

Deformation of Batalin-Vilkovisky structures

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1. Introduction

Batalin-Vilkovisky formalism (BV)

is the most general method to treat
~~consistent~~ quantum field theory (gauge theory)

'91'93 Batalin-Vilkovisky

Topological Field Theory (TFT)

is a method to analyse a geometry
as a quantum field theory.

→ TFT + BV is a natural framework,
to analyse geometry by a quantum
field theory.

Deformation

is a powerful method to construct
a new geometry.

Ex. commutative \rightarrow non commutative

Deformation + TFT + BV



- Construction of Geometry
as TFT
- Unification of Geometry
as TFT
- Classification ...

○ Example

'97 Kontsevich

Deformation quantization formula
on Poisson manifold



'99 Cattaneo-Felder

^{have} described as a TFT (topological string).

Its TFT is the **Poisson Sigma model**

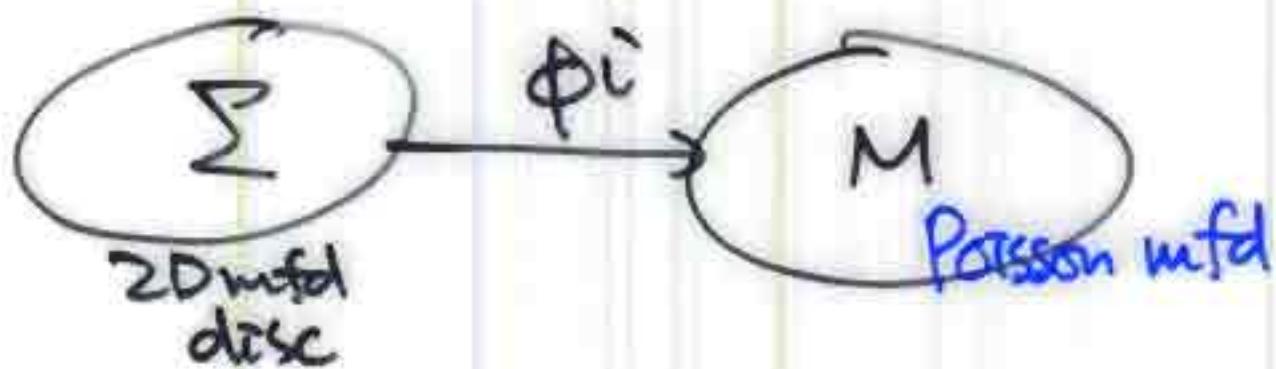
P sigma model

We introduce two manifolds X & M
and a map $\phi: X \rightarrow M$.

We construct quantum field theory
on X using ϕ (& auxiliary fields).

We analyse the geometry of M
by this quantum field theory on X .

Q the Poisson sigma model



$\phi^i: \Sigma \rightarrow M$ (smooth) map

$B_i \in \Gamma(T^*\Sigma \otimes \phi^*(T^*M))$ 1-form

i, j, k : indices of local coordinate
on M

d : exterior derivative on Σ

Action

$$S = \sum B_i \wedge d\phi^i + \frac{1}{2} P^{ij}(\phi) B_i \wedge B_j$$

$P^{ij}(\phi)$: function of ϕ

s.t.
$$\sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{\partial P^{ij}}{\partial \phi^k} + (i, j, k \text{ cyclic}) = 0$$

i.e. $\frac{\partial P^{ij}}{\partial \phi^i \wedge \partial \phi^j}$ is a Poisson bi-vector

quantize (path integral) 15

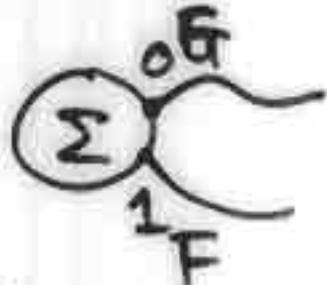
$$F \star G(x) = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{D}\bar{\phi} F(\phi(t)) G(\bar{\phi}(t)) e^{i(S + S_{\text{GF}})}$$

