

Derived categories of representations of small categories over commutative noetherian rings

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Abstract

We study the derived categories of small categories over commutative noetherian rings. Our main result is a parametrization of the localizing subcategories in terms of the spectrum of the ring and the localizing subcategories over residue fields. In the special case of representations of Dynkin quivers over a commutative noetherian ring we give a complete description of the localizing subcategories of the derived category, a complete description of the thick subcategories of the perfect complexes and show the telescope conjecture holds. We also present some results concerning the telescope conjecture more generally.

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1 Introduction

If T is a triangulated category with all coproducts, a localizing subcategory $L \subseteq T$ is a full triangulated subcategory closed under all coproducts in T . Localizing subcategories are so-named because in good cases (the Bousfield localizations) the Verdier quotient functor $T \rightarrow T/L$ possesses a right adjoint, i.e. they give rise to localization functors. Understanding the collection of localizing subcategories on a given triangulated category is a challenging and interesting problem which has been completely resolved in only a few classes of examples.

The history of such problems has roots in stable homotopy theory, where one would like to relate two localizations of the p -local stable homotopy category $SH_{(p)}$: one which has excellent theoretical properties (localization with respect to the homology theory given by the Johnson-Wilson spectrum $E(n)$) and one which is computable (the telescopic localization). The importance of such questions arose first in the work of Bousfield [4] and Ravenel [20]. That these two localizations agree is the still-open telescope conjecture. Work on nilpotence closely related to the telescope conjecture by Devinatz, Hopkins, and Smith [9, 11] has led to the classification of all thick subcategories, i.e. triangulated subcategories closed under direct summands, of SH^{fin} , the homotopy category of finite spectra. Using similar ideas on the detection of nilpotent maps between objects in $D(R)$, Neeman [18] classified the localizing subcategories of $D(R)$ and the thick subcategories of $D^{\text{perf}}(R)$ when R is noetherian in terms of $\text{Spec } R$.

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Going beyond the example of $D(R)$ where R is noetherian and commutative seems rather difficult. In terms of classification of thick subcategories of $D^{\text{perf}}(X)$, when X is a quasi-compact and quasi-separated scheme, one has the result of Thomason [23], which says that the thick subcategories which are also tensor ideals correspond bijectively to unions of closed subsets of X with quasi-compact complement. This kind of result has been taken up by other authors, such as Benson–Carlson–Rickard [2] and Benson–Iyengar–Krause [3], who study the tensor ideals of stable module categories of finite groups. This is part of a generalized framework of studying tensor ideals, pursued by Balmer [1], Dell’Ambrogio–Stevenson [7, 8], and Stevenson [21, 22].

In contrast to all that is known about thick subcategories, very little is known about localizing subcategories outside of Neeman’s theorem. For instance, one does not know all localizing subcategories of $D_{\text{qc}}(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^1)$. We mention one more example, due to Brüning [5], who classified the localizing subcategories of $D(A)$ where A is a hereditary Artin algebra of finite representation type.

Let R be a noetherian commutative ring. We show that in many cases classification of the localizing subcategories of an R -linear triangulated category can be reduced to studying the localizing subcategories of the “fibers” over the residue fields of R .

Let C be a small category, and let $s : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \text{Spec } R$ denote the class constructed fiber by fiber over $\text{Spec } R$, by letting $s^{-1}(p)$, for $p \in \text{Spec } R$, be the class of localizing subcategories of $D(k(p)C)$. Note that, a priori, the localizing subcategories of $D(k(p)C)$ only form a proper class, which is the reason for the careful wording above. There is, however, no known example of a compactly generated triangulated category whose collection of localizing subcategories does not form a set. The following result is our first theorem.

Theorem (4.3). *Let R be a noetherian commutative ring and C a small category. Then there is an isomorphism of lattices*

$$\{\text{localizing subcategories } L \text{ of } D(RC)\} \xrightleftharpoons[g]{f} \left\{ \text{sections } l \text{ of } \mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{s} \text{Spec } R \right\},$$

where f takes a localizing subcategory L of $D(RC)$ to the function $l : \text{Spec } R \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ such that $l(p) = \text{add}(k(p) \otimes_R L)$, and where $g(l)$ is the localizing subcategory generated by all X such that $k(p) \otimes_R X \in l(p)$ for all $p \in \text{Spec } R$.

In fact, our methods apply somewhat more generally, allowing one to replace $D(RC)$ with derived categories of representations of R -flat R -linear categories.

Our second result is a classification of the telescopic localizations of $D(RQ)$ and a classification of the thick subcategories of $D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$ when Q is a Dynkin quiver.

