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1 Integral transforms, sheaves, \mathcal{D} -modules

Any problem of integral geometry has aspects of geometric nature (e.g. the support of the transform of a datum) and analytic nature (e.g. the differential equations describing the transform of some class of data). The idea of the approach by sheaves and \mathcal{D} -modules (see [8], [4], [9]) is to separate these problems in the calculations of the transform of a constructible sheaf (geometry) and of a coherent \mathcal{D} -module (analysis).

Complex integral transforms and real submanifolds. Since we use the theory of \mathcal{D} -modules, our framework will be complex, and the real transforms will be read by means of \mathbf{R} -constructible sheaves associated to real submanifolds (usually, locally constant sheaves of rank one). Let us explain this point a little more. Let X be a complex analytic manifold with structure sheaf \mathcal{O}_X and $X^{\mathbf{R}}$ the underlying real analytic manifold: then, the functors $\cdot \otimes \mathcal{O}_X$, $\cdot \overset{\otimes}{\otimes} \mathcal{O}_X$, $\mathcal{T}hom(\cdot, \mathcal{O}_X)$ and $\mathcal{R}\mathcal{H}om(\cdot, \mathcal{O}_X)$ (see [8], [9]) associate a \mathcal{D}_X -module to any \mathbf{R} -constructible sheaf on $X^{\mathbf{R}}$. In particular, let M be a real analytic submanifold of $X^{\mathbf{R}}$ such that X is a complexification of M; then, denoting by $j: M \to X$ the closed embedding and by $(\cdot)^* = \mathcal{R}\mathcal{H}om(\cdot, \mathcal{C}_X)$ the duality functor for sheaves, one has $\mathcal{C}_M \otimes \mathcal{O}_X \simeq j_! \mathcal{A}_M$ (analytic functions on M), $\mathcal{C}_M \overset{\otimes}{\otimes} \mathcal{O}_X \simeq j_! \mathcal{C}_M^{\infty}$ (smooth functions), $\mathcal{T}hom(\mathcal{C}_M^*, \mathcal{O}_X) \simeq j_! \mathcal{D}b_M$ (Schwartz's distributions) and $\mathcal{R}\mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{C}_M^*, \mathcal{O}_X) \simeq \mathcal{H}_M^{d_M}(\mathcal{O}_X) \otimes or_{M|X} \simeq j_! \mathcal{B}_M$ (Sato's hyperfunctions).

The general integral transform. Let X and Y be complex analytic manifolds, q_j (j = 1, 2) the projections of $X \times Y$ on X and Y. Roughly speaking, the choice of a function (kernel) k(x, y) on $X \times Y$ determines an integral

transform from data (e.g. functions, cohomology classes) on X to data on Y by the law $(f \circ k)(y) := \int_{q_2} k(x,y) f(x) dx$, where dx is some volume element on X. Formally, this can be accomplished also in the categories of sheaves or \mathcal{D} -modules, where the pull-back of f by q_1 becomes the inverse image by q_1 , the product by k the tensor product and the integration along q_2 the proper direct image by q_2 .

More precisely, let $\mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_X)$ (resp. $\mathbf{D}^b(\mathcal{D}_X)$) be the derived category of sheaves of C-vector spaces (resp. left \mathcal{D} -modules) on X, i.e. the complexes with bounded cohomology modulo quasi-isomorphisms. Any kernels $K \in \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_{X\times Y})$ and $K \in \mathbf{D}^b(\mathcal{D}_{X\times Y})$ define integral transforms by means of the following functors:

$$\cdot \circ K : \mathbf{D}^{b}(\mathbf{C}_{X}) \to \mathbf{D}^{b}(\mathbf{C}_{Y}), \quad F \circ K = Rq_{2!}(K \otimes q_{1}^{-1}F),$$

$$\cdot \circ \mathcal{K} : \mathbf{D}^{b}(\mathcal{D}_{X}) \to \mathbf{D}^{b}(\mathcal{D}_{Y}), \quad \mathcal{M} \circ \mathcal{K} = \underline{q_{2!}}(\mathcal{K} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X \times Y}} \underline{q_{1}}^{-1}\mathcal{M}),$$

where $\underline{q_{2}}$ and $\underline{q_{1}}^{-1}$ are the direct and inverse images in the sense of \mathcal{D} modules. The functor $K \circ \cdot : \mathbf{D}^{b}(\mathbf{C}_{Y}) \to \mathbf{D}^{b}(\mathbf{C}_{X})$ is similarly defined.

