Digital quantum geometries

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Motivation

Quantum Gravity

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Quantum Geometry

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Classical Geometry

- Noncommutative Geometry $\leftrightarrow$ Quantum geometry:

  On a curved space one must use the methods of Riemannian geometry but in their quantum version.

- The formalism of noncommutative differential geometry does not require functions and differentials to commute, so is more general even when the algebra is classical.

Plan of the talk:

1. Quantum Riemannian Geometry ingredients
2. Digital - what & why
3. Digital quantum geometries in $n \leq 3$
4. Conclusions

Differential Geometry vs NC Differential Geometry

M - manifold and
$C^\infty(M)$ - functions on a manifold

$\rightarrow$ 'coordinate algebra' A

and

Ω^1 space of 1-forms, e.g. differentials:

$$\mathrm{d}f = \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^\mu}\mathrm{d}x^\mu$$

$$f\,\mathrm{d}g = (\mathrm{d}g)f$$

$\rightarrow$ noncommutative differential structure:
differential bimodule (Ω^1, d) of 1-forms with d - obeying the Leibniz rule and
$\rightarrow$ $\boxed{f\,\mathrm{d}g \neq (\mathrm{d}g)f}$

Bimodule - to associatively multiply such 1-forms by elements of A from the left and the right.

Quantum Riemannian Geometry

Ingredients of noncommutative Riemannian geometry as quantum geometry:

- quantum differentials
- quantum metrics
- quantum-Levi Civita connections
- quantum curvature
- quantum Ricci and Einstein tensors

Quantum differentials

Differential calculus on an algebra A

- A is a 'coordinate' algebra (noncommutative or commutative) over any field k.

Definition

A first order differential calculus (Ω^1, d) over A means:

1. Ω^1 is an A-bimodule
2. A linear map $\mathrm{d} : A \to \Omega^1$ such that

$$\boxed{\mathrm{d}(ab) = (\mathrm{d}a)b + a\mathrm{d}b \quad , \forall a, b \in A}$$

3. $\Omega^1 = span\{adb\}$
4. (optional) $\ker d = k.1$ - connectedness condition

Differential graded algebra -DGA

Definition

DGA on an algebra A is:

1. A graded algebra $\Omega = \oplus_{n \geq 0} \Omega^n$, $\Omega^0 = A$
2. $\mathrm{d} : \Omega^n \to \Omega^{n+1}$, s.t. $\mathrm{d}^2 = 0$ and

$$\boxed{\mathrm{d}(\omega\rho) = (\mathrm{d}\omega) \wedge \rho + (-1)^n \omega \wedge \mathrm{d}\rho}$$

$\forall \omega, \rho \in \Omega, \quad \omega \in \Omega^n.$

3. $A, \mathrm{d}A$ generate Ω
(optional surjectivity condition - if it holds we say it is an **exterior algebra** on A)

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The general form of the quantum metric:

$$g = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu \otimes_A dx^\nu$$

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- Such connections extend to tensor products:

$$\nabla(\omega\otimes\eta) = (\nabla\omega)\otimes\eta + (\sigma\otimes id)(\omega\otimes\nabla\eta), \qquad \omega\otimes\eta \in \Omega^1\otimes_A\Omega^1$$

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Curvature:

$$R_\nabla \omega = (\mathrm{d} \otimes id - \wedge(id \otimes \nabla))\nabla\omega \qquad R_\nabla : \quad \Omega^1 \to \Omega^2 \otimes_A \Omega^1$$

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- The choice of the finite field leads to a new kind of 'discretisation scheme', which adds **'digital'** to quantum geometry.
- A standard technique in physics/engineering is to replace geometric backgrounds by **discrete approximations** such as a lattice or graph, thereby rendering systems more calculable.
- Allows to get a **repertoire of digital quantum geometries** $\Rightarrow$ to test ideas and conjectures in the general theory if we expect them to hold for any field, even if we are mainly interested in the theory over $\mathbb{C}$.

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Preview of results:
A rich moduli of examples for $n = 3$, including **9 that are Ricci flat but not flat**
(with commutative coordinate algebras $x^\mu x^\nu = x^\nu x^\mu$,
but with noncommuting differentials $x^\mu dx^\rho \neq dx^\rho x^\mu$,
$x^\mu, x^\nu \in A, dx^\rho \in \Omega^1$).

