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# The formal moment map geometry of the space of symplectic connections

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Day 1:

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# I) Introduction and definitions

## A) Goals of the lectures

- Teach Fedosov construction of  $\star$ -product
- Present the paper arXiv:2106.13608:
  - Formal analogue of Feth-Uribe's paper
  - **Deform** the Cohn-Gutt moment map picture on the space of symplectic connections
  - Applications:- Study of automorphisms of  $\star$ -products
  - Hamiltonian diffeomorphisms

Main Tool: On  $(M, \omega)$  a closed symplectic mfd

→ Deformation quantization: Fedosov construct:

∇ symplectic connection  $\xrightarrow{\text{Fedosov}}$   $\star_{\nabla}$  a star product.

← Any "natural"  $\star$ -product determines a symplectic connection.

## B) Symplectic connections

$(M, \omega)$  symplectic manifold  
(closed non-degenerate 2-form)

Def 1: A symplectic connection  $\nabla$  on  $(M, \omega)$  is a

linear connection of TM st:

- $\nabla \omega = 0$  ( $\omega$  is  $\nabla$ -flat)
- $\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y] = 0$  ( $\nabla$  has no torsion)

Facts: ① There always exists a symplectic connection on  $(M, \omega)$ .

Proof: Take  $\nabla^0$  any linear connection which is torsion-free.

Define a tensor  $N$  on  $M$  by

$$(\nabla_X^0 \omega)(Y, Z) =: \omega(N(X, Y), Z), \quad X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{TM}$$

↑  
anti-sym.

$$\bigoplus_{X, Y, Z} \omega(N(X, Y), Z) = 0$$

$$\text{Then, define } \nabla_X Y := \nabla_X^0 Y + \frac{1}{3} N(X, Y) + \frac{1}{3} N(Y, X).$$

Check  $\nabla$  is a symplectic connection.

□

② Given  $\nabla$  a symplectic connection

Consider  $A \in \Gamma \Lambda^2 M \otimes \text{End}(TM)$

$$\mapsto \tilde{\nabla}_X Y := \nabla_X Y + A(X)Y \quad X, Y \in \mathcal{TM}$$

$\tilde{\nabla}$  is symplectic connection iff  $A(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot) := \omega(\cdot, A(\cdot)\cdot)$  is totally symmetric

$$\Leftrightarrow A \in \Gamma(\underline{S^2 T^* M})$$

symmetric 3-tensor on  $M$ .

③ In Darboux coordinates:  $(U, \{x^i\})$  st  $\omega|_U = \omega_{ij} dx^i \wedge dx^j$   
open set constant.

$$\nabla \text{ symplectic connection: } (\nabla|_U) = d + \Gamma_{ij}^k dx^i$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega \in \Gamma(S^2 T^* M) \text{ is symmetric in } i, j, \dots$$

Def's: We denote by  $\mathcal{E}(M, \omega)$  the space of symplectic connections on  $(M, \omega)$

- Given a symplectic connection  $\nabla$  on  $(M, \omega)$ :

$$\mathcal{E}(M, \omega) = \nabla + \Gamma(S^3 T^*M)$$

is an affine space.

The curvature tensor  $R$  of a symplectic connection  $\nabla$  is

$$R(X, Y)Z := \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z$$

Properties:  $X, Y, Z, T \in TM$

- $R(X, Y) \in \text{End}(TM, \omega)$

$$\bigoplus_{X, Y, Z} R(X, Y)Z = 0 \quad (1^{\text{st}} \text{ Bianchi})$$

- $\omega(T, R(X, Y)Z)$  is anti-symmetric in  $X, Y$   
symmetric in  $T, Z$

- The Ricci tensor:  $\text{Ric}(X, Y) := \text{Tr}(Z \mapsto R(Z, X)Y)$

Ric is symmetric in  $X, Y$ .

Remark: In Riemannian geom: scalar curvature  $g^{\flat} \text{Ric}^{\sharp}$

In sympl geom: No  $g$

$\omega$  is anti-symmetric

No scalar curvature!

$$\bigoplus_{X, Y, Z} (\nabla_X R)(Y, Z) = 0$$

Consider now  $\Psi \in \text{Symp}(M, \omega)$  i.e.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Psi: M \rightarrow M \text{ is a diffeo of } M \\ \Psi^* \omega = \omega \end{array} \right.$

→ Natural action on  $\mathcal{E}(M, \omega)$  by

$$(\Psi \cdot \nabla)_x Y := \Psi_* (\nabla_{\Psi_*^{-1} X} \Psi_*^{-1} Y) \quad , \quad X, Y \in \Gamma TM$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\mathcal{E}(M, \omega)$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi \cdot \nabla \in \mathcal{E}(M, \omega).$$

The infinitesimal action: For  $X$  being a symplectic v.f. ( $\mathcal{L}_X \omega = 0$ )

$$\underbrace{(\mathcal{L}_X \nabla)_Y Z}_{\in \Gamma TM \otimes \text{End}(TM)} = [X, \nabla_Y Z] - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z - \nabla_Y (X, Z)$$

$$= \nabla_{(X, Z)}^2 X - R(X, Y) Z \quad \text{---}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (\phi_t^X \cdot \nabla)_Y Z$$

for  $\phi_t^X$  being the flow of  $X$ .

