

Connection on module over a graded q -differential algebra ¹

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Abstract

We study a concept of a q -connection on a left module, where q is a primitive N th root of unity. This concept is based on a notion of a graded q -differential algebra whose differential d satisfies $d^N = 0$. We propose a notion of a graded q -differential algebra with involution and making use of this notion we introduce and study a concept of a q -connection consistent with a Hermitian structure of a left module. Assuming module to be a finitely generated free module we define the components of q -connection and show that these components with respect to different bases are related by gauge transformation. We also derive the relation for components of a q -connection consistent with Hermitian structure of a module.

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1 Introduction

Let q be a primitive N th root of unity, where $N \geq 2$. A concept of a q -connection and \mathbb{Z}_N -graded q -connection on a left module \mathcal{F} [1, 2, 3, 4] is based on a notion of a graded q -differential algebra \mathcal{A} [5, 6, 7]. The differential d of a graded q -differential algebra \mathcal{A} satisfies the graded q -Leibniz rule and $d^N = 0$. If $N = 2, q = -1$ then the graded q -Leibniz rule takes the form of graded Leibniz rule and $d^2 = 0$. Hence a graded q -differential algebra can be viewed as a generalization of a graded differential algebra. If \mathcal{E} is a left module over the subalgebra $\mathcal{A}^0 = \mathfrak{A} \subset \mathcal{A}$ of elements of grading zero and $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{E}$ then a q -connection on the left \mathcal{A} -module \mathcal{F} is a linear operator D of grading one satisfying the graded q -Leibniz rule. It can be shown that the N th power of a q -connection D is the endomorphism of the left \mathcal{A} -module \mathcal{F} and this allows to define the curvature of q -connection as $F = D^N$. It can be proved that the curvature F of q -connection satisfies the Bianchi identity. In this paper we continue to study the concept of a q -connection started in [2, 3, 4] and propose a notion of a q -connection on the left module \mathcal{F} consistent with a Hermitian structure of the module \mathcal{F} . A Hermitian structure on the module \mathcal{F} requires an involution on a graded q -differential algebra \mathcal{A} , and we introduce a notion of a graded q -differential algebra with involution proving that the differential d is consistent with an involution. Assuming the left \mathfrak{A} -module $\mathcal{F}^0 \subset \mathcal{F}$ to be a finitely generated free left module we define the components of a q -connection with respect to a basis for the module and show that the components of a q -connection with respect to different bases are related by gauge transformation. Assuming that D is a q -connection consistent with a Hermitian structure of \mathcal{F} we derive the relation for the components of D . Finally we find the expressions for components of the curvature in terms of the components of a q -connection.

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2 Modules over a graded q -differential algebra

The aim of this section is to remind a concept of a graded q -differential algebra, where q is a primitive N th root of unity ($N \geq 2$). This algebra is a basic component in our algebraic approach to q -generalization of connection, and it may be viewed as an analog of algebra of differential forms with exterior differential satisfying $d^N = 0$. It should be noted that within the framework of this analogy the subalgebra of elements of grading zero plays a role of an algebra of functions on a base manifold. In order to have an algebraic model of differential forms with values in a vector bundle we introduce a left module over the subalgebra of elements of grading zero of a graded q -differential algebra. Assuming that this module is a finitely generated free module we describe an algebraic analog of transition from one local trivialization of a vector bundle to another.

Let q be a primitive N th root of unity and $\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_i \mathcal{A}^i$ be an associative unital graded algebra over the complex numbers. Let us denote the identity element of this algebra by e and the grading of a homogeneous element ω of \mathcal{A} by $|\omega|$. An algebra \mathcal{A} is said to be a graded q -differential algebra if it is endowed with a linear mapping d of degree one, i.e. $d : \mathcal{A}^i \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{i+1}$, satisfying the graded q -Leibniz rule

