

# Almost split sequences in tri-exact categories

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Under the Hom-finite setting, many researchers have studied the existence of

- almost split sequences in abelian categories and exact categories (Aulander, Reiten, Bautista, Lenzing, Zuazua, etc);
- almost split triangles in triangulated categories and their extension-closed subcategories (Happel, Reiten, Van den Bergh, Jørgensen, etc).

# Auslander's Theorem

$\Lambda$ : any ring.

$Z \in \text{Mod}\Lambda$  finitely presented, non-projective,  $\text{End}(Z)$  local.

$\Sigma := \text{End}(\text{Tr}Z)^{\text{op}}$ .

$I$ : the injective envelope of  $\text{End}(Z)/\text{rad}(\text{End}(Z))_{\Sigma}$ .

$X := \text{Hom}_{\Sigma}(\text{Tr}Z, I) \in \text{Mod}\Lambda$ .

## Theorem (Auslander)

- 1  $\text{Ext}_{\Lambda}^1(-, X) \cong \text{Hom}_{\Sigma}(\underline{\text{Hom}}_{\Lambda}(Z, -), I)$ .
- 2  $\text{Mod}\Lambda$  has an almost split sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow Z \longrightarrow 0.$$

# Krause's Theorem

$\mathcal{A}$ : triangulated category, generated by the compact objects.

$Z \in \mathcal{A}$  compact with  $\Sigma = \text{End}(Z)$  being local.

$I$ : the injective envelope of  $\text{End}(Z)/\text{rad}(\text{End}(Z))_{\Sigma}$ .

## Theorem (Krause)

- 1 (BROWN) There exists  $X \in \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, X) \cong \text{Hom}_{\Sigma}(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(Z, -), I).$$

- 2  $\mathcal{A}$  has an almost split triangle

$$X[-1] \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow Z \longrightarrow X.$$

## Objective

To unify various existence theorems of

- almost split sequences in abelian categories
- almost split triangles in triangulated categories

under setting of tri-exact categories without Hom-finiteness.

## Application

Existence of almost split triangles in  $D(\mathfrak{A})$  and  $D^b(\mathfrak{A})$ , where  $\mathfrak{A}$  is abelian category without Hom-finiteness.

# Tri-exact categories

- 1 Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a **tri-exact category**, that is an extension-closed subcategory of a triangulated category  $\mathcal{A}$  with shift  $[1]$ .
- 2 Given  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , we put

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(X, Y) := \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y[1]).$$

## Definition

A morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is called

- **projectively trivial** if, for all  $M \in \mathcal{C}$ ,

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(f, M) : \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(Y, M) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(X, M) : \delta \mapsto \delta \circ f = 0;$$

- **injectively trivial** if, for all  $M \in \mathcal{C}$ ,

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(M, f) : \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(M, X) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(M, Y) : \delta \mapsto f[1] \circ \delta = 0.$$

Given  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , we put

- 1  $\overline{\text{Hom}}(X, Y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) / \mathcal{I}(X, Y)$ ,  
where  $\mathcal{I}(X, Y)$ : injectively trivial morphisms.
- 2  $\underline{\text{Hom}}(X, Y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) / \mathcal{P}(X, Y)$ ,  
where  $\mathcal{P}(X, Y)$ : projectively trivial morphisms.

## Remark

- $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(X, Y)$  is a  $\overline{\text{End}}(Y)$ - $\underline{\text{End}}(X)$ -bimodule.
- If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a triangulated category, then

$$\underline{\text{Hom}}(X, Y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) = \overline{\text{Hom}}(X, Y).$$

# Tri-exact structure and almost split sequences

An extension  $\delta \in \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X[1])$  defines exact triangle in  $\mathcal{A}$

$$X \xrightarrow{u} Y \xrightarrow{v} Z \xrightarrow{\delta} X[1].$$

Call  $X \xrightarrow{u} Y \xrightarrow{v} Z$  *tri-exact sequence* in  $\mathcal{C}$  defined by  $\delta$ .

## Remark

The tri-exact sequences in  $\mathcal{C}$  yields a tri-exact structure.

## Definition

A tri-exact sequence  $X \xrightarrow{u} Y \xrightarrow{v} Z$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is *almost split* if

- 1  $u$  is minimal left almost split ;
- 2  $v$  is minimal right almost split.



$\mathcal{C}$ : an extension-closed subcategory of abelian category  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

$\mathcal{C}[0]$ : the additive subcategory of  $D(\mathfrak{A})$  generated by the complexes isomorphic to  $X[0]$  with  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ .

### Proposition

- 1  $\mathcal{C}[0]$  is an extension-closed subcategory of  $D(\mathfrak{A})$ .
- 2  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(X, Y) \cong \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}[0]}^1(X[0], Y[0])$ , for all  $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$ .
- 3  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$  is almost split sequence in  $\mathcal{C}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow X[0] \rightarrow Y[0] \rightarrow Z[0]$  is almost split sequence in  $\mathcal{C}[0]$ .
- 4 Every almost split sequence in  $\mathcal{C}[0]$  is of the above form.

- ① Let  $X, Z \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $\text{End}(X)$  and  $\text{End}(Z)$  being local.
- ② Ring homomorphisms  $\Gamma \rightarrow \overline{\text{End}}(X)$  and  $\Sigma \rightarrow \underline{\text{End}}(Z)$ .
- ③  ${}_r I$ : injective co-generator of  ${}_r \text{End}(X)/\text{rad}(\text{End}(X))$ .
- ④  $I_\Sigma$ : injective co-generator of  $\text{End}(Z)/\text{rad}(\text{End}(Z))_\Sigma$ .

## Theorem

$\mathcal{C}$  has an almost split sequence  $X \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow Z$

$\Leftrightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(-, X)$  is subfunctor of  $\text{Hom}_{\Sigma}(\underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{C}}(Z, -), I_{\Sigma})$ ;  
 $\text{Soc}(\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X)_{\underline{\text{End}}(Z)}) \neq 0$ .

$\Leftrightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, -)$  is subfunctor of  $\text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(\overline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, X), {}_r I)$ ;  
 $\text{Soc}(\overline{\text{End}}(X)\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(Z, X)) \neq 0$ .

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is tri-exact  $R$ -category, where  $R$  commutative ring, we may choose  $\Gamma = \Sigma = R$ .

# Application to almost split triangles in derived categories of abelian categories

# Happel's Result

$\Lambda$ : a finite dimensional algebra over a field  $k$ .

$\text{mod}\Lambda$ : the category of finite dimensional  $\Lambda$ -modules.

## Theorem

(1) If  $M^\bullet \in D^b(\text{mod}\Lambda)$  is indecomposable, then

- $D^b(\text{mod}\Lambda)$  has an almost split triangle in

$$X^\bullet \longrightarrow Y^\bullet \longrightarrow M^\bullet \longrightarrow X^\bullet[1]$$

$\iff M^\bullet \cong P^\bullet$ , a bounded complex of projective modules.

- $D^b(\text{mod}\Lambda)$  has an almost split triangle

$$M^\bullet \longrightarrow Y^\bullet \longrightarrow Z^\bullet \longrightarrow M^\bullet[1]$$

$\iff M^\bullet \cong I^\bullet$ , a bounded complex of injective modules.

(2)  $D^b(\text{mod}\Lambda)$  has almost split triangles  $\iff \text{gdim}(\Lambda) < \infty$ .

- 1  $R$ : a commutative ring.
- 2  $I_R$ : a minimal injective co-generator for  $\text{Mod } R$ .
- 3  $D = \text{Hom}_R(-, I_R) : \text{Mod } R \rightarrow \text{Mod } R$  is exact.
- 4 An  $R$ -module  $M$  is **reflexive** if  $\exists$  isomorphism

$$\sigma_M : M \rightarrow D^2 M : x \mapsto [f \mapsto f(x)].$$

## Proposition

*The category  $\text{RMod } R$  of reflexive  $R$ -modules*

- *is abelian;*
- *contains all  $R$ -modules of finite length;*
- *admits duality  $D : \text{RMod } R \rightarrow \text{RMod } R$ .*

- 5 An  $R$ -category  $\mathcal{A}$  is called **Hom-reflexive** if

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y) \in \text{RMod } R, \text{ for all } X, Y \in \mathcal{A}.$$

# Projective resolutions

$\mathcal{A}$ : an abelian  $R$ -category.

$\mathcal{P}$ : a subcategory of projective objects of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

$\mathcal{I}$ : a subcategory of injective objects of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

## Definition

Let  $X^\bullet$  be a complex over  $\mathcal{A}$ .

- 1 A *projective resolution over*  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $X^\bullet$  is quasi-isomorphism

$$p^\bullet : P^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet$$

where  $P^\bullet$  is a bounded-above complex over  $\mathcal{P}$ .

- 2 An *injective co-resolution* over  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $X^\bullet$  is quasi-iso

$$q^\bullet : X^\bullet \rightarrow I^\bullet$$

where  $I^\bullet$  is a bounded-below complex over  $\mathcal{I}$ .

# Necessity for the existence of an almost split sequence

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## Theorem

*Consider an almost split triangle*

$$X^\bullet \longrightarrow Y^\bullet \longrightarrow Z^\bullet \longrightarrow X^\bullet[1]$$

*in  $D^*(\mathcal{A})$  with  $* \in \{\emptyset, b\}$ .*

- 1 If  $Z^\bullet$  has a projective resolution over  $\mathcal{P}$ , then  $Z^\bullet \cong P^\bullet$ , a bounded complex over  $\mathcal{P}$ .*
- 2 If  $X^\bullet$  has an injective co-resolution over  $\mathcal{I}$ , then  $X^\bullet \cong I^\bullet$ , a bounded complex over  $\mathcal{I}$ .*

Let  $A$  be any  $R$ -algebra.

