

Computing Symplectic Cohomology of Affine Varieties

(using Spectral Sequences)

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Related Projects (in progress)

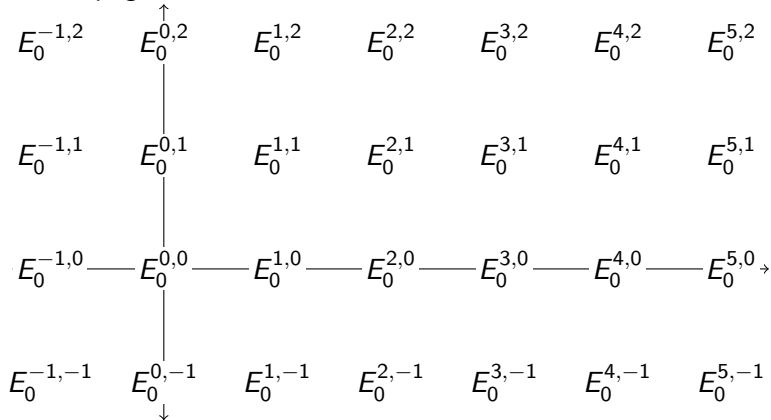
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- ▶ Ganatra, Pomerleano
- ▶ Sheridan, Borman
- ▶ Hülya Argüz
- ▶ Joint work with Tehrani, Zinger.

