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Equidistribution of the conormal cycle of random nodal sets

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Abstract. We study the asymptotic properties of the conormal cycle of nodal sets associated to a random superposition of eigenfunctions of the Laplacian on a smooth compact Riemannian manifold without boundary. In the case where the dimension is odd, we show that the expectation of the corresponding current of integration equidistributes on the fibres of the cotangent bundle. In the case where the dimension is even, we obtain an upper bound of lower order on the expectation. Using recent results of Alesker, we also deduce some properties on the asymptotic expectation of any smooth valuation including the Euler characteristic of random nodal sets.

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1. Introduction

We consider a (C^∞) smooth compact connected oriented Riemannian manifold (M, g) without boundary, and we study the nonzero solutions of

$$-\Delta_g e_\lambda = \lambda^2 e_\lambda, \quad (1)$$

where Δ_g is the Laplace–Beltrami operator induced by the Riemannian metric g and $\lambda > 0$. Our geometric assumption implies that there exists a nondecreasing sequence

$$0 = \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 \leq \dots \rightarrow +\infty,$$

and an orthonormal basis $(e_j)_{j \geq 1}$ of $L^2(M)$ such that

$$\forall j \geq 1, \quad -\Delta_g e_j = \lambda_j^2 e_j.$$

More generally, we are in fact interested in finite superpositions of such solutions, i.e.

$$f \in \mathcal{H}_\Lambda := \mathbf{1}_{[0, \Lambda^2]}(-\Delta_g)L^2(M). \quad (2)$$

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Recall that if we denote by $N(\Lambda)$ the dimension of \mathcal{H}_Λ , one has the following Hörmander–Weyl asymptotics [42]:

$$N(\Lambda) = \frac{\text{Vol}_g(M)}{2^n \pi^{n/2} \Gamma(n/2 + 1)} \Lambda^n + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}), \quad (3)$$

where n is the dimension of M and Vol_g is the Riemannian volume induced by g . In the present article, we aim at studying elements in \mathcal{H}_Λ in the high-frequency limit $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$. There are several natural ways to study these objects: one can for instance look at their L^p norms, their nodal sets, their nodal domains, or their quantum limits. In the present article, we will study the geometry of the nodal sets

$$\mathcal{N}_f := \{x \in M : f(x) = 0\}, \quad f \in \mathcal{H}_\Lambda.$$

Again, there are many natural questions regarding the geometry of \mathcal{N}_f or its distribution on M —see for instance the book of Han and Lin [38] or the recent survey of Zelditch [68] on nodal sets of eigenfunctions. For instance, one can try to compute their Hausdorff volume, the number of their connected components, or more general geometric quantities like Betti numbers.

The simplest question seems to be a priori the computation of the volume. In fact, in this case, it was conjectured by Yau [66] that there exist constants $0 < c_g \leq C_g < \infty$ such that, for every nonzero solution e_λ of (1),

$$c_g \lambda \leq \mathcal{V}^{n-1}(\mathcal{N}_{e_\lambda}) \leq C_g \lambda,$$

where \mathcal{V}^{n-1} is the Riemannian hypersurface volume. In the case of real-analytic metrics, this conjecture was proved by Donnelly and Fefferman [27]; see also [44] for the case of arbitrary elements in \mathcal{H}_Λ . In the C^∞ case, the lower bound was proved earlier in dimension 2 by Brüning [18], while in dimension $n \geq 3$, the best known lower bounds are of order $\lambda^{(3-n)/2}$, as recently proved by Colding and Minicozzi [23] and Hezari, Sogge and Zelditch [41, 62]. Concerning the upper bound in the C^∞ case, Dong, Donnelly and Fefferman [28, 26] obtained an upper bound of order $\lambda^{3/2}$ in dimension 2, and in dimension $n \geq 3$, Hardt and Simon proved an upper bound of order λ^{c_λ} for some $c > 0$ [39]. Thus, even the a priori simpler question of estimating the volume of nodal sets remains to our knowledge far from being completely understood in a general setting.

A natural approach is to ask whether the properties expected for any nodal set are valid for a “generic” solution of (1) or at least for a “generic” element f of \mathcal{H}_Λ . In order to formulate a notion of genericity in \mathcal{H}_Λ , we introduce the following Gaussian probability measure on the space \mathcal{H}_Λ :

$$\mu_\Lambda(df) = d\mu_\Lambda(f) := e^{-N(\Lambda)\|f\|^2/2} \left(\frac{N(\Lambda)}{2\pi}\right)^{N(\Lambda)/2} dc_1 \dots dc_{N(\Lambda)},$$

$$\text{with } f = \sum_{j=1}^{N(\Lambda)} c_j e_j.$$

Remark 1.1. We note that, with this convention, the expectation of the L^2 norm is

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \|f\|_{L^2(M)}^2 d\mu_\Lambda(f) = 1.$$

In this setting, Bérard gave an “average” version [4] of Yau’s conjecture:

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \mathcal{V}^{n-1}(\mathcal{N}_f) d\mu_\Lambda(f) = \frac{\text{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})}{\text{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^n)} \frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{n+2}} \text{Vol}_g(M)(1 + o(1)).$$

More recently, Rudnick and Wigman also estimated the variance in the case where (M, g) is a rational torus [56] or the canonical sphere [65], and Letendre [50] generalized Bérard’s result to the intersection of several “random” nodal sets. Zelditch [67] also showed that something slightly stronger than Bérard’s result holds. More precisely, he proved that, given any smooth function ω on M , one has

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \langle f^*(\delta_0) \|df\|, \omega \rangle d\mu_\Lambda(f) \\ = \frac{\text{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})}{\text{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^n)} \frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{n+2}} \int_M \omega(x) d \text{Vol}_g(M)(1 + o(1)), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where $f^*(\delta_0)$ is the pull-back by f of the Dirac distribution, and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is the duality bracket. This result shows that if we average over the Gaussian measure, the nodal sets become equidistributed in M .

Using this probabilistic approach, we can in fact say much more on the geometry and the topology of the nodal sets. In the case of the canonical 2-sphere, Nazarov and Sodin [52] gave large deviation estimates for the number of connected components of a random nodal set. Lerario and Lundberg [49] also obtained lower and upper bounds for the expectation of the number of connected components when one considers more general families of random nodal sets. Nicolaescu [54] estimated the number of critical points of a random function f in \mathcal{H}_Λ from which one can also deduce upper bounds on the number of connected components. Nazarov and Sodin [61, 53] generalized their large deviation result on random spherical harmonics and they studied the number of connected components of \mathcal{N}_f for general Gaussian random functions. In our context, if we denote by $N(f)$ the number of connected components of \mathcal{N}_f , their result reads

$$\forall \delta > 0, \quad \lim_{\Lambda \rightarrow \infty} \mu_\Lambda \left(\left\{ f \in \mathcal{H}_\Lambda : \left| \frac{N(f)}{\Lambda^n} - a_g \right| > \delta \right\} \right) = 0,$$

for some *nonexplicit constant* $a_g > 0$ depending only on (M, g) . Note that this gives not only the rate of convergence for the expectation but also a large deviation estimate. It is also slightly more precise in the sense that the result remains true if we count the number of connected components in some rescaled geodesic ball $B_g(x, R\Lambda^{-1})$ for some large $R > 0$ [61, Theorem 5].

Gayet and Welschinger [35] proved that, given any closed hypersurface Σ in \mathbb{R}^n , the probability of finding Σ in the intersection of \mathcal{N}_f with a geodesic ball $B_g(x, R\Lambda^{-1})$ is

uniformly bounded from below by an *explicit positive constant*; see also [34] for earlier results in the case of random polynomials. This allows one to deduce lower bounds on all the Betti numbers of our random nodal sets. In fact, they also proved that, on any smooth compact connected Riemannian manifold (M, g) without boundary and for every $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$, one can find *explicit constants* $0 < c_i(M, g) \leq C_i(M, g) < \infty$ such that

$$c_i(M, g)\Lambda^n \leq \int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} b_i(\mathcal{N}_f) d\mu_\Lambda(f) \leq C_i(M, g)\Lambda^n,$$

where b_i is the i -th Betti number [33, 35]. Recall that $b_0(\mathcal{N}_f) = N(f)$. Their result is in fact more general than what we claim in the sense that it is valid for any elliptic pseudo-differential operator of positive order¹ m . For n odd, Letendre [50] showed the following asymptotic property of the Euler characteristic $\chi(\mathcal{N}_f)$ of a random nodal set:

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \chi(\mathcal{N}_f) d\mu_\Lambda(f) = \frac{2(-1)^{(n-1)/2}}{\pi \operatorname{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})} \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{n+2}} \right)^n \operatorname{Vol}_g(M) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}). \quad (5)$$

We recall that the Euler characteristic is given by the alternating sum of Betti numbers. Finally, Sarnak and Wigman [57] recently described the universal laws satisfied by the topologies of random nodal sets (see also [19]).

These different results show that more is known on the geometry of nodal sets if one only aims at probabilistic results. Even if we do not address this kind of questions in the present article, we note that probabilistic approaches have been considered for a long time in algebraic geometry—see for instance [45] where Kac estimated the number of real zeros of a random polynomial as its degree goes to infinity. In “random” algebraic geometry, one aims at studying the zero set of random polynomials of several variables instead of random superposition of eigenfunctions, and the spectral parameter Λ is replaced by the degree of the polynomials [48, 60, 59, 10, 11, 32, 50].

So far, we have only discussed the mathematical point of view on random Gaussian superposition of high-frequency eigenfunctions but we emphasize that they play an important role in the physics literature. For instance, in quantum chaos, one is interested in understanding the semiclassical properties of a quantum system whose underlying classical system enjoys chaotic features such as ergodicity or mixing. Berry [7] predicted that semiclassical eigenmodes of chaotic systems should exhibit the same behaviour as a random superposition of waves. This is known as the *Berry random wave conjecture*. In particular, any result on random superposition of waves should provide an intuition on what one could expect for a chaotic system. In our framework, the main example of chaotic system is given by manifolds with negative curvature whose geodesic flows are exponentially mixing. Motivated by this conjecture of Berry, random nodal sets (and nodal domains²) were also extensively studied in the physics literature especially in the last fifteen years starting from the works of Blum, Gnutzmann and Smilansky [13] on nodal domains. The case of nodal sets was studied by Berry [8] who considered (on 2-dimensional domains) similar questions to the ones mentioned above on the volume and the curvature of random

¹ In this case, the asymptotics are of order $\Lambda^{2n/m}$.

² This means subsets of M where f has a fixed sign.

nodal sets. In the 2-dimensional case, Bogomolny, Dubertrand and Schmit [14] conjectured that random nodal sets are in fact well described in terms of percolation processes and Schramm–Loewner Evolution models.

2. Statement of the main results

We denote by T^*M the cotangent bundle of M , and an element of T^*M is denoted by (x, ξ) with $x \in M, \xi \in T_x^*M$. From the point of view of “microlocal geometry”, it is often more natural to consider the conormal cycle of $\mathcal{N}_f = \{f = 0\}$ rather than the set \mathcal{N}_f itself [47, Chapter 9]. Recall that the *conormal cycle* is defined as follows, for every f in \mathcal{H}_Λ :

$$N^*({f = 0}) = \{(x, \xi) \in T^*M : f(x) = 0, \xi = td_x f \text{ for some } t \neq 0\} \subset T^*M. \tag{6}$$

Note that the above defines the conormal cycle only in the set-theoretical sense and we will later discuss the central issue of orientation. Outside of its singular points, this subset of T^*M is a *Lagrangian conical submanifold* and it contains in some sense more information on the geometry of the nodal sets. For that reason, it seems natural to us to focus on the properties of this set. Before giving more explanations on the relevance of the conormal cycle in microlocal geometry, we mention, as a first motivation, a celebrated index theorem of Kashiwara [47, Th. 9.5.3, p. 385]. In the real analytic case, this result expresses the Euler characteristic of \mathcal{N}_f as a Lagrangian intersection in T^*M between the conormal cycle of \mathcal{N}_f and the graph of dg for a generic function g on M :

$$[\text{Graph } dg] \cap [N^*({f = 0})] = \chi(\mathcal{N}_f) \tag{7}$$

where the intersection is in the oriented sense.

To our knowledge, the properties of this set have been studied neither from the deterministic point of view, nor from the probabilistic one. In this article, we aim at studying the probabilistic properties of the set $N^*({f = 0})$ which are somewhat easier to consider. For that purpose, we introduce the following subset of \mathcal{H}_Λ :

$$D_\Lambda := \{f \in \mathcal{H}_\Lambda : \exists x \in \mathcal{N}_f, d_x f = 0\}.$$

By a Sard type argument (see for instance [50, §2.3]), one can verify that $\mu_\Lambda(D_\Lambda) = 0$ for Λ large enough. Thus, for μ_Λ -a.e. f in \mathcal{H}_Λ , $N^*({f = 0})$ is a smooth n -dimensional submanifold of

$$T^\bullet M := \{(x, \xi) \in T^*M : \xi \neq 0\}.$$

In particular, once we choose an orientation, $N^*({f = 0})$ can be viewed as an n -current $[N^*({f = 0})]$ in the sense of de Rham [24, 58]. This means that, for every smooth compactly supported n -form ω on $T^\bullet M$, we define

$$\langle [N^*({f = 0})], \omega \rangle = \int_{N^*({f=0})} \omega.$$

Remark 2.1. We note that $N^*({f = 0})$ has two components for f in D_Λ :

$$N_\pm^*({f = 0}) := \{(x, \xi) \in T^*M : f(x) = 0 \text{ and } \xi = td_x f \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{R}_\pm \setminus \{0\}\}.$$

We will precisely discuss orientability questions in §3.1. We will in fact use the classical conventions of [22, p. 682].

Our first main result shows that this defines in fact an L^1 function:

Theorem 2.2. *Let (M, g) be a smooth oriented connected compact Riemannian manifold without boundary of dimension n . Then the map*

$$\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \ni f \mapsto [N^*({f = 0})] \in \mathcal{D}'_n(T^*M) \quad (8)$$

is integrable with respect to the Gaussian measure μ_Λ . Equivalently, for every test form ω on T^*M , the map

$$\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \ni f \mapsto \langle [N^*({f = 0})], \omega \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$$

belongs to $L^1(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, d\mu_\Lambda)$.

In order to state our second result, let us denote by Ω_g the Riemannian volume form on (M, g) , by $\pi : T^*M \rightarrow M$ the natural projection, and by $\pi^*\Omega_g$ the pull-back of the Riemannian volume on T^*M . Then, our second theorem shows the following universal behaviour:

Theorem 2.3. *Let (M, g) be a smooth oriented connected compact Riemannian manifold without boundary of dimension n . Then*

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} [N^*({f = 0})] d\mu_\Lambda(f) = C_n \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{n+2}} \right)^n \pi^*\Omega_g + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}) \quad (9)$$

with

$$C_n = \frac{2(-1)^{(n+1)/2}}{\pi \text{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})} \quad \text{if } n \text{ is odd, and } C_n = 0 \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

Equivalently, for every test form ω on T^*M , one has

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \langle [N^*({f = 0})], \omega \rangle d\mu_\Lambda(f) = C_n \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{n+2}} \right)^n \int_{T^*M} \pi^*\Omega_g \wedge \omega + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}).$$

We note that an important feature of this result is that it shows a very different behaviour depending on whether the dimension is odd or not. For n odd, our theorem shows that the submanifold $N^*({f = 0})$ becomes uniformly equidistributed on the fibres T_x^*M , while when n is even, we only obtain an upper bound of lower order.

2.1. A brief outline of the proof using Berezin integrals

Our asymptotic formula can be elegantly derived by using a representation of the conormal cycle as an oscillatory integral over odd and even variables in the formalism of Berezin [4, 37, 25, 63]—see Section 5 for a brief reminder. Let us now sketch the principle of our derivation. In a geodesic coordinate chart, we first introduce, for f in $\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \setminus D_\Lambda$, a map

$$G(f) : T^*M \times \mathbb{R}^* \ni (x, \xi, t) \mapsto y = (f(x), td_x f - \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}.$$

By classical arguments involving wavefront sets, we then represent the conormal cycle as a current in the sense of de Rham which is obtained by pull-back by $G(f)$:

$$[N^*(f = 0)] = \int_{t \in \mathbb{R}^*} G(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}(y) dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{n+1}).$$

Then we use the formalism of Berezin integrals to write the current $\delta_0^{n+1}(y) dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{n+1}$ in exponential form:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_0^{n+1}(y) dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{n+1} &= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} e^{-2i\pi p \cdot y} dp \right) dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^{n+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{(-2i\pi)^{n+1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{(n+1|n+1)}} e^{-2i\pi(p \cdot y + \Pi \cdot dy)} dp d\Pi. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the conormal cycle can be expressed as an oscillatory integral over even and odd variables:

$$[N^*(f = 0)] = \frac{1}{(-2i\pi)^{n+1}} \int_{t \in \mathbb{R}^*} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{(n+1|n+1)}} e^{-2i\pi(p \cdot G(f) + \Pi \cdot dG(f))} dp d\Pi \right). \tag{10}$$

Then the calculation of the expected conormal cycle reduces to an evaluation of Gaussian integrals except that we are in presence of odd and even variables and this exponential representation of the current dramatically simplifies the combinatorics. Integrating over the measure μ_Λ and inverting (formally) the integrals implies that we shall compute

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{(n+1|n+1)}} \left(\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} e^{-2i\pi(p \cdot G(f) + \Pi \cdot dG(f))} d\mu_\Lambda(f) \right) dp d\Pi.$$

Note that this inversion of the order of integration requires rigorous justification which is provided in §4.3. We also refer to Remark 4.7 for a discussion of this question and the so-called Kac–Rice formula. Finally, we compute the Gaussian integral

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} e^{-2i\pi(p \cdot G(f) + \Pi \cdot dG(f))} d\mu_\Lambda(f) \tag{11}$$

using Hörmander pointwise Weyl asymptotics of the spectral projector [42] and supersymmetric Gaussian integration [37]. Notice that the Berezin integrals were also used in the works [3, 12, 29] devoted to the statistics of the critical points of random holomorphic sections with applications to counting vacuas in string theory. The general philosophy is that Berezin integrals allow one to elegantly express determinants as supersymmetric integrals, which hugely simplifies calculations.

2.2. Applications: smooth valuations on manifolds

We will now explain the interest of the concept of conormal cycle by giving some applications of our equidistribution theorem. First, we recall a “microlocal version” of the generalized Gauss–Bonnet theorem of Chern [22, equation (20), pp. 679–683], later generalized by Fu to subanalytic sets [31, p. 832] (see also [55, Definition 4.4.1 and Proposition 4.4.2] for a detailed exposition).

Theorem 2.4. *Let (M, g) be a smooth compact Riemannian manifold of dimension n . Then there exists a smooth, closed, compactly supported n -form θ on $T^\bullet M$ such that $\int_{T_x^\bullet M} \theta = 1$ for all $x \in M$, and for any smooth oriented submanifold of codimension ≥ 1 , one has*

$$\chi(X) = \langle [N^*(X)], \theta \rangle \tag{12}$$

where $[N^*(X)]$ is the conormal cycle of X and χ is the Euler characteristic.

