

## SPECTRAL ZETA FUNCTIONS FOR COMPACT SYMMETRIC SPACES OF RANK ONE

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### Abstract

We study the spectral zeta function  $\zeta_M(s)$  associated with the spectrum of Laplacian acting on functions of a compact simply connected Riemannian symmetric space  $M$  of rank one and the spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(s)$  associated with the spectrum of Laplacian acting on  $p$ -forms of the sphere  $S^n$ . We give the residues of  $\zeta_M(s)$  and  $\zeta_{S^n}^p(s)$  explicitly. For the odd dimensional sphere  $S^n$ , we show that  $\zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(s)$  vanishes at negative integers.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $M$  be a compact connected Riemannian manifold,  $\Delta_M$  the Laplace-Beltrami operator acting on smooth functions. It has a discrete spectrum

$$(1) \quad 0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \cdots \leq \lambda_n \leq \cdots,$$

where every  $\lambda_i$  is repeated with its multiplicity. The spectral zeta function of  $M$  which is well defined in  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \dim M/2$  is given by

$$(2) \quad \zeta_M(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k^{-s}.$$

In [9] Minakshisundaram-Pleijel proved  $\zeta_M(s)$  has a meromorphic continuation on the whole complex plane  $\mathbf{C}$  and analytic on  $\mathbf{C}$  except at simple poles at  $s = \dim M/2 - k$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ), and express the residues in terms of metric invariants of  $M$ . In [3], [4] Carletti and Monti Bragardin studied Dirichlet series  $L(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(k)/((k+d_1)^2(k+d_2)^s)$  and applied to the spectral zeta functions for the standard spheres of constant curvature 1. They give the residues of the spectral zeta functions explicitly.

Let  $\Delta_M^p$  be the Laplace-Beltrami operator acting on smooth  $p$ -forms  $\Lambda^p(M)$ . Denote the differential and codifferential of  $M$  by  $d$  and  $\delta$ , respectively;

$$d : \Lambda^p(M) \rightarrow \Lambda^{p+1}(M),$$

$$\delta : \Lambda^p(M) \rightarrow \Lambda^{p-1}(M).$$

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Let  $H^p(M)$  be the space of harmonic  $p$ -forms. We define the space of  $\delta$ -closed forms by

$$(3) \quad \Lambda_\delta^p(M) = \{\alpha \in \Lambda^p(M) \mid \delta\alpha = 0, \alpha \perp H^p(M)\},$$

and the space of  $d$ -closed forms by

$$(4) \quad \Lambda_d^p(M) = \{\alpha \in \Lambda^p(M) \mid d\alpha = 0, \alpha \perp H^p(M)\}.$$

Since  $d$  and  $\delta$  commute with  $\Delta_M^p, \Delta_M^p$  acts invariantly on  $\Lambda_\delta^p(M)$ . We say the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  to be  $\delta$ -eigenvalue if there is an eigen  $p$ -form in  $\Lambda_\delta^p(M)$  with the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

Let

$$(5) \quad 0 < \lambda_1^p \leq \lambda_2^p \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n^p \leq \dots,$$

be the set of all the  $\delta$ -eigenvalues, where every  $\lambda_i^p$  is repeated with its multiplicity. We define the spectral zeta function  $\zeta_M^{p,\delta}(s)$  by

$$(6) \quad \zeta_M^{p,\delta}(s) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\lambda_i^p)^{-s}.$$

Note that

$$(7) \quad \zeta_M^{0,\delta}(s) = \zeta_M(s).$$

In this paper, we study the spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(s)$  of the standard spheres of constant curvature 1 and  $\zeta_M(s)$  of other compact simply connected Riemannian symmetric spaces of rank 1. We give the residues of their spectral zeta functions explicitly which have *much simpler forms* than Carletti and Monti Bragardin's results.

It is well know that the Riemann zeta function has trivial zeros at any negative even integer. In [10] Minakshisundaram proved that the spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{S^n}(s)$  of the odd dimensional sphere vanishes at any negative integer. In the last section, we show the spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(s)$  of the odd dimensional sphere also vanishes at any negative integer.

