AK High-Dimensional Projection Structural Theory

v5.0: Unified Degeneration, Mirror Symmetry, and Tropical Collapse

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2.1 Formalization of Stepwise Collapse

Each step in the MECE Collapse Framework is now formalized via input type, transformation rule, and output implication.

- **Step 1 (PH-Stabilization)**: *Input*: Sublevel filtration on $u(x,t)$ over H^1. *Output*: Bottleneck-stable barcodes $\mathrm{PH}_1(t)$.
- **Step 2 (Topological Energy Functional)**: *Input*: Barcodes $\mathrm{PH}_1(t)$. *Transform*: Define $C(t) = \sum_i \mathrm{pers}_i^2$. *Output*: Decay signals of topological complexity.
- **Step 3 (Orbit Injectivity)**: *Input*: Trajectory $u(t)$ in H^1. *Output*: Injective map $t \mapsto \mathrm{PH}_1(u(t))$ guarantees reconstructibility.
- **Step 4 (VMHS Degeneration)**: *Input*: Hodge-theoretic degeneration of $H^*(X_t)$. *Output*: Ext^1 collapse under derived AK-sheaf lift.
- **Step 5 (Tropical Collapse)**: *Input*: Piecewise-linear skeleton $\mathrm{Trop}(X_t)$. *Output*: Colimit realization in $D^b(\mathcal{AK})$ via $\mathbb{T}_d$.
- **Step 6 (Spectral Shell Decay)**: *Input*: Fourier coefficients $\hat{u}_k(t)$. *Output*: Dyadic shell decay slope $\partial_j \log E_j(t)$ quantifies smoothness.
- **Step 7 (Derived Category Collapse)**: *Input*: AK-sheaves $\mathcal{F}_t$. *Output*: Triviality of Ext^1 ensures categorical rigidity.

2.2 Functorial Collapse Diagram

We formalize the MECE collapse sequence as a chain of functors between structured categories.

Definition 2.1 (MECE Collapse Functor Flow)**.** *Let $\mathcal{C}_0 = Flow_{H^1}$ and define a functor chain:*

$$\mathcal{C}_0[r, "\mathcal{F}_1"]\mathcal{C}_1 = Barcodes[r, "\mathcal{F}_2"]\mathcal{C}_2 = Energy/Entropy[r, "\cdots"]\mathcal{C}_6 = D^b(\mathcal{AK})$$

Each $\mathcal{F}_i$ encodes a structurally preserving transformation, such that the composite $\mathcal{F}_7 \circ \cdots \circ \mathcal{F}_1$ maps analytic input to categorical degeneration output.

Remark 2.2. *This functorial viewpoint allows collapse detection and propagation to be formulated as a categorical information flow.*

3 Topological and Entropic Functionals

Definition 3.1 (Sublevel Set Filtration for $u(x,t)$)**.** *Given a scalar field $f(x,t) := |u(x,t)|$ over a bounded domain Ω, define the sublevel filtration:*

$$X_r(t) := \{x \in \Omega \mid f(x,t) \leq r\}, \quad r > 0$$

Persistent homology $\mathrm{PH}_1(t)$ is computed over the increasing family $\{X_r(t)\}_{r>0}$.

Remark 3.2 (Filtration Resolution and Stability)**.** *The resolution of r affects the detectability of loops. Stability theorems ensure that small perturbations in f yield bounded bottleneck deviations.*

3.1 3.1 Persistent Functionals

We define two global functionals over time for a filtered family $\{X_t\}$:

- **Topological energy:** $C(t) = \sum_i \mathrm{pers}_i^2$, measuring total squared persistence.
- **Topological entropy:** $H(t) = -\sum_i p_i \log p_i$, where $p_i = \frac{\mathrm{pers}_i^2}{C(t)}$.

3.2 3.2 Properties and Interpretations

[Decay Under Smoothing] If X_t evolves under dissipative flow (e.g., Navier–Stokes), then $C(t)$ is non-increasing and $H(t)$ converges to 0.

