ON POISSON QUASI-NIJENHUIS LIE ALGEBROIDS

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ABSTRACT: We propose a definition of Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroids as a natural generalization of Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis manifolds and show that any such Lie algebroid has an associated quasi-Lie bialgebroid. Therefore, also an associated Courant algebroid is obtained. We introduce the notion of a morphism of quasi-Lie bialgebroids and of the induced Courant algebroids morphism and provide some examples of Courant algebroid morphisms. Finally, we use paired operators to deform doubles of Lie and quasi-Lie bialgebroids and find an application to generalized complex geometry.

Introduction

The notion of Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis manifold was recently introduced by Stiénon and Xu [14]. It is a manifold M together with a Poisson bivector field π , a (1,1)-tensor N compatible with π and a closed 3-form ϕ such that $i_N \phi$ is also closed and the Nijenhuis torsion of N, which is nonzero, is expressed by means of ϕ and π . When $\phi = 0$ one obtains a Poisson-Nijenhuis manifold, a concept introduced by Magri and Morosi [11] to study integrable systems and which was extended to the Lie algebroid framework by Kosmann-Schwarzbach [6] and Grabowski and Urbanski [5] who introduced the notion of a Poisson-Nijenhuis Lie algebroid. In this paper we propose a definition of Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroid, which is a straightforward generalization of a Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis manifold.

Quasi-Lie bialgebroids were introduced by Roytenberg [12] who showed that they are the natural framework to study twisted Poisson structures [13]. On the other hand, quasi-Lie bialgebroids are intimately related to Courant algebroids [9], because the double of a quasi-Lie bialgebroid carries a structure of Courant algebroid and conversely, a Courant algebroid E that admits a Dirac subbundle A and a transversal isotropic complement B, can be identified with the Whitney sum $A \oplus A^*$, where A^* is identified with B[12]. Generalizing a result of Kosmann-Schwarzbach [6] for Poisson-Nijenhuis manifolds and Lie bialgebroids, it is proved in [14] that a Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis structure on a manifold M is equivalent to a quasi-Lie bialgebroid

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structure on T^*M . Extending the result of [14], we show that a Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroid has an associated quasi-Lie bialgebroid, so that it has also an associated Courant algebroid.

In an unpublished manuscript, Alekseev and Xu [1], gave the definition of a Courant algebroid morphism between E_1 and E_2 and, in the case where E_1 and E_2 are doubles of Lie bialgebroids (A, A^*) and (B, B^*) , i.e $E_1 = A \oplus A^*$ and $E_2 = B \oplus B^*$, they established a relationship with a Lie bialgebroid morphism $A \to B$ [10]. Since doubles of quasi-Lie bialgebroids are Courant algebroids, it seems natural to obtain a relationship between Courant algebroid morphisms and quasi-Lie bialgebroid morphisms. This is the case when considering Courant algebroids associated with a Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroid of a certain type and with a twisted Poisson Lie algebroid, respectively. In a first step towards our result, we give the definition of a morphism of quasi-Lie bialgebroids which is, up to our knowledge, a new concept that includes morphism of Lie bialgebroids as a particular case.

Another aspect of Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis manifolds that is exploited in [14] is the relation with generalized complex structures. We extend to Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroids some of the results obtained in [14] and also discuss the relation of Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroids with paired operators [3].

The paper is divided into three sections. In section 1 we introduce quasi-Lie bialgebroid morphisms and discuss their relationship with Courant algebroid morphisms. Section 2 is devoted to Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroids. We prove that each Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroid has an associated quasi-Lie bialgebroid and, in some particular cases, we construct a morphism of Courant algebroids. In the last section we use paired operators to deform doubles of Lie and quasi-Lie bialgebroids.

1. Quasi-Lie bialgebroids morphisms

1.1. Quasi-Lie bialgebroids. The main subject of this work are quasi-Lie bialgebroids. We begin by recalling the definition and give some examples.

Definition 1.1. [12] A quasi-Lie bialgebroid is a Lie algebroid $(A, [,]_A, \rho)$ equipped with a degree-one derivation d_* of the Gerstenhaber algebra $(\Gamma(\wedge^{\bullet}A), \wedge, [,]_A)$ and a 3-section of $A, X_A \in \Gamma(\wedge^3 A)$ such that

$$d_*X_A = 0$$
 and $d_*^2 = [X_A, -]_A$.

If X_A is the null section, then d_* defines a structure of Lie algebroid on A^* such that d_* is a derivation of $[,]_A$. In this case we say that (A, A^*) is a Lie bialgebroid.

Examples of quasi-Lie bialgebroids arise from different well known geometric structures. We will illustrate some of them that will be needed in our work.

Example 1.2. Let $(A, [,]_A, \rho)$ be a Lie algebroid and consider any closed 3-form ϕ . Equipping A^* with the null Lie algebroid structure, (A^*, d_A, ϕ) is canonically a quasi-Lie bialgebroid.

Example 1.3. [Lie algebroid with a twisted Poisson structure] Let $\pi \in \Gamma(\wedge^2 A)$ be a bivector on the Lie algebroid $(A, [,]_A, \rho)$ and denote by π^{\sharp} the usual bundle map

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^{\sharp} : & A^* & \longrightarrow & A \\ & \alpha & \longmapsto & \pi^{\sharp}(\alpha) = i_{\alpha} \pi. \end{aligned}$$

This map can be extended to a bundle map from $\Gamma(\wedge^{\bullet}A^*)$ to $\Gamma(\wedge^{\bullet}A)$, also denoted by π^{\sharp} , as follows:

 $\pi^{\sharp}(f) = f \quad \text{and} \quad \left\langle \pi^{\sharp}(\mu), \alpha_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge \alpha_k \right\rangle = (-1)^k \mu \left(\pi^{\sharp}(\alpha_1), \ldots, \pi^{\sharp}(\alpha_k) \right),$

for all $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ and $\mu \in \Gamma(\wedge^k A^*)$ and $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_k \in \Gamma(A^*)$.

