

The Noncommutative Geometry Generalization of Fundamental Group

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Abstract

A notion of fundamental group of spectral triples [1] has been introduced. The notion uses a noncommutative analogue of unramified coverings. It was shown that in commutative case this fundamental group is a profinite completion of fundamental group of corresponding Riemann manifold.

1 Introduction

In algebraic topology the fundamental group may be defined using closed paths or automorphisms of universal covering. However, noncommutative geometry spectral triple has no paths and even points in general case. Similarly in algebraic geometry we can not always find a set of paths that provides a good definition of fundamental group. But it is possible to define unramified coverings. These coverings enable us to define analogue of fundamental group in algebraic geometry. The algebraic geometry fundamental group of complex algebraic manifold is the profinite completion of algebraic topology fundamental group [2]. The notion of ramified covering in noncommutative geometry was introduced in [3]. Using very similar approach we have introduced the notion of unramified finite covering in noncommutative geometry. The spectral triple coverings enable us to define the noncommutative version of fundamental group. If a spectral triple is commutative then its fundamental group is the profinite completion of the fundamental group of Riemann manifold that is associated to the triple.

2 Preliminaries

Recall definition of real spectral triple[1]. A real spectral triple consists of a set of four (five) objects $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D, J, \Gamma)$, of following types:

- (1) \mathcal{A} is a *pre - C^* algebra*;
- (2) \mathcal{H} is a *Hilbert space* carrying faithful representation π of algebra \mathcal{A} ;
- (3) D is a *selfadjoint operator* on \mathcal{H} with compact resolvent;

- (4) J is a *antilinear isometry* of \mathcal{H} onto itself;
- (5) Γ is a *selfadjoint unitary operator* on \mathcal{H} so that $\Gamma^2 = 1$.

If Γ is present we say that triple is *even*, otherwise it is *odd*. The reader can find complete description of spectral triples, and those axioms at [1]. We will use following notation of spectral triples $\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D, J, \Gamma)$ or $\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D, J)$ or $\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$.

In the following text $D, J, (\Gamma)$ will be called as “operators”.

Recall the notion of unitary equivalence of geometries [1]. Unitary equivalence of spectral triple $\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$ is associated with such unitary operator U on \mathcal{H} that $U\pi(\mathcal{A})U^{-1} = \pi(\mathcal{A})$.

Let $G(\mathbf{A})$ or $G(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$ be the group of unitary equivalences of the triple $\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$. Every unitary equivalence U defines *-automorphism σ of \mathcal{A} that satisfies following condition $U\pi(a)U^{-1} = \pi(\sigma(a))$. Hence $G(\mathbf{A})$ acts on \mathcal{H}_A and \mathcal{A} .

The orientability axiom [1] assume the existence of fundamental Hochschild cycle $c_A \in Z_n(\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}^0)$. Every homomorphism $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ of algebras defines natural transformation f^* of Hochschild cycles. Thus we have $f^*(c_A) \in Z_n(\mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{B}^0)$.

3 Finite coverings. Fundamental group

In this section we shall define noncommutative analogue of coverings using structures of spectral triple only. We will show below that in commutative case there is one to one correspondence between these coverings and finitely sheeted coverings of corresponding Riemann manifold. These coverings enable to define fundamental group.

3.1 Elements of finite covering

Let $G \subset G(\mathbf{A})$ be a finite subgroup of $G(\mathbf{A})$. Elements of G act on \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{H} . Therefore group G defines projector P on \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{H} by following formula:

$$P_G = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} g \tag{1}$$

The image of P is a subalgebra (subspace) \mathcal{A}^G (\mathcal{H}^G) of \mathcal{A} (\mathcal{H}).

Definition 3.1. Finite covering of spectral triples $p : (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}_A, D_A) \rightarrow (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{H}_B, D_B)$ consists of such pair (p_1, p_2) of injective *-homomorphism $p_1 : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ and homomorphism $p_2 : \mathcal{H}_B \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_A$ that:

- (i) There exists a finite subgroup $G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) \subset G(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$ that image of p_1 (p_2) is $\mathcal{A}^{G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})}$ ($\mathcal{H}^{G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})}$);
- (ii) Homomorphisms p_1 and p_2 satisfy to the condition $p_2(\pi(b)h) = \pi(p_1(b))p_2(h)$ for any $b \in \mathcal{B}$ and $h \in \mathcal{H}_B$;
- (iii) Spectral triples $\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}_A, D_A)$, $\mathbf{B} = (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{H}_B, D_B)$ and group $G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ satisfy following axioms 1 - 7.

