
Canonical quantization of symplectic manifolds

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DQ-ALGEBRAS AND DQ-ALGEBROIDS

1 STAR PRODUCTS

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Definition 1.1 ([Bay+78], [KS12, Definition 2.2.2.]). An associative operation \star on $\mathcal{O}_X[[\hbar]]$ is a *star product* if it is $\mathbb{C}[[\hbar]]$ -bilinear and satisfies

$$f \star g = \sum_{i \geq 0} P_i(f, g) \hbar^i \quad \text{for } f, g \in \mathcal{O}_X \quad (1.2)$$

where the P_i 's are bi-differential operators such that $P_0(f, g) = fg$ and $P_i(f, 1) = P_i(1, f) = 0$ for all $f \in \mathcal{O}_X$ and $i > 0$. We call $(\mathcal{O}_X[[\hbar]], \star)$ a *star algebra*. A star-product defines a Poisson structure on X by the rule

$$\{f, g\} := P_1(f, g) - P_1(g, f) = \frac{1}{\hbar} [f, g]_{\star} \mod \hbar \mathcal{O}_X \quad (1.3)$$

If X is a Poisson manifold and the induced Poisson bracket by \star coincides with the Poisson structure of X , we say that \star is a *deformation* of the Poisson structure (bracket) on X . Moreover, if (X, ω) is symplectic and \star deforms the standard Poisson bracket induced by ω , we say that \star is a *symplectic star product*.

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Moyal product

Definition 1.4. Let $X = \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ endowed with its standard symplectic structure. We define the *Moyal product* by the rule

$$\begin{aligned} f \star g &= \text{prod} \left(\exp \left(\frac{\hbar}{2} \Pi \right) (f \otimes g) \right) \\ &= fg + \frac{\hbar}{2} \sum_{i,j} \Pi^{ij} (\partial_i f) (\partial_j g) + \frac{\hbar^2}{8} \sum_{i,j,k,m} \Pi^{ij} \Pi^{km} (\partial_i \partial_k g) (\partial_j \partial_m g) + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

where Π is the Poisson bi-vector. One calls $\mathcal{O}_X[[\hbar]]$ equipped with the Moyal product, the *Weyl algebra*.

Remark 1.6. The notation Weyl algebra in Definition 1.4 is supported in the following observation. Consider the subalgebra $(\mathbb{C}[p, q], \star)^1$ of the algebra $(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}}(\mathbb{R}^{2n}), \star)$. An easy computation yields

$$p_r \star q_s = p_s q_s + \delta_{rs} \frac{\hbar}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad q_s \star p_r = p_r q_s - \delta_{sr} \frac{\hbar}{2}.$$

Therefore,

$$[p_r, q_s]_\star = \delta_{rs} \hbar.$$

Particularly, this presents an isomorphism between $(\mathbb{C}[p, q], \star)$ and $\mathbb{C}\{x, \partial\} / \langle x\partial - \partial x - 1 \rangle$, also known as the Weyl algebra. This will be further explained by the identification of \mathbb{R}^{2n} with $T^*\mathbb{R}^n$ and deformation quantization of the cotangent bundle.

Lemma 1.7. *The center of the algebra $(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}}, \star)$ is $\mathbb{C}[[\hbar]]$.*

Proof. Choose coordinates (p_i, q_i) and let $f \in (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}}, \star)$ be central. Then

$$0 = [f, q_i]_\star = -\hbar \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \hbar \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_i} = [f, p_i]_\star = 0,$$

so that f is constant. □

¹Here p and q are shorthand for coordinates $(p_1, \dots, p_n, q_1, \dots, q_n)$

²We maintain the same shorthand as before, and we extend it correctly to $x\partial - \partial x - 1$

2 DQ-ALGEBRAS

Definition 1.8 ([KS12, Definition 2.2.5.]). A *DQ-algebra* \mathcal{A} on X is a sheaf of $\mathbb{C}[[\hbar]]$ -algebras locally isomorphic to a star-algebra $(\mathcal{O}_X[[\hbar]], \star)$ as $\mathbb{C}[[\hbar]]$ -algebras.

A DQ-algebra induces a natural Poisson structure on X as follows: Let $f, g \in \mathcal{O}_X$ and denote by σ_0 the composition

$$\mathcal{A} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{A}/\hbar\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_X.$$

Choose $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $\sigma_0(a) = f$ and $\sigma_0(b) = g$. Since $ab - ba \in \hbar\mathcal{A}$, define

$$\{f, g\} := \sigma_0 \left(\frac{ab - ba}{\hbar} \right). \quad (1.9)$$

Since $\sigma_0(\hbar\mathcal{A}) = 0$, it follows that (1.9) is independent of the choice of liftings. Moreover, any two locally isomorphic DQ-algebras induce the same Poisson structure. Whenever X is symplectic, we say that \mathcal{A} is *symplectic* if it is locally isomorphic to a symplectic star-algebra.

