

Nakajima's quiver varieties & kac-Moody actions with a view toward/from symplectic resolution theory

Main ref: Lectures on Nakajima's quiver varieties
by Victor Ginzburg.

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/0905.0686.pdf>

What do we do:

From Wei's talk, there were 3 things.

1) View things as special cases of Nakajima's quiver varieties, then apply Nakajima's results.

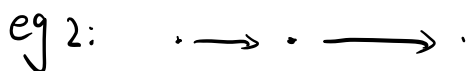
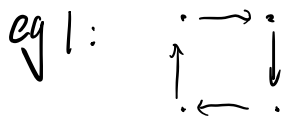
2) Categorify (CKL)

3) Do geometry? (C)

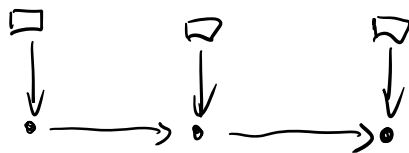
In this talk, we focus on 1), with emphasis on the symplectic resolution point of view.

More precisely, we are going to define general Nakajima's quiver varieties and study their (symplectic) geometric properties.

Setup: - quiver = (directed) graph $Q=(I,E)$ (assume without loops (most of the time))



• framing



• Take "cotangent space", i.e., double the arrow



Remark: A few ways of thinking about framing:

- 1) Nakajima was a differential geometer at one point, studied Gauge theory \leadsto ADHM equation: $[\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}] + ij = 0$
this $+ij$ term only appears when you have framing.
- 2) Thinking quiver varieties as moduli spaces, framing is like "marked points" or "bundles with a choice of trivialisation".

3) (practical reason), if no framing, the variety is 0 most of the time.

Nakajima quiver variety.

for every vertex $i \in I$, & framing ' $\in Q$ ', chose a number $N_{\geq 0}$, i.e. $\underline{v}, \underline{w} \in \mathbb{N}^I$. (Think, $\underline{v}, \underline{w}$ as Hilbert polys?)

The space of all reps of the quiver is:

$$\text{Rep}(\overline{Q^0}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}) := \bigoplus_{\substack{i \rightarrow j \\ j \rightarrow i}} \text{Hom}(V_i, V_j) \bigoplus \bigoplus_{i \rightarrow i} \text{Hom}(V_i, W_i)$$

$$\bigoplus_{i \rightarrow i} \text{Hom}(W_i, V_i)$$

where $\dim V_i = v_i$

$\dim W_i = w_i$.

There is a $GL(V) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} GL(V_i)$ action on it,

$$g \cdot (x, y, i, j) = (gxg^t, yyg^t, ig^t, gj)$$

There is G -equivariant moment map

$$\mu: \text{Rep}(\overline{Q^0}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_v^* \cong \mathfrak{g}_v$$

$$(x, y, i, j) \longmapsto \sum [x, y] + ji \quad (\text{ADHM})$$

So given $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}(\sigma_V)$, $\Theta: GL(V) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$

Def: $\mathcal{M}_{\lambda, \Theta}(Q, \underline{v}, \underline{w}) := \mu^+(\lambda) //_{\Theta} GL(V)$

We mostly consider the case $\lambda = 0$.

King's stability:

$(x, y, i, j) \in \mu^+(\lambda)$ is Θ -semistable

iff $\forall S_i \subseteq V_i$ which is stable under the maps x & y , we have

$$S_i \subseteq \ker j_i \quad \forall i \in I \Rightarrow \Theta \cdot \dim_I S \leq 0$$

$$S_i \supset \text{Image } i_i, \quad \forall i \in I \Rightarrow \Theta \cdot \dim_I S \leq \Theta \cdot \dim_I V$$

Example:



$$\Theta = \Theta^+ = (1, \dots, 1)$$

semistable means that α_i & j are injections

$$\leadsto \mathcal{M}_{0, \Theta^+} = T^* FL(r, \mathbb{C}^n)$$

$$\theta = \underline{0} = (0, \dots, 0)$$

Then any pt is θ -semistable.

