0.1 The (he)art of gluing

The slice functor hides greater potential. Indeed, even if we don't have a morphism of \mathbb{Z} -posets (but just a \mathbb{Z} -equivariant map), then the slice functor can still be applied, obtaining a partially defined map.

Let J be a \mathbb{Z} -toset, i.e., a totally ordered set together with a monotone action of \mathbb{Z} , that we will denote by $(n,x) \mapsto x + n$. Recall that a J-slicing on a stable ∞ -category \mathscr{D} is a morphism of \mathbb{Z} -posests $\mathfrak{t} \colon \mathcal{O}(J) \to \operatorname{ts}(\mathscr{D})$, where $\mathcal{O}(J)$ is the \mathbb{Z} -poset of the slicings of J (i.e., the decompositions of J into a disjoint union of a lower set L and of an upper set U), and $\operatorname{ts}(\mathscr{D})$ is the \mathbb{Z} -poset of t-structures on \mathscr{D} .

Clearly, if $f: J \to J'$ is a morphism of \mathbb{Z} -tosets, then f^{-1} : {subsets of J'} \to {subsets of J} induces a \mathbb{Z} -equivariant morphism of \mathbb{Z} -posets $f^{-1}: \mathcal{O}(J') \to \mathcal{O}(J)$, and so composition with f^{-1} gives a morphism

$$f_* \colon J$$
-slicings on $\mathscr{D} \to J'$ -slicings on \mathscr{D}
$$\mathfrak{t} \mapsto \mathfrak{t} \circ f^{-1}.$$

The slices of $f_*\mathfrak{t}$ are clearly given by $\mathscr{D}_{f_*\mathfrak{t};\phi} = \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};f^{-1}(\{\phi\})}$. Notice that, as f is monotone, the subset $f^{-1}(\{\phi\})$ is an interval in J. It is immediate to see that f_* restricts to a map

 f_* : Bridgeland J-slicings on $\mathscr{D} \to \text{Bridgeland } J'$ -slicings on \mathscr{D}

Namely, if $\mathcal{H}^{\phi}_{f_{*}t}(X)=0$ for every $\phi\in J'$ then $\mathcal{H}^{f^{-1}(\{\phi\})}_{t}(X)=0$ for every ϕ in J'. As we are assuming the J-slicing \mathfrak{t} is a Bridgeland slicing, this implies that $\mathcal{H}^{\psi}_{\mathfrak{t}}(X)=0$ for every ψ in $f^{-1}(\{\phi\})$, for every ϕ . Therefore $\mathcal{H}^{\psi}_{\mathfrak{t}}(X)=0$ for every ψ in J and so, again by definition of Bridgeland slicing, X=0. Also, if $\mathcal{H}^{\phi}_{f_{*}\mathfrak{t}}(X)\neq 0$ then $\mathcal{H}^{f^{-1}(\{\phi\})}_{\mathfrak{t}}(X)\neq 0$ and so (again by the Bridgeland slicing condition) there exists at least an element ψ in $f^{-1}(\{\phi\})$ such that $\mathcal{H}^{\psi}_{\mathfrak{t}}(X)\neq 0$. As the J-slicing \mathfrak{t} is Bridgeland, the total of these ψ 's must be finite, so only for finitely many ϕ we can have such a ψ . In other words, the number of indices ϕ in J' such that $\mathcal{H}^{\phi}_{f_{*}\mathfrak{t}}(X)\neq 0$ is finite.

Notice that, if t is a Bridgeland slicing of \mathcal{D} , and $f: J \to J'$ is a morphism of \mathbb{Z} -tosets, then for any slicing (L, U) of J', the lower and the upper categories $\mathcal{D}_{f_*\mathfrak{t}(L)}$ and $\mathcal{D}_{f_*\mathfrak{t}(U)}$ can be equivalently defined as

$$\mathcal{D}_{f_*\mathfrak{t}(L)} = \langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in L}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{f_*\mathfrak{t}(U)} = \langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U}$$

where $\langle \mathscr{S} \rangle$ denotes the extension-closed subcategory of \mathscr{D} generated by the subcategory $\mathscr{S}.^1$

 $^{^1}$ At some point it will be useful to recall Lemma 4.21 from ??: Let $\mathscr{S}_1,\mathscr{S}_2$ be two subcategories of \mathscr{D} with $\mathscr{S}_1\boxtimes\mathscr{S}_2$, i.e., such that $\mathscr{D}(X_1,X_2)$ is contractible for any $X_1\in\mathscr{S}_1$ and any $X_2\in\mathscr{S}_2$. Then $\mathscr{S}_1\boxtimes\langle\mathscr{S}_2\rangle$ and $\langle\mathscr{S}_1\rangle\boxtimes\mathscr{S}_2$, and so $\langle\mathscr{S}_1\rangle\boxtimes\langle\mathscr{S}_2\rangle$.

The right hand sides of the above two expressions can clearly be defined for every morphism f from J to J' (i.e., not necessarily monotone nor \mathbb{Z} -equivariant), and as soon as f is \mathbb{Z} -equivariant, the assignment

$$(L, U, \to (\langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in L}, \langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U})$$

is an equivariant morphism from $\mathcal{O}(J)$ to pairs of subcategories of \mathscr{D} . Clearly, when f is not monotone there is no reason to expect that the pair $(\langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in L}, \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U})$ forms a t-structure on \mathscr{D} . Yet, it interesting to notice that the condition that f be monotone is only only sufficient in order to have this, and can indeed be relaxed.