3.2 Axioms of finite covering

Axiom 1. \mathcal{A} is a finitely generated projective \mathcal{B} - module.

Axiom 2. There is the natural isomorphism of \mathcal{A} - modules $\mathcal{H}_A \approx \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{H}_B$

Axiom 3. There exists such surjective homomorphism $\phi_{AB} : G(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow G(\mathbf{B})$ that the following diagram is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{H}_A & \xrightarrow{P_{G(\mathbf{A},\mathbf{B})}} & \mathcal{H}_B \\ g \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi_{AB}(g) \\ \mathcal{H}_A & \xrightarrow{P_{G(\mathbf{A},\mathbf{B})}} & \mathcal{H}_B \end{array}$$

where P is the projection defined by equation (1).

Axiom 4. Every element $g \in G(\mathbf{A})$ that is identity on $p_2(\mathcal{H}_B)$ belongs to $G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$.

Axiom 5. Every $g \in G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ commute with $D_A, J_A (\Gamma_A)$ and $D_B, J_B (\Gamma_B)$ are restrictions of $D_A, J_A (\Gamma_A)$ on \mathcal{H}_B .

Axiom 6. The dimension of the triple $\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}_A, D_A)$ equals to the dimension of the triple $\mathbf{B} = (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{H}_B, D_B)$. Definition of a triple dimension is contained in [1].

Axiom 7. If $c_A \in Z_n(\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}^0)$ is fundamental cycle on \mathbf{A} and $c_B \in Z_n(\mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{B}^0)$ is fundamental cycle on \mathbf{B} then $c_A = f^*(c_B)$.

In the following text we consider \mathcal{B} as subalgebra of \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{H}_B as subspace of \mathcal{H}_A .

3.3 Composition of finite coverings

Lemma 3.1. Let

$$\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}_A, D_A) \xrightarrow{f} \mathbf{B} = (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{H}_B, D_B) \xrightarrow{g} \mathbf{C} = (\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{H}_C, D_C)$$

be a diagram with finite coverings of spectral triples, and $f = (f_1, f_2), g = (g_1, g_2)$. Then the pair $(f_1 g_1, f_2 g_2)$ defines finite covering $gf : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$

Proof. Let us check (i) - (iii) (i) Let $G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}) \subset G(\mathbf{A})$ be the subgroup of those automorphisms that are identities on $p_1(\mathcal{C})$ and $p_2(\mathcal{H}_C)$ According to axiom 4 we have a surjective homomorphism $G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}) \rightarrow G(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$ and even an exact sequence

$$\{e\} \rightarrow G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) \rightarrow G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}) \rightarrow G(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}) \rightarrow \{e\} \quad (2)$$

Since $G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ and $G(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$ are finite then $G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C})$ is finite. (ii) Follows from simple direct calculation and omitted here. (iii)

Axiom 1. The \mathcal{A} is the direct summand of \mathcal{B}^m , and the \mathcal{B} is direct summand of \mathcal{C}^n . Hence \mathcal{A} is the direct summand of \mathcal{C}^{mn} .

Axiom 2. This axiom follows from next equivalences:

$$\mathcal{H}_B \approx \mathcal{B} \otimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{H}_C$$

$$\mathcal{H}_A \approx \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{H}_B \approx \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{B} \otimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{H}_C \approx \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{H}_C$$

Axiom 3. Follows from the next commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{H}_A & \xrightarrow{P_{G(\mathbf{A},\mathbf{B})}} & \mathcal{H}_B & \xrightarrow{P_{G(\mathbf{B},\mathbf{C})}} & \mathcal{H}_C \\ g \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi_{AB}(g) & & \downarrow \phi_{AC}(g) \\ \mathcal{H}_A & \xrightarrow{P_{G(\mathbf{A},\mathbf{B})}} & \mathcal{H}_B & \xrightarrow{P_{G(\mathbf{B},\mathbf{C})}} & \mathcal{H}_C \end{array}$$

Axiom 4. Follows from the exact sequence (2) of finite groups.

