

# AC-Gorenstein homological algebra and AC-Gorenstein rings

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This talk is mainly based on the papers:

- Daniel Bravo, James Gillespie, and Mark Hovey *The stable module category of a general ring*, arXiv:1405.5768.
- James Gillespie, *AC-Gorenstein rings and their stable module categories*, arXiv:1710.09899.

- 1 **Absolutely clean (AC) and level modules - Duality**
- 2 **Injective (resp. projective) abelian model structures**
- 3 **Gorenstein AC-injective (resp. AC-projective) modules**
- 4 **AC-Gorenstein rings**

*Main Idea:* Different notions of “finite” module leads to different notions of injectivity and flatness.

**Definition:** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be of type  $FP_\infty$  if it has a projective resolution

$$\cdots \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

where each  $P_i$  is finitely generated.

Note:  $M$  of type  $FP_\infty \implies M$  f.p.  $\implies M$  f.g. But...

Let  $R$  be a ring. The following are equivalent:

- 1  $R$  is (left) Noetherian.
- 2 All finitely generated (left) modules are of type  $FP_\infty$ .
- 3 The class of finitely generated (left) modules is thick. That is, it is closed under retracts and satisfies the 2 out of 3 property for short exact sequences.

# Injective modules over Noetherian rings

This is the REASON behind the following well-known Fact:

**Fact:** The following are equivalent.

- 1  $R$  is (left) Noetherian.
- 2 The class of injective (left)  $R$ -modules is closed under direct limits (or just direct sums).

(**Proof** of 1. implies 2.) For any ring, Baer's criterion implies that  $I$  is injective iff  $\text{Ext}_R^1(M, I) = 0$  for any finitely generated  $M$ . If  $R$  is Noetherian and  $M$  is finitely generated, take a projective resolution  $P_* \rightarrow M$  with each  $P_n$  finitely generated (so f.p.). Then...

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ext}_R^1(M, \varinjlim I_\alpha) &= H^1[\text{Hom}_R(P_*, \varinjlim I_\alpha)] \cong H^1[\varinjlim \text{Hom}_R(P_*, I_\alpha)] \\ &\cong \varinjlim H^1 \text{Hom}_R(P_*, I_\alpha) \cong \varinjlim \text{Ext}_R^1(M, I_\alpha) = 0\end{aligned}$$

Let  $R$  be a ring. The following are equivalent:

- 1  $R$  is (left) coherent.
- 2 All finitely presented (left) modules are of type  $FP_\infty$ .
- 3 The class of finitely presented (left) modules is thick.

# Absolutely pure and flat modules over coherent rings

This is the REASON behind the following Fact:

**Fact:** The following are equivalent.

- 1  $R$  is (left) coherent.
- 2 The class of absolutely pure (left)  $R$ -modules is closed under direct limits.

(**Reason** 1. implies 2.) Absolutely pure means  $\text{Ext}_R^1(M, A) = 0$  for all f.p.  $M$ . So...

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ext}_R^1(M, \varinjlim A_\alpha) &= H^1[\text{Hom}_R(P_*, \varinjlim A_\alpha)] \cong H^1[\varinjlim \text{Hom}_R(P_*, A_\alpha)] \\ &\cong \varinjlim H^1 \text{Hom}_R(P_*, A_\alpha) \cong \varinjlim \text{Ext}_R^1(M, A_\alpha) = 0\end{aligned}$$



# Absolutely clean modules

**Fact:** Bieri (Geometric Group Theory) showed that the class of  $FP_\infty$ -modules is thick over ANY ring  $R$ . This suggests...

**Definition:** An  $R$ -module  $N$  is called **absolutely clean** (or  $FP_\infty$ -injective) if  $\text{Ext}_R^1(M, N) = 0$  for every  $M$  of type  $FP_\infty$ .

We call a s.e.s.  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow 0$  “clean” if it remains exact after applying  $\text{Hom}_R(M, -)$  for any  $M$  of type  $FP_\infty$ . So...

**Fact:** A module  $N$  is absolutely clean if and only if every short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow 0$  is clean.

# Absolutely clean modules over coherent and Noetherian rings

Recall:  $M$  of type  $FP_\infty \implies M$  f.p.  $\implies M$  f.g.

So:  $I$  injective  $\implies I$  absolutely pure  $\implies I$  absolutely clean.

But...

**Fact:** (1)  $R$  is (left) coherent  $\Leftrightarrow$  The absolutely clean (left) modules coincide with the absolutely pure modules.

(2)  $R$  is (left) Noetherian  $\Leftrightarrow$  The absolutely clean (left) modules coincide with the injective modules.

