

Geometry and Dynamics of Singular Symplectic manifolds

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Definition

Given a Poisson manifold (M, Π) and a volume form Ω , the **modular vector field** X_{Π}^{Ω} associated to the pair (Π, Ω) is the derivation given by the mapping

$$f \mapsto \frac{L_{X_f} \Omega}{\Omega}$$

- ❶ $L_{X_{\Pi}^{\Omega}}(\Pi) = 0$ and $L_{X_{\Pi}^{\Omega}}(\Omega) = 0$.
- ❷ $X^{H\Omega} = X^{\Omega} - X_{\log(H)}$. \rightsquigarrow **its first cohomology class** in Poisson cohomology does not depend on Ω .
- ❸ Examples of **unimodular** (vanishing modular class) Poisson manifolds: **symplectic manifolds**.
- ❹ In the case of **b -Poisson manifolds** in dimension 2, $\{x, y\} = y$ and the modular vector field is $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$.

Modular vector field for Darboux form

The modular vector field of a local b -Poisson manifold with local normal form,

$$\Pi = y_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} + \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}$$

with respect to the volume form $\Omega = \sum_i dx_i \wedge dy_i$ is,

$$X^\Omega = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}.$$

The modular vector field of a b -Poisson manifold is tangent to the critical set Z and is transverse to the symplectic leaves of the induced symplectic foliation on Z .

Induced Poisson structures

a b -Poisson structure Π on M^{2n} induces a regular corank 1 Poisson structure on Z .

Given a Poisson manifold Z with codimension 1 symplectic foliation \mathcal{L} ,

- 1 Does $(Z, \Pi_{\mathcal{L}})$ extend to a b -Poisson structure on a neighbourhood of Z in M ?
- 2 If so to what extent is this structure unique?

Invariants: Dimension 2

Radko classified b -Poisson structures on compact oriented surfaces giving a list of invariants:

- **Geometrical**: The topology of S and the curves γ_i where Π vanishes.
- **Dynamical**: The periods of the “**modular vector field**” along γ_i .
- **Measure**: The regularized Liouville volume of S , $V_h^\epsilon(\Pi) = \int_{|h|>\epsilon} \omega_\Pi$ for h a function vanishing linearly on the curves $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n$.

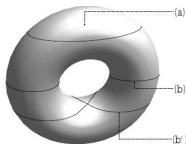


Figure: Two admissible vanishing curves (a) and (b) for Π ; the ones in (b') is not admissible.

Singular forms

- A vector field v is a **b -vector field** if $v_p \in T_p Z$ for all $p \in Z$. The **b -tangent bundle** ${}^b TM$ is defined by

$$\Gamma(U, {}^b TM) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{b-vector fields} \\ \text{on } (U, U \cap Z) \end{array} \right\}$$

- The **b -cotangent bundle** ${}^b T^* M$ is $({}^b TM)^*$. Sections of $\Lambda^p({}^b T^* M)$ are **b -forms**, ${}^b \Omega^p(M)$. The standard differential extends to

$$d : {}^b \Omega^p(M) \rightarrow {}^b \Omega^{p+1}(M)$$

- A **b -symplectic form** is a closed, non-degenerate, b -form of degree 2.
- This dual point of view, allows to prove a **b -Darboux theorem and semilocal forms** via an adaptation of Moser's path method because we can play the same tricks as in the symplectic case.

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Example

$M = \mathbb{T}^4$ and $Z = \mathbb{T}^3 \times \{0\}$. Consider on Z the codimension 1 foliation given by $\theta_3 = a\theta_1 + b\theta_2 + k$, with rationally independent $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Then take

$$h = \log(\sin \theta_4),$$

$$\alpha = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2 + 1} d\theta_1 + \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2 + 1} d\theta_2 - \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2 + 1} d\theta_3,$$

$$\omega = d\theta_1 \wedge d\theta_2 + b d\theta_1 \wedge d\theta_3 - a d\theta_2 \wedge d\theta_3,$$

The 2-form $\omega_{\Pi} = dh \wedge \alpha + \omega$ defines a b -symplectic form in a neighbourhood of Z , which can be extended to M .

Theorem (Mazzeo-Melrose)

The b -cohomology groups of a compact M are computable by

$${}^bH^*(M) \cong H^*(M) \oplus H^{*-1}(Z).$$

Indeed,

Theorem (Guillemin-M.-Pires)

$${}^bH^*(M) \cong H_{\Pi}^*(M)$$

Corollary (Radko)

Let (M, Z) be a compact connected two-dimensional b -symplectic manifold, where M is of genus g and Z a union of n curves on M . Then the Poisson cohomology of M is given by

$$H_{\Pi}^0(M) = \mathbb{R}$$

$$H_{\Pi}^1(M) = \mathbb{R}^{n+2g}$$

$$H_{\Pi}^2(M) = \mathbb{R}^{n+1}.$$

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Obstruction theory via cohomology

Theorem (Marcut-Osorno, and Oms)

Let (M^{2n}, ω) be an orientable b -symplectic manifold with compact critical hypersurface Z , then there exists an element $c \in H^2(M)$ such that $c^{n-1} \neq 0$.