Axiom 5. Let $g \in G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C})$, \mathcal{H}_1 is orthogonal supplement of \mathcal{H}_C in \mathcal{H}_B , and \mathcal{H}_2 is orthogonal supplement of \mathcal{H}_B in \mathcal{H}_A . Then $\mathcal{H}_A = \mathcal{H}_C \oplus \mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}_2$ and $\mathcal{H}_B = \mathcal{H}_C \oplus \mathcal{H}_1$

The $\phi_{AB}(g)$ is represented by operator on \mathcal{H}_B that looks like:

$$\begin{pmatrix} Id_{\mathcal{H}_C} & 0 \\ 0 & U_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

where U_1 is an unitary operator on \mathcal{H}_1 . if g is represented by operator U then

$$U \begin{pmatrix} Id_{\mathcal{H}_C} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & U_1^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Id_{\mathcal{H}_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Id_{\mathcal{H}_C} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Id_{\mathcal{H}_1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & U_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

where U_2 is an unitary operator on \mathcal{H}_2 . We have

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} Id_{\mathcal{H}_C} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & U_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & U_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

Operator $D_A|_{\mathcal{H}_2}$ commute with U_2 . Operator $D_A|_{\mathcal{H}_1} = D_B|_{\mathcal{H}_1}$ commute with U_1 . Hence D_A commute with U . We can say the same about J_A, Γ_A .

Axiom 6. Dimension of \mathbf{A} equals to dimension of \mathbf{B} and dimension of \mathbf{B} equals to dimension of \mathbf{C} . Hence dimension of \mathbf{A} equals to dimension of \mathbf{C} .

Axiom 7. Let c_A, c_B, c_C are fundamental cycles on $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$. Then we have $c_A = f_1^*(c_B)$ and $c_B = g_1^*(c_C)$. Hence $c_A = (f_1 g_1)^*(c_C)$.

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3.4 Fundamental group

Let \mathbf{A} be a spectral triple. Consider the following category. Object of this category is a finite covering $f_i : \mathbf{A}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$. Every object of this category defines

a group $G(\mathbf{A}_i, \mathbf{A})$. Morphism from $f_i : \mathbf{A}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ to $f_j : \mathbf{A}_j \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ is a such finite covering $f_{ij} : \mathbf{A}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_j$ that the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{A}_i & \xrightarrow{f_{ij}} & \mathbf{A}_j \\ & \searrow f_i \quad \swarrow f_j & \\ & \mathbf{A} & \end{array}$$

is commutative.

Every morphism of this category naturally defines a surjective group homomorphism $G(\mathbf{A}_i, \mathbf{A}) \rightarrow G(\mathbf{A}_j, \mathbf{A})$.

Hence for every spectral triple we have a commutative diagram of groups and surjective homomorphisms.

Definition 3.2. Fundamental group of spectral triple $\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$ is an inverse limit of described above diagram of groups.

We shall use following notation $\pi_1(\mathbf{A})$ or $\pi_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$ for fundamental group of $\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, D)$.

4 Fundamental group of commutative spectral triple

Let us recall some facts of noncommutative and differential geometry and topology. In [1] and [4] it was shown that every commutative spectral triple $\mathbf{B} = (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{H}_B, D_B, J_B, \Gamma_B)$ defines compact Riemann manifold N , and spinor \mathcal{S}_N bundle on it. In this case $B \approx C^\infty(N)$ and $\mathcal{H}_B \approx L^2(\mathcal{S}_N)$. Moreover, D_B, J_B, Γ_B correspond to local “operators” on smooth sections of the bundle \mathcal{S}_N . According to [1] the fundametal cycle on \mathbf{B} corresponds to the volume form Ω_N of the Riemann manifold N . Inversely, if we have a Riemann manifold N with spinor bundle \mathcal{S}_N and local “operators” on the bundle smooth sections which satisfy to the set of conditions, then we can build corresponding spectral triple. A completion of a *pre* - C^* algebra \mathcal{A} is the C^* algebra A , and latter defines a topological space. Every *-homomorphism of commutative C^* algebras defines continous map of topological spaces [7]. In this case every element of *pre* - C^* algebra corresponds to a smooth complex function. Hence if a *-homomorphism is an extention of a *-homomorphism of *pre* - C^* algebras then the map is smooth. If $f : M \rightarrow N$ is a connected finitely sheeted covering of compact Riemann manifold N then M has the natural structure of Riemann manifold that is compact. If a local diffeomorphism $f : M \rightarrow N$ is not surjective then $C^\infty(M)$ is not a finitely generated $C^\infty(N)$ module (we consider the natural $C^\infty(N)$ module structure).