**Proposition:** Absolutely clean modules have the following properties over ANY ring  $R$ .

- The class of absolutely clean modules is closed under pure submodules and pure quotients.
- The class of absolutely clean modules is coresolving; that is, it contains the injectives and is closed under extensions and cokernels of monomorphisms.
- The class of absolutely clean modules is closed under products, **sums**, retracts, **direct limits**, and transfinite extensions.
- There is some regular cardinal  $\kappa$  such that every absolutely clean module is a transfinite extension of absolutely clean modules with cardinality bounded by  $\kappa$ .

# Flat modules over coherent rings

All of what we have done has a “dual”.

Recall...

**Chase's Theorem:** The following are equivalent.

- 1  $R$  is (right) coherent.
- 2 The class of flat (left)  $R$ -modules is closed under products.

(**Reason** 1. implies 2.) Because... For any ring  $R$  we have  $F$  is flat iff  $\text{Tor}_1^R(M, F) = 0$  for all finitely presented  $M$ . So, if  $R$  is coherent,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Tor}_1^R(M, \prod F_\alpha) &= H_1(P_* \otimes_R \prod F_\alpha) \cong H_1(\prod (P_* \otimes_R F_\alpha)) \\ &\cong \prod H_1(P_* \otimes_R F_\alpha) = \prod \text{Tor}_1^R(M, F_\alpha) = 0\end{aligned}$$

This suggests the following generalization of flat modules:

**Definition:** A (left)  $R$ -module  $N$  is called **level** if  $\mathrm{Tor}_1^R(M, N) = 0$  for every (right)  $R$ -module  $M$  of type  $FP_\infty$ .

Note:  $N$  flat  $\implies N$  level.

But...

**Prop:**  $R$  is (right) coherent  $\Leftrightarrow$  the level (left) modules coincide with the flat modules.

So... Level = Flat for (right) Noetherian rings too.

**Proposition:** Level modules have the following properties over ANY ring  $R$ .

- The class of level modules is closed under pure submodules and pure quotients.
- The class of level modules is resolving; that is, it contains the projectives and is closed under extensions and kernels of epimorphisms.
- The class of level modules is closed under **products**, sums, retracts, direct limits, and transfinite extensions.
- There is some regular cardinal  $\kappa$  such that every level module is a transfinite extension of level modules with cardinality bounded by  $\kappa$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $R$  be ANY ring.

- (Level, Absolutely clean) form a “complete duality pair” with respect to taking character modules  $M^+ = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ .

$$L \text{ level} \leftrightarrow L^+ \text{ absolutely clean}$$

$$A \text{ absolutely clean} \leftrightarrow A^+ \text{ level}$$

- Every module has a level cover and the level modules form the left half of a complete hereditary cotorsion pair.

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## Definition of Complete Cotorsion Pair.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category, such as  $R\text{-Mod}$  or  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .

- A pair of classes  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  of objects in  $\mathcal{A}$  is a **cotorsion pair** if the following conditions hold:
  - $X \in \mathcal{X}$  iff  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, Y) = 0$  for all  $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$ .
  - $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$  iff  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, Y) = 0$  for all  $X \in \mathcal{X}$ .
- We say the cotorsion pair is **complete** if for any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  there exist short exact sequences  $Y \twoheadrightarrow X \twoheadrightarrow A$  with  $X \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$ , and  $A \twoheadrightarrow Y' \twoheadrightarrow X'$  with  $X' \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $Y' \in \mathcal{Y}$ .
- We say the cotorsion pair is **hereditary** if each of the following hold:
  - 1 For any s.e.s.  $A \twoheadrightarrow X' \twoheadrightarrow X$ , if  $X, X' \in \mathcal{X}$  then also  $A \in \mathcal{X}$ .
  - 2 For any s.e.s.  $Y \twoheadrightarrow Y' \twoheadrightarrow B$ , if  $Y, Y' \in \mathcal{Y}$  then also  $B \in \mathcal{Y}$ .

# Connection to abelian model categories

*IDEA:* The theory of abelian model categories provides a powerful method for constructing triangulated categories. Through Hovey's correspondence, there is a bijective correspondence between "injective cotorsion pairs" on  $\mathcal{A}$  and "injective abelian model structures" on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Definition:** If  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough injectives, then we call a cotorsion pair  $(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{F})$  an **injective cotorsion pair** if it is complete,  $\mathcal{W}$  is *thick*, and  $\mathcal{W} \cap \mathcal{F}$  coincides with the class of injective objects.

The objects in  $\mathcal{F}$  are then called **fibrant** objects.

If  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough projectives, there is also the dual notion of a **projective cotorsion pair**  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{V})$  with **cofibrant** objects  $\mathcal{C}$ .

