

The Karoubi envelope of an extriangulated category

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Definition (Karoubi 1968)

An additive category \mathcal{A} is *idempotent complete* if every idempotent morphism $e: A \rightarrow A$ gives a decomposition $A \cong K \oplus L$ so that

$e \cong \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1_L \end{pmatrix}$ with respect to this decomposition.

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Definition (Jasso 2016)

Let n be a positive integer. An additive category \mathcal{A} is n -Abelian if:

- \mathcal{A} is idempotent complete
- ...

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Definition (See for example Balmer-Schlichting 2001)

Let \mathcal{A} be an additive category. The *Karoubi envelope* of \mathcal{A} is denoted by $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ is defined as follows:

- $\text{ob}(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}) := \{(A, p) \mid A \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{A}), p: A \rightarrow A \text{ such that } p^2 = p\}$,
- A morphism in $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ from (A, p) to (B, q) is a morphism $\sigma: A \rightarrow B \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $\sigma p = q\sigma = \sigma$,
- For any object (A, p) in $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$, the identity morphism $1_{(A,p)} = p: A \rightarrow A$.

Karoubi envelope

Proposition (See for example Bühler 2010)

- The Karoubi envelope $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ is an idempotent complete.
- The biproduct in $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ is defined as $(A, p) \oplus (B, q) = (A \oplus B, p \oplus q)$.
- The inclusion $i_{\mathcal{A}}: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ where on objects $A \mapsto i_{\mathcal{A}}(A) = (A, 1_A)$ and on morphisms $f \mapsto i_{\mathcal{A}}(f) = f$ is a fully faithful additive functor.
- Universality. Let \mathcal{B} be an idempotent complete category. For all additive functors $F: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$, there exists a functor $\tilde{F}: \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ and a natural isomorphism $\alpha: F \Rightarrow \tilde{F}i_{\mathcal{A}}$.

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Definition (Nakaoka-Palu 2019)

Two sequences of morphisms $A \xrightarrow{x} B \xrightarrow{y} C$, and $A \xrightarrow{x'} B' \xrightarrow{y'} C$ in \mathcal{C} are *equivalent* if there exists an isomorphism $b: B \rightarrow B'$ such that the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{x} & B & \xrightarrow{y} & C \\ \parallel & & \downarrow b & & \parallel \\ A & \xrightarrow{x'} & B' & \xrightarrow{y'} & C \end{array}$$

We denote the equivalence class of a sequence $A \xrightarrow{x} B \xrightarrow{y} C$, by $[A \xrightarrow{x} B \xrightarrow{y} C]$.

Extriangulated categories

Definition (Nakaoka-Palu 2019)

An *extriangulated category* is a triple $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbb{E}, \mathfrak{s})$ satisfying the following axioms.

(ET0) \mathcal{C} is an additive category.

(ET1) The functor $\mathbb{E}: \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$ is a biadditive functor.

(ET2) The correspondence \mathfrak{s} is an additive realisation of \mathbb{E} . A realisation is \mathfrak{s} is a correspondence associating an equivalence class $\mathfrak{s}(\delta) = [A \xrightarrow{x} B \xrightarrow{y} C]$ to any \mathbb{E} -extension $\delta \in \mathbb{E}(C, A)$. We write

$$A \xrightarrow{x} B \xrightarrow{y} C \dashrightarrow^{\delta}$$

and call this an extriangle or \mathbb{E} -triangle.

(ET3)

(ET3)^{op}

(ET4) An Octahedron axiom

(ET4)^{op}

Notation

Definition (Nakaoka-Palu 2019)

Let A, C be objects of \mathcal{C} . An element $\delta \in \mathbb{E}(C, A)$ is called an \mathbb{E} -extension, formally written (A, δ, C) .

Since \mathbb{E} is a bifunctor, for any $a: A \rightarrow A'$ and $c: C' \rightarrow C$, we have the following \mathbb{E} -extensions:

$$a_*\delta := \mathbb{E}(C, a)(\delta) \in \mathbb{E}(C, A'),$$

$$c^*\delta := \mathbb{E}(c^{\text{op}}, A)(\delta) \in \mathbb{E}(C', A) \text{ and}$$

$$c^*a_*\delta = a_*c^*\delta := \mathbb{E}(c^{\text{op}}, a)(\delta) \in \mathbb{E}(C', A').$$

Morphism of Extensions

Definition (Nakaoka-Palu 2019)

Let (A, δ, C) and (A', δ', C') be any pair of \mathbb{E} -extensions. A morphism $(a, c): \delta \rightarrow \delta'$ of \mathbb{E} -extensions is a pair of morphisms $a: A \rightarrow A'$ and $c: C \rightarrow C'$ such that:

$$a_*\delta = c^*\delta'.$$

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Definition (Herschend-Liu-Nakaoka 2021)

Let $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbb{E}, \mathfrak{s})$ be an extriangulated category with biadditive functor $\mathbb{E}: \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$. A functor $\mathbb{F}: \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$ is an additive subfunctor if:

- $\mathbb{F}(C, A)$ is a subgroup of $\mathbb{E}(C, A)$ for objects A, C ,
- $\mathbb{F}(c, a) = \mathbb{E}(c, a)|_{\mathbb{F}(C, A)}$ for morphisms $a: A \rightarrow A'$ and $c: C' \rightarrow C$.

