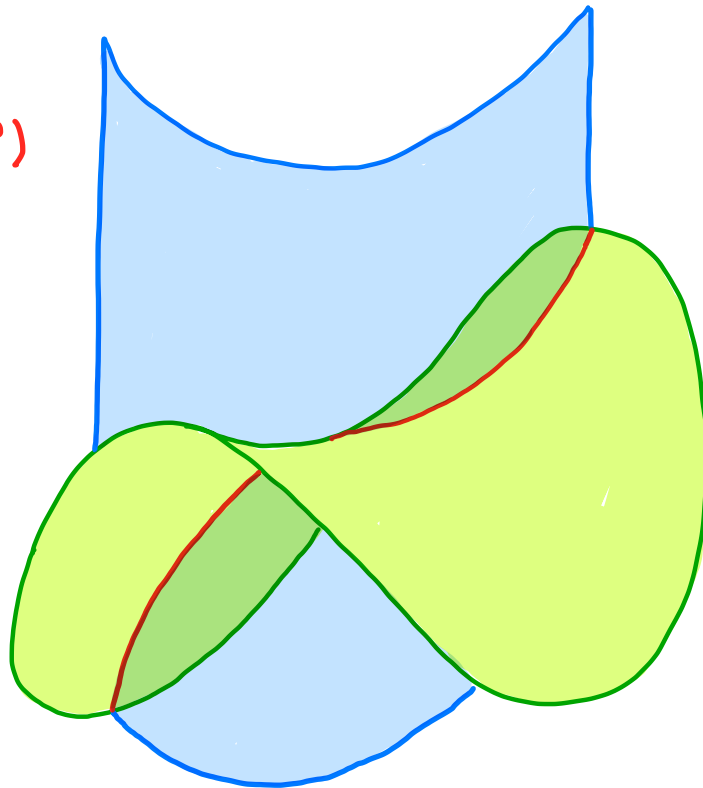


Sklyanin algebras via Lie categories

$$(t, t^2, t^3)$$

$$x^2 = y$$

$$xy = z$$



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“Mathematical truths are in our world. Our invention is to select from all the possible mathematical truths the ones that are really interesting. Now, how and why do we see that something is interesting? Because it is beautiful, it has a nice structure, it produces human emotion. A machine cannot teach us to understand beauty.”

— Michael Atiyah, November 2018

“Proofs are to mathematics what spelling
(or calligraphy) is to poetry.”

— Vladimir Arnold, 1999

Main Problem

E elliptic curve
 $\eta \in \text{Aut}^0(E)$

Find geometric constructions of

1. Algebras $Q_n(E, \eta)$ of Sklyanin 1982, Feigin-Odesskii 1989
(deformations of $\mathbb{CP}^{n-1}$)
2. the corresponding Elliptic quantum groups of Felder 1994
(deformations of $\text{PGL}_n(\mathbb{C})$)

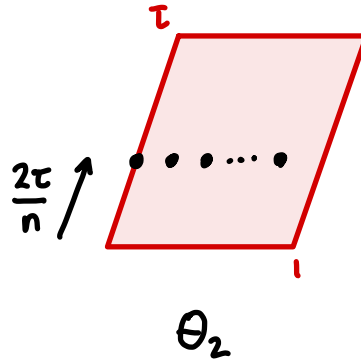
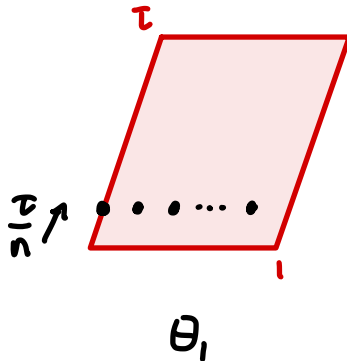
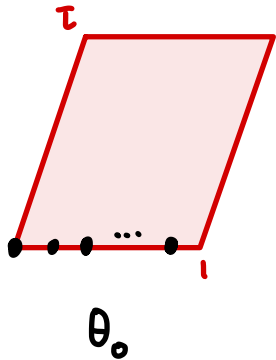
$$E = \mathbb{C} / \mathbb{Z} + \tau \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\tau \in \mathbb{H}$$