Let $\phi \in \Gamma(\wedge^3 A^*)$ be a closed 3-form on A. We say that (π, ϕ) defines a twisted Poisson structure on A [13] if

$$[\pi,\pi]_A = 2\,\pi^\sharp(\phi).$$

In this case, the bracket on the sections of A^* defined by

$$[\alpha,\beta]^{\phi}_{\pi} = \mathcal{L}_{\pi^{\sharp}\alpha}\beta - \mathcal{L}_{\pi^{\sharp}\beta}\alpha - d(\pi(\alpha,\beta)) + \phi(\pi^{\sharp}\alpha,\pi^{\sharp}\beta,-), \quad \forall \alpha,\beta \in \Gamma(A^{*}),$$

is a Lie bracket and $A_{\pi,\phi}^* = (A^*, [,]_{\pi}^{\phi}, \rho \circ \pi^{\sharp})$ is a Lie algebroid. The differential of this Lie algebroid is given by

$$d^{\phi}_{\pi}X = [\pi, X]_A - \pi^{\sharp}(i_X\phi), \quad \forall X \in \Gamma(A).$$

The pair (A, A^*) is not a Lie bialgebroid but when we consider the bracket on $\Gamma(A)$ defined by:

$$[X,Y]' = [X,Y]_A - \pi^{\sharp}(\phi(X,Y,-)), \quad \forall X,Y \in \Gamma(A),$$

the associated differential d', given by

$$d'f = df$$
 and $d'\alpha = d\alpha - i_{\pi^{\sharp}\alpha}\phi$, $\forall f \in C^{\infty}(M), \alpha \in \Gamma(A^*)$

defines on $A^*_{\pi,\phi}$ a structure of quasi-Lie bialgebroid $(A^*_{\pi,\phi}, \mathbf{d}', \phi)$.

One should notice that when $\phi = 0$, π is a Poisson bivector. The Lie algebroid $A_{\pi,0}^*$ is simply denoted by A_{π}^* , and together with the Lie algebroid A it defines a special kind of Lie bialgebroid called a *triangular Lie bialgebroid*.

Any bundle map $\Phi : A \to B$ induces a map $\Phi^* : \Gamma(B^*) \to \Gamma(A^*)$ which assigns to each section $\alpha \in \Gamma(B^*)$ the section $\Phi^* \alpha$ given by

 $\Phi^*\alpha(X)(m) = \langle \alpha(\phi(m)), \Phi_m X(m) \rangle, \quad \forall m \in M, \ X \in \Gamma(A),$

where $\phi : M \to N$ is the map induced by Φ on the base manifolds. We denote by the same latter Φ^* the extension of this map to the multisections of B^* , where we set $\Phi^* f = f \circ \phi$, for $f \in C^{\infty}(N)$.

Let $A \to M$ and $B \to N$ be two Lie algebroids. Recall that a *Lie algebroid* morphism is a bundle map $\Phi : A \to B$ such that $\Phi^* : (\Gamma(\wedge^{\bullet}B^*), \mathbf{d}_B) \to (\Gamma(\wedge^{\bullet}A^*), \mathbf{d}_A)$ is a chain map.

Generalizing the notion of Lie bialgebroid morphism we propose the following definition of morphism between quasi-Lie bialgebroids:

Definition 1.4. Let (A, d_{A^*}, X_A) and (B, d_{B^*}, X_B) be quasi-Lie bialgebroids over M and N, respectively. A bundle map $\Phi : A \to B$ is a quasi-Lie bialgebroid morphism if

- 1) Φ is a Lie algebroid morphism;
- 2) Φ^* is compatible with the brackets on the sections of A^* and B^* :

$$[\Phi^*\alpha,\Phi^*\beta]_{A^*}=\Phi^*\,[\alpha,\beta]_{B^*}\,;$$

3) the vector fields $\rho_{B^*}(\alpha)$ and $\rho_{A^*}(\Phi^*\alpha)$ are ϕ -related:

$$T\phi \cdot \rho_{A^*}(\Phi^*\alpha) = \rho_{B^*}(\alpha) \circ \phi;$$

4) $\Phi X_A = X_B \circ \phi$,

where $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma(B^*)$ and $\phi: M \to N$ is the smooth map induced by Φ on the base.

Example 1.5. A Lie bialgebroid morphism [10] is a Lie algebroid morphism which is also a Poisson map, when we consider the Lie-Poisson structures induced by their dual Lie algebroids. We can easily see that in case we are dealing with Lie bialgebroids, the definition of quasi-Lie bialgebroid morphism coincides with the one of Lie bialgebroid morphism.

Example 1.6. Consider (A, d_{A*}, X_A) and (B, d_{B*}, X_B) two quasi-Lie bialgebroids over the same base manifold M. We can see that a base preserving quasi-Lie bialgebroid morphism (such that $\phi = \text{id}$) is a bundle map $\Phi: A \to B$ such that $\Phi^* \circ d_B = d_A \circ \Phi^*$, $\Phi \circ d_{A*} = d_{B*} \circ \Phi$ and $\Phi X_A = X_B$.

Other examples of quasi-Lie bialgebroid morphisms will appear in the next section associated with quasi-Nijenhuis structures.

1.2. Courant algebroids. A Courant algebroid $E \to M$ is a vector bundle over a manifold M equipped with a nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form \langle , \rangle , a vector bundle map $\rho : E \to TM$ and a bilinear bracket \circ on $\Gamma(E)$ satisfying:

C1)
$$e_1 \circ (e_2 \circ e_3) = (e_1 \circ e_2) \circ e_3 + e_2 \circ (e_1 \circ e_3)$$

C2) $e \circ e = \rho^* d \langle e, e \rangle$
C3) $\mathcal{L}_{\rho(e)} \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle = \langle e \circ e_1, e_2 \rangle + \langle e_1, e \circ e_2 \rangle$
C4) $\rho(e_1 \circ e_2) = [\rho(e_1), \rho(e_2)]$
C5) $e_1 \circ f e_2 = f(e_1 \circ e_2) + \mathcal{L}_{\rho(e_1)f}e_2,$

for all $e, e_1, e_2, e_3 \in \Gamma(E), f \in C^{\infty}(M)$.

