

# Integral transforms for $\mathcal{D}$ -modules and homogeneous manifolds

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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  $\cdot \otimes \mathcal{O}_X$ ,  $\cdot \overset{\mathbb{W}}{\otimes} \mathcal{O}_X$ ,  $\mathcal{T}hom(\cdot, \mathcal{O}_X)$  and  $R\mathcal{H}om(\cdot, \mathcal{O}_X)$  (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  $j : M \rightarrow X$  the closed embedding and by  $(\cdot)^* = R\mathcal{H}om(\cdot, \mathbf{C}_X)$  the duality functor for sheaves, one has  $\mathbf{C}_M \otimes \mathcal{O}_X \simeq j_! \mathcal{A}_M$  (analytic functions on  $M$ ),  $\mathbf{C}_M \overset{\mathbb{W}}{\otimes} \mathcal{O}_X \simeq j_! \mathbf{C}_M^\infty$  (smooth functions),  $\mathcal{T}hom(\mathbf{C}_M^*, \mathcal{O}_X) \simeq j_! \mathcal{D}b_M$  (Schwartz's distributions) and  $R\mathcal{H}om(\mathbf{C}_M^*, \mathcal{O}_X) \simeq H_M^{d_M, \mathbf{R}}(\mathcal{O}_X) \otimes or_{M|X} \simeq j_! \mathcal{B}_M$  (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  $\mathbf{C}$ -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  $\mathcal{K} \in \mathbf{D}^b(\mathcal{D}_{X \times Y})$  define integral transforms by means of the following functors:

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot \circ K &: \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_X) \rightarrow \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_Y), & F \circ K &= Rq_{2!}(K \otimes q_1^{-1}F), \\ \cdot \circ \mathcal{K} &: \mathbf{D}^b(\mathcal{D}_X) \rightarrow \mathbf{D}^b(\mathcal{D}_Y), & \mathcal{M} \circ \mathcal{K} &= \underline{q}_{2!}(\mathcal{K} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X \times Y}} \underline{q}_1^{-1}\mathcal{M}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\underline{q}_{2!}$  and  $\underline{q}_1^{-1}$  are the direct and inverse images in the sense of  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules. The functor  $K \circ \cdot : \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_Y) \rightarrow \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_X)$  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)

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

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

**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,  $\mathcal{K}$  a regular holonomic  $\mathcal{D}_{X \times Y}$ -module and  $K = R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_{X \times Y}}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{O}_{X \times Y})$ . Assume that  $\text{char}(\mathcal{K}) \cap (T^*X \times T^*Y) \subset T_{X \times Y}^*(X \times Y)$ . Then, for any  $\mathcal{M} \in \mathbf{D}^b(\mathcal{D}_X)$  and  $H \in \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_Y)$  one has*

$$\begin{aligned} R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}, (K \circ H) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X) &\simeq R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\mathcal{M} \circ \mathcal{K}, H \otimes \mathcal{O}_Y)[-d_X^{\mathbf{C}}], \\ R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}, R\mathcal{H}om((K \circ H)^*, \mathcal{O}_X)) &\simeq R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\mathcal{M} \circ \mathcal{K}, R\mathcal{H}om(H^*, \mathcal{O}_Y))[-d_X^{\mathbf{C}}]. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, similar formulas hold when  $H$  has  $\mathbf{R}$ -constructible cohomology if one replaces  $\otimes$  by  $\overset{\mathbb{W}}{\otimes}$  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

$$R\Gamma(X, (K \circ H) \otimes \mathcal{F}) \simeq R\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\mathcal{D}\mathcal{F}^* \circlearrowleft \mathcal{K}, H \otimes \mathcal{O}_Y)[-d_X^{\mathbb{C}}], \quad (1)$$

$$R\mathrm{Hom}((K \circ H)^*, \mathcal{F}) \simeq R\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\mathcal{D}\mathcal{F}^* \circlearrowleft \mathcal{K}, R\mathcal{H}om(H^*, \mathcal{O}_Y))[-d_X^{\mathbb{C}}]. \quad (2)$$

Hence, (a) we shall compute the  $\mathcal{D}$ -module transform  $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{F}^* \circlearrowleft \mathcal{K}$ , 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”  $\mathrm{char}(\mathcal{K}) \cap (T^*X \times T^*Y) \subset T_{X \times Y}^*(X \times Y)$ , one has  $\mathrm{char}(\mathcal{D}\mathcal{F}^* \circlearrowleft \mathcal{K}) \subset p_2^a \mathrm{char}(\mathcal{K})$ . Therefore, it is important to study the “microlocal correspondence”  $T^*X \leftarrow \mathrm{char}(\mathcal{K}) \rightarrow T^*Y$  in order to get informations on the transform  $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{F}^* \circlearrowleft \mathcal{K}$ .

