

Around Van den Bergh's double brackets

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Motto: [Kontsevich-Rosenberg, '00]

"A noncommutative structure of some kind on A should give an analogous commutative structure on all schemes $\text{Rep}_n(A)$, $n \geq 1$."

structure \mathcal{S}_{nc} in *Alg.* \longrightarrow structure \mathcal{S} in *Com.Alg.*
(e.g. formally smooth) (e.g. smooth)

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Proposition ([Van den Bergh, '08])

If A is endowed with a double bracket $\{\{-, -\}\}$, then $\text{Rep}_n(A)$ admits a unique $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{k})$ -invariant antisymmetric biderivation $\{-, -\}$ satisfying

$$\{a_{ij}, b_{kl}\} = \{\{a, b\}\}'_{kj} \{\{a, b\}\}''_{il}. \quad (1)$$

(We write $\{\{a, b\}\} =: \{\{a, b\}\}' \otimes \{\{a, b\}\}'' \in A^{\otimes 2}$)

Moreover “double Jacobi identity” for $\{\{-, -\}\} \Rightarrow \{-, -\}$ is Poisson

Why should we care?

Double brackets are ...

- a starting point for noncommutative Poisson geometry
- related to other important algebraic structures
- useful in the study of integrable systems
- ...

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A double bracket $\{\{-, -\}\} : A \times A \rightarrow A^{\otimes 2}$ on A is a *double Poisson bracket* if $\mathbb{J}ac \equiv 0$.

Explicitly,
$$\mathbb{J}ac(a, b, c) = \{\{a, \{\{b, c\}'\}\} \otimes \{\{b, c\}''\} + \tau_{(123)} \{\{b, \{\{c, a\}'\}\} \otimes \{\{c, a\}''\} + \tau_{(132)} \{\{c, \{\{a, b\}'\}\} \otimes \{\{a, b\}''\}$$

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Example (Noncommutative \mathfrak{gl}_n)

$A = \mathbb{k}[x]$ with $\{\{x, x\}\} = x \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes x$

$\text{Rep}_n(A) \simeq \{X \in \text{Mat}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{k})\}$ with elementary functions $x_{ij}(X) := X_{ij}$

$\Rightarrow \{x_{ij}, x_{kl}\} = x_{kj} \delta_{il} - \delta_{kj} x_{il}$ (Lie-Poisson bracket of \mathfrak{gl}_n)

Example (Noncommutative $T^* \mathfrak{gl}_n$)

$A = \mathbb{k}\langle x, y \rangle$ with $\{\{x, y\}\} = 1 \otimes 1$, $\{\{x, x\}\} = 0$, $\{\{y, y\}\} = 0$

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Proposition ([Schedler,'09] [Odesskii-Rubtsov-Sokolov,'13] [Goncharov-Kolesnikov,'18])

The following are equivalent:

- A double Lie bracket on $V \simeq \mathbb{k}^n$
- A skew-symmetric solution to AYBE on $\text{Mat}(n \times n, \mathbb{k})$
- A skew-symmetric Rota-Baxter operator on $\text{Mat}(n \times n, \mathbb{k})$

\rightsquigarrow classification of solutions to AYBE and RB op. give examples

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Additional properties:

- 1 $[a, -] \in \text{Der}(A)$ for any $a \in A$
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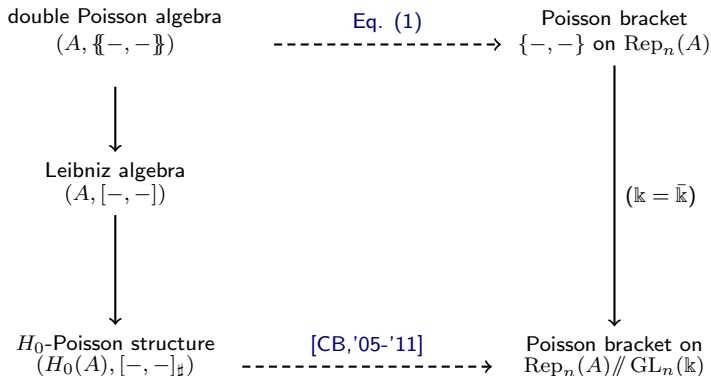
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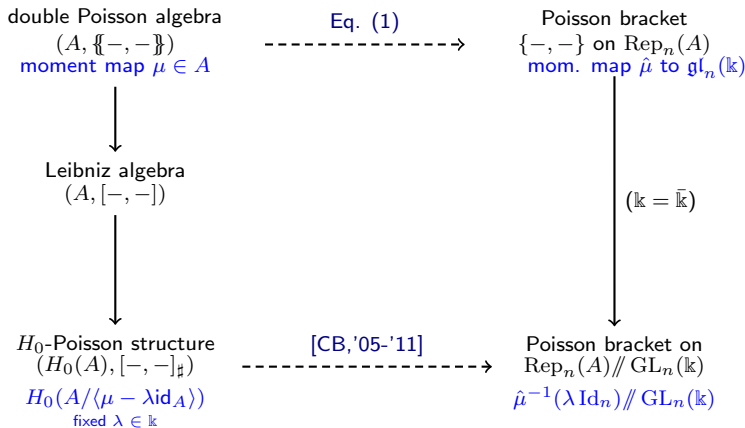
A H_0 -Poisson structure is a Lie bracket $[-, -]_{\#}$ on $H_0(A)$ such that each $[a_{\#}, -]_{\#}$ lifts to some $[a, -] \in \text{Der}(A)$.

$\Rightarrow \underbrace{(A, \{\{-, -\}\})}_{\text{double Poisson}} \rightsquigarrow \underbrace{(A, [-, -])}_{\text{Leibniz}} \rightsquigarrow \underbrace{(H_0(A), [-, -]_{\#})}_{H_0\text{-Poisson}}$

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Examples: affine quiver varieties from $A = \mathbb{k}\bar{Q}$, $\mu = \sum_{a \in \bar{Q}} \epsilon(a) aa^*$ (over base ring!)

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- Modifying the Leibniz rules [F.-McCulloch,'23]
- Also pre-Calabi-Yau algebras, ... but a whole different story!

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Observation II: well-def. derivations because \cdot_{out} is **swap-commuting**

$$a_i \cdot_{in} (a_o \cdot_{out} d' \otimes d'' \cdot_{out} b_o) \cdot_{in} b_i = a_o \cdot_{out} (a_i \cdot_{in} d' \otimes d'' \cdot_{in} b_i) \cdot_{out} b_o$$

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- If \cdot is swap-commuting, then $*$ is also
- Can “twist” by $\alpha, \beta \in \text{Aut}(A)$, e.g. $a \cdot_l^{\alpha, \beta} d \cdot_l^{\alpha, \beta} b = \alpha(a)d'\beta(b) \otimes d''$

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Take $\cdot = \cdot_{out} \rightsquigarrow$ Van den Bergh's theory from Part I

Remark: can go from $\{\{-, -\}\}$ to $\tau_{(12)} \circ \{\{-, -\}\}$ by replacing \cdot with $*$
 \Rightarrow “equivalent” theories for double brackets associated with \cdot and $*$

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4. It descends to a Poisson bracket on $\text{Rep}_n(A) // \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{k})$

(Parts 1,3 have analogues in the twisted case $\cdot_{in}^{\alpha, \alpha}$, but technical)

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Example ($\{\{-, -\}$ associated with *right* bimodule)

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BUT $\mathbb{J}ac(x, x, y^2) = -2\lambda^2 1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1$.

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Proposition (By cyclic symmetry: $\tau_{(123)} \circ [\sigma, \sigma']\text{wkJac} \circ \tau_{(123)}^{-1} = [\sigma, \sigma']\text{wkJac}$)

There are 3 classes of distinct double σ -weak Poisson bracket

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which are derivations in their “A” factor.

2. *Both maps descend to the same operation*

$$\bullet \{\{-, -\}_\bullet : H_0(A) \times H_0(A) \rightarrow H_0(A) \otimes H_0(A)$$

which uniquely extends to a Poisson bracket on $Sym(H_0(A))$ if $\{\{-, -\}$ is a double (12)-weak Poisson bracket.

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Proposition (continued)

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Remark. In matrix notations, the induced Poisson bracket on $\text{Rep}_n(A)$ follows the conventions of the “tensor notation” $\{- \otimes -\}$ from mathematical physics (e.g. used in connection to r -matrices, ...)

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Thank you for your attention

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