

# On Modules and Complexes without Self-extensions

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## Abstract

Let  $\Lambda$  be an artin algebra over a commutative artinian ring  $k$ . If  $M$  is a finitely generated left  $\Lambda$ -module, we denote by  $\Omega(M)$  the kernel of  $\eta_M : P_M \rightarrow M$  a minimal projective cover. We prove that if  $M$  and  $N$  are finitely generated left  $\Lambda$ -modules and  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, M) = 0$ ,  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(N, N) = 0$ , then  $M \cong N$  if and only if  $M/\text{rad}M \cong N/\text{rad}N$  and  $\Omega(M) \cong \Omega(N)$ .

Now if  $k$  is an algebraically closed field and  $(d_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a sequence of non negative integers almost all of them zero, then we prove that the family of objects  $X \in \mathcal{D}^b(\Lambda)$ , the bounded derived category of  $\Lambda$ , with  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\Lambda)}(X, X[1]) = 0$  and  $\dim_k H^i(X) = d_i$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , has only a finite number of isomorphism classes (see [9]).

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\Lambda$  be an artin algebra over a commutative artinian ring  $k$ . We denote by  $\text{Mod } \Lambda$  the category of left  $\Lambda$ -modules, by  $\text{mod } \Lambda$ ,  $\text{proj } \Lambda$  we denote the full subcategories of  $\text{Mod } \Lambda$  whose objects are respectively, the finitely generated  $\Lambda$ -modules and the finitely generated projective  $\Lambda$ -modules. By  $\mathcal{D}^b(\Lambda)$  we denote the bounded derived category of  $\Lambda$ .

For  $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ , consider  $P_M^0 \xrightarrow{\eta_M} M$  a minimal projective cover and  $\Omega(M) = \ker(\eta_M)$ . Here we prove the following: if  $M, N$  are in  $\text{mod } \Lambda$  and  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, M) \cong \text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(N, N) = 0$ , then  $M \cong N$  if and only if  $M/\text{rad}M \cong N/\text{rad}N$  and  $\Omega(M) \cong \Omega(N)$ .

For  $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$  with finite projective dimension consider a minimal projective resolution:

$$0 \rightarrow P_M^{-m(M)} \rightarrow P_M^{-m(M)+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_M^0 \xrightarrow{\eta_M} M \rightarrow 0.$$

Suppose that  $M, N$  are in  $\text{mod } \Lambda$ ,  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, M) \cong \text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(N, N) = 0$  and for all  $j > 0$ ,  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(M, \Omega^{j-1}(M)) \cong \text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(N, \Omega^{j-1}(N)) = 0$ , then we prove using the result above that  $M \cong N$  if and only if  $m(M) = m(N)$  and for all  $j$ ,  $P_M^{-j} \cong P_N^{-j}$ .

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Now let  $\Lambda$  be a finite-dimensional algebra over an algebraically closed field  $k$  and  $\mathbf{d} = (d_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a collection of non-negative integers with almost all  $d_i = 0$ . Then the family  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{d})$  of objects  $X \in \mathcal{D}^b(\Lambda)$  such that  $\dim_k H^i(X) = d_i$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\Lambda)}(X, X[1]) = 0$  has only a finite number of isomorphism classes in  $\mathcal{D}^b(\Lambda)$ . This result is closely related with Corollary 9 of [9].

For the proof of the above mentioned results we see that some problems involving upper bounded complexes of finitely generated projective  $\Lambda$ -modules with bounded homology can be reduced to problems involving complexes of fixed size of finitely generated projective  $\Lambda$ -modules (see Proposition 4.7). Then in this last case we can apply properties of lift categories introduced by W.W Crawley-Boevey in [6].

## 2 Exact structures and exact subcategories

Here we recall the notion of exact category. For  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$ , an exact category,  $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$  full subcategories of  $\mathcal{A}$  closed under extensions we consider the category of morphisms  $f : W \rightarrow Z$  with  $W$  an object of  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $Z$  an object of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then we introduce an exact structure on this category of morphisms.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an additive category. A pair of composable morphisms

$$X \xrightarrow{i} Y \xrightarrow{d} Z$$

is called exact if  $i$  is kernel of  $d$  and  $d$  is cokernel of  $i$ .

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a class of exact composable sequences  $(i, d)$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  closed under isomorphisms; we call  $(i, d) \in \mathcal{E}$  a conflation,  $i$  an inflation and  $d$  a deflation.

$\mathcal{E}$  is an exact structure if it satisfies the following axioms:

K1)  $1_0$  is a deflation.

K2) Composition of deflations is a deflation.

K3) For every  $h \in \mathcal{A}(Z, Z_0)$  and all deflation  $d_0 \in \mathcal{A}(Y_0, Z_0)$  there exists a pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & d & \\ Y & \rightarrow & Z \\ g \downarrow & d_0 & \downarrow h \\ Y_0 & \rightarrow & Z_0 \end{array}$$

where  $d$  is a deflation

K3<sup>op</sup>) For every  $f \in \mathcal{A}(X, X_0)$  and all inflation  $i \in \mathcal{A}(Y, Z)$  there exists a pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{i} & Y \\ f \downarrow & i_0 & \downarrow g \\ X_0 & \rightarrow & Y_0 \end{array}$$

where  $i_0$  is an inflation

K4) Retractions in  $\mathcal{A}$  have kernels.

In this situation we say that  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  is an exact category. For simplicity, if  $\mathcal{E}$  is an exact structure we use extension instead of conflation.

**Remark 2.2** It is known ([7]) that the above axioms imply their duals.

Moreover, in an exact category the next claims are true ([7]); if  $dd'$  is a deflation then  $d$  is a deflation, if  $i'i$  is an inflation then  $i$  is an inflation.