These facts will be used below to show that the fundametal group of commutative spectral triple $\mathbf{B} = (C^\infty(N), L^2(\mathcal{S}_N), D_B, J_B, \Gamma_B)$ is the profinite completion of $\pi_1(N)$.

Lemma 4.1. *Let $\mathbf{B} = (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{H}_B, D_B, J_B(\Gamma_B))$ be a commutative spectral triple that corresponds to Riemann manifold N , and $f : M \rightarrow N$ is finitely sheeted covering. Then there exist such natural commutative spectral triple*

$\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}_A, D_A, J_A(\Gamma_A))$ and finite covering $f^* : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ that $\mathcal{A} = C^\infty(M)$ and f^* naturally corresponds to the smooth map f .

Proof. Let $\mathcal{A} = C^\infty(M)$ and \mathcal{S}_M is a spinor bundle on M that is the inverse image of \mathcal{S}_N . Since $D_B, J_B(\Gamma_B)$ correspond to local “operators” on smooth sections of the bundle \mathcal{S}_N we can naturally define similar “operators” on smooth sections of the bundle \mathcal{S}_M . Then we can define $\mathcal{H}_A = L^2(\mathcal{S}_M)$ and “operators” $D_A, J_A(\Gamma_A)$ on \mathcal{H}_A . A direct checking shows that that $\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}_A, D_A, J_A(\Gamma_A))$ satisfies to axioms of spectral triple. There are the natural injective *-homomorphism $f_1^* : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ and the natural map from the space of smooth sections of \mathcal{S}_N to the space of smooth sections of \mathcal{S}_M . The later defines the injective homomorphism $f_2^* : \mathcal{H}_B \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_A$. Every fixed on $f_1^*(\mathcal{B})$ *-automorphism of \mathcal{A} corresponds to such homeomorphism $\alpha : M \rightarrow M$ that following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & M \\ & \searrow f & \swarrow f \\ & & N \end{array}$$

is commutative. Indeed α is isometry and number of similar isometries is finite since f is a finitely listed covering. Every similar isometry generates fixed on image of \mathcal{H}_B unitary operator on \mathcal{H}_A . So we have the finite group $G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ that is naturally isomorphic to described above group of isometries. We have checked condition (i) of 3.1. The (ii) is evident, and (iii) contains axioms. Let us check the axioms.

Axiom 1. Follows from [5] (Exercise II 6.6).

Axiom 2. According to [5] the space of sections of \mathcal{S}_A is the tensor product of \mathcal{A} and space of sections of \mathcal{S}_B . Hence we have $\mathcal{H}_A \approx \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{H}_B$.

Axiom 3. Let us select a point $x_0 \in M$. Let be such $U \subset M$ “fundamental domain” that:

a) if $f_1(x_1) = f_1(x_2)$ and $x_1 \in U$ then distance between x_2 and x_0 does not exceeds distance between x_1 and x_0 ,

b) U is the maximal subset of M with such properties.

In this case U is an open subset of M and $f_1(U)$ is an open dense subset of N . Let α is isometry of M . We define isometry β in the following way:

$$f_1(U) \xrightarrow{\alpha|_U} \alpha(U) \xrightarrow{f_1} N .$$

Since $f(U)$ is dense, the β domain may be uniquely extended to N . So for every isometry of M we have the isometry of N . It gives the homomorphism $G(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow G(\mathbf{B})$. Now we will show that the homomorphism is surjective. Let β is isometry of N . Select such point $x'_0 \in M$, that $f(x'_0) = \beta(f(x_0))$. Select pathwise connected, simple connected neighborhood V of $f_1(x_0)$. Select such

U and U' connected components of $f^{-1}(V)$ and $f^{-1}(\beta(V))$ that $x_0 \in U$ and $x'_0 \in U'$. Since f is a covering we can uniquely define such isometry $\alpha : U \rightarrow U'$ that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & U' \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ V & \xrightarrow{\beta} & \beta(V) \end{array}$$

is commutative. There are no obstacles to extend isometry α to M . So every isometry of N is the image of isometry of M , and homomorphism $G(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow G(\mathbf{B})$ is surjective.

