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Toeplitz operators and the eta invariant: the case of $S^1$.


The authors relate the relative index theorem for flat bundles [M. F. Atiyah, V. K. Patodi and I. M. Singer, Math. Proc. Cambridge Philos. Soc. 78 (1975), no. 3, 403–432; MR 53 #16556] to the index theorem for operators elliptic along the leaves of a foliation [A. Connes, in *Operator algebras and applications, Part 1* (Kingston, ON, 1980), 521–628, Proc. Sympos. Pure Math. 38, Amer. Math. Soc., Providence, RI, 1982; MR 84m:58140]. The foliated manifold that is considered is the total space of a flat principal bundle. This manifold is equipped with two transverse foliations, and an elliptic operator on the base space can be lifted to an operator longitudinally elliptic relative to one foliation, transversally elliptic relative to the other. The proof proceeds by comparing cyclic cocycles associated to these two situations. As essential part is played by the concept of “renormalization” of a cyclic cocycle from a foliation to the algebra of functions on the total space.

The paper treats in detail only the case of flat $S^1$-bundles over $S^1$. An account of the general case is in preparation.

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