

# Vector Bundle Valued Differential Forms on Non-Negatively Graded DG Manifolds

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# Introduction

*Graded geometry* encodes efficiently (non-graded) geometric structures, e.g.  $\mathbb{N}Q$ -manifolds encode Lie algebroids and their higher analogues.

## Remark

$\mathbb{N}Q$ -manifolds  $(\mathcal{M}, Q)$  + a compatible geometric structure  
 encode  
*higher Lie algebroids + a compatible structure.*

Differential forms on  $\mathcal{M}$  preserved by  $Q$  are of a special interest. Vector bundle (VB) valued forms are even more interesting!

VB valued forms describe several interesting geometries: *foliated, (pre)contact, (pre)symplectic, locally conformal symplectic, poly-symplectic, cosymplectic, multisymplectic, ...*

# Introduction

## Examples

deg	NQ-manifold	standard geometry	proved in
1	foliated	infinitesimal ideal system	[Zambon & Zhu 2012]
1	contact	Jacobi	[Grabowski 2013] [Mehta 2013]
1	symplectic	Poisson	[Roytenberg 2002]
2	contact	contact-Courant	[Grabowski 2013]
2	symplectic	Courant	[Roytenberg 2002]

## Remark

All above cases can be regarded as:

*NQ-manifold + a compatible VB valued form.*

# Introduction

The above examples motivate the study of *VB valued differential forms* on  $\mathbb{N}Q$ -manifolds!

## Aims of the Talk

- 1 describe VB valued differential forms on  $\mathbb{N}$ -manifolds in terms of non-graded geometric data,
- 2 use this description as a *unified formalism* for examples above,
- 3 enlarge the list of examples.

## Remark

I work in the simplest case:  $\text{deg } 1$ , i.e. (non-higher) Lie algebroids.

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# Reminder on Graded Manifolds

## Definition: *graded manifold*

A pair  $\mathcal{M} = (M, C^\infty(\mathcal{M}))$  consisting of a manifold  $M$  and a graded  $C^\infty(M)$ -algebra  $C^\infty(\mathcal{M}) \approx \Gamma(S^\bullet E^\bullet)$  for some graded VB  $E^\bullet \rightarrow M$ .

## Remark

Smooth maps, vector fields, differential forms, etc. on  $\mathcal{M}$  are defined algebraically via graded differential calculus on  $C^\infty(\mathcal{M})$ .

Think of  $\mathcal{M}$  as a space locally coordinatized by  $(x^i, z^\alpha)$ :

- $\deg x^i = 0 \implies$  the  $x^i$ 's *commute*,
- $\deg z^\alpha =: |\alpha| \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus 0 \implies$  the  $z^\alpha$ 's *graded commute*.

The *Euler vector field*

$$\Delta = |\alpha| z^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial z^\alpha}$$

measures the *internal degree* of geometric objects.

# Q-manifolds and Lie algebroids

## Remark

I work with  $\mathbb{N}$ -manifolds  $\mathcal{M}$ , i.e.  $C^\infty(\mathcal{M})$  is non-negatively graded. The *degree* of  $\mathcal{M}$  is the *highest* degree of its coordinates.

## Definition: NQ-manifold

An  $\mathbb{N}$ -manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  + an homological vector field  $Q$ , i.e.

$$\deg Q = 1, \quad \text{and} \quad [Q, Q] = 0.$$

## Proposition

There is a one-to-one correspondence between *deg 1* NQ-manifolds and Lie algebroids, given by  $(A[1], Q = d_A) \iff (A, \rho_A, [-, -]_A)$ . Conversely

$$[\alpha, \beta]_A^\vee = [[Q, \alpha^\vee], \beta^\vee] \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_A(\alpha)f = [Q, \alpha^\vee]f, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma(A).$$

where  $\alpha^\vee \in \mathfrak{X}(A[1]) :=$  vertical lift of  $\alpha \in \Gamma(A)$ .



## VB Valued Forms on $\mathbb{N}$ -manifolds

Let  $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  be a VB in the category of graded manifolds. There is a Cartan calculus on  $\Omega(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{E}) := \{\mathcal{E}\text{-valued differential forms on } \mathcal{M}\}$ .

