

FACTORIZATION AND VERTEX ALGEBRAS FROM HOLOMORPHIC FIBRATIONS

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ABSTRACT. Let X be a complex manifold, $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ a locally trivial holomorphic fibration with fiber F , and $(\mathfrak{g}, \langle \bullet, \bullet \rangle)$ a Lie algebra with an invariant symmetric form. We show how to associate to this data a holomorphic factorization algebra $\mathcal{F}_{Y/X}(\mathfrak{g})$ on X in the formalism of Costello-Gwilliam via a type of pushforward operation. When $X = \mathbb{C}$, this construction produces a vertex algebra which is a vacuum module for the universal central extension of $\mathfrak{g} \otimes H^0(F, \mathcal{O})[z, z^{-1}]$. In particular, when F is a torus $(\mathbb{C}^*)^n$, we recover a vertex algebra naturally associated to an $n + 1$ -toroidal algebra. We give an explicit description of the chiral homology of $\mathcal{F}_{Y/X}(\mathfrak{g})$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Suppose \mathfrak{g} is a Lie algebra. By definition, a universal central extension of \mathfrak{g} is a central extension of \mathfrak{g} such that all other central extensions are pulled back from it. Universal central extensions are unique if they exist. As an example, consider the (infinite dimensional) Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}[z, z^{-1}] = \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{C}[z, z^{-1}]$ where \mathfrak{g} is a complex simple Lie algebra. Here, $\mathbb{C}[z, z^{-1}]$ is the commutative algebra of Laurent polynomials and the resulting Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}[z, z^{-1}]$ is known as the *loop algebra* of \mathfrak{g} . . In [\[?Garland\]](#) [BW: is this reference correct?](#) it is shown that there exists a universal central extension of $\mathfrak{g}[z, z^{-1}]$ of the form

$$\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}[z, z^{-1}].$$

These extensions are known as *affine algebras* and are [BW:](#)

In [\[?Kassel\]](#), a generalization of this universal central extension is considered where $\mathbb{C}[z, z^{-1}]$ is replaced by an arbitrary commutative ring R . That is, one considers the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_R = \mathfrak{g} \otimes R$ where the Lie bracket is defined by

$$[X \otimes r, Y \otimes s] = [X, Y] \otimes rs.$$

It is shown that there exists a universal central extension of the form

$$H_2^{\text{Lie}}(\mathfrak{g}_R) \rightarrow \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_R.$$

Furthermore, when \mathfrak{g} is simple there is an isomorphism of the Lie algebra homology $H_2(\mathfrak{g}_R) \cong \Omega_R^1/dR$ where Ω_R^1 is the R -module of Kähler differentials and the quotient is by all exact differentials. We will review the precise form of the cocycle defining this central extension below.

In this paper, we start with the data of a finite dimensional Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} equipped with an invariant symmetric form and a holomorphic fibration $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$. To such data we will associate an extension of local Lie algebras [BW: ??](#). In the case that $Y = X$ is a Riemann surface and π is the identity, the extension of local Lie algebras is modest enhancement of the usual affine algebra.

2. LIE ALGEBRAS AND VERTEX ALGEBRAS

2.1. Lie algebras, L_∞ algebras, and central extensions. Given a complex Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} with invariant bilinear form $\langle \bullet, \bullet \rangle$, and a \mathbb{C} -algebra R , $\mathfrak{g}_R := \mathfrak{g} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} R$ carries a natural Lie algebra structure with bracket

$$[X \otimes r, Y \otimes s] = [X, Y] \otimes rs.$$

By a result of Kassel [[?Kassel](#)], the universal central extension $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R$ of \mathfrak{g}_R can be described as follows. As an R -module, it is given by

$$(1) \quad \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R := \mathfrak{g}_R \oplus \Omega_R^1/dR,$$

where Ω_R^1 denotes the Kähler differentials of R/\mathbb{C} and $d : R \rightarrow \Omega_R^1$ is the universal derivation. The Lie bracket is defined by

$$[X \otimes r, Y \otimes s] = [X, Y] \otimes rs + \overline{\langle X, Y \rangle s dr}.$$

The first term is an element of $\mathfrak{g} \otimes R$ and second terms lies in the summand Ω_R^1/dR . We have an exact sequence of R -modules

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega_R^1/dR \rightarrow \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_R \rightarrow 0,$$

exhibiting $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R$ as a central extension of $\mathfrak{g} \otimes R$.

Remark 2.1. When \mathfrak{g} is semi-simple [BW: Killing form](#).

