

We now study in detail the question of existence and uniqueness of prequantum line bundles on a symplectic manifold (M, ω) .

We come back to the integrality condition of section 6 and its more explicit explanation in section 9A:

[G3] There exists an open cover $(U_j)_{j \in I}$ of M such that the class $[\omega] \in H_{\text{dR}}^2(M, \mathbb{C})$ contains (as a Čech class $[\omega] \in H^2((U_j)_{j \in I}, \mathbb{C}) \cong \check{H}^2(M, \mathbb{C})$) a cocycle $c = (c_{ijk})$, with $c_{ijk} \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $i, j, k \in I$ with $U_{ijk} \neq \emptyset$.

(10.1) PROPOSITION: Let ω be a given closed two form $\omega \in \Omega^2(M)$ which satisfies [G3]. Then there exists a line bundle with connection ∇ such that $\text{Curv}(L, \nabla) = \omega$.

□ Proof. Without loss of generalization we can assume that all intersections $U_{j_0 j_1 \dots j_p} = U_{j_0} \cap U_{j_1} \cap \dots \cap U_{j_p}$ are empty or they are contractible (e.g. diffeomorphic to convex open subsets of \mathbb{R}^n), so that we can apply the Lemma of Poincaré repeatedly: since ω is closed there are

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$\alpha_j \in \Omega^1(U_j)$ such that $d\alpha_j = \omega$ (Lemma of Poincaré in U_j).

On $U_{jk} = U_j \cap U_k \neq \emptyset$ the one forms $\alpha_j - \alpha_k$ are closed:

$$d\alpha_j - d\alpha_k = \omega - \omega = 0.$$

Hence, there exist $f_{jk} \in \mathcal{E}(U_{jk})$ with $df_{jk} = \alpha_j - \alpha_k$ (Lemma of Poincaré). Because of

$$d(f_{jk} + f_{ki} + f_{ij}) = 0$$

we finally obtain constants $c_{ijk} \in \mathbb{R}$ (not that U_{jk} is empty or connected) with

$$c_{ijk} = f_{ij} + f_{jk} + f_{ki} \text{ on } U_{ijk} \neq \emptyset.$$

Now, the condition [G3] implies that there are (z_{ijk}) with $z_{ijk} \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $x_{jk} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$z_{ijk} = c_{ijk} + x_{ij} + x_{jk} + x_{ki}, \text{ if } U_{ijk} \neq \emptyset.$$

In the case of $U_{jk} \neq \emptyset$ we set

$$g_{jk} := \exp(2\pi i f_{jk} + 2\pi i x_{jk}) \in \mathcal{E}(U_{jk}, \mathbb{C}^\times).$$

We immediately conclude

$$g_{ij} g_{jk} g_{ki} = \exp(2\pi i (c_{ijk} + x_{ij} + x_{jk} + x_{ki})) = 1$$

on U_{ijk} , hence the smooth functions

$$g_{jk}: U_{jk} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times, \quad j, k \in I \text{ with } U_{jk} \neq \emptyset$$

defines a complex line bundle L over M according to proposition (3.7). The forms α_j define a connection over each U_j with

$$\alpha_j - \alpha_k = df_{jk} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{dg_{jk}}{g_{jk}}.$$

Therefore, the α_j are local gauge potentials of a connection ∇ (cf. (4.3)) with ω as its curvature since $\omega|_{U_j} = d\alpha_j$ (cf. (6.2)). \square

The line bundle with connection which we have just constructed has a compatible Hermitian structure H . (The α_j are real forms, see (7.5) for the compatibility). As a result, we obtain a prequantum line bundle (L, ∇, H) .

More precisely, we have the chance to understand (10.1) and the proof of (10.1) for real forms $\omega \in \Omega^2(M)$ and more generally, for complex forms. In the real case (which we have assumed in (10.1) by the notation $\omega \in \Omega^2(M) = \Omega^2(M, \mathbb{R})$) it is clear that the α_j 's can be chosen real valued as well and hence allow a compatible Hermitian structure. The scheme of proof works, however, also for the complex forms $\omega \in \Omega^2(M, \mathbb{C}) = \Omega^2(M) \otimes \mathbb{C}$.

