

Quantization, singularities and symmetries in interaction

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Quantization in Symplectic Geometry

Classical vs. Quantum: The Dream

1 Classical systems

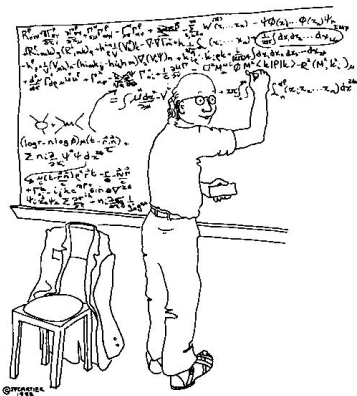
2 Observables $C^\infty(M)$

3 Bracket $\{f, g\}$

1 Quantum System

2 Operators in \mathcal{H} (Hilbert)

3 Commutator $[A, B]_h = \frac{2\pi i}{h}(AB - BA)$



"At this point we notice that this equation is beautifully simplified if we assume that space-time has 92 dimensions."

The truth...



"I still don't understand quantum theory."

- To revisit several Quantization schemes under the presence of singularities. **Singularities** can appear in additional data (**polarization**) or in the **symplectic structure** itself.
- Claim: Symmetries help! **Specially toric, semitoric, almost toric...**
- Compare different schemes.

Geometrical Approach I: Geometric Quantization

- (M^{2n}, ω) symplectic manifold with integral $[\omega]$.
- (\mathbb{L}, ∇) a complex line bundle with a connection ∇ such that $\text{curv}(\nabla) = -i\omega$ (prequantum line bundle).
- A real polarization \mathcal{P} is a Lagrangian foliation.
- Integrable systems provide natural examples of real polarizations.
- Flat sections equation: $\nabla_X s = 0, \forall X$ tangent to \mathcal{P} .

Definition

A Bohr-Sommerfeld leaf is a leaf of a polarization admitting **global** flat sections.

Example: Take $M = S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$ with $\omega = dt \wedge d\theta$, $\mathcal{P} = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \rangle$, \mathbb{L} the trivial bundle with connection 1-form $\Theta = td\theta \rightsquigarrow \nabla_X \sigma = X(\sigma) - i \langle \Theta, X \rangle \sigma \rightsquigarrow$ Flat sections: $\sigma(t, \theta) = a(t).e^{it\theta} \rightsquigarrow$ Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves are given by the condition $t = 2\pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Liouville-Mineur-Arnold \iff this example is the canonical one.

Theorem (Guillemin-Sternberg)

If the polarization is a regular fibration with compact leaves over a simply connected base B , then the Bohr-Sommerfeld set is given by,

$$BS = \{p \in M, (f_1(p), \dots, f_n(p)) \in \mathbb{Z}^n\}$$

where f_1, \dots, f_n are global action coordinates on B .

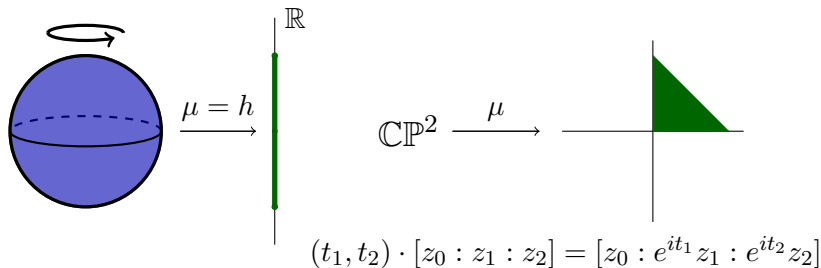
For **toric manifolds** the base B may be identified with the image of the moment map.

Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves and Delzant polytopes

Theorem (Delzant)

Toric manifolds are classified by Delzant's polytopes and the bijective correspondence is given by the image of the moment map:

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{toric manifolds}\} &\longrightarrow \{\text{Delzant polytopes}\} \\ (M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{T}^n, F) &\longrightarrow F(M) \end{aligned}$$



The case of fibrations

- “Quantize” these systems **counting Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves**.
- For real polarization given by integrable systems Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves are just **“integral”** Liouville tori.

Theorem (Sniatycki)

If the leaf space B^n is Hausdorff and the natural projection $\pi : M^{2n} \rightarrow B^n$ is a fibration with compact fibers, then quantization is given by the count of Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves.

