

# On an inclusive curvature-like framework for describing dissipation: metriplectic 4-bracket dynamics

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Geometry of metriplectic 4-brackets: with Michael Updike

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# Dynamics – Theories – Models

## Goal:

Predict the future or explain the past  $\Rightarrow$

$$\dot{z} = V(z), \quad z \in \mathcal{Z}, \text{ Phase Space}$$

A dynamical system. Maps, ODEs, PDEs, etc.

## Whence vector field $V$ ?

- Fundamental parent theory (microscopic,  $N$  interacting gravitating or charged particles, BBGKY hierarchy, Vlasov-Maxwell system, ...). Identify small parameters, rigorous asymptotics  $\rightarrow$  Reduced Computable Model  $V$ .
- Phenomena based modeling using known properties, constraints, etc. used to intuit  $\rightarrow$  Reduced Computable Model  $V$ .  $\leftarrow$  structure can be useful.

# Types of Vector Fields, $V(z)$ (cont)

## Only (?) Natural Split:

$$V(z) = V_H + V_D$$

- Hamiltonian vector fields,  $V_H$ : conservative, properties, etc.
- Dissipative vector fields,  $V_D$ : not conservative of something, relaxation/asymptotic stability, etc.

## General Hamiltonian Form:

$$\text{finite dim} \rightarrow V_H = J \frac{\partial H}{\partial z} \quad \text{or} \quad V_H = \mathcal{J} \frac{\delta H}{\delta \psi} \quad \leftarrow \infty \text{ dim}$$

where  $J(z)$  is Poisson tensor/operator and  $H$  is the Hamiltonian.  
Basic product decomposition.

## General Dissipation:

$$V_D = ? \dots \rightarrow V_D = G \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}$$

**Why investigate?** General properties of theory. Build in thermodynamic consistency. Useful for computation.

# Metriplectic Dynamics

(Metric  $\cup$  Symplectic Flows)

- Natural split of vector fields
- Enforces thermodynamic consistency:  $\dot{H} = 0$  the 1st Law and  $\dot{S} \geq 0$  the 2nd Law.
- **Encompassing 4-bracket theory:** “curvature” as dissipation

Ideas of Casimirs are candidates for entropy, multibracket, curvature, etc. in PJM, *Bracket formulation for irreversible classical fields*, Phys. Lett. A **100**, 423–427 (1984).

# Poisson Brackets – Flows on Poisson Manifolds

**Definition.** A Poisson manifold  $\mathcal{Z}$  has bracket

$$\{, \} : C^\infty(\mathcal{Z}) \times C^\infty(\mathcal{Z}) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathcal{Z})$$

st  $C^\infty(\mathcal{Z})$  with  $\{, \}$  is a Lie algebra realization, i.e., is

- bilinear,
- antisymmetric,
- Jacobi, and
- Leibniz, i.e., acts as a derivation  $\Rightarrow$  vector field.

Geometrically  $C^\infty(\mathcal{Z}) \equiv \Lambda^0(\mathcal{Z})$

$$\{f, g\} = J(df \wedge dg) = \langle df, Jdg \rangle = J(df, dg).$$

Flows are integral curves of noncanonical Hamiltonian vector fields,  $JdH$ , i.e.,  $\dot{z} = J\partial H/\partial z$ .

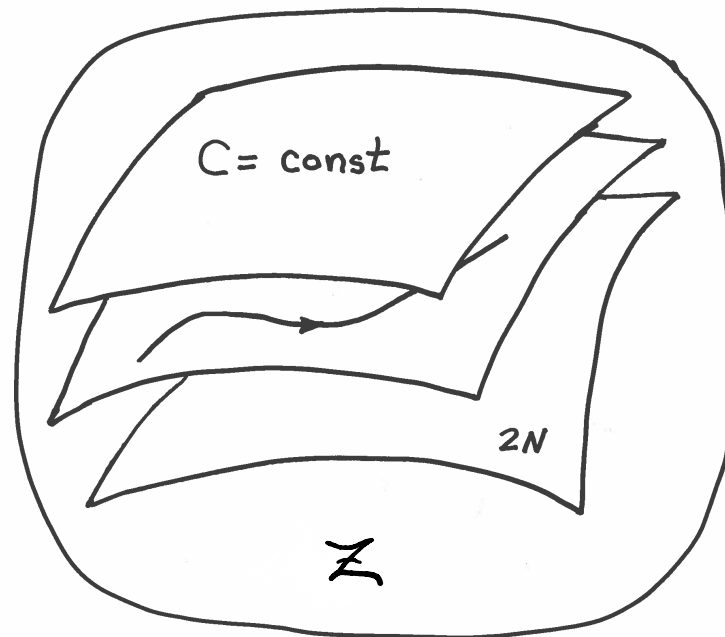
Because of degeneracy,  $\exists$  functions  $C$  st  $\{A, C\} = 0$  for all  $A \in C^\infty(\mathcal{Z})$ . Casimir invariants (Lie's distinguished functions!).

