

## Sheaf Theoretic $L^2$ -Cohomology

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If  $M$  is a compact manifold, then we have the famous de Rham isomorphism;  $H_i(M) \cong \text{Hom}(H_{DR}^i(M), \mathbb{R})$ . Our purpose here is to generalize this isomorphism to the so-called Thom-Mather's stratified space. More explicitly, we aim to show that, exchange the simplicial homology for the Goresky-MacPherson's intersection homology and the de Rham cohomology for the  $L^2$ -cohomology of the non-singular part, then the isomorphism is still valid for such a situation.

We discussed this subject at this research institute two years ago ([4]). At that time, I constructed the isomorphism directly. Therefore, at this time, I will select the other plan of proof, in which we will pay little attention to how to construct the isomorphic map. That is, according to Goresky and MacPherson ([3]), I will show the isomorphism axiomatically by sheaf theoretic method.

### §1. $L^2$ -cohomology and intersection homology: Main Theorem

From now on,  $X^n$  is an  $n$ -dimensional compact stratified space without boundary. We will fix a stratification

$$X = X_n \supset X_{n-1} = X_{n-2} (= \Sigma) \supset X_{n-3} \supset \dots \supset X_1 \supset X_0,$$

and the tubular neighborhood system and, moreover, the

PL-structure compatible with these structures.

Let  $g$  be a metric on  $X-\Sigma$ , and let  $d_i$  be the exterior derivative on  $X-\Sigma$  with domain

$$\text{dom } d_i = \left\{ \omega \in \Lambda^i(X-\Sigma) \cap L^2 \Lambda^i(X-\Sigma) \mid d\omega \in L^2 \Lambda^{i+1}(X-\Sigma) \right\}.$$

The  $i$ -th cohomology group of the cochain complex  $\{\text{dom } d_i\}$  is called the  $i$ -th  $L^2$ -cohomology group, denoted by  $H_{(2)}^i(X-\Sigma)$ .

Next, taking account of the PL-structure of  $X$ , let's define the intersection homology. Let  $\bar{p} = (p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n)$  be a perversity, i.e., a sequence of non-negative integers satisfying  $p_2 = 0$  and  $p_k \leq p_{k+1} \leq p_k + 1$  for all  $k$ . The perversities which are of particular importance are as follows:

$\bar{0} = (0, \dots, 0)$ , the zero perversity,

$\bar{m} = (0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2, \dots)$ ,  $m_k = \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor - 1$ , the (lower) middle perversity,

$\bar{t} = (0, 1, 2, 3, \dots)$ , the top perversity.

By the way,  $\bar{p} \leq \bar{q}$  means that  $p_k \leq q_k$  for all  $k$ . And we set

$$\bar{p} + \bar{q} = (p_2 + q_2, p_3 + q_3, \dots).$$

The perversity  $\bar{q}$  is said to be the complementary perversity of  $\bar{p}$  if  $\bar{p} + \bar{q} = \bar{t}$ . Then, take an integer  $i$ . A subspace  $Y$  of  $X$  is called  $(\bar{p}, i)$ -allowable if  $\dim Y \leq i$  and  $\dim(Y \wedge X_{n-k}) \leq i - k + p_k$  for all  $k$ . For example, that  $Y$  is  $(\bar{0}, \dim Y)$ -allowable means that  $Y$  and the strata are in general position. Now, let's set

$$IC_{\bar{p}}^i(X) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{z} \in C_i(X) \mid |\mathfrak{z}| \text{ is } (\bar{p}, i)\text{-allowable and} \\ \mid \partial \mathfrak{z} \mid \text{ is } (\bar{p}, i-1)\text{-allowable.} \end{array} \right\}.$$

Then the  $i$ -th homology group of the chain complex  $\{IC_{\bar{p}}^i(X)\}$  is called the  $i$ -th intersection homology group with  $\bar{p}$  and denoted

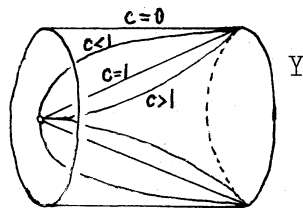
by  $I\mathbb{H}_i^{\bar{p}}(X)$ .

Now we may remark that the perversities which are interesting here or which we want to treat here are the perversities which are smaller than the middle perversity, i.e.,  $\bar{p} \leq \bar{m}$ . This restriction is not essential; see the remark following Definition 1.1.

Here, once again, we will return to the  $L^2$ -cohomology and define the metric associated to a given perversity  $\bar{p}$  and then announce the main theorem explicitly.