Theorem (5.1, 5.10, 5.11). *Let R be a noetherian commutative ring, Q a simply laced Dynkin quiver, and denote by RQ the R -linear path algebra of Q . There is an isomorphism of lattices*

$$\{\text{localizing subcategories of } D(RQ)\} \xrightleftharpoons[g]{f} \{\text{functions } \text{Spec } R \rightarrow \text{NC}(Q)\},$$

where $\text{NC}(Q)$ denotes the lattice of noncrossing partitions associated to Q .

Moreover, the telescope conjecture holds for $D(RQ)$ and the smashing subcategories, which by virtue of the telescope conjecture are in bijection with thick subcategories of $D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$, correspond to those $\sigma : \text{Spec } R \rightarrow \text{NC}(Q)$ such that whenever $p \subseteq q$ in $\text{Spec } R$ we have $\sigma(p) \leq \sigma(q)$.

In terms of the localizing subcategories, this theorem basically combines Theorem 1 with the results of Ingalls and Thomas [12] on localizing subcategories of $D(kQ)$ for fields k .

Initially, we had also hoped to prove the telescope conjecture for the telescopic localizations of $D(RC)$ more generally, at least with some hopefully mild hypothesis. This turned out to be overly ambitious, but we present some partial results in Section 6.

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2 Preliminaries on representations of small categories

Throughout we fix a commutative ring R . Let C be a small category.

Definition 2.1. The category of *right C -modules over R* is the functor category

$$\text{Mod}_R C = \text{Fun}(C^{\text{op}}, \text{Mod } R)$$

consisting of contravariant functors from C to the category of R -modules.

The following well known lemma ensures that we can use the standard tools of homological algebra when dealing with C -modules.

Lemma 2.2. *The category $\text{Mod}_R C$ of right C -modules over R is a Grothendieck category with enough projectives.*

Proof. Recall that a Grothendieck (abelian) category is an abelian category (1) satisfying axiom (AB5), on the existence and exactness of filtered colimits, and (2) possessing a generator. The lemma can be proved by showing that the direct sum of the set of representable objects is a generator, that filtered colimits are computed pointwise so that (AB5) follows from the satisfaction of that axiom for Mod_R itself, and finally that the projective objects of $\text{Mod}_R C$ are summands of direct sums of representables. Details are left to the reader. ■

We can also approach C -modules via R -linear functors.

Definition 2.3. The *R -linearization* of C , which we will denote by RC , is the category with the same objects as C and whose hom-objects are free R -modules on the hom-sets of C

$$RC(c, c') = \bigoplus_{f \in C(c, c')} Rf,$$

with the obvious composition rule. In other words, RC is the free R -linear category on C .

Definition 2.4. An R -linear category D is a small category enriched in R -modules. It is *flat* if $D(c, c')$ is a flat R -module for all pairs of objects c, c' in D .

Definition 2.5. If D is an R -linear category, then the category of right D -modules over R is defined to be the functor category

$$\text{Mod}_R D = \text{Fun}_R(D, \text{Mod } R)$$

of R -linear functors.

Evidently, RC is a flat R -linear category for any small category C , since the hom-objects are free. The reason for looking at these more general categories is to capture the representation theory of R -algebras “with many objects”, whereas the representations of RC are representations of monoids with many objects. In the case where C has one object with monoid of endomorphisms M , the category of representations of C in R -modules is equivalent to the category of right $R[M]$ -modules, where $R[M]$ is the monoid algebra of M . On the other hand, if D is an R -linear category with one object having endomorphism algebra S , then S is an R -algebra, and the category of R -linear representations of D is equivalent to the category of right S -modules. Of course, not every R -algebra is a monoid algebra, so the R -linear categories capture more examples.

Of course, we should now check that $\text{Mod}_R C$ and $\text{Mod}_R RC$ are equivalent. We do this in a moment, but we first want to introduce extra structure that will be preserved. Tensoring an RC -module objectwise with an R -module defines a bifunctor

$$\text{Mod } R \times \text{Mod}_R RC \xrightarrow{\otimes_R} \text{Mod}_R RC$$

which is explicitly given by $(M \otimes_R F)(c) = M \otimes_R F(c)$ for an R -module M , RC -module F , and $c \in C$. This gives an action of the category of R -modules on the category of RC -modules. We note this action is nothing other than the existence of copowers for the R -linear category $\text{Mod}_R RC$. There is, of course, a similar action on $\text{Mod}_R D$ when D is an R -linear category.

Remark 2.6. Here and in the sequel we will work with categories of the form RC since our main examples are of this form. However, our results are equally valid for flat R -linear categories; the only changes which need to be made are cosmetic.

