


Tilting sheaves and a Baer-Bondal theorem


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Notation

- \mathcal{A} abelian category,
- $D^b(X) := D^b(\text{Coh}(X))$,
- all vector spaces over \mathbb{C} ,
- RF and LG are the right and left derived functors when they exist,
- $\text{Mod}(A)$ abelian category of A -modules
- $\text{mod}(A)$ abelian category of $\text{fg } A$ -modules,
- X smooth projective over \mathbb{C}

The category of representations of quivers

Two important quivers

Kronecker quiver



Beilinson quiver for \mathbb{P}^n



Representation of a quiver

- A representation of a quiver is just a functor $\mathcal{C}Q \rightarrow \text{Vec}_{\mathbb{C}}$.
- A morphism is just a natural transformation.

Example

The representations of $\bullet \rightrightarrows \bullet$ of dimension $(1, 1)$ are

$$\mathbb{C} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{w_1} \\ \xrightarrow{w_2} \end{array} \mathbb{C}$$

Isoclasses of representations are parameterised by

$$\mathbb{C}^2 - \{0\} \setminus \mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{P}^1$$

Path algebra

We assume Q connected.

\mathbb{C} -algebra $\mathbb{C}Q$

- basis is the set of paths,
- product is the concatenation of paths

$\mathbb{C}Q$ is graded and associative:

$$\mathbb{C}Q = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} (\mathbb{C}Q)_k; \quad (\mathbb{C}Q)_0 = \{e_i\}_{i \in Q_0}$$

Such e_i are orthogonal idempotents, and $1 = \sum e_i$.

$$\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}Q < +\infty \iff Q \text{ has no oriented cycles}$$

A neat equivalence

Let A a \mathbb{C} -algebra, A^{op} is the opposite algebra

$$a \cdot b = ba$$

- $\text{mod}(A^{\text{op}})$ category of f.g. right A -modules,
- $\mathbb{C}Q^{\text{op}} = (\mathbb{C}Q)^{\text{op}}$

Proposition

$$\text{rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(Q) \cong \text{mod}(\mathbb{C}Q)$$

Proof and abelianity(?)

$$W = (W_i, w_a) \rightsquigarrow M = \bigoplus_{i \in Q_0} W_i$$

$$M \in \text{mod}(\mathbb{C}Q) \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} W_i = e_i M \\ w_a : W_{s(a)} \longrightarrow W_{t(a)} \forall a \in Q_1 \end{cases}$$

This instantly shows that $\text{rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(Q)$, $\text{rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(Q^{\text{op}})$ are abelian

Relations on a quiver

A **relation** on Q is a \mathbb{C} -linear combination of paths of length ≥ 2 , with the same head and tail.

finite set of relations \longleftrightarrow two-sided ideal $\langle R \rangle$

We can consider representations of (Q, R) , R being a set of relations.

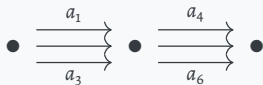
$\text{rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(Q, R)$ category of f.d. representations of (Q, R)

Proposition

$$\text{rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(Q, R) \cong \text{mod} \left(\mathbb{C}Q / \langle R \rangle \right)$$

An example

Beilinson for \mathbb{P}^2



$$R = \{a_1 a_5 - a_2 a_4, a_1 a_6 - a_3 a_4, a_2 a_6 - a_3 a_5\}$$

This relations correspond to the commutativity of the linear forms x, y, z in \mathbb{P}^2 .

$$\mathbb{C}Q / \langle R \rangle \cong \text{End} (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2))$$

Simple objects and JH-filtrations

$S(i)$ for all $i \in Q_0$ are a set of simple objects in $\text{rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(Q, R)$. If A, B are simple objects in \mathcal{A} ,

$$0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow 0$$

Jordan-Hölder filtration of $E \in \mathcal{A}$

$$0 = E_0 \subset E_1 \subset \cdots \subset E_{n-1} \subset E_n = E$$

such that $F_i = E_i/E_{i-1}$ is simple. Such factors are **unique!**

E can be obtained by extensions of simple objects.

Finite length

\mathcal{A} has **finite length** if for all $E \in \mathcal{A}$, there is a J-H filtration.

