# COHERENT SHEAVES ON THE PROJECTIVE LINE, WORKING SEMINAR, BIELEFELD 18.10.2018

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# 1. (QUASI)COHERENT SHEAVES OF $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules

We work over an algebraically closed field k. A variety X comes equipped with its Zariski topology and for every open set U we have a k-algebra  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$  of regular functions on U. Basic references are Hartshorne [8], Kempf [9], Mumford [10].

A presheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules consists of - for each open set U of X, an  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ -module  $\mathcal{F}(U)$ , - for each inclusion  $V \subseteq U$ , a restriction map  $r_V^U : \mathcal{F}(U) \to \mathcal{F}(V)$  of  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ -modules, where  $\mathcal{F}(V)$  is considered as an  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$  module via the map  $\mathcal{O}_X(U) \to \mathcal{O}_X(V)$ , - such that  $r_W^V r_V^U = r_W^U$  for  $W \subseteq V \subseteq U$  and  $r_U^U = id$ . There is a natural category of presheaves.

 $\mathcal{F}$  is a *sheaf* if for any open covering  $U_i$  of an open subset U-  $f \in \mathcal{F}(U)$  is uniquely determined by its restrictions  $f_i \in \mathcal{F}(U_i)$ . - Any collection of  $f_i \in \mathcal{F}(U_i)$ , which agree on all pairwise intersections  $U_i \cap U_j$ , arise by restriction from some  $f \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ .

 $\mathcal{F}$  is quasicoherent if for any inclusion of affine open subsets  $V \subseteq U$  of X, the natural map  $\mathcal{O}_X(V) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X(U)} \mathcal{F}(U) \to \mathcal{F}(V)$  is an isomorphism. This means that  $\mathcal{F}$  is determined by the  $\mathcal{O}_X(U_i)$ -modules  $\mathcal{F}(U_i)$  for an affine open cover  $U_i$  of X.

 $\mathcal{F}$  is *coherent* if also  $\mathcal{F}(U)$  is a finitely generated  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ -module for U affine open, or equivalently for U running through an affine open cover of X.

#### 2. The projective line

 $\mathbb{P}^1 = \{[a:b]: a, b \in k, \text{ not both zero}\}/[a:b] \sim [\lambda a:\lambda b] \text{ for } \lambda \neq 0.$  It is identified with  $k \cup \{\infty\}$  where  $\lambda \in k$  corresponds to  $[1:\lambda]$  and  $\infty = [1:0]$ .

The sets  $D(f) = \{[a:b] : f(a,b) \neq 0\} \ (0 \neq f \in k[x,y] \text{ a homogeneous polynomial}),$  are a base of open sets for the Zariski topology.

It turns out that the non-empty open sets are exactly the complements of finite sets.

For a non-empty open set U,  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(U)$  is the ring of rational functions f/g with  $f, g \in k[x, y]$  homogeneous of the same degree and g non-vanishing on U.

The standard affine open covering is  $\mathbb{P}^1 = U_0 \cup U_1$  where -  $U_0 = \{[a:b]: a \neq 0\} = \{[1:b/a]: a \neq 0\} \cong \mathbb{A}^1,$ -  $U_1 = \{[a:b]: b \neq 0\} = \{[a/b:1]: b \neq 0\} \cong \mathbb{A}^1.$ 

A coherent sheaf on  $\mathbb{P}^1$  is given by a triple  $(M_0, M_1, \theta)$ -  $M_0$  is a f.g. module for  $\mathcal{O}(U_0) = k[s]$  where s = y/x, -  $M_1$  is a f.g. module for  $\mathcal{O}(U_1) = k[s^{-1}]$ -  $\theta$  is an isomorphism of modules for  $\mathcal{O}(U_0 \cap U_1) = k[s, s^{-1}]$ ,  $\theta : k[s, s^{-1}] \otimes_{k[s^{-1}]} M_1 \to k[s, s^{-1}] \otimes_{k[s]} M_0$ 

A morphism  $\phi : (M_0, M_1, \theta) \to (M'_0, M'_1, \theta')$  is given by module maps  $\phi_i : M_i \to M'_i$  giving a commutative square

#### 3. Basic properties

 $\mathcal{O}_X$  itself is a coherent sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules.

**Theorem.** The quasicoherent sheaves form a Grothendieck category—an abelian category with enough injectives, but in general no projectives.

