

The Category of Quasi-Parabolic Coherent Sheaves

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1 Introduction

A (quasi-)parabolic vector bundle (over an algebraic curve X) with lengths $\{w_p\}_{p \in X}$ is a vector bundle with equipped with a filtration of the fibre E_p :

$$E_p \supset E_p^1 \supset E_p^2 \cdots \supset E_p^{w_p}$$

for each $p \in X$, with $w_p = 0$ for all but finitely many p .

The category of parabolic vector bundles over X is not abelian in the following sense (but it is quasi-abelian as will be explained later). An additive category is said to be *abelian* if all kernels and cokernels exist, and images are isomorphic to coimages.

We can construct an abelian envelope of the category of parabolic vector bundle $\text{PVec}_w(X)$ in two different ways. Firstly, we can extend the concept of parabolic vector bundles to realm of coherent sheaves. A (quasi-) parabolic coherent sheaf F with lengths $\{w_p\}_{p \in X}$ is, for each $p \in X$, a sequence of sheaves [1]

$$F^{(p,0)} \rightarrow F^{(p,1)} \rightarrow F^{(p,2)} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F^{(p,w_p-1)} \rightarrow F^{(p,0)} \otimes O(p)$$

One requires that the composition $F^{(p,i)} \rightarrow F^{(p,i+w_p)} = F^{(p,i)} \otimes O(p)$ is canonical for all $0 \leq i < w_p$ and that $\forall p, q \in X, F^{(p,0)} = F^{(q,0)}$.

The category $\text{PCoh}_w(X)$ of such objects is abelian, and we can identify locally free parabolic coherent sheaves with parabolic vector bundles.

The other way to find an abelian envelope for $\text{PVec}_w(X)$ is Schneiders' construction of the left heart of a quasi-abelian category.

Our aim was to show that these two approaches yield equivalent categories. This was already known in the case of ordinary coherent sheaves and vector bundles.

2 Preliminaries

Definition 2.1. An additive category \mathcal{A} is called *quasi-abelian* if it has kernels, cokernels, the pushout of a strict monomorphism is a strict monomorphism and the pullback of a strict epimorphism is a strict epimorphism.

Definition 2.2. We say that an ordered pair of full categories $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$ in an abelian category \mathcal{A} is a *torsion pair* if:

- $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(T, F) = 0$ for all $T \in \mathcal{T}$ and $F \in \mathcal{F}$.
- $\forall X \in \mathcal{A}, \exists T \in \mathcal{T}, F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that we have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow T \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow F \longrightarrow 0$$

In this case, \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{F} are, respectively, called the torsion and torsion-free components of the torsion pair.

Definition 2.3. A torsion pair $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$ in \mathcal{A} is called *cotilting* if $\forall X \in \mathcal{A}$, there exists $F \in \mathcal{F}$ with an epimorphism from F to X .

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Definition 2.6. A *morphism* in the category of parabolic vector bundles is a morphism of vector bundles such that the induced map on fibres carries E_p^i into F_p^i for all $0 \leq i \leq w_p$.

Definition 2.7. A *morphism* in the category of parabolic coherent sheaves is a collection of morphisms $F^{(p,i)} \rightarrow G^{(p,i)}$ such that the resulting diagrams commute.

3 Properties of torsion pairs

Let $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$ be a torsion pair in an abelian category \mathcal{A} .

Lemma 3.1. For all $X \in \mathcal{A}$ the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow T \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow F \longrightarrow 0$$

with $T \in \mathcal{T}$ and $F \in \mathcal{F}$ is unique up to isomorphism.

Proof. Given $X \in \mathcal{A}$, suppose there are two such sequences. Then

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} & & & & 0 & & & & \\ & & & & \downarrow & & & & \\ & & & & T' & & & & \\ & & & & \downarrow f' & & & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & T & \xrightarrow{f} & X & \xrightarrow{g} & F & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow g' & & & & \\ & & & & F' & & & & \\ & & & & \downarrow & & & & \\ & & & & 0 & & & & \end{array}$$

with $T, T' \in \mathcal{T}$ and $F, F' \in \mathcal{F}$. Then $T' \rightarrow F$ is the zero morphism so $g \circ f' = 0$. So f' factors through the $\ker(g) = f$. Similarly, f factors through f' . So $f' \circ \alpha_1 = f$ where $\alpha_1 : T \rightarrow T'$ and $f \circ \alpha_2 = f'$ where $\alpha_2 : T \rightarrow T'$. Then $f \circ \alpha_2 \circ \alpha_1 = f$, so $\alpha_1 \circ \alpha_2 = \text{Id}_T$ as f is monomorphic. Similarly, $\alpha_2 \circ \alpha_1 = \text{Id}_{T'}$. So $T \cong T'$. Thus

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} T & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & F & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \phi & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\ T' & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & F' & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

$g' \circ f = 0$ which implies g' factors through g . So ϕ exists. Applying the Five Lemma, we see ϕ is an isomorphism. \square

Lemma 3.2. Suppose $X \in \mathcal{A}$. If $\text{Hom}(T, X) = 0 \forall T \in \mathcal{T}$ then $X \in \mathcal{F}$.

