

Introductory talk: Legendrian knots and constructible sheaves

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Goal: some background for the main talk.

- microsupport of (constructible) sheaves
- constructible sheaves from Legendrian knots
- microlocal monodromy
- (— integral Riemann-Hilbert over curves)

Main ref: Sheende-Treumann-Zaslav, Legendrian knots and
2016. constructible sheaves

1- Microsupport

- $M =$ smooth manifold of dim n
- $k =$ base field (more generally, comm. ring)
- $\mathcal{F} =$ constructible sheaf on M .

I.e.: \mathcal{F} is a cochain complex of sheaves of k -modules s.t.

— the cohomology sheaf $\mathcal{H}^i(\mathcal{F})$ is bdd ($\mathcal{H}^i(\mathcal{F}) = 0$, for $|i| \gg 0$)

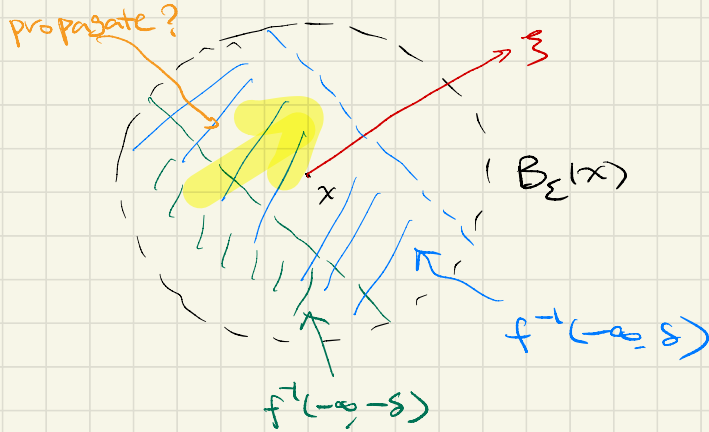
— \exists (nice) stratification $\mathcal{S} = \{S_\alpha\}$ of M s.t.

$\mathcal{H}^i(\mathcal{F})|_{S_\alpha}$ is locally constant (with perfect stalks), $\forall \alpha$

($\forall S_\alpha \Rightarrow \overline{S_\alpha} = \bigcup_{\text{some } \beta} \beta$)

then we say $\xi \in T_x^*M$ is characteristic/singular w.r.t. \mathcal{F}

picture:



Informal def:

the microsupport/singular support of \mathcal{F} is

$$SS(\mathcal{F}) = \underbrace{\{ \text{characteristic covectors} \} \cup \text{supp}(\mathcal{F})}_{\cap T^*M \text{ of } \mathcal{F}}$$

Fact: \mathcal{F} constructible sheaf on M

$\Rightarrow SS(\mathcal{F}) \subset T^*M$ is a conic closed Lagrangian subset. (possibly singular)

conic: $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \curvearrowright T^*M = t \cdot (x, \xi) \mapsto (x, t\xi)$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0} \cdot SS(\mathcal{F}) = SS(\mathcal{F})$

$\Rightarrow SS(\mathcal{F}) \cap S^*M$ is a closed Legendrian subset (possibly singular)

microsupport at infinity.

$(n-1)$ -dim



Here: $S^*M = (\mathbb{F}^*M - 0_M) / \mathbb{R}_{>0} \cong S^*M$
 ↑ section ↑ unit cotangent bundle

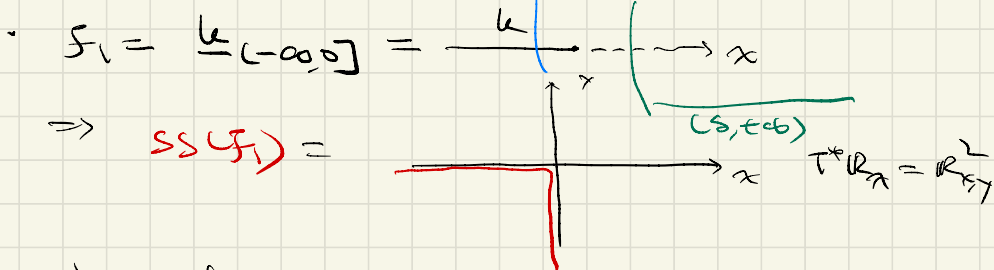
$\Lambda \hookrightarrow S^*M$ is Legendrian if

pick a Riemann metric on M .

$\int_{\Lambda} \lambda_{SM} = 0$, where $\lambda_{SM} = \sum p_i dp_i$ is the Liouville 1-form restricted to S^*M (→ contact 1-form).