# Fundamental Facts on (Injective) Model Structures

*What is the point?*

**FACTS:** Assume  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{F})$  is an injective cotorsion pair on an abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$ . The following fundamental facts hold:

- There is an associated **homotopy category**,  $\mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{M})$ .
  - 1 Objects in  $\mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{M})$  are the same as the objects in  $\mathcal{A}$ .
  - 2  $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{M})}(X, Y) = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(FX, FY) / \sim$  where  $f \sim g$  iff  $g - f$  factors through an injective object.
- There is a canonical functor  $\gamma: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{M})$  which is a “triangulated localization” with respect to the trivial objects  $\mathcal{W}$ . That is,  $\mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{M})$  is triangulated, the functor sends short exact sequences to exact triangles, and  $\gamma$  is universally initial among such functors taking  $\mathcal{W}$  to 0.
- The full subcategory  $\mathcal{F}$  is a Frobenius category and there is a triangulated equivalence of categories:  $\mathrm{Ho}(\mathcal{M}) \cong \mathcal{F} / \sim$ .

# Examples of Injective Cotorsion Pairs in $\text{Ch}(R)$

## The injective model structure

$(\mathcal{E}, dg\tilde{\mathcal{I}}) = (\text{Exact complexes}, \text{DG-Injective complexes})$  in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .

$$\text{Ho}[\text{Ch}(R)] = \mathcal{D}(R) \simeq dg\tilde{\mathcal{I}} / \sim$$

## The Inj model structure

$(\mathcal{W}_1, dw\tilde{\mathcal{I}}) = (\perp dw\tilde{\mathcal{I}}, \text{Complexes of injectives})$  in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .

$$\text{Ho}[\text{Ch}(R)] \simeq K(\text{Inj}) = dw\tilde{\mathcal{I}} / \sim$$

## The exact Inj model structure

$(\mathcal{W}_2, ex\tilde{\mathcal{I}}) = (\perp ex\tilde{\mathcal{I}}, \text{Exact complexes of injectives})$  in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .

$$\text{Ho}[\text{Ch}(R)] \simeq K_{\text{ex}}(\text{Inj}) = ex\tilde{\mathcal{I}} / \sim$$

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# Gorenstein Injective Modules

Recall:

**Definition:** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called **Gorenstein injective** if there exists an exact complex of injectives

$$\cdots \rightarrow I_1 \rightarrow I_0 \rightarrow I^0 \rightarrow I^1 \rightarrow \cdots$$

with  $M = \ker(I^0 \rightarrow I^1)$  and which remains exact after applying  $\text{Hom}_R(J, -)$  for any **injective module**  $J$ .

# Gorenstein AC-Injective Modules

Recall:

**Definition:** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called **Gorenstein AC-injective** if there exists an exact complex of injectives

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with  $M = \ker(I^0 \rightarrow I^1)$  and which remains exact after applying  $\text{Hom}_R(J, -)$  for any **absolutely clean module**  $J$ .

# Noetherian and coherent cases of Gorenstein AC-Injective

**Noetherian Case:**  $R$  Noetherian  $\implies$  The Gorenstein AC-injective modules coincide with the usual Gorenstein injective modules.

(Reason)  $R$  Noetherian implies that the absolutely clean modules coincide with the injective modules.

**Coherent Case:**  $R$  coherent  $\implies$  The Gorenstein AC-injective modules coincide with modules I call “Ding injective” modules.

(Reason)  $R$  coherent implies that the absolutely clean modules coincide with the absolutely pure modules.



## Theorem (Bravo/Gillespie/Hovey)

Let  $R$  be any ring and let  $\mathcal{GI}$  denote the class of Gorenstein AC-injective modules. Set  $\mathcal{W}_{inj} = {}^\perp\mathcal{GI}$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}_{inj} = (\mathcal{W}_{inj}, \mathcal{GI})$  is an injective cotorsion pair. That is,

- $\mathcal{W}_{inj}$  is thick, and contains all projectives and injectives.
- $\mathcal{W}_{inj} \cap \mathcal{GI}$  is the class of injectives.
- $(\mathcal{W}_{inj}, \mathcal{GI})$  is complete, in fact, cogenerated by a set.

## Proof.

Explain how we built it on chain complexes...



# Corollaries of Gorenstein AC-injective model structure

Corollary: The “Gorenstein AC-injective model” on  $R\text{-Mod}$ .

$\mathcal{M}_{inj}$  is an injective abelian model structure on  $R\text{-Mod}$  whose fibrant objects are the Gorenstein AC-injectives. We get an equivalence of triangulated categories:

$$\text{Ho}[\mathcal{M}_{inj}] \simeq \mathcal{GI} / \sim$$

Corollary: “Gorenstein AC-injective pre-envelopes” of  $R$ -modules.

Every  $R$ -module has a Gorenstein AC-injective pre-envelope.  
(These are fibrant replacements.)