Proof. This is a microlocal interpretation of the main result of [22] that we briefly recall. Let $\pi_0 : \mathbb{U}M \rightarrow M$ denote the unit tangent bundle over M . Then Chern constructed an $(n - 1)$ -form Θ on the unit tangent bundle $\mathbb{U}M$ defined in [22, eq. (9), p. 676] satisfying the following properties:

- $d\Theta = 0$ ([22, eq. (11), p. 677]),
- $-\int_{\pi_0^{-1}(x)} \Theta = 1$ ([55, p. 51]),
- for any oriented submanifold X of M , if we denote by $\mathbb{U}NX \subset \mathbb{U}M$ the unit normal bundle of X in M then we have a generalized Chern–Gauss–Bonnet identity $-\int_{\mathbb{U}NX} \Theta = \chi(X)$ ([22, eq. (20), p. 679] and [55, Proposition 4.4.2, p. 52]).

The form $-\Theta$ is called the *geodesic curvature form* by Park [55, Definition 4.1.1, p. 51]. Since M is Riemannian, the metric gives an isomorphism $T^\bullet M \simeq TM \setminus \{0\}$ which induces an isomorphism of cones $T^\bullet M = T^*M \setminus \{0\} \simeq TM \setminus \{0\}$. By the above isomorphism and the natural trivial fibration $TM \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}M$ whose fibre is the group $(\mathbb{R}_{>0}, \times)$, there is an isomorphism of cones $p : T^\bullet M \rightarrow \mathbb{U}M \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$. Choose any smooth function $\varphi \geq 0$ on $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that $d\varphi$ is compactly supported and $\int_0^\infty d\varphi = 1$; such a function is easy to construct by considering $\chi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}_{>0})$, $\chi \geq 0$ such that $\int_0^\infty \chi(t) dt = 1$ and setting $\varphi(x) = \int_0^x \chi(t) dt$. Then consider the n -form $\theta = p^*(-\Theta \wedge d\varphi)$ and let us check it satisfies the claim of the theorem. First the integral of $\int_{T_x^\bullet M} \theta$ over a fibre $T_x^\bullet M$ satisfies

$$\int_{T_x^\bullet M} \theta = \int_{T_x^\bullet M} p^*(-\Theta \wedge d\varphi) = \int_{\mathbb{U}_x M \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}} (-\Theta) \wedge d\varphi = \int_{\mathbb{U}_x M} (-\Theta) \int_{\mathbb{R}_{>0}} d\varphi = 1.$$

Then the pairing $\langle [N^*(X)], \theta \rangle$ satisfies the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \langle [N^*(X)], \theta \rangle &= \int_{N^*(X)} \theta = \int_{N^*(X)} p^*(-\Theta \wedge d\varphi) = \int_{\mathbb{U}NX \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}} -\Theta \wedge d\varphi \\ &= \underbrace{\left(\int_{\mathbb{U}N(X)} -\Theta \right)}_{\chi(X)} \underbrace{\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}_{>0}} d\varphi \right)}_1 = \chi(X). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Remark 2.5. In our main theorems, we chose to consider the conormal cycle in $T^{\bullet}M$ instead of $\mathbb{U}M$ in order to make some aspects of the calculation slightly simpler.

From this result, we deduce an alternative proof of equality (5) which gives the mean Euler characteristic of random nodal sets:

Theorem 2.6 (Letendre [50]). *Let (M, g) be a smooth oriented compact Riemannian manifold of odd dimension n . Then*

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}} \chi(\mathcal{N}_f) d\mu_{\Lambda}(f) = \frac{2(-1)^{(n-1)/2}}{\pi \text{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})} \text{Vol}_g(M) \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{n+2}}\right)^n + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}). \tag{13}$$

Proof. Let θ be the n -form of Theorem 2.4. Then

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}} \chi(\mathcal{N}_f) d\mu_{\Lambda}(f) = \int_{\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}} \langle [N^*({f = 0})], \theta \rangle d\mu_{\Lambda}(f)$$

since the map $f \mapsto \langle [N^*({f = 0})], \theta \rangle$ is integrable with respect to the measure $d\mu_{\Lambda}$ by Theorem 2.2. Hence by Theorem 2.3, we obtain an integral on the cotangent cone:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}} \chi(\mathcal{N}_f) d\mu_{\Lambda}(f) &= \int_{T^{\bullet}M} C_n \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{n+2}}\right)^n \pi^* \Omega_g \wedge \theta + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}) \\ &= \int_{x \in M} \left(\int_{T_x^{\bullet}M} (-1)^n \theta \right) \wedge C_n \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{n+2}}\right)^n \pi^* \Omega_g + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}) \\ &= (-1)^n \int_{x \in M} C_n \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{n+2}}\right)^n \Omega_g + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}) \\ &= \frac{2(-1)^n (-1)^{(n+1)/2}}{\pi \text{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})} \text{Vol}(M) \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{n+2}}\right)^n + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the Fubini theorem on the cotangent cone $T^{\bullet}M$ and we have integrated on the fibres of $T^{\bullet}M$ first. Note that since n is odd, $(-1)^n (-1)^{(n+1)/2} = (-1)^{(3n+1)/2} = (-1)^{(n-1)/2}$, which explains the constant found in the statement of our theorem. □

Letendre [50] computed the Euler characteristic by expressing it as the integral over $\{f = 0\}$ of a certain curvature form *depending on f* as for instance in [21, eq. (9)]. Here, instead of this approach, we use Theorem 2.4 which gives the Euler characteristic as the integral of a *fixed curvature form* over $N^*({f = 0})$. In some sense, this point of view allows us to extend Letendre’s Theorem to an equidistribution result in the same way as Zelditch’s equidistribution result (4) generalized Bérard’s result on the volume.

Chern’s formula for the Euler characteristic of a smooth submanifold can in fact be understood in the more general framework of the theory of smooth valuations recently developed by Alesker [2] and which we will now briefly review. We consider a smooth oriented manifold X (not necessarily endowed with a Riemannian structure) and we denote by $\mathcal{P}(X)$ the set of all compact submanifolds of M with corners. In the terminology of [2], we say that a map

$$\phi : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

is a *smooth valuation* if it is a finitely additive functional satisfying certain continuity properties. For simplicity of exposition, we remain vague on these two notions which need to be defined carefully on $\mathcal{P}(X)$ —see [1, Part II] for details. As was already mentioned, smooth valuations on manifolds generalize classical concepts from integral geometry such as volumes, Euler characteristic and mixed volumes. One of the remarkable properties of these valuations is that they can be represented as follows: for every smooth valuation ϕ , there exists a smooth differential n -form ω_ϕ on T^*X such that, for any P in $\mathcal{P}(X)$, one has

$$\phi(P) = \int_{N^*(P)} \omega_\phi,$$

where $N^*(P)$ is the conormal cycle of P [2]. We emphasize that the converse statement is also true, and that the n -form is a priori nonunique. In the example of the Euler characteristic χ , Theorem 2.4 gives such an n -form as soon as we have fixed an arbitrary Riemannian metric on X .

Thanks to this interpretation of smooth valuations as integrals over conormal cycles, Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 imply the following corollary on smooth valuations:

Corollary 2.7. *Let (M, g) be a smooth connected compact Riemannian manifold without boundary of dimension n . Let ϕ be a smooth valuation in the sense of [1] such that ω_ϕ can be chosen compactly supported in T^*M . Then the map*

$$f \mapsto \phi(\mathcal{N}_f)$$

belongs to $L^1(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, d\mu_\Lambda)$. Moreover,

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \phi(\mathcal{N}_f) d\mu_\Lambda(f) = C_n \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{n+2}} \right)^n \int_{T^*M} \pi^* \Omega_g \wedge \omega_\phi + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}), \quad (14)$$

where

$$C_n = \frac{2(-1)^{(n+1)/2}}{\pi \operatorname{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})} \quad \text{if } n \text{ is odd, and } C_n = 0 \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

2.3. Further questions

Let us now mention natural questions that can be asked about the conormal cycles attached to nodal sets.

- In the spirit of [50], it would be natural to consider intersections of nodal sets and compute the expectation of their conormal cycle. This could probably be directly obtained with the methods of the article but would require some slightly more complicated combinatorial arguments. For simplicity of exposition, we consider only one nodal set.
- Regarding Theorem 2.3, it would be natural to understand the asymptotics in the case of n even. At least in the case where the set of closed geodesics is of zero Liouville measure, we believe that one should be able to compute the term of order Λ^{n-1} in the asymptotics using the fact that in this geometric framework, the remainders in Weyl's asymptotics are of order $o(\Lambda^{n-1})$. Understanding the geometric meaning of the lower order term (and also checking that it is nonzero) is probably more subtle than computing the leading term we obtain here.

- In this article, we only computed the expectation of the conormal cycle and it would be of course natural to look for variance or large deviations estimates in the spirit of [8, 56, 52, 65, 53].
- Finally, it would be natural to understand what happens in the deterministic case. Can one obtain at least some upper bounds on the conormal cycle of a deterministic nodal set? If yes, what are the rates, and do they also depend on the dimension? This kind of questions would require completely different techniques, like the ones in [38].

2.4. Organization of the article

Section 3 gathers preliminary results that will be used in our proof. More precisely, our first task in the present article is to express the conormal cycle $[N^*(f = 0)]$ explicitly in terms of Dirac distributions and differential forms. This kind of representation appears in the book of Schwartz [58] and it is in some sense slightly more adapted to our problem than the geometrically appealing definitions appearing in the works of Kashiwara–Schapira, Fu, Alesker, Bernig [6, 47, 46, 31]. Thus, we give in Section 3 an explicit integral formula for the conormal cycle. Moreover, we also introduce in that section other relevant tools needed for the proof of our main theorem.

In Section 4, which forms the core of our paper, we give the complete proofs of Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 using microlocal analysis and combinatorics.

Then, in Section 5, building on tools from quantum field theory, we give a new integral formula which expresses the conormal cycle of a nodal set as an oscillatory integral in bosonic (even) and fermionic (odd) variables. Our formula makes use of the so called *Berezin integral* [4, 37, 25, 63] which was already mentioned above. This formula is inspired by a very general formula expressing integration currents as oscillatory integrals over odd and even variables used by A. Losev et al. in their works on instantonic quantum field theories [30, 51]. We give a leisurely introduction to the necessary tools to grasp the meaning of our formula. Using this very simple integral formula representing $[N^*(f = 0)]$, we give a fast derivation of the leading term of the asymptotics of $\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} [N^*(\{f = 0\})] d\mu_\Lambda(f)$, which becomes a simple exercise in Gaussian integration with respect to odd and even variables and completely avoids the heavy combinatorics of the second part. The introduction of even (fermionic) variables allows us to avoid complicated combinatorics involving sums over partitions at the expense of a little bit of abstraction. The calculations are similar to those encountered in quantum field theory on curved Riemannian manifolds. This somewhat alternative derivation of the main asymptotic formula is presented in this last part in a purely formal way and it relies on several inversions of integrals and a priori estimates on remainder terms which could in fact be justified by using the arguments of the second part of the article.

The article also contains four appendices. Appendix A recalls some classical results on the derivatives of the spectral projector of the Laplacian. Appendix B justifies the inversion formulas used in the article via tools from microlocal analysis. In Appendix C, we briefly discuss a question of independent interest: building on the proof of Lemma B.3, we give a functional-analytic proof of the Whitney embedding theorem. Finally, Appendix D

gives a brief account of the properties of currents needed for our purposes and carefully justifies the meaning of our formula using tools from microlocal analysis.

3. Preliminary results

In this section, we give the three main ingredients for the proof of our main Theorem. *The first ingredient* is Proposition 3.7, which gives a representation formula for the conormal cycle in terms of pull-back of Dirac distributions. As we shall see in this proposition, the conormal cycle can be thought as a local functional on 2-jets of functions. Thus, *our second ingredient* (Prop. 3.9) describes the push-forward of the Gaussian measure μ_Λ on \mathcal{H}_Λ by the map

$$J_\Lambda^2(y) : \mathcal{H}_\Lambda \ni f \mapsto F = \left(f(y); \left(\frac{\partial_{y^l} f(y)}{\Lambda} \right)_{1 \leq l \leq n}; \left(\frac{\partial_{y^r y^s}^2 f(y)}{\Lambda^2} \right)_{1 \leq r, s \leq n} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2+n+1}$$

where we identify \mathbb{R}^{n^2+n+1} with the fibres of the 2-jet bundle. The push-forward measure $J_{\Lambda*}^2 \mu_\Lambda$ is in fact defined by its characteristic function which is expressed in terms of the kernel of the spectral projector defining our Gaussian measure μ_Λ . Then *the third ingredient* (Prop. 3.10) is a kind of ‘‘Fubini statement’’ which allows one to interchange the order of integrations in the variables (y, η, t, f) involved in our problem.

Remark 3.1. For any smooth oriented manifold X of dimension m , we will denote by $(\mathcal{D}_d(X))_{0 \leq d \leq m}$ the smooth compactly supported d -forms on X and by $(\mathcal{D}'_d(X))_{0 \leq d \leq m}$ its dual, i.e. the set of currents of dimension d on X . We refer to Appendix D for a brief account on the theory of currents which is necessary in our proof.

3.1. Representation of the conormal cycle

Our first goal is to represent the conormal cycle $N^*({f = 0})$ in terms of Dirac distributions. For that purpose, we first need to recall the definition of push-forward in the context of currents. Let $\lambda : X \rightarrow Y$ be a proper smooth map between two smooth oriented manifolds X and Y , and let T be a current in $\mathcal{D}'_d(X)$, where $d \leq \dim Y$. Then the push-forward $\lambda_*(T)$ is defined by duality from the pull-back:

$$\forall \omega \in \mathcal{D}_d(Y), \quad \langle \lambda_* T, \omega \rangle_Y = \langle T, \lambda^* \omega \rangle_X.$$

An important fact concerning the push-forward operation is that an orientation of T canonically induces an orientation of $\lambda_* T$.

3.1.1. Abstract definition of the current of integration. Let us start by recalling the definition of the conormal cycle of $\{f = 0\}$:

Definition 3.2. Let M be a smooth connected compact oriented manifold of dimension n without boundary. Let $f \in C^\infty(M)$. If $d_x f$ never vanishes on $\{f = 0\}$ then we define the conormal cycle $[N^*({f = 0})]$ as the integration current on the conical Lagrangian submanifold $\{(x, \xi) : f(x) = 0 \text{ and } \xi = t d_x f \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}\}$ in $\mathcal{D}'_n(T^*M)$.

A subtle fact we must add to our definition concerns the *orientation of the conormal cycle*. First, note that the conormal cycle contains two components

$$N_{\pm}^*({f = 0}) = \{(x, \xi) : f(x) = 0 \text{ and } \xi = td_x f \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{R}_{\pm} \setminus \{0\}\}$$

since it does not meet the zero section of the cotangent bundle. Hence an orientation of $[N^*({f = 0})]$ consists in choosing an orientation for each component separately. In what follows, we denote by \mathbb{R}^* the set $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Let us give another description of $[N^*({f = 0})]$ in terms of Lagrange immersion which will be useful since we will interpret the conormal cycle $[N^*({f = 0})]$ as the push-forward of a cone $S \times \mathbb{R}^*$ and the orientation of $[N^*({f = 0})]$ will be induced by an orientation of $S \times \mathbb{R}^*$:

Lemma 3.3. *Let $f \in C^\infty(M)$ where df never vanishes on $S := \{f = 0\}$. Let $i : S \hookrightarrow M$ be the canonical immersion. Then the conormal cycle $N^*({f = 0})$ is the image of the immersion*

$$\lambda : S \times \mathbb{R}^* \ni (x, t) \mapsto (i(x), td_{i(x)}f) \in T^\bullet M, \tag{15}$$

and, at the level of currents,

$$[N^*({f = 0})] = [\lambda(S \times \mathbb{R}^*)] = \lambda_*[S \times \mathbb{R}^*], \tag{16}$$

where we orient the current $[S \times \mathbb{R}^*]$ by any differential form $\alpha \in \Omega^n(S \times \mathbb{R}^*)$ such that $df \wedge \alpha|_{S \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}} = \Omega_g \wedge dt|_{S \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}}$ and $df \wedge \alpha|_{S \times \mathbb{R}_{<0}} = -\Omega_g \wedge dt|_{S \times \mathbb{R}_{<0}}$.

Remark 3.4. The cone $S \times \mathbb{R}^*$ contains two components $S \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ and $S \times \mathbb{R}_{<0}$ that we should orient separately.