$$d(\omega \omega') = d(\omega) \omega' + q^{|\omega|} \omega d(\omega')$$

where $\omega, \omega' \in \mathcal{A}$, and the N -nilpotency condition $d^N = 0$. It is easy to see that the subspace \mathcal{A}^0 of elements of grading zero is the subalgebra of an algebra \mathcal{A} . We will denote this subalgebra by \mathfrak{A} , i.e. $\mathfrak{A} = \mathcal{A}^0$. Obviously \mathfrak{A} is the associative unital algebra over \mathbb{C} with the identity element e . Given an associative unital algebra \mathfrak{A} we call a graded q -differential algebra \mathcal{A} an N -differential calculus over an algebra \mathfrak{A} , if $\mathcal{A}^0 = \mathfrak{A}$. Let us mention that taking $N = 2, q = -1$ in the definition of a graded q -differential algebra we get a graded differential algebra (with differential d satisfying $d^2 = 0$). Thus a graded q -differential algebra can be considered as a generalization of a graded differential algebra for any integer $N > 2$. It follows from the graded structure of an algebra \mathcal{A} that each subspace $\mathcal{A}^i \subset \mathcal{A}$ of homogeneous elements of grading i can be considered as the bimodule over the algebra \mathfrak{A} . Thus we have the following sequence of bimodules

$$\dots \rightarrow^d \mathcal{A}^{i-1} \rightarrow^d \mathcal{A}^i \rightarrow^d \mathcal{A}^{i+1} \rightarrow^d \dots$$

The part $d : \mathfrak{A} = \mathcal{A}^0 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^1$ of this sequence is the first order differential calculus over the algebra \mathfrak{A} .

We define a graded q -differential algebra with involution as a graded q -differential algebra \mathcal{A} which is equipped with a mapping $*$: $\mathcal{A}^i \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^i$ of grading zero satisfying

$$(\alpha \omega + \omega')^* = \bar{\alpha} \omega^* + \omega'^*, \quad (\omega \omega')^* = \omega'^* \omega^*, \quad (d\omega)^* = d(\omega^*)$$

where $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \omega, \omega' \in \mathcal{A}$. It is easy to show that the involution is consistent with the graded q -Leibniz rule. We have

$$(d(\omega \omega'))^* = (d\omega \omega')^* + \bar{q}^{|\omega|} (\omega d\omega')^* = q^{(|\omega|+1)|\omega'|} \omega'^* d\omega^* + \bar{q}^{|\omega|} q^{|\omega|(1+|\omega'|)} d\omega'^* \omega^*$$

On the other hand,

$$d(\omega \omega')^* = d(q^{|\omega||\omega'|} \omega'^* \omega^*) = q^{|\omega||\omega'|} d\omega'^* \omega^* + q^{(|\omega|+1)|\omega'|} \omega'^* d\omega^*$$

From the above formulae and

$$\bar{q}^{|\omega|} q^{|\omega|(1+|\omega'|)} = q^{-|\omega|+|\omega|+|\omega||\omega'|} = q^{|\omega||\omega'|}$$

it follows that the involution $*$ is consistent with the graded q -Leibniz rule. Let \mathcal{E} be a left \mathfrak{A} -module. Considering a graded q -differential algebra \mathcal{A} as the $(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{A})$ -bimodule we take the

tensor product $\mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{E}$ of modules which clearly has the structure of left \mathfrak{A} -module. Let us denote this left \mathfrak{A} -module by \mathcal{F} , i.e. $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{E}$. Obviously \mathcal{F} inherits the graded structure of \mathcal{A} . Indeed for every i we have the left \mathfrak{A} -submodule $\mathcal{F}^i = \mathcal{A}^i \otimes_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{E}$ of the left \mathfrak{A} -module \mathcal{F} . It is easy to see that the left \mathfrak{A} -module \mathcal{F} is the direct sum of its submodules \mathcal{F}^i , i. e. $\mathcal{F} = \oplus_i \mathcal{F}^i$. It is worth noting that the left \mathfrak{A} -submodule \mathcal{F}^0 of elements of grading zero is isomorphic to a left \mathfrak{A} -module \mathcal{E} , i. e. $\mathcal{F}^0 \cong \mathcal{E}$, where the isomorphism $\varphi : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^0$ can be defined by $\varphi(\xi) = e \otimes \xi$. The left \mathfrak{A} -module \mathcal{F} can be also considered as the left \mathcal{A} -module and in the next section we will use this structure to describe a concept of q -connection. Let us mention that multiplication by elements of \mathcal{A}^i , where $i \neq 0$, does not preserve the graded structure of the module \mathcal{F} .

