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First note the main results from my paper "Sheaf representations and Graded manifolds".

Theorem 1 (Mulvey-Bryant)

1. Let  $A$  be any  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded-commutative Gelfand  $R$ -algebra. Topologise  $\text{Max } A$  with the Zariski topology.

$\exists$  sheaf  $\tilde{A}$  of graded-commutative  $R$ -algebras over  $X = \text{Max } A$  and an isomorphism  $C_A : A \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \tilde{A})$  of graded algebras.

Similarly if  $M$  is a graded  $A$ -module  $\exists$  sheaf  $\tilde{M}$  of  $X$ -modules and a canonical isomorphism  $C_M : M \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \tilde{M})$  of  $A$ -modules.

2. If  $(X, \rho)$  is a graded manifold,  $A = \Gamma(X, \rho)$  then  $A$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded-commutative Gelfand algebra. Denote by  $\tilde{X}$  the restriction of the above sheaf representation to the set of maximal ideals of codimension 1 in  $A$ . Then  $\text{Max}(C_A)$  gives an isomorphism (of sheaves of graded algebras)

$$X \xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{X}.$$

$X$  compact  $\Rightarrow$  the correspondence  $M \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  is an equivalence of categories  $A\text{-Mod} \leftrightarrow R\text{-Mod}$ .

$X$  arbitrary  $\Rightarrow$  we restrict to an equivalence of categories between the projective/finitely generated  $A$ -modules and the locally free  $R$ -modules of finite rank.

Remark: Allows us to work globally or locally and the localisation procedure is completely determined. 1 gives a Stone-Cech compactification for graded manifolds and 2 gives a graded version of Swan's theorem.

To make Swan's theorem concrete we obtain the following result (after Kostant, Ruipérez/Muñoz Masqué)

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Proposition 1 (Concrete Swan's theorem)

Let  $X$  be a smooth manifold and  $M$  a projective/finitely generated  $C^\infty(X)$ -module. There exists a locally trivial vector-bundle  $V(M)$  over  $X$  for which the global sections are isomorphic to  $M$ .

Proof: Localise by  $\text{Max } A$  to obtain a locally free  $C^\infty$ -Module of rank  $r$  say.

Write  $M^* \cong C^\infty(X) \cdot M_1 \oplus \dots \oplus C^\infty(X) \cdot M_r$  (give this meaning on the lines of  $\text{Max } A$ ).

Consider  $S_{C^\infty(X)}(M^*)$  the symmetric algebra of the dual  $C^\infty(X)$ -module  $M^*$ .

If  $V(M) = \text{Alg}(S_{C^\infty(X)}(M^*), \mathbb{R})$  with the weak topology

then  $\text{Alg}(S_{C^\infty(X)}(M^*), \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \text{Alg}(C^\infty(X), \mathbb{R}) \cong X$  provides a smooth surjection  $\pi : V(M) \rightarrow X$ .

To define the smooth structure of  $V(M)$  complete  $S(M^*)$  [use coalgebraic completion i.e. weak $\star$  closure in  $S(C^\infty(X))$ , or locally Grothendieck  $\pi$ -product].

Locally  $S(M^*) \cong C^\infty(X) \otimes \{R^r M_1, \dots, M_r\}$  so the completion  $\widehat{S(M^*)} \cong C^\infty(X \times \mathbb{R}^r)$ . This latter is Gelfand providing a (globally defined) smooth structure on  $V(M)$  and showing that  $\pi : V(M) \rightarrow X$  is a locally trivial vector bundle of rank  $r$ .

Sections of  $\pi$  can be described as  $C^\infty(X)$ -algebra maps  $s : S(M^*) \rightarrow C^\infty(X)$ .

These all arise from elements of  $\text{Hom}_{C^\infty(X)}(M^*, C^\infty(X)) \cong M^{**} \cong M$

(since the completion is functorial and does not affect  $C^\infty(X)$ ). /

Remark: The construction of  $V(M)$  and its smooth structure was entirely global in contrast to the usual approach involving explicit construction of the fibres.