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Symplectic DQ-algebroids

Definition 1.10.

— CHAPTER II —

DILATION EQUIVARIANCE

Let (X, ω) be a symplectic manifold and \mathcal{A} a symplectic DQ-algebra on X . Denote by $Z(\mathcal{A})$ the center of \mathcal{A} . From Lemma 1.7 and the natural map $\mathbb{C}[[\hbar]] \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is injective onto the center.

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— APPENDIX I —

ABSTRACT NONSENSE

Throughout this appendix we assume familiarity with basic category theory, basic sheaf theory and the definition of a (strict) 2-category. We denote by \circ horizontal composition and by \diamond vertical composition. The main reference will be [Bre94].

1 STACKS

Let X be a topological space. We do not provide proofs, but reference the reader to the source [SGA 1, Exposé VI].

Fibred categories

Definition A.1. A *fibred category* \mathcal{C} over X is an assignment

- (i) for every open set $U \subseteq X$ a category \mathcal{C}_U ;
- (ii) for every inclusion $i: V \hookrightarrow U$ an inverse image functor $i^*: \mathcal{C}_U \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_V$, which may be taken to be the identity functor whenever $f = \text{id}_U$;
- (iii) a natural isomorphism $\tau_{i,j}: (i \circ j)^* \Rightarrow j^* \circ i^*$ for every pair of inclusions $W \xrightarrow{j} V \xrightarrow{i} U$.

Subject to the condition that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (i \circ j \circ k)^* & \xrightarrow{\tau_{i,j,k}} & k^* \circ (i \circ j)^* \\
 \Downarrow \tau_{i,j \circ k} & & \Downarrow k^* \circ \tau_{i,j} \\
 (j \circ k)^* \circ i^* & \xrightarrow{\tau_{j,k} \circ i^*} & (k^* \circ j^* \circ i^*),
 \end{array} \tag{A.2}$$

commutes for any three composable arrows $N \xrightarrow{k} W \xrightarrow{j} V \xrightarrow{i} U$. For an object $x \in \mathcal{C}_U$, we denote by $x|_V$ the inverse image $i^*(x)$ for an inclusion $i: V \hookrightarrow U$.

Definition A.3. Let \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} be two fibred categories over X . A *morphism* $(F, \alpha): \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ of *fibred categories* consists of

- (i) for every open set $U \subseteq X$ a functor $F_U: \mathcal{C}_U \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_U$
- (ii) for every inclusion $i: V \hookrightarrow U$ a natural isomorphism $\alpha_i: F_V \circ i^* \Rightarrow i^* \circ F_U$

subject to the compatibility condition that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & F_W \circ (i \circ j)^* & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{i \circ j}} & (i \circ j)^* \circ F_U & \\
 & \swarrow F_W \circ \tau & & \searrow \tau \circ F_U & \\
 F_W \circ j^* \circ i^* & & & & j^* \circ i^* \circ F_U \\
 & \searrow \alpha_j \circ i^* & & \nearrow j^* \circ \alpha_i & \\
 & j^* \circ F_V & & &
 \end{array} \tag{A.4}$$

where τ denotes the corresponding natural isomorphism for \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} , commutes for all inclusions $W \xrightarrow{j} V \xrightarrow{i} U$.

Definition A.5. A fibred morphism $(F, \alpha): \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is called a *weak equivalence* if every F_U is fully faithful and *locally surjective*; that is, for every U open subset of X , y of \mathcal{D}_U , and $p \in X$ there exists an object x of \mathcal{C}_U and an open neighborhood V of p contained in U such that $F_V(x) \cong y|_V$.

Definition A.6. Given two fibred morphisms $(F, \alpha), (G, \beta): \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$, a *fibred transformation* (or simply *2-morphism*) $\Psi: F \Rightarrow G$ is a collection of natural transformations $\Psi_U: F_U \Rightarrow G_U$ indexed by open sets $U \subseteq X$ subject to the

following compatibility condition: for any inclusion $i: V \hookrightarrow U$, the diagram of natural transformations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_V \circ i^* & \xrightarrow{\alpha_i} & i^* \circ F_U \\ \Downarrow \Psi_V \circ i^* & & \Downarrow i^* \circ \Psi_U \\ G_V \circ i^* & \xrightarrow{\beta_i} & i^* \circ G_U \end{array} \quad (\text{A.7})$$

commutes.

Remark A.8. Fibred categories over X form a 2-category with objects as in Definition A.1, 1-morphisms as in Definition A.3, and 2-morphisms as in Definition A.6. We denote this 2-category by Fibred_X .

