

A recollement approach to Han's conjecture

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- Han's conjecture
- A reduction theorem and its proof
- Morita context algebras and Han's conjecture
- Applications

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Part I: The answer to Happel's question is negative

Example (Buchweitz-Green-Madsen-Solberg 2005)

Let k be a field and $q \in k$. Let $A = k\langle x, y \rangle / (x^2, y^2, xy + qyx)$ with q not a root of unity. Then

$$\dim_k \mathrm{HH}^i(A) = \begin{cases} 2 & i = 0, 1, \\ 1 & i = 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

-  R.-O. Buchweitz, E.L. Green, D. Madsen, Ø. Solberg, *Finite Hochschild cohomology without finite global dimension*, Math. Res. Lett. **12** (2005) 805 – 816.
-  Schulz, R., *A nonprojective module without self-extensions*, Arch. Math. (Basel) **62** (1994) 497 – 500.

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Part I: Known cases for Han's conjecture

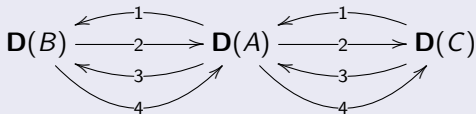
Han's conjecture is known to be true for

- monomial algebras, and truncated quiver algebras,
- commutative algebras,
- generalised Weyl algebras
- graded local algebras, Koszul algebras and graded cellular algebras under the condition that the ground field has characteristic 0
- etc

Part II: Our first result: A reduction theorem for Han's conjecture

Theorem (X.-Wang-Zhang-Zhou.2024)

Given a ladder of height two of unbounded derived categories of finite dimensional algebras



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Notation

- $\text{Mod } A$ the category of all right A -modules,
- $\text{mod } A$ the category of finitely generated right A -modules,
- $\mathbf{D}^b(\text{mod } A)$ the bounded derived category of $\text{mod } A$
- $\mathbf{D}(A) = \mathbf{D}(\text{Mod } A)$ the unbounded derived category of $\text{Mod } A$

Part II: Short exact sequences

A sequence of triangle functors

$$\mathcal{T}' \xrightarrow{i_*} \mathcal{T} \xrightarrow{j^*} \mathcal{T}''$$

is called a **short exact sequence up to direct summands** if i_* is fully faithful, $j^* \circ i_* = 0$ and the induced functor $\overline{j^*} : \mathcal{T}/\mathcal{T}' \rightarrow \mathcal{T}''$ is also fully faithful, moreover, $\overline{j^*}$ is dense up to direct summands (i.e. for each object Y of \mathcal{T}'' , there exists $X \in \mathcal{T}$ such that Y is a direct summand of $\overline{j^*}(X)$).

A short exact sequence up to direct summands is a **short exact sequence** if furthermore, \mathcal{T}' is a thick subcategory of \mathcal{T} and the induced functor $\overline{j^*} : \mathcal{T}/\mathcal{T}' \rightarrow \mathcal{T}''$ is an equivalence.

Part II: Left/right recollements

Given a short exact sequence of triangulated categories

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if i_* and/or j^* have a left adjoint, denoted by i^* and $j_!$ respectively, then the diagram

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When i_* and/or j^* have a left adjoint and a right adjoint, the diagram

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is called a **recollement** of triangulated categories. More precisely, it's called a recollement of \mathcal{T} relative to \mathcal{T}' and \mathcal{T}'' .



A. A. Beilinson, J. N. Bernstein and P. Deligne, *Faisceaux pervers*, Astérisque **100**, Soc. Math. France, Paris, 1982.

A **ladder** is a finite or an infinite diagram of triangle functors:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & \vdots & & \vdots & \\
 & \xrightarrow{i_{-2}} & & \xrightarrow{j_{-2}} & \\
 & \xleftarrow{j_{-1}} & & \xleftarrow{i_{-1}} & \\
 \mathcal{C}' & \xrightarrow{i_0} & \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{j_0} & \mathcal{C}'' \\
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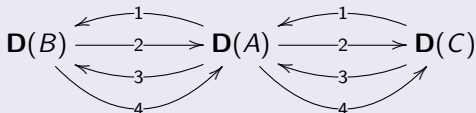
such that any two consecutive rows form a left or right recollement of \mathcal{C} relative to \mathcal{C}' and \mathcal{C}'' .