But how exactly?

Quantization: The cohomological approach

- Following the idea of Kostant when there are no global sections we define the quantization of $(M^{2n}, \omega, \mathbb{L}, \nabla, P)$ as

$$\mathcal{Q}(M) = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} H^k(M, \mathcal{J}).$$

- \mathcal{J} is the sheaf of flat sections.

Then quantization is given by:

Theorem (Sniatycki)

$\mathcal{Q}(M^{2n}) = H^n(M^{2n}, \mathcal{J})$, with dimension the number of Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves.

What is this cohomology?

- 1 Define the sheaf: $\Omega_{\mathcal{P}}^i(U) = \Gamma(U, \wedge^i \mathcal{P})$.
- 2 Define \mathcal{C} as the sheaf of complex-valued functions that are locally constant along \mathcal{P} . Consider the natural (fine) resolution

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{i} \Omega_{\mathcal{P}}^0 \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{P}}} \Omega_{\mathcal{P}}^1 \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{P}}} \Omega_{\mathcal{P}}^1 \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{P}}} \Omega_{\mathcal{P}}^2 \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{P}}} \dots$$

The differential operator $d_{\mathcal{P}}$ is the one of foliated cohomology.

- 3 Use this resolution to obtain a fine resolution of \mathcal{J} by twisting the previous resolution with the sheaf \mathcal{J} .

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{J} \xrightarrow{i} \mathcal{S} \xrightarrow{\nabla_{\mathcal{P}}} \mathcal{S} \otimes \Omega_{\mathcal{P}}^1 \xrightarrow{\nabla_{\mathcal{P}}} \mathcal{S} \otimes \Omega_{\mathcal{P}}^2 \rightarrow \dots$$

with \mathcal{S} the sheaf of sections of the line bundle $\mathbb{L}(\otimes N^{1/2})$.



- 4 Computation kit: Mayer-Vietoris, Künneth formula, Remarkable fact: S^1 -actions help prove semilocal Poincaré lemma (toric, almost toric, semitoric case).

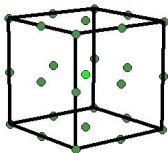
Quantization of toric manifolds

Theorem (Hamilton)

For a $2n$ -dimensional compact toric manifold

$$\mathcal{Q}(M) = H^n(M; \mathcal{J}) \cong \bigoplus_{l \in BS_r} \mathbb{C}$$

with a BS_r the set of regular Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves.



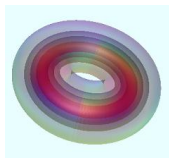
In the example of the sphere Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves are given by integer values of height (or, equivalently) leaves which divide out the manifold in integer areas.

Action-angle coordinates with singularities

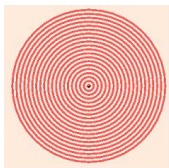
The theorem of **Marle-Guillemin-Sternberg** for fixed points of toric actions can be generalized to non-degenerate singularities of integrable systems.

Theorem (Eliasson)

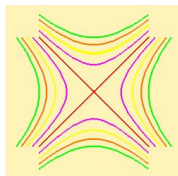
There exists symplectic Morse normal forms for integrable systems with non-degenerate singularities.



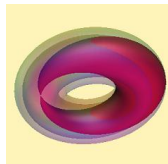
Liouville torus



k_e comp. elliptic



k_h hyperbolic



k_f focus-focus

Description of singularities

The local model is given by $N = D^k \times \mathbb{T}^k \times D^{2(n-k)}$ and $\omega = \sum_{i=1}^k dp_i \wedge d\theta_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n-k} dx_i \wedge dy_i$. and the components of the moment map are:

- 1 Regular $f_i = p_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$;
- 2 Elliptic $f_i = x_i^2 + y_i^2$ for $i = k + 1, \dots, k_e$;
- 3 Hyperbolic $f_i = x_i y_i$ for $i = k_e + 1, \dots, k_e + k_h$;
- 4 focus-focus $f_i = x_i y_{i+1} - x_{i+1} y_i$, $f_{i+1} = x_i y_i + x_{i+1} y_{i+1}$ for $i = k_e + k_h + 2j - 1$, $j = 1, \dots, k_f$.

We say the system is **semitoric** if there are no hyperbolic components.

