

# Oscillatory Integrals for Vector-Valued Symbols and Locally Noncommutative Spacetimes

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## Physics motivation:

- Combining classical gravity and quantum theory suggests that spacetime effectively becomes noncommutative **at very small scales**.
- However, most models of noncommutative spacetimes are noncommutative **at all scales**. (Example: Moyal space)
- Need models with “**localized noncommutativity**”.

## Mathematics motivation:

- Generalize Rieffel’s strict deformation by actions of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to a much broader setting.

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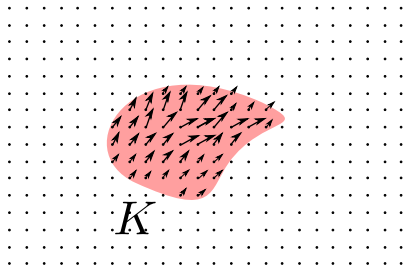
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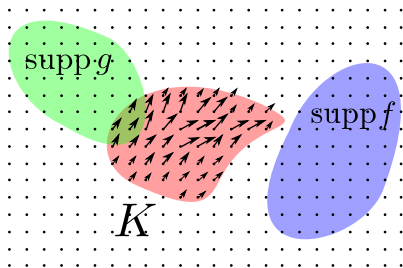
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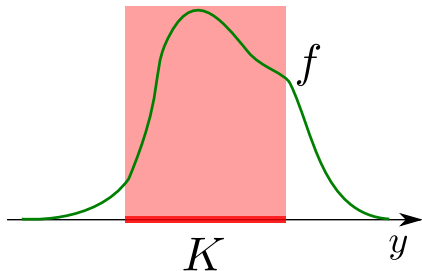
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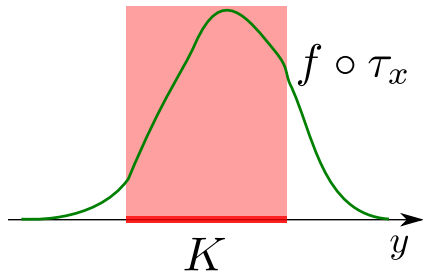


$$f \circ \tau_x = f \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^d \\
\Rightarrow f \times_{\theta} g = f \cdot g$$



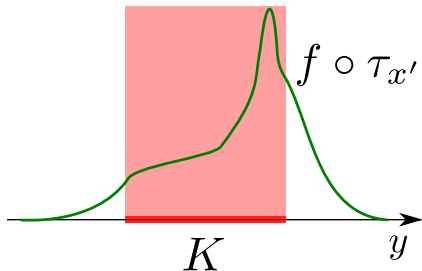
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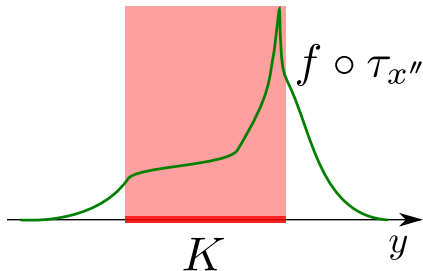
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# Outline of the talk

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- 2 Oscillatory integrals for vector-valued symbols
- 3 Rieffel deformations for smooth polynomially bounded  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -actions
- 4 Examples. Locally noncommutative spacetimes.
- 5 (Towards QFT on locally noncommutative spacetimes.)

# Vector-Valued Symbols

- **Target space**  $V$ : locally convex sequentially complete vector space with defining system of seminorms  $\mathcal{Q}$
- **Symbol seminorms**:  $F \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, V)$ ,  $m, \rho \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $q \in \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ ,

$$\|F\|_{q,\mu}^{m,\rho} := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{q(\partial_x^\mu F(x))}{(1 + \|x\|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}(m - \rho|\mu|)}}$$

- **Order and type** for  $\mathcal{Q}$ : Arbitrary maps  $m, \rho : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

## Definition

A symbol of order  $m$  and type  $\rho$  is a smooth function  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow V$  s.t.

$$\|F\|_{q,\mu}^{m(q),\rho(q)} < \infty \quad \text{for all } q, \mu.$$

**Symbol spaces**  $S^{m,\rho}(\mathbb{R}^n, V) \equiv S^{m,\rho}(V) \equiv S^{m,\rho}$ .

# Basic properties of the symbol spaces

Let  $m \leq m'$  orders and  $\rho \geq \rho'$  types.

