The potential of generalized Kähler geometry

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Morita equivalence and the generalized Kähler potential

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Abstract

We solve the problem of determining the fundamental degrees of freedom underlying a generalized Kähler structure of symplectic type. For a usual Kähler structure, it is well-known that the geometry is determined by a complex structure, a Kähler class, and the choice of a positive $(1,1)$-form in this class, which depends locally on only a single real-valued function: the Kähler potential. Such a description for generalized Kähler geometry has been sought since it was discovered in 1984. We show that a generalized Kähler structure of symplectic type is determined by a pair of holomorphic Poisson manifolds, a holomorphic symplectic Morita equivalence between them, and the choice of a positive Lagrangian brane bisection, which depends locally on only a single real-valued function, which we call the generalized Kähler potential. Our solution draws upon, and specializes to, the many results in the physics literature which solve the problem under the assumption (which we do not make) that the Poisson structures involved have constant rank. To solve the problem we make use of, and generalize, two main tools: the first is the notion of symplectic Morita equivalence, developed by Weinstein and Xu to study Poisson manifolds; the second is Donaldson's interpretation of a Kähler metric as a real Lagrangian submanifold in a deformation of the holomorphic cotangent bundle.

1979 Zumino: The 2d σ-model

$$\left\{ (\Sigma^2, h) \xrightarrow{\varphi} (M^n, g) \right\} \qquad h, g \text{ metrics}$$

Inherits $\mathcal{N}=(2,2)$ susy from kähler $I : TM \circlearrowleft \quad I^2 = -1$

1984 Gates-Hull-Roček: same is true for generalized kähler

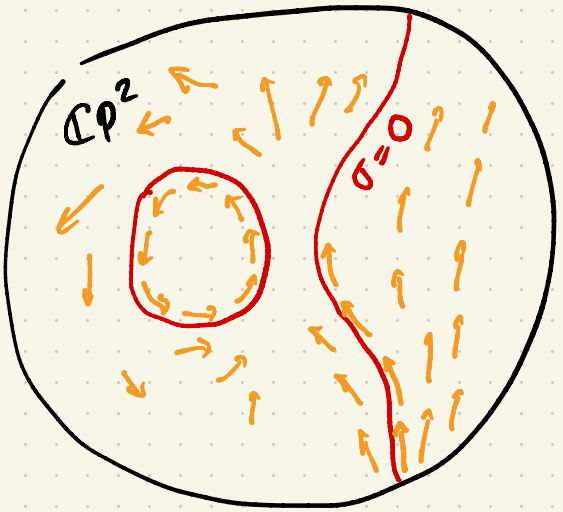
DEF (I_+, I_-) g-compatible complex structures

s.t. $d^c_+ \omega_+ + d^c_- \omega_- = 0$, $\quad d d^c_\pm \omega_\pm = 0$

ω_+, ω_- Hermitian forms

Construction of GK:

$$\begin{cases} (M, I_-) = \mathbb{CP}^2 \\ \sigma \in H^0(\Lambda^2 T) = H^0(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}(3)) \\ \omega_0 = \text{Fubini-Study Kähler} \end{cases}$$



$$\left.\begin{matrix} \sigma \in H^0(\Lambda^2 T) \\ \omega_0 \in H^1(\Omega^1) \end{matrix}\right\} \quad [\sigma(\omega_0)] \in H^1(T) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists\ v \in C^\infty(TM) \quad \text{s.t.} \begin{cases} \bar\partial v = \sigma(\omega_0) \\ [v, \sigma] = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$I_+ = \varphi_1^v (I_-) \qquad g = -\bar\omega\left(\frac{I_+ + I_-}{2}\right) \qquad \bar\omega = \int_0^1 (\varphi_s^v)^* \omega_0 \, ds$$

(g, I_+, I_-) Generalized Kähler on $\mathbb{CP}^2$, $\sigma_- = \sigma$

Kähler potential

$$g_{i\bar{j}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j} K$$

$(U, (z_1, \dots, z_n))$ complex chart, $K \in C^\infty(U, \mathbb{R})$

Zumino: Use complex str. to extend $\varphi : \Sigma \to M$ to a superfield $\Phi : \tilde{\Sigma} \to M$

Then action is $\int_{\tilde{\Sigma}} \Phi^* K \, d\mathrm{vol}_{\tilde{\Sigma}}$

Q1: analog of K for Gen. Kähler?

