

May 26: David Nadler: Langlands duality for character sheaves

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Motivation Place representation theory of Lie groups in the context of 3d TFT.  
(relation to 4d TFT and geometric Langlands)

Application duality for character sheaves

### Outline

- I. Review of character sheaves
- II. TFT interpretation for character sheaves
- III. Relation to geometric Langlands

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Grand rules everything derived

I. Fix  $G$  reductive group/ $\mathbb{C}$  ( $GL_n, SL_n, T, \dots, GL_2$ )

quotient by  $\rightarrow \frac{G}{G}$  adjoint quotient stack  
adjoint action

D-modules on  $\frac{G}{G}$

D-modules  $X$  smooth scheme/ $\mathbb{C}$

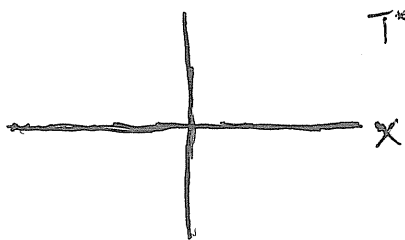
Def A D-module on  $X$  is a quasicoherent sheaf on  $X$  with a compatible action of  $D_X =$  differential operators.

(1)  $M$  is a qcsh sheaf with "infinitesimal parallel transport"

Examples • vector bundles with flat connections

(2)  $M$  is a noncommutative module on  $T^*X$ .

0-section:  
functions



$\delta$ -function

rough picture:  
coisotropic submanifold

(3)  $M$  is an  $A$ -brane in  $T^*X$ .

Def  $M$  is holonomic if its singular support is Lagrangian. (+ finitely generated)

Theorem  $X \begin{matrix} \swarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \searrow \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} Y \\ Z \end{matrix}$  Schemes  $D(X) \otimes_{D(Z)} D(Y) \cong D(X \times_Z Y) \cong \text{Fun}_{D(Z)}(D(X), D(Y))$

Exercise  $G$  reductive group/ $\mathbb{C}$ . Calculate  $D(BG)$ .  
 Answer:  $D(BG) \cong C_{-*}(G)\text{-mod}$

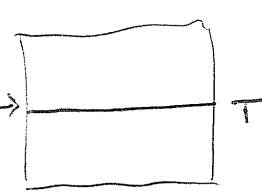
Back to  $\frac{G}{G}$ .  $Ch_G \subseteq_{\text{full}} D(\frac{G}{G})$   
 $T^*G \cong G \times \mathfrak{g}^* \xrightarrow{\text{Killing}} G \times \mathfrak{g} \supset G \times \mathcal{N}$  ↖ nilpotent cone

Def  $Ch_G = \{M \in D(\frac{G}{G}) \mid \text{singular support of } M \subset \mathcal{N}\}$

Examples (1)  $G=T$   $T \curvearrowright T$  is trivial

$\rightsquigarrow \frac{T}{T} = T \times BT$

all elements semisimple

singular support in  $D$ -section  $\rightarrow$    $T$

$Ch_T = \{\text{local system on } T\} \otimes \{C_{-*}(T)\text{-module}\}$

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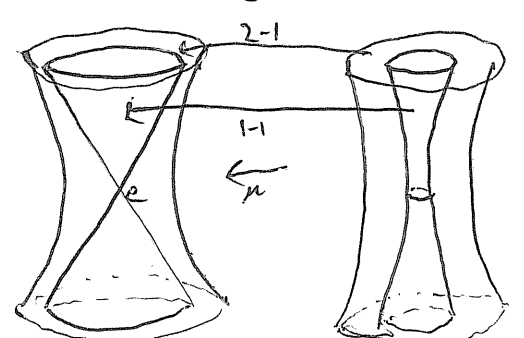
We will only consider these  $\rightarrow$  unipotent char. sheaves  $Ch_T^u = C^*(T) \otimes C_{-*}(T)\text{-mod}$

(2) Construct our favorite character sheaf in  $Ch_G$ .