Proof. We have

$$0 \longrightarrow T \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow F \longrightarrow 0$$

for $T \in \mathcal{T}$ and $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Therefore $T = 0$ implying $X \cong F \in \mathcal{F}$. \square

Lemma 3.3. \mathcal{F} is closed under subobjects.

Proof. Suppose $X \hookrightarrow F \in \mathcal{F}$. Then any morphism from \mathcal{T} to X extends to F . Thus $\text{Hom}(T, X) = 0 \forall T \in \mathcal{T}$. By Lemma 3.2, $X \in \mathcal{F}$. \square

Lemma 3.4. \mathcal{F} is closed under extensions.

Proof. Let

$$0 \longrightarrow F_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} X \xrightarrow{f} F_2 \longrightarrow 0$$

for $F_1, F_2 \in \mathcal{F}$.

There exists $T \in \mathcal{T}$ and $F_3 \in \mathcal{F}$ such that:

$$0 \longrightarrow T \xrightarrow{\beta} X \longrightarrow F_3 \longrightarrow 0$$

Now $T \rightarrow F_2$ is the zero morphism so $f \circ \beta = 0$.

So β factors through $\ker(f) = \alpha$. Now $\text{Hom}(T, F_1) = 0$ which implies $\beta = 0$ and thus $X \cong F_3$. \square

Lemma 3.5. \mathcal{F} has cokernels.

Proof. For a given morphism α in \mathcal{F} denote its cokernel in \mathcal{A} by Q . Then we have:

$$0 \longrightarrow T \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow F \longrightarrow 0$$

where $T \in \mathcal{T}$ and $F \in \mathcal{F}$.

Verifying that F is $\text{coker}(\alpha)$ in \mathcal{F} is straightforward. \square

Lemma 3.6. The pullback of a strict epimorphism in \mathcal{F} is a strict epimorphism.

Proof. Let $f : B \rightarrow A$ and $g : C \rightarrow A$ in \mathcal{F} with f a strict epimorphism. Then f is the cokernel of $\text{Ker } f \rightarrow B$ in \mathcal{F} . Take the pullback P of f and g in \mathcal{A}

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Ker } \bar{f} & \xrightarrow{\bar{k}} & P & \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} & C \\ & & \downarrow \bar{g} & & \downarrow g \\ \text{Ker } f & \xrightarrow{k} & B & \xrightarrow{f} & A \end{array}$$

Consider the kernels (in \mathcal{A}), $\text{Ker } \bar{f}$ of \bar{f} and $\text{Ker } f$ of f . [5] Since \mathcal{A} is abelian we know that \bar{f} is monic and $\text{Ker } \bar{f} \cong \text{Ker } f$ with $k = \bar{g} \circ \bar{k}$

Since the kernel of f is the same in \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{F} , $\text{Ker } \bar{f} \cong \text{Ker } f \in \mathcal{F}$

Thus the exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ker } \mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\bar{k}} P \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} C \longrightarrow 0$$

with $\text{Ker } \mathcal{F}$ and C in \mathcal{F} implies $P \in \mathcal{F}$, as \mathcal{F} is closed under extensions. Clearly, (\bar{f}, \bar{g}) is the pullback of (f, g) in \mathcal{F} , and \bar{f} is the cokernel of \bar{k} in \mathcal{F} and is therefore a strict epimorphism. \square

Lemma 3.7. If f is a strict monomorphism, then the cokernel $\text{coker } f$ in \mathcal{A} ($\text{Coker}_{\mathcal{A}} f$) is isomorphic to the cokernel $\text{coker } f$ in \mathcal{F} ($\text{Coker}_{\mathcal{F}} f$).

Proof.

$f' \circ \phi \circ g = 0$ implies $\phi \circ g$ factors through g' as g' is the kernel of f' . Thus $\phi \circ g = g' \circ t(\phi)$ and $t(\phi)$ is unique. Uniqueness and the commutativity of:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi \\ T & \longrightarrow & X' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi' \\ T'' & \longrightarrow & X'' \end{array}$$

implies $t(\phi' \circ \phi) = t(\phi') \circ t(\phi)$ □

Remark: $t(\cdot)$ is right adjoint to the inclusion functor $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$.