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Definition (Herschend-Liu-Nakaoka 2021)

A subfunctor \mathbb{F} is closed if for any $A \xrightarrow{x} B \xrightarrow{y} C \dashrightarrow^{\delta}$ the following sequences of natural transformations are exact

$$\mathbb{F}(C, -) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{F}(y, -)} \mathbb{F}(B, -) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{F}(x, -)} \mathbb{F}(A, -)$$

$$\mathbb{F}(-, A) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{F}(-, x)} \mathbb{F}(-, B) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{F}(-, y)} \mathbb{F}(-, C)$$

Relative theory of extriangulated categories

Proposition (Herschend-Liu-Nakaoka 2021)

Let $\mathbb{F} \subseteq \mathbb{E}$ be an additive subfunctor. Then $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbb{F}, \mathfrak{s}_{|\mathbb{F}})$ is extriangulated if and only if \mathbb{F} is closed.

Main Theorem

Theorem

Let $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbb{E}, \mathfrak{s})$ be an extriangulated category. Let $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}$ be the idempotent completion of \mathcal{C} . Then $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}$ has an extriangulated structure $(\tilde{\mathcal{C}}, \mathbb{F}, \mathfrak{r})$. Moreover, the embedding $i_{\mathcal{C}}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{C}}$ is an extriangulated functor.

Biadditive functor \mathbb{F}

Definition

Given a pair of objects (X, ρ) and (Y, q) in $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}$, we define \mathbb{F} on objects by setting,

$$\mathbb{F}((X, \rho), (Y, q)) := \rho^* q_* \mathbb{E}(X, Y) = \{\rho^* q_* \delta \mid \delta \in \mathbb{E}(X, Y)\}.$$

For the pair $(\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta})$ we define

$$\mathbb{F}(\tilde{\alpha}^{\text{op}}, \tilde{\beta}): \mathbb{F}((Y, q), (U, e)) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}((X, \rho), (V, f))$$

as follows. For $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{F}((Y, q), (U, e))$ we set

$$\mathbb{F}(\tilde{\alpha}^{\text{op}}, \tilde{\beta})(\varepsilon) := \beta_* \alpha^* \varepsilon.$$

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Proposition

- $\mathbb{F}((C, p), (A, q))$ is a subgroup of $\mathbb{E}(C, A)$ for objects A, C and idempotents $p: C \rightarrow C, q: A \rightarrow A$
- $\mathbb{F}(c, a) = \mathbb{E}(c, a)|_{\mathbb{F}((C, p), (A, q))}$ for morphisms $a: (A, q) \rightarrow (A', q')$ and $c: (C', p') \rightarrow (C, p)$.
- For an \mathbb{F} -triangle

$$(X, q) \xrightarrow{xq} (Y, r) \xrightarrow{py} (Z, p) \dashrightarrow^{\delta} .$$

the following sequences of natural transformations are exact.

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$$\mathbb{F}((Z, p), -) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{F}(py, -)} \mathbb{F}((Y, r), -) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{F}(xq, -)} \mathbb{F}((X, q), -)$$

Lemma

Let $(\mathcal{A}, \mathbb{G}, \mathfrak{t})$ be a triple satisfying $(ET0)$, $(ET1)$, $(ET2)$, $(ET3)$ and $(ET3)^{op}$. Let δ be an extension in $\mathbb{G}(C, A)$ with $\mathfrak{t}(\delta) = [A \xrightarrow{a} B \xrightarrow{b} C]$. Let $(e, f): \delta \rightarrow \delta$ be a morphism of \mathbb{G} -extensions where $e: A \rightarrow A$ and $f: C \rightarrow C$ are idempotent morphisms. Then there exists an idempotent morphism $g: B \rightarrow B$ such that the diagram below commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{a} & B & \xrightarrow{b} & C \\ \downarrow e & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow f \\ A & \xrightarrow{a} & B & \xrightarrow{b} & C \end{array}$$

Additive realisation τ

Definition

Let τ be the correspondence between \mathbb{F} -extensions and equivalence classes of sequences of morphisms in $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}$ defined as follows. For any objects Z, X in \mathcal{C} and idempotent morphisms $p: Z \rightarrow Z, q: X \rightarrow X$ in \mathcal{C} , let $\delta = p^*q_*\varepsilon$ be an extension in $\mathbb{F}((Z, p), (X, q))$ such that

$$\mathfrak{s}(p^*q_*\varepsilon) = [X \xrightarrow{x} Y \xrightarrow{y} Z].$$

We set

$$\tau(\delta) := [(X, q) \xrightarrow{xq} (Y, r) \xrightarrow{py} (Z, p)],$$

where $r: Y \rightarrow Y$ is an idempotent morphism such that $rx = xq$ and $yr = py$ obtained by application of the above lemma.

