

# Analytic ideas applied to triangulated categories, 3

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## Definition (formal definition of (weak) approximability)

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a triangulated category with coproducts. It is **weakly approximable** if:

There exists a compact generator  $G \in \mathcal{T}$ , a  $t$ -structure  $(\mathcal{T}^{\leq 0}, \mathcal{T}^{\geq 0})$ , and an integer  $A > 0$  so that

- $G^\perp$  contains  $\mathcal{T}^{\leq -A} \cup \mathcal{T}^{\geq A}$ .
- For every object  $F \in \mathcal{T}^{\leq 0}$  there exists a triangle  $E \rightarrow F \rightarrow D$ , with  $D \in \mathcal{T}^{\leq -1}$  and with  $E \in \overline{\langle G \rangle}^{[-A, A]}$ .
- The category  $\mathcal{T}$  is declared **approximable** if, in the triangle  $E \rightarrow F \rightarrow D$  above, we may assume  $E \in \overline{\langle G \rangle}_A^{[-A, A]}$ .

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# References for the fact(s) that the nontrivial examples of (weakly) approximable triangulated categories really are examples

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- ② Let  $X$  be a finite-dimensional, separated, quasiexcellent noetherian scheme. Then the category  $\mathbf{D}_{\text{coh}}^b(X)$  is strongly generated.

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Before proving the theorem we remind the reader: any morphism  $P \rightarrow H^i(E)$  in  $\mathbf{D}(R)$ , for any projective  $R$ -module  $P$  and any  $E \in \mathbf{D}(R)$ , lifts (uniquely up to homotopy) to a cochain map

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## Sketch of how strong generation follows from the Lemma—continued

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# What was known before

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Then every *finite* homological functor  $F : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow R\text{-mod}$  is representable.



Alexei I. Bondal and Michel Van den Bergh, *Generators and representability of functors in commutative and noncommutative geometry*, Mosc. Math. J. **3** (2003), no. 1, 1–36, 258.



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# What was known before, continued

In the special case where  $\mathcal{T} = \mathbf{D}_{\text{qc}}(X)$  with  $X$  projective over a field  $k$ , we had:

## Summary

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# Application

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The point is that the composite

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Jack Hall, *GAGA theorems*, to appear in Journal de Mathématiques Pures et Appliquées.



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We also defined the distinguished triangles in  $\mathfrak{G}(\mathcal{S})$  to be the colimits in  $\mathfrak{G}(\mathcal{S}) \subset \text{Mod-}\mathcal{S}$  of Cauchy sequences of distinguished triangles in  $\mathcal{S}$ .

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# And now for a totally different example

## Example

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the homotopy category of spectra. Then  $\mathcal{T}$  is approximable and coherent.

For the purpose of the formulas that are about to come:  $\pi_i(t)$  stands for the  $i$ th stable homotopy group of the spectrum  $t$ . It can be computed that

1

$$\mathcal{T}^- = \{t \in \mathcal{T} \mid \pi_i(t) = 0 \text{ for } i \ll 0\}$$

2

$$\mathcal{T}^+ = \{t \in \mathcal{T} \mid \pi_i(t) = 0 \text{ for } i \gg 0\}$$

3

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The general theory applies, telling us (for example)

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we deduce that the category  $\mathcal{T}_c^b$  also has a unique enhancement.

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# Thank you!