

# Lecture 4: Derived categories of $\mathcal{D}$ -modules, inverse/direct images II

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recall:  $X, Y$  smooth alg. varieties,  $f: X \rightarrow Y \rightsquigarrow$

$\mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y}, \mathcal{D}_{Y \leftarrow X}$  and functors  $f^+: \text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_Y) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ ,

$f_+: \text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_X) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_Y)$ . Pb:  $f_+$  neither left nor

right exact  $\rightsquigarrow$  go to derived categories.

Some facts without proof:

Lemma: -  $A = \begin{cases} \mathcal{D}_{X,r} \\ \mathcal{D}_X(n) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{gldim } A \leq 2n$

-  $M \in \text{Mod}_{\text{q.c.}}(\mathcal{D}_X) \Rightarrow \exists$  resolution  $\dots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$

$P_i$   $\mathcal{D}_X$ -locally free AND  $\exists$  finite resolution

$0 \rightarrow P_m \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ ,  $P_i$  locally

projective

if  $M \in \text{Mod}_c(\mathcal{D}_X) \Rightarrow$  all  $P_i$ 's finite rk

Def.: Let  $D^b(\mathcal{D}_X)$  resp.  $D_{q.c.}^b(\mathcal{D}_X)$  resp.  $D_c^b(\mathcal{D}_X)$  be the derived cat. of bounded complexes of left  $\mathcal{D}_X$ -mod. resp. of  $\mathcal{D}_X$ -mod with q.c. resp. coh. cohomology.

(note: (Bernstein) this is eqn. to derived cat. of q.c. / coh.  $\mathcal{D}_X$ -mod.)

Def. (inverse image):  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , then

$$f^*: D^b(\mathcal{D}_Y) \longrightarrow D^b(\mathcal{D}_X)$$

$$M \longmapsto \mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y} \otimes_{f^* \mathcal{D}_Y}^L f^{-1} M$$

(can be computed by flat resolution of  $M$  resp. of  $\mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y}$ )

notice:  $f^*$  sends  $D_{q.c.}^b(\mathcal{D}_Y)$  to  $D_{q.c.}^b(\mathcal{D}_X)$

(since  $\text{Mod}_{q.c.}(\mathcal{D}_X)$  means q.c. as  $\mathcal{D}_X$ -mod, use

$$\mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y} \otimes_{f^* \mathcal{D}_Y}^L f^{-1} M \simeq (\mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{f^* \mathcal{D}_Y} f^{-1} \mathcal{D}_Y) \otimes_{f^* \mathcal{D}_Y}^L f^{-1} M \simeq \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{f^* \mathcal{D}_Y}^L f^{-1} M \text{ as } \mathcal{D}_Y\text{-mod})$$

However: for  $M = \mathcal{D}_Y \Rightarrow f^+ M = \mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y} \otimes_{f^{-1} \mathcal{D}_Y}^L f^{-1} \mathcal{D}_Y = \mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y}$  (3)

if  $f$  is closed embedding of coord. subspace

$$\{Y_{r+1} = \dots = Y_n = 0\} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y} = \mathcal{D}_X [\mathcal{D}_{Y_{r+1}}, \dots, \mathcal{D}_{Y_n}] \notin \text{Mod}_c(\mathcal{D}_X).$$

Lemma:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $g: Y \rightarrow Z \Rightarrow (g \circ f)^+ = f^+ \circ g^+$

$$\left( \text{use } \mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y} \otimes_{f^{-1} \mathcal{D}_Y}^L f^{-1} \mathcal{D}_{Y \rightarrow Z} = \mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Z} \right) \quad \left( \text{see Hotta 1.5.11.} \right)$$

exercise:  $j: U \hookrightarrow X$  open embedding, then  $j^+ M = j^{-1} M$ .

