

POISSON STRUCTURES AND BIHERMITIAN METRICS

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- $X + \xi \in C^\infty(T \oplus T^*)$

- *COURANT bracket*

$$[X + \xi, Y + \eta] = [X, Y] + \mathcal{L}_X \eta - \mathcal{L}_Y \xi - \frac{1}{2}d(i_X \eta - i_Y \xi)$$

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- skew adjoint transformations:

$$\text{End } T \oplus \Lambda^2 T^* \oplus \Lambda^2 T$$

- in particular $B \in \Lambda^2 T^*$

TRANSFORMATIONS

- exponentiate B :

$$X + \xi \mapsto X + \xi + i_X B$$

- $B \in \Omega^2$... *the B-field*

- natural group $\text{Diff}(M) \ltimes \Omega^2(M)$

SPINORS

- Take $S = \Lambda^* T^*$

- $S = S^{ev} \oplus S^{od}$

- Define Clifford multiplication by

$$\begin{aligned}(X + \xi) \cdot \varphi &= i_X \varphi + \xi \wedge \varphi \\ (X + \xi)^2 \cdot \varphi &= i_X \xi \varphi = -(X + \xi, X + \xi) \varphi\end{aligned}$$

- $\exp B(\varphi) = (1 + B + \frac{1}{2} B \wedge B + \dots) \wedge \varphi$

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- *COURANT* bracket

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Apply a 2-form B ...

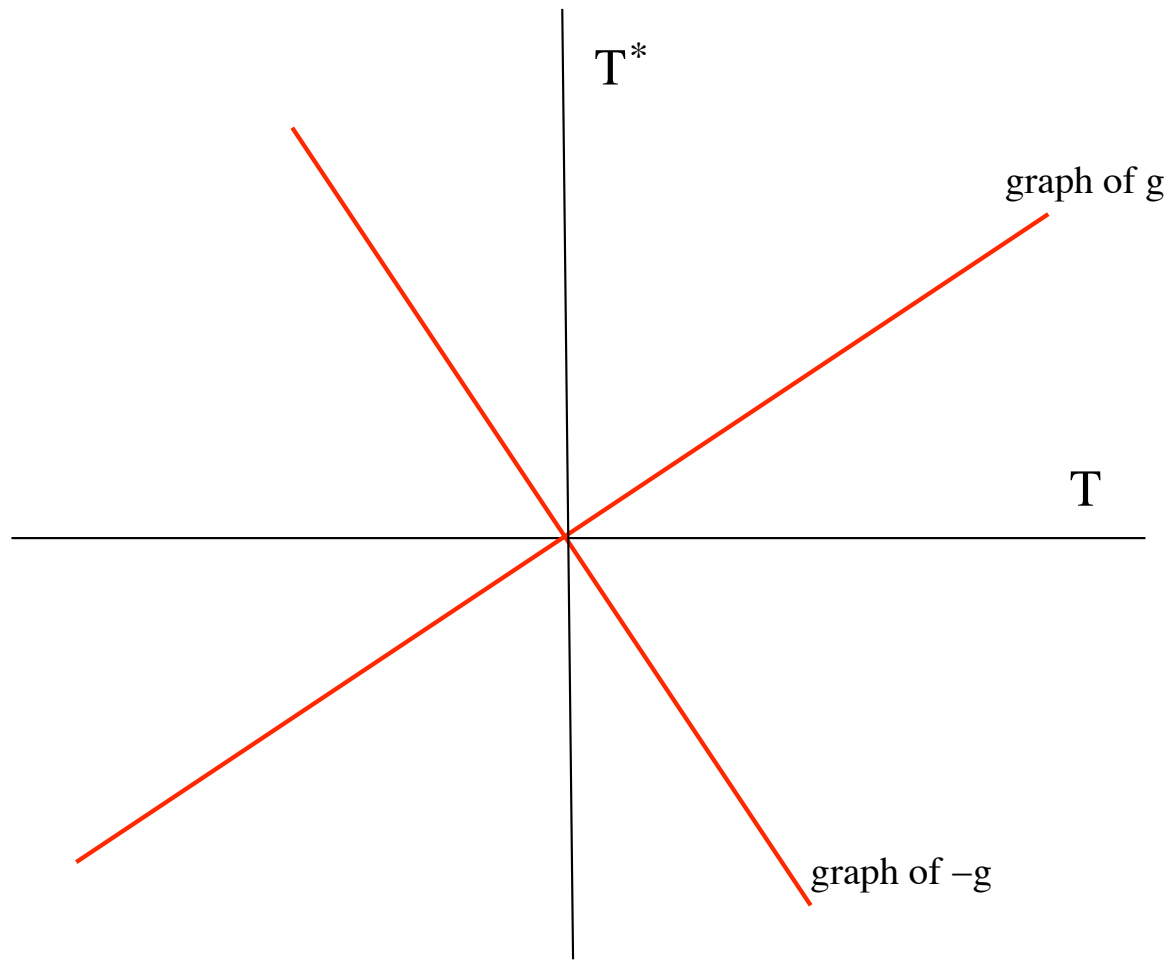
- $d \mapsto e^{-B}de^B = d + dB$
- $[X + \xi, Y + \eta] \mapsto [X + \xi, Y + \eta] - 2i_X i_Y dB$
- $\text{Diff}(M) \times \Omega_{closed}^2(M)$ preserves inner product, exterior derivative and Courant bracket.