Definition 0.1. Let J and J' be \mathbb{Z} -tosets, and let $f: J \to J'$ a map of \mathbb{Z} -sets (i.e., a \mathbb{Z} -equivariant map, not necessarily nondecreasing). A Bridgeland J-slicing \mathfrak{t} of \mathscr{D} is f-compatible if $f(\phi) > f(\psi)$ with $\phi \leq \psi$ implies $\mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \boxtimes \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\psi}$ and $\mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \boxtimes \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\psi}[1]$

Remark 0.2. Clearly, if f is monotone, then every J-slicing \mathfrak{t} is order restoring as the condition ' $f(\phi) > f(\psi)$ with $\phi \leq \psi$ ' is empty.

Lemma 0.3. Let J and J' be \mathbb{Z} -tosets, and let $f: J \to J'$ be a \mathbb{Z} -equivariant morphism of \mathbb{Z} -sets (i.e., not necessarily a monotone map) and let \mathfrak{t} be a Bridgeland slicing of \mathscr{D} which is f-compatible. Then, for any slicing (L, U) of J', the pair of subcategories $(\langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in L}, \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U})$ is a t-structure on \mathscr{D} .

Proof. As f is \mathbb{Z} -equivariant and $U+1\subseteq U$, we have

$$\begin{split} \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U} [1] &= \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} [1] \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U} \\ &= \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi+1} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U} \\ &= \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi+1} \rangle_{f(\phi+1) \in U+1} \\ &= \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U+1} \\ &\subseteq \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U} \end{split}$$

and similarly for the lower subcategory $\langle \mathcal{D}_{t;\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in L}$. To show that

$$\langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U} \boxtimes \langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in L}$$

it suffices to show that, if $f(\psi) \in L$ and $f(\phi) \in U$ then $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{t};\phi} \boxtimes \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{t};\psi}$. As $L \cap U = \emptyset$ we cannot have $\psi = \phi$, so either $\psi < \phi$ or vice versa. In the first case, $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{t};\phi} \boxtimes \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{t};\psi}$ by definition of Bridgeland *J*-slicing. In the second case, we have $\phi < \psi$ and $f(\phi) > f(\psi)$ as $f(\phi) \in U$ and $f(\psi) \in L$. Therefore, since \mathbf{t} is f-compatible, $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{t};\phi} \boxtimes \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{t};\psi}$. Finally, we have to show that every object X in \mathcal{D} fits into a fiber sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X_U \longrightarrow X \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 \longrightarrow X_L
\end{array}$$

with $X_L \in \langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in L}$ and $X_U \in \langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U}$. As \mathfrak{t} is a Bridgeland slicing, we have a factorization of the initial morphism $\mathbf{0} \to X$ of the form

$$\mathbf{0} = X_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} X_1 \cdots \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\bar{\imath}}} X_{\bar{\imath}} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\bar{\imath}+1}} X_{\bar{\imath}+1} \to \cdots \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} X_n = X$$

with $\mathbf{0} \neq \operatorname{cofib}(\alpha_i) = \mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\phi_i}(X) \in \mathcal{D}_{\phi_i}$ for all $i=1,\cdots,n$, with $\phi_i > \phi_{i+1}$. Let us now consider the sequence of symbols L and U obtained putting in the i-th place L if $f(\phi_i) \in L$ and U if $f(\phi_i) \in U$. If this sequence is of the form $(U,U,\ldots,U,L,L,\ldots,L)$, then there exists an index $\bar{\imath}$ such that $f(\phi_i) \in U$ for $i \leq \bar{\imath}$ and $f(\phi_i) \in L$ for $i > \bar{\imath}$ (with $\bar{\imath} = -1$ or n when all of the $f(\phi_i)$ are in L or in U, respectively). Then we can consider the pullout diagram

$$X_{\overline{i}} \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow f_L \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \downarrow$$

$$X \longrightarrow \operatorname{cofib}(f_L)$$

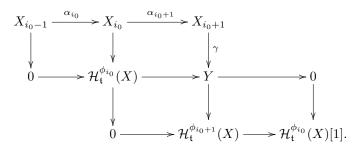
together with the factorizations

$$\mathbf{0} = X_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} X_1 \cdots \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\bar{\imath}}} X_{\bar{\imath}}$$

and

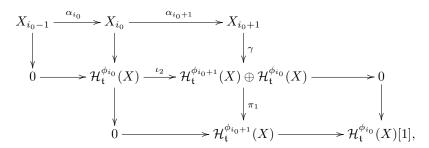
$$X_{\bar{\imath}} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\bar{\imath}+1}} X_{\bar{\imath}+1} \to \cdots \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} X_n = X.$$

