

# On thick morphisms of (super)manifolds

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# О толстых морфизмах (супер)многообразий

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- A quantum version of the theory exists, based on some formal Fourier integral operators.

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## Definition

A *microformal* or *thick morphism*  $\Phi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is a formal Lagrangian submanifold  $\Phi \subset T^*M_2 \times T^*M_1$  w.r.t.  $\omega_2 - \omega_1$  specified locally by a *generating function* of the form  $S(x, q)$ :

$$q_i dy^i - p_a dx^a = d(y^i q_i - S) \quad \text{on } \Phi,$$

where  $S(x, q)$  is part of the structure and is a formal power series:

$$S(x, q) = S_0(x) + S^i(x)q_i + \frac{1}{2} S^{ij}(x)q_j q_i + \frac{1}{3!} S^{ijk}(x)q_k q_j q_i + \dots$$

## Example

An ordinary map  $\varphi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  corresponds to  $S(x, q) = \varphi^i(x)q_i$ .

# Pullback by a microformal morphism

## Construction of pullback

Let  $\Phi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be a thick morphism with generating function  $S$ . The *pullback*  $\Phi^*$  is a formal mapping  $\Phi^*: \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_1)$  of functional supermanifolds (of 'bosonic' functions) defined by

$$\Phi^*[g](x) = g(y) + S(x, q) - y^i q_i,$$

for  $g \in \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_2)$ , where  $q_i$  and  $y^i$  are determined from the equations

$$q_i = \frac{\partial g}{\partial y^i}(y), \quad y^i = (-1)^{\tilde{i}} \frac{\partial S}{\partial q_i}(x, q)$$

(giving  $y^i = (-1)^{\tilde{i}} \frac{\partial S}{\partial q_i}(x, \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(y))$  solvable by iterations).

Heuristically, if  $f = \Phi^*[g]$ , then  $\Lambda_f = \Lambda_g \circ \Phi$ , where  $\Lambda_f = \text{gr}(df)$ .

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For a general  $S(x, q) = S^0(x) + \varphi^i(x)q_i + \dots$ , the equation  $y^i = (-1)^{\tilde{z}} \frac{\partial S}{\partial q_i}(x, \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(y))$  defines a formal perturbation  $\varphi_g: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  of a map  $\varphi = \varphi_0: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ :

$$y^i = \varphi_g^i(x) = \varphi^i(x) + S^{ij}(x)\partial_j g(\varphi(x)) + \dots,$$

and  $\Phi^*[g](x) = (g(y) + S(x, q) - y^i q_i) |_{y=\varphi_g(x), q=\partial g/\partial y(\varphi_g(x))}$ ,  
which gives  $\Phi^*$  as a **formal nonlinear differential operator**:

General form of  $\Phi^*: \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_1)$

$$\Phi^*[g](x) = S^0(x) + g(\varphi(x)) + \frac{1}{2} S^{ij}(x)\partial_i g(\varphi(x))\partial_j g(\varphi(x)) + \dots$$

# Coordinate invariance

## Transformation law for generating functions of thick morphisms

A generating function  $S(x, q)$  as a geometric object on  $M_1 \times M_2$  transforms by

$$S'(x', q') = S(x, q) - y^i q_i + y^{i'} q_{i'} .$$

Here  $S(x, q)$  is the expression for  $S$  in 'old' coordinates and  $S'(x', q')$  is the expression for  $S$  in 'new' coordinates. At the r.h.s., the variables  $x^a$  and  $y^{i'}$  are given by substitutions:  $x^a = x^a(x')$  and  $y^{i'} = y^{i'}(y)$ , while  $q_i$  and  $y^j$  are determined from

$$q_i = \frac{\partial y^{i'}}{\partial y^i}(y) q_{i'} , \quad y^j = (-1)^{\tilde{i}} \frac{\partial S}{\partial q_i}(x, q) .$$

(The cocycle condition is satisfied.) The canonical relation  $\Phi \subset T^*M_2 \times (-T^*M_1)$  specified by  $S$  and the pullback operation  $\Phi^*$  do not depend on a choice of coordinates.

# Key fact: derivative of pullback

## Theorem

Let  $\Phi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be a thick morphism. Consider the pullback

$$\Phi^*: \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_1).$$

Then for every  $g \in \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_2)$ , the derivative  $T\Phi^*[g]$  is given by

$$T\Phi^*[g] = \varphi_g^*,$$

where  $\varphi_g^*: \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_1)$  is the usual pullback with respect to the “perturbed” map  $\varphi_g: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ ,  $\varphi_g = \varphi_0 + \varphi_1 + \varphi_2 + \dots$  defined by  $y^i = (-1)^{\tilde{i}} \frac{\partial S}{\partial q_i}(x, \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(y))$ .

## Corollary

For every  $g$ , the derivative  $T\Phi^*[g]$  of  $\Phi^*: \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_1)$  is an algebra homomorphism  $\mathbf{C}^\infty(M_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_1)$ .