## Theorem

If  $D^b(\text{Mod}A)$  has an almost split triangle

$$X^\bullet \longrightarrow Y^\bullet \longrightarrow Z^\bullet \longrightarrow X^\bullet[1],$$

then

- 1  $Z^\bullet \cong P^\bullet$ , a bounded complex of projective  $A$ -modules.
- 2  $X^\bullet \cong I^\bullet$ , a bounded complex of injective  $A$ -modules.



We shall study the sufficiency for the existence

$\mathfrak{A}$  : an abelian  $R$ -category.

$\mathcal{P}$  : a subcategory of projective objects of  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

## Definition

A functor  $\nu : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  is called *Nakayama functor* if

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{A}}(-, \nu P) \cong D\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{A}}(P, -), \text{ for all } P \in \mathcal{P}.$$

In this case,

- 1  $\nu P$  is injective in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , for all  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .
- 2  $K^b(\mathcal{P})$  and  $K^b(\nu\mathcal{P})$ : triangulated subcategories of  $D(\mathfrak{A})$ .

## Lemma

*Given any  $R$ -algebra  $A$ , we obtain a Nakayama functor*

$$\nu_A = D\mathrm{Hom}_A(-, A) : \mathrm{proj}A \rightarrow \mathrm{Mod}A,$$

- 1  $\mathrm{proj}A$ : *category of finitely generated projective  $A$ -modules.*
- 2  $\mathrm{inj}A := \nu(\mathrm{proj}A)$ , *a category of injective  $A$ -modules.*

Many more abelian categories with Nakayama functor

- $\mathrm{Mod}A$ , where  $A = kQ/I$  is locally finite dimensional.

## Proposition

Let  $\nu : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  be a Nakayama functor.

- 1 It induces a triangle functor  $\nu : K^b(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow D(\mathfrak{A})$ .
- 2 For any  $P^\bullet \in K^b(\mathcal{P})$ , we have

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{D(\mathfrak{A})}(-, \nu P^\bullet) \cong D\mathrm{Hom}_{D(\mathfrak{A})}(P^\bullet, -).$$

- 3 If  $\mathcal{P}$  Hom-reflexive over  $R$ , then  $\nu$  co-restricts to an equiv

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which induces an equivalence

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## Theorem

Let  $\nu : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$  be a Nakayama functor.

If  $P^\bullet \in K^b(\mathcal{P})$  with  $\text{End}(P^\bullet)$  and  $\text{End}(\nu P^\bullet)$  local, then  $D^b(\mathcal{Q})$  has an almost split triangle

$$\nu P^\bullet[-1] \longrightarrow M^\bullet \longrightarrow P^\bullet \longrightarrow \nu P^\bullet,$$

which is also an almost split triangle in  $D(\mathcal{Q})$ .

## Remark

With  $\nu_A : \text{proj}A \rightarrow \text{Mod}A$ , where  $A$  is  $R$ -algebra, the above result applies to  $D^b(\text{Mod}A)$  and  $D(\text{Mod}A)$ .

Let  $\nu: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  be Nakayama functor,

- $\mathcal{P}$  is Hom-reflexive over  $R$ ;
- $\mathfrak{A}$  has enough projectives in  $\mathcal{P}$ ; enough injectives in  $\nu\mathcal{P}$ .

### Theorem

(1) If  $M^\bullet \in D^b(\mathfrak{A})$  such that  $\text{End}(M^\bullet)$  is local, then

- $D^b(\mathfrak{A})$  has almost split triangle  $X^\bullet \rightarrow Y^\bullet \rightarrow M^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet[1]$   
 $\iff M^\bullet \cong P^\bullet \in K^b(\mathcal{P})$ ; in this case,  $X^\bullet \cong \nu P^\bullet$ .
- $D^b(\mathfrak{A})$  has almost split triangle  $M^\bullet \rightarrow Y^\bullet \rightarrow Z^\bullet \rightarrow M^\bullet[1]$   
 $\iff M^\bullet \cong I^\bullet \in K^b(\nu\mathcal{P})$ ; in this case,  $Z^\bullet \cong \nu^{-1}I^\bullet$ .

(2) If  $\mathfrak{A}$  Krull-Schmidt, then  $D^b(\mathfrak{A})$  has almost split triangles

$\iff$  every object in  $\mathfrak{A}$  has

- a finite projective resolution over  $\mathcal{P}$ ;
- a finite injective co-resolution over  $\nu\mathcal{P}$ .

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