Proof of Lemma 3.3. By definition, $[N^*({f = 0})]$ is just the integration current on $N^*({f = 0})$ which is equal to $\lambda(S \times \mathbb{R}^*)$. Therefore, for any test form ω in $\mathcal{D}_n(T^\bullet M)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle [N^*({f = 0})], \omega \rangle &= \int_{N^*({f=0})} \omega = \int_{\lambda(S \times \mathbb{R}^*)} \omega = \int_{S \times \mathbb{R}^*} \lambda^* \omega \\ &= \langle [S \times \mathbb{R}^*], \lambda^* \omega \rangle = \langle \lambda_*[S \times \mathbb{R}^*], \omega \rangle \end{aligned}$$

by definition of push-forward, which yields the claim. □

3.1.2. Expression in local coordinates. Our goal is to show that the conormal cycle $[N^*({f = 0})]$ can be written (in local coordinates) as the current

$$\int_{t \in \mathbb{R}^*} \delta_0^{n+1} \left(f, \frac{t}{\Lambda} df - \xi \right) df \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^n d \left(\frac{t}{\Lambda} \partial_{x_i} f - \xi_i \right), \tag{17}$$

where Λ is any positive number—see Proposition D.1 in Appendix D for the meaning of the convenient notation $\delta_0^{n+1}(f, td_x f/\Lambda - \xi)$. We need to do this progressively and the first step is to define some integration current $[Z_{f,\Lambda}]$ on $\mathbb{R}^* \times T^\bullet M$ whose push-forward along the first factor \mathbb{R}^* yields the conormal cycle $[N^*({f = 0})]$. For that purpose, we set

$$Z_{f,\Lambda} := \left\{ (t, x, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^* \times T^\bullet M : f(x) = 0 \text{ and } \xi = \frac{t}{\Lambda} d_x f \right\}. \tag{18}$$

Lemma 3.5. *Let $f \in C^\infty(M)$ where df never vanishes on $\{f = 0\}$. Let $[Z_{f,\Lambda}]$ be the integration current on the set $Z_{f,\Lambda}$ defined by (18) and $\tilde{\pi}$ the projection $\mathbb{R}^* \times T^*M \ni (t; x, \xi) \mapsto (x, \xi) \in T^*M$. Then*

$$[N^*({f = 0})] = \tilde{\pi}_*[Z_{f,\Lambda}]. \tag{19}$$

Proof. Let $\omega(x, \xi; dx, d\xi)$ be an element in $\mathcal{D}^n(T^*M)$. One has

$$\langle \tilde{\pi}_*[Z_{f,\Lambda}], \omega \rangle = \langle [Z_{f,\Lambda}], \tilde{\pi}^*\omega \rangle = \int_{\{f(x)=0, \xi=td_x f, t \in \mathbb{R}^*\}} \omega(x, \xi; dx, d\xi)$$

by a change of variable. Hence

$$\langle \tilde{\pi}_*[Z_{f,\Lambda}], \omega \rangle = \int_{\{f(x)=0, t \in \mathbb{R}^*\}} \omega(x, td_x f; dx, d(td_x f)) = \int_{S \times \mathbb{R}^*} (\lambda^*\omega)(t, x; dt, dx)$$

since $(\lambda^*\omega)(t, x; dt, dx) = \omega(x, td_x f; dx, d(td_x f))$, and finally $\langle \tilde{\pi}_*[Z_{f,\Lambda}], \omega \rangle = \lambda_*[S \times \mathbb{R}^*](\omega) = [N^*({f = 0})](\omega)$ by Lemma 3.3. \square

The next lemma represents the current $[Z_{f,\Lambda}]$ by Dirac distributions in a local coordinate chart. Let (U, ϕ) be a sufficiently small coordinate chart centred at a point x_0 in M . It induces a coordinate chart on T^*M as follows:

$$\Phi := T^*\phi : T^*U \rightarrow \phi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n, \quad (x, \xi) \mapsto (y, \eta) = (\phi(x), (d_x\phi^*)^{-1}\xi).$$

We also set

$$\hat{T}^*U := \{(y, \eta) \in \phi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n : \eta \neq 0\}.$$

We will use these conventions throughout. In particular, (x, ξ) will always denote a point in T^*M and (y, η) its image in local coordinates. Using these conventions, one has

Lemma 3.6. *Let $f \in C^\infty(M)$ where df never vanishes on $\{f = 0\}$. Then, in any system (y, η) of local coordinates on \hat{T}^*U where $U \subset M$ is some bounded open subset,*

$$[Z_{f,\Lambda}]|_{\mathbb{R}^* \times \hat{T}^*U} = \delta_0^{n+1} \left(f(y), \frac{t}{\Lambda} d_y f - \eta \right) df \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^n d \left(\frac{t}{\Lambda} \partial_{y_i} f - \eta_i \right). \tag{20}$$

Proof. The submanifold $Z_{f,\Lambda}$ in $\mathbb{R}^* \times T^*U$ is defined in the local coordinates (y, η) by the system of $n + 1$ equations:

$$f(y) = 0, \quad \frac{t}{\Lambda} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y^i} - \eta_i = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The collection of 1-forms $(d_y f, d\eta_i - d(\frac{t}{\Lambda} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y^i}))_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ is linearly independent along $Z_{f,\Lambda}$ as

$$d_y f \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^n \left(d\eta_i - d \left(\frac{t}{\Lambda} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y^i} \right) \right) = d_y f \wedge d\eta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge d\eta_n + \text{lower order terms in } d\eta,$$

where $d_y f \wedge d\eta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge d\eta_n$ does not vanish on $Z_{f,\Lambda}$ since df does not vanish on $\{f = 0\}$. Then, by Corollary D.4, the current $[Z_{f,\Lambda}]$ is represented in local coordinates (y, η) by (20). \square

Combining the above lemma with Lemma 3.5 which gives the identity $[N^*({f = 0})] = \tilde{\pi}_*[Z_{f,\Lambda}]$, we conclude this first part by the *first key ingredient of our proof*:

Proposition 3.7. *Let $f \in C^\infty(M)$ where df never vanishes on $\{f = 0\}$. Then, in any system (y, η) of local coordinates on \mathring{T}^*U where $U \subset M$ is some bounded open subset, the restriction of the conormal cycle $[N^*({f = 0})]$ to $T^\bullet U$ can be described by*

$$[N^*({f = 0})]|_{T^\bullet U} = \int_{t \in \mathbb{R}^*} \delta_0^{n+1} \left(f(y), \frac{t}{\Lambda} d_y f - \eta \right) d_y f \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^n d \left(\frac{t}{\Lambda} \partial_{y^i} f - \eta_i \right) \quad (21)$$

where we use the convention $\int_{t \in \mathbb{R}^*} = \int_0^{+\infty} + \int_0^{-\infty}$.

Our convention for the integral $\int_{t \in \mathbb{R}^*}$ reflects our choice of orientation for the conormal cycle. We note that we use in fact the same convention as in [22, p. 682].

3.2. Push-forward of the Gaussian measure on 2-jets over U

Thanks to (21), the conormal cycle of $\{f = 0\}$ at a point $x \in U$ can be thought of as a functional of the 2-jet of f at $x \in U$. As we aim at computing its expectation with respect to the variable f , the push-forward of the measure μ_Λ on the 2-jet bundle will naturally appear. The push-forward of this measure will then “live” on the space \mathbb{R}^{n^2+n+1} since we are working in local charts. From this point on, we will in fact make use of *geodesic normal coordinate charts* for which one has proper asymptotics for the spectral projector associated to the Gaussian measure μ_Λ (see Appendix A).

Remark 3.8. By a geodesic normal coordinate chart, we mean the following. Consider the exponential map Exp induced by the Riemannian metric on M . There exists a neighbourhood \mathcal{U} of $M \times \{0\}$ in TM such that Exp induces a smooth diffeomorphism $(x, v) \mapsto (x, \exp_x(v))$ from \mathcal{U} onto a small neighbourhood of the diagonal in $M \times M$. Then, we fix a point x_0 in M , and we consider the preimage of $T_{x_0}M$ under this diffeomorphism. This defines a local chart around x_0 into $T_{x_0}M$ which can be identified with \mathbb{R}^n via a measure preserving linear isomorphism.

We fix (y, η, t) in $\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$ and $m \geq 1$. We define the following map from \mathcal{H}_Λ to \mathbb{R}^{n^2+n+1} :

$$J_\Lambda^2(y) : f \mapsto F = \left(f(y); \left(\frac{\partial_{y^l} f(y)}{\Lambda} \right)_{1 \leq l \leq n}; \left(\frac{\partial_{y^r y^s}^2 f(y)}{\Lambda^2} \right)_{1 \leq r, s \leq n} \right).$$

For the coordinates in \mathbb{R}^{n^2+n+1} , we set

$$F = (F_0; F_1, \dots, F_n; F_{1,1}, \dots, F_{n,1}, F_{1,2}, \dots, F_{n,2}, \dots, F_{1,n}, F_{2,n}, \dots, F_{n,n}).$$

The next proposition describes the Fourier transform of the push-forward of the Gaussian measure μ_Λ under the map $J_\Lambda^2(y)$. It follows directly from the results on the asymptotics of the derivatives of the spectral projector recalled in Appendix A (more precisely, Corollary A.3).

Proposition 3.9. *The push-forward of the Gaussian measure μ_Λ under the map $J_\Lambda^2(y)$ induces a Gaussian measure $\tilde{\nu}_\Lambda^y(F)$ on \mathbb{R}^{n^2+n+1} :*

$$\tilde{\nu}_\Lambda^y(F) := (J_\Lambda^2(y)_*\mu_\Lambda)(F), \tag{22}$$

whose Fourier transform has the following expression:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n^2+n+1}} e^{-2i\pi T.F} \tilde{\nu}_\Lambda^y(F) = e^{-\frac{2\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)} \langle T, A_\Lambda(y)T \rangle}. \tag{23}$$

where the matrix $A_\Lambda(y)$ is defined as follows:

$$A_\Lambda(y) := A_0 + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} A_\Lambda^{1,1}(y) & A_\Lambda^{1,2}(y) \\ A_\Lambda^{2,1}(y) & A_\Lambda^{2,2}(y) \end{pmatrix},$$

with the constant in the remainder uniformly bounded in terms of y and Λ , and

$$A_0 := \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{1,2} \\ A_{2,1} & A_{2,2} \end{pmatrix},$$

where the matrices $A_{i,j}$ do not depend on y and are defined as follows.

$A_{1,1}$ is an $(n+1) \times (n+1)$ matrix, $A_{1,2}$ is an $(n+1) \times n^2$ matrix, $A_{2,1}$ is an $n^2 \times (n+1)$ matrix, and $A_{2,2}$ is an $n^2 \times n^2$ matrix. Their expressions are

$$A_{1,1} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0_{1 \times n} \\ 0_{n \times 1} & \frac{1}{n+2} \text{Id}_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_{2,1} = A_{1,2}^T = -\frac{1}{n+2} ((\delta_{r,s})_{1 \leq r,s \leq n}, 0_{n^2 \times n}),$$

and

$$A_{2,2} := \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+4)} (B_{s,s'})_{1 \leq s,s' \leq n},$$

with $B_{s,s'}$ an $n \times n$ matrix which is equal to

$$B_{s,s} := \text{Id} + 2 \text{diag}((\delta_{j,s})_{1 \leq j \leq n}) \quad \text{if } s = s',$$

and

$$B_{s,s'} = B_{s',s}^T := (\delta_{i,s} \delta_{j,s'} + \delta_{i,s'} \delta_{j,s})_{1 \leq i,j \leq n} \quad \text{if } s \neq s'.$$

3.3. Interchanging integrations

In our proof, we need to integrate functions involving the variables (y, η, t) in $\hat{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$ but also f in \mathcal{H}_Λ . The fact that we can reverse the order of integration plays a central role

in the following—see e.g. the proof of Proposition 4.4. Recall from [50, §2.3] that

$$D_\Lambda := \{f \in \mathcal{H}_\Lambda : \exists y \in f^{-1}(0), d_y f = 0\}.$$

is of μ_Λ -measure 0 for Λ large enough. One can also verify that $\Omega_\Lambda = \mathcal{H}_\Lambda \setminus D_\Lambda$ is an open subset of \mathcal{H}_Λ . For every f in \mathcal{H}_Λ , we define the following map on $\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \times \phi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^*$:

$$\begin{aligned} G_\Lambda : \mathcal{H}_\Lambda \times \phi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^* &\ni (f, y, \eta, t) \\ &\mapsto \left(f(y); \frac{t}{\Lambda} \partial_{y_1} f - \eta_1, \dots, \frac{t}{\Lambda} \partial_{y_n} f - \eta_n \right) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n. \end{aligned}$$

Then one has

Proposition 3.10. *Let $\Psi(f, y, \eta, t)$ be a test function in $\mathcal{D}(\Omega_\Lambda \times \mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*)$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 1, \langle G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), \Psi \rangle_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \rangle_{\Omega_\Lambda} &= \langle G_\Lambda^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), \Psi \rangle_{\Omega_\Lambda \times \mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \\ &= \langle 1, \langle G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), \Psi \rangle_{\Omega_\Lambda} \rangle_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*}. \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Proof. See Appendix B. □

4. Proof of Theorems 2.2 and 2.3

Recall that we aim at computing the expectation of the current of integration on the submanifold $N^*(\{f = 0\})$. According to Proposition 3.7 which gives an integral representation of the conormal cycle, one knows that, for every f in Ω_Λ , and for every ω in $\mathcal{D}_n(\mathring{T}^*U)$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \int_{N^*(\{f=0\})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) \\ &= \left\langle G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), df \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^n d\left(\frac{t}{\Lambda} \partial_{y_j} f - \eta_j\right) \wedge \omega(y, \eta, dy, d\eta) \right\rangle_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*}$ is the duality bracket in $\mathcal{D}'(\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*) \times \mathcal{D}(\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*)$. Recall that we chose a particular orientation for \mathbb{R}^* in §3.1.

The main result of this section is the following theorem from which Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 follow by partition of unity:

Theorem 4.1. *We use the above notations. For any element*

$$\omega := \sum_{|\alpha|+|\beta|=n} \omega_{\alpha,\beta}(y, \eta) dy^\alpha \wedge d\eta_\beta$$

in $\mathcal{D}_n(\mathring{T}^*U)$, let

$$\|\omega\| = \sup_{\alpha,\beta,(y,\eta) \in \mathring{T}^*U} |\omega_{\alpha,\beta}(y, \eta)|.$$

For every compact set $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathring{T}^*U$, there exists a constant $C_{\mathcal{K}}$ such that for all test forms ω supported in \mathcal{K} ,

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}} \left| \int_{N^*({f=0})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) \right| d\mu_{\Lambda} \leq C_{\mathcal{K}} \|\omega\|$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}} \left(\int_{N^*({f=0})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) \right) d\mu_{\Lambda}(f) \\ &= C_n \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{n+2}} \right)^n \int_{\mathring{T}^*U} dy^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dy^n \wedge \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}), \end{aligned}$$

with $C_n = 0$ if $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ and

$$C_n := \frac{2(-1)^{(n+1)/2}}{\pi \operatorname{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})}$$

if $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$.

Remark 4.2. It follows from the first statement of Theorem 4.1 that for every test form ω , the map

$$f \mapsto \int_{N^*({f=0})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta)$$

belongs to $L^1(\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}, d\mu_{\Lambda})$. For any integral current T , let $\mathbb{M}(T)$ denote the mass of the current T [36]. Our result is in fact slightly stronger than what we claimed in Theorem 2.2 as it also means that, for any smooth compactly supported cut-off function $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}^0(T^*M)$,

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}} \mathbb{M}(\varphi[N^*({f=0})]) < \infty.$$

In other words, the mass of the cut-off conormal cycle $\varphi[N^*({f=0})]$ is an L^1 function of $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}$.

The purpose of this section is to prove Theorem 4.1. We emphasize that *there are two parts in this statement*. On the one hand, we have to show the integrability property, and on the other hand, we have to compute the precise value of the expectation. The first part requires a delicate analysis which is carried out in the first part of this section. After that step, we can combine this first part with some combinatorial arguments in order to obtain the second part of the theorem.

More precisely, the proof is organized as follows. First, in §4.1, we write a formal asymptotic expansion in powers of Λ^{-1} of

$$J(f, \omega, U) := \frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \int_{N^*({f=0})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta).$$

In the more delicate §4.3 we prove the first part of Theorem 4.1 concerning the integrability of the conormal cycle as a function of $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\Lambda}$ with respect to the measure $d\mu_{\Lambda}$. Then, in §4.4, we explicitly compute the expression of the leading term and in the remaining subsections we compute the combinatorial constant appearing in the leading term.

4.1. Preliminary simplification

Before getting into the details of the proof of Theorem 4.1, we start by making a few reductions that will make the calculation slightly simpler:

Lemma 4.3. *Let $\omega := \sum_{|\alpha|+|\beta|=n} \omega_{\alpha,\beta}(y, \eta) dy^\alpha \wedge d\eta_\beta$ be an element in $\mathcal{D}_n(\dot{T}^*U)$. With the above conventions, for every Λ and every f in Ω_Λ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \int_{N^*(\{f=0\})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) \\ &= - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \Lambda^{-k} \langle G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), t^{n-3-k} P_k((\eta_j)_j, (\partial_{y^j y^l}^2 f / \Lambda^2)_{j,l}, (\omega_{\alpha,\beta})_{\alpha,\beta}) \rangle_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*}, \end{aligned}$$

where

- for every $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$, $P_k(R, S, T)$ is a polynomial which does not depend on Λ , t or f ,
- for every $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$, $P_k(R, S, T)$ is homogeneous of degree 2 in the variables R , homogeneous of degree $n - 1 - k$ in the variables S , and homogeneous of degree 1 in the variables T ,
- for $k = 0$, one has

$$P_0((R_j)_j, (S_{j,l})_{j,l}, (T_{\alpha,\beta})_{\alpha,\beta}) = \left(\sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) R_p R_{\sigma(p)} \prod_{j \neq p} S_{j,\sigma(j)} \right) T_{(0,\dots,0),(1,\dots,1)}.$$

At first sight, this lemma seems rather technical; yet, writing the integrals this way will simplify the presentation afterwards. This lemma gives at least a formal expansion in powers of Λ^{-1} , and we will verify in the following subsections that each term in the sum is in fact integrable and has uniformly bounded L^1 norm in \mathcal{H}_Λ .

Proof of Lemma 4.3. Write first

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \int_{N^*(\{f=0\})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) = \sum_{p=1}^n (-1)^p \frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} I^{(p)}(f, t) dt,$$

where

$$I^{(p)}(f, t) = \left\langle G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), \frac{\partial_{y^p} f}{\Lambda} df \wedge \bigwedge_{j \neq p} d\left(\frac{t}{\Lambda} \partial_{y^j} f - \eta_j\right) \wedge \omega(y, \eta, dy, d\eta) \right\rangle_{\dot{T}^*U}.$$

Expanding the df term in the wedge product, one can also write

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \int_{N^*(\{f=0\})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) = \sum_{p,q=1}^n (-1)^{n+p-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} I^{(p,q)}(f, t) dt,$$

where

$$I^{(p,q)}(f, t) := \left\langle G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), \frac{\partial_{y_p} f}{\Lambda} \frac{\partial_{y_q} f}{\Lambda} \bigwedge_{j \neq p} d \left(\frac{t}{\Lambda^2} \partial_{y_j} f - \frac{\eta_j}{\Lambda} \right) \wedge dy_q \wedge \omega(y, \eta, dy, d\eta) \right\rangle_{\dot{T}^*U}.$$

Thanks to the definition of $G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})$, this can be rewritten as

$$I^{(p,q)}(f, t) = \frac{1}{t^2} \left\langle G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), \eta_p \eta_q \bigwedge_{j \neq p} d \left(\frac{t}{\Lambda^2} \partial_{y_j} f - \frac{\eta_j}{\Lambda} \right) \wedge dy_q \wedge \omega(y, \eta, dy, d\eta) \right\rangle_{\dot{T}^*U}.$$

Write now $\omega := \sum_{|\alpha|+|\beta|=n} \omega_{\alpha,\beta}(y, \eta) dy^\alpha \wedge d\eta_\beta$, where $\omega_{\alpha,\beta}$ is compactly supported in \dot{T}^*U . By expanding the wedge product involved in the integrals, we can rearrange the sum in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \int_{N^*(\{f=0\})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) \\ &= - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \Lambda^{-k} \langle G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), t^{n-3-k} P_k((\eta_j)_j, (\partial_{y^j y^l}^2 f / \Lambda^2)_{j,l}, (\omega_{\alpha,\beta})_{\alpha,\beta}) \rangle_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*}, \end{aligned}$$

where the $P_k(R, S, T)$ are as in the statement. □

4.2. Notations and conventions

In the following, for every $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$, we set

$$J^{(k)}(f, \omega, U) = \langle G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), t^{n-3-k} P_k((\eta_j)_j, (\partial_{y^j y^l}^2 f / \Lambda^2)_{j,l}, (\omega_{\alpha,\beta})_{\alpha,\beta}) \rangle_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*}.$$

In particular,

$$J(f, \omega, U) := \frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \int_{N^*(\{f=0\})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) = - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \Lambda^{-k} J^{(k)}(f, \omega, U). \tag{25}$$

In the following, the letter J (resp. K, L) will denote functionals of (y, η, t, f) that have been integrated against the variables (y, η, t) (resp. $(y, \eta, t, f), f$).

4.3. Integrability

For any $\omega := \sum_{|\alpha|+|\beta|=n} \omega_{\alpha,\beta}(y, \eta) dy^\alpha \wedge d\eta_\beta$ in $\mathcal{D}_n(\dot{T}^*U)$, let

$$\|\omega\| = \sup_{\alpha,\beta,(y,\eta) \in \dot{T}^*U} |\omega_{\alpha,\beta}(y, \eta)|.$$

Using the conventions of §4.2, we will now prove the first part of Theorem 4.1 which follows immediately from the next proposition.

