

# On compatible structures on Lie algebroids

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- ▶ Prehistory of cohomological theory of Lie bialgebras. The big bracket.
- ▶ The big bracket for Lie algebroids.
- ▶ Compatible structures on Lie algebroids.
- ▶ Compatible structures associated with MONGE–AMPÈRE operators.

# An even graded Poisson bracket

Bertram Kostant and Shlomo Sternberg,  
Symplectic reduction, BRS cohomology, and infinite-dimensional  
Clifford algebras, *Ann. Physics* 176, 1987, 49–113.

Voir aussi Marc Henneaux, *Physics Rep.* 126, 1985.

Let  $E$  be a vector space and  $\phi$  a symmetric bilinear form over  $E$ .  
Define  $\{u, v\}_\phi = \phi(u, v)$ , for  $u, v \in E$ .

Extend  $\{, \}_\phi$  to  $\wedge^\bullet E = \bigoplus_j \wedge^j E$  as a biderivation.

Then  $\{, \}_\phi$  is a Poisson bracket of degree  $-2$  on  $\wedge^\bullet E$ .

# In the theory of Lie bialgebras

Pierre Lecomte, Claude Roger

Modules et cohomologies des bigèbres de Lie, *C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris Sér. I Math.* 310, 1990, 405–410.

Let  $V$  be a vector space. Let  $E = V^* \oplus V$ .

Let  $\phi$  be the canonical symmetric bilinear form.

For  $x, y \in V$ ,  $\xi, \eta \in V^*$ ,

$$\phi(x, y) = 0, \quad \phi(\xi, \eta) = 0, \quad \phi(\xi, x) = \langle \xi, x \rangle,$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the duality between  $V$  and  $V^*$ .

Then  $\{ \cdot, \cdot \}_\phi = \{ \cdot, \cdot \}$  is a Poisson bracket of bidegree  $(-1, -1)$  on  $\wedge^\bullet(V^* \oplus V) = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0, \ell \geq 0} \wedge^\ell V^* \otimes \wedge^k V$ , called the big bracket.

$V^* \oplus V$  is the cotangent bundle  $T^*V$  of  $V$ .

Consider the supermanifold  $\Pi V = V[1]$  and its cotangent bundle  $T^*V[1]$ . The algebra of functions on  $T^*V[1]$  is  $\wedge^\bullet(V^* \oplus V)$ .

The Poisson bracket  $\{ , \}$  is the Poisson bracket of the canonical symplectic structure of this cotangent bundle.

In restriction to  $\wedge^\bullet V^* \otimes V$ , the even Poisson bracket  $\{ , \}$  is the **Nijenhuis-Richardson bracket** of vector-valued forms on  $V$ , and similarly for vector-valued forms on  $V^*$  (up to a sign).

Example 1:

A **Lie algebra** structure on  $V$  is an element  $\mu \in \wedge^2 V^* \otimes V$  such that

$$\{\mu, \mu\} = 0.$$

Example 2:

A **Lie coalgebra** structure on  $V$  is an element  $\gamma \in V^* \otimes \wedge^2 V$  such that

$$\{\gamma, \gamma\} = 0.$$

# The cohomological approach to Lie bialgebras

A Lie bialgebra structure on  $(V, V)$  is an element

$\mu + \gamma \in (\wedge^2 V^* \otimes V) \oplus (V^* \otimes \wedge^2 V)$  such that  $\{\mu + \gamma, \mu + \gamma\} = 0$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{\mu, \mu\} = 0, \\ \{\mu, \gamma\} = 0, \\ \{\gamma, \gamma\} = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

The compatibility condition,

$\gamma$  is a cocycle of  $(V, \mu)$  or  $\mu$  is a cocycle of  $(V^*, \gamma)$ ,  
is simply expressed as

$$\{\mu, \gamma\} = 0.$$

The Lie algebra cohomology operators of  $(V, \mu)$  and  $(V^*, \gamma)$  are  $d_\mu = \{\mu, \cdot\}$  and  $d_\gamma = \{\gamma, \cdot\}$ : **bicomplex of the Lie bialgebra.**

# Two ways to generalize

- Algebraic:

- Quasi-Lie-bialgebras

- See Drinfeld, Quasi-Hopf algebras, *Leningrad Math. J.* 1, 1990.

