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filtrations: a general formalism

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See Yves André "slope filtrations" for a more general formalism.

$\mathcal{C}$  = exact category

$\mathcal{A}$  = abelian category

$F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  exact faithful

"generic fiber functor"

s.t.  $\forall X \in \mathcal{C}$

"schematic closure"

$F: \{ \text{strict sub-objects of } X \} \xrightarrow{\sim} \{ \text{sub-objects of } F(X) \}$

↳ the one that can be inserted in an exact sequence

\*  $\nu_g: \text{Ob}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  additive,  $\nu_g(X)=0 \Leftrightarrow X=0$

↓  
 exact sequences i.e. factorizes  
 through  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow K_0(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$$X \mapsto [X]$$

↑  
 group morphism

We still denote  $\nu_g: \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  for  $\nu_g \circ F$ .

\*  $\text{deg}: \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  additive

A.T.  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} X \xrightarrow{u} Y \text{ iso. in generic fiber} \\ \Downarrow \\ \text{deg}(X) \leq \text{deg}(Y) \text{ with equality iff } u \text{ is an iso.} \end{array} \right]$

Examples:

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\*  $X$  integral Dedekind scheme equipped with a degree fct.  $\text{deg}: |X| \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$  satisfying

$$\left[ \forall f \in k(X)^{\times} \quad \text{deg}(\text{div } f) = 0 \right]$$

( $k(X) = \mathcal{O}_{X, \eta}$  field of rational functions)

$\mathcal{C} = \text{Fib}_X = \text{vector bundles}/X$

$\mathcal{A} = \text{Vect}_{k(X)}$  (finite dim. v.s.)

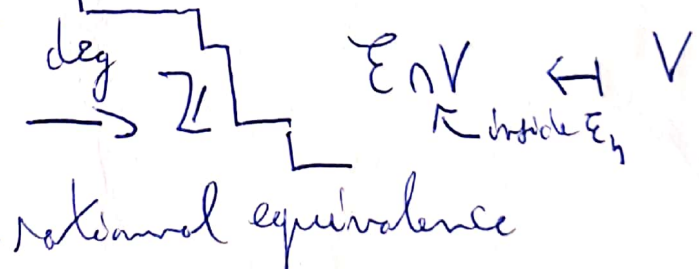
$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \\ \mathcal{E} \mapsto \mathcal{E}_n \end{array} \right.$

strict sub-objects of  $\mathcal{E}$   
 " locally direct factor  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{E}$   
 { these subob. of  $\mathcal{E} \} \cong$  { sub. v.s. of  $\mathcal{E}_n$  }

$\text{Nb} = \text{usual Nb. fct.}$

$\text{Pic}(X) = \text{Div}(X) / \sim$

Weil-Divisors



Indices  $\text{deg}: \text{Bun}_X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$\mathcal{E} \mapsto \text{deg}(\det \mathcal{E})$

Then  $u: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}'$  induces  $\mathcal{E}_\eta \rightarrow \mathcal{E}'_\eta$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}' \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow 0$$

$\mathcal{F}$  torsion coherent sheaf

$$\deg(\mathcal{E}') = \deg(\mathcal{E}) + \deg(\mathcal{F})$$

$\geq 0$ . This is  $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{F} = 0$ .

$$\mathcal{F} \simeq \bigoplus_{x \in |X|} i_{x*} \mathcal{M}_x$$

$$\deg(\mathcal{F}) = \sum_{x \in |X|} \text{length}(\mathcal{M}_x) \cdot \deg(x) \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{finite length} \\ \mathbb{C}_{x,x}\text{-module} \end{array} \right]$$



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\*  $\mathcal{C}$  = abelian category -  $F = \text{Id}$  functor

$\text{deg}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

additive +  $\text{nb}(X) = 0 \Leftrightarrow X = 0$ .

$\text{nb}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

Ex:  $k$  field  $\text{BT}_k \otimes \mathbb{Q} =$  abelian Cat. of  $p$ -div. gp. /  $k$   
up to isogeny.

$\text{nb} := \text{ht}$  height of a  $p$ -div. gp.

$\text{deg} := \dim$

dimension of the associated formal group

$\mu = \frac{\text{deg}}{\text{nb}} \rightsquigarrow$  H.N. filtration = slope filtration

For example:  $H \in \text{BT}_k \quad 0 \rightarrow H^0 \rightarrow H \rightarrow H^{\text{ét}} \rightarrow 0$

is a part of this filtration.

