
Canonical quantization of symplectic manifolds

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DQ-ALGEBRAS AND DQ-ALGEBROIDS

1 STAR PRODUCTS

some words
on history...

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*.

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ous probably
needs some
background
on differential
operators...

Moyal-Weyl star product

Definition 1.3. Let $X = \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ endowed with its standard symplectic structure. We define the *Moyal-Weyl \star -product* by the rule

$$f \star g = \text{prod} \left(\exp \left(\frac{i\hbar}{2} \Pi \right) (f \otimes g) \right) \quad (1.4)$$

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

Remark 1.5. The notation Weyl algebra in Definition 1.3 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

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

Therefore,

$$[p_r, q_s] = \delta_{rs} i\hbar,$$

which is *Planck's law*. Particularly, this presents an isomorphism between $(\mathbb{C}[p, q], \star)$ and² $\mathbb{C}\{x, \partial\} / \langle x\partial - \partial x - 1 \rangle$, 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. In the meantime, this identification is proven useful in the following Lemma.

Lemma 1.6. *The center of the algebra $\mathbb{C}\{x, \partial\} / \langle x\partial - \partial x - 1 \rangle$ is \mathbb{C} . In particular, from Remark 1.5, it follows that the center of $(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}}, \star)$ is $\mathbb{C}[[t]]$.*

Proof. We carry out the case $n = 1$. Let $P = \sum_a f_a(x) \partial^a$ be a central element. An easy calculation, using the fact that $[\partial, f] = f'$, yields

$$[\partial, P] = \sum_a f'_a(x) \partial^a.$$

Since P is central, we conclude that $f'_a = 0$, so that f_a is a constant for all a . Therefore, $P = g(\partial)$ for some polynomial g . Again, we have

$$[x, g(\partial)] = g'(\partial)$$

and centrality yields that P is constant. The previous proof only uses that the ground ring of the Weyl algebra is of characteristic zero, so that one carries inductively using $\mathbb{C}[x, \partial_x][y_1, \dots, y_m, \partial_1, \dots, \partial_m] \cong \mathbb{C}[x, y_1, \dots, y_m, \partial_x, \partial_1, \dots, \partial_m]$. \square

write reference when cotangent bundle is explained.

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See Kashiwara-Schapira.

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 $x\partial - \partial x - 1$

3 DQ-ALGEBROIDS

See Kashiwara-Schapira. Important here to include some motivation.

— 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 1.6 and the natural map $\mathbb{C}[[\hbar]] \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is injective onto the center.

include reference of DQ-Darboux

— APPENDIX I —

ABSTRACT NONSENSE

Once and for all fix a strongly inaccessible cardinal κ , so that V_κ is a Grothendieck universe. (hahaha)

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