Springer sheaf  $\frac{\tilde{B}}{G} \xrightarrow{\mu} \frac{G}{G}$   $\tilde{G}$  Grothendieck-Springer resolution

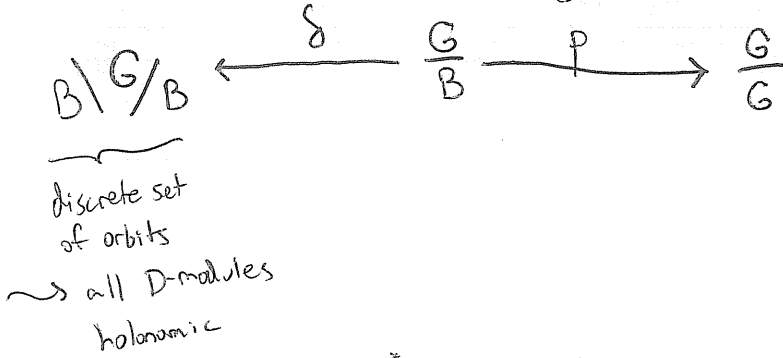
$\parallel$   
 $\{g \in B\} \subset G \times B$

$SL_2$ :



Springer sheaf  $\cong \mu_* \mathcal{O}_{\frac{G}{G}} \in \text{Ch}_G$

Lusztig's construction All character sheaves arise by the correspondence given below.

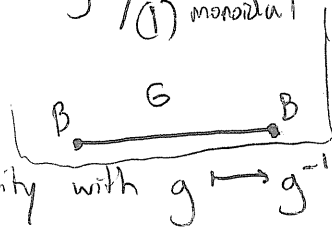


$$D(B \backslash G / B) \xrightarrow{p_* \delta^*} D\left(\frac{G}{G}\right)$$

Goal Understand  $\text{Ch}_G$  in terms of the Hecke category  $\mathcal{H}_G = D(B \backslash G / B)$ .  
 (1) monoidal

(2) Everything is holonomic.

(3) Kazhdan-Lusztig duality: composition of Verdier duality with  $g \mapsto g^{-1}$ .



Role of this category  $\mathcal{H}_G$  in rep. theory: natural "braid category" of symmetries/intertwiners acting on  $\mathcal{O}$ -mod.

Theorem There is a (partial: 0,1,2) 3d TFT, (or equivalently, categorified 2d TFT)  $\chi_G$  called the character theory s.t.

$$\chi_G(S^2) = H_T^*(pt)$$

$$\chi_G(S^1) = \text{Ch}_G$$

$$\chi_G(pt) = 2\text{-cat of } \mathcal{H}_G\text{-modules}$$

Examples GUY,  $D(B \backslash G)$

Implication for  $\text{Ch}_G$

rich structure of TFT  $\rightarrow$

$$\text{Ch}_G = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{Z} \\ HH^* \\ HH_* \end{array} \right\} (\mathcal{H}_G)$$

Langlands duality  $G \longleftrightarrow G^\vee$

$\chi_G$ : character theory for  $G$  associated to  $\mathcal{H}_G = D(B^G/B)$   
 $\cong$  (Beilinson-Ginzburg-Soergel)

$\chi_{G^\vee}^{\text{mon}}$ : character theory for assoc. to  $\mathcal{H}_{G^\vee}^{\text{mon}} = D(\mathcal{O}_{G^\vee}^{\text{reg}}/\mathcal{O}_{G^\vee}^{\text{reg}})$   $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -graded  
 $B^G/U^G \quad \mathcal{O}_{G^\vee}^{\text{reg}}$

Cor  $\text{Ch}_{G, \text{per}} \cong \text{Ch}_{G^\vee, \text{per}}$  (per = periodic)

Example  $G=T, G^\vee=T^*$

$$C^*(T) \otimes C_{-\ast}(T)\text{-mod} \cong_{\mathbb{Z}/2} C^*(T^*) \otimes C_{-\ast}(T^*)\text{-mod}$$