What is $M_{0,0}$? (some kind of nilpotent orbit closure ...)

$$\theta = \theta^- = (-1, \dots, -1)$$

semistable means that y_i & i are surjections

$$\longrightarrow M_{0,\theta^-} = T^*F(r, \mathbb{C}^n)$$

but now "flags" are $\mathbb{C}^n \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n_1} \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n_2} \dots$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_{0,\theta^+} & & M_{0,\theta^-} \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & M_{0,0} & \end{array}$$

Where is the symplectic alg geo?

The claim is that $M_{0,\theta} \rightarrow M_{0,0}$ is an example of a symplectic singularity, & in many cases, a symplectic resolution.

Def: Let X be affine normal Poisson variety.

$\pi: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ is a symplectic resolution if \tilde{X} is smooth symplectic s.t. $\pi^* \mathcal{O}_X \cong \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}$ as a Poisson algebra, and a resolution of singularities.

Quote: 'Symplectic resolutions are the Lie algebras of the 21st century' — Okounkov.

Properties:

- 1) Semismall: $\dim(\tilde{X} \times_X \tilde{X}) = \dim X$
Therefore \dim of irred components $\leq \dim X$
- 2) X is a union of finitely many symplectic leaves $X = \sqcup X_\alpha$, each X_α is locally closed smooth
- 3) In the case of a conical symplectic resolution (i.e., that there are \mathbb{C}^\times actions on \tilde{X} and X , such that π is equivariant, and contracts X to a point 0 then $\pi^{-1}(0)$ is a homotopy retract of \tilde{X} , and $H^*(X, \mathbb{C}) \cong H^*(\pi^{-1}(0), \mathbb{C})$).
- 4) More generally, $\pi^{-1}(\text{any point})$ is isotropic (in the sense of symplectic geo)

When is $\mathcal{M}_{\lambda, \theta}(V, W) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\lambda, 0}$ a symplectic resolution?

Answer: (Almost always) when (λ, θ) is V -regular;

$$(\lambda, \theta) \in \mathbb{C}^I \times \mathbb{Z}^I \subseteq \mathbb{C}^I \times \mathbb{R}^I \cong \mathbb{R}^I \times \mathbb{R}^I \times \mathbb{R}^I \\ \cong \mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \mathbb{R}^I$$

$$\text{Let } R' := \{ \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^I \setminus \{0\} \mid C_Q v \cdot v \leq 2 \quad \forall i \in I \}$$

This is the set of roots, when Q is Dynkin or affine Dynkin, this coincides with the usual roots.

C_Q is the Cartan matrix, $C_Q := 2I - A_Q$, A_Q is the adjacency matrix.

Back to the example, we had $\bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \dots \bullet$

$$C_Q = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \\ & -1 & 2 & \ddots \\ & & \ddots & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } R' = \{ \pm(e_i - e_j) \}$$

$$\text{for } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^I, \text{ write } \alpha^\perp := \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^I \mid \lambda \cdot \alpha = 0 \}$$

(λ, θ) is v -regular if:

$$(\lambda, \theta) \in (\mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \mathbb{R}^I) \setminus \bigcup_{\{\alpha \in R' \mid 0 < \alpha \leq v\}} \mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \alpha^\perp$$

if $(\lambda, \theta) = (0, \theta^+)$, which is $e_1 \otimes 0 \oplus e_2 \otimes 0 \oplus e_3 \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
in $\mathbb{R}^3 \otimes \mathbb{R}^I$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \alpha \neq 0 \Rightarrow (0, \theta^+) \text{ (and } (0, \theta^-)) \text{ is } v\text{-regular for all } v.$

So $M_{0, \theta^+}(v, w) \rightarrow M_{0,0}$
is a symplectic resolution.

(When $\lambda=0$), the Weyl group $W (= S_n)$ acts on θ 's.

& $M_{0, \theta_1} \cong M_{0, \theta_2}$ if θ_1, θ_2 in the same chamber.

So, when we were in \bullet (type A_1)
there were 2 chambers $\theta^+ = 1$, $\theta^- = -1$

in $\bullet \longrightarrow \bullet \cdots \bullet$ type A_n

there are $(n+1)!$ chambers

There is a \mathbb{C}^* action on the cotangent direction:

$$t \cdot (x, y, i, j) = (x, ty, i, tj)$$

& the map $M_{0, \theta} \rightarrow M_{0,0}$ is \mathbb{C}^* -equivariant.

