



Poisson derivations of Poisson nilpotent algebras

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Moment 0: motivation and background

Definition. *Siméon Denis Poisson (1809)*

A Poisson algebra over $\mathbb{k}$ is a unital associative commutative $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra $(A, \cdot)$ endowed with a Lie bracket $\{ , \} : A \times A \rightarrow A$ (the Poisson bracket) such that $\{a, -\}$ is a derivation of $(A, \cdot)$, for every $a \in A$.

Most notions for Lie and associative algebras are extended to Poisson algebras by viewing them both in $(A, \cdot)$ and in $(A, \{ , \})$:

- ▶ A Poisson ideal of A is an ideal J such that $\{A, J\} \subseteq J$.
- ▶ The Poisson center of A is $Z_P(A) = \{z \in A \mid \{z, A\} = 0\}$.
- ▶ A Poisson morphism is a unital (associative) $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra morphism which is also a Lie morphism.
- ▶ A Poisson derivation is a $\mathbb{k}$ -linear map which is both an associative algebra derivation and a Lie algebra derivation.

Examples

Poisson algebras arise naturally in mathematical physics, Poisson geometry, deformation quantization, integrable systems and noncommutative algebraic geometry.

- ▶ Poisson Weyl algebra: $PA_1 = \mathbb{k}[x, y]$ with $\{x, y\} = 1$.
- ▶ More generally, given two sets of variables $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $\bar{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$, set $PA_n = \mathbb{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n]$ with

$$\{f, g\} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y_k} - \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_k}.$$

- ▶ [Kostant–Kirillov Poisson bracket] The symmetric algebra $S(\mathfrak{g})$ of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$ with basis $\{e_i\}$ is a Poisson algebra under

$$\{f, g\} = \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial e_i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial e_j} [e_i, e_j].$$

The coadjoint orbits in $\mathfrak{g}^*$ of the connected, simply connected Lie group G correspond to Poisson radical ideals in $S(\mathfrak{g})$.

Semiclassical limits

Let $\mathcal{A}$ be associative (and noncommutative) and $0 \neq \hbar \in \mathbb{Z}(\mathcal{A})$ (nonunit and not a zero divisor).

If $A = \mathcal{A}/\hbar\mathcal{A}$ is commutative, define a Poisson bracket on A by

$$\{\bar{a}, \bar{b}\} = \overline{\hbar^{-1}[a, b]} = (\hbar^{-1}[a, b])|_{\hbar=0}, \quad \forall a, b \in A.$$

Endowed with this bracket, the Poisson algebra A is called the semiclassical limit of $\mathcal{A}$.

In turn, $\mathcal{A}$ is called a quantization of A .

Example The universal enveloping algebra of $\mathfrak{g}$ can thus be seen as a quantization of $S(\mathfrak{g})$.

Poisson cohomology is a powerful invariant providing insight into the symmetries and deformations of Poisson algebras. It has the usual interpretations in low degrees:

$$PH^0(A) = Z_P(A)$$

$$PH^1(A) = \text{Der}_P(A)/\text{Ham}(A)$$

$$PH^2(A) = \text{infinitesimal deformations of } A$$

$$PH^3(A) \quad \text{contains the obstructions to formal deformations of } A$$

Here:

- ▶ $\text{Der}_P(A)$ is the Lie algebra of Poisson derivations of A .
- ▶ $\text{Ham}(A)$ is the ideal of Hamiltonian derivations, i.e., those of the form $\text{Ham}_a = \{a, \cdot\}$, for $a \in A$.

Ultimate goal: Find techniques to compute $PH^\bullet$ of Poisson quotients of a certain class of algebras — **Poisson nilpotent algebras**.

Moment 1: Poisson nilpotent algebras (PNA)

Goal: extend the structure from A to $A[x]$, respecting the degree.

Definition. (Poisson Ore extension $A[x; \sigma, \delta]_P$)

As a commutative associative algebra, $A[x; \sigma, \delta]_P = A[x]$.

The Poisson structure extends A with

$$\{x, a\} = \sigma(a)x + \delta(a), \quad \text{for } a \in A.$$

The above set-up gives a Poisson algebra extending A if and only if $\sigma \in \text{Der}_P(A)$ and δ is a Poisson σ -derivation:

$$\delta(\{a, b\}) = \{\delta(a), b\} + \{a, \delta(b)\} + \sigma(a)\delta(b) - \delta(a)\sigma(b), \quad \text{for all } a, b \in A.$$

Examples

1. Given $\sigma \in \text{Der}_P(A)$ and $c \in A$,

$$\delta(\cdot) = \text{Ham}_c(\cdot) - \sigma(\cdot)c$$

defines a σ -derivation of A .

