

# INTRODUCTION TO DG-CATEGORIES

$k$  - A COMMUTATIVE RING

DEFN 1: A DG-CATEGORY  $\mathcal{A}$  over  $k$  IS A CATEGORY WHOSE

- HOM-SPACES ARE COMPLEXES OF  $k$ -MODULES:  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}^i(a, b) = \dots \xrightarrow{d} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{i-1}(a, b) \xrightarrow{d} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}^i(a, b) \xrightarrow{d} \dots$
- COMPOSITION MAPS ARE DEGREE 0 MAPS OF COMPLEXES.  
 $\forall i, j \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}^i(b, c) \otimes_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}^j(a, b) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}^{i+j}(a, c)$  s.t.  $d(g \circ f) = dg \circ f + (-1)^i g \circ df$

EXAMPLE 2: 1) let  $R$  BE A  $k$ -ALGEBRA. WE CAN CONSIDER  $R$  AS A DG-CATEGORY:

$\text{Obs } R = \{ \cdot \}$  SINGLE OBJECT AND  $\text{Hom}_R^i(\cdot, \cdot) = \begin{cases} R & i=0 \\ 0 & i \neq 0 \end{cases} \leftarrow R \text{ CONCENTRATED IN DEG. 0}$

2) MORE GENERALLY, LET  $A$  BE DG  $k$ -ALGEBRA.  $\rightsquigarrow \text{Obs } A = \{ \cdot \}, \text{Hom}_A^i(\cdot, \cdot) = A$ .

3) let  $\mathcal{B}$  BE AN ABELIAN  $k$ -CATEGORY. DEFINE DG CATEGORY  $C(\mathcal{B})$  BY:

$\text{Obs } C(\mathcal{B}) = \{ \text{COMPLEXES OF OBJECTS IN } \mathcal{B} \}$

$\forall a, b \in C(\mathcal{B}) \text{ Hom}_{C(\mathcal{B})}^i(a, b) = \{ \text{DEG } i \text{ MAPS OF UNDERLYING GRADUED OBJECTS} \} = \coprod_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(a^j, b^{j+i})$   
WITH DIFFERENTIAL  $dd = d \circ d - (-1)^{\text{deg } d} d \circ d$ .

NB: CLOSED  $\iff$  MAP OF COMPLEXES (COMM./ANTI-COMM. WITH  $d$ )

FOR A  $k$ -ALGEBRA  $R$  WRITE  $C(R)$  FOR  $C(\text{Mod } R)$ . E.g.  $C(k)$  IS THE DG CATEGORY OF COMPLEXES OF  $k$ -MODULES.

FOR A SCHEME  $X$  OVER  $\text{Spec } k$  WRITE  $C(X)$  FOR  $C(\mathcal{O}_X\text{-MOD})$ .

DEFN 3: LET  $\mathcal{A}$  BE A DG-CATEGORY. THE HOMOTOPY CATEGORY  $H^0(\mathcal{A})$  IS THE (ORDINARY) CATEGORY:

$\text{Obs } H^0(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Obs } \mathcal{A} \quad \text{Hom}_{H^0(\mathcal{A})}(a, b) = H^0(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(a, b))$ .

E.g.: LET  $\mathcal{A}$  BE AN ABELIAN CATEGORY.

$H^0(C(\mathcal{A})) = \text{THE CATEGORY OF COMPLEXES IN } \mathcal{A} \text{ MODULO HOMOTOPY} \leftarrow K(\mathcal{A})$

$\dots \xrightarrow{d} a_{i-1} \xrightarrow{d} a_i \xrightarrow{d} a_{i+1} \xrightarrow{d} \dots$   $\ker d \subseteq \text{Hom}_{C(\mathcal{A})}^0(a, b) \iff \text{MAPS OF COMPLEXES } a \rightarrow b$   
 $\dots \xrightarrow{d} b_{i-1} \xrightarrow{d} b_i \xrightarrow{d} b_{i+1} \xrightarrow{d} \dots$   $\text{im } d \subseteq \text{Hom}_{C(\mathcal{A})}^0(a, b) \iff \text{NULL HOMOTOPIC MAPS}$

DEFN 4: LET  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  BE DG-CATEGORIES. A DG-FUNCTOR  $\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\Phi} \mathcal{B}$  IS A FUNCTOR SUCH THAT  
 $\forall a, b \in \mathcal{A} \text{ Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(a, b) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(\Phi a, \Phi b)$  IS A MAP OF COMPLEXES OF  $k$ -MODULES.