Ex-1: $f = \frac{k}{m} \Rightarrow SS(f) = 0_M \hookrightarrow T^*M$ ↳ Lagrangian.
 $SS(f) \cap S^*M = \emptyset$.

Ex-2: $M = \mathbb{R}$.



For instance: $f = -x \Rightarrow df(x) = -dx$

$PT(f^{-1}(-\delta, \delta); f_1) \longrightarrow PT(f^{-1}(\delta, +\infty); f_1)$
 $\parallel \quad \parallel$
 $\parallel (-\delta, +\infty) \quad \parallel (\delta, +\infty)$
 $k \quad \quad \quad 0$
 not a preservation

$\Rightarrow (0, -dx) \in SS(f)$.

$$\bullet f_Z = \frac{k}{(-\infty, 0)} = \frac{k(-\infty, \delta)}{(-\infty, -\delta)}$$



For instance: $f = x$

$$\rightsquigarrow RT(f^{-1}(-\infty, \delta); f_Z) \longrightarrow RT(f^{-1}(-\infty, -\delta); f_Z)$$

$$\parallel \quad \parallel$$

$$0 \quad \quad \quad 0 \quad \quad \quad k$$

not a quasi-isom

$$\Rightarrow (0, dx) \in SS(f_Z)$$

Eg-3. (draw the microsupport)

1. $i: Z = \text{closed} \hookrightarrow M = \mathbb{R}^2$

$\Rightarrow SS(\frac{k_Z}{Z}) = \text{red oval with radial lines} \hookrightarrow T^*\mathbb{R}^2 \simeq T\mathbb{R}^2$

lives in the conormal bundle of ∂Z

2. $j: U = \text{open} \hookrightarrow M = \mathbb{R}^2$

$\Rightarrow SS(\frac{k_U}{U}) = \text{red oval with radial lines} \hookrightarrow T^*\mathbb{R}^2 \simeq T\mathbb{R}^2$

(*) suggests the following definition:

given a (smooth) Legendrian submanifold

$$\Lambda \hookrightarrow S^*M.$$

\leadsto

Def. $sh_\Lambda(M; k) :=$ the dg category

of constructible sheaves \mathcal{F} on M

s.t. $SS(\mathcal{F}) \cap S^*M \subset \Lambda$, "localized"
at quasi-isomorphisms.

thm (Guillemin-Kashiwara-Schapira 2012):

$sh_\Lambda(M; k)$ is a categorical Legendrian isotopy invariant
of Λ .

Interesting case: $M = \Sigma$ is a surface.

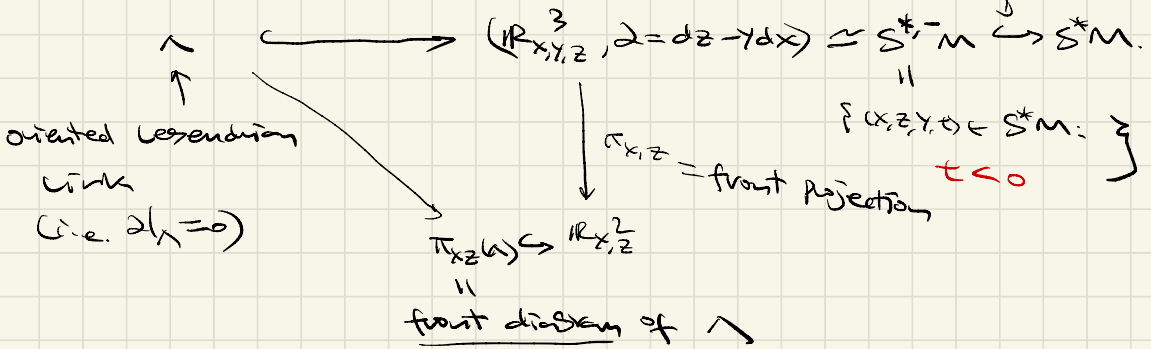
$\Lambda \hookrightarrow S^*\Sigma$ is a Legendrian link

