
NOTES OF 2 MAI 2018 : HARISH-CHANDRA MODULES,
MONODROMIC \mathcal{D} -MODULES

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1. Goal

The goals of the talk today is to

- (i). explain the Harish-Chandra algebras and Harish-Chandra modules, weak and strict
- (ii). explain the monodromic construction of twisted differential algebras

We follow Beilinson–Bernstein.

2. Harish-Chandra modules

Let G be an algebraic group over \mathbf{C} and X be a variety equipped with a G -action $\mu: G \times X \rightarrow X$.

2.1. infinitesimal equivariance. — Denote $\mathcal{T}_X \subseteq \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbf{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ the tangent sheaf of X . Let $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie } G$. There is an infinitesimal action $\alpha: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_X$. We form the Lie algebroid $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_X = \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_{\mathbf{C}} \mathfrak{g}$ by setting

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma: \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_X &\rightarrow \mathcal{T}_X \\ f \otimes \gamma &\mapsto f\alpha(\gamma) \\ [-, -]: \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_X \times \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_X &\rightarrow \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_X \\ (f_1 \otimes \gamma_1, f_2 \otimes \gamma_2) &\mapsto f_1 f_2 \otimes [\gamma_1, \gamma_2] \\ &\quad + f_1 \alpha(\gamma_1)(f_2) \gamma_2 - f_2 \alpha(\gamma_2)(f_1) \gamma_1 \end{aligned}$$

Let $P \in \text{QCoh}^G(X)$ be a G -equivariant quasi-coherent \mathcal{O}_X -module. The Lie algebroid of infinitesimal symmetries of P is a sub-sheaf $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_P \subseteq \mathcal{T}_X \times \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbf{C}}(P)$ defined by

$$\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_P = \{(\xi, \varphi) \in \mathcal{T}_X \times \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbf{C}}(P) ; \varphi(fs) = \xi(f)s + f\varphi(s)\}.$$

together with the first projection $\sigma = \text{pr}_1: \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_P \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_X$. The G -equivariant structure on P induces a morphism of Lie algebroids $\alpha_P: \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_X \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_P$.

Let M be a quasi-coherent \mathcal{O}_X -module.

Définition 2.2. — A \mathfrak{g} -action on M is a morphism of Lie algebroids $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_X \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_M$, or equivalently, it is a morphism of Lie algebras $\alpha_M : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(M)$ such that

$$\alpha_P(\gamma)(fm) = f\alpha_P(\gamma)(m) + \alpha(\gamma)(f)m.$$

We denote $\text{QCoh}^{\mathfrak{g}}(X)$ the category of quasi-coherent \mathcal{O}_X -module equipped with a \mathfrak{g} -action.

2.3. G -equivariant differential bi-modules. — Let M be an \mathcal{O}_X -differential bi-module on X i.e. a quasi-coherent $\mathcal{O}_{X \times X}$ -module supported on the diagonal.

Let $G^\wedge \rightrightarrows G \times G$ be the formal completion of $G \times G$ along the diagonal G_Δ , which is a group formal scheme acting on $X \times X$.

Définition 2.4. — A G -action on M as differential bi-module is an action of G^\wedge on the M .

Since in characteristic 0, formal groups are determined by their Lie algebra, one can describe a G -action on M in terms of Lie algebras.

Proposition 2.5. — A G -action on M is equivalent to a pair (μ_M, α_M) , where μ_M is a G -equivariant structure on M , with G acting on $X \times X$ diagonally, and α_M is a $(\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g})$ -action on M , such that the differential of μ_M is agrees with α_M restricted to the diagonal $\mathfrak{g} \subseteq \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}$.

In summary, the category of G -equivariant differential bimodules on X is the 2-fibred product

$$\text{QCoh}_{X_\Delta}^{G_\Delta}(X \times X) \times_{\text{QCoh}_{X_\Delta}^{\mathfrak{g}_\Delta}(X \times X)} \text{QCoh}_{X_\Delta}^{\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}}(X \times X)$$

which is equivalent to $\text{QCoh}_{X_\Delta}^{G^\wedge}(X \times X)$.

2.6. Harish-Chandra algebras. — Let \mathcal{A} be a differential algebra, i.e. differential bi-module $\mathcal{A} \in \text{QCoh}_{X_\Delta}(X \times X)$ with a multiplicative structure together with a morphism of algebras $\mathcal{O}_{X_\Delta} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ which is compatible with $\mathcal{O}_{X \times X}$ -module structure.

Définition 2.7. — A G -action on \mathcal{A} is a G -action $(\mu_{\mathcal{A}}, \alpha_{\mathcal{A}})$ as \mathcal{O}_X -differential bimodule such that

- (i). $(\mathcal{A}, \mu_{\mathcal{A}}) \in \text{Alg}^G(X \times X)$ and
- (ii). $\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(\gamma, 0)(a_1 a_2) = \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(\gamma, 0)(a_1) a_2$ and $\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(0, \gamma)(a_1 a_2) = a_1 \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(\gamma, 0)(a_2)$.

A differential algebra with a G action is called a **Harish-Chandra algebra** or a (\mathcal{O}_X, G) -differential algebra.

