# Higher torsion classes and $\tau_n$ -tilting theory

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joint with Johanne Haugland, Karin Jacobsen, Sondre Kvamme, Yann Palu and Hipolito Treffinger GOAL: Generalise results about torsion classes and  $\tau$ -tilting theory to a "higher setting".

- Recall the classical definitions and results.
- Introduce the "higher" setting = n-abelian categories. 2
- Characterise *n*-torsion classes within an *n*-abelian category. 3
- **4** Relate *n*-torsion classes with  $\tau_n$ -rigid pairs.

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Throughout, let A be a basic finite-dimensional algebra, so  $\operatorname{mod} A$  is an abelian length category.

#### Definition (Dickson)

A pair of full subcategories  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  in  $\operatorname{mod} A$  is called a torsion pair if:

• Hom<sub>A</sub> $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F}) = 0$ 

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$$0 \rightarrow tM \rightarrow M \rightarrow fM \rightarrow 0$$

where  $tM \in \mathcal{T}$  and  $fM \in \mathcal{F}$ .

In this case, we call  $\mathcal T$  a torsion class and  $\mathcal F$  a torsion-free class.

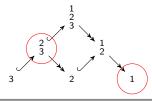
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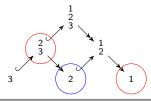
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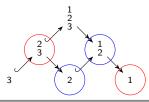
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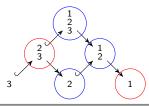
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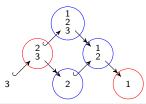


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With A the path algebra of  $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$ , any torsion class containing  $\frac{2}{3}$  and 1 must also contain:



Very easy to describe all torsion classes - there are 14!

# Classical story - $\tau\text{-tilting theory}$

Let  $\tau$  denote the Auslander–Reiten translation.

#### Definition (Adachi–Iyama–Reiten)

A pair (M, P) with  $M \in \text{mod } A$ ,  $P \in \text{proj } A$  is called:

• 
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-rigid if  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(M, \tau M) = 0$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(P, M) = 0$ .

2 support 
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-tilting if it is  $\tau$ -rigid and  $|M| + |P| = |A|$ .

In this case, AIR showed that being support  $\tau$ -tilting is equivalent to being maximal with respect to the  $\tau$ -rigid property.

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Theorem (Adachi-Iyama-Reiten)

In mod A, there is a bijection

{ functorially finite torsion classes }  $\longleftrightarrow$  { support  $\tau$ -tilting pairs }.

- $\mathcal{T} \subset \mod A$  is functorially finite if every  $M \in \mod A$  has both a left and right approximation by  $\mathcal{T}$ .
- 2  $f: M \to T$  is a left  $\mathcal{T}$ -approximation if  $T \in \mathcal{T}$  and



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If A is representation finite (or even τ-tilting finite) then the functorial finiteness is automatic.

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Given (T, P) support  $\tau$ -tilting pair, Fac(T) is a torsion class.



## Goal: study *n*-torsion classes and $\tau_n$ -rigid pairs in *n*-abelian categories.

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# What is *n*-abelian?

Motivated by generalising the Auslander Correspondence, Iyama found the notion of *n*-cluster-tilting subcategories appearing naturally in representation theory.

#### Definition

A subcategory  $\mathcal{M} \subset \operatorname{mod} A$  is called n-cluster-tilting if it is functorially finite and

$$\mathcal{M} = \{ X \in \text{mod} A \mid \text{Ext}_A^{1 \le i \le n-1}(X, \mathcal{M}) = 0 \}$$
$$= \{ Y \in \text{mod} A \mid \text{Ext}_A^{1 \le i \le n-1}(\mathcal{M}, Y) = 0 \}.$$

- n = 1; mod A is the only 1-cluster-tilting subcategory.
- n = 2; the "usual" notion of cluster-tilting.

Introduced by Jasso, *n*-abelian categories were designed to axiomatise the structure of *n*-cluster-tilting subcategories.

# What is *n*-abelian?

Very loosely, the idea is to replace the importance of short exact sequences (and the kernels/cokernels that they consist of) with exact sequences of longer length.

Definition (Jasso)

Given a morphism f : X<sub>0</sub> → X<sub>1</sub>, an n-cokernel of f is a sequence of morphisms

$$X_1 \rightarrow X_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow X_{n+1}$$

such that the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (X_{n+1}, Y) \rightarrow (X_n, Y) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow (X_1, Y) \rightarrow (X_0, Y)$$

is exact for all Y. (n-kernel is defined dually)

**2** A sequence of morphisms  $X_0 \to X_1 \to X_2 \to \cdots \to X_{n+1}$  is called n-exact if

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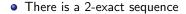
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- Then  $\mathcal{M} \subset \operatorname{mod} A$  is *n*-abelian if
  - every morphism has both an *n*-kernel and *n*-cokernel;
  - every monomorphism and its *n*-cokernel forms an *n*-exact sequence (plus dual requirement);
  - plus other technical things.
- Jasso showed *n*-cluster tilting subcategories of mod *A* are *n*-abelian. And the converse is also true (Kvamme, Ebrahimi–Nasr-Isfahani).
- In an *n*-cluster-tilting subcategory, *n*-exact sequences are exact! And vice versa!