Axiom 4.

Follows from the construction of $G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$.

Axiom 5.

Follows from the construction of D_A, J_A (and Γ_A).

Axiom 6.

According to [1], dimension of commutative spectral triple equals to dimension of correspond Riemann manifold. It is clear that dimension of M equals to dimension of N .

Axiom 7.

As it has been shown above the fundamental cycle on \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{B}) corresponds to volume form Ω_N (Ω_M). Since metric on M is the natural image of metric on N the Ω_M is natural image of Ω_N i. e. $\Omega_M = f^*\Omega_N$. Then we have $c_A = f_1^*(c_B)$

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Lemma 4.2. *Let $\mathbf{B} = (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{H}_B, D_B, J_B, \Gamma_B)$ be a commutative spectral triple and $f : \mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}_A, D_A, J_A, \Gamma_A) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is a finite covering. Then \mathcal{B} belongs to the center of \mathcal{A} .*

Proof. Suppose that \mathcal{B} does not belong to the center of \mathcal{A} . As vector space \mathcal{B} is generated by elements $e^{i\psi}$ where ψ is a real smooth function on the Riemann manifold that corresponds to the \mathbf{B} . Hence we have one function $e^{i\psi}$ that does not belong to the center of \mathcal{A} . For every $n \in \mathbf{N}$ we have unitary element $u_n = e^{i\psi/n} \in \mathcal{B}$ and coresponding fixed on the \mathcal{B} inner automorphism of \mathcal{A} . We have an infinite set of different inner automorphisms of \mathcal{A} those are fixed on \mathcal{B} . However every inner automorphism corresponds to geometry equivalence [1]. Hence the group $G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ is infinite. It contradicts with 3.1.

□

Lemma 4.3. *Let $\mathbf{B} = (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{H}_B, D_B, J_B, \Gamma_B)$ is a commutative spectral triple and $f : \mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}_A, D_A, J_A, \Gamma_A) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is a finite covering. Then \mathcal{A} is commutative.*

Proof. \mathcal{A} is generated by selfadjoint elements as vector space. Suppose that \mathcal{A} is not commutative. Then there exist two selfadjoint elements $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ those

do not commute. It may be shown that among inner automorphisms that correspond to unitary elements $e^{i\epsilon(x+ay)}$ ($a, \epsilon \in \mathbf{R}$) there exists an infinite set of different ones. Since \mathcal{B} is contained in the center of \mathcal{A} these automorphisms are fixed on \mathcal{B} . Hence the group $G(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ is infinite. It contradicts with 3.1. \square

Lemma 4.4. *Let $\mathbf{B} = (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{H}_B, D_B, J_B, \Gamma_B)$ be a commutative spectral triple that corresponds to Riemann manifold N , and $f : \mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}_A, D_A, J_A, \Gamma_A) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is a finite covering. Then*

(i) *There exists Riemann manifold M and finitely listed covering $f : M \rightarrow N$ that $\mathbf{A} = (C^\infty(M), L^2(f^*(\mathcal{S}_M)), D_A, J_A, \Gamma_A)$ where \mathcal{S}_M is inverse image of \mathcal{S}_N .*

(ii) *“Operators” D_A, J_A, Γ_A are naturally defined by “operators” D_B, J_B, Γ_B on smooth sections of \mathcal{S}_N .*