The problem: • Kähler $\Rightarrow$ $\left.\begin{array}{l}\partial\omega = 0 \\ \omega \underset{\text{loc}}{=} \bar\partial \alpha^{1,0}\end{array}\right\} \xRightarrow[\partial\bar\partial]{} \omega = i\partial\bar\partial K$

but $\partial\omega \neq 0$ for GK

• GK $\Rightarrow$ $\partial\bar\partial\omega = 0$

$\Rightarrow$ $\bar\partial\omega = \partial\bar\partial\,\alpha^{0,1}$

naive arguments fail.

Quantization

for I kähler, $\omega = gI$ may Pre-Quantize

to $(L, \|\cdot\|, \nabla)$

- L: line bundle
- $\|\cdot\|$: Hermitian
- ∇: unitary with $F(\nabla) = i\omega$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{H} = H^0(M, L)$ using $\bar{\partial}_L = \nabla^{0,1}$

$$\mathcal{A} = H^0(M, \underline{\mathbb{C}} \oplus L \oplus L^2 \oplus \cdots)$$

$\mathbb{Z}$-graded algebra

Q2: Analog of $\mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{A}$ for Gen Kähler?

Summary: want Gen. Kähler potential K

want a (Pre) - Quantization $\mathcal{H}$, A

key geometrical input: holomorphic Poisson geometry $\sigma_{\pm}$

GK and Poisson geometry: Hitchin 2006, M.G. 2007, 2010

$$(I_+ + I_-)\, g^{-1} = Q_A$$
$$(I_+ - I_-)\, g^{-1} = Q_B$$
$$[I_+, I_-]\, g^{-1} = Q$$

} Poisson structures

$$\sigma_\pm = I_\pm Q + iQ$$

$I_\pm$-holomorphic Poisson structures

In the usual Kähler case, $Q_A = \omega^{-1}$ and $\sigma_\pm = 0$

$Q_B = 0$

Deform a Kähler structure to a GK with $\sigma_\pm \neq 0$

eg for the $\mathbb{CP}^2$ example

I_- cx str on $\mathbb{CP}^2$

$\sigma_- = I_- Q + iQ \quad \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^2_-, \Lambda^2 T)$

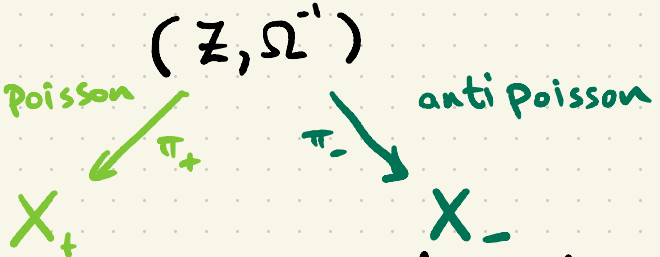
$I_+ = \varphi_v(I_-)$

$\sigma_+ = I_+ Q + iQ \quad \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^2_+, \Lambda^2 T)$

How can we use the Poisson structures σ_+, σ_- ?