Also, K3 induces a diagram of extensions

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{i} & Y & \xrightarrow{d} & Z \\ \parallel & & g \downarrow & & \downarrow h \\ X_0 & \xrightarrow{i_0} & Y_0 & \xrightarrow{d_0} & Z_0 \end{array}$$

where the right square is a pullback and a pushout, and  $K3^{op}$  a diagram of extensions

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{i} & Y & \xrightarrow{d} & Z \\ f \downarrow & & g \downarrow & & \parallel \\ X_0 & \xrightarrow{i_0} & Y_0 & \xrightarrow{d_0} & Z_0 \end{array}$$

where the left square is a pullback and a pushout.

The following is a well known result.

**Proposition 2.3** *Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  be an exact category, and  $\mathcal{B}$  a full subcategory closed under direct summands and extensions. Then  $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{B}})$  is an exact structure, where  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{B}}$  is the restriction of the class  $\mathcal{E}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ .*

**Definition 2.4** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a category, and  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  subcategories of  $\mathcal{A}$ . We define the category  $Morph(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})$  as follows: the objects are the morphisms  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $X \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{C}$ , and a morphism from  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  to  $f' : X' \rightarrow Y'$  is a pair  $(u, v)$  of morphisms  $u : X \rightarrow X'$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $v : Y \rightarrow Y'$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $f'u = vf$ .

**Proposition 2.5** *Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  be an exact category, and  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  full subcategories of  $\mathcal{A}$  closed under direct summands and extensions. Then  $(Morph(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}), \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{B}})$  is an exact category, where  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{B}}$  is the class of the pairs  $((u_0, v_0), (u_1, v_1))$  such that  $(u_0, u_1) \in \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $(v_0, v_1) \in \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $f_1 : X_1 \rightarrow Y_1$ ,  $f_2 : X_2 \rightarrow Y_2$  and  $f_3 : X_3 \rightarrow Y_3$  be objects in  $Morph(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})$  and  $\eta : f_1 \xrightarrow{(u_1, v_1)} f_2 \xrightarrow{(u_2, v_2)} f_3$  an element of  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{B}}$ .

Clearly  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{B}}$  is closed under isomorphisms.

Now we check that  $\eta$  is an exact pair.

Suppose we have an object  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and a morphism  $(u, v) : f \rightarrow f_2$  in  $Morph(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})$  such that  $(u_2, v_2)(u, v) = 0$ . Then there exist unique morphisms  $s : X \rightarrow X_1$  and  $t : Y \rightarrow Y_1$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $u_1s = u$  and  $v_1t = v$ . We have  $v_1(f_1s - tf) = f_2u_1s - vf = 0$ , then  $f_1s = tf$  following that  $(s, t)$  is a morphism.

The proof of  $(u_2, v_2)$  being cokernel is dual.

$K1$ ,  $K2$  and  $K4$  are immediate from the proposition 2.3.

In order to prove  $K3$ , let  $f$  be as before, take  $(u, v) : f \rightarrow f_3$  a morphism in  $\text{Morph}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})$ , and consider the pullback diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X_1 & \xrightarrow{i} & X_0 & \xrightarrow{d} & X \\ \parallel & & \downarrow s & & \downarrow u \\ X_1 & \xrightarrow{u_1} & X_2 & \xrightarrow{u_2} & X_3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Y_1 & \xrightarrow{i'} & Y_0 & \xrightarrow{d'} & Y \\ \parallel & & \downarrow t & & \downarrow v \\ Y_1 & \xrightarrow{v_1} & Y_2 & \xrightarrow{v_2} & Y_3 \end{array}$$

for the property of the pullback, there exists a unique morphism  $f_0 : X_0 \rightarrow Y_0$  such that  $d'f_0 = fd$  and  $tf_0 = f_2s$ .

Suppose there is an object  $g : W \rightarrow Z$  and morphisms  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) : g \rightarrow f_2$  and  $(\mu_1, \mu_2) : g \rightarrow f_3$  in  $\text{Morph}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})$  such that  $(u_2, v_2)(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = (\mu_1, \mu_2)(u, v)$ . Then, by the pullback property, there exist unique morphisms  $\alpha : W \rightarrow X_0$  and  $\beta : Z \rightarrow Y_0$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $s\alpha = \lambda_1$ ,  $d\alpha = \mu_1$ ,  $t\beta = \lambda_2$  and  $d'\beta = \mu_2$ .

Now observe that  $d'(f_0\alpha - \beta g) = fd\alpha - \mu_2g = 0$  and  $t(f_0\alpha - \beta g) = f_2s\alpha - \lambda_2g = f_2\lambda_1 - \lambda_2g = 0$ . By the pullback property  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a morphism in  $\text{Morph}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})$ .

A dual argument proves  $K3^{op}$ .

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### 3 Lift categories

Here we recall the properties of lift categories needed in our work. Now suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Krull-Schmidt category and  $X, Y$  are objects in  $\mathcal{A}$ . We consider the category of morphisms in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $f : W \rightarrow Z$ , with  $W$  a finite direct sum of direct summands of  $X$  and  $Z$  a finite direct sum of direct summands of  $Y$ . We see that this category of morphisms can be seen as a lift category.

**Definition 3.1** A lift pair  $(R, \xi)$  is given by a ring  $R$  and an exact sequence of  $R$ -bimodules

$$\xi : 0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{\pi} R \rightarrow 0$$

**Definition 3.2** Given a lift pair  $(R, \xi)$  we define the lift category  $\xi(R)$  as follows: the objects are pairs  $(P, e)$  where  $P$  is a projective  $R$ -module and  $e : P \rightarrow E \otimes_R P$  is an  $R$ -morphism such that the composition

$$P \xrightarrow{e} E \otimes_R P \xrightarrow{\pi \otimes 1} R \otimes_R P \xrightarrow{\cong} P$$

is  $1_P$ . A morphism  $f : (P, e) \rightarrow (P', e')$  is an  $R$ -morphism  $f : P \rightarrow P'$  such that the following diagram is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
P & \xrightarrow{f} & P' \\
e \downarrow & & \downarrow e' \\
E \otimes_R P & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes f} & E \otimes_R P'
\end{array}$$

An object  $(P, e)$  in  $\xi(R)$  is called *finite* if and only if  $P$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module.

