# SOME NATURALLY DEFINED STAR PRODUCTS FOR KÄHLER MANIFOLDS

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All the best to you, Thomas!!



- One mathematical aspect of quantization is the passage from the commutative world to the non-commutative world.
- one way is by deformation quantization (also called star product)
- deform the Poisson algebra of functions on the phase space
- can only be done on the level of formal power series over the algebra of functions
- after some approaches, it was pinned down in a mathematically satisfactory manner by Bayen, Flato, Fronsdal, Lichnerowicz, and Sternheimer.



#### **OUTLINE**

- give an overview of some naturally defined star products in the case that our "phase-space manifold" is a (compact) Kähler manifold
- here we have additionally a complex structure and search for star products respecting it
- yield star products of separation of variables type (Karabegov) resp. Wick or anti-Wick type (Bordemann and Waldmann)
- both constructions are quite different, but there is a
   1:1 correspondence (Neumaier)
- still quite a lot of them



- single out certain naturally given ones
- restrict to quantizable K\u00e4hler manifolds
- Berezin-Toeplitz star product, Berezin transform, Berezin star product
- a side result: star product of geometric quantization
- all of the above are different star products, but nevertheless are equivalent as star products.
- We give the classifying Deligne-Fedosov class and the Karabegov forms.
- ▶ Moreover, we give the equivalence transformations.



#### GEOMETRIC SET-UP

- (M,ω) a pseudo-Kähler manifold.
   M a complex manifold, and ω, a non-degenerate closed (1, 1)-form
- if  $\omega$  is a positive form then  $(M, \omega)$  is a honest Kähler manifold
- $ightharpoonup C^{\infty}(M)$  the algebra of complex-valued differentiable functions with associative product given by point-wise multiplication
- define the Poisson bracket

$$\{f,g\} := \omega(X_f,X_g) \qquad \omega(X_f,\cdot) = df(\cdot)$$

 $ightharpoonup C^{\infty}(M)$  becomes a Poisson algebra.



#### STAR PRODUCT

star product for M is an associative product  $\star$  on  $\mathcal{A} := C^{\infty}(M)[[\nu]]$ , such

1. 
$$f \star g = f \cdot g \mod \nu$$
,

2. 
$$(f \star g - g \star f) / \nu = -i \{f, g\} \mod \nu$$
.

Also

$$f\star g=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \nu^k C_k(f,g), \qquad C_k(f,g)\in C^{\infty}(M),$$

differential (or local) if  $C_k(,)$  are bidifferential operators. Usually:  $1 \star f = f \star 1 = f$ .



#### Equivalence of star products

 $\star$  and  $\star'$  (of the same Poisson structure) are equivalent means

there exists a formal series of linear operators

$$B=\sum_{i=0}^{\infty}B_{i}\nu^{i}, \qquad B_{i}:C^{\infty}(M)\to C^{\infty}(M),$$

with  $B_0 = id$  and  $B(f) \star' B(g) = B(f \star g)$ .



To every equivalence class of a differential star product one assigns its Deligne-Fedosov class

$$\mathit{cl}(\star) \in rac{1}{\mathrm{i}}(rac{1}{
u}[\omega] + \mathrm{H}^2_{\mathit{dR}}(\mathit{M},\mathbb{C})[[
u]]).$$

Gives a 1:1 correspondence, between equivalence classes of star products and such formal forms.

Existence of star products for Poisson manifolds, resp. for symplectic manifolds:

by DeWilde-Lecomte, Omori-Maeda-Yoshioka, Fedosov, ...., Kontsevich.

For manifolds with additional structure (e.g. complex structure one is searching for star products respecting it (in a certain sense).



## SEPARATION OF VARIABLES TYPE

- pseudo-Kähler case: we look for star products (always differential ones) adapted to the complex structure
- separation of variables type (Karabegov)
- Wick and anti-Wick type (Bordemann Waldmann)
- ▶ Karabegov convention: of separation of variables type if in  $C_k(.,.)$  for  $k \ge 1$  the first argument is differentiated in anti-holomorphic and the second argument in holomorphic directions.
- we call this convention separation of variables (anti-Wick) type and call a star product of separation of variables (Wick) type if the role of the variables is switched
- we need both conventions



- Our star products are globally defined. But as they are local star products they define star products also for local functions.
- Moreover the global star product is fixed by its local forms.
- ▶  $\star$  of anti-Wick type is equivalent to : for every given  $U \subset M$ , open non-empty, and local antiholomorphic functions a, holomorphic functions b, and f differentiable function on  $U \subset M$  we have the relations

$$b \star f = b \cdot f$$
,  $f \star a = f \cdot a$ .