Main Results

(A) there is a hol. symplectic mfld (Z, Ω) mapping to $\sigma_\pm$

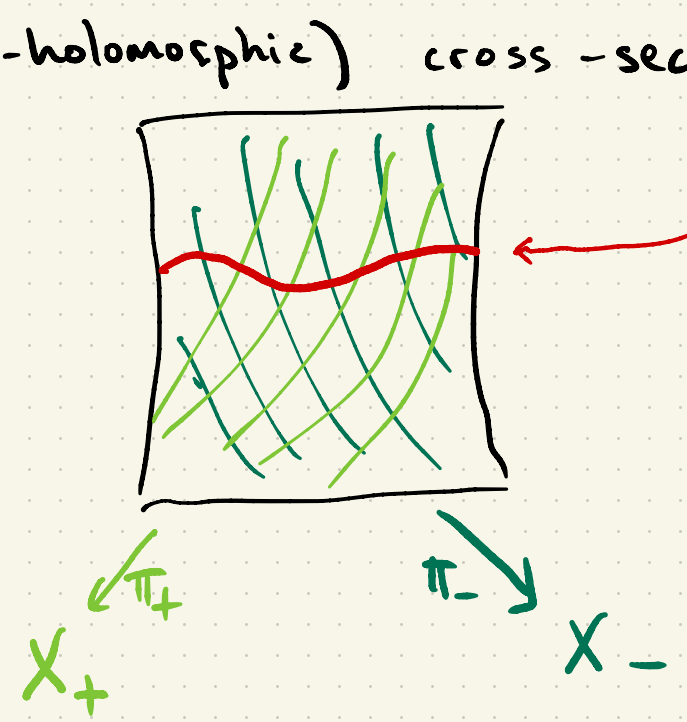


fibers of $\pi_\pm$ are symp. orthogonal

"Morita Equivalence of Poisson manifolds"

Encodes holomorphic degrees of freedom

(B) There is a C^∞ (non-holomorphic) cross-section $\mathcal{L}$ of $\pi_\pm$



and $\mathcal{L}$ is a <u>brane</u> i.e. Lagrangian for $\omega = \mathrm{Im}\,\Omega$

Encodes the metric via a Lagrangian $\Rightarrow$ real scalar function

Since $(\mathcal{Z}, \Omega = B + i\omega)$ is holomorphic symplectic

it now has 2 branes:

- $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{Z}$ Lagrangian
- $\mathcal{Z} \subset \mathcal{Z}$ Coisotropic A-brane

($(C, F) \subset (\mathcal{Z}, \omega)$ is a coisotropic A-brane when $\Omega = F + i\omega$ defines a hol. symplectic structure transverse to characteristic distribution)

$$\Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\mathcal{H} = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Fuk}}(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{Z})}$$

Proposed Quantization.

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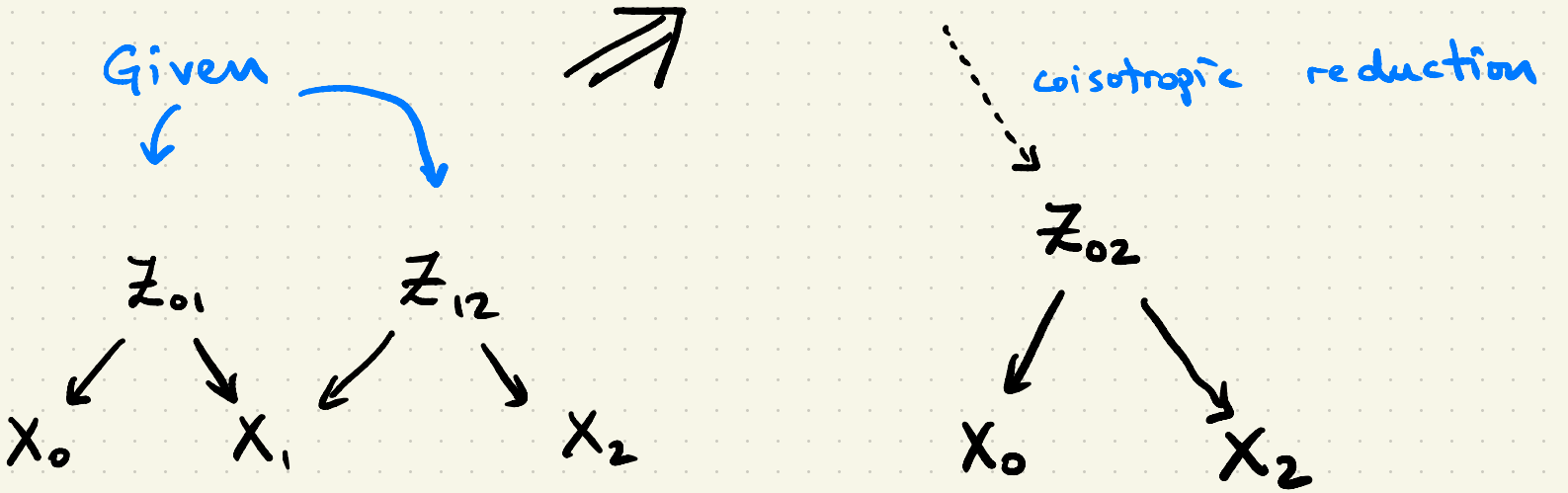


$\Rightarrow$ composition law

$$\mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{L}_{01}, Z_{01}) \times \mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{L}_{12}, Z_{12}) \to \mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{L}_{02}, Z_{02})$$

$\Rightarrow$ Algebra structure quantizing the Poisson strs.