**2. Dirichlet series**  $L(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(k)/((k + d_1)^s(k + d_2)^s)$

Let  $P(x)$  be a polynomial of degree  $N$ . For two real numbers  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  with  $d_2 \geq d_1 > -1$ , we consider the Dirichlet series

$$(8) \quad L(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{P(k)}{(k + d_1)^s(k + d_2)^s}.$$

In this section, we review Carletti-Monti Bragardin's results for  $L(s)$ . We prepare some notations for later use. Let  $P_{m-j}^m(\beta)$  be polynomials in  $\beta$  of degree  $m - j$  defined by

$$P_0^0(\beta) = 1, \quad P_m^m(\beta) = \frac{1}{m!} \prod_{k=1}^m (\beta - k),$$

$$P_{m-j}^m(\beta) = \frac{1}{j!} \frac{d^j}{d\beta^j} P_m^m(\beta) \quad 0 \leq j \leq m.$$

Put

$$(9) \quad P(x) = \sum_{j=0}^N a_j x^j,$$

and define the constants  $a_p^m$ , ( $m, p \geq 1$ ) by

$$(10) \quad a_p^m = \sum_{\ell=1}^p (-1)^{p-\ell} \binom{m+1}{p-\ell} \ell^m.$$

For  $a > 0$ , the Hurewicz zeta function is defined by

$$(11) \quad \zeta(s, a) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(r+a)^s}.$$

Note that the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$  is

$$(12) \quad \zeta(s) = \zeta(s, 1).$$

Then we have the following formula (see [3]):

**PROPOSITION 1.**

$$\begin{aligned} L(s) = & \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{d_2 - d_1}{2} \right)^{2\ell} (-1)^\ell \binom{-s}{\ell} \\ & \times \left[ a_0 \zeta \left( 2s + 2\ell, 1 + \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2} \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{m=1}^N \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{i=1}^m a_m a_i^m P_{m-j}^m \left( m + 1 - i - \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2} \right) \zeta \left( 2s + 2\ell - j, 1 + \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Note that if  $d_1 = d_2$ , then the above formula should be read as follows;

$$(13) \quad \begin{aligned} L(s) = & a_0 \zeta(2s, 1 + d_1) \\ & + \sum_{m=1}^N \sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{i=1}^m a_m a_i^m P_{m-j}^m(m + 1 - i - d_1) \zeta(2s - j, 1 + d_1). \end{aligned}$$

From this formula, we can get easily the following corollary:

COROLLARY 1. 1. If  $P(X) = 1$ , then

$$L(s) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{d_2 - d_1}{2} \right)^{2\ell} (-1)^\ell \binom{-s}{\ell} \zeta \left( 2s + 2\ell, 1 + \frac{d_2 - d_1}{2} \right).$$

2. If  $P(X) = X + (d_2 - d_1)/2$ , then

$$L(s) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{d_2 - d_1}{2} \right)^{2\ell} (-1)^\ell \binom{-s}{\ell} \zeta \left( 2s + 2\ell - 1, 1 + \frac{d_2 - d_1}{2} \right).$$

In the above Corollary, if  $d_1 = d_2$ , then this formula should be read as follows

$$(14) \quad L(s) = \zeta(2s, 1 + d_1),$$

and

$$(15) \quad L(s) = \zeta(2s - 1, 1 + d_1),$$

according to  $P(X) = 1$  or  $P(X) = X + d_1$ .

