

Geometric models for noncommutative algebras

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BV algebras and Lie algebroid connections

Recall:

$\exists$: bilinear operation, called the Schouten bracket,

$$[,]: \Gamma(\wedge^a T_M) \times \Gamma(\wedge^b T_M) \rightarrow \Gamma(\wedge^{a+b-1} T_M)$$

satisfying

$$(i) \quad [A, B] = -(-1)^{(a-1)(b-1)} [B, A]$$

$$(ii) \quad [A, B \wedge C] = [A, B] \wedge C + (-1)^{(a-1)b} B \wedge [A, C]$$

$$(iii) \quad (-1)^{(a-1)(c-1)} [A, [B, C]] + (-1)^{(b-1)(a-1)} [B, [C, A]] \\ + (-1)^{(c-1)(b-1)} [C, [A, B]] = 0$$

and

$$(iv) \quad [f, g] = 0$$

$$(v) \quad [X, f] = X(f)$$

$$(vi) \quad [X, Y] = [Y, X]$$

$$A \in \Gamma(\wedge^a T_M)$$

$$B \in \Gamma(\wedge^b T_M), C \in \Gamma(\wedge^c T_M)$$

$$\forall f, g \in C^\infty(M)$$

$$X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$$

$$\Gamma(A)$$

... Lie
 $[X, Y]_A$

Let $(A \rightarrow M, \rho)$ be a Lie algebroid.

$\exists$: bilinear operation, called Schouten bracket,

$$[,]: \Gamma(\wedge^a A) \times \Gamma(\wedge^b A) \rightarrow \Gamma(\wedge^{a+b-1} A)$$

satisfying a version of $(i) \sim (vi)$

In this way, $(\Gamma(\wedge^* A), \wedge, [,])$ forms a Gerstenhaber algebra.

Def

An operator D of degree -1 is called a generating operator of a Gerstenhaber algebra if

$$[a, b] = (-1)^{|a|} (D(a \cdot b) - (Da) \cdot b - (-1)^{|a|} a \cdot (Db))$$

A Batalin-Vilkovisky algebra (or BV algebra) is a Gerstenhaber algebra with a generating

operator D st. $D^2 = D \circ D = 0$.

To see the relations between BV alg and Lie algebroids, we consider connections:

Def

Let $(A \rightarrow M, \rho)$ be a Lie algebroid,
 $E \rightarrow M$ be a vector bundle.

An A-connection on E is an $\mathbb{R}$ -bilinear map

$$\nabla : \Gamma(A) \times \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E), (X, S) \mapsto \nabla_X S$$

satisfying

$$\nabla_{fX} S = f \nabla_X S$$

$$\nabla_X (fS) = \rho_X(f) \cdot S + f \nabla_X S$$

for $f \in C^\infty(M)$.

The curvature R^∇ of an A-connection is
 $[\nabla_X, \nabla_Y]$ exercise: Dr. v. m.

$$R^\nabla(x, Y) := \nabla_x \nabla_Y - \nabla_Y \nabla_x - \nabla_{[X, Y]} \in \Gamma(\text{End } E)$$

$\downarrow$
 $\text{Riemann curvature tensor}$

An A -connection ∇ is flat if $R^\nabla = 0$

$$R^\nabla(x, Y)S = 0$$

$$\forall x, Y \in \Gamma(A), S \in \Gamma(E)$$

In the case $E = A$, the torsion of ∇ is

$$T^\nabla: \Gamma(A) \times \Gamma(A) \rightarrow \Gamma(A)$$

$$T^\nabla(x, Y) := \nabla_x Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y]$$

Thm

Let $A \rightarrow M$ be a vector bundle.

$$(i) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Grassmannian alg with} \\ \text{underlying graded alg} = (\Gamma(A), \wedge) \end{array} \right\}$$

$\downarrow$ 1-1 $\uparrow$ onto

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Lie algebroid with underlying} \\ \text{vector bundle} = A \end{array} \right\}$$

$$(ii) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BV alg with underlying} \\ \text{graded alg} = (\Gamma(\wedge^* A), \wedge) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \updownarrow \text{ onto}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Lie algebroids } A \text{ with a flat } A\text{-connection} \\ \text{on } \wedge^{\text{rank } A} A, \text{ where } A \text{ is the} \\ \text{underlying vector bundle} \end{array} \right\}$$

Sketch of pf

(i)

"Gerstenhaber $\Rightarrow$ Lie algebroid"

Assume $(\Gamma(\wedge^* A), \wedge, [\cdot, \cdot])$ is a Gerstenhaber alg.