Example 2.2. Let $n \geq 0$ be an integer. An important class of examples is obtained by taking

$$R := \mathbb{C}[t_0^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_n^{\pm 1}].$$

This is the algebra of functions on the $(n + 1)$ -dimensional algebraic torus.

When $n = 0$, the vector space Ω_R^1/dR is one-dimensional with an explicit isomorphism given by the residue

$$\text{Res} : \Omega_R^1/dR \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{C}.$$

The resulting Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R$ is the ordinary affine algebra usually denoted by $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$.

For any $n \geq 1$ the vector space Ω_R^1/dR is infinite dimensional. Indeed, let us denote $k_i = t_i^{-1}dt_i$. The space Ω_R^1/dR is generated over the ring $\mathbb{C}[t_0^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_n^{\pm 1}]$ by the symbols k_0, \dots, k_n subject to the relation

$$\sum_{i=0}^n m_i t_0^{m_0} \cdots t_n^{m_n} k_i = 0$$

where (m_0, \dots, m_n) is any n -tuple of integers. The Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R$ is called the $(n + 1)$ -toroidal Lie algebra associated to \mathfrak{g} .

MS:Something about L_∞ algebras, maybe in an appendix ?

It will be useful for us to have an L_∞ -model for the Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R$. This model amounts to replacing the R -module Ω_R^1/dR appearing as the central term by the cochain complex

$$\mathcal{K}_R = \text{Ker}(d)[2] \rightarrow R[1] \xrightarrow{d} \Omega_R^1.$$

Just as the Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R$ is a central extension of $\mathfrak{g}_R = \mathfrak{g} \otimes R$, the L_∞ model we wish to construct is a central extension of $\mathfrak{g}_R = \mathfrak{g} \otimes R$ by the cochain complex \mathcal{K}_R .

The central extension is determined by a cocycle $\phi \in C^*(\mathfrak{g}_R, \mathcal{K}_R)$ of total degree two. The cocycle is of the form $\phi = \phi^{(0)} + \phi^{(1)}$ where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{(1)} : \quad & (\mathfrak{g}_R)^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow \Omega_R^1 \\ (X \otimes r) \otimes (Y \otimes s) & \mapsto \langle X, Y \rangle (sdr - rds) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{(0)} : \quad & (\mathfrak{g}_R)^{\otimes 3} \rightarrow R \\ (X \otimes r) \otimes (Y \otimes s) \otimes (Z \otimes t) & \mapsto \langle [X, Y], Z \rangle rst \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.3. *The functional ϕ defines a cocycle in $C^*(\mathfrak{g}_R, \mathcal{K}_R)$ of total degree two.*

Proof. The differential in the cochain complex $C^*(\mathfrak{g}_R, \mathcal{K}_R)$ is of the form $d + d_{CE}$ where d is the de Rham differential defining the complex \mathcal{K}_R , and d_{CE} is the Chevalley-Eilenberg differential encoded by the Lie bracket of \mathfrak{g}_R . Immediately, we find

$$(d_{CE}\phi^{(1)})(X \otimes r, Y \otimes s, Z \otimes t) = \dots$$

Similarly, $(d\phi^{(0)})(X \otimes r, Y \otimes s, Z \otimes t) = \dots$ [BW: check signs and conventions](#). The formulas above imply $(d_{CE} + d)\phi = 0$ as desired. \square

The cocycle ϕ defines an L_∞ central extension

$$\mathcal{K}_R \rightarrow \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_R \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_R.$$

As an R -module, $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_R = \mathfrak{g}_R \oplus \mathcal{K}_R$, and the L_∞ operations are defined by $\ell_1 = d$, $\ell_2 = [_, _] + \phi^{(1)}$, and $\ell_3 = \phi^{(0)}$. The following is immediate from our definitions:

Lemma 2.4. *There is an isomorphism of Lie algebras $H^*(\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_R, \ell_1) = \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_R$.*

Proof. The cohomology of $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_R$ is concentrated in degree zero, and as an R -module is given by $\mathfrak{g}_R \oplus H^0(\mathcal{K}_R) = \mathfrak{g}_R \oplus \Omega_R^1/dR$. It is clear from our definition of ϕ that the resulting Lie bracket is the same as that of $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_R$. \square

2.2. Vertex algebras. We proceed to briefly recall the basics of vertex algebras and discuss an important class of examples, which will later be constructed geometrically via factorization algebras. We refer the reader to [[?FBZ](#), [?Kac](#)] for details.