The case of surfaces

We can use Čech cohomology computation and a Mayer-Vietoris argument to prove:

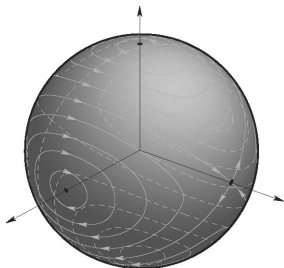
Theorem (Hamilton-M.)

*The quantization of a compact surface endowed with an integrable system with **non-degenerate** singularities is given by,*

$$\mathcal{Q}(M) = H^1(M; \mathcal{J}) \cong \bigoplus_{p \in \mathcal{H}} (\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} \oplus \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}) \oplus \bigoplus_{l \in BS_r} \mathbb{C},$$

where \mathcal{H} is the set of hyperbolic singularities.

The rigid body



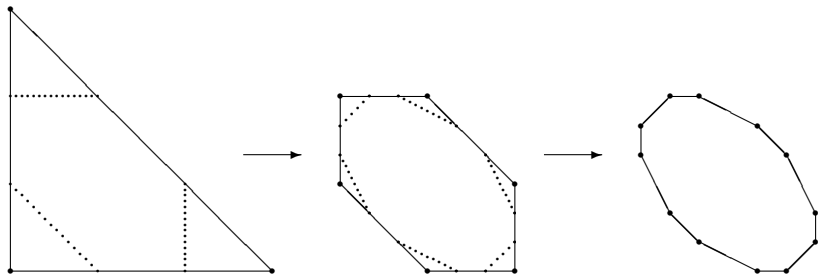
Using this recipe and the quantization of this system is

$$\mathcal{Q}(M) = H^1(M; \mathcal{J}) \cong \bigoplus_{p \in \mathcal{H}} (\mathbb{C}_p^{\mathbb{N}})^2 \oplus \bigoplus_{b \in BS} \mathbb{C}_b.$$

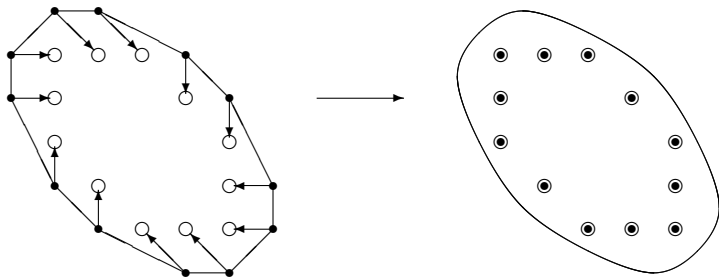
Comparing this system with the one of rotations on the sphere \rightsquigarrow **This quantization depends strongly on the polarization.**

$\mathbb{C}P^2$, $\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 3\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$, and $\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 9\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$

Let us construct toric systems blowing up at 9 singular points using symplectic cutting.

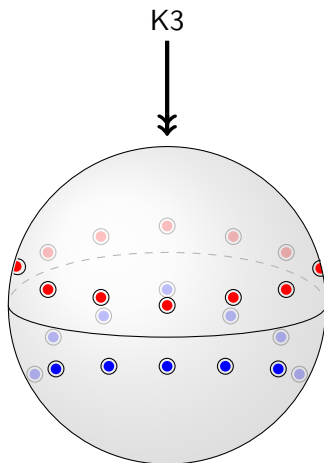


(Symington's) Nodal trades on $\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 9\overline{\mathbb{C}P}^2$



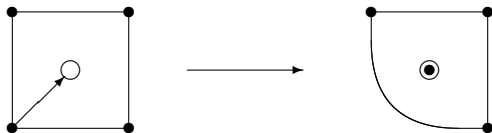
We can convert elliptic points into focus-focus points using **nodal trading** (Symington).

$$\text{K3 surface} = (\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 9\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}) \#_{\mathbb{T}^2} (\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 9\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2})$$



We may glue two copies to obtain a **K3 surface**.