You may now escape.

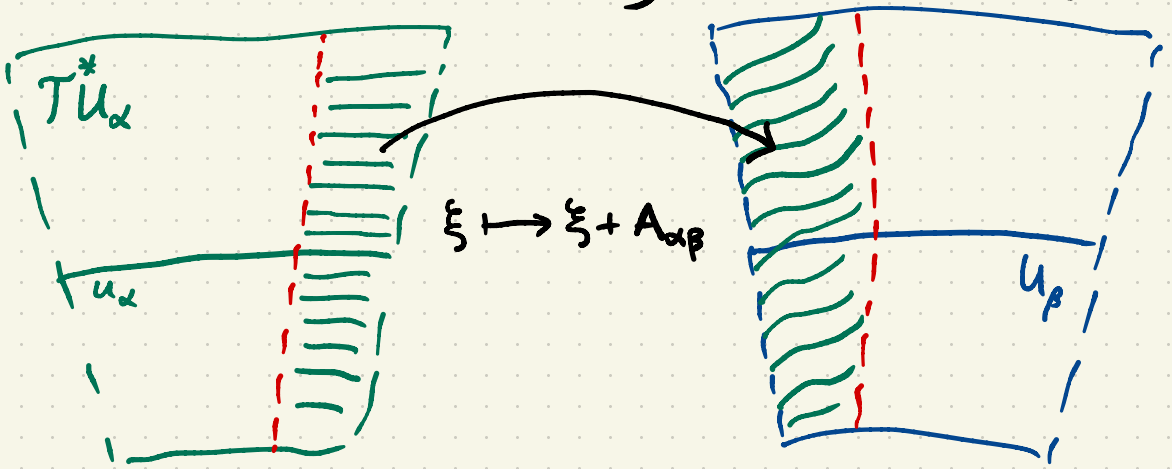
The Kähler potential according to (Donaldson '01)

$$\omega = i\partial\bar\partial K_\alpha = \bar\partial\underbrace{(-i\partial K_\alpha)}_{A_\alpha} = \bar\partial A_\alpha\,, \quad A_\alpha \in \Omega^{1,0}(U_\alpha)$$

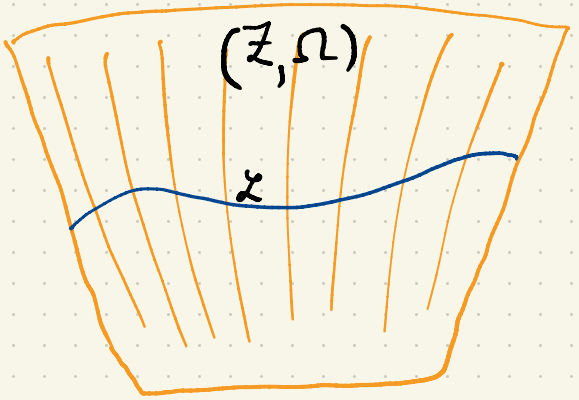
$$A_{\alpha\beta} = A_\alpha - A_\beta \quad \text{holomorphic}$$

$$\boxed{[A_{\alpha\beta}] \in H^1(\Omega^1) \quad \text{Kähler class}}$$

Glue T^*U_α to T^*U_β using translation by $A_{\alpha\beta}$



Result $\mathcal{Z} = \bigsqcup_\alpha T^*\mathcal{U}_\alpha \,/\, (\xi \sim \xi + A_{\alpha\beta})$



- affine bundle for T^*X
- holomorphic symplectic form Ω
- C^∞ section $\mathcal{L} = \text{graph}(-i\partial K_\alpha)$

  with $\Omega|_{\mathcal{L}} = d(-i\partial K_\alpha) = \omega$ Real.

