a canonical identification  $T^*(N/H) = (T_H^*N)/H$ . In our case, the action of  $H$  on  $T_H^*N$  is infinitesimally free, and we define  $T^*(N/H)$  as an orbifold by  $T^*(N/H) = (T_H^*N)/H$ . It is important to notice that the orbifold  $T^*(N/H)$  is orientable. Indeed, the restriction of the canonical 1-form  $\omega^N$  of  $T^*N$  to  $T_H^*N$  is a basic 1-form; that is, a form on  $T^*(N/H)$ . We denote it by  $\omega^{N/H}$  and refer to it as the canonical 1-form on  $T^*(N/H)$ . The 2-form  $d\omega^{N/H}$  is nondegenerate on  $T_{\text{hor}}(T_H^*N)$ . We will choose on  $T^*(N/H)$  the symplectic orientation given by  $-d\omega^{N/H}$ .

**2.2. Index formula.** Let  $M = P/H$  be a compact  $G$ -orbifold. Consider two  $(G \times H)$ -equivariant vector bundles  $\mathcal{E}^\pm$  on  $P$ . Let

$$\Delta: \Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^+) \rightarrow \Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^-)$$

be a  $(G \times H)$ -invariant differential operator. We assume that  $\Delta$  is a  $(G \times H)$ -transversally elliptic operator on  $P$ . We will give an integral formula for  $\text{Tr } Q(\Delta)$  in terms of the equivariant cohomology of  $T^*M$ . We need some definitions.

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an  $H$ -equivariant bundle over  $P$ . If  $\nabla$  is an  $H$ -invariant connection on  $\mathcal{E}$ , we define its moment  $\mu \in \Gamma(P, \text{End}(\mathcal{E})) \otimes \mathfrak{h}^*$  and the equivariant curvature of  $\nabla$  as in [5, Chapter 7]. Our conventions for characteristic classes will be those of [11]. They differ slightly from those of [5]. In particular, if  $F(Y)$  ( $Y \in \mathfrak{h}$ ) is the equivariant curvature of  $\nabla$ , the equivariant Chern character will be  $\text{ch}(\mathcal{E}, \nabla)(Y) = \text{Tr}(e^{F(Y)})$ .

We will say that  $\nabla$  is an  $H$ -horizontal connection if  $\mu(Y) = 0$  for all  $Y \in \mathfrak{h}$ . It is always possible to choose a horizontal connection on  $\mathcal{E}$ . This can be done as follows. Consider a connection form  $\theta \in \mathcal{A}^1(P) \otimes \mathfrak{h}$  for the action of  $H$  on  $P$ . Let  $\nabla$  be an  $H$ -invariant connection on  $\mathcal{E}$  with moment  $\mu \in \Gamma(P, \text{End}(\mathcal{E})) \otimes \mathfrak{h}^*$ . Then the contraction  $(\mu, \theta)$  is an  $\text{End}(\mathcal{E})$ -valued 1-form on  $P$ . Define  $\nabla' = \nabla + (\mu, \theta)$ . Then  $\nabla'$  is horizontal.

If  $\mathcal{E}$  is a  $(G \times H)$ -equivariant vector bundle on  $P$ , it is always possible to choose on  $\mathcal{E}$  a  $(G \times H)$ -invariant horizontal connection  $\nabla$ . Then the equivariant Chern character of  $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla)$  is a  $G$ -equivariant basic form on  $P$ . An important example in the following is the case of a trivial vector bundle  $[V_\tau] = P \times V_\tau$ , where  $V_\tau$  is a representation space of  $H$ . Let us denote also by  $\tau$  the infinitesimal representation of  $\mathfrak{h}$  in  $V_\tau$ . It is easy to see that  $d + \tau(\theta)$  is a horizontal connection with equivariant Chern character the basic equivariant form  $\text{ch}([V_\tau])(X) = \text{Tr}(\tau(\exp \Theta(X)))$  where, for  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\Theta(X) = -(\theta, X_P) + \Theta$  is the equivariant curvature.

If  $(s, u) \in G \times H$ , the manifold

$$P(s, u) = \{p \in P; sp = pu\}$$

is a  $(G(s) \times H(u))$ -manifold, where  $G(s)$  is the centralizer of  $s \in G$  and  $H(u)$  the centralizer of  $u \in H$ . The group  $H(u)$  acts infinitesimally freely on  $P(s, u)$ . We

denote by  $M(s, u)$  the orbifold  $P(s, u)/H(u)$ . If  $\gamma$  is conjugated to  $u$ , the orbifold  $M(s, \gamma)$  is diffeomorphic to  $M(s, u)$ .

Consider the horizontal bundle  $T_{\text{hor}}P(s, u) \subset T_{\text{hor}}P|_{P(s, u)}$  and the horizontal normal bundle

$$T_{\text{hor}, P(s, u)}P = T_{\text{hor}}P|_{P(s, u)} / T_{\text{hor}}P(s, u).$$

The vector bundles  $T_{\text{hor}}P(s, u)$  and  $T_{\text{hor}, P(s, u)}P$  are  $(G(s) \times H(u))$ -equivariant vector bundles on  $P(s, u)$ .