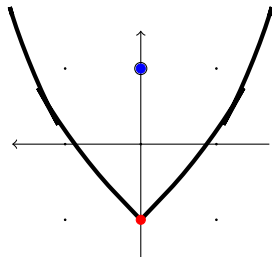
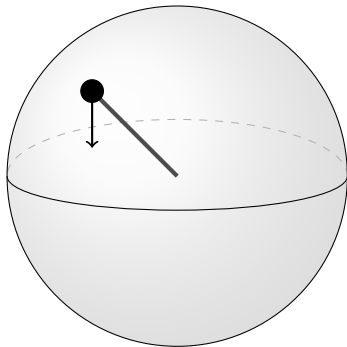
Other examples: Spin-spin system



- We may perform a nodal trade on $\mathbb{C}P^1 \times \mathbb{C}P^1$ to obtain a **spin-spin system**.
- This is a toy model of the spin-spin system of Sadovskii and Ẑhilinskii

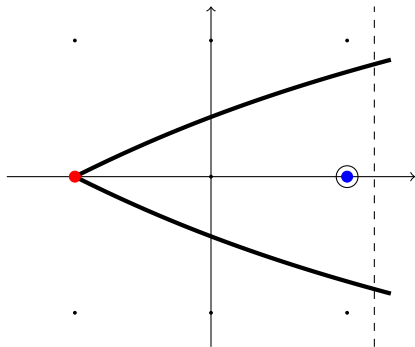
$$\begin{cases} f_1 = \frac{z_1}{2} + \frac{x_1x_2+y_1y_2+z_1z_2}{2} \\ f_2 = z_1 + z_2 \end{cases}$$

Spherical pendulum



Coupled classical spin and harmonic oscillator $\mathbb{C}P^1 \times \mathbb{C}$

$$\begin{cases} f_1 = z + \frac{1}{2}(u^2 + v^2) \\ f_2 = \frac{1}{2}(xu + yv) \end{cases}$$



Theorem (M-Presas-Solha)

For a 4-dimensional compact almost toric manifold M ,

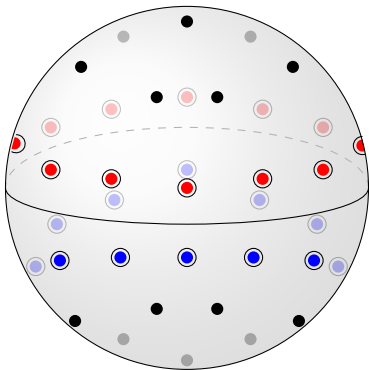
$$\mathcal{Q}(M) \cong \left(\bigoplus_{p \in BS_r} \mathbb{C} \right) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{p \in BS_f} \bigoplus_{n(p)} C^\infty(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{C}) \right),$$

where with BS_r and BS_f denotes the image of the regular and focus-focus Bohr–Sommerfeld fibers respectively on the base and $n(p)$ the number of nodes on the fiber whose image is $p \in BS_f$.

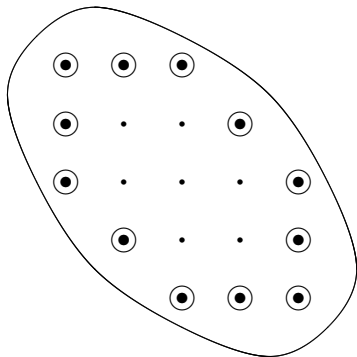
Application: Real geometric quantization of a K3 surface

For a K3 surface with **24** Bohr–Sommerfeld focus-focus fibers;

$$\mathcal{Q}(K3) \cong \mathbb{C}^{14} \oplus \bigoplus_{j \in \{1, \dots, 24\}} C^\infty(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{C}) .$$



Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves in Gompf decomposition of K3