(in particular,  $H^i j^+ M = 0 \quad \forall i \neq 0$ )

Prop.:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  smooth (e.g.  $X = Z \times Y \xrightarrow{f=p_2} Y$ ),

then: 1.)  $H^i f^+ M = 0 \quad \forall i \neq 0$

2.)  $M \in \text{Mod}_c(\mathcal{D}_Y) \Rightarrow f^* M := H^0 f^+ M \in \text{Mod}_c(\mathcal{D}_X)$

Proof: 1.)  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is  $f^{-1} \mathcal{O}_Y$ -flat and  $f^+ M \cong_{\text{as } \mathcal{O}_X\text{-mod}} \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_{f^{-1} \mathcal{O}_Y}^L \mathcal{D}$

2.) locally we have  $f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = (x_1, \dots, x_m) =: (y_1, \dots, y_m)$

and  $\mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y} = \bigoplus \mathcal{O}_X \mathcal{D}_{y_1}^{r_1} \dots \mathcal{D}_{y_m}^{r_m} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y}, P \mapsto P \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \otimes & 1 \\ \mathcal{O}_X^n & & f^{-1} \mathcal{D}_Y \end{pmatrix}$

is given by  $d_{x_1}^{r_1} \dots d_{x_n}^{r_n} \mapsto \begin{cases} d_{y_1}^{r_1} \dots d_{y_m}^{r_m} & \text{if } r_i = 0 \ \forall i > m \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$  (4)

$\Rightarrow D_X \rightarrow D_{X \rightarrow Y}$  surjective.

Take free  $D_Y$ -resolution of  $M \rightsquigarrow f^*M = \text{coker}(D_{X \rightarrow Y}^k \rightarrow D_{X \rightarrow Y}^l)$   
 $\cong \text{coker}(D_X^k \rightarrow D_X^l) \Rightarrow f^*M \in \text{Mod}_c(D_X)$ .

Prop:  $i: X \hookrightarrow Y$  closed embedding,  $d = \text{codim}_Y(X)$  then  
 for  $M \in \text{Mod}_{\text{q.c.}}(D_Y)$ , we have:  $H^k(i^*M) = 0 \ \forall k \notin [-d, 0]$

Prf:  $D_X$  has resolution as  $i^{-1}D_Y$ -module by Koszul-

complex: locally  $i(x_1 \dots x_r) = (x_1, \dots, x_r, 0, \dots, 0) = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ :

$K_{ij} := \bigwedge_{k=1}^j \bigoplus_{k=1}^n i^{-1}D_Y d_{y_k}$ ,  $K_j \rightarrow K_{j-1}$ ,  $f d_{y_{i_1}} \wedge \dots \wedge d_{y_{i_j}} \mapsto$

$\sum_{p=1}^j (-1)^{p+1} f d_{y_{i_1}} \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{d_{y_{i_p}}} \wedge \dots \wedge d_{y_{i_j}}$  (this is coordinate mult.)

(clear: length is  $d$ ). Then  $D_{X \rightarrow Y} \cong [\dots \rightarrow K_{n-j} \otimes_{i^{-1}D_Y} i^{-1}D_Y \rightarrow \dots]$

and  $i^*M = [\dots \rightarrow K_{n-j} \otimes_{i^{-1}D_Y} i^*M \rightarrow \dots]$

exercise: make left  $D_X$ -structure on  $H^i(i^*M)$  explicit

direct image:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , define

$$D^b(\mathcal{D}_X) \longrightarrow D^b(f^{-1}\mathcal{D}_Y)$$

$$M' \longmapsto \mathcal{D}_{Y \leftarrow X} \overset{\mathbb{L}}{\otimes}_{\mathcal{D}_X} M'$$

using flat resolution of  $M'$

and  $D^b(f^{-1}\mathcal{D}_Y) \longrightarrow D^b(\mathcal{D}_Y)$

$$N' \longmapsto Rf_* (N')$$

using injective resolution of  $N'$  (works for any sheaf of rings)

and:  $f_+ : D^b(\mathcal{D}_X) \longrightarrow D^b(\mathcal{D}_Y)$

$$M' \longmapsto Rf_+ (\mathcal{D}_{Y \leftarrow X} \overset{\mathbb{L}}{\otimes} M')$$

Theorem: -  $f_+$  sends  $D_{g.c.}^b(\mathcal{D}_X)$  into  $D_{g.c.}^b(\mathcal{D}_Y)$