A typical situation is when \mathcal{K} is a regular holonomic $\mathcal{D}_{X\times Y}$ -module and $K = R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_{X\times Y}}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{O}_{X\times Y})$ (i.e. the complex of holomorphic solutions of \mathcal{K}): by the Riemann-Hilbert correspondence in Kashiwara's formulation, K is a perverse sheaf and $\mathcal{K} \simeq \mathcal{T}hom(K, \mathcal{O}_{X\times Y})$. For example, we have the geometric correspondences (see [4]): let S be a smooth complex submanifold of $X\times Y$ and let $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{B}_S$ (the holomorphic hyperfunctions along S). The Penrose transform (see [6]) is an example. In this case, one has $K \simeq \mathbf{C}_S[-cod_{X\times Y}^{\mathbf{C}}S]$. If one considers the double fibration (where f and g are the projections)

$$X \leftarrow f S \xrightarrow{g} Y$$
,

then it is easy to verify that $\cdot \circ \mathbf{C}_S = Rg_!f^{-1}(\cdot)$ and $\cdot \circ \mathcal{B}_S = \underline{g}_!\underline{f}^{-1}(\cdot)$.

Adjunction formulas. The arriving point are the adjunction formulas, where a problem of integral geometry is divided into the problems of calculating the transforms of a sheaf on Y and a \mathcal{D} -module on X. For simplicity, we suppose the manifolds to be compact.

Proposition 1. ([4], [9]) Let X and Y be compact complex analytic manifolds, K a regular holonomic $\mathcal{D}_{X\times Y}$ -module and $K = R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_{X\times Y}}(K, \mathcal{O}_{X\times Y})$. Assume that $\operatorname{char}(K) \cap (T^*X \times T_Y^*Y) \subset T_{X\times Y}^*(X \times Y)$. Then, for any $\mathcal{M} \in \mathbf{D}^b(\mathcal{D}_X)$ and $H \in \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_Y)$ one has

$$\operatorname{RHom}_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}, (K \circ H) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X) \simeq \operatorname{RHom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\mathcal{M} \underline{\circ} \mathcal{K}, H \otimes \mathcal{O}_Y)[-d_X^{\mathbf{C}}],$$

$$\operatorname{RHom}_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}, R\mathcal{H}om((K \circ H)^*, \mathcal{O}_X)) \simeq \operatorname{RHom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\mathcal{M} \underline{\circ} \mathcal{K}, R\mathcal{H}om(H^*, \mathcal{O}_Y))[-d_X^{\mathbf{C}}].$$

Moreover, similar formulas hold when H has \mathbf{R} -constructible cohomology if one replaces \otimes by $\overset{\circ}{\otimes}$ and $R\mathcal{H}om$ by $\mathcal{T}hom$.

In particular, we are interested in the following case (see [4]). Let \mathcal{F} a holomorphic line bundle on X and \mathcal{F}^* . Taking $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{D}\mathcal{F}^* = \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{F}^*$, we get

$$R\Gamma(X, (K \circ H) \otimes \mathcal{F}) \simeq RHom_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\mathcal{DF}^* \circ \mathcal{K}, H \otimes \mathcal{O}_Y)[-d_X^{\mathbf{C}}],$$
 (1)

$$\operatorname{RHom}((K \circ H)^*, \mathcal{F}) \simeq \operatorname{RHom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\mathcal{DF}^* \underline{\circ} \mathcal{K}, R\mathcal{H}om(H^*, \mathcal{O}_Y))[-d_X^{\mathbf{C}}]. \tag{2}$$

Hence, (a) we shall compute the \mathcal{D} -module transform $\mathcal{DF}^* \circ \mathcal{K}$, and then (b) we shall make different choices of H in order to obtain various applications.

Remark 1. Let p_j (j = 1, 2) be the projections of $T^*(X \times Y)$ on T^*X and T^*Y respectively, and denote by p_j^a the composition with the antipodal map. Assuming, as above, the "non-characteristicity condition" $\operatorname{char}(\mathcal{K}) \cap (T^*X \times T_Y^*Y) \subset T_{X\times Y}^*(X\times Y)$, one has $\operatorname{char}(\mathcal{DF}^* \circ \mathcal{K}) \subset p_2^a \operatorname{char}(\mathcal{K})$. Therefore, it is important to study the "microlocal correspondence" $T^*X \leftarrow \operatorname{char}(\mathcal{K}) \to T^*Y$ in order to get informations on the transform $\mathcal{DF}^* \circ \mathcal{K}$.

