

Exceptional collections & Kieps's conjecture

(Recall)

Notation: \mathcal{D} is derived category (can be any, but one rather should think of $\mathcal{D}^b(X)$).

$\text{Hom}^i(X, Y)$ is the same as $\text{Ext}^i(X, Y)$.

Def: $E \in \mathcal{D}$ is exceptional if

$$\text{Hom}^i(E, E) = \begin{cases} k & \text{if } i=0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

↙ base field

Def: Let E_1, \dots, E_n be a sequence of exceptional objects, we call it exceptional sequence if there are no Homs from left to right, i.e.,

$$\text{Hom}^k(E_i, E_j) = 0 \quad \forall k; i > j.$$

i.e. they generate the whole \mathcal{D}

We call it full if $\langle E_1, \dots, E_n \rangle = \mathcal{D}$.

Why do we care? \rightsquigarrow it gives a semi-orthogonal decomposition.

Obs: If E is exceptional $\Rightarrow \langle E \rangle$ is admissible.

[Recall: $\mathcal{D}' \hookrightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is admissible if $\forall A \in \mathcal{D}$ we have

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{D} \rightarrow A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}' \rightarrow \mathcal{D}[1] \rightarrow \dots \\ \hookrightarrow \mathcal{D}' \qquad \qquad \qquad \hookrightarrow (\mathcal{D}')^\perp \end{array}$$

consists of objects of the form $\oplus E[i]^\oplus$

i.e. we can decompose somehow]

Idea: \exists cononical evaluation morphism

$$\oplus \text{Hom}(E, A[-i]) \otimes E[-i] \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$$

$E \in \langle E \rangle$ cone of the map
 (one can easily check that $B \in \langle E \rangle^\perp$)

Def: A sequence of full admissible tr. subcateg.

$$\mathcal{D}_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}_n \subset \mathcal{D}$$

is semi-orthogonal if $\mathcal{D}_j \subset \mathcal{D}_i^\perp$ for $i > j$.

in other words we have $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{D}_i, \mathcal{D}_j) = 0$

Moreover, it gives a filtration for every object of \mathcal{D} .

Namely, for any $A \in \mathcal{D}$ we can do the following

$$\underbrace{A_n} \rightarrow A \rightarrow \underbrace{E_1} \rightarrow A[-1]$$

$$E \in \langle \mathcal{D}_2 - \mathcal{D}_n \rangle \quad E \in \langle \mathcal{D}_2 - \mathcal{D}_n \rangle^\perp = \mathcal{D}_1$$

continuing this process we get the filtration

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \oplus = A_n & \rightarrow & A_{n-1} & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow & A_1 \rightarrow A = A_0 \\ & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \parallel & \searrow & & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \searrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \searrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \searrow \\ & & E_n & & & & E_2 & & E_1 & & \\ & & E \in \mathcal{D}_n & & & & E \in \mathcal{D}_2 & & E \in \mathcal{D}_1 & & \end{array}$$

Exmpl: A full exceptional sequence $E_1 - E_n$ gives a semi-orth. decomp. $\langle E_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle E_n \rangle$ of \mathcal{D} .

Def. We say that exceptional collection is strong if we don't allow any lighter horns at all, i.e.

$$\text{Hom}^i(E_k, E_l) = 0 \quad \forall k, l; i > 0$$

Exmpl: Beilinson collection on $\mathcal{D}^b(\mathbb{P}^n)$.

$\langle \mathcal{O}(a), \mathcal{O}(a+1), \dots, \mathcal{O}(a+n) \rangle \rightsquigarrow$ full strong exceptional collection

always the toughest part is to show fullness, i.e. that $\langle E_i, \dots, E_n \rangle^\perp = 0$ in \mathcal{D} , for this he introduces spectral sequence that works in a case of \mathbb{P}^n .

Semi-orthogonal decomposition for blow-ups.

Let $\varepsilon: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be a blow-up along $Y \subset X$ smooth, codim c

we have natural maps $\nu: E \hookrightarrow \tilde{X}$; $\pi: E = \mathbb{P}(N) \rightarrow Y$, where E is except. locus.

$$\Phi_k := \nu_* \circ \left(\mathcal{O}_E(kE) \otimes \pi^*(-) \right): \mathcal{D}^b(Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^b(\tilde{X})$$

everything is derived

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \mathcal{D}^b(E) \\ & \nwarrow \pi & \searrow \nu \\ \mathcal{D}^b(Y) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{D}^b(\tilde{X}) \end{array}$$

$$\text{Let } \mathcal{D}_k = \text{Im}(\Phi_{-k}); \mathcal{D}_0 = \varepsilon^* \mathcal{D}^b(X)$$

$$\text{then (Orlov)} \quad \mathcal{D}^b(\tilde{X}) = \langle \mathcal{D}_{-c+1}, \dots, \mathcal{D}_0 \rangle$$

that motivated him for the following question:

Question (Orlov) Let X be sm. pr. var / k . If $\mathcal{D}^b(X)$ admits a full exc. collection $\Rightarrow X$ is rational.

Exmpl: Holds for sm. pr. toric varieties over general field.

Fact: there are no full exceptional collections on CY varieties.

& King's conjecture:

Conj.: X sm. pr. toric variety $\Rightarrow X$ has a tilting sheaf which is a sum of line bundles.

Def. A tilting sheaf \mathcal{T} is \mathcal{O}_X -module s.t.:

(i) $\text{Hom}^i(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}) = 0 \quad i \geq 1$

(ii) $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T})$ has finite global dim

(iii) \mathcal{T} generates the derived category

line bundles

In our case we also require that $\mathcal{T} = \bigoplus \mathcal{L}_i$
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1, \dots, \mathcal{L}_n$ makes a strong exc. collection.

Indeed, we have that

$$\text{Hom}(\mathcal{L}_i, \mathcal{L}_j) = \text{Hom}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{L}_j \otimes \mathcal{L}_i^\vee) = H^0(X, \mathcal{L}_j \otimes \mathcal{L}_i^\vee),$$

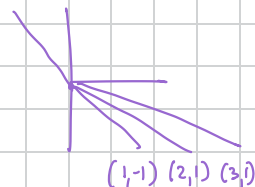
since one of $H^0(X, \mathcal{L}_j \otimes \mathcal{L}_i^\vee)$ or $H^0(X, \mathcal{L}_i^\vee \otimes \mathcal{L}_j)$ must be vanishing we can order \mathcal{L}_i properly.

Counterexample:

dense X

Take Hirzebruch surface \mathbb{F}_2 and blow it up in 3 pts.

If there is a strong exc. collection it always descends to the generators of $K_0(X)$.



In our case we have that $K_0(\mathbb{F}_2)$ has 4 generators + 3 generators from blow-ups.

So we are looking for a strong exc. collection of length 7.

Note that we can always twist exc. collection by line bundles, so we assume it has \mathcal{O}_X . It means that

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{L}_i) = 0 \quad \& \quad H^i(X, \mathcal{L}_i^\vee) = 0 \quad i > 0.$$

↖ pretty strong condition

So essentially how they proceed with the classification of all line bundles on X satisf. this property (infinitely many) and show that they are not compatible.

Fact: \mathbb{P}^2 has a strong exc. collection

$$\langle \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}(1,0), \mathcal{O}(0,1), \mathcal{O}(1,1) \rangle.$$

Thm (Kawamata). X sm. pr. toric v. $\Rightarrow \exists$ full exc. collection of sheaves

drops "strong", "of line bundles".

Disclaimer: in the paper we read we consider derived categories on stacks.