

Instanton bundles on $\mathbb{C}P^3$ and rational curves on twistor spaces

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Moment maps

DEFINITION: (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold, G a Lie group acting on M by symplectomorphisms. **A moment map** μ of this action is a linear map $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow C^\infty M$ associating to each $g \in \mathfrak{g}$ its Hamiltonian.

REMARK: It is more convenient to consider μ as an element of $\mathfrak{g}^* \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} C^\infty M$, or (and this is most standard) **as a function with values in \mathfrak{g}^*** .

REMARK: Moment map **always exists** if M is simply connected.

DEFINITION: A moment map $M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ is called **equivariant** if it is equivariant with respect to the coadjoint action of G on \mathfrak{g}^* .

REMARK: $M \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathfrak{g}^*$ is a moment map iff for all $g \in \mathfrak{g}$, $\langle d\mu, g \rangle = i_{\rho_g}(\omega)$. Therefore, **a moment map is defined up to a constant \mathfrak{g}^* -valued function**. An equivariant moment map is defined up to **a constant \mathfrak{g}^* -valued function which is G -invariant**.

DEFINITION: A G -invariant $c \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ is called **central**.

CLAIM: **An equivariant moment map exists whenever $H^1(G, \mathfrak{g}^*) = 0$** . In particular, when G is reductive and M is simply connected, an equivariant moment map exists.

Symplectic reduction and GIT

DEFINITION: (Weinstein-Marsden) (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold, G a compact Lie group acting on M by symplectomorphisms, $M \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathfrak{g}^*$ an equivariant moment map, and $c \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ a central element. The quotient $\mu^{-1}(c)/G$ is called **symplectic reduction** of M , denoted by $M//G$.

CLAIM: The symplectic quotient $M//G$ is a symplectic manifold of dimension $\dim M - 2 \dim G$.

THEOREM: Let (M, I, ω) be a Kähler manifold, $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ a complex reductive Lie group acting on M by holomorphic automorphisms, and G is compact form acting isometrically. **Then $M//G$ is a Kähler orbifold.**

REMARK: In such a situation, $M//G$ is called **the Kähler quotient**, or **GIT quotient**.

REMARK: **The points of $M//G$ are in bijective correspondence with the orbits of $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ which intersect $\mu^{-1}(c)$.** Such orbits are called **polystable**, and the intersection of a $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ -orbit with $\mu^{-1}(c)$ is a G -orbit.

Hyperkähler manifolds

DEFINITION: A **hyperkähler structure** on a manifold M is a Riemannian structure g and a triple of complex structures I, J, K , satisfying quaternionic relations $I \circ J = -J \circ I = K$, such that g is Kähler for I, J, K .

REMARK: A hyperkähler manifold **has three symplectic forms**
 $\omega_I := g(I\cdot, \cdot)$, $\omega_J := g(J\cdot, \cdot)$, $\omega_K := g(K\cdot, \cdot)$.

REMARK: This is equivalent to $\nabla I = \nabla J = \nabla K = 0$: the parallel translation along the connection preserves I, J, K .

REMARK:

The form $\Omega := \omega_J + \sqrt{-1} \omega_K$ is **holomorphic and symplectic** on (M, I) .

Hyperkähler reduction

DEFINITION: Let G be a compact Lie group, ρ its action on a hyperkähler manifold M by hyperkähler isometries, and \mathfrak{g}^* a dual space to its Lie algebra. **A hyperkähler moment map** is a G -equivariant smooth map $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^* \otimes \mathbb{R}^3$ such that $\langle \mu_i(v), g \rangle = \omega_i(v, d\rho(g))$, for every $v \in TM$, $g \in \mathfrak{g}$ and $i = 1, 2, 3$, where ω_i is one three Kähler forms associated with the hyperkähler structure.

DEFINITION: Let ξ_1, ξ_2, ξ_3 be three G -invariant vectors in \mathfrak{g}^* . The quotient manifold $M // G := \mu^{-1}(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) / G$ is called **the hyperkähler quotient** of M .