$\phi(0) = x$

$\phi(\infty) = x$ boundary condition

F, G : fns on M

t_0 : constant



S_{GF} : gauge fixing & ghosts term

We can obtain

\star : \star -product on M

If we consider the only 1st term

$$S_0 = \sum B_i \wedge \phi^i$$

the similar calculation produces

$$F(x)G(x) = \int_0^{\infty} \partial \phi^i \partial B F(\phi^i) G(\phi^i) e^{-\int S_0 + S_F}$$

$\uparrow \quad \phi(0) = x$

usual product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{product} & \xrightarrow{\text{deformation}} & *-\text{product} \\ S_0 & \longrightarrow & S \end{array}$$

'99 Izawa

$$S_0 = \int B_i \wedge d\phi^i$$

↓ deformation of TFT

$$S = \int B_i \wedge d\phi^i + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{P^{ij}(\phi) B_i \wedge B_j}_{\text{---}}$$

What deformation?

Most general

Deformation to preserve
the Batalin-Vilkovisky structure

↓
Deformation of BV structures

Purpose

- Moduli of deformation
(all the deformations)
 - New geometry
from topological σ -model
 - Unification & Classification
of geometry by TFT
- & to apply to string, M theory

2 Batalin-Vilkovisky Structures [9]

2.1 General Framework (modern, mathematical)

by Alexandrov, Kontsevich, Schwarz, Zaboronsky
'95 (AKSZ formalism)

- ① A base manifold is $\Pi T\Sigma$.
(& $\Pi T^*\Sigma$)

where $\Pi T\Sigma = T[1]\Sigma$ is
a tangent bundle with reversed
parity of the fiber.
i.e. Supermanifold.

ϕ^i, β_i

$\phi^i: \Pi T\Sigma \rightarrow M$

$B_i \in \Gamma(\Pi T^*\Sigma \otimes \phi^*T^*M)$

- ② the odd Poisson bracket on ΠT^*M
 $(*, *)$ antibracket (BV bracket)

P-structure

$$(\phi^i, B_j) = \delta^i_j$$

Q S_{BV} : BV action

functional of ϕ^i & B_i

$$(S_{\text{PV}}, S_{\text{BV}}) = 0 \quad \text{classical master eq.}$$

$$\text{s.t. } S_{\text{BV}}|_{\Sigma} = S$$

• compatible with $(*, *)$

$$(S(F, G)) = ((S_{\text{PV}} F), G) \pm (F, (S_{\text{PV}} G))$$

• $(S_{\text{BV}}, *)$ defines the gauge transf.

Q-structure

i.e. Batalin-Vilkovisky structure
(classical)

= QP-structure on supermanifold

Data ① $\Pi T T \Sigma$

② S_{BV}

$$S_0 = \sum B_i \wedge d\phi^i$$

cf. Pindgⁱ

(2D abelian BF theory)

Its BV-formalism is
uniquely (up to diffeo) constructed

P

$$(F, G) = \sum \frac{F}{\delta \phi^i} \frac{\delta G}{\delta B_i} - \frac{F \delta}{\delta B_i} \frac{\delta G}{\delta \phi^i}$$

F, G : functions of superfields

Q

$$S_{BV} = \sum B_i \wedge d\phi^i$$

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2-2 traditional construction

(in the textbook of physics)

$$S_0 = \sum B_i \wedge d\phi^i$$

has a gauge symmetry $\{U\}^d$
 $d = d\alpha M$

$$\begin{cases} \delta_0 \phi^i = 0 \\ \delta_0 B_i = -dC_i \end{cases}$$

$$C_i \in \Gamma(\Sigma \otimes \pi^* T^* M)$$

FP. ghost (gauge parameter)

$$Q \Phi = (\phi^i, B_i, C_i)$$

form degree

$$\deg \Phi = 0 \quad 1 \quad 0$$

ghost number

$$gh \Phi = 0 \quad 0 \quad 1$$

total degree

$$|\Phi| = \deg \Phi + gh \Phi = 1 \quad 1$$

$$= \deg \Phi + gh \Phi$$

Q We introduce the antifield $\bar{\Phi}^*$ for each field $\bar{\Phi}$.