$\mathcal{L}$ is
- Lagrangian for $\text{Im}\,\Omega$
- Symplectic for $\text{Re}\,\Omega$

Global meaning for Kähler potential:

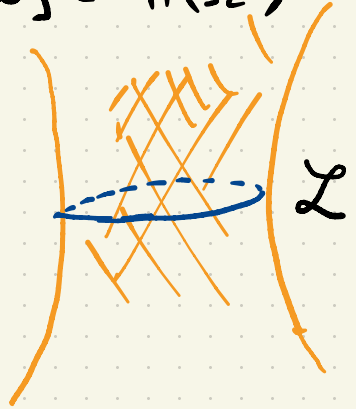
$\mathcal{L}$ is an A-brane for $\text{Im}\,\Omega$

Ex.: $(\mathbb{P}^1, \omega_{FS})$

Z = affine bundle with class $[\omega] \in H^1(\Omega^1)$

$\cong$ affine quadric surface

$\{x^2+y^2+z^2=1\} \subset \mathbb{C}^3$



$\Omega = \dfrac{dx \wedge dy}{2z}$

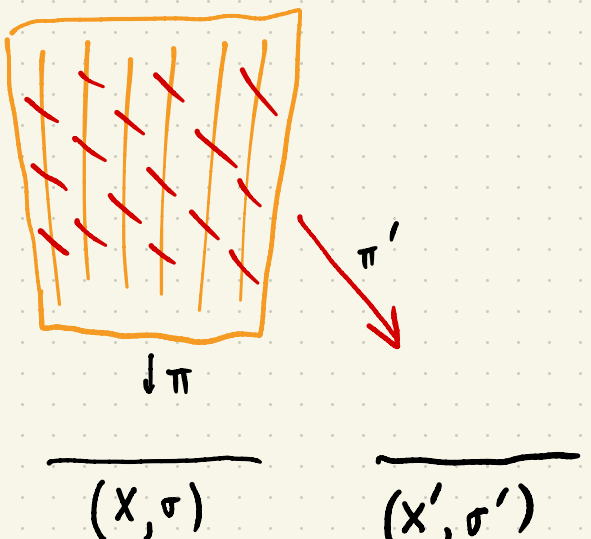
$\mathcal{L} = \{$ real locus $\}$

Morita category

Weinstein: study poisson (X, σ) via its symplectic realizations

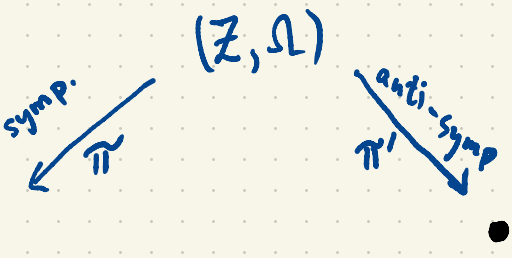
$$(Z, \Omega)$$
$$\downarrow \pi$$
$$(X, \sigma)$$

$$\pi_* \Omega^{-1} = \sigma$$



- $(\ker \pi_*)^{\perp_\Omega}$ Involutive
- Quotient is Poisson (X', σ')

Morita 2-category (Weinstein)



$\mathrm{Mor}^1(X,X') =$

s.t. $\ker \pi_* \overset{\Omega}{\perp} \ker \pi'_*$ i.e. $\{\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_{X'}\} = 0$

$\mathrm{Mor}^2(Z,Z') =$ local isos $(Z,\Omega) \to (Z',\Omega')$

$$\mathrm{Mor}\,\mathrm{Pic}(X,\sigma) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} (Z,\Omega) \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ (X,\sigma) \end{array} \right\} \Big/ \cong$$

Picard group.

Identity in Pic is a distinguished self-equivalence: Weinstein groupoid.