$\#m\mathbb{CP}^2 \# n\overline{\mathbb{CP}^2}$	symplectic	<i>bona fide</i> log-symplectic
$m > 1, n > 0$	\times	\checkmark
$m > 1, n = 0$	\times	\times
$m = 1, n > 0$	\checkmark	\checkmark
$m = 1, n = 0$	\checkmark	\times
$m = 0, n > 0$	\times	\times

Theorem (Cavalcanti)

If a compact oriented manifold M^{2n} , with $n > 1$, admits a b -symplectic structure then there are classes $a, b \in H^2(M, \mathbb{R})$ such that $a^{n-1}b \neq 0$ and $b^2 = 0$.

Theorem

For all $p \in Z$, there exists a Darboux coordinate system $x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n$ centered at p such that Z is defined by $x_1 = 0$ and

$$\Pi = x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} + \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}$$

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Theorem (Guillemin-M-Pires)

Let ω_0 and ω_1 be two b -symplectic forms on (M, Z) . If $\omega_0|_Z = \omega_1|_Z$, then there exist neighborhoods U_0, U_1 of Z in M and a diffeomorphism $\gamma : U_0 \rightarrow U_1$ such that $\gamma|_Z = \text{id}_Z$ and $\gamma^*\omega_1 = \omega_0$.

An alternative statement is the following:

Theorem (Guillemin-M-Pires)

Let ω_0 and ω_1 be two b -symplectic forms on (M, Z) . If they induce on Z the same restriction of the Poisson structure and their modular vector fields differ on Z by a Hamiltonian vector field, then there exist neighborhoods U_0, U_1 of Z in M and a diffeomorphism $\gamma : U_0 \rightarrow U_1$ such that $\gamma|_Z = \text{id}_Z$ and $\gamma^*\omega_1 = \omega_0$.

Theorem (Guillemin-M-Pires)

Let ω be a *b*-symplectic form on (M, Z) and $p \in Z$. Then we can find a coordinate chart $(U, x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n)$ centered at p such that on U the hypersurface Z is locally defined by $y_1 = 0$ and

$$\omega = dx_1 \wedge \frac{dy_1}{y_1} + \sum_{i=2}^n dx_i \wedge dy_i.$$

Theorem (Guillemin-M-Pires)

Suppose that ω_t , for $0 \leq t \leq 1$, is a smooth family of *b*-symplectic forms on (M, Z) joining ω_0 and ω_1 and such that the *b*-cohomology class $[\omega_t]$ **does not depend on t** . Then, there exists a family of diffeomorphisms $\gamma_t : M \rightarrow M$, for $0 \leq t \leq 1$ such that γ_t leaves Z invariant and $\gamma_t^* \omega_t = \omega_0$.

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Applications: Radko's theorem

Theorem (Radko)

The set of curves, modular periods and regularized Liouville volume completely determines, up to Poisson diffeomorphisms, the Poisson b -structure on a compact oriented surface S .

This can be reproved using the Moser path method. The reformulation in the language of b -forms yields.

Corollary (Classification of b -symplectic surfaces à la Moser, Guillemin-M.-Pires)

Two b -symplectic forms ω_0 and ω_1 on an orientable compact surface are b -symplectomorphic if and only if $[\omega_0] = [\omega_1]$.

Indeed,

$${}^bH^*(M) \cong H_{\Pi}^*(M)$$

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Theorem (Guillemin-Miranda-Pires)

Let (M^{2n+1}, Π_0) be a compact corank-1 regular Poisson manifold with vanishing invariants then there exists an extension of (M^{2n+1}, Π) to a b -Poisson manifold (U, Π) . The extension is unique, up to isomorphism, among the extensions such that $[v]$ is the image of the modular class under the map:

$$H_{Poisson}^1(U) \longrightarrow H_{Poisson}^1(M^{2n+1})$$

Given a Poisson vector field v on $(Z, \Pi_{\mathcal{L}})$ with v transverse to \mathcal{L} chose $\alpha_Z \in \Omega^1(Z)$ and $\omega_Z \in \omega^2(Z)$ such that:

- ① $\iota_v \alpha_Z = 1.$
- ② $\iota_v \omega_Z = 0.$
- ③ α_Z is a defining one form for the symplectic foliation.
- ④ ω_Z restricts to the induced symplectic form on each symplectic leaf.

Now consider $p : U \longrightarrow Z$ a tubular neighbourhood of Z in U and let

$$\omega = p^*(\alpha_Z) \wedge \frac{df}{f} + p^*(\omega_Z)$$

with f a defining function for Z .

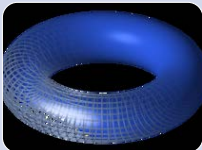
Then one can check that this is a semi-local extension to Poisson b -manifold and that the modular vector field of ω restricted to Z is v . Uniqueness relies strongly on a relative Moser's theorem for our b -Poisson manifolds. In order to talk about this, we need to introduce b -cohomology.