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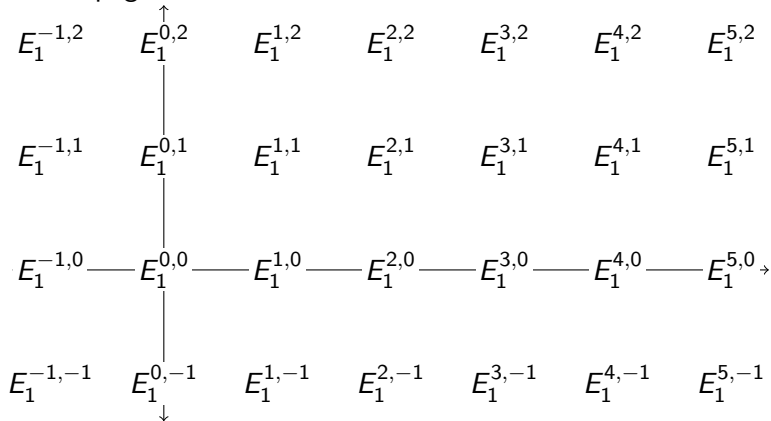
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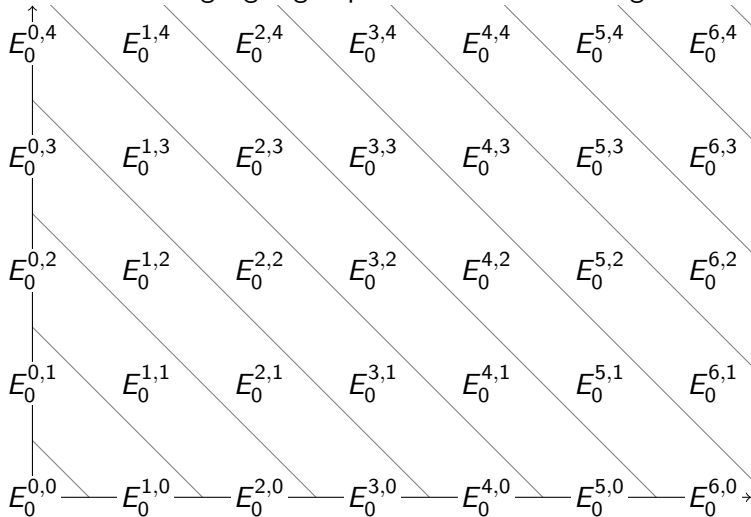
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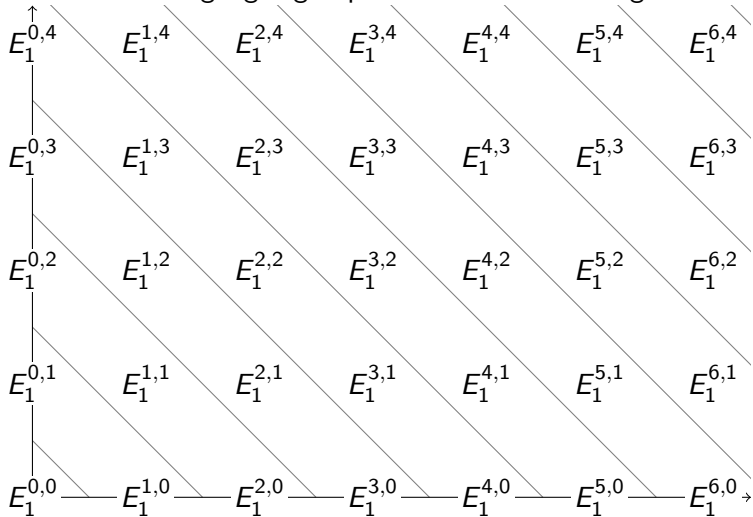
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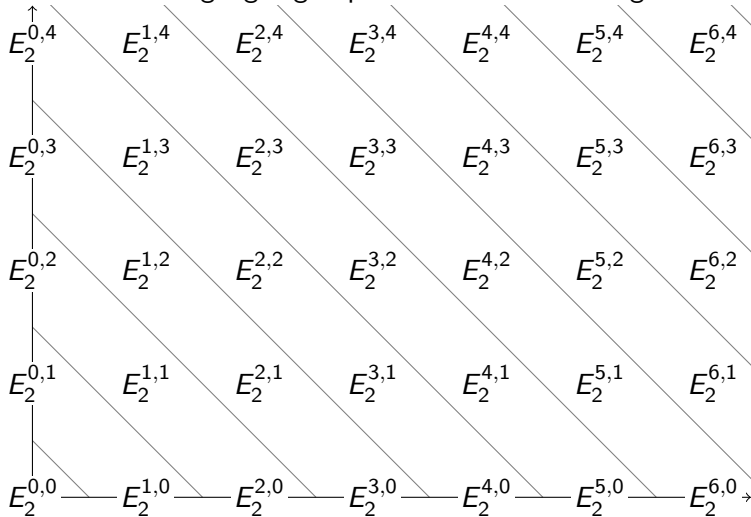
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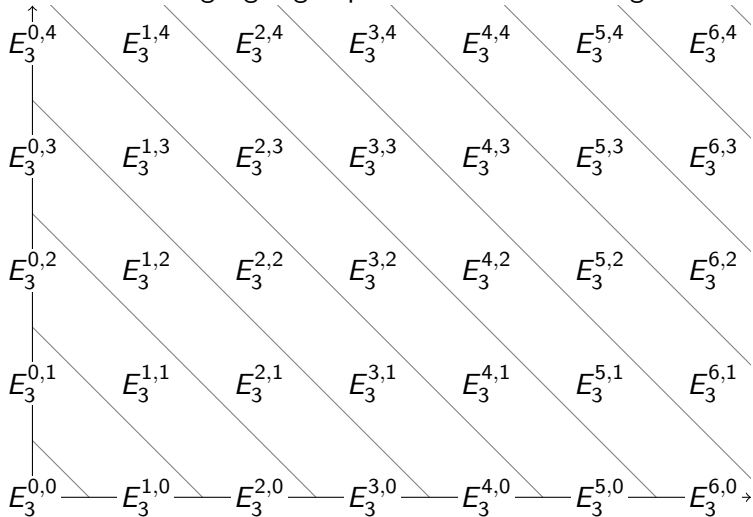
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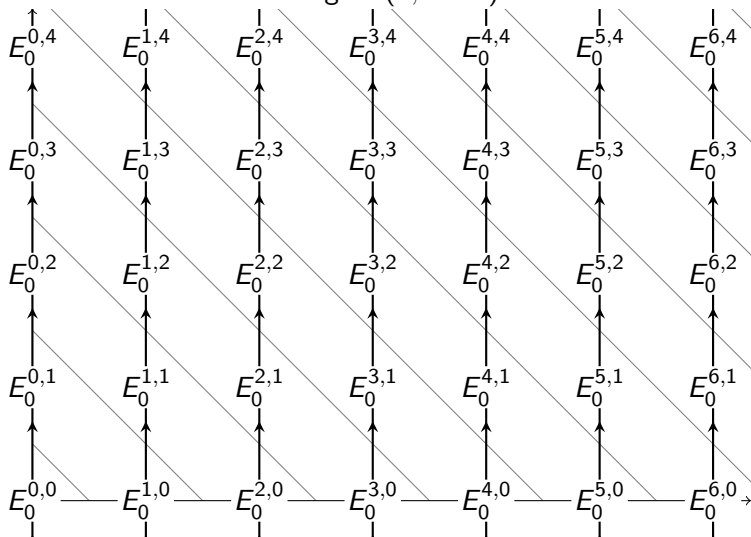