We assign the degrees as

$$\text{gh } \bar{\Phi} + \text{gh } \bar{\Phi}^* = -1$$

$$\deg \bar{\Phi} + \deg \bar{\Phi}^* = 2$$

i.e. $|\bar{\Phi}| + |\bar{\Phi}^*| = 1$

$$\bar{\Phi}^* = (\phi_i^*, B^{*i}, C^{*i})$$

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|
| $\deg \bar{\Phi}^*$ | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| $\text{gh } \bar{\Phi}^*$ | -1 | -1 | -2 |
| $ \bar{\Phi}^* $ | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Q antibracket is introduced as

$$(F, G) = \left\{ F \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{\Phi}} \frac{\delta G}{\delta \bar{\Phi}^*} - (-)^{\deg \bar{\Phi}} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \bar{\Phi}^*} \frac{\delta G}{\delta \bar{\Phi}} \right\}$$

F, G: function of $\bar{\Phi}$ & $\bar{\Phi}^*$

Q Construction of SOBV BV action 14

s.t.: $S_{\text{SOBV}}|_{\Phi^* = 0} = S_0$

$(S_{\text{SOBV}}, \Phi) = \delta_\Phi S_0$ gauge sym

$(S_{\text{SOBV}}, S_{\text{SOBV}}) = 0$

uniquely

$$S_{\text{SOBV}} = \sum_i B_i \wedge d\phi^i - B^{*i} \wedge dc_i$$

$$\text{gh } S_{\text{SOBV}} = 0, \deg S_{\text{SOBV}} = 2 \Rightarrow |S_{\text{SOBV}}| = 2$$

We reconstruct this traditional
BV action as a theory on
supermanifold $\Pi T\Sigma \rightarrow$

$$\Phi = (\phi^i, B_i, C_i) \quad |\Phi| = 1$$

$$\Phi^* = (\phi^{*i}, B^{*i}, C^{*i}) \quad |\Phi^*| = 0$$

We define superfield

$$\Phi^i = \phi^i + B^{*i} + C^{*i} \quad |\Phi^i| = 0$$

$$B_i = C_i + B_i + \phi^i \quad |B_i| = 1$$

form degree 0 1 2

Q Super product

$$F \cdot G \equiv (-)^{\text{gh } F \text{deg } G} FG$$

from now on, products of superfields
are always superproducts.

Q antibracket is reconstructed
as super antibracket

$$(F, G) = \sum \frac{F \overset{\leftarrow}{\delta} \overset{\rightarrow}{\delta} G}{\delta \phi^i} - \frac{F \overset{\leftarrow}{\delta} \overset{\rightarrow}{\delta} G}{\delta B_i \delta \phi^i}$$

same
with AKSZ

property

- $(F, G) = -(-)^{(|F|+1)(|G|+1)} (G, F)$
- $(F, GH) = (F, G)H + (-)^{(|F|+1)|H|} G(F, H)$
- $(-)^{(|F|+1)(|H|+1)} (F, (G, H))$
 $+ (\text{cycle}) = 0$

@ traditional BV action is
 rewritten by superfields

$$S_{\text{OBV}} = \int_{\Sigma} B_i d\Phi^i + \text{(total derivative)}$$

Same with AKSZ2

Integration is defined as zero except for
 the 2-form part.

@ gauge transformation (BRST transf.)

$$\delta_0 \Phi^i = (S_{\text{OBV}}, \Phi^i) = d\Phi^i$$

$$\delta_0 B_i = (S_{\text{OBV}}, B_i) = dB_i$$

$$\delta_0^2 = 0$$

3 Deformation Theory

We consider infinitesimal deformations of SoBV

$$S = S_{\text{SoBV}} + g S_1 + g^2 S_2 + \dots$$

s.t. $(S, S) = 0$

preserve QP-Str.

g : deformation parameter

upto

$$S' = S + \underbrace{\delta_0(*)}_{\text{BRST exact term}}$$

$\Rightarrow S'$ is equivalent to S

first $|S|=2$ case

$$S = S_{\text{SoBV}} + g \underbrace{(S_1 + g S_2 + \dots)}_{S'_1}$$

$$S = S_{\text{SoBV}} + g S'_1$$

$$(S, S) = 0$$

$$0 = (S_{\text{OBV}}, S_{\text{OBV}}) \\ + 2g(S_{\text{OBV}}, S_1') \\ + g^2(S_1', S_1')$$

g^0 $(S_{\text{OBV}}, S_{\text{OBV}}) = 0$
is already satisfied.