\leadsto get computable Legendrian invariants

2- cosymplectic sheaves from Legendrian knots

Focus on the special case: $M = \mathbb{R}_{x,z}^2$

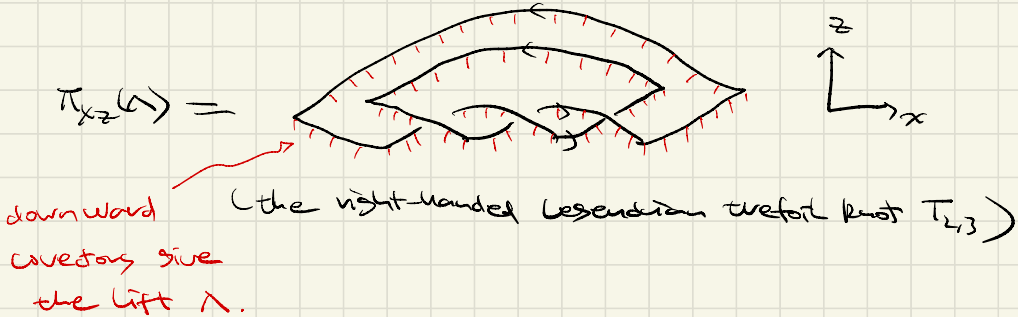
open contact embeddings



Note: $dz - ydx = 0$ on $\Lambda \Rightarrow y = \frac{dz}{dx}$

$\Rightarrow \Lambda$ can be recovered from $\pi_{x,z}(\Lambda)$.

E.g. of a front diagram:

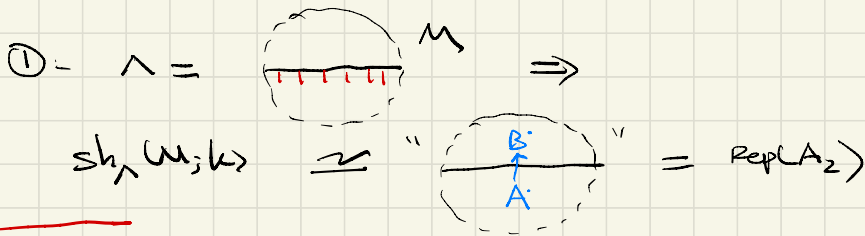


Q: Given a Legendrian link $\Lambda \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}_{x,y,z}^3 \cong S^*\mathbb{R}_{x,z}^2$;
 what does $f \in \text{Sh}_\mu(\mathbb{R}_{x,z}^2; k)$ look like?

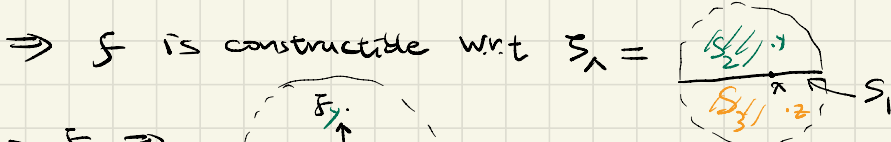
A: reduce to local problems $\rightsquigarrow \exists$ a combinatorial description

via quiver representations.

Local models (STZ): $M = D_{x,z}^2 = \text{circle}$, then:

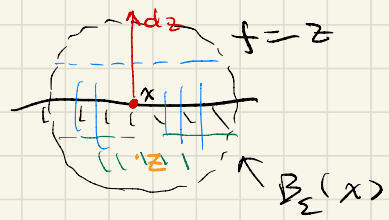


Idea: $f \in sh_x(M; k) \rightarrow \text{SSCF} \cap \text{SM} \subset \Lambda$



Moreover, $N \subset S^*M \Rightarrow$ upward covectors $\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$ are smooth wrt f

$\Rightarrow f_x \downarrow f_z$ is quasi-isom.

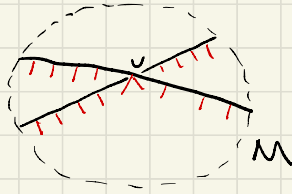


\rightarrow "can assume" $f_x \downarrow f_z$



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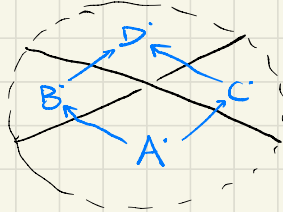
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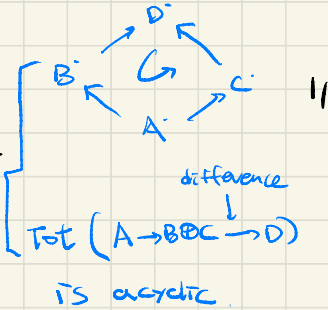
\Rightarrow

$sh_\lambda(M; k) \cong$

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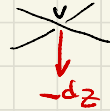
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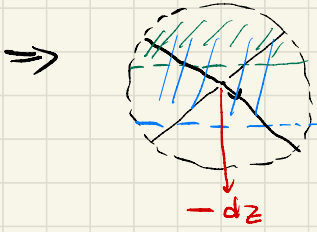
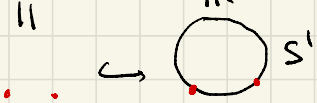
Idea for the acyclic condition:

$\Lambda_U \hookrightarrow S_U^* M$

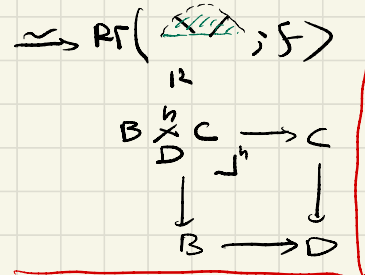
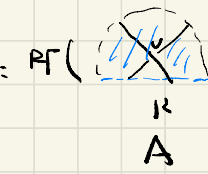
\Rightarrow the downward covector



is smooth w.r.t. $F \in sh_\lambda(M; k)$



F preimages:



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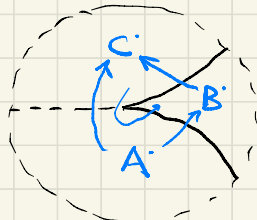
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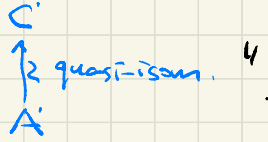
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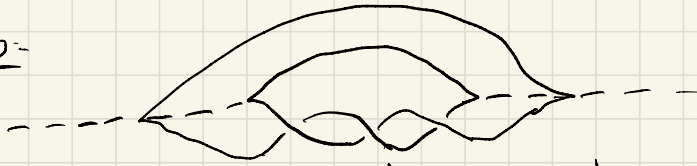
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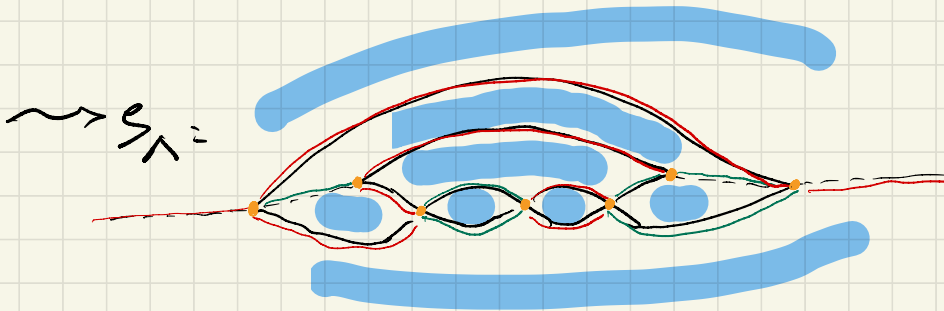
Global case: $\wedge \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}_{x,y,z}^3 \cong S^*M \hookrightarrow S^*M, M = \mathbb{R}_{x,z}^2$

$\text{Typ}_2(\wedge)$ induces a stratification \mathcal{S} of $M = \mathbb{R}_{x,z}^2$:

e.g.:



* Add a few horizontal dashed lines connecting the cusps, if necessary.



- 0-diml strata of $\mathcal{S} = \bullet$'s
= singularities (cusps, crossings)
- 1-diml strata of $\mathcal{S} = \text{---}$ or --- (arcs)
- 2-diml strata of $\mathcal{S} = \text{---}$'s. (regions)

* ensures that \mathcal{S} is a regular cell complex:

- 1) each stratum of \mathcal{S} is contractible
- 2) the star of each stratum is contractible.

$$\left(\underset{\uparrow}{\mathcal{S}_\alpha} \in \mathcal{S}, \text{star}(\mathcal{S}_\alpha) = \bigcup_{\substack{\beta \\ \mathcal{S}_\alpha \cap \mathcal{S}_\beta \neq \emptyset}} \mathcal{S}_\beta \right)$$

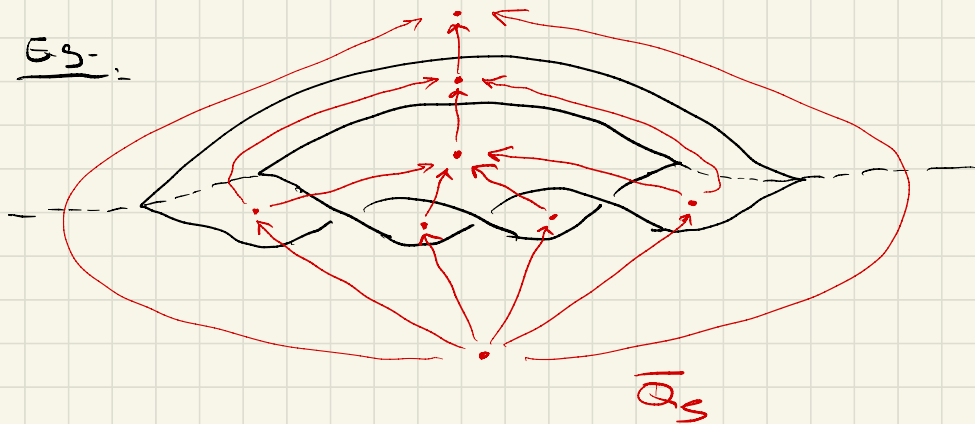
→ quiver with relations $\overline{Q}_S :=$