Define  $T_{M(s, u)}M$  to be the orbifold bundle  $(T_{\text{hor}, P(s, u)}P)/H(u)$  over  $M(s, u)$ . If  $M$  is a  $G$ -manifold, then  $T_{M(s, u)}M$  is the normal bundle to  $M(s, u)$  in  $M$ .

Let  $\nabla$  be a  $(G \times H)$ -invariant horizontal connection on  $T_{\text{hor}}P$ . Then  $\nabla$  induces  $H(u)$ -horizontal connections  $\nabla_0$  on  $T_{\text{hor}}P(s, u)$  and  $\nabla_1$  on  $T_{\text{hor}, P(s, u)}P$ . Let  $R_0(X)$ ,  $R_1(X)$  be the  $G(s)$ -equivariant curvatures of  $\nabla_0$  and  $\nabla_1$ . On  $P(s, u)$  the action of  $(s, u)$  induces an endomorphism  $g(s, u)$  of the bundle  $T_{\text{hor}, P(s, u)}P$ . Define the  $G(s)$ -equivariant closed forms on  $P(s, u)/H(u)$

$$(6) \quad J(M(s, u))(X) = \det \left( \frac{e^{R_0(X)/2} - e^{-R_0(X)/2}}{R_0(X)} \right)$$

and

$$(7) \quad D_{(s, u)}(T_{M(s, u)}M)(X) = \det(1 - g(s, u)e^{R_1(X)})$$

for  $X \in \mathfrak{g}(s)$ .

We denote by  $p_0$  the projection  $T_H^*P \rightarrow P$ . We denote by  $\sigma_0$  the restriction of the principal symbol  $\sigma$  of  $\Delta$  to  $T_H^*P$ . Let  $\nabla^{\mathcal{E}^\pm}$  be horizontal connections on  $\mathcal{E}^\pm$ . Consider the superconnection  $\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0)$  on  $p_0^*\mathcal{E} = p_0^*\mathcal{E}^+ \oplus p_0^*\mathcal{E}^-$  defined by

$$\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0) = \begin{pmatrix} p_0^*\nabla^{\mathcal{E}^+} & i\sigma_0^* \\ i\sigma_0 & p_0^*\nabla^{\mathcal{E}^-} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the equivariant Chern character  $\text{ch}_{s, u}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0))(X)$  is a  $G(s)$ -equivariant form on the space  $(T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s, u))/H(u) = T^*M(s, u)$ . Thus, we can define a  $G(s)$ -equivariant closed, basic differential form on  $T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s, u)$  given for  $X \in \mathfrak{g}(s)$  small by

$$(8) \quad I(s, u, \sigma_0)(X) = \frac{\text{ch}_{s, u}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0))(X)}{J(M(s, u))(X)D_{s, u}(T_{M(s, u)}M)(X)}.$$

For  $X = 0$ , we write

$$(9) \quad I(s, u, \sigma_0) = I(s, u, \sigma_0)(0).$$

Assume first that  $\Delta$  is  $H$ -transversally elliptic. Then the restriction  $\sigma_0$  of the principal symbol of  $\Delta$  is homogeneous of positive order on each fiber of the vector bundle  $T_{\text{hor}}^*P$ . Furthermore,  $\sigma_0(y, \xi_0)$  is invertible when  $\xi_0$  is not zero. Thus, for  $X \in \mathfrak{g}(s)$ , the form  $\text{ch}_{s,u}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0))(X)$  is rapidly decreasing on  $T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s, u)$  (this is seen as in [7]), so that  $I(s, u, \sigma_0)(X)$  can be integrated over  $T^*M(s, u)$ .

For  $s \in G$ , we denote by  $C(s)$  the set of elements  $\gamma \in H$  such that  $P(s, \gamma) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $C(s)$  is invariant by conjugacy and the set  $(C(s)) = C(s)/\text{Ad}(H)$  is a finite set. Let  $M(s, \gamma)$  be the orbifold  $P(s, \gamma)/H(\gamma)$ . We denote by  $S(s, \gamma)$  the generic stabilizer for the action of  $H(\gamma)$  on  $P(s, \gamma)$ . The functions  $\dim M(s, \gamma)$  and  $|S(s, \gamma)|$  are locally constant functions on  $P(s, \gamma)$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $M = P/H$  be an orbifold. Let  $\Delta$  be a  $(G \times H)$ -invariant differential operator on  $P$ . Assume that  $\Delta$  is  $H$ -transversally elliptic. Then, for each  $s \in G$ , the trace of the virtual finite-dimensional representation  $Q(\Delta)$  of  $G$  satisfies the formula*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr } Q(\Delta)(s \exp X) &= \sum_{\gamma \in (C(s))} \int_{T^*M(s, \gamma)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim M(s, \gamma)} |S(s, \gamma)|^{-1} \\ &\quad \times \frac{\text{ch}_{s, \gamma}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0))(X)}{J(M(s, \gamma))(X) D_{s, \gamma}(T_{M(s, \gamma)}M)(X)} \end{aligned}$$

for  $X$  small in  $\mathfrak{g}(s)$ .

