

Slopes and Harder-Narasimhan Filtrations in Arithmetic and Geometry

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Preface

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The theory of slopes and of Harder-Narasimhan filtrations—initially devised for the study of vector bundles on projective algebraic curves and then on projective varieties—makes sense in a general abstract framework, which turns out to have applications in very diverse contexts, including the theory of p -adic representations (Fontaine), analytic differential equations in the complex and p -adic domains, the theory of shtukas (Drinfeld-Lafforgue), Diophantine geometry and diophantine approximation on algebraic groups, Hermitian vector bundles in Arakelov geometry, ... In these various domains, the general formalism of slopes and Harder-Narasimhan filtrations provides a simple and unified view of constructions and proofs, and turns out to be very helpful both conceptually and technically.

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