

# Quantization of contact manifolds

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## Abstract

We show the existence of the stack of micro-differential modules on an arbitrary contact manifold, although we cannot expect the global existence of the ring of micro-differential operators.

## §0. Introduction

In [SKK], we defined the sheaf of micro-differential operators on the cotangent bundle and we associated a quantized contact transformation with a given contact transformation.

More precisely, for a complex manifold  $X$ , let us denote by  $\mathcal{E}_X$  the ring of micro-differential operators regarded as a sheaf of rings on the projective cotangent bundle  $P^*X$ . Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two manifolds with the same dimension. Let  $U_X$  and  $U_Y$  be open subsets of  $P^*X$  and  $P^*Y$  respectively, and let  $f : U_X \rightarrow U_Y$  be a holomorphic map preserving the canonical 1-form. Then for any point  $p \in U_X$  there exists an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $p$  and a  $\mathbf{C}$ -ring isomorphism  $\varphi : f^{-1}\mathcal{E}_Y|_U \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_X|_U$ . Such a  $\varphi$  is not unique, although with other extra data we can reduce the uniqueness of  $\varphi$  up to the inner automorphism by micro-differential operators with 1 as its principal symbol.

Now let us consider a contact manifold  $Z$  with  $(2n + 1)$  dimension. This means that  $Z$  is endowed with an invertible  $\mathcal{O}_Z$ -module  $\mathcal{O}_Z(1)$  and a 1-form  $\omega \in \Gamma(Z, \Omega_Z^1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_Z(1))$  such that  $\omega \wedge (d\omega)^n$  is a generator of  $\Omega_Z^{2n+1} \otimes \mathcal{O}_Z(2n + 1)$ . Here  $\mathcal{O}_Z(k) = \mathcal{O}_Z(1)^{\otimes k}$ .

The purpose of this paper is to show that we can naturally define a stack (a sheaf of categories) on  $Z$  that is locally isomorphic to the stack of modules over the ring of micro-differential operators.

Let us take an open covering  $Z = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$  and contact embeddings  $f_i : U_i \hookrightarrow P^*X_i$ . Set  $\mathcal{A}_i = f_i^{-1}((\Omega_{X_i}^n)^{\otimes 1/2} \otimes \mathcal{E}_{X_i} \otimes (\Omega_{X_i}^n)^{\otimes -1/2})$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}_i$  is a sheaf of  $\mathbf{C}$ -rings on  $U_i$  endowed with an antiautomorphism  $*$  such that  $*^2 = 1$ . The ring  $\mathcal{A}_i$  has the order filtration  $F(\mathcal{A}_i)$  such that  $Gr_k^F \mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{O}_Z(k)$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the sheaf of automorphisms of  $\mathcal{A}_i$  commuting with  $*$ . Then  $\{P \in F_0(\mathcal{A}_i); P^*P = 1, \sigma_0(P) = 1\} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  given by  $P \mapsto Ad(P)$  is bijective. Here  $\sigma_0$  is the symbol map  $F_0(\mathcal{A}_i) \rightarrow Gr_0^F \mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{O}_Z$ .*

*Proof.* For  $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$ , let  $\mathcal{E}(\lambda)$  be the sheaf of micro-differential operators of order  $\lambda + \mathbf{Z}_{\leq 0}$ . Then any automorphism  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{E}_X$  is given by  $Ad(P)$  for some  $\lambda$  and some invertible element  $P$  of  $\mathcal{E}(\lambda)$ . If  $\varphi$  commutes with  $*$ , then  $Ad(P^*P) = \text{id}$  and hence  $P^*P$  must be constant. Hence  $P$  is order 0 and we can normalize  $P^*P = 1$  and  $\sigma_0(P) = 1$  by dividing  $P$  by a suitable constant. Q.E.D.

Now, shrinking  $U_i$  if necessary, we may assume that there exists a  $\mathbf{C}$ -ring isomorphism  $f_{ij} : \mathcal{A}_j|_{U_{ij}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{A}_i|_{U_{ij}}$  which commutes with  $*$ . Here we employed the notation

$$U_{i_0 i_1 \dots i_p} = U_{i_0} \cap U_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_p}.$$

Then  $f_{ij} \circ f_{jk} : \mathcal{A}_k|_{U_{ijk}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_i|_{U_{ijk}}$  is not equal to  $f_{ik}|_{U_{ijk}}$  in general. Hence we cannot patch  $\mathcal{A}_i$  together to get a ring globally defined on  $Z$ .

