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categorical linearization of topology

Geometry



linearization allows us to see 'quantum symmetries'

sheaves allow us to linearize and see the full structure of spaces w/ symmetry.

Exercise G reductive group / \mathbb{C}

$\text{QCoh}(BG) \simeq \text{Rep}(G)$ show you can recover G

from $\text{Rep}(G)$.

constructible sheaves

derived category $\text{Sh}(\text{pt}) = \text{Sh}(\text{pt}, \mathbb{C}) =$ differential graded bounded

objects - usual complexes

morphisms - full hom' complex localized at quasi-isomorphisms

x - algebraic variety, S stratification

o) strata are smooth

1) $\text{hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(x, S)$ acts transitively on each stratum

a non-example (Whitney's umbrellas)



2) Normal slice to any pt \circ in a stratum is cone $\textcircled{2}$
 over (X', S') of smaller dimension

Examples

1) Whitney stratifications

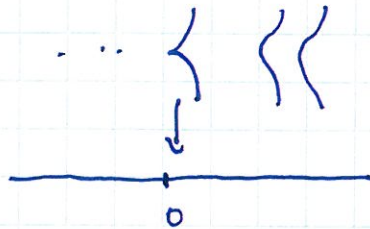
2) varieties w/ group actions, finitely many orbits

$Sh_S(X)$ dz bounded constructible derived category

Neubig and vanishing cycles

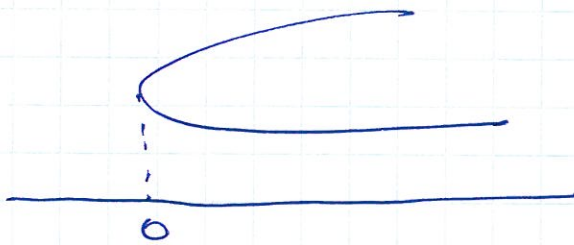
X - complex algebraic variety / \mathbb{C}

$$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$$



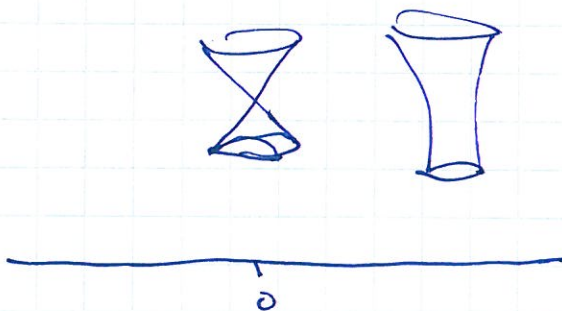
Example

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$$\mathbb{C} \downarrow f(x) = x^2$$

1)

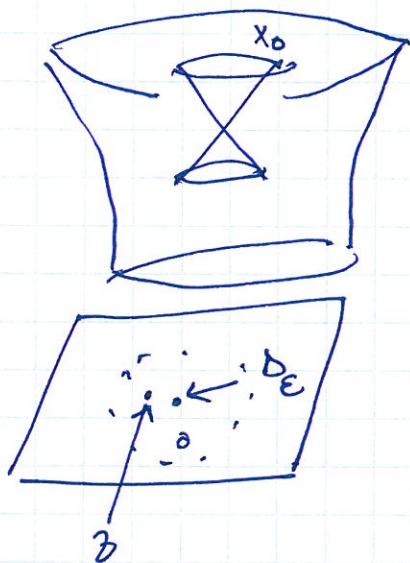


$$\mathbb{C}^2 \downarrow f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$$

collapse map
retraction

There exists an (appropriately unique)

$$\tau: X_{D_\epsilon} \rightarrow X_0$$



Definition ~~Given $F \in \text{Sh}(X \setminus X_0)$~~

suppose $F \in \text{Sh}(X)$ satisfies

$$f_* F \in \text{Sh}_S(\mathbb{C}), \quad S = \{0, \mathbb{C}^*\}$$

The nearby cycles of F is

$$\Psi F = \tau_* F|_{X_0}$$

as you move z around in a loop

we get the monodromy transformation $\pi_1(S^1) \rightarrow \Psi F$

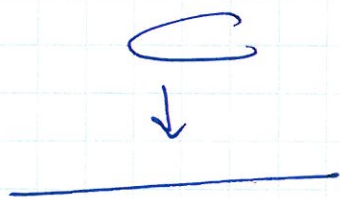
Definition Vanishing cycles of F

$$F|_{X_0} \rightarrow \Psi F \rightarrow \Psi F \rightsquigarrow$$

↑
Vanishing cycles is also equipped w/ a compatible monodromy transformation

Example

o) Take F to be the constant sheaf \mathbb{C}



$$F|_{X_0} \rightarrow \Psi F \rightarrow \Psi F \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\mathbb{C}_{\{0\}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_{\{0\}} \rightsquigarrow$$

$\downarrow \sigma$ $\downarrow -1$

1) $F = \text{constant sheaf again}$

$$F|_{X_0} \longrightarrow \Psi F \xrightarrow{\sim} \Psi F \rightsquigarrow$$



Perverse sheaves

$$P_S(X) \subseteq Sh_S(X)$$



← generic vector at pt.

$$x \in X, f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$f(x) = 0 \quad df|_x \text{ generic}$$

$$\Psi F|_x$$

$Perv_S(X)$ full subcategory s.t. $M_{x,\xi}(F)$ are concentrated in deg. 0

$$M_{x,\xi}(F) \text{ local Morse group, } \xi = df|_x$$

Exercise

describe sheaves on \mathbb{C} with $S = \{0, \mathbb{C}^*\}$