DEFINE THE DG-CATEGORY  $\text{DGFun}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  BY

$\text{Obs } \text{DGFun}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) = \{ \text{DG-FUNCTORS } \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \}$

$\text{Hom}_{\text{DGFun}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})}^i(\Phi, \Psi) = \{ \text{DEGREE } i \text{ NATURAL TRANSFORMATIONS } \Phi \rightarrow \Psi \}$



COMPOSITIONS AND THE DIFFERENTIAL ARE DEFINED LEVELWISE IN  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  
 e.g. GIVEN  $\Phi \xrightarrow{d} \Psi$  DEFINE  $\forall a \in \mathcal{A} \quad \Phi(a) \xrightarrow{d} \Psi(a)$  TO BE  $d(\Phi(a) \xrightarrow{d} \Psi(a))$ .  
↳ DIFF. IN  $\mathcal{B}$

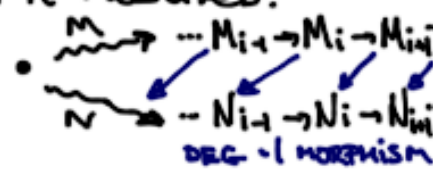
BY WAY OF EXAMPLE

**DEFN 5:** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a DG-CATEGORY. A (RIGHT)  $\mathcal{A}$ -MODULE is a DG-FUNCTOR  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow C(k)$ .

THESE FORM A DG-CATEGORY  $\text{DGFUN}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, C(k))$  WHICH WE DENOTE BY  $\text{MOD}(\mathcal{A})$ .

**EXAMPLE 6:** a) let  $R$  be a  $k$ -ALGEBRA. THEN  $\text{MOD-}R_{\text{oc}} = C(R)$ , THE CATEGORY OF COMPLEXES OF  $R$ -MODULES.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{C} \cdot \text{M} & \xrightarrow{d} & M & \xrightarrow{d} & M(\cdot) = \dots & \rightarrow & M_{i-1} \rightarrow M_i \rightarrow M_{i+1} \rightarrow \dots \\ & & & & & & \downarrow M(s) \quad \downarrow M(s) \quad \downarrow M(s) \\ & & & & & & \dots \rightarrow M_{i-1} \rightarrow M_i \rightarrow M_{i+1} \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$



b) let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a DG  $k$ -ALGEBRA. THEN  $\text{MOD-}\mathcal{A}$  IS THE DG-CATEGORY OF (USUAL) DG-MODULES OVER  $\mathcal{A}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{S} \in \mathcal{A} & \text{M} & \xrightarrow{d} & \dots & \rightarrow & M_{i-1} & \xrightarrow{d_i} & M_i & \xrightarrow{d_i} & M_{i+1} & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & & & & \downarrow s & & \downarrow s & & \downarrow s & & \\ & & & & & \dots & \rightarrow & M_{i+j-1} & \rightarrow & M_{i+j} & \rightarrow & M_{i+j+1} & \rightarrow & \dots \end{array} \quad ds \cdot m = s \cdot (dm) - (-1)^j d(s \cdot m)$$

**SOME NOTATION:** let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a DG-CATEGORY.

- $\forall E, F \in \text{MOD}(\mathcal{A})$  WRITE  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(E, F)$  FOR  $\text{Hom}_{\text{MOD}(\mathcal{A})}(E, F)$ .
- $\forall E \in \text{MOD}(\mathcal{A}), a \in \mathcal{A}$  WRITE  $E_a$  FOR  $E(a) \in C(k)$
- $\forall E \in \text{MOD}(\mathcal{A})$  WRITE  $s \in E$  FOR " $s \in E_a$  FOR SOME  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ ".

**DEFINITION 7:** THE YONEDA EMBEDDING  $\mathcal{A} \hookrightarrow \text{MOD}(\mathcal{A})$  IS THE FULLY FAITHFUL FUNCTOR DEFINED BY:

$$\forall a \in \mathcal{A} \quad a \mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, a) \quad \forall d \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(b, c) \quad d \mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, b) \xrightarrow{d \circ (-)} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, c)$$

**SOME NOTATION (CT-D):** •  $\forall a \in \mathcal{A}$  WRITE  ${}_a \mathcal{A} \in \text{MOD}(\mathcal{A})$  FOR ITS IMAGE UNDER YONEDA.