Assume now that  $\Delta$  is only  $(G \times H)$ -transversally elliptic. Let  $\omega^M$  be the canonical 1-form of  $T^*M$ . Similarly we obtain canonical 1-forms on  $\omega^{M(s, \gamma)}$  on  $T^*M(s, \gamma)$ . Define then

$$I^\omega(s, \gamma, \sigma_0)(X) = \frac{e^{-id_X \omega^{M(s, \gamma)}} \text{ch}_{s, \gamma}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0))(X)}{J(M(s, \gamma))(X) D_{s, \gamma}(T_{M(s, \gamma)}M)(X)}.$$

Then the form  $I^\omega(s, \gamma, \sigma_0)(X)$  is a  $G(s)$ -equivariant form on  $T^*M(s, \gamma)$ , which can be integrated in  $\mathfrak{g}(s)$ -mean [8].

The formula for  $\text{Tr } Q(\Delta)$  given in Theorem 1 for  $\Delta$  an  $H$ -transversally elliptic operator has to be modified to obtain a meaningful formula in the case of a  $(G \times H)$ -transversally elliptic operator  $\Delta$  where  $\text{Tr } Q(\Delta)$  is only a generalized function on  $G$ . The next theorem extends the cohomological formula for the index of  $G$ -transversally elliptic operators on manifolds [8], [9] to the case of  $G$ -transversally elliptic operators on orbifolds.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $M = P/H$  be an orbifold. Let  $\Delta$  be a  $(G \times H)$ -invariant differential operator on  $P$ . Assume that  $\Delta$  is  $(G \times H)$ -transversally elliptic. Then, for*

each  $s \in G$ , the trace of the virtual trace-class representation  $Q(\Delta)$  of  $G$  satisfies the equality

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr } Q(\Delta)(s \exp X) &= \sum_{\gamma \in (C(s))} \int_{T^*M(s,\gamma)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim M(s,\gamma)} |S(s,\gamma)|^{-1} \\ &\quad \times \frac{e^{-id_X \omega^{M(s,\gamma)}} \text{ch}_{s,\gamma}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0))(X)}{J(M(s,\gamma))(X) D_{s,\gamma}(T_{M(s,\gamma)}M)(X)} \end{aligned}$$

as an equality of generalized functions on a neighborhood of 0 in  $\mathfrak{g}(s)$ .

*Remark 2.1.* If  $\Delta$  is only pseudodifferential, the formula above holds, provided we choose a “good” representative  $\sigma_0$  [8] of the symbol of  $\Delta$ .

Before proving these theorems, let us write more explicitly the formula of Theorem 1 in the case where  $G = \{e\}$ . Then we must consider the set  $C(e)$  of elements  $\gamma \in H$  such that the set  $P(\gamma) = \{p \in P, p\gamma = p\}$  is not empty. We define  $M(\gamma) = P(\gamma)/H(\gamma)$ . The formula obtained for the number  $Q(\Delta) = \dim(\text{Ker}(\Delta))^H - \dim(\text{Ker } \Delta^*)^H$  is thus Kawasaki’s formula:

$$(10) \quad Q(\Delta) = \sum_{\gamma \in (C(e))} \int_{T^*M(\gamma)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim M(\gamma)} |S(\gamma)|^{-1} \frac{\text{ch}_\gamma(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0))}{J(M(\gamma)) D_\gamma(T_M(\gamma)M)}.$$

Let us give two examples where this formula is easily seen to be true.

(1) Assume  $H$  is a finite group. Then the dimension of the space  $Q(\Delta)$  is evidently given by the average of the equivariant index

$$Q(\Delta) = |H|^{-1} \sum_{\gamma \in H} \text{index}(\Delta)(\gamma).$$

Using the equivalent expression given in [7] of the Atiyah-Segal-Singer formula [2], [4], we have

$$\text{index}(\Delta)(\gamma) = \int_{T^*P(\gamma)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim P(\gamma)} \frac{\text{ch}_\gamma(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0))}{J(P(\gamma)) D_\gamma(T_{P(\gamma)}P)}.$$

In particular,  $\text{index}(\Delta)(\gamma)$  is 0 if  $\gamma$  does not belong to  $C(e)$ . Let  $\gamma \in C(e)$ . In this case,  $T^*M(\gamma) = T^*P(\gamma)/H(\gamma)$ . On each connected component of  $P(\gamma)$ , the map  $T^*P(\gamma) \rightarrow T^*P(\gamma)/H(\gamma)$  is a cover of order  $|H(\gamma)/S(\gamma)|$  and, by definition, for  $\alpha$  a differential form on  $P(\gamma)$

$$\int_{T^*M(\gamma)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim M(\gamma)} \alpha = \int_{T^*P(\gamma)} |H(\gamma)|^{-1} |S(\gamma)| (2i\pi)^{-\dim P(\gamma)} \alpha.$$



Rewriting the set  $C(e)$  as union of conjugacy classes, we see that the formula for  $Q(\Delta)$  is indeed just the average of the Atiyah-Segal-Singer formula.

