Universal centralizers and Poisson transversals

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G semisimple algebraic group of adjoint type over $\mathbb C$ $\operatorname{rank}(G)=I$ $\mathfrak g=\operatorname{Lie}\, G$

The regular locus of $\mathfrak g$ is

$$\mathfrak{g}^{\mathsf{r}} = \{ x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \dim G^{\mathsf{x}} = I \}.$$

- this is the regular locus of the KKS Poisson structure
- x regular semisimple $\rightsquigarrow G^x$ is a maximal torus
- x regular nilpotent $\leadsto G^x$ is a abelian group $\cong \mathbb{C}^I$

Let $\{e, h, f\} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ be a regular \mathfrak{sl}_2 -triple.

Theorem (Kostant)

The principal slice

$$S = f + \mathfrak{g}^e \subset \mathfrak{g}^r$$

meets each regular G-orbit on \mathfrak{g} exactly once, transversally.

Remark

 ${\cal S}$ is a Poisson transversal for the KKS Poisson structure.

Definition

The universal centralizer of \mathfrak{g} is

$$\mathcal{Z} = \{(a, x) \in G \times \mathfrak{g} \mid x \in \mathcal{S}, a \in G^{\times}\}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\mathcal{S}.$$

 ${\mathcal Z}$ is a smooth, symplectic variety:

$$G \times G \subset T_G^* \cong G \times \mathfrak{g}$$

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$$\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \quad (a \cdot x, x)$$

•
$$\mu^{-1}(x,x) = G^x \implies \mathcal{Z} = \mu^{-1}(\mathcal{S}_{\Delta}).$$

• the image of μ is $\{(x,y) \in \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \mid x \in G \cdot y\}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{Z} = \mu^{-1}(\mathcal{S}_{\Delta}) = \mu^{-1}(\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S})$$

is a Poisson transversal in T_G^* .

G has a canonical smooth compactification \overline{G} , called the wonderful compactification.

Plan

Compactify the centralizer fibers of \mathcal{Z} in $\overline{\mathcal{G}}$.

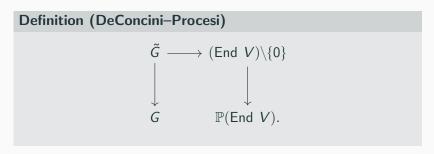
$$G \longrightarrow \overline{G}$$

$$T_G^* \longrightarrow T_{\overline{G},D}^*$$

Extend the symplectic structure on $\mathcal Z$ to a log-symplectic structure on its partial compactification.

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Definition (DeConcini-Procesi)

The wonderful compactification of G is $\overline{G} := \overline{\chi(G)}$.

- independent of V
- smooth projective $G \times G$ -variety
- $D := \overline{G} \backslash G$ is a simple normal crossing divisor

The partial compactification of ${\cal Z}$

Example

Let $G = PGL_2 \quad \leadsto \quad \tilde{G} = SL_2, \quad V = \mathbb{C}^2$. Then

$$\chi(G) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{P}(M_{2\times 2}) \mid ad - bc \neq 0 \right\},$$

and $\overline{G} = \mathbb{P}(M_{2\times 2}) \cong \mathbb{P}^3$.

$$D = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{P}(M_{2 \times 2}) \mid ad - bc = 0 \right\} \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1.$$

Non-example

Let $G=PGL_n$ for $n\geqslant 3$. Then $V=\mathbb{C}^n$ is not a regular rep of $\tilde{G}=SL_n$, and

$$\overline{G} \not\cong \mathbb{P}^{n^2-1}$$

The partial compactification of $\mathcal Z$

$$D=D_1\cup\ldots\cup D_l.$$
 $G imes G$ -orbits on $\overline{G}\longleftrightarrow J\subset\{1,\ldots,l\}$, in the sense that $\overline{\mathcal{O}_J}=\bigcap D_j.$

For each $J \subset \{1,\ldots,l\}$: parabolic subgroups P_J and P_J^- common Levi $L_J := P_J \cap P_J^-$, corresponding Lie algebras $\mathfrak{p}_J,\mathfrak{p}_J^-,\mathfrak{l}_J$.

$$\overline{L_J/Z(L_J)} \stackrel{\longleftarrow}{\longrightarrow} \overline{\mathcal{O}_J} \\
\downarrow \\
G/P_J \times G/P_J^-$$

The partial compactification of \mathcal{Z}

The log-cotangent bundle $T^*_{\overline{G},D}$ of \overline{G} fits into a short exact sequence

$$T_{\overline{G},D}^* \longleftrightarrow \overline{G} \times \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow T_{\overline{G},D}.$$

 $\leadsto T^*_{\overline{G},D}$ is a Lie algebroid over \overline{G} with trivial anchor map.