Proof. (i) According to 4.3 \mathcal{A} is commutative. Hence

$\mathbf{A} = (C^\infty(M), L^2(\mathcal{S}_M), D_A, J_A, \Gamma_A)$. Homomorphism f_1 defines the smooth map $f : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$. The axiom 7 means that $\Omega_M = f^*\Omega_N$ where Ω_M and Ω_N are volume forms on M and N . Hence Jacobian of f has no zeros and f is a local diffeomorphism. Since \mathcal{A} is finitely generated \mathcal{B} module the f is surjective. Every surjective local diffeomorphism is a covering. According to axiom 2 of finite covering $\mathcal{H}_A \approx \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{H}_B$. It means that \mathcal{S}_M is the inverse image of \mathcal{S}_N . (ii) This property follows from the axiom 5 of finite covering. \square

The lemmas 4.1 and 4.4 mean that there is one to one correspondence between finite coverings of commutative spectral triple

$\mathbf{A} = (C^\infty(M), L^2(\mathcal{S}_M), D_A, J_A, \Gamma_A)$ and finitely sheeted coverings of M . For every finitely listed covering $f_i : M_i \rightarrow M$ let us call $G(M_i|M)$ the covering group [6], i. e. the group of such homeomorphisms of M_i α that $f_i\alpha = f_i$. Then corresponding groups $G(M_i|M)$ and $G(\mathbf{A}_i, \mathbf{A})$ are naturally isomorphic. Moreover, according to the following diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{A}_i & \xrightarrow{f_{ij}} & \mathbf{A}_j \\
 & \searrow f_i \quad \swarrow f_j & \\
 & \mathbf{A} & \\
 \\
 M_i & \xrightarrow{f_{ij}^*} & M_j \\
 & \searrow f_i^* \quad \swarrow f_j^* & \\
 & M &
 \end{array}$$

there exists one to one correspondence between finite coverings $f_{ij} : \mathbf{A}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_j$ and finitely generated coverings $f_{ij}^* : M_i \rightarrow M_j$. Moreover this correspondence

implies that we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G(M|M_i) & \xrightarrow{\approx} & G(\mathbf{A}_i, \mathbf{A}) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 G(M|M_j) & \xrightarrow{\approx} & G(\mathbf{A}_j, \mathbf{A})
 \end{array}$$

Let \widetilde{M} be the universal covering of M . According to [6] $\pi_1(M)$ acts on \widetilde{M} and $M \approx \widetilde{M}/\pi_1(M)$. If $f_i^* : M_i \rightarrow M$ is finitely sheeted covering then $M_i \approx \widetilde{M}/H_i$ and $G(M_i|M) \approx \pi_1(M)/H_i$ where H_i is a finite index normal subgroup of $\pi_1(M)$. Inversely, every finite factorgroup defines a finitely sheeted covering. Recall that profinite completion \widehat{G} of group G is the inverse limit of the diagram of its finite factorgroups [8].

Theorem 4.5. *If $\mathbf{A} = (C^\infty(M), L^2(\mathcal{S}_M), D_A, J_A, (\Gamma_A))$ is a commutative spectral triple then $\pi_1(\mathbf{A}) \approx \widehat{\pi_1(M)}$.*

Proof. Consider

$$G_i \xrightarrow{\alpha_{ij}} G_j$$

the diagram of finite factorgroups of $\pi_1(M)$. As it has been explained above $G_i \approx G(M_i|M)$ for some finitely sheeted covering.

We have the following diagram of finitely sheeted coverings

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M_i & \xrightarrow{f_{ij}^*} & M_j \\
 \searrow f_i^* & & \swarrow f_j^* \\
 & M &
 \end{array}$$

There is one to one correspondence of objects and arrows of this diagram to following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{A}_i & \xrightarrow{f_{ij}} & \mathbf{A}_j \\
 \searrow f_i & & \swarrow f_j \\
 & \mathbf{A} &
 \end{array}$$

In fact, both the diagram of spectral triples and the diagram of Riemann manifolds correspond to the same diagram of groups and surjective homomorphisms.

According to definition 3.2 $\pi_1(\mathbf{A})$ is the inverse limit of the diagram

$$G(\mathbf{A}_i, \mathbf{A}) \longrightarrow G(\mathbf{A}_j, \mathbf{A})$$

Hence, it is isomorphic to the diagram of finite factorgroups of $\pi_1(M)$. Thus $\pi_1(\mathbf{A})$ is the profinite completion of $\pi_1(M)$.

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