Hence Prop 1 generalises immediately to

Proposition 2

If  $(X, \alpha)$  is a graded manifold and  $M$  a locally free  $\alpha$ -Module of graded rank  $(P, q)$   $\exists$  submersion of graded manifolds  $\underline{\pi} : (V(M), \hat{\beta}) \rightarrow (X, \alpha)$  that is locally trivial with fibre a standard graded manifold  $(\mathbb{R}^P, \mathbb{R}^q)$ . Moreover  $M$  can be regarded as the sheaf of local 'sections' of  $\underline{\pi}$ .

Proof Let  $M = \Gamma(X, M)$  and consider  $\widehat{S_A}(M^\#)$  [the completion of the symmetric algebra of the graded  $A$ -dual  $M^\#$  taken in the graded sense].

Find a locally free  $C^\infty_X$ -Module of rank  $P$  via  $\text{Mord} \equiv (M / N(A).M)_0$  where  $N(A) \triangleleft A$  is the nilpotent ideal of  $A$ .

Use Prop 1 to turn this into a concrete (ordinary) vector bundle  $V(M) \rightarrow X$  justifying the terminology by  $V(M) \cong \text{Alg}(S(\text{Mord}^\#), \mathbb{R}) \cong \text{Alg}(S(M^\#), \mathbb{R})$ . The same construction as in Prop 1 gives a sheaf over  $V(M)$  which is a graded manifold since  $M^\# \stackrel{\text{loc}}{\cong} A \cdot M_1 \oplus A \cdot M_2 \oplus \dots \oplus A \cdot M_p \oplus A \cdot i_1 \oplus \dots \oplus A \cdot i_q$  ( $M_i$  even elts of  $M^\#$ ,  $i_j$  odd).

$$\text{so } S(M^\#) \stackrel{\text{loc}}{\cong} A \oplus \mathbb{R} \{ M_1, \dots, M_p \} \oplus \mathbb{R} \{ i_1, \dots, i_q \} \\ \cong A \oplus C^\infty(CP) \oplus \mathbb{R}^q.$$

Moreover as before

$$M \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}_A(S_A(M^\#), A).$$

IMPORTANT REMARK

Construction of  $\text{Mord}$  involved taking the even part of a graded  $C^\infty(X)$ -module: this will lead to an important consequence of this approach - the underlying (body) manifold of our graded jet bundles is not the ordinary jet bundle. (Page 26 of [234]).

Example

The graded cotangent bundle constructed by Kostant comes in exactly this way from the  $A$ -module

$$S_{\text{Der}A}(A) = \text{Hom}_A(\text{Der}A, A)$$

which will be important to us.

Definition of graded jet bundles

(We describe only the first bundle to avoid technicalities).

If  $A_x, B_y$  are GMs (let  $S_{\text{Der}}(A) = \text{Hom}_A(\text{Der}A, A)$ )

$$S_{\text{Der}}(B) = \text{Hom}_B(\text{Der}B, B)$$

$$\text{set } M = \text{Hom}_{A \otimes B}(\mathbb{R}B, \mathbb{R}A)$$

(the individual module structures via natural projections  $p_1 : A \otimes B \rightarrow A, p_2 : A \otimes B \rightarrow B$ ).

Prop 2  $\Rightarrow$  We have a GM total space  $J^1(A, B)$  associated to  $M$  which is a locally trivial GM "vector-bundle" over the product GM  $(X \times Y, \alpha \otimes \beta)$ .

This is called the first jet bundle of maps from  $A_x$  to  $B_y$ .

Remark: higher order jet bundles difficult to define based on  $S_{\text{Der}}(A) = \Delta / \Delta_{k+1}$  for  $\Delta = \text{ker}(\text{diagonal map})$

since for  $k > 1$  there have non-trivial algebra structures. The approach goes back to Golubitsky-Guillemin.