Proposition 4.4. *Let $\omega \in \mathcal{D}_n(\mathring{T}^*U)$. Then, for every $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$,*

$$f \mapsto J^{(k)}(f, \omega, U)$$

*belongs to $L^1(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, d\mu_\Lambda)$ and for every compact set \mathcal{K} , there exists a constant $C_{\mathcal{K},k} > 0$ such that for any test form ω in $\mathcal{D}_n(\mathring{T}^*U)$ supported in \mathcal{K} ,*

$$\int_{\Omega_\Lambda} |J^{(k)}(f, \omega, U)| d\mu_\Lambda(f) \leq C_{\mathcal{K},k} \|\omega\|.$$

Proving this proposition is our most delicate task from the analytical point of view as we have to carefully justify several inversions and convergences of integrals.

Remark 4.5. As was already mentioned, a direct consequence of this lemma is that, for every ω in $\mathcal{D}_n(\mathring{T}^*U)$,

$$f \mapsto \frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \int_{N^*(\{f=0\})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta)$$

belongs to $L^1(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, d\mu_\Lambda)$, which is exactly the content of the first part of Theorem 4.1. In fact, we have something slightly more precise:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_\Lambda} \left(\int_{N^*(\{f=0\})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) \right) d\mu_\Lambda(f) \\ = -\Lambda^n \int_{\Omega_\Lambda} J^{(0)}(f, \omega, U) d\mu_\Lambda(f) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Recall from §4.2 that

$$\begin{aligned} J^{(0)}(f, \omega, U) &:= \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) \\ &\times \left\langle G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), t^{n-3} \eta_p \eta_{\sigma(p)} \left(\prod_{j \neq p} \frac{\partial_{y^j, y^{\sigma(j)}}^2 f}{\Lambda^2} \right) \omega_{(0, \dots, 0), (1, \dots, 1)}(y, \eta) \right\rangle_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, the second part of Theorem 4.1 reduces to the computation of the expectation of $J^{(0)}(f, \omega, U)$ with respect to the Gaussian measure $d\mu_\Lambda(f)$. This computation will be performed in §§4.4 and 4.5.

We will now prove Proposition 4.4 in several steps. At several stages of the proof, we will use results on pull-back of distributions which are discussed in Appendix B.

4.3.1. *Proof of Proposition 4.4—First step.* As a first step, we will give a crude upper bound on $|J^{(k)}(f, \omega, U)|$. Let $\tilde{\omega}$ be a smooth function compactly supported on $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathring{T}^*U$ such that, for any multiindices (α, β) satisfying $|\alpha| + |\beta| = n$, and for any $1 \leq p, q \leq n$, one has

$$\forall (y, \eta) \in \mathring{T}^*U, \quad |\omega_{\alpha, \beta}(y, \eta)\eta_p\eta_q| \leq \tilde{\omega}(y, \eta).$$

Moreover, we choose $\tilde{\omega}$ so that $\sup_{(y, \eta) \in \mathring{T}^*U} \tilde{\omega}(y, \eta) \leq C\|\omega\|$ where $C > 0$ is a constant depending only on the support of ω , and where $\|\cdot\|$ is the norm on smooth forms defined at the beginning of §4.3. As explained in Remark B.9, $G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})$ is a positive distribution on $\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$, hence a positive Radon measure $G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(d^n y, d^n \eta, dt)$ on $\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$. In particular,

$$|J^{(k)}(f, \omega, U)| \leq \int_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \tilde{\omega}(y, \eta) |t|^{n-3-k} Q_k(|\partial_{y^j y^l}^2 f / \Lambda^2|_{j,l}) G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(d^n y, d^n \eta, dt) \quad (26)$$

for some homogeneous polynomial Q_k of degree $n - 1 - k$ with nonnegative coefficients and which is independent of $\omega, U, (y, \eta, t)$ and Λ . Then, according to (26) and to Proposition 3.10, the integrability of $J^{(k)}(f, \omega, U)$ with respect to $d\mu_\Lambda$ will follow from the integrability of the map

$$\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^* \times \Omega_\Lambda \ni (y, \eta, t, f) \mapsto \tilde{\omega}(y, \eta) |t|^{n-3-k} Q_k(|\partial_{y^j y^l}^2 f / \Lambda^2|_{j,l}) \in \mathbb{R}_+$$

with respect to the Radon measure $\mu_\Lambda(f) G_\Lambda^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(df, d^n y, d^n \eta, dt)$ where

$$\mu_\Lambda(f) := e^{-N(\Lambda)\|f\|^2/2} \left(\frac{N(\Lambda)}{2\pi}\right)^{N(\Lambda)/2}.$$

Thus, according to (26), in order to prove the lemma it remains to show that

$$\int_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^* \times \Omega_\Lambda} \tilde{\omega}(y, \eta) |t|^{n-3-k} Q_k(|\partial_{y^j y^l}^2 f / \Lambda^2|_{j,l}) \mu_\Lambda(f) G_\Lambda^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(df, d^n y, d^n \eta, dt)$$

is uniformly bounded with respect to Λ . Let $\mathbf{j} := (j_1, \dots, j_{2(n-k)-3}, j_{2(n-k-1)})$ be an element in $\{1, \dots, n\}^{2(n-1-k)}$. As Q_k is a homogeneous polynomial of degree $n - 1 - k$, it is sufficient to prove that

$$K^{(k)}(\mathbf{j}, \omega, U) := \int_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^* \times \Omega_\Lambda} \tilde{\omega}(y, \eta) |t|^{n-3-k} \prod_{p=1}^{n-1-k} \left| \frac{\partial_{y^{j_{2p-1}} y^{j_{2p}}}^2 f}{\Lambda^2} \right| \mu_\Lambda(f) G_\Lambda^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(df, d^n y, d^n \eta, dt) \quad (27)$$

is uniformly bounded with respect to Λ .

4.3.2. *Proof of Proposition 4.4—Step 2: Interchanging integrals.* We can now use Proposition 3.10 in order to reverse the order of integration, and to integrate first with respect

to the f variable. For that purpose, we define the following nonnegative Radon measures on Ω_Λ :

$$v_{\Lambda,1}^{(y,\eta,t)}(df) = \mu_\Lambda(f)G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(df),$$

$$v_{\Lambda,2}^{(y,\eta,t)}(df) = \prod_{p=1}^{n-1-k} \left| \frac{\partial^2}{y^{j_{2p-1}}y^{j_{2p}}} f(y) \right|^2 \mu_\Lambda(f)G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(df).$$

Then, combining (27) and the ‘‘Fubini identity’’ (24) of Proposition 3.10 with the Hölder inequality, one finds that

$$K^{(k)}(\mathbf{j}, \omega, U)$$

$$= \int_{\hat{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^* \times \Omega_\Lambda} \tilde{\omega}(y, \eta)|t|^{n-3-k} \prod_{p=1}^{n-1-k} \left| \frac{\partial^2}{y^{j_{2p-1}}y^{j_{2p}}} f \right| \mu_\Lambda(f)G_\Lambda^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(df, d^n y, d^n \eta, dt)$$

$$= \int_{\hat{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \tilde{\omega}(y, \eta)|t|^{n-3-k}$$

$$\times \left(\int_{\Omega_\Lambda} \prod_{p=1}^{n-1-k} \left| \frac{\partial^2}{y^{j_{2p-1}}y^{j_{2p}}} f \right| \mu_\Lambda(f)G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(df) \right) d^n y d^n \eta dt$$

$$\leq \int_{\hat{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \tilde{\omega}(y, \eta)|t|^{n-3-k} \sqrt{v_{\Lambda,1}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda)} \sqrt{v_{\Lambda,2}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda)} d^n y d^n \eta dt.$$

Finally, we get

$$K^{(k)}(\mathbf{j}, \omega, U)$$

$$\leq \int_{\hat{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \tilde{\omega}(y, \eta)|t|^{n-3-k} \sqrt{v_{\Lambda,1}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda)} \sqrt{v_{\Lambda,2}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda)} d^n y d^n \eta dt. \quad (28)$$

The problem is that we do not know a priori if $(y, \eta, t) \mapsto v_{\Lambda,1}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda)$ and $(y, \eta, t) \mapsto v_{\Lambda,2}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda)$ are integrable functions of (y, η, t) . In particular, the r.h.s. of (28) can a priori be infinite. We will now compute $v_{\Lambda,q}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda)$ for $q = 1, 2$ and show that it is in fact uniformly bounded in terms of Λ by an integrable function. We note that the case $q = 1$ is a particular case of the case $q = 2$ (when $k = n - 1$). Thus, we only need to compute $v_{\Lambda,2}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda)$. For that purpose, we introduce the following regularization of the Dirac distribution, for every fixed t in \mathbb{R}^* :

$$\delta_{t,1/m}^{n+1}(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_n) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} e^{-(|\tau_0|^2 + t^2|\tau|^2)/m} e^{-2i\pi(\tau_0, \tau) \cdot F} d\tau_0 d\tau.$$

Remark 4.6. We denote by $\Gamma = \{0\} \times (\mathbb{R}^{n+1})^*$ the wavefront set of δ_0^{n+1} . Under the conventions of [43, §8.2], δ_0^{n+1} belongs to the space $\mathcal{D}'_\Gamma(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$. One can verify that $(\delta_{t,1/m}^{n+1})_{m \geq 1}$ sequentially converges to δ_0^{n+1} in the topology of $\mathcal{D}'_\Gamma(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ for every fixed t

in \mathbb{R}^* . Combining the sequential continuity of the pull-back operation ([43, Th. 8.2.4], see also [17]) with Lemma B.3, we find that $(G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_{t,1/m}^{n+1}))_{m \geq 1}$ weakly converges to $G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})$ in the topology of $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^{N(\Lambda)})$, for every fixed (y, η, t) in $\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$.

We can then define the following sequences of regularized positive Radon measures, for every $m \geq 1$:

$$v_{\Lambda,2,m}^{(y,\eta,t)}(df) = \prod_{p=1}^{n-1-k} \left| \frac{\partial^2_{y^{j_{2p-1}}y^{j_{2p}}} f(y)}{\Lambda^2} \right|^2 \mu_\Lambda(f) G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_{t,1/m}^{n+1})(f) df. \tag{29}$$

We will now verify that $(v_{\Lambda,2,m}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda))_{m \geq 1}$ is uniformly bounded in terms of m as follows:

$$\forall t > 0, \quad v_{\Lambda,2,m}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda) \leq \frac{C_0}{t^n} e^{-1/(C_0 t^2)}, \tag{30}$$

where the constant C_0 is uniform in (y, η) on the support of $\tilde{\omega}$, for $0 < m \leq 1$ and $\Lambda > 0$ large enough. Then, combining this with Remark 4.6, one can deduce that $v_{\Lambda,2}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda)$ is bounded by the same quantity, and thanks to (28), we can conclude that $K^{(k)}(\mathbf{j}, \omega, U)$ is uniformly bounded in terms of Λ , which is exactly what we were aiming for.

4.3.3. Proof of Proposition 4.4—Final step: Gaussian integral bounds on $v_{\Lambda,2}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda)$.

It remains to prove (30). Observe by the defining equation (29) of $v_{\Lambda,2,m}^{(y,\eta,t)}$ that

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\Lambda,2,m}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda) &= \int_{\Omega_\Lambda} \prod_{p=1}^{n-1-k} \left| \frac{\partial^2_{y^{j_{2p-1}}y^{j_{2p}}} f(y)}{\Lambda^2} \right|^2 \mu_\Lambda(f) G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_{t,1/m}^{n+1})(df) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n^2+n+1}} \left(\prod_{p=1}^{n-1-k} F_{j_{2p-1}, j_{2p}}^2 \right) (G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)_* \mu_\Lambda)(F) (\delta_{t,1/m}^{n+1})(F) dF \end{aligned}$$

where we recognize the push-forward measure $\tilde{\nu}_\Lambda^y(F) = (G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)_* \mu_\Lambda)(F)$ on \mathbb{R}^{n^2+n+1} of the Gaussian measure μ_Λ described in Proposition 3.9. This allows us to bound $v_{\Lambda,2,m}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda)$:

$$v_{\Lambda,2,m}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda) \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} e^{2i\pi\tau \cdot \eta} e^{-(|\tau_0|^2 + t^2|\tau|^2)/m} \hat{\delta}_t^y(\tau_0, \tau) d\tau_0 d\tau, \tag{31}$$

where

$$\hat{\delta}_t^y(\tau_0, \tau) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n^2+n+1}} \prod_{p=1}^{n-1-k} F_{j_{2p-1}, j_{2p}}^2 e^{-2i\pi(\tau_0, t\tau) \cdot (F_0, \dots, F_n)} \tilde{\nu}_\Lambda^y(F) \tag{32}$$

and $\tilde{\nu}_\Lambda^y(F)$ is the Gaussian measure of Proposition 3.9. This quantity can also be rewritten more explicitly using Wick’s lemma as

$$\hat{\delta}_t^y(\tau_0, \tau) = (-1)^{n-1-k} \prod_{p=1}^{n-1-k} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial T_{j_{2p-1}, j_{2p}}} \right)^2 \left(e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 \langle T, A_\Lambda(y) T \rangle}{\text{Vol}_g(M)}} \right) \Big|_{T=(\tau_0, t\tau, 0)}, \tag{33}$$

where $A_\Lambda(y)$ was defined in Proposition 3.9. Equivalently, one has

$$\hat{\delta}_t^y(\tau_0, \tau) = R_{y,\Lambda}^{\mathbf{j}}(\tau_0, t\tau) e^{-\frac{2\pi^2}{\text{vol}_g(M)} \langle (\tau_0, t\tau), A_\Lambda^{1,1}(y)(\tau_0, t\tau) \rangle},$$

for some polynomial $R_{y,\Lambda}^{\mathbf{j}}$ depending only on y, Λ and \mathbf{j} and whose coefficients are uniformly bounded in terms of Λ and y . Combining this with (31), one finds that

$$v_{\Lambda,2,m}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda) \leq \frac{1}{t^n \sqrt{\det B_\Lambda(y)}} R_{y,\Lambda}^{\mathbf{j}} \left(\frac{1}{2i\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta'_0}, \left(\frac{1}{2i\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta'_l} \right)_{1 \leq l \leq n} \right) \left(e^{-\pi \langle \eta', B_{\Lambda,m}(y) \eta' \rangle} \right)_{|\eta'=(0,\eta/t)}, \quad (34)$$

where $B_{\Lambda,m}(y) = \frac{\pi}{\text{vol}_g(M)} A_\Lambda^{1,1}(y) + \frac{1}{2\pi m}$. From this expression, we deduce that there exists a constant $C_0 > 0$ such that for every (y, η) in the support of $\tilde{\omega}$ (which is a compact subset of \dot{T}^*U) and for every $m \geq 1$, one has

$$\forall t > 0, \quad v_{\Lambda,2,m}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda) \leq \frac{C_0}{t^n} e^{-1/(C_0 t^2)},$$

which is exactly the upper bound (30) from which we get

$$\begin{aligned} K^{(k)}(\mathbf{j}, \omega, U) &\leq \int_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \tilde{\omega}(y, \eta) |t|^{n-3-k} \sqrt{v_{\Lambda,1}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda)} \sqrt{v_{\Lambda,2}^{(y,\eta,t)}(\Omega_\Lambda)} d^n y d^n \eta dt \\ &\leq C_K \|\omega\| \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^*} |t|^{n-3-k} \frac{1}{t^n} e^{-\frac{1}{C_K t^2}} dt}_{< \infty}, \end{aligned}$$

for some constant C_K depending only on the compact support $\mathcal{K} \subset \dot{T}^*U$ of ω . The conclusion of Proposition 4.4 follows.

4.3.4. *A consequence of integrability.* We fix $k = 0$. We note that we have in fact proven something slightly stronger than what we claim in the proposition. Namely, the map

$$(y, \eta, t, f) \mapsto t^{n-3} \eta_p \eta_{\sigma(p)} \left(\prod_{j \neq p} \frac{\partial_{y^j, y^{\sigma(j)}}^2 f}{\Lambda^2} \right) \mu_\Lambda(f) \omega_{(0,\dots,0),(1,\dots,1)}(y, \eta)$$

belongs to $L^1(\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^* \times \Omega_\Lambda, G_\Lambda^*(\delta_0^{n+1}))$ and, thanks to Proposition 3.10, we can integrate this quantity in any order, i.e. either first with respect to f (and then (y, η, t)) or first with respect to (y, η, t) (and then f).

4.4. *Expectation of the leading term*

In the previous subsection, we have verified that all the terms in the asymptotic expansion

$$J(f, \omega, U) = \frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \int_{N^*(\{f=0\})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) = - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \Lambda^{-k} J^{(k)}(f, \omega, U)$$

belong to $L^1(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, d\mu_\Lambda)$ and that their L^1 norm is uniformly bounded with respect to Λ . We will now precisely compute the expectation of the leading term $J^{(0)}(f, \omega, U)$, from which the second part of Theorem 4.1 will follow.

Recall from Remark 4.5 and §4.3.4 that the expectation of the leading term decomposes as

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} J^{(0)}(f, \omega, U) d\mu_\Lambda(f) = \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) K_{p,\sigma}(\omega, U), \tag{35}$$

where

$$K_{p,\sigma}(\omega, U) = \int_{\hat{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} t^{n-3} \eta_p \eta_{\sigma(p)} \omega_{(0,\dots,0),(1,\dots,1)}(y, \eta) L_{p,\sigma}(y, \eta, t) d^n y d^n \eta dt,$$

and

$$L_{p,\sigma}(y, \eta, t) := \int_{\Omega_\Lambda} \left(\prod_{j \neq p} \frac{\partial^2_{y^j, y^{\sigma(j)}} f}{\Lambda^2} \right) \mu_\Lambda(f) G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^* (\delta_0^{n+1})(df).$$

In particular, it remains to compute the value of $K_{p,\sigma}(\omega, U)$ and first the value of $L_{p,\sigma}(y, \eta, t)$.

Remark 4.7. If one wants to compute a Gaussian integral like

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \left(\int_{N^*(\{f=0\})} \omega \right) d\mu_\Lambda(f),$$

then a natural approach is to use the Kac–Rice formula which follows from the coarea formula—see e.g. [11, Th. 4.2] or [50, Appendix C]. This kind of formula allows one to change the order of integration in our integral and to integrate *first* with respect to the Gaussian variable. As far as we know, there is no (at least no explicit) Kac–Rice formula for the conormal cycle available in the literature even if this kind of approach should a priori allow one (modulo some work) to change the order of integration. Here, we have decided to use an alternative approach to treat this issue which is more based on microlocal techniques such as the pull-back theorem for distributions—see e.g. Appendix B. This point of view of course also leads to reversing the order of integration as shown by (35).