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We have classified all possible such algebras over $\mathbb{F}_2$ up to $n \leq 4$. [S.Majid,A.P.,J.Math.Phys.59 (2018)]

'Coordinate algebras' over $\mathbb{F}_2$ in low dim

$\{x^\mu\}$ is a basis of A where $x^0 = 1$ the unit and $\mu = 0, \cdots, n-1$

For $n = 1$

There is only **one** unital algebra of dimension 1 ($x^0 x^0 = x^0$)

For $n = 2$

There are **3*** inequivalent (commutative) algebras A, B, C:

A: $x^1 x^1 = 0$

B: $x^1 x^1 = x^1$

C: $x^1 x^1 = x^0 + x^1 = 1 + x^1$.

For $n = 3$

There are **6*** inequivalent (commutative) algebras: A, B, C, D, E, F and **one** noncommutative G.

For $n = 4$ There are **16*** inequivalent (commutative) algebras: A - P and 9***** noncommutative ones.

* up to isomorphisms

Classification of quantum digital geometries for $n = 3$

- We have considered each of the 6 commutative (A-F) and one noncommutative (G) algebras with two dimensional Ω^1 (**the universal calculus**) and with 1 dimensional Ω^1.
- To keep things simple, for the universal calculus, we considered geometries with basis $\omega^1 = \mathrm{d}x^1, \omega^2 = \mathrm{d}x^2$ for Ω^1 and we take 1 dimensional Ω^2

Digital quantum geometries - one algebra example

- From the 6 algebras (A - F) let's choose algebra D (an example of 3-dimensional unital commutative algebra with the basis $1, x^1, x^2$).
- Relations: $x^1x^1 = x^2, \quad x^2x^2 = x^1, \quad x^1x^2 = x^1 + x^2 = x^2x^1$
- **Universal differential calculus** with relations:

$$\mathrm{d}x^1.x^2 = x^1\mathrm{d}x^2 + \mathrm{d}x^1 + \mathrm{d}x^2, \qquad \mathrm{d}x^2.x^1 = x^2\mathrm{d}x^1 + \mathrm{d}x^1 + \mathrm{d}x^2$$

$$[\mathrm{d}x^1, x^1] = \mathrm{d}x^2, \qquad [\mathrm{d}x^2, x^2] = \mathrm{d}x^1$$

Basis of Ω^1: $\omega^1 = \mathrm{d}x^1, \omega^2 = \mathrm{d}x^2$

- This algebra (D) is isomorphic to $\mathbb{F}_2\mathbb{Z}_3$ the group algebra on the group $\mathbb{Z}_3$ since $z = 1 + x^1$ obeys $(z)^2 = 1 + x^2$ and $(z)^3 = 1$.

Quantum metric on $\mathbb{F}_2\mathbb{Z}_3$

We define a metric as an invertible element of $g \in \Omega^1 \otimes_D \Omega^1$.

$$g = g_{ij}\omega^i \otimes \omega^j = g_{\mu ij}x^\mu \omega^i \otimes \omega^j, \quad g_{ij} \in D, \quad g_{\mu ij} \in \mathbb{F}_2$$

- Quantum metric (central and quantum symm.) on $D = \mathbb{F}_2\mathbb{Z}_3$:

$$g_D = \beta z^2 \omega^1 \otimes \omega^1 + \beta z(\omega^1 \otimes \omega^2 + \omega^2 \otimes \omega^1) + \beta \omega^2 \otimes \omega^2$$

  with β - a functional parameter.

- We take special cases for $\beta = 1, z, z^2$
- For these there are 12 QLC connections (11 of them not flat! $R_\nabla \neq 0$ - purely 'quantum' phenomenon.)

Digital quantum connection and curvature

with the structure constants in $\mathbb{F}_2$:

$$\nabla\omega^i = \Gamma^i{}_{\nu km}x^\nu\omega^k \otimes \omega^m, \quad \sigma\left(\omega^i \otimes \omega^j\right) = \sigma^{ij}{}_{\mu km}x^\mu\omega^k \otimes \omega^m,$$

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For $\Omega^2 = D.\mathrm{Vol}$ we take 1-dimensional free module over D, with the basis denoted as Vol

Once we have specified at least Ω^2, we can:

- ask for our metric to be 'quantum symmetric' in the sense

$$\wedge(g) = 0$$

- Look for a *quantum Levi-Civita connection* (QLC): $\nabla g = T_\nabla = 0$

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There are 3 more for this choice of β (none flat):

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There are further 8 QLCs for $\beta = z$, $\beta = z^2$ (only 1 flat).