### 3. Spectral zeta functions for spheres $S^n$

Let  $S^n$  denote the  $n$ -dimensional standard sphere of constant curvature 1. By [7], all the positive  $\delta$ -eigenvalues of  $\Delta_{S^n}^p$  ( $0 \leq p \leq n/2$ ) are

$$(16) \quad (k+p)(k+n-p-1), \quad k \geq 1,$$

with their multiplicities

$$(17) \quad \frac{(2k+n-1)k(k+1)(k+2) \cdots (k+n-1)}{p!(n-p-1)!(k+p)(k+n-p-1)}.$$

The spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(s)$  are given as follows;

$$(18) \quad \zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(s) = \frac{2}{p!(n-p-1)!} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k+m)k(k+1)(k+2) \cdots (k+n-1)}{((k+p)(k+n-p-1))^{s+1}}.$$

We treat with  $\zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(s)$  separately according to whether  $n$  is odd or even.  $S^n$ ,  $n$  odd ( $n = 2m + 1$ ).

Define the polynomial  $F_{n,p}(x)$  by

$$(19) \quad F_{n,p}(x) = \frac{2 \prod_{i=0}^m (x + (m-p)^2 - i^2)}{p!(n-p-1)!} \\ = \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,j} x^j.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (20) \quad \zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(s) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{n,p}((k+p)(k+n-p-1))}{((k+p)(k+n-p-1))^{s+1}} \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,j} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{((k+p)(k+n-p-1))^{s+1-j}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Corollary 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (21) \quad \zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(s) &= \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,j} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (m-p)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+1-j+\ell)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+1-j)} \zeta(2(s+1-j) + 2\ell - 1, 1+m) \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,j} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (m-p)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+1-j+\ell)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+1-j)} \zeta(2s + 2(\ell - j + 1), 1+m) \\
 &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=t}^{m+t} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-t+1} (m-p)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+t)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+t-\ell)} \zeta(2s + 2t, 1+m) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{t=-(n-1)}^{-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1+t} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-t+1} (m-p)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+t)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+t-\ell)} \zeta(2s + 2t, 1+m).
 \end{aligned}$$

From this formula, we have

**THEOREM 1.** *The spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(s)$  of the odd dimensional standard sphere  $S^{2m+1}$  has a meromorphic continuation on the whole complex plane with at most simple poles at  $s = n/2 - k$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). The residue at  $s = n/2 - k$  is given as*

$$(22) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \alpha_{n,p,\ell+m-k+1} \left( -\frac{(m-p)^2}{4} \right)^\ell \binom{2\ell}{\ell} & \text{if } m \geq k \geq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=m-k}^{2m-k} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-m+k+1} \left( -\frac{(m-p)^2}{4} \right)^\ell \binom{2\ell}{\ell} & \text{if } k > m \end{cases}$$

$S^n$ ,  $n$  even ( $n = 2m$ ).

Define the function  $F_{n,p}(x)$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (23) \quad F_{n,p}(x) &= \frac{2 \prod_{l=1}^m (x + ((n-1)/2 - p)^2 - (l-1/2)^2)}{p!(n-p-1)!} \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{n,p,j} x^j.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$(24) \quad \zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k + (n-1)/2)F_{n,p}((k+p)(k+n-p-1))}{((k+p)(k+n-p-1))^{s+1}}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{n,p,j} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k + (n-1)/2)}{((k+p)(k+n-p-1))^{s+1-j}}.$$

Using Corollary 1, we have

$$(25) \quad \zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(s)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{n,p,j} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n-1}{2} - p\right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+1-j+\ell)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+1-j)} \zeta\left(2s+2(\ell-j+1), 1 + \frac{n-1}{2}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=t}^{m+t} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-t+1} \left(\frac{n-1}{2} - p\right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+t)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+t-\ell)} \zeta\left(2s+2t-1, 1 + \frac{n-1}{2}\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{t=-m}^{-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{m-t} \alpha_{n,p,\ell+t+1} \left(\frac{n-1}{2} - p\right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+t)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+t-\ell)} \zeta\left(2s+2t-1, 1 + \frac{n-1}{2}\right).$$

From this formula, we have

**THEOREM 2.** *The spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(s)$  of the even dimensional sphere  $S^{2m}$  has a meromorphic continuation on the whole complex plane with at most simple poles at  $s = k$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ). The residue at  $s = k$  is  $\alpha_{n,p,k}/2$ .*