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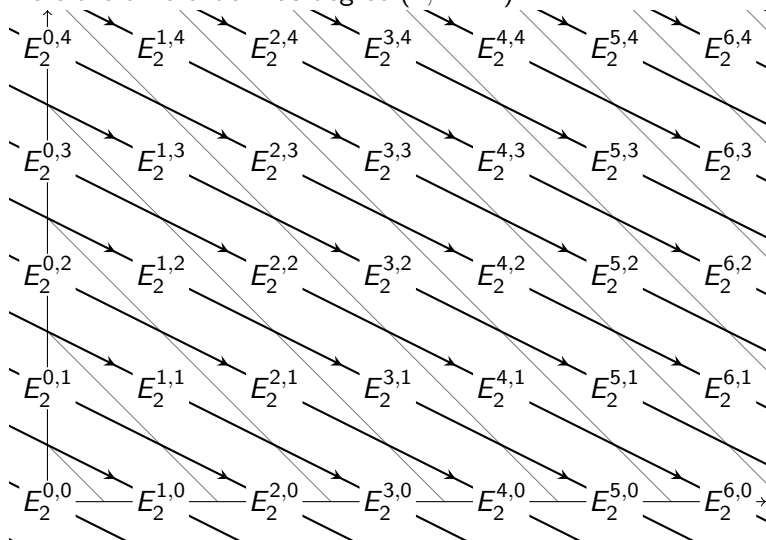
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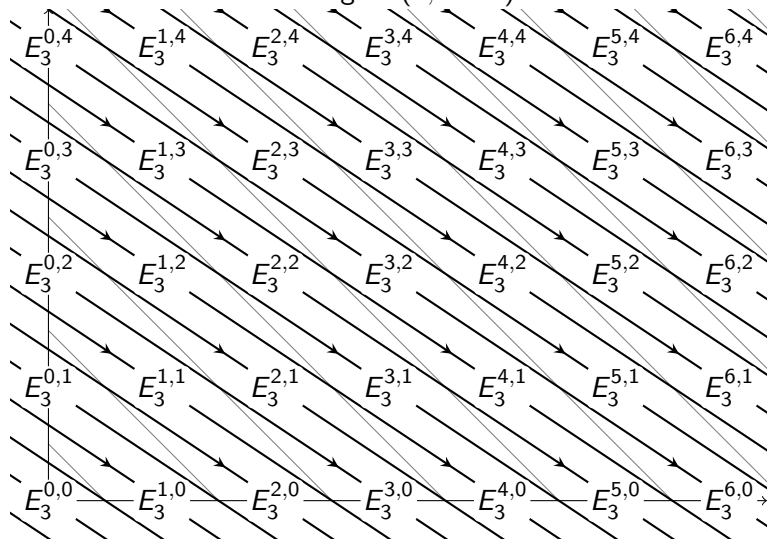
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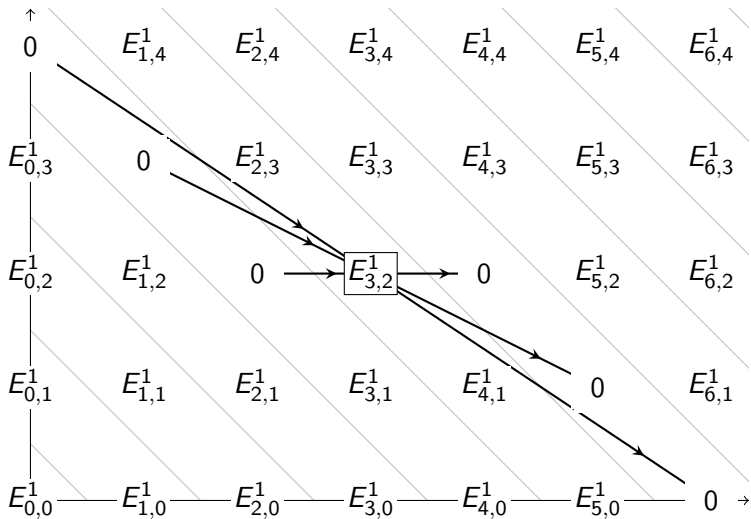
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- ▶ In our case the filtration will be nice enough so that if the above spectral sequence converges then $H^n = \bigoplus_p E_{\infty}^{p,n-p}$.