$$\eta \in \mathbb{C} \quad \text{translation}$$

Definition: $Q_n(E, \eta) = \mathbb{C} \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle / \mathcal{R} \quad \deg x_i = 1$

$$\mathcal{R} = \left\langle \sum_{r \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \frac{1}{\theta_{j-i-r}(-\eta) \theta_r(\eta)} x_{j-r} x_{i+r}, \quad i \neq j \in \mathbb{Z}_n \right\rangle$$



$$T: x_i \mapsto x_{i+1}$$

$$S: x_i \mapsto \varepsilon^i x_i$$

$$\varepsilon^n = 1$$

$$\text{Heis}_n = \mathbb{Z}_n \ltimes \mathbb{Z}_n^2$$

$$\cap$$

$$\text{Aut } Q_n(E, \eta)$$

Corresponding Poisson structure on, e.g., $\mathbb{CP}^3$:

$$q_1, q_2 \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}(2))$$

$$\sigma = q_1 j'(q_2) - q_2 j'(q_1) \quad \text{Wronskian}$$

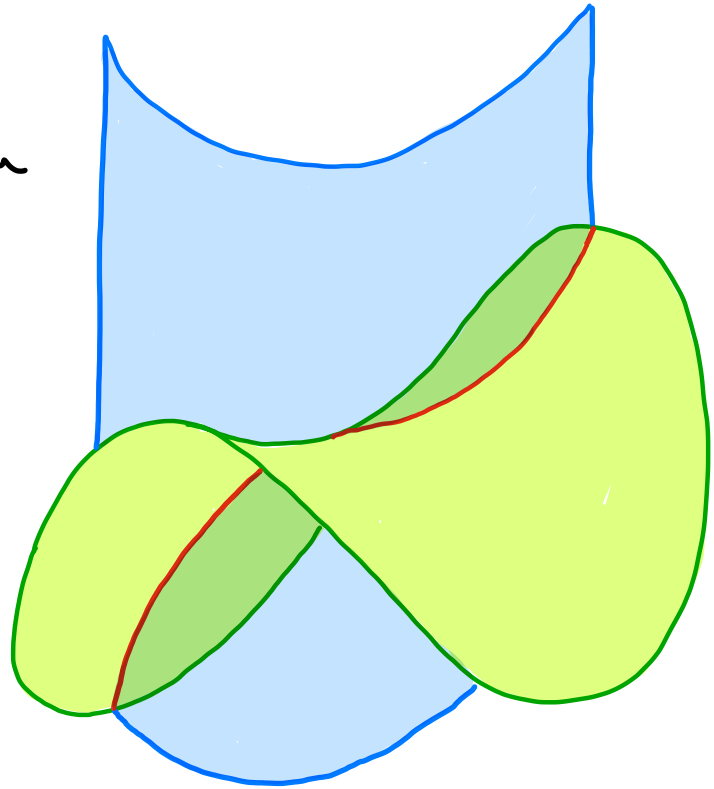
$$\sigma \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^3, T^* \otimes \mathcal{O}(2) \otimes \mathcal{O}(2))$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \parallel \\ T^* \otimes \wedge^3 T \\ & \parallel \\ & \wedge^2 T \end{aligned}$$

Symplectic leaves: quadric pencil

$$\lambda q_1 + \mu q_2 = 0$$

$$[\lambda:\mu] \in \mathbb{P}^1$$



Homogeneous coordinate rings

X projective variety

L ample line bundle

$$H^q(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes L^k) = 0$$

$q > 0 \quad k \gg 0 \quad \mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$

$$A(X, L) = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} H^0(X, L^k)$$

$$f, g \in A^k, A^l$$

$$f \cdot g = f \otimes g$$

$$\text{Coh}(X) \cong A\text{-Gr}/\text{Tors} \quad (\text{Serre '55})$$

Twisted Homogeneous coordinate rings

X projective variety, $\eta \in \text{Aut } X$

L η -ample line bundle $H^q(X, \mathcal{F} \otimes L \otimes \eta^*(L) \otimes \eta^{2*}(L) \otimes \dots \otimes \eta^{k-1*}(L)) = 0$
 $q > 0 \quad k \gg 0 \quad \mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$