Proposition

$\text{rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(Q, R)$ has finite length

Proof

W a f.d. representation of Q . W is simple or there is a SES

$$0 \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow W \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow 0$$

Repeat and we get B simple and $f : W \longrightarrow B$ surjective.

$$W^1 = \ker(W \longrightarrow B) \subset W$$

□

Grothendieck group of $\text{rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(Q, R)$

The **Grothendieck group** $K(\mathcal{A})$ is the free abelian group generated by isoclasses mod $C = A + B$ if exists a SES in \mathcal{A}

$$0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow 0$$

Example: $K(\text{Vec}_{\mathbb{C}}) = \mathbb{Z}$.

Theorem

Let (Q, R) an acyclic bound quiver. Then the Grothendieck group is generated by the vertex set of Q , i.e.,

$$K(\mathcal{A}) = \mathbb{Z}^{Q_0}$$

The comparison

$\text{rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(Q, R)$ is way simpler than $\text{Coh}(X)$

- Simple objects in $\text{Coh}(X)$ are skyscraper sheaves of $x \in X$,
- It is impossible to obtain a filtration by finitely many of these.
- Only sheaves of dimension 0 (supported in dimension 0).
- Thus $\text{Coh}(X)$ cannot have finite length.

The Baer-Bondal theorem

Motivation

Describe $D^b(\text{Coh}(X))$ using $D^b(\text{rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(Q, R))$.

Maybe we can make computations on $D^b(\text{Coh}(X))$ using Q ?

Generators of triangulated categories

Let \mathcal{D} be a triangulated category.

- \mathcal{D} is **thick** if its closed under
 - isomorphisms,
 - shifts,
 - cones,
 - direct summands.
- The **eppaise envelope** of E on \mathcal{D} is the smallest thick \triangle subcategory of $\mathcal{D} \supset E$.
- If $\langle E \rangle_{\mathcal{D}} = \mathcal{D}$, then E **generates classically** \mathcal{D} .

Tilting sheaves

We remember that

$$\text{gdim}(A) = \max(\text{pdim}(M) \mid M \in \text{Mod}(A))$$

Definition

$T \in \text{Coh}(X)$ is a **tilting sheaf** if

- T1. $A = \text{End}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(T)$ has $\text{gdim} < +\infty$,
- T2. $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^k(T, T) = 0$ for all $k > 0$,
- T3. T classically generates $D^b(\text{Coh}(X))$

Baer-Bondal, at least

Theorem (Baer, 1988; Bondal, 1990)

Let T be a tilting sheaf on a smooth projective variety X , with $A = \text{End}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(T)$ its associated tilting algebra, then

$$F(-) := \text{hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(T, -) : \text{Coh}(X) \longrightarrow \text{mod}(A^{\text{op}})$$

$$G(-) := - \otimes_A T : \text{mod}(A^{\text{op}}) \longrightarrow \text{Coh}(X)$$

induce **equivalences of** Δ d categories:

$$RF(-) : R \text{hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(T, -) : D^b(\text{Coh}(X)) \longrightarrow D^b(\text{mod}(A^{\text{op}}))$$

$$LG(-) := - \otimes_A^L T : D^b(\text{mod}(A^{\text{op}})) \longrightarrow D^b(\text{Coh}(X))$$

Sketch of the proof

1. Existence of the right derived functor RF ,
2. RF is defined in the categories we want,
3. Existence of the left derived functor LG ,
4. LG is defined in the categories we want,
5. RF and LG are in fact inverses.

Existence of RF

$\text{hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}$ becomes a right A -module by composition.

As $\text{hom}(T, -)$ is covariant left-exact and $\text{QCoh}(X)$ has enough injectives, there is a right derived functor

$$RF(-) = R \text{hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(T, -) : D^b(\text{QCoh}(X)) \longrightarrow D(\text{Mod}(A^{\text{op}}))$$

Defined in the right sense

What are the cohomologies of the image?

$$H^i(R \operatorname{hom}(T, E)) = R^i \operatorname{hom}(T, E) = \operatorname{Ext}^i(T, E)$$