# KARABEGOV CONSTRUCTION (SKETCH OF A SKETCH)

- $(M, \omega_{-1})$  the pseudo-Kähler manifold
- a formal deformation of the form  $(1/\nu)\omega_{-1}$  is a formal form

$$\widehat{\omega} = (1/\nu)\omega_{-1} + \omega_0 + \nu\,\omega_1 + \dots$$

 $\omega_r$ ,  $r \geq 0$ , closed (1,1)-forms on M.

- ▶ Karabegov: to every such  $\widehat{\omega}$  there exists a star product  $\star$  of anti-Wick type
- and vice-versa
- ▶ Karabegov form of the star product  $\star$  is  $kf(\star) := \widehat{\omega}$ ,
- the star product  $\star_K$  with classifying Karabegov form  $(1/\nu)\omega_{-1}$  is Karabegov's standard star product.



#### FORMAL BEREZIN TRANSFORM

- ▶  $\star$  of anti-Wick type. For local antiholomorphic functions a and holomorphic b on  $U \subset M$  we have the relation  $b \star a = b \cdot a$ .
- ▶ The Berezin transform  $I_{\star}$  associated to  $\star$  is given by the local relation

$$a \star b = \frac{1}{4}(b \star a) = \frac{1}{4}(b \cdot a),$$



It can be written as

$$I_{\star} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} I_i \ \nu^i, \quad I_i : C^{\infty}(M) \to C^{\infty}(M),$$

$$I_0 = id$$
,  $I_1 = \Delta$ .

- ▶ The  $l_k$  are differential operators of type (k, k).
- ▶ The formal Berezin transform  $I_{\star}$  determines the  $\star$  uniquely.
- $\triangleright$  \* can be obtained back from  $I_*$  by polarization.



### A RELATED STAR PRODUCT

- ▶ Start with  $\star$  separation of variables type (anti-Wick)  $(M, \omega_{-1})$
- related star product (opposite of the dual)

$$f \star' g := I_{\star}^{-1}(I_{\star}(f) \star I_{\star}(g)).$$

on  $(M, \omega_{-1})$ , is of Wick type

▶ the formal Berezin transform  $l_{\star}$  establishes an equivalence of the star products

$$(\mathcal{A},\star)$$
 and  $(\mathcal{A},\star')$ 



#### CLASSIFYING FORMS

 $\star$  star product of anti-Wick type with Karabegov form  $kf(\star)=\widehat{\omega}$ 

Deligne-Fedosov class calculates as

$$cl(\star) = \frac{1}{i}([\widehat{\omega}] - \frac{\delta}{2}).$$

[..] denotes the de-Rham class of the forms and  $\delta$  is the canonical class of the manifold i.e.  $\delta := c_1(K_M)$ .

standard star product  $\star_K$  (with Karabegov form  $\widehat{\omega} = (1/\nu)\omega_{-1}$ )

$$cl(\star_K) = \frac{1}{\mathrm{i}}(\frac{1}{\nu}[\omega_{-1}] - \frac{\delta}{2}).$$



### OTHER GENERAL CONSTRUCTIONS

- Bordemann and Waldmann: modification of Fedosov's geometric existence proof.
- fibre-wise Wick product.
- by a modified Fedosov connection a star product ★BW of Wick type is obtained.
- ▶ Karabegov form is  $-(1/\nu)\omega$
- Deligne class class

$$cl(\star_{BW}) = \frac{1}{\mathrm{i}}(\frac{1}{\nu}[\omega] + \frac{\delta}{2}).$$

Neumaier: by adding a formal closed (1, 1) form as parameter each star product of separation of variables type can be obtained by the Bordemann-Waldmann construction

#### Reshetikhin and Takhtajan:

formal Laplace expansions of formal integrals related to the star product.

coefficients of the star product can be expressed (roughly) by Feynman diagrams



### BEREZIN-TOEPLITZ STAR PRODUCT

- ightharpoonup compact and quantizable Kähler manifold  $(M, \omega)$ ,
- ▶ quantum line bundle  $(L, h, \nabla)$ , L is a holomorphic line bundle over M, h a hermitian metric on L,  $\nabla$  a compatible connection (with metric and holomorphic structures)
- $(M, \omega)$  is quantizable, if there exists such  $(L, h, \nabla)$ , with

$$CUIV_{(L,\nabla)} = -i \omega = |\bar{\partial}\partial \log \hat{h}|.$$

A Kähler manifold with such quantum line bundle (fixed)is called quantized Kähler manifold.