Associated with the bracket \circ , we can define a skew-symmetric bracket on the sections of E by:

$$\llbracket e_1, e_2 \rrbracket = \frac{1}{2} \left(e_1 \circ e_2 - e_2 \circ e_1 \right)$$

and the properties C1)-C5) can be expressed in terms of this bracket.

Example 1.7. [Standard Courant algebroid] Let $(A, [,]_A, \rho_A)$ be a Lie algebroid. The double $A \oplus A^*$ equipped with the skew-symmetric bracket

$$\llbracket X + \alpha, Y + \beta \rrbracket = [X, Y]_A + \left(\pounds_X \beta - \pounds_Y \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{d}(\alpha(Y) - \beta(X)) \right),$$

the pairing $\langle X + \alpha, Y + \beta \rangle = \alpha(Y) + \beta(X)$ and the anchor $\rho(X + \alpha) = \rho_A(X)$ is a Courant algebroid.

A standard Courant algebroid is a simple example of a Courant algebroid which is a the double of a Lie bialgebroid. The construction of Courant algebroids as doubles of Lie bialgebroids is implicit in the next example, where we explicit the construction of the double of a quasi-Lie bialgebroid.

Example 1.8. [Double of a quasi-Lie bialgebroid] Let (A, d_*, X_A) be a quasi-Lie bialgebroid. Its double $E = A \oplus A^*$ is a Courant algebroid if it is equipped

with the pairing $\langle X + \alpha, Y + \beta \rangle = \alpha(Y) + \beta(X)$, the anchor $\rho = \rho_A + \rho_{A^*}$ and the bracket

$$\llbracket X + \alpha, Y + \beta \rrbracket = [X, Y]_A + \mathcal{L}^*_{\alpha} Y - \mathcal{L}^*_{\beta} X - \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{d}_*(\alpha(Y) - \beta(X)) + X_A(\alpha, \beta, -) \\ + \left([\alpha, \beta]_* + \mathcal{L}_X \beta - \mathcal{L}_Y \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{d}(\alpha(Y) - \beta(X)) \right),$$

Taking $X_A = 0$ we have the Courant algebroid structure of a double of a Lie bialgebroid.

Another particular case that worths to be mentioned is the double of the quasi-Lie bialgebroid (A^*, d, ϕ) illustrated in Example 1.2. In this case the anchor is simply $\rho_E = \rho_A$ and the skew-symmetric bracket is a twisted version of the standard Courant bracket given by:

$$\llbracket X + \alpha, Y + \beta \rrbracket^{\phi} = [X, Y]_A + \mathcal{L}_X \beta - \mathcal{L}_Y \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{d}(\alpha(Y) - \beta(X)) + \phi(X, Y, -).$$
(1)

1.3. Dirac structures supported on a submanifold. Dirac structures play an important role in the theory of Courant algebroids. Let us recall them before proceed.

A Dirac structure on a Courant algebroid E is a subbundle $A \subset E$, which is maximal isotropic with respect to the pairing \langle , \rangle and it is integrable in the sense that the space of the sections of A is closed under the bracket on $\Gamma(E)$. Restricting the skew-symmetric bracket of E and the anchor to A, we endow the Dirac structure with a Lie algebroid structure $(A, [\![,]\!]_{|_A}, \rho_{E_{|_A}})$. A Courant algebroid together with a Dirac structure is called a *Manin pair*.

As a way to generalize Dirac structures we have the concept of generalized Dirac structures or Dirac structures supported on a submanifold of the base manifold.

Definition 1.9. [1] On a Courant algebroid $E \to M$, a Dirac structure supported on a submanifold P of M or a generalized Dirac structure is a subbundle F of $E_{|_P}$ such that:

- D1) for each $x \in P$, F_x is maximal isotropic;
- D2) F is compatible with the anchor, i.e. $\rho_{|_P}(F) \subset TP$;
- D3) For each $e_1, e_2 \in \Gamma(E)$, such that $e_{1|_P}, e_{2|_P} \in \Gamma(F)$, we have $(e_1 \circ e_2)_{|_P} \in \Gamma(F)$.

Obviously, a Dirac structure supported on the whole base manifold M is an usual Dirac structure of the Courant algebroid.

Generalizing the Theorem 6.11 on [1] to quasi-Lie bialgebroids we have:

Theorem 1.10. Let $E = A \oplus A^*$ be the double of a quasi-Lie bialgebroid (A, d_*, X_A) over the manifold $M, L \to P$ a vector subbundle of A over a submanifold P of M and $F = L \oplus L^{\perp}$. Then F is a Dirac structure supported on P if and only if the following conditions hold:

- 1) L is a Lie subalgebroid of A;
- 2) L^{\perp} is closed for the bracket on A^* defined by d_* ;
- 3) L^{\perp} is compatible with the anchor, i.e., $\rho_{A^*|_P}(L^{\perp}) \subset TP$;
- 4) $X_{A|_{T^{\perp}}} = 0.$

Proof: Since $F = L \oplus L^{\perp}$, this is a Lagrangian subbundle of E. Suppose F is a Dirac structure supported on P. By definition, we immediately deduce that L is a Lie subalgebroid of A and, for α , β sections of A^* such that $\alpha_{|_P}$, $\beta_{|_P} \in \Gamma(L^{\perp})$, we have

$$(\alpha \circ \beta)_{|_P} = X_A(\alpha, \beta, -)_{|_P} + [\alpha, \beta]_{A^*|_P} \in \Gamma(L \oplus L^{\perp}),$$

and this means that $[\alpha, \beta]_{A^*|_P} \in L^{\perp}$ and $X_A(\alpha, \beta, -)_{|_P} \in L$, or equivalently, L^{\perp} is closed with respect to the bracket of E and $X_{A|_{L^{\perp}}} = 0$.

Moreover, since F is compatible with the anchor,

$$\rho_{A^*|_P}(\alpha_{|_P}) = \rho_{A^*}(\alpha)_{|_P} = \rho_E(\alpha)_{|_P} \in TP,$$

so L^{\perp} is compatible with ρ_{A^*} .