As X is smooth, then $\operatorname{Ext}^i = 0$ for $i > \dim X, i < 0$. Thus RF lies in $D^b(\operatorname{Mod}(A^{\text{op}}))$. $D^b(\operatorname{Coh}(X)) \cong \mathcal{D} \subset D^b(\operatorname{QCoh}(X))$ with coherent cohomologies, we can restrict

$$RF \Big|_{D^b(\operatorname{Coh}(X))}$$

If $E \in \operatorname{Coh}(X)$, $\operatorname{Ext}^i(T, E)$ is f.d. as a \mathbb{C} -vector space, hence as an A -module. Thus,

cohomologies lie in $\operatorname{mod}(A^{\text{op}})$

Existence of LG

$$RF : D^b(\text{Coh}(X)) \longrightarrow D^b(\text{mod}(A^{\text{op}}))$$

- $\text{Mod}(A^{\text{op}})$ has enough projectives,
- $- \otimes_A T$ is right exact,

then we get a left-derived functor

$$LG(-) = - \otimes_A^L T : D^b(\text{Mod}(A^{\text{op}})) \rightarrow D(\text{QCoh}(X))$$

Defined in the right sense

$B \in \text{Mod}(A)$, then its cohomology sheaves:

$$H^i(B \otimes^L T) = \text{Tor}_A^{-i}(B, T)$$

As A has finite gdim , then this is 0 after a finite number.

If we restrict to f.g. A -modules, the cohomologies are coherent, giving

$$LG(-) = - \otimes_A^L T : D^b(\text{mod}(A^{\text{op}})) \longrightarrow D^b(\text{Coh}(X))$$

In fact inverses

As T satisfies T2,

$$\begin{aligned} RF \circ LG(A) &= RF(A \otimes_A^L T) \\ &= R \operatorname{hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(T, A \otimes_A^L T) \\ &= \operatorname{hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(T, T) = A \end{aligned}$$

We can show that A classically generates $D^b(\operatorname{mod}(A^{\text{op}}))$, thus the composition is the identity.

In fact inverses

T satisfies T3, we can do a similar argument and as T classically generates $D^b(\text{Coh}(X))$, the composition is the identity.

Then RF and LG are inverses.

Applications and Exceptional collections

The natural map

Let $E \in D^b(\mathcal{A})$, then

$$[E] := \sum_i (-1)^i [E^i] \in K(\mathcal{A})$$

gives a well defined map

$$[-] : D^b(\mathcal{A}) \longrightarrow K(\mathcal{A})$$

such that $[E + F] = [E] + [F]$.

Bilinear forms

1. $K(\text{Coh}(X))$ admits one:

$$\langle [E], [F] \rangle := \sum_i (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^i(E, F)$$

2. For $K(\text{mod}(A))$, if $\text{gdim } A < +\infty$,

$$\langle [M], [N] \rangle := \sum_i (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \text{Ext}^i(M, N)$$

Isomorphism of Grothendieck groups

Proposition

T a tilting sheaf on X , $A = \text{End}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(T)$, then

$$[RF(-)] : K(\text{Coh}(X)) \longrightarrow K(\text{mod}(A^{\text{op}}))$$

$$[RF(-)] = \sum_i (-1)^i \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^i(T, -)$$

is an isomorphism that preserves the natural bilinear forms on each side.

Necessary condition

In particular,

Corollary

If X is a smooth projective variety that admits a tilting sheaf, then $K(\text{Coh}(X))$ is finitely generated and free.

Now our question becomes, which varieties admit tilting bundles?

(Full and) Exceptional collections

Let \mathcal{D} be a triangulated category.

1. $E \in \mathcal{D}$ is **exceptional** if

$$\mathrm{hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(E, E) = \mathbb{C}, \quad \mathrm{hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(E, E[k]) = 0 \forall k \neq 0.$$

2. A sequence (E_0, \dots, E_m) of exceptional objects is **exceptional** if

$$R \mathrm{hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(E_i, E_j) = 0 \text{ for all } i > j,$$

3. it is **strongly exceptional** if we also have $\mathrm{hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(E_i, E_j[k]) = 0$ for $i < j, k \neq 0$,
4. and **full** if E_0, \dots, E_m generate \mathcal{D} as a Δ category.

Tilting bundles and exceptional collections

Proposition

Let T be a locally-free sheaf on X such that $T = \bigoplus_{i=0}^m E_i$ is a decomposition into line bundles.

1. If T satisfies T1 and T2, then

(E_0, \dots, E_m) is a **strong exceptional** collection

2. If T satisfies T1, T2 and T3, then

(E_0, \dots, E_m) is a **full strong exceptional** collection

Every full strong exceptional collection defines a tilting sheaf.

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Thanks!