# Composition law

Consider thick morphisms  $\Phi_{21}: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  and  $\Phi_{31}: M_2 \rightarrow M_3$  with generating functions  $S_{21} = S_{21}(x, q)$  and  $S_{32} = S_{32}(y, r)$ .

## Theorem

*The composition  $\Phi_{32} \circ \Phi_{21}$  is well-defined as a thick morphism  $\Phi_{31}: M_1 \rightarrow M_3$  with the generating function  $S_{31} = S_{31}(x, r)$ , where*

$$S_{31}(x, r) = S_{32}(y, r) + S_{21}(x, q) - y^i q_i$$

*and  $y^i$  and  $q_i$  are expressed through  $(x^a, r_\mu)$  from the system*

$$q_i = \frac{\partial S_{32}}{\partial y^i}(y, r), \quad y^i = (-1)^{\tilde{i}} \frac{\partial S_{21}}{\partial q_i}(x, q),$$

*which has a unique solution as a power series in  $r_\mu$  and derivatives of  $S_{32}$ .*



# Resulting structure

## Formal category

- Composition of thick morphisms is associative and  $(\Phi_{32} \circ \Phi_{21})^* = \Phi_{21}^* \circ \Phi_{32}^*$ .
- In the lowest order, the composition is as in the semidirect product  $\mathcal{SMan} \rtimes \mathbf{C}^\infty$ , whose arrows are pairs  $(\varphi_{21}, f_{21})$  with the composition  $(\varphi_{32}, f_{32}) \circ (\varphi_{21}, f_{21}) = (\varphi_{32} \circ \varphi_{21}, \varphi_{21}^* f_{32} + f_{21})$ .
- Thick morphisms form a *formal category*  $\mathcal{EThick}$ , a “formal thickening” of the category  $\mathcal{SMan} \rtimes \mathbf{C}^\infty$ .

# Fermionic version

## Fermionic version

- There is a **fermionic version** of the above based on anticotangent bundles  $\Pi T^*M$  and odd generating functions  $S(x, y^*)$ .
- “Odd thick morphisms”  $\Psi: M_1 \rightrightarrows M_2$  induce nonlinear pullbacks  $\Psi^*: \mathbf{PC}^\infty(M_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{PC}^\infty(M_1)$  on **odd** functions (“fermionic fields”).
- Composition of odd thick morphisms gives a formal category  $\mathcal{O}\text{Thick}$ , which is a formal thickening of  $\mathcal{S}\text{Man} \times \mathbf{PC}^\infty$ .

# Particular example: “thick diffeomorphisms”

Consider invertible thick morphisms  $\Phi: M \rightarrow M$ .

## Example

$\Phi = \text{id}$  corresponds to  $S(x, q) = x^a q_a$ . An infinitesimal thick diffeomorphism  $\Phi_\varepsilon$  is defined by  $S_\varepsilon(x, q) = x^a q_a + \varepsilon H(x, q)$ , where  $H \in C^\infty(T^*M)$ .

## Theorem

- *The pullback by an infinitesimal thick diffeomorphism as above has the form of “Hamilton-Jacobi flow”:*

$$\Phi_\varepsilon^*: f(x) \mapsto f(x) + \varepsilon H\left(x, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right).$$

- *The induced Lie bracket is exactly the canonical Poisson bracket.*

## Particular example: “thick diffeomorphisms”, cont’d

So the Lie algebras of the (formal) group of thick diffeomorphisms of  $M$  and the group of canonical transformations of  $T^*M$  coincide. We have nonlinear infinitesimal action of canonical transformations of  $T^*M$  on  $\mathbf{C}^\infty(M)$ .

## Theorem

Let  $\Phi_t$  be a 1-parameter group of thick diffeomorphisms of  $M$  with generator  $H$ ; denote  $f_t := \Phi_t^*(f)$  for  $f \in \mathbf{C}^\infty(M)$ . Then  $f_t$  satisfies

$$\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t} = H\left(x, \frac{\partial f_t}{\partial x}\right),$$

with the initial condition  $f_0 = f$ .

In view of the relation between the Hamilton-Jacobi equation and the Schrödinger equation, this is a “big hint” at the possibility of a **quantum version** — *which indeed exists*.

# Motivation: Why we may need “nonlinear pullbacks”?

Answer: for  $L_\infty$ -morphisms of homotopy Poisson brackets.

Recall, for a (super)manifold  $M$ :

$P_\infty$ - or  $S_\infty$ -structure (“homotopy Poisson or Schouten”):

- A sequence of brackets on  $C^\infty(M)$  satisfying Leibniz rule and making it an  $L_\infty$ -algebra (in one of the two versions).

$L_\infty$ -algebras as  $Q$ -manifolds. The following are equivalent:

- An  $L_\infty$ -algebra structure on a vector space  $L$
- A *homological vector field*  $Q \in \text{Vect}((\Pi)L)$ :  $\tilde{Q} = 1$ ,  $Q^2 = 0$ .

