Codifferential Calculi and Quantum Homogeneous Spaces

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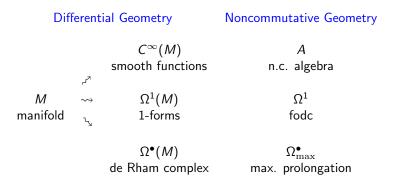
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$$C^{\infty}(M)$$
 smooth functions $M \leftrightarrow \Omega^1(M)$ manifold $\Omega^{\bullet}(M)$ de Rham complex



Philosophy

A noncommutative manifold is a noncommutative algebra A together with a first order differential calculus on A.

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- Problem: The universal fodc tends to be the wrong choice for a fodc; for instance, $H^{\bullet}(\Omega_{u,\max}^{\bullet}) = \mathbb{k}$. Thus, arbitrary associative \mathbb{k} -algebras are too general.

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• Note: for $q \in (0,\infty) \setminus \{1\}$ all the algebras above admit *-structures and in the limit $q \to 1$, $\mathcal{O}_q(G/L_S)$ recovers the real coordinate ring of G/P_S .

The Heckenberger-Kolb Differential Calculi

Definition

If the subset of simple roots S is given by removing a cominuscule root, we call $\mathcal{O}_q(G/L_S)$ irreducible quantized flag mainfold.

Theorem (Heckenberger–Kolb '06)

Let $B=\mathcal{O}_q(G/L_S)$ be an irreducible quantized flag manifold. Then there exist first order differential calculi $\Omega_q^{(1,0)}(G/L_S)$ and $\Omega_q^{(0,1)}(G/L_S)$ on B such that the maximal prolongations satisfy

$$\dim\Omega_q^{(r,0)}(G/L_S)=\dim\Omega_q^{(0,r)}(G/L_S)=\binom{m}{r},\quad m=\dim_{\mathbb{C}}G/P_S.$$

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• Idea: Study codifferential calculi on $C_q(\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{l}_S)$ instead.

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For an irreducible quantized flag manifold $\mathcal{O}_q(G/L_S)$, there exists an isomorphism

$$\Omega_q^{(0,ullet)}(G/L_S)\cong\left(\underline{C_ullet}^S\right)^\circ$$

where C_{\bullet}^{S} denotes the parabolic BGG resolution of the trivial $U_{q}(\mathfrak{g})$ -module (a similar isomorphism exists for the holomorphic complex).

• The first term of $\underline{C_{\bullet}^S}$ is precisely $C_q(\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{l}_S)$.

First Order Codifferential Calculi

Definition

Let C be a coalgebra over k, and let W_1 be a C-bicomodule

ullet A \Bbbk -linear map $\delta\colon \mathscr{W}_1 o C$ is called *coderivation* if

$$\Delta(\delta(w)) = \delta(w_{(0)}) \otimes w_{(1)} + w_{(-1)} \otimes \delta(w_{(0)})$$

for all $w \in \mathcal{W}_1$.

• Let $\delta \colon \mathscr{W}_1 \to C$ be a coderivation. The pair (\mathscr{W}_1, δ) is called *first order codifferential calculus (focc)* if the map

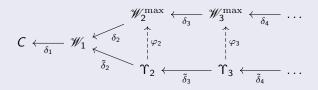
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is injective.

Theorem (B '25)

Let (\mathscr{W}_1, δ) be a first order codifferential calculus over C. Then there exists a dg coalgebra $(\mathscr{W}_{\bullet}^{\max}, \delta_{\bullet})$ with the following properties:

- ② For any other dg coalgebra $(\Upsilon_{\bullet}, \tilde{\delta}_{\bullet})$ satisfying the first property, the identity $\mathrm{id}_{C \oplus \mathscr{W}_1}$ extends uniquely to a morphism of dg coalgebras $\varphi \colon \Upsilon_{\bullet} \to \mathscr{W}_{\bullet}^{\mathrm{max}}$.



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The pair $(\mathcal{W}_{\bullet}, \delta_{\bullet})$ is called maximal prolongation of $(\mathcal{W}_{1}, \delta)$.

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There is a 1:1-correspondence

 $\{U$ -equivariant focc's $\} \stackrel{1:1}{\leftrightarrow} \{\text{quantum tangent spaces } T \subseteq C^+\}$

given by $(W_1, \delta) \mapsto {}^{\operatorname{co} C} W_1$ and $T \mapsto (U \otimes_H T, \delta)$ with $\delta(x \otimes_H t) = xt$. Moreover, the universal focc corresponds to $U \otimes_H C^+$.

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Theorem (B '25)

Let $T\subseteq C^+$ be a quantum tangent space, such that the right C-coaction is given by $t\mapsto t\otimes [1]$ for all $t\in T$. Let $\mathscr{W}_1:=U\otimes_H T$ be the corresponding first order codifferential calculus. Consider the map

$$\hat{\delta} \colon T \otimes T \to U \otimes_H C^+, \quad [x] \otimes [y] \mapsto x_{(1)} \otimes_H [S(x_{(2)})y]$$

and let $R := \hat{\delta}^{-1}(U \otimes_H T) \subseteq T \otimes T$. Then the maximal prolongation can be written as

$$\mathscr{W}_{\bullet}^{\max} \cong U \otimes_{H} C(T,R)$$

where C(T,R) is the quadratic coalgebra given by the quadratic datum $T,R \subseteq T \otimes T$:

$$C(T,R) := \mathbb{k} \oplus T \oplus R \oplus \bigoplus_{n \geq 3} \bigcap_{i+i+2=n} T^{\otimes i} \otimes R \otimes T^{\otimes j} \subseteq T^{c}(T).$$

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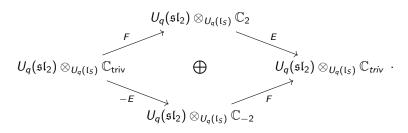
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$$U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{r+1}) \otimes_{U_q(\mathfrak{l}_S)} \Lambda_q^{\bullet,c}(T^{(0,1)})$$

where $\Lambda_q^{ullet,c}(\mathcal{T}^{(0,1)})$ is the dual coalgebra of

$$\Lambda_q^{\bullet}(T^{(0,1)}) = T(T^{(0,1)})/\langle e_i \otimes e_j + q^{-1}e_j \otimes e_i \mid 1 \leq i, j \leq r \rangle.$$

$$(e_i := [E_i E_{i-1} \dots E_1])$$



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