#### 4. Spectral zeta functions for complex projective spaces $P^n(\mathbf{C})$

Let  $P^n(\mathbf{C})$  denote the complex projective  $n$ -space with Riemannian metric induced by  $(n+1) \times$  negative of the Cartan-Killing form of  $SU(n+1)$ . Then every geodesic on  $P^n(\mathbf{C})$  is closed of length  $\pi$ . By [2], all the eigenvalues of  $\Delta_{P^n(\mathbf{C})}^0$  are given by

$$(26) \quad k(k+n), \quad k \geq 0,$$

with their multiplicities

$$(27) \quad \frac{(2k+n)((k+1)(k+2)\cdots(k+n-1))^2}{n!(n-1)!}.$$

So that the spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{P^n(\mathbf{C})}(s)$  of  $P^n(\mathbf{C})$  is of the form:

$$(28) \quad \zeta_{P^n(\mathbf{C})}(s) = \frac{2}{n!(n-1)!} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k+n/2)\{(k+1)(k+2)\cdots(k+n-1)\}^2}{(k(k+n))^s}.$$

We treat with  $\zeta_{P^n(\mathbf{C})}(s)$ , separately according to whether  $n$  is odd or even.

$P^n(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $n$  odd ( $n = 2m + 1$ ).

Define the polynomial  $G_n(x)$  by

$$(29) \quad G_n(x) = \frac{2 \prod_{i=0}^m (x + (n/2)^2 - (i - 1/2)^2)^2}{n!(n-1)!} \\ = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \gamma_{n,j} x^j.$$

Then we have

$$(30) \quad \zeta_{P^n(\mathcal{C})}(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k + n/2) G_n(k(k+n))}{(k(k+n))^s} \\ = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \gamma_{n,j} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k + n/2)}{(k(k+n))^{s-j}}.$$

Using Corollary 1, we have

$$\zeta_{P^n(\mathcal{C})}(s) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \gamma_{n,j} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s-j+\ell)}{\ell! \Gamma(s-j)} \zeta\left(2(s-j) + 2\ell - 1, 1 + \frac{n}{2}\right) \\ = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \gamma_{n,j} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s-j+\ell)}{\ell! \Gamma(s-j)} \zeta\left(2s + 2(\ell-j) - 1, 1 + \frac{n}{2}\right) \\ = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=t}^{n-1+t} \gamma_{n,\ell-t} \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+t)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+t-j)} \zeta\left(2s + 2t - 1, 1 + \frac{n}{2}\right) \\ + \sum_{t=-(n-1)}^{-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1+t} \gamma_{n,\ell-t} \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+t)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+t-j)} \zeta\left(2s + 2t - 1, 1 + \frac{n}{2}\right).$$

$P^n(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $n$  even ( $n = 2m$ ).

Define the polynomial  $G_n(x)$  by

$$(31) \quad G_n(x) = \frac{2(x + m^2) \prod_{i=1}^{m-1} (x + m^2 - i^2)^2}{n!(n-1)!} \\ = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \gamma_{n,j} x^j.$$

Then we have

$$(32) \quad \zeta_{P^n(\mathcal{C})}(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k+m) G_n(k(k+n))}{(k(k+n))^s} \\ = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \gamma_{n,j} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k+m)}{(k(k+n))^{s-j}}.$$

Using Corollary 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \zeta_{P^n(\mathbb{C})}(s) &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \gamma_{n,j} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} m^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s-j+\ell)}{\ell! \Gamma(s-j)} \zeta(2(s-j) + 2\ell - 1, 1+m) \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \gamma_{n,j} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} m^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s-j+\ell)}{\ell! \Gamma(s-j)} \zeta(2s + 2(\ell-j) - 1, 1+m) \\
 &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=t}^{n-1+t} \gamma_{n,\ell-t} m^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+t)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+t-j)} \zeta(2s + 2t - 1, 1+m) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{t=-(n-1)}^{-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1+t} \gamma_{n,\ell-t} m^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+t)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+t-j)} \zeta(2s + 2t - 1, 1+m).
 \end{aligned}$$