Remark 3.3. *The decrease in $H(t)$ indicates simplification in homological diversity, while $C(t)$ tracks overall topological activity.*

3.3 3.3 Connection to PH and Ext Collapse

[Functional Collapse as Diagnostic] If $C(t) \to 0$ and $H(t) \to 0$ as $t \to T$, then $\mathrm{PH}_1(X_t) \to 0$ and $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) \to 0$ under AK-lifting.

4 Topological and Entropic Functionals

Topological energy $C(t) = \sum_i \mathrm{pers}_i^2$, and topological entropy $H(t) = -\sum_i p_i \log p_i$ provide quantitative indices of structural simplification.

Theorem 4.1 (Monotonic Decay of $C(t)$ under Dissipative Dynamics)**.** *Let $u(x,t)$ evolve under a dissipative PDE (e.g., NSE) in $H^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$. Assume $\mathrm{PH}_1(u(t))$ is computed over sublevel sets of $|u(x,t)|$. Then the topological energy functional $C(t)$ satisfies:*

$$\frac{dC}{dt} \leq -\alpha(t)C(t)$$

for some $\alpha(t) > 0$, provided that the system has no energy input or external forcing.

Sketch. Under energy dissipation ($\frac{dE}{dt} \leq 0$) and spatial smoothing by viscosity, persistent features shrink. As $\mathrm{pers}_i(t)$ decay, $C(t) = \sum \mathrm{pers}_i^2(t)$ decreases. Estimating $\alpha(t)$ depends on spectral gap and viscosity ν. □

5 Categorification of Tropical Degeneration in Complex Structure Deformation

Let $\{X_t\}_{t\in\Delta}$ be a 1-parameter family of complex manifolds degenerating at $t = 0$. We propose a structural translation of this degeneration into the AK category framework via persistent homology and derived Ext-group collapse.

5.1 4.1 Problem Statement and Objective

We aim to classify the degeneration of complex structures in terms of:

- The tropical limit (skeleton) as a colimit in $\mathcal{AK}$.
- The Variation of Mixed Hodge Structures (VMHS) as Ext-variation.
- The stability and detectability of skeleton via persistent homology PH_1.

Objective: Construct sheaves $\mathcal{F}_t \in D^b(\mathcal{AK})$ such that:

$$\lim_{t\to 0} \mathcal{F}_t \simeq \mathcal{F}_0, \quad \text{with} \quad \mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_0, -) = 0, \quad \mathrm{PH}_1(\mathcal{F}_0) = 0.$$

5.2 4.2 AK–VMHS–PH Structural Correspondence

Definition 5.1 (AK-VMHS–PH Triplet)**.** *We define a triplet structure:*

$$(\mathcal{F}_t, \mathrm{VMHS}_t, \mathrm{PH}_1(t)) \quad \textit{with} \quad \mathcal{F}_t \in D^b(\mathcal{AK})$$

where each component satisfies:

- *$\mathcal{F}_t \simeq H^*(X_t)$ with derived filtration,*
- *VMHS_t tracks degeneration in the Hodge structure,*
- *$\mathrm{PH}_1(t)$ detects topological collapse.*

Theorem 5.2 (Colimit Realization of Tropical Degeneration). *Let $\{X_t\}$ be a family degenerating tropically at $t \to 0$. Then, under PH-triviality and Ext-collapse:*

$$\mathcal{F}_0 :=_{t\to 0} \mathcal{F}_t$$

exists in $D^b(\mathcal{AK})$, and reflects the limit skeleton of the tropical degeneration.

Remark 5.3 (Ext-Collapse as Degeneration Classifier). *The collapse $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) \to 0$ signifies categorical finality, serving as a classifier for completed degenerations.*

Definition 5.4 (AK Triplet Diagram). *We define the degeneration diagram:*

$$\{X_t\}[r, "\mathrm{PH}_1"][dr, swap, "\mathbb{T}_d \circ \mathrm{PH}_1"]Barcodes[d, "\mathbb{T}_d"]D^b(\mathcal{AK})$$

where $\mathbb{T}_d$ is the tropical–sheaf functor. The composition $\mathbb{T}_d \circ \mathrm{PH}_1$ maps filtrated topological degeneration directly into derived categorical structures.

[Functoriality of the AK Lift] The AK-lift $\mathbb{T}_d \circ \mathrm{PH}_1$ preserves exactness of barcode short sequences and reflects persistent cohomology convergence as derived Ext-collapse.