**Definition 3.3** Let  $\xi(R)$  be a lift category and  $F_0 : \xi(R) \rightarrow R\text{-Proj}$  the forgetful functor. We define  $\mathcal{H}$  as the class of sequences  $Y \xrightarrow{i} Z \xrightarrow{d} X$  in  $\xi(R)$  such that the sequence  $0 \rightarrow F_0(Y) \rightarrow F_0(Z) \rightarrow F_0(X) \rightarrow 0$  is exact. It is known ([5]) that  $\mathcal{H}$  is an exact structure, and we will always associate this structure to any lift category.

**Definition 3.4** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an additive category. For  $X$  an object in the category  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\Gamma_X = \text{End}_{\mathcal{A}}(X)^{op}$ , we denote by  $G_X : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \text{Mod } \Gamma_X$  the evaluation functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, ?)$ .

**Proposition 3.5** (II.2.1 [1]) *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an additive Krull-Schmidt category with splitting idempotents. Let  $X$  be in  $\mathcal{A}$ , then:*

1.  $G_X : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(W, Z) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\Gamma_X}(G_X(W), G_X(Z))$  is an isomorphism for  $W$  in  $\text{add}X$  and  $Z$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .
2. If  $W$  is in  $\text{add}X$  then  $G_X(W)$  is in  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma_X)$ .
3.  $G_X|_{\text{add}X} : \text{add}X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\Gamma_X)$  is an equivalence of categories.

**Remark 3.6** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an additive Krull-Schmidt category with splitting idempotents and  $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Assume  $X = \oplus_i^n X_i$  and  $Y = \oplus_t^m Y_t$ , where each summand is indecomposable and the summands are pairwise non-isomorphic. It is clear that  $G_X(Y)$  is a  $\Gamma_X - \Gamma_Y$ -bimodule.

Let  $e_i$  be the idempotent of  $\Gamma_X$  determined by  $X_i$  and  $W \cong \oplus_i^n c_i X_i$ , then  $\Pi_i^n c_i \Gamma_X e_i \cong G_X(W)$  as  $\Gamma_X$ -modules.

Now let  $Z$  be in  $\text{add}Y$ , there is a  $\Gamma_X$ -isomorphism  $\phi_Z : G_X(Y) \otimes_{\Gamma_Y} G_Y(Z) \rightarrow G_X(Z)$  given by  $u \otimes v \mapsto vu$ .

Moreover, if  $g : Z \rightarrow Z'$  is a morphism in  $\text{add}Y$  we have a commutative diagram of  $\Gamma_X$ -modules:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
G_X(Y) \otimes_{\Gamma_Y} G_Y(Z) & \xrightarrow{\phi_Z} & G_X(Z) \\
\downarrow 1 \otimes G_Y(g) & & \downarrow G_X(g) \\
G_X(Y) \otimes_{\Gamma_Y} G_Y(Z') & \xrightarrow{\phi_{Z'}} & G_X(Z')
\end{array}$$

This remark ends with the next convention: if  $\mathcal{A}$  is an additive Krull-Schmidt category with splitting idempotents, it always has the exact structure of the trivial extensions; if it is not indicated in other way, we think in  $\mathcal{A}$  as an exact category with trivial extensions.

**Proposition 3.7** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an additive Krull-Schmidt category with splitting idempotents,  $X$  and  $Y$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  where  $X = \oplus_i^n X_i$ ,  $Y = \oplus_t^m Y_t$ , and  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_m)$  are pairwise non-isomorphic indecomposable objects in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then there is an equivalence of categories  $\Theta : \text{Morph}(\text{add}X, \text{add}Y) \rightarrow \xi_Y^X(R_Y^X)$ , where the lift category is determined by the splitting lift pair  $(R_Y^X, \xi_Y^X)$ :*

$$0 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_X & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y) \\ 0 & \Gamma_Y \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_X & 0 \\ 0 & \Gamma_Y \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow 0$$

Moreover the functor  $\Theta$  is an exact functor, i.e., it sends  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{add}Y}^{\text{add}X}$ -extensions to  $\mathcal{H}$ -extensions in  $\xi_Y^X(R_Y^X)$ .

**Proof.**  $\xi_Y^X(R_Y^X)$  is equivalent to the category of  $\Gamma_X$ -morphisms  $t : P_X \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y) \otimes_{\Gamma_Y} P_Y$ , where  $P_X$  and  $P_Y$  are  $\Gamma_X$ -projective and  $\Gamma_Y$ -projective modules respectively.

For  $\alpha \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(W, Z)$  in  $\text{Morph}(\text{add}X, \text{add}Y)$  put  $\Theta(\alpha) = \phi_Z^{-1} G_X(\alpha)$ . Let  $\alpha' \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(W', Z')$  and  $(f, g) : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha'$  be in  $\text{Morph}(\text{add}X, \text{add}Y)$  we define  $\Theta(f, g) = (G_X(f), 1_{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y)} \otimes G_Y(g))$ .

The functor  $\Theta$  is dense by proposition 3.5.3. By proposition 3.5.1 and remark 3.6 it follows that  $\Theta$  is a full and faithful functor. The exactness is immediate.  $\square$

## 4 Complexes and projective resolutions

In this section we see some relations between the homotopy category of upper bounded complexes over  $\text{Proj } \Lambda$  with bounded homology and the complexes of fixed size over  $\text{Proj } \Lambda$  (see proposition 4.7).