THEOREM: (Hitchin, Karlhede, Lindström, Roček)

The quotient $M // G$ is hyperkaehler.

Quiver representations

DEFINITION: A **quiver** is an oriented graph. A **quiver representation** is a diagram of complex Hermitian vector spaces and arrows associated with a quiver:

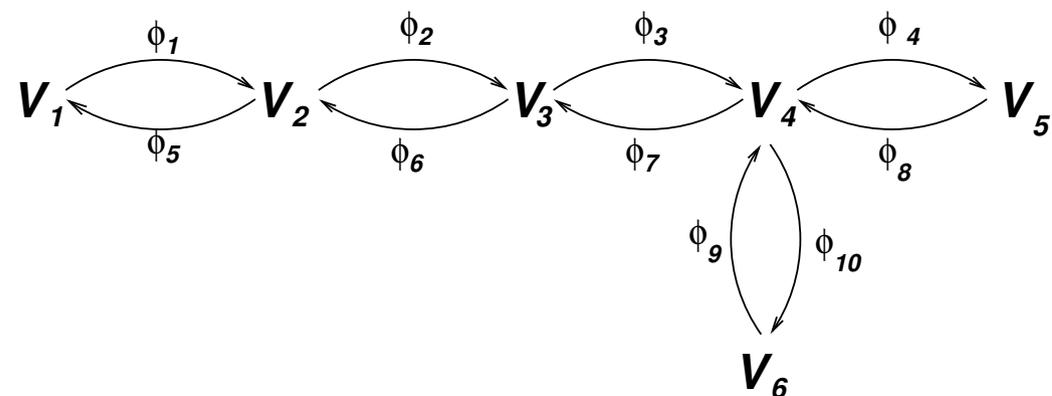
$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \mathbf{V}_1 & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & \mathbf{V}_2 & \xrightarrow{\phi_2} & \mathbf{V}_3 & \xrightarrow{\phi_3} & \mathbf{V}_4 & \xrightarrow{\phi_4} & \mathbf{V}_5 \\ & & & & & & \downarrow \phi_9 & & \\ & & & & & & \mathbf{V}_6 & & \end{array}$$

Here, V_i are vector spaces, and φ_i linear maps.

REMARK: If one fixes the spaces V_i , the space of quiver representations is a Hermitian vector space.

Quiver varieties

Starting from a single graph, one can double it up, as follows, obtaining a **Nakajima double quiver**.



A Nakajima quiver for the Dynkin diagram D_5 .

CLAIM: The space M of representations of a Nakajima's double quiver is a quaternionic vector space, and the group $G := U(V_1) \times U(V_2) \times \dots \times U(V_n)$ acts on M preserving the quaternionic structure.

DEFINITION: A **Nakajima quiver variety** is a quotient $M // G$.

Hyperkähler manifolds as quiver varieties

Many non-compact hyperkähler manifolds are obtained as quiver varieties.

EXAMPLE: A 4-dimensional ALE (**asymptotically locally Euclidean**) space obtained as a resolution of **a du Val singularity**, that is, a quotient \mathbb{C}^2/G , where $G \subset SU(2)$ is a finite group.

REMARK: Since finite subgroups of $SU(2)$ are classified by the Dynkin diagrams of type A,D,E, these ALE quotients are called **ALE spaces of A-D-E type**.

EXAMPLE: The moduli asymptotically flat Hermitian Yang-Mills connections on ALE spaces of A-D-E type.

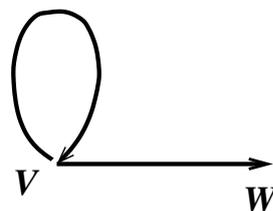
DEFINITION: **An instanton** on $\mathbb{C}P^2$ is a stable bundle B with $c_1(B) = 0$. **A framed instanton** is an instanton equipped with a trivialization $B|_C$ for a line $C \subset \mathbb{C}P^2$.

THEOREM: (Nahm, Atiyah, Hitchin) The space $\mathcal{M}_{r,c}$ of framed instantons on $\mathbb{C}P^2$ is **hyperkähler**.