The Ricci tensor

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- I - not unique (we can add any functional multiple γg for $\gamma \in A$ if g is central and quantum symmetric)

For $D = \mathbb{F}_2\mathbb{Z}_3$ we take

$$i(Vol) = z^2\omega^2 \otimes \omega^1 + z\omega^2 \otimes \omega^2 + \gamma g$$

where $\gamma \in D, \quad \gamma = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 z + \gamma_3 z^2.$

free parameters

Ricci tensor and scalar for $\mathbb{F}_2\mathbb{Z}_3$

Metric	QLC	Ricci (central for all γ_i)	$S = (,)(\mathrm{Ricci})$	q. symmetric
$g_{D.1}$ $(\beta = 1)$	$\nabla_{D.1.2}$	$\mathrm{Ricci} = 0$	$S = 0$	—
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$g_{D.3}$ $(\beta = z^2)$	$\nabla_{D.3.1}$	$\mathrm{Ricci} = 0$ (flat connection)	$S = 0$	—
	$\left.\begin{matrix}\nabla_{D.3.2}\\ \nabla_{D.3.3}\\ \nabla_{D.3.4}\end{matrix}\right\}$	$\mathrm{Ricci} = \left(\gamma_1 + (1+\gamma_2)z\right)$ $\omega^1\otimes\omega^1$ $+\left(1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_1 z^2\right)\omega^1\otimes\omega^2$ $+\left(\gamma_2 + \gamma_3 z\right)\omega^2\otimes\omega^1$ $+\left(\gamma_3 + \gamma_2 z^2\right)\omega^2\otimes\omega^2$	$1 + \gamma_3 z$ $+\gamma_1 z^2$	never qsymm

For each metric one connection is Ricci flat for all lifts (indep. of γ_i).
$\underline{\dim}_{D.1} = \underline{\dim}_{D.2} = 1, \underline{\dim}_{D.3} = 0.$

The Einstein tensor

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{Eins} &= \mathrm{Ricci} + Sg \\ &= (\mathrm{Ricci}_{\mu ij} + S_\nu g_{\rho ij} V^{\nu\rho}{}_\mu) x^\mu \omega^i \otimes \omega^j\end{aligned}$$

with $\mathrm{Ricci}_{\mu ij},\ S_\nu,\ g_{\rho ij},\ V^{\nu\rho}{}_\mu \in \mathbb{F}_2$.

Note: the usual definition $\mathrm{Eins} = \mathrm{Ricci} - \frac{1}{2}Sg$ makes no sense over $\mathbb{F}_2$.
Here we have only two choices, $0, 1$, for the coefficient of Sg.

- We are interested in the values of $\mathrm{Eins} = \mathrm{Ricci} + Sg$
- If $\mathrm{Eins} \neq 0$ (as it would be classically for a 2D manifold) then we look for choices of γ when
$$\nabla \cdot \mathrm{Eins} = 0$$
- where $\nabla \cdot$ means to apply ∇ in the element of $\Omega^1 \otimes_D \Omega^1$ (same as for the metric) and then contract the first two factors with $(\, , \,)$:
$$\nabla \cdot \mathrm{Eins} = \nabla \cdot \mathrm{Ricci} + ((\, , \,) \otimes \mathrm{id})(\mathrm{d}S \otimes g) = \nabla \cdot \mathrm{Ricci} + \mathrm{d}S.$$

The Einstein tensor on $\mathbb{F}_2\mathbb{Z}_3$

Metric	QLC	$\mathrm{Eins} = \mathrm{Ricci} + Sg$	Ricci qsymm	$\nabla \cdot \mathrm{Eins} = 0$
$g_{D.1}$	$\nabla_{D.1.2}$ $\left.\begin{matrix}\nabla_{D.1.1}\\ \nabla_{D.1.3}\\ \nabla_{D.1.4}\end{matrix}\right\}$	$\mathrm{Eins} = 0$ $\mathrm{Eins} = (\gamma_1 + z(1+\gamma_2))\,\omega^2 \otimes \omega^1 + \left(1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_1 z^2\right)\omega^2 \otimes \omega^2$	— $\mathrm{Eins} = 0$	— $\gamma_1 = 0$: $\mathrm{Eins} = (1+\gamma_2)\, z\omega^2 \otimes \omega^1 + (1+\gamma_2)\,\omega^2 \otimes \omega^2$
$g_{D.2}$	$\nabla_{D.2.4}$ $\left.\begin{matrix}\nabla_{D.2.1}\\ \nabla_{D.2.2}\\ \nabla_{D.2.3}\end{matrix}\right\}$	$\mathrm{Eins} = 0$ $\mathrm{Eins} = (\gamma_2 + \gamma_3 z))\,\omega^1 \otimes \omega^1 + \left(\gamma_3 + \gamma_2 z^2\right)\omega^1 \otimes \omega^2$	— $\mathrm{Eins} = 0$	— $\gamma_3 = 0$: $\mathrm{Eins} = \gamma_2\omega^1 \otimes \omega^1 + \gamma_2 z^2\omega^1 \otimes \omega^2$
$g_{D.3}$	$\nabla_{D.3.1}$ $\left.\begin{matrix}\nabla_{D.3.2}\\ \nabla_{D.3.3}\\ \nabla_{D.3.4}\end{matrix}\right\}$	$\mathrm{Eins} = 0$ (flat connection) $\mathrm{Eins} = \left(\gamma_2 z + \gamma_3 z^2\right)\omega^1 \otimes \omega^1 + (\gamma_2 + \gamma_3 z)\,\omega^1 \otimes \omega^2 + \left(1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_1 z^2\right)\omega^2 \otimes \omega^1 + \left(\gamma_1 z + (1+\gamma_2)z^2\right)\omega^2 \otimes \omega^2$	— never qsymm	— $\gamma_1 = 0 = \gamma_3$: $\mathrm{Eins} = \gamma_2 z\omega^1 \otimes \omega^1 + \gamma_2\omega^1 \otimes \omega^2 + (1+\gamma_2)\,\omega^2 \otimes \omega^1 + (1+\gamma_2)z^2\omega^2 \otimes \omega^2$