The coherent sheaves form an abelian subcategory  $\cosh X$ . For a projective variety the Hom spaces are finite dimensional.

The global sections of  $\mathcal{F}$  are  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{F}) := \mathcal{F}(X) \cong \operatorname{Hom}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{F})$ . Its derived functors are cohomology  $H^i(X, \mathcal{F}) \cong \operatorname{Ext}^i(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{F})$ .

There is a tensor product with  $(\mathcal{F} \otimes_{O_X} \mathcal{G})(U) = \mathcal{F}(U) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X(U)} \mathcal{G}(U)$  for affine open U. Also symmetric and exterior powers.

There is a sheaf Hom with  $\mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{F},\mathcal{G})(U) = \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X(U)}(\mathcal{F}(U),\mathcal{G}(U))$  for affine open U. Taking global sections gives the usual Hom space.

## 4. Locally free sheaves

 $\mathcal{F}$  is *locally free of rank* n if X has an open covering  $U_i$  such that each  $\mathcal{F}|_{U_i} \cong (\mathcal{O}_{U_i})^n$ . If  $\mathcal{F}$  is coherent and  $U_i$  is an affine open covering,  $\mathcal{F}$  is locally free of rank n iff each  $\mathcal{F}(U_i)$  is a projective  $\mathcal{O}_X(U_i)$ -module of rank n. A vector bundle of rank n on X is a variety E with a morphism  $\pi : E \to X$  and the structure of an n-dimensional vector space on each fibre  $E_x = \pi^{-1}(x)$ , satisfying the local triviality condition that X has an open cover  $U_i$  and isomorphisms  $\phi_i : \pi^{-1}(U_i) \to U_i \times k^n$  compatible with the projections to  $U_i$  and the vector space structure on the fibres.

**Theorem.** There is an equivalence of categories between vector bundles and locally free sheaves. To a vector bundle E corresponds its sheaf of sections

$$\mathcal{E}(U) = \{s : U \to E : \pi s = id\}.$$

which becomes an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module via (fs)(u) = f(u)s(u) and (s+s')(u) = s(u) + s'(u)using the vector space structure.

There is a duality on locally free sheaves given by  $\mathcal{F}^{\vee} = \mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{O}_X)$ .

An *invertible sheaf* is a locally free sheaf of rank 1. Their isomorphism classes form a group Pic(X) under tensor product.

### 5. TORSION SHEAVES

A coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  is *torsion* if all  $\mathcal{F}(U)$  for U affine open are torsion modules. For a curve this means they are f.d. modules.

For  $\mathbb{P}^1$ , given a non-zero homogeneous polynomial  $f \in k[x, y]$ , there is a torsion sheaf  $\mathcal{S}_f$  given by  $M_0 = k[s]/(f(1, s)), M_1 = k[s^{-1}]/(f(s^{-1}, 1)), \theta = id$ .

The indecomposable torsion sheaves on a curve are classified by points  $x \in X$  and a positive integer n. For  $[a:b] \in \mathbb{P}^1$  it is  $\mathcal{S}_f$  for  $f(x,y) = (bx - ay)^n$ . e.g. for [1:0]this is  $M_0 = k[s]/(s^n)$ ,  $M_1 = 0$ .

**Lemma.** Every coherent sheaf on a non-singular curve is the direct sum of a torsion sheaf and a locally free sheaf.

Proof. Every coherent  $\mathcal{F}$  has maximal torsion subsheaf  $\mathcal{T}$ . For a non-singular curve  $\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{T}$  is locally free and the exact sequence  $0 \to \mathcal{T} \to \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F}/\mathcal{T} \to 0$  is split. For an affine curve we know this, since its coordinate ring is a Dedekind domain. In general we can cover X with two open affines, with  $\mathcal{F}$  torsion-free on one of them, and then a splitting of the sequence on the other affine easily gives a splitting globally.

6. The sheaves  $\mathcal{O}(i)$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1$ 

The sheaf  $\mathcal{O}(i)$  for  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  is given by  $M_0 = k[s], M_1 = k[s^{-1}], \text{ and } \theta : k[s, s^{-1}] \rightarrow k[s, s^{-1}]$  is multiplication by  $s^i$ .