▶ Consider all positive tensor powers  $(L^m, h^{(m)}, \nabla^{(m)})$ ,



scalar product for  $C^{\infty}(M, L^m)$  ( $n = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} M$ )

$$\langle \varphi, \psi \rangle := \int_{M} h^{(m)}(\varphi, \psi) \Omega, \qquad \Omega := \frac{1}{n!} \underbrace{\omega \wedge \omega \cdots \wedge \omega}_{n}$$

$$\Pi^{(m)}: L^2(M, L^m) \longrightarrow \Gamma_{hol}(M, L^m)$$

Take  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ , and  $s \in \Gamma_{hol}(M, L^m)$ 

$$s \mapsto T_f^{(m)}(s) := \Pi^{(m)}(f \cdot s)$$

defines

$$T_f^{(m)}: \Gamma_{hol}(M, L^m) \rightarrow \Gamma_{hol}(M, L^m)$$

the Toeplitz operator of level m.



Berezin-Toeplitz operator quantization

$$f\mapsto \left(T_f^{(m)}\right)_{m\in\mathbb{N}_0}.$$

has the correct semi-classical behavior: Theorem (Bordemann, Meinrenken, and Schl.)

(a)

$$\lim_{m\to\infty}||T_f^{(m)}||=|f|_{\infty}$$

(b)

$$||mi[T_f^{(m)}, T_g^{(m)}] - T_{\{f,g\}}^{(m)}|| = O(1/m)$$

(c) 
$$||T_f^{(m)}T_g^{(m)} - T_{f \cdot g}^{(m)}|| = O(1/m)$$

Theorem (BMS, Schl., Karabegov and Schl.)

3 a unique differential star product

$$f \star_{BT} g = \sum \nu^k C_k(f,g)$$

such that

$$T_f^{(m)}T_g^{(m)} \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^k T_{C_k(f,g)}^{(m)}$$

Further properties: is of separation of variables type (Wick type)

classifying Deligne-Fedosov class  $\frac{1}{i}(\frac{1}{\nu}[\omega]-\frac{\delta}{2})$  and Karabegov form  $\frac{-1}{\nu}\omega+\omega_{can}$ 

possible: auxiliary hermitian line (or even vector) bundle can be added, meta-plectic correction.



## GEOMETRIC QUANTIZATION

Further result: The Toeplitz map of level m

$$T^{(m)}: C^{\infty}(M) \to End(\Gamma_{hol}(M, L^m))$$

is surjective

implies that e.g. the operator  $Q_f^{(m)}$  of geometric quantization (with holomorphic polarization) can be written as Toeplitz operator of a function  $f_m$  (maybe different for every m)

indeed Tuynman relation (for compact manifolds):

$$Q_f^{(m)} = i \ T_{f - \frac{1}{2m}\Delta f}^{(m)}$$

$$Q_f^{(m)} := \Pi^{(m)} P_f^{(m)}, \qquad P_f^{(m)} := \nabla_{X_f^{(m)}}^{(m)} + \mathrm{i} f \cdot \text{id}.$$



- star product of geometric quantization
- set  $B(f) := (id \nu \frac{\Delta}{2})f$

$$f \star_{GQ} g := B^{-1}(B(f) \star_{BT} B(g))$$

defines an equivalent star product

- can also be given by the asymptotic expansion of products of geometric quantization operators
- it is not of separation of variable type
- ▶ but equivalent to  $\star_{BT}$  via B.