Lemma 2.7. *The natural map $\text{Mod}_R RC \rightarrow \text{Mod}_R C$ is an equivalence for any small category C . Moreover, this equivalence is compatible with the actions described above.*

Proof. This follows from the standard 2-adjunction relating categories and R -linear categories, see for instance [13, Chapter 2.5]. ■

Lemma 2.8. *Given a morphism of commutative rings $R \xrightarrow{\phi} S$ the natural base change functor*

$$\phi^* : \text{Mod}_R RC \rightarrow \text{Mod}_S SC$$

has a right adjoint ϕ_ .*

Proof. The functor ϕ^* is given by applying $S \otimes_R -$ objectwise and ϕ_* is induced by restriction of scalars. This is again induced by a standard 2-adjunction between R -linear and S -linear categories corresponding to ϕ . ■

3 Generalities on derived categories of small categories over a commutative ring

Again R is a fixed commutative ring which we now also assume is noetherian, and C is a small category with R -linearisation RC . The (unbounded) derived category $D(RC)$ of RC is the category of complexes of right RC -modules where quasi-isomorphisms have been inverted. We note that this is a compactly generated triangulated category and the compact objects are, up to quasi-isomorphism, precisely the bounded complexes of projective RC -modules.

Recall that a localizing subcategory of $D(RC)$ is a full triangulated subcategory of $D(RC)$ closed under coproducts (any such subcategory is automatically closed under direct summands). We want to consider to what extent the localizing subcategories of $D(RC)$ are determined by the localizing subcategories of $D(k(p)C)$ as p ranges over the prime ideals of R . This is inspired by work of Neeman [18] who showed that in the case C is the terminal category i.e., $RC = R$, the localizing subcategories of $D(R)$ are determined by those of the $D(k(p))$. We restrict to noetherian rings as, even in the case $RC = R$, it is known that $\text{Spec } R$ does not determine the localizing subcategories of $D(R)$ in general.

Let us begin with the observation that the action of $\text{Mod } R$ on $\text{Mod}_R C$ can be derived.

Lemma 3.1. *The bifunctor $\text{Mod } R \times \text{Mod}_R C \rightarrow \text{Mod}_R C$ is left balanced, with respect to flat R -modules and objectwise R -flat RC -modules, i.e. it is exact when either the first variable is flat or the second variable is objectwise flat. It admits a left derived functor, independent up to isomorphism of which variable it is derived in, which gives a left action $D(R) \times D(RC) \rightarrow D(RC)$ in the sense of [21].*

Proof. Given $F \in \text{Mod}_R C$ such that F is objectwise R -flat it is clear $-\otimes_R F$ is exact. As $\text{Mod}_R C$ has enough projectives, and the projective RC -modules are componentwise projective we see $\text{Mod}_R C$ has enough objectwise R -flat modules. It is thus clear the functor can be left derived, using resolutions either in $\text{Mod } R$ or $\text{Mod}_R C$, and that it does not matter, up to quasi-isomorphism, on which side the resolution is taken (i.e., $-\otimes_R -$ is balanced as claimed). It is straightforward to check this gives an associative and unital action of $D(R)$ on $D(RC)$. ■

Remark 3.2. Given $E \in D(R)$ and $F \in D(RC)$ we will simply denote $E \otimes_R^L F$ by $E \otimes_R F$ or even $E \otimes F$; no confusion should result as we will almost exclusively work with derived functors (frequently with R fixed or clear from the context).

This allows us to utilize the machinery of tensor actions to analyze localizing subcategories of $D(RC)$. After giving a convenient lemma and some notation we will recall the main result from this theory that we will need.

Lemma 3.3. *Any localizing subcategory $L \subseteq D(RC)$ is closed under tensoring with complexes of R -modules. Explicitly, for any $M \in D(R)$ and $X \in L$ we have $M \otimes_R X \in L$.*

Proof. Evidently, if $X \in L$, then $R \otimes_R X \simeq X \in L$. Since $-\otimes_R X$ preserves coproducts, it follows that the subcategory of $D(R)$ consisting of complexes of R -modules M such that $M \otimes_R X \in L$ is localizing and contains R . Since R is a compact generator of $D(R)$, the lemma follows. ■

Let f be an element of R . We denote by $K_\infty(f)$ the *stable Koszul complex* of f

$$R \rightarrow R_f$$

where the map is the canonical one. Given a prime ideal p of R we set

$$K_\infty(p) = K_\infty(f_1) \otimes_R \cdots \otimes_R K_\infty(f_n),$$

where f_1, \dots, f_n is a choice of generators for p . The resulting complex is independent of the choice of generators up to quasi-isomorphism (independence is usually left as an exercise but a proof can be found for instance in [10, Lemma 2.3]).