Definition 2.5. A vertex algebra $(V, |0\rangle, T, Y)$ is a complex vector space V along with the following data:

- A vacuum vector $|0\rangle \in V$.
- A linear map $T : V \rightarrow V$ (the translation operator).
- A linear map $Y(-, z) : V \rightarrow \text{End}(V)[[z^{\pm 1}]]$ (the vertex operator). We write $Y(v, z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A_n^v z^{-n}$ where $A_n^v \in \text{End}(V)$.

satisfying the following axioms:

- For all $v, v' \in V$ there exists an $N \gg 0$ such that $A_n^v v' = 0$ for all $n > N$. (This says that $Y(v, z)$ is a *field* for all v).
- (vacuum axiom) $Y(|0\rangle, z) = \text{id}_V$ and $Y(v, z)|0\rangle \in v + zV[[z]]$ for all $v \in V$.

- (translation) $[T, Y(v, z)] = \partial_z Y(v, z)$ for all $v \in V$. Moreover $T|0\rangle = 0$.
- (locality) For all $v, v' \in V$, there exists $N \gg 0$ such that

$$(z - w)^N [Y(v, z), Y(v', w)] = 0$$

in $\text{End}(V)[[z^{\pm 1}, w^{\pm 1}]]$.

In order to prove that a given $(V, |0\rangle, T, Y)$ forms a vertex algebra, the following "reconstruction" or "extension" theorem is very useful. It shows that any collection of local fields generates a vertex algebra in a suitable sense.

MS:we should throw in some references to Li and friends, since this theorem has been "discovered" in a number of different papers

Theorem 2.6 ([?FBZ], [?DSK]). *Let V be a complex vector space equipped with: an element $|0\rangle \in V$, a linear map $T : V \rightarrow V$, a set of vectors $\{a^s\}_{s \in S} \subset V$ indexed by a set S , and fields $A^s(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} A_n^s z^{-n-1}$ for each $s \in S$ such that:*

- For all $s \in S$, $A^s(z)|0\rangle \in a^s + zV[[z]]$;
- $T|0\rangle = 0$ and $[T, A^s(z)] = \partial_z A^s(z)$;
- $A^s(z)$ are mutually local;
- and V is spanned by $\{A_{j_1}^{s_1} \cdots A_{j_m}^{s_m} |0\rangle\}$ as the j_i 's range over negative integers.

Then, the data $(V, |0\rangle, T, Y)$ defines a unique vertex algebra satisfying

$$Y(a^s, z) = A^s(z).$$

Remark 2.7. The version stated above appears in [?DSK], and is slightly more general than the version stated in [?FBZ].

2.3. The vertex algebras $V_k(\mathfrak{g})$ and $V(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R)$. Many vertex algebras are constructed from vacuum representations of affine Lie algebras and their generalizations. We proceed to review the vertex algebra structure on the affine Kac-Moody vacuum module $V_k(\mathfrak{g})$ and extend the construction to vacuum representations of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R$, where $R = A[t, t^{-1}]$ for some \mathbb{C} -algebra A .

2.3.1. $V_k(\mathfrak{g})$. Let $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}[t, t^{-1}] \oplus \mathbb{C}K$ be the affine Kac-Moody algebra, $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}^+ = \mathfrak{g}[t] \oplus \mathbb{C}K$ denote the positive sub-algebra, and $\mathbb{C}[k]$ denote the representation of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}^+$ on which $\mathfrak{g}[t]$ acts by 0 and K acts by multiplication by k . For $J \in \mathfrak{g}$, denote $J \otimes t^n$ by J_n , and $1 \in \mathbb{C}[k]$ by $|0\rangle$

It is well-known (see for instance [?FBZ]) that the induced vacuum representation

$$V(\mathfrak{g}) := \text{Ind}_{\hat{\mathfrak{g}}^+}^{\hat{\mathfrak{g}}} \mathbb{C}[k]$$

has a $\mathbb{C}[k]$ -linear vertex algebra structure, which is generated, in the sense of the above reconstruction theorem, by the fields

$$J^i(z) := Y(J_{-1}^i |0\rangle, z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} J_n^i z^{-n-1},$$

where $\{J^i\}$ is a basis for \mathfrak{g} . These satisfy the commutation relations

$$[J^i(z), J^k(w)] = [J^i, J^k](w) \delta(z-w) + \langle J^i, J^k \rangle k \partial_w \delta(z-w)$$

where

$$\delta(z-w) = \sum_m z^m w^{-m-1}$$

The translation operator T is determined by the properties

$$T|0\rangle = 0, [T, J_n^i] = -n J_{n-1}^i.$$

2.3.2. $V(\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_R)$. In this section we define the toroidal version of the Kac-Moody vertex algebra. This is a class of vertex algebras associated to the Lie algebra $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_R$ (or its L_∞ -model $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_R$) in the same way the vertex algebra $V_k(\mathfrak{g})$ is related to the affine Lie algebra.