(Singular) symplectic manifolds

b^m -Symplectic

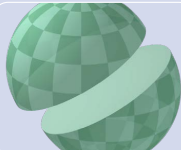
Symplectic

Folded symplectic



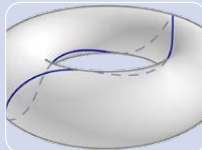
Symplectic manifolds

- Darboux theorem
- Delzant and convexity theorems
- Action-Angle coordinates



b -Symplectic manifolds

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Folded symplectic manifolds

- Darboux theorem (Martinet)
- Delzant-type theorems (Cannas da Silva-Guillemin-Pires)
- Action-angle theorem (M-Cardona)

Examples and counterexamples

Orientable Surface

- Is symplectic
- Is folded symplectic
- (orientable or not) is b-symplectic

\mathbb{CP}^2

- Is symplectic
- Is folded symplectic
- Is **not** b-symplectic

S^4

- Is **not** symplectic
- Is **not** b-symplectic
- Is folded-symplectic

Desingularizing b^m -symplectic structures

Theorem (Guillemin-M.-Weitsman)

Given a b^m -symplectic structure ω on a compact manifold (M^{2n}, Z) :

- If $m = 2k$, there exists a family of **symplectic forms** ω_ϵ which coincide with the b^m -symplectic form ω outside an ϵ -neighbourhood of Z and for which the family of bivector fields $(\omega_\epsilon)^{-1}$ **converges** in the C^{2k-1} -topology to the Poisson structure ω^{-1} as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$.
- If $m = 2k + 1$, there exists a family of **folded symplectic forms** ω_ϵ which coincide with the b^m -symplectic form ω outside an ϵ -neighbourhood of Z .

In particular:

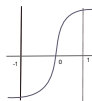
- Any b^{2k} -symplectic manifold admits a symplectic structure.
- Any b^{2k+1} -symplectic manifold admits a folded symplectic structure.
- The converse is not true: S^4 admits a folded symplectic structure but no b -symplectic structure.

Sketch of the proof: $m = 2k$

General principle: If you do not like something, just change it!

$$\omega = \frac{dx}{x^{2k}} \wedge \left(\sum_{i=0}^{2k-1} \alpha_i x^i \right) + \beta \quad (1)$$

- $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ odd function s.t. $f'(x) > 0$ for $x \in [-1, 1]$,



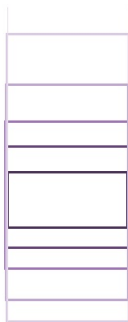
and such that outside $[-1, 1]$,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{-1}{(2k-1)x^{2k-1}} - 2 & \text{for } x < -1 \\ \frac{-1}{(2k-1)x^{2k-1}} + 2 & \text{for } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

- Re-scale on ϵ .
- Replace $\frac{dx}{x^{2k}}$ by df_ϵ to obtain $\omega_\epsilon = df_\epsilon \wedge (\sum_{i=0}^{2k-1} \alpha_i x^i) + \beta$ which is symplectic.

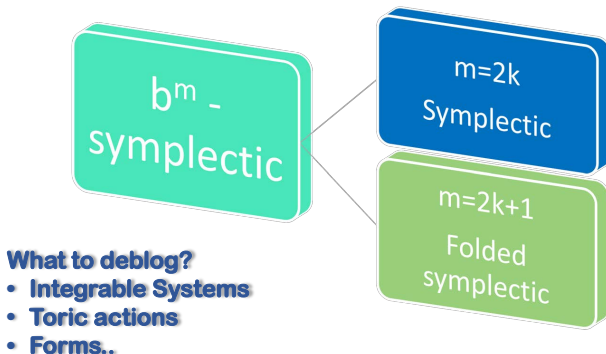
Applications of desingularization

- Convexity for \mathbb{T}^k -actions.



- Delzant theorem and Delzant-type theorem for semitoric systems (bolytopes).
- Applications to KAM.
- Periodic orbits of problems in celestial mechanics and applications to stability.

Desingularizing everything...



The restricted 3-body problem

- Simplified version of the general 3-body problem. One of the bodies has **negligible mass**.
- The other two bodies move independently of it following **Kepler's laws** for the 2-body problem.
- After doing a change to Mc Gehee coordinates ($r = \frac{2}{x^2}$, $x \in \mathbf{R}^+$), the symplectic structure becomes a singular object $\omega = -\frac{4}{x^3}dx \wedge dy + d\alpha \wedge dG$ for $x > 0$

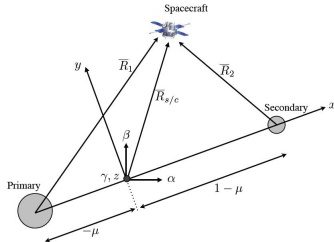


Figure: Circular 3-body problem

Applications of desingularization

- Periodic orbits away from critical set.
- KAM theory.
- Action-angle coordinates with limitations.