$L_\infty$ -morphisms as  $Q$ -maps:

An  $L_\infty$ -morphism  $L \rightsquigarrow K \iff$  a formal nonlinear map  
 $(\Pi)L \rightarrow (\Pi)K$  intertwining vector fields  $Q_L$  and  $Q_K$

$\Rightarrow$  For (super)manifolds, a “ $P_\infty$ - or  $S_\infty$ -morphism” should induce a **NONLINEAR** mapping of functions. Ordinary pullbacks won’t do.

# Example: Higher Koszul brackets

**Classical fact:** for a Poisson  $M$ , there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathfrak{A}^k(M) & \xrightarrow{d_P} & \mathfrak{A}^{k+1}(M) \\
 (P^{ab}) \uparrow & & \uparrow (P^{ab}) \\
 \Omega^k(M) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^{k+1}(M),
 \end{array}$$

and the vertical arrows map Koszul bracket to Schouten bracket.

**Homotopy case:** for a  $P_\infty$ -manifold  $M$ , there are *higher Koszul brackets* ( $S_\infty$ ) and one can still construct a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathfrak{A}(M) & \xrightarrow{d_P} & \mathfrak{A}(M) \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \Omega(M) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega(M).
 \end{array}$$

However the vertical arrows here **cannot** map *many* higher Koszul brackets into *one* Schouten bracket. **Need an  $L_\infty$ -morphism.**

# Recollection: $L_\infty$ -algebras – 1

We consider  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded version. (One can include a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading.)

There are two parallel notions: “symmetric” and “antisymmetric”.

## Definition ( $L_\infty$ -algebra: antisymmetric version)

A vector space  $L = L_0 \oplus L_1$  with a collection of multilinear operations

$$[-, \dots, -]: \underbrace{L \times \dots \times L}_{k \text{ times}} \rightarrow L \quad (\text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

such that

- the parity of the  $k$ th bracket is  $k \pmod 2$ ;
- all brackets are antisymmetric (in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded sense);
- $\sum_{r+s=n} \sum_{\text{shuffles}} (-1)^\beta [[x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(r)}], \dots, x_{\sigma(r+s)}] = 0$ ,  
for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

(here  $(-1)^\beta = (-1)^{rs} \operatorname{sgn} \sigma (-1)^\alpha$  and  $(-1)^\alpha$  is the Koszul sign).

# Recollection: $L_\infty$ -algebras – 2

A parallel notion is as follows.

## Definition ( $L_\infty$ -algebra: symmetric version)

A vector space  $V = V_0 \oplus V_1$  with a collection of multilinear operations

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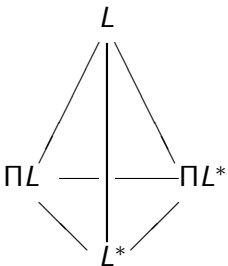
such that

- all brackets are odd;
- all brackets are symmetric (in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded sense);
- $\sum_{r+s=n} \sum_{\text{shuffles}} (-1)^\alpha \{ \{ v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(r)} \}, \dots, v_{\sigma(r+s)} \} = 0$ ,  
for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

(here  $(-1)^\alpha$  is the Koszul sign).

NB: here signs come from parities only!



Recollection:  $L_\infty$ -algebras – 3

## Equivalent structures:

- Antisymmetric  $L_\infty$ -algebra structure in  $L$
- Symmetric  $L_\infty$ -algebra structure in  $\Pi L$
- Homological vector field  $Q \in \text{Vect}(\Pi L)$ , i.e.,  $\tilde{Q} = 1$ ,  $Q^2 = 0$

(Also:  $P_\infty$ - and  $S_\infty$ -structures on  $L^*$  and  $\Pi L^*$ , see later.)

NB: we identify  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded vector spaces with supermanifolds.

# Recollection: $L_\infty$ -algebras – 4.

## Relation between brackets in $L$ and $\Pi L$

$$\{\Pi x_1, \dots, \Pi x_n\} = (-1)^\varepsilon \Pi[x_1, \dots, x_n], \text{ where } \varepsilon = \sum \tilde{x}_k(n-k).$$

## Relations with homological vector field $Q$

- $Q(\xi) = \sum \frac{1}{n!} \underbrace{\{\xi, \dots, \xi\}}_n$ , where  $\xi \in V = \Pi L$

- Higher derived bracket formula:

$$\iota([x_1, \dots, x_n]) = (-1)^\varepsilon [\dots [Q, \iota(x_1)], \dots, \iota(x_n)](0),$$

$$\text{for } x = x^i e_i \in L, \text{ and } \iota(x) := (-1)^{\tilde{x}} x^i \partial / \partial \xi^i \in \text{Vect}(\Pi L)$$

## $L_\infty$ -morphisms

An  $L_\infty$ -morphism  $L \rightsquigarrow K$  is given by a sequence  $\Lambda^n L \rightarrow K$  or  $S^n(\Pi L) \rightarrow \Pi K$  satisfying a certain sequence of identities (“higher homotopies”). **It is equivalent to a formal  $Q$ -map  $\Pi L \rightarrow \Pi K$ .**

# “Homotopy Poisson/Schouten structures”: $P_\infty$ and $S_\infty$

A  $P_\infty$ - ( $S_\infty$ -) **structure** on a supermanifold  $M$  is an antisymmetric (resp., symmetric)  $L_\infty$ -structure on  $C^\infty(M)$  such that the brackets are multiderivations of the associative product.