**Notation 4.1** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an additive category.

1. Denote by  $C(\mathcal{A})$  the category of complexes over  $\mathcal{A}$ , a complex  $X \in C(\mathcal{A})$  is a sequence  $(X^i, d_X^i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  with  $X^i \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $d_X^i : X^i \rightarrow X^{i+1}$  morphisms in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $d_X^{i+1} d_X^i = 0$ . If  $X = (X^i, d_X^i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $Y = (Y^i, d_Y^i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are two complexes, a morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a sequence of morphisms in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $(f^i : X^i \rightarrow Y^i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  such that  $f^{i+1} d_X^i = d_Y^i f^i$ .
2. If  $X \in C(\mathcal{A})$  and  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the translation functors are defined by  $(X[s])^i = X^{i+s}$  and  $(d_{X[s]})^i = (-1)^s (d_X)^{i+s}$ .
3. Recall that  $f, g \in \text{Hom}_{C(\mathcal{A})}(X, Y)$  are homotopic if there are morphisms  $h^i : X^i \rightarrow Y^{i-1}$  such that  $f^i - g^i = h^{i+1} (d_X)^i + (d_Y)^{i-1} h_i$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For  $X$  and  $Y$  complexes in  $C(\mathcal{A})$ , we denote by  $\text{Hom}_K(X, Y)$  the homomorphisms in the homotopy category.

**Definition 4.2**

1. We denote by  $C^{\leq m}(\mathcal{A})$  the full subcategory of complexes  $X \in C(\mathcal{A})$  such that  $X^i = 0$  for  $i > m$ , and by  $C^{\geq m}(\mathcal{A})$  the full subcategory of complexes  $X \in C(\mathcal{A})$  such that  $X^i = 0$  for  $i < m$ . For  $C^{[m,n]}(\mathcal{A})$  we mean the intersection  $C^{\leq n}(\mathcal{A}) \cap C^{\geq m}(\mathcal{A})$ .
2. Let us denote by  $t_m : C(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow C^{\leq m}(\mathcal{A})$  the “erase at right” functor, given in objects as  $t_m(X) = ((t_m(X))^i, d_{t_m(X)}^i) :$

$$(t_m(X))^i = \begin{cases} X^i & \text{if } m \geq i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad (d_{t_m(X)})^i = \begin{cases} d_X^i & \text{if } i < m \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a morphism of complexes then  $t_m(f) = ((t_m(f))^i)$  where

$$(t_m(f))^i = \begin{cases} f^i & \text{if } m \geq i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Dually we define the functor  $l_m : C(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow C^{\geq m}(\mathcal{A})$  “erase at left”.

Now we denote by  $s_m : C(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow C^{\geq m}(\mathcal{A})$  the functor “erase and pull”, given in objects as follows:

$$s_m(X)^i = \begin{cases} X^{i+1} & \text{if } i \geq m \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad d_{s_m(X)}^i = \begin{cases} d_X^{i+1} & \text{if } i \geq m \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a morphism of complexes then:

$$(s_m(f))^i = \begin{cases} f^{i+1} & \text{if } i \geq m \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

3. We define the m-bending functor

$$\mathfrak{T}_m : C(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{Morph}(C^{\leq m}(\mathcal{A}), C^{\geq m}(\mathcal{A}))$$

as follows:  $\mathfrak{T}_m(X) = (u^i) : t_m(X) \rightarrow s_m(X)$  where  $u^m = d_X^m$  and  $u^i = 0$  for  $i \neq m$ , and for a morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  we have  $\mathfrak{T}_m(f) = (t_m(f), s_m(f))$ .

**Remark 4.3** In  $C(\mathcal{A})$  there is a natural exact structure  $\mathcal{E}$  given by composable pairs  $f : X \rightarrow Y, g : Y \rightarrow Z$  such that  $0 \rightarrow X^i \xrightarrow{f^i} Y^i \xrightarrow{g^i} Z^i \rightarrow 0$  are split exact for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The exact category  $(C(\mathcal{A}), \mathcal{E})$  has enough projectives and enough injectives, moreover the projectives coincide with the injectives. The stable category  $\underline{C}(\mathcal{A})$ , which is the category with the same objects as  $C(\mathcal{A})$  and morphisms those in  $C(\mathcal{A})$  modulo the morphisms which are factorized through projectives, coincides with  $K(\mathcal{A})$ , the homotopy category of  $C(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Remark 4.4** Observe that by proposition 2.3, there are canonical induced exact structures on  $C^{\leq n}(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $C^{\geq m}(\mathcal{A})$  and on  $C^{\leq n}(\mathcal{A}) \cap C^{\geq m}(\mathcal{A})$ .

The definitions introduced in this section allow us to describe in a short way the next result.

**Lemma 4.5**  $\mathcal{T}_m : C(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{Morph}(C^{\leq m}(\mathcal{A}), C^{\geq m}(\mathcal{A}))$  is an exact isomorphism of categories for any  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Since  $(C(\text{Proj } \Lambda), \mathcal{E})$  is an exact category for  $X, Y$  in  $C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  and  $n$  a positive integer we have the extension group  $\text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^n(X, Y)$ , see 12.3 of [8]. For  $n = 1$ ,  $\text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^1(X, Y)$  coincides, as in abelian categories, with the set of equivalence classes of sequences in  $\mathcal{E}$ ,  $Y \rightarrow E \rightarrow X$ . For  $X, Y$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ , a full subcategory of  $C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  closed under extensions, we have the extension groups  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{U}}^j(X, Y)$  corresponding to the induced exact structure on  $\mathcal{U}$ . Through the paper we say that  $W$  an object of  $\mathcal{U}$ , is projective (respectively injective) if for all  $X \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{U}}^1(W, X) = 0$  (respectively  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{U}}^1(X, W) = 0$ ).

For  $Y$  in the category  $C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  there is an exact sequence in  $\mathcal{E}$ ,  $Y \rightarrow W \rightarrow Y[1]$  with  $W$  injective. Then for all  $X \in C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  we have  $\text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^1(X, Y) \cong \text{Hom}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}(X, Y[1])/I(X, Y[1]) \cong \text{Hom}_K(X, Y[1])$ , where  $I(X, Y[1])$  is the subspace of morphisms which are factorized through injectives. If  $u$  is any integer and  $P$  a projective  $\Lambda$ -module we define the complex  $J_u(P)$  in  $C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  as follows:  $J_u(P)^i = 0$  for  $i \neq u$ ,  $i \neq u + 1$ ,  $J_u(P)^u = J_u(P)^{u+1} = P$ ,  $d_{J_u(P)}^u = \text{id}_P$ . The objects  $J_u(P)$  are projectives and injectives in  $C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$ .