**Definition: derivation of  $\mathcal{E}$**

An  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear, graded operator  $\mathbb{X} : \Gamma(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{E})$  such that

$$\mathbb{X}(fe) = X(f)e + (-)^{|f|} f\mathbb{X}e, \quad \text{for some graded vector field } X.$$

**Remark**

$\omega \in \Omega(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{E})$  can be *contracted with* and *Lie differentiated along*  $\mathbb{X}$ . Interior products and Lie derivatives satisfy usual Cartan identities:

$$[i_{\mathbb{X}}, i_{\mathbb{Y}}] = 0, \quad [L_{\mathbb{X}}, i_{\mathbb{Y}}] = i_{[\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}]}, \quad [L_{\mathbb{X}}, L_{\mathbb{Y}}] = L_{[\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}]}.$$

**Definition: vector NQ-bundle**

A VB  $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  + an homological derivation  $\mathbb{Q}$ , i.e.

$$\deg \mathbb{Q} = 1, \quad \text{and} \quad [\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Q}] = 0.$$

# Spencer Data

Simplifying Assumption:  $\Gamma(\mathcal{E})$  is generated in deg 0

I.e.  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{M} \times_M E$  for some non-graded VB  $E \rightarrow M$ . Then a negatively graded derivation  $\mathbb{X}$  of  $\mathcal{E}$  is determined by its symbol  $X \in \mathfrak{X}_-(\mathcal{M})$ .

## Key Remark

A degree  $n > 0$  form  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{E})$  is completely determined by interior products with and Lie derivatives along negatively graded derivations:

$$n\omega = L_\Delta \omega = |\alpha| (z^\alpha L_{\partial/\partial z^\alpha} \omega + dz^\alpha \wedge i_{\partial/\partial z^\alpha} \omega).$$

Definition: Spencer data of a deg  $n > 0$  form  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{E})$

and

$$D : \mathfrak{X}_-(\mathcal{M}) \longrightarrow \Omega^k(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{E}), \quad X \longmapsto D(X) := L_X \omega,$$

$$\ell : \mathfrak{X}_-(\mathcal{M}) \longrightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{E}), \quad X \longmapsto \ell(X) := i_X \omega.$$

# Spencer Data

## Theorem

Spencer data establish a one-to-one correspondence between degree  $n > 0$  forms  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{E})$  and pairs  $(D, \ell)$ , with

- $D : \mathfrak{X}_-(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \Omega^k(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{E})$  a degree  $n$  first order DO, and
- $\ell : \mathfrak{X}_-(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{E})$  a degree  $n$   $C^\infty(M)$ -linear map,

such that

$$D(fX) = fD(X) + (-)^X df \wedge \ell(X),$$

and, moreover,

$$L_X D(Y) - (-)^{XY} L_Y D(X) = D([X, Y]),$$

$$L_X \ell(Y) - (-)^{X(Y-1)} i_Y D(X) = \ell([X, Y]),$$

$$i_X \ell(Y) - (-)^{(X-1)(Y-1)} i_Y \ell(X) = 0.$$

One can describe (inductively on  $n$ )  $\omega$  in terms of non-graded data!

# A First Example: Degree 1 Symplectic NQ-manifolds

**Definition:** *deg  $n$  symplectic N-manifold*

A deg  $n$  N-manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  + a deg  $n$  symplectic form  $\omega$ .

**Example:** *the shifted cotangent bundle  $T^*[n]M$  of a deg 0 manifold  $M$*

Notice that

$$\mathfrak{X}_-(T^*[n]M) = \Omega^1(M)[n].$$

$T^*[n]M$  is equipped with a deg  $n$  symplectic form  $\omega$  determined by

$$L_{(df)^\vee}\omega = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad i_{(df)^\vee}\omega = df, \quad f \in C^\infty(M).$$

Hence  $D = (-)^n d : \Omega^1(M) \rightarrow \Omega^2(M)$  and  $\ell = \text{id} : \Omega^1(M) \rightarrow \Omega^1(M)$ .

**Definition:** *deg  $n$  symplectic NQ-manifold*

A deg  $n$  NQ-manifold  $(\mathcal{M}, Q)$  + a deg  $n$  symplectic form  $\omega$  such that  $L_Q\omega = 0$ .

# A First Example: Degree 1 Symplectic NQ-manifolds

## Theorem [Roytenberg 2002]

There is a “one-to-one” correspondence between deg 1 symplectic NQ-manifolds  $(\mathcal{M}, Q)$  and Poisson manifolds.

