

Categorical Torelli theorems for Fano threefolds

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Fano threefolds

Let X be a smooth Fano threefold with $\text{Pic } X = \mathbf{Z} \cdot H$. These are classified by their

- *index*: $K_X = -\iota_X H$, and
- *degree*: $d = H^3$.

$K_X = -H$		$K_X = -2H$	
d	SOD	d	SOD
22	...	5	...
18	...	4	...
16	...	3	$D^b(X) = \langle \mathcal{A}_X, \mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_X(1) \rangle$
14	...		
12	...		
10	$D^b(X) = \langle \mathcal{A}_X, \mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{E}^\vee \rangle$	2	...
8	...	1	...
6	...		
4	...		
2	$D^b(X) = \langle \mathcal{A}_X, \mathcal{O}_X \rangle$		

Theorem (Bondal–Orlov)

$$D^b(X) \simeq D^b(X') \implies X \simeq X'.$$

Motivation

Example

Let $X \subset \mathbf{P}^4$ be a cubic threefold. Then $D^b(X) = \langle \mathcal{A}_X, \mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_X(1) \rangle$ where

$$\mathcal{A}_X = \{E \in D^b(X) \mid \mathrm{Hom}^\bullet(\mathcal{O}_X, E) = \mathrm{Hom}^\bullet(\mathcal{O}_X(1), E) = 0\}$$

is the *Kuznetsov component*.

Natural question

Does \mathcal{A}_X determine X up to isomorphism?

Motivation

For cubic threefolds, the answer is **yes**.

Theorem (Bernardara–Mehrotra–Macrì–Stellari)

$$\mathcal{A}_X \simeq \mathcal{A}_{X'} \implies X \simeq X'.$$

Proof idea.

- Consider moduli spaces of Bridgeland stable objects in \mathcal{A}_X . We get $M_\sigma(\mathcal{A}_X, [I_\ell]) \simeq \text{Hilb}_\ell(X)$.
- An equivalence $\mathcal{A}_X \simeq \mathcal{A}_{X'}$ induces an isomorphism of the corresponding moduli spaces, hence an isomorphism of the Hilbert schemes of lines.
- $J(X) = \text{Alb}(\text{Hilb}_\ell(X))$
- Hence $J(X) \simeq J(X')$
- Hence $X \simeq X'$ by the classical Torelli theorem for cubic threefolds due to [Clemens–Griffiths, Tyurin].



Question

What about the other Fano threefolds?

Gushel–Mukai (GM) threefolds

Let X be a Fano threefold with $\text{Pic } X = \mathbf{Z} \cdot H$, $d = H^3 = 10$, and $K_X = -H$. Then

$$X = \text{Gr}(2, 5) \cap (\text{quadric}) \cap \mathbf{P}^7$$

or

$X =$ double cover of $\text{Gr}(2, 5) \cap \mathbf{P}^6$ branched in a quadric hypersurface

and it has an SOD $D^b(X) = \langle \mathcal{A}_X, \mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{E}^\vee \rangle$ where \mathcal{E} is the restriction of the tautological bundle on $\text{Gr}(2, 5)$.

Question

$$\mathcal{A}_X \simeq \mathcal{A}_{X'} \implies ??$$

Moduli of stable objects in \mathcal{A}_X

Lots is known classically about *conics* $C \subset X$ on GM threefolds, so let's consider $M_\sigma(\mathcal{A}_X, [\text{pr}(I_C)])$.

Lemma (J.-Lin-Liu-Zhang)

$M_\sigma(\mathcal{A}_X, [\text{pr}(I_C)]) \simeq \text{minimal surface of Hilb}_C(X) =: \text{mHilb}_C(X)$.

Proof idea.

- Certain $I_C \in \text{Hilb}_C(X)$ are s.t. $I_C \in \mathcal{A}_X$. Others are s.t. $I_C \notin \mathcal{A}_X$.
- In all cases, $\text{pr}(I_C) \in \mathcal{A}_X$ are Bridgeland stable.
- There is a $L \simeq \mathbf{P}^1$ of conics in $\text{Hilb}_C(X)$ s.t. $I_C \notin \mathcal{A}_X$.
- $\text{pr}: \text{D}^b(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_X$ induces a map $p: \text{Hilb}_C(X) \rightarrow M_\sigma(\mathcal{A}_X, [\text{pr}(I_C)])$.
- L is contracted to a point by p .
- It follows that $M_\sigma(\mathcal{A}_X, [\text{pr}(I_C)]) \simeq \text{mHilb}_C(X)$.