Given $p \in \text{Spec } R$ we define the object $\Gamma_p R$ to be $K_\infty(p) \otimes_R R_p$. We recall from [21] that $\Gamma_p R \otimes_R \Gamma_p R \simeq \Gamma_p R$ and for $p \neq q$ in $\text{Spec } R$ we have $\Gamma_p R \otimes_R \Gamma_q R = 0$.

Remark 3.4. In more familiar language, the object $K_\infty(p)$ corresponds to taking local cohomology with support in $V(p)$ in the sense that the local cohomology functor is isomorphic to $K_\infty(p) \otimes (-)$. Thus $\Gamma_p R$ can be thought of as corresponding to “ p -localized local cohomology on $V(p)$.” In general it differs from the residue field $k(p)$, which is rarely tensor idempotent. In certain situations, for instance if $R = \mathbb{Z}$, one can express $\Gamma_p R$ as a desuspension of a flat resolution of $E(k(p))$, the injective envelope of the residue field at p ; for instance given a prime $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ one has $\Gamma_{(p)} \mathbb{Z} \cong \Sigma^{-1} E(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$. However, in general the precise relationship between $\Gamma_p R$, $k(p)$, and $E(k(p))$ seems to be more subtle.

As a final point of notation, we will use $\langle S \rangle$ to denote the smallest localizing subcategory of a triangulated category generated by some collection of objects S .

Theorem 3.5 ([21, Theorem 6.9]). *Given an object X of $D(RC)$ there is an equality of localizing subcategories*

$$\langle X \rangle = \langle \Gamma_p R \otimes_R X \mid p \in \text{Spec } R \rangle.$$

It follows that $\Gamma_p R \otimes_R X \simeq 0$ for all prime ideals p if and only if $X \simeq 0$.

Corollary 3.6. *If $X \in D(RC)$ is non-zero, then there is some prime ideal p of R such that $k(p) \otimes_R X$ is not zero.*

Proof. By the theorem there is a p such that $\Gamma_p R \otimes_R X$ is non-zero. The result now follows as $\langle \Gamma_p R \rangle = \langle k(p) \rangle$ in $D(R)$ by Neeman [18, Section 2], which implies $k(p) \otimes_R X \simeq 0$ if and only if $\Gamma_p R \otimes_R X \simeq 0$. ■

We now turn to analyzing the localizing subcategories of $D(RC)$ in terms of the ‘fibres’ $D(k(p)C)$ for $p \in \text{Spec } R$. Let \mathcal{L} be the class defined in the following way. It comes equipped with a surjective map $\mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{s} \text{Spec } R$, and the fiber over $p \in \text{Spec } R$ is the class of localizing subcategories of $D(k(p)C)$. We will define a pair of maps

$$\{\text{localizing subcategories } L \text{ of } D(RC)\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xleftarrow{g} \end{array} \left\{ \text{sections } l \text{ of } \mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{s} \text{Spec } R \right\}.$$

In order to define the maps in the most convenient manner we require a little preparation.

Lemma 3.7. *If X is in the image of the forgetful functor $D(k(p)C) \rightarrow D(RC)$ then $k(p) \otimes_R X$ is a direct sum of suspensions of X . In particular, the base change functor $D(RC) \rightarrow D(k(p)C)$ is essentially surjective up to summands.*

Proof. Let X be as in the statement i.e., X is a complex of $k(p)C$ -modules regarded as a complex of RC -modules. Then

$$k(p) \otimes_R X \simeq (k(p) \otimes_R k(p)) \otimes_{k(p)} X$$

is a coproduct of suspensions of X since $k(p) \otimes_R k(p)$ is a coproduct of suspensions of $k(p)$. As the base change functor $D(RC) \rightarrow D(k(p)C)$ is just $k(p) \otimes_R -$ the final statement of the lemma is an immediate consequence. ■

Lemma 3.8. *Let L be a localizing subcategory of $D(RC)$. Then $\text{add}(k(p) \otimes_R L)$, the closure of $k(p) \otimes_R L$ under summands and isomorphisms in $D(k(p)C)$, is a localizing subcategory of $D(k(p)C)$.*