Triangulated case

Definition (Balmer-Schlichting 2001)

A sequence of morphisms

$$t: (A, q) \xrightarrow{x} (B, r) \xrightarrow{y} (C, p) \xrightarrow{\delta} (\Sigma A, \Sigma q)$$

is a distinguished triangle in $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}$ if there exists a sequence of morphisms

$$t': (A', q') \xrightarrow{x'} (B', r') \xrightarrow{y'} (C', p') \xrightarrow{\delta'} (\Sigma A', \Sigma q')$$

such that $t \oplus t'$ is isomorphic to the image of a distinguished triangle in \mathcal{C} under the embedding $i_{\mathcal{C}}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{C}}$.

Lemma

For any \mathbb{F} -triangle

$$(A, q) \xrightarrow{xq} (B, r) \xrightarrow{py} (C, p) \overset{\delta}{\dashrightarrow}$$

there exists an \mathbb{F} -triangle

$$(A', q') \xrightarrow{x'q'} (B', r') \xrightarrow{p'y'} (C', p') \overset{\delta'}{\dashrightarrow}$$

such that their direct sum is isomorphic to the image of an \mathbb{E} -triangle in $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbb{E}, \mathfrak{s})$ under the embedding $i_{\mathcal{C}}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{C}}$.

Unification

Our main theorem is a unifies the exact and triangulated case.

Weakly idempotent complete

Definition (See for example Bühler 2010)

Let \mathcal{A} a category. A morphism $r: B \rightarrow C$ is a *retraction* if there is $q: C \rightarrow B$ such that $rq = 1_C$. A morphism $s: A \rightarrow B$ is a *section* if there is $t: B \rightarrow A$ such that $ts = 1_A$.

Definition (See for example Selinger 2008)

Let \mathcal{A} be any category and A an object in \mathcal{A} . An idempotent morphism $e: A \rightarrow A$ is said to split if it admits a retraction $r: A \rightarrow X$ and a section $s: X \rightarrow A$ such that $s \circ r = e$ and $r \circ s = 1_X$.

Weakly idempotent complete

Definition (See for example Bühler 2010)

An additive category \mathcal{A} is *weakly idempotent complete* if every retraction has a kernel. Equivalently, \mathcal{A} is weakly idempotent complete if every section has a cokernel.

Weakly idempotent completeness in literature

Condition (Nakaoka-Palu 2019)

Let $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbb{E}, \mathfrak{s})$ be an extriangulated category. Consider the following conditions.

- 1 Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$ be composable morphisms. If gf is a deflation, then g is also a deflation.
- 2 Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$ be composable morphisms. If gf is an inflation, then f is also an inflation.

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Proposition

Let $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbb{E}, \mathfrak{s})$ be an extriangulated category. If $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbb{E}, \mathfrak{s})$ satisfies one of the WIC conditions then \mathcal{C} is weakly idempotent complete.

Weak idempotent completion

Definition (Neeman 1990)

Let \mathcal{A} be a small additive category. The *weak idempotent completion* of \mathcal{A} is denoted by $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$ is defined as follows:

- $\text{ob}(\hat{\mathcal{A}}) := \{(A, p) \mid A \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{A}), p: A \rightarrow A \text{ is a split idempotent}\}$,
- A morphism in $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$ from (A, p) to (B, q) is a morphism $\sigma: A \rightarrow B \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $\sigma p = q \sigma = \sigma$,
- For any object (A, p) in $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$, the identity morphism $1_{(A,p)} = p: A \rightarrow A$.

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- The weak idempotent completion $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$ is weakly idempotent complete.
- The biproduct in $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$ is defined as $(A, p) \oplus (B, q) = (A \oplus B, p \oplus q)$.
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Theorem

Let $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbb{E}, \mathfrak{s})$ be an extriangulated category such that \mathcal{C} is small and $(\tilde{\mathcal{C}}, \mathbb{F}, \mathfrak{r})$ be its idempotent completion. Then the weak idempotent completion $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$ of \mathcal{C} is an extension-closed subcategory of $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}$. Hence $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$ is an extriangulated category.

Thank you!

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