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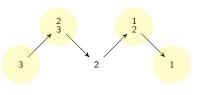
• This has a 2-cluster-tilting subcategory shown in yellow.



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Notice that, since  $\text{Hom}_A(\mathcal{T}, X) = 0 \iff X \in \mathcal{F}$ , this is the same as asking for a short exact sequence

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$$0 \rightarrow U_M \rightarrow M \rightarrow V_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow V_n \rightarrow 0$$

where  $U_M \in \mathcal{U}$  and

$$0 \to \operatorname{Hom}_{A}(U, V_{1}) \to \cdots \to \operatorname{Hom}_{A}(U, V_{n}) \to 0$$

is exact for each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ .

#### Theorem (Asadollahi–Jørgensen–Schroll–Treffinger)

Let  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mod A$  be an n-cluster-tilting subcategory. Any n-torsion class  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{M}$  can be obtained as  $\mathcal{T} \cap \mathcal{M}$  for a torsion class  $\mathcal{T} \subset \mod A$ .

Moreover, given  $\mathcal{U}$ , we can always choose  $\mathcal{T}$  in such a way that:

•  $tM \in \mathcal{U}$  for all  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ ;

2 
$$\operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{n-1}(tM, fM') = 0$$
 for all  $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}$ .

**③** For any  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ , the corresponding n-exact sequence is

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Theorem (A.–Haugland–Jacobsen–Kvamme–Palu–Treffinger) Let  $\mathcal{M} \subset \operatorname{mod} A$  be an n-cluster-tilting subcategory. Then a full additive subcategory  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{M}$  is an n-torsion class if and only if it is contravariantly finite, closed under n-extensions and n-quotients.

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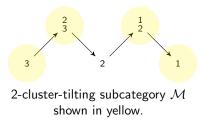
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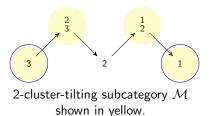
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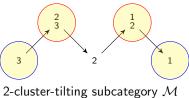


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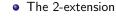
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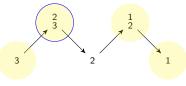
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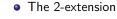
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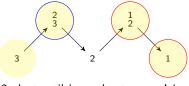
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So there are 6 2-torsion classes:  $0, 3, 1, 1 \oplus \frac{1}{2}, 1 \oplus \frac{1}{2} \oplus \frac{2}{3}, \mathcal{M}$ .

The  $n^{th}$ - Auslander–Reiten translation is defined as  $\tau_n := \tau \circ \Omega^{n-1}$ , where  $\Omega$  denotes the syzygy functor.

### Definition

Let  $\mathcal{M} \subset \text{mod } A$  be an n-cluster-tilting category. A pair (M, P), where  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $P \in \text{proj } A$  is called  $\tau_n$ -rigid if

 $\operatorname{Hom}_A(M, \tau_n M) = 0$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}(P, M) = 0$ .

Warning: there are definitions for support  $\tau_n$ -tilting pairs, and maximal  $\tau_n$ -rigid pairs but they are subtly different for n > 1.

# $\tau_n$ -tilting theory

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## Proposition (AHJKPT, McMahon)

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an n-cluster tilting subcategory of mod A. Consider an object U in an n-torsion class  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{T} \cap \mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathcal{M}$  (where  $\mathcal{T}$  is as in AJST Theorem). The following statements are equivalent:

- **1** U is  $Ext^n$ -projective in  $\mathcal{U}$ .
- 2  $\tau_n U \in \mathcal{F}$  (where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the torsion-free class associated to  $\mathcal{T}$ ).

**3** Hom $(U', \tau_n U) = 0$  for all U' in U.

In particular,  $Ext^n$ -projective objects in an *n*-torsion class are  $\tau_n$ -rigid.

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# Relationship between *n*-torsion and $\tau_n$ -tilting theory

## Theorem (AHJKPT)

Let  $\mathcal M$  be an n-cluster tilting subcategory of  $\operatorname{mod} A.$  In  $\mathcal M$  there is an injective map

{ ff n-torsion classes }  $\longrightarrow$  {  $\tau_n$ -rigid pairs with |A| summands },

which maps a ff n-torsion class to the pair (M, P) where

- **(**) *M* is a basic additive generator of the  $Ext^n$ -projectives in U;
- **2** *P* is the maximal basic projective module such that  $Hom_A(P, U) = 0$ .

Moreover, a partial inverse is given by  $(M, P) \mapsto \operatorname{Fac}(M) \cap \mathcal{M}$ .

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- **1** Let  $A \rightarrow T_0$  be the minimal left  $\mathcal{T}$ -approximation;
- 2 Take the cokernel to get  $A \rightarrow T_0 \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow 0$ .
- 3 Auslander–Smalø showed that  $T_1 \oplus T_0$  is an additive generator of the Ext<sup>1</sup>-projectives in  $\mathcal{T}$ .

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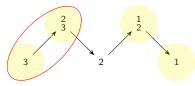
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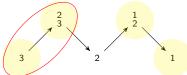


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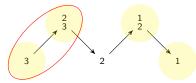


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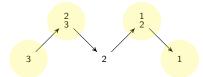


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# Thank you! And Happy Birthday to Bill!

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