$$g_1' (S_{\text{OBV}}, S_1') = 0 \quad \text{deformation freedom}$$

Since $\delta_{\text{OBV}} \phi^i = (S_{\text{OBV}}, \phi^i) = d\phi^i$

$$\delta_{\text{OBV}} B_i = (S_{\text{OBV}}, B_i) = dB_i$$

$$S_1' = \sum \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{arbitrary functions of } \phi^i, B_i \\ \text{with degree 2} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \sum \frac{1}{2} P^{ij}(\phi) B_i B_j - \\ + J^{ij}(\phi) B_i d\phi^j + \frac{1}{2} Q^{ij}(\phi) d\phi^i d\phi^j$$

P, J, Q : functions of ϕ^i

$$J^i_j B_i d\phi^j \& Q_{ij} d\phi^i d\phi^j$$

are BRST exact (upto total derivative)

$$\begin{aligned} & J^i_j (\phi) B_i d\phi^j \stackrel{\text{form}}{\text{deg}}=2 \\ & = J^i_j (\phi) B_i d\phi^j + \frac{\partial J^i}{\partial \phi^k} B^{*k} C_i d\phi^j \\ & \quad - J^i_j (\phi) C_i dB^{*j} \\ & = \delta_0 (J^i_j B_i B^{*j} + \frac{\partial J^i}{\partial \phi^k} B^{*k} C_i B^{*j}) \\ & \quad + d(J^i_j C_i C^{*j}) \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_{ij} d\phi^i d\phi^j \stackrel{\text{form}}{\text{deg}}=2$$

$$\begin{aligned} & = Q_{ij} (\phi) d\phi^i d\phi^j \\ & = \delta_0 (Q_{ij} B^{*i} d\phi^j) \end{aligned}$$

Thm If a term includes at least one d , the term is BRST exact.

$$S_1' = \int \frac{1}{2} P^{\hat{i}\hat{j}}(\#) B_i B_j$$

g^2 $(S_1', S_1') = 0$ obstruction

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{P^{\hat{i}\hat{k}} \frac{\partial P^{\hat{j}\hat{k}}}{\partial \hat{t}^2} + (\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k} \text{ cyclic}) = 0} \quad (\#)$$

i.e. all the possible deformations are

$$S = \sum B_i d\phi^i + \frac{g}{2} P^{\hat{i}\hat{j}}(\#) B_i B_j$$

with (*)

i.e. the Poisson Sigma model

note) In general case

We obtain the topological σ -model
for polyvectors in Cattaneo-Felder.

Kontsevich formula is universal
in aspect of BV-str.

note) $T_{ij}^i B_i d\phi^j$, $Q_{ij} d\phi^i d\phi^j$
One important?

'04 Zucchini Hitchin sigma model

under consideration

realizes generalized complex
structure

4. Lie algebroid and observables

Def Lie algebroid

- Vector bundle $E \rightarrow M$
- for sections $e_1, e_2 \in \Gamma(E)$
the bracket $[e_1, e_2]$ is defined
with a Lie algebra str.
- bundle map (anchor)
 $\rho: E \rightarrow TM$
s.t. $\forall e_1, e_2 \in \Gamma(E)$
(1) for $[e_1, e_2] = \rho([e_1, e_2])$
(2) for $e_1, e_2 \in \Gamma(E), F \in C^\infty(M)$
 $[e_1, Fe_2] = F[e_1, e_2] + (\rho(e_1)F)e_2$

If we define

$$[e_1, e_2] = ((S, e_1), e_2)$$

$$g(e)F(\phi) = (e, (S, F(\phi)))$$

where S : Poisson sigma model

Σ is Lie algebroid

$$\Leftrightarrow (S, S) = 0$$

where $M = \{ \phi^i : \Sigma \rightarrow M \}$

$$\Sigma = T^*M$$

Batalin-Vilkovisky structure
of total degree 2 topological
 σ -model

\cong Lie algebroid on T^*M

Levin, Olshanetsky

④ observable ~ invariant of structure

$F \star G(x)$

$$= \int D\phi DB F(\phi_U) G(\phi_D) e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(S+S_{GF})}$$

