

Leavitt path algebras, B_∞ -algebras and Keller's conjecture for singular Hochschild cohomology

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- An introduction to the singularity category
- Singular Hochschild cohomology and Keller's conjecture
- The main results
- Main ingredients of the proof

The convention and notation

- We work over a fixed field k .
- $A =$ a finite dimensional associative k -algebra with unit
- $A\text{-mod}$ = the abelian category of finite dimensional left A -modules
- $A\text{-proj}$ = the full subcategory of finite dimensional projective A -modules

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Lemma

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- Short exact sequences induce exact triangles:

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Theorem (Keller-Vossieck 1987/Beligiannis 2000)

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- There are various “realizations” of $\mathbf{S}_{\text{dg}}(A)$; cf. [C-Li-Wang]

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- The Hochschild cohomology are well known to relate to deformation theory and noncommutative differential geometry...

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- It plays an essential role in Keller-Hua's work on Donovan-Wemyss's conjecture.

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- The stronger version: the above isomorphism is required to be compatible with the canonical isomorphism Φ .
- We treat the above slightly weakened form.

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- Keller's conjecture holds for any kQ/J^2 (iterated one-point coextensions), and also for gentle algebras (singular equivalence with level).
- We use the Leavitt path algebra $L(Q)$ as a bridge!

The content

- An introduction to the singularity category
- Singular Hochschild cohomology and Keller's conjecture
- The main results
- Main ingredients of the proof

To be explained

- What is Leavitt path algebra $L(Q)$?
- How does $A_Q = kQ/J^2$ relate to $L(Q)$?
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Reminders on quivers

- $Q = (Q_0, Q_1; s, t: Q_1 \rightarrow Q_0)$ a finite *quiver* (= oriented graph)
- Q_0 = the set of vertices, Q_1 = the set of arrows
- visualize an arrow α as $s(\alpha) \xrightarrow{\alpha} t(\alpha)$
- a vertex i is called a *sink*, if $s^{-1}(i) = \emptyset$;
- We assume that Q has no sinks.

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For example, $e_i e_j = \delta_{i,j} e_i$, $e_i p = \delta_{i,t(p)} p$, $p e_i = \delta_{s(p),i} p$.

Quick reminders on path algebras, continued

- Q_n = the set of paths in Q of length n ; then $kQ = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} kQ_n$ is naturally \mathbb{N} -graded.
- The unit $1_{kQ} = \sum_{i \in Q_0} e_i$ has a decomposition into pairwise orthogonal idempotents.
- Set $J = \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} kQ_n$, the two-sided ideal of kQ generated by arrows.
- The algebra $A_Q = kQ/J^2$ with radical square zero is finite dimensional. Indeed, A_Q has a basis $\{e_i \mid i \in Q_0\} \cup \{\alpha \mid \alpha \in Q_1\}$, the multiplication rule is given by $e_i e_j = \delta_{i,j} e_i$, $e_i \alpha = \delta_{i,t(\alpha)} \alpha$, $\beta e_j = \delta_{s(\beta),j} \beta$, $\alpha \beta = 0$.

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The idea: the degree-shift functor (1) on $L(Q)\text{-grproj}$ behaves similarly as the syzygy functor Ω on $A_Q\text{-mod}$. Now use stabilization as in [C. 2011].

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Recall the fact that $C^*(-, -)$ is invariant under Morita morphisms between dg categories [Keller 2003] (eg. quasi-equivalences or $L(Q) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{per}_{\text{dg}}(L(Q)^{\text{op}})$). Then use the above enhancement of Smith's equivalence.

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strict B_∞ -isomorphisms, where ρ sends a parallel path (p, q) to an element $q^* p \in L!$

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- each Φ_i is explicit; by manipulation on brace B_∞ -algebras, we eventually verify that it is a B_∞ -morphism.

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