This theorem is proved using quivers.

ADHM spaces as quiver varieties

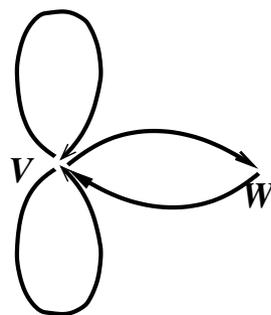
Consider the quiver



DEFINITION: Let V and W be complex vector spaces, with dimensions c and r , respectively. The **ADHM data** is maps

$$A, B \in \text{End}(V), I \in \text{Hom}(W, V), J \in \text{Hom}(V, W).$$

The ADHM data is the set Q of representations of the corresponding double quiver



The corresponding holomorphic moment map $A, B, I, J \longrightarrow [A, B] + IJ$ with values in $\text{End}(V)$ gives **the ADHM equation** $[A, B] + IJ = 0$.

ADHM construction

REMARK: The set of equivalence classes of ADHM solutions is $Q//U(V)$.

THEOREM: (Atiyah, Drinfeld, Hitchin, Manin) Framed rank r , charge c instantons on $\mathbb{C}P^2$ are in bijective correspondence with the set of equivalence classes of regular ADHM solutions. In other words, **the moduli of instantons on $\mathbb{C}P^2$ is identified with moduli of the corresponding quiver representation.**

Twistor space

DEFINITION: Induced complex structures on a hyperkähler manifold are complex structures of form $S^2 \cong \{L := aI + bJ + cK, \quad a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1.\}$

They are usually non-algebraic. Indeed, if M is compact, for generic a, b, c , (M, L) has no divisors (Fujiki).

DEFINITION: A **twistor space** $\text{Tw}(M)$ of a hyperkähler manifold is a **complex manifold obtained by gluing these complex structures into a holomorphic family over $\mathbb{C}P^1$.** More formally:

Let $\text{Tw}(M) := M \times S^2$. Consider the complex structure $I_m : T_m M \rightarrow T_m M$ on M induced by $J \in S^2 \subset \mathbb{H}$. Let I_J denote the complex structure on $S^2 = \mathbb{C}P^1$.

The operator $I_{\text{Tw}} = I_m \oplus I_J : T_x \text{Tw}(M) \rightarrow T_x \text{Tw}(M)$ satisfies $I_{\text{Tw}}^2 = -\text{Id}$. **It defines an almost complex structure on $\text{Tw}(M)$.** This almost complex structure is known to be integrable (Obata, Salamon)

EXAMPLE: If $M = \mathbb{H}^n$, $\text{Tw}(M) = \text{Tot}(\mathcal{O}(1)^{\oplus n}) \cong \mathbb{C}P^{2n+1} \setminus \mathbb{C}P^{2n-1}$

REMARK: For M compact, $\text{Tw}(M)$ never admits a Kähler structure.

Hyperholomorphic connections

REMARK: Let M be a hyperkähler manifold. **The group $SU(2)$ of unitary quaternions acts on $\Lambda^*(M)$ multiplicatively.**

DEFINITION: A **hyperholomorphic connection** on a vector bundle B over M is a Hermitian connection with $SU(2)$ -invariant curvature $\Theta \in \Lambda^2(M) \otimes \text{End}(B)$.

THEOREM: (Newlander-Nirenberg, Malgrange, Atiyah, Bott...) Let $\bar{\partial} : V \rightarrow \Lambda^{0,1}(M) \otimes V$ be a $(0,1)$ -part of connection ∇ satisfying $(\Theta_{\nabla})^{0,2} = 0$. **Then $B := \ker \bar{\partial} \subset V$ is a holomorphic vector bundle of the same rank.**

REMARK: Since the invariant 2-forms satisfy $\Lambda^2(M)_{SU(2)} = \bigcap_{I \in \mathbb{C}P^1} \Lambda_I^{1,1}(M)$, **a hyperholomorphic connection defines a holomorphic structure on B for each I induced by quaternions.**

REMARK: When $\dim_{\mathbb{H}} M = 1$, “hyperholomorphic” is synonymous with “anti-selfdual”: $\Lambda^2(M)^{SU(2)} = \Lambda^-(M)$.