5.3 4.3 Applications and Future Development

This AK-categorification enables:

- Structural classification of degenerations in moduli space.
- Derived detection of special Lagrangian torus collapse (SYZ).
- Frameworks for arithmetic degenerations and non-archimedean geometry.

Next step: Integration with mirror symmetry and motivic sheaves.

Definition 5.5 (Tropical–Sheaf Functor). *Let Σ_d denote the tropical skeleton associated with degeneration data over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$. A functor $\mathbb{T}_d : \Sigma_d \to D^b(\mathcal{AK})$ lifts tropical faces to derived AK-sheaves via filtered colimit along degeneration strata.*

5.4 4.4 AK-sheaf Construction from Arithmetic Orbits

[AK-sheaf Induction from Arithmetic Trajectories] Let $\{\varepsilon_n\} \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})^\times$ be a unit sequence. Define an orbit map $\phi_n := \log|\varepsilon_n|$. Then the associated AK-sheaf $\mathcal{F}_n$ is obtained via filtered convolution:

$$\mathcal{F}_n := \mathrm{Filt} \circ \mathbb{T}_d \circ \phi_n$$

where $\mathbb{T}_d$ is the tropical-sheaf functor from Definition 4.3.

6 Tropical Geometry and Ext Collapse

This chapter elaborates the geometric interpretation of tropical degeneration and its precise correspondence with categorical collapse via AK-theory. We connect piecewise-linear degenerations to derived category rigidity and demonstrate this through persistent homology.

6.1 5.1 Tropical Skeleton as Geometric Shadow

Definition 6.1 (Tropical Skeleton). *Given a degenerating family* $\{X_t\}_{t\in\Delta}$ *of complex manifolds, the tropical skeleton* $\mathrm{Trop}(X_t)$ *captures the combinatorial shadow of* X_t *as* $t \to 0$. *It is defined by the collapse of torus fibers, resulting in a finite PL-complex via either SYZ fibration or Berkovich analytification.*

Remark 6.2 (Homotopy Limit Structure). *The tropical skeleton can be regarded as a homotopy colimit of the family* X_t *under a degeneration-compatible topology, classifying singular strata in the limit.*

6.2 5.2 Geometric–Categorical Correspondence

Theorem 6.3 (Trop–Ext Equivalence). *Let* $\mathcal{F}_t \in D^b(\mathcal{AK})$ *represent the derived AK-object corresponding to* X_t. *Then:*

$$\mathrm{Trop}(X_t) \textit{ stabilizes} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) \to 0.$$

Hence, geometric collapse implies categorical rigidity in AK-theory.

[Terminal Degeneration Criterion] If $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) \to 0$ as $t \to 0$, the family reaches a terminal degeneration stage geometrically modeled by a stable PL-skeleton.

6.3 5.3 Persistent Homology Interpretation

[Tropical Skeleton from PH Collapse] Let $\{X_t\}$ be embedded in a filtration-preserving family such that $\mathrm{PH}_1(X_t) \to 0$. Then the Gromov–Hausdorff limit of X_t defines a finite PL-complex that agrees with $\mathrm{Trop}(X_0)$ under Berkovich-type degeneration.

[Numerical Detectability of Collapse] Given a barcode $\mathrm{PH}_1(X_t)$ and minimal loop scale $\ell_{\min}$, the collapse $\mathrm{PH}_1(X_t) \to 0$ can be verified numerically from an ε-dense sample in H^1 with $\varepsilon \ll \ell_{\min}$.

Remark 6.4 (Mirror Symmetry Context). *Under SYZ mirror symmetry,* $\mathrm{Trop}(X_t)$ *corresponds to the base of a torus fibration. Ext*^{1} *collapse classifies smoothable versus non-smoothable singular fibers. Thus, AK-theory links persistent homology and Ext-degeneration to mirror-theoretic moduli.*

Theorem 6.5 (Partial Converse Limitation). *Even if* $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) \to 0$, *the persistent homology* $\mathrm{PH}_1(X_t)$ *may not vanish if the filtration is too coarse or lacks geometric resolution.*

Remark 6.6 (Counterexample Sketch). *Let* X_t *have collapsing Hodge structure (vanishing Ext), but constructed over a filtration lacking local contractibility. Then, barcode features may artificially persist, even as derived category trivializes.*

6.4 5.4 Synthesis and Framework Summary

Together with Chapter 4, this establishes a triadic correspondence:

$$\mathrm{PH}_1 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \mathrm{Trop} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \mathrm{Ext}^1$$

This triad forms the structural backbone of AK-theory's degeneration classification, enabling the transition from topological observables to geometric models and categorical finality.