- Proto-Lie-bialgebras

- See yks, *Contemp. Math.* 132, 1992.

- Geometric:

- Lie bialgebroids

- See MACKENZIE and XU, *Duke* 73, 1994: infinitesimal of a Poisson groupoid.

- See also YKS, 1995.

- Geometric version of quasi-Lie-bialgebras, proto-Lie- bialgebras:

- Quasi-Lie-bialgebroids, proto-Lie- bialgebroids

- See DMITRY ROYTENBERG, *LMP* 61, 2002.

- See also YKS, *Prog. Math.*, 2010... arXiv 0711.2043.

# An important formula

$(V, \mu)$  is a Lie algebra,  $\mu$  is the Lie algebra structure. Then  $\wedge^\bullet V$  is equipped with the **Schouten bracket**,  $[ , ]^\mu$ .

Let  $X, Y \in \wedge^\bullet V$ . Then

$$[X, Y]^\mu = \{\{X, \mu\}, Y\}.$$

This result shows that the Schouten bracket is a **derived bracket**.

(yks, *Ann. Fourier* 46, 1996 and LMP 69, 2004)

(Ted Voronov, *Contemp. Math.* 315, 2002)

# Lie algebroids

$A \rightarrow M$  vector bundle,

- Lie algebra bracket,  $[ \ , \ ]$ , on  $\Gamma A$ ,
- anchor,  $\rho : A \rightarrow TM$ , vector bundle morphism,
- Leibniz rule,  $[X, fY] = f[X, Y] + (\rho(X) \cdot f)Y$ ,  
 $X, Y \in \Gamma A, f \in C^\infty(M)$ .

Then  $\rho$  induces a Lie algebra homomorphism from  $\Gamma A$  to  $\Gamma(TM)$ .

Examples

- ▶ Lie algebra,
- ▶  $TM$  for  $M$  any manifold,
- ▶  $T^*M$  when  $M$  is a Poisson manifold,
- ▶ action Lie algebroids,
- ▶ etc.

# The big bracket for vector bundles

Roytenberg, 2002

When  $V \rightarrow M$  is a vector bundle,

let  $V[1]$  be the graded manifold obtained from  $V$  by assigning

- degree 0 to the coordinates on the base,
- degree 1 to the coordinates on the fibers.

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the **bigraded commutative algebra** of smooth functions on  $T^*V[1]$ .

**Remark:** When  $M$  is a point,  $V$  is just a vector space.

Then  $\mathcal{F} = \wedge^\bullet(V^* \oplus V)$ . See above.

**Local coordinates** on  $T^*V[1]$ , and their bidegrees:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} x^i & \xi^a & p_i & \theta_a \\ (0, 0) & (0, 1) & (1, 1) & (1, 0) \end{array}$$

# The bigraded Poisson algebra $\mathcal{F}$

As the cotangent bundle of a graded manifold,  $T^*V[1]$  is canonically equipped with an even Poisson structure.

Denote the even Poisson bracket on  $\mathcal{F}$  by  $\{ , \}$ .

We call it the **big bracket** because it generalizes the big bracket on  $\wedge^\bullet(V^* \oplus V)$ .

- It is of bidegree  $(-1, -1)$ .
- It is **skew-symmetric**,  $\{u, v\} = -(-1)^{|u||v|}\{v, u\}$ ,  $u, v \in \mathcal{F}$ ,
- It satisfies the **Jacobi identity**,

$$\{u, \{v, w\}\} = \{\{u, v\}, w\} + (-1)^{|u||v|}\{v, \{u, w\}\},$$

$u, v, w \in \mathcal{F}$ .

In local coordinates,

$$\boxed{\{x^i, p_j\} = \delta_j^i \quad \text{and} \quad \{\xi^a, \theta_b\} = \delta_b^a.}$$

Consequence:  $\{f, p_j\} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j}$ , for  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ .

# Lie algebroids

A Lie algebroid structure on  $A \rightarrow M$  is an element  $\mu$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  of bidegree  $(1, 2)$  such that

$$\{\mu, \mu\} = 0 .$$

Schouten bracket of multivectors (sections of  $\wedge^\bullet A$ )  $X$  and  $Y$ :

$$[X, Y]_\mu = \{\{X, \mu\}, Y\}, \quad X, Y \in \Gamma \wedge^\bullet A.$$

In particular,

- the Lie bracket of  $X, Y \in \Gamma A$ ,

$$[X, Y] = [X, Y]_\mu = \{\{X, \mu\}, Y\} .$$

- the anchor of  $A$ ,  $\rho: A \rightarrow TM$ ,

$$\rho(X)f = [X, f]_\mu = \{\{X, \mu\}, f\} ,$$

for  $X \in \Gamma A$ ,  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ .

# The differential of a Lie algebroid

The operator  $d_\mu = \{\mu, \cdot\}$  is a differential on  $\Gamma(\wedge^\bullet A^*)$  which defines the [Lie algebroid cohomology of  \$A\$](#) .

Lie algebroid cohomology generalizes

- Chevalley–Eilenberg cohomology (when  $M$  is a point,  $A$  is a Lie algebra), and
- de Rham cohomology (when  $A = TM$ ).

The Lichnerowicz–Poisson cohomology of a Poisson manifold is another example.

# Lie bialgebroids

A **Lie bialgebroid** is defined by  $\mu$  of bidegree  $(1, 2)$  and  $\gamma$  of bidegree  $(2, 1)$  such that  $\{\mu + \gamma, \mu + \gamma\} = 0$ .

$(A, \mu, \gamma)$  is a Lie bialgebroid iff  $(\Gamma(\wedge^\bullet A), [ , ]_\mu, d_\gamma)$  is a differential Gerstenhaber algebra.

A **Lie-quasi bialgebroid** is defined by  $\mu$  of bidegree  $(1, 2)$ ,  $\gamma$  of bidegree  $(2, 1)$ , and  $\phi \in \Gamma(\wedge^3 A)$  of bidegree  $(3, 0)$  such that  $\{\phi + \mu + \gamma, \phi + \mu + \gamma\} = 0$ .

A **quasi-Lie bialgebroid** is defined by  $\mu$  of bidegree  $(1, 2)$ ,  $\gamma$  of bidegree  $(2, 1)$ , and  $\psi \in \Gamma(\wedge^3 A^*)$  of bidegree  $(0, 3)$  such that  $\{\mu + \gamma + \psi, \mu + \gamma + \psi\} = 0$ .

A **proto-Lie bialgebroid** is defined by  $\mu$  of bidegree  $(1, 2)$ ,  $\gamma$  of bidegree  $(2, 1)$ ,  $\phi \in \Gamma(\wedge^3 A)$  of bidegree  $(3, 0)$ , and  $\psi \in \Gamma(\wedge^3 A^*)$  of bidegree  $(0, 3)$  such that  $\{\phi + \mu + \gamma + \psi, \phi + \mu + \gamma + \psi\} = 0$ .

Examples: twist of a Lie bialgebra, twisted Poisson structures (with a 3-form background).

Cf. yks and Vladimir Rubtsov,  
Compatible structures on Lie algebroids and Monge–Ampère  
operators,  
*Acta Appl. Math.* 2010.

$PN$ ,  $P\Omega$ ,  $\Omega N$ , Hitchin pairs, complementary 2-forms

MAGRI–MOROSI 1984, YKS–MAGRI 1990, VAISMAN 1996,  
CRAINIC 2004.

# Nijenhuis structures

Let  $(A, \mu)$  be a Lie algebroid ( $\mu$  of bidegree  $(1, 2)$  denotes the Lie algebroid structure of the vector bundle  $A$ ).

Let  $N \in \Gamma(A^* \otimes A)$  be a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor on  $A$ , an element of bidegree  $(1, 1)$ . Then the **deformed structure**,

$$\mu_N = \{N, \mu\} ,$$

defines an **anchor**,  $\rho \circ N$ , and a skew-symmetric **bracket** on  $A$ . Denote it by  $[ , ]_N^\mu$ . Explicitly,

$$[X, Y]_N^\mu = \{ \{X, \{N, \mu\}\}, Y \} ,$$

for  $X$  and  $Y \in \Gamma A$ .

**Proposition.** For  $X, Y \in \Gamma A$ ,

$$[X, Y]_N^\mu = [NX, Y]_\mu + [X, NY]_\mu - N[X, Y]_\mu .$$

The **Nijenhuis torsion** of  $N$  is defined by

$$(\mathcal{T}_\mu N)(X, Y) = [NX, NY]_\mu - N([NX, Y]_\mu + [X, NY]_\mu) + N^2[X, Y]_\mu,$$

for all  $X$  and  $Y \in \Gamma A$ .