THESE ARE REPRESENTABLE  $\mathcal{A}$ -MODULES. **NB:**  ${}_a \mathcal{A}_b = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(b, a)$

$$\bullet \forall E \in \text{MOD}(\mathcal{A}), s \in E_a, d \in {}_a \mathcal{A}_b \text{ WRITE } d \cdot s \in E_b \text{ FOR } (-1)^{\deg d \deg s} E(d)(s).$$

WE HAVE BY FUNCTORIALITY:

$$(s \cdot d) \cdot \beta = s \cdot (d \cdot \beta) \quad \text{THINK OF DATA DEFINING } E \text{ AS A COLLECTION OF FIBERS } E_a \in C(k) \text{ WITH A RIGHT ACTION OF } \mathcal{A} \text{ WHERE } d \in {}_a \mathcal{A}_b \text{ ACTS ON } E_a \text{ \& SENDS IT TO } E_b.$$

SIMILARLY, A LEFT  $\mathcal{A}$ -MODULE IS AN  $\mathcal{A}$ -MODULE, I.E. DG-FUNCTOR  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow C(k)$ .

$$\forall E \in \text{MOD} \mathcal{A}^{\text{op}} \text{ WRITE } {}_a E \in C(k) \text{ FOR } E(a) \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A} \\ d \cdot s \in E_a \quad \forall d \in {}_a \mathcal{A}_b, s \in {}_b E$$

**DEFINITION 8:** let  $E \in \text{MOD-}\mathcal{A}, F \in \text{MOD-}\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}$  DEFINE THE TENSOR PRODUCT  $E \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} F \in C(k)$  AS

$$\bigoplus_{a \in \mathcal{A}} E_a \otimes_{k} F_a \text{ MODULO RELATIONS } (s \cdot d) \otimes t = s \otimes (t \cdot d) \quad \forall d \in {}_a \mathcal{A}_b, s \in E_a, t \in F_b$$



OBSERVATION: FOR ANY DG-CATEGORY  $\mathcal{A}$  THE HOMOTOPY CATEGORY  $H^0(\text{Mod-}\mathcal{A})$  IS NATURALLY TRIANGULATED.  $\leftarrow$  DEFINED LEVELWISE IN  $H^0(C(k)) = K(k)$  VIA ITS NATURAL TRIANGULATED STRUCT.

DEFINITION 9: AN  $\mathcal{A}$ -MODULE  $E$  IS CALLED

- 1) ACYCLIC IF  $E_a$  IS AN ACYCLIC COMPLEX  $\forall a \in \mathcal{A}$ .
- 2) h-PROJECTIVE IF  $\text{Hom}_{H^0(\text{Mod-}\mathcal{A})}(E, C) = 0 \forall \text{ACYCLIC } C \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{A})$

Denote by  $P(\mathcal{A})$  THE CORRESPONDING FULL SUBCATEGORY OF  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A})$ .

- 3) SEMI-FREE IF  $\exists$  A FILTRATION  $E_0 \subseteq E_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq E_i \subseteq \dots$  OF  $E$  WHOSE QUOTIENTS ARE LEVELWISE IN  $C(k)$  FREE SHIFTS OF REPRESENTABLE MODULES.
- IT IS FURTHER CALLED FINITELY GENERATED IF  $E_n = E_{n+1} = E_{n+2} = \dots = E$  FOR  $n \gg 0$ .
- $SF(\mathcal{A}), SF_{fg}(\mathcal{A})$  - CORRESPONDING FULL SUBCATEGORIES OF  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A})$

A MORPHISM  $E \xrightarrow{d} F$  IS A QUASI-ISOMORPHISM IF  $E_a \xrightarrow{d} F_a$  IS A QUASI-ISO  $\forall a \in \mathcal{A}$ .