Properties

Each GM morphism  $P : B_y \rightarrow B'_y$  induces

$$P_* : J^1(A, B) \rightarrow J^1(A, B')$$

(a submersion whenever  $P$  is a submersion).

Similarly for  $A \xrightarrow{\sim} J^1(A, B)$  and higher order jet bdl's.

Each morphism  $f : A_x \rightarrow B_y$  induces the 1-jet lifting of  $f$ :

$$j^1 f : A_x \hookrightarrow J^1(A, B) \text{ actually a closed immersion.}$$

Given a locally free  $A$ -Module of finite rank with corresponding "graded vector bundle"  $P : B_y \rightarrow A_x$  there is a pull-back diagram defining the first jet bundle of sections of  $P$ .

(Same for higher orders).

$$\begin{array}{ccc} J^1(B/A) & \hookrightarrow & J^1(A, B) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow P_* \\ A_x & \hookrightarrow & J^1(A, A) \end{array}$$

True for all submersions in fact.

[Alternative approach for graded vector bundles only  
- not arbitrary submersions.]

Let  $\pi_X$  be a GM and  $F, G$  be  $\pi_X$ -bundles (i.e.  
locally free / finite rank).

Define  $\text{Diff}(F, G) \subset \text{Hom}_{\text{LR}}(F, G)$  inductively by  
 $\text{Diff}_0(F, G) = \text{Hom}_A(F, G)$  and  
 $\text{Diff}_{k+1}(F, G) = \{ \delta \in \text{Hom}_{\text{LR}}(F, G) : [\delta, a] \in \text{Diff}_k(F, G) \text{ for all } a \}$   
where  $[\delta, a] : F \xrightarrow{\sim} \delta(a \cdot F) - (-1)^{|\delta||a|} a \cdot \delta(F)$ ,  
- definition of R. Hermann (1969).

Differential operators localise well and we set

$$\mathcal{J}^k(F) = \pi_{\text{OM}_R}(\text{Diff}_k(F, \pi_X), \pi_X)$$

giving a new  $\pi$ -bundle satisfying  
 $\text{Diff}(F, G) \cong \text{Hom}_R(\mathcal{J}^k F, G)$  (see my thesis!).

Return to the first graded jet bundle of sections of some  
GM submersion  $P : B_Y \rightarrow \pi_X$  with diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{J}'(P) & \xrightarrow{P_1} & B_Y \\ & \searrow \downarrow P & \\ & \pi_X & \end{array}$$

Let  $\mathcal{J}'(P)$  be the ring of global  
sections of  $\mathcal{J}'(P)$  with similar  
notation for higher orders.

They consider  $\text{Der}_A(B) =$  graded derivations of  $B$  that  
vanish on  $A$  ( $P_1$  is injective)  
and construct the fundamental

$$M = \mathcal{J}'(P) \otimes_B \text{Der}_A(B)$$

Geometrically this gives the sections of the vertical bundle  
 $\text{vert}(P)$  when it is pulled back over  $\mathcal{J}'(P)$  via  $P_1$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P_1^* \text{vert}(P) & \longrightarrow & \text{vert}(P) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{J}'(P) & \xrightarrow{P_1} & B_Y \end{array}$$

We will generally be doing graded differential calculus  
with values in the module  $M$  - cf Koszul.

Now on  $\mathcal{J}'(P)$  there exists an ( $M$ -valued) structure  
1-form that characterizes those sections of  $P = P_1 P$  that  
are the 1-jet lifts of sections of  $P$ .

### Proposition 3

$\exists \delta' \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{J}'(P)}(\text{Der } \mathcal{J}'(P), M)$  - an  $M$ -valued 1-form  
over  $\mathcal{J}'(P)$  s.t.

a section  $\bar{\sigma} : \pi_X \rightarrow \mathcal{J}'(P)$  of  $P$  is the 1-jet lifting of  
a section  $\sigma = P_1 \cdot \bar{\sigma} : \pi_X \rightarrow B_Y$  of  $P$  iff  $\bar{\sigma} + \delta' = 0$ .