• vertices = regions in S

• Arrows - $\begin{matrix} N \\ \curvearrowright \\ S \end{matrix} \Rightarrow e_S \uparrow \begin{matrix} N \\ S \end{matrix}$ (upward arrow)
 1-dim stratum

• relations: all "squares" commute.

E_S :



Prop (STZ): There exists a natural dg equivalence:

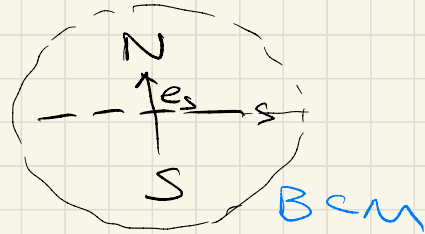
$$\overline{\Gamma}_S = \text{Sh}_\Lambda(M, k) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Rep}_\Lambda(\overline{Q}_S) \hookrightarrow \text{Rep}(\overline{Q}_S)$$

where:

• $\text{Rep}(\overline{Q}_S)$ is the dg category of representations of \overline{Q}_S
 (with values in perfect complexes of k -modules) "localized"
 at quasi-isomorphisms.

• $\text{Rep}_\Lambda(\overline{Q}_S)$ is the full dg subcategory of $\text{Rep}(\overline{Q}_S)$
 consisting of $F \in \text{Rep}(\overline{Q}_S)$ s.t.

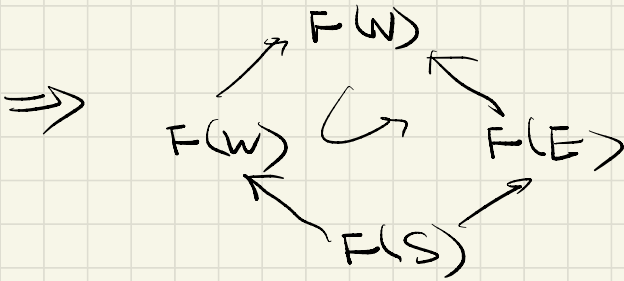
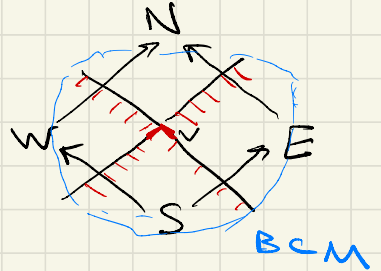
① Near a dashed arc



$$\Rightarrow F(es) = F(s) \cong F(W).$$

$$(S \cup \{s\}) \cap S^*B = \emptyset$$

② Near a crossing v :



difference

$\& \text{Tot} (F(S) \rightarrow F(W) \oplus F(E) \rightarrow F(N))$ is acyclic

proof = use local models.

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3. microlocal monodromy (= microlocal stalk up to a deg shift)

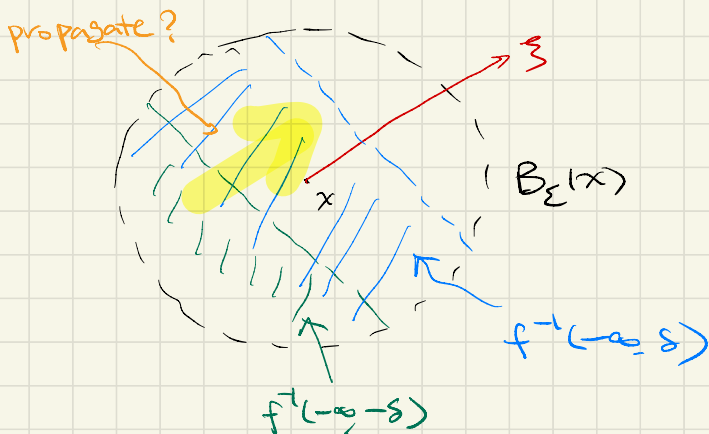
Slogan: "microlocal stalk refines the micro-support by measuring how much the local sections fail to propagate along a given singular covector".