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(10.2) REMARK. As we mentioned in section 6 the integrality conditions $[G_1]$ and $[G_3]$ are equivalent (A. Weil's theorem). We have given a complete proof of the implication

$$"[G_3] \Rightarrow [G_1]":$$

In fact by (10.1) there exists a line bundle L over M with connection ∇ such that $\text{Cur}(L, \nabla) = \omega$, - if ω satisfies $[G_3]$. And by (6.5) ω satisfies $[G_1]$, i.e. $\int_S \omega \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all oriented compact closed surfaces.

The converse " $[G_1] \Rightarrow [G_3]$ " can be carried through along the same lines of ideas as the proof of (10.1).

Uniqueness:

After the question of existence we now discuss the uniqueness of line bundles with connection with given curvature form $\omega \in \Omega^2(M)$.

In other words:

What freedom do we have in constructing (L, ∇, H) ?

How many different or inequivalent prequantum line bundles exist on (M, ω) ? Under which

conditions is the prequantum bundle essentially unique?

First, we can replace α_i by α'_i in the above construction, i.e. $\alpha'_i \in \Omega^1(U_i)$ with $d\alpha'_i = \omega|_{U_i}$. Therefore,

$$\alpha'_j = \alpha_j + dl_j, \quad l_j \in \mathcal{E}(U_j),$$

so that f_{ij} may be replaced by

$$f'_{ij} = f_{ij} + l_i - l_j;$$

$$df'_{ij} = d(f_{ij} + l_i - l_j) = \alpha_i - \alpha_j + dl_i - dl_j = \alpha'_i - \alpha'_j.$$

In the next step we can use the same c_{ijk} as before:

$$\begin{aligned} c_{ijk} &= f_{ij} + f_{jk} + f_{ki} \quad (\in \mathbb{R} \text{ constant see above}) \\ &= (f_{ij} + l_i - l_j) + (f_{jk} + l_j - l_k) + (f_{ki} + l_k - l_i). \\ &= f'_{ij} + f'_{jk} + f'_{ki}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the corresponding transition functions g'_{jk} are

$$g'_{jk} := \exp(2\pi i (f'_{jk} + l_j - l_k) + 2\pi i \alpha'_k)$$

with $g'_{jk} g'_{ki} g'_{ij} = 1$ and

$$g'_{jk} = g_{jk} \frac{g_i}{g_k}, \quad \text{where } g_j = \exp(2\pi i l_j).$$

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As a consequence, the line bundle L' defined by the cocycle (g'_{jk}) is equivalent to the line bundle L defined by (g_{jk}) : The 2 cocycles are equivalent in $H^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{E}^*)$. Moreover, if ∇ is the connection on L given by (α_j) and ∇' is the connection on L' given by (α'_j) then ∇' is carried over to ∇ by the equivalence of L' and L (induced by the g_j).

Secondly, fixing α_j with $d\alpha_j = \omega|_{U_j}$, we can replace each f_k by $f_k + b_k$ with real constants $b_k \in \mathbb{R}$. Then the b_k are absorbed into the α_j 's so again we stay in the same equivalence class.

Finally, we can replace (now fixing α_j and f_k) the constants χ_{jk} by $\chi_{jk} + 2\pi\gamma_{jk}$, where the γ_{jk} are constants $\gamma_{jk} \in \mathbb{R}$ with

$$\gamma_{ij} + \gamma_{jk} + \gamma_{ki} = \mathbb{Z} \quad (\text{all } i, j, k \in I, \text{ with } U_{ijk} \neq \emptyset)$$

and $\gamma_{ji} = 0$, as well as $\gamma_{jk} + \gamma_{kj} = 0$. If we replace g_{jk} by

$$g''_{jk} = g_{jk} \exp(2\pi i \gamma_{jk}) = g_{jk} t_{jk}, \quad t_{jk} = e^{2\pi i \gamma_{jk}}.$$

