

# A super-geometric approach to the reduction of Poisson manifolds

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# Poisson manifolds

## Definition

$M$  is a **Poisson manifold** if  $C^\infty(M)$  is endowed with a Lie bracket  $\{\bullet, \bullet\}$  satisfying  $\{f, gh\} = \{f, g\}h + g\{f, h\}$ .

## Examples

- ▶  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  the dual of a Lie algebra:  
for  $v, w \in \mathfrak{g} \subset C^\infty(\mathfrak{g}^*)$  define  $\{v, w\} := [v, w]$ .
- ▶ symplectic manifolds  
(i.e.  $\omega$  is a non-degenerate two-form with  $d\omega = 0$ ).  
We have  $\{f, g\} := \omega(X_f, X_g)$ .  
Cotangent bundles  $T^*N$  are symplectic.

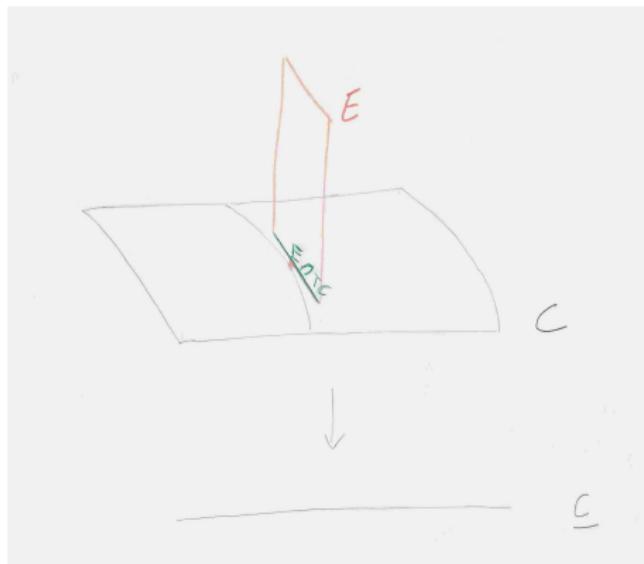
# Are quotients of submanifolds Poisson?

## Problem

Let  $M$  be a Poisson manifold. Given

- a submanifold  $C$
- a subbundle  $E \subset TM|_C$ ,

is there an induced Poisson bracket on  $\underline{C} := C/(E \cap TC)$ ?



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## Definition

Let  $U_0 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  open subset and  $V = \bigoplus_i V_i$  a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded vector space.

The **local model for a graded manifold** consists of a pair

- ▶  $U_0$  (the “body”)
- ▶  $C^\infty(U_0) \otimes S^\bullet(V^*)$  (the graded comm. algebra of functions)

## Fact

$E = \bigoplus_i E_i \rightarrow M$  a graded vector bundle  $\rightsquigarrow$   
graded manifold with body  $M$  and functions  $\Gamma(S^\bullet E^*)$ .

## Example

$W$  a usual vector space  $\rightsquigarrow$

$W[1]$  concentrated in degree  $-1 \rightsquigarrow$

graded manifold with body  $\{pt\}$  and functions

$$S^\bullet(W[1])^* = S^\bullet(W^*[-1]) = \wedge^\bullet W^*.$$

# Graded manifolds

## Example

$T^*[1]M \rightsquigarrow$

graded manifold with body  $M$  and functions

$$\Gamma(S^\bullet(T[-1]M)) = \Gamma(\wedge^\bullet TM) = \{\text{multivector fields on } M\}.$$

$x_j$  coordinates on  $M \rightsquigarrow p_j$  coordinates on fibers of  $T^*M \rightsquigarrow$   
 $\theta_j$  degree 1 coordinates of fibers of  $T^*[1]M$ .

Examples of functions on  $T^*[1]M$  are  $g(x)\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_1\theta_2 = -\theta_2\theta_1$ .

## Remark

$T^*[1]M$  has a symplectic form  $\omega = dx_j \wedge d\theta_j$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Poisson bracket of degree  $-1$ :  $\{\theta_j, x_k\} = \delta_{jk}$ .

It is just the Schouten bracket on multivector fields.

