

Perverse sheaves and decomposition theorem

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Logic always from smooth (spaces or maps) to singular.

algebraic topology algebraic geometry rep theory combinatorics

I Constructible complex

Motivation: Poincaré duality.

$$\begin{aligned} R^n & H^i(R^n, \mathbb{Q}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Q} & i=0 \\ 0 & i \neq 0 \end{array} \right. \\ H_c^i(R^n, \mathbb{Q}) & = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Q} & i=n \\ 0 & i \neq n \end{array} \right. \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ Poincaré Lemma.}$$

cohomology with compact support. can be obtained by singular cochain with compact support

$$\text{e.g. } H_c^i(R, \mathbb{Q}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Q} & i=1 \\ 0 & i \neq 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$R = \dots - - - - -$$

Poincaré Lemma + MV sequence + induction. \Rightarrow Poincaré duality.

JHM (PD) Let X be a smooth oriented closed manifold with $\dim n$.

Then we have $H^i(X, \mathbb{Q}) \cong H^{n-i}(X, \mathbb{Q})^\vee$

proof. find a "good cover."

From now on, we assume X is a locally closed quasi-projective variety of complex $\dim n$.

Constant sheaf. \mathcal{O}_X $H^i(X, \mathbb{Q}) = H^i(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$

$\mathcal{O}_X = \mathbb{Z}^{n-i} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^i$ if X is smooth projective.

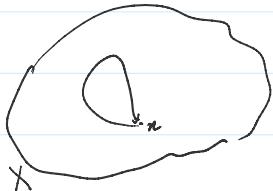
Constant sheaf. \mathbb{Q}_X $H^i(X, \mathbb{Q}) = H^i(X, \mathbb{Q}_X)$

PD $H^i(X, \mathbb{Q}_X) \simeq H^{2n-i}(X, \mathbb{Q}_X)$ if X is smooth projective.

local system. locally constant sheaf with finite rank.

X $V \subset X$ U_x a small enough neighborhood (analytic topology)

we have $L|_{U_x} \simeq \mathbb{Q}^k|_{U_x}$



$$\pi_1(X) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q}^k) = GL_k(\mathbb{Q})$$

$$\{ \text{local system on } X \}_{\text{iso}} \xrightarrow{f=1} \{ \pi_1(X) \longrightarrow GL_k(\mathbb{Q}) \}_{\text{tors}}$$

PD $H^i(X, L) \simeq (H^{2n-i}(X, L^\vee))$ if X is smooth projective.

(L^\vee is defined by the dual representation)

All local system on X forms an abelian category $\text{Loc}(X, \mathbb{Q})$

What if X is singular? PD fails

$$\text{e.g. } X = \{ [x:y:z] \in \mathbb{CP}^2 \mid x \cdot y = 0 \} \simeq \{x=0\} \cup \{y=0\} \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 \vee \mathbb{P}^1 \simeq S^2 \vee S^2$$

$$H^i(X, \mathbb{Q}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Q}^2 & i=2 \\ \mathbb{Q} & i=0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



why? the local neighborhood around $(0,0,1)$ is not like \mathbb{R}^2 .

so we need to have a good understanding of the neighborhood first.

In particular, we should give a partition of X by the neighborhood for every point.

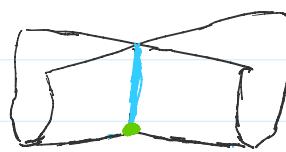
Def A stratification of X is a finite disjoint union decomposition $X = \coprod X_\alpha$, where X_α is a smooth locally closed sub var.