## 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  $\mathcal{K}$  be a  $G$ -equivariant regular holonomic  $\mathcal{D}_{X \times Y}$ -module (e.g. the one associated to one of these orbits) and  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $G$ -equivariant holomorphic line bundle on  $X$ : then  $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{F}^*$  (resp.  $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{F}^* \circlearrowleft \mathcal{K}$ ) 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  $W \simeq \mathbf{C}^n$  and  $G = SL_n(\mathbf{C})$ . 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  $p$ th” 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:

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

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

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

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:

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

where  $\pi$  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  $F_p(W) = \{v = (v_1, \dots, v_p) \in W^p : v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_p \neq 0\}$  (the manifold of  $p$ -frames in  $W$ , an open dense subset of  $W^p$ ) and  $\pi : F_p(W) \rightarrow X$  the natural  $GL_p(\mathbf{C})$ -bundle assigning to any  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_p) \in F_p(W)$  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  $W \simeq \mathbf{C}^n$ ,  $G = SL_n(\mathbf{C})$ ,  $X = G/P_p$ ,  $Y = G/P_{n-p}$  (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  $K = \mathbf{C}_\Omega$  and  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{B}_\Omega = \mathcal{T}hom(\mathbf{C}_\Omega, \mathcal{O}_{X \times Y})$ , 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  $\cdot \circ \mathbf{C}_\Omega : \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_X) \rightarrow \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_Y)$  is an equivalence of categories preserving the objects with  $\mathbf{R}$ - or  $\mathbf{C}$ -constructible cohomologies; similarly, the functor  $\cdot \circ \mathcal{B}_\Omega : \mathbf{D}^b(\mathcal{D}_X) \rightarrow \mathbf{D}^b(\mathcal{D}_Y)$  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  $GL_p(\mathbf{C})$  on  $M_p(\mathbf{C})$  whose semi-invariant is  $f : M_p(\mathbf{C}) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ ,  $f(a) = \det(a)$  with  $b$ -function  $b(s) = (s+1) \cdots (s+p)$ . This is a regular prehomogeneous vector space, and hence we get  $\text{char}(\mathcal{B}_\Omega) = T_{X \times Y}^*(X \times Y) \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^p T_{S_j}^*(X \times Y)$ . From the above identifications, it is then easy to check that *the microlocal correspondence  $T^*X \leftarrow \text{char}(\mathcal{B}_\Omega) \rightarrow T^*Y$  induces a contact transformation between two open dense subsets  $U_X \subset T^*X$  and  $U_Y \subset T^*Y$ , whose graph  $\Lambda$  is contained in  $T_{S_p}^*(X \times Y)$ , and moreover  $p_1^{-1}(U_X) = p_2^{-1}(U_Y) = \Lambda$ . 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  $\nu = 1, 2, \dots$ , i.e. if  $\lambda \geq -n + p$ .*