$\phi(0)=x$

↑ ↑
observables on boundary

$$\Delta F = \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi^U} \frac{\delta}{\delta B_U} F \quad \text{BV-Laplacian}$$

classical master eq. $(S, S) = 0$
is modified by quantization
to quantum master eq.

$$(S, S) - 2i\hbar \Delta S = 0$$

and F observable

$$\Leftrightarrow (S, F) - i\hbar \Delta F = 0$$

$$F = F(\phi^i)|_{\partial\Sigma, \phi(0)=x}$$



function of ϕ^i on boundary
(vertex operator)

*-product

$\lambda \{f, g\}$

$$f * g = fg + \hbar B_1(f, g) + \hbar B_2(f, g) + \dots$$

where B_i : br differential op

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$$(f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$$

associative

$$f \mapsto f + \hbar D_1 f + \hbar^2 D_2 f + \dots$$

equivalent D_i : differential op.

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classical limit
Poisson bijector $P^{\epsilon\delta}$
1-pt fn

\Leftrightarrow master eq $(S, S) = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow S' = S + \delta(*)$
BRST exact

5. 3 dimensions

We generalize the theory of total degree $|S_0| = |S| = 2$ case to total degree $|S_0| = |S| = 3$ case.

Q We consider 3D manifold X
& $\phi^i : X \rightarrow M$

Batalin-Vilkovisky algorithm

We define superfields on $T\bar{T}X$

$$\Phi^i \quad (\Phi^q) = 0$$

$$B_{2i} \quad |B_{2i}| = 2$$

super anti bracket $(*, *)$ P

$$\text{st. } (\Phi^i, B_{2j}) = \delta^i_j, \text{ other} = 0$$

BV action

$$S_0 = \int_X -B_{2i} d\Phi^i$$

Q

In 3 dimensions

We can consider the term

$$\int_X B_{1a} dA^a$$

1 1

where $|A^a| = |B_{1a}| = 1$

Setting

$$\phi^i : \pi^{-1} X \rightarrow M$$

$$B_{2i} \in \Gamma(\wedge^2 \pi^{-1} T^* X \otimes \phi^*(T_{\{2\}}^* M))$$

$$A^a \in \Gamma(\pi^{-1} T^* X \otimes \phi^* E_{\{1\}})$$

$$B_{1a} \in \Gamma(\pi^{-1} T^* X \otimes \phi^* E_{\{3\}}^*)$$

E : vector bundle over M

i, k : indices on M

a, b, c : indices on the fiber of E

$$S_0 = \int_X -B_{2i} d\phi^i + B_{1a} dA^a$$

2 0 1 1

$$P(F, G) = \int_x \frac{F \delta \vec{\phi} \vec{G}}{\delta \phi^i \delta B_{2i}} - \frac{F \delta \vec{\phi} \vec{G}}{\delta B_{2i} \delta \phi^i} \\ + \frac{F \delta \vec{\phi} \vec{G}}{\delta A^a \delta B_{1a}} + \frac{F \delta \vec{\phi} \vec{G}}{\delta B_{1a} \delta A^a}$$

Q

$$S_{\partial B_V} = \int_x -B_{2i} d\phi^i + B_{1a} dA^a$$

We consider deformations

$$S = S_{\text{OBV}} + gS_1'$$

ansuer

$$\begin{aligned} S_1' = & \int_X (f_{1a}{}^i A_1{}^a B_{2i} + f_2{}^{ib} B_{2i} B_{1b} \\ & + \frac{1}{3!} f_{3abc} {}^{(4)} A_1{}^a A_1{}^b A_1{}^c + \frac{1}{2} f_{4abc} {}^{(4)} A_1{}^a A_1{}^b B_{1c} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} f_{5a}{}^{bc} {}^{(4)} A_1{}^a B_{1b} B_{1c} + \frac{1}{3!} f_6{}^{abc} {}^{(4)} B_{1a} B_{1b} B_{1c}) \end{aligned}$$