$$A(X, L, \eta) = H^0(X, \mathcal{O} \oplus L \oplus (L \otimes \eta^*(L)) \oplus (L \otimes \eta^*(L) \otimes \eta^{2*}(L)) \oplus \dots)$$

$$f, g \in A^k, A^2$$

$$f * g := f \otimes \eta^{k*}(g)$$

$$\text{Coh}(X) \cong A\text{-Gr}/\text{Tors}$$

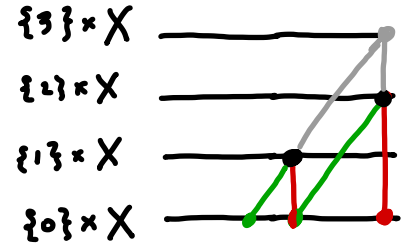
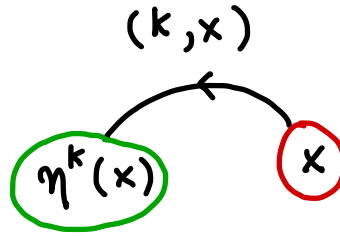
(Artin - Vanden Bergh '90)

$A(X, L, \eta)$ via Lie category

$$\mathcal{C}^1 = \mathbb{N} \times X$$

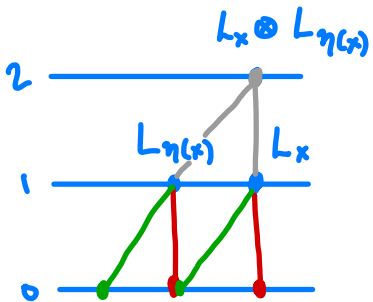
$$\mathcal{C}^0 = X$$

$t \downarrow \downarrow s$



$$m: \mathcal{C}^1 \times_{\mathcal{C}^0} \mathcal{C}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^1$$

monoidal sheaf



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \mathcal{O} \quad \mathcal{L} \quad \mathcal{L} \otimes \eta^*(\mathcal{L}) \quad \mathcal{L} \otimes \eta^*(\mathcal{L}) \otimes \dots \otimes \eta^{k-1}(\mathcal{L}) \\ \downarrow &\quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \mathcal{C}^1 &= \{0\} \times X \quad \{1\} \times X \quad \{2\} \times X \quad \dots \quad \{k\} \times X \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}^1} (m_*(\mathcal{L} \boxtimes \mathcal{L}), \mathcal{L}) \quad \text{associative}$$

Convolution for Lie categories

(joint with
Thomas Stanley)

1. Lie category $\mathcal{C}' \rightrightarrows \mathcal{C}^0$, $m: \mathcal{C}' \times_{\mathcal{C}^0} \mathcal{C}' \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$ proper

$(\text{Coh}(\mathcal{C}'), *)$ monoidal category $E * F = m_*(E \boxtimes F)$

2. Monoidal sheaf $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$ $\lambda: \mathcal{L} * \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ associative

$A(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{L}) = H^0(\mathcal{C}', \mathcal{L})$ is an associative algebra.

Symmetric monoid of a Riemann surface C

$$\mathcal{C}' = \coprod_{k \geq 0} C^{[k]}$$

$$\mathcal{C}^\circ = \{*\}$$

$$C^{[i]} \times C^{[j]} \xrightarrow{m_{ij}} C^{[i+j]}$$

$$(X, Y) \mapsto X \amalg Y$$

branched cover

R_{ij} = ramification
locus

$$L \in \text{Pic}^n C \Rightarrow \text{monoidal sheaf } L^{[k]} \rightarrow C^{[k]}$$

$$\lambda = \sum_k \sum_{i+j=k} \lambda_{ij} \in \text{Hom}_{C^{[k]}} (m_* (L^{[i]} \boxtimes L^{[j]}), L^{[i+j]})$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\text{Hom}_{C^{[i]} \times C^{[j]}} (L^{[i]} \boxtimes L^{[j]}, m^* L^{[i+j]}(R_{ij}))$$

