

Title: Derived symplectic geometry and classical Chern-Simons theory

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Abstract: In this talk we will review various point-of-views on classical Chern-Simons theory and moduli of flat connections. We will explain how derived symplectic geometry (after Pantev-Toën-Vaquiè-Vezzosi) somehow reconciles all of these. If time permits, we will discuss a bit the quantization problem.

Derived symplectic geometry & classical Chern-Simons theory

M oriented 3 manifold

fields = G -bundles with connection. $G \subset GL_n(\mathbb{R})$.

action functional:
$$S(A) = \frac{k}{4\pi} \int_M \text{tr}(dA \wedge A + \frac{2}{3} A \wedge A \wedge A)$$

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\rightsquigarrow Symp. red. Moduli space of flat G -connections on $\Sigma.$

- $T_{\Sigma} \text{Flat}_g(\Sigma) \simeq H^1(\Sigma, g)$.

$$H^1(\Sigma, g) \xrightarrow{\omega^2 \text{ tr}} H^2(\Sigma, \mathbb{R}) \simeq \mathbb{R}.$$

can prove that the 2-form is closed.

Moreover: $\text{Flat}_g(M) \longrightarrow \text{Flat}_g(\Sigma)$ "Lagr. submanifold"

- Alekseev-Rubinfeld-Moisinchen

$$\text{Flat}_G(\Sigma) \simeq \text{Loc}_G(\Sigma) = \text{Rep}(\pi_1(\Sigma), G) / G$$

$$\pi_1(\Sigma) = \langle A_i, B_i \rangle / \prod_{i=1}^n (A_i B_i) = 1$$

manifold

$$\text{Loc}_G(\Sigma) = \mu^{-1}(1) / G \quad \text{Symplectic.}$$

$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{2g \mu} & G \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mu^{-1}(1) & & 1 \end{array}$

$$\Sigma, G / G$$

$$= \mathbb{B}_G = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Omega^1(S', g) & \xrightarrow{H^1} & G \\
 \cup & & \cup \\
 LG & \longrightarrow & G \\
 \gamma_1 & \longrightarrow & \gamma(\Delta)
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Omega^1(S', g) & \longrightarrow & G/G \\
 \downarrow LG & & \text{equivalence.}
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Flat}_G(\Sigma \setminus D) \longrightarrow \Omega^1(S', g)$$

Goals/Questions

- when $M, \partial M = \emptyset$, what does it mean for $\text{Flat}_G(M)$ to be Lagr.?
- how to "recover" S from $\text{Flat}_G(\Sigma)$?
- get rid of ∞ -dim, smoothness issues...

Derived symplectic geometry

(a) derived stacks

$$X \in \text{Man} \quad \underline{X}: \text{Man}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$$
$$U \mapsto C^{\infty}(U, X)$$

Remark = $X \in \text{Top} \quad \underline{X}: U \mapsto C^0(U, X)$

Want to include $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{R}[x]/x^2)$

somehow send U to $\{f \in C^\infty(U) \mid f^2 = 1\}$.

\leadsto replace Man^{op} by C^∞ -rings.

with dg- C^∞ -rings instead. (Spivak, Lurie).

\leadsto replace Set by $\infty\text{-gps}$ / Top / sets

X top space.

$X_B = \cup \Gamma \longrightarrow$ space of locally constant functions
on $\cup \text{red}$ into X .

derived stacks are such functors that satisfy local-to-global properties.

over: $\text{Flat}_G(\mathbb{M}) \rightarrow \text{Flat}_G(\Sigma)$ "Lagr. submanifold"

$$\text{Loc}_G(\Sigma) = \mu^{-1}(1)/G \text{ symplectic.}$$

$\text{Flat}_G(\Sigma)$

② Shifted sympl structures [PTW]

to any X , one can associate $\text{DR}(X) \rightsquigarrow 2$ gradings

internal/rot. degree $d_{\text{int}} (1,0)$
 weight (degree of forms) $d_{\text{DR}} (1,1)$
 $+ = d_{\text{tot}}$

Example: $X = [\mathbb{M}/G]$. \mathbb{M} manifold.
 G compact simple.

$$\text{DR}(X) = \left(S^2(\mathbb{M}) \otimes S(\mathfrak{g}^*[2]) \right)$$

$d_{\text{DR}} = d_X \otimes \text{id}$ (X_i) basis of \mathfrak{g} \bar{X}_i
 $d_{\text{int}} = \sum_i L_{\bar{X}_i} \otimes \bar{X}_i^i$ (\bar{X}_i^i) dual basis

Def = 2-form of degree $2k \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{weight } 2$ d_{int} -cocycle of degree $2+k$ in $D(X)$.

