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Quantum causality in kappa Minkowski

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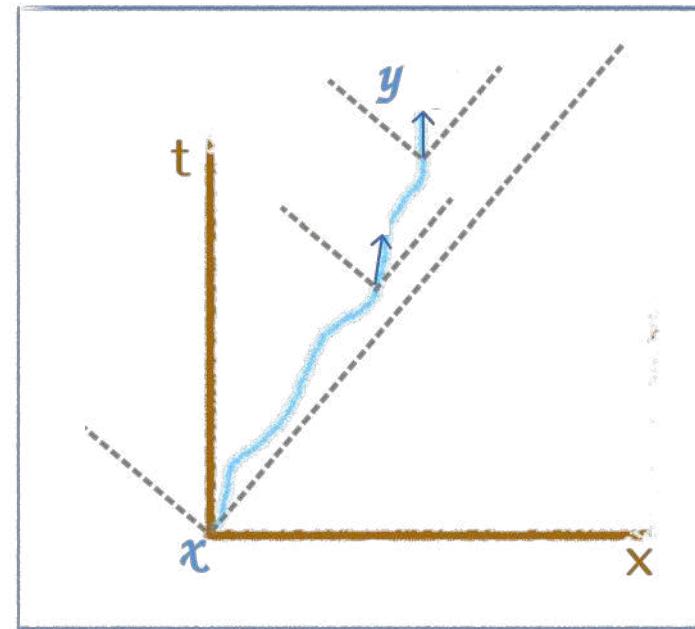
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Proxlem : We do not have a **Manifold**, **Points** and **Tangent vectors** in non commutative geometry

Algebraic version of Causality

Defintion [Causal function] :

A non decreasing function $f : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ along every future directed causal curve.

Proposition [Algebraic causality] :

Franco, Eckstein 2014 [1212.5171]

Let (\mathcal{M}, g) be a globally hyperbolic Lorentzien Manifold.

Let $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M})$ be the set of smooth bounded causal functions.

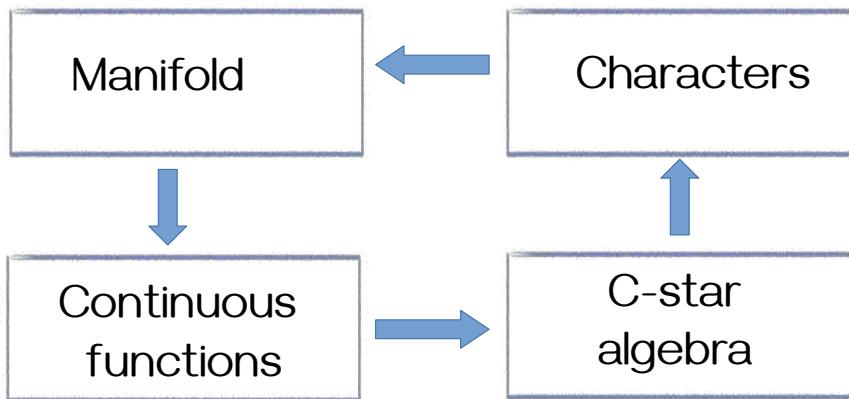
Then, the causal structure of the manifold is completely determined by :

$$\forall x, y \in \mathcal{M}, \quad x \preceq y \iff \forall f \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M}), \quad f(x) \leq f(y)$$

Where \preceq is the causal order on the manifold

« Points » in Noncommutative Geometry

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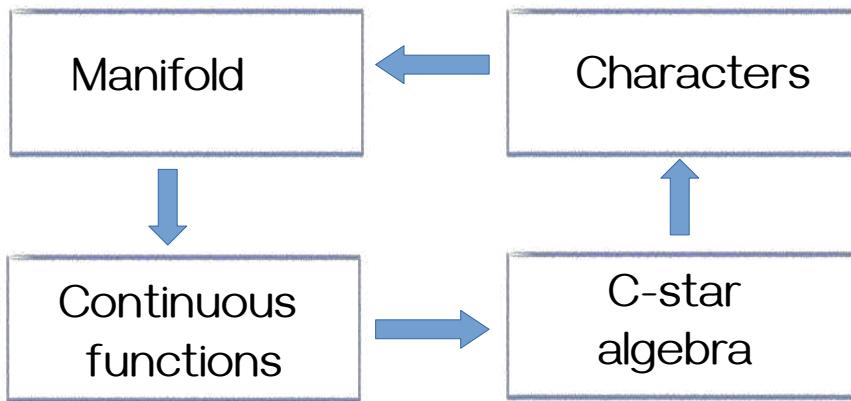
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Noncommutative case :

Starting with a noncommutative C-star algebra the equivalent of points are the **pure states**

Lorentzian spectral triple $\{\mathcal{A}, \tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \pi, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{J}\}$

Strohmaier 2002 [0110001]

Franco 2014 [11210.6575]

A non-unital **noncommutative C*** algebra \mathcal{A} and a preferred unitalization $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$

An **Hilbert space** \mathcal{H}

A **faithfull * representation** π of \mathcal{A} and $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ in the space of bounded operators $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$