- $S^{m,\rho}$  is a (sequentially) complete locally convex vector space.
- Continuous inclusions

$$C_0^\infty \subset S^{m,\rho} \subset S^{m',\rho'} \subset C^\infty.$$

- Let  $m' > m$  and  $\rho' \leq \min\{1, \rho\}$ . Then  $C_0^\infty \subset S^{m,\rho}$  is sequentially dense in the  $S^{m',\rho'}$ -topology.

# Some operations with symbols

- Partial derivatives  $\partial_x^\mu : S^{m,\rho} \rightarrow S^{m-|\mu|,\rho}$  are linear + continuous.

- A contin. linear map  $A : V \rightarrow W$  induces a contin. linear map

$$S^{m,\rho}(V) \rightarrow S^{m',\rho'}(W), \quad F \mapsto (x \mapsto AF(x))$$

for appropriate order and type  $m', \rho'$  on  $W$ .

- A contin. bilinear map  $\mu : V \times W \rightarrow U$  gives contin. bilinear map

$$\begin{aligned} S^{m,\rho}(V) \times S^{m',\rho'}(W) &\rightarrow S^{m'',\rho''}(U) \\ (F, G) &\mapsto (x \mapsto \mu(F(x), G(x))) \end{aligned}$$

for appropriate  $m'', \rho''$  on  $U$ .

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# Oscillatory Integrals for Vector-Valued Symbols

Now take symbols  $F \in S^{m,\rho}(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, V)$  and consider the integral

$$(2\pi)^{-n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} dp dx e^{i\langle p,x \rangle} F(p, x)$$

for some non-degenerate bilinear form on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  with determinant  $\pm 1$ .

- How to define such an integral?  $F$  is smooth but does not decay.
- Degree  $m(q)$  of divergence of  $F$  may depend on seminorm  $q$ , also in an unbounded manner over  $\mathcal{Q}$ .
- Define first

$$I_0 : C_0^\infty \rightarrow V$$

as the corresponding Riemann integral. Works because  $F$  has compact support.

## Lemma

Let  $m$  be an order and  $-1 < \rho \leq 1$  a type. Then  $I_0 : C_0^\infty \rightarrow V$  is continuous if  $C_0^\infty$  is given the  $S^{m,\rho}$ -topology.

(proof by integration by parts against  $e^{i\langle p,x \rangle}$  and estimates)

## Definition

Let  $m < m'$  be orders and  $-1 < \rho' \leq \rho \leq 1$  types. Then we define an oscillatory integral

$$I_{m',\rho'}^{m,\rho} : S^{m,\rho} \rightarrow V$$

by continuous extension from  $C_0^\infty$  in the  $S^{m',\rho'}$ -topology.

(Recall that  $C_0^\infty \subset S^{m,\rho}$  is sequentially dense in the  $S^{m',\rho'}$ -topology)

Let  $S := S(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, V) := \bigcup_{m, -1 < \rho \leq 1} S^{m, \rho}(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, V)$  and define

$$I : S \rightarrow V$$

$$I(F) := I_{m', \rho'}^{m, \rho}(F) \quad \text{for } F \in S^{m, \rho}, \quad m' > m, \quad -1 < \rho' \leq \rho \leq 1.$$

## Theorem

*I is well-defined and independent of  $\mathcal{Q}$ .*



In practice, the oscillatory integral can be calculated as follows:

### Lemma

Let  $F \in S(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, V)$  and  $\chi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \mathbb{R})$  with  $\chi(p, x) = 1$  in some open neighbourhood of  $(0, 0)$ . Then

$$I(F) = (2\pi)^{-n} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int dp dx e^{i\langle p, x \rangle} \chi(\varepsilon p, \varepsilon x) F(p, x).$$

### Computational rules for the oscillatory integral:

- continuous linear maps can be pulled under the integral
- integration by parts works as for Riemann integrals
- affine substitutions work as for Riemann integrals
- normalization: If  $F$  is constant, then

$$I(F) = F(0).$$

- A Fubini theorem holds.

# Rieffel deformations for smooth polynomially bounded $\mathbb{R}^n$ -actions

Now application of oscillatory integrals to Rieffel-type deformations.

## Definition

A smooth polynomially bounded  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -action (of order  $m$  and type 0) is an action  $\alpha : \mathbb{R}^n \times V \rightarrow V$  such that

- $\alpha(v) : x \mapsto \alpha_x(v) \in S^{m,0}$  for all  $v \in V$ .
- $V \ni v \mapsto \alpha(v) \in S^{m,0}$  is continuous.