\lfloor $d_{\text{ext}} \xrightarrow{\text{def}} \mathbb{Z} d_{\text{int}}$ -cocycle $\xrightarrow{\text{def}}$

Remark = $\omega_0 + \omega_1 + \dots$ $d_{\text{int}} \omega_0 = 0, d_{\text{ext}} \omega_0 = d_{\text{int}} \omega_1, \dots$

\lfloor underlying 2-form: ω_0 .

Examples = $X = [M/G]$

• $M = \text{pt.}$ (X_i) : orthonormal \mathbb{R}^n -form.

$\sum_i (\bar{\Sigma}^i)^2 \in S^2(\mathfrak{g}^* \otimes \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{\binom{n}{2}}$ closed 2-form of degree 2.

• $M = \mathfrak{g}^*$ $\sum_i d_{\text{ad}} X_i \bar{\Sigma}^i$ closed 2-form of degree 1.

• $G = \{1\}$. closed 2-forms of deg. 0 are closed 2-forms on \mathcal{P} .

• $M = G$ acted by conj. $\theta_R = g' dg$ $\theta_L = dg g^{-1}$.

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\theta_R + \theta_L) = \left(\mathfrak{Z}^1(G) \otimes g \right)^G \simeq \left(\mathfrak{Z}^1(G) \otimes g^* \right)^G$$

$$\omega_1 = \frac{1}{12} \langle \theta_R, (\theta_R, \theta_R) \rangle \in \mathfrak{Z}^3(G)^G.$$

$\omega_0 + \omega_1$ is a closed 2-form of degree 1 on $[G/G^{ad}]$.

Definition = a closed 2-form $\overset{W}{\omega}$ of degree n on X is ND (n -symp.).

$\iff \omega_0: \Pi_X \rightarrow L_X[n]$. q -iso.

Theorem [PTW]: X oriented compact d -manifold.
 $\implies Y$ n -shifted symp. stack.

$\text{Map}(X_B, Y)$

representation on X is ND (n -sympl.)

$$Y = (X/G) = \mathbb{R}^2/G$$

$\rightarrow [X/G]_{n-1}$ q-iso.

d compact d -manifold.
red sympl. slice.

Map (X_B, Y) is $(n-d)$ -shifted sympl.
Map (X_{AR}, Y)

$$Y = (X/G) = BG \quad \text{Map}(X_B, Y) = \text{Loc}_G(X)$$

$$\text{Map}(X_{\text{def}}, Y) = \text{Flat}_G(X).$$

(b-d)-derived symp.

Examples - $\bullet \text{Map}(S^1_B, BG) \cong [G/G]$

Safarov
as 1-shifted sympl.

$\bullet \text{Map}(S^1_{DR}, BG) \cong [\Omega^1(S^1, \mathfrak{g})/LG]$

$\bullet \Sigma$ surface, $\text{Map}(\Sigma_B, BG) = \text{Hol}_G(\Sigma)$ 0-syml.

$\bullet X$ 3-manifold, $\text{Map}(X_{DR}, BG) = \text{Hol}_G(X)$ (-1)-syml.

Theorem [Brav-Bury-Joyce - Ba-Bossat]: $Y(-1)$ -shifted sympl. stack

$\mathcal{L} \Rightarrow$ locally is a derived critical locus.