Def 3: The symplectic structure on  $\mathcal{E}(M, \omega)$

We consider  $(M, \omega)$  closed sympl mfd,  $\nabla$  a symplectic connection.  
The space  $\mathcal{E}(M, \omega) = \mathcal{D} + \Gamma(S^2 T^*M)$  is a Fréchet manifold modelled on  $\Gamma(S^2 T^*M)$

For  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in T_0 \mathcal{E}(M, \omega) \cong \Gamma(S^2 T^*M)$ , we set

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{D}}^{\mathcal{E}}(\underline{A}, \underline{B}) := \int_M \Lambda^{i_1 j_1} \Lambda^{i_2 j_2} \Lambda^{i_3 j_3} A_{i_1 i_2 i_3} B_{j_1 j_2 j_3} \frac{\omega^n}{n!} \quad (\dim M = 2n)$$

where  $\Lambda^k \omega|_p = \delta_p^k$ .

• we use Einstein summation convention on repeated indices.

• The space  $(\mathcal{E}(M, \omega), \Omega^{\mathcal{E}})$  is a symplectic manifold.

↳  $\Omega^{\mathcal{E}}$  is closed, it is actually a constant symplectic form

•  $\Omega^{\mathcal{E}}$  is non-degenerate.

•  $\gamma$  acts symplectically on  $\mathcal{E}(M, \omega)$ .

$\gamma$   
 $\text{Ham}(M, \omega)$

independent  
of  $\mathcal{D}$

## Goal of the lecture:

- Obtain a formal deformation of  $\Omega^m$  that is  $\text{Ham}(M, \omega)$ -invariant.
- Obtain a formal moment map for this action.

### C) Star products: definitions

- Deformation quantization, Doyal, Flato, Friedland, Lichnerowicz, Stenzel.
- Poisson algebra of a symplectic manifold  $(M, \omega)$ .

Def 4: A Hamiltonian v.f.  $X$  is a symplectic v.f. ( $\mathcal{L}_X \omega = 0$ ) for which

$$\exists H \in C^\infty(M) \text{ st. } (X_H)\omega = dH$$

- The Poisson bracket attached to the symplectic manifold  $(M, \omega)$  is the map:

$$\{ \cdot, \cdot \}: C^\infty(M) \times C^\infty(M) \longrightarrow C^\infty(M)$$

$$\text{defined by } \{F, G\} = -\omega(X_F, X_G)$$

$$\text{It satisfies: } \bullet \{F, G\} = -\{G, F\}.$$

$$\bullet \{F, G, H\} = \{F, G\}H + \{F, H\}G \text{ (Leibniz)}$$

$$\bullet \bigoplus_{F, G, H} \{F, \{G, H\}\} = 0 \text{ (Jacobi)}$$

- The triple  $(C^\infty(M), \{ \cdot, \cdot \})$  is called the Poisson algebra of  $(M, \omega)$   
the product

Def 5: A <sup>formal</sup> star product  $\star$  on  $(M, \omega)$ , or a formal deformation quantization of  $(M, \omega)$ , is a product

$$\star: C^\infty(M)[[\hbar]] \times C^\infty(M)[[\hbar]] \longrightarrow C^\infty(M)[[\hbar]]$$

$$(F = \sum_{r \geq 0} \hbar^r \underbrace{F_r}_{\in C^\infty(M)}, G) \longmapsto F \star G = \sum_{r \geq 0} \hbar^r C_r(F, G)$$

$\hbar$  a formal parameter

st: ①  $\star$  is associative.

② The  $C_r$ 's are bidifferential  $\hbar$ -linear operator.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} C_0(F, G) &= F \cdot G \\ C_1(F, G) - C_1(G, F) &= \{F, G\} \end{aligned} \right\} \forall F, G \in C^\infty(M)$$

$$\textcircled{4} F \star 1 = F = 1 \star F$$

formal power series  
with coefficients in  
 $C^\infty(M)$



Example: (Moyal  $\star$ -product).

$(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \omega = \sum_{i=1}^n dx_i \wedge dy_i)$  linear symplectic vector space.