The first factorization shows that $X_{\bar{\imath}} \in \langle \bigcup_{i=0}^{\bar{\imath}} \mathcal{D}_{\phi_i} \rangle \subseteq \langle \mathcal{D}_{t;\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U}$ while the second factorization shows that $\mathrm{cofib}(f_L) \in \langle \bigcup_{i=\bar{\imath}+1}^n \mathcal{D}_{\phi_i} \rangle \subseteq \langle \mathcal{D}_{t;\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in L}$. So we are done in this case. Therefore, we are reduced to showing that we can always avoid a (\ldots, L, U, \ldots) situation in our sequence of L's and U's. Assume we have such a situation. Then we have an index i_0 with $f(\phi_{i_0}) \in L$ and $f(\phi_{i_0+1}) \in U$. This in particular implies $f(\phi_{i_0+1}) > f(\phi_{i_0})$ with $\phi_{i_0+1} < \phi_{i_0}$. As t is f-compatible, this gives $\mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi_{i_0+1}} \boxtimes (\mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi_{i_0}}[1])$. In particular, $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\phi_{i_0+1}}(X), \mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\phi_{i_0}}(X)[1])$ is contractible. Now consider the pasting of pullout diagrams



As the arrow $\mathcal{H}^{\phi_{i_0+1}}_{\mathfrak{t}}(X) \to \mathcal{H}^{\phi_{i_0}}_{\mathfrak{t}}(X)[1]$ factors through 0, we have $Y = \mathcal{H}^{\phi_{i_0+1}}_{\mathfrak{t}}(X) \oplus$

 $\mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\phi_{i_0}}(X)$ and the above diagram becomes



where ι_2 and π_1 are the canonical inclusion and projection. Let $\beta\colon X_{i_0+1}\to \mathcal{H}^{\phi_{i_0}}_{\mathfrak{t}}(X)$ be the composition

$$\beta \colon X_{i_0+1} \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\phi_{i_0+1}}(X) \oplus \mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\phi_{i_0}}(X) \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\phi_{i_0}}(X).$$

Then we have a homotopy commutative diagram

$$X_{i_0-1} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{i_0}} X_{i_0} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{i_0+1}} X_{i_0+1}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \beta$$

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\phi_{i_0}}(X) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}} \mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\phi_{i_0}}(X)$$

(where only the left square is a pullout), and so the composition $\alpha_{i_0+1} \circ \alpha_{i_0}$ factors through the homotopy fiber of β . In other words, we have a homotopy commutative diagram

$$X_{i_0-1} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{i_0}} X_{i_0}$$

$$\tilde{\alpha}_{i_0} \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \alpha_{i_0+1}$$

$$\text{fib}(\beta) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\alpha}_{i_0+1}} X_{i_0+1}$$

Writing $\tilde{X}_{i_0} = \text{fib}(\beta)$, we get the pasting of pullout diagrams

$$X_{i_{0}-1} \xrightarrow{\tilde{\alpha}_{i_{0}}} \tilde{X}_{i_{0}} \xrightarrow{\tilde{\alpha}_{i_{0}+1}} X_{i_{0}+1}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad$$

That is, by considering the factorization $X_{i_0-1} \xrightarrow{\tilde{\alpha}_{i_0}} \tilde{X}_{i_0} \xrightarrow{\tilde{\alpha}_{i_0+1}} X_{i_0+1}$ we have switched the cofibers with respect to the original factorization $X_{i_0-1} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{i_0}} X_{i_0+1}$

 $X_{i_0} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{i_0+1}} X_{i_0+1}$. Therefore, writing $\tilde{\phi}_{i_0} = \phi_{i_0+1}$ and $\tilde{\phi}_{i_0+1} = \phi_{i_0}$, we now have $f(\phi_{i_0}) \in U$ and $f(\tilde{\phi}_{i_0+1}) \in L$. That is, we have removed the (\ldots, L, U, \ldots) situation from the position i_0 , replacing it with a (\ldots, U, L, \ldots) situation, while keeping all the labels L, U before this positions unchanged. Repeating the procedure the needed number of times, we eventually get rid of all the (\ldots, L, U, \ldots) situations.²

Remark 0.4. It follows from the proof of Lemma 0.3 that the objects X_L and X_U in the fiber sequence $X_U \to X \to X_L$ associated with the t-struture $(\langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in L}, \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U})$ on \mathscr{D} satisfy

$$X_L \in \langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi}; \quad f(\phi) \in L \text{ and } \mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\phi}(X) \neq 0 \rangle$$

 $X_U \in \langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi}; \quad f(\phi) \in U \text{ and } \mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\phi}(X) \neq 0 \rangle$

Lemma 0.5. For any $j \in J'$ we have

$$\langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)=j} = \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)\leq j} \cap \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)\geq j}.$$