-  $f$  proj.  $D_c^b(\mathcal{D}_X) \dashrightarrow D_c^b(\mathcal{D}_Y)$

Fact: This holds for the functor  $Rf_+$   
(Hartshorne, ...)

exercise:  $f: X \rightarrow Y, g: Y \rightarrow Z \Rightarrow (g \circ f)_+ = g_+ \circ f_+$

(Hotta, 1.5.21.)

exercise:  $j: U \hookrightarrow X$  open embedding, then

$$j_+ \mathcal{M} = Rj_* \mathcal{M} \quad (\text{use } \mathcal{D}_{X \leftarrow U} = j^{-1} \mathcal{D}_X = \mathcal{D}_U)$$

(however,  $j_+$  is not exact in general in this case)

strategy to proof Theorem above: decompose into open embedding and projection:

$$\text{Let } i: X \hookrightarrow Y, (x_1, \dots, x_r) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_r, 0, \dots, 0) = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

Recall that  $\mathcal{D}_{Y \leftarrow X} = \mathbb{C}[\partial_{y_1, \dots, y_n}] \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{D}_X$  (flat over  $\mathcal{D}_X$ )

and  $Ri_* = i_*$  ( $i$  is affine), hence:  $H^k(i_+ \mathcal{M}) = 0 \forall k \neq 0$

$$H^0(i_+ \mathcal{M}) = i_* (\mathcal{D}_{Y \leftarrow X} \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \mathcal{M}) = \mathbb{C}[\partial_{y_1, \dots, y_n}] \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} i_* \mathcal{M}$$

left action of  $\mathcal{D}_Y$ :  $\partial_{y_k} (1 \otimes m) = \partial_{y_k} \otimes m \quad \forall k \in \{r+1, \dots, n\}$

$$\partial_{y_k} (1 \otimes m) = 1 \otimes \partial_{y_k} m, \forall k \in \{1, \dots, r\}, \varphi(1 \otimes m) = 1 \otimes \varphi_X m \quad \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_Y$$

(exercise!)

obvious:  $\text{Mod}_{q.c.}(\mathcal{D}_X) \xrightarrow{i_+} \text{Mod}_{q.c.}(\mathcal{D}_Y)$

Case of projection: Let  $p: X = Y \times Z \rightarrow Y$

Preliminary construction: Spencer- & de Rham complexes:

Lemma:  $\exists$  resolution of  $\mathcal{D}_X$  resp. of  $\omega_X$  by locally

free left resp. right  $\mathcal{D}_X$ -modules:

Spencer complex (of  $\mathcal{D}_X$ ):  $Sp(\mathcal{D}_X)$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \Lambda^n \Theta_X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \Lambda^{n-1} \Theta_X \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \Theta_X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega_X^0 \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \mathcal{D}_X \rightarrow \Omega_X^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \mathcal{D}_X \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \Omega_X^r \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \mathcal{D}_X \rightarrow \omega_X \rightarrow 0$$

de Rham complex (of  $\mathcal{D}_X$ )  $DR(\mathcal{D}_X)$

where  $\alpha(P) := P(1)$ ,  $\beta(\omega \otimes P) := \omega.P$ , and

$$\mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \Lambda^k \Theta_X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \Lambda^{k-1} \Theta_X$$

$$P \otimes v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_k \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i+1} P v_i \otimes v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{v}_i \wedge \dots \wedge v_k$$

$$+ \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} P \otimes [v_i, v_j] \otimes v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{v}_i \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{v}_j \wedge \dots \wedge v_k$$

and:  $\Omega_X^k \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{I}_X \longrightarrow \Omega_X^{k+1} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{I}_X$  (8)

$$\omega \otimes P \longmapsto d\omega \otimes P + \sum_{i=1}^m dx_i \otimes \omega \otimes \mathcal{I}_{x_i} P$$

(where  $(x_i)_{i=1, \dots, n}$  are local coordinates on  $X$ )