\*  $L/K$  extension of fields

$\mathcal{C} = \text{Vect}_{\text{Fil}} L/K = \left\{ (V, \text{Fil} \cdot V_L) \mid \begin{array}{l} V \in \text{Vect}_K \\ \text{Fil} \cdot V_L \text{ decreasing} \\ \text{finite filtrations of } V \otimes_K L \end{array} \right\}$

- Exact sequences: strictly compatible w.t. Filtration.

$$\mathcal{A} = \text{Vect}_K$$

$$F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$$

$$(V, \text{Fil}^\bullet V_L) \mapsto V$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Nb} = \dim_K V \\ \text{deg} = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} i \cdot \dim_{\mathbb{Z}} \text{gr}^i V_L \end{array} \right. \quad \text{terminal point of} \\ \text{Wedge polygon.}$$

$$= \sum_{i > N} \dim \text{Fil}^i V_L + N \dim V \quad \text{for } N \ll 0$$

↳ the property for degree function.

$$* K_0 = W(b)_{\mathbb{Q}} \\ K/K_0$$

↳ perfect

Fontaine's filtered  $\varphi$ -modules

$$\varphi\text{-Mod Fil}_{K/K_0} = \left\{ (D, \varphi, \text{Fil}^\bullet D_K) \mid \right.$$

$(D, \varphi)$   $\varphi$ -crystal

$\text{Fil}^\bullet D_K$  filtration of  $D \otimes_{K_0} K$

semi-stable slope 0 objects

weakly admissible

filtered  $\varphi$ -modules à la Fontaine

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Nb} := \dim_{K_0} D \\ \text{deg} := t_H - t_N \end{array} \right.$$

\*  $R =$  Bezout ring

$$E \subset R$$

$\perp$

field valued,  $v: E \rightarrow R \cup \{+\infty\}$

$\sigma \in \text{End}(R)$  stabilizing  $E$  and such that  $\forall x \in E, v(\sigma(x)) = v(x)$

Hypothesis: \*  $E^\times = R^\times$

\*  $\forall x \in R \setminus \{0\}$  s.t.  $x^{\sigma^{-1}} \in E^\times$   
one has  $v(x^{\sigma^{-1}}) \geq 0$

$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(M, \varphi) \mid \left. \begin{array}{l} M = \text{free } R\text{-module of finite type} \\ \varphi: M \rightarrow M \text{ } \sigma\text{-linear} \\ \text{s.t. } \varphi \otimes \text{Id}: M^{(\sigma)} \rightarrow M \end{array} \right\}$

$$F(M, \varphi) = \left( M \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \text{Frac}(R), \varphi \otimes \sigma \right)$$

~~$\deg$~~   $\text{nb}_E := \text{nb}_R M$

$\deg(M, \varphi) = -v(a)$  if  $\det(M, \varphi) = R \cdot e$   
with  $\varphi(e) = a e$   
 $\bigcap_{R^\times = E^\times}$



# Harder-Narasimhan filtrations

$\mathcal{C}$ ,  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\deg, \text{rk}$ .  $\mu = \frac{\deg}{\text{rk}}$

Def.  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  is semi-stable if  $\forall X' \subset X$  strict sub-object with  $X' \neq 0$  one has  $\mu(X') \leq \mu(X)$

Rem. Any morphism in  $\mathcal{C}$  has a kernel and cokernel:  
if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  then  $\text{ker } f = \text{schematical closure of } \text{ker}(F(f))$

Notation:  $X \subset Y$  will always mean  $X$  is a strict subobject of  $Y$ .



Th:  $\forall X \in \mathcal{C} \exists!$  filtration

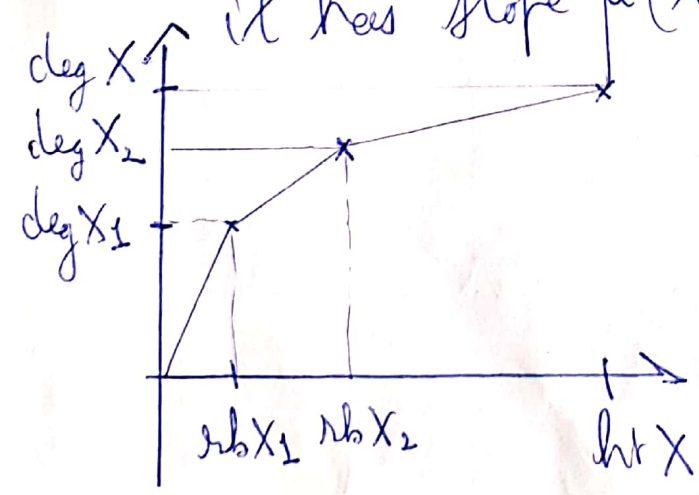
$0 = X_0 \subsetneq X_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq X_n = X$  such that:

\*  $\forall i \geq 1, X_i/X_{i-1}$  is semi-stable

\*  $\mu(X_1/X_0) > \dots > \mu(X_n/X_{n-1})$

For such an  $X$  set

$HN(X) =$  Concave polygon defined on the segment  $[0, nb X]$  such that on the segment  $[nb X_i, nb X_{i+1}]$  it has slope  $\mu(X_i/X_{i+1})$



Th:  $\forall Y \subset X$  the point  $(\text{ob } Y, \text{deg } Y)$

is under the polygon  $HN(X)$

$\Rightarrow [HN(X) = \text{Concave envelope of the points } (\text{ob } Y, \text{deg } Y)_{Y \subset X}.]$

Filtrations on  $\mathcal{C}$ :  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathcal{C}^{\leq \lambda} = \{X \in \mathcal{C} \mid \text{greatest slope of } X \text{ is } \leq \lambda\} = \{X \mid \forall 0 \neq Y \subset X, \mu(Y) \leq \lambda\}$$

$$\mathcal{C}^{\geq \lambda} = \{X \in \mathcal{C} \mid \text{smallest slope of } X \text{ is } \geq \lambda\}$$

$$= \{X \mid \forall X \twoheadrightarrow Y \neq 0 \text{ epi. strict } \mu(Y) \geq \lambda\}$$

$$\left( \mathcal{C}^{\leq \lambda} \right)_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} \downarrow \uparrow \text{filtration}$$

$$\left( \mathcal{C}^{\geq \lambda} \right)_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} \uparrow \text{filtration}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_{\lambda}^{\text{ss}} = \mathcal{C}^{\leq \lambda} \cap \mathcal{C}^{\geq \lambda}$$

$$= \{X \text{ semi-stable slope } \lambda\}$$

- Th. \*  $\mathcal{C}^{\leq \lambda}$  and  $\mathcal{C}^{\geq \lambda}$  are sub-exact categories  
 \* stable under extension in  $\mathcal{C}$   
 \* If  $\lambda > \mu$  then  $(\mathcal{C}^{\geq \lambda}, \mathcal{C}^{\leq \mu}) = 0$   
 \*  $\mathcal{C}^{\leq \lambda}$  is an abelian category.

→ Devissage of the exact category  $\mathcal{C}$  by the family of abelian categories  $(\mathcal{C}^{\leq \lambda})_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}}$

Proof of existence and unicity

\* Preliminary remarks:  $0 \rightarrow X' \rightarrow X \rightarrow X'' \rightarrow 0$   
 exact in  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $X' \neq 0$  and  $X'' \neq 0$

$$\mu(X) = \frac{nb X'}{nb X} \mu(X') + \frac{nb X''}{nb X} \mu(X'')$$

barycenter

⇒ if  $[a, b] =$  usual interval  $[a, b]$  if  $a \leq b$   
 $[b, a]$  if  $a \geq b$



then  $\mu(X) \in [\mu(X'), \mu(X'')] -$

Moreover if  $\mu(X') \neq \mu(X'')$  then  $\mu(X) \in ]\mu(X'), \mu(X'')[$

Plus généralement, if  $0 = X_0 \subsetneq X_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq X_n = X$

$$\mu(X) \in \text{Conv}(\mu(X_i/X_{i-1}))_{1 \leq i \leq n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \inf\{\mu(X_i/X_{i-1})\}_{1 \leq i \leq n} \leq \mu(X) \leq \sup\{\mu(X_i/X_{i-1})\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$$

\* Let  $X \in \mathcal{L}, X \neq 0$ . Consider the following property for

$$0 \neq Y \subsetneq X$$

$\left[ \text{(SCSS)} \quad Y \text{ is semi-stable and } \forall Y' \subsetneq Y \subsetneq X \right]$   
one has  $\mu(Y') < \mu(Y)$

i.e.  $Y$  is a maximal ~~strict~~ semi-stable strict subobject.



Rem: The condition  $Y \neq Y' \subset X \Rightarrow \mu(Y') < \mu(Y)$  (7)  
is equivalent to  $0 \neq Y'' \subset X/Y \Rightarrow \mu(Y'') < \mu(Y)$ .

(In fact if  $Y'' = Y'/Y$   
 $\mu(Y') \in ]\mu(Y), \mu(Y'')]$  [ since  $\mu(Y) \neq \mu(Y'')$   
 $\Rightarrow \mu(Y') < \mu(Y)$  .

Lemma:  $\exists$  at most one  $Y \subset X$  satisfying (SCSS)

Proof:  $Y_1, Y_2 \subset X$  satisfying (SCSS)

\* To prove that  $Y_1 = Y_2$  it suffices to prove that  $Y_1 \subset Y_2$   
or  $Y_2 \subset Y_1$ .