Let  $Y$  be a Riemannian manifold with metric  $g$  and let's take  $c \geq 0$ . Then we set

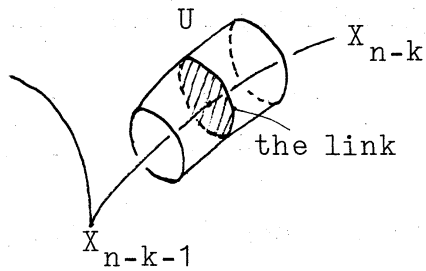
$C^c(Y)$  = " the Riemannian manifold  $(0,1) \times Y$   
with metric  $dr \otimes dr + r^{2c} g$  ".



Now, fix a sequence of non-negative real numbers  $\bar{c} = (c_2, \dots, c_n)$ . Then the metric  $g$  on  $X - \Sigma$  is said to be associated to  $\bar{c}$  if, for any point  $x$  of any non-empty stratum  $X_{n-k} - X_{n-k-1}$ , there exists a neighborhood  $x \in U \subset X$  such that

$$U \cap (X - \Sigma) \underset{\text{quasi-isometry}}{\sim} C^{c_k} \left( \left( \text{the link of } X_{n-k} - X_{n-k-1} \right) \cap (X - \Sigma) \text{ with } g \right) \times \left( U \cap (X_{n-k} - X_{n-k-1}) \text{ with Euclidean metric} \right).$$

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Definition 1.1. The metric  $g$  on  $X-\Sigma$  is said to be associated to the perversity  $\bar{p}$  ( $\leq \bar{m}$ ) if  $g$  is associated to  $\bar{c} = (c_2, \dots, c_n)$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (k-1-2p_k)^{-1} \leq c_k < (k-3-2p_k)^{-1} & ; 2p_k \leq k-3, \\ 1 \leq c_k < \infty & ; 2p_k = k-2. \end{array} \right.$$

If we want to treat the perversities which are larger than  $\bar{m}$  or which cannot be comparable with  $\bar{m}$ , it will suffice to change (certain)  $c_k$ 's into suitable negative numbers. By the way, it is noteworthy that, if  $1 \leq c_k < \infty$  for all  $k$  and the metric  $g$  is associated to  $\bar{c}$ , then  $g$  is associated to the important perversity  $\bar{m}$ : this case was treated by J. Cheeger ([1]).

We will use the notation  $(X-\Sigma)_{\bar{p}}$  in order to express clearly that the metric on  $X-\Sigma$  under consideration is associated to  $\bar{p}$ . Then we can now announce

Main Theorem. If  $\bar{p} \leq \bar{m}$ , then

$$\mathrm{IH}_{\bar{p}}^i(X) \cong \mathrm{Hom}(H_{(2)}^i((X-\Sigma)_{\bar{p}}), \mathbb{R}).$$

The following two sections are the preparations for the proof of Main Theorem from the view point of sheaf theoretic method.

§2. Sheaf theoretic  $L^2$ -cohomology and intersection homology

As above, the non-singular part  $X-\Sigma$  is endowed with metric  $g$ . Let  $\Omega$  be the complex of sheaves on  $X$  which is defined by

$$\Gamma(U, \Omega^i) = \left\{ \omega \in \Lambda^i(U \cap (X-\Sigma)) \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{For any point } x \text{ of } U, \text{ there} \\ \text{exists a neighborhood } x \in V \subset U \\ \text{such that} \\ \int_{V \cap (X-\Sigma)} \omega \wedge * \omega < \infty, \\ \int_{V \cap (X-\Sigma)} d\omega \wedge * d\omega < \infty. \end{array} \right\}$$

with the sheaf maps  $d: \Omega^i \rightarrow \Omega^{i+1}$  induced by the exterior derivative on  $X-\Sigma$ . In order to indicate that the metric  $g$  is associated to the given perversity  $\bar{p}$ , we will use the notation  $\Omega_{\bar{p}}^i$ .

Next, paying attention to the PL-structure of  $X$ , we will define the complex of sheaves  $\mathcal{S}C_{\bar{p}}^i$ . Before it, define the sheaf  $\mathcal{C}_i$  by

$$\Gamma(U, \mathcal{C}_i) = \text{" the group of locally finite } i\text{-dimensional simplicial chains with respect to the induced PL-structure of } U \text{ " .}$$