(2) Assume  $H$  acts freely on  $P$ . Then  $C(e) = \{e\}$ . Let  $M = P/H$ . The restriction  $\sigma_0$  of  $\sigma$  to  $T_H^*P$  determines an elliptic symbol still denoted by  $\sigma_0$  on  $T^*M = T_H^*P/H$  which is the principal symbol of  $\Delta^{P/H}$ . We have  $Q(\Delta) = \text{index}(\Delta^{P/H})$ . Formula (10) for  $Q(\Delta)$  as an integral over  $T^*M$  of an equivariant characteristic class agrees with the Atiyah-Singer formula for the index of  $\Delta^{P/H}$  in function of its principal symbol.

*Proof.* Let us now prove Theorem 1 and Theorem 2. We give only the proof of the first theorem, as both proofs are very similar to the proof of the Frobenius reciprocity for free actions [9, Theorem 26]. We give the main steps. Define

$$v(s, \gamma, \sigma_0)(X) = \int_{T^*M(s, \gamma)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim M(s, \gamma)} |S(s, \gamma)|^{-1} \frac{\text{ch}_{s, \gamma}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0))(X)}{J(M(s, \gamma))(X) D_{s, \gamma}(T_{M(s, \gamma)}M)(X)}.$$

We must prove that

$$(11) \quad \text{Tr } Q(\Delta)(s \exp X) = \sum_{\gamma \in (C(s))} v(s, \gamma, \sigma_0)(X).$$

Consider the virtual character  $\text{index}(\Delta)$  of  $G \times H$ . Let  $\hat{H}$  be the set of classes of irreducible finite-dimensional representations of  $H$ . For  $\tau \in \hat{H}$ , consider the operator

$$\Delta \otimes I_{V_\tau}: \Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^+) \otimes V_\tau \rightarrow \Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^-) \otimes V_\tau.$$

For  $\tau \in \hat{H}$ , let  $[V_\tau]$  be the trivial bundle on  $P$  with fiber  $V_\tau$ . We have

$$\Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^\pm) \otimes V_\tau = \Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^\pm \otimes [V_\tau]).$$

We denote by  $\Delta^\tau$  the operator  $\Delta \otimes I_{V_\tau}$ . It has symbol  $\sigma_\tau = \sigma \otimes I_{p^*[V_\tau]}$ . The map  $\Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^\pm) \otimes V_\tau \otimes V_{\tau^*} \rightarrow \Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^\pm)$  given by  $(\phi \otimes f) \mapsto (\phi, f)$  for  $f \in V_{\tau^*}$  and  $\phi$  in  $\Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^\pm) \otimes V_\tau$  induces an isomorphism from  $(\Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^\pm) \otimes V_\tau)^H \otimes V_{\tau^*}$  to the isotypic space of type  $\tau^*$  in  $\Gamma(P, \mathcal{E}^\pm)$ . By definition, the trace of the action of  $G$  in  $[(\text{Ker}(\Delta \otimes I_{V_\tau})^H)] - [(\text{Ker}(\Delta^* \otimes I_{V_\tau})^H)]$  is  $Q(\Delta^\tau)$ . Thus, we see that

$$\text{index}(\Delta)(s, h) = \sum_{\tau \in \hat{H}} \text{Tr } Q(\Delta^\tau)(s) \text{Tr } \tau^*(h).$$

To verify equation (11) for  $Q(\Delta)$ , it is sufficient to verify, for each  $s \in G$  and  $X \in \mathfrak{g}(s)$  small, that we have the equality of generalized functions of  $H$

$$(12) \quad \text{index}(\Delta)(s \exp X, h) = \sum_{\tau \in \hat{H}} \sum_{\gamma \in (C(s))} v(s, \gamma, \sigma_0^\tau)(X) \text{Tr } \tau^*(h).$$

To simplify formulas, we compute only for  $X = 0$ . We write  $v(s, \gamma, \sigma_0^\tau)$  for  $v(s, \gamma, \sigma_0^\tau)(0)$ .