Rational curves on twistor spaces

DEFINITION: Denote by $\text{Sec}(M)$ **the space of holomorphic sections** of the twistor fibration $\text{Tw}(M) \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{C}P^1$. For each point $m \in M$, one has **a horizontal section** $C_m := \{m\} \times \mathbb{C}P^1$ of π . The space of horizontal sections is denoted $\text{Sec}_{hor}(M) \subset \text{Sec}(M)$

REMARK: The space of horizontal sections of π is identified with M . The normal bundle $NC_m = \mathcal{O}(1)^{\dim M}$. Therefore, **some neighbourhood of $\text{Sec}_{hor}(M) \subset \text{Sec}(M)$ is a smooth manifold of dimension $2 \dim M$.**

Let B be a (Hermitian) hyperholomorphic bundle on M , and W the deformation space of B , which is **known to be hyperkähler**. Denote by \tilde{B} the pullback of B to $\text{Tw}(M)$. It is a holomorphic bundle on $\text{Tw}(M)$. **Any deformation \tilde{B}_1 of \tilde{B} gives a holomorphic map $\mathbb{C}P^1 \rightarrow \text{Tw}(W)$ mapping $L \in \mathbb{C}P^1$ to a bundle $\tilde{B}_1|_{(M,L)} \subset \text{Tw}(M)$, considered as a point in (W, L) .**

THEOREM: (Kaledin-V.) This construction identifies **deformations of \tilde{B} (with appropriate stability conditions) and rational curves $S \in \text{Sec}(W)$** . The twistor transforms of Hermitian hyperholomorphic bundles on M correspond to $\text{Sec}_h(W) \subset \text{Sec}(W)$.

Mathematical instantons

DEFINITION: A **mathematical instanton** on $\mathbb{C}P^3$ is a stable bundle B with $c_1(B) = 0$ and $H^0(E(-1)) = H^1(E(-2)) = H^2(E(-2)) = H^3(E(-3)) = 0$. A **framed instanton** is a mathematical instanton equipped with a trivialization of $B|_\ell$ for some fixed line $\ell = \mathbb{C}P^1 \subset \mathbb{C}P^3$.

DEFINITION: An **instanton** on $\mathbb{C}P^2$ is a stable bundle B with $c_1(B) = 0$. A **framed instanton** is an instanton equipped with a trivialization $B|_x$ for some fixed point $x \in \mathbb{C}P^2$. We denote the space of instantons of fixed rank r and $c_2 = c$ on $\mathbb{C}P^2$ by $\mathcal{M}_{r,c}$.

THEOREM: (Jardim–V.) The space $\mathbb{M}_{r,c}$ of framed mathematical instantons on $\mathbb{C}P^3$ **is naturally identified with the space of twistor sections $\text{Sec}(\mathcal{M}_{r,c})$.**

REMARK: This correspondence is not surprising, if one realizes that $\text{Tw}(\mathbb{H}) = \mathbb{C}P^3 \setminus \mathbb{C}P^1$.

The space of instantons on $\mathbb{C}P^3$

THEOREM: (Jardim–V.) **The space $\mathbb{M}_{r,c}$ is smooth.**

REMARK: To prove that $\mathcal{M}_{r,c}$ is smooth, one could use hyperkähler reduction. To prove that $\mathbb{M}_{r,c}$ is smooth, we develop **trihyperkähler reduction**, which is **a reduction defined on trisymplectic manifolds.**

We prove that **$\mathbb{M}_{r,c}$ is a trihyperkähler quotient** of a vector space by a reductive group action, hence smooth.

CONJECTURE: **The space of twistor sections $\text{Sec}(X)$ is smooth** for any Nakajima quiver variety X .

