

Exercises to “Introduction to \mathcal{D} -modules”

1. Let $X = \mathbb{A}^r$ and $Y = \mathbb{A}^n$ with $n \geq r$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} i : X &\hookrightarrow Y \\ (x_1, \dots, x_r) &\longmapsto (x_1, \dots, x_r, 0, \dots, 0) =: (y_1, \dots, y_n) \end{aligned}$$

be an embedding.

- (a) Check that we have an isomorphism of $(\mathcal{D}_X, i^{-1}\mathcal{D}_Y)$ -bimodules

$$\mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y} \cong \mathcal{D}_X[\partial_{y_{r+1}}, \dots, \partial_{y_n}] \cong \frac{i^{-1}\mathcal{D}_Y}{(y_{r+1}, \dots, y_n)i^{-1}\mathcal{D}_Y}$$

and make the bimodule structure on the right hand sides explicit.

- (b) Similarly, check that

$$\mathcal{D}_{Y \leftarrow X} \cong \mathbb{C}[\partial_{y_{r+1}}, \dots, \partial_{y_n}] \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{D}_X \cong \frac{i^{-1}\mathcal{D}_Y}{i^{-1}\mathcal{D}_Y(y_{r+1}, \dots, y_n)}$$

taking into account the $(i^{-1}\mathcal{D}_Y, \mathcal{D}_X)$ -bimodule structure.

2. Consider now a projection from $X = \mathbb{A}^n$ to $Y = \mathbb{A}^r$ with $n \geq r$, that is:

$$\begin{aligned} f : X &\twoheadrightarrow Y \\ (x_1, \dots, x_r, x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n) &\longmapsto (x_1, \dots, x_r) =: (y_1, \dots, y_r) \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Show again the that we have an isomorphism of $(\mathcal{D}_X, f^{-1}\mathcal{D}_Y)$ -bimodules

$$\mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y} \cong \mathcal{O}_X[\partial_{y_1}, \dots, \partial_{y_r}] \cong \frac{\mathcal{D}_X}{\mathcal{D}_X(\partial_{x_{r+1}}, \dots, \partial_{x_n})}.$$

- (b) Prove that

$$\mathcal{D}_{Y \leftarrow X} \cong \mathbb{C}[\partial_{y_1}, \dots, \partial_{y_r}] \otimes \mathcal{O}_X \cong \frac{\mathcal{D}_X}{(\partial_{x_{r+1}}, \dots, \partial_{x_n})\mathcal{D}_X}$$

with its $(f^{-1}\mathcal{D}_Y, \mathcal{D}_X)$ -bimodule structure.

3. Let \mathcal{M} be a left \mathcal{D}_X -module and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism. Show that there is an isomorphism

$$(\omega_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{M}) \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y} \cong (\omega_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y}) \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \mathcal{M}$$

of right $f^{-1}\mathcal{D}_Y$ -modules (make the right $f^{-1}\mathcal{D}_Y$ -module structure explicit on both sides) given by

$$(\omega \otimes m) \otimes P \longmapsto (\omega \otimes P) \otimes m.$$

4. (a) Show that an affine variety is \mathcal{D} -affine.
(b) Show that for a \mathcal{D} -affine variety X , the functor

$$\Gamma(X, -) : \text{Mod}_{q.c.}(\mathcal{D}_X) \longrightarrow \text{Mod}(\Gamma(X, \mathcal{D}_X))$$

of global sections yields an equivalence between the category of sheaves of \mathcal{O}_X -quasi-coherent \mathcal{D}_X -modules and the category of modules over the ring $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{D}_X)$.

5. Let us temporarily define an increasing filtration on a left \mathcal{D}_X -module \mathcal{M} to be a sequence $F_k \mathcal{M}$ with $F_k \mathcal{M} \subset F_{k+1} \mathcal{M}$ and such that $\cup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} F_k \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}$, such that $F_k \mathcal{M} = 0$ for $k \ll 0$ and such that

$$F_k \mathcal{D}_X \cdot F_l \mathcal{M} \subset F_{k+l} \mathcal{M},$$

and with a similar condition for right modules.

Now for a morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$, put

$$F_k \mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y} := \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_{f^{-1} \mathcal{O}_Y} f^{-1} F_k \mathcal{D}_X,$$

then show that this defines a filtration of $\mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y}$ as a left \mathcal{D}_X and as a right $f^{-1} \mathcal{D}_Y$ -module and that

$$gr^F \mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y} = \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_{f^{-1} \mathcal{O}_Y} f^{-1} gr^F \mathcal{D}_Y.$$

6. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be morphisms (between smooth algebraic varieties, as always).

(a) Construct a canonical isomorphism

$$\mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Y} \otimes_{f^{-1} \mathcal{D}_Y} f^{-1} \mathcal{D}_{Y \rightarrow Z} \cong \mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow Z}$$

as right $(g \circ f)^{-1} \mathcal{D}_Z$ -modules.

(b) Show that this isomorphism is also left \mathcal{D}_X -linear (use the chain rule).

(c) Endow the transfer modules with filtrations as in the last exercise, then show that the isomorphism just constructed is filtered.