Proof. Clearly, $\langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)=j} \subseteq \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)\leq j} \cap \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)\geq j}$, therefore we only need to prove the converse inclusion. Let $\in \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)\leq j} \cap \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)\geq j}$. Then in particular $X \in \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)\geq j}$ and so there exists a factorization of the initial morphism $\mathbf{0} \to X$ of the form

$$\mathbf{0} = X_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} X_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \cdots \xrightarrow{\alpha_{n-1}} X_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} X_n = X$$

with $\mathbf{0} \neq \operatorname{cofib}(\alpha_i) \in \mathcal{D}_{\phi_i}$ with $f(\phi_i) \geq i$ for all $i=1,\cdots,n$. As $((-\infty,j],(j,+\infty))$ is a slicing of J', reasoning as in the proof of Lemma 0.3 we can arrange this factorization is such a way that $f(\phi_i) > j$ for $i \leq \bar{\imath}$ and $f(\phi_i) = j$ for $i > \bar{\imath}$. Therefore, again by reasoning as in the proof of Lemma 0.3 we get a fiber sequence of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_{>j} & \longrightarrow X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow X_j \end{array}$$

with $X_{>j}$ in $\langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)>j}$ and X_j in $\langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)=j}$. This is in particular a fiber sequence of the form $X_{>j} \to X \to X_{\leq j}$, with $X_{\leq j} \in \langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)\leq j}$. As $(\langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)\leq j}, \langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)>j})$ is a t-structure on \mathcal{D} by Lemma 0.3, there is (up to equivalence) only one such a fiber sequence. And since $X \in \langle \mathcal{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)\leq j}$, this is the sequence $0 \to X \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}} X$. Therefore $X = X_j$.

Proposition 0.6. Let $f: J \to J'$ be a \mathbb{Z} -equivariant morphism of \mathbb{Z} -sets (i.e., not necessarily a monotone map) and let \mathfrak{t} be a Bridgeland slicing of \mathscr{D} which is f-compatible. The map

$$f_! \mathfrak{t} \colon \mathcal{O}(J') \to \operatorname{ts}(\mathscr{D})$$

 $(L, U) \mapsto (\langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in L}, \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi) \in U})$

 $^{^2{\}rm This}$ is somehow reminiscent of the 'bubble sort' algorithm.

defined by Lemma 0.3 is a Bridgeland J'-slicing of \mathcal{D} , with slices given by

$$\mathscr{D}_{f_!\mathfrak{t};j} = \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)=j}.$$

Proof. The map $f_!$ t is manifestly monotone and \mathbb{Z} -equivariant (see the first part of the proof of Lemma 0.3), so it is a J' slicing of \mathscr{D} , and its slices are given by $\mathscr{D}_{f_!t;j} = \langle \mathscr{D}_{t;\phi} \rangle_{f(\phi)=j}$ by Lemma 0.5. We are therefore left with showing that it is finite and discrete. Given an object X in \mathscr{D} , let now $\{\phi_1,\ldots,\phi_n\}$ be the indices in J such that $\mathcal{H}_t^{\phi_i}(X) \neq 0$ and let $\{j_1,\ldots,j_k\}$ the image of the set $\{\phi_1,\ldots,\phi_n\}$ via f. Up to renaming, we can assume $j_1 > j_2 > \cdots > j_k$. Consider now the factorization

$$\mathbf{0} = X_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} X_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \cdots \xrightarrow{\alpha_{k-1}} X_{k-1} \xrightarrow{\alpha_k} X_k = X$$

of the initial morphism of X associated to the decreasing sequence $j_1 > j_2 > \cdots > j_k$ by the J'-slicing $f_!$ t. The cofibers of the morphisms α_i are the cohomologies $\mathcal{H}_{f_!}^{(j_{i+1},j_i]}(X)$ and, by Remark 0.4, we have

$$\mathcal{H}_{f,\mathfrak{t}}^{(j_{i+1},j_{i}]}(X) \in \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi}; \quad f(\phi) \in (j_{i+1},j_{i}] \text{ and } \mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\phi}(X) \neq 0 \rangle$$

$$= \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi}; \quad \phi \in \{\phi_{1},\ldots,\phi_{n}\} \text{ and } f(\phi) \in (j_{i+1},j_{i}] \rangle$$

$$= \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi}; \quad \phi \in \{\phi_{1},\ldots,\phi_{n}\} \text{ and } f(\phi) = j_{i} \rangle$$

$$\subseteq \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi}; \quad f(\phi) = j_{i} \rangle = \mathscr{D}_{f_{\mathfrak{t}}\mathfrak{t};i}.$$

Therefore

$$\mathcal{H}_{f;\mathfrak{t}}^{(j_{i},j_{i-1}]}(X)=\mathcal{H}_{f;\mathfrak{t}}^{j_{i}}\mathcal{H}_{f;\mathfrak{t}}^{(j_{i},j_{i-1}]}(X)=\mathcal{H}_{f;\mathfrak{t}}^{j_{i}}(X).$$

This tells us that, if all the cohomologies $\mathcal{H}_{f_!\mathfrak{t}}^j(X)$ vanish, then also all the $\mathcal{H}_{f_!\mathfrak{t}}^{(j_i,j_{i-1}]}(X)$ vanish, and so X=0. Finally, if $\tilde{j}\notin\{j_1,\ldots,j_k\}$, then there exists an index i such that $j_{i+1}<\tilde{j}< j_i$ and so $(j_{i+1},\tilde{j}]\cap\{j_1,\ldots,j_k\}=\emptyset$. The above argument then shows that

$$\mathcal{H}_{f,\mathfrak{t}}^{(j_{i+1},\tilde{j}]}(X) \in \langle \mathscr{D}_{\mathfrak{t};\phi}; \quad \phi \in \{\phi_1,\ldots,\phi_n\} \text{ and } f(\phi) \in (j_{i+1},\tilde{j}] \rangle = \{\mathbf{0}\}.$$

It follows that

$$\mathcal{H}_{f_!\mathfrak{t}}^{\tilde{j}}(X) = \mathcal{H}_{f_!\mathfrak{t}}^{\tilde{j}}\mathcal{H}_{f_!\mathfrak{t}}^{(j_{i+1},\tilde{j}]}(X) = \mathcal{H}_{f_!\mathfrak{t}}^{\tilde{j}}(0) = 0,$$

for every $\tilde{j} \notin \{j_1, \ldots, j_k\}$. So in particular, for any $X \in \mathcal{D}$, the cohomologies $\mathcal{H}^j_{f,\mathfrak{t}}(X)$ are possibly nonzero only for finitely many indices j.

