

Analytic ideas applied to triangulated categories, 1

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Conjecture

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Let $\text{Coproduct}(\mathcal{A})$ be the smallest full subcategory of \mathcal{T} , containing \mathcal{A} and closed under coproducts and extensions.

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