Since \mathcal{A} is a graded algebra the tensor product $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{E}$ of vector spaces is the graded vector space $\mathcal{F} = \oplus_i \mathcal{F}^i$ over \mathbb{C} , where $\mathcal{F}^i = \mathcal{A}^i \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{E}$. Hence we have the graded algebra of linear operators of the graded vector space \mathcal{F} , which we denote by $\mathfrak{L}(\mathcal{F}) = \oplus_i \mathfrak{L}^i(\mathcal{F})$, where $\mathfrak{L}^i(\mathcal{F})$ is the subspace of homogeneous linear operators of grading i . If $A : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ is a homogeneous linear operator then we can extend it to the linear operator $L_A : \mathfrak{L}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}(\mathcal{F})$ on the whole graded algebra of linear operators $\mathfrak{L}(\mathcal{F})$ by means of the graded q -commutator as follows

$$L_A(B) = [A, B]_q = A \cdot B - q^{|A||B|} B \cdot A$$

where B is a homogeneous linear operator and $A \cdot B$ is the product of two linear operators.

In order to have an algebraic analog of the local structure of a vector bundle in this approach we assume \mathcal{E} to be a finitely generated free left \mathfrak{A} -module. Let $\mathbf{e} = \{\mathbf{e}_\mu\}_{\mu=1}^r$ be a basis for a left module \mathcal{E} . This basis induces the basis $\mathbf{f} = \{\mathbf{f}_\mu\}_{\mu=1}^r$, where $\mathbf{f}_\mu = e \otimes \mathbf{e}_\mu$, for the left \mathfrak{A} -module \mathcal{F}^0 . Taking into account that $\mathcal{F}^0 \subset \mathcal{F}$ and \mathcal{F} is the left \mathcal{A} -module we can multiply the elements of the basis \mathbf{f} by elements of \mathcal{A} . It is easy to see that if $\omega \in \mathcal{A}^i$ then for any μ we have $\omega \mathbf{f}_\mu \in \mathcal{F}^i$. Consequently we can express any element of \mathcal{F}^i as a linear combination of \mathbf{f}_μ with coefficients from \mathcal{A}^i . Indeed let $\omega \otimes \xi$ be an element of $\mathcal{F}^i = \mathcal{A}^i \otimes_{\mathfrak{A}} \mathcal{E}$. Then

$$\omega \otimes \xi = (\omega e) \otimes (\xi^\mu \mathbf{e}_\mu) = (\omega e \xi^\mu) \otimes \mathbf{e}_\mu = (\omega \xi^\mu e) \otimes \mathbf{e}_\mu = \omega \xi^\mu (e \otimes \mathbf{e}_\mu) = \omega^\mu \mathbf{f}_\mu$$

where $\omega^\mu = \omega \xi^\mu \in \mathcal{A}^i$.

Denote by $\mathfrak{M}_r(\mathcal{A})$ the vector space of $r \times r$ -matrices whose entries are the elements of an algebra \mathcal{A} . This vector space is a graded vector space with graded structure induced by the graded structure of a graded q -differential algebra \mathcal{A} . Hence $\mathfrak{M}_r(\mathcal{A}) = \oplus_i \mathfrak{M}_r^i(\mathcal{A})$, where $\mathfrak{M}_r^i(\mathcal{A})$ is the subspace of homogeneous matrices of grading i , i.e. if $\Omega = (\omega_\nu^\mu) \in \mathfrak{M}_r^i(\mathcal{A})$ then $\omega_\nu^\mu \in \mathcal{A}^i$. The vector space $\mathfrak{M}_r(\mathcal{A})$ of $r \times r$ -matrices becomes the associative unital graded algebra if we define the product of two matrices $\Omega = (\omega_\nu^\mu), \Omega' = (\omega'_\nu{}^\mu)$ by $\Omega \cdot \Omega' = (\omega_\sigma^\mu \omega'_\nu{}^\sigma)$. In the next section we shall use the graded q -commutator of homogeneous matrices which is defined by