# Poisson Manifold (phase space) $\mathcal{Z}$ Cartoon

Degeneracy in  $J \Rightarrow$  Casimirs:

$$\{A, C\} = 0 \quad \forall A : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Lie-Darboux Foliation by Casimir (symplectic) leaves:



**Metriplectic 4-Bracket:**  $(f, k; g, n)$

## Why a 4-Bracket

- Two slots for two fundamental functions: Hamiltonian,  $H$ , and Entropy (Casimir),  $S$ .
- Leaves two slots for bilinear bracket: one for observable one for generator
- Provides natural reductions to other bilinear brackets.
- The three slot brackets of pjm 1984 were not trilinear.



## The Metriplectic 4-Bracket

4-bracket on 0-forms (functions):

$$(\cdot, \cdot; \cdot, \cdot): \Lambda^0(\mathcal{Z}) \times \Lambda^0(\mathcal{Z}) \times \Lambda^0(\mathcal{Z}) \times \Lambda^0(\mathcal{Z}) \rightarrow \Lambda^0(\mathcal{Z})$$

For functions  $f, k, g, n \in \Lambda^0(\mathcal{Z})$

$$(f, k; g, n) := R(df, dk, dg, dn),$$

In a coordinate patch the metriplectic 4-bracket has the form:

$$(f, k; g, n) = R^{ijkl}(z) \frac{\partial f}{\partial z^i} \frac{\partial k}{\partial z^j} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z^k} \frac{\partial n}{\partial z^l}. \quad \leftarrow \text{quadravector?}$$

- A blend of ideas: Two important functions  $H$  and  $S$ , symmetries, curvature idea, multilinear brackets all in pjm 1984, 1986.
- Manifolds with both Poisson tensor  $J$  and compatible metric,  $g$  or connection.

## Metriplectic 4-Bracket Properties

(i) linearity in all arguments, e.g,

$$(f + h, k; g, n) = (h, k; g, n) + (f, k; g, n)$$

(ii) algebraic identities/symmetries

$$(f, k; g, n) = -(k, f; g, n)$$

$$(f, k; g, n) = -(f, k; n, g)$$

$$(f, k; g, n) = (g, n; f, k)$$

$$(f, k; g, n) + (f, g; n, k) + (f, n; k, g) = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{not needed}$$

(iii) derivation in all arguments, e.g.,

$$(fh, k; g, n) = f(h, k; g, n) + (f, k; g, n)h$$

which is manifest when written in coordinates. Here, as usual,  $fh$  denotes pointwise multiplication. Symmetries of algebraic curvature.

Although  $R^l_{ijk}$  or  $R_{lijk}$  but not  $R^{lijk}$ . **Metriplectic Minimum.**

# Reduction to Metriplectic 2-Bracket

(PJM 1984, 1986)

Symmetric 2-bracket:

$$(f, g)_H = (f, H; g, H) = (g, f)_H$$

Dissipative dynamics:

$$\dot{z} = (z, S)_H = (z, H; S, H)$$

Energy conservation:

$$(f, H)_H = (H, f)_H = 0 \quad \forall f.$$

Entropy dynamics:

$$\dot{S} = (S, S)_H = (S, H; S, H) \geq 0$$

Metriplectic 4-brackets  $\rightarrow$  metriplectic 2-brackets of 1984, 1986!

## Metriplectic 4-Bracket: Encompassing Definition of Dissipation

- Lots of geometry on Poisson manifolds with metric or connection. Emerges naturally.
- Entropy production and positive contravariant sectional curvature. For  $\sigma, \eta \in \Lambda^1(\mathcal{Z})$ , entropy production by

$$\dot{S} = K(\sigma, \eta) := (S, H; S, H),$$

where the second equality follows if  $\sigma = dS$  and  $\eta = dH$ .

