

# Zeta Function Regularization in Casimir Effect Calculations & J.S. Dowker's Contribution

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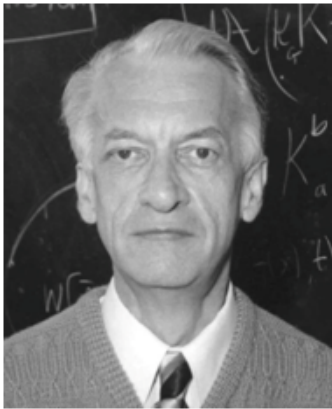
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$$\zeta_A(s) = \text{Tr}(A)^{-s}$$

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## I. INTRODUCTION

In a previous paper<sup>1</sup> (to be referred to as I) the effective Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}^{(1)}$  due to single-loop diagrams of a scalar particle in de Sitter space was computed. It was shown to be real and was evaluated as a principal-part integral. The regularization method used was the proper-time one due to Schwinger<sup>2</sup> and others. We now wish to consider the same problem but using different techniques. In particular, we wish to make contact with the work of Candelas and Raine,<sup>3</sup> who first discussed the same problem using dimensional regularization.

Some properties of the various regularizations as applied to the calculation of the vacuum expectation value of the energy-momentum tensor have been contrasted by DeWitt.<sup>4</sup> We wish to pursue some of these questions within the context of a definite situation.

## II. GENERAL FORMULAS: REGULARIZATION METHODS

We use exactly the notation of I, which is more or less standard, and begin with the expression for  $\mathcal{L}^{(1)}$  in terms of the quantum-mechanical propagator,  $K(x'', x', \tau)$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}^{(1)}(x') = -\frac{1}{2}i \lim_{x'' \rightarrow x'} \int_0^\infty d\tau \tau^{-1} K(x'', x', \tau) e^{-im^2\tau} + X(x'). \quad (1)$$

There are two points regarding this expression which need some further discussion. Firstly, if we adopt the proper-time regularization method so that the infinities appear only when the  $\tau$  integration, which is the final operation, is performed, then we can take the coincidence limit,  $x'' = x'$ , through into the integrand. Further, since the regularized expression is continuous across the light cone, it does not matter how we let  $x''$  ap-

proach  $x'$ . Secondly, the term  $X$  does not have to be a constant, but it should integrate to give a metric-independent contribution to the total action,  $W^{(1)}$ .

The Schwinger-DeWitt procedure is to derive an expression for  $K$ , either in closed form or as a general expansion to powers of  $\tau$ , then to effect the coincidence limit in (1), and finally to perform the  $\tau$  integration. This was the approach adopted in I. We proceed now to give a few more details.

We assume that we are working on a Riemannian space,  $\mathfrak{M}$ , of dimension  $d$ . The coincidence limit  $K(x, x, \tau)$  can be expanded,<sup>5</sup>

$$K(x, x, \tau) = i(4\pi i\tau)^{-d/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(x) (i\tau)^n, \quad (2)$$

where the  $a_n$  are scalars constructed from the curvature tensor on  $\mathfrak{M}$  and whose functional form is independent of  $d$ . The manifold  $\mathfrak{M}$  must not have boundaries, otherwise other terms appear in the expansion.

The expansion (2) is substituted into (1) to yield

$$\mathcal{L}^{(1)}(x) = \frac{1}{2} i(4\pi)^{-d/2} \sum_n a_n(x) \int_0^\infty (i\tau)^{n-d/2-1} e^{-im^2\tau} d\tau. \quad (3)$$

The infinite terms are those for which  $n \leq d/2$  (for  $d$  even) or  $n \leq (d-1)/2$  (for  $d$  odd). For  $d=4$ , e.g. space-time, there are three infinite terms. These terms are removed by renormalization; the details are given by DeWitt.<sup>4</sup>

Another popular regularization technique is dimensional regularization.<sup>6</sup> In this method the dimension,  $d$ , is considered to be complex and all expressions are defined in a region of the  $d$  plane where they converge. The infinities appear when an analytic continuation to  $d=4$  is performed to regain the physical quantities. This idea was originally developed for use in flat-space (i.e., Lorentz-invariant) situations for the momentum

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### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to describe a technique for obtaining finite values to path integrals for fields (including the gravitational field) on a curved spacetime background or, equivalently, for evaluating the determinants of differential operators such as the four-dimensional Laplacian or D'Alembertian. One forms a generalised zeta function from the eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$  of the operator

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_n \lambda_n^{-s} . \quad (1.1)$$

In four dimensions this converges for  $\text{Re}(s) > 2$  and can be analytically extended to a meromorphic function with poles only at  $s=2$  and  $s=1$ . It is regular at  $s=0$ . The derivative at  $s=0$  is formally equal to  $-\sum_n \log \lambda_n$ . Thus one can define the determinant of the operator to be  $\exp(-d\zeta/ds)|_{s=0}$ .