Bracket = restriction of $[\cdot, \cdot]$ to $\Gamma(A)$

$$[\cdot, \cdot]: \Gamma(\wedge^a A) \times \Gamma(\wedge^b A) \rightarrow \Gamma(\wedge^{a+b-1} A)$$

$$\Gamma(A) \times \Gamma(A) \rightarrow \Gamma(A)$$

Anchor:

$$\rho: \Gamma(A) \rightarrow \Gamma(T_M)$$

$$P_x(F) := [X, F]$$

One checks that $(A, [,], P)$ is a Lie algebroid.

"Lie algebroid $\Rightarrow$ Gerstenhaber"

Just extend

$$D: \Gamma(\wedge^r A) \rightarrow \Gamma(\wedge^{r-1} A) \quad \#$$

$\downarrow$

"D $\Rightarrow$ conn"

(ii) Assume $(\Gamma(\wedge^r A), \wedge, [,], D)$ is a BV alg. Define $r = \text{rank } A$

$$\nabla: \Gamma(A) \times \Gamma(\wedge^r A) \rightarrow \Gamma(\wedge^{r-1} A)$$

$$\nabla_X \Omega = -X \wedge \underline{D\Omega} \in \Gamma(\wedge^{r-1} A)$$

Claim

This defines a connection

pf

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{fX} \Omega &= -(fX) \wedge D\Omega = f \cdot (-X \wedge D\Omega) \\ &= f \nabla_X \Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_X (F\Omega) = ?$$

To show it, note that since $X \lrcorner \Omega = 0$,

$$[X, \Omega] = (-1)^{|X|} (D(X \lrcorner \Omega) - (DX) \lrcorner \Omega - (-1)^{|X|} X \lrcorner D\Omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_X \Omega = -X \lrcorner D\Omega = [X, \Omega] - (DX) \lrcorner \Omega$$

So

$$\nabla_X (f\Omega) = [X, f\Omega] - (DX) \lrcorner (f\Omega)$$

$$= [X, f] \lrcorner \Omega + f \lrcorner [X, \Omega] - f \cdot (DX) \lrcorner \Omega$$

$$= P_X(f) \cdot \Omega + f \cdot \nabla_X \Omega \quad \checkmark$$

"Cntr $\Rightarrow D$ "

Let D be an A -connection on $\wedge^r A$

Define

$$D: \Gamma(\wedge^k A) \rightarrow \Gamma(\wedge^{k-1} A)$$

as follows.

Let $U \in \Gamma(\wedge^k A)$ and write locally as

$$U = \omega \lrcorner \Omega$$

where $\omega \in \Gamma(\wedge^{r-k} A^*)$, $\Omega \in \Gamma(\wedge^r A)$.

For $m \in M$, set

$$\underbrace{\Gamma(\wedge^{k-1} A)}$$

$$(DU)|_m := -(-1)^{|\omega|} \left(\underbrace{\iota_{d_A \omega}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \Gamma(\wedge^{r-k+1} A)}} \underbrace{\Omega}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \Gamma(\wedge^k A)}} + \sum_{i=1}^r \iota_{\alpha_i \wedge \omega} (D_{X_i} \Omega) \right)$$

where $\{X_1, \dots, X_r\}$ is a basis for $A|_m$, and $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r\}$ is its dual basis.

exer: D is well-defined.

"flat" Check: for $U \in \Gamma(\wedge^r A)$

$$D^2 U = - \iota_R U$$

Then check other conditions of BV algebras

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Remark For $X \in \Gamma(A)$, define the (generalized) divergence of X to be #

$$\operatorname{div}_D X := DX$$

exer:

If $A = T_m$, $\omega \in \Gamma(\wedge^{\dim M} T_m^*)$
 $\omega =$ a volume form on M ,

Choose

$\rightsquigarrow$ a flat connection D on $\wedge T_m$ s.t

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \nabla_x \omega, \Omega \rangle &= X \langle \omega, \Omega \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle \omega, \nabla_x \Omega \rangle \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \operatorname{div}_\nabla X = DX$$

Check this gives the classical divergence.