- 1 A  $P_\infty$ -**structure** on  $M$  is specified by an **even** function  $P \in C^\infty(\Pi T^*M)$  satisfying  $[P, P] = 0$ , by

$$\{f_1, \dots, f_k\}_P := [\dots [P, f_1], \dots, f_k]|_M.$$

- 2 An  $S_\infty$ -**structure** on  $M$  is specified by an **odd** function  $H \in C^\infty(T^*M)$  satisfying  $(H, H) = 0$ , by

$$\{f_1, \dots, f_k\}_H := (\dots (H, f_1), \dots, f_k)|_M.$$

Homological vector fields for  $P_\infty$  and  $S_\infty$  are “Hamilton–Jacobi”:

- 1  $Q_P = \int_M D_x P(x, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}) \frac{\delta}{\delta \psi(x)} \in \text{Vect}(\mathbf{\Pi} \mathbf{C}^\infty(M))$
- 2  $Q_H = \int_M D_x H(x, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}) \frac{\delta}{\delta f(x)} \in \text{Vect}(\mathbf{C}^\infty(M))$

# Key theorem: nonlinear pullback as an $L_\infty$ -morphism

Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be  $S_\infty$ -manifolds, with  $H_i \in C^\infty(T^*M_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

Definition of an  $S_\infty$  (“homotopy Schouten”) thick morphism

A thick morphism  $\Phi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is  $S_\infty$  if  $\pi_1^*H_1 = \pi_2^*H_2$  on  $\Phi$ .

Note: this is expressed by the Hamilton–Jacobi equation for  $S(x, q)$

$$H_1\left(x, \frac{\partial S}{\partial x}\right) = H_2\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial q}, q\right). \quad (1)$$

## Theorem

If a thick morphism of  $S_\infty$ -manifolds  $\Phi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is  $S_\infty$ , then the pullback

$$\Phi^*: \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_1)$$

is an  $L_\infty$ -morphism of the homotopy Schouten brackets.

That is: if (1) holds, then  $\Phi^*$  intertwines the homological vector fields  $Q_{H_2} \in \text{Vect}(\mathbf{C}^\infty(M_2))$  and  $Q_{H_1} \in \text{Vect}(\mathbf{C}^\infty(M_1))$ .

# Analog for $P_\infty$ -structures

Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be  $P_\infty$ -manifolds, with  $P_i \in C^\infty(\Pi T^*M_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Definition of a  $P_\infty$  ("homotopy Poisson") odd thick morphism**

An odd thick morphism  $\Psi: M_1 \rightrightarrows M_2$  is  $P_\infty$  if  $\pi_1^*P_1 = \pi_2^*P_2$  on  $\Psi$ .

This is expressed by the Hamilton–Jacobi equation for odd  $S(x, y^*)$

$$P_1\left(x, \frac{\partial S}{\partial x}\right) = P_2\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial y^*}, y^*\right). \quad (2)$$

## Theorem

*If an odd thick morphism of  $P_\infty$ -manifolds  $\Phi: M_1 \rightrightarrows M_2$  is  $P_\infty$ , then the pullback*

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# Adjoint for a nonlinear transformation

## Theorem (adjoint and pushforward)

1. For any fiberwise (not necessarily fiberwise-linear) map of vector bundles  $\Phi: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ , there is a thick morphism (the **adjoint**)

$$\Phi^*: E_2^* \rightarrow E_1^*,$$

coinciding with the usual adjoint map if  $\Phi$  is fiberwise-linear, and with the same properties. Construction:

$$\Phi^* := (\kappa \times \kappa)(\Phi)^{op} \subset T^*E_1^* \times (-T^*E_2^*), \text{ where}$$

$\kappa: T^*E \rightarrow T^*E^*$  is the Mackenzie–Xu diffeomorphism.

2. The **pushforward of functions on the duals** (pullback by adjoint)

$$\Phi_* := (\Phi^*)^*: \mathbf{C}^\infty(E_1^*) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\infty(E_2^*)$$

maps the subspace of sections  $\mathbf{C}^\infty(M, E_1) \subset \mathbf{C}^\infty(E_1^*)$  to  $\mathbf{C}^\infty(M, E_2)$ , and coincides on sections with  $\mathbf{v} \mapsto \Phi \circ \mathbf{v}$ .

# “Fermionic analog”: parity reversed adjoint

## Theorem (“antiadjoint”)

1. For any fiberwise map of vector bundles  $\Phi: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  (not necessarily fiberwise-linear), there is an odd thick morphism (*antiadjoint*)

$$\Phi^{*\Pi}: \Pi E_2^* \rightrightarrows \Pi E_1^*,$$

coinciding with the usual adjoint combined with parity reversion if  $\Phi$  is fiberwise-linear, and with the same properties. Construction:

$\Phi^{*\Pi} := (\chi \times \chi)(\Phi)^{op} \subset \Pi T^*(\Pi E_1^*) \times (-\Pi T^*(\Pi E_2^*))$ , where  $\chi: \Pi T^*E \rightarrow \Pi T^*(\Pi E^*)$  is the odd analog of the Mackenzie–Xu diffeomorphism.