Let now J_1 and J_2 be two \mathbb{Z} -tosets, and let $J_1 \times_{\text{lex}} J_2$ and $J_2 \times_{\text{lex}} J_1$ the two \mathbb{Z} -tosets obtained by considering the lexicogaphic order on the products $J_1 \times J_2$ and $J_2 \times J_1$, respectively, and the diagonal \mathbb{Z} action. The following lemma is immediate.

Lemma 0.7. The exchange map

$$e: J_1 \times J_2 \to J_2 \times J_1$$

 $(j_1, j_2) \mapsto (j_2, j_1)$

is \mathbb{Z} -equivariant.

Definition 0.8. Let J_1 and J_2 be \mathbb{Z} -tosets. A Bridgeland $J_1 \times_{\text{lex}} J_2$ -slicing \mathfrak{t} of \mathscr{D} is said to be gluable if it is e-compatible, where $e \colon J_1 \times J_2 \to J_2 \times J_1$ is the exchange map.

Example 0.9. Let $J_1 = \{0, 1\}$ with the trivial \mathbb{Z} -action and let $J_2 = \mathbb{Z}$ with the standard translation \mathbb{Z} -action. Then a $J_1 \times_{\text{lex}} J_2$ -slicing \mathfrak{t} on \mathscr{D} is the datum of a semiorthogonal decomposition $(\mathscr{D}_0, \mathscr{D}_1)$ of \mathscr{D} toghether with t-structures \mathfrak{t}_i on \mathscr{D}_i . Spelling out the definition, one sees that the $\{0, 1\} \times_{\text{lex}} \mathbb{Z}$ -slicing \mathfrak{t} is gluable if and only if $\mathscr{D}_{0;0} \boxtimes \mathscr{D}_{1;0}$ and $\mathscr{D}_{0;0} \boxtimes \mathscr{D}_{1;0}[-1]$. When this happens, the glued slicing $e_!\mathfrak{t}$ is a $\mathbb{Z} \times_{\text{lex}} \{0, 1\}$ slicing on \mathscr{D} , i.e., is the datum of a bounded t-structure on \mathscr{D} together with a torsion theory on its heart. More precisely, the heart of $e_!\mathfrak{t}$ is the extension-closed ∞ -subcategory $\mathscr{D}^{\nabla_{e_!\mathfrak{t}}}$ of \mathscr{D} generated by the hearts of \mathscr{D}_0 and \mathscr{D}_1 , while the torsion theory on $\mathscr{D}^{\nabla_{e_!\mathfrak{t}}}$ is $(\mathscr{D}_0^{\heartsuit}, \mathscr{D}_1^{\heartsuit})$, i.e., precisely the pair of hearts of the two subcategories in the semiorthogonal decomposition.

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Remark 0.10. In ref: BBD the authors consider a process consisting in gluing t-structures on a pair of triangulated categories to obtain a t-structure on a third one. In their setting, the three categories are linked by an abstraction of the Grothendieck's six-functors formalism. However, the latter is more or less equivalent to the datum of a semiorthogonal decomposition (i.e., a $\{0,1\}$ -slicing, where $\{0,1\}$ is the toset with two elements and trivial \mathbb{Z} -action) on the third category so that the input of the two (bounded) t-structures gives rise to a gluable $\{0,1\} \times_{\text{lex}} \mathbb{Z}$ -slicing \mathfrak{t} . Then the $\mathbb{Z} \times_{\text{lex}} \{0,1\}$ -slicing $\mathfrak{e}_!\mathfrak{t}$ is just the new glued t-structure together with the natural torsion pair on its heart. This explains our terminology and links the language of the present paper to the classical theory of t-structures.

To motivate the next section, consider the following isomorphism fo Z-tosets:

$$\mathbb{Z} \times_{\text{lex}} \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z} \times_{\text{lex}} \mathbb{Z}_{\text{free}}$$

 $(n,m) \mapsto (n,m-n)$

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Lemma 0.11. Let $p: J \to \mathcal{O}(J')^{\mathrm{op}}$ be a monotone map. Then

$$\Gamma(p) = \{(n, j) \in J \times J'; \quad j \in U_{p(n)}\}.$$

is an upper set of $J \times J'$ with the product order.

Proof. Pick $(n, j) \leq (m, k)$ in $J \times J'$ and suppose $(n, j) \in \Gamma(p)$. Then $j \in p(n) \in \mathcal{O}(J')$ and since $j \leq k$ we have that $k \in p(n)$. But $n \leq m$ and p is monotone, and thus $p(n) \subseteq p(m)$. This gives $k \in p(m)$, as desired.