It is clear that  $(\mathcal{T}_\mu N)(X, Y) = [NX, NY]_\mu - N([X, Y]_N^\mu)$ .

**Proposition.** In terms of the big bracket,

$$\mathcal{T}_\mu N = \frac{1}{2} (\{N, \{N, \mu\}\} - \{N^2, \mu\}) .$$

(yks 1996, Grabowski 2006, Antunes 2008)

## Corollary 1.

- A necessary and sufficient condition for the deformed structure  $\mu_N = \{N, \mu\}$  to be a Lie algebroid structure on  $A$  is  $\{\mu, \mathcal{T}_\mu N\} = 0$ .
- A sufficient condition for the deformed structure  $\mu_N = \{N, \mu\}$  to be a Lie algebroid structure on  $A$  is  $\mathcal{T}_\mu N = 0$ .

*Proof.* In fact,  $\frac{1}{2}\{\{N, \mu\}, \{N, \mu\}\} = \{\mu, \mathcal{T}_\mu N\}$ .

**Corollary 2.** An almost complex structure  $N$  on  $A$  is a complex structure if and only if

$$\{\{N, \mu\}, N\} = \mu .$$

# Complementary 2-forms for Poisson structures

Let  $(A, \mu)$  be a Lie algebroid. If  $\pi \in \Gamma(\wedge^2 A)$ , then

$$\gamma_\pi = \{\pi, \mu\}$$

is of bidegree  $(2, 1)$ .

$\gamma_\pi$  is a Lie algebroid structure on  $A^*$  if and only if

$$\{\mu, [\pi, \pi]_\mu\} = 0.$$

We now dualize this construction.

Let  $(A^*, \gamma)$  be a Lie algebroid. If  $\omega \in \Gamma(\wedge^2 A^*)$ , then

$$\tilde{\mu} = \{\gamma, \omega\}$$

is of bidegree  $(1, 2)$ .

$\tilde{\mu}$  is a Lie algebroid structure on  $A$  if and only if

$$\{[\omega, \omega]_\gamma, \gamma\} = 0.$$

# Dualization and composition

Combine the two preceding constructions:

$$(A, \mu) \xrightarrow{(\pi)} (A^*, \gamma_\pi) \xrightarrow{(\omega)} (A, \tilde{\mu}),$$

with  $\gamma_\pi = \{\pi, \mu\}$ , and  $\tilde{\mu} = \{\gamma_\pi, \omega\} = \{\{\pi, \mu\}, \omega\}$ .

**Definition** (Vaisman). A 2-form satisfying  $[\omega, \omega]_\gamma = 0$  where  $\gamma = \gamma_\pi = \{\pi, \mu\}$  is called a **complementary 2-form** for  $\pi$ .

**Proposition.** A sufficient condition for  $\tilde{\mu} = \{\gamma_\pi, \omega\} = \{\{\pi, \mu\}, \omega\}$  to be a Lie algebroid structure on  $A$  is

$$\begin{cases} [\pi, \pi]_\mu = 0 & (\pi \text{ is Poisson}), \\ [\omega, \omega]_\pi = 0 & (\omega \text{ is a complementary 2-form for } \pi). \end{cases}$$

## More on complementary 2-forms

Let  $\pi$  be a bivector, and  $\omega$  a 2-form on  $(A, \mu)$ . Let

$$N : TM \xrightarrow{\omega^\flat} T^*M \xrightarrow{\pi^\sharp} TM.$$

### Proposition.

- If  $\pi$  is a Poisson bivector and  $\omega$  is a complementary 2-form for  $\pi$ , then  $[X, Y]_{\tilde{\mu}} = [X, Y]_N^\mu - \pi^\sharp(i_{X \wedge Y} d_\mu \omega)$ , for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma A$ , defines a Lie bracket on the space of sections of  $A$ .
- If, in addition,  $\omega$  is closed, the bracket  $[ , ]_N^\mu$  is a Lie bracket.