Let  $u \in H$  and let  $\phi$  be an  $H$ -invariant test function on  $H$  with support in a small neighborhood of the conjugacy class of  $u$ . In particular, we assume that if  $\gamma \in (C(s))$  is not conjugated to  $u$ , the support of  $\phi$  does not intersect the orbit of  $\gamma$ . Let  $\mathfrak{h}(u)$  be the Lie algebra of  $H(u)$ . Let

$$(13) \quad v_1(\phi) = \int_H \text{index}(\Delta)(s, h) \phi(h) dh$$

and

$$(14) \quad v_2(\phi) = \sum_{\tau \in \hat{H}} \sum_{\gamma \in (C(s))} v(s, \gamma, \sigma_0^\tau) \int_H \text{Tr } \tau^*(h) \phi(h) dh.$$

We need to verify the equality

$$(15) \quad v_1(\phi) = v_2(\phi).$$

Let us first state the main technical lemma. Let  $N$  be the manifold

$$N = P \times \mathfrak{h}^*.$$

We denote by  $f: P \times \mathfrak{h}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^*$  the second projection. We consider the 1-form

$$v = (\theta, f)$$

on  $N$ . We choose a basis  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  of  $\mathfrak{h}^*$ . This determines the form  $v_{\mathfrak{h}^*}$  on  $P$ . We write  $f = \sum f^i E_i$ . We denote by  $df = df^1 \wedge df^2 \wedge \dots \wedge df^n$ . We denote by  $p_1$  the projection of  $N = P \times \mathfrak{h}^*$  on  $P$  with fiber  $\mathfrak{h}^*$ . The integration over the fiber is defined once an orientation is chosen on each fiber. We use the orientation given by  $df$ . Furthermore, the integration over the fiber is defined with conventions of signs as in [5]: if  $p: P \rightarrow B$  is an oriented fibration,  $p_*(\alpha \wedge p^*\beta) = p_*(\alpha) \wedge \beta$  if  $\alpha$  is a form on  $P$  and  $\beta$  a form on  $B$ .

The following lemma is obtained as Proposition 28 of [9].

**LEMMA 3.** *If  $\phi$  is a test function on  $\mathfrak{h}$ , we have*

$$(2i\pi)^{-\dim H} (p_1)_* \left( \int_{\mathfrak{h}} e^{-id_Y v} \phi(Y) dY \right) = (-1)^{n(n+1)/2} (\text{vol } H, dh) v_{\mathfrak{h}^*} \phi(\Theta).$$

Let us return to the proof of the identity (15).

We first compute  $v_1(\phi)$ . The generalized function  $\text{index}(\Delta)$  can be computed as

a special case of the index formula for  $(G \times H)$ -transversally elliptic operators. Let, for  $Y \in \mathfrak{h}(u)$ ,

$$J_{\mathfrak{h}(u)}(Y) = \det_{\mathfrak{h}(u)} \frac{e^{\text{ad } Y/2} - e^{-\text{ad } Y/2}}{\text{ad } Y}.$$

Using the Weyl integration formula, we have

$$(16) \quad v_1(\phi) = \text{vol}(H/H(u)) \int_{\mathfrak{h}(u)} \text{index}(\Delta)(s, ue^Y) \phi(ue^Y) J_{\mathfrak{h}(u)}(Y) \\ \times \det_{\mathfrak{h}/\mathfrak{h}(u)}(1 - ue^Y) dY.$$

Let  $p: T^*P \rightarrow P$  the projection. Define on the superbundle  $p^*\mathcal{E} = p^*\mathcal{E}^+ \oplus p^*\mathcal{E}^-$  the superconnection

$$\mathbb{A}(\sigma) = \begin{pmatrix} p^*\nabla^{\mathcal{E}^+} & i\sigma^* \\ i\sigma & p^*\nabla^{\mathcal{E}^-} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $T^*P = T_{\text{hor}}^*P \oplus P \times \mathfrak{h}^*$ . We can assume by homotopy the symbol  $\sigma$  of  $\Delta$  of the form  $\sigma(y, \xi) = \sigma_0(y, \xi_0)$  where  $\xi_0$  is the projection of  $\xi$  on  $(T_{\text{hor}}^*P)_y$ . We choose on  $TP$  the direct sum of a horizontal connection on  $T_{\text{hor}}P$  and of the trivial connection on  $P \times \mathfrak{h}$ .

Let  $\omega^P$  be the canonical 1-form on  $T^*P$ . Its restriction to  $N = P \times \mathfrak{h}^*$  is the 1-form  $v = (\theta, f)$ .

Let  $(s, u) \in G \times H$ . The index formula for  $\Delta$  gives in particular for  $Y \in \mathfrak{h}(u)$  sufficiently small:

$$\text{index}(\Delta)(s, ue^Y) = \int_{T^*P(s,u)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim P(s,u)} \frac{e^{-id_Y \omega^P|_{T^*P(s,u)}} \text{ch}_{s,u}(\mathbb{A}(\sigma))(Y)}{J(P(s,u))(Y) D_{s,u}(T_{P(s,u)}P)(Y)}.$$