2. Consider $A = \mathbb{k}[x]$ with trivial Poisson bracket,

$$\sigma = x \frac{d}{dx} \in \text{Der}_P(A) \quad \text{and} \quad \delta = \frac{d}{dx} \in \sigma - \text{Der}_P(A).$$

Then $A[y; x \frac{d}{dx}, \frac{d}{dx}]_P$ is $\mathbb{k}[x, y]$, with Poisson bracket

$$\{y, x\} = xy + 1.$$

Semiclassical limits and Poisson Ore extensions

Quantum plane and Poisson affine plane

The quantum version of the coordinate ring of the plane is

$$\mathcal{O}_q(\mathbb{k}^2) = \mathbb{k}\{x, y \mid yx = q^a xy\},$$

where $q \in \mathbb{k}^\times$ and $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

The semiclassical limit as $q \rightarrow 1$ is the Poisson affine plane $\mathbb{k}[x, y]$ with

$$\{y, x\} = \frac{1}{q-1}[y, x] \Big|_{q=1} = \frac{q^a - 1}{q-1} \Big|_{q=1} xy = axy.$$

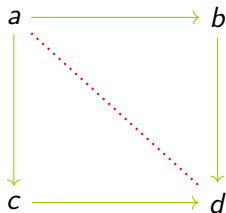
This is the Poisson Ore extension $\mathbb{k}[x][y; ax \frac{d}{dx}, 0]$.

Semiclassical limits and Poisson Ore extensions

Quantum matrices and Poisson matrices

$M_q(2)$ is a deformation of $\mathcal{O}(M_2(\mathbb{k})) = \frac{\mathbb{k}[a, b, c, d]}{(\text{coordinate projections})}$ with

(new) generators a, b, c, d and relations:



where

$x \xrightarrow{\text{green}} y$ means $yx = qxy$

$a \cdots \cdots d$ means $ad - da = (q^{-1} - q)bc$

b and c commute

The semiclassical limit as $q \rightarrow 1$ is the Poisson algebra $\mathbb{k}[a, b, c, d]$:

$\{a, b\} = ab, \{a, c\} = ac, \{b, c\} = 0, \{b, d\} = bd, \{c, d\} = cd, \{a, d\} = 2bc.$

This is a Poisson Ore extension $\mathbb{k}[a][b; \sigma_b]_P[c; \sigma_c]_P[d; \sigma_d, \delta_d]_P.$

Semiclassical limits and Poisson Ore extensions

Quantum nilpotent algebras and Bott–Samelson varieties

The semiclassical limit of the quantum nilpotent algebra $U_q(\mathfrak{so}_5^+)$ is $A = \mathbb{k}[X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4]$ with Poisson brackets

$$\begin{aligned}\{X_2, X_1\} &= -2X_1X_2, & \{X_3, X_1\} &= X_2^2, & \{X_3, X_2\} &= -2X_2X_3, \\ \{X_4, X_1\} &= -2X_1X_4 - X_2, & \{X_4, X_2\} &= -2X_3, & \{X_4, X_3\} &= -2X_3X_4.\end{aligned}$$

Once again we have a Poisson Ore extension

$$\mathbb{k}[X_1][X_2; \sigma_2]_P[X_3; \sigma_3, \delta_3]_P[X_4; \sigma_4, \delta_4]_P$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_2 &= -2X_1 \frac{d}{dX_1}, & \sigma_3 &= -2X_2 \frac{d}{dX_2}, & \delta_3 &= X_2^2 \frac{d}{dX_1}, \\ \sigma_4 &= -2X_1 \frac{d}{dX_1} - 2X_3 \frac{d}{dX_3}, & \delta_4 &= -X_2 \frac{d}{dX_1} - 2X_3 \frac{d}{dX_2}.\end{aligned}$$

Poisson nilpotent algebras

A **PNA** (aka Poisson **C**auchon–**G**oodearl–**L**etzter extension) is an iterated Poisson Ore extension

$$R = \mathbb{k}[x_1]_P \cdots \underbrace{[x_{k-1}; \sigma_{k-1}, \delta_{k-1}]_P}_{R_{k-1}} [x_k; \sigma_k, \delta_k]_P \cdots [x_N; \sigma_N, \delta_N]_P$$

equipped with a rational Poisson action (by P -automorphisms) of a torus $\mathcal{H} = (\mathbb{k}^\times)^n$, such that:

- (i) the x_i are $\mathcal{H}$ -eigenvectors;
- (ii) the δ_k are locally nilpotent;
- (iii) $\sigma_k = h_k \cdot |_{R_{k-1}}$, for some $h_k \in \text{Lie}(\mathcal{H})$ such that the h_k -eigenvalue of x_k is nonzero.

We will always take the **maximal such torus**, so

$$n = |\{k \in [1, N] \mid \delta_k = 0\}| = \text{rk}(R),$$

called the **rank** of R .

A few remarks

- * The action of $\mathcal{H} = (\mathbb{k}^\times)^n$ is tantamount to a Q -grading, with $Q = \mathbb{Z}^n$, where $\mathcal{H}$ -eigenvalues correspond to homogeneous elements.
- * If S is a multiplicative set in a Poisson algebra A , then the Poisson bracket extends to the localization AS^{-1} via

$$\{a, s^{-1}\} = -s^{-2} \{a, s\}.$$

- * An element $u \in A$ is Poisson normal if $\{u, A\} \subseteq uA$, so that uA is a Poisson ideal.