Proposition 0.12. The map

$$\Gamma \colon \operatorname{Pos}(J, \mathcal{O}(J')^{\operatorname{op}}) \to \mathcal{O}(J \times J')$$

$$p \mapsto (J \times J' \setminus \Gamma(p), \Gamma(p))$$

is an isomorphism of \mathbb{Z} -posets, where $J \times J'$ carries the product order.

Proof. Pick and upper set U of $J \times J'$ and set, for $n \in J$

$$p_U(n) = \{ j \in J'; (n, j) \in U \}.$$

Then the map

$$\mathcal{O}(J \times J') \to \operatorname{Pos}(J, \mathcal{O}(J')^{\operatorname{op}})$$

 $(L, U) \mapsto p_U$

is inverse to $\Gamma(p)$ by a straightforward check.

Definition 0.13. A perversity on J is a monotone map $p: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathcal{O}(J)^{\mathrm{op}}$ such that

$$p(n) - n \le p(m) - m$$

whenever m < n in \mathbb{Z} . The set of all perversities on J will be denoted $\Theta(J)$.

Remark 0.14. We can give $\Theta(J)$ the structure of a \mathbb{Z} -poset via the incluion $\Theta(J) \subseteq \operatorname{Pos}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{O}(J)^{\operatorname{op}})$. In general, it will not be totally ordered. However, by taking joins and meets pointwise $\Theta(J)$ becomes a distributive lattice.

Remark 0.15. Considering the obvious isomorphism $\mathbb{Z} \simeq \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{Z})^{\mathrm{op}}$ a perversity over \mathbb{Z} is just a monotone and comonotope perversity in the sense of referenza, tipo bezrukavnikov o BBD.

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Definition 0.16. Let \mathfrak{t} be a bounded t-structure on \mathscr{D} . An abelian \mathbb{Z} -slicing \mathscr{P} on $\mathfrak{D}_{\mathfrak{t}}$ is called:

- perverse filtration if $\mathscr{P}_{\psi}[n] \subseteq \mathscr{P}_{\phi}^{\perp}$ for $n < \phi \psi$
- grading filtration if it is a perverse filtration and $\mathscr{P}_{\psi}[n] \subseteq \mathscr{P}_{\phi}^{\perp}$ for $2 \leq n = \phi \psi$
- mixed filtration if $\mathscr{P}_{\psi}[n] \subseteq \mathscr{P}_{\phi}^{\perp}$ for $n > \psi \phi$

The following implications hold:

$$mixed \implies grading \implies perverse$$

proof that mixed implies grading: suppose $n < \phi - \psi$. By definition of slicing, the vanishing is automatic for $n \le 0$ and we can thus assume n > 0. But then $n > 0 > -n > \psi - \phi$ and the required vanishing now follows from the definition of mixed filtration. The same argument also works for $2 \le n = \phi - \psi$.

Clearly, a torsion pair on \heartsuit_t (seen as an abelian \mathbb{Z} -slicing via the inclusion $[1] \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$) is always a grading filtration (proof: it follows from the fact that $\mathscr{P}_{\phi}[n] = 0$ for $\phi \neq 0, 1$ and thus the only nontrivial case is $n = 0, \phi = 1, \psi = 0$. The Hom-vanishing then follows from the definition of torsion pair). Historically, grading filtrations first appeared in [?] under the name of 'radical filtrations', while mixed filtrations are covered in the last section of [?].

Definition 0.17. A map $\mathbb{Z} \stackrel{p}{\longrightarrow} \mathbb{Z}$ is called **perversity** if it is a monotone contraction, i.e. if

$$0 \le p(\phi) - p(\psi) \le \phi - \psi$$

whenever $\phi \geq \psi$ in \mathbb{Z} .

We denote Ξ the set of perversities.

Clearly, Ξ definies a \mathbb{Z} -poset which is not totally ordered. However, it is a distributive lattice: we have meets and joins given by:

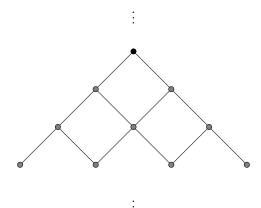
$$(p \land q)(\phi) = \min\{p(\phi), q(\phi)\}\$$

$$(p \lor q)(\phi) = \max\{p(\phi), q(\phi)\}\$$

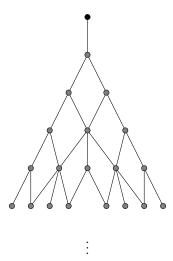
Indeed, if we place on $\mathbb{Z}\times\mathbb{Z}$ the product order, we have an isomorphism of $\mathbb{Z}\text{-posets}$

$$\Xi^{\mathrm{op}} = O(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}) \setminus \{\emptyset, \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}\}\$$

given by sending the zero perversity to $A = \{(\phi, \psi)\}_{\phi \geq 0}$ and the identity to $B = \{(\phi, \psi)\}_{\psi \geq 0}$ $(B + i \text{ and } A + i \text{ with } i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ generate the latter as a complete lattice})$. Considering the canonical embedding $\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \subseteq O(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z})$ we get a sublattice of Ξ depicted as



This induces the 't-tree' described in [?], as discussed below in a far-reaching generality. By the other hand, each square above contains moreover a copy of the Young lattice



with the root corresponding to the upper vertex of the square.