# Definitions

$$PN \quad (N \circ \pi^\sharp = \pi^\sharp \circ N^*)$$

$$\{\{\pi, \mu\}, \pi\} = 0, \quad \{\{\pi, \mu\}, N\} + \{\{N, \mu\}, \pi\} = 0, \quad \{N, \{N, \mu\}\} - \{N^2, \mu\} = 0$$

$$P\Omega$$

$$\{\{\pi, \mu\}, \pi\} = 0, \quad \{\mu, \omega\} = 0, \quad \{\{\{\pi, \omega\}, \mu\}, \omega\} = 0$$

$$\Omega N \quad (\omega^\flat \circ N = N^* \circ \omega^\flat)$$

$$\{\mu, \omega\} = 0, \quad \{N, \{N, \mu\}\} - \{N^2, \mu\} = 0, \quad \{\mu, \{N, \omega\}\} = 0$$

$$\text{Hitchin pair } (\omega^\flat \circ N = N^* \circ \omega^\flat)$$

$$\{\mu, \omega\} = 0, \quad \{\mu, \{N, \omega\}\} = 0$$

$$\text{Complementary 2-form}$$

$$\{\{\pi, \mu\}, \pi\} = 0, \quad \{\{\omega, \{\pi, \mu\}\}, \omega\} = 0$$

# Relationships

$$P\Omega \implies PN \quad (N = \pi \circ \omega)$$

$$PN \text{ and } \pi \text{ non-degenerate} \implies P\Omega \quad (\omega = \pi^{-1} \circ N)$$

$$\Omega N \text{ and } \omega \text{ non-degenerate} \implies PN \quad (\pi = N \circ \omega^{-1})$$

$$PN \text{ and } \pi \text{ non-degenerate} \implies \Omega N \quad (\omega = \pi^{-1} \circ N)$$

$$P\Omega \implies \Omega N \quad (N = \pi \circ \omega)$$

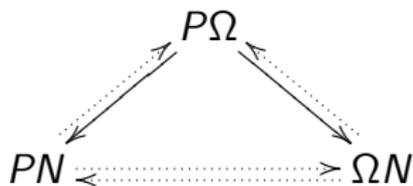
$$\Omega N \text{ and } \omega \text{ non-degenerate} \implies P\Omega \quad (\pi = N \circ \omega^{-1})$$

*Hitchin pair and N Nijenhuis*  $\iff \Omega N$  and  $\omega$  non-degenerate

$$\omega \text{ closed complementary 2-form for } \pi \iff P\Omega$$

# Diagram of relationships

The implications can be summarized in a diagram.



The dotted arrows represent implications under a non-degeneracy assumption.

**Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis structures** in the sense of **Mathieu Stiénon** and **Ping Xu** (Comm. Math. Phys. 270 (2007), no. 3, 709–725) can be treated by the same method. More generally, **Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis structures with background** in the sense of **Paulo Antunes** (Lett. Math. Phys. 86 (2008), no. 1, 33–45) are defined by a quadruple  $(\pi, N, \psi, H)$ ,  $\psi, H \in \Gamma(\wedge^3 A^*)$ , satisfying

$$\{\{\pi, \mu\}, \pi\} = 0,$$

$$\{\{\pi, \mu\}, N\} + \{\{N, \mu\}, \pi\} = \{\{H, \pi\}, \pi\},$$

$$\{N, \{N, \mu\}\} - \{N^2, \mu\} = -2\{\pi, \psi\} + \{\{\pi, H\}, N\} + \{\{N, H\}, \pi\},$$

$$\{\{N, \{N, H\}\} - \{N^2, H\}, \mu\} = 2\{\{N, \mu\}, \psi\}.$$

# PqN and Lie quasi-bialgebroids

PN implies  $(A_\pi^*, A_N)$  is a **Lie bialgebroid**.

PqN implies  $(A_\pi^*, A_N, \psi)$  is a **Lie quasi-bialgebroid**.

PqN with background implies  $(A_\pi^*, A_N^H, \psi + i_N H)$  is a **Lie quasi-bialgebroid**, where  $d_N^H(\alpha) = d_N \alpha - i_{\pi^\sharp \alpha} H$ , for  $\alpha \in \Gamma(A^*)$ .

Let  $S = \{\pi + N, \mu + H\} + \psi$ . If  $(\pi, N, \psi, H)$  is a PqN structure with background on  $A$ , then  $\{S, S\} = 0$ , i.e.,  $S$  is a **Courant algebroid** structure on  $A + A^*$ .