Let A be a \mathbb{C} -algebra, $R = A[t, t^{-1}] := A \otimes \mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}]$, and $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_R$ the Lie algebra (??). Note the natural embedding of vector spaces

$$\Omega_{A[t]}^1 / dA[t] \cong \left(\Omega_A^1 / dA \right) [t] \hookrightarrow \Omega_R^1 / dR.$$

Correspondingly, there is the Lie subalgebra

$$\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_R^+ := \mathfrak{g} \otimes A[t] \oplus \Omega_{A[t]}^1 / dA[t] \hookrightarrow \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_R.$$

Note that unlike $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_R$, the Lie subalgebra $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_R^+$ splits as a direct sum. BW: In the case that $A = \mathbb{C}$ this seems to give $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_R^+ = \mathfrak{g}[t]$ since all one-forms on $\mathbb{C}[t]$ are exact. This is probably not what we want, since in the case of the Kac-Moody, the annihilation subalgebra is of the form $\mathfrak{g}[t] + \mathbb{C}$. Should we take

$$\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_R^+ = \mathfrak{g} \otimes A[t] \oplus \Omega_R^1 / dR??$$

BW: I'm now confused by this definition of the vacuum module. Do we really want to induce up the trivial $\mathfrak{g} \otimes A[t]$ -module? In this case it is unclear how the

central term should act. If my guess above is correct, we could fix an action by fixing a homomorphism

$$\rho : \Omega_R^1/dR \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

In the case $A = \mathbb{C}$, to get level k Kac-Moody you take ρ to be k times the residue pairing. Define the $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R$ -module

$$(2) \quad V(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R) := \text{Ind}_{\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R}^{\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R^+} AHHHH$$

Our goal is to define the structure of a vertex algebra on $V(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R)$.

Unsurprisingly, the vacuum vector is simply $|0\rangle := 1 \in \mathbb{C}$. In the notation below we let $f \in A$, $\omega \in \Omega_A^1/dA$, and $\{J^i\}$ is a basis for \mathfrak{g} . The fields of the vertex algebra split into three classes and are defined as follows.

$$(3) \quad J_f^i(z) := Y(J^i \otimes f t^{-1} |0\rangle, z) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (J^i \otimes f t^n) z^{-n-1},$$

$$(4) \quad K_{f \frac{dt}{t}} := Y(t^{-1} f dt |0\rangle, z) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (f t^{n-1} dt) z^{-n},$$

$$(5) \quad K_{t^{-1}\omega} := Y(t^{-1} \omega |0\rangle, z) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (t^n \omega) z^{-n-1}$$

(6)

where $J \in \mathfrak{g}, f \in A, \omega \in \Omega_A^1$.

The commutation relations between these fields are easily checked to be

$$\begin{aligned} [J_f^1(z), J_g^2(w)] &= \left([J^1, J^2]_{fg}(w) + \langle J^1, J^2 \rangle K_{t^{-1}gdf}(w) \right) \delta(z-w) + \langle J^1, J^2 \rangle K_{fg \frac{dt}{t}}(w) \partial_w \delta(z-w) \\ [J(z), K_{f \frac{dt}{t}}(w)] &= [J(z), K_{t^{-1}\omega}(w)] = [K_{f \frac{dt}{t}}(z), K_{t^{-1}\omega}(w)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The operator T , corresponding to the Lie derivative $L_{-\partial_t}$, is defined by

$$T|0\rangle = 0, \quad [T, J^i \otimes f t^n] = -n J^i \otimes f t^{n-1}, \quad [T, f t^n dt] = -n f t^{n-1} dt, \quad [T, t^n \omega] = -n t^{n-1} \omega$$

Theorem 2.8. *The above field assignments, together with T equip $V(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R)$ with the structure of a vertex algebra.*