4.4.1. Regularization of $K_{p,\sigma}(\omega)$. As in the proof of Proposition 4.4, we will regularize the distributions δ_0^{n+1} in order to proceed to the computation of $K_{p,\sigma}(\omega, U)$. In the notations of §4.3.3 we have

Proposition 4.8. *Consider the sequence $\delta_{t,1/m}^{n+1}$ of approximations of δ_0^{n+1} . For every σ in S_n , $1 \leq p \leq n$ and for every fixed (y, η, t) in $\hat{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$, set*

$$L_{p,\sigma}^{(m)}(y, \eta, t) := \int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \mu_\Lambda(f) \prod_{j \neq p} \frac{\partial^2_{y^j, y^{\sigma(j)}} f}{\Lambda^2} G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^* (\delta_{t,1/m}^{n+1})(df).$$

Then $L_{p,\sigma}^{(m)}(y, \eta, t)$ equals the integral expression

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} e^{2i\pi \tau \cdot \eta} e^{-(|\tau_0|^2 + t^2 |\tau|^2)/m} \prod_{j \neq p} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial T_{j,\sigma(j)}} \right)^2 \left(e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 \langle T, A_\Lambda(y)T \rangle}{\text{Vol}_g(M)}} \right)_{|T=(\tau_0, t\tau, 0)} d\tau_0 d\tau.$$

Proof. By the argument of §4.3.3, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \mu_\Lambda(f) \prod_{j \neq p} \frac{\partial_{y^j, y^{\sigma(j)}}^2 f}{\Lambda^2} G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^* (\delta_{t, 1/m}^{n+1})(df) \\ = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n^2+n+1}} \left(\prod_{p=1}^{n-1-k} F_{j, \sigma(j)}^2 \right) \tilde{\nu}_\Lambda^y(F) (\delta_{t, 1/m}^{n+1})(F) dF. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\tilde{\nu}_\Lambda^y(F)$ is a Gaussian measure with covariance A_Λ , application of the Wick Lemma shows that the right hand side equals

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} e^{2i\pi \tau \cdot \eta} e^{-(|\tau_0|^2 + t^2 |\tau|^2)/m} \prod_{j \neq p} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial T_{j, \sigma(j)}} \right)^2 \left(e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 \langle T, A_\Lambda(y) T \rangle}{\text{Vol}_g(M)}} \right) \Big|_{T=(\tau_0, t\tau, 0)} d\tau_0 d\tau$$

which concludes the proof. □

Note that

$$f \mapsto \left(\prod_{j \neq p} \frac{\partial_{y^j, y^{\sigma(j)}}^2 f}{\Lambda^2} \right) \mu_\Lambda(f)^{1/2}$$

tends to 0 as $\|f\|$ tends to infinity; thus, it can be approximated (in the C^0 topology) by a function $\psi_1(f)$ in $C_c^\infty(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda)$. Moreover, mimicking the final step of the proof of Proposition 4.4 (namely §4.3.3), one can verify that the sequence

$$\left(\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \mu_\Lambda(f)^{1/2} G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^* (\delta_{t, 1/m}^{n+1})(df) \right)_{m \geq 1}$$

is uniformly bounded in terms of $m \geq 1$ (but not necessarily in terms of $\Lambda, (y, \eta, t)$). Combining these two observations, we find that, for every $1 \leq p \leq n$, for every σ in S_n , and for a.e. (y, η, t) in $\hat{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} L_{p, \sigma}^{(m)}(y, \eta, t) &= \int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \mu_\Lambda(f) \prod_{j \neq p} \frac{\partial_{y^j, y^{\sigma(j)}}^2 f}{\Lambda^2} G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^* (\delta_0^{n+1})(df) \\ &= L_{p, \sigma}(y, \eta, t), \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from (59) from the appendix. Mimicking one more time the proof in §4.3.3, one also knows that there exists a constant $C_0 > 0$ such that, for every $m \geq 1$, every $1 \leq p \leq n$, and every σ in S_n , one has

$$\forall (y, \eta, t) \in \text{supp}(\omega_{(0, \dots, 0), (1, \dots, 1)}) \times \mathbb{R}^*, \quad |L_{p, \sigma}^{(m)}(y, \eta, t)| \leq \frac{C_0}{t^n} e^{-1/(C_0 t^2)}.$$

In particular, from the dominated convergence theorem, we can deduce that

$$K_{p, \sigma}(\omega) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\hat{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} t^{n-3} \eta_p \eta_{\sigma(p)} \omega_{(0, \dots, 0), (1, \dots, 1)}(y, \eta) L_{p, \sigma}^{(m)}(y, \eta, t) d^n y d^n \eta dt. \tag{36}$$

4.4.2. *Computing the limit as $m \rightarrow \infty$.* Using Gaussian integration, we will now explicitly compute the limit appearing in (36) as $m \rightarrow \infty$ and $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$. According to Proposition 4.8, one has

$$L_{p,\sigma}^{(m)}(y, \eta, t) = (-1)^{(n-1)/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} e^{2i\pi\tau \cdot \eta} e^{-(|\tau_0|^2 + t^2|\tau|^2)/m} \times \prod_{j \neq p} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial T_{j,\sigma(j)}} \right) \left(e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 \langle T, A_\Lambda(y) T \rangle}{\text{Vol}_g(M)}} \right) \Big|_{T=(\tau_0, t\tau, 0)} d\tau_0 d\tau.$$

Recall that the expression of $A_\Lambda(y)$ was given in Propostion 3.9. If we plug in this expression into the previous equality, we can also verify that there exists a constant $C_0 > 0$, such that for every (y, η) in the support of $\tilde{\omega}$ and for every $m \geq 1$,

$$\forall t > 0, \quad |L_{p,\sigma}^{(m)}(y, \eta, t) - \tilde{L}_{p,\sigma}^{(m)}(\eta, t)| \leq \frac{C_0 \Lambda^{-1}}{t^n} e^{-1/(C_0 t^2)}, \tag{37}$$

where

$$\tilde{L}_{p,\sigma}^{(m)}(\eta, t) = \frac{(-1)^{(n-1)/2}}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} e^{2i\pi\tau \cdot \eta} e^{-(|\tau_0|^2 + t^2|\tau|^2)/m} \times \prod_{j \neq p} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial T_{j,\sigma(j)}} \right) \left(e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 \langle T, A_0 T \rangle}{\text{Vol}_g(M)}} \right) \Big|_{T=(\tau_0, t\tau, 0)} d\tau_0 d\tau.$$

In particular, provided that the limit $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{L}_{p,\sigma}^{(m)}(\eta, t)$ exists a.e., one can combine (36) with the dominated convergence theorem to get

$$K_{p,\sigma}(\omega, U) = \int_{\hat{T}^* U \times \mathbb{R}^*} t^{n-3} \eta_p \eta_\sigma \omega_{(0, \dots, 0), (1, \dots, 1)}(y, \eta) \left(\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{L}_{p,\sigma}^{(m)}(\eta, t) \right) d^n y d^n \eta dt + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1}). \tag{38}$$

Remark 4.9. We note that, thanks to the particular form of the matrix A_0 , one has

$$\tilde{L}_{p,\sigma}^{(m)}(\eta, t) = \frac{(-1)^{(n-1)/2}}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} e^{2i\pi\tau \cdot \eta} e^{-\frac{|\tau_0|^2 + t^2|\tau|^2}{m}} e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 t^2 |\tau|^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)(n+2)}} H_{p,\sigma}(\tau_0) d\tau_0 d\tau,$$

where

$$H_{p,\sigma}(\tau_0) := \prod_{j \neq p} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial T_{j,\sigma(j)}} \right) \left(e^{-\frac{2\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)} \langle (T_0; 0; (T_{i,j})), A_0(T_0; 0; (T_{i,j})) \rangle} \right) \Big|_{T=(\tau_0; 0; 0)}.$$

After integrating over τ and letting $m \rightarrow \infty$, one finds

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{L}_{p,\sigma}^{(m)}(\eta, t) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{(n-1)/2}}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \frac{1}{t^n} \left(\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M)}{2\pi} \right)^{n/2} e^{-\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M) |\eta|^2}{2t^2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} H_{p,\sigma}(\tau_0) d\tau_0. \end{aligned}$$

4.4.3. *Summing over p and σ .* Recall that what we want to calculate is the leading term $-\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} J_\Lambda^{(0)}(f, \omega, U) d\mu_\Lambda(f)$ of $\Lambda^{-n} \int_{N^*((f=0))_\Lambda} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta)$, which, thanks to (38) and to Remark 4.9, is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} J^{(0)}(f, \omega, U) d\mu_\Lambda(f) &= \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) K_{p,\sigma}(\omega) \\
 &= \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) \\
 &\quad \times \int_{T^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} t^{n-3} \eta_p \eta_{\sigma(p)} \omega_{(0,\dots,0),(1,\dots,1)}(y, \eta) \left(\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{L}_{p,\sigma}^{(m)}(\eta, t) \right) d^n y d^n \eta dt \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{(n-1)/2}}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \left(\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M)}{2\pi} \right)^{n/2} \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) \\
 &\quad \times \int_{T^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \eta_p \eta_{\sigma(p)} \omega_{(0,\dots,0),(1,\dots,1)}(y, \eta) \frac{1}{t^3} e^{-\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M)|\eta|^2}{2t^2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} H_{p,\sigma}(\tau_0) d\tau_0 d^n y d^n \eta dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

In order to alleviate notations, we introduce:

$$L(\eta) = \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) \eta_p \eta_{\sigma(p)} \int_{\mathbb{R}} H_{p,\sigma}(\tau_0) d\tau_0. \tag{39}$$

Then, we express everything in terms of $L(\eta)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} J^{(0)}(f, \omega, U) d\mu_\Lambda(f) &= \frac{(-1)^{(n-1)/2}}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \left(\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M)}{2\pi} \right)^{n/2} \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) \\
 &\quad \times \int_{T^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \omega_{(0,\dots,0),(1,\dots,1)}(y, \eta) \eta_p \eta_{\sigma(p)} \frac{1}{t^3} e^{-\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M)|\eta|^2}{2t^2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} H_{p,\sigma}(\tau_0) d\tau_0 d^n y d^n \eta dt \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{(n-1)/2}}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \left(\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M)}{2\pi} \right)^{n/2} \int_{T^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \omega_{(0,\dots,0),(1,\dots,1)}(y, \eta) \\
 &\quad \times \frac{1}{t^3} e^{-\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M)|\eta|^2}{2t^2}} L(\eta) d^n y d^n \eta dt \quad \text{by definition of } L(\eta) \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{(n-1)/2}}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \left(\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M)}{2\pi} \right)^{n/2} \int_{T^*U} \omega_{(0,\dots,0),(1,\dots,1)}(y, \eta) L(\eta) d^n y d^n \eta \\
 &\quad \times \left(\int_0^\infty t^3 e^{-\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M)|\eta|^2 t^2}{2}} \frac{dt}{t^2} + \int_0^{-\infty} t^3 e^{-\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M)|\eta|^2 t^2}{2}} \frac{dt}{t^2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{(n-1)/2}}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \left(\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M)}{2\pi} \right)^{n/2} \int_{T^*U} \omega_{(0,\dots,0),(1,\dots,1)}(y, \eta) L(\eta) d^n y d^n \eta \\
 &\quad \times \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M)|\eta|^2 t^2}{2}} 2t dt \\
 &= \frac{2(-1)^{(n-1)/2}}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \frac{((n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M))^{n/2-1}}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{T^*U} \omega_{(0,\dots,0),(1,\dots,1)}(y, \eta) \frac{L(\eta)}{|\eta|^2} d^n y d^n \eta.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \int_{N^* \setminus \{f=0\}} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) \right) d\mu_\Lambda(f) \\ &= A_n \int_{\tilde{T}^*U} \frac{L(\eta)}{|\eta|^2} dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^n \wedge \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1}), \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

where

$$A_n := \frac{2(-1)^{(n+1)/2}}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \frac{((n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M))^{n/2-1}}{(2\pi)^{n/2}}.$$

In order to conclude, it remains to compute $L(\eta)$. This combinatorial calculation will be the purpose of the next two subsections.

4.5. Computation of $L(\eta)$

Recall that $L(\eta)$ is given by the sum (39). We start by computing explicitly each term in the sum. We fix σ in S_n and $1 \leq p \leq n$. Moreover, we set

$$\tilde{T} := (T_0; 0; (T_{i,j})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2+n+1},$$

which appears in the definition of $H_{p,\sigma}(\tau_0)$ —see Remark 4.9. Our first step will be to use the Faà di Bruno’s formula for partial derivatives [40] to give an explicit expression of

$$\prod_{j \neq p} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial T_{j,\sigma(j)}} \right) \left(e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 \langle \tilde{T}, A_0 \tilde{T} \rangle}{\text{Vol}_g(M)}} \right).$$

Recall that this formula states that

$$\prod_{j \neq p} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial T_{j,\sigma(j)}} \right) \left(e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 \langle \tilde{T}, A_0 \tilde{T} \rangle}{\text{Vol}_g(M)}} \right) = e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 \langle \tilde{T}, A_0 \tilde{T} \rangle}{\text{Vol}_g(M)}} \sum_{\mathfrak{A} \in \mathcal{P}_{\sigma,p}^{(0)}} \left(-\frac{2\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)} \right)^{|\mathfrak{A}|} \prod_{\mathfrak{a} \in \mathfrak{A}} \frac{\partial^{|\mathfrak{a}|} \langle \tilde{T}, A_0 \tilde{T} \rangle}{\prod_{j \in \mathfrak{a}} \partial T_{j,\sigma(j)}},$$

where $\mathcal{P}_{\sigma,p}^{(0)}$ is the set of partitions of $\{1 \leq j \leq n : j \neq p\}$. We now fix some notations:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\sigma,p} := \{ \mathfrak{A} \text{ partition of } \{1 \leq j \leq n : j \neq p\} : \forall \mathfrak{a} \in \mathfrak{A}, |\mathfrak{a}| \leq 2 \text{ and } \sigma(\mathfrak{a}) = \mathfrak{a} \}.$$

Remark 4.10. We note that $\mathcal{P}_{\sigma,p}$ is empty if $\sigma(p) \neq p$. Moreover, for every σ such that $\sigma(p) = p$, the above subset is empty if σ is not a product of disjoint 2-cycles.

For a given \mathfrak{A} in $\mathcal{P}_{\sigma,p}$, we define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{A}_1 &:= \{ \mathfrak{a} \in \mathfrak{A} : |\mathfrak{a}| = 1 \}, \\ \mathfrak{A}_2 &:= \{ \mathfrak{a} \in \mathfrak{A} : |\mathfrak{a}| = 2 \text{ and } \sigma|_{\mathfrak{a}} = \text{id} \}, \\ \mathfrak{A}_3 &:= \{ \mathfrak{a} \in \mathfrak{A} : |\mathfrak{a}| = 2 \text{ and } \sigma|_{\mathfrak{a}} \neq \text{id} \}. \end{aligned}$$

Using these conventions and the specific form of the matrix A_0 (see §4.3.3), one finds that

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{j \neq p} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial T_{j, \sigma(j)}} \right) \left(e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 (T, A_0 T)}{\text{Vol}_g(M)}} \right) \Big|_{T=(\tau_0; 0; 0)} \\ &= e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 \tau_0^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)}} \sum_{\mathfrak{A} \in \mathcal{P}_{\sigma, p}} \left(-\frac{4\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)(n+2)} \right)^{|\mathfrak{A}|} \left(\frac{1}{n+4} \right)^{|\mathfrak{A}_2|+|\mathfrak{A}_3|} (-\tau_0)^{|\mathfrak{A}_1|}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe now that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \tau_0^{|\mathfrak{A}_1|} e^{-\frac{2\pi^2 \tau_0^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)}} d\tau_0 = \left(\frac{\text{Vol}_g(M)}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} (|\mathfrak{A}_1| - 1)!! \left(\frac{\text{Vol}_g(M)}{4\pi^2} \right)^{|\mathfrak{A}_1|/2}$$

if $|\mathfrak{A}_1| \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, and that it is equal to 0 otherwise. We now set

$$C_{\sigma, p} := \sum_{\mathfrak{A} \in \mathcal{P}_{\sigma, p}: |\mathfrak{A}_1| \equiv 0 \pmod{2}} \left(-\frac{1}{n+2} \right)^{|\mathfrak{A}|} (|\mathfrak{A}_1| - 1)!! \left(\frac{4\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)} \right)^{|\mathfrak{A}| - |\mathfrak{A}_1|/2} \left(\frac{1}{n+4} \right)^{|\mathfrak{A}_2| + |\mathfrak{A}_3|}$$

whenever $\sigma(p) = p$, and $C_{\sigma, p} := 0$ otherwise.

Remark 4.11. We note that the sum is empty as soon as n is even. In fact, requiring $|\mathfrak{A}_1| \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ forces that $n - 1$ is even.

From the above calculation, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} L(\eta) &= \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) \eta_p \eta_{\sigma(p)} \int_{\mathbb{R}} H_{p, \sigma}(\tau_0) d\tau_0 \\ &= \left(\frac{\text{Vol}_g(M)}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} \sum_{p=1}^n \eta_p^2 \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) C_{\sigma, p}. \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

In particular, from Remark 4.11, one has $L(\eta) = 0$ if n is even. We also note that $\sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n} C_{\sigma, p}$ is independent of the choice of p . Thus, one finds that, whenever n is odd,

$$L(\eta) = \left(\frac{\text{Vol}_g(M)}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} |\eta|^2 \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) C_{\sigma, p}. \tag{42}$$

From (40), one finally obtains

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \int_{N^*(\{f=0\})} \omega(y, \eta, dy, d\eta) \right) d\mu_\Lambda(f) \\ &= \left(\frac{\text{Vol}_g(M)}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} A_n \left(\sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) C_{\sigma, p} \right) \int_{\dot{T}^*U} dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^n \wedge \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) \\ & \quad + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1}), \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

where A_n was defined in (40).