$$[\Omega, \Omega']_q = \Omega \cdot \Omega' - q^{|\Omega||\Omega'|} \Omega' \cdot \Omega$$

We extend the differential d of a graded q -differential algebra \mathcal{A} to the algebra $\mathfrak{M}_r(\mathcal{A})$ as usual: $d\Omega = d(\omega_\nu^\mu) = (d\omega_\nu^\mu)$.

Let $\mathbf{f}' = \{\mathbf{f}'_\mu\}_{\mu=1}^r$ be another basis for the left \mathfrak{A} -module \mathcal{F}^0 with the same number of elements (this will always be the case if \mathfrak{A} is a division algebra or if \mathfrak{A} is commutative). Then $\mathbf{f}'_\nu = g_\nu^\mu \mathbf{f}_\mu$, where $G = (g_\nu^\mu) \in \mathfrak{M}_r^0(\mathcal{A})$, $g_\nu^\mu \in \mathfrak{A}$, is the transition matrix from the basis \mathbf{f} to the basis \mathbf{f}' . It is well known [8] that in the case of finitely generated free module transition matrix is an invertible matrix, and we denote the inverse matrix of G by $G^{-1} = (\tilde{g}_\nu^\mu)$.

In order to define a Hermitian structure on the left \mathcal{A} -module \mathcal{F} we assume \mathcal{A} to be a graded q -differential algebra with involution $*$. We will call the left module \mathcal{F} a Hermitian (left) module if \mathcal{F}^0 is endowed with a bilinear form $h : \mathcal{F}^0 \times \mathcal{F}^0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ which satisfies $h(\omega \xi, \omega' \xi') = \omega \omega'^* h(\xi, \xi')$, where $\omega, \omega' \in \mathfrak{A}$ and $\xi, \xi' \in \mathcal{F}^0$. It is easy to extend a Hermitian form h to the whole left \mathcal{A} -module \mathcal{F} if we put

$$h(\omega \otimes \xi, \omega' \otimes \xi') = \omega \omega'^* h(\xi, \xi')$$

where $\omega \in \mathcal{A}^i, \xi \in \mathcal{F}^0, \omega \otimes \xi \in \mathcal{F}^i$ and $\omega' \in \mathcal{A}^j, \xi' \in \mathcal{F}^0, \omega' \otimes \xi' \in \mathcal{F}^j$. Consequently it holds $h : \mathcal{F}^i \times \mathcal{F}^j \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{i+j}$. The matrix of this Hermitian form with respect to a basis \mathfrak{f} is denoted by $H = (h_{\mu\nu}) = (h(\mathfrak{f}_\mu, \mathfrak{f}_\nu)) \in \mathfrak{M}_r^0(\mathcal{A})$.

3 q -connection on module \mathcal{F}

In this section we describe a concept of q -connection [2, 3, 4] on the left \mathcal{A} -module \mathcal{F} , curvature of q -connection and Bianchi identity. Assuming that graded q -differential algebra \mathcal{A} is an algebra with involution and \mathcal{F} is the Hermitian module over this algebra we define a q -connection consistent with a Hermitian structure of \mathcal{F} . Then assuming the submodule $\mathcal{F}^0 \subset \mathcal{F}$ to be a finitely generated free module we introduce the matrices of q -connection and its curvature.