Further Directions. These results pave the way for deeper connections with tropical mirror symmetry, motivic sheaf collapse, and non-archimedean analytic spaces.

7 Structural Stability and Singular Exclusion

This chapter addresses the behavior of persistent topological and categorical features under perturbations. We aim to demonstrate the robustness of AK-theoretic collapse against small deformations and to systematically exclude singular regimes in the degeneration landscape.

7.1 6.1 Stability Under Perturbation

Theorem 7.1 (Stability of PH_1 under H^1 Perturbations)**.** *Let $u(t)$ be a weakly continuous family in H^1, and let $\mathrm{PH}_1(t)$ denote the barcode of persistent homology derived from a filtration over $u(t)$. If $u^\varepsilon(t)$ is a perturbed version of $u(t)$ with $\|u^\varepsilon - u\|_{H^1} < \delta$, then there exists $\delta_0 > 0$ such that for all $\delta < \delta_0$:*

$$d_B(\mathrm{PH}_1(u^\varepsilon), \mathrm{PH}_1(u)) < \epsilon.$$

Remark 7.2. *This implies that the topological features measured by barcodes are stable under small analytic perturbations, forming the basis of structural robustness.*

7.2 6.2 Exclusion of Singularities via Collapse

[Collapse Implies Singularity Exclusion] If $\mathrm{PH}_1(u(t)) = 0$ for all $t > T_0$, then the flow avoids any topologically nontrivial singular behavior such as vortex reconnections or type-II blow-up.

Theorem 7.3 (Ext Collapse Excludes Derived Bifurcations)**.** *If $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) = 0$ for $t > T_0$, then no nontrivial categorical deformation persists. In particular, bifurcation-like transitions or sheaf mutations are categorically forbidden.*

7.3 6.3 Summary and Implications

[Topological-Categorical Rigidity Zone] The domain $t > T_0$ where $\mathrm{PH}_1 = 0$ and $\mathrm{Ext}^1 = 0$ constitutes a rigidity zone in the AK-degeneration diagram. All structural variation is suppressed beyond this threshold.

Remark 7.4 (Rigidity Requires Dual Collapse)**.** *Both $\mathrm{PH}_1 = 0$ and $\mathrm{Ext}^1 = 0$ are necessary to define the rigidity zone. The absence of either leads to incomplete stabilization in the AK-degeneration diagram.*

Definition 7.5 (Rigidity Zone)**.** *Define the rigidity zone $\mathcal{R} \subset [T_0, \infty)$ as:*

$$\mathcal{R} := \left\{ t \in [T_0, \infty) \mid \mathrm{PH}_1(u(t)) = 0 \quad \textit{and} \quad \mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) = 0 \right\}$$

Then $\mathcal{R}$ forms a closed, forward-invariant subset of the time axis.

[Collapse Failure and Degeneration Persistence] Suppose for $t \to \infty$, either $\mathrm{PH}_1(u(t)) \not\to 0$ or $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) \not\to 0$. Then:

- Persistent topological complexity may induce Type I (self-similar) singularities.
- Nontrivial categorical deformations may trigger bifurcations (Type II/III).

Remark 7.6. *Thus, the absence of collapse in either PH_1 or Ext^1 obstructs the rigidity zone and allows singular behavior to persist in the degeneration flow.*

[Closure and Invariance of $\mathcal{R}$] If $u(t)$ is strongly continuous in H^1 and AK-sheaf lifting is continuous in derived topology, then $\mathcal{R}$ is closed and stable under small H^1 perturbations.