The restriction of the connection form  $\theta$  to  $P(s, u)$  is valued in  $\mathfrak{h}(u)$  and is a connection form for the  $H(u)$ -action on  $P(s, u)$ . We have  $T^*P(s, u) = T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s, u) \oplus P(s, u) \times \mathfrak{h}(u)^*$ . Thus, the bundle  $T^*P(s, u)$  projects on  $N(s, u) = P(s, u) \times \mathfrak{h}^*(u)$  as well as on  $T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s, u)$ . We still denote by  $\alpha$  the pullback to  $T^*P(s, u)$  of a form  $\alpha$  on  $N(s, u)$  and by  $\beta$  the pullback to  $T^*P(s, u)$  of a form  $\beta$  on  $T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s, u)$ . For our choices of connections and symbols, we have

$$\text{ch}_{s,u}(\mathbb{A}(\sigma))(Y) = \text{ch}_{s,u}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0))$$

$$J(P(s, u))(Y) = J(M(s, u))J_{\mathfrak{h}(u)}(Y)$$

$$D_{s,u}(T_{P(s,u)}P)(Y) = D_{s,u}(T_{M(s,u)}M) \det_{\mathfrak{h}/\mathfrak{h}(u)}(1 - ue^Y).$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{index}(\Delta)(s, ue^Y) J_{\mathfrak{h}(u)}(Y) \det_{\mathfrak{h}/\mathfrak{h}(u)}(1 - ue^Y) \\ &= \int_{T^*P(s,u)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim P(s,u)} \frac{e^{-id_Y \omega^P|_{T^*P(s,u)}} \text{ch}_{s,u}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0))}{J(M(s,u)) D_{s,u}(T_{M(s,u)} M)}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $(y, \xi) \in T^*P(s, u) = T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s, u) \oplus P(s, u) \times \mathfrak{h}(u)^*$ . If  $\xi = \xi_0 + f$  with  $\xi_0 \in (T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s, u))_y$  and  $f \in \mathfrak{h}(u)^*$ , the Chern character  $\text{ch}_{s,u}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0))$  is rapidly decreasing with respect of the variable  $\xi_0$ . The factor  $e^{-id_Y \omega^P|_{T^*P(s,u)}}$  integrated against a test function of  $Y \in \mathfrak{h}(u)$  is rapidly decreasing in the variable  $f$ . A transgression argument similar to those proven in [8] allows us to replace  $\omega^P$  in  $tv + (1-t)\omega_P$  with  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then we have also

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{index}(\Delta)(s, ue^Y) J_{\mathfrak{h}(u)}(Y) \det_{\mathfrak{h}/\mathfrak{h}(u)}(1 - ue^Y) \\ &= \int_{T^*P(s,u)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim P(s,u)} e^{-id_Y v|_{T^*P(s,u)}} \frac{\text{ch}_{s,u}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0))}{J(M(s,u)) D_{s,u}(T_{M(s,u)} M)}. \end{aligned}$$

We denote by  $v_0$  the restriction of  $v$  to  $P(s, u) \times \mathfrak{h}(u)^*$ . Consider the fibration  $p_1^*: T^*P(s, u) \mapsto T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s, u)$  with fiber  $\mathfrak{h}(u)^*$ . Using notation (9), we thus have

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{index}(\Delta)(s, ue^Y) J_{\mathfrak{h}(u)}(Y) \det_{\mathfrak{h}/\mathfrak{h}(u)}(1 - ue^Y) \\ &= \int_{T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s,u)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim P(s,u)} (p_1^u)_*(e^{-id_Y v_0}) I(s, u, \sigma_0). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\Theta_0$  be the restriction of  $\Theta$  to  $P(s, u)$ . The function  $Y \mapsto \phi(u \exp Y)$  is an  $H(u)$ -invariant function on  $\mathfrak{h}(u)$  and the form  $\phi(u \exp \Theta_0)$  is a basic form on  $P(s, u)$ . Applying Lemma 3 to the manifold  $P(s, u) \times \mathfrak{h}(u)^*$  and integration formula (16), we obtain

$$v_1(\phi) = \varepsilon \text{vol}(H, dh) \int_{T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s,u)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim M(s,u)} v_{\mathcal{O}\mathfrak{h}(u)} \phi(u \exp \Theta_0) I(s, u, \sigma_0),$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is a sign.

Finally applying formula (4) to the basic form  $\phi(u \exp \Theta_0) I(s, u, \sigma_0)$ , we obtain

$$(17) \quad v_1(\phi) = \text{vol}(H, dh) \int_{T^*M(s,u)} |S(s, u)|^{-1} (2i\pi)^{-\dim M(s,u)} \phi(u \exp \Theta_0) I(s, u, \sigma_0).$$

(A check of orientations shows that the sign  $\varepsilon$  disappears.)