# The problem in super-geometric terms

## Fact

*Poisson bracket  $\{\bullet, \bullet\}$  on  $M \leftrightarrow$   
bivector field  $\pi \in \Gamma(\wedge^2 TM)$  satisfying  $[\pi, \pi] = 0 \leftrightarrow$   
degree 2 function  $\mathcal{S}$  on  $T^*[1]M$  satisfying  $\{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}\} = 0$ .*

$$\pi = \pi_{ij}(x) \partial_{x_i} \wedge \partial_{x_j} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{S} = \pi_{ij}(x) \theta_i \theta_j.$$

## Idea

Submanifold  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $(T^*[1]M, \omega, \mathcal{S})$   
 $\rightsquigarrow$  quotient  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$  to which  $\omega$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  descend.

# The problem in super-geometric terms

More precisely:

- 1)  $\mathcal{C}$  presymplectic submanifold of  $T^*[1]M \rightsquigarrow$   
 $\underline{\mathcal{C}} := \mathcal{C}/\ker(i^*\omega)$  is a degree 1 graded symplectic manifold,  
hence symplectomorphic to  $T^*[1]X$  for some  $X$ .

Algebraically: Let

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}} = \{F : F|_{\mathcal{C}} = 0\} \subset C^\infty(T^*[1]M)$$

and

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}}) = \{F : \{F, \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}}\} \subset \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}}\}.$$

It is clear that  $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}})/\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}}) \cap \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}}$  has an induced Poisson bracket. Under regularity assumptions it is  $C^\infty(\underline{\mathcal{C}})$  for some graded manifold  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ .

# The problem in super-geometric terms

- 2)  $\mathcal{S}|_{\mathcal{C}}$  is invariant along the distribution  $\ker(i^*\omega) \rightsquigarrow$  degree 2 function  $\underline{\mathcal{S}}$  on  $\underline{\mathcal{C}} \cong T^*[1]X$ .  
**If**  $\{\underline{\mathcal{S}}, \underline{\mathcal{S}}\} = 0$  then  $\underline{\mathcal{S}}$  corresponds to a Poisson structure on  $X$ .

**Algebraically:**  $\mathcal{S}|_{\mathcal{C}}$  is invariant  $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}}) + \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}}$ .  
A *sufficient* condition for  $\{\underline{\mathcal{S}}, \underline{\mathcal{S}}\} = 0$  is clearly  $\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}})$ .  
It turns out: the weaker condition  $\{\mathcal{S}, (\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}})_0\} \subset \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}}$  is also sufficient.

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## Lemma

- ▶  $\mathcal{C}$  is presymplectic  $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{C} = E^\circ[1]$   
where  $E \rightarrow C$  is a subbundle of  $TM \rightarrow M$  s.t.  $E \cap TC$  is a constant rank, involutive distribution.
- ▶ In that case

$$\underline{\mathcal{C}} \cong T^*[1]\underline{C}$$

where  $\underline{C} := C/(E \cap TC)$ .

## Proposition

*Suppose*

1.  $(\mathcal{L}_{\Gamma(E \cap TC)} \pi)|_C \subset E \wedge TM|_C$ .
2.  $\sharp E^\circ \subset TC$

*where  $\sharp$  denotes contraction with  $\pi \in \Gamma(\wedge^2 TM)$ .*

*Then C inherits a Poisson structure.*

## Statement 2

To obtain a statement with weaker assumptions we apply *reduction in stages*: let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a coisotropic submanifold of  $T^*[1]M$  containing  $\mathcal{C}$ .

- ▶ Take the image of  $\mathcal{C}$  under the projection  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}/T\mathcal{A}^\omega$ . Assuming that  $T\mathcal{C} \cap T\mathcal{A}^\omega$  has constant rank, it is a presymplectic submanifold.
- ▶ Take its presymplectic quotient. It is (locally) symplectomorphic to  $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ .

# Statement 2

## Theorem

Let  $D|_C$  be a subbundle of  $TM|_C$  with

$$\begin{aligned}(E \cap TC) &\subset D|_C \subset E \\ \sharp E^\circ &\subset TC + D|_C.\end{aligned}$$

Extend  $C$  to a submanifold  $A$  with  $TA|_C = TC + D|_C$  and  $D|_C$  to an integrable distribution  $D$  on  $A$ . Assume

$$(\mathcal{L}_{\Gamma(D)}\pi)|_C \subset E \wedge TM|_C.$$

Then  $C$  is a Poisson manifold.

## Statement 2