This implies that

- Each  $\alpha_x : V \rightarrow V$  is continuous.
- $V = V^\infty$  as locally convex spaces.

**Examples:**  $V := S^{m,\rho}(\mathbb{R}^n, W)$ ,  $\rho \geq 0$  with  $(\alpha_x F)(y) := F(x + y)$ .

Now consider three target spaces  $V, W, U$ , with smooth pol. bnd. actions  $\alpha^V, \alpha^W, \alpha^U$ , and a (separately) continuous bilinear map

$$\mu : V \times W \rightarrow U$$

such that

$$\alpha_x^U \mu(v, w) = \mu(\alpha_x^V v, \alpha_x^W w).$$

### Examples:

- $V = W = U$  algebra with product  $\mu$  and automorphic action  $\alpha^V = \alpha^W = \alpha^U$ .
- $V$  algebra and  $W = U$  left  $V$ -module with module map  $\mu : V \times W \rightarrow W$  and compatible actions. (covariant rep.)

**Aim:** Deform  $\mu$  with oscillatory integral formula.

For  $v \in V$ ,  $w \in W$ , and a deformation parameter  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , let

$$\mu_{vw}^\theta : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow U, \quad \mu_{vw}^\theta(p, x) := \mu(\alpha_{\theta p}^V v, \alpha_x^W w).$$

### Proposition:

- $\mu_{vw}^\theta \in S(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, U)$ .
- The maps

$$V \times W \ni (v, w) \longmapsto I(\mu_{vw}^\theta) =: \mu_\theta(v, w)$$

are bilinear and (separately) continuous.

- $\mu_\theta$  is still compatible with the actions  $\alpha^V$ ,  $\alpha^W$ ,  $\alpha^U$ .
- $\mu_0 = \mu$ .
- $(\mu_\theta)_{\theta'} = \mu_{\theta+\theta'}$ .

# Deformations of algebras

- $A := V = W = U$  locally convex sequentially complete algebra with (separately) continuous product  $\mu$
- $\alpha := \alpha^V = \alpha^W = \alpha^U$  automorphic  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -action, smooth and polynomially bounded.

## Theorem

- *If  $\mu$  is associative, also  $\mu_\theta$  is associative.*
- *If  $\mu$  has an identity  $1$ , this is also an identity for  $\mu_\theta$ , i.e.  $\mu_\theta(a, 1) = a = \mu_\theta(1, a)$ .*
- *If  $A$  is a  $*$ -algebra and  $\theta$  is skew-symmetric, then*

$$\mu_\theta(a, b)^* = \mu_\theta(b^*, a^*).$$

For  $V = \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $\mu =$  pointwise product and  $\alpha =$  translations:

[Gayral, Gracia-Bondia, Iochum, Schücker, Varilly 2004]

# Deformations of covariant modules

- $A := V$  loc. conv. sequ. compl. algebra with (separately) continuous product  $\mu$ , and smooth polynomially bounded  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -action  $\alpha := \alpha^V$
- $E := W = U$  loc. conv. sequ. compl. left  $A$ -module with (separately) continuous module map  $\tilde{\mu}$ , and smooth polynomially bounded  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -action  $\beta := \alpha^W = \alpha^U$  such that

$$\beta_x \tilde{\mu}(a, \psi) = \tilde{\mu}(\alpha_x a, \beta_x \psi)$$

## Theorem

- $(E, \tilde{\mu}_\theta)$  is a left  $(A, \mu_\theta)$ -module, i.e.

$$\tilde{\mu}_\theta(a, \tilde{\mu}_\theta(b, \psi)) = \tilde{\mu}_\theta(\mu_\theta(a, b), \psi).$$

(In  $C^*$ -setting: [Buchholz, GL, Summers 2010])

- If  $\psi$  is  $\beta$ -invariant, then  $\tilde{\mu}_\theta(a, \psi) = \tilde{\mu}(a, \psi)$ .
- In Hilbert space situation:  $\tilde{\mu}_\theta(a, \cdot)^* \supset \tilde{\mu}_\theta(a^*, \cdot)$ .

# Compactly supported $\mathbb{R}^n$ -actions

Now back to our initial example of compactly support  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -actions.

