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Vanishing cycles for formal schemes. (English) Zbl 0791.14008
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Let k be a non-Archimedean field, and let \mathfrak{X} be a formal scheme locally finitely presented over the ring of integers k^0 . In this work one constructs and studies the vanishing cycles functor from the category of étale sheaves on the generic fibres \mathfrak{X}_η of \mathfrak{X} (which is a k -analytic space) to the category of étale sheaves on the closed fibre $\mathfrak{X}_{\bar{s}}$ of \mathfrak{X} (which is a scheme over the residue field of the separable closure of k). One proves that if \mathfrak{X} is the formal completion $\hat{\mathcal{X}}$ of a scheme \mathcal{X} finitely presented over k^0 along the closed fibre, then the vanishing cycles sheaves of $\hat{\mathcal{X}}$ are canonically isomorphic to those of \mathcal{X} [as defined by *P. Deligne* in Sémin. Géométrie algébrique, 1967-1969, SGA7 II, Lect. Notes Math. 340, Exposé XIII, 82-115 (1973; [Zbl 0266.14008](#))]. In particular, the vanishing cycles sheaves of \mathcal{X} depend only on $\hat{\mathcal{X}}$, and any morphism $\varphi : \hat{\mathcal{Y}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{X}}$ induces a homomorphism from the pullback of the vanishing cycles sheaves of \mathcal{X} under $\varphi_{\bar{s}} : \mathcal{Y}_{\bar{s}} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_{\bar{s}}$ to those of \mathcal{Y} . Furthermore, one proves that, for each $\hat{\mathcal{X}}$, there exists a nontrivial ideal of k^0 such that if two morphisms $\varphi, \psi : \hat{\mathcal{Y}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{X}}$ coincide modulo this ideal, then the homomorphisms between the vanishing cycles sheaves induced by φ and ψ coincide. These facts were conjectured by *P. Deligne*.

The second fact is deduced from a theorem on the continuity of the action of the set of morphisms between two analytic spaces on their étale cohomology groups. Its particular case states the following. Let $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{A})$ be a k -affinoid space, and let f_1, \dots, f_n be a k -affinoid generating system of elements of \mathcal{A} . Then for any discrete $\text{Gal}(k^s/k)$ -module Λ and any element of $\alpha \in H^q(X, \Lambda)$ there exist $t_1, \dots, t_n > 0$ such that, for any pair of morphisms $\varphi, \psi : Y \rightarrow X$ over k with $\max_{y \in Y} |(\varphi^* f_i - \psi^* f_i)(y)| \leq t_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$, one has $\varphi^*(\alpha) = \psi^*(\alpha)$ in $H^q(Y, \Lambda)$. The essential ingredient of the proof is a generalization of the classical Krasner lemma. This result implies, in particular, the following fact. If a k -analytic group G acts on a k -analytic space X , then the étale cohomology groups of X with compact support are discrete $G(k)$ -modules. The present paper is based on the previous works of the author [“Spectral theory and analytic geometry over non-Archimedean fields”, *Math. Surveys Monographs* 33 (1990; [Zbl 0715.14013](#)) and “Étale cohomology for non-Archimedean analytic spaces”, *Publ. Math., Inst. Hautes Étud. Sci.* 78, 5-171 (1993)].

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