Support of Sabbah's specialization functor

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Given X and F as above, we introduce the following algebraic/topological invariants.

introduction

- 1 Bernstein-Sato ideals;
- 2 support of Sabbah's specialization complex;
- 3 (local) cohomology support loci;
- 4 non-simple loci;
- 5 monodromy Zeta function.

Among these invariants, (1) is algebraic, (2), (3), (4) are topological and (5) is both algebraic and topological. Our main motivation is to understand the relation between (1) and (2).

Let \mathcal{D}_X be the sheaf of algebraic differential operators on X. The Bernstein-Sato ideal associated to F is the ideal

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of all polynomials $b(s_1, \ldots, s_r)$ such that

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Bernstein-Sato ideals

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 and let $F = (x, y, 1 - x - y)$. Then
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Conjecture (Budur)

Given any X, F, B_F is always generated by products of linear polynomials of the form

$$\alpha_1 s_1 + \cdots + \alpha_r s_r + \alpha$$

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where $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$.

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Sabbah's specialization complex functor of F is defined by

$$\psi_F = i^{-1}Rj_*R\pi_!(j\circ\pi)^*: \mathbf{D}^b_c(X,\mathbb{C}) \to \mathbf{D}^b_c(Y,A)$$

where $A = \mathbb{C}[t_1, t_1^{-1}, \dots, t_r, t_r^{-1}].$

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We define the support of Sabbah's specialization complex to be

$$\mathcal{S}(F) = \bigcup_{x \in Y} \bigcup_{i} Supp \left(\mathcal{H}^{i} \left(\psi(\underline{\mathbb{C}}_{X}) \right)_{x} \right)$$

a Zariski closed subset of $(\mathbb{C}^*)^r = Spec(\mathbb{C}[t_1, t_1^{-1}, \ldots, t_r, t_r^{-1}]).$

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Theorem (Budur)

Under the above notations,

$$Exp(V(B_F)) \supset \mathcal{S}(F).$$

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In general, $V(B_F)$ may have irreducible components of higher codimension. However, in all the examples we know, any of the higher codimensional components is contained in a translate of another codimension one component by some lattice point in \mathbb{C}^r . Therefore, in all the examples we know, $Exp(V(B_F))$ is of pure codimension one in $(\mathbb{C}^*)^r$. Recall that the support of Sabbah's specialization complex is the union of support of local germs.

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At any $x \in Y$, the support

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is determined by the cohomology jump support loci of the small ball complement $B \setminus Y$, where B is a small ball in X centered at x.

Since the cohomology support loci of the small ball complement is well-understood for a hyperplane arrangement, we have a formula for the support of Sabbah's specialization complex for a hyperplane arrangement.

Theorem

Let $F = (f_1, ..., f_r)$ be a collection of linear functions on $X = \mathbb{C}^n$ defining mutually distinct hyperplanes. Then

$$\mathcal{S}(F) = Z\left(\prod_{W}\left(\prod_{i:f_i(W)=0}t_i-1\right)\right)$$

where the product is over all dense edges W.

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The category of perverse sheaves on X is an Artinian abelian category. Let M(U) be the moduli space of rank one local systems on U. Since the inclusion map $j: U \to X$ is affine, Rj_* maps perverse sheaves on U to perverse sheaves on X. So we can define a length function on $l_{(X,F)}: M(U) \to \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ by

$$I_{(X,F)}(L) = I(Rj_*(L[n]))$$

where $I(Rj_*(L[n]))$ is the length of $Rj_*(L[n])$ as a perverse sheaf.

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In particular, when F is a collection of linear polynomials, $\{L \in (\mathbb{C}^*)^r | l_{(X,F)}(L) \ge 2\}$ is combinatorial invariant.

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Conjecture

For any smooth complex variety X and any collection of regular functions F,

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is a finite union of torsion translated subtori in M(U).

Happy birthday Mike!