③ Lagrangian structures

(X, ω) n -sympl. $\mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{f} X$, $f^* \omega \sim 0$

$$f^* \omega_0 = d_{\text{int}} \delta_0$$

$$f^* \omega_1 = d_{\text{int}} \delta_0 + d_{\text{int}} \delta_1 \dots$$

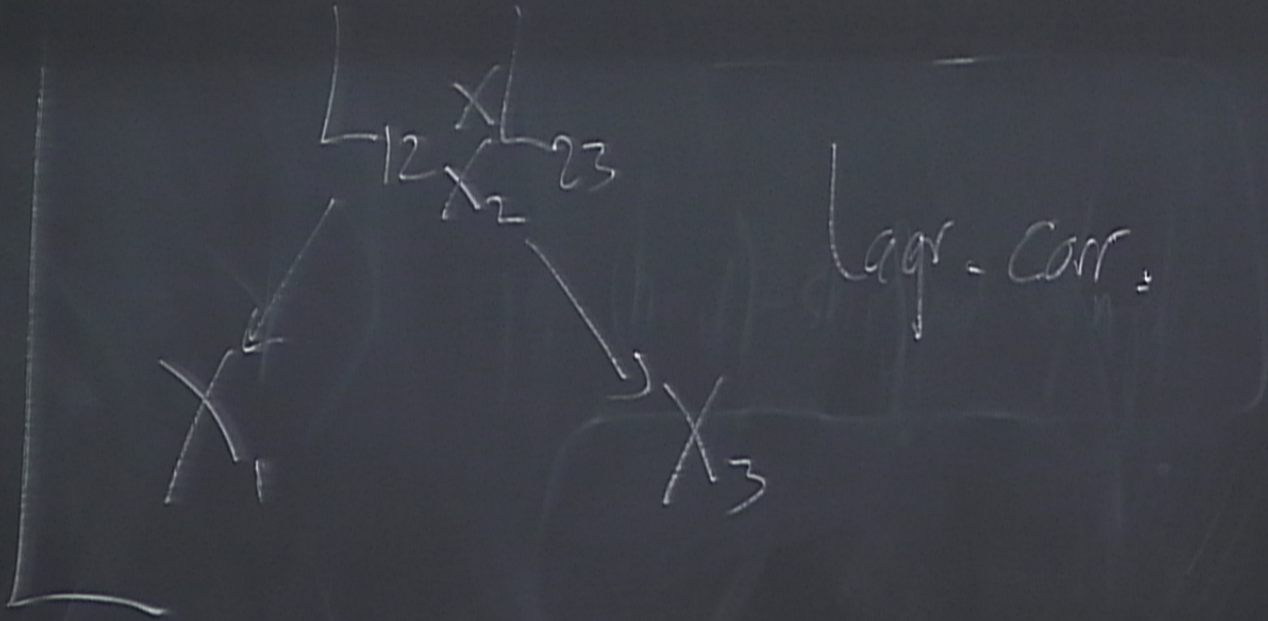
Example = $\mathcal{O}_L \xrightarrow{\text{Lagr.}} \text{pt}_{(n+1)} \Leftrightarrow n\text{-shifted simpl. str. on } L.$

$M \xrightarrow{\mu} g^* G$ G -equiv.

$[M/G] \xrightarrow{\text{Lagr.}} [g^* G/G] \Leftrightarrow \omega \text{ simpl. str. on } \Pi \text{ such } \mu \text{ is a moment map.}$

• same with $M \rightarrow G$.

X_1 X_2 X_3



$$X_1 = X_3 = \text{pt.}$$

$$\begin{matrix} L_1 \rightarrow X \\ L_2 \rightarrow X \end{matrix} \text{ } L_{\text{cogr.}} \text{ } X \text{ } n\text{-symp.}$$

$$\begin{matrix} L_1 \times L_2 \\ X \\ X_{\text{red}} \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} X \\ \downarrow \\ [X/G] \end{matrix}$$

(n-1)-shifted sympl.

$$\begin{matrix} [M/G] \\ \downarrow \\ [M/G] \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} [M/G] \\ \downarrow \\ [M/G] \end{matrix} \Rightarrow X_{\text{red}} \text{ } 0\text{-symp.}$$

Thm = $M, \partial M = \Sigma$. Y n -sheeted cover

$$\text{Map}(M_B, Y) \xrightarrow{\text{Lagr.}} \text{Map}(\Sigma_B, Y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Flat}_G(M) \longrightarrow \text{Flat}_G(\Sigma) \quad \text{Lagr.}$$