(g''_{jk}) defines a line bundle L'' . The collection (t_{jk}) induces a cohomology class

$$[(t_{jk})] \in H^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{S}) = \check{H}^1(M, \mathbb{S}),$$

where $\mathbb{S} = \mathbb{S}^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ is the circle group. If (and only if) the class $[(t_{jk})]$ is trivial in $H^1(M, \mathbb{S})$ the corresponding line bundle L'' is equivalent to L taking ∇'' (given by v_j) to ∇ : $[(t_{jk})]$ being trivial means $t_{jk} = \lambda_j \lambda_k^{-1}$ for $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{S}$ constant and therefore

$$g_{jk}'' = g_{jk} \lambda_j \lambda_k^{-1}.$$

Conversely, if L'' and L are equivalent as line bundles with connection there are $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{S}$ with $t_{jk} = \lambda_j \lambda_k^{-1}$, i.e. $[(t_{jk})] = 1 \in H^1(M, \mathbb{S})$. We have shown:

(10.3) PROPOSITION: Let $\omega \in \Omega^2(M)$ satisfy the integrability condition [G3]. Then the set of equivalence classes of line bundles L with connection ∇ with $\text{Curv}(L, \nabla) = \omega$ is in one to one correspondence with $H^1(M, \mathbb{S})$.

In particular,

(10.4) PROPOSITION: Let M be simply connected and let $\omega \in \Omega^2(M)$ satisfy [G3]. Then there exists exactly one line bundle L with connection such that $\text{Curv}(L, \nabla) = \omega$ up to equivalence.

$\pi_1(M) = 0$ implies $H^1(M, \mathbb{S})$ [*]

[*] Übung. What about $H^1(M, G)$, G any abel. group?

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(10.5) COROLLARY: A simply connected quantizable symplectic manifold (M, ω) has exactly one prequantum bundle (up to equivalence).

REMARK: It is possible that L and L'' are equivalent as line bundles but not as line bundles with connection. [*]

(10.6) REMARK: Let M be a manifold and let $\mathcal{U} = (U_j)_{j \in I}$ be an open cover such that all $U_{j_0 \dots j_n}$ are contractible. The transition functions (g_{jk}) of any complex line bundle L over M with respect to the cover \mathcal{U} (always exist) and they define a cohomology class in

$$H^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{Z}) = \check{H}^1(M, \mathbb{Z}),$$

hence an entire cohomology class.

In fact, let

$$z_{ijk} := \frac{1}{2\pi i} (\log g_{ij} + \log g_{jk} + \log g_{ki}) \text{ on } U_{ijk}.$$

Locally z_{ijk} is well-defined and integer-valued (since $e^{2\pi i z_{ijk}} = g_{ij} g_{jk} g_{ki} = 1$). Therefore, (z_{ijk}) defines an element in $C^2(\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{Z})$. There is a problem in getting a global interpretation of the z_{ijk} , due to the fact that the logarithm is ambiguous in \mathbb{C}^\times ,

[*] Übung: Give examples

but the corresponding Čech cohomology class

$[(z_{jk})]$
in $H^2(\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{Z}) = H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})$ is well-defined.

The class $c(L) := [(z_{jk})] \in \check{H}^2(M, \mathbb{Z})$ is called the **CHERN CLASS** of the line bundle L . $c(L)$ is an important invariant of the (equivalence class) of the line bundle!

As an immediate consequence we obtain:

(10.7) PROPOSITION: A symplectic manifold is quantizable if and only if the symplectic form satisfies the integrality condition [G3].

We know this result already by using Weil's theorem

$$"[G1] \Leftrightarrow [G3],"$$

but (10.7) can also be deduced from the above result in the following way:

- "[G3] \Rightarrow \exists prequantum bundle" is (10.1)
- the converse follows from the last remark.