

# Riemann-Hilbert on contact manifolds

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The goal of this talk is to introduce a microlocal version of the Riemann-Hilbert correspondence. This classical correspondence establishes that, for a complex manifold  $X$ , the category of holomorphic vector bundles with connections  $\text{Vect}^\nabla(X)$  is equivalent to the purely topological category of local systems  $\text{Loc}(X)$ .

Following the microlocal philosophy, this classical equivalence should be viewed as living on the zero section  $X = 0_X$ . We will introduce objects that generalize both sides, explain the correspondence, and discuss a microlocal version on the coprojective bundle  $\mathbb{P}^*X$ .

Our goal is to present a generalization to all complex contact manifolds  $V$ . If time permits, we will discuss an application with possible future directions toward geometric representation theory. This last part is joint work with Laurent Côté, David Nadler, and Vivek Shende.

## Structure of the talk:

- Constructible sheaves
- D-modules
- Microlocalization
- To contact manifolds and an application

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A pre-sheaf  $F$  is a sheaf if its global data can be reconstructed (glued) from local pieces. More precisely, the sequence we have the following exact sequence:

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We denote the collection of sheaves by  $\text{Sh}(X; (\text{Ab}))$  or simply  $\text{Sh}(X)$ .

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## Remark

For technical reasons, at some point during the talk, we will in fact need sheaves valued in  $D(\mathbb{Z})$ , chain complexes with quasi-isomorphisms inverted, (or in a suitable stable coefficient category). In other words, the target category should be an  $(\infty, 1)$ -category. A key difference from the ordinary case is that the gluing

$$F(U) \longrightarrow \lim \left( \prod_i F(U_i) \rightrightarrows \prod_{i,j} F(U_{ij}) \rightrightarrows \prod_{i,j,k} F(U_{ijk}) \rightrightarrows \cdots \right)$$

does not, in general, terminate after finitely many steps.



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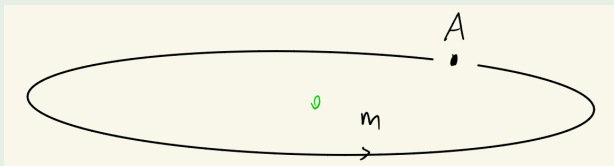
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On  $\mathbb{C}^1 \setminus \{0\}$ , a local system is equivalent to the data of an abelian group  $A$  together with a (monodromy) automorphism  $m : A \xrightarrow{\cong} A$ :



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When  $\mathcal{S} = \{X\}$  has only one stratum, then  $\text{Sh}_{\mathcal{S}}(X) = \text{Loc}(X)$ .

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For closed  $Z = X \setminus U$ , define  $\mathbb{Z}_Z$  by the exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_U \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_Z \rightarrow 0$$

Both  $\mathbb{Z}_U$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_Z$  are constructible with respect to the stratification  $\mathcal{S} = \{U, Z\}$ .

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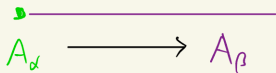
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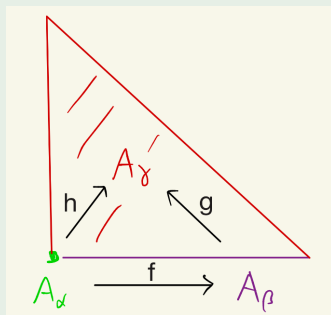
Consider the unit interval  $\Delta^1 = [0, 1]$  with the stratification  $\mathcal{S} = \{\{0\}, (0, 1]\}$ . In this case,  $(0, 1] \leq \{0\}$  since  $0 \in \overline{(0, 1]}$ , and  $\mathrm{Sh}_{\mathcal{S}}(X)$  is given by representations of the quiver  $\{\bullet \rightarrow \bullet\}$ :



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A similar example is given by the standard 2-simplex  $\Delta^2$  with strata  $\{0\}$ ,  $(0, 1]$ , and the remainder. In this case, an object has the following shape:



Here, the composition  $g \circ f$  must agree with  $h$ .



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*With mild condition on  $M$ , any stratification  $\mathcal{S}$  can be further refine to a triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$ . In this case,  $\mathrm{Sh}_{\mathcal{S}}(M)$  can be viewed as a subcategory of  $\mathrm{Fun}((\mathcal{T}, \leq), (\mathrm{Ab}))$ .*

We now shift gears and let  $X$  be a complex manifold of dimension  $n$ . There is a sheaf of rings  $\mathcal{D}_X$  on  $X$  whose sections are differential operators. Locally, in a coordinate system  $\{z_i\}_{i=1}^n$ , a section has the form

$$P = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} c_\alpha \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial z^\alpha}, \quad c_\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_X, \quad c_\alpha = 0 \text{ for all but finitely many } \alpha.$$

Here, for a multi-index  $\alpha$ , we use the notation

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial z^\alpha} = \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1}}{\partial z_1^{\alpha_1}} \cdots \frac{\partial^{\alpha_n}}{\partial z_n^{\alpha_n}},$$

and the multiplication is given by composition.