EXERCISE: a) PROVE THAT REPRESENTABLE MODULES ARE h-PROJECTIVE. **BONUS: SEMI-FREE**

b)  $\forall E \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{A})$  TFAE:

- 1)  $E$  IS h-PROJECTIVE
- 2)  $\forall$  DIAGRAM IN  $H^0(\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}))$  WITH  $\exists$  A QUASI-ISO.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \exists! \delta & \rightarrow & F \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \cong \\ E & \xrightarrow{d} & G \end{array}$$

- 3) EVERY QUASI-ISOMORPHISM  $F \rightarrow E$  HAS A LEFT INVERSE IN  $H^0(\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}))$ .

c) DEFINE h-INJECTIVE MODULES & RESTATE a) FOR THEM.

DEFINITION 10: THE DERIVED CATEGORY  $D(\mathcal{A})$  OF A DG-CATEGORY  $\mathcal{A}$  IS THE LOCALISATION OF  $H^0(\text{Mod}(\mathcal{A}))$  BY QUASI-ISOMORPHISMS.

DEFINITION OF h-PROJECTIVITY  $\Rightarrow$  NATURAL FUNCTOR  $H^0(P(\mathcal{A})) \rightarrow D(\mathcal{A})$  IS FULLY FAITHFUL.

(DRINFELD) ANY  $\mathcal{A}$ -MODULE ADMITS A RESOLUTION (QUASI-ISO) BY A SEMI-FREE MODULE.

$k$  IS A FIELD  $\Rightarrow$  THERE IS A FUNCTORIAL SEMI-FREE RESOLUTION:  $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{Q} \text{Mod-}\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{SFA} \mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{a} b \xrightarrow{a} Q$ .

PROP. 11:  $H^0(P(\mathcal{A})) \hookrightarrow D(\mathcal{A})$  IS AN EQUIVALENCE OF CATEGORIES.

ALSO: DRINFELD QUOTIENT  $\text{Mod } \mathcal{A} / \mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\cong} H^0(\text{Mod } \mathcal{A} / \mathcal{A}) \simeq D(\mathcal{A})$

DEFINITION 12: LET  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  BE DG CATEGORIES. THE TENSOR PRODUCT  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$  IS THE DG-CATEGORY

OBJECTS: PAIRS  $(a, b) \ a \in \mathcal{A}, b \in \mathcal{B}$  MORPHISMS:  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}}((a, b), (a', b')) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(a, a') \otimes \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(b, b')$

AN  $\mathcal{A}$ - $\mathcal{B}$  BIMODULE IS A MODULE FOR  $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$ . WRITE  $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B}$  FOR THE CORRESPONDING CATEGORY.

LET  $M \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{B})$ . WRITE  ${}_a M_b$  FOR  $M(a, b) \in C(k)$ . WRITE  ${}_a M$  FOR  $\mathcal{B}$ -MODULE  $M(a, -)$  &  $M_b$  FOR LEFT  $\mathcal{A}$ -MODULE  $M(-, b)$ .





DEFINITION 19: Let  $E \in \text{Mod } A$ .  $E$  is a PERFECT MODULE if it is a COMPACT OBJECT OF  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ , i.e.  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}(A)}(E, -)$  COMMUTES WITH INFINITE DIRECT SUMS. DENOTE BY  $\text{Perf } A$  &  $\text{P}^{\text{perf}}(A)$  THE CORRESPONDING FULL SUBCATEGORIES OF  $\text{Mod } A$  &  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ . DENOTE BY  $\mathcal{D}_c(A)$  THE FULL SUBCATEGORY OF COMPACT OBJECTS IN  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ .

FACT:  $H^0(\text{SF}_{\text{FC}}(A))$  IS THE TRIANGULATED HULL OF  $H^0(A)$  IN  $H^0(\text{Mod } A)$ . WE DENOTE IT BY  $\text{Tr}(A)$ .  $\mathcal{D}_c(A)$  IS THE KARLUBI COMPLETION OF  $\text{Tr}(A)$  IN  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ .  
 $\therefore \text{P}^{\text{perf}}(A)$  ARE HOMOTOPY RETRACTS OF THE ELEMENTS OF  $\text{SF}_{\text{FC}}(A)$ .

