

Fuzzy Sphere and Hyperbolic Space from Deformation Quantization

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Abstract

We explicitly construct noncommutative $*$ products on circularly symmetric two dimensional space by using the technique of Fedosov's deformation quantization. Especially, on constant curvature spaces i.e., S^2 and H^2 , we get $su(2)$ and $su(1,1)$ algebra respectively. These are candidates of $*$ products applicable to noncommutative field theories or noncommutative gauge theories on spaces with nontrivial symplectic structure.

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1 Introduction

Since the relation between string theory and noncommutative geometry was discussed in [1], noncommutative field theories and noncommutative gauge theories have been investigated enthusiastically from various viewpoints.

Many authors use the Moyal product¹ as noncommutative associative $*$ product for explicit calculations. It corresponds to a constant NS-NS B -field background in flat space in the context of string theory. On the other hand, at least formally, more general $*$ products which may correspond to string theory on nonconstant B -field background in curved space are defined by some authors². However, explicit form of $*$ products other than the Moyal product has been scarcely discussed in physical context³.

In this paper, we use the technique of Fedosov's deformation quantization [3] to get explicit forms of $*$ products on nontrivial backgrounds. For simplicity, we investigate $*$ products on circularly symmetric two dimensional spaces. Specifically, we focus on constant curvature spaces S^2 , H^2 and \mathbb{R}^2 , and explicitly construct $*$ products which are different from the Moyal product. We also discuss some physical applications of our $*$ products.

2 Construction of $*$ product

Here we review the construction of Fedosov's $*$ product very briefly⁴, and apply this procedure to circularly symmetric two dimensional spaces.

First, for a given symplectic manifold (M, Ω_0) , we define the Weyl algebra bundle W which has \circ product of the Moyal type and its Abelian connection D with some input parameter. For $\text{Ker} D \subset W$ (which is called flat section W_D), we get a one to one correspondence with $C^\infty(M)[[\hbar]]$, where \hbar is the deformation parameter. We denote the map from $C^\infty(M)[[\hbar]]$ to W_D as Q , and its inverse map as σ . Then Fedosov's $*$ product on $C^\infty(M)[[\hbar]]$ is defined by

$$a_0 * b_0 := \sigma(Q(a_0) \circ Q(b_0)), \quad a_0, b_0 \in C^\infty(M)[[\hbar]]. \quad (1)$$

This is a solution of the problem of deformation quantization, i.e.,

¹Here we call $*$ = $\exp\left(\frac{i}{2} \overleftarrow{\partial}_{x^i} \theta^{ij} \overrightarrow{\partial}_{x^j}\right)$ with constant $\theta^{ij} = -\theta^{ji}$ the Moyal product.

²[2],[3], for example.

³In [4], nonassociative star product which generalizes [2],[3] is discussed to describe D-brane in curved backgrounds.

⁴See [3],[5] for details.

$*$ is associative and its commutator $[\ , \]_*$ is expanded as

$$[\ , \]_* = i\hbar\{ \ , \ \} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2) \quad (2)$$

where $\{ \ , \ \}$ is the Poisson bracket with respect to the symplectic form Ω_0 .

Now, we apply this procedure to a two dimensional space M with metric

$$ds^2 = e^{\Phi(r)}(dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2), \quad (3)$$

where $\Phi(r)$ is some function of r only (i.e. circularly symmetric space) for simplicity. Its volume form is given by

$$\Omega_0 = e^{\Phi(r)} r dr \wedge d\theta, \quad (4)$$

and we identify it with symplectic form. Using Fedosov's procedure with the input⁵

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_0 &= \theta^1 \wedge \theta^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \omega_{ij} \theta^i \wedge \theta^j, \\ \theta^1 &= e^{\Phi(r)} dr, \quad \theta^2 = r d\theta, \quad \omega_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \Omega_1 &= 0, \quad \nabla = d, \\ \mu &= \frac{1}{3} e^{-\Phi(r)} r^{-1} (y^1)^2 y^2, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

we get an Abelian connection D as

$$\begin{aligned} Da &= da - \delta a + \frac{i}{\hbar} (r \circ a - a \circ r), \quad a \in W, \\ r &= e^{-\Phi(r)} r^{-1} y^1 y^2 \theta^1, \\ \circ &:= \exp \left(-\frac{i\hbar}{2} \frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial y^i} \omega^{ij} \frac{\overrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial y^j} \right), \quad \omega^{ij} := (\omega^{-1})^{ij}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

For this Abelian connection D , we solve the equation $Da = 0$ and get the map $Q : C^\infty(M)[[\hbar]] \rightarrow W_D$ as

$$a = Q(a_0(r, \theta)) = a_0 \left(G(r, y^1), \theta + \frac{y^2}{r} \right), \quad (7)$$

where $G(r, y^1)$ is given by

$$\int_r^{G(r, y^1)} e^{\Phi(r')} r' dr' = y^1 r. \quad (8)$$

Then we can define a $*$ product on M by eq.(1).