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$$Af(x) = (2\pi)^{-n} \int e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle} a(x, \xi) \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi$$

- $f$  is a **smooth function**  
 $f \in \mathcal{S} = \{f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n); \sup_x |x^\beta \partial^\alpha f(x)| < \infty, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}^n\}$
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—  $\Psi$ DOs are basic tools both in Mathematics & in Physics —

1. Proof of **uniqueness of Cauchy problem** [Calderón-Zygmund]
2. Proof of the **Atiyah-Singer index formula**
3. In QFT they appear in any analytical continuation process —as **complex powers of differential operators**, like the Laplacian [Seeley, Gilkey, ...]
4. Basic starting point of any rigorous formulation of QFT & gravitational interactions through  **$\mu$ localization** (the most important step towards the understanding of linear PDEs since the invention of distributions)

[K Fredenhagen, R Brunetti, ... R Wald '06, R Haag EPJH35 '10]



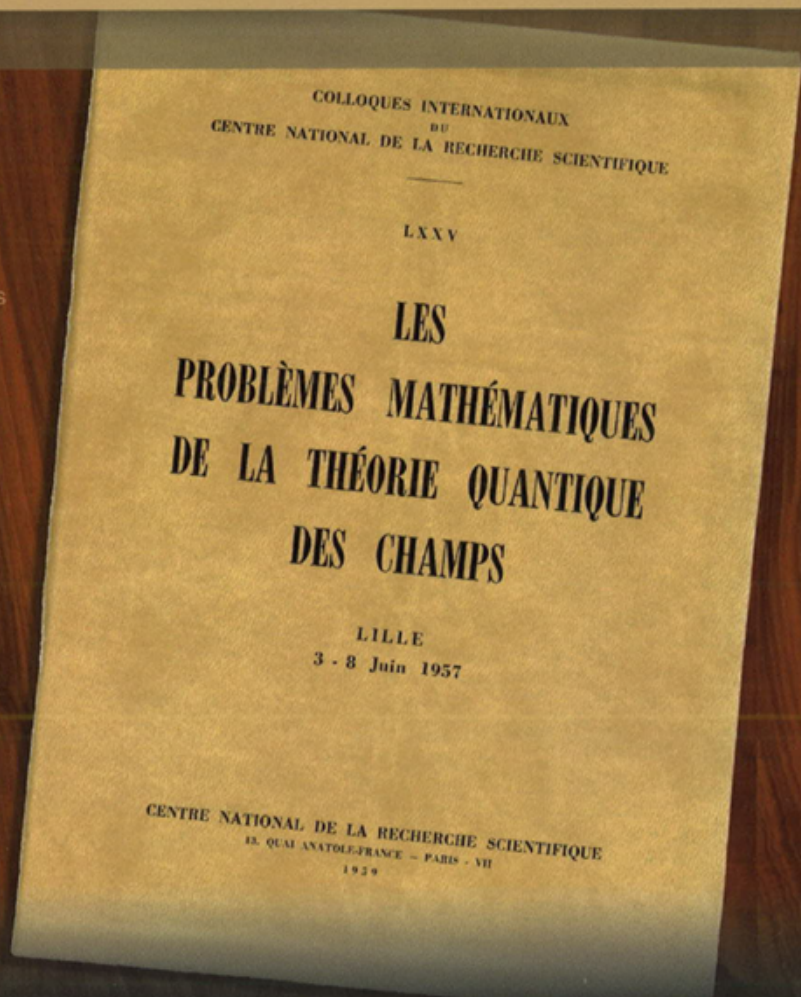
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# Properties

- The definition of the determinant  $\det_{\zeta} A$  only depends on the homotopy class of the cut
- A zeta function (and corresponding determinant) with the same meromorphic structure in the complex  $s$ -plane and extending the ordinary definition to operators of complex order  $m \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$  (they do not admit spectral cuts), has been obtained [Kontsevich and Vishik]
- Asymptotic expansion for the heat kernel:

$$\mathrm{tr} e^{-tA} = \sum'_{\lambda \in \mathrm{Spec} A} e^{-t\lambda}$$

$$\sim \alpha_n(A) + \sum_{n \neq j \geq 0} \alpha_j(A) t^{-s_j} + \sum_{k \geq 1} \beta_k(A) t^k \ln t, \quad t \downarrow 0$$

$$\alpha_n(A) = \zeta_A(0), \quad \alpha_j(A) = \Gamma(s_j) \mathrm{Res}_{s=s_j} \zeta_A(s), \quad s_j \notin -\mathbb{N}$$