Here $H_{3+2} = H_5$ is non-zero.

"... the behavior of this spectral sequence ... is a bit like an Elizabethan drama, full of action, in which the business of each character is to kill at least one other character, so that at the end of the play one has the stage strewn with corpses and only one actor left alive (namely the one who has to speak the last few lines)" - J. F. Adams.

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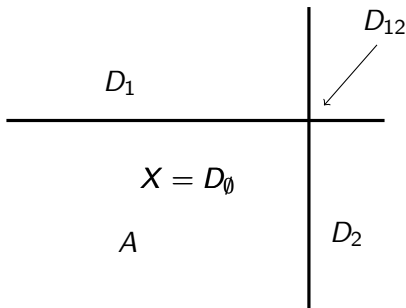
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E.g. $A = \mathbb{C}^2$
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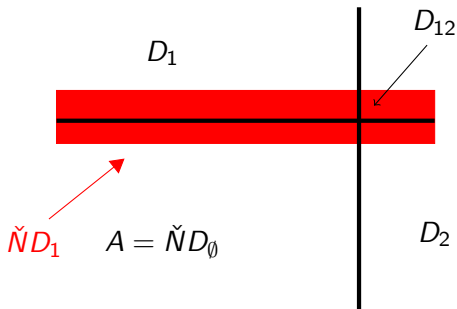
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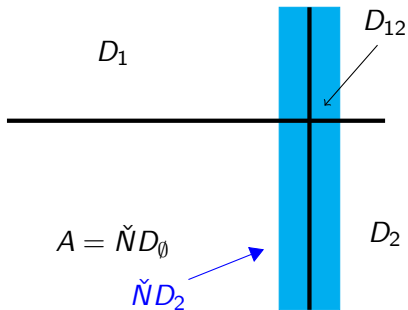
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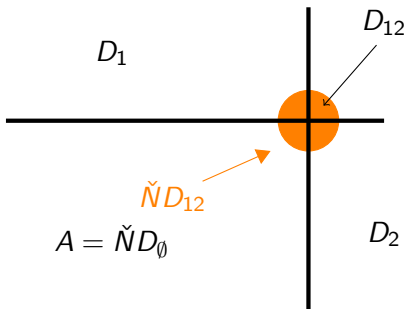
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Theorem (M - in progress):

There is a spectral sequence converging to $SH^*(A)$ with E_1 page

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where \mathbb{N}^S is the set of tuples of non-negative integers indexed by S and $I_{(k_i)} = \{i \in S : k_i \neq 0\}$.

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- ▶ The future work of Diogo-Lisi and Ganatra-Pomerleano hopefully should give better descriptions of the differentials in some cases.

