

\mathcal{D} -Geometric Hilbert and Quot DG-Schemes

(Derived Hilbert scheme of solutions to Nonlinear PDE)

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Overview and strategy: PDE analogs of Hilb, Quot

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Systems of NLPDEs

A **system of N differential equations** for a vector-valued function $u = (u^1, \dots, u^m)$ of variables $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is:

$$Z_k := \begin{cases} F_1(x, u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \dots, \frac{\partial^k u}{\partial x^k}, \dots, \frac{\partial^{|\sigma|} u}{\partial x_\sigma}) = 0, \\ \vdots \\ F_N(x, u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \dots, \frac{\partial^k u}{\partial x^k}, \dots, \frac{\partial^{|\sigma|} u}{\partial x_\sigma}) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Derivatives $u_\sigma^\alpha := \frac{\partial^{|\sigma|} u^\alpha}{\partial x_\sigma}$, for $\alpha = 1, \dots, m$: multi-index notation
 $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ with *length* $|\sigma| := \sigma_1 + \dots + \sigma_n \leq k$ (*order*).

Simplifying assumption: The orders of each $F_A, A = 1, \dots, N$ are the same.

- Z_k is the zero locus of (1) in **k -jet space** $J_X^k E \ni (x^i, u^\alpha, u_\sigma^\alpha)$ i.e.

$$\dim = n + m \binom{n+k}{k}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{Z_k} = \mathcal{O}_{J_X^k E} / I_k, \text{ with } I_k = \text{span}\{(1)\}.$$

Remark 1. The structure sheaf $\mathcal{O}_{J_X^k(E)}$ is the k 'th-jet sheaf $J^k(E^\vee)$.

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Forgetting derivatives gives a jet-tower:

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Considering $Z_k = \{F(x, u(x), \partial_x^\sigma u(x) = 0\} \hookrightarrow J_X^k E$, two main operations:

- **Projection:** The r -fold projection, $\rho_r(Z_k) := \pi_{k-r}^k(Z_k) \subseteq J_X^{k-r} E$.
- **Prolongation:** $\text{pr}_1(Z_k) := J_X^1(Z_k) \times_{J_X^1(J_X^k E)} J_X^{k+1} E$,

$$\text{Put } p^k := \pi^l|_{Z_k} : Z_k \rightarrow X \Rightarrow Z_{k+r} := \text{pr}_r(Z_k) = J_X^r(p_k) \cap J_X^{q+r} E \subseteq J_X^{q+r}.$$

Remark 1. Neither $\rho_r(Z_{k-r})$ nor Z_{k+r} are smooth in general (not relevant for us).

Remark 2. More simply $\rho_k Z_k \subseteq Z_{k-1}$ and $\text{pr}_1(Z_k) \supseteq Z_{k+1}$ (not equality!).

Remark 3. They are not inverse operations: take $Z_k \subset J_X^k E$ prolong $Z_{k+r} \subseteq J_X^{k+r}$ and project back to $J_X^k E$, we only get $\rho_r Z_k \subseteq Z_k$ (not equality!).

What is a PDE?

Ex. $Z_0^{wave} := \{F = u_{00} - cu_{ii} = 0\} \hookrightarrow J_X^2 E \simeq k[t, x_1, \dots, x_n, u, u_i, u_{ij}]$.

$$\leadsto Z^{(\infty)} = \{u_{\sigma 00} = cu_{\sigma ii}, |\sigma| \geq 0\}.$$

Key point (Vinogradov's Philosophy)

A PDE $Z \hookrightarrow J_X^k E$ should be understood in terms of its infinite-prolongation $Z^{(\infty)}$ as a sub-space of $J_X^\infty E$.

Since analytic presentations are just one representative, may lead to ambiguities:

Ex. $Z := \{u_{xx}u_{tt}^2 + u_{tx}^2 + (u_x^2 - u_t)u = 0\}$, and

$$Z' := \begin{cases} u_x = v, \\ u_t = w, \\ v_x w_t^2 + v_t w_x + (v^2 - w)u = 0. \end{cases}$$

Equivalent, but can not be compared at face value (live in different jet-spaces;
 $Z \subset J^2(E)$ with $\dim(E) = 3$ and $Z' \subset J^1(E')$ with $\dim(E') = 5$.)

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Thus we can not compare intrinsic structure in a unified way between the two presentations e.g. can not discuss symmetries, solutions, conservation laws etc.

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where α, β are isomorphisms of \mathcal{D}_X -algebras.