2. The *pushforward of functions on the antidual bundles*

$$\Phi_*^\Pi := (\Phi^{*\Pi})^*: \Pi \mathbf{C}^\infty(\Pi E_1^*) \rightarrow \Pi \mathbf{C}^\infty(\Pi E_2^*)$$

maps the subspace of sections  $\mathbf{C}^\infty(M, E_1) \subset \Pi \mathbf{C}^\infty(\Pi E_1^*)$  to  $\mathbf{C}^\infty(M, E_2)$ , and on sections coincides with  $\mathbf{v} \mapsto \Phi \circ \mathbf{v}$ .

# Recollection: $L_\infty$ -algebroids

## Definition

An  $L_\infty$ -algebroid is a (super) vector bundle  $E \rightarrow M$  with an antisymmetric  $L_\infty$ -algebra structure on sections and a sequence of anchors  $E \times_M \dots \times_M E \rightarrow TM$  so that the Leibniz identities hold:

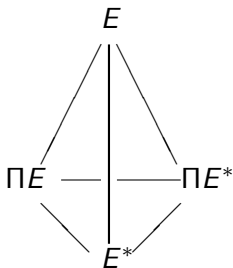
$$[u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}, fu_n] = a(u_1, \dots, u_{n-1})(f) u_n + (-1)^\alpha f [u_1, \dots, u_n],$$

where  $(-1)^\alpha = (-1)^{(\tilde{u}_1 + \dots + \tilde{u}_{n-1} + n)\tilde{f}}$ .

- An  $L_\infty$ -algebroid structure on  $E \rightarrow M$  is equivalent to a (formal) homological vector field on the supermanifold  $\Pi E$ .
- An  $L_\infty$ -morphism of  $L_\infty$ -algebroids  $\Phi: E_1 \rightsquigarrow E_2$  is specified by a map (in general, nonlinear)  $\Phi: \Pi E_1 \rightarrow \Pi E_2$  such that the corresponding homological vector fields are  $\Phi$ -related.
- Example: all anchors assemble into an  $L_\infty$ -morphism  $\Pi E \rightarrow \Pi TM$ .



# Manifestations of an $L_\infty$ -algebroid structure



## Equivalent manifestations

- $L_\infty$ -algebroid structure in vector bundle  $E \rightarrow M$
- $P_\infty$ -structure on supermanifold  $E^*$
- $S_\infty$ -structure on supermanifold  $\Pi E^*$
- $Q$ -structure (homological vector field) on supermanifold  $\Pi L$

# $L_\infty$ -morphisms of Lie-Poisson and Lie-Schouten brackets

Consider an  $L_\infty$ -morphism  $\Phi: E_1 \rightsquigarrow E_2$  of  $L_\infty$ -algebroids over a base  $M$ . It is given by a  $Q$ -map  $\Phi: \Pi E_1 \rightarrow \Pi E_2$ . (We suppress indications on parity changes.)

## Theorem

An  $L_\infty$ -morphism  $\Phi: E_1 \rightsquigarrow E_2$  over a base  $M$  induces morphisms of homotopy structures:

- $S_\infty$  thick morphism  $\Phi^*: \Pi E_2^* \rightarrow \Pi E_2^*$
- $P_\infty$  thick morphism  $\Phi^*: E_2^* \Rightarrow E_2^*$

This gives  $L_\infty$ -morphisms of the homotopy Lie-Schouten and homotopy Lie-Poisson brackets, respectively:

$$\Phi_*: \mathbf{C}^\infty(\Pi E_1^*) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\infty(\Pi E_2^*)$$

and

$$\Phi_*: \mathbf{PC}^\infty(E_1^*) \rightarrow \mathbf{PC}^\infty(E_2^*).$$

# Corollary: $L_\infty$ -morphisms induced by the anchor

Recall that the anchors  $E \times_M \dots \times_M E \rightarrow TM$  for an  $L_\infty$ -algebroid  $E \rightarrow M$  assemble into a single (nonlinear, in general) bundle map  $a: \Pi E \rightarrow \Pi TM$  over  $M$  (which we also refer to as **anchor**).

## Corollary

*The anchor for an  $L_\infty$ -algebroid  $E \rightarrow M$  induces  $L_\infty$ -morphisms*

$$\mathbf{C}^\infty(\Pi E^*) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\infty(\Pi T^*M)$$

*of the homotopy Schouten brackets, and*

$$\mathbf{PC}^\infty(E^*) \rightarrow \mathbf{PC}^\infty(T^*M).$$

*of the homotopy Poisson brackets.*

# Application to higher Koszul brackets on a $P_\infty$ -manifold

Let  $M$  be a  $P_\infty$ -manifold. Then  $T^*M$  becomes an  $L_\infty$ -algebroid. In particular, there is the anchor  $a: \Pi T^*M \rightarrow \Pi TM$  and its dual (a thick morphism)  $a^*: \Pi T^*M \rightarrow \Pi TM$ .