Conversely, suppose L is a Lie subalgebroid of A, $L^{\perp} \subset A^*$ is closed for $[,]_{A^*}, \rho_{A^*|_P}(L^{\perp}) \subset TP$ and $Q_{A|_{L^{\perp}}} = 0$. Obviously F is compatible with the anchor. We are left to prove that F is closed with respect to the bracket on E. Let $X, Y \in \Gamma(A)$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma(A^*)$ such that $X + \alpha$ and $Y + \beta$ restricted to P are sections of F, then

$$\begin{split} (X+\alpha) \circ (Y+\beta)_E &= [X,Y]_A + i_\alpha \mathrm{d}_* Y - i_\beta \mathrm{d}_* X + \mathrm{d}_* \left(\alpha(Y)\right) + X_A(\alpha,\beta,-) \\ &+ [\alpha,\beta]_{A^*} + \pounds_X \beta - i_Y \mathrm{d}\alpha. \end{split}$$

By hypothesis, we immediately have that

 $[X,Y]_{A|_P} = [X_{|_P},Y_{|_P}]_L \in \Gamma(L),$ $[\alpha,\beta]_{A^*|_P} = [\alpha_{|_P},\beta_{|_P}]_{L^\perp} \in \Gamma(L^\perp)$

and

$$X_A(\alpha, \beta, -)|_P \in \Gamma(L).$$

Now, notice that $\alpha(Y)_{|_P} = 0$, so $d\alpha(Y)_{|_P} \in \nu^*(P) = (TP)^0$. Since $\rho_{A^*|_P}(L^{\perp}) \subset TP$, we have that

$$\mathrm{d}_*\alpha(Y)_{|_P} = \rho^*_{A^*|_P} d\alpha(Y) \in \Gamma(L).$$

Analogously, $d\alpha(Y)|_P = \rho_A^* d\alpha(Y)|_P \in \Gamma(L^{\perp}).$ Also,

$$d_*Y(\alpha,\beta)|_P = (\rho_{A^*}(\alpha) \cdot \beta(Y) - \rho_{A^*}(\beta) \cdot \alpha(Y) - [\alpha,\beta]_{A^*}(Y))|_P = 0,$$

so $i_{\alpha} d_* Y \in \Gamma(L)$. Analogously, $i_X d\beta \in \Gamma(L^{\perp})$.

All these conditions allow us to say that $(X + \alpha) \circ (Y + \beta) \in \Gamma(L \oplus L^{\perp})$ and, consequently, F is a Dirac structure supported on P.

Corollary 1.11. [1] Let $E = A \oplus A^*$ be the double of a Lie bialgebroid then $F = L \oplus L^{\perp}$ is a Dirac structure supported on P if and only if L and L^{\perp} are Lie subalgebroids of A and A^* .

Notice that when P = M we obtain Proposition 7.1 of [9].

Corollary 1.12. [1] Let $E = TM \oplus T^*M$ be the standard Courant algebroid twisted by the 3-form $\phi \in \Omega^3(M)$ (see equation (1) in Example 1.8). For any submanifold P of M, $F = TP \oplus \nu^*P$ is a Dirac structure supported on M iff $i^*\phi = 0$, where $i : P \hookrightarrow M$ is the inclusion map.

Like Lie bialgebroids morphisms, quasi-Lie bialgebroid morphisms give rise to Courant algebroid morphisms. Let us recall what is a Courant algebroid morphism.

Definition 1.13. [1] A Courant algebroid morphism between two Courant algebroids $E \to M$ and $E' \to M'$ is a Dirac structure in $E \times \overline{E}'$ supported on graph ϕ , where $\phi : M \to M'$ is a smooth map and \overline{E}' denotes the Courant algebroid obtained from E' by changing the sign of the bilinear form.

Theorem 1.14. Let $E_1 = A \oplus A^*$ and $E_2 = B \oplus B^*$ be doubles of quasi-Lie bialgebroids (A, d_{A*}, X_A) and (B, d_{B*}, X_B) and $(\Phi, \phi) : A \to B$ a quasi-Lie bialgebroid morphism, then

 $F = \{(a + \Phi^*b^*, \Phi a + b^*) | a \in A \text{ and } b^* \in B^* \text{ over compatible fibers}\} \subset E_1 \times \overline{E_2}$ is a Dirac structure supported on graph ϕ , i.e. F is a Courant algebroid morphism. *Proof*: The idea of the proof is analogous to the idea of the proof of Theorem 6.10 in [1] for Lie bialgebroid morphisms.

Consider M and N the base manifolds of A and B, respectively. Consider the following subbundles over graph ϕ

$$L = \operatorname{graph} \Phi = \{(a, \Phi a) | a \in A\} \subset A \times B$$

and

$$L^{\perp} = \{ (\Phi^* b^*, -b^*) | b^* \in B^* \} \subset A^* \times B^*.$$

Since Φ is a Lie algebroid morphism, L is clearly a Lie subalgebroid of $A \times B$. Analogously, we can also conclude that L^{\perp} is closed for the bracket on $A^* \times \overline{B^*}$ (where $\overline{B^*}$ denotes the bundle B^* with bracket $[,]_{\overline{B^*}} = -[,]_{B^*}$) and it is compatible with the anchor $\rho_{A^* \times \overline{B^*}} = (\rho_{A^*}, -\rho_{B^*})$. Also, since $\Phi X_A = X_B \circ \phi$, we have that $(X_A, X_B)_{|L^{\perp}} = 0$. So, Theorem 1.10 guarantees that $L \oplus L^{\perp}$ is a Dirac structure supported on graph ϕ of the double $A \times B \oplus A^* \times \overline{B^*}$ which is the Courant algebroid $A \oplus A^* \times B \oplus \overline{B^*}$. Finally, observe that the bundle morphism $b + b^* \mapsto b - b^*$ induces a canonical isomorphism between F and $L \oplus L^{\perp}$ and the result follows.