**Lemma.** Hom $(\mathcal{O}(i), \mathcal{O}(i+d)) \cong k[x, y]_d$  the homogeneous polynomials of degree d.

Proof. If  $f \in k[x, y]$  is homogeneous of degree d, then  $(f/x^d = f(1, s), f/y^d = f(s^{-1}, 1))$  defines a map  $\mathcal{O}(i) \to \mathcal{O}(i+d)$ . (The cokernel is  $\mathcal{S}_f$ .) It is easy to see that this gives a bijection.

**Lemma.** -  $\mathcal{O}(0) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}, \ \mathcal{O}(i) \otimes \mathcal{O}(j) \cong \mathcal{O}(i+j), \ \mathcal{O}(i)^{\vee} \cong \mathcal{O}(-i).$ - Up to isomorphism these are the only invertible sheaves. -  $\mathcal{O}(-1)$  corresponds to the *universal subbundle*  $E = \{([a, b], (c, d)) \in \mathbb{P}^1 \times k^2 : ad = bc\}.$ 

Proof. For the universal subbundle  $\mathcal{E}(U_0) \cong k[s]f$  where  $f: U_0 \to E$ ,  $[a:b] \mapsto ([a:b], (1, b/a))$ .  $\mathcal{E}(U_1) \cong k[s^{-1}]g$  where  $g: U_1 \to E$ ,  $[a:b] \mapsto ([a:b], (a/b, 1))$ . On  $U_0 \cap U_1$ , (sg)([a:b]) = s([a:b])g([a:b]) = (b/a)([a:b], (a/b, 1)) = ([a:b], (1, b/a)) = f([a:b]).

**Birkhoff-Grothendieck Theorem** [7]. Every locally free sheaf on  $\mathbb{P}^1$  is isomorphic to a direct sum of copies of the  $\mathcal{O}(i)$ .

Proof. Since projectives over k[s] and  $k[s^{-1}]$  are free, a locally free sheaf of rank n is given by  $M_0 = k[s]^n$ ,  $M_1 = k[s^{-1}]^n$  and an element of  $\operatorname{GL}_n(k[s, s^{-1}])$ .

Birkhoff factorization [5]: any such matrix factorizes as ADB with  $A \in GL_n(k[s])$ , D diagonal and  $B \in GL_n(k[s^{-1}])$ .

The sheaf is then isomorphic to that given by D, a direct sum of invertible sheaves.

**Lemma.** dim  $\operatorname{Ext}^{1}(\mathcal{O}(i), \mathcal{O}(j)) = \dim k[x, y]_{i-j-2}$ . In particular dim  $\operatorname{Ext}^{1}(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}(-2)) = 1$ , represented by the exact sequence  $0 \to \mathcal{O}(-2) \to \mathcal{O}(-1)^{2} \to O \to 0$  given by (x, y), (y, -x).

Proof. We consider an exact sequence  $0 \to \mathcal{O}(j) \to \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{O}(i) \to 0$ , so

The middle matrix must have the form  $\begin{pmatrix} s^j & b \\ 0 & s^i \end{pmatrix}$  with  $b \in k[s, s^{-1}]$ .

Equivalence of two such extensions (given by b, b') is map of exact sequences

The map h is given by matrices which must have the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & f(s) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & g(s^{-1}) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus we get a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{cccc} k[s,s^{-1}]^2 & \xrightarrow{\binom{1}{0}f(s)}{1} & k[s,s^{-1}]^2 \\ (\begin{smallmatrix} s^{j} & b \\ 0 & s^{i} \end{smallmatrix}) \uparrow & & \uparrow (\begin{smallmatrix} s^{j} & b' \\ & & \uparrow (\begin{smallmatrix} s^{j} & b' \\ 0 & s^{i} \end{smallmatrix}) \\ k[s,s^{-1}]^2 & \xrightarrow{(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & g(s^{-1}) \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix})} & k[s,s^{-1}]^2 \end{array}$$

Thus  $b' = b + s^i f(s) - s^j g(s^{-1})$ . The coefficients of  $s^n$  with j < n < i are invariant. The number of these is dim  $k[x, y]_{i-j-2}$ .

Note the following Birkhoff factorization for  $\lambda \neq 0$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} s^{-2} & \lambda s^{-1} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\lambda^{-1} & \lambda^{-1}s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & s^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ s^{-1} & \lambda \end{pmatrix}.$$

#### 7. The sheaf of differentials

If A is a commutative k-algebra, the module of Kähler differentials  $\Omega_A$  is the Amodule generated by symbols  $da \ (a \in A)$  subject to -d(a+b) = da + db, -d(ab) = adb + bda,

-  $d\lambda = 0$  for  $\lambda \in k$ .