4.6. Computation of $\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} C_{\sigma,p}$

From (43), it remains to compute $\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} C_{\sigma,p}$ which is independent of the choice of p . For that purpose, we fix $0 \leq k \leq (n-1)/2$ and we suppose that σ is the product of k disjoint 2-cycles $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k$. Next, we compute the value of $C_{\sigma,p}$ in this case. We note that $|\mathfrak{A}_3|$ is then necessarily equal to k , and thus

$$C_{\sigma,p} = \left(\frac{1}{n+4}\right)^k \times \sum_{\mathfrak{A} \in \mathcal{P}_{\sigma,p}: |\mathfrak{A}_1| \equiv 0 \pmod{2}} \left(-\frac{1}{n+2}\right)^{|\mathfrak{A}|} (|\mathfrak{A}_1| - 1)!! \left(\frac{4\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)}\right)^{|\mathfrak{A}| - |\mathfrak{A}_1|/2} \left(\frac{1}{n+4}\right)^{|\mathfrak{A}_2|}.$$

We also note the useful relations

$$n - 1 = |\mathcal{A}_1| + 2|\mathcal{A}_2| + 2|\mathcal{A}_3| \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{A} = |\mathcal{A}_1| + |\mathcal{A}_2| + |\mathcal{A}_3|.$$

Recall now that the number of permutations in $\{1, 2, \dots, 2l\}$ with l cycles of length 2 is equal to $\frac{(2l)!}{l!2^l}$ [15, Th. 6.9]. From this observation, we deduce that

$$C_{\sigma,p} = \left(\frac{4\pi^2}{(n+2)^2 \text{Vol}_g(M)}\right)^{(n-1)/2} \left(-\frac{n+2}{n+4}\right)^k \times \sum_{l=0}^{(n-1)/2-k} \frac{(2l)!}{l!2^l} C_{n-1-2k}^{2l} (n-2(k+l+1))!! \left(-\frac{n+2}{n+4}\right)^l,$$

and thus

$$C_{\sigma,p} = \left(\frac{2\pi^2}{2(n+2)^2 \text{Vol}_g(M)}\right)^{(n-1)/2} \left(-\frac{2(n+2)}{n+4}\right)^k \times \sum_{l=0}^{(n-1)/2-k} \frac{(n-1-2k)!}{l! \binom{n-1}{2} - (k+l)!} \left(-\frac{n+2}{n+4}\right)^l.$$

Thanks to our formula for $C_{\sigma,p}$ when σ is a product of k disjoint 2-cycles (thus $\varepsilon(\sigma) = (-1)^k$), we deduce that

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) C_{\sigma,p} = \left(\frac{2\pi^2}{(n+2)^2 \text{Vol}_g(M)}\right)^{(n-1)/2} \times \sum_{k=0}^{(n-1)/2} C_{n-1}^{2k} \frac{(2k)!}{k!2^k} 2^k \sum_{l=0}^{(n-1)/2-k} (-1)^l \frac{(n-1-2k)!}{l!2^l \binom{n-1}{2} - (k+l)!} \left(\frac{n+2}{n+4}\right)^{l+k}.$$

After simplification,

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) C_{\sigma,p} = (n-1)! \left(\frac{2\pi^2}{(n+2)^2 \text{Vol}_g(M)}\right)^{(n-1)/2} \times \sum_{k=0}^{(n-1)/2} \left(\frac{n+2}{n+4}\right)^k \sum_{l=0}^{(n-1)/2-k} \frac{\left(-\frac{n+2}{n+4}\right)^l}{k!l! \binom{n-1}{2} - (k+l)!},$$

and thus

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) C_{\sigma,p} = (n-1)! \left(\frac{2\pi^2}{(n+2)^2 \text{Vol}_g(M)} \right)^{(n-1)/2} \times \sum_{k=0}^{(n-1)/2} \frac{1}{k! \binom{\frac{n-1}{2}-k}!} \left(\frac{n+2}{n+4} \right)^k \left(1 - \frac{n+2}{n+4} \right)^{(n-1)/2-k}.$$

Finally, we obtain

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \varepsilon(\sigma) C_{\sigma,p} = \frac{(n-1)!}{\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)!} \left(\frac{2\pi^2}{(n+2)^2 \text{Vol}_g(M)} \right)^{(n-1)/2}. \tag{44}$$

4.7. The conclusion

Regarding (40), (43) and (44), we define

$$B_n := \frac{2(-1)^{(n+1)/2}}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \frac{(n-1)!}{\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)!} \frac{\pi^{(n-3)/2}}{2(n+2)^{n/2}} = \frac{(-1)^{(n+1)/2}}{\pi \text{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})} \frac{2}{(n+2)^{n/2}}.$$

if $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ and $B_n = 0$ otherwise. Finally, still thanks to (43), we conclude

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^n} \int_{N^*(\{f=0\})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) \right) d\mu_\Lambda(f) = B_n \int_{\tilde{T}^*U} \omega_{(0,\dots,0),(1,\dots,1)}(y, \eta) d^n y d^n \eta + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1}),$$

which is exactly the content of the second part of Theorem 4.1.

5. Formal derivation of the main result via Berezin integration

The derivation of the main result (Th. 4.1) is slightly technical due to the fact that we have to carefully justify the smallness of several terms and the interchange of several integrals, but also due to some complicated combinatorics. The purpose of this last section is to show how the combinatorial aspects of the proof can be treated more easily at the expense of a little abstraction by making use of the so-called Berezin integral [5, 37, 25, 63].

In this section, we will not pay much attention to interchanging integrals or the size of remainder terms, and we will mostly focus on the computation of the leading term of the asymptotics. Similar arguments to the ones presented in the previous section would in fact provide a rigorous justification of the calculation in the present section. The reason for presenting this alternative approach in a formal (but not completely rigorous manner) is that we believe that it can be helpful (at least for the reader familiar with Berezin integration) to understand and follow the main lines of our proof, especially its combinatorial aspects. It is also plausible that this kind of intuitive calculation could be used for other related questions.

5.1. A brief reminder on Berezin integration

Berezin integration is a convenient formalism that allows us to represent the wedge product appearing in our formulas as oscillatory integrals. This formalism was introduced by Berezin [5] and it is a more or less standard tool in quantum field theory where one aims at computing integrals over both bosonic (even) and fermionic (odd) variables. Basic introductions to this formalism are given by Disertori [25] and Tao [63] with a view towards random matrix theory, and a very good introduction can be found in the fantastic book of Takhtajan [64, Chapter 7]; see also the book of Guillemin and Sternberg [37] for considerations on Fourier transforms in this context. Following closely the presentation of these references, we here give a brief (and somewhat simplified) overview that should be sufficient for the purposes of our formal calculation.

5.1.1. *Odd and even variables.* Let V be a finite-dimensional real vector space. One can define the so called exterior algebra $\Lambda V := \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \Lambda^k V$. For simplicity of notations, we will denote by $\Phi_1 \Phi_2 := \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2$ the product in this algebra. This algebra can be split into two parts. One part is made up of the *even* (or *bosonic*) elements, $\Lambda V_{\text{even}} := \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \Lambda^{2k} V$, while the other is made up of the *odd* (or *fermionic*) elements, $\Lambda V_{\text{odd}} := \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} \Lambda^{2k+1} V$. Any odd element Π commutes with every even element p , while it anticommutes with odd elements. From this observation, one can deduce that any element Φ in $\bigoplus_{k=1}^{\infty} \Lambda^k V$ is nilpotent. One can verify that any element Φ of ΛV can be exponentiated as follows:

$$\exp(\Phi) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Phi^k}{k!}.$$

Important properties of the exponential are that $\exp(\Pi) = 1 + \Pi$ for any odd element Π and that, for any even element p ,

$$\exp(p + \Phi) = \exp(p) \exp(\Phi) = \exp(\Phi) \exp(p). \tag{45}$$

5.1.2. *Integration of functions of odd and even variables.* One of the aims of Berezin integration is to integrate functions whose variables are in ΛV . In the following, we just need a simple version of this formalism. Namely, we fix two nonnegative integers d_1 and d_2 , and we consider the case where $V = \mathbb{R}$. We want to integrate functions depending on the even variables $(p_1, \dots, p_{d_1}) \in (\Lambda^0 V)^{d_1} \simeq \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$ and on the odd variables $(\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_{d_2}) \in (\Lambda^1 V)^{d_2}$. Said differently, we consider the algebra $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{d_1})$ whose elements are smooth functions $f(p_1, \dots, p_{d_1})$ of the even variables (p_1, \dots, p_{d_1}) ; then we consider the Grassmann algebra $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{d_1})[\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_{d_2}]$, which is a polynomial algebra generated by $(\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_{d_2})$ satisfying the relations $\Pi_i \Pi_j + \Pi_j \Pi_i = 0$ for all $(i, j) \in \{1, \dots, d_2\}^2$ (see [64, Chapter 7]). More precisely, our functions will be of the form

$$f(p, \Pi) := f_0(p) + \sum_{k \geq 1} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} f_{i_1, \dots, i_k}(p) \Pi_{i_1} \dots \Pi_{i_k},$$

where f_* are functions defined on \mathbb{R}^{d_1} and with values in ΛV . Given such a function f , we will say that it is defined on $\mathbb{R}^{(d_1|d_2)}$ and its *Berezin integral* is defined by the fundamental formula

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{(d_1|d_2)}} f(p, \Pi) dp d\Pi := \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d_1}} \partial_{\Pi_1} \dots \partial_{\Pi_{d_2}} f dp_1 \dots dp_{d_1}. \tag{46}$$

We refer the reader to [25] for a more general presentation of Berezin integral, basic properties of this integration procedure and a review of simple examples.

Remark 5.1. Following [37, Chapter 7], one can also define a notion of “super Fourier transform”: for all $q \in (\Lambda^0 \mathbb{R})^{d_1}$ and $Q \in (\Lambda^1 \mathbb{R})^{d_2}$,

$$\mathcal{F}(f)(q, Q) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^{(d_1|d_2)}} \exp(-2i\pi(q.p + Q.\Pi)) f(p, \Pi) dp d\Pi.$$

The prefix “super” is here to emphasize that we consider functions depending on both even (bosonic) and odd (fermionic) variables. We observe that $q.p + Q.\Pi$ is an even element.

Note that any 1-form Q can be written as follows:

$$Q = -\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{(0|1)}} \exp(-2i\pi \Pi Q) d\Pi, \tag{47}$$

and more generally any product of d_2 1-forms Q_1, \dots, Q_{d_2} as

$$Q_1 \dots Q_{d_2} = \frac{1}{(-2i\pi)^{d_2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{(0|d_2)}} \exp\left(-2i\pi \sum_{j=1}^{d_2} \Pi_j Q_j\right) d\Pi_1 \dots d\Pi_{d_2}. \tag{48}$$

This formula gives us a representation of products of odd elements as “oscillatory” integrals. This observation is the first key point which is at the heart of the calculation below.

5.1.3. Representation of integration currents as oscillatory integrals over even and odd variables. Using the conventions of Appendix D, we consider a submanifold S in some larger manifold X given by equations $G = (g_i)_{1 \leq i \leq d} = 0$. Then it is well known that the delta function $\delta_0^d \circ G = G^*(\delta_0^d)$ supported on S can be represented as an oscillatory integral. So a natural question is how to represent the integration current $[S] = \{G = 0\}$ as an oscillatory integral. The answer involves the introduction of odd variables and the use of the Berezin integral.

Proposition 5.2. *Let X be a smooth oriented manifold with orientation $[\omega_1]$, and*

$$G : X \ni x \mapsto y = (g_1(x), \dots, g_d(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

a smooth function such that the differentials $d_x g_i$ are linearly independent for every $x \in X$ satisfying $g_1(x) = \dots = g_d(x) = 0$. Let S be the submanifold in X defined by the regular system of equations $\{g_1 = \dots = g_d = 0\}$ and oriented by $[\omega_2]$. If $dg_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dg_d$

has orientation compatible with the pair of orientations $[\omega_1], [\omega_2]$ then the integration current $[S]$ is represented by the oscillatory integral

$$[S] = G^* \left(\frac{1}{(-2i\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{(d|d)}} e^{-2i\pi \sum_{j=1}^d (p_j y^j + \Pi_j dy^j)} dp_1 \dots dp_d d\Pi_1 \dots d\Pi_d \right). \quad (49)$$

Proof. This follows from a simple calculation. We start from the representation formula for the current of integration given in Appendix D:

$$[S] = G^*(\delta_0^d dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^d).$$

Then, by the classical representation of the delta function by an oscillatory integral, one has

$$G^* \delta_0^d G^*(dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^d) = G^* \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-2i\pi \sum_{j=1}^d p_j y^j} dp_1 \dots dp_j \right) G^*(dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^d).$$

Using the representation (48) of the exterior product $dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^d$ in terms of the Berezin integral we end up with the expected formula. \square

If the ambient manifold X is \mathbb{R}^D (e.g. in a local chart), we can in fact write (at least formally)

$$[S] = \frac{1}{(-2i\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{(d|d)}} e^{-2i\pi \sum_{j=1}^d (p_j g_j + \Pi_j dg_j)} dp_1 \dots dp_d d\Pi_1 \dots d\Pi_d.$$

This oscillatory integral formula is already known in the literature: it appears in the work of Frenkel, Losev and Nekrasov on instantonic quantum field theory [30, p. 23].

5.1.4. Fourier transform of Gaussian integrals. We will prove the following lemma, which will be the second key point in the computation of the asymptotics via Berezin integration.

Lemma 5.3. *Let $N \geq 1$ and A be a symmetric, positive definite $N \times N$ matrix. Let $p = (p_1, \dots, p_N) \in (\Lambda V_{\text{even}})^N$. Then*

$$e^{-\langle p|A^{-1}|p \rangle / 2} = \frac{\det(A)^{1/2}}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} e^{i\langle c, p \rangle} e^{-\langle c|A|c \rangle / 2} d^N c, \quad (50)$$

where $\langle c, p \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^N c_j p_j$ and $\langle p|A^{-1}|p \rangle = \sum_{i,j} p_i p_j (A^{-1})_{ij}$.

Proof. Let $\mathbb{C}[[X_1, \dots, X_N]]$ be the commutative algebra of formal power series in N indeterminates (X_1, \dots, X_N) . First, we note that

$$e^{-\langle X|A^{-1}|X \rangle / 2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\det(A)^{1/2}}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} e^{i\langle c, X \rangle} e^{-\langle c|A|c \rangle / 2} d^N c \quad (51)$$

are well defined as formal power series since the integral on the right hand side is defined by expanding the exponential function $e^{i\langle c, X \rangle}$ in powers of X under the integral sign

where, for each (i_1, \dots, i_k) , the term $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (c_{i_1} \dots c_{i_k}) e^{-\langle c|A|c \rangle / 2} d^N c$ is a convergent integral that can be explicitly calculated by the Wick lemma. Then the equality between the two formal series in (51) follows from the classical result on the Fourier transform of the Gaussian measure replacing the formal indeterminate X by $y \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and by uniqueness of the Taylor series expansion in y at $y = 0$. \square

Remark 5.4. Conceptually, this proof shows that we can define the Fourier transform of a Gaussian measure in a purely algebraic language.

5.2. Asymptotic expansion in a local chart

We fix a local geodesic normal coordinate chart (U, ϕ) and an element $\omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta)$ in $\mathcal{D}_n(\mathring{T}^*U)$. Recall that we want to compute the expectation of

$$J(f, \omega, U) := \int_{N^*(\{f=0\})} \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta)$$

with respect to the Gaussian measure $d\mu_\Lambda$. We can write formally

$$J(f, \omega, U) = \int_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \delta_0^{n+1} \left(f, \frac{td_y f}{\Lambda} - \eta \right) df \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^n d \left(\frac{t\partial_{y^j} f}{\Lambda} - \eta_j \right) \wedge \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta).$$

Recall that one of the reasons why the calculation of the expectation against the Gaussian measure is possible is that the Dirac distribution can be represented by an oscillatory integral over even variables:

$$\delta_0^{n+1} \left(f, \frac{td_y f}{\Lambda} - \eta \right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{(n+1|0)}} \exp \left(-2i\pi \left(p_0 f + p \cdot \left(\frac{td_y f}{\Lambda} - \eta \right) \right) \right) dp_0 dp.$$

Then, some of the (combinatorial) difficulties in the proof come from the fact that at first sight the wedge product does not have the same simple structure. By Proposition 5.2, we see that the advantage of the Berezin formalism described above is that it allows us to write the wedge product as an oscillatory integral over odd variables in $\mathbb{R}^{(0|n)}$. Before writing this oscillatory representation (see (53) below), we make a few steps that will simplify the calculation slightly. More precisely, we expand the wedge product, and we obtain

$$J(f, \omega, U) = \Lambda \sum_{r,s=1}^n (-1)^r \int_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \frac{\eta_r \eta_s}{t^2} dy^s \wedge W^r(f, t, y, dy, \eta, d\eta) \wedge \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) \wedge dt,$$

where

$$W^r(f, t, y, dy, \eta, d\eta) := \delta_0^{n+1} \left(f, \frac{td_y f}{\Lambda} - \eta \right) \bigwedge_{j \neq r} d \left(\frac{t\partial_{y^j} f}{\Lambda} - \eta_j \right).$$

For every t in \mathbb{R}^* and every f in \mathcal{H}_Λ , this defines an element in $\mathcal{D}'_{n+1}(\mathring{T}^*U)$. The main contribution to this integral will come from the terms involving derivatives of f —this is exactly the content of Proposition 4.4 above. Thus, one can set

$$W_0^r(f, t, y, dy, \eta) := \delta_0^{n+1} \left(f, \frac{td_y f}{\Lambda} - \eta \right) \bigwedge_{j \neq r} d \left(\frac{\partial_{y^j} f}{\Lambda^2} \right),$$

and then one finds

$$\begin{aligned} J(f, \omega, U) &= \Lambda^n \sum_{r,s=1}^n (-1)^r \int_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} t^{n-3} \eta_r \eta_s dy^s \wedge W_0^r(f, t, y, dy, \eta) \wedge \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) \wedge dt \\ &\quad + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}). \end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

In order to get the conclusion, everything boils down to computing the expectation of $W_0^r(f, t, y, dy, \eta)$ with respect to $d\mu_\Lambda$ for a given (y, η, t) in $\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$. In order to alleviate notations, we will just write $W_0^r(f)$ and re-introduce the dependence on (y, η, t) later. Using the representation (48) of 1-forms via Berezin integrals, one can write the following “oscillatory” integral:

$$\begin{aligned} W_0^r(f) &= \frac{(-1)^{(n-1)/2}}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^{(n+1|n-1)}} \exp \left(-2i\pi(p_0 f + p \cdot \left(\frac{td_y f}{\Lambda} - \eta \right) + \sum_{j \neq r, k} \frac{\partial_{y^j y^k}^2 f}{\Lambda^2} \Pi_j dy^k) \right) dp_0 dp d\Pi. \end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

Remark 5.5. The fact that $W_0^r(f)$ has a simple representation as an oscillatory integral is the *central observation* that makes our formal calculation much simpler than the detailed combinatorial proof we gave before. Note that the element $\Pi_j dy^k$ is even since it is the product of two odd elements, and thus we are in a situation where we can apply Lemma 5.3. As already mentioned, we do not pay much attention to interchanging integrals and to the size of remainders, and we mostly focus on the conceptual aspects that make our proof work.