Trisymplectic manifolds

DEFINITION: Let Ω be a 3-dimensional space of holomorphic symplectic 2-forms on a complex manifold. Suppose that

- Ω contains a non-degenerate 2-form
- For each non-zero degenerate $\Omega \in \Omega$, one has $\text{rk } \Omega = \frac{1}{2} \dim V$.
- The set of degenerate 2-forms is a smooth hypersurface in Ω .

Then Ω is called **a trisymplectic structure on M** .

THEOREM: (Jardim–V.) For any trisymplectic structure on M , M is equipped with a unique holomorphic, torsion-free connection, preserving the forms Ω_i . It is called **the Chern connection** of M .

REMARK: The Chern connection has holonomy in $Sp(n, \mathbb{C})$ acting on $\mathbb{C}^{2n} \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$.

Trisymplectic structure on $\text{Sec}_0(M)$

EXAMPLE: Consider a hyperkähler manifold M . Let $I \in \mathbb{C}P^1$, and $ev_I : \text{Sec}_0(M) \rightarrow (M, I)$ be an evaluation map putting $S \in \text{Sec}_0(M)$ to $S(I)$. Denote by Ω_I the holomorphic symplectic form on (M, I) . **Then $ev_I^* \Omega_I, I \in \mathbb{C}P^1$ generate a trisymplectic structure.**

COROLLARY: $\text{Sec}_0(M)$ is equipped with a holomorphic, torsion-free connection with holonomy in $Sp(n, \mathbb{C})$.

Trihyperkähler reduction

DEFINITION: A trisymplectic moment map $\mu_{\mathbb{C}} : M \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}^* \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \Omega^*$ takes vectors $\Omega \in \Omega, g \in \mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$ and maps them to a holomorphic function $f \in \mathcal{O}_M$, such that $df = \Omega \lrcorner g$, where $\Omega \lrcorner g$ denotes the contraction of Ω and the vector field g

DEFINITION: Let (M, Ω, S_t) be a trisymplectic structure on a complex manifold M . Assume that M is equipped with an action of a compact Lie group G preserving Ω , and an equivariant trisymplectic moment map

$$\mu_{\mathbb{C}} : M \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}^* \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \Omega^*.$$

Let $\mu_{\mathbb{C}}^{-1}(0)$ be the corresponding **level set** of the moment map. Consider the action of the complex Lie group $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ on $\mu_{\mathbb{C}}^{-1}(c)$. Assume that it is proper and free. Then the quotient $\mu_{\mathbb{C}}^{-1}(c)/G_{\mathbb{C}}$ is a smooth manifold called **the trisymplectic quotient** of (M, Ω, S_t) , denoted by $M \text{ /// } G$.

THEOREM: Suppose that the restriction of Ω to $\mathfrak{g} \subset TM$ is non-degenerate. **Then $M \text{ /// } G$ is trisymplectic.**

Mathematical instantons and the twistor correspondence

REMARK: Using the monad description of mathematical instantons, **we prove that that the map $\text{Sec}_0(\mathcal{M}_{r,c}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{M}_{r,c}$ to the space of mathematical instantons is an isomorphism** (Frenkel-Jardim, Jardim-V.).

REMARK: The smoothness of the space $\text{Sec}_0(\mathcal{M}_{r,c}) = \mathbb{M}_{r,c}$ **follows from the trihyperkähler reduction procedure:**

THEOREM: Let M be flat hyperkähler manifold, and G a compact Lie group acting on M by hyperkähler automorphisms. Suppose that the hyperkähler moment map exists, and the hyperkähler quotient $M // G$ is smooth. **Then there exists an open embedding**

$$\text{Sec}_0(M) // G \xrightarrow{\Psi} \text{Sec}_0(M // G),$$

which is compatible with the trisymplectic structures on $\text{Sec}_0(M) // G$ and $\text{Sec}_0(M // G)$.

THEOREM: If M is the space of quiver representations which gives $M // G = \mathcal{M}_{2,c}$, **Ψ gives an isomorphism $\text{Sec}_0(M) // G = \text{Sec}_0(M // G)$.**