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Abstract: There are two different standard ways of endowing a physical theory with a symplectic structure: the canonical and the covariant. The former is derived from the well-known symplectic structure of a certain cotangent bundle. The latter is based on the variational calculus. Including a boundary in the canonical formalism poses no problem, however, in the covariant formalism things break apart. In this talk, I will briefly introduce both formalisms without boundary and explain in detail a new framework that allows us to include boundaries in a straightforward way. To show it in action, time permitting, I will apply it to several theories of gravity. Finally, I will briefly show a new result where we proved that, actually, the canonical and covariant formalisms are equivalent in full generality.

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CAN vs CPS

CAN

Spacetime $M \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$

- Dynamical perspective.
- Universal structures.
- Numerical approach.
- Quantization schemes.

- Aparent loss of symmetries.

CPS

It deals with fields over the whole space-time.

- Explicit symmetries.
- Null infinity.
- Conserved quantities.
- Higher-derivative \equiv 1st-order.

- No canonical structures.

Differential geometry



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Bicomplex framework: $M \times \mathcal{F}$

Scalar field

$$\mathcal{F} = C^\infty(M)$$
$$L(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_\alpha \phi \nabla^\alpha \phi \text{vol}_g \in \Omega^n(M)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d}L &= \nabla_\alpha \text{d}\phi \nabla^\alpha \phi \text{vol}_g = \nabla_\alpha (\text{d}\phi \nabla^\alpha \phi) \text{vol}_g - \text{d}\phi \nabla_\alpha \nabla^\alpha \phi \text{vol}_g = \\ &= E \text{d}\phi + \text{d}\Theta \end{aligned}$$

where $E = -\square\phi \text{vol}_g$, $\Theta = \iota_W \text{vol}_g$, and $W^\alpha = \text{d}\phi \nabla^\alpha \phi$.

$$\Omega = \int_\Sigma \text{d}\Theta = \int_\Sigma \text{d}\phi \wedge \nabla_{\vec{n}} \text{d}\phi \text{vol}_\Sigma$$

Symplectic form over $\text{Sol} = \{\phi \in C^\infty(M) / \square\phi = 0\}$

Action

$$\mathbb{S}^L : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \mathbb{S}^L = \int_M L \quad L \in \Omega^{(n,0)}(M \times \mathcal{F})$$

- If $L' = L + dY$, then $\mathbb{S}^{L'} = \mathbb{S}^L$.
- If $\mathbb{S}^{L'} = \mathbb{S}^L$ over contractible bundles, then $L' = L + dY$.

$$\text{Sol}(\mathbb{S}^L) = \{\phi \in \mathcal{F} / d_\phi \mathbb{S}^L = 0\}$$

$$d\mathbb{S}^L = \int_M dL \quad dL = E \wedge d\phi + d\Theta$$

$$\text{Sol}(\mathbb{S}^L) = \{\phi \in \mathcal{F} / E(\phi) = 0\} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}_{\text{CPS}}} \mathcal{F}$$

$$dL' = E \wedge d\phi + d\Theta' \quad \Theta' = \Theta + dY + dZ$$

Symplectic structure

Given $\iota : \Sigma \hookrightarrow M$ Cauchy embedding:

$$\Omega^\iota := \int_{\Sigma} \iota^* d\Theta \quad d\Theta \in \Omega^{(n-1,2)}(M \times \mathcal{F})$$

$$(\Omega')^\iota = \int_{\Sigma} \iota^* d\Theta' = \int_{\Sigma} \iota^* d(\Theta + dY + dZ) = \Omega^\iota$$

Depends on the embedding ι .

$$\Omega_{\text{CPS}} := \mathcal{J}_{\text{CPS}}^* \Omega^\iota \text{ symplectic form on } \text{Sol}(\mathbb{S}^L).$$

Part IV: CAN formalism in a nutshell

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CAN formalism

$Q = Q^1 \times \dots \times Q^M$ configuration space over Σ

CAN Lagrangian-action $\mathcal{L} : TQ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathcal{L} = \int_{\Sigma} \hat{\mathcal{L}} \quad \hat{\mathcal{L}} \in \Omega^{(n-1,0)}(\Sigma \times TQ)$$

Lagrangian $(\mathcal{L}, TQ) \rightarrow$ Hamiltonian $(\mathcal{H}, \text{PCM} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}_{\text{CAN}}} T^*Q)$

$$\Omega_{T^*Q} := dq^I \wedge dp_I \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Omega_{\text{CAN}} := \mathcal{J}_{\text{CAN}}^* \Omega_{T^*Q}$$

Theorem (J.M-B, E.J.S Villaseñor)

