

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a *good* category (abelian/exact/triangulated). The precise meaning of this will have to be clarified later (probably, the recent Nakaoka-Palu's paper is the right setting). But, whatever the choice, two things should happen. First, idempotents should split in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Secondly, each torsion pair considered in  $\mathcal{A}$  should be functorial on both sides. If  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is such a torsion pair, we will denote by  $t : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  (resp.  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ ) the right (resp. left) adjoint of the inclusion functor and, also, the composition  $\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{t} \mathcal{T} \xrightarrow{i} \mathcal{A}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{j} \mathcal{A}$ ), where  $\mathcal{T} \xrightarrow{i} \mathcal{A}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{j} \mathcal{A}$ ) is the inclusion functor. The functoriality should then give rise to an admissible sequence  $t(M) \rightarrow M \rightarrow f(M)$ , for each object  $M \in \mathcal{A}$  (e.g. if  $\mathcal{A}$  is abelian, that sequence should be short exact, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is exact it should be a conflation, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is triangulated it should be a triangle).

Let  $\mathcal{W}$  a full subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  closed by direct summands and extensions, and consider the category  $\underline{\mathcal{A}} = \frac{\mathcal{A}}{\mathcal{W}}$ .

Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  be a orthogonal pair in  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$  and consider the following classes in  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T} &= \{T \in \mathcal{A} | \underline{T} \in \mathcal{X}\} \\ \mathcal{F} &= \{F \in \mathcal{A} | \underline{F} \in \mathcal{Y}\}.\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 1** (empty).

If  $\mathfrak{t} = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is a orthogonal pair in a cocomplete and locally small abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $\mathfrak{t}$  is a torsion pair. Indeed, if  $M$  is any object and we consider the set  $\mathcal{T}_M$  of subobjects of  $M$  which are in  $\mathcal{T}$ , then  $t(M) := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_M} T$  is subobject of  $M$  which is an epimorphic image of  $\coprod_{T \in \mathcal{T}_M} T$  and, hence, we have that  $t(M) \in \mathcal{T}_M$ . If we had a nonzero morphism  $f : T' \rightarrow M/t(M)$ , where  $T' \in \mathcal{T}$ , then we would have that  $\text{Im}(f) = \tilde{T}/t(M)$  is a nonzero submodule of  $M/t(M)$  which is in  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}$  is closed under extensions and we have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow t(M) \rightarrow \tilde{T} \rightarrow \tilde{T}/t(M) \rightarrow 0$ , we conclude that  $\tilde{T} \in \mathcal{T}$ . But then we have that  $\tilde{T} \in \mathcal{T}_M$ , which is a contradiction since  $t(M)$  contains all subobjects in  $\mathcal{T}_M$ .

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**Lemma 2.** Let  $(\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$  and  $(\mathcal{T}_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$  be torsion pairs in  $\mathcal{A}$ , with associated radical functors  $t_i$  and coradical functors  $f_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), respectively. Suppose that they satisfy the following conditions:

- a)  $\mathcal{T}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$  (equivalently,  $\mathcal{F}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{F}_2$ )
- b)  $\mathcal{T}_2 \cap \mathcal{F}_1 = 0$ .
- c)  $(\underline{\mathcal{T}}_1, \underline{\mathcal{F}}_2)$  is an orthogonal pair in  $\underline{\mathcal{A}} := \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{W}$ , where  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{T}_1 \cap \mathcal{F}_2$ .

Then the following assertions hold:

- 1.  $\mathcal{T}_1$  consists of those objects  $X \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $f_2(X) \in \mathcal{W}$ . We will write  $\mathcal{T}_1 = \mathcal{T}_2 \star \mathcal{W}$ .
- 2.  $\mathcal{F}_2$  consists of those objects  $Y \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $t_1(Y) \in \mathcal{W}$ . We will write  $\mathcal{F}_2 = \mathcal{W} \star \mathcal{F}_1$ .