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- ▶ Computations using ideas from Milnor's paper "On simply connected 4-manifolds". See also <https://amathew.wordpress.com/2012/03/05/the-cohomology-of-projective-hypersurfaces/>

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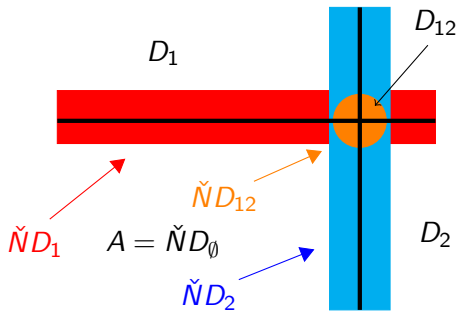
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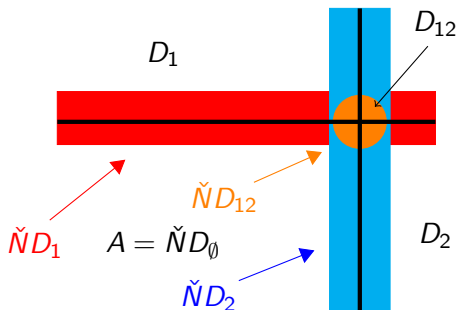
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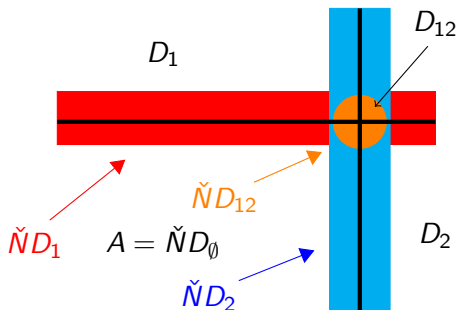
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Conjecture/Theorem? (Ganatra-Pomerleano, work in progress)

The spectral sequence above is in fact a spectral sequence of algebras converging to $SH^*(A)$ with the pair of pants product. The product structure

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on the E_1 page

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► **Proposition (not proven yet):** Suppose that the boundary of (M, θ) is a minimally degenerate contact pair and let $(B_k^j)_{k \in \mathbb{N}, j \in I_k}$ be the set of all of the minimally degenerate subsets so that

1. they are connected,
2. I_k is a finite set for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$,
3. the length of B_k^j is the length of $B_k^{j'}$ for all $j, j' \in I_k$ and these lengths tend to infinity as $k \rightarrow \infty$ and
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Then there is spectral sequence converging to $SH^{p+q}(M)$ with E^1 page

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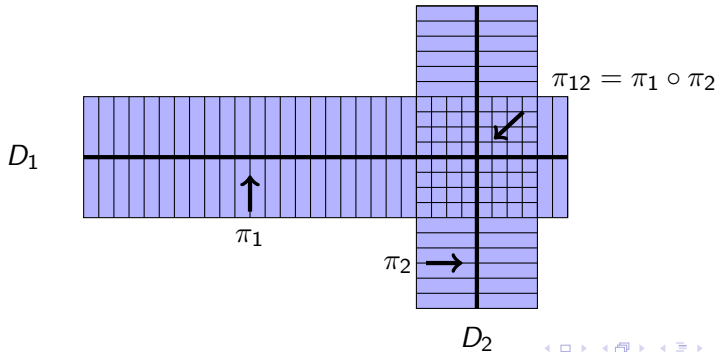
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 2. the fibers of π_I are symplectomorphic to a product $\prod_{i \in I} \mathbb{D}(\epsilon)$ of ϵ disks and the associated symplectic connection has parallel transport maps rotating these disks giving us a $U(1)^{|I|}$ structure group.
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Construction of Spectral Sequence (extremely vague sketch)

- ▶ Let X be our projective variety compactifying our affine variety A by a smooth normal crossing divisor D .
- ▶ Deform D so that it admits a regularization as above.
- ▶ Construct a natural Liouville vector field W compatible with this regularization.
- ▶ If $(r_i)_{i \in S}$ are the natural radial coordinates then our contact hypersurface transverse to W is a regular level set of $\sum_{i \in S} f(r_i)$.