Proposition 0.18. Let \mathfrak{t} be a bounded t-structure on \mathscr{D} , \mathscr{P} an abelian \mathbb{Z} -slicing on $\mathbb{O}_{\mathfrak{t}}$, \mathscr{Q} the associated $\mathbb{Z} \ltimes \hat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -slicing on \mathscr{D} , p a perversity. We have:

1. if \mathscr{P} is a perverse filtration, then \mathscr{Q} satisfies the assumptions of **Proposition** ?? with respect to the map $\mathbb{Z} \ltimes \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{f_p} \mathbb{Z} \ltimes \hat{\mathbb{Z}}$ given by

$$f_p(n,\phi) = (n + p(|\phi/2|), -p(|\phi/2|))$$

2. if \mathscr{P} is a grading filtration, then \mathscr{Q} satisfies the assumptions of **Proposition**?? with respect to the map $\mathbb{Z} \ltimes \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{g_p} \mathbb{Z} \ltimes \hat{\mathbb{Z}}$ given by

$$g_p(n,\phi) = (n + p(\phi), -p(\phi))$$

3. if \mathscr{P} is a mixed filtration, then the abelian \mathbb{Z} -slicing induced on the heart of the bounded t-structure associated to $(g_p)_{\Omega}(\mathscr{Q})$ is split

Proof. Let's prove (2). Suppose $g_p(n,\phi) > g_p(m,\psi)$. Then either $m-n < p(\phi) - p(\psi)$ or both $m-n = p(\phi) - p(\psi)$ and $p(\psi) < p(\psi)$. Since by definition of t-structure we can assume $m \geq n$, the second case is absurd while in the first case, since p is monotone, we have $\phi \geq \psi$ and thus by definition of perversity

$$m-n < p(\phi) - p(\psi) \le \phi - \psi$$

and we get the desired Hom-vanishing by definition of grading filtration.

Suppose now $f_p(n,\phi) + 1 > f_p(m,\psi)$ and $(n+1,\phi) < (m,\psi)$. The only non absurd case is $1 < m - n \le p(\phi) - p(\psi)$. But then again we have

$$2 \le m - n \le p(\phi) - p(\psi) \le \phi - \psi$$

and we can conclude as above.

To prove (1) consider the monotone map

$$\mathbb{Z} \stackrel{\lfloor */2 \rfloor}{\longrightarrow} \mathbb{Z}$$

Applying the slice functor to the latter and starting with a perverse filtration, we get a grading filtration by the properties of the floor function and the thesis follows from part (2).

Let's prove (3). We have to show that

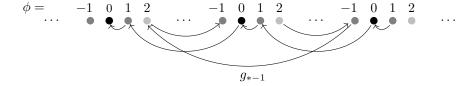
$$\mathscr{P}_{\psi}[1-p(\psi)] \subseteq \mathscr{P}_{\phi}[p(\phi)]^{\perp}$$

for $-p(\psi) > -p(\phi)$. We denote $n = p(\phi) - p(\psi) - 1$. Assuming again $n \ge 0$, we have $n \ge 0 > p(\psi) - p(\phi) \ge \psi - \phi$ and we can then conclude by definition of mixed filtration.

Thus, in the presence of a grading (or perverse) filtration on the heart of a bounded t-structure, associating to a perversity p the bounded t-structure coming from $(g_p)_{\Omega}(\mathcal{Q})$ defines a morphism of \mathbb{Z} -posets

$$\Xi^{\mathrm{op}} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{bts}(\mathscr{D})$$

we can restate this as:



Now, by sending an upper set of $I \in O(\mathbb{Z})$ to its characteristic function χ_I we get an embedding

$$O(\mathbb{Z})^{\mathrm{op}} \hookrightarrow \Xi$$

and the t-structure coming from $(g_{\chi_I})_{\Omega}(\mathcal{Q})$ is just the tilting of \mathfrak{t} with respect to the torsion pair coming from I.

The following proposition gives a characterization of the new heart obtained

by the above construction. In the case of a mixed filtration, we get a splitting property which is often referred as 'decomposition theorem for perverse sheaves' in literature.

Proposition 0.19. Let \mathfrak{t} be a bounded t-structure on \mathscr{D} , \mathscr{P} a grading filtration on $\mathfrak{D}_{\mathfrak{t}}$, \mathscr{Q} the associated $\mathbb{Z} \ltimes \hat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -slicing on \mathscr{D} , p a perversity. Denote \mathfrak{q} the bounded t-structure associated to $(g_p)_{\Omega}(\mathscr{Q})$. Then $\mathfrak{D}_{\mathfrak{q}}$ consists of objects $X \in \mathscr{D}$ so that

$$H^k_{\mathfrak{t}}(X) \in \mathscr{P}_{p^{-1}(-k)}[k]$$

for each $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Moreover, if \mathscr{P} is a mixed filtration then for each $X \in \mathfrak{Q}_{\mathfrak{q}}$

$$X = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} H^n_{\mathfrak{t}}(X)$$

Proof. This is very similar to **Proposition ??**: we have that $X \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{q}}$ if and only if

$$H^\phi_\mathscr{P}(H^k_{\mathfrak{t}}(X)[-k])[k] = H^{(k,\phi)}_\mathscr{P}(X) = 0$$

for $p(\phi) \neq -k$.