From these formulae, we have

**THEOREM 3.** *The spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{P^n(\mathbb{C})}$  has a meromorphic continuation on the whole complex plane with at most simple poles at  $s = k$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ). The residue at  $s = k$  is  $\gamma_{n,k-1}/2$ .*

### 5. Spectral zeta functions for quaternionic projective spaces $P^n(\mathbb{H})$

Let  $P^n(\mathbb{H})$  denote the quaternionic projective  $n$ -space with Riemannian metric induced by  $2(n+2) \times$  negative of the Cartan-Killing form of  $Sp(n+1)$ . Then every geodesic on  $P^n(\mathbb{H})$  is closed of length  $\pi$ . By [2], all the eigenvalues of  $\Delta_{P^n(\mathbb{H})}^0$  are

$$(33) \quad k(k+2n+1), \quad k \geq 0,$$

with multiplicities

$$(34) \quad \frac{2(k+n+1/2)(k+1)\{(k+2)\cdots(k+2n-1)\}^2(k+2n)}{(2n+1)!(2n-1)!}.$$

So that the spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{P^n(\mathbb{H})}(s)$  of  $P^n(\mathbb{H})$  is of the form:

$$\zeta_{P^n(\mathbb{H})}(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2 \frac{(k+n+1/2)(k+1)\{(k+2)\cdots(k+2n-1)\}^2(k+2n)}{(2n+1)!(2n-1)!(k(k+2n+1))^s}.$$

Define the polynomial  $H_n(x)$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_n(x) &= \frac{2}{(2n+1)!(2n-1)!} (x+2n) \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \left( x + \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 - \left( i - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right)^2 \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{2n-1} \delta_{n,j} x^j.
 \end{aligned}$$



Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (35) \quad \zeta_{P^n(\mathbf{H})}(s) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k+n+1/2)H_n(k(k+2n+1))}{(k(k+2n+1))^s} \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{2n-1} \delta_{n,j} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k+n+1/2)}{(k(k+2n+1))^{s-j}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Corollary 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \zeta_{P^n(\mathbf{H})}(s) &= \sum_{j=0}^{2n-1} \delta_{n,j} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s-j+\ell)}{\ell! \Gamma(s-j)} \zeta\left(2(s-j) + 2\ell - 1, \frac{3}{2} + n\right) \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{2n-1} \delta_{n,j} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s-j+\ell)}{\ell! \gamma(s-j)} \zeta\left(2s + 2(\ell-j) - 1, \frac{3}{2} + n\right) \\
 &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=t}^{2n-1+t} \delta_{n,\ell-t} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+t)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+t-j)} \zeta\left(2s + 2t - 1, \frac{3}{2} + n\right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{t=-(2n-1)}^{-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{2n-1+t} \delta_{n,\ell-t} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+t)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+t-j)} \zeta\left(2s + 2t - 1, \frac{3}{2} + n\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

From this formula, we have

**THEOREM 4.** *The spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{P^n(\mathbf{H})}(s)$  has a meromorphic continuation on the whole complex plane with at most simple poles at  $s = k$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ ). The residue at  $s = k$  is  $\delta_{n,k-1}/2$ .*

### 6. Spectral zeta functions for Cayley projective plane $P^2(\mathbf{O})$

Let  $P^2(\mathbf{O})$  denote the Cayley projective plane with Riemannian metric induced by  $18 \times$  negative of the Cartan-Killing form of  $F_4$ . Then every geodesic on  $P^2(\mathbf{O})$  is closed of length  $\pi$ . By [2], all the eigenvalues of  $\Delta_{P^2(\mathbf{O})}^0$  are

$$(36) \quad k(k+11), \quad k \geq 0,$$

with their multiplicities

$$(37) \quad \frac{(2k+11)3!(k+7)!(k+10)!}{11!7!k!(k+3)!}.$$

So that the spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{P^2(\mathbf{O})}(s)$  of  $P^2(\mathbf{O})$  is of the form:

$$(38) \quad \zeta_{P^2(\mathbf{O})}(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k+11)3!(k+7)!(k+10)!}{11!7!k!(k+3)!(k(k+11))^s}.$$