Proof. The exact sequence of  $\mathcal{J}'(P)$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow M \longrightarrow \mathcal{J}'(P) \otimes_B \text{Der} B \longrightarrow \mathcal{J}'(P) \otimes_A \text{Der} A \rightarrow 0$$

splits at the second place and  $P_1$  induces

$$P_{1,*} : \text{Der } \mathcal{J}'(P) \longrightarrow \mathcal{J}'(P) \otimes_B \text{Der} B \text{ etc.}$$

We also need a structure form on the second graded  
jet-bundle  $\mathcal{J}^2(P)$ . The proof is similar:

### Prop 4

on  $\mathcal{J}^2(P)$   $\exists$ , 1-form  $\delta^2$  (valued in  $\mathcal{J}^2(P) \otimes_{\mathcal{J}'(P)} \text{Der}_A \mathcal{J}^2(P)$ )  
- i.e.  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{J}^2(P)}(P_{2,1}^*, \text{vert}(P))$  where  $P_{2,1} : \mathcal{J}^2(P) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}'(P)$

A section  $\bar{\sigma} : \pi_X \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^2(P)$  is the 2-jet lift of a section  
 $\sigma = (P_1, P_{2,1}) \cdot \bar{\sigma} : \pi_X \rightarrow B_Y$  of  $P$  iff  $\bar{\sigma} + \delta^2 = 0$ .

Now a graded derivation (a.k.a "connection") for  $M$  is  
a map of  $\mathcal{J}'(P)$ -modules  $D : \text{Der } \mathcal{J}'(P) \rightarrow \text{End}_{\text{LR}}(M)$  s.t.

$$D^\alpha(j) \cdot M = D(j) \cdot M + (-1)^{|D|(j)} j \cdot D^M \quad (\text{homogeneous jets } \mathcal{J}'(P) \\ \text{de } \text{Der } \mathcal{J}'(P) \\ M \in M)$$

Then we can take, for example, the exterior derivative  
 $d\theta'$  of the  $M$ -valued 1-form  $\theta'$  w.r.t. some  $D$ .

[Choose one from a graded derivation (a.k.a for the  
 $B$ -module  $\text{Der} B$  with "vanishing vertical torsion"  
 $D^\alpha D' = (-1)^{|D|(|D'|)} D' D$  - this produces a connection  
for  $\text{vert}(P)$  hence its pull-back --  $M$ ].

Define a graded infinitesimal contact transformation on  
 $\mathcal{J}'(P)$  as a vector field  $T \in \text{Der } \mathcal{J}'(P)$  s.t.

$$T \delta' = h \circ \theta' \quad \text{for some } h \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{J}'(P)}(M)$$

(Lie derivative may be taken with respect to any  
derivation (a.k.a on  $M$ ), the definition being independent  
of a particular choice).



Definition A section  $s$  of the GM submersion  $P: B_Y \rightarrow A_X$  is said to be CRITICAL for the variational problem given by  $L \cdot w$  if for all graded infinitesimal contact transformations  $\bar{\theta}$  in  $\mathcal{T}^1(\mathcal{P})$  [with compact support on  $A_X$ ]:

$$\int_X [(j^1 s)^* \bar{\theta}_B (L \cdot w)]^\sim = 0$$

### Theorem 2

i)  $s$  is critical  $\Leftrightarrow$  for all (any) derivation laws  $\nabla$ , both  $[(j^1 s)^* \bar{\theta}^\nabla]^\sim = 0$  and  $[(j^1 s)^* \bar{\theta}]^\sim = 0$

$$\text{where } \bar{\theta}^\nabla = d\varphi + \omega \otimes f$$

ii)  $s$  is critical  $\Leftrightarrow$   $[(j^1 s)^* (\bar{\theta} \cup d\varphi)]^\sim = 0$   
(Hamiltonian version).

Call  $\bar{\theta}^\nabla$ ,  $\bar{\theta}$  the graded global Euler-Lagrange operators.