Proof. It is evident $\text{add}(k(p) \otimes_R L)$ is closed under suspensions and coproducts in $D(k(p)C)$ as derived base change is exact and coproduct preserving. Thus it is sufficient to show $\text{add}(k(p) \otimes_R L)$ is closed under triangles. Suppose $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow$ is a triangle with $X, Y \in \text{add}(k(p) \otimes_R L)$. Without loss of generality we may assume $X, Y \in k(p) \otimes_R L$. By Lemma 3.3 the restrictions of X and Y lie in L , so we deduce the restriction of Z lies in L . Hence $k(p) \otimes_R Z$ is in $k(p) \otimes_R L$ and using Lemma 3.7 we see Z is in $\text{add}(k(p) \otimes_R L)$ proving the lemma. ■

The function f is defined as follows: we set $f(L)(p) = \text{add}(k(p) \otimes_R L)$ which is localizing by Lemma 3.8. Given a section l of s , define $g(l)$ as the localizing subcategory

$$\{X \in D(RC) \mid k(p) \otimes_R X \in l(p) \text{ for all primes } p \in \text{Spec } R\}.$$

There is another natural function

$$\{\text{localizing subcategories } L \text{ of } D(RC)\} \xleftarrow{g'} \left\{ \text{sections } l \text{ of } \mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{s} \text{Spec } R \right\}$$

defined as follows: let g' be the function that takes l to the localizing subcategory generated by the objects X of $l(p)$ for all p , viewed as RC -modules in the natural way, i.e.

$$g'(l) = \langle l(p) \mid p \in \text{Spec } R \rangle.$$

Lemma 3.9. *If L is a localizing subcategory of $D(RC)$, then $g'(f(L)) \subseteq L \subseteq g(f(L))$.*

Proof. The inclusion $L \subseteq g(f(L))$ is clear:

$$g(f(L)) = \{X \in D(RC) \mid k(p) \otimes_R X \in \text{add}(k(p) \otimes_R L) \forall p \in \text{Spec } R\} \supseteq L.$$

To show the other inclusion, note that $g'(f(L))$ is generated by $k(p) \otimes_R X$ as X ranges over the objects of L and p ranges over the primes of R . But, by Lemma 3.3, these are all in L . ■

Lemma 3.10. *Suppose that l is a section of s . Then, $f(g'(l)) = l = f(g(l))$. In particular, f is surjective.*

Proof. The value of $f(g'(l))$ at a prime p consists of the localizing subcategory of $D(k(p)C)$ generated by the complexes $k(p) \otimes_R X$ for $X \in l(p)$. By Lemma 3.7 $k(p) \otimes_R X$ is a direct sum of suspensions of X and thus $f(g'(l)) = l$. Similarly $l = f(g(l))$, proving the lemma. ■

Our goal is to show that $g'(f(L)) = L = g(f(L))$. This will prove that g and f are inverse bijections and so gives a description of the lattice of localizing subcategories of $D(RC)$ in terms of the corresponding derived categories over the residue fields of $\text{Spec } R$.

4 Proof of the main theorem

This section is dedicated to proving $g'(f(L)) = L = g(f(L))$.

Write $\Gamma_p D(RC)$ for the localizing subcategory consisting of objects X supported at $p \in \text{Spec } R$ i.e., those X satisfying $k(q) \otimes_R X \simeq 0$ for $q \neq p$. Equivalently, one can describe $\Gamma_p D(RC)$ as the essential image of $\Gamma_p R \otimes_R -$ in $D(RC)$. We can restrict f to the class of localizing subcategories of $\Gamma_p D(RC)$.

Proposition 4.1. *The following are equivalent:*

1. *the functions f and g are inverse bijections;*

2. the restrictions f_p and g_p

$$\left\{ \text{localizing subcategories of } \Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC) \right\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f_p} \\ \xleftarrow{g_p} \end{array} \left\{ \text{localizing subcategories of } \mathbf{D}(k(p)C) \right\}$$

are inverse bijections for all primes p ;

3. for every prime ideal p in $\text{Spec } R$ and for every object X of $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$, the localizing subcategories $\langle k(p) \otimes_R X \rangle$ and $\langle X \rangle$ are the same.

Proof. Clearly (1) implies (2). That (2) implies (3) follows from the fact that the localizing subcategories $\langle X \rangle$ and $\langle k(p) \otimes_R X \rangle$ have the same image under f_p . Since f is surjective, to prove that (3) implies (1), it suffices to prove that (3) implies f is injective. Assuming this for a moment, Lemma 3.10 says that both g and g' are inverses for f , which must then coincide.