Impose that the system $\{F_A = 0 : A = 1, \dots, N\}$, or equivalently the ideal \mathcal{I}_{Z^∞} satisfies

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Formal integrability is assumed - the ideals contain all possible integrability conditions.

Our original question

Question

Is the space $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{D}_X}$ of \mathcal{D} -ideal sheaves representable?

What do we need?

- Identify **numerical** characterizations to parameterize our objects;
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- Show uniform boundedness in flat families

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Symbols and Characteristic Modules, Algebro-geometrically

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Put $\mathcal{O}_{Z_r} = \mathcal{O}_{J_X^r E} / I_r$.

Order r symbol: $\mathcal{N}_r \subset \bigoplus_{\alpha} \mathcal{O}_{Z_r}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]_r d(u^\alpha)$, generated by classes dF mod I_r of $F \in I_r$.

Symbol: the associated graded module generated by \mathcal{N}_r .

Characteristic module: graded quotient $\mathcal{M} := \bigoplus_r \mathcal{O}_{Z_r}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n] / \mathcal{N}_r$.

* Alternatively, look at conormal I_r / I_r^2 of Z_r , as sub-sheaf of $\Omega^1_{J_X^r E} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{Z_r}$.
Then,

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GIT Quotients and Moduli of Spencer stable modules

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The connection to stability questions we focus on arises from the *Non-Abelian Hodge Correspondence*.

Theorem (Corlette, Simpson)

Let X be smooth projective and let (V, ∇) be a complex local system with reductive monodromy. Let (E, θ) be the associated polystable Higgs bundle. Then

$$H^*(X, (V, \nabla)) \cong H^*(X, (E, \theta)).$$

Recall: A Higgs bundle (E, θ) of rank m is $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$ -stable (resp. semistable) if for all θ invariant subsheaves $F \subset E$,

$$p(F) < p(E), \quad (\text{resp. } p(F) \leq p(E)),$$

where $p(F) := \chi(X; F \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(m)) / \text{rk}(F)$, is the reduced Hilbert polynomial of F .

Remarks

Remark. The Spencer-type polynomial stability encodes and generalizes well-known sheaf-theoretic stability conditions.

Moduli Space	Stability / Boundedness Condition
Moduli of coherent sheaves	Gieseker/slope stability
Hilbert/Quot moduli functors	Castelnuovo–Mumford regularity
Moduli of relative local systems	Semisimplicity / reductivity
Moduli of Higgs bundles	Slope (poly)stability
\mathcal{D} -Hilbert functor	Spencer stability

Works for non-linear PDEs on vector bundles, coherent sheaves, complexes, objects $\mathbf{D}^b(X)$, objects with stacky/derived structure etc.

Observation

Spencer-stability of PDEs imposed on *bundles* $\xrightarrow{\text{Formal solutions}}$ Sheaf-stability of bundles/sheaves.

Application: Equation of flat connections

Let (X, ω) be a compact Kähler manifold and (E, ∇) a holomorphic vector bundle of rank m with a flat connection $\nabla : E \rightarrow E \otimes \Omega_X^1$. Consider the Atiyah algebroid of E :

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{End}(E) \longrightarrow \text{At}(E) \longrightarrow T_X \longrightarrow 0,$$

where $\text{At}(E)$ consists of first-order differential operators on E with symbol in T_X . Dually, consider $J_X^1 E$ the first jet bundle of E , and $J_E^\infty J_X^1 E$ its infinite jet bundle. The flatness of ∇ is encoded by a differential ideal

$$\mathcal{I}_\nabla \subset \mathcal{A} := \mathcal{O}(J_E^\infty J_X^1 E)$$

generated by the differential equations defining the curvature. Denote

$$\mathcal{B}_\nabla := \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}_\nabla,$$

the \mathcal{D}_X -algebra of functions. The tangent space to the \mathcal{D} -Hilbert functor at $[\mathcal{I}_\nabla]$ is

$$T_{[\mathcal{I}_\nabla]} \text{Hilb}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{A}) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}[\mathcal{D}_X]}(\mathcal{I}_\nabla, \mathcal{B}_\nabla).$$

Consider the associated graded of the jet filtration on \mathcal{I}_∇ :

$$\text{gr}(\mathcal{I}_\nabla) = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} F^k \mathcal{I}_\nabla / F^{k+1} \mathcal{I}_\nabla,$$

where $F^k \mathcal{I}_\nabla$ is the k -th jet order.

Then, the Spencer cohomology computes

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{Sp}}^{p,q}(\text{gr}(\mathcal{I}_\nabla)) \simeq H^q(X, \Omega_X^p \otimes \text{End}(E)).$$

There is a *stability-type* correspondence providing a purely PDE analog of DUY and NAH theorems.