*Proof.* We just prove assertion 1, and assertion 2 will follow by duality. Let us take  $X \in \mathcal{T}_2 \star \mathcal{W}$ . Since we have an admissible sequence  $t_2(X) \rightarrow X \rightarrow f_2(X)$  whose outer terms are in  $\mathcal{T}_2$  and  $\mathcal{W}$ , respectively, and these two classes are contained in  $\mathcal{T}_1$  we conclude that  $\mathcal{T}'_1 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$ , because  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is closed under taking extensions in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $T_1$  be in  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and consider its canonical admissible sequence

$$t_2(T_1) \rightarrow T_1 \xrightarrow{f} f_2(T_1). \quad (1)$$

Note that  $\underline{f} = 0$  because of condition c) in the statement. It follows that  $f$  decomposes in the form  $f : T_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} W \xrightarrow{\phi} f_2(T_1)$ , where  $W \in \mathcal{W}$ . We then consider the following admissible pullback diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} t_2(T_1) & \longrightarrow & \widehat{T}_1 & \longrightarrow & W \\ \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi \\ t_2(T_1) & \longrightarrow & T_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & f_2(T_1) \end{array} \quad (2)$$

Then, there exist a (non necessarily unique)  $\eta : T_1 \rightarrow \widehat{T}_1$  making the following diagram commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} T_1 & & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & & W \\ & \searrow \eta & & \searrow & \downarrow \phi \\ & & \widehat{T}_1 & \longrightarrow & W \\ & \searrow 1 & \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi \\ & & T_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & f_2(T_1) \end{array} \quad (3)$$

Hence,  $T_1 <_{\oplus} \widehat{T}_1 \in \mathcal{T}_2 * \mathcal{W}$ . This implies that  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subseteq \text{add}(\mathcal{T}_2 * \mathcal{W})$ . The proof will be finished once we check that  $\mathcal{T}_2 * \mathcal{W}$  is closed under direct summands. But this is a direct consequence of the functoriality of the torsion pair. Indeed if we have admissible torsion sequences  $t_2(M) \rightarrow M \rightarrow f_2(M)$  and  $t_2(N) \rightarrow N \rightarrow f_2(N)$ , then the coproduct sequence  $t_2(M) \oplus t_2(N) \rightarrow M \oplus N \rightarrow f_2(M) \oplus f_2(N)$  is the admissible torsion sequence for  $M \oplus N$ . The fact that  $M \oplus N \in \mathcal{T}_2 * \mathcal{W}$  is then equivalent to the fact that  $f_2(M) \oplus f_2(N) \in \mathcal{W}$ . Since  $\mathcal{W}$  is closed under direct summands, we conclude that  $f_2(M) \in \mathcal{W}$  and, hence, that  $M \in \mathcal{T}_2 * \mathcal{W}$ .  $\square$

## 2 Induced torsion theories

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a (nice) category with a torsion pair  $({}^\perp\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F})$  and a precovering class  $\mathcal{W} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  such that for any  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  there is an admissible sequence*

$$F' \rightarrow W \rightarrow F$$

*such that  $F' \in \mathcal{F}$ .*

*Then the torsion pair  $({}^\perp(\underline{\mathcal{F}}), \underline{\mathcal{F}})$  is left functorial.*

Recall that the truncation  $t : \underline{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow {}^\perp(\underline{\mathcal{F}})$  is given by the following construction.

Let  $M \in \mathcal{A}$  be any object, take an admissible sequence

$$T_M \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^M$$

with  $T_M \in {}^\perp\mathcal{F}$  and  $F^M \in \mathcal{F}$ . Moreover, consider  $W_F \rightarrow F^M$  with  $W_M \in \mathcal{W}$  as before, and take the admissible pullback:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} t(M) & \longrightarrow & W_F \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \longrightarrow & F \end{array}$$

Then,  $t$  restricts to a functor  $\underline{t} : \underline{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow {}^\perp\underline{\mathcal{F}}$ .