We now compute  $v_2(\phi)$ . Define

$$v_2(\gamma, \phi) = \sum_{\tau \in \hat{H}} v(s, \gamma, \sigma_0^\tau) \int_H \text{Tr } \tau^*(h) \phi(h) dh.$$

Let  $\tau \in \hat{H}$ . Let us compute

$$v(s, \gamma, \sigma_0^\tau) = \int_{T^*M(s, \gamma)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim M(s, \gamma)} |S(s, \gamma)|^{-1} \frac{\text{ch}_{s, \gamma}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0^\tau))}{J(M(s, \gamma)) D_{s, \gamma}(T_{M(s, \gamma)} M)}.$$

We have

$$\text{ch}_{s, \gamma}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0^\tau)) = \text{ch}_{s, \gamma}(\mathbb{A}_0(\sigma_0)) \text{ch}_{s, \gamma}([V_\tau]).$$

For the horizontal connection  $d + \tau(\theta)$  on  $[V_\tau]$ , we have  $\text{ch}_{s, \gamma}([V_\tau]) = \text{Tr}(\tau(\gamma \exp \Theta_0))$ . Thus,

$$v(s, \gamma, \sigma_0^\tau) = \int_{T^*M(s, \gamma)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim M(s, \gamma)} \frac{I(s, \gamma, \sigma_0)}{|S(s, \gamma)|} \text{Tr}(\tau(\gamma \exp \Theta_0)).$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} v_2(\gamma, \phi) &= \int_{T^*M(s, \gamma)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim M(s, \gamma)} \frac{I(s, \gamma, \sigma_0)}{|S(s, \gamma)|} \\ &\quad \times \left( \sum_{\tau \in \hat{H}} \text{Tr } \tau(\gamma \exp \Theta_0) \left( \int_H \text{Tr } \tau^*(h) \phi(h) dh \right) \right) \\ &= \text{vol}(H, dh) \int_{T^*M(s, \gamma)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim M(s, \gamma)} \frac{I(s, \gamma, \sigma_0)}{|S(s, \gamma)|} \phi(\gamma \exp \Theta_0), \end{aligned}$$

using the Fourier inversion formula.

The basic form  $\phi(\gamma \exp \Theta_0)$  depends on the Taylor expansion of  $\phi$  at  $\gamma \in H$ . Recall that  $\phi$  vanishes on a neighborhood of  $\gamma$  if  $\gamma$  is not conjugated to  $u$ . Thus, only the class  $(u)$  makes a nonzero contribution to  $v_2(\phi) = \sum_{\gamma \in (C(s))} v_2(\gamma, \phi)$ , and we obtain

$$(18) \quad v_2(\phi) = \text{vol}(H, dh) \int_{T^*M(s, u)} (2i\pi)^{-\dim M(s, u)} |S(s, u)|^{-1} I(s, u, \sigma_0) \phi(u \exp \Theta_0).$$

Comparing formulas (17) and (18), we obtain formula (15).  $\square$

**3. Quantization on orbifolds.** We here consider the special case of Dirac operators. Consider the case where  $P$  has a  $(G \times H)$ -invariant metric and where  $T_H^*P$  is a  $(G \times H)$ -equivariant oriented even-dimensional bundle with spin structure. Let

$$TP = T_{\text{hor}}P \oplus P \times \mathfrak{h}$$

be the orthogonal decomposition of the tangent bundle. We identify  $T_H^*P$  with  $T_{\text{hor}}P$  with the help of the metric. Let  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}}$  be the spin bundle for  $T_{\text{hor}}P$ . Choose a  $(G \times H)$ -invariant orientation  $o$  on  $T_{\text{hor}}P$ . The orientation  $o$  determines a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -gradation  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}} = \mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}}^+ \oplus \mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}}^-$ . If  $v \in (T_{\text{hor}}P)_y$ , then the Clifford multiplication  $c(v)$  is an odd operator on  $(\mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}})_y$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $(G \times H)$ -equivariant Hermitian vector bundle on  $P$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}} \otimes \mathcal{F}$  be the twisted horizontal spin bundle. With the help of a choice of a  $(G \times H)$ -invariant unitary connection  $\nabla = \nabla^+ \oplus \nabla^-$  on  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}} \otimes \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}}^+ \otimes \mathcal{F} \oplus \mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}}^- \otimes \mathcal{F}$ , we may define the formally selfadjoint “horizontal” Dirac operator  $D_{\text{hor}, \mathcal{F}}$  by

$$D_{\text{hor}, \mathcal{F}} = \sum_i c(e_i) \nabla_{e_i},$$

where  $e_i$  runs over an orthonormal basis of  $T_{\text{hor}}P$ . We have  $D_{\text{hor}, \mathcal{F}} = D_{\text{hor}, \mathcal{F}}^+ \oplus D_{\text{hor}, \mathcal{F}}^-$  with

$$D_{\text{hor}, \mathcal{F}}^+ : \Gamma(P, \mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}}^+ \otimes \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \Gamma(P, \mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}}^- \otimes \mathcal{F})$$

and

$$D_{\text{hor}, \mathcal{F}}^- : \Gamma(P, \mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}}^- \otimes \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \Gamma(P, \mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}}^+ \otimes \mathcal{F}).$$

Clearly, the operators  $D_{\text{hor}, \mathcal{F}}^\pm$  are  $H$ -transversally elliptic operators and commute with the natural action of  $G$ . The principal symbol of  $D_{\text{hor}, \mathcal{F}}^+$  is given by

$$\sigma(D_{\text{hor}, \mathcal{F}}^+)(y, \xi) = c^+(\xi_0) \otimes I_{\mathcal{F}_y},$$

where  $\xi_0$  is the projection of  $\xi \in (T^*P)_y$  on  $(T_H^*P)_y$ . We define

$$Q^o(P/H, \mathcal{F}) = (-1)^{\dim M/2} Q(D_{\text{hor}, \mathcal{F}}^+).$$

When  $H$  acts freely, this coincides with the quantization assignment defined in [17]. We generalize to this case the universal formula for the virtual representation  $Q^o(P/H, \mathcal{F})$  [6], [17], [18].