2 Generalized flag manifolds and relations to representation theory

We specialize the preceding discussion to the case of compact homogeneous manifolds. Let G be a complex semisimple Lie group, P and Q two parabolic subgroups containing a same Borel subgroup. Let X = G/P and Y = G/Q be the corresponding compact homogeneous manifolds. The diagonal G-action on $X \times Y$ has a finite number of orbits, and the only closed one is $S = G/(P \cap Q)$, which is again a compact homogeneous manifold of G. Let K be a G-equivariant regular holonomic $\mathcal{D}_{X \times Y}$ -module (e.g. the one associated to one of these orbits) and F be a G-equivariant holomorphic line bundle on X: then $\mathcal{D}F^*$ (resp. $\mathcal{D}F^* \supseteq K$) is a quasi G-equivariant \mathcal{D}_{X^-} (resp. \mathcal{D}_{Y^-}) module (we refer e.g. to [10] for all these notions).

Let G_0 be a real form of G, and let G_0 act on X and Y by restricting the G-action. Then, if H is a G_0 -equivariant sheaf (e.g. we shall consider locally constant sheaves of rank one on the closed G_0 -orbit in Y), so are $K \circ H$ and the duals, and the formulas (1) and (2) may be interpreted as isomorphisms in the derived category of representations of G_0 .

3 The case of Grassmannians

Let $W \simeq \mathbb{C}^n$ and $G = SL_n(\mathbb{C})$. For $1 \leq p \leq n-1$, the subgroup P_p of matrices in G with the left bottom $(n-p) \times p$ block equal to zero is the "standard pth" maximal parabolic subgroup of G, and the quotient $X = G/P_p$ is naturally identified to the Grassmann manifold of p-dimensional subspaces of W. Recall that X is a compact manifold of complex dimension p(n-p). The homogeneous action of G on X yields the following natural identification:

$$T^*X \simeq \{(x; \alpha) : x \in X, \ \alpha \in \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(\frac{W}{x}, x)\}.$$

Let $1 \le p \ne q \le n-1$, $X = G/P_p$ and $Y = G/P_q$; assume for simplicity $p < q \le n-p$. The diagonal G-action on $X \times Y$ has orbits

$$S_j = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : \dim_{\mathbf{C}}(x \cap y) = j\} \qquad (j = 0, \dots, p).$$

The closed orbit is $S_p \simeq G/(P_p \cap P_q)$ (the flag manifold of type (p,q) in W), S_0 is the open generic orbit and the other S_j 's are smooth locally closed submanifolds. Again, for $1 \leq j \leq p$ one has the following useful identifications:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} T_{S_j}^*(X\times Y) & \simeq & \{(x,y;\gamma): (x,y)\in X\times Y, \ \gamma\in \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(\frac{W}{x+y},x\cap y)\},\\ p_1(x,y;\gamma) & = & (x;\frac{W}{x}\xrightarrow{\pi_x}\frac{W}{x+y}\xrightarrow{\gamma}x\cap y\xrightarrow{i_x}x),\\ p_2^a(x,y;\gamma) & = & (y;\frac{W}{y}\xrightarrow{\pi_y}\frac{W}{x+y}\xrightarrow{\gamma}x\cap y\xrightarrow{i_y}y). \end{array}$$

where π and i are the natural maps.

The holomorphic line bundles on X are parametrized (up to isomorphisms) by $\lambda \in \mathbf{Z}$, and we shall denote by $\mathcal{O}_X(\lambda)$ the $-\lambda$ th holomorphic tensor power of the determinant of the tautological vector bundle on X. In other words, let $F_p(W) = \{v = (v_1, \ldots, v_p) \in W^p : v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_p \neq 0\}$ (the manifold of p-frames in W, an open dense subset of W^p) and $\pi : F_p(W) \to X$ the natural $GL_p(\mathbf{C})$ -bundle assigning to any $v = (v_1, \ldots, v_p) \in F_p(W)$ the p-subspace of W spanned by the v_j 's: then, for any open subset $U \subset X$ one has

$$\Gamma(U; \mathcal{O}_X(\lambda)) = \{ \phi \in \Gamma(\pi^{-1}(U); \mathcal{O}_{F_p(W)}) : \phi(vA) = (\det A)^{\lambda} \phi(v) \ \forall A \in GL_P(\mathbf{C}) \}.$$

We will write $\mathcal{D}_X(\lambda) = \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_X(\lambda)$ for short.