## Definition

A smooth  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -action with support in  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a smooth function  $\tau : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

- $\tau_x(\tau_{x'}(y)) = \tau_{x+x'}(y)$  for all  $x, x', y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- $\tau_x(y) = y$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  if  $y \notin K$ .
- There exists a sequence  $\{b_l\}_{l \in \mathbb{N}_0} \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ , and for each  $\mu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , there exists  $c_{l\mu} > 0$ , such that

$$\sup_{y \in K, |\nu| \leq l} \|\partial_y^\nu \partial_x^\mu \tau_x(y)\| \leq c_{l\mu} (1 + \|x\|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}b_l}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Proposition

Let  $\tau$  be a smooth compactly supported  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -action. Then

$$\alpha : \mathbb{R}^n \times C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n), \quad \alpha_x(f) := f \circ \tau_x$$

is a smooth polynomially bounded  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -action on  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Works also for other function spaces such as  $S^{m,\rho}$  or  $\mathcal{S}$ .



# How to construct $\tau$

Idea: Consider  $n = 1$  first, and

$$\tau_x(y) := \begin{cases} \gamma^{-1}(\gamma(y) + x) & ; |y| < 1 \\ y & ; |y| \geq 1 \end{cases}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

with diffeomorphism  $\gamma : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . [Weinstein]

- $\tau$  action (clear)
- $\tau$  smooth (easy to guarantee, use ODE theorems)
- bounds on derivatives of  $\tau$ : tricky. Have to build suitable  $\gamma$ .

## Theorem

*Let  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be open. Then there exist non-trivial smooth  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -actions with support in  $K$ .*

# Locally noncommutative spaces

- Consider for example  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with action  $\alpha_x f := f \circ \tau_x$  for some smooth compactly supported  $\tau$ .
- Consider Rieffel deformation  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)_\theta^\alpha$ ,

$$f \times_\theta^\alpha g = (2\pi)^{-n} \int dp dx e^{i\langle p, x \rangle} (\alpha_{\theta p} f) \cdot (\alpha_x g)$$

Then

$$f \times_\theta^\alpha g = f \cdot g \quad \text{if} \quad \text{supp } f \cap K = \emptyset \quad \text{or} \quad \text{supp } g \cap K = \emptyset$$

“ $\mathbb{R}^n$  becomes noncommutative only in the region  $K$ ”

# Outlook: Towards QFT models on locally noncommutative spacetimes

- Consider QFT in its Wightman formulation, based on vacuum representations of the tensor algebra  $\underline{\mathcal{L}}$  over  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (Borchers-Uhlmann algebra).
- Model “noncommutative region”  $K$  by a smooth pol. bnd. action  $\alpha^K$  on  $\underline{\mathcal{L}}$ , derived from a compactly supported action  $\tau^K$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (for Moyal space: [Grosse, GL 2008])

$$(\alpha_x^K \underline{f})_n(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \underline{f}_n(\tau_x^K(y_1), \dots, \tau_x^K(y_n))$$

- Consider deformation of tensor product

$$\mu(\underline{f}, \underline{g}) = \underline{f} \otimes \underline{g}$$

on  $\underline{\mathcal{L}}$  (only LF-algebra, but covered by our formalism)

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- States  $\omega$  on  $\underline{\mathcal{L}}$  are **not** states for deformed product  $\mu_\theta$  (not positive)
- Have to deform  $\omega \rightarrow \hat{\omega}$  to formulate states on  $(\underline{\mathcal{L}}, \mu_\theta)$ , using techniques from [Kaschek, Neumaier, Waldmann 2009]
- $\rightarrow$  deformed quantum fields  $\phi_{\hat{\omega}}^\theta(\underline{f})$  in GNS-rep of  $((\underline{\mathcal{L}}, \mu_\theta), \hat{\omega})$
- Study effects of the localized noncommutativity: Locally acausal / non-covariant behaviour.
- For  $\underline{f}, \underline{g} \in \underline{\mathcal{L}}$  with  $\text{supp } \underline{f}$  spacelike to  $\text{supp } \underline{g}$ :

$$[\phi_{\hat{\omega}}^\theta(\underline{f}), \phi_{\hat{\omega}}^\theta(\underline{g})] = 0 \quad \text{if } \text{supp } \underline{f} \cap K = \emptyset \text{ or } \text{supp } \underline{g} \cap K = \emptyset$$

- Particle scattering at the noncommutativity?  
[Work in progress with Stefan Waldmann], cf [Borris, Verch 2010]