Kähler geometric quantization of a K3 surface

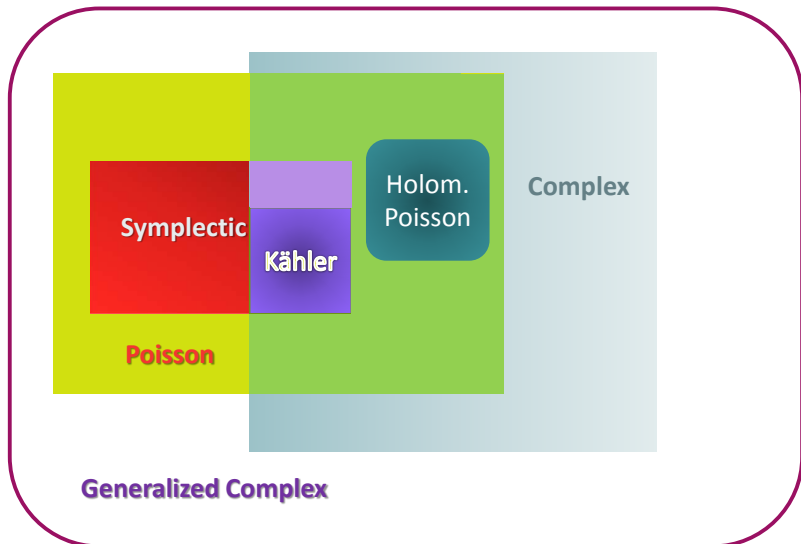
- Dimension of $H^0(K3; L)$ is $\frac{1}{2}c_1(L)^2 + 2$. and $c_1(L)^2 = \int_{K3} \omega \wedge \omega$
- The symplectic volume of a symplectic sum is the sum of the symplectic volumes $K3 = (\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 9\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}) \#_{T^2} (\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 9\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2})$.
- The symplectic volume of a toric 4-manifold is simply twice the Euclidean volume of its Delzant polytope; thus,

$$\frac{1}{2}c_1(L)^2 + 2 = \frac{1}{2}(2 \cdot 24 + 2 \cdot 24) + 2 = 50 .$$

- and $Q(K3) \cong \mathbb{C}^{50}$.

Geometric Approach I for singular symplectic manifolds

What do we mean by singular symplectic manifolds?



Definition

Let (M^{2n}, Π) be an (oriented) Poisson manifold such that the map

$$p \in M \mapsto (\Pi(p))^n \in \Lambda^{2n}(TM)$$

is transverse to the zero section, then $Z = \{p \in M \mid (\Pi(p))^n = 0\}$ is a hypersurface called *the critical hypersurface* and we say that Π is a **b -Poisson structure** on (M, Z) .

Theorem

For all $p \in Z$, there exists a Darboux coordinate system $x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n$ centered at p such that Z is defined by $x_1 = 0$ and

$$\Pi = x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} + \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}$$

Dimension 2

(Radko) The invariants of b -symplectic structures in dimension 2 are :

- **Geometrical:** The topology of S and the curves γ_i where Π vanishes.
- **Dynamical:** The periods of the “**modular vector field**” along γ_i .
- **Measure:** The regularized Liouville volume of S , $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} V_h^\epsilon(\Pi) = \int_{|h| > \epsilon} \omega_\Pi$ for h a function vanishing linearly on the curves $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n$.

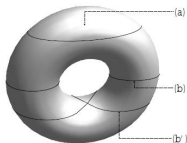
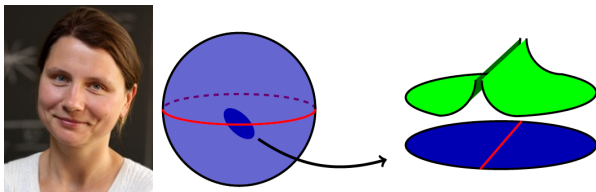


Figure: Two admissible vanishing curves (a) and (b) for Π ; the ones in (b') are not admissible.



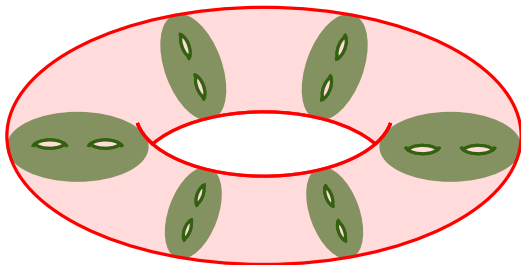
- The product of (R, π_R) a Radko compact surface with a compact symplectic manifold (S, ω) is a b -Poisson manifold.
- corank 1 Poisson manifold (N, π) and X Poisson vector field $\Rightarrow (S^1 \times N, f(\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \wedge X + \pi)$ is a b -Poisson manifold if,
 - 1 f vanishes linearly.
 - 2 X is transverse to the symplectic leaves of N .

We then have as many copies of N as zeroes of f .

Poisson Geometry of the critical hypersurface

This last example is semilocally the *canonical* picture of a b -Poisson structure .

- 1 The critical hypersurface Z has an **induced regular Poisson** structure of corank 1.
- 2 There exists a **Poisson vector field** v transverse to the symplectic foliation induced on Z .
- 3 (Guillemin-M. Pires) Z is a mapping torus with glueing diffeomorphism the flow of v .