Pf: recall that  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{I}_X) \longrightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathcal{I}_X^{\text{opp}})$

$$M \longmapsto \omega_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} M$$

moreover we have contraction (iso of right  $\mathcal{I}_X$ -mod)

$$\omega_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} (\mathcal{I}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \wedge^k \mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow \Omega_X^{n-k} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{I}_X$$

$$\omega \otimes 1 \otimes v \longmapsto (-1)^{\binom{n-k}{2}} \cdot \omega(v \cdot 1) \otimes 1$$

inducing  $[\text{Sp}(\mathcal{I}_X)]^r \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{DR}(\mathcal{I}_X)$ . Hence show

lemma only for  $\text{Sp}(\mathcal{I}_X)$ : Define  $F_p \text{Sp}(\mathcal{I}_X)$ :

$$F_{p-n} \mathcal{I}_X \otimes \wedge^n \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow F_{p-n+1} \mathcal{I}_X \otimes \wedge^{n-1} \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_p \mathcal{I}_X \rightarrow F_p \mathcal{O}_X$$

where  $F_p \mathcal{O}_X = \begin{cases} 0 & \forall p < 0 \\ \mathcal{O}_X & \forall p \geq 0 \end{cases}$ . Notice that this is

well defined. Sufficient to show:  $\text{gr}^F \text{Sp}(\mathcal{I}_X)$  is acyclic



$$\text{gr}^F(\mathcal{D}_X): \pi_0 \mathcal{D}_{T^*X} \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \Lambda^n \mathcal{G}_X \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \pi_n \mathcal{D}_{T^*X} \otimes \mathcal{G}_X \rightarrow \pi_{n+1} \mathcal{D}_{T^*X} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_X$$

with  $\pi_n \mathcal{D}_{T^*X} \otimes \Lambda^k \mathcal{G}_X \rightarrow \pi_{n+k} \mathcal{D}_{T^*X} \otimes \Lambda^{k-1} \mathcal{G}_X$

$$\varphi \otimes v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_k \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i-1} \varphi(v_i) \otimes v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{v_i} \wedge \dots \wedge v_k$$

Im in  $F_1 \mathcal{D}_X / F_0 \mathcal{D}_X$

This is Koszul complex of  $X \subset T^*X$  (compl. w.r.t.)  
 hence acyclic. □

Back to  $p: X = Y \times Z \rightarrow Y$ . Let  $M \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ .

want to compute  $Rp_* (\mathcal{D}_{Y \leftarrow X} \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} M)$ .

Def.: Let  $N \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_X)$  then put

$$DR_{X/Y}^k(N) := \Omega_{X/Y}^{n+k} \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} N \quad \forall k \in [-r, 0], r = \dim Z$$

with differential:  $d(\omega \otimes s) = d\omega \otimes s + \sum_{i=1}^r (dz_i \wedge \omega) \otimes s_i$

(relative de Rham complex) ( $z_i$ ) loc. coord. on  $Z$

Claim: If  $p: X = Y \times Z \rightarrow Y$  is proj.,

then  $DR_{X/Y}(\mathcal{O}_X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_{Y \leftarrow X}$  as right  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -mod.

Proof: similar to absolute case (exercise)

Hence:  $\mathcal{O}_{Y \leftarrow X} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X}^{\mathbb{L}} M \simeq DR_{X/Y}(\mathcal{O}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} M$

$\xrightarrow{(*)} \underset{\mathcal{O}_X\text{-mod}}{\pi} DR_{X/Y}(M)$ , but

$\Omega_{X/Y}^{n+k} \otimes M$  has left  $f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y$ -structure by

$P(\omega \otimes m) := \omega \otimes \bar{P}m$  where  $\bar{P}$  is image of  $P \in f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y$  in  $\mathcal{O}_X$ . This is left  $f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y$ -str.

on  $\mathcal{O}_{Y \leftarrow X} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X}^{\mathbb{L}} M$ . Hence  $(*)$  holds in  $D^b(f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y)$

so:  $f_+ M = Rf_{*} DR_{X/Y}(M) \in D_{q.c.}^b(\mathcal{O}_Y)$

(since  $\Omega_{X/Y}^{n+k}$  is  $\mathcal{O}_Y$ -quasi-coherent).