4 Applications

We announce results in two different applications.

4.1 The Grassmann duality ([11])

In the above notations, let $W \simeq \mathbb{C}^n$, $G = SL_n(\mathbb{C})$, $X = G/P_p$, $Y = G/P_{n-p}$ (we assume $p \leq n/2$), $\Omega = S_0$ and $S = (X \times Y) \setminus \Omega$. We consider the integral transform from X to Y given by $K = \mathbb{C}_{\Omega}$ and $K = \mathcal{B}_{\Omega} = \mathcal{T}hom(\mathbb{C}_{\Omega}, \mathcal{O}_{X \times Y})$, i.e. the sheaf of meromorphic functions on $X \times Y$ with poles on S. (This choice generalizes the *projective duality* (see [5]), which is obtained for p = 1.) The nice geometric properties of the correspondence (e.g. for any $y \in Y$ the "slices" $\Omega_y = \{x \in X : (x,y) \in \Omega\}$ are affine charts of X) allow us to prove that:

Theorem 1a. The functor $\cdot \circ \mathbf{C}_{\Omega} : \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_X) \to \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_Y)$ is an equivalence of categories preserving the objects with \mathbf{R} - or \mathbf{C} -constructible cohomologies; similarly, the functor $\cdot \circ \mathcal{B}_{\Omega} : \mathbf{D}^b(\mathcal{D}_X) \to \mathbf{D}^b(\mathcal{D}_Y)$ is an equivalence of categories preserving the objects with good coherent or regular holonomic cohomologies.

The closed singular manifold S is a non-smooth (if p > 1) hypersurface of $X \times Y$, Whitney-stratified by $S = \bigcup_{j=1}^p S_j$. The group G acts prehomogeneously on $X \times Y$ with singular locus S, and this action is locally isomorphic to that of $GL_p(\mathbb{C})$ on $M_p(\mathbb{C})$ whose semi-invariant is $f: M_p(\mathbb{C}) \to \mathbb{C}$, $f(a) = \det(a)$ with b-function $b(s) = (s+1) \cdots (s+p)$. This is a regular prehomogeneous vector space, and hence we get $\operatorname{char}(\mathcal{B}_{\Omega}) = T^*_{X \times Y}(X \times Y) \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^p T^*_{S_j}(X \times Y)$. From the above identifications, it is then easy to check that the microlocal correspondence $T^*X \leftarrow \operatorname{char}(\mathcal{B}_{\Omega}) \to T^*Y$ induces a contact transformation between two open dense subsets $U_X \subset T^*X$ and $U_Y \subset T^*Y$, whose graph Λ is contained in $T^*_{S_p}(X \times Y)$, and moreover $p_1^{-1}(U_X) = p_2^{a-1}(U_Y) = \Lambda$. Using this fact and Theorem 1a, we obtain the following result:

Theorem 1b. Let $\lambda^* = -n - \lambda$: then $\mathcal{D}_X(-\lambda) \circ \mathcal{B}_{\Omega} \simeq \mathcal{D}_Y(-\lambda^*)$ if $b(\lambda^* - \nu) \neq 0$ for any $\nu = 1, 2, ..., i.e.$ if $\lambda \geq -n + p$.

Applying Theorem 1b to (1) and (2) we get the following isomorphisms

for any $-n + p \le \lambda \le -p$ and any $H \in \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_X)$:

$$R\Gamma(X; H \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(\lambda)) \simeq R\Gamma(Y; (H \circ \mathbf{C}_{\Omega}) \otimes \mathcal{O}_Y(\lambda^*))[N],$$

$$R\Gamma(X; R\mathcal{H}om(H, \mathcal{O}_X(\lambda))) \simeq R\Gamma(Y; R\mathcal{H}om(H \circ \mathbf{C}_{\Omega}, \mathcal{O}_Y(\lambda^*)))[-N],$$

(where N = p(n-p)) and similarly for \otimes and $R\mathcal{H}om$ replaced by $\overset{\text{w}}{\otimes}$ and $\mathcal{T}hom$ when H has \mathbf{R} -constructible cohomology. Hence, we are left with the choice of H and the calculation of $H \circ \mathbf{C}_{\Omega}$. (Using the simmetry of the transform, here we have written the formulas with H a sheaf on X rather than on Y.)