An unbound **Dirac operator** \mathcal{D} densely defined in \mathcal{H} such that :

$$\forall a \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}, [\mathcal{D}, \pi(a)] \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$$

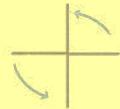
A bounded operator « **the fundamental symmetry** » \mathcal{J} such that :

$$\mathcal{J}^2 = 1, \quad \mathcal{J}^\dagger = \mathcal{J}, \quad \forall a \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}, [\mathcal{J}, \pi(a)] = 0, \quad \mathcal{D}^\dagger \mathcal{J} = -\mathcal{J} \mathcal{D}$$

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Action of the fundamental symmetry on the Hilbert product :

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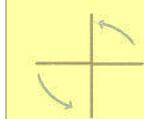
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Let \mathcal{T} be a self-adjoint operator and \mathcal{N} a positive operator of \mathcal{A} with dense domain in \mathcal{H} :

$$\mathcal{J} = -\mathcal{N}[\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{T}] \quad (1 + \mathcal{T})^{-1/2} \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}$$

\mathcal{T} is viewed as a noncommutative generalization of time function. The left condition ensures a Lorentzian-type signature.

Causality in noncommutative geometry

Let $\{\mathcal{A}, \tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \pi, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{J}\}$ be a Lorentzian Spectral Triple.

Besnard, 2009 [0804.3551]

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Definition [Causal cone] :

$$\forall a, b \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \forall \phi \in \mathcal{H},$$

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The causal evolution between two pure states is given by :

$$\forall \omega, \eta \in \mathcal{S}(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}), \quad \omega \leq \eta \iff \forall a \in \mathcal{C}, \quad \omega(a) \leq \eta(a)$$

\mathcal{M}_κ : Kappa-Minkowski (in 1+1 dimensions)

Universal enveloping algebra $[x_0, x_1] = ix_1/\kappa$ with Lie group G , the affine group of the real line.

Durhuus,Sitarz 2011 [1104.0206]
Poulain, Wallet, 2018 [1801.02715]

$$(f \star g)(x_0, x) = \int \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} dy_0 e^{-iy_0 p_0} f(x_0 + y_0, x) g(x_0, e^{-p_0/\kappa} x) \quad \text{star product}$$

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With f and g in $\mathcal{A}_x = (\mathfrak{E}(\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{E}(\mathbb{R})), \star, \dagger)$. Thanks to a Fourier transform we can use another set of variables (p_0, p_1) and functions in $\mathcal{A}_p = \mathcal{C}_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{C}_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}))$.

- Motivations:
- At the commutative limit we recover the usual Minkowski space.
 - Associated to a deformed symmetry space (kappa-Poincaré).

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We define $X_0 = (1 - \mathcal{E})$, $X = P$, the twisted derivative which satisfy a twisted Liebniz rule :

$$X_\mu(f \star g) = X_\mu(f) \star g + (\mathcal{E} \triangleright f) \star X_\mu(g)$$



At commutative limit, we find back the usual derivative and Leibniz rule.

Representations and Hilbert space

Unitary irreducible representations of the affine group G :

*Gelfand Naimark 1947
Khalil 1974 [117244213]*

$$\pi_U : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(L^2(\mathbb{R}, ds))$$

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Bounded representations of the C^* algebra:

$$\pi_v : \mathcal{A}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(L^2(\mathbb{R}, ds)), \quad v = -1, 0, 1$$

$$(\pi_v(f)\phi)(s) = \int d^2p \ e^{p_0} \mathcal{F}f(p_0, p_1) e^{ivp_1 e^{-s}} \phi(p_0 + s)$$

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Representation and Hilbert space

A suitable Hilbert space is then :

$$\mathcal{H} := \mathcal{H}_+ \oplus \mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_-$$

With associated faithfull representation :

$$\pi = (\pi_+ \oplus \pi_0 \oplus \pi_-) \otimes \mathbb{I}_2$$

Scalar product associated for $\phi^{(\nu)}, \psi^{(\nu)} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, ds) \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$

$$\langle \Phi, \Psi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \sum_{\nu=+,0,-} \langle \phi^{(\nu)}, \psi^{(\nu)} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{\nu}} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Large Blue Arrow}} \quad \langle \phi^{(\nu)}, \psi^{(\nu)} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{\nu}} = \int ds \phi^{(\nu)\dagger}(s) \psi^{(\nu)}(s)$$

Dirac operator and twisted commutator

The Dirac operator is defined as :

$$\mathcal{D} = -i\gamma^\mu X_\mu \otimes \mathbb{I}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & X_- \\ X_+ & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \mathbb{I}_3 := D \otimes \mathbb{I}_3$$

$$[a, b] = a \star b - b \star a$$



$$\forall a \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \quad [\mathcal{D}, \pi(a)] \notin \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$$

$$[a, b]_{\mathcal{E}} = a \star b - \mathcal{E} \triangleright (b) \star a$$



$$\forall a \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \quad [\mathcal{D}, \pi(a)]_{\mathcal{E}} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$$

$$\text{with } \mathcal{E} := e^{-P_0/\kappa}$$

The Lorentzian Spectral Triple satisfies **twisted conditions** :

