Appendix

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This is a formalization of the new results of Sections A.1–A.3 of my paper *Mixed ℓ-adic complexes for schemes over number fields*, excluding the example of filtered derived categories and admitting all the results that can be found in the literature.

1 Section A.1: filtered triangulated categories

In Appendix A of [**?**], Beilinson introduced f-categories over triangulated categories, that have all the abstract properties of filtered derived categories, and generalized the properties of filtered derived categories to this more general setting. We review his definition and results. Note that Section 6 of Schnürer's paper [**?**] gives more detailed proofs of many of the results of Appendix A of [**?**].

The following is Definition A.1 of [**?**].

Definition 1. We introduce the following objects:

(1) A *filtered triangulated category*, or for short a *f-category*, is the data of:

  – a triangulated category DF;
  – two full triangulated subcategories $\mathrm{DF}(\leq 0)$, $\mathrm{DF}(\geq 0)$ of DF that are stable by isomorphisms;
  – a triangulated self-equivalence $s\colon \mathrm{DF} \longrightarrow \mathrm{DF}$ (called *shift of filtration*);
  – a morphism of functors $\alpha\colon \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{DF}} \longrightarrow s$;

  satisfying the following conditions, where, for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we set

  $$\mathrm{DF}(\leq n) = s^n \, \mathrm{DF}(\leq 0) \ \text{and} \ \mathrm{DF}(\geq n) = s^n \, \mathrm{DF}(\geq 0) :$$

  (i) We have $\mathrm{DF}(\geq 1) \subset \mathrm{DF}(\geq 0)$, $\mathrm{DF}(\leq 1) \supset \mathrm{DF}(\leq 0)$ and

  $$\mathrm{DF} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{DF}(\leq n) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{DF}(\geq n).$$

  (ii) For any $X \in \mathrm{Ob}\,\mathrm{DF}$, we have $\alpha_X = s(\alpha_{s^{-1}(X)})$.

  (iii) For any $X \in \mathrm{Ob}\,\mathrm{DF}(\geq 1)$ and $Y \in \mathrm{Ob}\,\mathrm{DF}(\leq 0)$, we have $\mathrm{Hom}(X, Y) = 0$, and the maps $\mathrm{Hom}(s(Y), X) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(Y, X) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(Y, s^{-1}(X))$ induced by α_Y and $\alpha_{s^{-1}(X)}$ are bijective.

  (iv) For every $X \in \mathrm{Ob}\,\mathrm{DF}$, there exists a distinguished triangle $A \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow B \xrightarrow{+1}$ with A in $\mathrm{DF}(\geq 1)$ and B in $\mathrm{DF}(\leq 0)$.

(2) If DF and DF' are f-categories, an *f-functor* from DF to DF' is the data of a triangulated functor $T\colon \mathrm{DF} \longrightarrow \mathrm{DF}'$ and a natural isomorphism $s' \circ T \xrightarrow{\sim} T \circ s$ such that $T(\mathrm{DF}(\leq 0)) \subset \mathrm{DF}'(\leq 0)$, $T(\mathrm{DF}(\geq 0)) \subset \mathrm{DF}(\geq 0)$ and that, for every $X \in \mathrm{Ob}\,\mathrm{DF}$, the following triangle

commutes:
$$\begin{array}{ccc} T(X) & \xrightarrow{\alpha'_{T(X)}} & s'(T(X)) \\ & \searrow^{T(\alpha(X))} & \Big\downarrow{\wr} \\ & & T(s(X)) \end{array}$$

(3) Let $\mathcal{D}$ be a triangulated category. An *f-category over $\mathcal{D}$* is an f-category DF together with an equivalence $i\colon \mathcal{D} \longrightarrow \mathrm{DF}(\leq 0) \cap \mathrm{DF}(\geq 0)$. If $\mathcal{D}'$ is another triangulated category, DF' is an f-category over $\mathcal{D}'$ and $T\colon \mathcal{D} \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}'$ is a triangulated functor, an *f-lifting* of T is an f-functor $FT\colon \mathrm{DF} \longrightarrow \mathrm{DF}'$ and a natural isomorphism $i' \circ T \simeq TF \circ i$.

Proposition 2 (Proposition A.3 of [**?**])**.** *Let* DF *be an f-category.*

(i) *For every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, the inclusion $\mathrm{DF}(\leq n) \subset \mathrm{DF}$ admits a left adjoint $\sigma_{\leq n}$, and the inclusion $\mathrm{DF}(\geq n) \subset \mathrm{DF}$ admits a right adjoint $\sigma_{\geq n}$. The functors $\sigma_{\leq n}$, $\sigma_{\geq n}$ are triangulated and preserve the subcategories $\mathrm{DF}(\leq m)$, $\mathrm{DF}(\geq m)$ for every $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.*