Remark A.9. Let U be an open subset of X and x, y objects of \mathcal{C}_U . The assignment $V \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_V(x|_V, y|_V)$ defines a presheaf on U . Moreover, every morphism $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ induces a morphism at the level of presheaves.

Definition A.10. A fibred category \mathcal{C} over X is a *prestack* on X if for every U and every pair x, y of objects of \mathcal{C}_U the presheaf on Remark A.9 is a sheaf. The full 2-subcategory of Fibred_X made of prestacks is denoted by Prestacks_X .

Remark A.11. Every fibred category \mathcal{C} admits an *associated prestack*, in the sense of a left 2-adjoint for

$$\text{Prestacks}_X \hookrightarrow \text{Fibred}_X.$$

Indeed, consider the associated sheaf (also known as sheafification) to the presheaf in Remark A.9. The usual adjointness associated sheaf \dashv presheaf extends to the desired 2-adjointness.

Definition A.12. Let \mathcal{C} be a fibred category over X and $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ be an open cover of an open set $U \subseteq X$. The category $\text{Desc}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{C})$ of *descent data* consists of

- (i) as objects: pairs of collections $(x, \varphi) = (\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}, \{\varphi_{\alpha\beta}\}_{\alpha, \beta \in A})$ where x_α is an object of \mathcal{C}_α and $\varphi_{\alpha\beta}: x_\beta|_{U_{\alpha\beta}} \xrightarrow{\sim} x_\alpha|_{U_{\alpha\beta}}$ an isomorphism. These are subject to the cocycle condition

$$\varphi_{\alpha\beta} \circ \varphi_{\beta\gamma} = \varphi_{\alpha\gamma} \quad (\text{A.13})$$

in $\mathcal{C}_{U_{\alpha\beta\gamma}}$, for each α, β and γ in A .

(ii) as arrows: $(x, \varphi) \xrightarrow{f} (y, \psi)$ a set of arrows $\{f_\alpha: x_\alpha \rightarrow y_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x_\beta|_{U_{\alpha\beta}} & \xrightarrow{f_\beta} & y_\beta|_{U_{\alpha\beta}} \\ \downarrow \varphi_{\alpha\beta} & & \downarrow \psi_{\alpha\beta} \\ x_\alpha|_{U_{\alpha\beta}} & \xrightarrow{f_\alpha} & y_\alpha|_{U_{\alpha\beta}} \end{array} \quad (\text{A.14})$$

Remark A.15. Let \mathcal{C} be a fibred category over X , U an open set of X , and \mathcal{U} a cover of U . There is a natural functor $\mathcal{C}_U \rightarrow \text{Desc}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{C})$ sending $x \mapsto (\{x|_{U_\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in A}, \{\text{id}_x|_{U_{\alpha\beta}}\}_{\alpha, \beta \in A})$ and $f: x \rightarrow y \mapsto \{f|_{U_\alpha}: x|_{U_\alpha} \rightarrow y|_{U_\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in A}$. Then \mathcal{C} is a prestack if and only if this functor is fully faithful for all open sets U and all covers \mathcal{U} of U .

Definition A.16. A fibred category \mathcal{C} over X is a *stack on X* if for every open subset U of X and every cover \mathcal{U} of U the functor $\mathcal{C}_U \rightarrow \text{Desc}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{C})$ on Remark A.15 is an equivalence of categories. If in addition each category \mathcal{C}_U is a groupoid, we say that \mathcal{C} is *stack in groupoids*. We denote the full 2-subcategory of stacks on X by Stacks_X .

Definition A.17. Let \mathcal{C} be a prestack on X . The *associated stack* is a stack \mathcal{C} , endowed with a weak equivalence $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^+$ such that for every open subset U of X and any pair of objects x and y of \mathcal{C}_U the map

$$\mathcal{C}_U(x, y) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_U^+(F_U(x), F_U(y))$$

is a bijection. If \mathcal{C}^+ exists it is determined up to unique 2-isomorphism.

Proposition A.18. *Let \mathcal{C} be a prestack on X , then \mathcal{C} admits an associated stack.*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{C}_U^+ := \text{colim}_{\mathcal{U}} \text{Desc}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{C})$ understood as a pseudo-colimit of categories. For details see [Stacks, Tag 02ZN]. \square

2 ALGEBROIDS

This section tries to follow [DP05, Section 1]. Let \mathbb{K} be a commutative unital ring.

Definition A.19. A \mathbb{K} -linear category (which we shorthand as \mathbb{K} -category) is a category whose Hom sets are endowed with a \mathbb{K} -module structure, so that composition is bilinear. A \mathbb{K} -functor is a functor between \mathbb{K} -categories which is linear at the level of morphisms.

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