Proof. We begin by checking that the field assignment above is well-defined. This amounts to verifying that $Y(d(t^{-1}f)|0\rangle, z) = 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} Y(d(t^{-1}f)|0\rangle, z) &= Y(t^{-1}df|0\rangle, z) - Y(ft^{-2}f|0\rangle, z) \\ &= Y(t^{-1}df|0\rangle, z) - Y([T, t^{-1}f dt]|0\rangle, z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= Y(t^{-1}df|0\rangle, z) - \partial_z Y(t^{-1}fdt|0\rangle, z) \\
&= \sum_n (t^n df + nt^{n-1}f)z^{-n-1} = \sum_n d(t^n f)z^{-n-1} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

The result now follows by applying the reconstruction theorem ?? to $V(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_R)$ and the fields $\{J_f(z), K_{f\frac{dt}{t}}, K_{t^{-1}\omega}\}$ for $f \in A, \omega \in \Omega_A^1$. \square

3. (PRE)-FACTORIZATION ALGEBRAS AND EXAMPLES

In this section we briefly recall basic notions pertaining to pre-factorization algebras and their relationship with vertex algebras. We refer the reader to [??] for details. Our summary closely follows the presentation given in [?] **Owen-Kasia**.

Let M be a smooth manifold, and \mathbf{C}^\otimes a symmetric monoidal category.

Definition 3.1. A *prefactorization algebra* \mathcal{F} on M with values in \mathbf{C}^\otimes consists of the following data:

- for each open $U \subset M$, an object $\mathcal{F}(U) \in \mathbf{C}^\otimes$,
- for each finite collection of pairwise disjoint opens U_1, \dots, U_n and an open V containing every U_i , a morphism

$$\mathcal{F}(\{U_i\}; V) : \mathcal{F}(U_1) \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{F}(U_n) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(V),$$

and satisfying the following conditions:

- composition is associative, so that the triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\bigotimes_i \bigotimes_j \mathcal{F}(T_{ij}) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \bigotimes_i \mathcal{F}(U_i) \\
& \searrow \quad \swarrow & \\
& \mathcal{F}(V) &
\end{array}$$

commutes for any collection $\{U_i\}$, as above, contained in V and for any collections $\{T_{ij}\}_j$ where for each i , the opens $\{T_{ij}\}_j$ are pairwise disjoint and each contained in U_i ,

- the morphisms $\mathcal{F}(\{U_i\}; V)$ are equivariant under permutation of labels, so that the triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{F}(U_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{F}(U_n) & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & \mathcal{F}(U_{\sigma(1)}) \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{F}(U_{\sigma(n)}) \\
 & \searrow & \swarrow \\
 & \mathcal{F}(V) &
 \end{array}$$

commutes for any $\sigma \in S_n$.

In this paper, we will take the target category \mathbf{C}^\otimes to be either Vect or dg-Vect.

A *factorization algebra* is a prefactorization algebra satisfying a descent axiom. Descent for ordinary sheaves (or cosheaves) says that one can recover the value of the sheaf on large open sets by breaking it up into smaller opens. That is, if $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}$ is a cover of $U \subset M$ then a presheaf \mathcal{F} of vector spaces is a sheaf iff

$$\mathcal{F}(U) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_i \mathcal{F}(U_i) \rightrightarrows \bigoplus_{i,j} \mathcal{F}(U_i \cap U_j)$$

is an equalizer diagram for all opens U and covers \mathcal{U} . It is convenient to introduce the Čech complex associated to \mathcal{U} . The p th space is

$$\check{C}^p(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) := \bigoplus_{i_0, \dots, i_p} \mathcal{F}(U_{i_0} \cap \cdots \cap U_{i_p}).$$

The differential $\check{C}^p \rightarrow \check{C}^{p+1}$ is induced from the natural inclusion maps

$$U_{i_0} \cap \cdots \cap U_{i_p} \hookrightarrow U_{i_0} \cap \cdots \cap \widehat{U}_{i_j} \cap \cdots \cap U_{i_p}.$$

The sheaf condition is equivalent to saying that the natural map

$$\mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow H^0(\check{C}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}))$$

is an isomorphism. There is a similar construction for cosheaves, but the arrow goes in the opposite direction.

The descent condition for factorization algebras is formulated with respect to a different topology, that is, for only a special class of open covers. Call an open cover $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}$ of $U \subset M$ a *Weiss cover* if for any finite collection of points $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ in U , there exists an open set U_i such that $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\} \subset U_i$. This is equivalent to providing a topology on the Ran space.

A Weiss cover defines a Grothendieck topology on $\text{Op}(M)$, the poset of opens in M .

Definition 3.2. A *factorization algebra* on M is a prefactorization algebra on M that is, in addition, a homotopy cosheaf for the Weiss topology.

