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Talk Title: Introduction to D-modules I

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David Ben-Zvi: "Introduction to D-modules I."

9:15am

- Weyl algebra $D_{\mathbb{A}^1} = \mathbb{C}\langle x, y \rangle / \langle yx - xy = 1 \rangle$
realized by
 - + mult. by x (position operator)
 - + differentiation $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = y$ (momentum operator)

- let $D_k = \mathbb{C}\langle x, y \rangle / \langle yx - xy = k \rangle$

$$D_k \cong \begin{cases} D, & \text{if } k \neq 0 \\ \mathbb{C}[x, y] = \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{A}^2), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $\mathbb{A}^2 = T^*\mathbb{A}^1$

Equivalently, filter $D = \bigcup D_{\leq n}$ by order in y

This is an algebra filtration with mult. $D_{\leq n} \cdot D_{\leq m} \subset D_{\leq n+m}$
 $\text{gr } D = \mathbb{C}[x, y]$

- "Heisenberg uncertainty":

D has no finite dimensional modules

let x, y act on V with $[y, x] = 1$

$$0 = \text{Tr}([y, x]) = \text{Tr}(1) = \dim V \Rightarrow \dim V = 0$$

Where to find modules?

Obvious, $x, \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ act on $\mathbb{C}[x] = \text{poly. func. on } \mathbb{A}^1$
 $= D / D\partial = D \cdot 1$

Another module? Take $C^\infty(\mathbb{A}^1)$ and look at $C^{-\infty}(\mathbb{A}^1)$

distributions, which can be mult. by x and differentiate $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$.

let $f \in C^\infty$ be a function or distribution

$$C^\infty \supset D \cdot f = D/D \text{ (poly. differential eqns)} \\ \text{satisfied by } f$$

$$D \cdot e^{\lambda x} = D/D(\partial - x)$$

↑ exponential function

— let $M_{e^{\lambda x}} = D \cdot e^{\lambda x} = D/D(\partial - x)$

Let take a look at the solution of this differential eqn.

$$\text{Hom}_D(M_{e^{\lambda x}}, C^\infty) = \text{solutions of } (\partial f = \lambda f) = \mathbb{C} e^{\lambda x}$$

— let $\delta_0 \in C^\infty$, $x\delta_0 = 0$

$$M_{\delta_0} = D \cdot \delta_0 = D/D_x \cong \mathbb{C}[\partial] \cdot \delta_0 = \mathbb{C}[\eta] \cdot \delta_0$$

— Holomorphic function : is determined by differential eqns, it satisfies up to finite ambiguity : $\text{Hom}_D(M_f, C^\infty)$ finite dim'.

— Operations on D -modules $\leftrightarrow$ algebraic analog of operations on functions

$$\text{Fourier transform } \hat{f}(\eta) = \int f(x) e^{ix\eta} dx$$

$$M \rightsquigarrow \text{IF}(M)$$

$$\text{IF}(M_f) = M_{\hat{f}}$$

$$D \begin{matrix} \hookleftarrow x \mapsto \eta \\ \hookrightarrow \eta \mapsto -x \end{matrix}$$

transform

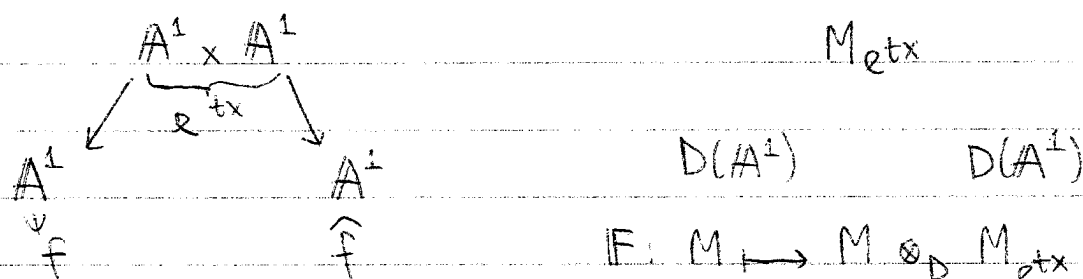
$$\text{IF}(M) = M \\ \uparrow \\ D \xrightarrow{i} D$$

— If V is a vector space, $D_V\text{-mod} \xrightarrow{\text{IF}} D_{V^*}\text{-mod}$

through Fourier transform. This is a hint of microlocal character of D -modules.

↳ We can think of D -modules living on a plane instead of on a line, they have more symmetry and structure.