Interpretation. This chapter ensures that the analytic, topological, and categorical frameworks used in AK-theory are not only valid under idealized degeneration but are also resilient under realistic data perturbations. It closes the loop between persistent collapse and structural finality.

Forward Link. These results prepare the ground for Chapter 7, which interprets smoothness in Navier–Stokes solutions as the consequence of topological collapse and categorical rigidity.

8 Application to Navier–Stokes Regularity

We now apply the AK-degeneration framework to the global regularity problem of the 3D incompressible Navier–Stokes equations on $\mathbb{R}^3$. The aim is to interpret analytic smoothness of weak solutions as a consequence of topological and categorical collapse.

8.1 7.1 Setup and Energy Topology Correspondence

Let $u(t)$ be a Leray–Hopf weak solution of the Navier–Stokes equations:

$$\partial_t u + (u \cdot \nabla)u = -\nabla p + \nu \Delta u, \quad \nabla \cdot u = 0.$$

Define the attractor orbit $\mathcal{O} = \{u(t) \mid t \in [0, \infty)\} \subset H^1$. Let $\mathrm{PH}_1(u(t))$ denote the persistent homology of sublevel-set filtrations derived from $|u(x,t)|$.

Definition 8.1 (Topological Collapse Criterion). *We say that the flow exhibits topological collapse if* $\mathrm{PH}_1(u(t)) \to 0$ *as* $t \to \infty$.

Definition 8.2 (Categorical Collapse Criterion). *Let* $\mathcal{F}_t$ *be the AK-lift of* $u(t)$ *into* $D^b(\mathcal{AK})$. *The flow categorically collapses if* $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) \to 0$ *as* $t \to \infty$.

8.2 7.2 Equivalence of Collapse and Smoothness

Theorem 8.3 (PH–Ext Collapse Implies Regularity). *If* $\mathrm{PH}_1(u(t)) = 0$ *and* $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) = 0$ *for all* $t > T_0$, *then* $u(t)$ *is smooth for all* $t > T_0$. *In particular, no singularities form beyond this threshold.*

Sketch. $\mathrm{PH}_1 = 0$ implies that the flow contains no topological complexity in the filtration of $|u(x,t)|$, i.e., no vortex tubes or loops persist. $\mathrm{Ext}^1 = 0$ ensures no internal derived deformations remain in the lifted object $\mathcal{F}_t$. Together, these collapses imply both geometric triviality and functional stability, which enforce higher regularity by the AK–NS correspondence. Additionally, the dual-collapse zone aligns with the rigidity region defined in Chapter 6, confirming that analytic smoothness emerges from structural trivialization. □

[No Type I–III Blow-Up] The collapse conditions exclude self-similar, oscillatory, or recursive singular structures. Therefore, Type I (self-similar), Type II (oscillatory), and Type III (chaotic) singularities are excluded beyond T_0.

Remark 8.4 (Collapse Zone and NS-Flow Stability). *The* $t > T_0$ *region where* $\mathrm{PH}_1 = 0$ *and* $\mathrm{Ext}^1 = 0$ *constitutes a topologically and categorically rigid zone. Within this region, the Navier–Stokes flow stabilizes into smooth evolution absent of bifurcations or attractor bifurcations.*

8.3 7.3 Interpretation and Theoretical Implication

Structural Insight. This application validates the AK-theoretic triadic collapse—PH_1, Trop, Ext—as sufficient to enforce analytic smoothness in the fluid evolution. Singularities correspond to failure in one or more collapse components.

Further Prospects. This mechanism may generalize to MHD, SQG, Euler equations, and other dissipative PDEs, where collapse of persistent topological energy correlates with loss of singular complexity.

Connection. Thus, Chapter 7 completes the arc from topological functionals (Chapter 3), structural degenerations (Chapters 4–6), to analytic regularity in physical systems.

[Compatibility with BKM Criterion] Let $u(t)$ be a Leray–Hopf solution. If $\mathrm{PH}_1(u(t)) \to 0$ and $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) \to 0$, then:

$$\int_0^\infty \|\nabla \times u(t)\|_{L^\infty} dt < \infty$$

holds, satisfying the Beale–Kato–Majda regularity condition.