Poisson affine spaces and Poisson tori

Let $\mathbf{q} = (q_{ij}) \in M_N(\mathbb{k})$ be a skew-symmetric matrix. The associated Poisson affine space is

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbb{k}[x_1, \dots, x_N]$$

with the Poisson brackets

$$\{x_i, x_j\} = q_{ij}x_i x_j, \quad \text{for all } i, j.$$

The corresponding Poisson torus is

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbb{k}[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_N^{\pm 1}],$$

extending the Poisson bracket above.

Moment 2: statement of main results

Henceforth,

$$R = \mathbb{k}[x_1]_P[x_2; \sigma_2, \delta_2]_P \cdots [x_N; \sigma_N, \delta_N]_P$$

is a PNA of rank n . Recall that R is Q -graded, where $Q = \mathbb{Z}^n$.

- ▶ $a \in R$ homogeneous, $\text{wt}(a) \in Q$ denotes its weight
- ▶ $Z_P(R)$ is the Poisson center of R
- ▶ $Q^\vee = \text{Hom}_{\text{ab}}(Q, Z_P(R)) \simeq Z_P(R)^n$
- ▶ $\eta \in Q^\vee$ defines $\theta_\eta \in \text{Der}_P(R)$:

$$\theta_\eta(a) = \eta(\text{wt}(a))a, \quad \text{for } a \in R \text{ homogeneous}$$

- ▶ $\theta_Q = \{\theta_\eta \mid \eta \in Q^\vee\}$

ASSUMPTIONS:

- ▶ $\text{char } \mathbb{k} = 0$;
- ▶ the eigenvalue matrix $\mathbf{q} = (q_{i,j})$ has entries in $\mathbb{Q}$;
- ▶ no generator x_k is Poisson central;
- ▶ a technical condition on the center.

Theorem. We have the decomposition as $Z_P(R)$ -modules:

$$\text{Der}_P(R) = \text{Ham}(A) \oplus \theta_Q.$$

So any $D \in \text{Der}_P(R)$ is uniquely written as $D = \text{Ham}_x + \theta_\eta$, where $x \in R$, $\eta : Q \rightarrow Z(R)$ is an abelian group homomorphism and $\theta_\eta(a) = \eta(\text{wt}(a))a$, for any homogeneous $a \in R$.

Corollary.

$\text{PH}^1(R)$ is a free $Z_P(R)$ -module of rank $\text{rk}(Q) = n$.

More precisely, let $\{i_1, \dots, i_n\} = \{i \mid \delta_i = 0\}$.

We get a $Z_P(R)$ -basis for $\text{PH}^1(R)$ given by

$$D_k = \theta_{\alpha_k^*} = x_{i_k} \frac{d}{dx_{i_k}}, \quad k = 1, \dots, n. \quad (\alpha_k = \text{wt}(x_{i_k}))$$

Theorem.

- ▶ $\text{Der}_P(R) = \text{Ham}(R) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=1}^n Z_P(R) D_k$.
- ▶ $\text{PH}^1(R)$ is a free $Z_P(R)$ -module of rank n with basis $D_1, \dots, D_n$.

1. $R = \mathbb{k}[x]$ with trivial Poisson bracket. So $x \in Z_P(R)$.

$$\text{Der}_P(P) = R \frac{d}{dx}$$

is not of the predicted form.

2. $R = \mathbb{k}[x, y, z]$ with

$$\{x, y\} = xy, \quad \{x, z\} = xz, \quad \{y, z\} = yz.$$

Then $\text{PH}^1(R)$ is free of rank 4 over $Z_P(R) = \mathbb{k}$.

Moment 3: quantum initial clusters

Construction of quantum initial clusters

Goodearl & Yakimov produced an **initial cluster** $\{y_1, \dots, y_N\} \subseteq R$ based on a **coloring** function $c : [1, N] \rightarrow [1, n]$ and two auxiliary **predecessor** and **successor** functions $p, s : [1, N] \rightarrow [1, N] \cup \{\infty\}$.

We obtain embeddings

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{q}} \subseteq R \subseteq \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{q}} \subseteq \text{Fract}(R),$$

where $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbb{k}_{\mathbf{q}}[y_1, \dots, y_N]$ is a **Poisson affine space** and $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbb{k}_{\mathbf{q}}[y_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, y_N^{\pm 1}]$ is the associated **Poisson torus**.

The set $Y_{\infty} = \{y_i \mid s(i) = \infty\}$ has cardinality $n = \text{rk}(R)$ and consists of the homogeneous Poisson-prime elements of R .

Set $\mathfrak{s}_{<\infty} = \{i \in [1, N] \mid s(i) < \infty\}$, $\mathfrak{s}_{\infty} = \{i \in [1, N] \mid s(i) = \infty\}$.

Unfortunately, this is all there is time for but the cluster structure turns out to be essential to showing the main results.

Muitas felicidades para o nosso amigo Manolo!