Example.  $\Omega_{k[x]} = k[x]dx$ , for d(f(x)) = f'(x)dx.

The sheaf of differentials  $\Omega_X$  is the coherent sheaf with  $\Omega_X(U) = \Omega_{\mathcal{O}_X(U)}$  for U affine open.

Lemma.  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^1} \cong \mathcal{O}(-2).$ 

Proof. Let  $\mathcal{F} = \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^1}$ .  $\mathcal{F}(U_0) = k[s]ds$ ,  $\mathcal{F}(U_1) = k[s^{-1}]d(s^{-1})$ . Then  $\theta$  sends the generator  $d(s^{-1})$  of  $\mathcal{F}(U_1)$  to

$$d(s^{-1}) = -s^{-2}ds = -s^{-2}.$$
 (the generator of  $\mathcal{F}(U_0)$ ).

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If X is non-singular of dimension n then:

-  $\Omega_X$  is locally free of rank n, it corresponds to the *cotangent bundle* of X.

-  $\Omega_X^{\vee}$  corresponds to the *tangent bundle* of X. For  $\mathbb{P}^1$  it is  $\mathcal{O}(2)$ .

- The canonical bundle is the top exterior power  $\omega_X = \wedge^n \Omega_X$ . For  $\mathbb{P}^1$  it is  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^1} \cong \mathcal{O}(-2)$ .

### 8. SERRE DUALITY

**Theorem.** For a non-singular projective curve and coherent  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}$ ,

$$\operatorname{Ext}^{1}(\mathcal{F},\mathcal{G}) \cong D\operatorname{Hom}(\mathcal{G},\mathcal{F}\otimes\omega). \qquad (D = \operatorname{Hom}_{k}(-,k))$$

It is usually stated for  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_X$  and maybe  $\mathcal{G}$  locally free. I don't know a good proof of the version here.

For  $\mathbb{P}^1$  we computed dim  $\operatorname{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}(i), \mathcal{O}(j)) = \dim k[x, y]_{i-j-2} = \dim \operatorname{Hom}(\mathcal{O}(j), \mathcal{O}(i-2)) = \dim \operatorname{Hom}(\mathcal{O}(j), \mathcal{O}(i) \otimes \omega).$ 

It follows that the category of coherent sheaves for a non-singular projective curve is hereditary since  $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}, -)$  is right exact. Also it has Auslander-Reiten sequences, with the translate given by  $\mathcal{F} \otimes \omega$ . Get AR quiver.

## 9. GROTHENDIECK GROUP

The Grothendieck group  $K_0(\operatorname{coh} X)$  is the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module generated by the isomorphism classes  $[\mathcal{F}]$  ( $\mathcal{F}$  coherent), subject to  $[\mathcal{F}] = [\mathcal{E}] + [\mathcal{G}]$  for  $0 \to \mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{G} \to 0$  exact.

For X a non-singular curve,  $K_0(\operatorname{coh} X) \cong \operatorname{Pic}(X) \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ .

For  $\mathbb{P}^1$  the rank and degree of a coherent sheaf are defined by rank  $\mathcal{O}(i) = 1$ , deg  $\mathcal{O}(i) = i$ , rank  $\mathcal{S}_f = 0$ , deg  $\mathcal{S}_f = \deg f$ , and additively on direct sums. They define an isomorphism  $K_0(\operatorname{coh} \mathbb{P}^1) \to \mathbb{Z}^2$ ,  $[\mathcal{F}] \mapsto (\operatorname{rank} \mathcal{F}, \deg \mathcal{F})$ .

For a non-singular variety of dimension n, the Euler form is the bilinear form

$$\langle -, - \rangle : K_0(\operatorname{coh} X) \times K_0(\operatorname{coh} X) \to \mathbb{Z}, ([\mathcal{F}], [\mathcal{G}]) \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \operatorname{dim} \operatorname{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$$

The genus of a non-singular curve is  $g = \dim \operatorname{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_X) = \dim \operatorname{Hom}(\mathcal{O}_X, \omega).$ 

Theorem. For a non-singular curve

$$\langle [\mathcal{F}], [\mathcal{G}] \rangle = (\operatorname{rank} \mathcal{F})(\deg \mathcal{G}) - (\deg \mathcal{F})(\operatorname{rank} \mathcal{G}) + (1 - g)(\operatorname{rank} F)(\operatorname{rank} G).$$

With  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_X$  and Serre duality, this gives the Riemann-Roch Theorem.