For integers  $m, n$  with  $n \geq m + 1$  and  $P$  a projective  $\Lambda$ -module we define the following complexes in  $C^{[m, n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$ :

$S(P)$  given by  $S(P)^i = 0$  for  $i \neq m$ ,  $S(P)^m = P$ ;  $T(P)$  defined by  $T(P)^i = 0$  for  $i \neq n$ ,  $T(P)^n = P$ . The projectives in  $C^{[m, n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  are the objects  $J_u(P)$ ,  $u \in [m, n - 1]$  and  $T(P)$ , the injectives in  $C^{[m, n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  are the complexes  $J_u(P)$ ,  $u \in [m, n - 1]$  and  $S(P)$  (see corollary 3.3 of [4]). For  $Y \in C^{[m, n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  we have the  $\mathcal{E}$ -sequence:

$$Y \rightarrow \bigoplus_{u=n-1}^{m-1} J_u(Y^{u+1}) \rightarrow Y[1],$$

Taking  $l_m$  of the above sequence we obtain the  $\mathcal{E}$ -sequence in  $C^{[m, n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$ :

$$Y \rightarrow S(Y^m) \oplus \bigoplus_{u=m}^{n-1} J_u(Y^{u+1}) \rightarrow l_m(Y[1]).$$

Observe that if  $W$  is an injective in  $C^{[m, n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$ , any morphism  $h : Y \rightarrow W$  is the sum of morphisms factorized through  $S(Y^m)$  or through some  $J_u(Y^{u+1})$ , for  $u \in [m, n - 1]$ . For  $X, Y \in C^{[m, n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$ , we denote by  $I(X, Y)$  the subspace of morphisms which are factorized through injectives. The space  $I(X, Y)$  is generated as  $k$ -module by the morphisms which are factorized through objects of the form  $S(P)$  or  $J_u(P)$  for  $u \in [m, n - 1]$ .

We denote by  $\overline{C^{[m, n]}}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  the category with the same objects as those of  $C^{[m, n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  and morphisms the morphisms in  $C^{[m, n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  modulo those which are factorized through injectives. The homomorphisms from  $X$  to  $Y$  in this category are denoted by  $\overline{\text{Hom}}_{C^{[m, n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}(X, Y)$ .

**Lemma 4.6** *Let  $Y \in C^{[m,n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  with  $H^{m+1}(Y) = 0$ . Take  $Y \xrightarrow{u} W \xrightarrow{v} Y[1]$  be an  $\mathcal{E}$ -sequence in  $C^{[m,n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  with  $W$  injective. Then we have:*

$$\text{Ext}_{C^{[m,n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^1(X, Y) \cong \overline{\text{Hom}}_{C^{[m,n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}(X, Y[1]).$$

**Proof.** We have the exact sequence of  $k$ -modules:  $\text{Hom}_{C^{[m,n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}(X, W) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(1, v)} \text{Hom}_{C^{[m,n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}(X, Y[1]) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{C^{[m,n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^1(X, Y) \rightarrow 0$ .

For proving our claim we prove that  $\text{Im Hom}(1, v) = I(X, Y[1])$ . For this we only need to prove that a morphism  $h : X \rightarrow Y[1]$  which factorizes through  $S(P)$  is in the image of  $\text{Hom}(1, v)$ . But any morphism  $h_1 : S(P) \rightarrow Y[1]$  is factorized by  $v$  if  $\text{Ext}_{C^{[m,n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^1(S(P), Y) = 0$ . Now  $\text{Ext}_{C^{[m,n]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^1(S(P), Y) \cong \text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^1(S(P), Y) \cong \text{Hom}_K(S(P), Y[1])$ . Take  $h : S(P) \rightarrow Y[1]$  a morphism of complexes then  $h^m : P \rightarrow Y^{m+1}$  is such that  $d_Y^{m+1} h^m = 0$ . Since  $H^{m+1}(Y) = 0$ , there is a  $g : P \rightarrow Y^m$  with  $d_Y^m g = h^m$ . This implies that  $h$  is homotopic to zero. Consequently  $\text{Hom}_K(S(P), Y[1]) = 0$ , proving our claim.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.7** *Let  $W$  and  $Z$  be complexes in  $C^{\leq 0}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$  with  $H^i(W) = 0$  and  $H^i(Z) = 0$  for  $i \leq -t$  for some positive integer number  $t$ . Then, for  $j > 0$  and  $m \geq 0$*

$$\text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^j(W, Z) \cong \text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^1(l_{-(j+t+m)}W, (l_{-(1+t+m)}Z)[j-1])$$

as  $\text{End}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}(Z) - \text{End}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}(W)$  -bimodules.

**Proof.** We denote by  $\mathcal{L}^{[-s, 0]}$  the full subcategory of  $K^{\leq 0}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$ , the homotopy category of  $C^{\leq 0}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$ , whose objects are those  $X$  such that  $H^i(X) = 0$  for  $i \leq -s$ . We recall (see for instance Corollary 5.7 of [4]) that  $l_{-s}$  induces an equivalence:

$$l_{-s} : \mathcal{L}^{[-s, 0]} \rightarrow \overline{C^{[-s, 0]}}(\text{Proj } \Lambda).$$

