

Deformation quantization

Def: A classical system is a manifold M (phase space). The algebra of observables is a subalgebra $C^\infty(M)$. Time evolution is governed by the Poisson bracket

$$\{, \} : C^\infty(M) \times C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$$

Def: A quantum system is a Hilbert space H , the algebra of observables is an algebra $\mathcal{O}(H)$ of operators on H & time evolution is governed by $[,]$

In quantum mechanics we have the Planck constant \hbar . Let's regard it as a formal parameter. Observables in QM often commute mod \hbar .

$$[S, T] = \sum_{n \geq 1} C_n(S, T) \hbar^n$$

Let M be a Poisson manifold, a deformation quantization of M is an associative product $*$: $C^\infty(M)[[\hbar]] \times C^\infty(M)[[\hbar]] \rightarrow C^\infty(M)[[\hbar]]$

$$f * g = B_0(f, g) + B_1(f, g)\hbar$$

$$\text{where } B_0(f, g) = fg$$

$$B_1(f, g) = \{f, g\}$$

Thm (Kontsevich) Deformation quantization exist functorially for Poisson manifold

Def: A formal moduli problem is a functor

$$\text{formal moduli problem} \rightarrow \text{Art}_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \text{Grp}$$

which looks like it should be representable.

Ex: Let A be an associative \mathbb{C} -algebra, $\forall \alpha \in \text{Art}_{\mathbb{C}}$

$$\text{Def}_A(\alpha) = \text{gp of associative } \alpha\text{-algebras } \tilde{A} \text{ w/ an inv } \tilde{A} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\sim} A.$$

Def: Let \mathfrak{g} be a graded r. space,

$$T_{\mathfrak{g}} := \mathbb{C}[[\mathfrak{g}^{\vee}[-1]]] \quad (\text{"infinitesimal neighborhood of } 0 \text{ in } \mathfrak{g}[1])$$

We'll consider vector fields on $\text{Spf } T_{\mathfrak{g}}$ D of degree -1 which are 0 at 0

Such a r. field is a continuous derivation

$$\hat{q}: T_{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow T_{\mathfrak{g}}[-1]$$

This corresponds to $Q: T_{\mathfrak{g}}^{\vee} \rightarrow T_{\mathfrak{g}}^{\vee}[+1]$

$$\bigoplus_{n \geq 0} (\mathfrak{g}[1]^{\otimes n})^{\vee}$$

free comm. alg on \mathfrak{g}

Q must be a coderivation.

So it is enough to give a linear map $T_{\mathfrak{g}}^{\vee} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}[2]$

This, in turn, is the datum of linear maps

$$P_1: \mathfrak{g}[1] \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}[2] \quad (\text{degree 1 endomorphism})$$

$$P_2: \mathfrak{g}^{\otimes 2}[2] \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}[2] \quad (\text{degree 0 bracket, anticommutative})$$

Suppose further that $[D, D] = 0$, then

- $P_1^2 = 0$
- P_2 satisfies the Jacobi identity up to P_3
- Leibniz rule $P_1 P_2 = P_2(P_1 \otimes 1) + P_2(1 \otimes P_1)$

Def: A dgla is a graded r. space \mathfrak{g} together w/ a degree 1 self commuting r. field on $\text{Spf } T_{\mathfrak{g}}$ s.t. $P_i = 0 \ \forall i > 2$.

Def: An L_{∞} -algebra is a graded r. space \mathfrak{g} together w/ a degree 1 self commuting r. field on $\text{Spf } T_{\mathfrak{g}}$

We can get a formal stack from an L_{∞} -algebra which is the 0-loc of D on $\text{Spf } T_{\mathfrak{g}}$.

Of course every formal stack represents a formal moduli problem.

Thm (Pridham, Lurie): Once everything is derived enough this gives an equivalence of categories & formal moduli problem.

Ex: Let A be an associative \mathbb{C} -algebra. The homological Hochschild complex is

$$C^*(A, A) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(A^{\otimes n}, A)$$

$$(\partial f)(a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) = a_1 f(a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}) \pm \sum_{i=1}^n f(a_1, \dots, a_i a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{n+1}) \\ \pm f(a_1, \dots, a_n) a_{n+1}$$

Suppose $f \in C^n(A, A)$, $g \in C^m(A, A)$

$$(f \circ g)(a_1, \dots, a_{m+n-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(a_1, \dots, a_i, g(a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{i+m-1}), a_{i+m}, \dots, a_{m+n-1})$$

$$[f, g] = f \circ g - g \circ f$$

$\Rightarrow C^*(A, A)$ is a dgla. What is the formal moduli problem?

This is the formal scheme of deformations of A .