2. Poisson Quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroids

Let $(A, [,], \rho)$ be a Lie algebroid over a manifold M. The torsion of a bundle map $N : A \to A$ (over the identity) is defined by

$$\mathcal{T}_N(X,Y) := [NX,NY] - N[X,Y]_N, \quad X,Y \in \Gamma(A),$$
(2)

where $[,]_N$ is given by:

$$[X, Y]_N := [NX, Y] + [X, NY] - N[X, Y], \quad X, Y \in \Gamma(A).$$

When $\mathcal{T}_N = 0$, the bundle map N is called a *Nijenhuis operator*, the triple $A_N = (A, [,]_N, \rho_N = \rho \circ N)$ is a new Lie algebroid and $N : A_N \to A$ is a Lie algebroid morphism.

Remark 2.1. Let A be a Lie algebroid and ϕ a closed 3-form. We have that (A^*, d, ϕ) is quasi-Lie bialgebroid (see Example 1.2). If $N : A \to A$ is a Nijenhuis operator, then $A_N = (A, [,]_N, \rho \circ N)$ is a Lie algebroid and $N : A_N \to A$ is a Lie algebroid morphism. So,

$$\mathrm{d}_N N^* \phi = N^* \mathrm{d}\phi = 0,$$

 $(A^*, d_N, N^*\phi)$ is a quasi-Lie bialgebroid and $N^* : (A^*, d, \phi) \to (A^*, d_N, N^*\phi)$ is a quasi-Lie bialgebroid morphism.

Definition 2.2. On a Lie algebroid A with a Poisson structure $\pi \in \Gamma(\wedge^2 A)$, we say that a bundle map $N : A \to A$ is *compatible* with π if $N\pi^{\sharp} = \pi^{\sharp}N^*$ and the *Magri-Morosi concomitant* vanishes:

$$\mathcal{C}(\pi, N)(\alpha, \beta) = [\alpha, \beta]_{N\pi} - [\alpha, \beta]_{\pi}^{N^*} = 0,$$

where $[,]_{N\pi}$ is the bracket defined by the bivector field $N\pi \in \Gamma(\wedge^2 A)$, and $[,]_{\pi}^{N^*}$ is the Lie bracket obtained from the Lie bracket $[,]_{\pi}$ by deformation along the tensor N^* .

As a straightforward generalization of the definition of quasi-Poisson Nijenhuis manifolds presented in [14], we have:

Definition 2.3. A Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroid (A, π, N, ϕ) is a Lie algebroid A equipped with a Poisson structure π , a bundle map $N : A \to A$ compatible with π and a closed 3-form $\phi \in \Gamma(\wedge^3 A^*)$ such that

$$\mathcal{T}_N(X,Y) = -\pi^{\sharp} (i_{X \wedge Y} \phi) \text{ and } \mathrm{d} i_N \phi = 0.$$

Theorem 2.4. If (A, π, N, ϕ) is a Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroid then (A_{π}^*, d_N, ϕ) is a quasi-Lie bialgebroid.

Proof: First notice that $d\phi = 0$ and $di_N\phi = 0$ imply that

$$\mathbf{d}_N \phi = [i_N, \mathbf{d}] \phi = i_N \mathbf{d}\phi - \mathbf{d}i_N \phi = 0.$$

Secondly, we notice that since the bundle morphism N and the Poisson structure π are compatible, then d_N is a derivation of the Lie bracket $[,]_{\pi}$. In fact, first one directly sees that d is a derivation of $[,]_{N\pi}$ and, since $\mathcal{C}(\pi, N)$ vanishes and

$$d(\mathcal{C}(\pi, N)(\alpha, \beta)) = d_N [\alpha, \beta]_{\pi} - [d_N \alpha, \beta]_{\pi} - [\alpha, d_N \beta]_{\pi} - d [\alpha, \beta]_{N\pi} + [d\alpha, \beta]_{N\pi} + [\alpha, d\beta]_{N\pi},$$

we immediately conclude that d_N is a derivation of $[,]_{\pi}$ (the particular case where A = TM can be found in [6]).

It remains to prove that $d_N^2 = [\phi, -]_{\pi}$. Using the definition of d_N , we have: $d_N^2 \alpha(X, Y, Z) = \mathcal{T}_N(X, Y) \langle \alpha, Z \rangle - \langle \alpha, [\mathcal{T}_N(X, Y), Z] + \mathcal{T}_N([X, Y], Z) \rangle + c.p.$

The fact that
$$\mathcal{T}_{N}(X,Y) = -\pi^{\sharp}i_{X\wedge Y}\phi$$
 yields:

$$d_{N}^{2}\alpha(X,Y,Z) = -\phi(X,Y,\pi^{\sharp}d\langle\alpha,Z\rangle) - \langle\alpha, \mathcal{L}_{Z}(\pi^{\sharp}i_{X\wedge Y}\phi) - \pi^{\sharp}i_{[X,Y]\wedge Z}\phi\rangle + c.p$$

$$= -\phi(X,Y,\pi^{\sharp}d\langle\alpha,Z\rangle) - \langle\alpha, (\mathcal{L}_{Z}\pi)^{\sharp}i_{X\wedge Y}\phi + \pi^{\sharp}(\mathcal{L}_{Z}i_{X\wedge Y}\phi)\rangle$$

$$+\phi([X,Y],Z,\pi^{\sharp}\alpha) + c.p.$$

$$= -\phi(X,Y,\pi^{\sharp}d\langle\alpha,Z\rangle) - \langle\alpha, (\mathcal{L}_{Z}\pi)^{\sharp}i_{X\wedge Y}\phi + \pi^{\sharp}(i_{X\wedge Y}\mathcal{L}_{Z}\phi) - \pi^{\sharp}i_{[Z,X\wedge Y]}\phi\rangle$$

$$+\phi([X,Y],Z,\pi^{\sharp}\alpha) + c.p.$$

$$= -\phi(X,Y,\pi^{\sharp}d\langle\alpha,Z\rangle) - \phi(X,Y,(\mathcal{L}_{Z}\pi)^{\sharp}\alpha) - \mathcal{L}_{Z}\phi(X,Y,\pi^{\sharp}\alpha)$$

$$-\phi(X,[Z,Y],\pi^{\sharp}\alpha) + c.p.$$

Since

$$[\phi, \alpha]_{\pi} (X, Y, Z) = -\mathcal{L}_{\pi^{\sharp}(\alpha)} \phi(X, Y, Z) - \left\{ \phi(X, Y, \pi^{\sharp} d \langle \alpha, Z \rangle) - \phi(X, Y, \mathcal{L}_{Z} \pi^{\sharp}(\alpha)) + \text{c.p.} \right\},\$$

and by hypothesis, ϕ is closed, we finally have that

$$(\mathrm{d}_N^2 \alpha - [\phi, \alpha]_\pi)(X, Y, Z) = -\mathrm{d}\phi(X, Y, Z, \pi^\sharp \alpha) = 0.$$