For the second part of the claim, the abelian \mathbb{Z} -slicing induced on $\mathfrak{S}_{\mathfrak{q}}$ is split by **Proposition 0.18** and thus by **Proposition ??**

$$X = \bigoplus_{(k,\phi)} H_{\mathscr{Q}}^{(k,\phi)}(X) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} H_{\mathfrak{t}}^{n}(X)$$

where the last equality comes from the first part.

Example 0.20. Let

$$B = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} B_i$$

be an \mathbb{N} -graded ring with B_0 semisimple. Denote \mathscr{A} the category of \mathbb{Z} -graded B-modules with only finitely many nonzero graded pieces. For $\phi \in \mathbb{Z}$, denote \mathscr{P}_{ϕ} the full subcategory of \mathscr{A} of modules concentrated in degree ϕ . Clearly, \mathscr{P} defines an abelian \mathbb{Z} -slicing on \mathscr{A} . Following [?] we have

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{\mathscr{A}}^{n}(\mathscr{P}_{\phi},\mathscr{P}_{\psi})=0$$

for $n > \psi - \phi$. This means that \mathscr{P} is a mixed filtration and the bounded t-structure on $\mathscr{D}^b(\mathscr{A})$ associated to $(g_1)_{\Omega}(\mathscr{Q})$ (where 1 is the identity of \mathbb{Z}) is the 'diagonal' (or 'geometric') t-structure which appears in Koszul duality and other areas.

Example 0.21. Let M be an n-dimensional smooth complex projective variety and consider the n-torsion pair \mathscr{P} on $\operatorname{Coh}(M)$ from **Example ??**. Using Serre duality and the Grothendieck vanishing theorem, one sees that \mathscr{P} , seen as an abelian \mathbb{Z} -slicing via the inclusion $[n] \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$, is a perverse filtration. The bounded t-structure associated to $(f_p)_{\Omega}(\mathscr{Q})$ is the one of perverse coherent sheaves as

constructed in [?]. Following again the proof of **Proposition** ??, we can use the Harder-Narasimhan filtrations from Gieseker stability to obtain an abelian J_n -slicing on the heart of perverse coherent sheaves as done in [?].

Now we somehow review the gluing construction for t-structures in [?], but generalize it to any slicing. Our language is quite different though, and we formulate the problem very similarly to [?]. We start with two \mathbb{Z} -posets J, J'.

Definition 0.22. Let \mathscr{P} be a $J \ltimes J'$ -slicing on \mathscr{D} . We call \mathscr{P} gluable if it satisfies the assumptions of **Proposition ??** with respect to the map $J \ltimes J' \stackrel{e}{\longrightarrow} J' \ltimes J$ that exchanges coordinates. In this case we denote

$$\overline{\mathscr{P}} = e_{\Omega}(\mathscr{P})$$

By a simple computation, the gluability condition reads: $\mathscr{P}_{(\phi,\psi)} \subseteq \mathscr{P}_{(\phi',\psi')}^{\perp}$ if $\psi' > \psi$ or both $\psi' + 1 > \psi$ and $\phi' + 1 < \phi$. For example, the first condition is automatic when \mathbb{Z} acts trivially on J (in this case, it follows from the second one). In particular, if \mathbb{Z} acts trivially on J, \mathscr{P} is a J-slicing on \mathscr{D} and \mathfrak{t}_{ϕ} is a bounded t-structure on \mathscr{P}_{ϕ} for each $\phi \in J$, then using **Proposition ??** we get a $J \ltimes \mathbb{Z}$ -slicing \mathscr{Q} which is gluable if and only if

$$\heartsuit_{\mathfrak{t}_{db}}[n] \subseteq \heartsuit_{\mathfrak{t}_{db}}^{\perp}$$

whenever both $n \leq 0$ and $\phi < \psi$.

Remark 0.23. We have a commutative diagram of \mathbb{Z} -posets

where the horizontal isomorphism is the one from **Remark ??**. Indeed, a $\mathbb{Z} \ltimes \mathbb{Z}$ -slicing on \mathscr{D} is gluable if and only if it induces a grading filtration on the heart of the associated t-structure when seen as a $\mathbb{Z} \ltimes \mathbb{Z}$ -slicing.

An easy combinatorial calculation finally yelds the following two remarks:

- if \mathscr{P} is a gluable $\hat{\mathbb{Z}} \ltimes \mathbb{Z}$ -slicing on \mathscr{D} , then $\overline{\mathscr{P}}$ induces a grading filtration on the associated heart, allowing us again to construct new bounded t-structures depending on a perversity.
- if \mathscr{P} is a mixed filtration on the heart of a bounded t-structure and \mathscr{Q} is the associated $\mathbb{Z} \ltimes \hat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -slicing on \mathscr{D} , then \mathscr{Q} is gluable. In this case, looking at $\overline{\mathscr{Q}}$, we get a baric structure on \mathscr{D} which is usually called **weight** decomposition in literature.

In other words, the chain of implications for a $\mathbb{Z} \ltimes \hat{\mathbb{Z}}$ -slicing refines to

$$mixed \implies gluable \implies grading \implies perverse$$