4 The left heart construction

We will use without proof the following result of Schneider.

Theorem 4.1. [2] *Let \mathcal{E} be a quasi-abelian category. Let \mathcal{A} be an abelian category with the canonical inclusion $J : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$. Then there exists an abelian category $\mathcal{LH}(\mathcal{E})$. Suppose the functor J is fully faithful and that:*

(a) *For any monomorphism*

$$X \rightarrow J(F)$$

of \mathcal{A} there is an object F' of \mathcal{E} and an isomorphism

$$X \simeq J(F'),$$

(b) *For any object X of \mathcal{A} , there is an epimorphism*

$$J(F) \rightarrow X$$

where F is an object of \mathcal{E}

Then, J extends to an equivalence of categories:

$$\mathcal{LH}(\mathcal{E}) \approx \mathcal{A}$$

Theorem 4.2. *If $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$ is a cotilting torsion pair in an abelian category \mathcal{A} then $\mathcal{A} \approx \mathcal{LH}(\mathcal{F})$*

Proof. We verify the conditions of Theorem 4.1 for $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{F}$ and J the embedding of \mathcal{F} into \mathcal{A} . \mathcal{F} is quasi-abelian by Theorem 3.9. It is obvious that J is fully faithful. By Lemma 3.4, \mathcal{F} is closed under extensions, and therefore satisfies condition (a). Condition (b) is exactly that $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$ is cotilting. □

5 Application to vector bundles

Lemma 5.1. *Let $F \in \text{Coh}(X)$. Then $t(F \otimes O(p)) \cong t(F) \otimes O(p)$*

Proof. Let $S : \text{Coh}(X) \rightarrow \text{Coh}(X)$ be the functor $F \mapsto F \otimes O(p)$. Let $S^{-1}(F) = F \otimes O(-p)$. Then $S^{-1}(S(F)) \cong F \cong S(S^{-1}(F))$. Let T be a torsion coherent sheaf. Clearly $T \otimes O(p)$ is also torsion so $S(\mathcal{T}) \subset \mathcal{T}$. Similarly $S^{-1}(\mathcal{T}) \subset \mathcal{T}$ so $S^{-1}(S(\mathcal{T})) = \mathcal{T} \subset S(\mathcal{T})$. Therefore $S(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{T}$. $X \in \mathcal{F} \Leftrightarrow \text{Hom}(T, X) = 0 \forall T \in \mathcal{T} \Leftrightarrow \text{Hom}(S(T), S(X)) = 0 \forall T \in \mathcal{T}$ by the invertibility of $S \Leftrightarrow$

$\text{Hom}(T, S(X)) = 0 \forall T \in \mathcal{T}$ as $S(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{T} \Leftrightarrow S(X) \in \mathcal{F}$. Therefore $S(\mathcal{F}) = \mathcal{F}$.
Let $X \in \mathcal{A}$ and consider an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow t(X) \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow F \longrightarrow 0$$

with $t(X) \in \mathcal{T}$ and $F \in \mathcal{F}$

S is an equivalence of categories and therefore exact, giving

$$0 \longrightarrow S(t(X)) \longrightarrow S(X) \longrightarrow S(F) \longrightarrow 0$$

with $S(t(X)) \in \mathcal{T}$ and $S(F) \in \mathcal{F}$.

So the uniqueness of the above sequence implies $S(t(X)) \cong t(S(X))$. \square

Theorem 5.2. *The categories $\text{PTCoh}_w(X)$ of parabolic torsion coherent sheaves on X and $\text{PVec}_w(X)$ of parabolic vector bundles on X form a torsion pair in $\text{PCoh}_w(X)$*

Proof. Let $T^\bullet \in \text{PTCoh}_w(X)$ and $F \in \text{PVec}_w(X)$. Then $T^{(p,i)} \in \text{TCoh}_w(X)$ and $F^{(p,i)} \in \text{Vec}(X)$ $\forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, w_p\}$.

Since $\text{Hom}(T^{(p,i)}, F^{(p,i)}) = 0 \forall p \in X$ and $0 \leq i \leq w_p$ it is obvious that there are no nontrivial morphisms from T^\bullet to F^\bullet . So $\text{Hom}(\text{PTCoh}_w, \text{PVec}_w) = 0$.