Assume now that L is a localizing subcategory of $\mathbf{D}(RC)$ and that $X \in L$. It suffices to show that $X \in g'(f(L))$ since we have the other containment by Lemma 3.9. Under the assumption (3), $\Gamma_p R \otimes_R X \in g'(f(L))$ for every prime ideal p in $\text{Spec } R$ because $k(p) \otimes_R \Gamma_p R \otimes_R X \cong k(p) \otimes_R X$. Hence there is a containment of localizing subcategories

$$\langle \Gamma_p R \otimes_R X \mid p \in \text{Spec } R \rangle \subseteq g'(f(L)).$$

By Theorem 3.5, X lies in $\langle \Gamma_p R \otimes_R X \mid p \in \text{Spec } R \rangle$, so $X \in g'(f(L))$ completing the proof. ■

The following observation is our main ‘theorem’.

Theorem 4.2. *Let p be a prime ideal of R and X an object of $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$. Then $X \in \langle k(p) \otimes_R X \rangle$ and hence*

$$\langle k(p) \otimes_R X \rangle = \langle X \rangle.$$

Proof. Let X be as in the lemma and consider the following full subcategory of $\mathbf{D}(R)$

$$\mathbf{M} = \{E \in \mathbf{D}(R) \mid E \otimes_R X \in \langle k(p) \otimes_R X \rangle\}.$$

As $\langle k(p) \otimes_R X \rangle$ is a localizing subcategory it follows that \mathbf{M} is also localizing (this is relatively straightforward but a proof can be found in [21, Lemma 3.8]). It is immediate from the definition that $k(p) \in \mathbf{M}$ and so $\langle k(p) \rangle \subseteq \mathbf{M}$. By Neeman’s classification result [18] we have $\Gamma_p R \in \langle k(p) \rangle$ and hence $\Gamma_p R$ also lies in \mathbf{M} . Thus $\Gamma_p R \otimes_R X \in \langle k(p) \otimes_R X \rangle$ and it only remains to observe that $X \in \Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$ implies $\Gamma_p R \otimes_R X \simeq X$. ■

Corollary 4.3. *Let R be a commutative noetherian ring and C a small category. Then the assignments*

$$\left\{ \text{localizing subcategories } L \text{ of } \mathbf{D}(RC) \right\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xleftarrow{g} \end{array} \left\{ \text{sections } l \text{ of } \mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{s} \text{Spec } R \right\}$$

are inverse to one another.

Proof. By Proposition 4.1 it is sufficient to verify condition (3) i.e., that for every $X \in \Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$ we have $X \in \langle k(p) \otimes_R X \rangle$. This is precisely the content of the theorem and so we see f and g are inverse. ■

Remark 4.4. As noted in Remark 2.6 our results are also valid in the case D is a flat R -linear category and we consider $\mathbf{D}(\text{Mod}_R D)$. One just needs to replace $k(p)C$ by $k(p) \otimes_R D$, the base change of D to $k(p)$; the arguments don’t change.

5 Dynkin quivers

In this section we give a concrete application of the formalism above by considering the case that C is the path category of a simply laced Dynkin quiver. Let Q be a quiver whose underlying graph is a simply laced Dynkin diagram. We can naturally view Q as a poset i.e., a small category and apply our result to the study of the derived category, $D(RQ)$, of representations of Q over R . This yields the following extension of work of Ingalls and Thomas [12], where we refer the reader for information about noncrossing partitions.

Corollary 5.1. *Let R be a commutative noetherian ring, Q a simply laced Dynkin quiver, and denote by RQ the R -linear path algebra of Q . There is an isomorphism of lattices*

$$\{\text{localizing subcategories of } D(RQ)\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xleftarrow{g} \end{array} \{\text{functions } \text{Spec } R \rightarrow \text{NC}(Q)\},$$

where $\text{NC}(Q)$ denotes the lattice of noncrossing partitions associated to Q .

Proof. Corollary 4.3 applies so it just remains to demonstrate there is a bijection

$$\{\text{sections of } \mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{s} \text{Spec } R\} \simeq \text{Hom}(\text{Spec } R, \text{NC}(Q)).$$

This follows from [14, Theorem 6.10] which shows, without restriction on the field k , that there is a bijection between the lattice of thick subcategories of $D^b(kQ)$ and $\text{NC}(Q)$. As kQ is hereditary and of finite representation type, $D(kQ)$ is pure-semisimple i.e., every object is a direct sum of compact objects, and so we deduce a bijection between the lattice of localizing subcategories of $D(kQ)$ and $\text{NC}(Q)$. Thus sections of $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \text{Spec } R$ are nothing but functions from $\text{Spec } R$ to $\text{NC}(Q)$. ■

Remark 5.2. One can also use Lemma 3.10 and Krause's extension of a result by Igusa and Schiffler [14, Theorem 6.10] to get partial information on the lattice of localizing subcategories of $D(RQ)$ for an arbitrary quiver Q .

