

# Algebraic K-theory in symplectic geometry

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from Page 2695 in Biran-Cornea's *Cone-decompositions of Lagrangian cobordisms in Lefschetz fibrations* (Selecta 2017).

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Let  $\mathcal{A} = \text{Mod}(\mathbf{k})$ , the category of  $\mathbf{k}$ -modules. Then  $K_0(\mathcal{A}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}$ . Indeed, for any  $x = m_1[A_1] + \dots + m_n[A_n] = [V] - [W]$  in  $K_0(\mathcal{A})$ , consider the isomorphism  $\dim_{\mathbf{k}} : K_0(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  defined by

$$\dim_{\mathbf{k}}(x) = \dim_{\mathbf{k}}(V) - \dim_{\mathbf{k}}(W).$$

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(TR2) If  $\Delta \in \text{dist}_\Delta(\mathcal{C})$ , then  $T(\Delta), T^{-1}(\Delta) \in \text{dist}_\Delta(\mathcal{C})$ .

(TR4) The octahedral axiom.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} E & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & T(E) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ F & \xrightarrow{g \circ f} & A & \dashrightarrow & C \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{g} & A & \longrightarrow & B \end{array}$$



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Let  $\mathcal{D}(\text{Mod}(\mathbf{k}))$  be a derived category of  $\text{Mod}(\mathbf{k})$ . By definition,

$$\mathcal{D}^b(\text{Mod}(\mathbf{k})) = \text{Hot}^b(\mathcal{A})[\{\text{quasimorphisms}\}^{-1}]$$

i.e., quasi-isomorphisms are invertible. A famous example is  $\mathcal{D}^b(\text{Coh}X)$ , derived category of coherent sheaves on a smooth projective variety  $X$ .

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## Remark

A dg-category is a special case of an  $A_{\infty}$ -category (with operators  $\{\mu_i\}_{i \geq 1}$ ) where  $\mu_1$  = differential,  $\mu_2$  = composition, and  $\mu_{\geq 3} = 0$ .

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- Given an additive category, what is  $K_0(\text{Hot}^b(\mathcal{A}))$ ?
- In  $K_0$  group, we have seen inverse  $-[A]$  and subtraction  $[B] - [A]$ . How about the following alternating sum

$$[A] - [B] + [C] - [D] + \cdots ?$$

- In  $K_0$  group, how about the following linear combination

$$[X_0] + [X_1] + \cdots + [X_n] ?$$

- How about subgroups of  $K_0$  group, for instance,

$$K_0(\mathcal{C}) \simeq K_0(\mathcal{C}_1) \oplus K_0(\mathcal{C}_2) \oplus \cdots \oplus K_0(\mathcal{C}_n).$$

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This map  $\chi$  is well-defined (partially) due to the following exercise.

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# Sketch of the proof

Recall the map

$$\chi([A_\bullet]) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^k [A_k] : K_0(\text{Hot}^b(\mathcal{A})) \rightarrow K_0(\mathcal{A}).$$

- The map is a homomorphism, and obviously it is surjective.
- This map is also injective, that is, given  $[A_\bullet]$  such that  $\chi([A_\bullet]) = 0$ , we claim that  $[A_\bullet] = 0$  in  $K_0(\text{Hot}^b(\mathcal{A}))$ . For instance, consider

$$A_\bullet = \cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A_1 \xrightarrow{d_1^A} A_0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots.$$

The assumption  $\chi([A_\bullet]) = 0$  implies that  $[A_1] = [A_0]$  in  $K_0(\mathcal{A})$ . Consider degree-0 centered complexes

$$X_\bullet = \cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots \quad \text{and} \quad Y_\bullet = \cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A_0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots.$$

Then we have a distinguished triangle,  $X_\bullet \xrightarrow{-d_1^A} Y_\bullet \rightarrow A_\bullet \rightarrow X_\bullet[1]$  since  $A_\bullet = \text{Cone}(-d_1^A)$ . Therefore,

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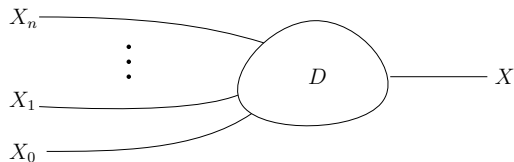
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Passing to  $K_0(\mathcal{C})$ ,

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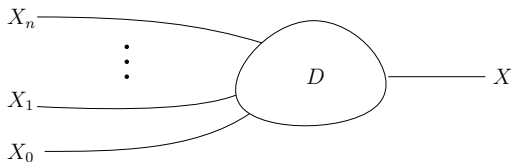
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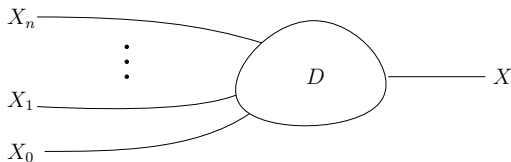
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## Remark (Biran-Cornea-Shelukhin)

One can study the size of  $D$  (**shadow**), which provides a quantitative study of Lagrangian cobordisms.

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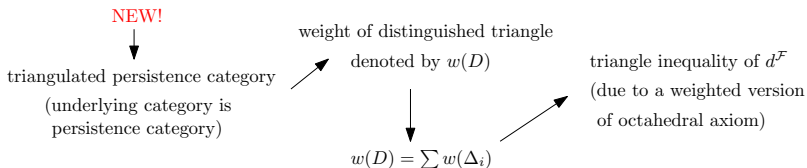
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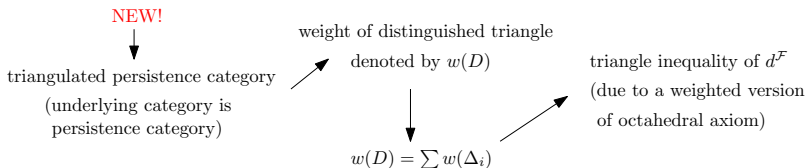


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Another important progress: Abouzaid's generating criterion (Publ. IHES 2010).

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