#### Where is the Berezin star product??

- It is an important star product: Berezin, Cahen-Gutt-Rawnsley, etc.
- The original definition is limited in applicability.
- We will give a definition for quantizable K\u00e4hler manifold.
- ► Clue: define  $\star_B$  so that the opposite of its dual is  $\star_{BT}$ , e.g.

$$f \star_B g := I(I^{-1}(f) \star_{BT} I^{-1}(g))$$

- Problem: How to determine /?
- describe the formal / by asymptotic expansion of some geometrically defined (m)

## COHERENT STATES - BEREZIN SYMBOLS

- assume the bundle L is very ample (i.e. has enough global sections)
- ▶ pass to its dual  $(U, k) := (L^*, h^{-1})$  with dual metric k
- ▶ inside of the total space *U*, consider the circle bundle

$$\mathbf{Q} := \{ \lambda \in U \mid k(\lambda, \lambda) = 1 \},$$

▶  $\tau: Q \to M$  (or  $\tau: U \to M$ ) the projection,



coherent vectors/states in the sense of Berezin-Rawnsley-Cahen-Gutt: (with a slight twist)

$$lpha \in U \setminus 0, \quad s \in \Gamma_{hol}(M, L^m)$$
 $X = \tau(lpha) \in M$ 
 $S(\tau(lpha)) \in L^m$ 
 $lpha^{\otimes m}(S(\tau(lpha))) \in \mathbb{C}$ 
 $S \mapsto lpha^{\otimes m}(S(\tau(lpha))).$ 

this is a linear form on  $\Gamma_{hol}(M, L^m)$ .



This linear form defines defines the coherent vector  $e_{\alpha}^{(m)}$  by

$$\langle \mathbf{e}_{\alpha}^{(m)}, \mathbf{S} \rangle = \alpha^{\otimes m} (\mathbf{S}(\tau(\alpha))).$$

Starting with x we have to chose  $\alpha$  above x

$$\mathbf{X} \in M \mapsto \alpha = \tau^{-1}(\mathbf{X}) \in U \setminus 0 \mapsto \mathbf{e}_{\alpha}^{(m)} \in \Gamma_{hol}(M, L^m).$$

$$\mathbf{e}_{c\alpha}^{(m)} = \bar{c}^m \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\alpha}^{(m)}, \qquad c \in \mathbb{C}^* := \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}.$$

We obtain the coherent state

$$\mathbf{x} \in M \mapsto \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{x}}^{(m)} := [\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}^{(m)}] \in \mathbb{P}(\Gamma_{hol}(M, L^m)).$$



## **APPLICATIONS**

- ▶ Bergman projectors  $\Pi^{(m)}$ , Bergman kernels, ....
- ► Covariant Berezin symbol  $\sigma^{(m)}(A)$  (of level m) of an operator  $A \in \operatorname{End}(\Gamma_{hol}(M, L^{(m)}))$

$$\sigma^{(m)}(A): M \to \mathbb{C},$$

$$x \mapsto \sigma^{(m)}(A)(x) := \frac{\langle e_{\alpha}^{(m)}, A e_{\alpha}^{(m)} \rangle}{\langle e_{\alpha}^{(m)}, e_{\alpha}^{(m)} \rangle} = \text{Tr}(A P_x^{(m)})$$



## BEREZIN TRANSFORM (GEOMETRIC)

$$I^{(m)}: C^{\infty}(M) \to C^{\infty}(M), \qquad f \mapsto \sigma^{(m)}(T_f^{(m)}) =: I^{(m)}(f)$$

Theorem: (Karabegov - Schl.)  $I^{(m)}(f)$  has a complete asymptotic expansion as  $m \to \infty$ 

$$I^{(m)}(f)(x) \sim \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} I_i(f)(x) \frac{1}{m^i},$$
 $I_i: C^{\infty}(M) \to C^{\infty}(M), \qquad I_0(f) = f, \qquad I_1(f) = \Delta f.$ 

lacktriangle  $\Delta$  is the Laplacian with respect to the metric given by the Kähler form  $\omega$ 



#### BEREZIN STAR PRODUCT

 from asymptotic expansion of the Berezin transform get formal expression

$$I = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} I_i \ \nu^i, \quad I_i : C^{\infty}(M) \to C^{\infty}(M)$$

- set  $f \star_B g := I(I^{-1}(f) \star_{BT} I^{-1}(g))$
- $\blacktriangleright$   $\star_B$  is called the Berezin star product
- ▶ I gives the equivalence from  $\star_B$  to  $\star_{BT}$  ( $I_0 = id$ ). Hence, the same Deligne-Fedosov classes