CRUCIAL REMARK  $\bar{\theta}^\nabla$  depends on  $\nabla$ ,  $\bar{\theta}$  does not

$\bar{\theta}^\nabla$  gives expected Euler-Lagrange equations.

$\bar{\theta}$  gives completely 'new' constraint equations.

FACT for a naive supergravity theory with Lagrangian  $R^2 + T^2$   $\bar{\theta}$  produces the supergravity constraints on curvature/torsion found by Wess-Zumino!

However local equations (from  $\bar{\theta}^\nabla$ ) are independent of the derivation law:

Proof of Thm 2 via

Lemma 1

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\theta}_B (L \cdot w) &= -(\bar{\theta} \cup \theta') \wedge (d\varphi + \omega \otimes f) + (\bar{\theta} \cup \theta^{2,\nabla}) \wedge \bar{\theta} \\ &\quad - d(\bar{\theta} \cup \theta) - \theta' \wedge (\bar{\theta}_B \varphi - \bar{\theta} \cup (d\varphi + \omega \otimes f) + g \varphi) \\ &\quad - \theta^{2,\nabla} \wedge (\bar{\theta} \cup \bar{\theta}) + \beta \wedge \in \Lambda^M RA \otimes_A \mathcal{T}^2(\mathcal{P}) \end{aligned}$$

Proof from  $\theta' = \theta' \wedge \varphi - L \cdot w$  and  $\bar{\theta}_B \alpha = \bar{\theta} \cup d\alpha + d(\bar{\theta} \cup \alpha)$  use theorem 1 etc,

Proof (Thm 2)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X [j^1 s]^* \bar{\theta}_B (L \cdot w)]^\sim &= - \int_X (j^1 s)^* (\bar{\theta} \cup \theta') \wedge (j^1 s)^* \bar{\theta}^\nabla)^\sim \\ &\quad + \int_X (j^1 s)^* (\bar{\theta} \cup \theta^{2,\nabla})^\sim \wedge (j^1 s)^* \bar{\theta}^\nabla \end{aligned}$$

giving sufficiency (i). Converse by local computation.  
(ii) is similar. /

Local descriptions

Let  $(r_1, \dots, r_m, s_1, \dots, s_n)$  be local coords for  $(X, A)$   
 $(p_1, \dots, p_m, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$  be local coords for  $(Y, B)$ .

If  $D_{\alpha, \beta} = (\partial/\partial r_i)^{\alpha i} (\partial/\partial s_j^{\beta})$  basis for  $\text{Der}_A$

Then

1)  $(r_i, s_j, p_h, \sigma_c, D_{\alpha, \beta} \otimes d p_h, D_{\alpha, \beta} \otimes d \sigma_c)$  are local coordinates for  $\Sigma^1(A, B)$

2) If  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  is a GM morphism and  $f^*: B \rightarrow A$  the induced map we have a lift  $j^f: (X, A) \hookrightarrow \Sigma^1(A, B)$  and

$(j^f)^*: \Sigma^1(A, B) \rightarrow A$  is described by

$$r_i \rightarrow r_i, s_j \rightarrow s_j, p_h \rightarrow f^* p_h, \sigma_c \rightarrow f^* \sigma_c$$

$$D_{\alpha, \beta} \otimes d p_h \rightarrow \frac{1}{\alpha!} (\partial/\partial r)^{\alpha} (\partial/\partial s^{\beta}) (f^* p_h)$$

$$D_{\alpha, \beta} \otimes d \sigma_c \rightarrow \frac{1}{\alpha!} (\partial/\partial r)^{\alpha} (\partial/\partial s^{\beta}) (f^* \sigma_c)$$

(latter two are coefficients in the Taylor series.

Consider submersion  $p: (Y, B) \rightarrow (X, A)$

If  $(x_1, \dots, x_m, s_1, \dots, s_n)$  are coords for  $A$   
 $(x'_1, \dots, x'_m, y_1, \dots, y_n, s'_1, \dots, s'_n, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$  coords for  $B$ .