Recall that we aim at computing the expectation of $W_0^r(f)$ with respect to the Gaussian measure $d\mu_\Lambda$. For that purpose, we fix (p_0, p, Π) in $\mathbb{R}^{(n+1|n-1)}$, and we use Lemma 5.3 to write

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \exp \left(-2i\pi(p_0 f + p \cdot \left(\frac{td_y f}{\Lambda} \right) + \sum_{j \neq r, k} \frac{\partial_{y^j y^k}^2 f}{\Lambda^2} \Pi_j dy^k) \right) d\mu_\Lambda(f) \\ &= \exp \left(-\frac{2\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)} \langle (p_0, tp, (\Pi_j dy^k)_{j \neq r, k}), A_0(p_0, tp, (\Pi_j dy^k)_{j \neq r, k}) \rangle \right) (1 + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1})), \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

where the covariance matrix A_0 was defined in Proposition 3.9. We can now expand

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle (p_0, tp, (\Pi_j dy^k)_{j \neq r, k}), A_0(p_0, tp, (\Pi_j dy^k)_{j \neq r, k}) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{n+2} t^2 |p|^2 + p_0^2 - \frac{2}{n+2} p_0 \sum_{j \neq r} \Pi_j dy^j \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{(n+2)(n+4)} \sum_{j, k \neq r} (\Pi_j dy^k \Pi_k dy^j + \Pi_j dy^j \Pi_k dy^k). \end{aligned}$$

Thanks to the anti-commutation rules for odd variables, the last term in this sum is in fact equal to 0. Recall that we are in fact interested in computing $W'_0(f)$ which is defined by (53). In particular, we have to multiply this Gaussian term by $e^{2i\pi p \cdot \eta}$ and then integrate over (p_0, p, Π) in $\mathbb{R}^{(n+1|n-1)}$. After integrating over the even variables (p_0, p) , one finds that

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\mathbb{R}^{(n|0)}} e^{2i\pi p \cdot \eta} \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi^2 t^2 |p|^2}{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M)}\right) dp \\ &= \left(\frac{\text{Vol}_g(M)(n+2)}{2\pi t^2}\right)^{n/2} e^{-\frac{(n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M) |\eta|^2}{2t^2}}, \end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

and, by Lemma 5.3,

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\mathbb{R}^{(1|0)}} \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)} \left(p_0^2 - \frac{2}{n+2} p_0 \sum_{j \neq r} \Pi_j dy^j\right)\right) dp_0 \\ &= \left(\frac{\text{Vol}_g(M)}{2\pi}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left(\frac{2\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)(n+2)^2} \left(\sum_{j \neq r} \Pi_j dy^j\right)^2\right). \end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

It now remains to integrate (56) with respect to the odd variables $(\Pi_j)_{j \neq r}$. Regarding the definition of the Berezin integral, we have to compute

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Pi_1} \cdots \frac{\hat{\partial}}{\partial \Pi_r} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial \Pi_n} \exp\left(\frac{2\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)(n+2)^2} \left(\sum_{j \neq r} \Pi_j dy^j\right)^2\right).$$

One can verify that if n is even, this quantity vanishes, and then the total expectation vanishes. When n is odd, one finds from the multinomial Newton formula that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\partial}{\partial \Pi_1} \cdots \frac{\hat{\partial}}{\partial \Pi_r} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial \Pi_n} \exp\left(\frac{2\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)(n+2)^2} \left(\sum_{j \neq r} \Pi_j dy^j\right)^2\right) \\ &= \frac{(n-1)!}{\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)!} \left(\frac{2\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)(n+2)^2}\right)^{(n-1)/2} dy^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge d\hat{y}^r \wedge \cdots \wedge dy^n. \end{aligned}$$

Combining this with (56), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^{(1|n-1)}} \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)}\left(p_0^2 - \frac{2}{n+2}p_0 \sum_{j \neq r} \Pi_j dy^j\right)\right) dp_0 d\Pi \\ &= \left(\frac{\text{Vol}_g(M)}{2\pi}\right)^{1/2} \frac{(n-1)!}{\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)!} \left(\frac{2\pi^2}{\text{Vol}_g(M)(n+2)^2}\right)^{(n-1)/2} dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{dy}^r \wedge \dots \wedge dy^n. \end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

From (55) and (57), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} W_0^r(f, t, y, dy, \eta) d\mu_\Lambda(f) &= \frac{(-1)^{(n-1)/2}}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} \frac{(n-1)!}{\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)!} \frac{\pi^{(n-3)/2}}{2(n+2)^{n/2}} (n+2) \text{Vol}_g(M) \\ &\times e^{-\frac{(n+2)\text{Vol}_g(M)|\eta|^2}{2t^2}} dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{dy}^r \wedge \dots \wedge dy^n (1 + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1})). \end{aligned}$$

We now use equality (52). Summing over r and s and integrating over t , one finally sees that, if n is odd,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} J(f, \omega, U) d\mu_\Lambda(f) \\ &= \frac{2(-1)^{(n+1)/2}}{\pi \text{Vol}(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})} \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{n+2}}\right)^n \int_{\hat{T}^*U} dy^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^n \wedge \omega(y, dy, \eta, d\eta) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Appendix A. Derivatives of the spectral projector

Recall that $(e_j)_{1 \leq j \leq N(\Lambda)}$ is an orthonormal basis of \mathcal{H}_Λ made up of eigenfunctions of Δ . We define the normalized projection kernel

$$C_\Lambda(y, z) := \frac{1}{N(\Lambda)} \sum_{j=1}^{N(\Lambda)} e_j(y)e_j(z),$$

where $N(\Lambda) = \dim \mathcal{H}_\Lambda$. The reason why we can perform some computations with respect to the Gaussian measure μ_Λ is that we have very precise asymptotic information on the kernel $C_\Lambda(y, z)$, at least on the diagonal. Namely, Bin [9] proved the following result building on earlier arguments of Hörmander [42]:

Theorem A.1. *Let (U, ϕ) be a sufficiently small geodesic normal coordinate chart. For any multiindices α and β in \mathbb{Z}_+^n , the following estimates hold uniformly for y in $\phi(U)$, as $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$:*

$$\partial_y^\alpha \partial_z^\beta C_\Lambda(y, z)|_{y=z} = C_{n,\alpha,\beta} \Lambda^{|\alpha+\beta|} + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{|\alpha+\beta|-1}),$$

where, for $\alpha = \beta = 0$,

$$C_{n,0,0} := \frac{1}{\text{Vol}_g(M)};$$

for $\alpha \equiv \beta \pmod{2}$ and $(\alpha, \beta) \neq (0, 0)$,

$$C_{n,\alpha,\beta} := (-1)^{(|\alpha|-|\beta|)/2} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^n (\alpha_j + \beta_j - 1)!!}{\text{Vol}_g(M)(|\alpha + \beta| + n) \dots (n + 2)};$$

and $C_{n,\alpha,\beta} := 0$ otherwise.

Remark A.2. We use the following conventions:

$$(-1)!! := 1 \quad \text{and} \quad (2m - 1)!! := (2m - 1)(2m - 3) \dots 3 \cdot 1.$$

We gather the values of the derivatives of the spectral projector which are used to prove Proposition 3.9.

Corollary A.3.

- For derivatives of order 0, one has

$$C_\Lambda(y, z)|_{y=z} = \frac{1}{\text{Vol}_g(M)} + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1}),$$

- for every $1 \leq j \leq n$, one has

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \partial_{y^j}^2 C_\Lambda(y, z)|_{y=z} = -\frac{1}{(n + 2) \text{Vol}_g(M)} + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1}),$$

- for every $1 \leq j \leq n$, one has

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \partial_{y^j} \partial_{z^j} C_\Lambda(y, z)|_{y=z} = \frac{1}{(n + 2) \text{Vol}_g(M)} + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1}),$$

- for every $1 \leq j \neq k \leq n$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} \partial_{y^j}^2 \partial_{z^k}^2 C_\Lambda(y, z)|_{y=z} &= \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} \partial_{y^j y^k}^2 \partial_{z^j z^k}^2 C_\Lambda(y, z)|_{y=z} \\ &= \frac{1}{(n + 2)(n + 4) \text{Vol}_g(M)} + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1}), \end{aligned}$$

- for every $1 \leq j \leq n$, one has

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^4} \partial_{y^j}^2 \partial_{z^j}^2 C_\Lambda(y, z)|_{y=z} = \frac{3}{(n + 2)(n + 4) \text{Vol}_g(M)} + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1}),$$

- for every $\alpha \not\equiv \beta \pmod{2}$, one has

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^{|\alpha+\beta|}} \partial_y^\alpha \partial_z^\beta C_\Lambda(y, z)|_{y=z} = \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-1}).$$

Appendix B. Proof of Proposition 3.10

We fix f in $\Omega_\Lambda = \mathcal{H}_\Lambda \setminus D_\Lambda$. Recall that D_Λ is a zero measure subset of \mathcal{H}_Λ and that its complement is open. Given any test function $\Psi(f, y, \eta, t)$ in $\mathcal{D}(\Omega_\Lambda \times \dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*)$, our goal in this appendix is to make sense of the following Fubini equality:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 1, \langle G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), \Psi \rangle_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \rangle_{\Omega_\Lambda} &= \langle G_\Lambda^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), \Psi \rangle_{\Omega_\Lambda \times \dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \\ &= \langle 1, \langle G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), \Psi \rangle_{\Omega_\Lambda} \rangle_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*}. \end{aligned}$$

The fact that the distribution $G_\Lambda(f)^*\delta_0^{n+1}$ is well-defined for f in Ω_Λ follows from the following theorem of Hörmander [43, Th. 8.2.4]:

Theorem B.1. *Let $\Omega_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$ and $\Omega_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$ be two open subsets. For any smooth map $G : \Omega_1 \rightarrow \Omega_2$, the normal of G is defined as*

$$N_G := \{(G(x), \tau) \in \Omega_2 \times \mathbb{R}^{d_2^*} : \tau \circ d_x G = 0\}.$$

The pull-back operation extends uniquely to the distributions $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega_2)$ whose wavefront set $\text{WF}(u)$ does not intersect the normal N_G of G . Moreover, the wavefront set of G^*u is contained in the set

$$G^* \text{WF}(u) := \{(x, \tau \circ d_x G) : (G(x), \tau) \in \text{WF}(u)\}.$$

Remark B.2. For the definition of the wavefront set, we refer to [43, 16]. Recall that, in the case of δ_0^{n+1} , one has

$$\text{WF}(\delta_0^{n+1}) := \{(0, \tau) : \tau \neq 0\} \subset T^*\mathbb{R}^{n+1}.$$

In the following, we will apply this theorem in three distinct situations. Recall that, for every f in \mathcal{H}_Λ , we have defined the map

$$\begin{aligned} G_\Lambda : \mathcal{H}_\Lambda \times \phi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^* &\ni (f, y, \eta, t) \\ &\mapsto \left(f(y); \frac{t}{\Lambda} \partial_{y_1} f - \eta_1, \dots, \frac{t}{\Lambda} \partial_{y_n} f - \eta_n \right) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n, \end{aligned}$$

and our idea is to think of $\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \times \phi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^*$ as the cartesian product of \mathcal{H}_Λ with $\phi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^*$ and to think of the global distribution $G_\Lambda^*\delta_0^{n+1}$ also as a distribution on \mathcal{H}_Λ depending smoothly on the parameters in $\phi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^*$ and conversely as a distribution on $\phi(U) \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^*$ depending smoothly on the parameters in \mathcal{H}_Λ . To be more precise, we will use Hörmander’s theorem in the following three cases:

(1) We fix f in Ω_Λ , and we consider the partial map $G_\Lambda(f) : \dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. As $d_y f \neq 0$ on $f^{-1}(0)$, one can verify that

$$N_{G_\Lambda(f)} \cap \text{WF}(\delta_0^{n+1}) = \emptyset.$$

This means that if we freeze f , the pull-back $G_\Lambda(f)^*\delta_0^{n+1}$ is a well-defined distribution on $\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$.

(2) We consider the map $G_\Lambda : \mathcal{H}_\Lambda \times \mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}_+^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. In order to apply Hörmander’s result, we would need to verify

$$N_{G_\Lambda} \cap \text{WF}(\delta_0^{n+1}) = \emptyset,$$

which is slightly less obvious.

(3) We fix (y, η, t) in $\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$, and consider the partial map $G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t) : \mathcal{H}_\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. The situation in this case is also slightly different from the first case.

The second and third cases are in some sense related to the notion of ampleness appearing for instance in [33, 50], and they are contained in the following lemma:

Lemma B.3. *There exists $\Lambda_0 > 0$ such that, for every $\Lambda \geq \Lambda_0$,*

$$N_{G_\Lambda} \cap \text{WF}(\delta_0^{n+1}) = \emptyset,$$

and, for every (y, η, t) in $\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$,

$$N_{G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)} \cap \text{WF}(\delta_0^{n+1}) = \emptyset.$$

In particular, $G_\Lambda^*(\delta_0^{n+1})$ is well-defined as a distribution on $\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \times \mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$, while $G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})$ is well-defined as a distribution on \mathcal{H}_Λ .

Remark B.4. We note that in the second and third cases, the distributions are defined on the whole space \mathcal{H}_Λ , and not only on Ω_Λ . In particular, we can consider their restriction to the open subset Ω_Λ .

Before continuing our discussion of the properties of these pulled-back distributions, we give the proof of the lemma.

Proof of Lemma B.3. Suppose that $(0, \tau)$ belongs to the normal set $N_{G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)}$ (the other case is similar). Then, for every f in \mathcal{H}_Λ ,

$$\tau_0 f(y) + \sum_{j=1}^{N(\Lambda)} \tau_j \frac{t \partial_{y^j} f}{\Lambda} = 0.$$

Consider now a family of functions $f_0^\Lambda, f_1^\Lambda, \dots, f_n^\Lambda$ in \mathcal{H}_Λ , and write

$$\begin{aligned} \det \left(\left(f_l^\Lambda(y), \frac{t \partial_{y^1} f_l^\Lambda}{\Lambda}, \dots, \frac{t \partial_{y^n} f_l^\Lambda}{\Lambda} \right)_{0 \leq l \leq n} \right) \\ = \frac{t^n}{\Lambda^n} \det((f_l^\Lambda(y), \partial_{y^1} f_l^\Lambda, \dots, \partial_{y^n} f_l^\Lambda)_{0 \leq l \leq n}). \end{aligned}$$

If we are able to find a family $(f_l^\Lambda)_{0 \leq l \leq n}$ in \mathcal{H}_Λ such that the right hand side does not vanish, we will deduce that $\tau = 0$. For that purpose, we note that we can find³ a family

³ We may have to pick a slightly smaller neighbourhood U .

of smooth functions f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n on M such that the right hand side does not vanish for every y in U . Unfortunately, these functions do not a priori belong to \mathcal{H}_Λ but we can solve this issue since by Lemma C.1 proved in Appendix C, finite linear combinations of eigenfunctions are everywhere dense in $C^\infty(M)$. Concretely, to every $0 \leq l \leq n$ corresponds a sequence $(f_l^\Lambda)_\Lambda$ in \mathcal{H}_Λ which converges to f_l in every C^k norm (this is just an approximation property like the Stone–Weierstrass theorem but on Riemannian manifolds). From this, we deduce the statement of the lemma for Λ large enough. \square

We refer the reader to Appendix C where a similar method yields an unusual proof of the Whitney embedding theorem.

As a direct consequence of the pull-back theorem of Hörmander, we can also describe the wavefront set of $G_\Lambda^*(\delta_0^{n+1})$:

Corollary B.5. *For $\Lambda > 0$ large enough,*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{WF}(G_\Lambda^*(\delta_0^{n+1})) \subset & \left\{ (y^j, \eta_j, t, f; \widehat{y}_j, \widehat{\eta}^j, \widehat{t}, \widehat{f}) \in T^*(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \times \dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*) : \right. \\ G_\Lambda(f, y, \eta, t) = & (0, \dots, 0), \widehat{y}_j = \tau_0 \partial_{y^j} f + \tau_1 \frac{t}{\Lambda} \partial_{y^j y^1}^2 f + \dots + \tau_n \frac{t}{\Lambda} \partial_{y^j y^n}^2 f, \widehat{\eta}_j = \tau_j, \\ \widehat{t} = \frac{1}{\Lambda} \sum_{j=1}^n & \tau_j \partial_{y^j} f, \forall 1 \leq i \leq N(\Lambda), \widehat{f}_i = \tau_0 e_i + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{t \tau_j}{\Lambda} \partial_{x^j} e_i \\ & \left. \text{for } (\tau_0, \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \neq (0, \dots, 0) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark B.6. This corollary has the following consequence; $\text{WF}(G_\Lambda^*(\delta_0^{n+1}))$ contains no element of the form $(y^j, \eta_j, t, f; 0, 0, 0, \widehat{f})$ with $\widehat{f} \neq 0$ or $(y^j, \eta_j, t, f; \widehat{y}_j, \widehat{\eta}^j, \widehat{t}, 0)$ with $(\widehat{y}_j, \widehat{\eta}^j, \widehat{t}) \neq 0$. The first observation is more or less immediate if one uses Theorem A.1 for $\alpha = \beta = 0$. The second one follows from the proof of Lemma B.3.

The relevance of the above remark is due to the following general result which can be found in [20, Proposition 1.3, p. 502]:

Proposition B.7. *Let $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$. Denote by $(x, y; \xi, \eta) \in T^*(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ the coordinates in the cotangent space. If $\text{WF}(u)$ has no elements of the form $(x, y; \xi, 0)$ such that $\xi \neq 0$, then $u(x, y)$ is smooth in x with value distribution in y in the sense that for all test functions $\varphi_2(y)$, $x \mapsto \langle u(x, \cdot), \varphi_2(\cdot) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^{n_2}}$ is smooth in x .*

Thus, one finds that there exists $\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \ni f \mapsto T_\Lambda(f) \in \mathcal{D}'(\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*)$ such that, for every $\psi_1 \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda)$ and every $\psi_2 \in \mathcal{D}(\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*)$,

$$f \mapsto \langle T_\Lambda(f), \psi_2 \rangle_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \in C^\infty(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda),$$

and

$$(y, \eta, t) \mapsto \langle G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^* \delta_0^{n+1}, \psi_1 \rangle_{\Omega_\Lambda} \in C^\infty(\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*).$$

Moreover, one has the following “distributional version” of the Fubini theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall(\psi_1, \psi_2) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda) \times \mathcal{D}(\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*), \\ \langle \psi_1, \langle T_\Lambda(f), \psi_2 \rangle_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} = \langle G_\Lambda^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), \psi_1 \boxtimes \psi_2 \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \times \dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \\ = \langle \psi_2, \langle G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), \psi_1 \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \rangle_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark B.8. Note that $T_\Lambda(f)$ is well defined on the whole space \mathcal{H}_Λ while $G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})$ was only defined on Ω_Λ by Theorem B.1. For a fixed f in Ω_Λ , one has in fact $T_\Lambda(f) = G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})$.

By density of the functions of the form $\psi_1(f) \boxtimes \psi_2(y, \eta, t)$ (where \boxtimes is the exterior tensor product) in $\mathcal{D}(\Omega_\Lambda \times \dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*)$ (see [58, Ch. IV]), given any test function $\Psi(f, y, \eta, t)$ in $\mathcal{D}(\Omega_\Lambda \times \dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*)$, one has the following Fubini equality:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 1, \langle T_\Lambda, \Psi \rangle_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} &= \langle G_\Lambda^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), \Psi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \times \dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \\ &= \langle 1, \langle G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1}), \Psi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \rangle_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*}. \end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

Remark B.9. We emphasize that all the distributions considered so far are constructed from the Dirac distribution δ_0^{n+1} and that they are positive distributions. In particular, according to [58, Ch. I], *they can all be identified with positive Radon measures*. Therefore, it makes sense to test them against nonnegative measurable functions which are not necessarily integrable (or integrable functions which are not necessarily smooth). This identification is used several times in our proof of Proposition 4.4.