**Example of PqN with background** (Antunes).

Let  $\pi$  be a Poisson bivector, and  $\omega$  a 2-form. Set  $N = \pi^\sharp \circ \omega^\flat$  and  $\omega_N = \frac{1}{2}\{N, \omega\}$ . Then  $(\pi, N, \psi, H)$  with  $\psi = d\omega_N$  and  $H = -d\omega$  is a PqN structure with background.

A. Kushner, V. Lychagin, V. Rubtsov

*Contact Geometry and Non-Linear Differential Equations*,  
CUP, 2007.

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold of dimension  $n$  and let  $T^*M$  be its cotangent bundle.

Denote the canonical symplectic 2-form on  $T^*M$  by  $\Omega$ .

A **Monge–Ampère structure** on  $M$  is defined by an  $n$ -form  $\omega$  on  $T^*M$  such that  $\omega \wedge \Omega = 0$ .

Denote the canonical bivector on  $T^*M$  (the inverse of the canonical symplectic 2-form  $\Omega$ ) by  $\pi_\Omega$ .

An **effective form** on  $T^*M$  of degree  $k$ ,  $2 \leq k \leq n$ , is a  $k$ -form  $\omega$  such that  $i_{\pi_\Omega}\omega = 0$ .

An  $n$ -form  $\omega$  defines a Monge–Ampère structure on  $M$  iff it is effective.

Define the **Monge–Ampère equation** associated with  $\omega$  by

$$\Delta_{\omega}(f) = 0 , \quad (1)$$

where

$$\Delta_{\omega}(f) = (df)^*(\omega) , \quad (2)$$

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

# Classical Monge–Ampère equations

**Question:** What is the relation between classical Monge–Ampère equation  $rt - s^2 = F$  and Monge–Ampère structures on manifolds?

$$f, F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ and } r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}, \quad t = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}, \quad s = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y},$$

$$rt - s^2 = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} - \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \right)^2.$$

**Answer:** Let  $M = \mathbb{R}^2$  with coordinates  $(x, y)$ .

Let  $T^*M$  have coordinates  $(x, y, p, q)$ .

Then  $df : (x, y) \mapsto (x, y, p, q)$ , where  $p = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ ,  $q = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ .

The 2-form  $\omega = dp \wedge dq$  is effective. In fact

$\Omega = dx \wedge dp + dy \wedge dq$ , and therefore  $\omega \wedge \Omega = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Compute } (df)^* \omega &= \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} dx + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dy \right) \wedge \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dx + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} dy \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} - \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \right)^2 \right) dx \wedge dy. \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion: the Monge–Ampère equations on manifolds are a vast class of generalizations of the classical Monge–Ampère equation

$$rt - s^2 = 0.$$

## Monge–Ampère structures in dimension 2

- Define the Pfaffian  $Pf(\omega)$  of the 2-form  $\omega$  by

$$Pf(\omega)\Omega \wedge \Omega = \omega \wedge \omega ,$$

- Define the  $(1, 1)$ -tensor  $N_\omega$  on  $T^*M$  by

$$\omega(X, Y) = \Omega(N_\omega X, Y) ,$$

$X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(T^*M)$ .

- Then

$$N_\omega^2 + Pf(\omega)\text{Id} = 0.$$

A Monge–Ampère structure  $T^*(M)$  defined by a 2-form  $\omega$  is called **non-degenerate** if  $Pf(\omega)$  is nowhere-vanishing.

## Non-degenerate Monge–Ampère structures in dimension 2

If the Monge–Ampère structure defined by  $\omega$  on  $T^*(M)$  is **non-degenerate**, consider

- the normalized 2-form  $\tilde{\omega}$  defined by

$$\tilde{\omega} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{|Pf(\omega)|}},$$

- the normalized  $(1, 1)$ -tensor  $\tilde{N}_\omega$  defined by

$$\tilde{N}_\omega = \frac{N_\omega}{\sqrt{|Pf(\omega)|}}.$$

Then  $\tilde{N}_\omega$  has square  $-\text{Id}$  (elliptic case) or  $\text{Id}$  (hyperbolic case), an almost complex or an almost product structure on  $T^*M$ .