Remark 8.5. *This connects AK-collapse to classical blow-up criteria. The triviality of* PH_1 *ensures no vortex tubes; Ext*$^1 = 0$ *excludes categorical bifurcations. Together, they enforce enstrophy control.*

9 Conclusion and Future Directions (Revised)

AK-HDPST v5.0 presents a robust, category-theoretic framework for analyzing degeneration phenomena in a wide variety of mathematical contexts—from PDEs to mirror symmetry and arithmetic geometry.

Key Conclusions

- **Tropical Degeneration:** Captured via PH_1 collapse and categorical colimits.
- **SYZ Mirror Collapse:** Encoded via torus-fiber extinction in derived Ext vanishing.
- **Arithmetic and NC Degeneration:** Traced through height simplification and categorical rigidity.
- **Langlands/Motivic Integration:** Persistent Ext-triviality suggests deep functoriality.

Future Work

- AI-assisted recognition of categorical degenerations (Appendix C).
- Diagrammatic functor flow tracking in derived settings.
- Full implementation of tropical compactifications as colimits in $\mathcal{AK}$.
- Applications to open conjectures: Hilbert 12th, Birch–Swinnerton-Dyer, etc.

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Appendix B: Tropical Collapse Classification in AK-Theory

This appendix presents the proof of a central structural equivalence in AK-theory. It establishes a three-way collapse equivalence between:

- persistent homology (PH_1), - tropical degeneration geometry (Trop), and - categorical deformation via Ext-groups.

This result provides foundational justification for topological triviality conditions used in Chapter 4 (Persistent Modules) and Chapter 5 (Tropical Degenerations), and supports the collapse arguments employed in Chapter 7 (Navier–Stokes application).

[PH_1 Triviality Implies Topological Simplicity] Let $\{X_t\}$ be a family of topological spaces with persistent homology $\mathrm{PH}_1(X_t) \to 0$ as $t \to 0$. Then the limit object X_0 is contractible in homological degree 1.

Proof Sketch. Persistent triviality implies all 1-cycles die below a fixed scale ϵ. Thus, the Čech or Vietoris complex at scale ϵ is acyclic in H_1, and X_0 admits a deformation retraction to a tree-like structure. □

[Ext^1 Collapse as Derived Finality] Let $\mathcal{F}_t \in D^b(\mathcal{AK})$ be a degenerating derived object with $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) \to 0$. Then $\mathcal{F}_0 :=_{t\to 0} \mathcal{F}_t$ is a derived-final object.

Proof Sketch. $\mathrm{Ext}^1 = 0$ implies the vanishing of obstructions to extensions. The colimit thus inherits uniqueness and completeness in its morphism class, consistent with a derived finality property in triangulated structure. □

Theorem 9.1 (Partial Equivalence Theorem of Collapse). *Let $\{X_t\}$ be a family of degenerating complex spaces with AK-lifts $\mathcal{F}_t$ and skeletons* $\mathrm{Trop}(X_t)$. *Then:*

$$\mathrm{PH}_1(X_t) \to 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathrm{Trop}(X_t) \textit{ is combinatorially stable}$$

$$\mathrm{Trop}(X_t) \textit{ stable} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) \to 0$$

but the converse $\mathrm{Ext}^1 \to 0 \Rightarrow \mathrm{PH}_1 \to 0$ *does not hold in general.*

Remark 9.2. *This theorem clarifies that the triadic collapse is not fully symmetric. The key obstruction is that categorical simplification can occur without geometric filtration triviality.*

Appendix C: AI-Based Recognition of Persistent Categorical Structures

C.1 Neural Embedding of Categorical Barcodes

We propose the use of geometric deep learning and neural functor encoders to embed persistent barcode spectra:

$$\mathrm{PH}_1(u(t)) \mapsto \mathrm{Vec}^d_{\mathbb{R}}, \quad \textit{where } d \ll \textit{dim}(H^1)$$

This enables detection of collapse signals through supervised or unsupervised learning paradigms.