Its height is the number of rows minus 2.

Part II: Derived 2-simple algebras

Definition

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with B, C finite dimensional algebras.

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A finite dimensional algebra A is derived 2-simple iff it **DOES** not admit any right recollement

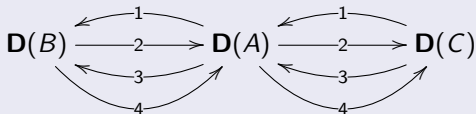


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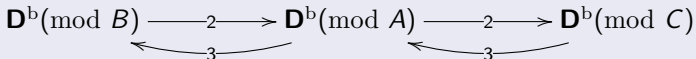
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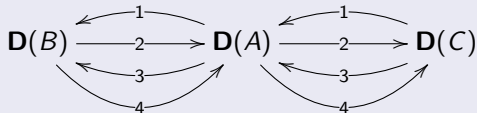


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Then $\text{gldim}(A) < \infty \Leftrightarrow \text{gldim}(B) < \infty$ and $\text{gldim}(C) < \infty$.

Theorem (Keller, private communication)

Given a ladder of height two of unbounded derived categories of rings

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & \longleftarrow 1 & & \longleftarrow 1 & \\ \mathbf{D}(S) & \xrightarrow{2} & \mathbf{D}(R) & \xrightarrow{2} & \mathbf{D}(T) , \\ & \longleftarrow 3 & & \longleftarrow 3 & \\ & \longrightarrow 4 & & \longrightarrow 4 & \end{array}$$

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Proof.

By Angeleri Hügel-Koenig-Liu-Yang 2017,

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By Keller,

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \dim_k \text{HH}_i(A) < \infty \iff \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \dim_k \text{HH}_i(B) < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \dim_k \text{HH}_i(C) < \infty$$



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then there exists two long exact sequences

$$\cdots \rightarrow HH_n(T) \rightarrow HH_n(R) \rightarrow HH_n(S) \rightarrow HH_{n-1}(T) \rightarrow \cdots$$

$$\cdots \rightarrow HH_0(T) \rightarrow HH_0(R) \rightarrow HH_0(S) \rightarrow 0;$$

$$\cdots \rightarrow HC_n(T) \rightarrow HC_n(R) \rightarrow HC_n(S) \rightarrow HC_{n-1}(T) \rightarrow \cdots$$

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B. Keller, *On the cyclic homology of exact categories*, J. Pure Appl. Algebra **136** (1999), 1-56.

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Part III: Triangular matrix algebras as examples

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} B & 0 \\ {}_C M_B & C \end{pmatrix}$$

be a finite dimensional lower triangular matrix algebra.

Theorem (Cline-Parshall-Scott 1996)

Both idempotents $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are stratifying and there exists a ladder of height two

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E. Cline, B. Parshall, L. Scott, *Stratifying endomorphism algebras*, Mem. Amer. Math. Soc. **591** (1996) 1-119.



Part III: Han's conjecture for triangular algebras

Theorem (Cibils-Lanzilotta-Marcos-Solotar 2021;
X.-Wang-Zhang-Zhou.2024)

Let

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-  C. Cibils, E. N. Marcos, A. Solotar, *Han's conjecture and Hochschild homology for null-square projective algebras*. Indiana Univ. Math. J. **70** (2021), no. 2, 639-668.
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A Morita context algebra is an algebra of the form $\begin{pmatrix} B & {}_B N_C \\ {}_C M_B & C \end{pmatrix}_{(\alpha, \beta)}$

where

- B, C are algebras, ${}_C M_B, {}_B N_C$ are bimodules;
- $\alpha : {}_B N \otimes_C M_B \rightarrow {}_B B_B$ and $\beta : {}_C M \otimes_B N_C \rightarrow {}_C C_C$ are bimodule maps such that

$$\alpha(n \otimes m)n' = n\beta(m \otimes n'), \beta(m \otimes n)m' = m\alpha(n \otimes m')$$

