

Natural and invariant quantizations

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where P^1M is the linear frame bundle of M and

$$\begin{cases} \dim \Delta^\lambda(\mathbb{R}^n) = 1 \\ \rho_\lambda(A)e = |\det A|^{-\lambda} e, \quad \forall A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \end{cases}$$

- $\mathcal{F}_\lambda(M) : C^\infty(P^1M, \Delta^\lambda(\mathbb{R}^n))_{GL(n, \mathbb{R})}$
- $\forall f \in \mathcal{F}_\lambda(M)$,

$$\rho_\lambda(\varphi)(F)(x) = F \circ \varphi^{-1}(x) |\det D_x \varphi|^{-\lambda}.$$

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- In coordinates, if $D \in \mathcal{D}_{\lambda\mu}^k$:

$$D = \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^k A_\alpha(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha, \quad A_\alpha \in \mathcal{F}_{\mu-\lambda}.$$

- Action of $\text{Diff}(M)$:

$$\rho_{\lambda\mu}(\varphi)D = \rho_\mu(\varphi) \circ D \circ \rho_\lambda(\varphi^{-1}).$$

Symbols

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Remark

As symmetric tensor fields identify with functions on T^*M that reduce to polynomials along the fibers, we identify symbols with such functions (with values in spaces of densities)

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Properties

The operator σ commutes with the actions of local diffeomorphisms. It induces a bijection from the graded space associated to differential operators to the space of symbols.

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- To a projective structure on M is associated :
 - A Thomas-Whitehead connection $\tilde{\nabla}$ on \tilde{M}
 - A Cartan connection ω on a Cartan bundle $P \rightarrow M$.

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A Trivial example : The affine quantization map

Take $M = \mathbb{R}^n$.

If $S(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha|=k} C_\alpha(x) \xi^\alpha$, then set

$$Q_{Aff}(S) = \sum_{|\alpha|=k} C_\alpha(x) \circ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha.$$

Q_{Aff} is the so-called *Standard ordering*.

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The explicit formula (Duval Ovsienko, 2001)

$$Q_{\text{proj}}(T) = Q_{\text{Aff}}\left(\sum_{l=0}^k \frac{(\lambda + \frac{k-1}{n+1}) \cdots (\lambda + \frac{k-l}{n+1})}{\gamma_{2k-1} \cdots \gamma_{2k-l}} \binom{k}{l} \text{Div}^l T\right),$$

where $\gamma_r = \frac{n+r-(n+1)\delta}{n+1}$

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Natural quantizations

- Bouarroudj wrote Q_{proj} using connections (2001)
- Lecomte : The exact setting (2001)
- Bordemann : Existence (2002) and Hansoul (2004)
- M. and Radoux : Existence using Cartan connections (2005)

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The curvature Ω is defined as usual by

$$\Omega = d\omega + \frac{1}{2}[\omega, \omega].$$

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Normal Cartan connections

A Cartan connection is normal if its curvature fulfills some trace free conditions.

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Therefore $H \cong G_0 \times G_1$, where G_0 is isomorphic to $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ and G_1 is isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^{n*} .

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$$H \hookrightarrow G_n^2$$

The group H acts locally on \mathbb{R}^n by projective transformations that leave the origin fixed. Such a transformation is characterized by its second order jet.

We may consider reductions of P^2M to H .

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For extensions of these results, see Cap, Slovack, Soucek (1997)

Conformal connections

Consider the bilinear symmetric form g of signature $(p+1, q+1)$ on \mathbb{R}^{n+2} ($p+q=n$) defined by

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & J & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

where

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} I_p & 0 \\ 0 & -I_q \end{pmatrix}$$

(J represents a nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form g_0 on \mathbb{R}^n)

The Möbius space is the projection of the light cone associated to g on the projective space $\mathbb{R}P^{n+1}$.

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The results about the algebras, P and ω are exactly the same.

Invariant quantization and Cartan connections

Joint work with F. Radoux (Letters in mathematical physics, 2005)

Lift of equivariant functions

There is a projection $p : P \rightarrow P^1M$. Let (V, ρ) be a rep. of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$.
If $f \in C^\infty(P^1M, V)_{GL(n, \mathbb{R})}$, then $p^*f \in C^\infty(P, V)_H$, where the action of H is given by

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A consequence

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If $f \in C^\infty(P, V)$ then $(\nabla^\omega)^k f \in C^\infty(P, S^k \mathbb{R}^{n*} \otimes V)$ is defined by

$$(\nabla^\omega)^k f(u)(X_1, \dots, X_k) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\nu} L_{\omega^{-1}(X_{\nu_1})} \circ \dots \circ L_{\omega^{-1}(X_{\nu_k})} f(u)$$

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The solution

Measure the default to G_1 -equivariance and add lower degree correcting terms to S .

Default of equivariance and divergence

The G_0 and G_1 equivariances

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- $(\nabla^\omega)^k f$ belongs to $\mathcal{C}^\infty(P, S^k \mathbb{R}^{n*} \otimes \Delta^\lambda \mathbb{R}^n)_{G_0}$,
- there holds

$$L_{h^*}(\nabla^\omega)^k f = -k((n+1)\lambda + k - 1)((\nabla^\omega)^{k-1} f \vee h),$$

for every $h \in \mathbb{R}^{n*} \cong \mathfrak{g}_1$.

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Further results

- F. Radoux : Explicit formulae on the base manifold M (Lett. Math Phys. 2007)
- F. Radoux : Analysis of the uniqueness (Submitted)

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- We set $N = 2 \sum_j \gamma(e^j) L_{X^{e_j}}$.
- We have $\mathcal{C} = C + N$.

The eigenvector problem

Theorem

If (V_1, V_2) is not critical, for every $S \in E_{l,s}$ there exists a unique eigenvector \hat{S} of \mathcal{C} with eigenvalue $\alpha_{l,s}$ such that

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Indeed these conditions write

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{C}(S) = \alpha_{l,s} S \\ (\mathcal{C} - \alpha_{l,s} \text{Id})S_{l-r} = -N(S_{l-r+1}) \end{cases}$$

In this case, the following map will do the job

$$Q|_{E_{l,s}}(S) = \hat{S}.$$

Main points of the proof

- Uniqueness of the association between eigenvectors.
- $(L_{X^h} + \gamma(h)) \circ Q$ and $Q \circ L_{X^h}$ are eigenvectors of \mathcal{C} with the same leading term because of relations

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Then $Q_\omega \circ Q$ will be a solution of the problem.

Casimir-like operators

We set

$$N^\omega = -2 \sum_i \gamma(\epsilon^i) L_{\omega^{-1}(e_i)}.$$

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Theorem

For every $h \in \mathfrak{g}_1$, one has

$$[L_{h^*} + \gamma(h), C^\omega] = 0$$

on $C^\infty(P, S_{V_1, V_2}^k)_{G_0}$.

So the eigenvector problem is the same as in \mathbb{R}^n , and the association defines a map Q

Conformal situation

- The nice formula is OK for densities up to the order three,
- For symbols of degree 4, there are additional terms, but we could manage them by hands,
- The general solution is not known.

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Thanks for your attention