

# Riesz continuity of the Atiyah-Singer Dirac operator under perturbations of the metric

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- (i) there exists  $\kappa > 0$  such that  $\text{inj}(\mathcal{M}, g) \geq \kappa$ ,
- (ii) there exists  $C_R > 0$  such that  $|\text{Ric}_g| \leq C_R$  and  $|\nabla^g \text{Ric}_g| \leq C_R$ ,
- (iii) there exists  $C_h > 0$  such that  $|\nabla^g(\zeta^*h)| \leq C_h$  almost-everywhere.



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Motivations come from connections to the *spectral flow* as outlined by Lesch in [L].

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The value  $\rho$  is called the GBG radius and in application, the GBG trivialisations have higher regularity.

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We consider two essentially self-adjoint first-order differential operators  $D$  and  $\tilde{D}$  on  $C_c^\infty(\mathcal{V})$ , and with slight abuse of notation we use this notation for their self-adjoint extensions.

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The implicit constants in our perturbation estimates will be allowed to depend on  $C(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{V}, D, \tilde{D})$  which is the maximum of the constants appearing in (A1)-(A9).

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This decomposition is the one that is motivated by the solution of the Kato square root problem ([AHLMcT], [AKMc]).

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- Decompose  $I$  into annuli, and using this bundle Poincaré inequality along with the off diagonal decay and assuming  $\|\nabla^{\mathcal{W}} S u\| \lesssim \|u\|_{W^{1,2}(\mathcal{V})}$ , obtain the desired bound for  $I$ .

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- The required estimates follow immediately from off-diagonal estimates due to the smoothness of the coefficients  $A$ .

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