Atiyah classes of Lie pairs and dg Lie algebroids

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Introduction $\rightarrow (h, \mu)$

$$\text{of Lie alg } \lambda_i \mapsto g_\omega, \lambda_i^\omega(X_1, \dots, X_i) = \sum_{k=0}^i \frac{1}{k!} \lambda_{i+k}^\omega(X_1, \dots, X_k, \omega, \dots, \omega)$$

- **Origin:** Atiyah (1957) constructed Atiyah class to

characterize the obstruction to the existence of holomorphic connections on a holomorphic vector bundle

v.s. iso.

- **Motivations of studying Atiyah classes:**

$\sigma^* - \text{Poisson}$

- Kontsevich (1997): relation between Atiyah class in complex geometry and Duflo isomorphism in Lie theory
- Kapranov (1997): Atiyah class of a Kähler manifold induces an

L_∞ structure — important in Rozansky–Witten invariants

Let $L \rightarrow M$ be a Lie algebroid

- **Beyond complex geometry:**

$A \rightarrow M$ be its subalgebroid

- Chen–Stiénon–Xu (2012): extended the theory of Atiyah class

from complex geometry to Lie (algebroid) pairs (L, A) is called

- Mehta–Stiénon–Xu (2015): extended the theory of Atiyah class from complex geometry to dg Lie algebroids

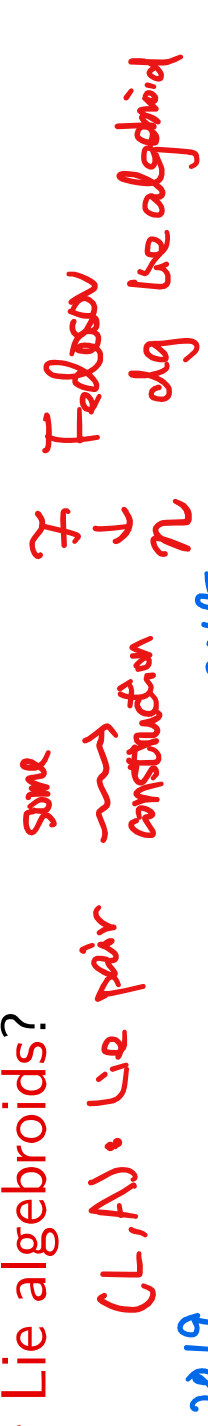
a Lie pair

pbw: $Sg \rightarrow Ug$ "isomorphism"
 $\frac{1}{2}: (Sg) \rightarrow (Ug)$
 pbw iso.

Question:

What is the precise relation between Atiyah classes of Lie pairs and Atiyah classes of dg Lie algebroids?

Answers:



- L–Stiénon–Xu (2016), Batakidis–Voglaire (2016): $Atiyah(F) \cong Atiyah(L)$
The Atiyah class of the associated Fedosov dg Lie algebroid can be identified with the Atiyah class of a given Lie pair.

- L (2022):

The Atiyah class of the associated pullback dg Lie algebroid can be identified with the Atiyah class of a given Lie pair.

The second construction is much simpler than the first one.

Today: Explain the second answer.

- 1 Atiyah classes of Lie pairs
- 2 Differential graded Lie algebroids
- 3 Atiyah classes of dg Lie algebroids

Lie pair

- Lie algebroid = vector bundle $L \rightarrow M$ + Lie bracket on $\Gamma(L)$ + vector bundle map (called the **anchor**) $\rho : L \rightarrow T_M$ + a compatibility condition
- **Lie pair** $(L, A) = \text{Lie algebroid } L \rightarrow M + \text{Lie subalgebroid } A \rightarrow M \text{ of } L.$

Example

- If $\mathfrak{h}$ is **Lie subalgebra** of a Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$, then $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h})$ is a Lie pair over a point.
- If F is a **regular foliation** on a manifold M , then (T_M, T_F) is a Lie pair over M .
- If X is a **complex manifold**, then $(T_X \otimes \mathbb{C}, T_X^{0,1})$ is a Lie pair over X .
- If $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}(M)$ is a **Lie algebra action** on a manifold M , then $((\mathfrak{g} \ltimes M) \rtimes T_M, \mathfrak{g} \ltimes M)$ is a Lie pair over M .