Suppose (A, π, N, ϕ) is a Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroid. The double of the quasi-Lie bialgebroid (A_{π}^*, d_N, ϕ) is a Courant algebroid (see Example 1.8) that we denote by E_{π}^{ϕ} .

An interesting case is when the 3-form ϕ is the image by N^* of another closed 3-form ψ :

 $\phi = N^* \psi$ and $d\psi = 0$.

In this case $(A, N\pi, \psi)$ is a twisted Poisson Lie algebroid because

$$[N\pi, N\pi] = 2\pi^{\sharp}(\phi) = 2\pi^{\sharp}(N^*\psi) = 2N\pi^{\sharp}(\psi)$$

and A^* has a structure of Lie algebroid: $A_{N\pi}^{*\psi} = (A^*, [,]_{N\pi}^{\psi}, N\pi^{\sharp})$ (see Example 1.3). Equipping A with the differential d' given by

$$d'f = df$$
, and $d'\alpha = d\alpha - i_{N\pi^{\sharp}\alpha}\psi$

for $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma(A^*)$, we obtain a quasi-Lie bialgebroid: $(A_{N\pi}^{*\psi}, \mathbf{d}', \psi)$. Its double is a Courant algebroid and we denote it by $E_{N\pi}^{\psi}$.

Theorem 2.5. Let (A, π, N, ϕ) be a Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroid and suppose that $\phi = N^* \psi$, for some closed 3-form ψ , then

$$F = \{ (a + N^* \alpha, Na + \alpha) | a \in A \text{ and } \alpha \in A^* \} \subset E_{N\pi}^{\psi} \times E_{\pi}^{\phi}$$

defines a Courant algebroid morphism between $E_{N\pi}^{\psi}$ and E_{π}^{ϕ} .

In order to prove the theorem, we need to remark the following property.

Lemma 2.6. Let (A, π, N, ϕ) be a Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroid, then

$$\langle \mathcal{T}_{N^*}(\alpha,\beta), X \rangle = \phi(\pi^{\sharp}\alpha, \pi^{\sharp}\beta, X),$$

for all $X \in \Gamma(A)$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma(A^*)$.

Proof: The compatibility between N and π implies that (see [7])

$$\langle \mathcal{T}_{N^*}(\alpha,\beta),X\rangle = \langle \alpha,\mathcal{T}_N(X,\pi^{\sharp}\beta)\rangle,$$

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$$\langle \mathcal{T}_{N^*}(\alpha,\beta),X\rangle = \left\langle \alpha, -\pi^{\sharp}\left(i_{X\wedge\pi^{\sharp}\beta}\phi\right)\right\rangle = -\phi(X,\pi^{\sharp}\beta,\pi^{\sharp}\alpha) = \phi(\pi^{\sharp}\alpha,\pi^{\sharp}\beta,X).$$

Proof of the Theorem: First notice that $N^* : A_{N\pi}^{*\psi} \to A_{\pi}^*$ is a Lie algebroid morphism because it is obviously compatible with the anchors and

$$N^* [\alpha, \beta]_{N\pi}^{\psi} = N^* [\alpha, \beta]_{N\pi} + N^* \psi(\pi^{\sharp} \alpha, \pi^{\sharp} \beta, -)$$

= $[N^* \alpha, N^* \beta]_{\pi} - \mathcal{T}_{N^*}(\alpha, \beta) + \phi(\pi^{\sharp} \alpha, \pi^{\sharp} \beta, -) = [N^* \alpha, N^* \beta]_{\pi}.$

Let [,]' be the bracket on the sections of A induced by the differential d'. Notice that

$$[X, f]' = \langle \mathrm{d}' f, X \rangle = \langle \mathrm{d} f, X \rangle,$$

so $N^* \mathrm{d}' f = \mathrm{d}_N f$, for all $f \in C^\infty(M)$ and $X \in \Gamma(A)$.

And since

$$[X,Y]' = [X,Y] - (N\pi)^{\sharp}(\psi(X,Y,-)),$$

we have:

$$N [X, Y]_{N} = [NX, NY] - \mathcal{T}_{N}(X, Y) = [NX, NY] + \pi^{\sharp}(i_{X \wedge Y}N^{*}\psi)$$

= [NX, NY] + \psi(NX, NY, N\pi^{\mathcal{\psi}} -) = [NX, NY]',

for all $X, Y \in \Gamma(A)$.

This way we conclude that $N^* : A_{N\pi}^{*\psi} \to A_{\pi}^*$ is a quasi-Lie bialgebroid morphism (see definition 1.4) and the result follows from Theorem 1.14.

3. Paired operators

Let (A, d_{A^*}, X_A) be a quasi-Lie bialgebroid over M and consider a bundle map over the identity, $\mathcal{N} : A \oplus A^* \to A \oplus A^*$. This bundle map can be written in the matrix form $\mathcal{N} = \begin{pmatrix} N & \pi \\ \sigma & N_{A^*} \end{pmatrix}$ with $N : A \to A, N_{A^*} : A^* \to A^*$, $\pi : A^* \to A$ and $\sigma : A \to A^*$.

Definition 3.1. The operator \mathcal{N} is called *paired* if

$$\langle X + \alpha, \mathcal{N}(Y + \beta) \rangle + \langle \mathcal{N}(X + \alpha), Y + \beta \rangle = 0,$$

for all $X + \alpha, Y + \beta \in A \oplus A^*$, where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is the usual pairing on the double $A \oplus A^*$.