⁵See [3],[5] for the meaning of $\nabla, \Omega_1, \mu, \delta$. Here we choose these parameters in such a way that the iteration formula (eq.(21) of [5]) which gives an Abelian connection is satisfied trivially, i.e., $\nabla r + \frac{i}{\hbar} r \circ r = 0$. Then we get $r = \delta\mu + \delta^{-1}(d(\omega_{ij} y^i \theta^j) - \Omega_1)$ for the input (5).

3 S^2 case

In this section we apply the result of §2 to the case $M = S^2$. We consider 2-sphere S^2 with radius R , which is defined as two dimensional surface embedded in \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$(X^1)^2 + (X^2)^2 + (X^3)^2 = R^2. \quad (9)$$

We parametrize the coordinate $X^i, i = 1, 2, 3$ on S^2 as

$$\begin{aligned} X^1 &= \frac{2R^2 r}{r^2 + R^2} \cos \theta, \quad X^2 = \frac{2R^2 r}{r^2 + R^2} \sin \theta, \quad X^3 = R \frac{r^2 - R^2}{r^2 + R^2}, \\ r &\geq 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Then the metric of S^2 , $ds^2 = (dX^1)^2 + (dX^2)^2 + (dX^3)^2$, is given by

$$ds^2 = \frac{4R^4}{(r^2 + R^2)^2} (dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2), \quad (11)$$

and the conformal factor e^Φ of eq.(3) is identified as

$$e^{\Phi(r)} = \frac{4R^4}{(r^2 + R^2)^2}. \quad (12)$$

From eqs. (12), (7) and (1), we get the explicit form of our $*$ product on S^2 :

$$\begin{aligned} &a_0(r, \theta) * b_0(r, \theta) \\ &= \left(a_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{r^2 + \frac{y^1}{2R^2} r(r^2 + R^2)}{1 - \frac{y^1}{2R^4} r(r^2 + R^2)}}, \theta + \frac{y^2}{r} \right) \exp \left(-\frac{i\hbar}{2} \left(\frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial y^1} \frac{\overrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial y^2} \frac{\overrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial y^1} \right) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \cdot b_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{r^2 + \frac{y^1}{2R^2} r(r^2 + R^2)}{1 - \frac{y^1}{2R^4} r(r^2 + R^2)}}, \theta + \frac{y^2}{r} \right) \right)_{y^1=y^2=0}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

By using this definition, we can calculate $*$ product of the S^2 coordinate X^i (10). In particular, we have

$$[X^i, X^j]_* = i \frac{\hbar}{R} \varepsilon^{ijk} X^k, \quad (14)$$

$$X^1 * X^1 + X^2 * X^2 + X^3 * X^3 = R^2 \left(1 - \frac{\hbar^2}{4R^4} \right), \quad (15)$$

where ε^{ijk} is the antisymmetric tensor with $\varepsilon^{123} = +1$. Eq.(14) means that the commutators of X^i 's form $su(2)$ algebra which is known as fuzzy sphere algebra, and eq.(15) means that its radius is given by $R\sqrt{1 - \frac{\hbar^2}{4R^4}}$ which is deformed by $\mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$ from the original radius R of commutative S^2 (9). Namely, we have obtained a fuzzy sphere by deforming S^2 using the $*$ product (13).

4 H^2 case

In this section we apply the result of §2 to the case $M = H^2$. Calculation is quite similar to the S^2 case (§3). We consider two dimensional hyperbolic space H^2 with radius R , which is defined as two dimensional surface embedded in $\mathbb{R}^{1,2}$:

$$-(Y^0)^2 + (Y^1)^2 + (Y^2)^2 = -R^2, \quad Y^0 > 0. \quad (16)$$

We parametrize the coordinates $Y^i, i = 0, 1, 2$ on H^2 as

$$Y^0 = R \frac{R^2 + r^2}{R^2 - r^2}, \quad Y^1 = \frac{2R^2 r}{R^2 - r^2} \cos \theta, \quad Y^2 = \frac{2R^2 r}{R^2 - r^2} \sin \theta, \\ 0 \leq r \leq R, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi. \quad (17)$$