## Corollary

*For a homotopy Poisson manifold  $M$ , the non-linear pullback*

$$a_*: \Omega(M) = \mathbf{C}^\infty(\Pi TM) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\infty(\Pi T^*M) = \mathfrak{A}(M),$$

*is an  $L_\infty$ -morphism between the higher Koszul brackets on forms induced by the homotopy Poisson structure and the canonical Schouten bracket on multivector fields.*

# Quantum pullbacks and quantum thick morphisms

## Definition

A *quantum pullback*  $\hat{\Phi}^*: OC_{\hbar}^{\infty}(M_2) \rightarrow OC_{\hbar}^{\infty}(M_1)$  is defined by

$$(\hat{\Phi}^*[w])(x) = \int_{T^*M_2} DyDq e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(S_{\hbar}(x,q) - y^i q_i)} w(y).$$

A *quantum thick (or microformal) morphism*  $\hat{\Phi}: M_1 \rightarrow_{\hbar} M_2$  is the corresponding arrow in the dual category.

Here  $S_{\hbar}(x, q)$  is a *quantum generating function*:

$$S_{\hbar}(x, q) = S_{\hbar}^0(x) + \varphi_{\hbar}^i(x) q_i + \frac{1}{2} S_{\hbar}^{ij}(x) q_j q_i + \frac{1}{3!} S_{\hbar}^{ijk}(x) q_k q_j q_i + \dots$$

$OC_{\hbar}^{\infty}(M)$  is the algebra of *oscillatory wave functions*, i.e. sums of formal expressions  $w(x) = a_{\hbar}(x) e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} b_{\hbar}(x)}$ , where  $a_{\hbar}, b_{\hbar} \in C^{\infty}(M)[[\hbar]]$ .

( $\mathcal{D}q := (2\pi\hbar)^{-n} (i\hbar)^m Dq$  in dimension  $n|m$ .)

# Classical limit

## Theorem

Let  $\hat{\Phi}: M_1 \rightarrow_{\hbar} M_2$  be a quantum thick morphism with a quantum generating function  $S_{\hbar}$ . Consider  $S_0(x, q) := \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} S_{\hbar}(x, q)$  as the (classical) generating function of a (classical) thick morphism  $\Phi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ . Then for any oscillatory wave function of the form  $w(y) = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}g(y)}$  on  $M_2$ , the quantum pullback given by

$$\hat{\Phi}^* [e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}g}] = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}f_{\hbar}(x)},$$

where  $f_{\hbar} = \Phi^*[g] + O(\hbar)$ , and  $\Phi^*$  is the pullback by the classical microformal morphism  $\Phi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  defined by  $S_0(x, q)$ .

We say that  $\Phi = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \hat{\Phi}$ .

# Explicit formula for quantum pullback

Suppose

$$S_{\hbar}(x, q) = S_{\hbar}^0(x) + \varphi_{\hbar}^i(x)q_i + S_{\hbar}^+(x, q),$$

where  $S_{\hbar}^+(x, q)$  is the sum of all terms of order  $\geq 2$  in  $q_i$ .

## Theorem

*The action of  $\hat{\Phi}^*$  defined by  $S_{\hbar}(x, q)$  can be expressed as follows:*

$$(\hat{\Phi}^* w)(x) = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_{\hbar}^0(x)} \left( e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_{\hbar}^+(x, \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y})} w(y) \right) \Big|_{y^i = \varphi_{\hbar}^i(x)}.$$

Hence the quantum pullback  $\hat{\Phi}^*$  is a special type formal linear differential operator over a ‘quantum-perturbed’ map

$\varphi_{\hbar}: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ . Here  $S_{\hbar}^0(x)$  gives the phase factor,  $\varphi_{\hbar}^i(x)q_i$  gives the map, and  $S_{\hbar}^+(x, q)$  is responsible for “quantum corrections”.

# Digression: brackets generated by an operator

Let  $A$  be a commutative algebra with 1 over  $\mathbb{C}[[\hbar]]$ . Let  $\Delta$  be a linear operator on  $A$ . Consider two sequences of multilinear operations (of parity  $\tilde{\Delta}$  and symmetric in the supersense):

**Definition (a modification of Koszul's construction)**

*Quantum brackets* generated by  $\Delta$ :

$$\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}_{\Delta, \hbar} := (-i\hbar)^{-k} [\dots [\Delta, a_1], \dots, a_k](1);$$

*classical brackets* generated by  $\Delta$ :

$$\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}_{\Delta, 0} := \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} (-i\hbar)^{-k} [\dots [\Delta, a_1], \dots, a_k](1)$$

- $\Delta$  is a *formal  $\hbar$ -differential operator* if all quantum brackets are defined;
- $\Delta$  is an  *$\hbar$ -differential operator of order  $\leq n$*  if all quantum brackets vanish for  $k > n$ .