Fact

Morita context algebras are the same as algebras with an idempotent. More precisely, let $e = e^2 \in A$ be an idempotent in an algebra A . Then A can be written as a Morita context algebra

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} eAe & eAf \\ fAe & fAf \end{pmatrix}$$

Part III: Morita context algebras and stratifying idempotents

Proposition (Gao-Psaroudakis, 2017)

The idempotent $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is stratifying iff

- $\text{Tor}_n^B(M, N) = 0, n > 0,$
- $\beta : M \otimes_B N \rightarrow C$ is injective,

and in this case, there is a recollement

$$\mathbf{D}(C/\text{Im}(\beta)) \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{1} \\ \xrightarrow{2} \\ \xleftarrow{3} \end{array} \mathbf{D}(A) \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{1} \\ \xrightarrow{2} \\ \xleftarrow{3} \end{array} \mathbf{D}(B) .$$



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Part III: Our second result

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Given a Morita context algebra $A = \begin{pmatrix} B & {}_B N_C \\ {}_C M_B & C \end{pmatrix}_{(\alpha, \beta)}$, assume that M and N are projective bimodules and α, β vanish. Then Han's conjecture holds for A iff it holds for B and C .

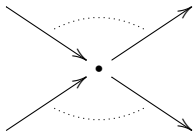


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Part IV: Gentle algebras

Definition

- Let $Q = (Q_0, Q_1, s, t)$ be a finite quiver and I be an admissible ideal. $A(Q, I)$ is called a gentle algebra if (Q, I) is a gentle pair i.e. it satisfies:
- (1) Each vertex of Q is start point of at most two arrows, and end point of at most two arrows.
 - (2) For each arrow α in Q , there is at most one arrow β with $t(\alpha) = s(\beta)$ such that $\alpha\beta \notin I$, and at most one arrow γ with $t(\gamma) = s(\alpha)$ such that $\gamma\alpha \notin I$.
 - (3) For each arrow α in Q , there is at most one arrow β with $t(\alpha) = s(\beta)$ such that $\alpha\beta \in I$, and at most one arrow γ with $t(\gamma) = s(\alpha)$ such that $\gamma\alpha \in I$.
 - (4) The algebra $A(Q, I)$ is finite dimensional.



Definition

Let (Q, I) be a gentle pair. We add some special loops in Q , and denote the set of special loops by S_p . We call (Q, I, S_p) the skew-gentle triple if $(Q', I \cup \{\alpha^2 \mid \alpha \in S_p\})$ is a gentle pair where Q' is the quiver by adding the special loops to Q . The finite dimensional algebra $A(Q, I, S_p) = kQ' / \langle I \cup \{\alpha^2 - \alpha \mid \alpha \in S_p\} \rangle$ is called a skew-gentle algebra .



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Part IV: Skew-gentle algebras

Theorem (X.-Wang-Zhang-Zhou. 2024)

Han's conjecture holds for skew-gentle algebras.

Proof.

Let $A = A(Q, I, S_p)$ be a skew-gentle algebra with $S_p \neq \emptyset$. Denote $B = A(Q, I)$ as the gentle algebra corresponding to A . By a result of Yiping Chen, there is a recollement of unbounded derived categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & \overset{i^*}{\curvearrowright} & & \overset{j!}{\curvearrowright} & \\ \mathbf{D}(B) & \xleftarrow{i_* = i_!} & \mathbf{D}(A) & \xleftarrow{j^! = j^*} & \mathbf{D}(C). \\ & \underset{i^!}{\curvearrowleft} & & \underset{j_*}{\curvearrowleft} & \end{array}$$

where C is a finite dimensional algebra with $\text{gldim}(C) \leq 1$. □



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Theorem (X.-Wang-Zhang-Zhou. 2024)

Han's conjecture holds for GLS algebras and finite EI category algebras.



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Thank you!