Consider the vector bundle  $T_H^*P \rightarrow P$  with projection  $p_0$ . We have chosen a  $(G \times H)$ -invariant orientation  $o$  of  $T_H^*P$ .

The horizontal connection  $\nabla_0$  of  $T_{\text{hor}}^*P$  determines a connection on  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}}$ . Consider on the equivariant bundle  $\mathcal{F}$  a horizontal connection. Then  $\text{ch}_{s,u}(\mathcal{F})$  is a  $G(s)$ -equivariant form on  $M(s, u)$ .

Consider the pullback of  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}} \otimes \mathcal{F}$  to  $T^*P$ . Then

$$\mathbf{A}(\sigma) = -\mathbf{c}_0 \otimes I_{p^*\mathcal{F}} + p^*\nabla^{\mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}} \otimes \mathcal{F}},$$

where  $\mathbf{c}_0$  is the odd-bundle endomorphism of  $p^*\mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}}$  given by  $\mathbf{c}_0(y, \xi) = c(\xi_0)$ , where  $c$  is the Clifford action of  $(T_H^*P)_y$  on  $(\mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}})_y$  and  $\xi_0$  the projection of  $\xi$  on  $(T_H^*P)_y$ .

Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be the superconnection on  $p_0^*(\mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}}) \rightarrow T_{\text{hor}}^*P$  defined by

$$(19) \quad \mathbf{B} = -\mathbf{c}_0 + p_0^*\nabla^{\mathcal{S}_{\text{hor}}}.$$

Let  $(s, u) \in G \times H$ . We have for  $X \in \mathfrak{g}(s)$

$$\text{ch}_{s,u}(\mathbf{A}(\sigma))(X) = \text{ch}_{s,u}(\mathbf{B})(X) \text{ch}_{s,u}(\mathcal{F})(X).$$

Consider the bundle  $T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s, u) \rightarrow P(s, u)$ . It is a  $(G(s) \times H(u))$  even-dimensional equivariant orientable vector bundle (see [5, Lemma 6.10]).

Let us choose an orientation  $o'$  on the vector bundle  $T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s, u) \rightarrow P(s, u)$ . The rank of this vector bundle is  $\dim M(s, u)$ . If  $U_{o'}^{s,u}$  is the Thom form of the vector bundle  $T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s, u) \rightarrow P(s, u)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} i^{\dim M/2} \text{ch}_{s,u}(\mathbf{B})(X) \\ = \varepsilon((s, u), o, o') (-2\pi)^{\dim M(s,u)/2} J^{1/2}(T^*M(s, u))(X) D_{s,u}^{1/2}(T_{M(s,u)}^*M)(X) U_{o'}^{s,u}(X), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varepsilon((s, u), o, o')$  is a sign. This follows from [14] (see also [5, Chapter 7]). The equation determines the sign  $\varepsilon((s, u), o, o')$ . Here the generic stabilizer of the action of  $H(u)$  on  $T_{\text{hor}}^*P(s, u)$  is equal to the generic stabilizer  $S(s, u)$  for the action of  $H(u)$  on  $M(s, u)$ . Thus, integrating over the fibers the formula of Theorem 1 for the index of  $D_{\text{hor}, \mathcal{F}}^+$  and using Formula 5, we obtain the following proposition, which is the analogue of the equivariant Hirzebruch-Riemann-Roch theorem in the form given in [6], [18].

**PROPOSITION 4.** *Let  $M = P/H$  be an even-dimensional orbifold such that  $T_{\text{hor}}^*P$  is a  $(G \times H)$ -oriented spin vector bundle with orientation  $o$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $(G \times H)$ -equivariant complex vector bundle on  $P$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr } Q^o(P/H, \mathcal{F})(s \exp X) &= i^{-\dim M/2} \sum_{\gamma \in (C(s))} \int_{M(s,\gamma), o'} (2\pi)^{-\dim M(s,\gamma)/2} |S(s, \gamma)|^{-1} \\ &\times \frac{\varepsilon((s, \gamma), o, o') \text{ch}_{s,\gamma}(\mathcal{F})(X)}{J^{1/2}(M(s, \gamma))(X) D_{s,\gamma}^{1/2}(T_{M(s,\gamma)}^*M)(X)} \end{aligned}$$

for  $X$  small in  $\mathfrak{g}(s)$ .

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