In order to prove that  $({}^\perp(\underline{\mathcal{F}}), \underline{\mathcal{F}})$  is left functorial we need to show that  $\underline{t}$  admits a right adjoint.

*Proof.* Let  $M \in \mathcal{A}$  and consider  $M \rightarrow F^M$  and  $W_F \rightarrow F^M$  as above. For any  $T \in {}^\perp\mathcal{F} * \mathcal{W}$  consider any morphism  $f : T \rightarrow M$ . Since  $T \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^M$  is 0 in  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$  we that the solid part of the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xrightarrow{\quad} & W \\ \psi \swarrow & & \nwarrow \phi \\ & t(M) \longrightarrow W_F & \\ f \searrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & M \longrightarrow F^M & \end{array}$$

□

Since  $W_F \rightarrow F^M$  is a precover there is a morphism  $\phi : W \rightarrow W_F$  making the diagram commute, and since the square is an admissible pullback there is a morphism  $\psi : T \rightarrow t(M)$  making the diagram commutative.

Hence,  $\mathcal{A}(T, t(M)) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(T, M)$  is surjective. To conclude the proof we need to show that when restricted to  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$  it becomes an iso. Assume that there are two morphisms  $\underline{\psi}$  and  $\underline{\psi}'$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$  such that the following commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & t(M) \\ & \nearrow \underline{\psi} & \downarrow \\ T & \xrightarrow{\quad} & M \\ & \nwarrow \underline{\psi}' & \\ & & \end{array}$$

So, if we call  $h = \psi - \psi'$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ , we have that  $T \xrightarrow{h} t(M) \rightarrow M$  factors through  $W$  so

that we have that the solid part of the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 W & & & & \\
 \swarrow p & \nearrow \gamma & \searrow \eta & & \\
 T & & t(M) & \longrightarrow & W_F \\
 \searrow h & \downarrow \rho & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & M & \longrightarrow & F^M
 \end{array}$$

(Note: In the original image, there is a curved arrow labeled  $g$  from  $T$  to  $M$ , and a curved arrow labeled  $\eta$  from  $W$  to  $W_F$ . The diagram is a commutative diagram with nodes  $W, T, t(M), W_F, M, F^M$  and arrows  $p, \gamma, \eta, h, g, \rho, \text{ and } \text{horizontal arrows}$ .)

where  $\eta : W \rightarrow W_F$  comes from the fact that  $W_F \rightarrow F^M$  is a precover, and  $\gamma$  from the fact that the square is an admissible pullback, and they make the complete diagram commute.

Let's call  $h' = \gamma \circ p$ , then composing both  $h$  and  $h'$  with  $\rho : t(M) \rightarrow M$  gives the same morphism  $g$ . Hence,  $\rho \circ (h - h') = 0$ . But since  $F' \xrightarrow{i} t(M) \rightarrow M$  is an admissible sequence we have the following exact sequence of abelian groups:

$$\mathcal{A}(T, F) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}(T, t(M)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}(T, M)$$

$$h - h' \longmapsto 0$$

So there is a map  $k : T \rightarrow F'$  such that  $i \circ k = h - h'$ , but  $\underline{k} = 0$  so  $\underline{h} = \underline{h'} = 0$ , hence  $\underline{\psi} - \underline{\psi'} = 0$  which proves that  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}(T, t(M)) \cong \underline{\mathcal{A}}(T, M)$ .

The naturality of the isomorphism in  $T$  and  $M$  is clear.

### 3 Abelian categories

Now we work in an abelian category with two torsion pairs  $(\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$  and  $(\mathcal{T}_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$  such that  $t_2(\mathcal{F}_1) \subseteq \mathcal{F}_1$  and  $f_1(\mathcal{T}_2) \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$  and let  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{T}_2 \cap \mathcal{F}_1$ .

Recall that  $(\mathcal{T}_1 * \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{F}_1)$  (resp.  $(\mathcal{T}_2, \mathcal{W} * \mathcal{F}_2)$ ) is a left (resp. right) functorial torsion pair in  $\underline{\mathcal{A}} = \frac{\mathcal{A}}{\mathcal{W}}$ . Moreover, they satisfy  $TC1 - 3, 3^*$ .