For  $s \geq j$ ,  $l_{-t-s}W, l_{-t-s}(Z[j])$  are in  $\mathcal{L}^{[-t-s, 0]}$ , then  $\text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^j(W, Z) \cong \text{Hom}_K(W, Z[j]) \cong \overline{\text{Hom}}_{C^{[-t-s, 0]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}(l_{-t-s}W, l_{-t-s}(Z[j]))$ . Observe we have  $l_{-s-t}(Z[j]) = (l_{-s-t+j}Z)[j] = l_{-t-s}[(l_{-t-s+j-1}Z)[j]]$ . Thus:

$$\text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^j(W, Z) \cong \overline{\text{Hom}}_{C^{[-t-s, 0]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}(l_{-t-s}W, l_{-t-s}[(l_{-t-s+j-1}Z)[j]])$$

Now  $(l_{-t-s+j-1}Z)[j] = (l_{-t-s+j-1}Z)[j-1][1]$ . We have that the complex  $(l_{-t-s+j-1}Z)[j-1] \in C^{[-t-s, 0]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)$ . Moreover  $((l_{-t-s+j-1}Z)[j-1])^{-t-s} = Z^{-t-s+j-1}$ , and  $((l_{-t-s+j-1}Z)[j-1])^{-t-s+1} = Z^{-t-s+j}$ . Since  $s \geq j$ ,  $-t-s+j = -t-(s-j) \leq -t$ . Therefore  $H^{-t-s+1}((l_{-t-s+j-1}Z)[j-1]) = 0$ . Then by our previous lemma we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^j(W, Z) &\cong \overline{\text{Hom}}_{C^{[-t-s, 0]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}(l_{-t-s}W, l_{-t-s}[(l_{-t-s+j-1}Z)[j-1][1]]) \\ &\cong \text{Ext}_{C^{[-t-s, 0]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^1(l_{-s-t}W, (l_{-t-s+j-1}Z)[j-1]) \\ &\cong \text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^1(l_{-s-t}W, (l_{-t-s+j-1}Z)[j-1]). \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $s = j + m$  we obtain our result.

□

For  $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$  we choose a minimal projective resolution:

$$\dots \rightarrow P_M^{-m} \xrightarrow{d_M^{-m}} P_M^{-m+1} \xrightarrow{d_M^{-m+1}} \dots P_M^{-1} \xrightarrow{d_M^{-1}} P_M^0 \xrightarrow{\eta_M} M \rightarrow 0$$

We denote by  $P_M$  the complex in  $C^{\leq 0}(\text{proj } \Lambda)$  :

$$\dots \rightarrow P_M^{-m} \xrightarrow{d_M^{-m}} P_M^{-m+1} \xrightarrow{d_M^{-m+1}} \dots P_M^{-1} \xrightarrow{d_M^{-1}} P_M^0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \dots$$

**Corollary 4.8** Let  $L$  and  $N$  be  $\Lambda$ -modules and  $P_L, P_N$  as above. Then, for  $j \geq 0$  and  $m \geq 0$

$$\text{Ext}_{\Lambda}^j(M, N) \cong \text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}(l_{-(1+j+m)}(P_M), l_{-(2+m)}(P_N)[j-1]).$$

as  $\text{End}_{\Lambda}(M) - \text{End}_{\Lambda}(N)$ -bimodules.

**Proof.** We know that

$$\text{Ext}_{\Lambda}^j(M, N) \cong \text{Hom}_K(P_M, P_N[j]) \cong \text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^j(P_M, P_N).$$

Now in proposition 4.7 put  $W = P_M, Z = P_N$ , then  $t = 1$  and we obtain our result.

□

We will need the following results.

**Lemma 4.9** Suppose  $Y \in C^{[-m+1, 0]}(\Lambda\text{-proj})$  is such that  $\text{Im}d_Y^i \subset \text{rad}Y^{i+1}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\dim_k H^j(Y) \leq c$  for all  $j$  and for some  $u \in [-m+2, \dots, 0]$ ,  $\dim_k Y^u \leq d_u$ , then  $\dim_k Y^{u-1} \leq (d_u + c)L$ , with  $L = \dim_k \Lambda$ .

**Proof.** We have  $\dim_k Y^{u-1}/\text{Ker}d_Y^{u-1} = \dim_k \text{Im}d_Y^{u-1} \leq d_u$ , moreover we know that  $\dim_k \text{Ker}d_Y^{u-1}/\text{Im}d_Y^{u-2} \leq c$ . Therefore  $\dim_k Y^{u-1}/\text{Im}d_Y^{u-2} \leq c + d_u$ .

Here  $\text{Im}d_Y^{u-2} \subset \text{rad}Y^{u-1}$ , thus  $\dim_k Y^{u-1}/\text{rad}Y^{u-1} \leq \dim_k Y^{u-1}/\text{Im}d_Y^{u-2}$ . Consequently,  $\dim_k Y^{u-1} \leq (c + d_u)L$ .

□

**Lemma 4.10** Let  $Y \in C^{[-m+1, 0]}(\text{proj } \Lambda)$ , with  $\text{Im}d_Y^i \subset \text{rad}Y^{i+1}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , such that for all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have the inequality  $\dim_k H^j(Y) \leq c$  for some fixed  $c$ . Then

$$\dim_k Y \leq c(mL + (m-1)L^2 + (m-2)L^3 + \dots + 2L^{m-1} + L^m).$$

**Proof.** Here  $Y^1 = 0$ , then by our previous lemma,  $\dim_k Y^0 \leq cL$ . Then again by lemma 4.9 we have,  $\dim_k Y^{-1} \leq c(L + L^2)$ ,  $\dim_k Y^{-2} \leq c(L + L^2 + L^3)$ , ...,  $\dim_k Y^{-m+1} \leq c(L + L^2 + \dots + L^m)$ . From here we obtain our result.

□

**Theorem 4.11** (See corollary 9 in [9]) Let  $\Lambda$  be a finite-dimensional algebra over an algebraically closed field  $k$  and  $\mathbf{d} = (d_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a collection of non-negative

integers with almost all  $d_i = 0$ . Then the family  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{d})$  of objects  $X \in \mathcal{D}^b(\Lambda)$  such that  $\dim_k H^i(X) = d_i$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\Lambda)}(X, X[1]) = 0$  has only a finite number of isomorphism classes in  $\mathcal{D}^b(\Lambda)$ .