When $\mathcal{C}^\otimes = \text{dgVect}$ we can be explicit about this homotopy gluing condition using a variant of the Čech complex above. Let \mathcal{F} be a cosheaf of dg vector spaces. For $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ let $\check{\mathcal{C}}^p(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$ be the complex

$$\bigoplus_{i_0, \dots, i_p} \mathcal{F}(U_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_p})[p-1]$$

with differential inherited from \mathcal{F} . Then $\check{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$ is a bigraded object. The differential is the total differential obtained from combining the ordinary Čech differentials above plus the internal differential of \mathcal{F} . The cosheaf condition is that the natural map

$$\check{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(U)$$

is an equivalence for all Weiss covers \mathcal{U} of U .

3.1. Factorization Lie algebras and factorization envelopes. An important class of examples of (pre)factorization algebras is given by the *factorization envelope* construction, which we proceed to review in this section.

Let \mathcal{L} be a fine sheaf of Lie algebras on M .

MS:explain factorization envelopes

- (1) Factorization Lie algebras
- (2) Compactly supported sections of a local Lie algebra is a factorization Lie algebra
- (3) Pushforward of local Lie algebra is a factorization Lie algebra
- (4) factorization envelopes as examples of factorization algebras
- (5) relations with vertex algebras in one dimension.

3.2. Translation-invariant (pre)factorization algebras. Suppose now that \mathcal{F} is prefactorization algebra on \mathbb{R}^n in the appropriate category of differentiable vector spaces.¹ \mathbb{R}^n acts on itself by translations. For an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, let

$$\tau_x U := \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid y - x \in U\}$$

¹Some care is needed to define this category correctly. We refer the interested reader to [?CG]

Clearly, $\tau_x(\tau_y U) = \tau_{x+y} U$. We say that \mathcal{F} is *translation-invariant* if we are given isomorphisms

$$\phi_x : \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\tau_x U)$$

for each $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ compatible with composition and the structure maps of \mathcal{F} . We refer to section 4.8 of [CG] for details.

Example 3.3. For any Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , the factorization envelope $\mathbf{U}(\mathfrak{g} \otimes \Omega_{\mathbb{R}^n}^*)$ of section ?? is translation-invariant.

If \mathcal{F} is a prefactorization algebra on \mathbb{C}^n , we can further refine the notion of translation-invariance. We say that \mathcal{F} is *holomorphically translation invariant* if

- \mathcal{F} is translation invariant.
- There exists a degree -1 derivation $\eta : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ such that $d\eta = \partial_{\bar{z}}$ as derivations of \mathcal{F} .

This condition means that anti-holomorphic vector fields act homotopically trivially on \mathcal{F} .

Example 3.4. For any Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , the holomorphic factorization envelope $\mathbf{U}(\mathfrak{g} \otimes \Omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}^{0,*})$ is holomorphically translation-invariant, with MS:elaborate what η is here.

3.3. S^1 -equivariant factorization algebras on \mathbb{C} and vertex algebras. In order to build a bridge between the world of prefactorization algebras on \mathbb{C} and vertex algebras, we will need to consider prefactorization algebras possessing a type of S^1 -equivariance, which we proceed to review.

The last piece of data we need corresponds to the “conformal decomposition” of a vertex algebra. For us, this will come from an S^1 -action on \mathcal{F} . The reader is encouraged to look at [CG] for a precise definition, but we assume that we have a *nice* action of S^1 on \mathcal{F} and it is compatible with the translation invariance discussed above.

We can now read off the data of the vertex algebra from \mathcal{F} :

- Let $\mathcal{F}^{(l)}(r) \subset \mathcal{F}(r)$ be the l th eigenspace for the S^1 -action. The underlying vector space for the vertex algebra is

$$V := \bigoplus_l H^*(\mathcal{F}^{(l)}(r)).$$

- The translation operator. The action of ∂_z on $\mathcal{F}^{(l)}(r)$ has the form

$$\partial_z : \mathcal{F}^{(l)}(r) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{(l-1)}(r).$$

We let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be the operator which is ∂_z restricted to the l -th eigenspace.