Chevalley–Eilenberg differential and covariant derivative

- $L =$ Lie algebroid over M , $E =$ a vector bundle over M
- **Chevalley–Eilenberg differential** $d_L : \Gamma(\Lambda^k L^\vee) \rightarrow \Gamma(\Lambda^{k+1} L^\vee)$,

$$\Gamma(\Lambda^{\bullet} T_M^* \otimes E)$$

$$(d_L \omega)(l_0, \dots, l_k) = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \rho_{l_i}(\omega(l_0, \dots, \widehat{l_i}, \dots, l_k))$$

$$CE\Gamma(E) = \Sigma^0(M, E)$$

$$\chi_E \Gamma(T_M)$$

$$\sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \omega([l_i, l_j], l_0, \dots, \widehat{l_i}, \dots, \widehat{l_j}, \dots, l_k)$$

$$\iota_X (d^\nabla e) = \nabla_X e \in \Gamma(E)$$

Recall

- $d_L \circ d_L = 0$. One gets the Lie algebroid cohomology.

- If $L = \mathfrak{g}$, then one gets the Lie algebra cohomology.
- If $L = T_M$, then one gets the de Rham cohomology.
- If $L = T_X^{0,1}$, then one gets the Dolbeault cohomology.

- Let $\nabla : \Gamma(L) \times \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(E)$ be an **L-connection** on E .

- **Covariant derivative** is $d_L^\nabla : \Gamma(\Lambda^p L^\vee \otimes E) \rightarrow \Gamma(\Lambda^{p+1} L^\vee \otimes E)$, defined by the derivation rule and $\iota_l(d_L^\nabla(e)) = \nabla_l e$.

$$d^\nabla : \Sigma(M, E) \rightarrow \Sigma^*(M, E)$$

$$\vee (d^\nabla)^2 = d^\nabla \wedge -$$

Atiyah classes of Lie pairs

← quotient vector bundle

- (L, A) = a Lie pair over M . $q : L \rightarrow B = L/A$.
- **Bott connection** is an A -connection on B defined by

$$\nabla_a^{\text{Bott}}(q(l)) = q([a, l]), \quad \forall a \in \Gamma(A), l \in \Gamma(L).$$

- Bott connection $\nabla = \nabla^{\text{Bott}}$ is **flat** because

$$\begin{aligned} R^\nabla(a_1, a_2)(q(l)) &= \nabla_{a_1} \nabla_{a_2}(q(l)) - \nabla_{a_2} \nabla_{a_1}(q(l)) - \nabla_{[a_1, a_2]}(q(l)) \\ &= q([a_1, [a_2, l]] - [a_2, [a_1, l]] - [[a_1, a_2], l]) \\ &= 0. \quad (\because \text{Jacobi identity}) \end{aligned}$$

- Bott connection induces an A -module structure on $B^\vee \otimes \text{End } B$ so that we have a cochain complex $\mathcal{B}$

$$d_{\text{CE}} = d^{\nabla^{\text{Bott}}} : \Gamma(\Lambda^\bullet A^\vee \otimes B^\vee \otimes \text{End } B) \rightarrow \Gamma(\Lambda^{\bullet+1} A^\vee \otimes B^\vee \otimes \text{End } B).$$

$(d_{\nabla^{\text{Bott}}}) = \mathcal{D}$

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Differential graded manifolds

A **$\mathbb{Z}$ -graded manifold** $\mathcal{M}$ with support M is a sheaf $\mathcal{R}$ of $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded commutative C_M^∞ -algebras over a smooth manifold M that is locally isomorphic to sheafification of $C_U^\infty \otimes S(V^\vee)$ for sufficiently small open subsets U of M and a certain **finite-dimensional** $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded vector space $V = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} V^i$. Here $S(V^\vee)$ denotes the graded algebra of polynomials on V .

$$C^\infty(\mathcal{M}) := \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M})$$

Definition

A **dg manifold** is a $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded manifold $\mathcal{M}$ endowed with a vector field $Q \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{M}) = \text{Der}(C^\infty(\mathcal{M}))$ of degree $+1$ such that $[Q, Q] = 2Q \circ Q = 0$.

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Advantage of dg Lie algebroid: The definition and meaning of Atiyah class are conceptually simple.

Disadvantage: The space

$$\Gamma(\mathcal{L}^\vee \otimes \text{End } \mathcal{L})$$

is over complicated in many classical examples!!