As it is observed in [3], \mathcal{N} is paired if and only if $\pi \in \Gamma(\wedge^2 A)$, $\sigma \in \Gamma(\wedge^2 A^*)$ and $N_{A^*} = -N^*$.

3.1. Paired operators on the double of Lie bialgebroids. Let us now take the Lie bialgebroid (A, A^*) , where A^* has the null Lie algebroid structure. In this case, the double $A \oplus A^*$ is the standard Courant algebroid of Example 1.7.

Now we consider, on the sections of $A \oplus A^*$, the bracket deformed by \mathcal{N} ,

$$\llbracket X + \alpha, Y + \beta \rrbracket_{\mathcal{N}} = \llbracket \mathcal{N}(X + \alpha), Y + \beta \rrbracket + \llbracket X + \alpha, \mathcal{N}(Y + \beta) \rrbracket$$
$$- \mathcal{N} \llbracket X + \alpha, Y + \beta \rrbracket$$

and the Courant-Nijenhuis torsion of \mathcal{N} ,

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}}(X+\alpha,Y+\beta) := \llbracket \mathcal{N}(X+\alpha), \mathcal{N}(Y+\beta) \rrbracket - \mathcal{N} \llbracket X+\alpha,Y+\beta \rrbracket_{\mathcal{N}}.$$

A simple computation shows that for all $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma(A^*)$,

$$\llbracket \alpha, \beta \rrbracket_{\mathcal{N}} = [\alpha, \beta]_{\pi}.$$

Proposition 3.2. Let \mathcal{N} be a paired operator on $A \oplus A^*$. If $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}|A^*} = 0$, then the vector bundle A^* is equipped with the Lie algebroid structure A^*_{π} .

Proof: A straightforward computation shows that

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}}(\alpha,\beta) = 0 \implies [\pi^{\#}\alpha,\pi^{\#}\beta] = \pi^{\#}[\alpha,\beta]_{\pi},$$

for all sections α and β of A^* . This means that π is a Poisson bivector on A and the result follows.

Now we give sufficient conditions for a paired operator to define a Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis structure on a Lie algebroid.

Theorem 3.3. Let $\mathcal{N} = \begin{pmatrix} N & \pi \\ \sigma & -N^* \end{pmatrix}$ be a paired operator on $A \oplus A^*$ such

that

$$N\pi^{\#} = \pi^{\#}N^*$$
 and $i_{NX}\sigma = N^*(i_X\sigma), \quad \forall X \in \Gamma(A).$

If $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}|A^*} = 0$ and $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}|A} = 0$, then $(A, \pi, N, d\sigma)$ is a Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroid.

Proof: First, notice that the condition $i_{NX}\sigma = N^*(i_X\sigma)$ means that

$$\sigma(NX,Y) = \sigma(X,NY), \quad \forall X,Y \in \Gamma(A),$$

and implies that $N\sigma$ defined by $N\sigma(X,Y) = \sigma(NX,Y)$ is a 2-form on M. The condition $N\pi^{\#} = \pi^{\#}N^*$ ensures that $N\pi$ is a bivector field on A.

For all $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma(A^*)$,

 $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}}(\alpha,\beta) = 0$ iff π is a Poisson bivector and $[\alpha,\beta]_{\pi}^{N^*} = [\alpha,\beta]_{N\pi}$.

So we have that π and N are compatible. On the other hand, if X and Y are sections of A, then

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}}(X,Y) = 0$$
 iff $\mathcal{T}_{N}(X,Y) = \pi^{\#}(\mathrm{d}\sigma(X,Y,-))$ and $\mathrm{d}(N\sigma) = i_{N}\mathrm{d}\sigma.$

According to Definition 2.3, $(A, \pi, N, d\sigma)$ is a Poisson quasi-Nijenhuis Lie algebroid.

From Theorem 2.4, we obtain:

Corollary 3.4. $(A^*_{\pi}, d_N, d\sigma)$ is a quasi-Lie bialgebroid.

Remark 3.5. We note that a paired operator \mathcal{N} that satisfies $\mathcal{N}^2 = -\mathrm{Id}_{A\oplus A^*}$, also satisfies

$$\langle \mathcal{N}(X+\alpha), \, \mathcal{N}(Y+\beta) \rangle = \langle X+\alpha, Y+\beta \rangle, \quad \forall X+\alpha, Y+\beta \in \Gamma(A \oplus A^*).$$

In this case \mathcal{N} defines a generalized complex structure on the Lie algebroid A. From $\mathcal{N}^2 = -\mathrm{Id}_{A\oplus A^*}$ we deduce that $N\pi^{\#} = \pi^{\#}N^*$, $N^2X + \pi^{\#}(i_X\sigma) = -X$ and $i_{NX}\sigma = N^*(i_X\sigma)$, with $X \in \Gamma(A)$.

Let us denote by $(A \oplus A^*)_{\mathcal{N}}$ the vector bundle map equipped with the nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{N}}$ given by

$$\langle X + \alpha, Y + \beta \rangle_{\mathcal{N}} = \langle \mathcal{N}(X + \alpha), \mathcal{N}(Y + \beta) \rangle,$$

the bundle map $\rho_{\mathcal{N}}$ given by $\rho_{\mathcal{N}}(X + \alpha) = a(NX) + \pi^{\#}(\alpha)$ and the bracket $[\![,]\!]_{\mathcal{N}}$ on its space of sections.

We can now establish a result that generalizes the one of [14], for the case where the Lie algebroid A is TM.

Theorem 3.6. Let $\mathcal{N} = \begin{pmatrix} N & \pi \\ \sigma & -N^* \end{pmatrix}$ be a paired operator on $A \oplus A^*$ such that $\mathcal{N}^2 = -Id_{A \oplus A^*}$. If $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}|A^*} = 0$ and $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}|A} = 0$, then $(A \oplus A^*)_{\mathcal{N}}$ is a Courant algebroid and it is identified with the double of the quasi-Lie bialgebroid $(A^*_{\pi}, \mathbf{d}_N, \mathbf{d}\sigma)$.