# Gorenstein Projective Modules

Recall:

**Definition:** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called **Gorenstein projective** if there exists an exact complex of projectives

$$\cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow P^0 \rightarrow P^1 \rightarrow \cdots$$

with  $M = \ker(P^0 \rightarrow P^1)$  and which remains exact after applying  $\text{Hom}_R(-, Q)$  for any **projective module**  $Q$ .

Recall:

**Definition:** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called **Gorenstein AC-projective** if there exists an exact complex of projectives

$$\cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow P^0 \rightarrow P^1 \rightarrow \cdots$$

with  $M = \ker(P^0 \rightarrow P^1)$  and which remains exact after applying  $\text{Hom}_R(-, Q)$  for any **level module**  $Q$ .

## Theorem (Bravo/Gillespie/Hovey)

Let  $R$  be any ring and let  $\mathcal{GP}$  denote the class of Gorenstein AC-projective modules. Set  $\mathcal{W}_{prj} = \mathcal{GP}^\perp$ . Then

$\mathcal{M}_{prj} = (\mathcal{GP}, \mathcal{W}_{prj})$  is a projective cotorsion pair. That is,

- $\mathcal{W}_{prj}$  is thick, and contains all projectives and injectives.
- $\mathcal{GP} \cap \mathcal{W}_{prj}$  is the class of projectives.
- $(\mathcal{GP}, \mathcal{W}_{prj})$  is complete, in fact, cogenerated by a set.

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## Summary:

- For an arbitrary ring  $R$ , we have two abelian model structures on  $R\text{-Mod}$ :  $\mathcal{M}_{inj} = (\mathcal{W}_{inj}, \mathcal{GI})$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{prj} = (\mathcal{GP}, \mathcal{W}_{prj})$ .
- $\mathcal{W}_{inj}$  contains all projective and injective modules, in fact, it contains all abs. clean modules.
- $\mathcal{W}_{prj}$  contains all projective and injective modules, in fact, it contains all level modules.

**Open Question:** When do we have  $\mathcal{W}_{inj} = \mathcal{W}_{prj}$ ?

*Motivation:* This would assign to  $R$ , a *unique* stable module cat:

$$\text{Stmod}(R) := \text{Ho}[\mathcal{M}_{inj}] = \text{Ho}[\mathcal{M}_{prj}]$$

Recall:

**Definition:** A ring  $R$  is a **Gorenstein ring** if  $R$  is **Noetherian** and there is an upper bound, say  $n$ , on the **injective dimension of all flat modules**.

## Theorem (Fundamental Theorem)

*Then the following are equivalent for any  $R$ -module  $M$ :*

- ①  $fd(M) < \infty$ .
- ②  $fd(M) \leq n$ .
- ③  $id(M) < \infty$ .
- ④  $id(M) \leq n$ .



Recall:

**Definition:** A ring  $R$  is a **AC-Gorenstein ring** if  $R$  is any ring and there is an upper bound, say  $n$ , on the **abs. clean dimension** of all **level modules**.

## Theorem (Fundamental Theorem)

*Then the following are equivalent for any  $R$ -module  $M$ :*

- ①  $ld(M) < \infty$ .
- ②  $ld(M) \leq n$ .
- ③  $ad(M) < \infty$ .
- ④  $ad(M) \leq n$ .

**Noetherian Case:** A Noetherian AC-Gorenstein ring is precisely a Iwanaga-Gorenstein ring.

(Reason) level = flat, and, absolutely clean = injective.

**Coherent Case:** A coherent AC-Gorenstein ring is precisely a Ding-Chen ring.

(Reason) level = flat, and, absolutely clean = absolutely pure.

# Particular examples of AC-Gorenstein rings

## Example

If  $R$  is commutative coherent and absolutely pure (as a module over itself), then the group ring  $RG$  is an AC-Gorenstein ring for any locally finite group  $G$

## Example

If  $R$  is commutative coherent and of finite absolutely pure dimension, then the group ring  $RG$  is an AC-Gorenstein ring for any finite group  $G$ .

**Ques:** When is a group algebra  $RG$  an AC-Gorenstein ring?

## Examples

Let  $R$  be AC-Gorenstein. Then the graded ring  $A := R[x]/(x^2)$  is also AC-Gorenstein. In some cases, we have  $\text{Stmod}(A) \cong \mathcal{D}(R)$ .

## Theorem

Let  $R$  be an AC-Gorenstein ring and let  $\mathcal{W}$  denote the class of all module of finite level (equivalently, absolutely clean) dimension.

Then:

- $\mathcal{W}_{inj} = \mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_{prj}$
- $(\mathcal{GP}, \mathcal{W})$  and  $(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{GI})$  are “balanced”.
- $\text{Stmod}(R)(:= \text{Ho}[\mathcal{M}_{inj}] = \text{Ho}[\mathcal{M}_{prj}])$  is a compactly generated triangulated category.

*Thank You!*