For convenience, we set  $\mathcal{C}^i = \mathcal{C}_i$  and regard this as a complex of sheaves: the sheaf maps are induced by the simplicial boundary operator. Then we define its subcomplex  $\mathcal{S}C_{\bar{p}}^i$  by

$$\Gamma(U, \mathcal{S}C_{\bar{p}}^{i-1}) = \left\{ \zeta \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{C}^{i-1}) \mid \begin{array}{l} |\zeta| \text{ is } (\bar{p}, i)\text{-allowable and } |\partial\zeta| \\ \text{is } (\bar{p}, i-1)\text{-allowable with} \\ \text{respect to the induced} \\ \text{stratification of } U. \end{array} \right\}.$$

Now  $\Omega_{\bar{p}}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{p}}$  are fine sheaves. Therefore we have

Lemma 2.1.

$$\mathcal{N}^i(X, \Omega_{\bar{p}}) \cong H_{(2)}^i((X-\Sigma)_{\bar{p}}),$$

$$\mathcal{N}^{-i}(X, \mathcal{H}_{\bar{p}}) \cong \text{IH}_{\bar{p}}^i(X).$$

Here  $\mathcal{N}^*(X, \cdot)$  is the hypercohomology.

### §3. Key Theorem due to Goresky and MacPherson

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a complex of sheaves on  $X$  which is constructible with respect to the given stratification  $\{X_k\}$  (that is, for any  $j$ ,  $\mathcal{S}|_{X_j - X_{j-1}}$  is cohomologically locally constant, i.e., its associate cohomology sheaves are locally constant).

Definition 3.1. We shall say  $\mathcal{S}$  satisfies the axiom  $[\text{AX1}]_{\bar{p}}$  provided:

- (a)  $\mathcal{S}|_{X-\Sigma} \cong \mathbb{R}[n]$  (the isomorphism in the derived category),
- (b)  $\mathcal{H}^i(\mathcal{S}) = 0$  for all  $i < -n$ ,
- (c)  $\mathcal{H}^m(\mathcal{S}|_{X-X_{n-k-1}}) = 0$  for all  $m > p_k - n$ ,
- (d) the attaching maps (in the derived category)

$$\mathcal{H}^m(j_k^* \mathcal{S}|_{X-X_{n-k-1}}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}^m(j_k^* \mathcal{R}i_{k*} i_k^* \mathcal{S}|_{X-X_{n-k-1}})$$

are isomorphisms for all  $m \leq p_k - n$ .

Here  $\mathcal{H}^*(\cdot)$  is the cohomology sheaf. And  $i_k: X - X_{n-k} \rightarrow X - X_{n-k-1}$  and  $j_k: X_{n-k} - X_{n-k-1} \rightarrow X - X_{n-k-1}$  are the inclusion maps.

Now, according to [3], we have

Key Theorem ( Goresky and MacPherson ).

- (1) The constructible complex of sheaves which satisfies the axiom  $[AX1]_{\bar{p}}$  is unique up to isomorphism in the derived category.
- (2)  $\mathcal{I}e_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}$  is constructible and satisfies  $[AX1]_{\bar{p}}$ .
- (3) If  $\bar{p} + \bar{q} = \bar{t}$ , then  $\mathcal{I}e_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot} \cong R\mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{I}e_{\bar{q}}^{\cdot}, \mathcal{D}_X^{\cdot})[n]$ , where  $\mathcal{D}_X^{\cdot}$  is the dualizing complex on  $X$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{D}_X^{\cdot} = f^! \mathbb{R}_{pt}^{\cdot}$  with  $f: X \rightarrow (\text{a point})$ .

#### §4. Proof of Main Theorem

It suffices to prove

Assertion.  $\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}[n]$  is constructible and satisfies the axiom  $[AX1]_{\bar{q}}$ , where  $\bar{q}$  is the complementary perversity,  $\bar{p} + \bar{q} = \bar{t}$ .

Actually we have

Proof of Main Theorem. From Key Theorem (1) and Assertion, we have

$$\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}[n] \cong \mathcal{I}e_{\bar{q}}^{\cdot}.$$

Therefore, by substituting  $\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}[n]$  for  $\mathcal{I}e_{\bar{q}}^{\cdot}$  at Key Theorem (3), we get

$$\mathcal{I}e_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot} \cong R\mathcal{H}om(\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}, \mathcal{D}_X^{\cdot}).$$

Hence, by Verdier duality theorem, we have

$$\mathcal{H}^{-i}(X, \mathcal{I}e_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}) \cong \mathcal{H}^i(X, \Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}), \mathbb{R}.$$

Thus, combined with Lemma 2.1, the proof is complete.

Now we will prove Assertion. It suffices to examine (a)-(d) of  $[AX1]_{\bar{q}}$ . The constructibility will be referred briefly later on

the way.