The point is that $\pi^{-1}(M_{0,0}^{\mathbb{C}^*})$ is a Lagrangian subvariety.

and in the case when Q has no oriented cycles, $m_{0,0}^{\text{or}} = |0|$.

So $\pi^{-1}(0)$ is a Lagrangian in the quiver case.

BM homology

There isn't a notion of fundamental class for non-compact manifolds in usual homology theory, but there is for BM homology.

$$M_1 \times M_2 \times M_3$$

$$\downarrow p_{ij}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} M_i \times M_j \\ \cup \text{closed} \\ Z_{ij} \end{array}$$

$$z_{12} \circ z_{23} = p_{13} \circ (p_{12}^* z_{12} \cap p_{23}^* z_{23})$$

$$*: H_i(Z_{12}) \times H_j(Z_{23}) \longrightarrow H_{i+j-\dim M_2}(Z_{12} \circ Z_{23}) \quad (\text{BK})$$

$$c_{12} \quad c_{23} \longmapsto p_{13*} \left((c_{12} \boxtimes [M_3]) \cap (c_{23} \boxtimes [M_1]) \right)$$

Now set $M_i = M$, & $Z = M \times_Y M$ for $\pi: M \rightarrow Y$ proper.

This forms an algebra $H_*(Z)$

$$\text{pick } y \in Y, \quad M_y = \pi^{-1}(y)$$

$$\text{Set } M_1 = M_2 = M, \quad M_3 = pt$$

$$z_{12} = Z, \quad z_{23} = M_y, \quad z_{12} \circ z_{23} = M_y$$

$$\longrightarrow H_*(Z) \hookrightarrow H_*(M_y)$$

Now back to the quiver case.

$$\text{let } m(w) = \bigsqcup_v m_{o, \theta^+}(v, w)$$

$$m_o(w) = \bigsqcup_v m_{o, o}(v, w)$$

$$z(w) = \bigsqcup_{v, v'} m_{o, \theta^+}(v, w) \times_{m_{o, o}(v+v', w)} m_{o, \theta^+}(v', w)$$

(in other words, $z(w) = m(w) \times_{m_o(w)} m(w)$)

$$\text{let } H_w = H_{\text{top}}(z(w))$$

Let $\pi_{v, w}^{-1}(o)$ be the Lagrangian

$$\begin{array}{c} m_{o, \theta^+}(v, w) \\ \downarrow \pi_{v, w} \\ m_{o, o} \end{array}$$

$$L_w = H_{\text{top}}\left(\bigsqcup_v \pi_{v, w}^{-1}(o)\right)$$

Using top as there is a shift in $\langle \star \rangle$, and semismall property makes sure we stay in top deg. And Lagrangian also has the right dim.

(I think)

$$\leadsto H_w \subset L_w$$

Theorem [Na]: There is an algebra map

$$\Phi: \tilde{U}(\mathfrak{g}_Q) \longrightarrow H_w,$$

and L_w is a simple integrable \mathfrak{g}_Q -module
with highest weight $\sum_{i \in I} w_i \cdot \omega_i$ (ω_i fundamental weight)

When Q is type A , this was first discovered by Ginzburg,
"Lagrangian construction of the enveloping algebra $U(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$ "

$$\text{Define } B_k^{(r)}(v, w) = \left\{ (V', V'') \mid \begin{array}{l} V'' \in \text{Rep}(\bar{Q}, v + re_k, w), \\ V' \subset V'' \text{ subrep} \\ \text{s.t. } \text{Im}(i_k: W_k \rightarrow V_k'') \subset V' \end{array} \right\}$$

$B_k^{(r)}(v, w)$ is a irreducible component in $\mathcal{Z}(v, v + re_k, w)$

$$\text{Define } E_k^{(r)} = \sum_v [B_k^{(r)}(v, w)]$$

let $\Delta(v, w)$ be the diagonal in $\mathcal{M}_{0, \emptyset}(v, w) \times \mathcal{M}_{0, \emptyset^1}(v, w)$

$$\text{Then } \bar{E}_k[\Delta(v, w)] = [\Delta(v - e^k, w)] \bar{E}_k$$

Apparently this is easy to check.