- A vector field v is a **b -vector field** if $v_p \in T_p Z$ for all $p \in Z$. The **b -tangent bundle** ${}^b T M$ is defined by

$$\Gamma(U, {}^b T M) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{b-vector fields} \\ \text{on } (U, U \cap Z) \end{array} \right\}$$

- The **b -cotangent bundle** ${}^b T^* M$ is $({}^b T M)^*$. Sections of $\Lambda^p({}^b T^* M)$ are **b -forms**, ${}^b \Omega^p(M)$. The standard differential extends to

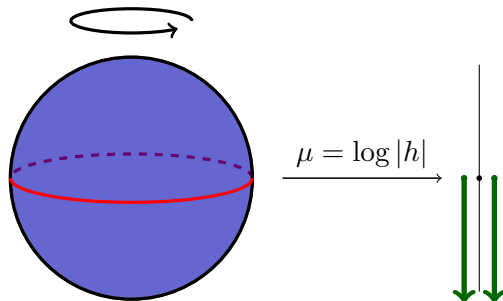
$$d : {}^b \Omega^p(M) \rightarrow {}^b \Omega^{p+1}(M)$$

- A **b -symplectic form** is a closed, nondegenerate, b -form of degree 2.
- This dual point of view, allows to prove a **b -Darboux theorem and semilocal forms** via an adaptation of Moser's path method because we can play the same tricks as in the symplectic case.

Radko surfaces and their symmetries

$$(S^2, \frac{1}{h} dh \wedge d\theta) \longleftrightarrow (S^2, h \frac{\partial}{\partial h} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}).$$

We want to study generalizations of rotations on a sphere.



- Denote by ${}^bC^\infty(M)$ the space of functions which are C^∞ on $M \setminus Z$ and near each Z_i can be written as a sum,

$$c_i \log |f| + g \tag{1}$$

with $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and $g \in C^\infty(M)$.

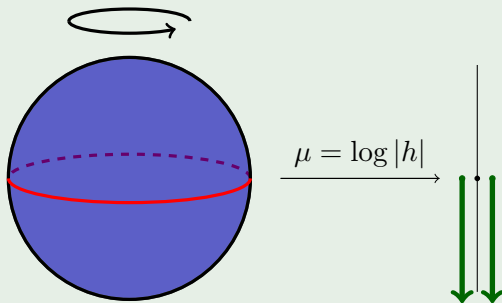
- let T be a torus and $T \times M \rightarrow M$ an action of T on M . We will say that this action is *b -Hamiltonian* if the elements, $X \in \mathfrak{t}$ of the Lie algebra of T satisfy

$$\iota(X^M)\omega = d\phi, \phi \in {}^bC(M), \tag{2}$$

The S^1 - b -sphere

Example

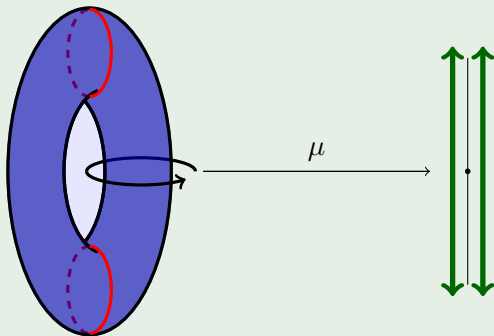
$(\mathbb{S}^2, \omega = \frac{dh}{h} \wedge d\theta)$, with coordinates $h \in [-1, 1]$ and $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$. The critical hypersurface Z is the equator, given by $h = 0$. For the \mathbb{S}^1 -action by rotations, the moment map is $\mu(h, \theta) = \log |h|$.



The S^1 - b -torus

Example

On $(\mathbb{T}^2, \omega = \frac{d\theta_1}{\sin \theta_1} \wedge d\theta_2)$, with coordinates: $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in [0, 2\pi]$. The critical hypersurface Z is the union of two disjoint circles, given by $\theta_1 = 0$ and $\theta_1 = \pi$. Consider rotations in θ_2 the moment map is $\mu : \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is given by $\mu(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \log \left| \frac{1 + \cos(\theta_1)}{\sin(\theta_1)} \right|$.