In this situation we can also obtain a classification of the thick subcategories of $D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$, the category of perfect complexes of RQ -modules. Recall that $D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$ is the full subcategory of $D(RQ)$ consisting of those objects quasi-isomorphic to a bounded complex of finitely generated projective modules; it is a thick subcategory and is the subcategory of compact objects in $D(RQ)$. As in the case of $D^{\text{perf}}(R)$, the thick subcategories of $D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$ are given by a sublattice of the lattice of localizing subcategories defined by a certain specialization closure condition.

Definition 5.3. We call a function $\sigma: \text{Spec } R \rightarrow \text{NC}(Q)$ *specialization closed* if whenever $p \subseteq q$ we have $\sigma(p) \leq \sigma(q)$ in $\text{NC}(Q)$.

Remark 5.4. This recovers the usual notion of specialization closure of subsets of $\text{Spec } R$ when $Q = A_1$ and so $\text{NC}(Q) = \{0, 1\}$. Moreover, returning to the general simply laced case, if L is a localizing subcategory with $f(L)$ specialization closed then for $p \subseteq q$ we have

$$k(p) \otimes L \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad k(q) \otimes L \neq 0.$$

We will show that specialization closed functions $\text{Spec } R \rightarrow \text{NC}(Q)$ classify smashing subcategories of $D(RQ)$ and that the telescope conjecture holds. Combining these two results gives the claimed classification result for thick subcategories of $D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$. We begin by recalling a useful fact and then present the easiest part of the argument.

Lemma 5.5. *Let p be a prime ideal of R and let M be an indecomposable $k(p)Q$ -module with dimension vector α . Then there is a rigid lattice \widetilde{M} over RQ , i.e. \widetilde{M} is R -free and $\text{Ext}_{RQ}^1(\widetilde{M}, \widetilde{M}) = 0$, with rank vector α . Moreover, for any $q \in \text{Spec } R$ the module $k(q) \otimes \widetilde{M}$ is the unique indecomposable $k(q)Q$ -module with dimension vector α . In particular,*

$$k(p) \otimes \widetilde{M} \cong M.$$

Proof. This is a (very) special case of a result of Crawley-Boevey [6, Theorem 1]. ■

Lemma 5.6. *Let $\sigma: \text{Spec } R \rightarrow \text{NC}(Q)$ be specialization closed. Then the localizing subcategory $L = g(\sigma)$ is generated by objects of $D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$.*

Proof. We prove this by just writing down a (rather redundant) generating set for L . For each prime ideal p such that $k(p) \otimes L \neq 0$ let $M(p)$ be a compact generator for the localizing subcategory of $D(k(p)Q)$ generated by $k(p) \otimes L$. Since $M(p)$ is a finite sum of (suspensions of) indecomposable modules in $D(k(p)Q)$ we can lift it to a lattice $\widetilde{M}(p)$ in $D(RQ)$ using Lemma 5.5. In particular, it is easily seen that $\widetilde{M}(p)$ is compact in $D(RQ)$. Set

$$G = \{K(p) \otimes \widetilde{M}(p) \mid p \in \text{Spec } R \text{ with } k(p) \otimes L \neq 0\} \text{ and } L' = \langle G \rangle,$$

where $K(p)$ denotes the Koszul complex for p defined by

$$K(p) = \bigotimes_{i=1}^r \text{cone}(R \xrightarrow{f_i} R)$$

where p is generated by f_1, \dots, f_r . (Recall that this implicitly means the derived tensor product over R .) Since $K(p) \in D^{\text{perf}}(R)$ and $\widetilde{M}(p) \in D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$, the set G consists of compact objects by [21, Lemma 4.6].

For primes $p \subseteq q \in \text{Spec } R$ the object $k(q) \otimes (K(p) \otimes \widetilde{M}(p))$ is a finite sum of suspensions of copies of the $k(q)Q$ -module $k(q) \otimes \widetilde{M}(p)$. This latter module can be described as follows: each indecomposable summand of $M(p)$ corresponds to an indecomposable $k(q)Q$ -module, namely the indecomposable with the same dimension vector, and $k(q) \otimes \widetilde{M}(p)$ is the corresponding sum of these indecomposable $k(q)Q$ -modules. In particular, $M(p)$ and $k(q) \otimes \widetilde{M}(p)$ correspond to the same element of $\text{NC}(Q)$. If, on the other hand, $p \not\subseteq q$ then $k(q) \otimes (K(p) \otimes \widetilde{M}(p)) = 0$.