By Lemma 1, there exists  $P_{ijk} \in \Gamma(U_{ijk}; F_0(\mathcal{A}_i))$  such that

$$(0.1) \quad f_{ij} \circ f_{jk} = Ad(P_{ijk}) \circ f_{ik} \quad \text{and} \quad P_{ijk}^* P_{ijk} = 1, \quad \sigma_0(P_{ijk}) = 1.$$

For  $i, j, k, l \in I$ , we have

$$(f_{ij} \circ f_{jk}) \circ f_{kl} = Ad(P_{ijk}) \circ f_{ik} \circ f_{kl} = Ad(P_{ijk} P_{ikl}) \circ f_{il}$$

and

$$f_{ij} \circ (f_{jk} \circ f_{kl}) = f_{ij} \circ Ad(P_{jkl}) \circ f_{jl} = Ad(f_{ij}(P_{jkl})) \circ f_{ij} \circ f_{jl} = Ad(f_{ij}(P_{jkl}) P_{ijl}) \circ f_{il}.$$

Hence by Lemma 1, we obtain

$$(0.2) \quad P_{ijk}P_{ikl} = f_{ij}(P_{jkl})P_{ijl}.$$

This cocycle relation permits us to patch the categories of  $\mathcal{A}_i$ -modules to get a stack globally defined over  $Z$ .

### §1. Stack

Let us recall the definition of a stack on a topological space  $X$ . A prestack  $\mathcal{C}$  on  $X$  consists of following data:

- (1.1) a category  $\mathcal{C}(U)$  for any open subset  $U$  of  $X$ ,
- (1.2) A functor  $r_{VU} : \mathcal{C}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(V)$  for open subsets  $V$  and  $U$  with  $V \subset U$ .
- (1.3) An isomorphism of functors  $\theta_{WVU} : r_{WV} \circ r_{VU} \rightarrow r_{WU}$  for open subsets  $W \subset V \subset U$ .

They are assumed to satisfy the following axioms.

$$(PS1) \quad r_{UU} = id.$$

$$(PS2) \quad \theta_{UUU} = id.$$

(PS3) For open subsets  $U_1 \subset U_2 \subset U_3 \subset U_4$ , the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} r_{U_1U_2} \circ r_{U_2U_3} \circ r_{U_3U_4} & \xrightarrow{\theta_{U_2U_3U_4}} & r_{U_1U_2} \circ r_{U_2U_4} \\ \downarrow \theta_{U_1U_2U_3} & & \downarrow \theta_{U_1U_2U_4} \\ r_{U_1U_3} \circ r_{U_3U_4} & \xrightarrow{\theta_{U_1U_3U_4}} & r_{U_1U_4} \end{array}$$

commutes.

A prestack  $\mathcal{C}$  is called a stack if it satisfies furthermore the following axioms.

(S1) For any open subset  $U$  and  $A, B \in Ob(\mathcal{C}(U))$ , the presheaf on  $U$

$$\mathcal{H}om(A, B) : U \supset V \mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}(V)}(r_{VU}(A), r_{VU}(B))$$

is a sheaf.

(S2) Let  $\{U_i\}$  be an open covering of an open set  $U$ ,  $A_i \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}(U_i))$  and let  $\varphi_{ij} : r_{U_{ij}U_j}(A_j) \rightarrow r_{U_{ij}U_i}(A_i)$  be an isomorphism. Assume the commutativity of the following diagram for any  $i, j, k$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
r_{U_{ijk}U_{jk}} r_{U_{jk}U_k} A_k & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{jk}} & r_{U_{ijk}U_{jk}} r_{U_{jk}U_j} A_j & \xrightarrow{\theta_{U_{ijk}U_{jk}U_j}} & r_{U_{ijk}U_j} A_j \\
\downarrow \theta_{U_{ijk}U_{jk}U_k} & & & & \uparrow \theta_{U_{ijk}U_{ij}U_j} \\
r_{U_{ijk}U_k} A_k & & & & r_{U_{ijk}U_{ij}} r_{U_{ij}U_j} A_j \\
\uparrow \theta_{U_{ijk}U_{ik}U_k} & & & & \downarrow \varphi_{ij} \\
r_{U_{ijk}U_{ik}} r_{U_{ik}U_k} A_k & & & & r_{U_{ijk}U_{ij}} r_{U_{ij}U_i} A_i \\
\downarrow \varphi_{ik} & & \xrightarrow{\theta_{U_{ijk}U_{ik}U_i}} & & \downarrow \theta_{U_{ijk}U_{ij}U_i} \\
r_{U_{ijk}U_{ik}} r_{U_{ik}U_i} A_i & & & & r_{U_{ijk}U_i} A_i .
\end{array}$$