Remark B.10. We now make a final useful comment. We fix $(\psi_1, \psi_2) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda) \times \mathcal{D}(\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*)$. According to (24),

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \psi_2(y, \eta, t) \left(\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \psi_1(f) G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(df) \right) d^n y d^n \eta dt \\ = \int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \psi_1(f) \left(\int_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \psi_2(y, \eta, t) T_\Lambda(d^n y, d^n \eta, dt) \right) df. \end{aligned}$$

From the above discussion, one knows that

$$f \mapsto \psi_1(f) \left(\int_{\dot{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \psi_2(y, \eta, t) T_\Lambda(d^n y, d^n \eta, dt) \right)$$

is a smooth compactly supported function. As $\Omega_\Lambda = \mathcal{H}_\Lambda \setminus D_\Lambda$ and D_Λ has zero Lebesgue measure, one then has

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \psi_2(y, \eta, t) \left(\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \psi_1(f) G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(df) \right) d^n y d^n \eta dt \\ &= \int_{\Omega_\Lambda} \psi_1(f) \left(\int_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \psi_2(y, \eta, t) G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(d^n y, d^n \eta, dt) \right) df \\ &= \int_{\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*} \psi_2(y, \eta, t) \left(\int_{\Omega_\Lambda} \psi_1(f) G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(df) \right) d^n y d^n \eta dt, \end{aligned}$$

where the second equality follows from the fact that

$$G_\Lambda(f)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(d^n y, d^n \eta, dt) df \quad \text{and} \quad G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(df) d^n y d^n \eta dt$$

define the same Radon measure on $\Omega_\Lambda \times \mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$. Note also that this equality holds for any smooth compactly supported function ψ_2 . In particular, one finds that, for a.e. (y, η, t) in $\mathring{T}^*U \times \mathbb{R}^*$,

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda} \psi_1(f) G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(df) = \int_{\Omega_\Lambda} \psi_1(f) G_\Lambda(y, \eta, t)^*(\delta_0^{n+1})(df). \quad (59)$$

Appendix C. A functional-analytic proof of the Whitney embedding theorem

In this short section, we prove the approximation property used in the proof of Lemma B.3, and we illustrate it by giving a simple proof of the Whitney embedding theorem. In fact, on a smooth compact manifold M , if we have enough smooth functions e_1, \dots, e_N so that their linear combinations approximate any smooth function with enough accuracy, then we will prove that we can embed the manifold M in \mathbb{R}^N for N sufficiently large by the simple map

$$M \ni x \mapsto (e_1(x), \dots, e_N(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

C.1. Approximation of smooth functions

We denote by $H^s(M)$ the Sobolev space of functions or distributions of order s , i.e. the set of all distributions t such that $\Delta_g^{s/2}t$ belongs to $L^2(M)$ with norm $\| \cdot \|_{H^s(M)} = \|(1 - \Delta_g)^{s/2} \cdot \|_{L^2(M)}$. Note by the spectral theorem that

$$\|(1 - \Delta_g)^{s/2}t\|_{L^2(M)} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^\infty (1 + \lambda_i^2)^{s/2} |\langle t, e_i \rangle_{L^2}|^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

where we use the conventions of the introduction. First, we show that the eigenfunctions of the Laplace operator span a vector space which is everywhere dense in $C^\infty(M)$. This property was used to prove Lemma B.3.

Lemma C.1. *Let (M, g) be a smooth compact boundaryless Riemannian manifold. Then the finite linear combinations of eigenfunctions $(e_i)_i$ of the Laplace–Beltrami operator Δ_g span a dense subspace of $C^\infty(M)$. More precisely, for every C^k norm $\| \cdot \|_{C^k}$,*

$$\left\| f - \sum_{i=1}^N \langle f, e_i \rangle_{L^2} e_i \right\|_{C^k} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Proof. Eigenfunctions $(e_i)_i$ of the Laplace operator are smooth by elliptic regularity. Thus, any finite combination of them belongs to $C^\infty(M)$. By the Sobolev embedding theorem, it suffices to show that for any $s > 0$,

$$\left\| f - \sum_{i=1}^N \langle f, e_i \rangle_{L^2} e_i \right\|_{H^s} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

For that purpose, we write

$$\left\| f - \sum_{i=1}^N \langle f, e_i \rangle_{L^2} e_i \right\|_{H^s}^2 = \sum_{i=N+1}^\infty (1 + \lambda_i^2)^{s/2} |\langle f, e_i \rangle_{L^2}|^2,$$

which tends to 0 as f is smooth. □

C.2. Whitney embedding theorem

We will now show how this approximation property can be used to prove the following version of the Whitney embedding theorem:

Theorem C.2. *Let (M, g) be a smooth compact Riemannian manifold without boundary. Let $(e_i)_i$ be the sequence of eigenfunctions of the Laplace–Beltrami operator as defined in the introduction. Then there exists N_0 such that for any $N \geq N_0$, the map*

$$i_N : M \ni x \mapsto (e_1(x), \dots, e_N(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^N \tag{60}$$

is an embedding.

Proof. We first prove that i_N is an immersion; then we show it is injective.

Fix some N . To show that i_N is an immersion, we proceed as in the proof of Lemma B.3. It suffices to show that for all $x \in M$, $di_N(x)$ has maximal rank, in other words

$$x \mapsto (de_1, \dots, de_N)$$

has rank $\dim M = n$. Equivalently, this means that near every $x_0 \in M$, there is a neighbourhood U and n sequences $(a_i^1)_{1 \leq i \leq N}, \dots, (a_i^n)_{1 \leq i \leq N}$ such that for all $x \in U$, the covectors

$$\sum_{i=1}^N a_i^1 de_i(x), \dots, \sum_{i=1}^N a_i^n de_i(x)$$

are linearly independent. In other words, the n -form

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^N a_i^1 de_i \right) \wedge \dots \wedge \left(\sum_{i=1}^N a_i^n de_i \right)$$

never vanishes on U . But this is easy to achieve since for every x_0 , we can always find some sufficiently small neighbourhood U of x_0 and functions f_1, \dots, f_n such that $df_1 \wedge \dots \wedge df_n(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in U$. And since the family $(e_i)_i$ spans a dense subspace of $C^\infty(M)$, we can always find N_0 large enough so that the vector space spanned by $(e_i)_{i \leq N_0}$ is very close to f_1, \dots, f_n in the C^1 topology.

The last part consists in proving that the above map is injective for N large enough. By the previous part, we can fix N_0 large enough so that i_{N_0} is an immersion. Since an immersion is locally injective and M is compact, there is some $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for all $x \in M$, the map $i_{N_0} : B(x, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N_0}$ is injective. In other words, if $i_{N_0}(x) = i_{N_0}(y)$ for some $(x, y) \in M^2$ then $x = y$ or $d(x, y) > \varepsilon$. We denote by Δ_M the diagonal in $M \times M$. Consider the map $i_{N_0} \times i_{N_0} : (M \times M) \setminus \Delta_M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N_0} \times \mathbb{R}^{N_0}$ which meets the diagonal $\Delta \subset \mathbb{R}^{N_0} \times \mathbb{R}^{N_0}$ exactly at pairs of points (x, y) where i_{N_0} fails to be injective. First note that $(i_{N_0} \times i_{N_0})^{-1}(\Delta) = \{(x, y) : i_{N_0}(x) = i_{N_0}(y), d(x, y) \geq \varepsilon\}$ is a closed subset of $M \times M \setminus \Delta_M$. Since $M \times M \setminus \Delta_M$ is precompact, the closed subset $(i_{N_0} \times i_{N_0})^{-1}(\Delta)$ is compact. Note by definition of i_N that for all $N, (i_{N+1} \times i_{N+1})^{-1}(\Delta) \subset (i_N \times i_N)^{-1}(\Delta)$. Hence $((i_N \times i_N)^{-1}(\Delta))_N$, for $N \geq N_0$, is a decreasing sequence of compact subsets in $M \times M \setminus \{(x, y) \in M^2 : d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$. For contradiction, assume that for all $N \geq N_0$, the map i_N fails to be injective; then $(i_N \times i_N)^{-1}(\Delta)$ is nonempty for all N , so for all N there is a pair $(x_N, y_N) \in M \times M \setminus \{(x, y) \in M^2 : d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$ such that $i_N(x_N) = i_N(y_N)$ for all N . By compactness of $M \times M \setminus \{(x, y) \in M^2 : d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$, we may assume that the sequence $(x_N, y_N)_N$ converges to some element $(x, y) \in M \times M \setminus \{(x, y) \in M^2 : d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$. It follows by definition of i_N that $e_i(x_k) = e_i(y_k)$ for all $k \geq i$ and by continuity of the the functions $(e_i)_i$ and the fact that $x_k \rightarrow x, y_k \rightarrow y$, we also see that $e_i(x) = e_i(y)$ for all i .

On the other hand, we know that there is some smooth function f such that $f(x) \neq f(y)$. Since $f = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle f, e_i \rangle e_i$, this implies that $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle f, e_i \rangle e_i(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle f, e_i \rangle e_i(y) = f(y)$, which contradicts $f(x) \neq f(y)$. \square

Appendix D. Background material on the theory of currents

In this appendix, we give formulas for the current of integration over submanifolds defined by systems of equations of the form $g_1 = \dots = g_d = 0$ for some sufficiently nice functions g_1, \dots, g_d . This kind of formulas can be found for instance in Schwartz’s book [58, Section V.5, Example 3]. The advantage of representing currents of integration via Dirac distributions is that they will then be easily integrated against the Gaussian measure $d\mu_\Lambda$ on \mathcal{H}_Λ (see Section 4). For an introduction to the theory of currents, we also refer to the books of de Rham [24] and Giaquinta–Modica–Souček [36].

D.1. Currents on zero sets

In mathematical physics, one is often interested in studying subsets in X given by equations $\{G = 0\}$ for some $G = (g_i)_{1 \leq i \leq d}$. In our article, we will encounter two classes of currents associated to this type of submanifolds. The first class are currents *representable by integration on some smooth submanifolds* which form a subclass of de Rham chains (see [24, Chapter 2]). Let X be a smooth oriented manifold of dimension m , and let S be a smooth, oriented, compact submanifold of X of dimension $d \leq m$. This defines an integration current $[S]$ in $\mathcal{D}'_d(X)$ which acts on test forms $\omega \in \mathcal{D}_d(X)$ by

$$[S](\omega) = \int_S \omega. \tag{61}$$

The second class consists of Dirac distributions which are defined as follows. We denote by δ_0^d the usual Dirac distribution at $\{0\}$ on \mathbb{R}^d . This is defined by

$$\forall \varphi(x) dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^d \in \mathcal{D}_d(\mathbb{R}^d), \quad \langle \delta_0^d, \varphi dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^d \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^d} = \varphi(0). \quad (62)$$

Now let us define the Dirac distribution $G^*(\delta_0^d) = \delta_0^d \circ G$ supported by the zeros of a function $G : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$.

Proposition D.1. *Let $G = (g_i)_{1 \leq i \leq d} \in C^\infty(X)$ be such that, for all $x \in X$ satisfying $g_1(x) = \dots = g_d(x) = 0$, the linear forms $d_x g_1(x), \dots, d_x g_d(x)$ are linearly independent. Then*

- (1) *the pull-back of $\delta_0^d \in \mathcal{D}'_d(\mathbb{R}^d)$ by G , denoted by $G^*\delta_0^d$ (or also $\delta_0^d \circ G$) is well-defined,*
- (2) *the wavefront set of $G^*\delta_0^d$ is contained in*

$$N^*({G = 0}) = \{(x, \xi) \in T^*X : G(x) = 0, \xi = \tau \circ d_x G \text{ for some } \tau \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^d\},$$

- (3) *for every sequence $(T_p)_p$ which converges to δ_0^d in $\mathcal{D}'_{\{0\} \times (\mathbb{R}^d)^*}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $G^*T_p \rightarrow G^*\delta_0^d$ in the normal topology of $\mathcal{D}'_{N^*_{\{G=0\}}(X)}$ implies convergence in the weak topology of $\mathcal{D}'(X)$.*

Remark D.2. For the notion of wavefront set and for the precise definition of the set $\mathcal{D}'_\Gamma(X)$ of distributions whose wavefront set is contained in Γ , we refer the reader to [43, Section 8.2] (see also [16]); and for the definition of the normal topology on $\mathcal{D}'_\Gamma(X)$, we refer to [17].

Proof of Proposition D.1. Let $N_G = \{(y, \eta) \in T^*\mathbb{R}^d : G(x) = y \text{ and } \eta \circ d_x G = 0 \text{ for some } x \in X\}$ be the normal set of the map G . By assumption, N_G does not meet the set $\{0\} \times (\mathbb{R}^d)^* \subset T^*\mathbb{R}^d$, which is the wavefront set of δ_0^d . Therefore by the pull-back theorem of Hörmander (Th. B.1), $G^*\delta_0^d = \delta^d \circ G$ is well-defined and its wavefront set is included in $G^*({0} \times (\mathbb{R}^d)^*) = N^*_{\{G=0\}}$. Finally, the last claim follows from the sequential continuity of the pull-back operation ([43, Th. 8.2.4] or [17]). \square

Now the natural question is how the integration current on $S = \{G = 0\}$ and the delta form $G^*\delta_0^d = \delta_0^d \circ G$ are related to each other. Note that the Dirac distribution of the submanifold $S = \{G = 0\}$ is obviously not the same as the integration current $[S]$ because we integrate *top forms* against $\delta_0^d \circ G$ but only $(m - d)$ -forms on $[S]$.

D.2. Orientations on submanifolds

Before comparing these currents, we need to briefly discuss orientability questions. For any smooth manifold X (orientable or not), there exists a smooth principal \mathbb{Z}_2 bundle $O_X \rightarrow X$ called the *orientation bundle*. Recall that if X is an orientable manifold, then there exists a volume form $\omega \in \Gamma(X, \Lambda^n T^*X)$ where $n = \dim X$ or equivalently there exists a global section of O_X . Indeed, every choice of volume form ω on X canonically defines a global section $[\omega]$ of the orientation bundle O_X , also $[\varphi\omega] = [\omega]$ for

all $\varphi > 0$. Now, if we are given a submanifold $S \subset X$ defined by equations $g_1 = \dots = g_d = 0$ and if X is oriented by $[\omega_1] \in \mathcal{O}_X$ and S by $[\omega_2] \in \mathcal{O}_S$, we choose representatives $\omega_1 \in \Gamma(X, \Lambda^n T^*X)$ and $\omega_2 \in \Gamma(S, \Lambda^{n-d} T^*S)$. Then we say that the orientation of $dg_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dg_d$ is *compatible* with the pair of orientations $[\omega_1], [\omega_2]$ if $dg_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dg_d \wedge \omega_2|_S = \varphi \omega_1|_S$ for some smooth function φ with $\varphi|_S > 0$.

D.3. Relations between different types of currents

In the next proposition, we give a concrete description of the action of Dirac distributions $G^* \delta_0^d$ on differential forms.

Proposition D.3. *Let $G = (g_i)_{1 \leq i \leq d}$ be a smooth map from X to \mathbb{R}^d such that the differentials $d_x g_i$ are linearly independent for every x satisfying $g_1(x) = \dots = g_d(x) = 0$. Then, for any test form $\omega \in \mathcal{D}_m(X)$ and for any $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}_{m-d}(X)$ such that $dg_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dg_d \wedge \alpha = \omega$, one has*

$$\langle G^* \delta_0^d, \omega \rangle = \int_{\{G=0\}} \alpha. \tag{63}$$

Proof. We first handle the case where $g = (g_i)_{1 \leq i \leq d}$ is a linear map from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^d of maximal rank. Then one can choose (g_1, \dots, g_d) to be the first d components of some system of linear coordinate functions $(g_1, \dots, g_d, \dots, g_n)$ on \mathbb{R}^n , in this case G is just the linear projection $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ on the first d components and the zero set $\{G = 0\}$ is just $\{0\} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-d} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. For any function ψ on \mathbb{R}^d , the pull-back of ψ by G simply reads

$$G^* \psi(g_1, \dots, g_n) = \psi(g_1, \dots, g_d) \otimes 1(g_{d+1}, \dots, g_n),$$

and therefore, by continuity of the pull-back operation [16], one has $\delta_0^d \circ G = \delta_0^d \otimes 1$. Any form ω has a unique representation in the basis $dg_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dg_n$ as

$$\omega = \omega_{1\dots n}(g_1, \dots, g_n) dg_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dg_n,$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} [\delta_0^d \circ G](\omega) &= [\delta_0^d \otimes 1(g_{d+1}, \dots, g_n)](\omega) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-d}} \omega_{1\dots n}(0, \dots, 0, g_{d+1}, \dots, g_n) dg_{d+1} \wedge \dots \wedge dg_n. \end{aligned}$$

Note that any form α such that $dg_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dg_d \wedge \alpha = \omega$ will coincide with

$$\omega_{1\dots n}(0, \dots, 0, g_{d+1}, \dots, g_n) dg_{d+1} \wedge \dots \wedge dg_n$$

when restricted to $\{G = 0\} = \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-d}$. It follows that the pairing does not depend on the choice of α .

Let us go back to the manifold case. For any $m \in \{G = 0\}$, let U be some neighbourhood of m on which the differentials dg_i are linearly independent. Then one can choose (g_1, \dots, g_d) to be the first d components of some system of local coordinate functions

(g_1, \dots, g_n) on U . What we just did was to define some local chart $\Phi : X \supset U \ni m \mapsto (g_1(m), \dots, g_n(m)) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ on $U \subset X$ such that $G \circ \Phi^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ is just the linear projection on the first d components. Then the distribution $\delta_0^d \circ (G \circ \Phi^{-1})$ is well-defined by our previous discussion since $G \circ \Phi^{-1}$ is linear. Then we have the identity

$$\langle (G \circ \Phi^{-1})^* \delta_0^d, \omega \rangle = \int_{\{G \circ \Phi^{-1} = 0\}} \alpha$$

for all α such that

$$dg_1 \circ \Phi^{-1} \wedge \dots \wedge dg_d \circ \Phi^{-1} \wedge \alpha = \omega.$$

We have just constructed a delta distribution $(G \circ \Phi^{-1})^* \delta_0^d$ supported by some linear subspace; to go back to the open subset U in the manifold X , we must pull back the distribution $(G \circ \Phi^{-1})^* \delta_0^d$ by Φ . By the pull-back Theorem B.1, this yields $\Phi^*(G \circ \Phi^{-1})^* \delta_0^d = G^* \delta_0^d$ and, for every α such that $dg_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dg_d \wedge \alpha = \omega$,

$$\langle G^* \delta_0^d, \omega \rangle = \int_{\{G=0\}} \alpha. \quad \square$$

In fact, using the notations of §D.2 concerning the orientation of submanifolds defined by systems of equations, we obtain the following corollary:

Corollary D.4. *Let X be a smooth oriented manifold with orientation $[\omega_1]$, and let*

$$G := (g_i)_{1 \leq i \leq d} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

be a smooth function such that the differentials $d_x g_i$ are linearly independent for every $x \in X$ satisfying $g_1(x) = \dots = g_d(x) = 0$. Let S be the submanifold in X defined by the regular system of equations $\{g_1 = \dots = g_d = 0\}$ and oriented by $[\omega_2]$. If $dg_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dg_d$ has orientation compatible with the pair of orientations $[\omega_1], [\omega_2]$ then

$$[S] = G^*(\delta_0^d) dg_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dg_d. \quad (64)$$

Proof. We note that this corollary is proved in [58, Section V.5] when $d = 1$. It is in fact a direct consequence of the property of the Dirac distribution $\delta_0^d \circ G$ established in Proposition D.3, i.e.

$$\langle G^* \delta_0^d dg_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dg_d, \alpha \rangle = \langle G^* \delta_0^d, dg_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dg_d \wedge \alpha \rangle = \int_S \alpha. \quad \square$$

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