Then, the metric of H^2 , $ds^2 = -(dY^0)^2 + (dY^1)^2 + (dY^2)^2$, and the conformal factor are given respectively by

$$ds^2 = \frac{4R^4}{(R^2 - r^2)^2} (dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2), \quad (18)$$

$$e^{\Phi(r)} = \frac{4R^4}{(R^2 - r^2)^2}. \quad (19)$$

From eqs. (19), (7) and (1), we get the explicit form of our $*$ product on H^2 :

$$a_0(r, \theta) * b_0(r, \theta) \\ = \left(a_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{r^2 + \frac{y^1}{2R^2} r (R^2 - r^2)}{1 + \frac{y^1}{2R^4} r (R^2 - r^2)}}, \theta + \frac{y^2}{r} \right) \exp \left(-\frac{i\hbar}{2} \left(\frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial y^1} \frac{\overrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\overleftarrow{\partial}}{\partial y^2} \frac{\overrightarrow{\partial}}{\partial y^1} \right) \right) \right. \\ \left. \cdot b_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{r^2 + \frac{y^1}{2R^2} r (R^2 - r^2)}{1 + \frac{y^1}{2R^4} r (R^2 - r^2)}}, \theta + \frac{y^2}{r} \right) \right)_{y^1=y^2=0}. \quad (20)$$

By using this definition, we obtain the following $*$ products of the H^2 coordinate Y^i (17):

$$[Y^0, Y^1]_* = i \frac{\hbar}{R} Y^2, \quad [Y^2, Y^0]_* = i \frac{\hbar}{R} Y^1, \quad [Y^1, Y^2]_* = -i \frac{\hbar}{R} Y^0, \quad (21)$$

$$-Y^0 * Y^0 + Y^1 * Y^1 + Y^2 * Y^2 = -R^2 \left(1 - \frac{\hbar^2}{4R^4} \right). \quad (22)$$

Eq.(21) means that commutators of Y^i 's form $su(1, 1)$ algebra which corresponds to isometry of H^2 , and eq.(22) means that its radius is given by $R\sqrt{1 - \frac{\hbar^2}{4R^4}}$ which is deformed by $\mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$ from the original radius R of commutative H^2 (16). Namely, we get fuzzy hyperbolic space by deforming H^2 using the $*$ product (20).

5 Large R limit and \mathbb{R}^2

Here we consider large radius limit of the results of §3 and §4. The sectional curvature of S^2 (9) (H^2 (16)) is $\frac{1}{R^2}$ ($-\frac{1}{R^2}$), which tends to $+0$ (-0) in the limit $R \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore they approach the flat space \mathbb{R}^2 in the large R limit in the usual commutative picture. How about it from the noncommutative viewpoint?

For comparison, we construct a $*$ product on \mathbb{R}^2 following the method of §2. We adopt as its flat metric

$$ds^2 = 4(dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2) \quad (23)$$

with its front factor 4 chosen so that (23) coincides with the large R limit of (11) and (18). With $e^\Phi = 4$, we get the explicit form of our $*$ product on \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$\begin{aligned} & a_0(r, \theta) * b_0(r, \theta) \\ &= \left(a_0 \left(\sqrt{r^2 + \frac{y^1 r}{2}}, \theta + \frac{y^2}{r} \right) \exp \left(-\frac{i\hbar}{2} \left(\overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial y^1}} \overrightarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial y^2}} - \overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial y^2}} \overrightarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial y^1}} \right) \right) \right. \\ & \quad \cdot b_0 \left(\sqrt{r^2 + \frac{y^1 r}{2}}, \theta + \frac{y^2}{r} \right) \Big|_{y^1=y^2=0}. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Then, we can calculate the $*$ products of the complex coordinate $z := re^{i\theta}$, $\bar{z} := re^{-i\theta}$:

$$\begin{aligned} z * z &= \sqrt{r^4 - \frac{\hbar^2}{16}} e^{2i\theta} = \bar{z} * \bar{z}, \quad z * \bar{z} = r^2 - \frac{\hbar}{4}, \quad \bar{z} * z = r^2 + \frac{\hbar}{4}, \\ [z, \bar{z}]_* &= -\frac{\hbar}{2}. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

The commutator $[z, \bar{z}]_*$ coincides with that of the usual Moyal product for Cartesian coordinates on \mathbb{R}^2 , but $*$ product itself is different from the Moyal product. This difference comes from ambiguity of deformation quantization.