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$$\mathrm{PP} \phi := \lim_{s \rightarrow p} \left[ \phi(s) - \frac{\mathrm{Res}_{s=p} \phi(s)}{s-p} \right]$$



# The Wodzicki Residue

- The **Wodzicki (or noncommutative) residue** is the **only** extension of the **Dixmier trace** to  $\Psi$ DOs which are not in  $\mathcal{L}^{(1,\infty)}$
- **Only** trace one can define in the algebra of  $\Psi$ DOs (up to multipl const)
- Definition:  $\text{res } A = 2 \text{Res}_{s=0} \text{tr} (A\Delta^{-s})$ ,  $\Delta$  Laplacian
- Satisfies the trace condition:  $\text{res} (AB) = \text{res} (BA)$
- **Important!:** it can be expressed as an integral (local form)

$$\text{res } A = \int_{S^*M} \text{tr } a_{-n}(x, \xi) d\xi$$

with  $S^*M \subset T^*M$  the co-sphere bundle on  $M$  (some authors put a coefficient in front of the integral: **Adler-Manin residue**)

- If  $\dim M = n = -\text{ord } A$  ( $M$  compact Riemann,  $A$  elliptic,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) it coincides with the **Dixmier trace**, and  $\text{Res}_{s=1} \zeta_A(s) = \frac{1}{n} \text{res } A^{-1}$
- The Wodzicki residue makes sense for  $\Psi$ DOs of **arbitrary order**. Even if the symbols  $a_j(x, \xi)$ ,  $j < m$ , are not coordinate invariant, the integral is, and defines a trace

# Singularities of $\zeta_A$

- A complete determination of the meromorphic structure of some zeta functions in the complex plane can be also obtained by means of the Dixmier trace and the Wodzicki residue
- Missing for full descript of the singularities: **residua** of all poles
- As for the regular part of the analytic continuation: specific methods have to be used (see later)

- **Proposition.** Under the conditions of existence of the zeta function of  $A$ , given above, and being the symbol  $a(x, \xi)$  of the operator  $A$  analytic in  $\xi^{-1}$  at  $\xi^{-1} = 0$ :

$$\text{Res}_{s=s_k} \zeta_A(s) = \frac{1}{m} \text{res } A^{-s_k} = \frac{1}{m} \int_{S^*M} \text{tr } a_{-n}^{-s_k}(x, \xi) d^{n-1}\xi$$

- **Proof.** The homog component of degree  $-n$  of the corresp power of the principal symbol of  $A$  is obtained by the appropriate derivative of a power of the symbol with respect to  $\xi^{-1}$  at  $\xi^{-1} = 0$  :

$$a_{-n}^{-s_k}(x, \xi) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi^{-1}} \right)^k \left[ \xi^{n-k} a^{(k-n)/m}(x, \xi) \right] \Big|_{\xi^{-1}=0} \xi^{-n}$$

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where  $\sigma(A, B) = A^{\text{ord} B} B^{-\text{ord} A}$

# Consequences of the Multipl Anomaly

- In the **path integral** formulation

$$\int [d\Phi] \exp \left\{ - \int d^D x \left[ \Phi^\dagger(x) ( \quad ) \Phi(x) + \dots \right] \right\}$$

Gaussian integration:  $\longrightarrow \det ( \quad )^\pm$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ A_3 & A_4 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A & \\ & B \end{pmatrix}$$

$\det(AB)$       **or**       $\det A \cdot \det B$  ?

- In a situation where a **superselection** rule exists,  $AB$  has no sense (much less its determinant):  $\implies \det A \cdot \det B$
- But if diagonal form obtained after **change of basis** (diag. process), the preserved quantity is:  $\implies \det(AB)$

# Basic strategies

- Jacobi's identity for the  $\theta$ -function

$$\theta_3(z, \tau) := 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q^{n^2} \cos(2nz), \quad q := e^{i\pi\tau}, \tau \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\theta_3(z, \tau) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-i\tau}} e^{z^2/i\pi\tau} \theta_3\left(\frac{z}{\tau} \middle| \frac{-1}{\tau}\right) \quad \text{equivalently:}$$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(n+z)^2 t} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\pi^2 n^2}{t}} \cos(2\pi n z), \quad z, t \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re} t > 0$$

- Higher dimensions: Poisson summ formula (Riemann)

$$\sum_{\vec{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^p} f(\vec{n}) = \sum_{\vec{m} \in \mathbb{Z}^p} \tilde{f}(\vec{m})$$

$\tilde{f}$  Fourier transform

[Gelbart + Miller, BAMS '03, Iwaniec, Morgan, ICM '06]

- Truncated sums  $\longrightarrow$  asymptotic series

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$\alpha = 2$  bos,  $\alpha = 3$  ferm,  $V = \text{Vol}(\mathbb{R}^{d+1})$  of non-compact part

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