"A naive idea" $X \supset \text{Sing}(X) \supset \text{Sing}(\text{Sing}(X))$

e.g. Whitney umbrella.. $x^2 = y^2 z$ in \mathbb{C}^3

blue point $\times \times$ (a disk in \mathbb{C})

singularity part manifold part

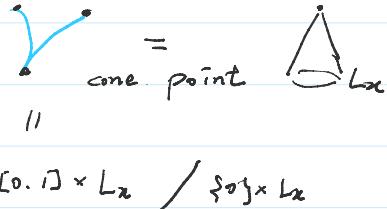
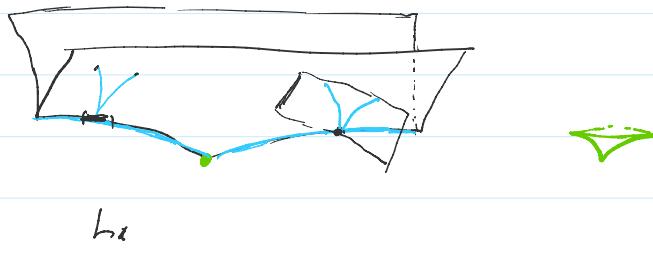


blue point \times (a disk in \mathbb{C}^1)
 singular part manifold part



Def Whitney stratification is a "good" stratification such that the neighborhood is "constant" along every stratum X_α .

$$\forall x \in X_\alpha \quad B_x = (X_\alpha \cap B_x) \times CL_x.$$



JHM For a complex quasi-projective variety Whitney stratification always exists.

Remark pseudo-manifold Intersection Cohomology

$$\text{For any } x \in X_\alpha \quad U_x \simeq CL_x \times B_x \quad B_x \text{ is a small ball in } X_\alpha$$

reduce the construction of intersection cohomology to CL_x (cone of L_x)

by computation. by L_x . Note that L_x is also a pseudo-manifold.

proof alone by induction on dim

Constructible sheaf. \mathcal{F} is a sheaf on X s.t. there exists a stratification s.t. $\mathcal{F}|_{X_\alpha}$ is a local system $\forall \alpha$.

These sheaves form an abelian category $Sh_c(X, \mathbb{Q})$

$D_c^b(X, \mathbb{Q})$ bounded derived category of constructible complexes.

$\mathcal{F} \in D_c^b(X, \mathbb{Q})$ is a complex of \mathbb{Q} -sheaves on X s.t.

- $H^i(\mathcal{F}) = 0$ except for finitely many i .
- for $H^i(\mathcal{F}) \neq 0$, $H^i(\mathcal{F}) \in Sh_c(X, \mathbb{Q})$

$D_c^b(X, \mathbb{Q})$ is stable with respect to six functors.

$X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ alg map Rf_* $Rf_!$ f' f^* $- \otimes -$ RHom()

for $F \in D_c^b(X, \mathbb{Q})$ and any point $y \in Y$

$$Rf_* \cdot Rf_! : D_c^b(X) \rightarrow D_c^b(Y)$$

$$H^i(Rf_* F)_y = H^i(f^{-1}(B_y), F)$$

By small enough
neighborhood of $y \in Y$

$$H^i(Rf_! F)_y = H_c^i(f^{-1}(y), F)$$

$$\text{Facts : 1 } H^i(X, F) = H^i(Y, Rf_* F)$$

2: If f is a proper map, then $Rf_* = Rf_!$

$$a: X \rightarrow \text{pt} \quad H^i(Ra_* F) = H^i(X, F)$$

$$H^i(Ra_! F) = H_c^i(X, F)$$

3 for any inclusion map $j: U \hookrightarrow X$, $Rj_! F$ is extension by 0 for $F \in D_c^b(U)$.

for any $F \in D_c^b(Y, \mathbb{Q})$ and any point $x \in X$

$$(f^{-1}F)_x = F_{f(x)} \quad f^{-1}, f^!: D_c^b(Y) \rightarrow D_c^b(X)$$

$f^!$ is right adjoint to $Rf_!$

$$Rf_* \text{RHom}(K, f^! F) \simeq \text{RHom}(Rf_! K, F)$$

Thm (Ehresmann's Fibration Thm) Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a proper submersion between two smooth varieties. Then f is a locally trivial fibration, i.e.