We can calculate the commutator $[z, \bar{z}]_*$ also in the S^2 and H^2 cases. For S^2 , from eq.(13) we get

$$[z, \bar{z}]_* = \frac{-\frac{\hbar}{2R^4}(r^2 + R^2)^2}{1 - \left(\frac{\hbar}{4R^4}(r^2 + R^2)\right)^2} = -\frac{\hbar}{2R^4}(R^2 + z * \bar{z})(R^2 + \bar{z} * z). \quad (26)$$

And for H^2 , from eq.(20) we get

$$[z, \bar{z}]_* = \frac{-\frac{\hbar}{2R^4}(R^2 - r^2)^2}{1 - \left(\frac{\hbar}{4R^4}(R^2 - r^2)\right)^2} = -\frac{\hbar}{2R^4}(R^2 - z * \bar{z})(R^2 - \bar{z} * z). \quad (27)$$

Both eqs.(26) and (27) are reduced to $[z, \bar{z}]_* = -\frac{\hbar}{2}$ (25) as $R \rightarrow \infty$. In other words, the $*$ product which we obtained in §2 connects $su(2)$ algebra (or fuzzy S^2) with $su(1, 1)$ algebra (or fuzzy H^2) through $R = \infty$.

6 An application

In the previous sections, we explicitly calculated $*$ products by using Fedosov's formulation. They are candidates of $*$ product for defining noncommutative field theory or noncommutative gauge theory on fuzzy S^2 , H^2 and \mathbb{R}^2 .

As an example, we discuss four dimensional noncommutative $U(1)$ gauge theory with one scalar field which is given by the action⁶

$$S = \text{Tr} \left(\frac{1}{4} G^{IJ} G^{KL} F_{IK} * F_{JL} + \frac{1}{2} G^{IJ} D_I \phi * D_J \phi \right). \quad (28)$$

We assume that only two dimensional space is noncommutative (1,2 direction), and use a general formulation of noncommutative gauge theory of [5]:

$$\begin{aligned} G^{IJ} &= \delta^{IJ}, \quad I, J = 1, \dots, 4, \\ F_{IJ} &= \partial_I A_J - \partial_J A_I - i[A_I, A_J]_* - \frac{J_{IJ}}{\hbar}, \quad J_{12} = -J_{21} = 1, \text{others} = 0, \\ \partial_I &= \frac{i}{\hbar} [-J_{IJ} \tilde{\phi}^J,]_*, \quad I = 1, 2, \quad \partial_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3}, \partial_4 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^4} \\ D_I \phi &= \partial_I \phi - i[A_I, \phi]_*, \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Here, $\tilde{\phi}^I$ is the ‘‘canonical’’ noncommutative coordinate satisfying

$$\frac{i}{\hbar} [\tilde{\phi}^1, \tilde{\phi}^2]_* = 1. \quad (30)$$

Its explicit form is

$$\tilde{\phi}^1 = \frac{2Rr}{\sqrt{r^2 + R^2}} \cos \theta, \quad \tilde{\phi}^2 = \frac{2Rr}{\sqrt{r^2 + R^2}} \sin \theta \quad (31)$$

for fuzzy S^2 (13),

$$\tilde{\phi}^1 = \frac{2Rr}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}} \cos \theta, \quad \tilde{\phi}^2 = \frac{2Rr}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}} \sin \theta \quad (32)$$

for fuzzy H^2 (20), and

$$\tilde{\phi}^1 = 2r \cos \theta, \quad \tilde{\phi}^2 = 2r \sin \theta \quad (33)$$

for fuzzy \mathbb{R}^2 (24). The action (28) is invariant under noncommutative $U(1)$ gauge transformation:

$$\delta_\lambda A_I = \partial_I \lambda - i[A_I, \lambda]_*, \quad \delta_\lambda \phi = -i[\phi, \lambda]_*. \quad (34)$$

The equations of motion of (28) are

$$D^I F_{IJ} = -i[\phi, D_J \phi]_*, \quad D^I D_I \phi = 0, \quad (35)$$

⁶The symbol Tr is trace for the $*$ product satisfying $\text{Tr} f * g = \text{Tr} g * f$ [3], but we can discuss equations of motion without using the explicit form of the trace.

and we obtain a solution by solving the $U(1)$ noncommutative BPS equation:

$$B_I = D_I \phi, I = 1, 2, 3, \quad \partial_4 = 0, A_4 = 0, \quad B_I := \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{IJK} \left(F_{JK} + \frac{J_{JK}}{\hbar} \right). \quad (36)$$