A q -connection on the left \mathcal{A} -module \mathcal{F} is a linear operator $D : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ of degree one satisfying the condition

$$D(\omega \xi) = d\omega \xi + q^{|\omega|} \omega D\xi \quad (3.1)$$

where $\omega \in \mathcal{A}, \xi \in \mathcal{F}$, and d is the differential of a graded q -differential algebra \mathcal{A} . If the left \mathcal{A} -module \mathcal{F} is the Hermitian left module with Hermitian form h a q -connection D on \mathcal{F} is said to be consistent with a Hermitian structure of \mathcal{F} if it satisfies

$$dh(\xi, \xi') = h(D\xi, \xi') + h(\xi, D\xi')$$

where $\xi, \xi' \in \mathcal{F}^0$.

It can be shown that the N -th power of any q -connection D is the endomorphism of degree N of the left \mathcal{A} -module \mathcal{F} . This allows us to define the curvature of a q -connection D as the endomorphism $F = D^N$ of degree N of the left \mathcal{A} -module \mathcal{F} . The curvature F of any q -connection D on \mathcal{F} satisfies the Bianchi identity $L_D(F) = 0$ [3], where $L_D : \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{F})$ is the extension of D to the algebra of linear operators of \mathcal{F} .

Let \mathcal{F}^0 be a finitely generated free module with a basis $\mathfrak{f} = \{\mathfrak{f}_\mu\}_{\mu=1}^r$, and $\xi = \xi^\mu \mathfrak{f}_\mu \in \mathcal{F}^0$, where $\xi^\mu \in \mathfrak{A}$. Obviously $D\xi \in \mathcal{F}^1$. The coefficients of a q -connection D with respect to a basis \mathfrak{f} are defined by $D\mathfrak{f}_\nu = \theta_\nu^\mu \mathfrak{f}_\mu$. The matrix $\Theta = (\theta_\nu^\mu) \in \mathfrak{M}_r^1(\mathcal{A})$ is called the matrix of q -connection D with respect to \mathfrak{f} . Using (3.1) we obtain

$$D\xi = D(\xi^\mu \mathfrak{f}_\mu) = d\xi^\mu \mathfrak{f}_\mu + \xi^\mu D\mathfrak{f}_\mu = (d\xi^\mu + \xi^\nu \theta_\nu^\mu) \mathfrak{f}_\mu = (\nabla\xi)^\mu \mathfrak{f}_\mu \quad (3.2)$$

where $(\nabla\xi)^\mu = d\xi^\mu + \xi^\nu \theta_\nu^\mu$. Let $\mathfrak{f}' = \{\mathfrak{f}'_\mu\}_{\mu=1}^r$ be another basis for the left \mathfrak{A} -module \mathcal{F}^0 , and $\mathfrak{f}'_\mu = g_\mu^\nu \mathfrak{f}_\nu$, where $G = (g_\mu^\nu) \in \mathfrak{M}_r^0(\mathcal{A})$ is a transition matrix. If we denote by $\theta_\nu'^\mu$ the coefficients of D with respect to basis \mathfrak{f}' and \tilde{g}_ν^μ are the entries of the inverse matrix G^{-1} then $\theta_\nu'^\mu = dg_\nu^\sigma \tilde{g}_\sigma^\mu + g_\nu^\sigma \theta_\sigma^\tau \tilde{g}_\tau^\mu$, and this clearly shows that the components of D with respect to different bases of module \mathcal{F}^0 are related by the gauge transformation. Let \mathcal{A} be a graded q -differential algebra with involution $* : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$, \mathcal{F} be a Hermitian module with a Hermitian form h , and D be a q -connection on \mathcal{F} consistent with a Hermitian structure of \mathcal{F} . Then the components θ_ν^μ of D obey the relation

$$\theta_\mu^\sigma h_{\sigma\nu} + \theta_\nu^{*\tau} h_{\mu\tau} = dh_{\mu\nu}$$