**Lemma 4.** *The inclusion  $i : \mathcal{T}_1 * \mathcal{W} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}$  admits a right adjoint  $\hat{t}$ .*

*Proof.* For  $M \in \mathcal{A}$  consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow M \rightarrow f_1(M) \rightarrow 0$$

with  $T_1 \in \mathcal{T}_1$  and  $f_1(M) \in \mathcal{F}$ . Take  $t_2 f_1(M) \hookrightarrow f_1(M)$  and observe that  $t_2 f_1(M) \in \mathcal{W}$ . Call it  $W_M$  and take the pullback diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \hat{t}(M) & \longrightarrow & W_M \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \longrightarrow & f_1(M) \end{array}$$

then  $\hat{t}(M) \in \mathcal{T}_1 * \mathcal{W}$ .

Now for any morphism  $\hat{T} \rightarrow M$  with  $\hat{T} \in \hat{\mathcal{T}}$  the solid part of the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} T & \hookrightarrow & \hat{t}(M) & \longrightarrow & W \\ \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ T & \hookrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & f_1(M) \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ T_1 & \hookrightarrow & \hat{T} & \longrightarrow & W_1 \end{array}$$

$\hat{T} \rightarrow M$  is mono by Buhler prop. 2.14: pullback of monic along epic is monic

Since the composition  $T_1 \rightarrow \hat{T} \rightarrow M \rightarrow f_1(M)$  is zero, there exists the dashed morphism  $W_1 \rightarrow f_1(M)$ , which lifts to the morphism  $W_1 \rightarrow W$  (since  $W \rightarrow f_1(M)$  is a  $\mathcal{W}$ -precover). Hence, there is a morphism  $\hat{T} \rightarrow \hat{t}(M)$  making the diagram commutative. This means that

$$\mathcal{A}(\hat{T}, \hat{t}(M)) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{A}(\hat{T}, \hat{t}(M) \rightarrow M)} \mathcal{A}(\hat{T}, M)$$

is surjective. But it is also injective, since  $\text{Ker}(\hat{t}(M), M) = 0$ . Hence, it is an iso and  $\hat{t}$  is right adjoint to  $i$ . □

functoriality should follow immediately

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $\hat{T}_1 \in \mathcal{T}_1 * \mathcal{W}$ , i.e. there is an exact sequence*

$$0 \rightarrow t_1(\hat{T}_1) \rightarrow \hat{T}_1 \rightarrow W_1 \rightarrow 0.$$

*If*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \hat{T}_1 & \xrightarrow{p} & W_1 \\ \downarrow g & & \downarrow g' \\ \hat{T}'_1 & \xrightarrow{q} & N \end{array}$$

*is a pushout diagram, then  $N \in \mathcal{T}_1 * \mathcal{W}$ .*

*Proof.* Since it is a pushout,  $\hat{T}'_1 \rightarrow N$  is epi, then consider  $\hat{t}(N)$  and the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \hat{T}'_1 & \xrightarrow{q} & N \\ \searrow \rho & & \nearrow \varepsilon \\ & \hat{t}(N) & \end{array}$$

where the map  $\hat{T}'_1 \rightarrow \hat{t}(N)$  is given by the adjunction  $(i, \hat{t})$ . Since  $q = \varepsilon \circ \rho$  is epi, then  $\varepsilon$  is epi. But it is mono, so it is an isomorphism, hence  $N \in \mathcal{T}_1 * \mathcal{W}$ . □

**Lemma 6.** *In the same notation as the previous lemma, if  $\varphi : N \rightarrow P$  is any map s.t.  $\underline{\varphi} \circ \underline{q} = \underline{0}$  in  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$ , then  $\varphi$  factors through  $\mathcal{W}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\underline{\varphi} \circ \underline{q} = \underline{0}$  it means that  $\varphi \circ q$  factors through  $\mathcal{W}$ , hence we have that the solid part of the following diagram is commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & t_1(T'_1) & \longrightarrow & \widehat{T}_1 & \longrightarrow & W_1 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & \widehat{T}'_1 & \longrightarrow & N \\
 & & & & \parallel & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & \widehat{T}'_1 & \longrightarrow & W \longrightarrow P
 \end{array}$$