GENERALIZED GEOMETRIC STRUCTURES

- $SO(n, n)$ compatibility
- integrability $\sim d$ or Courant bracket
- transform by $\text{Diff}(M) \ltimes \Omega_{closed}^2(M)$

RIEMANNIAN METRIC

- Riemannian metric g_{ij}
- $X \mapsto g(X, -) : g : T \rightarrow T^*$
- *graph* of $g = V \subset T \oplus T^*$
- $T \oplus T^* = V \oplus V^\perp$



GENERALIZED RIEMANNIAN METRIC

- $V \subset T \oplus T^*$ positive definite rank n subbundle
- = graph of $g + B : T \rightarrow T^*$
- $g + B \in T^* \otimes T^*$: g symmetric, B skew

GERBES

GERBES: ČECH 2-COCYCLES

- $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} : U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \cap U_\gamma \rightarrow S^1$
- $(g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = g_{\beta\alpha\gamma}^{-1} = \dots)$
- $\delta g = g_{\beta\gamma\delta} g_{\alpha\gamma\delta}^{-1} g_{\alpha\beta\delta} g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{-1} = 1$ on $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \cap U_\gamma \cap U_\delta$

This *defines* a gerbe.

CONNECTIONS ON GERBES

Connective structure:

$$A_{\alpha\beta} + A_{\beta\gamma} + A_{\gamma\alpha} = g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{-1} dg_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$$

Curving:

$$B_\beta - B_\alpha = dA_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow dB_\beta = dB_\alpha = H|_{U_\alpha} \text{ global three-form } H$$

J.-L. Brylinski, *Characteristic classes and geometric quantization*, Progr. in Mathematics **107**, Birkhäuser, Boston (1993)

TWISTING $T \oplus T^*$

$$dA_{\alpha\beta} + dA_{\beta\gamma} + dA_{\gamma\alpha} = d[g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{-1} dg_{\alpha\beta\gamma}] = 0$$

- identify $T \oplus T^*$ on U_α with $T \oplus T^*$ on U_β by

$$X + \xi \mapsto X + \xi + i_X dA_{\alpha\beta}$$

- defines a vector bundle E

$$0 \rightarrow T^* \rightarrow E \rightarrow T \rightarrow 0$$

- with ... an inner product and a Courant bracket.

TWISTED COHOMOLOGY

- identify Λ^*T^* on U_α with Λ^*T^* on U_β by

$$\varphi \mapsto e^{dA_{\alpha\beta}}\varphi$$

- defines a vector bundle $S =$ spinor bundle for E
- $d : C^\infty(S) \rightarrow C^\infty(S)$ well-defined
- $\ker d / \text{im } d =$ twisted cohomology.

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- $d\psi + H \wedge \psi = 0$

Definition: A **generalized metric** is a subbundle $V \subset E$ such that $\text{rk } V = \dim M$ and the inner product is positive definite on V .

- $V \cap T^* = 0 \Rightarrow$ splitting of the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow T^* \rightarrow E \rightarrow T \rightarrow 0$$

- $V^\perp \subset E$ another splitting
- difference $\in \text{Hom}(T, T^*) = T^* \otimes T^* =$ Riemannian metric

SPLITTINGS IN LOCAL TERMS

- splitting: $C_\alpha \in C^\infty(U_\alpha, T^* \otimes T^*) : C_\beta - C_\alpha = dA_{\alpha\beta}$
- $Sym(C_\alpha) = Sym(C_\beta) = \text{metric}$
- $Alt(C_\alpha) = B_\alpha = \text{curving of the gerbe}$
- $H = dB_\alpha$ closed 3-form