Our next aim is to express the components of the curvature F of a q -connection D in terms of the coefficients of a q -connection D . We define the components of curvature F with respect to a basis \mathfrak{f} by $F(\mathfrak{f}_\mu) = \psi_\mu^\nu \mathfrak{f}_\nu$ and denote the matrix of curvature by $\Psi = (\psi_\nu^\mu)$. Straightforward computation gives for different $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$ the polynomial

$$D^k \xi = \sum_{l=0}^k C_q(k, l) d^{k-l} \xi^\mu \psi_\mu^{l, \nu} \mathfrak{f}_\nu$$

where $C_q(k, l)$ are q -binomial coefficients, $\psi_\mu^\nu = \psi_\mu^{N,\nu}$ and $\psi_\mu^{0,\nu} = \delta_\mu^\nu e$. From this polynomial we get the recursion formula for the components of curvature

$$\psi_\mu^{l,\nu} = d\psi_\mu^{l-1,\nu} + q^{l-1} \psi_\mu^{l-1,\sigma} \theta_\sigma^\nu$$

This recursion formula gives the following expressions for the first three values of k :

$$\psi_\mu^{1,\nu} = \theta_\mu^\nu, \quad \psi_\mu^{2,\nu} = d\theta_\mu^\nu + q \theta_\mu^\sigma \theta_\sigma^\nu, \quad \psi_\mu^{3,\nu} = d^2\theta_\mu^\nu + (q+q^2) d\theta_\mu^\sigma \theta_\sigma^\nu + q^2 \theta_\mu^\sigma d\theta_\sigma^\nu + q^3 \theta_\mu^\tau \theta_\tau^\sigma \theta_\sigma^\nu \quad (3.3)$$

Let us consider the expressions for curvature in two cases when $N = 2$ and $N = 3$. If $N = 2, q = -1$ then a graded q -differential algebra \mathcal{A} is a differential superalgebra (\mathbb{Z}_2 -graded), and we have for the components of curvature $\psi_\mu^\nu = \psi_\mu^{2,\nu} = d\theta_\mu^\nu - \theta_\mu^\sigma \theta_\sigma^\nu$. Assuming \mathcal{A} to be a super-commutative algebra we can put the expression for components of curvature into the form $\psi_\mu^\nu = d\theta_\mu^\nu + \theta_\sigma^\nu \theta_\mu^\sigma$ or by means of matrices $\Psi = d\Theta + \Theta \cdot \Theta$ in which we recognize the classical expression for the curvature.

If $N = 3$ then $q = \exp(\frac{2\pi i}{3})$ is the cubic root of unity satisfying the relations $q^3 = 1, 1+q+q^2 = 0$. This is the first non-classical case of a q -connection, and we have for components

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_\mu^\nu &= d^2\theta_\mu^\nu + (q+q^2) d\theta_\mu^\sigma \theta_\sigma^\nu + q^2 \theta_\mu^\sigma d\theta_\sigma^\nu + q^3 \theta_\mu^\tau \theta_\tau^\sigma \theta_\sigma^\nu = d^2\theta_\mu^\nu - d\theta_\mu^\sigma \theta_\sigma^\nu + q^2 \theta_\mu^\sigma d\theta_\sigma^\nu + \theta_\mu^\tau \theta_\tau^\sigma \theta_\sigma^\nu \\ &= d^2\theta_\mu^\nu - (d\theta_\mu^\sigma \theta_\sigma^\nu - q^2 \theta_\mu^\sigma d\theta_\sigma^\nu) + \theta_\mu^\tau \theta_\tau^\sigma \theta_\sigma^\nu \end{aligned}$$

Finally we derive the form of Bianchi identity in terms of the components of a q -connection and its curvature. The curvature F of a q -connection satisfies the Bianchi identity $L_D(F) = [D, F]_q = 0$. If $\theta_\nu^\mu, \psi_\nu^\mu$ are the components of a q -connection D and its curvature F with respect to a basis \mathfrak{f} for the module \mathcal{F} then the Bianchi identity takes on the form

$$d\psi_\nu^\mu = \theta_\mu^\sigma \psi_\sigma^\nu - \psi_\mu^\sigma \theta_\sigma^\nu$$

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