## An alternative proof via Spencer data

Let  $\mathcal{M} = A[1] \rightarrow M$ . Then  $\mathfrak{X}_-(\mathcal{M}) = \Gamma(A)[1]$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{non-degeneracy} \Rightarrow \ell : \Gamma(A) \simeq \Omega^1(M) \\ \text{closedness} \Rightarrow D = -d \circ \ell \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow (\mathcal{M}, \omega) \simeq (T^*[1]M, \omega),$$

$$\text{Hence, } L_Q \omega = 0 \Leftrightarrow i_{(df)^\vee} i_{(dg)^\vee} L_Q \omega = L_{(df)^\vee} i_{(dg)^\vee} L_Q \omega = 0.$$

From  $Q = d_{T^*M}$  for a Lie algebroid  $(T^*M, \rho_{T^*M}, [-, -]_{T^*M})$ , follows

$$i_{(df)^\vee} i_{(dg)^\vee} L_Q \omega = -\rho_{T^*M}(df)(g) - \rho_{T^*M}(dg)(f)$$

and

$$L_{(df)^\vee} i_{(dg)^\vee} L_Q \omega = d\rho_{T^*M}(df)(g) - [df, dg]_{T^*M}.$$

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# Distributions on NQ-Manifolds

Let  $(\mathcal{M}, Q)$  be an NQ-manifold, and  $\mathcal{D} \subset T\mathcal{M}$  a distribution.

Simplifying Assumption:  $T\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{D}$  is generated in deg  $-k$

Projection

$$\theta_{\mathcal{D}} : T\mathcal{M} \rightarrow T\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{D} \rightarrow (T\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{D})[-k] =: \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{D}}$$

can be seen as a deg  $k$  (surjective)  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{D}}$ -valued 1-form.

Definition:  $\mathcal{D}$  compatible with  $Q$

If  $[Q, \Gamma(\mathcal{D})] \subset \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ .

Proposition

$\mathcal{D}$  is compatible with  $Q$  iff there is an homological derivation  $\mathbb{Q}$  of  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{D}}$  with symbol  $Q$  such that  $L_{\mathbb{Q}}\theta_{\mathcal{D}} = 0$ .

# Degree 1 Foliated NQ-Manifolds

Definition: *deg  $n$  foliated NQ-manifold*

A deg  $n$  NQ-manifold  $(M, Q)$  + an involutive distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  such that  $TM/\mathcal{D}$  is generated in deg  $-n$  and  $[Q, \Gamma(\mathcal{D})] \subset \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ .

Proposition [Zambon & Zhu 2012]

There is a “one-to-one” correspondence between deg 1 foliated NQ-manifolds and Lie algebroids  $A \rightarrow M$  + an infinitesimal ideal system covering  $TM$ .

Reminder: *infinitesimal ideal system covering  $TM$*

- A Lie subalgebroid  $B \subset A$  over  $M$ ,
  - a flat connection in  $A/B$ ,
- + a certain compatibility condition.

There is a simple, alternative proof via Spencer data of  $\theta_{\mathcal{D}}$ .



# Degree 1 Contact NQ-Manifolds

A *contact structure* on  $\mathcal{M}$  is an hyperplane distribution  $\mathcal{C}$  with non-degenerate *curvature*:  $\omega_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow T\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{C}$ ,  $(X, Y) \mapsto \theta_{\mathcal{C}}([X, Y])$ .

**Definition:** *deg n contact NQ-manifold*

A *deg n NQ-manifold*  $(\mathcal{M}, Q)$  + a contact structure  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $T\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{C}$  is generated in *deg -n*, and  $[Q, \Gamma(\mathcal{C})] \subset \Gamma(\mathcal{C})$ .

**Proposition** [Grabowski 2013], [Mehta 2013]

*There is a “one-to-one” correspondence between deg 1 contact NQ-manifolds and Jacobi bundles.*

**Reminder:** *Jacobi bundle*

A line bundle  $L \rightarrow M$  + a Lie bracket  $\{-, -\}$  on  $\Gamma(L)$  which is a first order DO in each entry.

There is a simple, alternative proof via Spencer data of  $\theta_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

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# Degree 1 LCS NQ-Manifolds

A *lcs structure* on  $\mathcal{M}$  is a pair consisting of a flat line bundle  $(\mathcal{L}, \nabla)$  over  $\mathcal{M}$  and a  $d_\nabla$ -closed, non-degenerate,  $\mathcal{L}$ -valued, 2-form  $\omega$ .

*Definition: deg  $n$  lcs NQ-manifold*

A deg  $n$   $\mathbb{N}$ -manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  + a line  $\mathbb{N}\mathbb{Q}$ -bundle  $(\mathcal{L}, \mathbb{Q})$  generated in deg 0, and a lcs structure  $((\mathcal{L}, \nabla), \omega)$  such that  $\deg \omega = n$ , and  $L_{\mathbb{Q}}\omega = 0$ .

