

EXERCISES ON WINDOWS

- (1) (a) Convince yourself that $\text{Coh}_{\mathbb{C}^*}(\mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus 0)$ is equivalent to $\text{Coh}(\mathbb{P}^n)$.
- (b) Using the usual covering by two affine charts, find (all graded pieces of) the Čech cohomology of the structure sheaf on $\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus 0$. Repeat for $\mathbb{C}^n \setminus 0$.
If you've never computed the cohomology of line bundles on projective space then this exercise is highly recommended.
- (2) Let $\mathcal{A} \subset \text{Coh}_{\mathbb{C}^*}(\mathbb{C}^{n+1})$ be the abelian subcategory generated by $\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}(1), \dots, \mathcal{O}(n)$. Show that the restriction functor $\rho^* : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \text{Coh}(\mathbb{P}^n)$ is *not* an equivalence (and hence $D^b(\mathcal{A})$ is not the same as \mathcal{W}).
- (3) (a) Let \mathbb{C}^* act on $\mathbb{C}^3_{x,y,z}$ with weights $1, 1, d$, for some $d \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let X be the quotient of the open set $\{(x, y) \neq (0, 0)\}$ by this action. Convince yourself that X is the total space of the line-bundle $\mathcal{O}(d)$.
- (b) Let $\mathcal{W} \subset D_{\mathbb{C}^*}^b(\mathbb{C}^3)$ be the subcategory generated by \mathcal{O} and $\mathcal{O}(1)$. If $d > 0$ then the restriction functor $\mathcal{W} \rightarrow D^b(X)$ is *not* an equivalence. Why not?
- (4) Let X_+ and X_- be the two sides of the Atiyah flop, and let $\Phi : D^b(X_+) \rightarrow D^b(X_-)$ be the derived equivalence constructed from the window:

$$\mathcal{W} = \langle \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}(1) \rangle \subset D_{\mathbb{C}^*}^b(\mathbb{C}^4)$$

- (a) Find an object in \mathcal{W} whose restriction to X_+ is $\mathcal{O}(-1)$. Hence compute $\Phi(\mathcal{O}(-1))$. What are its homology sheaves?
- (b) Now let $\Psi : D^b(X_+) \rightarrow D^b(X_-)$ be the derived equivalence constructed from the window $\langle \mathcal{O}(-1), \mathcal{O} \rangle$. Show that the autoequivalence $T = \Phi \circ \Psi^{-1}$ is not the identity functor. Can you say anything more about it?
- (5) Let \mathbb{C}^* act on \mathbb{C}^3 with weights $(1, 1, -1)$. Let X_{\pm} be the two GIT quotients.
- (a) What are X_+ and X_- ?
- (b) Let $\mathcal{W} = \langle \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}(1) \rangle \subset D_{\mathbb{C}^*}^b(\mathbb{C}^3)$. Find an object in \mathcal{W} which restricts to zero on X_- .
- (c) Show that $D^b(X_+)$ has a semi-orthogonal decomposition into $D^b(X_-)$ and one other object. *This is Orlov's blow-up formula.*
- (6) Let X be the total space of the rank two vector bundle $\mathcal{O}(-1, -1)^{\oplus 2}$ over $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$. It can be constructed as a GIT quotient of \mathbb{C}^6 by $(\mathbb{C}^*)^2$ acting with weights:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Find the unstable strata and the grade-restriction rules. Find four equivariant line bundles on \mathbb{C}^6 that satisfy all the grade-restriction rules. Do you think these bundles generate $D^b(X)$?
- (b) This GIT problem has three quotients. What are the unstable strata and the grade-restriction rules for the other two quotients? Is there a 'magic' window that works for all three?
- (c) What happens if we instead use the follow weight matrix?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hint: there are three quotients, and for every quotient there are three unstable strata.

References for Windows and GIT

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