

24. Deformation Quantization of Poisson Algebras

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§ 0. Introduction. Let M be a C^∞ Poisson manifold, and $C^\infty(M)$ the set of all \mathbb{C} -valued C^∞ functions on M . In what follows, we put $\alpha = C^\infty(M)$ for simplicity. By definition of Poisson manifolds, there exists a bilinear map $\{ , \} : \alpha \times \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$, called the *Poisson bracket*, with the following properties: For any $f, g, h \in \alpha$,

$$\begin{aligned} \{f, g\} &= -\{g, f\}, & \{f, g \cdot h\} &= \{f, g\} \cdot h + g \cdot \{f, h\}, \\ \{f, \{g, h\}\} &+ \{g, \{h, f\}\} &+ \{h, \{f, g\}\} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The algebra $(\alpha, \{ , \})$ is called the *Poisson algebra*.

We introduce the notion of the *deformation quantization* for the Poisson algebra $(\alpha, \{ , \})$ as follows: Let $\alpha[[\nu]]$ be the direct product space $\prod_{m=0}^{\infty} \nu^m \alpha$, where ν is a formal parameter. Consider an associative product $* : \alpha[[\nu]] \times \alpha[[\nu]] \rightarrow \alpha[[\nu]]$ such that ν is a center of $(\alpha[[\nu]], *)$ and 1 is the identity. Set for any $f, g \in \alpha$, $f * g = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \nu^n \pi_n(f, g)$ according to the decomposition of $f * g$.

Let $\hat{\alpha}_k = \alpha[[\nu]] / \nu^{k+1} \alpha[[\nu]] \cong \alpha \oplus \nu \alpha \oplus \cdots \oplus \nu^k \alpha$. Then an associative product $*$ can be considered on $\hat{\alpha}_k$ by setting $\nu^{k+1} = 0$. We denote this algebra by $(\hat{\alpha}_k, \{\pi_m\}_{m=0}^k)$.

Definition. (i) For $k \geq 2$, an associative algebra $(\hat{\alpha}_k, \{\pi_m\}_{m=0}^k)$ is called a *deformation quantization of order k* of $(\alpha, \{ , \})$, if the following conditions are satisfied: For any $f, g \in \alpha$.

(a) $\pi_0(f, g) = f \cdot g$ and $\pi_1(f, g) = -\frac{1}{2} \{f, g\}$.

(b) π_m is a bidifferential operator and $\pi_m(f, g) = (-1)^m \pi_m(g, f)$, $0 \leq m \leq k$.

(ii) $(\alpha[[\nu]], *)$ is called a *deformation quantization* of $(\alpha, \{ , \})$, if $(\hat{\alpha}_k, \{\pi_m\}_{m=0}^k)$ is a deformation quantization of order k of $(\alpha, \{ , \})$ for any k .

The main purpose of this paper is to study the obstructions for a deformation quantization $(\hat{\alpha}_k, \{\pi_m\}_{m=0}^k)$ of order k to be extended to that of order $k+1$. The obstruction R_{k+1} is obtained as a deRham-Chevally 3-cocycle defined in the next section.

Our main theorem is stated as follows:

Main theorem. *Suppose $(\hat{\alpha}_k, \{\pi_m\}_{m=0}^k)$ is a deformation quantization of order k of $(\alpha, \{ , \})$. There exists a deformation quantization $(\hat{\alpha}_{k+1}, \{\pi_m\}_{m=0}^{k+1})$ of order $k+1$ if and only if $R_{k+1} = 0$.*

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