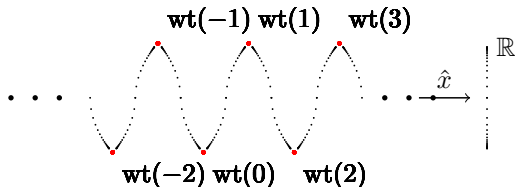


Consider the topological space

$b\mathbb{R} \cong (\mathbb{Z} \times \overline{\mathbb{R}}) / \{(a, (-1)^a \infty) \sim (a+1, (-1)^a \infty)\}$. and the local charts $\{\hat{x}|_{\{a\} \times \mathbb{R}}, \hat{y}_a\}_{a \in \mathbb{Z}}$ where $\hat{x}(a, x) = x$ and $\hat{y}_a : ((a-1, 0), (a, 0)) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

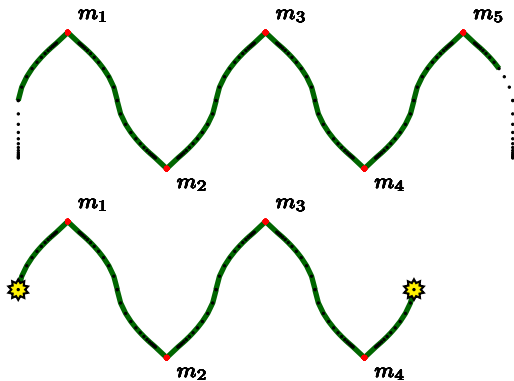
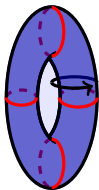
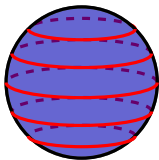
$$\hat{y}_a = \begin{cases} -\exp((-1)^a \hat{x}/w(a)) & \text{in } ((a-1, 0), (a-1, (-1)^{a-1} \infty)) \\ 0 & \text{at } (a-1, (-1)^{a-1} \infty) \\ \exp((-1)^a \hat{x}/w(a)) & \text{in } ((a, (-1)^{a-1} \infty), (a, 0)) \end{cases} .$$

the function $w : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ associates some **weights** to the connected components of the critical hypersurface and is determined by the **modular periods** of each component.



b -surfaces and their moment map

A toric b -surface is defined by a smooth map $f : S \rightarrow {}^b\mathbb{R}$ or $f : S \rightarrow {}^b\mathbb{S}^1$ (a posteriori **the moment map**).



Theorem (Guillemin, M., Pires, Scott)

A toric b -symplectic surface is equivariantly b -symplectomorphic to either (\mathbb{S}^2, Z) or (\mathbb{T}^2, Z) , where Z is a collection of latitude circles.

*The action is the standard rotation, and the b -symplectic form is determined by **the modular periods of the critical curves** and the **regularized Liouville volume**.*

The weights $w(a)$ of the codomain of the moment map are given by the modular periods of the connected components of the critical hypersurface.

The semilocal model

Fix ${}^b\mathfrak{t}^*$ with $wt(1) = c$.

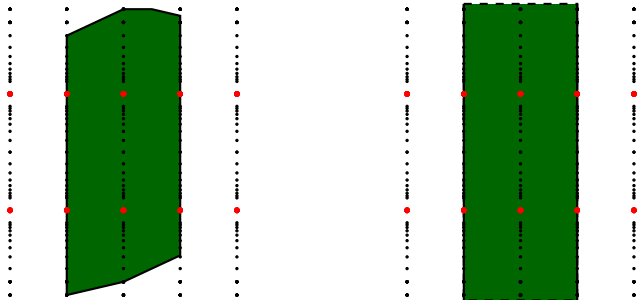
For any Delzant polytope $\Delta \subseteq \mathfrak{t}_Z^*$ with corresponding symplectic toric manifold $(X_\Delta, \omega_\Delta, \mu_\Delta)$, the **semilocal model** of the b -symplectic manifold is

$$M_{\text{lm}} = X_\Delta \times \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{R} \quad \omega_{\text{lm}} = \omega_\Delta + c \frac{dt}{t} \wedge d\theta$$

where θ and t are the coordinates on \mathbb{S}^1 and \mathbb{R} respectively. The $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{T}_Z$ action on M_{lm} given by $(\rho, g) \cdot (x, \theta, t) = (g \cdot x, \theta + \rho, t)$ has moment map $\mu_{\text{lm}}(x, \theta, t) = (y_0 = t, \mu_\Delta(x))$.