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

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

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

(where  $N = p(n - p)$ ) and similarly for  $\otimes$  and  $R\mathcal{H}om$  replaced by  $\overset{\vee}{\otimes}$  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 symmetry 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  $W \simeq \mathbf{C}^n$ , and let  $G_0 = SU_{p, n-p}(Q)$  be the corresponding real form of  $G$ . The  $G_0$ -orbits in  $X$  are  $U'_{i,j} = \{x \in X : Q|_x \text{ has signature } (i, j)\}$  for  $0 \leq i + j \leq p$  (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  $U''_{i,j} = \{y \in Y : Q|_y \text{ has signature } (i, j)\}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq p, j \geq n - 2p$  and  $i + j \leq n - p$ . Let  $y_0 \in U'' = U''_{0, n-p}$ , and let  $E'_0 = \{x \in X : x \cap y_0 = 0\} \simeq \mathbf{C}^N$ : 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  $E''_0 = \{y \in Y : x_0 \cap y = 0\} \simeq \mathbf{C}^N$ . Let us consider the closure  $\overline{U'} = \bigcup_{j=0}^p U'_{j,0}$ , and choose  $H = \mathbf{C}_{\overline{U'}}$ : then it is possible to prove that  $\mathbf{C}_{\overline{U'}} \circ \mathbf{C}_\Omega \simeq \mathbf{C}_{U''}$  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  $W \simeq \mathbf{C}^{n+1}$ ,  $G = SL_{n+1}(\mathbf{C})$ ,  $X = G/P_1$ ,  $Y = G/P_{k+1}$  (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  $\dim_{\mathbf{C}} X = n$ ,  $\dim_{\mathbf{C}} Y = (k + 1)(n - k)$  and  $\dim_{\mathbf{C}} S = n + k(n - k)$ . We consider the integral transform from  $X$  to  $Y$  given by  $K = \mathbf{C}_S[-(n - k)]$  and  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{B}_S$ . (This is a natural generalization of *Penrose's twistors correspondence* (see [6]), which is obtained for  $n = 3$  and  $k = 1$ .) We have  $\mathrm{char}(\mathcal{B}_S) = \Lambda = T_S^*(X \times Y)$ , and thus let us consider the microlocal correspondence  $T^*X \leftarrow \Lambda \rightarrow T^*Y$ : it is easy to check that  $p_1|_\Lambda$  is smooth and surjective and  $p_2^a|_\Lambda$  is a closed embedding identifying  $\Lambda$  to a smooth regular involutive submanifold  $V \subset T^*Y$  (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.**  $\mathcal{D}_X(-\lambda) \circlearrowleft \mathcal{B}_S$  is concentrated in degree zero if and only if  $\lambda < 0$ , and  $H^0(\mathcal{D}_X(-\lambda) \circlearrowleft \mathcal{B}_S)$  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  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$  and  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}_\lambda$  on  $Y$ , and a  $G$ -invariant differential operator (the *ultra-hyperbolic system*)  $P_\lambda$  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  $P_\lambda$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{N}_{P_\lambda}$  is defined by the exact sequence of  $\mathcal{D}_Y$ -modules (where  $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{H}_\lambda^* := \mathcal{D}_Y \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} \mathcal{H}_\lambda^*$  and  $P_\lambda^*$  is the transpose to  $P_\lambda$ ):

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

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

**Theorem 2b.** For any  $\lambda < 0$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_X(-\lambda) \circlearrowleft \mathcal{B}_S$  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  $H \in \mathbf{D}^b(\mathbf{C}_Y)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R}\Gamma(X, (\mathbf{C}_S \circ H) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(\lambda)) &\simeq \text{RHom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\mathcal{N}_{P_\lambda}, H \otimes \mathcal{O}_Y)[-k], \\ \text{RHom}((\mathbf{C}_S \circ H)^*, \mathcal{O}_X(\lambda)) &\simeq \text{RHom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\mathcal{N}_{P_\lambda}, \text{RHom}(H^*, \mathcal{O}_Y))[-k] \end{aligned}$$

and similarly for  $\otimes$  and  $\text{RHom}$  replaced by  $\overset{\mathbb{W}}{\otimes}$  and  $\text{Thom}$  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  $G_0 = \text{SL}_{n+1}(\mathbf{R})$  be the corresponding real form of  $G$ . Assuming for simplicity that  $k+1 \leq (n+1)/2$ , the  $G_0$ -orbits in  $Y$  are  $N_j = \{y \in Y : \dim_{\mathbf{R}}(y \cap W_{\mathbf{R}}) = j\}$  ( $j = 0, \dots, k+1$ ), 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  $1 \leq k \leq q \leq n - 1$ ,  $Q$  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  $q + 1 \leq (n + 1)/2$ , the  $G_0$ -orbits in  $Y$  are  $N_{i,j} = \{y \in Y : Q|_y \text{ has signature } (i, j)\}$  for  $0 \leq i + j \leq k + 1$ . 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  $\mathbf{C}_S \circ \mathbf{C}_N$ .

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