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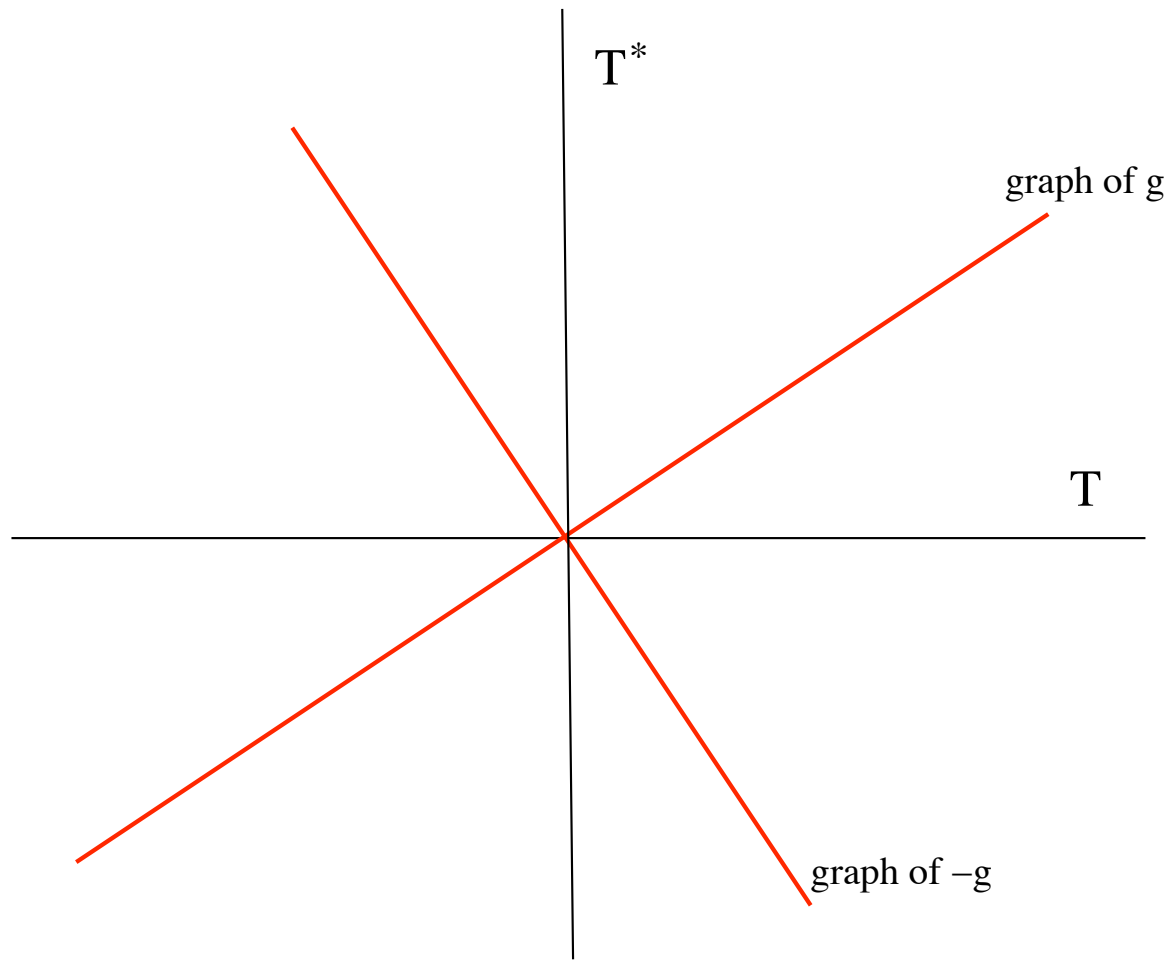
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- $[X^-, Y^+] - [X, Y]^- = -2g(\nabla_X^- Y)$ has skew torsion $-H$



EXAMPLE: the Levi-Civita connection

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - g_{ik} dx_k, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + g_{jk} dx_k \right] - \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right]^+ =$$
$$= \left(\frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial g_{ik}}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x_k} \right) dx_k$$

GENERALIZED COMPLEX STRUCTURES

A *generalized complex structure* is:

- $J : T \oplus T^* \rightarrow T \oplus T^*, J^2 = -1$
- $(JA, B) + (A, JB) = 0$
- if $JA = iA, JB = iB$ then $J[A, B] = i[A, B]$ (*Courant bracket*)
- $U(m, m) \subset SO(2m, 2m)$ structure on $T \oplus T^*$