- $M =$ smooth mfd of dim n .
- $\Lambda \hookrightarrow S^*M$ smooth Lagrangian.
- $f \in \text{sh}_n(M; k)$.

defn/prop = $\forall (x, \xi) \in \Lambda$. Take any smooth function $f: B_\varepsilon(x) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $f(x) = 0, df(x) = \xi$, then the microlocal stalk:

$$\mathcal{H}|_{(x, \xi)} := \text{cone}(RT(f^{-1}(-\infty, \delta); f) \longrightarrow RT(f^{-1}(-\infty, -\delta); f)), \text{ as } \delta \ll \varepsilon$$

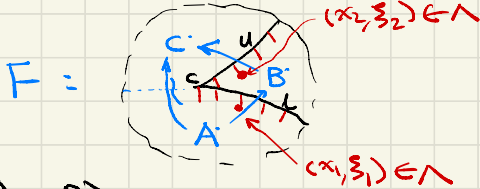
is independent of the choices of ε, f, δ .



observe:



$$\leadsto \mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}_\Lambda(M; k) \Leftrightarrow$$



$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}|_{(x_1, z_1)} = \text{cone}(A \rightarrow B)$$

\uparrow (\Leftarrow the octahedral axiom)

$$\mathcal{F}|_{(x_2, z_2)}[-1] = \text{cone}(B \rightarrow C)[-1].$$

\leadsto Defn: $\Lambda \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}_{x,y,z}^3 \cong S^1 \times M$ Legendrian link, $M = \mathbb{R}_{x,z}^2$.

\leadsto front diagram $\pi_{x,z}(W) \hookrightarrow M = \mathbb{R}_{x,z}^2$

A \mathbb{Z} -valued Maslov potential is:

$$\mu = \left\{ \underbrace{\text{connected components of } \pi_{x,z}(W) \text{ - fcusps}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{strands}}} \right\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}.$$

s.t. $\begin{matrix} u \\ \swarrow \\ c \\ \searrow \\ L \end{matrix}$ (or $\begin{matrix} u \\ \swarrow \\ c \\ \searrow \\ L \end{matrix}$) $\Rightarrow \mu(u) = \mu(L) + 1.$

Assume such a μ exists ($\Leftrightarrow r(W) = 0$)

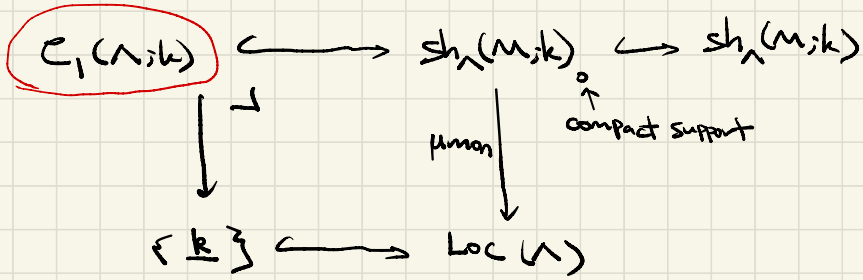
$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}|_{(x_1, z_1)}[-\mu(c)] \cong \mathcal{F}|_{(x_2, z_2)}[-\mu(u)]$$

\leadsto Defn/Prop: \exists a natural dg functor (microlocal monodromy):

$$\mu_{\text{mon}}: \text{Sh}_\Lambda(M; k) \longrightarrow \text{Loc}(\Lambda) = \text{Rep}(\pi_1(W))$$

$$\mathcal{F} \longmapsto \left(\underset{\text{gen} \leftarrow}{(x, z)} \longmapsto \mathcal{F}|_{(x, z)}[-\mu(x)] \right)$$

Defn: The dg category of microlocal rank 1 constructible sheaves in $\mathrm{sh}_\Lambda(\mathcal{M}; k)$ is:

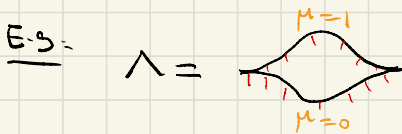


Fact: $\mathcal{C}_1(\Lambda; k)$ is a categorical Legendrian isotopy inv of (Λ, μ) .

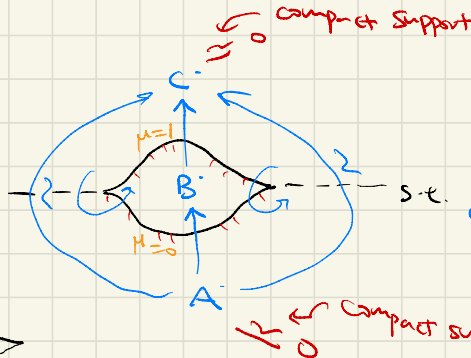
Defn: the STZ moduli stack $\mathcal{M}_1(\Lambda)$ is the (underived) moduli stack of objects in $\mathcal{C}_1(\Lambda; k)$

\rightsquigarrow associated moduli space (suitably defined) $M_1(\Lambda)$.