Let $(F^{(p,i)})_{p \in X}^{i \leq w_p} \in \text{PCoh}(X)$ Let $T^{(p,i)} = t(F^{(p,i)})$ be the torsion component of $F^{(p,i)}$. For each p this induces a commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} t(F) & \xrightarrow{t(\phi^{(p,0)})} & t(F^{(p,1)}) & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & t(F^{(p,n-1)}) \xrightarrow{t(\phi^{(p,n-1)})} t(F \otimes O(p)) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ F & \xrightarrow{\phi^{(p,0)}} & F^{(p,1)} & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & F^{(p,n-1)} \xrightarrow{\phi^{(p,n-1)}} & F \otimes O(p) \end{array}$$

As $t(F \otimes O(p)) \cong t(F) \otimes O(p)$ and $t()$ is a functor, the top row of this diagram is a parabolic structure of $t(F)$ at p .

Thus $t(F^\bullet) := T^{(p,i)}$ is a parabolic torsion coherent sheaf. As cokernels are taken componentwise in $\text{PCoh}(X)$

$$F^\bullet / t(F^\bullet) = F^{(p,i)} / t(F^{(p,i)})$$

and by definition of $t(F^{(p,i)})$ we have exact sequences:

$$0 \longrightarrow t(F^{(p,i)}) \longrightarrow F^{(p,i)} \longrightarrow F^{(p,i)} / t(F^{(p,i)}) \longrightarrow 0$$

with $F^{(p,i)} / t(F^{(p,i)}) \in \text{Vec}(X)$, giving the exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow t(F^\bullet) \longrightarrow F^\bullet \longrightarrow F^\bullet / t(F^\bullet) \longrightarrow 0$$

and $t(F^\bullet) \in \text{PTCoh}_w(X)$, $F^\bullet / t(F^\bullet) \in \text{PVec}_w(X)$ \square

Theorem 5.3. *Let $(F^{(p,i)})_{p \in S}^{1 \leq i \leq w_p} \in \text{PCoh}(X)$. Then there exists an epimorphism $E^\bullet \twoheadrightarrow F^\bullet$ with $E^\bullet \in \text{PVec}_w(X)$*

Proof. We consider first only $F^\bullet \in \text{PCoh}(X)$ with parabolic structure only at one point p . We know there exists an epimorphism $E_0 \in \text{Vec}(X)$ with $f_0 : E_0 \twoheadrightarrow F^0$. Then we obtain the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} E_0 & \xrightarrow{\cong} & E_0 & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\cong} & E_0 \xrightarrow{n_E} E_0 \otimes O(p) \\ \downarrow f_0 & & \downarrow \phi^0 \circ f_0 & & & & \downarrow f_0 \otimes id_{O(p)} \\ F^0 & \xrightarrow{\phi^0} & F^1 & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & F^{n-1} \longrightarrow F^0 \otimes O(p) \end{array}$$

where the commutativity of the final square follows from the commutativity of:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_0 & \xrightarrow{n_E} & E_0 \otimes O(p) \\ \downarrow f_0 & & \downarrow f_0 \otimes id_{O(p)} \\ F^0 & \xrightarrow{n_F} & F^0 \otimes O(p) \end{array}$$

where n_E and n_F are natural morphisms. Denote by $F^\bullet[1]$ the shifting of F^\bullet by 1:

$$F^1 \longrightarrow F^2 \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow F^0 \otimes O(p) \longrightarrow F^1 \otimes O(p)$$

By the same process we get a morphism $f^\bullet : E_1^\bullet \rightarrow F^\bullet[1]$, shifting down to $f^\bullet : E_1^\bullet[-1] \rightarrow F^\bullet$. This gives $\tilde{f}_1^\bullet : \tilde{E}_1^\bullet \rightarrow F^\bullet$ which is surjective at index 1 of point p.

Applying the same process, we set:

$$(\tilde{f}_i^\bullet : \tilde{E}_i^\bullet \rightarrow F^\bullet)^{0 \leq i \leq w_p - 1}$$

with \tilde{f}_i surjective onto F^i

Therefore, taking the direct sum we get:

$$d : \bigoplus_{i=0}^{w_p-1} \tilde{E}_i^\bullet \twoheadrightarrow F^\bullet$$

giving the required epimorphism. This generalises trivially when we have parabolic structure at more than one point. \square

Theorem 5.4. *The category $\text{PVec}_w(X)$ is quasi-abelian and $\mathcal{LH}(\text{PVec}_w(X))$ is equivalent to the category $\text{PCoh}_w(X)$.*

Proof. By Theorem 5.2, $(\text{PTCoh}_w(X), \text{PVec}_w(X))$ form a torsion pair in the abelian category $\text{PCoh}_w(X)$. This implies, by Theorem 3.9, that $\text{PVec}_w(X)$ is quasi-abelian.

By Theorem 5.3, $(\text{PTCoh}_w(X), \text{PVec}_w(X))$ is cotilting. Thus, by Theorem 4.2, $\mathcal{LH}(\text{PVec}_w(X)) \approx \text{PCoh}_w(X)$ \square

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