- \*<sub>B</sub> is of separation of variables type (but now of anti-Wick type).
- Karabegov form is  $\frac{1}{\nu}\omega + \mathbb{F}(\mathrm{i}\,\partial\overline{\partial}\log u_m)$
- $u_m$  is the Bergman kernel  $\mathcal{B}_m(\alpha,\beta) = \langle e_{\alpha}^{(m)}, e_{\beta}^{(m)} \rangle$ , associated to the Bergman projector  $\hat{\Pi}^{(m)} : L^2(\mathcal{Q},\mu) \to \mathcal{H}^{(m)}$ , evaluated along the diagonal
- ▶  $\mathbb{F}$  means: take asymptotic expansion in 1/m as formal series in  $\nu$



- ▶  $I = I_{\star_B}$ , the geometric Berezin transform equals the formal Berezin transform of Karabegov for  $\star_B$
- ▶ both star products  $\star_B$  and  $\star_{BT}$  are dual and opposite to each other
- if the covariant symbol star product works, (see later) it will coincide with the star product  $\star_B$ .



- ▶ Berezin transform is not only the equivalence relating  $\star_{BT}$  with  $\star_B$
- also it (resp. the Karabegov form, resp. the Bergman kernel) can be used to calculate the coefficients of these naturally defined star products,
- either directly
- or with the help of the certain type of graphs (see the very interesting work of Gammelgaard and Hua Xu).



# INTEGRAL REPRESENTATION OF THE BEREZIN TRANSFORM

$$\tau(\alpha) = X$$
,  $\tau(\beta) = Y$  with  $\alpha, \beta \in Q$ 

Note that:

$$\begin{aligned} U_m(X) &:= \mathcal{B}_m(\alpha, \alpha) = \langle e_{\alpha}^{(m)}, e_{\alpha}^{(m)} \rangle, \\ V_m(X, Y) &:= \mathcal{B}_m(\alpha, \beta) \cdot \mathcal{B}_m(\beta, \alpha) = \langle e_{\alpha}^{(m)}, e_{\beta}^{(m)} \rangle \cdot \langle e_{\beta}^{(m)}, e_{\alpha}^{(m)} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

are well-defined on M and on  $M \times M$  respectively.



## ORIGINAL BEREZIN STAR PRODUCT

- Construction of the Berezin star product, only for limited classes of manifolds (see Berezin, Cahen-Gutt-Rawnsley)
- ▶  $A^{(m)} \leq C^{\infty}(M)$ , of level m covariant symbols (they are functions).
- symbol map is injective (follows from Toeplitz map surjective)
- for  $\sigma^{(m)}(A)$  and  $\sigma^{(m)}(B)$  the operators A and B are uniquely fixed



$$\sigma^{(m)}(A)\star_{(m)}\sigma^{(m)}(B):=\sigma^{(m)}(A\cdot B)$$

- $\star_{(m)}$  on  $\mathcal{A}^{(m)}$  is an associative and noncommutative product
- ▶ Crucial problem, how to obtain from  $\star_{(m)}$  a star product for all functions (or symbols) independent from the level m?



## SUMMARY OF NATURALLY DEFINED STAR PRODUCT

	name	Karabegov form	Deligne Fedosov class
*BT	Berezin-Toeplitz	$rac{-1}{ u}\omega + \omega_{ extcolored}$ (Wick)	$\frac{1}{\mathrm{i}}(\frac{1}{\nu}[\omega]-\frac{\delta}{2}).$
* <sub>B</sub>	Berezin	$rac{1}{ u}\omega + \mathbb{F}(\mathrm{i}\partial\overline{\partial}\log U_m)$ (anti-Wick)	$\frac{1}{\mathrm{i}}(\frac{1}{\nu}[\omega]-\frac{\delta}{2}).$
*GQ	geometric quantization	(—)	$\frac{1}{\mathrm{i}}(\frac{1}{\nu}[\omega]-\frac{\delta}{2}).$
*K	standard product	$(1/ u)\omega$ (anti-Wick)	$\frac{1}{\mathrm{i}}(\frac{1}{\nu}[\omega]-\frac{\delta}{2}).$
*BW	Bordemann- Waldmann	$-(1/ u)\omega$ (Wick)	$\frac{1}{\mathrm{i}}(\frac{1}{\nu}[\omega]+\frac{\delta}{2}).$

 $\overline{u_m}$  Bergman kernel evaluated along the diagonal in  $Q \times Q$   $\delta$  the canonical class of the manifold M



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