$IF \longleftrightarrow 90^\circ$ rotation of T^*A^1 (cotangent bundle)



— Suppose X is a smooth variety over $\mathbb{C}$

D_X is a sheaf of associative algebras on X

$$D = \langle \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{T} \rangle / \left(\begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} - f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} = f' = \frac{\partial(f)}{\partial x_i} \text{ Leibniz rule} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} = [\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}] \end{array} \right)$$

↑ functions ← Vector field Lie algebroid

↳ " $D = \bigcup \mathcal{T}$ "

— Grothendieck definition:

$\text{End}_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}_X$ can be considered as an $\mathcal{O}_X$ -bimodule

$\mathcal{O}_X =$ functions on X

diff = differential = set theoretic support on Δ

$$D_X = (\text{End}_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}_X)^{\text{diff}}$$

↖ diagonal in $X \times X$

$$D = \bigcup (\text{End}_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}_X)^{I^N}$$

$I =$ ideal of $\Delta \subset X \times X$

I is generated by $f \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes f$, $f \in \mathcal{O}_X$

$$I \cdot L = 0 : Lf = fL$$

ie. $L \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{O}} \mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}$

when $N=2$, $fL - Lf =: L(f) \in \mathcal{O}$

$$D = \bigcup_{\leq n} D_{\leq n}$$

associate graded $\text{gr } D = \text{Sym } T = \mathcal{O}(T^*X)$

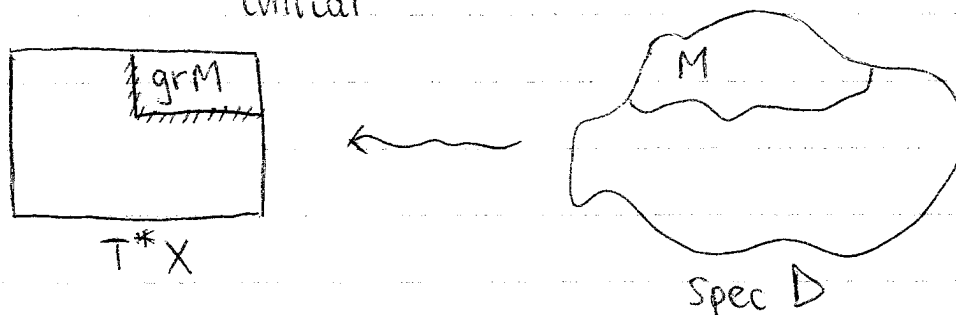
Visualize D microlocally (ie. via T^*X cotangent bundle of X)

e.g. M is a nice D -module, then we can find a good filtration

$$M = \bigcup_r M_r \rightsquigarrow \text{gr } M \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}(T^*X)$$

ie. extend M analog deformation $D \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{O}(T^*X)$

$\text{gr } M$ is $\underbrace{\mathbb{C}^*}$ -equiv. sheaf on T^*X
conical



Flat connections:

let V be a vector space, ∇ is a vector bundle with flat connection

$$\nabla : V \rightarrow V \otimes \Omega^1$$

$$\nabla(fs) = f \nabla(s) + df s, \quad \text{Leibniz rule}$$

$$\nabla_{[\partial_1, \partial_2]} = \nabla_{\partial_1} \nabla_{\partial_2} - \nabla_{\partial_2} \nabla_{\partial_1}$$

ie. $\mathcal{O} \hookrightarrow V$ extends to $D \hookrightarrow V$

$\mathcal{T} \hookrightarrow V$, V is a D -module $\Leftrightarrow V, \nabla$ flat

$$z \in \mathcal{T}, \quad \nabla_z : V \xrightarrow{\nabla} V \otimes \Omega^1$$

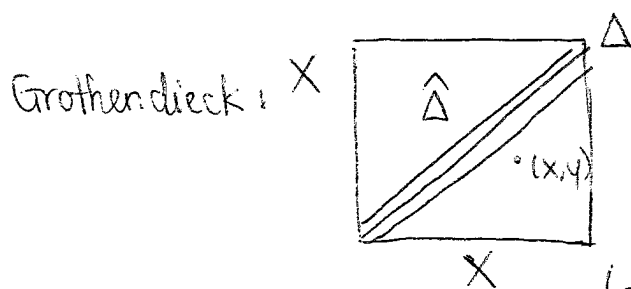
$$\downarrow \quad \swarrow z$$

V

let V be a quasicoherent sheaf

$$V, \nabla \text{ flat} \iff D \hookrightarrow V$$

D -modules $\equiv$ ^{quasi} q . coherent sheaf with flat connection



$$\hat{\Delta} = (\widehat{X \times X})_{\Delta}$$

$x \sim y \Leftrightarrow x, y$ infinitesimally nearby
(stratification $\leftrightarrow$ crystal)

$$D = (\mathcal{O}_{\hat{\Delta}})^* \quad \text{groupoid algebra}$$

↑ jets

Module for groupoid algebra: sheaf on X equivariant for equivalence relation

i.e. sheaves on $X/\sim$

Recall: $M_S = D \cdot \delta_0 = \mathbb{C}[\partial] \cdot \delta_0$



we cannot have finite $\dim$ D -module
because this structure forces the modules
to be infinite dimensional.