Since  $t_1(T'_1) \rightarrow \widehat{T}_1 \rightarrow \widehat{T}'_1 \rightarrow W$  is zero, there is the dashed morphism  $W_1 \rightarrow W$  making the diagram commute. Since the square on the right is a pushout there is a map  $N \rightarrow W$ , and again the diagram commutes. Hence  $\varphi$  factors through  $\mathcal{W}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 12.** *If  $\mathcal{H}$  is balanced (i.e. mono and epi implies iso), then whenever  $f : H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  is mono and epi in  $\mathcal{H}$ , there are bicartesian squares in  $\mathcal{A}$*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F_1 & \longrightarrow & H_1 & \longrightarrow & W_1 \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ W_2 & \longrightarrow & H_2 & \longrightarrow & T_2 \end{array}$$

where  $W_1 = f_1(H_1)$  and  $W_2 = t_2(H_2)$ . In particular there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow W_1 \oplus W_2 \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow 0.$$

*Proof.* We can build the pullback on the left and the pushout on the right as usual

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F_1 & \longrightarrow & H_1 & \xrightarrow{r} & W_1 \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow f & & \downarrow s \\ W_2 & \longrightarrow & H_2 & \xrightarrow{f^C} & T_2 \end{array} \quad (4)$$

We will only prove that the square on the right hand side is a pullback, since the proof that the left square is a pushout is dual. The statement that the square on the right is a pushout is equivalent to saying that there is an exact sequence

$$H_1 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} f \\ r \end{pmatrix}} H_1 \oplus W_1 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} f^C & s \end{pmatrix}} T_2 \longrightarrow 0 \quad (5)$$

Since  $f$  is both a mono and an epi in  $\mathcal{H}$ , then it is an iso and hence both a section and a retraction. Consider  $g : H_2 \rightarrow H_1$  such that  $\underline{g} \circ \underline{f} = \underline{1}_{H_1}$ , that is there are maps  $\alpha : H_1 \rightarrow W$  and  $\beta : W \rightarrow H_1$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_1 & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} f \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}} & H_2 \oplus W \xrightarrow{(g \ \beta)} H_1 \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \\ & 1_{H_1} & \end{array}$$

is commutative in  $\mathcal{A}$ , and hence  $H_1$  is a direct summand of  $H_2 \oplus W$ . We can actually choose  $W = W_1$ , in fact consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_1 & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} f \\ r \end{pmatrix}} & H_1 \oplus W_1 & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} f^C & s \end{pmatrix}} & T_2 \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \rho \end{pmatrix} & & \\ H_1 & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} f \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}} & H_2 \oplus W & \xrightarrow{(g \ \beta)} & H_1 \\ & \searrow & \nearrow & & \\ & 1_{H_1} & & & \end{array}$$

where  $\rho : W_1 \rightarrow W$  comes from the fact that  $H_1 \rightarrow W_1$  is a  $\mathcal{W}$ -preenvelope. Hence,  $(g \ \beta) \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \rho \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} f \\ r \end{pmatrix} = 1_{H_1}$ , that is  $H_1$  is a direct summand of  $H_2 \oplus W_1$ . Moreover, it means that  $(g \ \beta)$  is a section, that is the sequence in (5) is also exact on the left and the corresponding square in (4) is a pullback diagram.

Since both squares in (4) are bicartesian, it follows that the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_1 & \longrightarrow & W_1 \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ W_2 & \longrightarrow & T_2 \end{array}$$

is bicartesian as well. □

## 4 Second approach to axiomatization

We give another set of axioms:

TC1  $(\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$  and  $(\mathcal{T}_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$  are two respectively left functorial and right functorial torsion pairs in  $\mathcal{X}$ .