**Proposition**

There is a “one-to-one” correspondence between deg 1 lcs  $\mathbb{N}\mathbb{Q}$ -manifolds and lc Poisson manifolds.

*Reminder: lc Poisson manifold*

A manifold  $M$  with a flat line bundle  $(L, \nabla)$  and a morphism  $P : \wedge^2(T^*M \otimes L) \rightarrow L$  inducing a Lie bracket  $\{-, -\}_P$  on  $\Gamma(L)$ :

$$\{\lambda, \mu\}_P = P(d_\nabla \lambda, d_\nabla \mu), \quad \lambda, \mu \in \Gamma(L).$$

# Degree 1 Presymplectic NQ-Manifolds

Definition: *deg  $n$  presymplectic NQ-manifold*

A deg  $n$  NQ-manifold  $(\mathcal{M}, Q)$  + a deg  $n$  presymplectic form  $\omega$  such that  $L_Q\omega = 0$ .

Proposition

There is a “one-to-one” correspondence between deg 1,  $\dim(m, m)$  presymplectic NQ-manifolds [+ clean intersection] and Dirac  $m$ -folds.

Reminder: *Dirac manifold*

A manifold  $M$  + a maximal isotropic subbundle  $D \subset TM \oplus T^*M$  whose sections are preserved by *Dorfman brackets*.

Dirac structures can be alternatively described within graded geometry as Lagrangian submanifolds in deg 2 symplectic NQ-manifolds!

# Degree 1 Poly-Symplectic NQ-Manifolds

A  $k$ -poly-symplectic structure on  $\mathcal{M}$  is a closed,  $\mathbb{R}^k$ -valued 2-form  $\omega$  such that  $\omega^b : X \mapsto i_X \omega$  is a VB embedding.

Definition: *deg  $n$   $k$ -poly-symplectic NQ-manifold*

A deg  $n$  NQ-manifold  $(\mathcal{M}, Q)$  + a deg  $n$   $k$ -poly-symplectic structure  $\omega$  such that  $L_Q \omega = 0$ .

## Proposition

There is a “one-to-one” correspondence between deg 1  $k$ -poly-symplectic NQ-manifolds and  $k$ -poly-Poisson manifolds.

Reminder:  *$k$ -poly-Poisson manifold* (in the sense of [Martinez 2015])

A manifold  $M$  + a subbundle  $S \subset T^*M \otimes \mathbb{R}^k$  + a VB morphism  $P : S \rightarrow TM$ :

- 1  $i_{P(\alpha)} \beta + i_{P(\beta)} \alpha = 0$ , with  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma(S)$ ,
- 2  $\Gamma(S)$  is preserved by bracket  $[\alpha, \beta]_S := L_{P(\alpha)} \beta - L_{P(\beta)} \alpha + di_{P(\beta)} \alpha$ ,
- 3 non degeneracy.

# Half Step Behind: Degree 1 Cosymplectic NQ-Manifolds

A *cosymplectic structure* on  $\mathcal{M}$  is a pair  $(\eta, \omega)$ :

- 1  $\eta \in \Omega^1(\mathcal{M})$  and  $\omega \in \Omega^2(\mathcal{M})$ ,
- 2  $\eta \neq 0$  and  $\omega$  is non-degenerate on  $\ker \eta$ ,
- 3  $d\eta = d\omega = 0$ .

*The “hard” part is to guess the definition of cosymplectic NQ-manifold!*

**Definition:** *deg  $n$  cosymplectic NQ-manifold*

A deg  $n$  NQ-manifold  $(\mathcal{M}, Q)$  + a deg  $n$  cosymplectic structure  $(\eta, \omega)$  such that  $L_Q \eta|_{\ker \eta} = L_Q \omega|_{\ker \eta} = 0$ .

**Proposition**

*There is a “one-to-one” correspondence between deg 1 cosymplectic NQ-manifolds and Poisson manifolds with a Poisson vector field.*

# One Step Behind: Degree 1 Precontact NQ-Manifolds

A *precontact structure* is an hyperplane distribution.

**Definition:** *deg  $n$  precontact NQ-manifold*

A deg  $n$  NQ-manifold  $(\mathcal{M}, Q)$  + a precontact structure  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $T\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{C}$  is generated in deg  $-n$ , and  $[Q, \Gamma(\mathcal{C})] \subset \Gamma(\mathcal{C})$ .

**Proposition**

There is a “one-to-one” correspondence between deg 1,  $\dim(m, m+1)$  precontact NQ-manifolds [+ clean intersection] and Dirac-Jacobi bundles over a dim  $m$  manifold.