# More on brackets and operators

## Remark (Explicit formulas)

- For  $k = 0$ ,  $\{\emptyset\}_{\Delta, \hbar} = \Delta(1)$ ;
- for  $k = 1$ ,  $\{a\}_{\Delta, \hbar} = (-i\hbar)^{-1}(\Delta(a) - \Delta(1)a)$ ;
- for  $k = 2$ ,  $\{a, b\}_{\Delta, \hbar} = (-i\hbar)^{-2}(\Delta(ab) - \Delta(a)b - (-1)^{\tilde{a}\tilde{b}}\Delta(b)a + \Delta(1)ab)$ ;
- for general  $k$ ,  $\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}_{\Delta, \hbar} = (-i\hbar)^{-k} \sum_{s=0}^k (-1)^s \sum_{(k-s, s)\text{-shuffles } \tau} (-1)^\alpha \Delta(a_{\tau(1)} \dots a_{\tau(k-s)}) a_{\tau(k-s+1)} \dots a_{\tau(k)}$ ,

where  $(-1)^\alpha = (-1)^{\alpha(\tau; \tilde{a}_1, \dots, \tilde{a}_k)}$  is the Koszul sign.

## Definition ( $\hbar$ -differential operators)

$\text{ord}_{\hbar} \Delta \leq k$  iff for all  $a \in A$ ,  $[\Delta, a] = i\hbar B$  where  $\text{ord}_{\hbar} B \leq k - 1$ .

# $S_{\infty, \hbar}$ -algebras

**Let  $\Delta$  be odd.** If  $\Delta^2 = 0$ , then the quantum brackets define an  $L_{\infty}$ -algebra structure on  $A$  (in odd symmetric version).  
Additionally, they satisfy the *modified Leibniz identity*

$$\{a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}, ab\}_{\Delta, \hbar} = \{a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}, a\}_{\Delta, \hbar} b \pm a \{a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}, b\}_{\Delta, \hbar} + \underbrace{(-i\hbar)\{a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}, a, b\}_{\Delta, \hbar}}_{\text{extra term}} .$$

We call such an algebraic structure an  $S_{\infty, \hbar}$ -algebra.

Note: the operator  $\Delta$  and the whole  $S_{\infty, \hbar}$ -structure are fully defined by 0- and 1-brackets.

## Lemma

The homological vector field on  $A$  corresponding to the quantum brackets generated by  $\Delta$  has the “Batalin-Vilkovisky” form

$$Q = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}a} \Delta \left( e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}a} \right) \frac{\delta}{\delta a} .$$

# BV-manifolds and BV quantum morphisms

## Definition

(1) A *BV-manifold* is a supermanifold  $M$  equipped with an odd formal  $\hbar$ -differential operator  $\Delta$ ,  $\Delta^2 = 0$ . The operator  $\Delta$  is the *BV-operator*.

(2) A (*quantum*) *BV-morphism* of BV-manifolds  $(M_1, \Delta_1)$  and  $(M_2, \Delta_2)$  is a quantum thick morphism  $\hat{\Phi}: M_1 \rightarrow_{\hbar} M_2$  such that

$$\Delta_1 \circ \hat{\Phi}^* = \hat{\Phi}^* \circ \Delta_2.$$

Since  $\Delta$  induces a sequence of quantum brackets, and is defined by the 0- and 1-brackets, a BV-structure and an  $S_{\infty, \hbar}$ -structure on  $M$  are equivalent.

## Question

How to obtain an  $L_{\infty}$ -morphism of quantum brackets generated by BV-operators? (Note: the operator  $\hat{\Phi}^*$  is linear, so cannot be the answer.)

# $L_\infty$ -morphism of quantum brackets induced by a quantum BV-morphism

Define  $\hat{\Phi}^\dagger: \mathbf{C}_\hbar^\infty(M_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_\hbar^\infty(M_1)$  by

$$\hat{\Phi}^\dagger := \frac{\hbar}{i} \ln \circ \hat{\Phi}^* \circ \exp \frac{i}{\hbar},$$

or  $\hat{\Phi}^\dagger(g) = \frac{\hbar}{i} \ln \hat{\Phi}^*(e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}g})$ , for a  $g \in \mathbf{C}_\hbar^\infty(M_2)$ .

## Theorem

If  $\hat{\Phi}: M_1 \rightarrow_{\hbar} M_2$  is a BV quantum morphism, then  $\hat{\Phi}^\dagger$  is an  $L_\infty$ -morphism of the  $S_{\infty, \hbar}$ -algebras of functions.