Define the polynomial  $I(x)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} I(x) &= \frac{12}{11!7!} \prod_{i=1}^5 \left( x + \left( \frac{11}{2} \right)^2 - \left( i - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right) \prod_{i=1}^2 \left( x + \left( \frac{11}{2} \right)^2 - \left( i - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{12}{11!7!} (x+10)(x+18)(x+24)(x+28)^2(x+30)^2 \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^7 \eta_j x^j. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (39) \quad \zeta_{P^2(\mathcal{O})} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k+11/2)I(k(k+11))}{(k(k+11))^s} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^7 \eta_j \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k+11/2)}{(k(k+11))^{s-j}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Corollary 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_{P^n(\mathcal{O})}(s) &= \sum_{j=0}^7 \eta_j \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{11}{2} \right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s-j+\ell)}{\ell! \Gamma(s-j)} \zeta \left( 2(s-j) + 2\ell - 1, \frac{13}{2} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^7 \eta_j \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{11}{2} \right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s-j+\ell)}{\ell! \Gamma(s-j)} \zeta \left( 2s + 2(\ell-j) - 1, \frac{13}{2} \right) \\ &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=t}^{7+t} \eta_{\ell-t} \left( \frac{11}{2} \right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+t)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+t-j)} \zeta \left( 2s + 2t - 1, \frac{3}{2} \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{t=-7}^{-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{7+t} \eta_{\ell-t} \left( \frac{11}{2} \right)^{2\ell} \frac{\Gamma(s+t)}{\ell! \Gamma(s+t-j)} \zeta \left( 2s + 2t - 1, \frac{13}{2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

From this formula, we have

**THEOREM 5.** *The spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{P^2(\mathcal{O})}(s)$  has a meromorphic continuation on the whole complex plane with at most simple poles at  $s = k$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ ). The residue at  $s = k$  is  $\eta_{k-1}/2$ .*

## 7. Trivial zeros of $\zeta_{S^{2m+1}}^{p,\delta}(s)$

It is well known that the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$  vanishes at even negative integers. In this section, we give analogous results for the spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{S^{2m+1}}^{p,\delta}(s)$ .

THEOREM 6. *The spectral zeta function  $\zeta_{\mathcal{S}^{2m+1}}^{p,\delta}(s)$  vanishes at negative integers.*

*Proof.* Using the formula (21), we have for a positive integer  $k$ ;

$$\begin{aligned}
 \zeta_{\mathcal{S}^n}^{p,\delta}(-k) &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=t}^{m+t} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-t+1} (m-p)^{2\ell} (-1)^\ell \binom{k-t+\ell}{k-t} \zeta(-2(k-t), 1+m) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{t=-m}^{-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{m+t} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-t+1} (m-p)^{2\ell} (-1)^\ell \binom{k-t+\ell}{k-t} \zeta(-2(k-t), 1+m) \\
 &= \sum_{t=0}^k \sum_{\ell=t}^{m+t} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-t+1} (-(m-p)^2)^\ell \binom{k-t+\ell}{k-t} \zeta(-2(k-t), 1+m) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{t=-m}^{-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{m+t} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-t+1} (-(m-p)^2)^\ell \binom{k-t+\ell}{k-t} \zeta(-2(k-t), 1+m) \\
 &= \sum_{\ell=k}^{m+k} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-k+1} (-(m-p)^2)^\ell \binom{\ell}{0} \zeta(0, 1+m) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{t=0}^{k-1} \sum_{\ell=t}^{m+t} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-t+1} (-(m-p)^2)^\ell \binom{k-t+\ell}{k-t} \zeta(-2(k-t), 1+m) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{t=-m}^{-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{m+t} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-t+1} (-(m-p)^2)^\ell \binom{k-t+\ell}{k-t} \zeta(-2(k-t), 1+m).
 \end{aligned}$$