(ii) *For $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, there exists a unique isomorphism of functors $\sigma_{\leq a}\sigma_{\geq b} \simeq \sigma_{\geq b}\sigma_{\leq a}$ that makes the following diagram commute:*

(iii) *Let $X \in \mathrm{Ob}\,\mathrm{DF}$. Then there exists a unique morphism $\delta \colon \sigma_{\leq 0}X \longrightarrow \sigma_{\geq 1}[1]$ making the triangle $\sigma_{\leq 1}X \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow \sigma_{\leq 0}X \xrightarrow{\delta} \sigma_{\geq 1}X[1]$ distinguished. Any distinguished triangle $A \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow B \xrightarrow{+1}$ with $A \in \mathrm{Ob}\,\mathrm{DF}(\geq 1)$ and $B \in \mathrm{Ob}\,\mathrm{DF}(\leq 0)$ admits a unique isomorphism to the triangle of the previous sentence.*

(iv) *We have canonical isomorphisms $\sigma_{\leq n} \circ s = s \circ \sigma_{\leq n-1}$ and $\sigma_{\geq n} \circ s = s \circ \sigma_{\geq n-1}$.*

Point (iv) is not stated in Proposition A.3 of [**?**] but follows immediately from the fact that $s(\mathrm{DF}(\leq n-1)) = \mathrm{DF}(\leq n)$ (resp. $s(D(\geq n-1)) = D(\geq n)$) and the uniqueness of adjoints.

Definition 3. Let $\mathcal{D}$ be a triangulated category and DF be an f-category over $\mathcal{D}$. For every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we define a functor $\mathrm{Gr}^n \colon \mathrm{DF} \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}$ by $\mathrm{Gr}^n = i^{-1} \circ s^{-n} \circ \sigma_{\leq n}\sigma_{\geq n}$.

Proposition 4. *Let $\mathcal{D}$ be a triangulated category and DF be an f-category over $\mathcal{D}$.*

(i) *For every $r \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have a natural isomorphism $\mathrm{Gr}^r \circ s = \mathrm{Gr}^{r-1}$.*

(ii) *Let $r \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $\mathrm{Gr}^r \circ i = 0$ if $r \neq 0$ and $\mathrm{Gr}^r \circ i \simeq \mathrm{id}_{\mathcal{D}}$ if $r = 0$.*

(iii) *Let $r, n \in \mathbb{Z}$. We have*

$$\mathrm{Gr}^r \circ \sigma_{\leq n} = \begin{cases} \mathrm{Gr}^r & \text{if } r \leq n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \mathrm{Gr}^r \circ \sigma_{\geq n} = \begin{cases} \mathrm{Gr}^r & \text{if } r \geq n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Proof. Point (i) follows from Proposition 2(iv), point (ii) from the fact that the image of i is contained in $\mathrm{DF}(\leq 0) \cap \mathrm{DF}(\geq 0)$, and point (iii) from the definition of Gr^r. $\square$

Proposition 5 (Proposition A.3 of [**?**])**.** *Let $\mathcal{D}$ be a triangulated category and DF be an f-category over $\mathcal{D}$. Then there exists a triangulated functor $\omega \colon \mathrm{DF} \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}$ such that:*[1]

(a) *$\omega_{|\mathrm{DF}(\leq 0)} \colon \mathrm{DF}(\leq 0) \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is left adjoint to $\mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{i} \mathrm{DF}(\leq 0) \cap \mathrm{DF}(\geq 0) \subset \mathrm{DF}(\leq 0)$;*

(b) *$\omega_{|\mathrm{DF}(\geq 0)} \colon \mathrm{DF}(\geq 0) \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is right adjoint to $\mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{i} \mathrm{DF}(\leq 0) \cap \mathrm{DF}(\geq 0) \subset \mathrm{DF}(\geq 0)$;*

(c) *for any $X \in \mathrm{Ob}\,\mathrm{DF}$, the map $\omega(\alpha_X) \colon \omega(X) \longrightarrow \omega(s(X))$ is an isomorphism;*

(d) *if $A \in \mathrm{Ob}\,\mathrm{DF}(\leq 0)$ and $B \in \mathrm{DF}(\geq 0)$, then $\omega \colon \mathrm{Hom}(A, B) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(\omega(A), \omega(B))$ is bijective.*

Moreover, ω is determined up to unique isomorphism by properties (a) and (c) (resp. (b) and (c)).

The following proposition follows easily from the definitions.

Proposition 6. *Let $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}'$ be triangulated categories, and let DF (resp. DF') be an f-category over $\mathcal{D}$ (resp. $\mathcal{D}'$). Let $T \colon \mathcal{D} \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}'$ be a triangulated functor, and let $FT \colon \mathrm{DF} \longrightarrow \mathrm{DF}'$ be an f-lifting of T. Then the following squares commute up to natural isomorphism:*

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[1]Note that there is a typo in Proposition A.3 of [**?**]: the left and right adjoints are switched; see the correction in Proposition 6.6 of [**?**].