**Reminder:** *Dirac-Jacobi bundle*

A line bundle  $L \rightarrow M$  + a maximal isotropic subbundle  $D \subset \text{der } L \oplus J^1 L$  whose sections are preserved by Dorfman-Jacobi brackets.

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# Spencer Operators on Lie Algebroids

*Spencer operators* are infinitesimal counterparts of *multiplicative* VB valued differential forms on Lie groupoids.

Let  $A \rightarrow M$  be a Lie algebroid and  $(E, \nabla)$  a representation of  $A$ .

**Definition:** *E*-valued *k*-Spencer operator on  $A$

A pair  $(D, \ell)$  with

- $D : \Gamma(A) \rightarrow \Omega^k(M, E)$  a first order DO, and
- $\ell : \Gamma(A) \rightarrow \Omega^{k-1}(M, E)$  a  $C^\infty(M)$ -linear map,

such that

$$D(f\alpha) = fD(\alpha) - df \wedge \ell(\alpha), \quad \text{and, moreover}$$

$$L_{\nabla_\alpha} D(\beta) - L_{\nabla_\beta} D(\alpha) = D([\alpha, \beta]_A),$$

$$L_{\nabla_\alpha} \ell(\beta) + i_{\rho_A(\beta)} D(\alpha) = \ell([\alpha, \beta]_A),$$

$$i_{\rho_A(\alpha)} \ell(\beta) + i_{\rho_A(\beta)} \ell(\alpha) = 0.$$

# deg 1 Higher Forms on NQ-Manifolds

## Theorem

There is a one-to-one correspondence between

- 1
  - deg 1  $\mathbb{N}$ -manifolds  $\mathcal{M}$ ,
  - an  $\mathbb{N}\mathbb{Q}$ -vector bundle  $(\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}, \mathbb{Q})$ , with  $\Gamma(\mathcal{E})$  generated in deg 0,
  - a deg 1 form  $\omega \in \Omega^k(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{E})$  such that  $L_{\mathbb{Q}}\omega = 0$ ,
- 2
  - Lie algebroids  $A \rightarrow M$ ,
  - a representation  $(E, \nabla)$  of  $A$ ,
  - an  $E$ -valued  $k$ -Spencer operator on  $A$ .

## Proof

$\mathcal{M} = A[1]$  and  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{M} \times_M E$ .

$\mathbb{Q} \iff$  a Lie algebroid structure on  $A$  + a representation  $(E, \nabla)$ .

Spencer data of  $\omega$  define an  $E$ -valued  $k$ -Spencer operator on  $A$ .

# deg 1 Multisymplectic NQ-manifolds

A  $k$ -plectic structure on  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $\omega \in \Omega^{k+1}(\mathcal{M})$  such that  $\omega^b : X \mapsto i_X \omega$  is a VB embedding.

**Definition:** *deg  $n$   $k$ -plectic NQ-manifold*

A deg  $n$  NQ-manifold  $(\mathcal{M}, Q)$  + a deg  $n$   $k$ -plectic structure  $\omega$  such that  $L_Q \omega = 0$ .

**Corollary**

There is a “one-to-one” correspondence between deg 1  $k$ -plectic NQ-manifolds and Lie algebroids + an IM  $k$ -plectic structure.

**Reminder:** *IM  $k$ -plectic structure on a Lie algebroid  $A$*

A  $C^\infty(M)$ -linear map  $\ell : \Gamma(A) \rightarrow \Omega^k(M)$  such that

$i_{\rho_A(\alpha)} \ell(\beta) + i_{\rho_A(\beta)} \ell(\alpha) = 0$ , and  $L_{\rho_A(\alpha)} \ell(\beta) - i_{\rho_A(\beta)} d\ell(\alpha) = \ell([X, Y]_A)$ ,  
+ non-degeneracy conditions.

# Conclusions

I presented a unified formalism for deg 1, contact, symplectic, and foliated  $\mathbb{N}Q$ -manifolds.

## New Examples in Degree 1

deg 1 $\mathbb{N}Q$ -manifold	standard geometry	(first) considered in
precontact	Dirac-Jacobi	[Wade 2000]
lcs	lc Poisson	[Vaisman 2007]
poly-symplectic	poly-Poisson	[Iglesias et al. 2013] [Martinez 2015]
presymplectic	Dirac	[Courant 1990]
cosymplectic	coPoisson	[Janyška & Modugno 2009]
higher form	Spencer operator	[Crainic et al. 2013]
multisymplectic	IM multisymplectic	[Bursztyn et al. 2013]

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*Best Wishes, Janusz!*