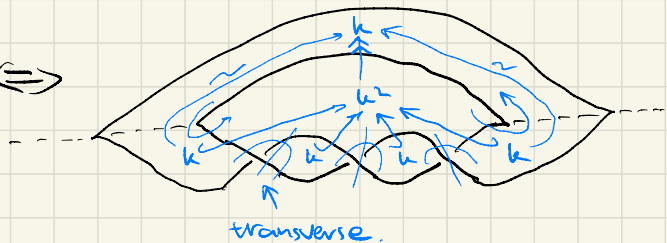
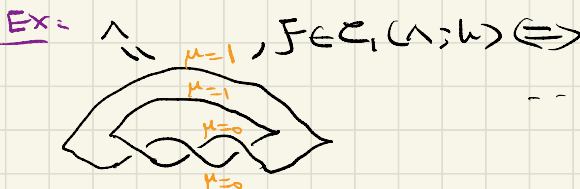
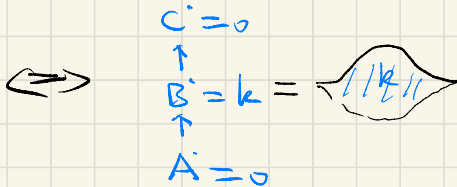
(\rightsquigarrow the Betti moduli space in the second talk)



$\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{C}_1(\Lambda; k) \Leftrightarrow$



$\mathrm{cone}(A \rightarrow B) \simeq k$
 $\mathrm{cone}(B \rightarrow C) \simeq k$

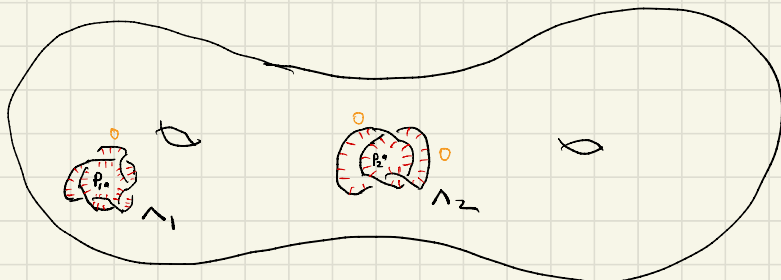


4. Irregular Riemann-Hilbert correspondence over curves

$M =$ Riemann surface Σ with punctures P_1, \dots, P_k .

$\Lambda = \cup \Lambda_i$; Legendrian links with Λ_i near P_i in S^*M .

eg-



$\Lambda = \Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_2$, $M = \Sigma_2$ with 2 punctures P_1, P_2 .

→ the same construction above gives

$$\mu_{\text{mon}} = \mathcal{C}_B(\Sigma, \{P_i\}, \{\Lambda_i\}) := \text{Sh}_{\cup \Lambda_i}(\Sigma \setminus \{P_i\}; \mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow \text{Loc}(\Lambda) = \pi \text{Loc}(\cup \Lambda_i)$$

$$\mathcal{C}_B(\Sigma, \{P_i\}, \{\Lambda_i\}) \xrightarrow{\text{Th}} \text{Loc}(U) = \pi \text{Loc}(U)$$

↑
local systems in deg 0

A microlocal formulation of irregular RH over curves:

irregular connections

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{dr}}(\Sigma, \{P_i\}, \{\Gamma_i\}) \xrightarrow{\text{St}} \mathcal{C}_B(\Sigma, \{P_i\}, \{\Lambda_i\})$$

local solution sheaf with Stokes filtration

Stokes Legendrian defined by Γ_i

formal completion at P_i

$$\pi_i \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{formal connections} \\ \text{over } \mathbb{C}(U_i) \text{ with} \\ \text{prescribed formal type } \Gamma_i \end{array} \right)$$

de Rham side

Betti side

$$\pi \overline{\text{St}}_i \longrightarrow \pi_i \text{Loc}(U_i)$$

→ **Slogan**: "Betti moduli space / wild character variety"

= moduli space of constructible sheaves with controlled micro-support.