Matassa 2012 [1212.3462]

$$\mathcal{D}^\dagger = -\mathcal{J}\rho^{-1}\mathcal{D}\rho\mathcal{J}, \quad \rho := (\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathbb{I}_2) \otimes \mathbb{I}_3 \quad [\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{T}]_{\mathcal{E}} = -\mathcal{N}\mathcal{J}$$

Operators of the twisted Lorentzian Spectral Triple

We define the fundamental symmetry and the time operator as :

$$\mathcal{J} = i\gamma^0 \otimes \mathbb{I}_3$$

$$\mathcal{T} = -i \oplus_v (\pi_v(x_0) \otimes \mathbb{I}_2)$$

Those operators verify all conditions of a twisted Lorentzian Spectral Triple.

We also introduce position and momentum operators as : $x_0 := P$, $x_1 := e^{-Q}$

With the representations $\pi_{\pm}(x_0) = -i \frac{d}{ds}$, $\pi_{\pm}(x_1) = m(\pm e^s)$

Functions of the causal cone

Reminder :

Causal cone : convex cone of hermitian elements a of the algebra such that :

$$\forall \psi \in \mathcal{H}, \quad \langle \psi, \mathcal{J}[\mathcal{D}, \pi(a)]_{\mathcal{E}} \psi \rangle \leq 0$$



Causal evolution :

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→ We will derive an explicit form of those conditions using unitary representations of kappa Minkowski. Then, we will give a family of functions in the causal cone and study the evolution of pure states for those causal functions.

Functions of the causal cone

Functions of the causal cone should verify : $\langle \phi, \pi_\nu(X_\pm(a))\phi \rangle \geq 0, \quad \nu = -1, 0, 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Explicitly : } \langle \phi, \pi_\pm(X_\pm(a))\phi \rangle &= -i \int ds du ((1 - e^{s-u}) \tilde{a}(u-s, \nu e^{-s}) \\ &\mp \partial_\beta \tilde{a}(u-s, \nu e^{-s})) \phi(u) \overline{\phi(s)} \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

Causal functions :



Time function $T := x_0$



Lambda light cone coordinates $a_\lambda(x_0, x_1) = x_0 \pm \lambda x_1 \quad \lambda \in [-1, 1]$



Split functions $a(x_0, x_1) := h(x_0) + g(x_1)$ with $iX_0(h) = 1 \quad |g'(\nu e^{-s})| \geq 1$

Evolution of pure states

- Pure states are defined by : $\omega_{\pm}^{\Phi} = \langle \Phi, \pi_{\pm}(a) \Phi \rangle, \quad \Phi \in \mathcal{H}_{\pm}$

Explicitly : $\omega_{\pm}^{\Phi}(a) = \int du ds \ a(-s, \pm e^{-s}) \overline{\Phi}(s) \Phi(u)$

- Causality relation between two pure states :

$$\omega_{\pm}^{\Phi_1} \preceq \omega_{\pm}^{\Phi_2} \iff \forall a \in \mathcal{C}_x, \quad \omega_{\pm}^{\Phi_1}(a) \leq \omega_{\pm}^{\Phi_2}(a)$$

Explicitly :

$$\int ds du \ \tilde{a}(u-s, \pm e^{-s}) \ [\overline{\Phi}_2(s) \Phi_2(u) - \overline{\Phi}_1(s) \Phi_1(u)] \geq 0$$

Quantum constraints

Evolution of pure states

$$\int ds du \tilde{a}(u-s, \pm e^{-s}) [\bar{\Phi}_2(s)\Phi_2(u) - \bar{\Phi}_1(s)\Phi_1(u)] \geq 0$$



+ expression for causal function

$$a(x_0, x_1) = x_0 \pm x_1$$

= quantum constraint $\langle \Phi_2 | P | \Phi_2 \rangle - \langle \Phi_1 | P | \Phi_2 \rangle \geq |\langle \Phi_2 | X | \Phi_2 \rangle - \langle \Phi_1 | X | \Phi_1 \rangle|$

Denoting the variation of the expectation value by $\delta \langle \mathcal{A} \rangle$, we get :

$$\delta \langle P \rangle \geq |\delta \langle X \rangle|$$

Interpreted as a quantum analogous
of the classical speed of light limit



$$\delta t \geq |\delta x|$$

Results and discussion

- Causality has been poorly investigated in noncommutative geometry; some work on microcausality has been done. *Mercati, Sergola 2018 [1801.01765]*
- Here, we obtain quantum analogs of the speed of light.
 - 1) We don't yet know the complete set of causal functions, which can give other quantum constraints.
 - 2) At the commutative limit, we lose a dimension with the unitary representation of the real line.
- Future work :
 - 1) Take a representation with good commutative limit, for example, the GNS representation,
 - 2) Investigate phenomenological consequences.

Thanks for your attention