**Proof.** We may assume  $d_i = 0$  for all  $i \leq t$  and  $i > 0$ . Consider now the family  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{d})$  of those  $P \in C^{\leq 0}(\text{proj } \Lambda)$  such that  $\dim_k H^i(P) = d_i$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\text{Hom}_K(P, P[1]) = 0$  and for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\text{Im} d_P^i \subset \text{rad} P^{i+1}$ . For each  $X \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{d})$  we may choose a quasi-isomorphism  $P_X \rightarrow X$  with  $P_X \in C^{\leq 0}(\text{proj } \Lambda)$ .

We have  $\text{Hom}_K(P_X, P_X[1]) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}^b(\Lambda)}(X, X[1])$ . Clearly the assignment  $X \mapsto P_X$  establishes a bijection between the isomorphism classes of  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{d})$  and those of  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{d})$ . If  $P \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{d})$ , then  $P \in \mathcal{L}^{[-t-1, 0]}$ .

By proposition 4.7 for  $P \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{d})$  we have:  $0 = \text{Hom}_K(P, P[1]) \cong \text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^1(P, P) \cong \text{Ext}_{C^{[-t-1, 0]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^1(l_{-t-1}P, l_{-t-1}P)$ .

Using Lemma 4.10 one can prove that there is a number  $n(\mathbf{d})$ , such that if  $P \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{d})$  then  $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \dim_k (l_{-t-1}P)^i \leq n(\mathbf{d})$ . Therefore the functor  $l_{-t-1}$  induces a bijection between the isomorphism classes of  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{d})$  and the isomorphism classes of a subfamily of the family  $\mathcal{F}(n(\mathbf{d}))$  consisting of the complexes  $Z \in C^{[-t-1, 0]}(\text{proj } \Lambda)$  which have not injectives in this category as direct summands,  $\text{Ext}_{C^{[-t-1, 0]}(\text{proj } \Lambda)}^1(Z, Z) = 0$ , and  $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \dim_k (Z)^i \leq n(\mathbf{d})$ .

The category  $C^{[-t-1, 0]}(\text{Mod } \Lambda)$  is an abelian category with enough projectives, the projectives in this category are the complexes  $T(P), J_u(P), u \in [-t-1, -1]$  introduced before. Then taking  $H = \bigoplus_{u=-t-1}^{-1} J_u(\Lambda) \oplus T(\Lambda)$  and  $\Gamma = \text{End}_{C^{[-t-1, 0]}(\text{Mod } \Lambda)}(H)$ , the functor

$$F = \text{Hom}_{C^{[-t-1, 0]}(\text{Mod } \Lambda)}(H, -) : C^{[-t-1, 0]}(\text{Mod } \Lambda) \rightarrow \text{Mod } \Gamma$$

is an equivalence of abelian categories.

Now there is a number  $m(\mathbf{d})$  such that for all  $Z \in \mathcal{F}(n(\mathbf{d}))$ ,  $\dim_k F(Z) \leq m(\mathbf{d})$ .

Since the category  $C^{[-t-1, 0]}(\text{proj } \Lambda)$  is a full subcategory of the category  $C^{[-t-1, 0]}(\text{Mod } \Lambda)$ , closed under extensions, then for  $Z \in \mathcal{F}(n(\mathbf{d}))$ ,  $0 = \text{Ext}_{C^{[-t-1, 0]}(\text{proj } \Lambda)}^1(Z, Z) = \text{Ext}_{C^{[-t-1, 0]}(\text{Mod } \Lambda)}^1(Z, Z) \cong \text{Ext}_{\Gamma}^1(F(Z), F(Z))$ . Therefore  $F$  gives a bijection between the isomorphism classes of  $\mathcal{F}(n(\mathbf{d}))$  and the isomorphism classes of a family of  $\Gamma$ -modules  $M$  with  $\dim_k M \leq m(\mathbf{d})$  and  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma}(M, M) = 0$ . But by a result of D. Voigt ([10]), this last family has only a finite number of isomorphism classes. This implies that our family  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{d})$  has only a finite number of isomorphism classes.  $\square$

## 5 An application to modules

Let  $\Lambda$  be an artin algebra over a commutative artinian ring  $k$ . In this section we study under which conditions two finitely generated  $\Lambda$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$  with  $\text{Ext}_{\Lambda}(M, M) = 0$  and  $\text{Ext}_{\Lambda}(N, N) = 0$  are isomorphic. As before for  $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$

we choose a minimal projective resolution:

$$\dots \rightarrow P_M^{-m} \xrightarrow{d_M^{-m}} P_M^{-m+1} \xrightarrow{d_M^{-m+1}} \dots P_M^{-1} \xrightarrow{d_M^{-1}} P_M^0 \xrightarrow{\eta_M} M \rightarrow 0.$$

We denote by  $P_M$  the complex in  $C^{\leq 0}(\text{proj } \Lambda)$  :

$$\dots \rightarrow P_M^{-m} \xrightarrow{d_M^{-m}} P_M^{-m+1} \xrightarrow{d_M^{-m+1}} \dots P_M^{-1} \xrightarrow{d_M^{-1}} P_M^0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \dots$$

For  $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$  we put  $\Omega(M) = \text{Ker}(\eta_M)$ .

**Theorem 5.1** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be in  $\text{mod } \Lambda$  such that  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, M) = 0$  and  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(N, N) = 0$ . Then  $M \cong N$  if and only if  $M/\text{rad}M \cong N/\text{rad}N$  and  $\Omega(M) \cong \Omega(N)$ .*

**Proof.** Neccesity is obvious, let us to prove sufficiency.

Let  $P'_M = l_{-2}(P_M)$  and  $P'_N = l_{-2}(P_N)$ .