Or, in greater detail:  $\hat{\Phi}^\dagger$  is a morphism of infinite-dimensional  $Q$ -manifolds  $\mathbf{C}_\hbar^\infty(M_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_\hbar^\infty(M_1)$ , where

$$Q_\Delta = \int D\mathbf{x} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}f} \Delta(e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}f}) \frac{\delta}{\delta f(\mathbf{x})}.$$

# From a quantum BV morphism to a classical $S_\infty$ thick morphism

Let  $M$  be a BV-manifold with a BV-operator  $\Delta$ . In the limit  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\Delta$  gives an  $S_\infty$ -structure. Its “master Hamiltonian” is

$$H(x, p) = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} x^a p_a} \Delta(e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} x^a p_a}).$$

## Theorem (“analog of Egorov’s theorem”)

*Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be BV-manifolds and let  $\hat{\Phi}: M_1 \rightarrow_{\hbar} M_2$  be a BV quantum thick morphism. Then its classical limit  $\Phi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is an  $S_\infty$  thick morphism for the induced  $S_\infty$ -structures.*

Explicitly: the intertwining relation  $\Delta_1 \circ \hat{\Phi}^* = \hat{\Phi}^* \circ \Delta_2$  implies the Hamilton-Jacobi equation for the classical thick morphism

$$\Phi = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \hat{\Phi}:$$

$$H_1\left(x, \frac{\partial S}{\partial x}\right) = H_2\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial q}, q\right).$$

# “Quantum thick diffeomorphisms”

For an infinitesimal quantum diffeomorphism,

$$S_\varepsilon(x, q) = x^a q_a + \varepsilon H^{\hbar}(x, q). \quad (3)$$

The function  $H_{\hbar}(x, p)$  is the quantum analog of a classical Hamiltonian  $H(x, p)$ . (Not a usual function on  $T^*M$ !)

## Lemma

*The pullback by an infinitesimal quantum thick diffeomorphism with generator  $H_{\hbar}(x, p)$  is given by*

$$\hat{\Phi}_\varepsilon^*[w](x) = w(x) + \varepsilon \frac{i}{\hbar} H_{\hbar} \left( x, \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) w(x).$$

Here in  $H_{\hbar} \left( x, \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$  the indices 1 and 2 atop of the non-commuting operators substituted for the arguments indicate the ordering where all  $x$ 's stand to the left of all  $\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ 's.

# “Quantum thick diffeomorphisms”, cont’d

We obtain that  $H_{\hbar}(x, p)$  is the full symbol of a quantum Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$  based on  $xp$ -quantization. The transformation law of  $H_{\hbar}(x, p)$  as a geometric object is different from that for classical Hamiltonians. In the zeroth order in  $\hbar$ , the function  $H_{\hbar}(x, p)$  transforms as a genuine function on  $T^*M$  and then there are “quantum corrections” in the transformation law.

## Theorem

Define  $w = w_t(x)$  is  $\hat{\Phi}_t^*[w_0]$  for a 1-parameter group of quantum diffeomorphisms  $\hat{\Phi}_t$  with a generator  $H^{\hbar} = H^{\hbar}(x, p)$ . Then  $w$  satisfies the Schrödinger equation

$$\frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \hat{H}w, \quad \text{where } \hat{H} = H_{\hbar} \left( x, \frac{\hbar}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right).$$

(Further: for the category of vector spaces and linear canonical relations, we get a variant of Berezin-Neretin spinor represent'n.)

# “Nonlinear functional-algebraic duality”

## Functional-algebraic duality

In various contexts there is a “duality” between spaces and algebras, maps of spaces and algebra homomorphisms. Example: Gelfand-Kolmogorov duality between compact Hausdorff spaces and the algebras of real-valued continuous functions on them. Or, for smooth manifolds and the algebras of  $C^\infty$  functions. (Also: definition of supermanifolds, etc.etc.)

## Definition

A *non-linear homomorphism* of algebras is a map  $A_1 \rightarrow A_2$  such that its derivative at every point  $a \in A_1$  is an algebra homomorphism. (Variant: a formal map  $A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ .)

We know that the pullbacks  $\Phi^*$  for thick morphisms  $\Phi$  are (formal) non-linear homomorphisms. Is the converse true?



# “Nonlinear functional-algebraic duality”, cont’d

## Theorem

*If a formal map  $L: \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_1)$  is a non-linear algebra homomorphism, then  $L = \Phi^*$  (the pullback) for some thick morphism  $\Phi: M_1 \twoheadrightarrow M_2$ , which is uniquely defined.*

Conjectured by the speaker and proved recently by Khudaverdian.

- If a thick morphism  $\Phi: M_1 \twoheadrightarrow M_2$  is specified by a generating function  $S$ , then








$$\Phi^*(y^i c_i) = S(x, c).$$

- So if a formal map  $\alpha: \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^\infty(M_1)$  is given, we can introduce  $S(x, q) := \alpha(y^i q_i)$ . Then the problem is to show that  $\alpha$  and  $\Phi^*$  (for  $\Phi$  with the generating function  $S$ ) coincide. Here it is where the condition of “nonlinear algebra homomorphism” for  $\alpha$  is used.

# Some open questions

- “Thick manifolds” and “thick bundles”: if we have thick diffeomorphisms, what can be obtained by gluing?
- Action of thick morphisms on forms, cohomology, etc. ... (See [4])
- Closed formulas for  $\Phi^*$ , perhaps via some diagrammatic technique.
- A characterization of quantum pullbacks among formal FIOs by some properties (similarly to the characterization of classical pullbacks as nonlinear algebra homomorphisms).
- ...

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