TC2  $\mathcal{T}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$  (equivalently  $\mathcal{F}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{F}_2$ ).

TC3 For any morphism  $g : T_1 \rightarrow T'_1$  in  $\mathcal{T}_1$  has a pseudocokernel in  $\mathcal{T}_1$  which completes diagrams in a unique way wrt  $\mathcal{F}_2$ .

TC3\* Dual of **TC3**.

TC4 explain this axiom

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 F_1 & \xrightarrow{f^K} & H_1 & \xrightarrow{\forall f} & H_2 & \xrightarrow{f^C} & T_1 \\
 & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \text{dashed} & & \parallel & & \downarrow \\
 i_1 t_1(F_2) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & F & \longrightarrow & H_2 & \longrightarrow & j_2 f_2(T_1)
 \end{array}$$

TC4\* Dual of **TC4**.

### EXAMPLES

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2 If  $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V})$  is a cotorsion pair in a triangulated category (as in Nakaoka's work ) produces an example.

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3 Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a triangulated category with two  $t$ -structures  $(\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_1^\perp)$  and  $(\mathcal{U}_2, \mathcal{U}_2^\perp)$  such that  $\mathcal{U}_1[1] \subseteq \mathcal{U}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{U}_1$ . Then, these satisfy axioms **TC1-TC3, TC3\***, hence  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{U}_1 \cap \mathcal{U}_2^\perp$  has kernels and cokernels. Moreover, TFAE:

1.a **TC4** holds.

1.b If  $V_1 \rightarrow H_1 \xrightarrow{f} H_2 \xrightarrow{+}$  is a distinguished triangle such that  $H_1, H_2 \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $V_1 \in \mathcal{U}_1^\perp$ , then  $V_1 \in \mathcal{U}_2^\perp[-1]$ .

And, dually, there is an equivalence of the following:

2.a **TC4\*** holds.

2.b If  $H_1 \xrightarrow{f} H_2 \rightarrow U_2 \xrightarrow{+}$  is a distinguished triangle such that  $H_1, H_2 \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $U_2 \in \mathcal{U}_2$ , then  $U_2 \in \mathcal{U}_1[1]$ .

*Proof of the equivalences in example 3.* Let's  $\mathcal{D}$  be a triangulated category with two  $t$ -structures as in example 3. The pseudocokernel of a morphism in  $\mathcal{U}_1$  can be computed by taking the cone in  $\mathcal{D}$ , i.e. given a morphism  $f : U_1 \rightarrow U'_1$  in  $\mathcal{U}_1$  we can compute a pseudocokernel in  $\mathcal{U}_1$  by completing  $f$  to a triangle

$$U_1 \xrightarrow{f} U'_1 \rightarrow \text{Cone}(f) \xrightarrow{+}.$$

Moreover, this pseudocokernel satisfies **TC3**.

Now, assume that **TC1-TC3, TC3\*** are satisfied together with axiom **1.b**, and consider the solid part of the diagram as in **TC4**:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{Cone}(f)[-1] & \xrightarrow{f^K} & H_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & H_1 & \xrightarrow{f^C} & \text{Cone}(f) \\
 & \nearrow \beta \text{ dashed} & \downarrow \alpha & & \parallel & & \downarrow \lambda \\
 \tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(V_2) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & V_2 & \longrightarrow & H_2 & \longrightarrow & \tau^{\mathcal{U}_2^\perp} \text{Cone}(f)
 \end{array}$$

with  $\text{Cone}(f)[-1] \in \mathcal{U}_1^\perp$  and where the upper row is a distinguished triangle. By **1.b** then it belongs to  $\mathcal{U}_2^\perp[-1]$ , i.e.  $\text{Cone}(f) \in \mathcal{U}_2^\perp$ , so  $\lambda$  is an iso, consequently  $\alpha$  is an iso and so is  $\varepsilon$ , so there exist a map  $\beta = \alpha^{-1} \circ \varepsilon$  making the diagram commute, that is **TC4** holds.