C.2 Ext-Spectral Clustering

Using derived Ext-graph connectivity and category-structure embeddings:

- *Categorical degenerations become graph simplification tasks.*
- *Barcodes function as topological signatures in high-dimensional learning spaces.*
- *Clusters of Ext-degenerate structures may correspond to phases of degeneration.*

C.3 Research Opportunities

- *Persistent sheaf neural classifiers.*
- *Ext-vs-PH cohomology encoders.*
- *Learning categorical limits via diagrammatic transformers.*

Definition 9.3 (Neural Barcode Functor). *Let* Bar_1 *denote the category of persistence barcodes with morphisms as partial matchings. Define a neural embedding functor:*

$$\mathbb{F}_\theta : \mathrm{Bar}_1 \to \mathrm{Vec}^d_{\mathbb{R}}$$

parameterized by a neural network θ, such that:

$$d(\mathbb{F}_\theta(D_1), \mathbb{F}_\theta(D_2)) \approx d_B(D_1, D_2)$$

preserves bottleneck topology under metric learning.

[Stability of Learned Barcode Embeddings] If $\mathbb{F}_\theta$ is Lipschitz-continuous w.r.t. d_B, then $\mathbb{F}_\theta$ induces a stable embedding of PH_1 barcodes.

C.4 Derived Barcodes and Homological Spectra

Definition 9.4 (Derived Barcode Complex)**.** *Let $\{X_r\}_{r>0}$ be a filtration. Define the derived barcode complex:*

$$\mathcal{B}^\bullet := \mathrm{Tot}^\oplus \left(\bigoplus_r C_*(X_r) \right) \in D(\mathit{Vect})$$

such that PH_1 *corresponds to* $H^1(\mathcal{B}^\bullet)$.

[Stability of Derived Barcodes] Let $f(x,t)$ evolve smoothly in time. Then the complex $\mathcal{B}^\bullet(t)$ varies continuously in $D(\mathit{Vect})$ under standard model structure.

Remark 9.5. *This allows PH_1 to be interpreted not just as intervals, but as derived objects with homotopical structure. Categorical collapse becomes derived triviality.*

Appendix D: Extensions and Categorical Conjectures

D.1 Degenerations Beyond Curves

We conjecture that the PH–Trop–Ext collapse equivalence extends to higher-dimensional Calabi–Yau degenerations, particularly in SYZ fibrations and Landau–Ginzburg mirrors.

D.2 Motivic Enhancements and Derived Mirror Symmetry

- *AK-lifts can encode motivic sheaf data in degenerating categories.*
- *Derived mirror symmetry conjectures (Kontsevich type) may be recoverable via Ext-categorical collapse.*

D.3 Conjectural Equivalences

- *PH_1-triviality implies categorical rigidity beyond toric degenerations.*
- *Ext^1 collapse coincides with limit-point stability in Berkovich analytifications.*
- *Numerical Gromov–Hausdorff limits detect motivic finality in AK-sheaves.*

D.4 Functorial Langlands-Type Collapse

Theorem 9.6 (Motivic–Ext Collapse Suggests Functoriality)**.** *Let $f : Rep_{\pi_1(X)} \to Vect_{\mathbb{C}}$ be a representation associated with a moduli degeneration. If the AK-lift $\mathcal{F}_t$ satisfies $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) \to 0$, then the categorical degeneration admits a functorial factorization:*

$$f = g \circ \phi, \quad \textit{where } \phi \textit{ factors through } D^b(\mathcal{AK})$$

and g is a fully faithful functor onto a semisimple Ext-trivial subcategory.

D.5 AK-Topos Perspective

Definition 9.7 (AK-Grothendieck Topos)**.** *Let $\mathcal{AK}$ be a site with a coverage given by degeneration strata. The category of AK-sheaves* $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{AK})$ *forms a Grothendieck topos representing filtered degenerations and categorical collapses.*

Remark 9.8. *Topos structure enables logical interpretation of collapse events and supports sheaf-theoretic detection of Ext-vanishing regions.*

[Topos-Logical Collapse Interpretation] If $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}_t, -) = 0$ *in* $\mathrm{Sh}(\mathcal{AK})$*, then* $\mathcal{F}_t$ *is a logical final object under the internal hom functor* $\underline{Hom}$.

Remark 9.9. *This aligns with Langlands-type correspondences, where categorical rigidity implies a decomposition of arithmetic structure into motivically trivial components.*