Illustration by example

$$\Sigma = \mathbb{C}P^1, k=1, P_i = \infty.$$

formal type of irregular singularity

$$\tau_1 = \left\{ g_1(x) = -\frac{2}{5}x^{-\frac{5}{2}}, g_2(x) = \frac{2}{5}x^{-\frac{5}{2}} \right\} \subset \frac{1}{x^N} \mathbb{C}[x^{-\frac{1}{N}}], N=2.$$

$$\text{E.g. } (V = \mathbb{C}^2_{\mathbb{C}P^1}, \nabla) \in \mathcal{C}_{\text{dr}}(\mathbb{C}P^1, \{\infty\}, \{\tau_1\}) \text{ with}$$

$$\nabla = d - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ z^3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} dz$$

where z = the standard coordinate on $\mathbb{C}P^1$ centered at 0

& $x = z^{-1}$ is the standard coord. centered at $P_i = \infty$.

Reason: local horizontal sections near $P_i = \infty$ are solutions to

$$\nabla \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{df}{dz} = g \\ \frac{dg}{dz} = z^3 f \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{d^2}{dz^2} - z^3 \right) f = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow Lf = 0, \quad L = \delta^2 + \delta - \frac{x^{-5}}{\uparrow \text{irregular}}, \quad \delta = x \frac{d}{dx} = -z \frac{d}{dz}$$

\Rightarrow linearly indep formal solutions

$$f_{1,2} = \exp\left(\mp \frac{2}{5}x^{-\frac{5}{2}}\right) x^{\frac{3}{4}} \sum_{m \geq 0} a_m^{\pm} x^{\frac{m}{2}}, \text{ for some } a_m^{\pm} \in \mathbb{C}.$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ \{g_1, g_2\} \\ \uparrow \\ \tau_1 \end{array} \right\}$ at most polynomial growth rate as $x \rightarrow 0$.

the growth rate is controlled by

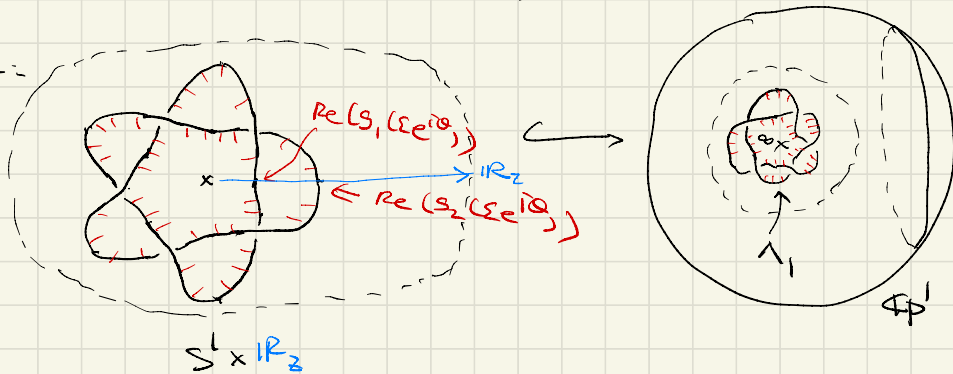
$$\operatorname{Re}(g_1), \operatorname{Re}(g_2).$$

• Stokes Legendrian knot $\Lambda_1 =$

Fix $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, the graphs of the multivalued functions

$$S^1 \ni \theta \longmapsto \text{Re}(g_i(\varepsilon e^{i\theta})) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

give:



$st(V, \mathcal{D}) = ?$

Away from the disk =

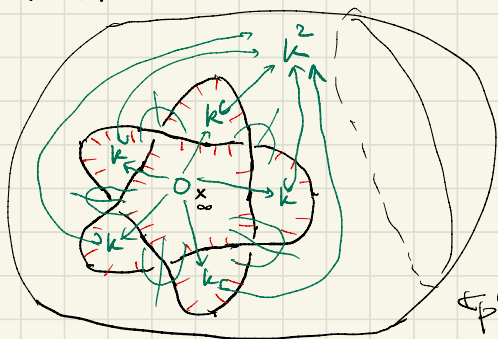
$$st(V, \mathcal{D}) = \text{sol}(V, \mathcal{D})$$

↑
solution sheaf of
local horizontal sections.

Inside the disk =

$$st(V, \mathcal{D})_{0, z} = \bigoplus_{\text{Re}(g_i(\varepsilon e^{i\theta})) < z} \mathbb{C} \cdot f_i$$

$\rightsquigarrow st(V, \mathcal{D}) \Leftrightarrow$



$$\rightsquigarrow st(V, \mathcal{D}) \in \mathcal{E}_1(\mathbb{C}P^1, \{\infty\}, \Lambda_1) \longleftrightarrow sh_{\Lambda_1}(\mathbb{C}P^1, \{\infty\}; \mathbb{C})_0$$

↑
microlocal rank 1.

observe: $st(V, \mathcal{D}) \Leftrightarrow$ some $f \in \mathcal{E}_1(\Lambda_1; \mathbb{C})$ in $EX!$