Proof: From Corollary 3.4 and Remark 3.5 we have a Courant algebroid $E_{\pi}^{d\sigma}$ which is the double of the quasi-Lie bialgebroid $(A_{\pi}^*, d_N, d\sigma)$. An easy computation shows that the bracket on $\Gamma(E_{\pi}^{d\sigma})$ coincides with the bracket $[\![,]\!]_{\mathcal{N}}$ on $\Gamma((A \oplus A^*)_{\mathcal{N}})$, the anchor of $E_{\pi}^{d\sigma}$ is $\rho_{\mathcal{N}}$ and the nondegenerate bilinear form on $E_{\pi}^{d\sigma}$ is exactly $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{N}}$.

3.2. Paired operators on the double of quasi-Lie bialgebroids. Now we consider the quasi-Lie bialgebroid (A^*, d_A, ϕ) of Example 1.2 and the Courant algebroid structure on its double: the standard Courant bracket twisted by ϕ , $[\![,]\!]^{\phi}$, and the anchor ρ_A . Let $\mathcal{N} = \begin{pmatrix} N & \pi \\ \sigma & -N^* \end{pmatrix}$ be a paired operator and consider the bracket on $\Gamma(A \oplus A^*)$ deformed by \mathcal{N} :

$$\llbracket X + \alpha, Y + \beta \rrbracket_{\mathcal{N}}^{\phi} = \llbracket \mathcal{N}(X + \alpha), Y + \beta \rrbracket^{\phi} + \llbracket X + \alpha, \mathcal{N}(Y + \beta) \rrbracket^{\phi} \\ - \mathcal{N} \llbracket X + \alpha, Y + \beta \rrbracket^{\phi}.$$

The Theorem 3.6 admits a direct extension for the case of quasi-Lie bialgebroids.

Theorem 3.7. Let \mathcal{N} be a paired operator on the double $A \oplus A^*$ of the quasi-Lie bialgebroid (A^*, d_A, ϕ) , such that $\mathcal{N}^2 = -Id_{A\oplus A^*}$. If $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}|A^*} = 0$ and $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}|A} = 0$, then $(A \oplus A^*)^{\phi}_{\mathcal{N}} = (A \oplus A^*, [[,]]^{\phi}_{\mathcal{N}}, \rho_{\mathcal{N}}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{N}})$ is a Courant algebroid and it is identified with the double of the quasi-Lie bialgebroid $(A^*_{\pi}, d', d\sigma + i_N \phi)$, where d' the differential given by $d'f = d_N f$ and $d'\alpha = d_N \alpha - i_{\pi^{\#}(\alpha)} \phi$, for $f \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma(A^*)$.

Proof: Let $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma(A^*)$ and $X, Y \in \Gamma(A)$. Then,

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}}(\alpha,\beta) = 0 \quad iff \quad \begin{cases} \pi \quad \text{is a Poisson bivector} \\ [\alpha,\beta]_{N\pi} - [\alpha,\beta]_{\pi}^{N^*} = \phi(\pi^{\#}(\alpha),\pi^{\#}(\beta),-) \end{cases}$$

and $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}}(X,Y) = 0$ iff

$$\mathcal{T}_{N}(X,Y) = \pi^{\#}((d\sigma + i_{N}\phi)(X,Y,-)) - N\pi^{\#}(\phi(X,Y,-))$$
$$d(N\sigma)(X,Y,-) + \phi(X,Y,-)$$
$$= \phi(NX,NY,-) + \phi(NX,Y,N-) + \phi(X,NY,N-) + (i_{N}d\sigma)(X,Y,-)$$

A straightforward generalization for Lie algebroids of the results presented in [15] and in [8] in the case of a manifold, establishes that the four equations corresponding to $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}|A^*} = 0$ and $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}|A} = 0$ are equivalent to the vanishing of the Courant-Nijenhuis torsion of \mathcal{N} with respect to the bracket $[\![,]\!]^{\phi}$. Therefore, we have a new Courant algebroid structure on the vector bundle $A \oplus A^*, (A \oplus A^*)^{\phi}_{\mathcal{N}} = (A \oplus A^*, [\![,]\!]^{\phi}_{\mathcal{N}}, \rho_{\mathcal{N}}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{N}}).$

The restriction of the bracket $[\![,]\!]_{\mathcal{N}}^{\phi}$ to the sections of A^* is the bracket $[\![,]\!]_{\pi}$ and since $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{N}|A^*} = 0$, we have that A^*_{π} is a Dirac structure of the Courant algebroid $(A \oplus A^*)_{\mathcal{N}}^{\phi}$. On the other hand, the restriction of the bracket $[\![,]\!]_{\mathcal{N}}^{\phi}$ to the sections of A gives

$$[\![X,Y]\!]_{\mathcal{N}}^{\phi} = [X,Y]_{N} - \pi^{\#}(\phi(X,Y,-)) + \mathrm{d}\sigma(X,Y,-) + i_{N}\phi(X,Y,-)$$

and the anchor $\rho_{\mathcal{N}}$ restricted to $\Gamma(A)$ is $\rho_A \circ N$. If we consider the bracket

$$[X,Y]' = [X,Y]_N - \pi^{\#}(\phi(X,Y,-))$$

on the sections of A and the bundle map $\rho_A \circ N$, the differential corresponding to this structure on A is d' given by,

$$d'f = d_N f$$
 and $d'\alpha = d_N \alpha - i_{\pi^{\#}(\alpha)} \phi_{\pi^{\#}(\alpha)}$

with $f \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(M)$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma(A^*)$.

The vector bundle A is obviously a transversal isotropic complement of A^* , so that $(A^*_{\pi}, \mathbf{d}', \mathbf{d}\sigma + i_N\phi)$ is a quasi-Lie bialgebroid [12]. Finally, a simple computation shows that the double of this quasi-Lie bialgebroid is naturally identified with the Courant algebroid $(A \oplus A^*)^{\phi}_{\mathcal{N}}$.

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