$F, G \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$

$$(\Lambda^{ij} \omega_{ij} = \delta_i^j)$$

$$(F \star_{\text{Moyal}} G)(x) := \left[ \exp\left(\frac{\nu}{2} \Lambda^{ij} \partial_{x_i} \partial_{y_j}\right) F(y) \cdot G(z) \right]_{y=z=x}$$

$$= F(x) \cdot G(x) + \frac{\nu}{2} \{F, G\} + \sum_{r \geq 2} \frac{(\nu)^r}{(2)^r} \frac{1}{r!} \Lambda^{i_1 j_1} \dots \Lambda^{i_r j_r} \frac{\partial^r F}{\partial x^{i_1} \dots \partial x^{i_r}} \frac{\partial^r G}{\partial x^{j_1} \dots \partial x^{j_r}}$$

• Moyal  $\star$ -product is associative

Proof: It relies on the following trick:  $F, G, H \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$$(\star) \quad \partial_{x_i} [F \star_{\text{Moyal}} G(t)] = \left[ (\partial_{x_i} + \partial_{y_i}) \exp\left(\frac{\nu}{2} \Lambda^{ij} \partial_{x_i} \partial_{y_j}\right) F(x) \cdot G(y) \right]_{x=y=t}$$

$$\partial_{x_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

Then,

$$(H \star (F \star G))(x) = \left[ \exp\left(\frac{\nu}{2} \Lambda^{ij} \partial_{x_i} \partial_{y_j}\right) H(w) \cdot (F \star G)(v) \right]_{w=v=x}$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} \left[ \exp\left(\frac{\nu}{2} \Lambda^{ij} \partial_{x_i} (\partial_{x_j} + \partial_{y_j})\right) H(w) \exp\left(\frac{\nu}{2} \Lambda^{rs} \partial_{x_r} \partial_{y_s}\right) F(x) \cdot G(y) \right]_{w=v=y=x}$$

$$= \left[ \exp\left(\frac{\nu}{2} \Lambda^{ij} (\partial_{x_i} \partial_{x_j} + \partial_{x_i} \partial_{y_j} + \partial_{y_i} \partial_{y_j})\right) (H(w) \cdot F(x) \cdot G(y)) \right]_{w=y=x}$$

$$= ((H \star F) \star G)(x)$$

□

Overview: • Fedosov construction

$\mathcal{D} \in \mathcal{E}(M, \omega) \longrightarrow *_{\mathcal{D}}$  star product

• After we will study a bundle of  $*$ -product algebras

$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{E}(M, \omega) \times (\mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)[[\hbar]], *_{\mathcal{D}})$   
↳ depending on the base point

↓  
 $\mathcal{E}(M, \omega)$

- Present formal connections
- curvature of formal connection
- formal moment map picture on  $*_{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{E}(M, \omega)$ .

## II) Fedosov star products:

On a symplectic manifold  $(M, \omega)$

Fedosov construction: Choose  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{E}(M, \omega) \\ \Omega \subset \Omega^2(M) \text{ closed} \end{array} \right\} \rightsquigarrow *_{\mathcal{O}, \Omega}$  a star product

### A) Formal Weyl algebra bundle

Take  $x \in M$  and  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  a basis of  $T_x M$

$\{y^1, \dots, y^n\}$  the dual basis of  $T_x^* M$ .

Def 5: The Weyl algebra  $W_x$  is the space of formal polynomial functions on  $T_x M$  of the form:

$$a(y, v) = \sum_{2k+r \geq 0} v^k \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_r} a_{k, i_1, \dots, i_r} y^{i_1} \dots y^{i_r}$$

$k \geq 0, r \geq 0$

for  $a_{k, i_1, \dots, i_r} \in \mathbb{R}$ , symmetric in  $i_1, \dots, i_r$ ,  $2k+r$  is the total degree ( $v$  has degree 2)

endowed with the Moyal product

$$(a \circ b)(y, v) := \left( \exp \left( \frac{v}{2} \sum_{i,j} \overset{\circlearrowleft}{\Delta_{ij}} \overset{\circlearrowright}{\Delta_{ij}} \right) a(y, v) \cdot b(y, v) \right) \Big|_{y=v=y}$$

$$a, b \in W_x.$$

There is a filtration w.r.t. the total degree:

$$W_x \supset W_x^1 \supset W_x^2 \supset \dots$$

and the  $\circ$ -product preserves this filtration.

Def 7: The formal Weyl algebra bundle is the bundle of algebras over  $M$

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{W} = \coprod_{x \in M} \mathcal{W}_x \cong \prod_{p \geq 0} \underbrace{S^p(T^*M)}_{\text{symmetric tensors on } M} \\ \downarrow \\ M \end{array}$$