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More generally,  $\mathcal{O}_X \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} E$  has a D-module structure for any finite-dimensional complex vector bundle  $E \rightarrow X$ .

## Remark

In fact, a more invariant way to view  $\mathcal{D}_X$  is to note that  $\mathcal{O}_X$  and  $\mathfrak{X}_X$ , the sheaf of vector fields, can both be regarded as subsheaves of  $\mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ , via multiplication and differentiation, respectively. Then,  $\mathcal{D}_X$  is the subring generated by  $\mathcal{O}_X$  and  $\mathfrak{X}_X$ .

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The sheaf-Hom gives precisely the solutions of the differential equation  $P$ .

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Computing solutions:  $\text{Sol}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^1})$  consists of  $f \in \mathcal{O}_X$  with  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f = 0$ .

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**Key observation:** Solution sheaves are *constructible* - this holds for a large class of D-modules.

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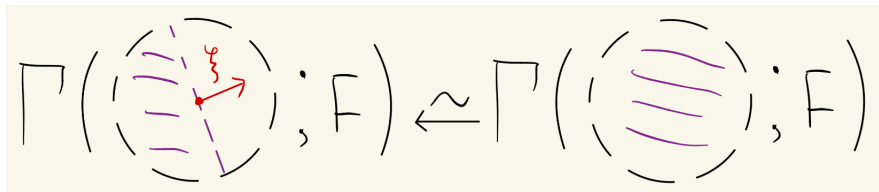
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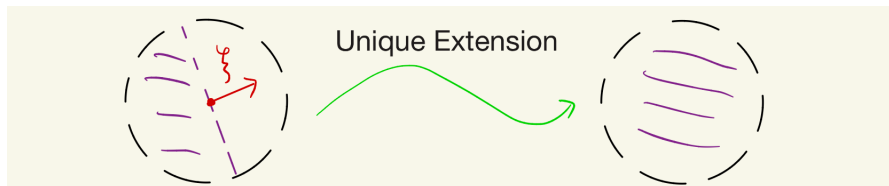
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## Example (Local systems have minimal microsupport)

If  $L \in \text{Loc}(M)$  is a local system, then  $SS(L) = 0_M$ . (The converse is also true.)

**Proof:** Reduce to  $L = \mathbb{Z}_M$  on small balls. Restriction from a ball to a half-ball is always the identity.

## Example (Point singularity)

$$SS(\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{C}^1 \setminus \{0\}}) = 0_{\mathbb{C}^1} \cup T_0^* \mathbb{C}^1$$

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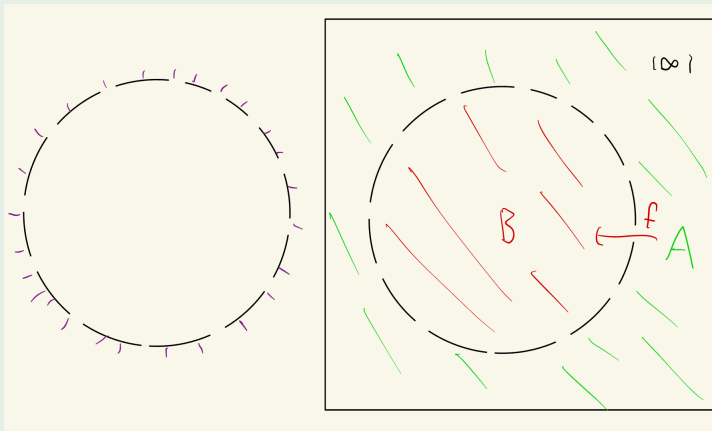
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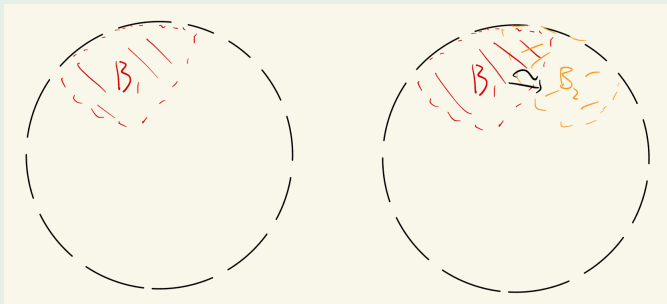
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