$\forall y \in Y \quad \exists$ small enough neighborhood B_y s.t. $f^{-1}(B_y) \simeq B_y \times f^{-1}(y)$ diffeomorphism.

In particular,

$H^i(Rf_* \mathbb{Q}_X)$ is a local system on Y .

TIM (Thom's first isotopy Lemma)

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be algebraic map between alg varieties. Then there exist

Whitney stratifications of $X = \coprod X_\alpha$ and $Y = \coprod Y_\beta$ s.t.

for any X_α and Y_β s.t. $f(X_\alpha) \subseteq Y_\beta$. $f|_{X_\alpha}: X_\alpha \rightarrow Y_\beta$ is a submersion.

This explains why Rf_* , $Rf_!$ being stable for D_c^b .

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 (every quasi-projective is homotopy equivalent to a finite CW complex)

Dualizing functor. $\alpha: X \rightarrow pt$ Set $\omega_X = \alpha^! \mathbb{Q}_{pt}$

$$P_X = R\text{Hom}(-, \omega_X) : D_c^b(X) \longrightarrow D_c^b(X)$$

for $F^\cdot \in D_c^b(X)$ $D_X F^\cdot$ is called the Verdier duality of F^\cdot .

property of D_X ① $D_X \circ D_X = id$

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y$$

$$\text{② } D_Y \cdot Rf_* = Rf_! D_X$$

$$\text{③ } D_X f^! = f^* D_Y$$

$$R\alpha_* R\text{Hom}(F^\cdot, \alpha^! \mathbb{Q}_{pt}) \simeq R\text{Hom}(R\alpha_! F^\cdot; \mathbb{Q}_{pt})$$

$$H^i(X, D_X F^\cdot) \simeq (H_c^{-i}(X, F^\cdot))^\vee \quad \text{Generalization of P.P.}$$

for any point $x \in X$

$$H^i(D_X F^\cdot)_x = (H_c^{-i}(B_x, F^\cdot|_{B_x}))^\vee$$

Example If X is smooth.

$$H^i(D_X \mathbb{Q}_X)_x = (H_c^{-i}(B_x))^\vee$$

$$= \begin{cases} \mathbb{Q} & i = -2n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_X \mathbb{Q}_X = \mathbb{Q}_X^{(2n)}$$

($F^\cdot[k]$ means shift F^\cdot to the left k steps)

$$H^i(X, \mathbb{Q}_X) = H_c^{2n-i}(X, \mathbb{Q}_X)$$

To have symmetry. $D_X(\mathbb{Q}_X^{(n)}) = \mathbb{Q}_X^{(n)}$

$$H_c^{-i}(X, \mathbb{Q}_X^{(n)}) = H_c^{-i}(X, \mathbb{Q}_X^{(n)})$$

Same results work for local system on X .

If X is singular. $D_X(\mathbb{Q}_X)$ is not a sheaf in general.

Example $X = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{P}^2 \mid x \cdot y = 0\}$

$\mathbb{P} \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{P}$ then the stalk of $D_X(\mathbb{Q}_X)$ is clear.

Example $X = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{P}^2 \mid x \cdot y = 0\}$

If $x \neq (0, 0, 1)$ then the stalk of $\mathcal{D}_x(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is clear.

$$x = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$\mathcal{H}^i(\mathcal{D}_x \mathcal{O}_X)_x = \mathcal{H}_c^{-i}(B_x)^{\vee}$$

~~+~~ in \mathbb{C}^2

$$\dots \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_c^i(B_x) \rightarrow H^i(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^i(\text{points}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_c^{i+1}(B_x) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_c^0(B_x) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_2 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_c^1(B_x) \rightarrow 0 \quad H_c^2(B_x) = H^2(X) = \mathbb{Q}^2$$

$\begin{matrix} \parallel \\ 0 \end{matrix} \qquad \qquad \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \mathcal{O} \end{matrix}$