$E \xrightarrow{f} F$  IS A (HOMOTOPY) RETRACT IF  $\exists F \xrightarrow{g} E$  SUCH THAT  $g \circ f$  IS (HOMOTOPIC TO)  $\text{id}_E$ .  
DEFINITION 20: Let  $A, B$  BE DG CATEGORIES. A FUNCTOR  $A \xrightarrow{\Phi} B$  IS A QUASI-EQUIVALENCE IF  
 •  $\forall a, b \in A \text{ Hom}_A(a, b) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(\Phi a, \Phi b)$  IS A QUASI-ISOM.  
 •  $H^0(A) \xrightarrow{\Phi} H^0(B)$  IS ESSENTIALLY SURJECTIVE  $\leftarrow$  AND THUS AN EQUIVALENCE

PROPOSITION 21: THE DUALISING FUNCTOR  $(-)^*$  RESTRICTS TO A QUASI-EQUIVALENCE  
 $(\text{P}^{\text{perf}}(A))^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{P}^{\text{perf}}(A^{\text{op}})$

PROOF: CONSIDER THE NATURAL TRANSFORMATION  
 $(\dagger) \quad \text{id}_A \rightarrow (-)^{**} = \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(-, A), A)$   
 DEFINED BY MORPHISMS  $M \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, A), A)$  ADJOINT TO ASSOCIATION CUBES  
 $\text{Vect } A \text{ (or } A) \xrightarrow{A} A$ , THUS  $(\dagger)$  IS THE IDENTITY MAP ON  $A^{\text{op}}$  IN  $(\text{Mod } A)^{\text{op}} \text{ \& } \text{Mod } A^{\text{op}}$ .  $M \otimes \text{Hom}_A(M, A) \rightarrow A$ .  
 SINCE  $\text{SF}_{\text{FC}}(A^{\text{op}})$  IS THE TRIANGULATED HULL OF  $A^{\text{op}} \Rightarrow (\dagger)$  IS A HOMOTOPY EQUIVALENCE ON  $\text{SF}(A^{\text{op}})$ .  
 SIMILARLY, SINCE ALL RETRACTS IN A TRIANGULATED CATEGORY ARE DIRECT SUMMANDS  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow (\dagger)$  IS A HOMOTOPY EQUIVALENCE ON  $\text{P}^{\text{perf}}(A^{\text{op}})$  & CLAIM FOLLOWS.  $\square$

Let  $C, D \in \text{Mod } A$  WE HAVE A NATURAL MAP  
 $C \otimes D^* \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(D, C) \quad \text{Hom}_A(A, C) \otimes \text{Hom}_A(D, A) \xrightarrow{\text{can}} \text{Hom}_A(D, C)$

SAME ARGUMENT AS ABOVE  $\Rightarrow$  IT IS A HOMOTOPY EQUIVALENCE IF EITHER  $C$  OR  $D$  ARE PERFECT.

PROPOSITION 22: Let  $M \in \text{Mod}(A-B)$ .  
 a)  $M$  IS  $B$ -h-PROJECTIVE &  $B$ -PERFECT  $\Rightarrow (-) \otimes_B M^{\text{R}}$  IS A HOMOTOPY RIGHT ADJOINT OF  $(-) \otimes_A M$ .  
 b)  $M$  IS  $A$ -h-PROJECTIVE &  $A$ -PERFECT  $\Rightarrow (-) \otimes_B M^{\text{L}}$  IS A HOMOTOPY LEFT ADJOINT OF  $(-) \otimes_A M$ .

COROLLARY 23: Let  $M \in \text{Mod}(A-B)$ .  
 a) If  $M$  IS  $B$ -PERFECT,  $(-) \otimes_B M^{\text{R}}$  IS THE RIGHT ADJOINT OF  $(-) \otimes_A M$ . ADJ. UNIT:  $M \otimes_A M^{\text{L}} \rightarrow M$   
 b) If  $M$  IS  $A$ -PERFECT,  $(-) \otimes_B M^{\text{L}}$  IS THE LEFT ADJOINT OF  $(-) \otimes_A M$ . ADJ. UNIT:  $M \otimes_B M^{\text{R}} \rightarrow M$

## PRE-TRIANGULATED CATEGORIES AND TWISTED COMPLEXES

RECALL:  $H^0(\mathcal{A}) \hookrightarrow H^0(\text{Mod } \mathcal{A}) \leftarrow \text{NATURALLY TRIANGULATED}$ .

DEFINITION 24: A DG-CATEGORY  $\mathcal{A}$  is PRE-TRIANGULATED if  $H^0(\mathcal{A})$  is a TRIANGULATED SUBCATEGORY OF  $H^0(\text{Mod } \mathcal{A})$ .