$$\lambda_{ij} := \det \mathcal{D} m_{ij}$$

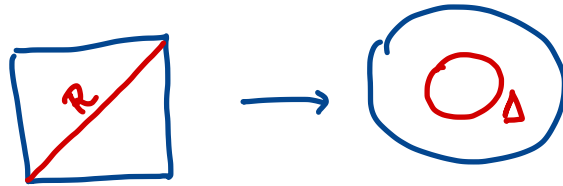
$\mathbb{CP}^N$
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$$A(\mathcal{C}, L) = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} H^0(C^{[k]}, L^{[k]}) = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \text{Sym}^k H^0(C, L) \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(H^0(C, L^\vee))$$

Symmetric monoid of $\mathbb{CP}^1$ ($C = \mathbb{P}^1$, $C^{[k]} = \mathbb{P}^k$)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}^1 &= \coprod_{k \geq 0} \mathbb{P}^k \\ \downarrow \\ \mathcal{C}^0 &= \{*\} \end{aligned}$$

$$m_{i,j}: \mathbb{P}^i \times \mathbb{P}^j \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{i+j}$$



$$\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$$

Ramification divisor $R_{i,j} \subset \mathbb{P}^i \times \mathbb{P}^j$
 = zero set of $\text{Res}_{i,j} := \det(Dm_{i,j})$
 Resultant

Symmetric monoid of $\mathbb{CP}^1$

$$\mathcal{L}^1 = \bigsqcup_{k \geq 0} \mathbb{P}^k$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \mathcal{L}^0 = \{*\} \end{array}$$

$$\text{monoidal sheaf } \mathcal{L} = \bigsqcup_{k \geq 0} \left(\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{O}(n) \\ \downarrow \\ \mathbb{P}^k \end{array} \right)$$

$$\lambda \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{L}^1}(\mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L})$$

$$\lambda = \sum_{k \geq 0} \sum_{i+j=k} \lambda_{i,j}$$

$$\lambda_{i,j} = \text{Res}_{i,j}$$

$$A(\mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}(n)) = \text{Sym}^n H^0(\mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}(n)) \cong \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$$

Twisted symmetric monoid:

E elliptic curve $\eta \in \text{Aut}^\circ E$

$$E^{[i]} \times E^{[j]} \xrightarrow{m_{ij}^\eta} E^{[i+j]}$$

$$(X, Y) \mapsto \eta^{-j}(X) \boxtimes \eta^i(Y)$$

Monoidal line bundle: $L \in \text{Pic}^{n+1} E$ $L^{[k]} \rightarrow E^{[k]}$

$$\lambda = \sum \lambda_{ij} \in \text{Hom}_{E^{[k]}} (m_{ij}^\eta (L^{[i]} \boxtimes L^{[j]}), L^{[k]})$$

$$\text{e.g. } \lambda_{11} \in \text{Hom}_{E^{[2]}} (m_{11}^\eta (L \boxtimes L), L^{[2]}) =$$

$$\text{Hom}_{E \times E} (L \boxtimes L, m_{11}^{\eta*} (L^{[2]})) (R = \Gamma_{\eta^{-2}}) =$$

$$H^0(E \times E, (L^{-1} \eta^{-1*} L \boxtimes L^{-1} \eta^* L) (\Gamma_{\eta^{-2}})) =$$

$$H^0(E \times E, \Gamma_{\eta^{-(n+2)}})$$

Theorem (M.G., Thomas Stanley): E elliptic curve, $\eta \in \text{Aut}^\circ(E)$, $L \in \text{Pic}^n E$

1. $L^{[\cdot]} \rightarrow (E^{[\cdot]}, m_\eta)$ has a canonical monoidal structure.
2. $A(E^{[\cdot]}, m_\eta, L^{[\cdot]}, \lambda) \cong Q_n(E, \eta)$ Coincides with Sklyanin algebra.
3. If L is η -equivariant, then
$$A(C^{[\cdot]}, m_\eta, L^{[\cdot]}, \lambda) = A(\mathbb{P}(H^0(C, L)^\vee), \eta, \mathcal{O}(1))$$
Monoid algebra $\cong$ Twisted coordinate ring.

Many thanks
and
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