Ex.: 1. $\mathfrak{g}$ Lie algebra $\Rightarrow$ $(\mathfrak{g}^*, \sigma_{KKS})$

G Lie group integrating $\mathfrak{g}$

$Z = T^*G$, $\Omega = \Omega_{can}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & (T^*G, \Omega_{can}) & \\ L^* \swarrow & & \searrow R^* \\ & (\mathfrak{g}^*, \sigma_{KKS}) & \end{array}$$

2. $(X = \mathbb{C}^2, \sigma = x\,\partial_x \wedge \partial_y)$

$Z = \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{C}^2 \ni (x, y, a, b)$

$s \swarrow$ $\searrow t$

(x, y) $\qquad$ $(e^a x, y + xb)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Z & \\ s \swarrow & & \searrow t \\ & X & \end{array}$$

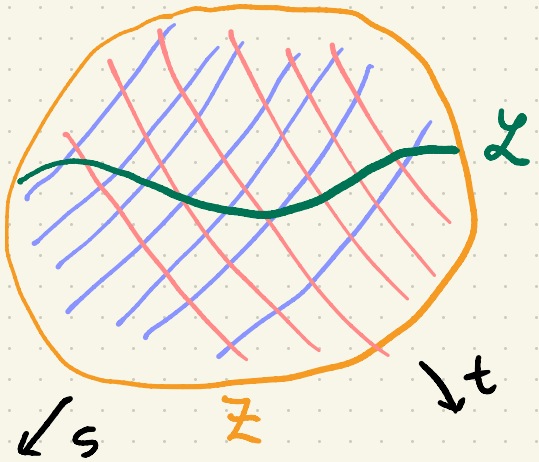
$\Omega = da \wedge d(y + xb) - db \wedge dx$

Theorem (Bischoff, M.G., Zabzine) (Assuming $Q_A^{-1} = F$ exists)

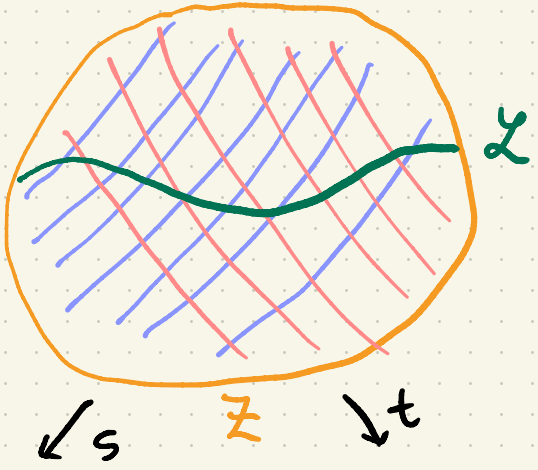
A Generalized Kähler structure (g, I_+, I_-) is equivalent to a Hol. symplectic Morita equivalence $(\mathcal{Z}, \Omega): (X_-, \sigma_-) \to (X_+, \sigma_+)$ together with a nondegenerate C^∞ brane bisection $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{Z}$.

└ section of $s + t$

└ Lagrangian for $\mathrm{Im}\,\Omega$



(X_-, σ_-) $\qquad$ (X_+, σ_+)



(X_-, σ_-) $\qquad$ (X_+, σ_+)

- Diffeo $X_- \cong \mathcal{L} \cong X_+$
- s, t foliations induce I_+, I_- on $\mathcal{L}$.
- $\Omega|_{\mathcal{L}} = F$ real and

$$F^{(1,1)_+} I_+ = F^{(1,1)_-} I_- = g$$

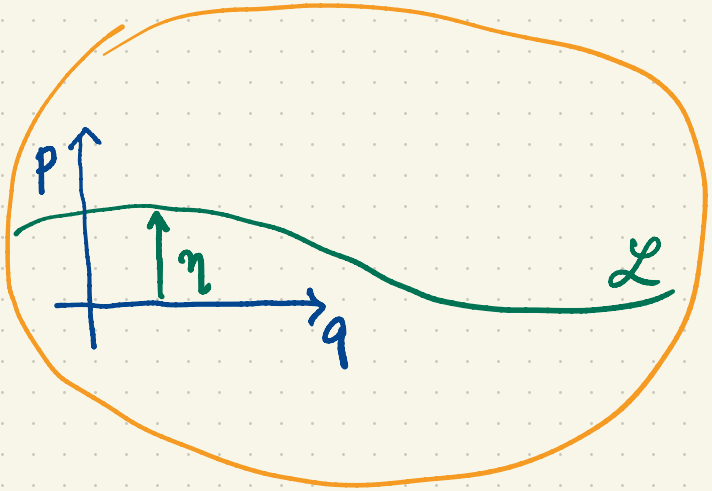
unique symmetric tensor $S^2 T^*$

require Riemannian.