Theorem ((K-S, 2025)

Let (X, ω) be a compact Kähler manifold. Then a holomorphic vector bundle E admits a Hermitian-Yang-Mills metric if and only if the associated flat connection ∇ defines a Spencer-polystable differential ideal $\mathcal{I}_{(E, \nabla)}$.

The canonical ideal $\mathcal{I}_{(E, \nabla)}$, corresponds to the *equation of flat connections*.

It encodes the infinitesimal geometry of flat bundles.

Connections on E are identified with sections of the affine bundle $\pi_{1,0} : J^1(E) \longrightarrow E$. Put $D(\Omega_E^p)$ the module of Ω_E^p -valued derivations.

Connection form and Frölicher–Nijenhuis bracket

A section ∇ of this bundle determines a decomposition $d = \bar{U}_\nabla + U_\nabla$, where $\bar{U}_\nabla \in D(\Omega_E^1)$ is defined by

$$X(\bar{U}_\nabla(f)) := (\nabla X_M)(f), \quad X \in D(E), f \in C^\infty(E),$$

and $U_\nabla := d - \bar{U}_\nabla$ is the vertical connection form.

$$[\cdot, \cdot] : D(\Omega_E^p) \times D(\Omega_E^q) \longrightarrow D(\Omega_E^{p+q})$$

extends the Lie bracket of vector fields: ∇ flat $\iff [\bar{U}_\nabla, \bar{U}_\nabla] = 0$.

Intrinsic definition

The *equation of flat connections* is the submanifold

$$Z_{\text{flat}} := \left\{ \theta_1 \in J^1(E) \mid [\bar{U}_\nabla, \bar{U}_\nabla]_{\pi_{1,0}(\theta_1)} = 0 \right\},$$

where $\theta_1 = [\nabla]_\theta^1$ is the 1-jet of any local representative connection ∇ .

- The value of $[\bar{U}_\nabla, \bar{U}_\nabla]$ at θ depends *only* on $\theta_1 \in J^1(E)$, *not* on the choice of ∇ .

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Solve the derived moduli problem: selecting $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ large enough to ensure involutivity of \mathcal{Y} , we want to classify A_∞ -submodules in a certain category of \mathcal{D}_X -modules, of the form

$$\mathcal{N}_{\geq m_0} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}h_{\geq m_0}, \text{ with } \dim(\mathcal{N}_k) = \mathbf{h}^{\mathcal{D}}(k), \forall k \geq m_0.$$

Rmk. Having a (graded) submodule $\mathcal{N}_{a,t} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}h$ is expressed via algebra relations on a product,

$$\text{Gr}_{[a,t]} := \prod_{a \leq s \leq t} \text{Gr}(\dim(\mathcal{N}_s), \mathcal{C}h_s).$$

N.B! Since symbol/characteristic modules are finitely-cogenerated if the equation is involutive and formally integrable.

We may choose a basis in $\mathcal{N}_s \hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}h$, and this generates actions of Gl of rank $P(s)$ on \mathcal{N}_s .

Solve in a ‘stretch’ $[a, t]$: extend beyond via MC-equations.

Based on constructing a dg-Lie algebra object in \mathcal{D} -modules,

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\geq a; t}^n := \mathcal{P}_{[n] \sqcup *}^*(\{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{N}_{\geq a}\}; \mathcal{N}_t) \oplus \mathcal{P}_{[n] \sqcup \{*\}}^*(\{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{N}_{\geq a}\}; \mathcal{C}h_t),$$

then, roughly speaking, one proceeds as follows:

- Use **Koszul duality** \sim dg-commutative algebra object e.g. generated by $\mathfrak{g}^\circ[-1]$ leading to a (formal derived \mathcal{D} -stack)

$$\mathcal{Y}_{[a, a+2]} := \underline{\mathbf{Spec}}_{\mathcal{D}}(CE^{\bullet, \otimes^*}(\mathfrak{g}_{a, t}^\bullet[1])^\circ). \quad (17)$$

We end up with a sequence of formal derived \mathcal{D} -stacks,

$$\dots \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_{[a, a+2]} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_{[a, a+1]} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_a, \quad (18)$$

- Look at the ‘injectivity’ locus (so sub-module structures, not just A_∞ -morphisms)
- Take a geometric quotient and computing a colimit (reduction to a \mathcal{D} -geometric Postnikov-type sequence).

Thank you for your attention!

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