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## Absolute and relative characteristic numbers for open manifolds, their application to bordism theory and the Novikov conjecture

Abstract: We develop a general approach to define characteristic numbers for open manifolds, an absolute and a relative version, prove certain invariance properties, apply them to bordism theory and discuss several versions of the Novikov conjecture for open manifolds.