Conversely, assume that **TC1-TC3, TC3\*** are satisfied together with **TC4**. Consider again the solid part of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{Cone}(f)[-1] & \xrightarrow{f^K} & H_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & H_1 & \xrightarrow{f^C} & \text{Cone}(f) \\
 \downarrow \lambda[-1] & & \downarrow \alpha & & \parallel & & \downarrow \lambda \\
 \tau_{\mathcal{U}_2^\perp}(\text{Cone}(f))[-1] & \xrightarrow{\quad} & V_2 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_2 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \tau_{\mathcal{U}_2^\perp} \text{Cone}(f) \\
 & & \uparrow \varepsilon & & & & \\
 & & \tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(V_2) & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

with  $\text{Cone}(f)[-1] \in \mathcal{U}_1^\perp$ . Neeman guarantees that  $\alpha$  can be taken so that the square on the left is a pullback. Axiom **TC4** gives the existence of  $\beta : \tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(V_2) \rightarrow H_1$  such that  $\alpha \circ \beta = \varepsilon$ .

Since  $\tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}$  is a functor, there is also a morphism  $\tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(\alpha) : \tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(H_1) = H_1 \rightarrow \tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(V_2)$  such that  $\varepsilon \circ \tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(\alpha) = \alpha$ , hence  $\varepsilon \circ \tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(\alpha) \circ \beta = \varepsilon$ . By the functoriality of the torsion pair  $(\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_1^\perp)$ , this means that  $\tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(\alpha) \circ \beta = 1_{\tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(V_2)}$ . Then,  $\beta$  is a section.

Hence, we can write  $\tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(\alpha) : H_1 \rightarrow \tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(V_2)$  as

$$\tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(\alpha) : \tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(V_2) \oplus H'_1 \xrightarrow{(* \ 0)} \tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(V_2)$$

for some  $H'_1 \leq_{\oplus} H_1$  such that  $\alpha$  vanishes on  $H'_1$ . If we consider the solid part of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & H'_1 & & \\
 & \swarrow & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \searrow 0 & \\
 \text{Cone}(\tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(\alpha))[-1] & \longrightarrow & H_1 & \xrightarrow{\tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(\alpha)} & \tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(V_2) \dashrightarrow
 \end{array}$$

we can construct the dashed arrow, and the fact that the triangle commutes means that  $H'_1 \leq_{\oplus} \text{Cone}(\tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(\alpha))[-1]$ .

Observe that  $\text{Cone}(\alpha) = \text{Cone}(\lambda)[-1]$ , since the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Cone}(f)[-1] & \xrightarrow{f^K} & H_1 \\
 \downarrow \lambda[-1] & & \downarrow \alpha \\
 \tau_{\mathcal{U}_2^\perp}(\text{Cone}(f))[-1] & \longrightarrow & V_2
 \end{array}$$

is a pullback. Moreover,  $\text{Cone}(\lambda)[-1] = (\tau_{\mathcal{U}_2}(\text{Cone}(f)))[1][-1] = \tau_{\mathcal{U}_2}(\text{Cone}(f))$ . Hence,  $\text{Cone}(\alpha) \in \mathcal{U}_2$  and  $\tau_{\mathcal{U}_1^\perp}(\text{Cone}(\alpha)) = 0$ , that is,  $\text{Cone}(\alpha) \in \mathcal{U}_1$ , and since there is a distinguished triangle

$$H_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} V_2 \rightarrow \text{Cone}(\alpha) \xrightarrow{+}$$

with  $H_1, \text{Cone}(\alpha) \in \mathcal{U}_1$  it follows that  $V_2 \in \mathcal{U}_1$ . Hence,  $\tau_{\mathcal{U}_1}(V_2) \cong V_2$ .