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### 10. Serre's Theorem

I don't know a good reference, but see the introduction to [1].

Let X be the projective variety given by a commutative graded k-algebra R satisfying  $R = R_0 \oplus R_1 \oplus R_2 \oplus \ldots$  with  $R_0 = k$  and R is generated by  $R_1$ .

**Serre's Theorem.** coh X is equivalent to grmod  $R/\operatorname{tors} R$ . In particular coh  $\mathbb{P}^1$  is equivalent to grmod  $k[x, y]/\operatorname{tors} k[x, y]$ .

Here grmod R is the category of f.g.  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded R-modules and tors R is the subcategory of f.d.  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded R-modules.

Now  $A = \operatorname{grmod} R$  is an abelian category and  $S = \operatorname{tors} R$  is a *Serre subcategory*, meaning that if  $0 \to L \to M \to N \to 0$  is exact, then  $M \in S \Leftrightarrow L, N \in S$ . By definition the *quotient category* A/S has the same objects as A, with

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{A/S}(M, N) = \lim \operatorname{Hom}_{A}(M', N/N'),$$

the direct limit taken over all subobjects M' of M and N' of N with  $M/M', N' \in S$ .

And rew has notes containing a proof for  $\mathbb{P}^1$ .

This comes from a functor grmod  $R \to \operatorname{coh} X$ . The functor sends a graded k[x, y]-module M to  $(M_0, M_1, \theta)$  where

-  $M_0$  is the degree 0 part of the graded module  $k[x, x^{-1}, y] \otimes_{k[x,y]} M$ . Naturally a k[s]-module, s = y/x.

-  $M_1$  is the degree 0 part of the graded module  $k[x, y, y^{-1}] \otimes_{k[x,y]} M$ . Naturally a  $k[s^{-1}]$ -module.

- the map  $\theta$  comes from identifying both  $k[s, s^{-1}] \otimes M_i$  with the degree 0 part of the graded module  $k[x, x^{-1}, y, y^{-1}] \otimes_{k[x,y]} M$ .

The grading shift  $M(i)_n = M_{i+n}$  on grmod R corresponds to the tensor product with  $\mathcal{O}(i)$ .

## 11. Beilinson's Theorem

Beilinson's result [3, 4] as interpreted by Geigle and Lenzing [6] and Baer [2].

A tilting sheaf for a non-singular projective variety X is a coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{T}$  with -  $\operatorname{Ext}^{i}(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}) = 0$  for i > 0.

-  $\mathcal{T}$  generates  $D^b(\operatorname{coh} X)$  as a triangulated category.

-  $\Lambda := \operatorname{End}(\mathcal{T})^{op}$  has finite global dimension.

**Theorem.**  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}(1)$  is a tilting sheaf for  $\mathbb{P}^1$  and  $\Lambda$  is the Kronecker algebra.

Proof. We have shown that  $\operatorname{Ext}^{1}(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}) = 0$  and the higher Exts are all zero. The exact sequence  $0 \to \mathcal{O}(i) \to \mathcal{O}(i+1)^{2} \to \mathcal{O}(i+2) \to 0$  shows that the subcategory generated by  $\mathcal{T}$  contains  $\mathcal{O}(2)$ , and then in the same way that it contains all  $\mathcal{O}(i)$ . Thus it contains  $\mathcal{S}_{f}$ , so it is all of  $D^{b}(\operatorname{coh} \mathbb{P}^{1})$ .

One gets a functor  $\operatorname{Hom}(\mathcal{T}, -) : \operatorname{coh} X \to \Lambda$ -mod. It has a left adjoint, denoted  $\mathcal{T} \otimes_{\Lambda} -$ .

**Theorem.** They give inverse equivalences

$$R \operatorname{Hom}(\mathcal{T}, -) : D^b(\operatorname{coh} X) \xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} D^b(\Lambda\operatorname{-mod}) : \mathcal{T} \otimes^L -$$

Since  $\operatorname{coh} \mathbb{P}^1$  and the Kronecker algebra are hereditary, any indecomposable object of the derived category is represented by a complex which lives in only one degree. Get familiar picture

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