

**Auslander-Reiten Theory**  
**on the homotopy category of**  
**projective modules**

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# Background

- ✠ (Auslander/Reiten, 1970's): defined almost split sequences in module categories; presented Auslander-Reiten formula; proved the existence theorem
- ✠ (Happel, 1987): defined Auslander-Reiten triangles (AR-triangles) in triangulated categories; characterized AR-triangles in  $\mathbf{D}^b(\Lambda\text{-mod})$
- ✠ (Krause, 2000): proved the existence of AR-triangles in compactly generated triangulated categories (via Brown Representability)
- ✠ (Krause/L, 2006): presented AR-formula in  $\mathbf{K}(\Lambda^{\text{op}}\text{-Inj})$ ; characterized AR-triangles in  $\mathbf{K}(\Lambda^{\text{op}}\text{-Inj})$

# Motivation

✠ (Jørgensen, 2005):

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Lambda \text{ coherent ring} \\ \forall_{\Lambda} M \text{ flat, proj.dim. } M < \infty \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj}) \text{ compactly generated}$$

✠ (Neeman, 2008):

•  $\Lambda$  right coherent  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj})$  compactly generated

$$\bullet X \in \mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj}) \text{ compact} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} X^n \text{ finitely generated, } \forall n, \\ X^n = 0 \text{ for } n \ll 0, \\ H^n(X^*) = 0 \text{ for } n \ll 0. \end{cases}$$

(here  $X^* = \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(X, \Lambda)$ )

# Main Results

$k$  – commutative noetherian ring, complete, local

$\Lambda$  – noetherian  $k$ -algebra,

$E$  – injective envelope of  $k/\mathfrak{m}$  as  $k$ -module, where  $\mathfrak{m}$  denotes  
the unique maximal ideal of  $k$ ,

$D = \text{Hom}_k(-, E) : \text{Mod } k \rightarrow \text{Mod } k$ ,

induces  $D : \Lambda\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \Lambda^{\text{op}}\text{-Mod}$ ,

and duality  $D : \Lambda\text{-Art} \rightarrow \Lambda^{\text{op}}\text{-Noeth}$ .

**Theorem 1** Let  $Z$  and  $Y$  be complexes of projective  $\Lambda$ -modules, and suppose that  $Z$  is a compact object in  $\mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj})$ . Then we have an isomorphism

$$D\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj})}(Z, Y) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj})}(Y, \mathbf{p}DZ^*) \quad (1)$$

which is natural in  $Z$  and  $Y$ .

sketch of proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
D\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj})}(Z, Y) &\cong \mathrm{Hom}_k(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}(\Lambda^{\mathrm{op}}\text{-Proj})}(\mathbf{p}Y^*, Z^*), E) \\
&\cong \mathrm{Hom}_k(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{D}(\Lambda^{\mathrm{op}}\text{-Mod})}(Y^*, Z^*), E) \\
&\cong \mathrm{Hom}_k(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}(\Lambda^{\mathrm{op}}\text{-Mod})}(Y^*, \mathbf{i}Z^*), E) \\
&\cong \mathrm{Hom}_k(H^0\mathrm{Hom}_{\Lambda^{\mathrm{op}}}(Y^*, \mathbf{i}Z^*), E) \\
&\cong H^0\mathrm{Hom}_k(\mathrm{Hom}_{\Lambda^{\mathrm{op}}}(Y^*, \mathbf{i}Z^*), E) \\
&\cong H^0\mathrm{Hom}_k(\mathbf{i}Z^* \otimes_{\Lambda} \mathrm{Hom}_{\Lambda^{\mathrm{op}}}(Y^*, \Lambda), E) \\
&\cong H^0\mathrm{Hom}_k(\mathbf{i}Z^* \otimes_{\Lambda} Y, E) \\
&\cong H^0\mathrm{Hom}_{\Lambda}(Y, \mathrm{Hom}_k(\mathbf{i}Z^*, E)) \\
&\cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Flat})}(Y, D\mathbf{i}Z^*) \\
&\cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj})}(Y, j^*(D\mathbf{i}Z^*)) \\
&\cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj})}(Y, \mathbf{p}D\mathbf{i}Z^*) \\
&\cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj})}(Y, \mathbf{p}DZ^*)
\end{aligned}$$

- $D: \Lambda^{\text{op}}\text{-Inj} \rightarrow \Lambda\text{-Flat}$
- $\text{inc}: \mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj}) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Flat})$  has right adjoint  $j^*$ , and  $j^*$  preserves coproducts
- $\forall X$  complex of flat  $\Lambda$ -modules,  $\exists$  two exact triangles

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathbf{p}X & \xrightarrow{\alpha_X} & X & \xrightarrow{\beta_X} & \mathbf{a}X & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{p}X[1] \\
 \exists! \xi_X \downarrow & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 j^*(X) & \xrightarrow{\alpha'_X} & X & \xrightarrow{\beta'_X} & i^*(X) & \longrightarrow & j^*(X)[1].
 \end{array}$$

define  $\mathbf{r}: \mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Flat}) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{p}|_{\mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Flat})}} \mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}(\Lambda\text{-Mod}) \xrightarrow{\text{inc}} \mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj})$ ,  
 (note that  $\mathbf{r}(X) = \mathbf{p}X$ ), then  $\xi_X$  induces a morphism of triangle functors  $\xi: \mathbf{r} \rightarrow j^*$