Potential function

In holomorphic Darboux chart

$\mathcal{L} = \text{graph}(\eta)$ $\quad \eta^{1,0}$



$d\eta = \Omega|_{\mathcal{L}}$ is real

$\text{Im}(\eta) = dK \qquad K \in C^\infty(U, \mathbb{R})$

$\Rightarrow \eta = 2i\partial K \Rightarrow$ $\boxed{d\eta = \Omega|_{\mathcal{L}} = -2i\partial\bar{\partial}K}$

$\Rightarrow$ g determined by real smooth function K.

Ex.:

$(X = \mathbb{C}^2,\ \sigma = x\,\partial_x \wedge \partial_y)$ $\qquad (Z,\Omega) : (X,\sigma)$ ↻

$Z = \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{C}^2 \ni (x, y, a, b)$

s: (x,y) $\qquad$ t: $(e^a x,\ y + xb)$

$$\Omega = da \wedge d(y + xb) + d(-b) \wedge dx$$

p_1 $\quad$ q_1 $\quad$ p_2 $\quad$ q_2 $\qquad$ Darboux chart.

$$K := \frac{|q_1|^2}{2} - Li_2\left(-|q_2|^2\right)$$

$\Rightarrow$ complete Gen. Kähler metric on $\mathbb{C}^2$

Quantization

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Branes And Quantization

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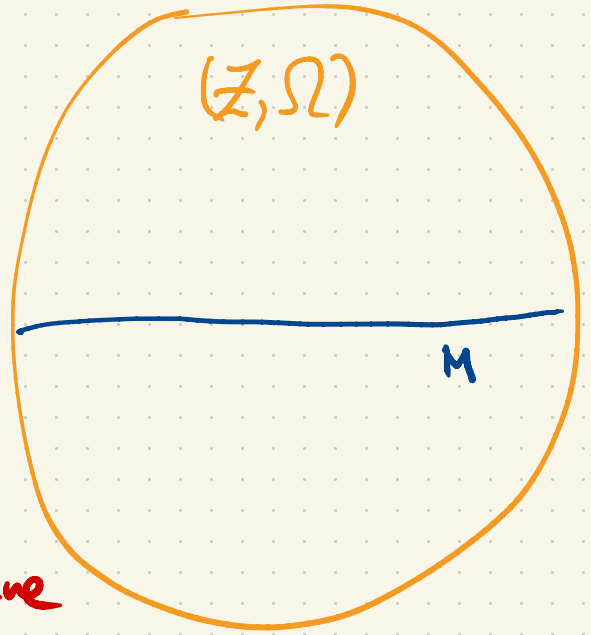
The problem of quantizing a symplectic manifold (M, ω) can be formulated in terms of the A-model of a complexification of M. This leads to an interesting new perspective on quantization. From this point of view, the Hilbert space obtained by quantization of (M, ω) is the space of $(\mathcal{B}_{cc}, \mathcal{B}')$ strings, where $\mathcal{B}_{cc}$ and $\mathcal{B}'$ are two A-branes; $\mathcal{B}'$ is an ordinary Lagrangian A-brane, and $\mathcal{B}_{cc}$ is a space-filling coisotropic A-brane. $\mathcal{B}'$ is supported on M, and the choice of ω is encoded in the choice of $\mathcal{B}_{cc}$. As an example, we describe from this point of view the representations of the group $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$. Another application is to Chern-Simons gauge theory.

Gukov-Witten: embed (M, ω) into (Z, Ω)

s.t. $\Omega|_M = \omega$

i.e. M is • Lagrangian for $\mathrm{Im}\,\Omega$
• symplectic for $\mathrm{Re}\,\Omega$



$\Rightarrow$ two branes M, Z_{cc}
- Z_{cc}: space filling brane
- M: Lagrangian brane

$\Rightarrow$ $\mathcal{H} = \mathrm{Hom}(M, Z_{cc})$

Proposal for quantization

$\mathcal{L} \subset (\mathcal{Z}, \Omega)$: two branes in A-model of $(\mathcal{Z}, \mathrm{Im}\,\Omega)$

$\mathcal{L}$: brane bisection

$\subset$: Morita equivalence.

