

# L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X TEMPLATE

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## 1. A SMALL TOOLKIT

$f : Y \longrightarrow \text{pt}$   $f : p \hookrightarrow X$   
 $f^*$  constant sheaf  $\mathcal{F}_p$   
 $Rf_*$  cohomology  $\text{sky}_p(\mathbb{Q})$   
 $Rf_!$  cpt supp cohomology  $\text{sky}_p(\mathbb{Q})$   
 $f^!$  orientation sheaf  $[n]$   $\mathcal{F}_p[-n]$   
 For  $f^!$ , assume  $Y, X$  are manifolds of dimension  $n$ .  
 $j_!j^*\mathcal{F}$   $\mathcal{F}$   $i_!i^*\mathcal{F}$

$$Z \xhookrightarrow{i} X \xleftarrow{j} U$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & \overset{i^*}{\curvearrowright} & & \overset{j_!}{\curvearrowright} & \\
 D(Z) & \xrightarrow{i_* = i_!} & D(X) & \xrightarrow{j^* = j^!} & D(U) \\
 & \underset{i^!}{\curvearrowleft} & & \underset{Rj_*}{\curvearrowleft} & 
 \end{array}$$

$$j_!j^*\mathcal{F} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F} \longrightarrow i_!i^*\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{+1}$$

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## 2. A SHORT LIST OF APPLICATIONS

Assuming the six-functor formalism (and everything derived), let  $X$  be a smooth manifold of dimension  $n$ .

1. Define four types of cohomology and the relative cohomology. Verify that:

$$H_c^i(X; \mathbb{Q}) \cong H^i(\bar{X}, \{\infty\}; \mathbb{Q})$$

$$H_i^{\text{BM}}(X; \mathbb{Q}) \cong H^{n-i}(X; \text{Or}_X)$$

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Also, define the cup and cap product structures.

2. Using the projection formula, show Poincaré duality:

$$H_c^i(X; \mathbb{Q})^* \cong H^{n-i}(X; \text{Or}_X)$$

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3. Derive the Gysin sequence for any oriented  $S^k$ -bundle  $\pi : E \rightarrow B$ :

$$H^n(B) \xrightarrow{\pi^*} H^n(E) \xrightarrow{\pi_*} H^{n-k}(B) \xrightarrow{eu_\pi} H^{n-k+1}(B)$$

Derive the Mayer-Vietoris sequence and the relative cohomology sequence, and verify the equivalence of different cohomology groups.

4. Compute the upper shriek for singular spaces.

$$\begin{array}{llll}
H^i(Y, \mathbb{Q}) & = H^i(Y, \underline{\mathbb{Q}}_Y) & = f_* \underline{\mathbb{Q}}_Y & = f_* f^* \mathbb{Q} \\
H_c^i(Y, \mathbb{Q}) & = H_c^i(Y, \underline{\mathbb{Q}}_Y) & = f_! \underline{\mathbb{Q}}_Y & = f_! f^* \mathbb{Q} \\
H_{-i}(Y, \mathbb{Q}) & = H_c^{n+i}(Y, \text{Or}_Y) & = f_! \text{Or}_Y[n] & = f_! f^! \mathbb{Q} \\
H_{-i}^{\text{BM}}(Y, \mathbb{Q}) & = H^{n+i}(Y, \text{Or}_Y) & = f_* \text{Or}_Y[n] & = f_* f^! \mathbb{Q}
\end{array}$$

six functor formalism  $\approx$  cohomology theory

## 3. PERVERSE SHEAF

We will mix the usage of sheaves and complexes. For simplicity, let us fix a stratification  $\mathcal{S}$ :

$$\emptyset \subsetneq^{U_0} Z_0 \subsetneq^{U_1} \cdots \subsetneq^{U_n} Z_n = X$$