Example 1. Let Q be a hermitian form of signature (p, n-p) on $W \simeq \mathbb{C}^n$, and let $G_0 = SU_{p,n-p}(Q)$ be the corresponding real form of G. The G_0 -orbits in X are $U'_{i,j} = \{x \in X : Q|_x$ has signature $(i,j)\}$ for $0 \le i+j \le p$ (the only closed orbit is $U'_{0,0}$, i.e. the Q-isotropic p-subspaces, and the open orbits are $U'_{i,j}$ with i+j=p.). Similarly, the G_0 -orbits in Y are $U''_{i,j} = \{y \in Y : Q|_y$ has signature $(i,j)\}$ for $0 \le i \le p$, $j \ge n-2p$ and $i+j \le n-p$. Let $y_0 \in U'' = U''_{0,n-p}$, and let $E'_0 = \{x \in X : x \cap y_0 = 0\} \simeq \mathbb{C}^N$: then $U' = U'_{p,0}$ is a relatively compact open subset of E_0 ; similarly, fixed $x_0 \in U'$, U'' is a relatively compact open subset of the affine chart $E''_0 = \{y \in Y : x_0 \cap y = 0\} \simeq \mathbb{C}^N$. Let us consider the closure $\overline{U'} = \bigcup_{j=0}^p U'_{j,0}$, and choose $H = \mathbb{C}_{\overline{U'}}$: then it is possible to prove that $\mathbb{C}_{\overline{U'}} \circ \mathbb{C}_{\Omega} \simeq \mathbb{C}_{U''}$ and then from the above adjunction formulas we get

$$\mathrm{R}\Gamma(\overline{U'};\mathcal{O}_{E'_0}) \simeq \mathrm{R}\Gamma_c(U'';\mathcal{O}_{E''_0})[N], \quad \mathrm{R}\Gamma_{\overline{U'}}(E'_0;\mathcal{O}_{E'_0}) \simeq \mathrm{R}\Gamma(U'';\mathcal{O}_{E''_0})[-N]$$

where all complexes are concentrated in degree zero.

4.2 The generalized Radon-Penrose transform ([3])

Let $W \simeq \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$, $G = SL_{n+1}(\mathbb{C})$, $X = G/P_1$, $Y = G/P_{k+1}$ (with $1 \leq k \leq n-2$) and $S = S_1$. Note that X is a n-dimensional complex projective space and S is the flag manifold of type (1, k+1) in W; one has $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = n$, $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} Y = (k+1)(n-k)$ and $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} S = n+k(n-k)$. We consider the integral transform from X to Y given by $K = \mathbb{C}_S[-(n-k)]$ and $K = \mathcal{B}_S$. (This is a natural generalization of Penrose's twistors correspondence (see [6]), which is obtained for n=3 and k=1.) We have $\operatorname{char}(\mathcal{B}_S) = \Lambda = T_S^*(X \times Y)$, and thus let us consider the microlocal correspondence $T^*X \leftarrow \Lambda \rightarrow T^*Y$: it is easy to check that $p_1|_{\dot{\Lambda}}$ is smooth and surjective and $p_2^a|_{\dot{\Lambda}}$ is a closed embedding identifying $\dot{\Lambda}$ to a smooth regular involutive submanifold $V \subset \dot{T}^*Y$ (in fact,

it is $V \simeq \{(y; \beta) : y \in Y, \beta \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(\frac{W}{y}, y), \text{ rank}(\beta) = 1\})$, which implies that the correspondence induces microlocally a contact transformation with holomorphic parameters. Using the theory of [4], we prove that:

Theorem 2a. $\mathcal{D}_X(-\lambda) \circ \mathcal{B}_S$ is concentrated in degree zero if and only if $\lambda < 0$, and $H^0(\mathcal{D}_X(-\lambda) \circ \mathcal{B}_S)$ is a \mathcal{D}_Y -module with simple characteristic along V.

For any $\lambda \in \mathbf{Z}$ we introduce a pair of G-equivariant holomorphic vector bundles \mathcal{H}_{λ} and $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{\lambda}$ on Y, and a G-invariant differential operator (the *ultra-hyperbolic system*) P_{λ} acting between them. The description of these objects, that will be given in detail in [3], depends upon the sign of $\lambda^* = -k - 1 - \lambda$ (positive, null and negative helicity cases in Penrose's terminology [6]): it can be partially found e.g. in [2, Ex. 9.7.1] and, in a real version, in [7].

