

Integrable systems and associative geometry

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Outline of the talk

- 1 Mini-crash course on associative geometry
- 2 Integrating systems by the projection method
- 3 Some developments

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Enough to do:

- *symplectic geometry*: pair (A, ω) with $\omega \in \text{DR}^2(A)$ such that $d\omega = 0$, map $\theta \mapsto \omega(\theta, -)$ is invertible
- *Poisson geometry*: pair (A, π) with $\pi \in \mathcal{V}^2(A)$ such that $[\pi, \pi] = 0$,
- ...

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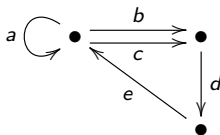
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Associative-geometric objects on A induce GL_d -invariant objects on Rep_d^A (hence on \mathcal{R}_d^A):

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\natural} &\rightarrow \mathbb{K}[\text{Rep}_d^A]^{\text{GL}_d(\mathbb{K})} \\ \mathcal{V}^p(A) &\rightarrow \{\text{GL}_d\text{-invariant } p\text{-vector fields on } \text{Rep}_d^A\} \\ \text{DR}^p(A) &\rightarrow \{\text{GL}_d\text{-invariant } p\text{-forms on } \text{Rep}_d^A\} \end{aligned}$$

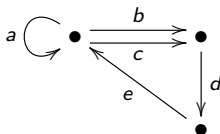
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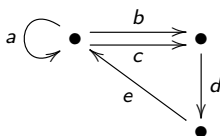


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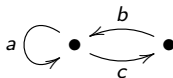
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We can then apply the above machinery and do (associative) geometry over quivers. This is in fact a particularly nice case, as quiver path algebras are always *formally smooth* ($\Rightarrow \text{Rep}_d^A$ is always smooth).

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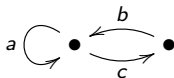
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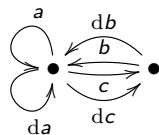
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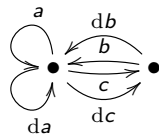
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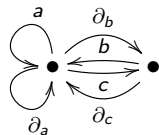
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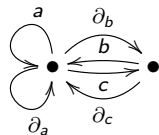
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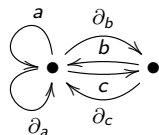
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The pairing between a 1-form $\alpha = \sum_{x \in Q} r_x dx$ and a vector field $\theta = \sum_{x \in Q} p_x \partial_x$ is then given by

$$\langle \alpha, \theta \rangle = \sum_{x \in Q} r_x p_x \in A_{\mathfrak{h}}$$

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Bonus: all these quantities are automatically GL-invariant.

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If we have a symplectic or Poisson structure on A then each regular function $H \in A_{\text{reg}}$ automatically determines a corresponding “Hamiltonian derivation” θ_H given by

$$i_{\theta_H}(\omega) = -dH \quad \text{resp.} \quad \pi(dH, -)$$

\Rightarrow can speak of “Hamiltonian systems” on Q .

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Natural reinterpretation in associative geometry: given a derivation θ on A ,

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Need to reduce also the symplectic (Poisson, bihamiltonian...) structure along with the flow. This may complicate the construction of the manifold \mathcal{R}_d^A ; in the simplest situations it will be an ordinary (Marsden-Weinstein) symplectic quotient.

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More generally we could take $H = \frac{1}{2}y^2 + p(x)$, with p polynomial which plays the role of “external potential” after the reduction step. One then needs to solve the matrix ODE

$$\ddot{X} + p'(X) = 0$$

which is possible e.g. when $p(x) = \omega^2 x^2$ (harmonic potential), obtaining

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i p_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \left(\frac{1}{(q_i - q_j)^2} + \omega^2 (q_i - q_j)^2 \right)$$

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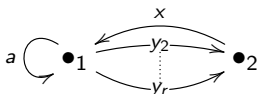
Reducing on bigger adjoint orbits: trigonometric CM systems with spin. We can also consider the “dual” open dense subset of \mathcal{C}_d^{tr} where Y is diagonalizable. The flows determined on this subset by the functions $H_k = x^k$ coincide with the flows determined by the *light-cone Hamiltonians* for the rational Ruijsenaars-Schneider system:

$$S_k = \sum_{\substack{I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\} \\ |I|=k}} e^{\sum_{i \in I} p_i} \prod_{\substack{i \in I \\ j \notin I}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{g^2}{(x_i - x_j)^2}}$$

This is related to the **Ruijsenaars duality** which holds between these two systems.

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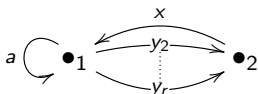
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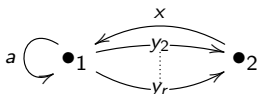
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The flow induced by the Hamiltonian $\frac{1}{2}a^{*2}$ on $\text{Rep}_{(d,1)}^A$ is

$$\Phi_t(X, Y, v_\alpha, w_\alpha) = (X + tY, Y, v_\alpha, w_\alpha)$$

On the quotient $\mu^{-1}(\tau I) // \text{GL}_d(\mathbb{C})$ it reduces to

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In the associative realm, the recursion operator should be given by a \mathbb{K} -linear map $N: \mathcal{V}^1(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^1(A)$. Need some condition to ensure that the result of N “depends linearly” on the source derivation...

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As an example, the associative bihamiltonian structure for the rational CM system is given by

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Basic example on \overline{Q} , where Q is the quiver with one vertex and n loops:

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This recovers the complex structure on $\text{Rep}_d^{\mathbb{R}\overline{Q}} \simeq T \text{Mat}_{d,d}(\mathbb{R})^{\oplus n}$ which corresponds to the complex vector space $\text{Mat}_{d,d}(\mathbb{C})^{\oplus n}$.

Clearly, more **non-trivial** examples are needed...

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$$g(\theta, \eta) = \sum_i (\theta(a_i)\eta(a_i) + \eta(a_i^*)\theta(a_i^*))$$

Once the Kähler case is under control, one would like to proceed to the hyper-Kähler case (relevant for Nakajima’s quiver varieties).

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One expects to find a picture similar to the classical case, in which the extended phase space of the system can be seen as a trivial bundle over a line. This should correspond to dealing with associative algebras over a *1-dimensional polynomial ring*.

Thanks everybody!