Then there exist an object  $A$  of  $\mathcal{C}(U)$  and a family of isomorphisms

$\psi_i : r_{U_i U}(A) \xrightarrow{\sim} A_i$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
r_{U_{ij}U_j} r_{U_j U} A & \xrightarrow{\theta_{U_{ij}U_j U}} & r_{U_{ij}U_j} A & \xleftarrow[\sim]{\theta_{U_{ij}U_i U}} & r_{U_{ij}U_i} r_{U_i U} A \\
\downarrow \psi_j & & & & \downarrow \psi_i \\
r_{U_{ij}U_j} A_j & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{ij}} & & & r_{U_{ij}U_i} A_i
\end{array}$$

commutes.

For an open subset  $U$  of  $X$ , we can define the restriction  $\mathcal{C}|_U$  to  $U$ , which is a stack on  $U$ .

For two stacks  $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2$  on  $X$ , we can define the notion of functors from  $\mathcal{C}_1$  to  $\mathcal{C}_2$  and for two functors  $f, g$  from  $\mathcal{C}_1$  to  $\mathcal{C}_2$ , we can define the notion of morphisms from  $f$  to  $g$ . We call a functor  $f : \mathcal{C}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_2$  an equivalence if there exists a functor  $g : \mathcal{C}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_1$  such that  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$  are isomorphic to the identity respectively.

## §2. Patching of stacks

Let  $\{U_i\}$  be an open covering of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{C}_i$  a stack on  $U_i$ . Let  $\varphi_{ij} : \mathcal{C}_j|_{U_{ij}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_i|_{U_{ij}}$  be an equivalence of stacks. Let  $\psi_{ijk} : \varphi_{ij} \circ \varphi_{jk} \xrightarrow{\sim} \varphi_{ik}$  be an isomorphism of functors from  $\mathcal{C}_k|_{U_{ijk}}$  to  $\mathcal{C}_i|_{U_{ijk}}$ . Assume that

For any  $i, j, k, l$  the diagram

$$(PC) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \varphi_{ij} \circ \varphi_{jk} \circ \varphi_{kl} & \xrightarrow{\psi_{jkl}} & \varphi_{ij} \circ \varphi_{jl} \\ \downarrow \psi_{ijk} & & \downarrow \psi_{ijl} \\ \varphi_{ik} \circ \varphi_{kl} & \xrightarrow{\psi_{ikl}} & \varphi_{il} \end{array}$$

commutes.

Then there exists a stack  $\mathcal{C}$  and an equivalence  $\mathcal{C}|_{U_i} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_i$  satisfying the plausible compatibility conditions. Such a  $\mathcal{C}$  is unique up to equivalence.

### §3. Patching of stacks of modules

In this paper, a ring means a (not necessarily commutative) ring with 1. Let  $\{U_i\}$  be an open covering of  $X$  and let  $\mathcal{A}_i$  be a sheaf of rings on  $U_i$ . Assume that there is given a ring isomorphism  $f_{ij} : \mathcal{A}_j|_{U_{ij}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_i|_{U_{ij}}$  and  $a_{ijk} \in \Gamma(U_{ijk}; \mathcal{A}_i^\times)$  such that

$$(C1) \quad f_{ij} \circ f_{jk} = Ad(a_{ijk})f_{ik} \quad \text{in} \quad \text{Hom}(\mathcal{A}_k|_{U_{ijk}}, \mathcal{A}_i|_{U_{ijk}})$$

and

$$(C2). \quad a_{ijk}a_{ikl} = f_{ij}(a_{jkl})a_{ijl} \quad \text{in} \quad \Gamma(U_{ijk}; \mathcal{A}_i^\times)$$

Here  $\mathcal{A}_i^\times$  denotes the sheaf of invertible sections of  $\mathcal{A}_i$ .

Note that if the  $\mathcal{A}_i$  are commutative, then  $\{f_{ij}\}$  satisfies the chain conditions and hence we can define the globally defined ring  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}|_{U_i} \simeq \mathcal{A}_i$ . In a non-commutative case, we cannot construct such an  $\mathcal{A}$  in general, but we can construct a stack locally isomorphic to the stack of  $\mathcal{A}_i$ -modules.

Let  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}_i)$  be the stack of left  $\mathcal{A}_i$ -modules on  $U_i$ . In order to patch  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}_i)$  together, let us apply the result in §2.