(a) Since  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}}^{\cdot}[n]|_{X-\Sigma}$  is a sheaf of  $C^{\infty}$ -forms on  $X-\Sigma$ , we have  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}}^{\cdot}[n]|_{X-\Sigma} \cong \mathbb{R}_{X-\Sigma}^{\cdot}[n]$  because of the usual resolution.

(b) If  $i < -n$ , then  $(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}}^{\cdot}[n])^i = \Omega_{\mathbb{P}}^{i+n} = 0$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{H}^i(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}}^{\cdot}[n]) = 0$  for all  $i < -n$ .

(Preparation for (c) and (d)) For a point  $x$  of  $X_{n-k} - X_{n-k-1}$ , take a suitable neighborhood  $U$  and the link  $L$  of the stratum at  $x$ . Then we have

$$(4.1) \quad \mathcal{H}^j(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}}^{\cdot})_x \cong H_{(2)}^j(U \wedge (X-\Sigma)).$$

Strictly speaking, the right hand side of (4.1) should be the inductive limit  $\varinjlim_U H_{(2)}^j(U \wedge (X-\Sigma))$ . But, for sufficiently small  $U$ , it is naturally isomorphic to  $H_{(2)}^j(U \wedge (X-\Sigma))$  because the  $L^2$ -cohomology is invariant under the quasi-isometric transformation. Hence, also,  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}}^{\cdot}$  can be regarded as constructible. Moreover, (4.1) is isomorphic to

$$\begin{aligned} & H_{(2)}^j(C^{c_k}(L \wedge (X-\Sigma)) \times (U \wedge (X_{n-k} - X_{n-k-1}))) \\ & \cong H_{(2)}^j(C^{c_k}(L \wedge (X-\Sigma))) \\ & \cong \begin{cases} H_{(2)}^j(L \wedge (X-\Sigma)) & ; j < \frac{1}{2}(k-1 + \frac{1}{c_k}), \\ 0 & ; j \geq \frac{1}{2}(k-1 + \frac{1}{c_k}), \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

through the natural extension maps ([4], [5]). Hence

$$(4.2) \quad \mathcal{H}^j(\Omega_{\mathbb{P}}^{\cdot})_x \cong \begin{cases} H_{(2)}^j(L \wedge (X-\Sigma)) & ; j \leq q_k, \\ 0 & ; j > q_k, \end{cases}$$

because  $q_k < \frac{1}{2}(k-1 + \frac{1}{c_k}) \leq q_k + 1$ .



(c) This is equivalent to the assertion that, if  $j > q_k$ , then  $\mathcal{H}^j(\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}|_X) = 0$  for any point  $x$  of  $X_{n-k} - X_{n-k-1}$ . Hence, by (4.2), this is true.

(d) This is equivalent to the assertion that, if  $j \leq q_k$ , then the attaching maps

$$(4.3) \quad \mathcal{H}^j(\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}|_{X-X_{n-k-1}})_x \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}^j(i_{k*}i_k^*\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}|_{X-X_{n-k-1}})_x$$

are isomorphisms for any point  $x$  of  $X_{n-k} - X_{n-k-1}$ .

In order to prove this assertion, first remark that a cross section of  $\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}|_{X-X_{n-k-1}}$  resp.  $i_{k*}i_k^*\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}|_{X-X_{n-k-1}}$  is a smooth form which and whose image by the exterior derivative are square integrable near any point of  $X - X_{n-k-1}$  resp.  $X - X_{n-k}$ . (For a cross section  $\omega$  of  $i_{k*}i_k^*\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}|_{X-X_{n-k-1}}$ , it is not necessary to claim that  $\omega$  and  $d\omega$  are square integrable near any point of  $X_{n-k} - X_{n-k-1}$ .) Therefore we have the natural sheaf map

$$\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}|_{X-X_{n-k-1}} \longrightarrow i_{k*}i_k^*\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}|_{X-X_{n-k-1}}.$$

And this just induces the attaching map (4.3). Now, from the property of  $i_{k*}i_k^*\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}|_{X-X_{n-k-1}}$  mentioned above, we have

$$(4.4) \quad \mathcal{H}^j(i_{k*}i_k^*\Omega_{\bar{p}}^{\cdot}|_{X-X_{n-k-1}})_x \cong \begin{cases} H_{(2)}^j(L \cap (X - \Sigma)) & ; j < k, \\ 0 & ; j \geq k, \end{cases}$$

for any point  $x$  of  $X_{n-k} - X_{n-k-1}$ . Hence, for  $j \leq q_k$ , the identity map from the right hand side of (4.2) to the right hand side of (4.2) is just the attaching map (4.3). Thus the proof of (d) is complete.

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