By lemma 4.5 we have an exact isomorphism of categories

$$\mathbb{T}_{-1} : C(\text{Proj } \Lambda) \rightarrow \text{Morph}(C^{\leq -1}(\text{Proj } \Lambda), C^{\geq -1}(\text{Proj } \Lambda))$$

wich induces an exact isomorphism of categories

$$\mathbb{T} : C^{[-2, 0]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda) \rightarrow \text{Morph}(C^{[-2, -1]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda), C^{[-1, -1]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda)).$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{M}_2$  the category  $\text{Morph}(C^{[-2, -1]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda), C^{[-1, -1]}(\text{Proj } \Lambda))$ .

By corollary 4.8 we have  $\text{Ext}_{C(\text{Proj } \Lambda)}^1(P'_M, P'_M) \cong \text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, M) = 0$ . Then

$$(1) \quad \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{M}_2}(\mathbb{T}(P'_M), \mathbb{T}(P'_M)) = 0.$$

In a similar way

$$(2) \quad \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{M}_2}(\mathbb{T}(P'_N), \mathbb{T}(P'_N)) = 0.$$

The categories of bounded complexes over the finitely generated projective  $\Lambda$ -modules are Krull-Schmidt categories, so using the functors "erase at right" and "pull and erase" we get  $t_{-1}(P'_M) \cong \oplus_{i=1}^u a_i X_i$  and  $s_{-1}(P'_M) \cong \oplus_{j=1}^v b_j Y_j$ ,  $t_{-1}(P'_N) \cong \oplus_{i=1}^u c_i X_i$   $s_{-1}(P'_N) \cong \oplus_{j=1}^v h_j Y_j$ , where all decompositions are sums of pairwise non-isomorphic indecomposable objects. Now  $t_{-1}(P'_M)$  and  $t_{-1}(P'_N)$  correspond to minimal projective resolutions of  $\Omega(M)$  and  $\Omega(N)$  respectively, since  $\Omega(M) \cong \Omega(N)$  then  $a_i = c_i$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, v\}$ . On the other hand the only non zero module in the complexes  $s_{-1}(P'_M)$  and  $s_{-1}(P'_N)$  are  $P_M^0$  and  $P_N^0$  respectively, since  $M/\text{rad}M \cong N/\text{rad}N$ ,  $P_M^0 \cong P_N^0$ . Therefore  $s_{-1}(P'_M) \cong s_{-1}(P'_N)$  and this implies that  $b_j = h_j$  for  $j \in \{1, \dots, u\}$ . Let  $X = \oplus_{i=1}^u X_i$  and  $Y = \oplus_{j=1}^v Y_j$ .

By proposition 3.7 we have an exact equivalence of categories

$$\Theta : \text{Morph}(\text{add}X, \text{add}Y) \rightarrow \xi_Y^X(R_Y^X)$$

Then by (1) and (2) we have:

$$\text{Ext}_{\xi_Y^X(R_Y^X)}(\Theta\mathbb{1}(P'_M), \Theta\mathbb{1}(P'_M)) = 0, \quad \text{Ext}_{\xi_Y^X(R_Y^X)}(\Theta\mathbb{1}(P'_N), \Theta\mathbb{1}(P'_N)) = 0.$$

It follows by 5.1 of [5] that  $\Theta\mathbb{1}(P'_M) \cong \Theta\mathbb{1}(P'_N)$ . Then  $P'_M \cong P'_N$  and consequently  $M \cong N$ .

□

**Theorem 5.2** *Assume  $M, N$  in  $\text{mod } \Lambda$  have finite projective dimension and  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, M) \cong \text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(N, N) = 0$  and, for all  $j > 1$   $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(M, \Omega^{j-1}(M)) \cong \text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(N, \Omega^{j-1}(N)) = 0$ , then  $M \cong N$  if and only for all  $j$ ,  $P_M^{-j} \cong P_N^{-j}$ .*

**Proof.** Necessity is obvious, let us to prove sufficiency by induction on  $m = \max(p(M), p(N))$ , where  $p(M)$  and  $p(N)$  are the projective dimension of  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. If  $m = 0$  our claim is trivial. Suppose our claim proved for  $m-1$ , we will prove it for  $m$ . But  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(\Omega(M), \Omega(M)) \cong \text{Ext}_\Lambda^2(M, \Omega(M)) = 0$  and for all  $j > 1$ ,  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(\Omega(M), \Omega^{j-1}(\Omega(M))) \cong \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{j+1}(M, \Omega^j(M)) = 0$ . Thus  $\Omega(M)$  satisfies the hypothesis of our theorem, similarly  $\Omega(N)$  also satisfies the hypothesis of our theorem, since  $p(\Omega(M)) = p(\Omega(N)) = m-1$  and  $P_M^1/\text{rad}P_M^1 \cong \Omega(M)/\text{rad}\Omega(M) \cong P_N^1/\text{rad}P_N^1 \cong \Omega(N)/\text{rad}\Omega(N)$ , by the induction hypothesis,  $\Omega(M) \cong \Omega(N)$ . Here  $P_M^0 \cong P_N^0$ , then by theorem 5.1, we obtain  $M \cong N$ .

□

**Example 5.3** We present an example of two non-isomorphic modules with both having finite minimal projective resolution and the same projectives. Let  $\Lambda$  be the  $k$ -algebra of the quiver

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & \alpha_1 & & \beta_1 & \\ \circ_1 & \rightrightarrows & \circ_2 & \rightrightarrows & \circ_3 \\ & \alpha_2 & & \beta_2 & \end{array}$$

with the relation  $\{\beta_1\alpha_1, \beta_2\alpha_2\}$ . The representations

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} k & \xrightarrow{1} & k & \xrightarrow{0} & k \\ & 0 & & 1 & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} k & \xrightarrow{0} & k & \xrightarrow{1} & k \\ & 1 & & 0 & \end{array}$$

have trivial selfextensions group but both have a minimal projective resolution with data  $(..., 0, ..., 0, \Lambda e_3, \Lambda e_2, \Lambda e_1)$ .

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