From local to global....

We can reconstruct the b -Delzant polytope from the Delzant polytope on a mapping torus via *symplectic cutting* in a neighbourhood of the critical hypersurface.



This information can be recovered by doing **reduction in stages**: Hamiltonian reduction of an action of $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{Z}}^{n-1}$ and the classification of **toric b -surfaces**.

A b -Delzant theorem

Theorem (Guillemin, M., Pires, Scott)

The maps that send a b -symplectic toric manifold to the image of its moment map

$$\{(M, Z, \omega, \mu : M \rightarrow {}^b\mathfrak{t}^*)\} \rightarrow \{b\text{-Delzant polytopes in } {}^b\mathfrak{t}^*\} \quad (3)$$

and

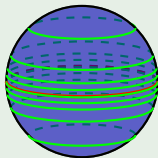
$$\{(M, Z, \omega, \mu : M \rightarrow {}^b\mathfrak{t}^*/\langle N \rangle)\} \rightarrow \{b\text{-Delzant polytopes in } {}^b\mathfrak{t}^*/\langle N \rangle\} \quad (4)$$

are bijections.

Toric b -manifolds can be of two types either of type ${}^b\mathbb{T}^2 \times X$ (with X a toric symplectic manifold of dimension $(2n - 2)$) and manifolds obtained from ${}^b\mathbb{S}^2 \times X$ via symplectic cutting.

Example

Consider on the toric b -sphere: Bohr-Sommerfeld leaves near a connected component of Z in the local model $\omega_\Delta + c\frac{dt}{t} \wedge d\theta$ correspond to $c \log(|h|) = -n$ thus $h = e^{-n/c}$ or $h = -e^{-n/c}$.



Flat sections are given by $s(h, \theta) = f(h)e^{ic \log(|h|)\theta}$ with f analytically flat for $|h| = e^{-n/c}$ and c is the weight of the connected component of Z .

Geometric approach II: Formal Quantization

- Describe a method for quantizing non-compact prequantizable Hamiltonian T-manifolds based upon the "quantization commutes with reduction" principle.
- Important assumption: The moment map ϕ is proper.
- Apply this method to b -symplectic manifolds.

- 1 (M, ω) compact symplectic manifold and (\mathbb{L}, ∇) line bundle with connection of curvature ω .
- 2 By twisting the spin- \mathbb{C} Dirac operator on M by \mathbb{L} we obtain an elliptic operator $\bar{\partial}_{\mathbb{L}}$.

Since M is compact, $\bar{\partial}_{\mathbb{L}}$ is Fredholm, and we define the geometric quantization $Q(M)$ by

$$Q(M) = \text{ind}(\bar{\partial}_{\mathbb{L}})$$

as a virtual vector space.

Definition of formal quantization (d'après Paradan and Weitsman)

Assume M is non-compact but ϕ proper:

Let $\mathbb{Z}_T \in \mathfrak{t}^*$ be the weight lattice of T and α a regular value of the moment map.

If T acts freely the reduced space $M_\alpha = \phi^{-1}(\alpha)/T$ is a prequantizable symplectic manifold and $[Q, R] = 0$ asserts that $Q(M)_\alpha = Q(M_\alpha)$ where $Q(M)_\alpha$ is the α -weight space of $Q(M)$. We define the formal quantization of M as $Q(M) = \bigoplus_\alpha Q(M_\alpha)$

Theorem (Braverman-Paradan)

$$Q(M) = \text{ind}(\bar{\partial})$$

Formal quantization of b -symplectic manifolds

A b -symplectic manifold is prequantizable if:

- $M \setminus Z$ is prequantizable
- The cohomology classes given under the Mazzeo-Melrose isomorphism applied to $[\omega]$ are integral.

Theorem (Guillemin-M.-Weitsman)

- $Q(M)$ exists.
- $Q(M)$ is *finite-dimensional*.

Idea of proof

$$Q(M) = Q(M_+) \oplus Q(M_-)$$

and an ϵ -neighborhood of Z **does not contribute to quantization**.

Quantum integrable systems on b -symplectic manifolds

Example of classical integrable system on b -symplectic manifolds: b -Toda system standard Toda

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} e^{q_i - q_{i+1}}$$

$$H_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2 + x_1 e^{-q_2} + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} e^{q_i - q_{i+1}}$$