We can then write  $V_2 \leq_{\oplus} H_1$  and consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H_1 \cong H'_1 \oplus V_2 & \xrightarrow{(f' \ \bar{f})} & H_2 \\
 \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \parallel \\
 V_2 & \longrightarrow & H_2
 \end{array}$$

so  $f' = 0$ . Hence, the inclusion  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : H'_1 \rightarrow H'_1 \oplus V_2$  can be lifted to  $\text{Cone}(f)[-1]$  and  $H'_1 \leq_{\oplus} \text{Cone}(f)[-1]$ . Since  $\text{Cone}(f)[-1] \in \mathcal{U}_1^\perp$ , so does  $H'_1$ . Similarly,  $H'_1 \in \mathcal{U}_1$  because  $H_1 \in \mathcal{U}_1$ . Hence,  $H'_1 = 0$  and  $\alpha : H_1 \rightarrow V_2$  is an iso. The same follows for  $\lambda$ . Therefore,  $\text{Cone}(f) \in \mathcal{U}_2^\perp$  which proves **1.b**.  $\square$

Add reference

We can see a special case of example 3 in the case of the derived category of a ring. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring, consider the t-structure  $(\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_1^\perp) = (\mathcal{D}^{\leq 0}(R), \mathcal{D}^{> 0}(R))$  in  $\mathcal{D}(R)$ . Given an idempotent ideal  $I = I^2 \triangleleft R$ , it defines three classes of modules

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{C}_I &= \{C \in \text{Mod-}R \mid IC = C\} \\ \mathcal{T}_I &= \{T \in \text{Mod-}R \mid IT = 0\} \cong \text{Mod-}\frac{R}{I} \\ \mathcal{F}_I &= \{F \in \text{Mod-}R \mid Ix \neq 0 \forall x \in F \setminus \{0\}\}\end{aligned}$$

such that  $(\mathcal{C}_I, \mathcal{T}_I)$  and  $(\mathcal{T}_I, \mathcal{F}_I)$  make two torsion pairs. We call the triple  $(\mathcal{C}_I, \mathcal{T}_I, \mathcal{F}_I)$  a TTP triple.

We define the t-structure  $(\mathcal{U}_2, \mathcal{U}_2^\perp)$  as the Happel-Reiten-Smalø t-structure associated to the torsion pair  $(\mathcal{C}_I, \mathcal{T}_I)$  in  $\text{Mod-}R$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{U}_2 &= \{U_2 \in \mathcal{D}^{\leq 0}(R) \mid H^0(U_2) \in \mathcal{C}_I\} \\ \mathcal{U}_2^\perp &= \{V_2 \in \mathcal{D}^{\geq 0}(R) \mid H^0(V_2) \in \mathcal{T}_I\}.\end{aligned}$$

In this case we can check that condition **1.b** holds. In fact, let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the heart

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{U}_1 \cap \mathcal{U}_2^\perp &= \mathcal{D}^{\leq 0}(R) \cap \mathcal{U}_2^\perp \\ &= \{T[0] \mid T \in \mathcal{T}_I\} \cong \text{Mod-}\frac{R}{I}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{H}$  is abelian.

Now, consider  $V_1 \in \mathcal{U}_1^\perp$  such that there is an exact triangle

$$V_1 \rightarrow T_1[0] \xrightarrow{f[0]} T_2[0] \xrightarrow{\pm} 0$$

with  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{H}$ . Of course,  $V_1 = \text{Cone}(f)[-1]$ , i.e.

$$V_1 = \cdots \rightarrow 0 \xrightarrow{0} T_1 \xrightarrow{f} T_2 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots$$

where the numbers over  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  represent their cohomological degree.

The fact that  $V_1 \in \mathcal{U}_1^\perp = \mathcal{D}^{> 0}(R)$  implies that  $H^0(V_1) = 0$ , i.e.  $f$  is mono. To prove that  $V_1 \in \mathcal{U}_2^\perp[-1]$  we would need to show that  $\text{Coker}(f) = H^1(V_1)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{T}_I$ , but this follows from the fact that  $f$  is a mono in  $\mathcal{T}_I$  which is a torsion class.