M. Gualtieri: *Generalized complex geometry* math.DG/0401221

EXAMPLES

- complex manifold $J = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{pmatrix}$

$$J = i : [\dots \partial/\partial z_i \dots, \dots d\bar{z}_i \dots]$$

- symplectic manifold $J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega^{-1} \\ \omega & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$J = i : [\dots, \partial/\partial x_j + i \sum \omega_{jk} dx_k, \dots]$$

A POISSON STRUCTURE

- $\{f, g\} = -(Jdf, dg)$ is a Poisson structure
- $Jdf = X_f + \xi$
- integrability: $[Jdf, Jdg] - J[Jdf, dg] - J[df, Jdg] - [df, dg] = 0$
- $\Rightarrow X_{\{f, g\}} = [X_f, X_g]$

EXAMPLE: HOLOMORPHIC POISSON MANIFOLDS

$$\sigma = \sum \sigma^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j}$$

$$[\sigma, \sigma] = 0$$

$$J = i : \left[\dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j}, \dots, d\bar{z}_k + \sum_{\ell} \bar{\sigma}^{k\ell} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_\ell}, \dots \right]$$

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- compact **complex** manifold: finite dimensional group of symmetries
- however, look at $\text{Diff}(M) \times \Omega_{exact}^2(M)$

- complex structure $J = i : [\dots \partial/\partial z_i \dots, \dots d\bar{z}_i \dots]$
- preserved by $X + \xi \mapsto X + \xi + i_X B \Leftrightarrow B$ type $(1, 1)$
- exact $+ dd^c$ lemma $\Rightarrow B = dd^c f$
- “Hamiltonian” function f

GENERALIZED KÄHLER MANIFOLDS

Kähler \Rightarrow complex structure + symplectic structure

- complex structure $\Rightarrow J_1$ on $T \oplus T^*$
- symplectic structure $\Rightarrow J_2$ on $T \oplus T^*$
- compatibility ($\omega \in \Omega^{1,1}$): $J_1 J_2 = J_2 J_1$

A **generalized Kähler structure**: two commuting generalized complex structures J_1, J_2 such that $(J_1 J_2(X + \xi), X + \xi)$ is definite.

GUALTIERI'S THEOREM A generalized Kähler manifold is:

- two integrable complex structures I_+, I_- on M
- a metric g , hermitian with respect to I_+, I_-
- a 2-form B
- $U(m)$ connections ∇^+, ∇^- with skew torsion $\pm H = \pm dB$

- $(J_1 J_2)^2 = 1$
- eigenspaces V, V^\perp , metric on V positive definite
- connections $\Rightarrow \nabla^+, \nabla^-$ torsion $\pm dB$
- ... also define on $0 \rightarrow T^* \rightarrow E \rightarrow T \rightarrow 0$

- $J_1 = -J_2$ on $V \Rightarrow \pm I_+$
- $J_1 = J_2$ on $V^\perp \Rightarrow \pm I_-$
- $\{J_1 = i\} \cap \{J_2 = -i\} = V^{1,0}$ is Courant integrable
- $[X^{1,0} + \xi, Y^{1,0} + \eta] = Z^{1,0} + \zeta \Rightarrow I_+$ integrable

V Apostolov, P Gauduchon, G Grantcharov, *Bihermitian structures on complex surfaces*, Proc. London Math. Soc. **79** (1999), 414–428

S. J. Gates, C. M. Hull and M. Roček, *Twisted multiplets and new supersymmetric nonlinear σ -models*. Nuclear Phys. B **248** (1984), 157–186.

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- σ is a holomorphic Poisson structure

EXAMPLES

- T^4 and $K3$, $\sigma =$ holomorphic 2-form (D. Joyce)
- CP^2 , $\sigma = \partial/\partial z_1 \wedge \partial/\partial z_2$
- $CP^1 \times CP^1 =$ projective quadric.
 $\sigma = \partial Q/\partial z_3 [\partial/\partial z_1 \wedge \partial/\partial z_2]$
- moduli space of ASD connections on above.

NJH, *Instantons, Poisson structures and generalized Kaehler geometry*, math.DG/0503432

- **Input:** holomorphic Poisson structure $\Rightarrow J_1$
- find J_2 , symplectic + B-field commuting with J_1
- **Output:** holomorphic Poisson structures
- Example: input the Hirzebruch surface F_2 , output is $F_0 = CP^1 \times CP^1$

OPEN QUESTIONS

- When does $[I_+, I_-] = 0$?
- Which complex manifolds admit holomorphic Poisson structures?

C. Bartocci and E. Macrì, *Classification of Poisson surfaces*, Communications in Contemporary Mathematics, **7** (2005), 1-7

- Which of these admit bihermitian metrics?
- Are I_+, I_- equivalent?

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