Remarque 2.8. — One can similarly define Harish-Chandra Lie algebroid in such a way that there is an adjunction

$$\{\text{HC-Lie algebroid}\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{U}} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Lie}} \end{array} \{\text{HC-algebra}\}$$

which enhances the adjunction Lie-algebroids–differential-algebras.

2.9. Harish-Chandra modules. — Let $(\mathcal{A}, \mu_{\mathcal{A}}, \alpha_{\mathcal{A}})$ be a Harish-Chandra algebra.

Définition 2.10. — (i). The category of **weak (\mathcal{A}, G) -modules** is $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}, G)_{\text{weak}} = \text{QCoh}^G(\mathcal{A})$.

(ii). An **(\mathcal{A}, G) -module** is a weak (\mathcal{A}, G) -module M such that for all $\gamma \in \mathfrak{g}$, the action of $\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}(\gamma, 0)(1) \in \mathcal{A}$ agrees with the infinitesimal equivariance $\alpha_M(\gamma)$ induced by the G -equivariance of M . The category of (\mathcal{A}, G) -modules is denoted $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}, G)$

Exemple 2.11. — When $X = \text{pt}$ and $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{C}_X$, the weak and strict (\mathcal{A}, G) -modules are $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}, G)_{\text{weak}} = \text{Rep}(G)$ and $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}, G) \cong \text{Rep}(\pi_0(G))$.

The tensor product $\mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathbf{C}} \mathbf{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ is a Harish-Chandra algebra in a natural way.

Lemme 2.12. — Weak (\mathcal{A}, G) -modules are the same as $(\mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathbf{C}} \mathbf{U}(\mathfrak{g}), G)$ -modules.

Lemme 2.13. — (i). Harish-Chandra algebras on X are the same as differential algebras on $[G \backslash X]$.

(ii). Let \mathcal{A} be a Harish-Chandra algebra. An (\mathcal{A}, G) -module is the same as a module over the algebra on the stack $[G \backslash X]$.

In the case where $\pi : X \rightarrow Z$ is a G -torsor and \mathcal{A} is a Harish-Chandra algebra on X , we define $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_Z = (\pi_* \mathcal{A})^G$. The corresponding differential algebra on the quotient $[G \backslash X] = Z$ is $\mathcal{A}_Z = \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_Z / \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_Z \cdot \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_Z$ where $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_Z = (\pi_* \mathcal{O}_X \otimes \mathfrak{g})^G$ is the “vertical part”.

Given any differential algebra \mathcal{A}_Z on Z , defining $\mathcal{A} = \pi^* \mathcal{A}_Z$, the equivalence on weak modules is given by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}, G)_{\text{weak}} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \text{Mod}(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_Z) \\ M & \longmapsto & (\pi_* M)^G \\ \pi^{-1}(\pi_* \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_Z} N) & \longleftarrow & N \end{array}$$

which induces an equivalence of subcategories

$$\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}, G) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}_Z)$$

3. Monodromic twisted \mathcal{D} -modules

3.1. comparison with untwisted \mathcal{D} -modules. — Let H be a torus X be a smooth variety and $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be an H -torsor. We have $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_X = (\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}})^H$. From the previous discussion, there are equivalences $\text{Mod}(\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_X) \cong \text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}, H)_{\text{weak}}$ and $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_X) \cong \text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}, H)$.

Let $\mathfrak{h}_Z = \text{Hom}(H, \mathbf{C}^\times) \subseteq \mathfrak{h}^*$. For $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$, we denote $\bar{\lambda} = \lambda + \mathfrak{h}_Z^* \subseteq \mathfrak{h}$.

The equivalence

$$\text{Mod}\left(\left(\pi_* \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}\right)^H\right) \cong \text{Mod}\left(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}, H\right)_{\text{weak}}$$

sends $\text{Mod}_{\text{fin}}\left(\left(\pi_* \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}\right)^H\right)$ to a subcategory $\text{Mod}_{\text{fin}}\left(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}, H\right)_{\text{weak}}$.

There is a forgetful functor $o : \text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}, H)_{\text{weak}} \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}})$ which sends $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^\lambda)$ to $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}})_{\tilde{\lambda}}$.

Lemme 3.2. — *The functor*

$$o : \text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^\lambda) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}})_{\tilde{\lambda}}$$

is an equivalence.

Remarque 3.3. — We have thus a characterisation of $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^\lambda)$ as a full subcategory of the category of \mathcal{D} -modules on \tilde{X} , which allows to transmit the standard results of \mathcal{D} -modules to the category $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^\lambda)$.

There is also a version for $\tilde{\lambda}$.

3.4. equivariant monodromic \mathcal{D} -modules. — Let G be another algebraic group with $\pi_0(G)$ acting on H . Let \tilde{X} be a $G \ltimes H$ -variety such that $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ is an H -torsor. Let $\text{Mod}(\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_X, G)$ be the category of weak $(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}, G \ltimes H)$ -modules which are strong along G .

Lemme 3.5. — *For $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$, let $G_\lambda = \text{Stab}_G(\lambda)$ and let λ' be its G -orbit. There is an equivalence*

$$\text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}, G)_{\tilde{\lambda}} \cong \text{Mod}(\mathcal{D}_X, G_\lambda)_{\tilde{\lambda}}$$