Ex: Let R be a commutative ring. Let $PV^*(R)$ be the algebra of polyvector fields on $\text{Spec} R$

$$PV^n(R) = \langle v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n \rangle \quad v_i \text{ v. field on } \text{Spec} R$$

DGA w/ 0-differential

Schouten-Nijenhuis bracket

$$[v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_n, w_1 \wedge \dots \wedge w_m] = \sum_{i,j} [v_i, w_j] \wedge \hat{v}_i \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{v}_j \wedge \dots \wedge v_n \wedge w_1 \wedge \dots \wedge w_m$$

This DGA gives rise to the formal scheme of deformations of the 0 Poisson bracket on R .

Goal: Show that these are equivalent deformation theories.

Any def of R gives a defn. of the zero Poisson bracket on R
 $\Rightarrow \{, \}$

Step 1: Show that $C^*(R, R)$ is an E_2 -algebra
(Deligne conjecture). The formality of the E_2 -operad shows
 $C^*(R, R) \cong HH^*(R)$ as an E_2 -algebra.

Step 2: We know that $HH^*(R)$ is equivalent as a complex to polyvector fields on R (HKR thm)
We want to upgrade it to an equivalence of E_2 -algebras

This only works when $R = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$,

"A solution of the Deligne conjecture" McClure - Smith

Def: An operad w/ multiplication is an operad \mathcal{O} w/ a morphism w/ the A_∞ -operad (picks out a distinguished μ in $\mathcal{O}(2)$)

Then $\mathcal{O}(n)$ fit together to form a simplicial space

$$\nu \in \mathcal{O}(n)$$

$$d^i \nu = \nu \circ_i \mu$$

$$s^i \nu = \nu \circ_i 1$$

Ex: A be an associative ring. A has an endomorphism operad $\text{End}(A)$

Then $\boxed{\text{Tot End}(A) = C^*(A, A)}$

Idea: Define our operad in parts where we have

(a) models E_2

(b) acts on $\text{Tot } \mathcal{O}(\cdot)$ for any operad w/ mult.

Def: The set $W(n)$ of words of length n is the set of expression in the symbols $\{1, \dots, n\}$ built from formal mult. & composition

Ex: $1(5(3), 2, 4 \cup 6) \in W(6)$

$\{W(n)\}$ form (almost) on special structure w.r.

$g = 1(2 \cup 3) \in W(6)$
 $5(6 \cup 7)$

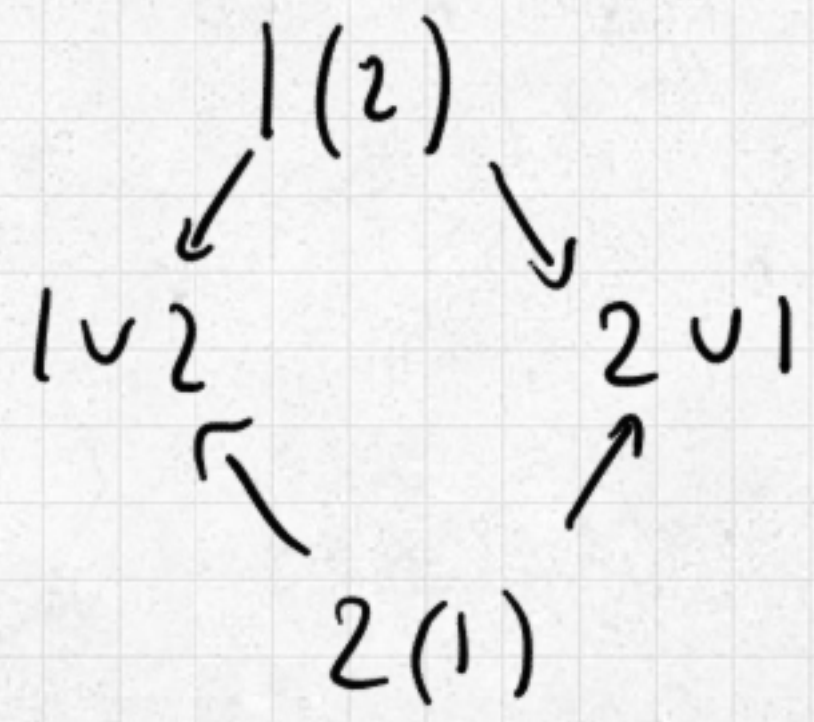
$f \circ_5 g = 1(5(6 \cup 7), 3), 2, 4 \cup 8) \in W(8)$

There's a partial order on each $W(n)$ generated by

- $1(2, \dots, n) > 2 \cup 1(3, \dots, n)$
- $1(2, \dots, n) > 1(2, \dots, n-1) \cup n$
- $1(2, \dots, n) > 1(2, \dots, i \cup i+1, \dots, n)$

& compatible w.r. the special structure.

$W(2)$



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