For the first term, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{\ell=k}^{m+k} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-k+1} (-(m-p)^2)^\ell \binom{\ell}{0} \zeta(0, 1+m) \\
 &= \sum_{\ell=0}^m \alpha_{n,p,\ell+1} (-(m-p)^2)^{\ell+k} \zeta(0, 1+m) \\
 &= \zeta(0, 1+m) (-(m-p)^2)^{k-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^m \alpha_{n,p,\ell+1} (-(m-p)^2)^{\ell+1} \\
 &= \zeta(0, 1+m) (-(m-p)^2)^{k-1} F_{n,p} (-(m-p)^2) \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \zeta_{S^n}^{p,\delta}(-k) \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^{k-1} \sum_{\ell=t}^{m+t} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-t+1} (-m-p)^2{}^\ell \binom{k-t+\ell}{k-t} \zeta(-2(k-t), 1+m) \\
&\quad + \sum_{t=-m}^{-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{m+t} \alpha_{n,p,\ell-t+1} (-m-p)^2{}^\ell \binom{k-t+\ell}{k-t} \zeta(-2(k-t), 1+m) \\
&= \sum_{\ell=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,\ell} \sum_{t=0}^{k-1} (-m-p)^2{}^{\ell+t-1} \binom{k+\ell-1}{k-t} \zeta(-2(k-t), 1+m) \\
&\quad + \sum_{\ell=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,\ell} \sum_{t=-(\ell-1)}^{-1} (-m-p)^2{}^{\ell+t-1} \binom{k+\ell-1}{k-t} \zeta(-2(k-t), 1+m) \\
&= - \sum_{\ell=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,\ell} \sum_{t=0}^{k-1} (-m-p)^2{}^{\ell+t-1} \binom{k+\ell-1}{k-t} \sum_{i=1}^m i^{2(k-t)} \\
&\quad - \sum_{\ell=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,\ell} \sum_{t=-(\ell-1)}^{-1} (-m-p)^2{}^{\ell+t-1} \binom{k+\ell-1}{k-t} \sum_{i=1}^m i^{2(k-t)} \\
&= - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{\ell=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,\ell} \sum_{t=0}^{k-1} (-m-p)^2{}^{\ell+t-1} \binom{k+\ell-1}{k-t} i^{2(k-t)} \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{\ell=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,\ell} \sum_{t=-(\ell-1)}^{-1} (-m-p)^2{}^{\ell+t-1} \binom{k+\ell-1}{k-t} i^{2(k-t)} \\
&= - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{\ell=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,\ell} \sum_{t=-(\ell-1)}^{k-1} (-m-p)^2{}^{\ell+t-1} \binom{k+\ell-1}{k-t} i^{2(k-t)} \\
&= - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{\ell=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,\ell} \sum_{t=0}^{k+\ell-2} (-m-p)^2{}^t \binom{k+\ell-1}{k+\ell-1-t} i^{2(k+\ell-1-t)} \\
&= - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{\ell=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,\ell} \sum_{t=0}^{k+\ell-1} \binom{k+\ell-1}{k+\ell-1-t} (-m-p)^2{}^t i^{2(k+\ell-1-t)} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{\ell=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,\ell} \binom{k+\ell-1}{0} (-m-p)^2{}^{k+\ell-1} i^0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{\ell=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,\ell} (-(m-p)^2 + i^2)^{k+\ell-1} + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{\ell=1}^{m+1} \alpha_{n,p,\ell} (-(m-p)^2)^{k+\ell-1} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m -(-(m-p)^2 + i^2)^{k-1} F_{n,p}(-(m-p)^2 + i^2) \\
&\quad + (-(m-p)^2)^{k-1} \sum_{i=1}^m F_{n,p}(-(m-p)^2) \\
&= 0. \qquad \square
\end{aligned}$$

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