- The fields. Consider the map

$$\mu_{z,0} : \left(\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} H^*(\mathcal{F}(r)) \right)^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow \text{Hol}(\text{Conf}_2(\mathbb{C}), H^*(\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{C})))$$

defined above. Certainly, we have a map $V \rightarrow \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} H^*(\mathcal{F}(r))$, so it makes sense to restrict $\mu_{z,0}$ to a map

$$V \otimes V \rightarrow \text{Hol}(\text{Conf}_2(\mathbb{C}), H^*(\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{C}))) \simeq \text{Hol}(\mathbb{C}^\times, H^*(\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{C}))).$$

Post composing this with the projection maps $H^*(\mathcal{F}(\infty)) \rightarrow V_l$ combine to define the map

$$\bar{\mu}_{z,0} : V \otimes V \rightarrow \prod_l \text{Hol}(\mathbb{C}^\times, V_l)$$

We can perform Laurent expansions to view this as

$$\bar{\mu}_{z,0} : V \otimes V \rightarrow \bar{V}[[z^{\pm 1}]].$$

We define $Y(-, z) : V \rightarrow \text{End}(V)[[z^{\pm 1}]]$ by

$$Y(v, z)v' := \bar{\mu}_{z,0}(v, v').$$

One can show that this actually lies in $V((z))$ for all v, v' .

The above can be made much more precise and made into the following theorem.

Theorem 3.5 (Theorem 5.2.2.1 [CG1]). *Let \mathcal{F} be a S^1 -equivariant holomorphically translation invariant factorization algebra on \mathbb{C} . Suppose*

- *The action of S^1 on $\mathcal{F}(r)$ extends smoothly to an action of the algebra of distributions on S^1 .*
- *For $r < r'$ the map*

$$\mathcal{F}^{(l)}(r) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{(l)}(r')$$

is a quasi-isomorphism.

- *The cohomology $H^*(\mathcal{F}^{(l)}(r))$ vanishes for $l \gg 0$.*
- *For each l and $r > 0$ we require that $H^*(\mathcal{F}^{(l)}(r))$ is isomorphic to a countable sequential colimit of finite dimensional vector spaces.*

Then $\text{Vert}(\mathcal{F}) := \oplus_l H^*(\mathcal{F}^{(l)}(r))$ (which is independent of r by assumption) has the structure of a vertex algebra.

Let $\text{PreFact}_{\mathbb{C}}$ denote the category of prefactorization algebras on \mathbb{C} . Let $\text{PreFact}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\text{hol}} \subset \text{PreFact}_{\mathbb{C}}$ be the full subcategory spanned by prefactorization algebras satisfying the conditions of the above theorem. This result can be upgraded to provide a functor

$$\text{Vert} : \text{PreFact}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\text{hol}} \rightarrow \text{Vert}$$

where Vert is the category of vertex algebras.

4. FACTORIZATION ALGEBRAS FROM HOLOMORPHIC FIBRATIONS

In this section, we describe our main construction factorization algebras from locally trivial holomorphic fibrations.

4.1. The local case - trivial fibrations. Let us begin with the following data:

- a complex manifold F
- $X = \mathbb{C}^n, n \geq 1$
- $E = X \times F$, with $\pi : E \mapsto X$ the canonical projection
- $(\mathfrak{g}, \langle, \rangle)$ a Lie algebra with an invariant bilinear form.

We note that $\mathfrak{g}_E := (\mathfrak{g} \otimes \Omega_E^{0,*}, \bar{\partial})$ forms a sheaf of DGLA's on E , and set

$$\mathcal{K}_E := \text{Tot}(\Omega^{0,*} \xrightarrow{\partial} \Omega^{1,*})$$

(i.e. \mathcal{K}_E is the totalization of the double complex of forms $\Omega_E^{p,q}$ with $p \leq 1$), Denote by $d_{\mathcal{K}_E}$ the total differential of \mathcal{K}_E . Let

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{(1)} : (\mathfrak{g}_E)^{\otimes 2} &\rightarrow \Omega(1, *)_E \\ \phi^{(1)}((X \otimes r) \otimes (Y \otimes s)) &= \langle X, Y \rangle (s\partial r - r\partial s) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{(0)} : (\mathfrak{g}_E)^{\otimes 3} &\rightarrow \Omega_E^{0,*} \\ \phi^{(0)}((X \otimes r) \otimes (Y \otimes s) \otimes (Z \otimes t)) &= \langle [X, Y], Z \rangle rst \end{aligned}$$

We may view $\phi = \phi^{(0)} + \phi^{(1)}$ as an cochain in the cohomological Chevalley-Eilenberg complex

$$C^*(\mathfrak{g}_E, \mathcal{K}_E)$$

of total degree 2.

Lemma 4.1. ϕ defines a cocycle in $\mathcal{C}^*(\mathfrak{g}_E, \mathcal{K}_E)$ of total degree 2.