- $X$  right bounded complex of flat modules  $\Rightarrow \xi_X$  isomorphic

**Proposition 2** Let  $Z$  be a compact object in  $\mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj})$  which is indecomposable. Then there exists an AR-triangle

$$\mathbf{p}DZ^*[-1] \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \mathbf{p}DZ^*. \quad (2)$$

Define

$$\mathbf{t}: \mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj}) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_\Lambda(-, \Lambda)} \mathbf{K}(\Lambda^{\text{op}}\text{-Proj}) \xrightarrow{D} \mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Inj}) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{p}} \mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj}).$$

Then  $\mathbf{t}$  restricts to an equivalence  $\mathbf{t}: \mathbf{K}^c(\Lambda\text{-Proj}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}$ ,

$$\text{where } X \in \mathcal{S} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} X^n = 0 \text{ for } n \gg 0, \\ H^n(X) = 0 \text{ for } n \ll 0, \\ H^n(X) \text{ is artinian over } \Lambda, \forall n. \end{cases}$$



**Theorem 3** Let  $M$  be a left artin  $\Lambda$ -module which is indecomposable and non-injective. Then there exists an Auslander-Reiten triangle

$$\mathbf{p}M[-1] \xrightarrow{\alpha} Y \xrightarrow{\beta} (\mathbf{p}DM)^* \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathbf{p}M$$

in  $\mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj})$  which the functor  $\text{Cok}^1$  (for complex  $X = (X^n, d_X^n)$ ,  $\text{Cok}^1(X) := X^1/\text{Im}d_X^0$ ) sends to an almost split sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\overline{\alpha}^1} \text{Cok}^1(Y) \xrightarrow{\overline{\beta}^1} \text{Tr}DM \rightarrow 0$$

in the category of  $\Lambda$ -modules.

# Relation with injective case

Recall:

$\forall Z' \in \mathbf{K}(\Lambda^{\text{op}}\text{-Inj})$ , compact, indecomposable,  $\exists$  an AR-triangle

$$\eta_{Z'}: D(\mathbf{p}Z')^*[-1] \xrightarrow{u} Y' \xrightarrow{v} Z' \xrightarrow{w} D(\mathbf{p}Z')^*.$$

$\forall Z \in \mathbf{K}(\Lambda\text{-Proj})$ , compact, indecomposable,  $\exists$  an AR-triangle

$$\varepsilon_Z: \mathbf{p}DZ^*[-1] \xrightarrow{\alpha} Y \xrightarrow{\beta} Z \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathbf{p}DZ^*.$$

**Observation:** there are one to one correspondence of these AR-triangles

consider adjoint pairs

$$K(\Lambda\text{-Proj}) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{inc}} \\ \xleftarrow{j^*} \end{array} K(\Lambda\text{-Flat}) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{D} \\ \xleftarrow{D} \end{array} K(\Lambda^{\text{op}}\text{-Inj})$$

Denote by  $\Psi$  and  $\Phi$  the unit and counit of  $(D \circ \text{inc}, j^* \circ D)$ .

The *Auslander category*

$$\mathcal{A} := \{X \in K(\Lambda\text{-Proj}) \mid \Psi_X \text{ isomorphic}\}$$

is a triangulated subcategory of  $K(\Lambda\text{-Proj})$ .

The *Bass category*

$$\mathcal{B} := \{Y \in K(\Lambda^{\text{op}}\text{-Inj}) \mid \Phi_Y \text{ isomorphic}\}$$

is a triangulated subcategory of  $K(\Lambda^{\text{op}}\text{-Inj})$ .

$\forall Z \in K(\Lambda\text{-Proj})$ , compact, indecomposable,

$$\varepsilon_Z: \mathbf{p}DZ^*[-1] \xrightarrow{\alpha} Y \xrightarrow{\beta} Z \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathbf{p}DZ^*$$

is an exact triangle in  $\mathcal{A}$ , hence an AR-triangle in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Note that  $D$  induces a duality  $\mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}$ , therefore

$$D(\varepsilon_Z): DZ \xrightarrow{D\beta} DY \xrightarrow{D\alpha} D\mathbf{p}DZ^*[-1] \rightarrow DZ[1]$$

is an AR-triangle in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

On the other hand,

$$\eta_{D\mathbf{p}DZ^*[-1]}: DZ \xrightarrow{u} Y' \xrightarrow{v} D\mathbf{p}DZ^*[-1] \xrightarrow{w} DZ[1]$$

is an exact triangle in  $\mathcal{B}$ , hence an AR-triangle in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Comparing with end terms we have  $D(\varepsilon_Z) \cong \eta_{D\mathbf{p}DZ^*[-1]}$ .

**Thank you**