The fibers of $T_{\overline{G},D}^*$ are subalgebras of $\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}$:

for each $J \subset \{1, \dots, I\}$, there is a basepoint $z_J \in \mathcal{O}_J$ such that

$$T^*_{\overline{G},D,z_J}=\mathfrak{p}_J\times_{\mathfrak{l}_J}\mathfrak{p}_J^-.$$

The partial compactification of ${\mathcal Z}$

Definition

$$\overline{\mathcal{Z}} = \left\{ (a, x) \in \overline{G} \times \mathfrak{g} \mid x \in \mathcal{S}, a \in \overline{G^x} \right\}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\mathcal{S}.$$

- generic fiber is a smooth toric variety
- · special fibers are singular

The partial compactification of ${\mathcal Z}$

 $T^*_{\overline{G},D}$ has a natural log-symplectic Poisson structure, and

$$G \times G \subset T^*_{\overline{G},D} \xrightarrow{\overline{\mu}} \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}.$$

- $\overline{\mu}$ is projection onto the fibers of $\overline{G} \times \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}$.
- the image of $\overline{\mu}$ is $\mathfrak{g} \times_{\mathfrak{g}//G} \mathfrak{g}$.

$$\Rightarrow \overline{\mu}^{-1}(\mathcal{S}_{\Delta}) = \overline{\mu}^{-1}(\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}) \subset T^*_{\overline{G},D}$$
 is a Poisson transversal.

Theorem (B.)

$$\overline{\mathcal{Z}} \cong \overline{\mu}^{-1}(\mathcal{S}_{\Delta}) \subset T^*_{\overline{G},D}$$

is a smooth, log-symplectic partial compactification of \mathcal{Z} .

Plan

Integrate this to a multiplicative picture:

$$\mathfrak{g} \leadsto \tilde{G}$$
.

 $G \subset \tilde{G}$ by conjugation

$$\tilde{G}^{r} = \{g \in \tilde{G} \mid \dim G^{g} = I\}.$$

Remark

This is the regular locus of the AKM quasi-Poisson structure on \tilde{G} , whose nondegenerate leaves are the conjugacy classes.

Theorem (Steinberg)

There is an I-dimensional affine subspace

$$\Sigma \subset \tilde{G}^r$$

which meets each regular conjugacy class in \tilde{G} exactly once, transversally.

Definition

The (multiplicative) universal centralizer of \tilde{G} is

$$\mathfrak{Z} = \left\{ (a,g) \in G \times \widetilde{G} \mid g \in \Sigma, a \in G^g \right\}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\Sigma.$$

The double $\mathbb{D}_G:=G imes \tilde{G}$ has a natural q-Poisson structure with group-valued moment map

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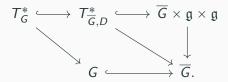
$$\tilde{G} \times \tilde{G} \quad (aga^{-1},g^{-1})$$

Proposition (Finkelberg-Tsymbaliuk)

$$\mathfrak{Z} = \mu^{-1}(\Sigma_{\Delta}) = \mu^{-1}(\Sigma \times \iota(\Sigma)) \subset \mathbb{D}_{G}$$

is a smooth, symplectic algebraic variety.

Recall the inclusions



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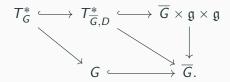
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whose source/target fiber at $z_l \in \overline{G}$ is $P_l \times_{L_l} P_l^-$.

Definition

$$\overline{\mathfrak{Z}}:=\left\{(a,g)\in\overline{G}\times\widetilde{G}\mid g\in\Sigma,a\in\overline{G^g}\right\}.$$

 $\mathbb{D}_{\overline{G}}$ has a Hamiltonian q-Poisson structure with moment map

$$G \times G \subset \mathbb{D}_{\overline{G}} \xrightarrow{\overline{\mu}} \tilde{G} \times \tilde{G}.$$

Theorem (B. in progress)

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is a smooth, log-symplectic partial compactification of \mathfrak{Z} .