

# TWISTING REALITY

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# The motivation

- There are “spectral geometries” that satisfy some reasonable requirements but they are boring.
- There are some geometries that are interesting but do not satisfy “reasonable” requirements ?
- So, maybe the requirements are not reasonable ?

# The twisting

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# Real spectral triples

## Ingredients:

- A  $*$ -algebra  $A$ ;
- A Hilbert space  $H$  and a  $*$ -representation  $\pi : A \rightarrow B(H)$ ;
- Operators  $D, \gamma, J : H \rightarrow H$ ;
- Signs:  $\varepsilon, \varepsilon' \varepsilon'' \in \{+, -\}$ .

## Types of relations:

- between operators representing elements of  $A$  and their conjugates through  $J$  (the order-zero condition):

$$[\pi(a), J\pi(b)J^{-1}] = 0;$$

- between  $D$  and operators representing elements of  $A$ ;
- between operators only (no representation),  $D$  and  $J$  and  $\gamma$ ;
- between  $D, J$  and operators representing elements of  $A$  (the first-order condition).

# How to do the twist?

- Relations involving elements of the algebra can be twisted by an algebra automorphism  $\rho$ ;
- Relations between operators can only (?) be twisted by an invertible operator  $\nu$ ;
- The action of  $\nu$  should be transferrable to an automorphism  $\hat{\nu}$  of  $A$  through  $\pi$ , the *implementation*

$$\pi(\hat{\nu}(a)) := \nu\pi(a)\nu^{-1}.$$

- The first order condition should be twisted by both  $\nu$  and  $\rho$ .

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- Conjugate (anti-)representation:

$$\pi_J : A \rightarrow B(H), \quad \pi_J(a) = J\pi(a)J^{-1}.$$

- Twisted commutators:

$$[T, a]_{\rho}^{\pi} := T\pi(a) - \pi(\rho(a))T.$$

## Preliminary assumptions:

- $\pi$  is faithful;
- $J$  is an anti-linear isometry,  $J^2 = \varepsilon$ ;
- the zero-order condition holds, i.e.  $\pi_J(A)$  is in the commutant of  $\pi(A)$ ;
- $D$  is a densely defined, self-adjoint operator with compact resolvent, and domain preserved by  $\pi(A)$ .

# Conditions

$(A, H, \pi, D, J)$  is a  $(\nu, \rho)$ -**type twisted real spectral triple** if:

- (a) for all  $a \in A$ , the twisted commutators  $[D, a]_{\rho}^{\pi}$  are bounded;
- (b)  $\nu JD$  preserves the domain of  $D$ ;
- (c)  $DJ\nu = \epsilon' \nu JD$ ;
- (d)  $\nu J\nu = J$ ;
- (e) the  $(\nu, \rho)$ -*twisted first-order condition*:

$$[[D, a]_{\rho}^{\pi}, b]_{\rho \circ \hat{\nu}^{-2}}^{\pi J} = 0, \quad \forall a, b \in A,$$

is satisfied;

- (f) in the even case also:  $\nu^2 \gamma = \gamma \nu^2$ .

# Twisting ingredients

- An algebra automorphism  $\rho : A \rightarrow A$  such that

$$\rho \circ * = * \circ \rho^{-1},$$

- A bounded operator  $\nu$  on  $H$  with bounded inverse, which implements an algebra automorphism  $\hat{\nu} : A \rightarrow A$  (in representation  $\pi$ ).

## Conformal rescaling: setup

- $(A, H, D, J)$  is real spectral triple (representation  $\pi$ ).
- $u \in A$  is invertible and such that  $k = \pi(u)$  is positive with bounded inverse.
- $k_J = JkJ^{-1}$  (note  $k_J$  commutes with all  $\pi(a)$ ).

# Special cases

- The  $(\nu, \text{id})$ -type  $\equiv$  spectral triple (untwisted) with twisted reality of [Brzeziński, Ciccoli, Dąbrowski & Sitarz].
- The  $(1, \rho)$ -type  $\equiv$   $\rho$ -twisted real spectral triple of [Landi & Martinetti].

## Example (i)

Let:

$$\hat{D}_k = k D k, \quad \nu = k k_J^{-1}, \quad \rho(a) = \hat{\nu}^2(a) = u^2 a u^{-2}.$$

Then  $(A, H, \hat{D}_k, J)$  is a  $(\nu, \rho)$ -type twisted real spectral triple.

Note: Since  $\rho = \hat{\nu}^2$  the outer commutators in the first-order condition are not twisted!

## Conformal rescaling: Example (ii)

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Let:

$$D_k = k_J D k_J, \quad \nu = k^{-1} k_J, \quad \rho = \text{id}.$$

Then  $(A, H, D_k, J)$  is a  $(\nu, \text{id})$ -type twisted real spectral triple [BCDS'16].

## Conformal rescaling: Example (iii)

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Let:

$$\tilde{D}_k = k_J k D k k_J, \quad \nu = 1, \quad \rho(a) = u^2 a u^{-2}.$$

Then  $(A, H, \hat{D}_k, J)$  is a  $(1, \rho)$ -type twisted real spectral triple.

# Relations between types of reality: duality

## Duality:

### Theorem

*If  $(A, H, \pi, D, J)$  is a type  $(\nu, \text{id})$ -twisted real spectral triple, then  $(A^{\text{op}}, H, \pi^{\circ}, D, J)$ , where*

$$\pi^{\circ} = \pi_J \circ *,$$

*is of  $(\nu^{-1}, \hat{\nu}^{-2})$ -type.*

## Remarks:

- The outer commutator in the first order condition is ‘un-twisted’.
- Examples (i) and (ii) are related by this duality.

# Relations between types of reality: untwisting

## Untwisting:

### Theorem

(Sketch) *If  $(A, H, \pi, D, J)$  is of  $(\text{id}, \widehat{\nu^{-2}})$ -type, then  $(A, H, \tilde{\pi}, \tilde{D})$ , where*

$$\tilde{\pi} = \pi \quad \text{or} \quad \tilde{\pi} = \pi_\nu := \text{Ad}_{\nu^{-1}} \circ \pi, \quad \tilde{D} = \nu D \nu,$$

*is of  $(\nu, \text{id})$ -type.*

## Remarks:

Examples (ii) and (iii) are related by this duality.

# CONCLUSIONS:

- A proposal for a unified approach to twisting real spectral triples.
- The proposal involves twisting by an operator and an algebra automorphism.
- Two existing approaches to twisting of real structure, i.e. those of Landi & Martinetti, and Brzeziński, Ciccoli, Dąbrowski & Sitarz, are related to each other
- The untwisting procedure, provided the algebra automorphism is implemented by the square of an operator.
- The duality relates the second approach also to twisted spectral triples with untwisted 1-st order condition.

# THANK YOU