\* Suppose  $Y_1 \not\subset Y_2$  - Consider the morphism

$$f: Y_1 \rightarrow X/Y_2$$

$\text{Im} f$

schematic closure of  $\text{Im}(F(f))$ .

$$Y_1/\text{ker} f \rightarrow \text{Im} f \text{ iso in generic fiber}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(Y_1/\text{ker} f) \leq \mu(\text{Im} f)$$

But  $Y_1$  s.s.  $\Rightarrow \mu(\text{ker} f) \leq \mu(Y_1)$  and thus since

$$\mu(Y_1) \in [\mu(\text{ker} f), \mu(Y_1/\text{ker} f)]$$

$$\mu(Y_1) \leq \mu(Y_1/\text{ker} f)$$

( $\Delta$  if  $\text{ker} f = 0$  but then is evident)

$$\text{Then, } Y_2 \text{ (SCSS)} \Rightarrow \mu(\text{Im} f) < \mu(Y_2)$$

Thus  $\boxed{\mu(Y_1) < \mu(Y_2)}$

By symmetry: if  $\gamma_2 \not\subset \gamma_1$  then  $\mu(\gamma_2) < \mu(\gamma_1)$

Thus, either  $\gamma_1 \subset \gamma_2$  or  $\gamma_2 \subset \gamma_1$   $\square$

Lemma:  $\mu_{\max}(X) = \sup \{ \mu(Y) \mid Y \subset X, Y \neq 0 \} < +\infty$

$\rightarrow$  nb:  $A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  satisfies  $\text{nb } A = 0 \Leftrightarrow A = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  any object in  $\mathcal{A}$  has finite length.

Let  $0 = X_0 \subsetneq X_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq X_n = X$  such that  $0 = F(X_0) \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq F(X_n) = F(X)$  is a Jordan-Hölder filtration

Let  $0 \neq \gamma \subset X$  and  $0 = \gamma_0 \subsetneq \gamma_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \gamma_n = \gamma$  be the schematical closure of  $(F(\gamma) \cap F(X_i))_{0 \leq i \leq n}$

$\forall i \quad \gamma_i / \gamma_{i-1} \xrightarrow{u_i} X_i / X_{i-1} \quad \text{s.t.}$

$F(u_i): F(\gamma_i / \gamma_{i-1}) \hookrightarrow F(X_i / X_{i-1})$

simple object in  $\mathcal{A}$

$\Rightarrow$  either  $\gamma_i = \gamma_{i-1}$  either  $F(u_i)$  is an iso.

$\Downarrow$   
 $\mu(\gamma_i / \gamma_{i-1}) \leq \mu(X_i / X_{i-1})$



thus  $\mu(Y) \leq \sup \{ \mu(X_i/X_{i-1}) \}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$   $\square$

Lemma: The preceding bound is reached

$\rightarrow$  Exercise (always trivial if  $\deg = \infty$  or  
sub-objects of  $F(X)$  is finite)

Lemma:  $\exists! Y \subset X$  (SCSS)

$\rightarrow$  Unicity already seen. Then suffices to take  $Y$  of maximal rank among the  $Y \subset X$  verifying  $\mu(Y) = \mu_{\max}(X)$   $\square$

Proof of the existence of the H.N. filtration:

$\rightarrow$  Constructed by induction  $0 = X_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq X_r = X$   
A.t.  $\forall i$   $X_{i+1}/X_i \subset X/X_i$  is (SCSS).

Proof of the unicity: It suffices to prove that if

$0 = X_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq X_r = X$  is an H.N. filtration

then  $X_1 \subset X$  is (SCSS)

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Let  $Y \subset X/X_1, Y \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $0 = Y_1 \subset \dots \subset Y_n = Y$  be the filtration

schematical closure of  $(F(Y) \cap F(X_i/X_1))_{1 \leq i \leq n}$

Let  $u_i: Y_i/Y_{i-1} \rightarrow X_i/X_{i-1}$

$F(u_i)$  monomorphism. Thus  $Y_i \neq Y_{i-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(Y_i/Y_{i-1}) \leq \mu(\text{Im } u_i) \leq \mu(X_i/X_{i-1}) < \mu(X_1)$$

$X_i/X_{i-1}$  s.s.

Since  $\mu(X_1) > \mu(X_2/X_1) > \dots$

Since  $\mu(Y) \leq \sup \{ \mu(Y_i/Y_{i-1}) \mid Y_i \neq Y_{i-1} \}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$

we thus have  $\mu(Y) < \mu(X_1)$ .

Thus,  $X_1$  satisfies (SCSS)  $\square$