Metrics where $\underline{\dim} = 1$ have zero Einstein tensor when Ricci is lifted to be quantum symmetric.

The metric $g_{D.3}$ where $\underline{\dim} = 0$ has two lifts for the non-flat connections with $\nabla \cdot \mathrm{Eins} = 0$ and $S = 1$.

Digital Quantum Geometries on $D = \mathbb{F}_2\mathbb{Z}_3$:

- for each metric one connection is Ricci flat for all lifts (and only actually flat for $g_{D.3}$)
- and the other three connections all have the same Ricci curvature
- when Ricci is quantum symmetric (choice of γ_i) then $\mathrm{Eins} = 0$
- we can chose the lift so that $\nabla \cdot \mathrm{Eins} = 0$

$$g_{D.1}: \quad \gamma_1 = \gamma_3 = 0, \gamma_2 = 1, \quad \mathrm{Ricci} = g_{D.1}, \quad S = 1, \quad \nabla\cdot\mathrm{Ricci} = 0, \quad \mathrm{Eins} = 0$$

$$g_{D.2}: \quad \gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \gamma_3 = 0, \quad \mathrm{Ricci} = g_{D.2}, \quad S = 1, \quad \nabla\cdot\mathrm{Ricci} = 0, \quad \mathrm{Eins} = 0$$

$$g_{D.3}: \quad \gamma_1 = \gamma_3 = 0, \qquad S = 1, \quad \nabla\cdot\mathrm{Ricci} = \nabla\cdot\mathrm{Eins} = 0, \quad \mathrm{Eins} \neq 0$$

- the last case is unusual in that classically the Einstein tensor in 2D would vanish , but this is also the ‘unphysical’ case where $\underline{\mathrm{dim}_{\mathrm{D}.3}} = 0$.

- Similar results were obtained for two other (commutative) algebras $B = \mathbb{F}_2(\mathbb{Z}_3)$ and $F = \mathbb{F}_8$.

- We have also investigated the properties of the geometric Laplacians:
$$\Delta = (\ ,\ )\nabla \mathrm{d} : \qquad A \to A$$

- For algebras A, C, E, G there are no invertible central metrics for the universal calculus.

- Full classification - see S.Majid, A.P., J.Phys. A 2019 (in press).

Summary

- We have mapped out the **landscape** of all reasonable up to **2D quantum geometries** over the field $\mathbb{F}_2$ on unital algebras of dimension $n \leq 3$.
- In $n = 3$ with 2-dim Ω^1 we find that only **three** of the six algebras, namely B$= \mathbb{F}_2(\mathbb{Z}_3)$, **D**$= \mathbb{F}_2\mathbb{Z}_3$, F$= \mathbb{F}_8$, meet our full requirements on the calculus including Ω^2 as top form degree 2 and existence of a quantum symmetric metric.
- The interesting ones up to this dimension have **commutative coordinate algebras**

Conclusions

- For each of them we find an essentially **unique calculus and a unique quantum metric** up to an invertible functional factor
- When the quantum metrics admit QLC connections, each pair produces **'digital quantum Riemannian geometry'** of which most are not flat in the sense of non-zero Riemann curvature R_∇
- For the Ricci tensor: we have found 2, 2, 5 (for alg. B, D, F resp.) - a **total of 9 interesting Ricci flat but not flat quantum geometries** over $\mathbb{F}_2$.
- These deserve more study in view of the important role of Ricci flat metrics in classical GR (as vacuum solutions of Einstein's equations).

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