Denote  $D_{\text{cons}, \mathcal{S}}^b(X)$  as the category of constructible sheaves over  $X$  with respect to  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Roughly speaking, a perverse sheaf is a type of sheaf that lies between  $\pi^*\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\pi^!\mathbb{Q}$ . More rigorously, a perverse sheaf is a complex that belongs to the heart of the perverse  $t$ -structure. We say that  $\mathcal{F} \in D_{\text{cons},S}^b(X)$  is perverse if

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{H}^i(\iota_{U_j}^* \mathcal{F}) = 0, & \text{for any } i > -j \\ \mathcal{H}^i(\iota_{U_j}^! \mathcal{F}) = 0, & \text{for any } i < -j \end{cases}$$

To determine whether a complex  $\mathcal{F}$  is perverse, one simply needs to complete the following table:

$$\iota_{U_j}^*(\mathcal{F})$$

The local system supported on  $U_i$  (denoted by  $\mathcal{L}$ ) converted to a perverse sheaf by truncations. This method is called Deligne's construction, and the constructed perverse sheaf is called the intersection cohomology complex (or the IC sheaf), denoted by  $IC(\mathcal{L})$ . IC sheaves are the simple objects in the category  $Perv_S(X)$ .

#### 4. NEARBY CYCLE

A perverse sheaf may not be so “perverse”, but a nearby cycle is definitely “nearby”.

Given  $\mathcal{F} \in D^b(\mathbb{C})$ , one can construct the nearby cycle

$$\psi\mathcal{F} := i^* Rj_* p_* p^* j^* \mathcal{F} \in D^b(\{0\}),$$

which can be roughly viewed as the fiber  $\mathcal{F}_x$  for  $x$  sufficiently close to 0. By quotienting out the non-vanishing cycle  $i^*\mathcal{F}$ , one obtains the vanishing cycle

$$\varphi\mathcal{F} := \text{cone} \left[ i^*\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{sp} \psi\mathcal{F} \right] \in D^b(\{0\}).$$

In general,  $\mathcal{C}$  can be replaced by any disk  $\mathcal{D}$ , as the problem is local, and  $\mathcal{F}$  can be a sheaf over any space  $X$  over  $\mathcal{D}$ .

The same construction yields a distinguished triangle in  $D^b(X_0)$ :

$$i^*\mathcal{F} \longrightarrow \psi_f\mathcal{F} \longrightarrow \varphi_f\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{+1}$$

#### 5. CHARACTERISTIC CYCLE

With normal Morse data, one can define the characteristic cycle

$$\text{CC}(\mathcal{F}) := \sum_S m_S [T_S^* \mathbb{C}^n] \in H_{2n}^{\text{BM}}(\cup_S T_S^* \mathbb{C}^n),$$

where

$$m_S := \chi(\text{NMD}(\mathcal{F}, S)[- \dim S]) \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Notably,  $\text{CC}(\mathcal{F})$  does not depend on the stratification  $\mathcal{S}$ .

The characteristic cycle can be computed when the geometry is well-understood, such as when  $X$  is a cone over a smooth hyperplane.

#### 6. NMD

We work with a fixed complex variety embedding  $X \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$ , equipped with a Whitney stratification  $\mathcal{S}$ . Let  $S \subseteq X$  be a connected component of some  $U_i$ . Fix  $x_0 \in S$ , and let  $N$  be a normal slice of  $S$  at  $x_0$ .

For any sheaf  $\mathcal{F} \in D_{\text{cons},S}^b(X)$ , the normal Morse data (NMD) is defined as

$$\text{NMD}(\mathcal{F}, S) := (\varphi_{g|_{N \cap X}}(\mathcal{F}|_{N \cap X}))_{x_0}[-1]$$

where  $g : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a holomorphic function, and  $f := \text{Re}(g)$  such that

- $g(x_0) = 0$ ;
- $df_{x_0} \in T_S^* \mathbb{C}^n$ , and  $df_{x_0} \notin T_{S'}^* \mathbb{C}^n$  for any  $S' \neq S$ ;
- $x_0$  is a non-degenerate critical point of  $f|_S$ .

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