For  $M \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}_j)$ , let  $\varphi_{ij}(M)$  be the  $\mathcal{A}_i$ -module with a sheaf isomorphism  $\alpha_{ij} : M \rightarrow \varphi_{ij}(M)$  such that

$$a\alpha_{ij}(u) = \alpha_{ij}(f_{ji}(a)u) \quad \text{for } a \in \mathcal{A}_i \quad \text{and} \quad u \in M.$$

This defines the functor  $\varphi_{ij} : \text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}_j)|_{U_{ij}} \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}_i)|_{U_{ij}}$ .

Let us define an isomorphism of functors

$$\psi_{ijk} : \varphi_{ij} \circ \varphi_{jk} \rightarrow \varphi_{ik}$$

as follows. For  $M \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}_k)|_{U_{ijk}}$ , we define

$$\psi_{ijk}(M) : \varphi_{ij} \circ \varphi_{jk}(M) \rightarrow \varphi_{ik}(M)$$

by  $\alpha_{ij}\alpha_{jk}(u) \mapsto \alpha_{ik}(a_{kji}^{-1}u)$  for  $u \in M$ . Let us check that  $\psi_{ijk}(M)$  is  $\mathcal{A}_i$ -linear. For  $a \in \mathcal{A}_i$  and  $u \in M$ , we have

$$a\alpha_{ij}\alpha_{jk}(u) = \alpha_{ij}(f_{ji}(a)\alpha_{jk}(u)) = \alpha_{ij}\alpha_{jk}(f_{kj}f_{ji}(a)u) = \alpha_{ij}\alpha_{jk}(a_{kji}f_{ki}(a)a_{kji}^{-1}u).$$

Hence we obtain

$$\psi_{ijk}(M)(a\alpha_{ij}\alpha_{jk}(u)) = \alpha_{ik}(f_{ki}(a)a_{kji}^{-1}u) = a\alpha_{ik}(a_{kji}^{-1}u) = a\psi_{ijk}(M)(\alpha_{ij}\alpha_{jk}(u)).$$

Thus,  $\psi_{ijk}(M)$  is  $\mathcal{A}_i$ -linear and hence  $\psi_{ijk}$  is a well-defined morphism of functors.

Next, we shall check the chain condition (PC). The composition  $\psi_{ikl} \circ \psi_{ijk}$  is calculated as follows:

$$\psi_{ikl}\psi_{ijk}(\alpha_{ij}\alpha_{jk}\alpha_{kl}(u)) = \psi_{ikl}\alpha_{ik}(a_{kji}^{-1}\alpha_{kl}(u)) = \psi_{ikl}\alpha_{ik}\alpha_{kl}(f_{lk}(a_{kji}^{-1})u) = \alpha_{il}(a_{lki}^{-1}f_{lk}(a_{kji}^{-1})u).$$

Similarly, we have

$$\psi_{ijl}\psi_{jkl}(\alpha_{ij}\alpha_{jk}\alpha_{kl}(u)) = \psi_{ijl}\alpha_{ij}(\psi_{jkl}(\alpha_{jk}\alpha_{kl}(u))) = \psi_{ijl}\alpha_{ij}\alpha_{jl}(a_{lkj}^{-1}u) = \alpha_{il}(a_{lji}^{-1}a_{lkj}^{-1}u).$$

Then  $\psi_{ikl} \circ \psi_{ijk} = \psi_{ijl} \circ \psi_{jkl}$  follows from (C2).

By the arguments in §2, we can patch  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}_i)$  together and we obtain a globally defined stack.

Now, we can apply this result to the situation in §1, and we obtain

**Theorem 2.** *For any contact manifold  $Z$ , we can define canonically a stack  $\text{Mod}(Z)$  on  $Z$ , which is locally equivalent to the stack of  $\mathcal{E}_X$ -modules.*

We call an object  $L$  of  $\text{Mod}(Z)$  invertible if it is locally isomorphic to  $\mathcal{A}_i$ . If there is an invertible object  $L$ , then  $\mathcal{A} = \text{End}(L)$  is a sheaf of rings locally isomorphic to the sheaf of micro-differential operators and  $\text{Mod}(Z)$  is equivalent to  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A})$ . Hence the existence of a globally defined ring of micro-differential operators is equivalent to the existence of an invertible object.

#### §4. Sheaf of Microfunctions

Let  $Z$  be a contact manifold and let  $Z_{\mathbf{R}}$  be a real analytic submanifold such that  $Z$  is a complexification of  $Z_{\mathbf{R}}$ . Let  $\bar{Z}$  be the complex conjugate of  $Z$ . By shrinking  $Z$  if necessary, we may assume that there is an isomorphism of complex manifolds  $\bar{Z} \rightarrow Z$  that is set-theoretically the identity on  $Z_{\mathbf{R}}$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{O}_Z(1)$  has a complex conjugation and  $\sqrt{-1}\omega$  is invariant by the complex conjugation. Let  $\Lambda_x$  be the set of oriented Lagrangian vector subspaces in  $T_x(Z_{\mathbf{R}})$ . Then  $\Lambda = \cup \Lambda_x$  is a fiber bundle over  $Z_{\mathbf{R}}$ . Let  $\pi : \Lambda \rightarrow Z_{\mathbf{R}}$  be the projection.