Under the ansatz

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 + iA_2 &= i f_A(l, x^3) (\tilde{\phi}^1 + i\tilde{\phi}^2), \quad A_3 = 0, \\ \phi &= f(l, x^3), \quad l := \sqrt{(\tilde{\phi}^1)^2 + (\tilde{\phi}^2)^2 + (x^3)^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

eq.(36) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_3 G^{(m)} - 4\partial_L f^{(m)} &= \sum_{\substack{2n+k=m, \\ n \geq 1}} \frac{4\partial_L^{2n+1} f^{(k)}}{(2n+1)!} + \sum_{\substack{2n+k+k'=m-1}} \frac{4G^{(k')} \partial_L^{2n+1} f^{(k)}}{(2n+1)!}, \\ \partial_3 f^{(m)} - \partial_L (LG^{(m)}) &= \sum_{\substack{2n+k=m, \\ n \geq 1}} \frac{\partial_L^{2n+1} (LG^{(k)})}{(2n+1)!} \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

with

$$L := (\tilde{\phi}^1)^2 + (\tilde{\phi}^2)^2, \quad f = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \hbar^k f^{(k)}, \quad \left(\frac{1}{\hbar} + f_A \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} + \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \hbar^k G^{(k)}. \quad (39)$$

We can solve eq.(38) order by order in \hbar , and we get

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \frac{g}{l} + \hbar g^2 \left(\frac{2x^3}{l^4} - \frac{1}{l^3} \right) + \hbar^2 \left(\frac{-8g^3 x^3}{l^6} - \frac{g}{4l^5} + \left(\frac{5g}{8} + 10g^3 \right) \frac{(x^3)^2}{l^7} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^3), \\ f_A &= \frac{g}{l(l+x^3)} + \hbar g^2 \left(\frac{2}{l^4} - \frac{1}{l^3(l+x^3)} - \frac{1}{2l^2(l+x^3)^2} \right) \\ &+ \hbar^2 \left(\frac{-8g^3}{l^6} + \frac{4g^3}{l^5(l+x^3)} + \frac{g^3}{l^4(l+x^3)^2} + \frac{g^3}{2l^3(l+x^3)^3} - \left(\frac{5g}{8} + 10g^3 \right) \frac{x^3}{l^7} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^3), \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

as a solution such that it becomes the $U(1)$ Dirac monopole in the commutative limit (i.e., $\hbar \rightarrow 0$). In the fuzzy \mathbb{R}^2 case (33), the $\mathcal{O}(\hbar)$ terms coincide with those in [6] which solved the equations of motion with the usual Moyal product.

7 Conclusion and discussion

In this paper we have presented explicit construction of $*$ products on two dimensional constant curvature spaces S^2, H^2 and \mathbb{R}^2 . We have found that the algebras of the $*$ products represent fuzzy S^2, H^2 and \mathbb{R}^2 because the commutators of the $*$ product form $su(2), su(1, 1)$

and Heisenberg algebra respectively. The commutators $[z, \bar{z}]_*$ for fuzzy S^2 and H^2 are reduced to that of fuzzy \mathbb{R}^2 in the large R limit. In this sense, fuzzy S^2 and H^2 approach to fuzzy \mathbb{R}^2 as $R \rightarrow \infty$. This is consistent with usual commutative picture.

In §6 we applied explicit form of our $*$ products to $U(1)$ noncommutative BPS equation (36), and obtained its solution to $\mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$. In eq.(36) the $*$ product appears only in the commutator $[\ , \]_*$. Therefore, eq.(36) is solved unifiedly for fuzzy S^2, H^2 and \mathbb{R}^2 by using “canonical” noncommutative coordinate $\tilde{\phi}^I$ (30). In other words, we can get a solution of eq.(36) even if the definition of $*$ is different as long as we use “canonical” noncommutative coordinate $\tilde{\phi}^I$ for the $*$ product.

To study the effects of the difference of $*$ products themselves, we should consider noncommutative equations containing “bare” $*$ products. Its typical example is $\phi * \phi = \phi$ which is essentially the equation for noncommutative soliton [7]. Even for the \mathbb{R}^2 case, the $*$ product which we get here is different from the usual Moyal product, and hence $\phi \sim \exp(-r^2)$ is *not* a solution⁷ of $\phi * \phi = \phi$. It is a future problem to find an explicit solution of it and to investigate its meaning.

For fuzzy S^2 , $*$ product is usually defined by using representation matrix of $su(2)$ and spherical harmonic function, and depends on the size of matrix. On the other hand our $*$ product depends on the deformation parameter \hbar , so they are very different in appearance. It is also a future problem to study an explicit relation between them. If the relation becomes clear, our $*$ product may give some suggestions to string theory in the literature [8] for example.

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