Proof. □

We may use the cocycle ϕ to equip

$$(7) \quad \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_E := \mathfrak{g} \otimes \Omega_E^{0,*} \oplus \mathcal{K}_E$$

with the structure of a local L_∞ central extension. Explicitly, this means that $\tilde{d} = d + d_{CE} + \phi$ is a differential of cohomological degree 1 on the complex of sheaves on E

$$C^*(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_E) := \text{Sym}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_E[1]),$$

where

- $d = \bar{\partial} + d_{\mathcal{K}_E}$ is the differential on $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_E$ (with the summands acting on $\mathfrak{g}_E, \mathcal{K}_E$ respectively)
- d_{CE} is the Chevalley-Eilenberg differential of \mathfrak{g}_E
- ϕ is extended to $\text{Sym}(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_E[1])$ as a derivation

Let

$$(8) \quad \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{X,E} = \pi_*(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_E)$$

Lemma 4.2. $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{X,E}$ has the structure of a pro-local L_∞ -algebra on X

4.1.1. *The factorization algebra $\mathcal{F}_{E,X}$.* We proceed to construct a factorization algebra on X from $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{X,E}$. For an open set $U \subset X$, let

$$(9) \quad \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{X,E}^c(U) = \Gamma_c(U, \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{X,E})$$

be the co-sheaf of sections with compact support of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{X,E}$. $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{X,E}^c$ has the structure of a complex of pre-cosheaves of L_∞ algebras on X .

Let

$$(10) \quad \mathcal{F}_{X,E} := C_*(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{X,E})$$

be the corresponding homology Chevalley-Eilenberg complex, which for each open $U \subset X$ assigns the complex

$$\mathcal{F}_{X,E}(U) = C_*(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{X,E}^c(U))$$

Theorem 4.3. $\mathcal{F}_{X,E}$ has the structure of a holomorphically translation-invariant factorization algebra on $X = \mathbb{C}^n$.

BW: We still need to check that $\pi_*\mathfrak{g}_E$ has the structure of a “pro-local” Lie algebra on the base space. Even in the case of vector bundles, pushing forward along non-proper maps seems to be a pretty hairy thing to do. For instance, it’d be nice if we could find any reference for the following situation: given a fibration $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ (holomorphic for us) and a vector bundle on the total space $V \rightarrow Y$, what conditions on π guarantee that one can define a vector bundle π_*V on X . I’m miffed about any case in which the fiber is not compact.

BW: As a more hands on approach to this construction, let me try out the following. Suppose V is a vector bundle on the total space of a fibration $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ satisfying the following property: there is an open cover $\{U_\alpha\}$ on X such that

- $\pi^{-1}(U_\alpha) \cong U_\alpha \times F$, and
- there is an isomorphism $V|_{\pi^{-1}(U_\alpha)} \cong \pi^*V_1 \otimes \pi_F^*V_2$ where V_1, V_2 are vector bundles on X, F and $\pi_F : U_\alpha \times F \rightarrow F$.

BW: For example, suppose $Y = X \times F$ is the trivial fibration and $V = \oplus_k \wedge^k T^*Y$ (so that sections of V is the de Rham complex of Y .) Then, since $T^*Y = \pi^*T^*X \oplus \pi_F^*T^*F$, the bundle V satisfies the conditions above.

BW: In this situation, I believe we can define a cosheaf $\tilde{\Gamma}_{\pi,c}(-; V)$ on the base space X of “partially” compactly supported sections.

BW: The example we need to understand first is the case of a holomorphic fibration of complex manifolds, so let’s do that. Also, I’ll assume that V is just the bundle defining the Dolbeault complex, for simplicity. In the trivial case $Y = X \times F$, it’s clear what to do: if $U \subset X$ is open, define

$$\tilde{\Omega}_{\pi,c}^{0,*}(U) = \Omega_c^{0,*}(U) \otimes \Omega^{0,*}(F).$$

In the general case $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$, we need to take advantage of local triviality to glue the cosheaf $\tilde{\Omega}_{\pi,c}^{0,*}$. Clearly, in the case that F is compact, this cosheaf agrees with the usual pushforward of cosheaves.

4.2. $\dim(X) = 1$ and vertex algebras.

5. FACTORIZATION HOMOLOGY

- (1) Discuss factorization algebra with base a compact complex manifold and potentially non-trivial torus bundle
- (2) What is factorization homology or equivalently conformal blocks
- (3) Compute factorization homology for compact base and trivial/non-trivial torus bundle

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