For every theory of any order such that Ω_{CAN} exists, then

$$\Omega_{\text{CPS}} = \Omega_{\text{CAN}}$$

Part V: Adding boundaries



Differential geometry on (M, N)

$$N \subset \partial M \xrightarrow{j} M \quad \Omega^r(M, N) := \Omega^r(M) \times \Omega^{r-1}(N)$$

- $\underline{d}(\alpha, \beta) := (d\alpha, j^*\alpha - d\beta)$
- $(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \underline{\wedge} (\alpha_2, \beta_2) := \dots$
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(M, N) behaves as a manifold with boundary $\underline{\partial}(M, N)$

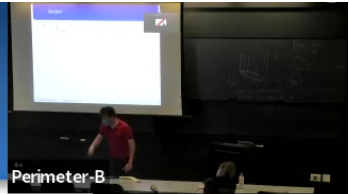
$(M, \partial M)$ behaves like a manifold **without boundary!**

$$\underline{\partial}(M, \partial M) = \emptyset$$

Relative bicomplex framework
 $(M, N) \times \mathcal{F} := (M \times \mathcal{F}, N \times \mathcal{F})$

Action

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Conclusions

- 1 We have developed a new formalism to derive the CPS presymplectic form canonically associated with an action.
- 2 The bicomplex formalism is essential.
- 3 We have proved that the CPS and CAN presymplectic structures are equivalent.
- 4 Also true for higher-order theories and with boundaries.
- 5 We have successfully applied to several theories of gravity solving some open questions.

Part VII: CPS of GR

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Metric GR

$$L_{\text{EH}}^{(m)}(g) = R_g \text{vol}_g \quad \bar{\ell}_{\text{GHY}}^{(m)}(g) = -2\bar{g}^{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}} \bar{K}_{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}} \text{vol}_{\bar{g}}$$

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$$\bar{V}_{\bar{\alpha}} = -j_{\bar{\alpha}}^\alpha \nu^\beta dg_{\alpha\beta}$$

Tetrad GR

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\text{GR}} : \text{Tetrads} &\longrightarrow \text{Metrics} \\ e_{\alpha}^I &\longmapsto g_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{IJ} e_{\alpha}^I e_{\beta}^J \end{aligned}$$

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$$\bar{b}_{(m)}^{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}}(g) = - \left(\bar{K}^{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}} - \bar{K} \bar{g}^{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}} \right) \text{vol}_{\bar{g}}$$

$$\bar{\theta}_{(m)}^{\text{GR}}(g) = \iota_{\bar{V}} \text{vol}_{\bar{g}}$$

$$\bar{V}_{\bar{\alpha}} = -j_{\bar{\alpha}}^\nu dg_{\alpha\nu}$$

Tetrad GR

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\text{GR}} : \text{Tetrads} &\longrightarrow \text{Metrics} \\ e_{\alpha}^I &\longmapsto g_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{IJ} e_{\alpha}^I e_{\beta}^J \end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi_{\text{GR}}(e) = \Phi_{\text{GR}}(e') \iff e'_I = \Psi_I^J e_J \text{ with } \Psi \in SO(1, 3)$$

$$L^{(t)}(e) := L_{\text{EH}}^{(m)} \circ \Phi_{\text{GR}}(e) \quad \bar{\ell}^{(t)}(e) := \bar{\ell}_{\text{GHY}}^{(m)} \circ \Phi_{\text{GR}}(e)$$

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$$\bar{\ell}^{(t)}(e) = -\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{IJKL} \left(2N^I dN^J - \bar{\omega}^{IJ} \right) \bar{e}^K \wedge \bar{e}^L \quad N^I = e_{\alpha}^I \nu^{\alpha}$$

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$$\bar{b}_I^{(t)} = \dots$$

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Metric vs Tetrad

$$\mathbb{S}^{(t)} = \mathbb{S}^{(m)} \circ \Phi_{\text{GR}} \rightarrow d\mathbb{S}^{(t)} = d\mathbb{S}^{(m)} \cdot d\Phi_{\text{GR}} \rightarrow \text{Sol}_{\text{GR}}^{(t)} = \Phi_{\text{GR}}^{-1} \text{Sol}_{\text{GR}}^{(m)}$$

$$\Theta_{(m)}^{\text{GR}} = \Theta_{(t)}^{\text{GR}} + d\alpha \quad \bar{\theta}_{(m)}^{\text{GR}} = \bar{\theta}_{(t)}^{\text{GR}} + j^* \alpha$$

$$\left(\Theta_{(m)}^{\text{GR}}, \bar{\theta}_{(m)}^{\text{GR}} \right) = \left(\Theta_{(t)}^{\text{GR}}, \bar{\theta}_{(t)}^{\text{GR}} \right) + \underline{d}(\alpha, 0)$$

$$\Omega_{(t)}^{\text{GR}} = \Phi_{\text{GR}}^* \Omega_{(m)}^{\text{GR}}$$

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