$$(S_1' S_1') = 0$$

\downarrow obstruction

where $f_1 \sim f_6$ satisfy

$$\textcircled{1} \quad f_{1e}{}^i f_2{}^{je} + f_2{}^{ie} f_{1e}{}^j = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad - \frac{\partial f_{1e}{}^i}{\partial \bar{A}^j} f_{1b}{}^j + \frac{\partial f_{1b}{}^i}{\partial \bar{A}^j} f_{1c}{}^j + f_{1e}{}^i f_{4bc}{}^e + f_2{}^{ie} f_{3bc}{}^e = 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f_{1b}{}^i \frac{\partial f_2{}^{jc}}{\partial \bar{A}^j} - f_2{}^{jc} \frac{\partial f_{1b}{}^i}{\partial \bar{A}^j} + f_{1e}{}^i f_{5b}{}^{ec} - f_2{}^{ie} f_{4eb}{}^c = 0$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad -f_2{}^{jb} \frac{\partial f_2{}^{ic}}{\partial \bar{A}^j} + f_2{}^{ic} \frac{\partial f_2{}^{jb}}{\partial \bar{A}^j} + f_{1e}{}^i f_{6bc}{}^{de} + f_2{}^{ie} f_{5b}{}^{bc} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad -f_{1a} \left[a \frac{\partial f_{4bc}}{\partial \bar{A}^i} + f_2 \frac{\partial f_{3abc}}{\partial \bar{A}^i} + f_{4e} \left(a f_{abc} \right) \right] e + f_3 [ab f_{5c}]^{de} = 0$$

$$⑥ -f_{1a} \frac{\partial f_5^{cd}}{\partial \psi^i} + f_2 \frac{\partial [c]f_4^{ab}}{\partial \psi^i}$$

$$+ f_3^{ecd} f_6^{ab} + f_4[e] f_5^{ab} + f_4^{ab} f_5^{cd} = 0$$

$$⑦ -f_{1a} \frac{\partial f_6^{bcd}}{\partial \psi^i} + f_2 \frac{\partial [b]f_5^{cd}}{\partial \psi^i}$$

$$+ f_4[e] f_6^{cd} e + f_5^{bc} f_5^{de} = 0$$

$$⑧ -f_2 \frac{\partial [a] f_6^{bcd}}{\partial \psi^i} + f_6^{e[ab]} f_5^{cd} = 0$$

$$⑨ -f_{1a} \frac{\partial f_3^{bcd}}{\partial \psi^i} + f_4^{e[ab]} f_3^{cd} e = 0$$

What is the structure of

①~⑨ ?

Courant algebroid

'90 Courant
'97 Liu, Weinstein
Xu

vectorbundle $E \rightarrow M$

with $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$: (graded) symmetric bilinear form

\circ : bilinear form (Dorfman bracket)

$\rho : E \rightarrow TM$ anchor

s.t.

$$1. e_0 \circ (e_2 \circ e_3) = (e_1 \circ e_2) \circ e_3 + e_2 \circ (e_1 \circ e_3)$$

$$2. \rho(e_1 \circ e_2) = [\rho(e_1), \rho(e_2)]$$

$$3. e_1 \circ F e_2 = F(e_1 \circ e_2) + (\rho(e_1) F) e_2$$

$$4. e_1 \circ e_2 = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D} \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle$$

$$5. \rho(e) \langle e_2, e_3 \rangle = \langle e_1 \circ e_2, e_3 \rangle + \langle e_2, e_1 \circ e_3 \rangle$$

where $e_1, e_2, e_3 \in \Gamma(E)$

$$F \in C^\infty(M)$$

$$\mathcal{D} : M \rightarrow \Gamma(E) \text{ s.t. } \langle \mathcal{D} F, e \rangle = \rho(e) F$$

- We take $\mathcal{M} = \{\phi : X \rightarrow M\}$ L3?

$$\mathcal{M} = \{\phi : X \rightarrow M\}$$

$$\text{fiber of } \mathcal{E} \quad V \oplus V^* \quad \begin{matrix} \text{basis} \\ \{A^\alpha, B^\alpha\} \end{matrix}$$

If we set V : vector sp.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle \equiv (e_1, e_2) \quad \text{antibracket} \\ e_1 \circ e_2 \equiv ((S, e_1), e_2) \quad \text{defined as} \\ \rho(e) F(\phi) \equiv (e, (S, F(\phi))) \quad \text{derived bracket} \\ D(*) \equiv (S, *) \end{array} \right.$$

then:

$\langle, \rangle, \circ, \rho, D$ is Courant algebroid

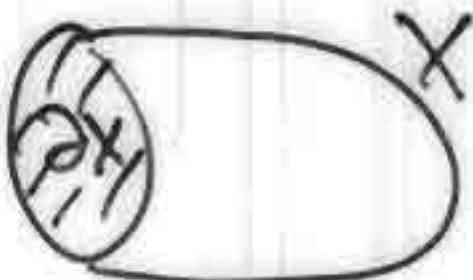
$$\Leftrightarrow (S, S) = 0 \quad \text{master eq}$$

Therefore S is $|S|=3$ - M Roytenberg
We call

S : Courant sigma model

A generalization of deformation quantization

X : 3D manifold with boundary



Observable on boundary

(0)

$$(S, 0) - \text{it } \Delta(0) = 0$$

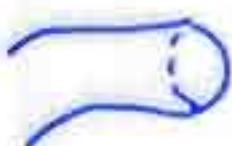
two kind

$$O_1 = F(\phi^i)|_{\partial X}$$



function of ϕ^i on boundary

$$O_2 = \int_L F(\phi^i, A^a)$$



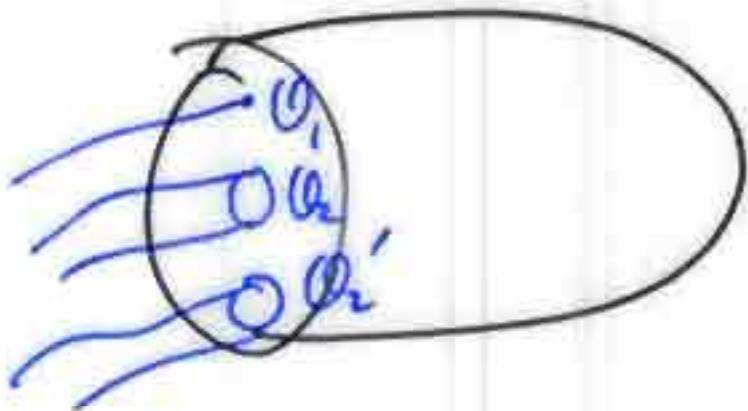
$L \subset \partial X$ loop on ∂X

quantization

$$\langle O \star O' \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}B \mathcal{D}\bar{A} \mathcal{D}\bar{B}, O O'$$

$$\times e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(S + S_{GF})}$$

"deformation quantization" of loops?



7. n dimensions

$$\dim X = n$$

$$|S| = n$$

$$S_{OBV} = \int_X i^* B_{n-1} d\phi + i^* B_{n-2} dA_1$$

$$+ (-)^{n-3} B_{n-3} dA_2 + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{p=0}^{\left[\frac{n-1}{2}\right]} (-)^{n-p} \int_X B_{n-p} dA_p$$

n -dim abelian BF theory

↓ deformation

$$S = S_{OBV} + g S'$$

$$(S, S) = 0$$

S is called nonlinear gauge theory.

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n-dim nonlinear gauge theory
defines an algebroid on M

defined from the master eq.

$$(S, S) = 0$$

We name n-algebroid

| <u>n-algebroid</u> | classical | quantum |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 Lie algebroid | Poisson | *-product on Poisson |
| 3 Courant | Courant algebroid | ? |
| n n-algebroid | n-algebroid | ? |

| n | classical | quantum |
|----------|--|---------------------------------|
| 2 | Poisson complex B Kähler A contact (Jacobi) symplectic --- | *-product B-model A-model |
| 3 | Courant Dirac generalized geometry twisted Poisson topological M | → → → → → |
| \vdots | | |
| m | topological membrane | → |

The list includes many geometries,
but have not been completed yet.

Problems

- Characterization of n -algebroid
 classically $(n \geq 4)$
 quantum $(n \geq 3)$

- $|S|=2$ case

$\int B d\phi, Q d\phi d\phi$ term.

↑
 generalized complex structure
 reduction Zucchini

$|S|=3$ origin

N.I.
 from Courant \mathfrak{G} -model