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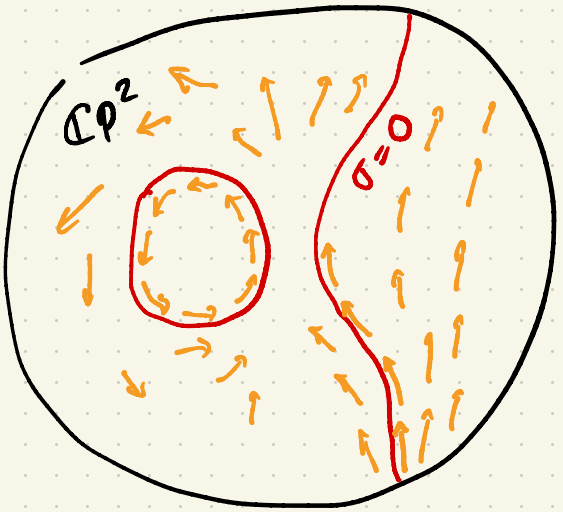

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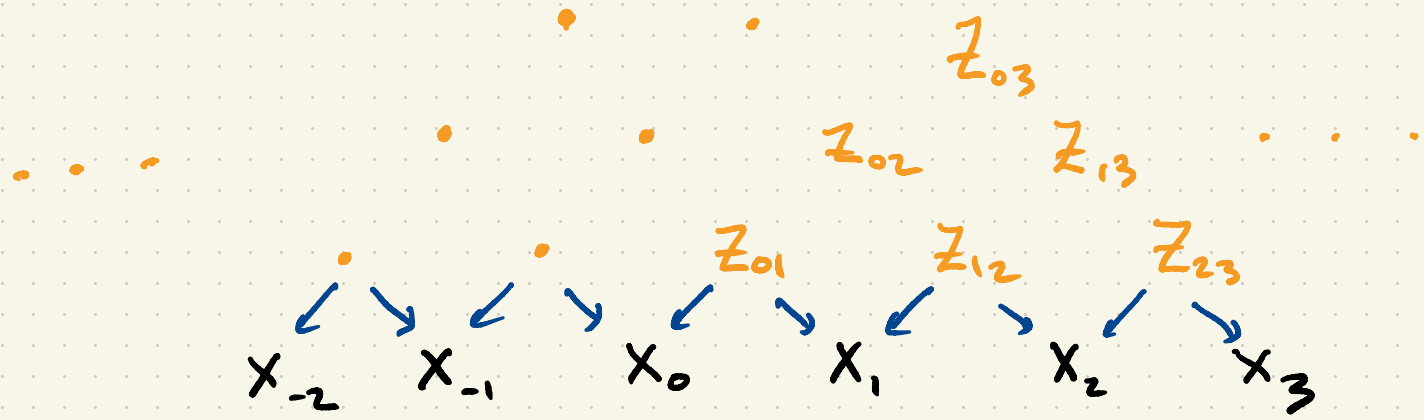
Iterate the construction, $(\mathcal{Z}, \Omega) : (X, \sigma)$ ↻



$$\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \mathrm{Hom}\left(\mathcal{L}_{ok}, \mathcal{Z}_{ok}^{cc} \right)$$

algebra

Indep. of Hamiltonian deforms of $\mathcal{L}_{ok}$.

for $\mathbb{P}^1$, $\quad \mathrm{MorPic}(\mathbb{P}^1) = PGL_2(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathrm{Pic}(\mathbb{P}^1)$

$(\varphi, \mathcal{O}(n))$

If we compute in this case

- $\varphi = \mathrm{Id}$ $\quad A_1 = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} H^0(\mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}(kn))$

- $\varphi \neq \mathrm{Id}$ $\quad A_\varphi$ Van den Bergh noncommutative deformation of A_1