# When is the normalized $(1, 1)$ -tensor integrable?

**Proposition.** The following properties are equivalent:

- $\tilde{N}_\omega$  is integrable (the Nijenhuis torsion of  $\tilde{N}_\omega$  vanishes),
- $\tilde{\omega}$  is closed,
- the differential operator  $\Delta_\omega$  is equivalent to an operator with constant coefficients.

(See Kushner–Lychagin–Rubtsov.)

# Compatible structures associated to Monge–Ampère structures in dimension 2

If  $\alpha$  is a non-degenerate 2-form, let  $\pi_\alpha$  be its inverse bivector.

Assume  $\omega$  defines a non-degenerate Monge–Ampère structure on  $M$  such that **the 2-form  $\tilde{\omega}$  is closed**. Then

- ▶ The pair  $(\pi_\Omega, \tilde{N}_\omega)$  is a  $PN$ -structure on  $T^*M$ .
- ▶ The pair  $(\pi_{\tilde{\omega}}, \tilde{N}_\omega)$  is a  $PN$ -structure on  $T^*M$ .
- ▶ The pair  $(\pi_\Omega, \tilde{\omega})$  is a  $P\Omega$ -structure on  $T^*M$ .
- ▶ The pair  $(\tilde{\omega}, \tilde{N}_\omega)$  is an  $\Omega N$ -structure on  $T^*M$ .

The modular class of a Lie algebroid is a class in the degree 1 Lie algebroid cohomology that generalizes the modular class of a Poisson manifold (the class of the divergence of the Poisson bivector).

(See Evens, Lu, Weinstein, *Quart. J. Math* 50, 1999.)

The modular class of a Lie algebroid structure obtained by deformation by a Nijenhuis tensor  $N$  is the class of the 1-form  $d_\mu(TrN)$ .

**Proposition.** Assume  $\omega$  defines a non-degenerate Monge–Ampère structure on  $M$  such that the 2-form  $\tilde{\omega}$  is closed. Then, the Lie algebroid structure of  $T(T^*M)$  obtained by deformation by  $\tilde{N}_\omega$  is unimodular.

*Proof.* Since  $\omega$  is effective,  $0 = i_{\pi_\Omega}\omega = 4TrN_\omega$ .

Assume  $\omega$  defines a non-degenerate Monge–Ampère structure on  $M$  such that  $d\omega = 0$ . Then

- ▶ the pair  $(\Omega, N_\omega)$  is a Hitchin pair on  $T^*M$ ,
- ▶ if, in addition,  $\omega$  is equivalent to a 2-form with constant coefficients, the pair  $(\Omega, N_\omega)$  is an  $\Omega N$ -structure on  $T^*M$ .

# Generalized almost complex structures

Let  $(A, \mu, \gamma)$  be a Lie bialgebroid. Consider the **Dorfman bracket** on  $A \oplus A^*$  defined by

$$[u, v]_D = \{ \{u, \mu + \gamma\}, v \} ,$$

for  $u$  and  $v \in \Gamma(A \oplus A^*)$ .

The skew-symmetrized Dorfman bracket is called the **Courant bracket**.

In particular, if  $A$  is a tangent bundle,  $A = TQ$ , and if  $\gamma = 0$ , the Dorfman bracket on  $TQ \oplus T^*Q$  is explicitly,

$$\boxed{[X + \alpha, Y + \beta]_D = [X, Y] + \mathcal{L}_X \beta - i_Y(d\alpha),}$$

for all vector fields,  $X$  and  $Y$ , and all 1-forms,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , on  $Q$ .

The original Courant bracket (1990) is recovered as the skew-symmetrized Dorfman bracket.

A **generalized almost complex structure** on  $Q$  is a vector bundle endomorphism  $J$  of  $TQ \oplus T^*Q$  of square  $-\text{Id}$ .

A **generalized complex structure** on  $Q$  is a generalized almost complex structure with vanishing Nijenhuis torsion (defined in terms of the Dorfman bracket).

Replace  $-\text{Id}$  by  $\text{Id}$  to define generalized almost product structures and generalized product structures.

# Generalized complex structures and Monge–Ampère structures

Generalized complex structures and generalized product structures on  $T^*M$  appear in the case of Monge–Ampère structures “of divergence type” (such that  $\omega + \varphi\Omega$  is closed for a function  $\varphi$ ) on 2-dimensional manifolds, and in the case of Monge–Ampère structures on 3-dimensional manifolds.