Since  $\pi_1(\Lambda_x) \cong \mathbf{Z}$ , there is a canonical double covering  $p : \tilde{\Lambda} \rightarrow \Lambda \times_{Z_{\mathbf{R}}} \Lambda$  over  $\Lambda \times_{Z_{\mathbf{R}}} \Lambda$  with a canonical map  $i : \Lambda \rightarrow \tilde{\Lambda}$  such that  $p \circ i$  is the diagonal embedding.

Let  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  be the first and the second projection from  $\Lambda \times_{Z_{\mathbf{R}}} \Lambda$  onto  $\Lambda$ . Let  $\sigma$  be the covering automorphism of  $p : \tilde{\Lambda} \rightarrow \Lambda \times_{Z_{\mathbf{R}}} \Lambda$  and let  $L$  be the subsheaf of  $p_* \mathbf{C}_{\tilde{\Lambda}}$  consisting of sections  $s$  such that  $\sigma^* s = -s$ . Then  $L$  is locally isomorphic to  $\mathbf{C}_{\Lambda \times_{Z_{\mathbf{R}}} \Lambda}$  and  $i^{-1}L$  is canonically isomorphic to  $\mathbf{C}_{\Lambda}$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the stack on  $Z_{\mathbf{R}}$  defined by : for any open subset  $U$  of  $Z_{\mathbf{R}}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(U) = \{(F, \varphi); F \text{ is a sheaf on } \pi^{-1}(U) \text{ and } \varphi \text{ is an automorphism } p_2^{-1}F \otimes L \simeq p_1^{-1}F \text{ such that } i^{-1}\varphi : F \rightarrow F \text{ is equal to the identity } \}$ .

Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a stack locally equivalent to the stack of sheaves on  $Z_{\mathbf{R}}$ .

We can define the stack  $\mathcal{C} \otimes \text{Mod}(Z)$  over  $Z_{\mathbf{R}}$  in an obvious way. Then for  $M \in \text{Mod}(Z)$  and  $F \in \mathcal{C} \otimes \text{Mod}(Z)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}om(M, F)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Now, we have

**Proposition 3.** *We can define canonically an object  $\mathcal{C}_{Z_{\mathbb{R}}}$  of  $\mathcal{C} \otimes \text{Mod}(Z)$ , which is locally isomorphic to the sheaf of microfunctions.*

## §5. Regular holonomic systems

Since the notion of regular holonomic  $\mathcal{E}$ -modules is invariant by the quantized contact transformations, we can define the notion of regular holonomic systems for objects in  $\text{Mod}(Z)$ . The subcategory  $\text{Reg}(Z)$  of regular holonomic systems in  $\text{Mod}(Z)$  forms a full abelian subcategory of  $\text{Mod}(Z)$ .

Let  $\Lambda$  be a Lagrangian submanifold of  $Z$ . Then  $(\Omega_{\Lambda}^{\dim \Lambda})^{\otimes 1/2}$  defines the stack  $\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}$  of twisted sheaves (cf. e.g. [K1]). The stack  $\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}$  is locally isomorphic to the stack of sheaves on  $\Lambda$  and it contains  $(\Omega_{\Lambda}^{\dim \Lambda})^{\otimes 1/2}$  as an object. Then we have the following proposition, which is a translation of Theorem (10.3) [K2]

**Proposition 4.** *The category of regular holonomic systems with support in  $\Lambda$  is equivalent to the category of locally constant objects in  $\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}$ .*

Here a locally constant object  $L$  in  $\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}$  is an object in  $\mathcal{C}_{\Lambda}$  locally isomorphic to a constant sheaf of finite rank.

## §6. Discussion

We know by the Riemann-Hilbert correspondence, the category of perverse sheaves is equivalent to the category of regular holonomic  $D_X$ -modules. We can ask what is the stack of “perverse sheaves on  $Z$ ”, which is equivalent to the stack  $\text{Reg}(Z)$  of regular holonomic systems on  $Z$ .

Another question is : we defined  $\text{Mod}(Z)$  for a contact manifold  $Z$ . Is there an analogue of  $\text{Mod}(Z)$  on any Poisson manifold  $Z$  ?



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