Birational categorical Torelli for GM threefolds

Theorem (JLLZ)

$$\mathcal{A}_X \simeq \mathcal{A}_{X'} \implies X \sim_{\text{bir}} X'.$$

Proof idea.

- Suppose $\Phi: \mathcal{A}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{X'}$ is an equivalence.
- Where does Φ map $M_\sigma(\mathcal{A}_X, [\text{pr}(I_C)])$?
- For numerical reasons, either
 - ① $\Phi(M_\sigma(\mathcal{A}_X, [\text{pr}(I_C)])) \simeq M_\sigma(\mathcal{A}_{X'}, [\text{pr}'(I_{C'})])$ or
 - ② $\Phi(M_\sigma(\mathcal{A}_X, [\text{pr}(I_C)])) \simeq M_\sigma(\mathcal{A}_{X'}, \text{certain other class})$
- Hence,
 - ① $\text{mHilb}_C(X) \simeq \text{mHilb}_C(X')$ or
 - ② $\text{mHilb}_C(X) \simeq \text{mHilb}_C(\text{certain birational transformation of } X')$
- Classical results due to [Debarre–Iliev–Manivel] + [Logachev] give $X \sim_{\text{bir}} X'$ in both cases.



Another Fano threefold

Now let X be a Fano threefold with $\text{Pic } X = \mathbf{Z} \cdot H$, $K_X = -H$, and $d = H^3 = 2$. These are double covers of \mathbf{P}^3 branched in a sextic hypersurface Z . They have SODs $D^b(X) = \langle \mathcal{A}_X, \mathcal{O}_X \rangle$.

Question: Can we do the same thing as before?

Remark

Due to a technical issue re: stability conditions on \mathcal{A}_X in this case, it's not clear whether the previous method is possible.



An equivariant approach

Recall that $X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^3$ is a double cover branched in a sextic hypersurface, with $D^b(X) = \langle \mathcal{A}_X, \mathcal{O}_X \rangle$. So there's an action of $\mu_2 = \{1, -1\}$ on X .

Consider the *equivariant derived category* of X w.r.t this action:

$$D^b([X/\mu_2]) \simeq D^b(X)^{\mu_2} = \langle \mathcal{A}_X^{\mu_2}, \mathcal{O}_X^{\mu_2} \rangle.$$

There is a theorem [Collins–Polishchuk, Ishii–Ueda, Kuznetsov–Perry] which gives *another* SOD for such covers, in terms of the *base* and *branch locus* Z .

Shuffling the two SODs around gives

Lemma (Dell–J.–Rota)

$$\mathcal{A}_X^{\mu_2} = \langle D^b(Z), \text{exceptional} \rangle.$$

Another categorical Torelli theorem

Theorem (DJR, Lin–Zhang)

Let X be very general and $\Phi: \mathcal{A}_X \simeq \mathcal{A}_{X'}$ be Fourier–Mukai. Then $X \simeq X'$.

Proof idea.

- Begin with an equivalence $\Phi: \mathcal{A}_X \simeq \mathcal{A}_{X'}$.
- This descends (!) to an equivariant equivalence $\Phi^{\mu_2}: \mathcal{A}_X^{\mu_2} \simeq \mathcal{A}_{X'}^{\mu_2}$.
- Consider the *topological K-theory* $K_0^{\text{top}}(\mathcal{A}_X^{\mu_2})$. One can put a Hodge structure on this. Furthermore, one can show $K_0^{\text{alg}}(\mathcal{A}_X^{\mu_2})^\perp \simeq H_{\text{prim}}^2(Z, \mathbf{Q})$ (which preserves the Hodge structure).
- Thus Φ^{μ_2} induces a Hodge isometry $H_{\text{prim}}^2(Z, \mathbf{Q}) \simeq H_{\text{prim}}^2(Z', \mathbf{Q})$.
- Classical Torelli [Donagi] $\implies Z \simeq Z' \implies X \simeq X'$.



Thank you!