Let $\mathcal{N}_{P_{\lambda}}$ be the coherent \mathcal{D}_{Y} -module associated to the differential operator P_{λ} , i.e. $\mathcal{N}_{P_{\lambda}}$ is defined by the exact sequence of \mathcal{D}_{Y} -modules (where $\mathcal{DH}_{\lambda}^{*} := \mathcal{D}_{Y} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y}} \mathcal{H}_{\lambda}^{*}$ and P_{λ}^{*} is the transpose to P_{λ}):

$$\mathcal{D}\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_{\lambda}^* \xrightarrow{P^*} \mathcal{D}\mathcal{H}_{\lambda}^* \longrightarrow \mathcal{N}_{P_{\lambda}} \longrightarrow 0.$$

The \mathcal{D}_Y -module $\mathcal{N}_{P_{\lambda}}$ has simple characteristic along V, and we prove that:

Theorem 2b. For any $\lambda < 0$, $\mathcal{D}_X(-\lambda) \circ \mathcal{B}_S$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{N}_{P_{\lambda}}$.

Again, the application of Theorem 2b to (1) and (2) yields the following isomorphisms for any $\lambda < 0$ and any $H \in \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_Y)$:

$$\mathrm{R}\Gamma(X, (\mathbf{C}_S \circ H) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(\lambda)) \simeq \mathrm{R}\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\mathcal{N}_{P_\lambda}, H \otimes \mathcal{O}_Y)[-k],$$

 $\mathrm{R}\mathrm{Hom}((\mathbf{C}_S \circ H)^*, \mathcal{O}_X(\lambda)) \simeq \mathrm{R}\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\mathcal{N}_{P_\lambda}, R\mathcal{H}om(H^*, \mathcal{O}_Y))[-k]$

and similarly for \otimes and $R\mathcal{H}om$ replaced by $\overset{\otimes}{\otimes}$ and $\mathcal{T}hom$ when H has \mathbf{R} -constructible cohomology.

If we choose H to be a locally constant sheaf of rank one on the closed orbit of some real form G_0 of G in Y, we can recover and improve many known results of real integral geometry. We give two hints in this direction (these results will appear in [3]).

Example 2. Let $W_{\mathbf{R}}$ be a (n+1)-dimensional real subspace of W such that $W \simeq \mathbf{C} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}} W_{\mathbf{R}}$, and let $G_0 = SL_{n+1}(\mathbf{R})$ be the corresponding real form of G. Assuming for simplicity that $k+1 \leq (n+1)/2$, the G_0 -orbits in Y are $N_j = \{y \in Y : \dim_{\mathbf{R}}(y \cap W_{\mathbf{R}}) = j\}$ $(j = 0, \ldots, k+1)$, and $N = N_{k+1}$ is

naturally identified to the real Grassmann manifold of (k+1)-subspaces of $W_{\mathbf{R}}$. Similarly, the G_0 -orbits in X are $M_i = \{x \in X : \dim_{\mathbf{R}}(x \cap W_{\mathbf{R}}) = i\}$ (i = 0, 1), and $M = M_1$ is naturally identified to the real projective space of $W_{\mathbf{R}}$. It is known that N (in particular, M) is not simply connected: namely, one has $\pi_1(N) \simeq \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$. We denote by $\mathbf{C}_N(\epsilon)$ $(\epsilon = 0, 1)$ the two distinct locally constant sheaves on N, with the convention that $\mathbf{C}_N(0) = \mathbf{C}_N$. For example, for $\epsilon = 1$ we recover and improve the results of [7], whereas for $\epsilon = 0$ the results should be new.

Example 3. Let $1 \le k \le q \le n-1$, Q a hermitian form on W of signature (q+1,n-q), and let $G_0 = SU_{q+1,n-q}(Q)$ be the associated real form of G. Assuming for simplicity that $q+1 \le (n+1)/2$, the G_0 -orbits in Y are $N_{i,j} = \{y \in Y : Q|_y \text{ has signature } (i,j)\}$ for $0 \le i+j \le k+1$. The closed orbit is $N = N_{0,0}$, the Q-isotropic (k+1)-subspaces of W: one can prove that N is a generic real submanifold of Y of dimension (k+1)(2n-3k-1), simply connected if k+q+1 < n and affine if k=q. Similarly, the G_0 -orbits in X are $M_{0,0}$, $M_{1,0}$ and $M_{0,1}$; the closed orbit $M = M_{0,0}$ is a simply connected real hypersurface of X, and $M_{1,0}$ and $M_{0,1}$ are the two connected components of $X \setminus M$. Here, we can extend some results known only in the case of Penrose transform (see e.g. [1]) by calculating $C_S \circ C_N$.

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