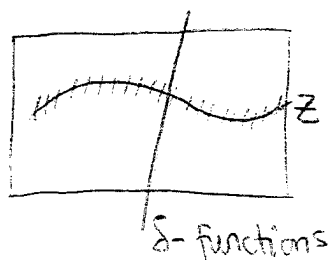
Corollary: Any $\mathcal{O}$ -coherent D -module is a (flat) vector bundle.

Corollary: (Kashiwara's Thm.)

$Z \xrightarrow[\text{smooth}]{\text{closed}} X$, then there is an equivalence

$$(D_X\text{-mod})_Z \longleftrightarrow D_Z\text{-mod}$$

↑ D_X -modules supported set theoretically on Z



parallel transport

— deRham complex:

a connection has a deRham complex flat $\nabla^2 = 0$

$$dR(M): M \xrightarrow{\nabla} M \otimes \Omega^1 \xrightarrow{\nabla} M \otimes \Omega^2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow M \otimes \Omega^n$$

$$H^0(dR(M)) = \{s \in M; \nabla_{\partial} s = 0, \forall \partial \in \mathcal{T}\} \quad \text{flat sections}$$

Now look at higher degree deRham cohomology

$$M \rightarrow M \otimes \Omega^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow M \otimes \Omega^{n-1} \rightarrow M \otimes \Omega^n$$

$$M^{r''} \otimes T \longrightarrow M^r$$

$$H^n(dR(M)) = M^r / M^r_T$$

— Where does $dR(M)$ live?

↳ $dR(M)$ is a dg module for (Ω^*, d)

In fact, we get an equivalence of derived categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D_{\text{reasonable}} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (\Omega^*, d) \\ & & dR(M) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & & (\Omega^*, d) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Sym } \mathcal{T} & & \Lambda^* \Omega^1 \end{array}$$

↳ $(\Omega^*, d) \simeq \mathbb{C}$ ($\Omega^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a resolution)

$$dR: D\text{-mod} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}\text{-sheaves } dR(M)$$

$$D \subset \mathcal{O} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

— We will look at the topological properties of D -modules.

— Characteristics of a D -module $\longleftrightarrow$ characteristics of a PDE

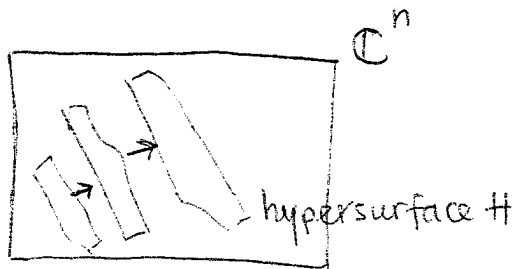
Note: we want to look at D -module as a system of diff. eqns.

$$D \longrightarrow D \longrightarrow D.f$$

diff. eqns satisfied by f

- Cauchy-Kovalevskaya (PDE " = " ODE)

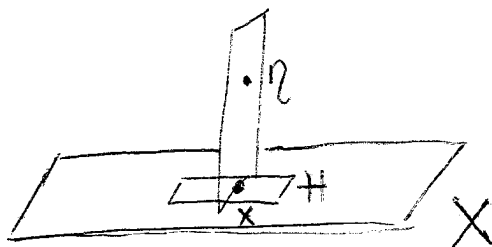
Take initial values and move them, extend to a uniquely determined solution



D-module: $\eta \in T_x^* X$

η is noncharacteristic

if $dR(M)$ is locally
constant transverse to H .

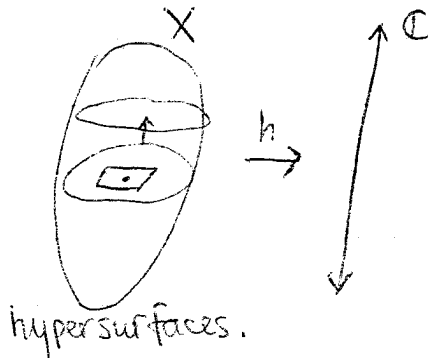


... function $h: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$dh_x = \eta$$

... we see if there is anything

... interesting happen when transform



Theorem: $\{ \eta \in T^*X \text{ characteristic} \} = \text{characteristic variety of } M$
 $:= \text{supp}(\text{gr } M)$

(continued lecture II on 01/31/13)