# Duality of thick subcategories in the bounded derived category over complete intersections via cohomological supports

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- The bounded derived category  $D^f(R)$  is full subcategory of D(R) consisting of complexes with finitely generated bounded homology.

In general, K(R) and D(R) are NOT abelian categories. They are triangulated categories. They have

- shift [1]
- cone

For a complex X, X[1]:  $(X[1])^i = X^{i+1}$  and  $d_{X[1]} = -d_X$ . For a chain map  $f: X \to Y$ ,

$$\operatorname{Cone}(f)\colon \cdots \to X^{i+1} \oplus Y^{i} \xrightarrow{\left( \begin{array}{cc} -d_{X} & 0 \\ f & d_{Y} \end{array} \right)} X^{i+2} \oplus Y^{i+1} \to \cdots.$$

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 $perf(R) = thick_{D(R)}(R)$  is a thick subcategory of  $D^f(R)$ .



# Thick subcategory II

For  $X \in D(R)$ ,  $Supp_R X := \{ \mathfrak{p} \in Spec R \mid X_{\mathfrak{p}} \text{ is not acyclic} \}$ .

#### Theorem (Hopkins,1987; Neeman,1992)

For perfect complexes M, N,

$$M \in \operatorname{thick}_{\mathsf{D}(R)}(N) \iff \operatorname{Supp}_R M \subseteq \operatorname{Supp}_R N.$$

## Complete intersection

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$$k[[x_1,\ldots,x_n]]/(x_1^{l_1},\ldots,x_n^{l_n}), l_i \geq 2.$$



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- Each  $t_i := \tilde{t}_i \otimes_Q R \colon F \to F[2]$  is a chain map!

$$(t_i)^* := \mathrm{H}^{j+2}(\mathsf{Hom}_R(t_i,k)) \colon \operatorname{\mathsf{Ext}}^j_R(k,k) o \operatorname{\mathsf{Ext}}^{j+2}_R(k,k).$$

 $(t_i)^*$  is called the cohomological operator.



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, where  $\deg(\chi_i) = 2$ .

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# Cohomological operator (Example)

#### Example

Let k be a field, Q = k[[x]],  $f = x^2$  and  $R = Q/(f) = k[[x]]/(x^2)$ . The free resolution of k is  $\cdots \xrightarrow{\times} R \xrightarrow{\times} R \xrightarrow{\times} R \to 0$ . Lift this over  $Q \xrightarrow{\times} Q \xrightarrow{\times} Q \xrightarrow{\times} Q \to 0$ .

Since  $x^2 = 1 \cdot f$ , the  $\chi_f$  action on  $\operatorname{Ext}_R^j(k,k) \cong k \ (j \geq 0)$  is identity. Precisely,  $\mathcal{S} = k[t^2] \hookrightarrow k[t] \cong \operatorname{Ext}_R(k,k)$ , where  $\deg(t) = 1$ .

Spec S= the homogeneous spectrum of  $S = k[\chi_1, \dots, \chi_n]$ .

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- $V_R(R) = \{(\chi_1, \ldots, \chi_n)\}.$
- $V_R(k) = \operatorname{Spec} S$ .

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$$\operatorname{Ext}_R^{\gg 0}(M,k) = 0 \iff \operatorname{V}_R(M) \subseteq \{(\chi_1,\ldots,\chi_n)\}$$



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• The case of N=R is due to Bass: For  $M\in D^f(R)$ ,  $\operatorname{pd}_R(M)<\infty\iff\operatorname{pd}_{R_\mathfrak{p}}(M_\mathfrak{p})<\infty,\ \forall\,\mathfrak{p}\in\operatorname{Spec} R.$ 

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• Above result implies a result of Avramov-Buchweitz, For  $M, N \in D^f(R)$ ,  $\operatorname{Ext}_R^{\gg 0}(M, N) = 0 \iff \operatorname{Ext}_R^{\gg 0}(N, M) = 0$ .

## Proof idea of main result

 $K^R(resp. K^Q)$  = the Koszul algebra on a minimal set of generators of the maximal ideal of R(resp. Q).

## $M \in \mathsf{thick}_R(N) \Longleftarrow \mathsf{V}_{R_\mathfrak{n}}(M_\mathfrak{p}) \subseteq \mathsf{V}_{R_\mathfrak{n}}(N_\mathfrak{p}), \forall \, \mathfrak{p} \in \mathsf{Spec} \, R..$

- $R \to K^R = K^Q \otimes_Q R \stackrel{\simeq}{\leftarrow} K^Q \otimes_R \operatorname{Kos}^Q(\underline{f}) \stackrel{\simeq}{\to} k \otimes_Q \operatorname{Kos}^Q(\underline{f}) = \bigwedge (k[1])^c := \bigwedge .$  Hence  $\mathsf{D}^{\mathsf{f}}(R) \xrightarrow{\mathsf{f}} \mathsf{D}^{\mathsf{f}}(K^R) \stackrel{\cong}{\to} \mathsf{D}^{\mathsf{f}}(\bigwedge) \stackrel{\cong}{\to} \mathsf{D}^{\mathsf{f}}(\mathcal{S}).$
- For  $X \in D^f(R)$ ,  $V_R(X) = \operatorname{Supp}_{\mathcal{S}}(\operatorname{hjt}(X))$ . Hence if  $X, Y \in D^f(R)$  and  $V_R(X) \subseteq V_R(Y)$ , then  $\operatorname{hjt}(X) \in \operatorname{thick}_{D(\mathcal{S})}(\operatorname{hjt}(Y))$ . Thus  $\operatorname{t}(X) \in \operatorname{thick}_{D(K^R)}(\operatorname{t}(Y))$ .
- $K^{R_{\mathfrak{p}}} \otimes_R M \in \operatorname{thick}_{\mathsf{D}(K^{R_{\mathfrak{p}}})}(K^{R_{\mathfrak{p}}} \otimes_R N), \ \forall \, \mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Spec} R.$  Combine with BIK's local-global,  $M \in \operatorname{thick}_{\mathsf{D}(R)}(N)$ .



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