For example, if $\mathcal{L}$ is the tangent bundle of $\mathcal{M} = T_X^{0,1}[1]$, then

$$\Gamma(T_{\mathcal{M}}^\vee \otimes \text{End } T_{\mathcal{M}}) \cong \Gamma(T_{T_X^{0,1}[1]}^\vee \otimes T_{T_X^{0,1}[1]}^\vee \otimes T_{T_X^{0,1}[1]}).$$

Question: Why do we get the classical Atiyah class?

Main theorem

Theorem (L)

Given any Lie pair (L, A) , there is an isomorphism

$$H^1(\Gamma((\pi^! L)^\vee \otimes \mathrm{End}(\pi^! L)), \mathcal{Q}) \stackrel{\cong}{\longrightarrow} H^1_{\mathrm{CE}}(A, B^\vee \otimes \mathrm{End} B)$$

sending the Atiyah class of $\mathrm{dg}\text{-Lie algebroid } \pi^! L$ to the Atiyah class of Lie pair (L, A) .

About the proof of main theorem

A **contraction** is the data

$$(V, d_V) \overset{\tau}{\underset{\sigma}{\rightleftarrows}} (W, d_W) \rightrightarrows h$$

such that

- (V, d_V) and (W, d_W) are cochain complexes
- τ and σ are cochain maps
- $h : W \rightarrow V$ is a map of degree -1 , called **homotopy operator**
- the following equations hold:

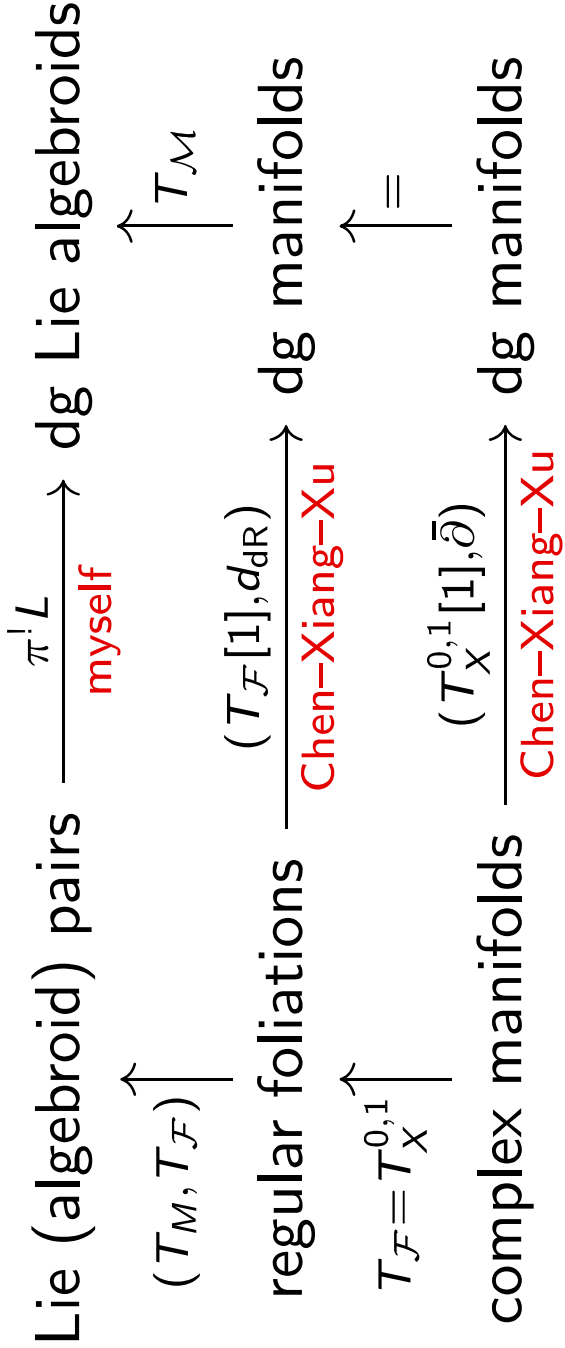
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma\tau &= \text{id}_V, & id_W - \tau\sigma &= hd_W + d_W h, \\ \sigma h &= 0, & h\tau &= 0, & hh &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Tensor trick: One has an induced contraction

$$((V^\vee)^{\otimes p} \otimes V^{\otimes q}, D_V) \overset{I}{\underset{\Pi}{\rightleftarrows}} ((W^\vee)^{\otimes p} \otimes W^{\otimes q}, D_W) \rightrightarrows H$$

Summary

The diagram



induces identifications of the Atiyah classes.