(i.e.  $p^*: A \hookrightarrow B$  &  $p^*(x_i) = x'_i$  etc.)

Then  $P_K: \text{Der}B \rightarrow B \otimes_A \text{Der}A$  is given by

$$P_K(\partial/\partial x_i) = 1 \otimes \partial/\partial x_i, P_K(\partial/\partial y_i) = \underline{\underline{0}} \otimes 0$$

$$P_K(\partial/\partial s_h^j) = 1 \otimes \partial/\partial s_h, P_K(\partial/\partial \sigma_c) = 0$$

Then a local system for  $\Sigma^1(P)$  is given by

$$(x_i, y_h, s_j, \sigma_c, p_h = \partial/\partial x_i \otimes dy_h, \bar{p}_{hj} = \partial/\partial s_j \otimes dy_h, \\ q_{hi} = \partial/\partial x_i \otimes ds_h, q_{hc} = \partial/\partial s_j \otimes d\sigma_c)$$

Description of  $\Theta'$ 

$$\Theta' = \theta_h \otimes \partial/\partial y_h + \bar{\theta}_h \otimes \partial/\partial \sigma_h \\ \in \underline{\underline{\text{Der}AB}}$$

where  $\theta_h, \bar{\theta}_h$  are 1-forms over  $\Sigma^1(P)$  given by

~~$\theta_h = dx_i \wedge \partial/\partial x_i \wedge dy_h \wedge \partial/\partial y_h$~~

~~$\bar{\theta}_h = ds_h \wedge \partial/\partial s_h \wedge d\sigma_h \wedge \partial/\partial \sigma_h$~~

$$\theta_h = dy_h - dx_i q_{hi} - ds_j q_{hj}$$

$$\bar{\theta}_h = d\sigma_h - ds_j \bar{q}_{hi} - d\sigma_j \bar{q}_{hj}$$

Description of  $F, \mathcal{L}$ 

$$F = \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_h^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_h^j} \frac{\partial}{\partial s_j} \right) \otimes dy_h$$

$$+ \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \sigma_h^k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \sigma_h^k} \frac{\partial}{\partial s_j} \right) \otimes d\sigma_h$$

$$\mathcal{L} = - \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_h^i} w_i \otimes dy_h + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \sigma_h^k} w_k \otimes d\sigma_h$$

Description of  $\zeta$ 

$$\zeta = \left( -\omega \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_h^i} - ds_j \wedge w_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_h^i} \right) \otimes \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_j} \otimes dy_h \right)$$

$$+ \left( -\omega \frac{\partial L}{\partial \sigma_h^k} + ds_j \wedge w_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial \sigma_h^k} \right) \otimes \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_j} \otimes d\sigma_h \right)$$

The Euler-Lagrange equations are

$$[(j's)^{\alpha} \frac{\partial L_0}{\partial y_r} - \partial/\partial x_i ((j's)^{\alpha} \frac{\partial L_0}{\partial y_i^r})] \sim = 0 \quad (r=1, \dots, p)$$

$$[(j's)^{\alpha} \frac{\partial L_1}{\partial \sigma_L} - \partial/\partial x_i ((j's)^{\alpha} \frac{\partial L_1}{\partial \sigma_i^L})] \sim = 0 \quad (L=1, \dots, q)$$

$$[(j's)^{\alpha} \frac{\partial L_j}{\partial y_j^h}] \sim = 0 \quad (h=1, \dots, p, j=1, \dots, n)$$

$$\{ (j's)^{\alpha} \frac{\partial L_k}{\partial \sigma_k^R} \} \sim = 0 \quad (k=1, \dots, q, R=1, \dots, n)$$

$B_Y \rightarrow A_X$  coords for  $B$  (adapted)  $(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n)$   
 $S_1, \dots, S_n, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y_j^h &= \partial/\partial s_j \otimes dy_h \\ \sigma_i^k &= \partial/\partial x_i \otimes d\sigma_k \end{aligned} \right\}$$

and  
local coordinates on  $J^1(P)$