## Binary Brackets for Dissipation circa 1980 →

- Symmetric Bilinear Brackets (pjm 1980 – . . . unpublished, 1984 reduced MHD)
- Antisymmetric Bracket (possibly degenerate) (Kaufman and pj 1982)
- Metriplectic Dynamics (pjm 1984, 1984, 1986, . . . Kaufman 1984 no degeneracy)
- GENERIC (Grmela 1984, with Oettinger 1997, . . .) Binary but **not** Symmetric and **not** Bilinear  $\Leftrightarrow$  Metriplectic Dynamics!
- Double Brackets (Vallis, Carnevale, Young, Shepherd; Brockett, Bloch . . . 1989)

# 4-Bracket Reduction to K-M Brackets

(Kaufman and Morrison 1982)

Done for plasma quasilinear theory.

Dynamics:

$$\dot{z} = [z, H]_S = (z, H; S, H)$$

Bracket Properties:

$$[f, g]_S = (f, g; S, H)$$

- bilinear
- antisymmetric, possibly degenerate
- energy conservation and entropy production

$$\dot{H} = [H, H]_S = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{S} = [S, H]_S \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad z \mapsto z_{eq}$$

## 4-Bracket Reduction to Double Brackets

(Vallis, Carnevale; Brockett, Bloch ... 1989)

Interchanging the role of  $H$  with a Casimir  $S$ :

$$(f, g)_S = (f, S; g, S)$$

Can show with assumptions (Koszul construction)

$$(C, g)_S = (C, S; g, S) = 0$$

for any Casimir  $C$ . Therefore  $\dot{C} = 0$ .

Beautiful geometry re Fernandes-Koszul connection!

# 4-Bracket Reduction GENERIC

(Grmela 1984, with Öttinger 1997)

- Bracket not bilinear and not symmetric

GENERIC Vector Field in terms of dissipation function  $\Xi(z, z_*)$ :

$$\dot{z}^i = Y_S^i = \left. \frac{\partial \Xi(z, z_*)}{\partial z_{*i}} \right|_{z_* = \partial S / \partial z} .$$

Special Case:

$$\Xi(z, z_*) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial S}{\partial z^i} G^{ij}(z) \frac{\partial S}{\partial z^j} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y_S^i = G^{ij}(z) \frac{\partial S}{\partial z^j} ,$$

- Exists a bracket and procedure for linearizing and symmetrizing  
 $\Rightarrow$

GENERIC (1997)  $\equiv$  Metriplectic (1984,1986)!



## General Constructions

- For any Riemannian manifold  $\exists$  metriplectic 4-bracket. This means there is a wide class of them, but the bracket tensor does not need to come from Riemann tensor only satisfy the bracket properties.

## Construction via Kulkarni-Nomizu Product

Given  $\sigma$  and  $\mu$ , two symmetric rank-2 tensor fields operating on 1-forms  $df, dk$  and  $dg, dn$ , the K-N product is

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma \otimes \mu (df, dk, dg, dn) &= \sigma(df, dg) \mu(dk, dn) \\ &\quad - \sigma(df, dn) \mu(dk, dg) \\ &\quad + \mu(df, dg) \sigma(dk, dn) \\ &\quad - \mu(df, dn) \sigma(dk, dg).\end{aligned}$$

Metriplectic 4-bracket:

$$(f, k; g, n) = \sigma \otimes \mu (df, dk, dg, dn).$$

In coordinates:

$$R^{ijkl} = \sigma^{ik} \mu^{jl} - \sigma^{il} \mu^{jk} + \mu^{ik} \sigma^{jl} - \mu^{il} \sigma^{jk}.$$

## Lie-Algebra Based Metriplectic 4-Brackets

- For structure constants  $c_s^{kl}$ :

$$(f, k; g, n) = c_r^{ij} c_s^{kl} g^{rs} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z^i} \frac{\partial k}{\partial z^j} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z^k} \frac{\partial n}{\partial z^l}.$$

Lacks symmetry, but  $\exists$  procedure to remove torsion (cyclic Bianchi identity) for any symmetric 'metric'  $g^{rs}$ .

- For  $g_{CK}^{rs} = c_k^{rl} c_l^{sk}$  the Cartan-Killing metric, torsion vanishes automatically

## Final Comments

- See PJM & M. Updike, arXiv:2306.06787v1 [math-ph] 11 Jun 2023 for many examples, finite and infinite.
- Useful for thermodynamically consistent model building.
- Given that double brackets and metriplectic brackets have been used for computation of equilibria, metriplectic 4-bracket can be a new tool.
- New kind of structure to preserve.

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