Putting everything together we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle k(q) \otimes L' \rangle &= \langle k(q) \otimes K(p) \otimes \widetilde{M}(p) \mid p \in \text{Spec } R \text{ with } k(p) \otimes L \neq 0 \rangle \\ &= \langle k(q) \otimes \widetilde{M}(q) \rangle \\ &= \langle M(q) \rangle \\ &= \langle k(q) \otimes L \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where the second equality follows from the computation in the preceding paragraph together with specialization closure of σ , and the third and fourth equalities are by definition of $M(q)$ and $\widetilde{M}(q)$. This shows that $f(L) = f(L')$ and thus, by the classification of localizing subcategories, $L = L'$. We have thus exhibited a set of generators $G \subseteq D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$ for L . ■

We now continue with proving that the specialization closed functions $\text{Spec } R \rightarrow \text{NC}(Q)$ classify smashing subcategories of $D(RQ)$. Combined with the above lemma this proves the telescope conjecture and classifies the thick subcategories of $D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$.

Let us fix a smashing subcategory S of $D(RQ)$, i.e. we have a localization sequence

$$S \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{i_*} \\ \xrightarrow{i^!} \end{array} D(RQ) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{j^*} \\ \xleftarrow{j_*} \end{array} S^\perp$$

where $i^!$ and j_* are the right adjoints of the inclusion functors i_* and the localization functor j^* respectively and all of these functors preserve coproducts. In particular, S^\perp is also a localizing subcategory of $D(RQ)$. In order to prove the result indicated above we start with two elementary lemmas.

Lemma 5.7. *Let S be as above. For any $Y \in D(R)$ and $X \in D(RQ)$ we have canonical isomorphisms*

$$i_* i^!(Y \otimes X) \cong Y \otimes i_* i^! X \quad \text{and} \quad j_* j^*(Y \otimes X) \cong Y \otimes j_* j^* X.$$

Proof. Consider the localization triangle for X

$$i_* i^! X \rightarrow X \rightarrow j_* j^* X \rightarrow \Sigma i_* i^! X.$$

Acting on this triangle with Y gives a new triangle

$$Y \otimes i_* i^! X \rightarrow Y \otimes X \rightarrow Y \otimes j_* j^* X \rightarrow \Sigma(Y \otimes i_* i^! X).$$

By Lemma 3.3 both S and S^\perp are closed under the $D(R)$ action and so $Y \otimes i_* i^! X \in S$ and $Y \otimes j_* j^* X \in S^\perp$. The claimed isomorphisms follow immediately from the uniqueness of localization triangles. \blacksquare

Lemma 5.8. *Let $p' \in \text{Spec } R$ and M and N be indecomposable $k(p')Q$ -modules satisfying*

$$\text{Hom}_{k(p')Q}(M, N) \neq 0$$

and denote choices of their respective rigid lattice lifts by \tilde{M} and \tilde{N} . Then given $p \subseteq q \in \text{Spec } R$ we have

$$\text{Hom}_{RQ}(E(k(p)) \otimes \tilde{M}, E(k(q)) \otimes \tilde{N}) \neq 0,$$

where $E(k(p))$ and $E(k(q))$ denote the injective envelopes of the residue fields $k(p)$ and $k(q)$.

Proof. We know there are rigid lattice lifts of M and N by Lemma 5.5. We can choose, using the classification of indecomposable modules over Q , a non-zero $\phi: M \rightarrow N$ given on each component by matrices involving only zero and identity maps. It is then clear we can lift it to a non-zero $\tilde{\phi}: \tilde{M} \rightarrow \tilde{N}$ such that $\tilde{\phi}$, like ϕ , is given componentwise by matrices whose only entries are zero and identity maps. On the other hand, since $p \subseteq q$, there is a non-zero map $\psi: E(k(p)) \rightarrow E(k(q))$. It is thus evident by our choice of $\tilde{\phi}$ that either of the equal composites in the commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E(k(q)) \otimes \tilde{M} & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \tilde{\phi}} & E(k(q)) \otimes \tilde{N} \\ \psi \otimes 1 \uparrow & & \uparrow \psi \otimes 1 \\ E(k(p)) \otimes \tilde{M} & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \tilde{\phi}} & E(k(p)) \otimes \tilde{N} \end{array}$$

gives the desired non-zero morphism. \blacksquare

Using this series of easy observations we can now dispose of the proof of the theorem in short order.

Theorem 5.9. *Let S be a smashing subcategory of $D(RQ)$ with notation as introduced above. Then $f(S): \text{Spec } R \rightarrow \text{NC}(Q)$ is specialization closed.*

Proof. Fix $p \subseteq q \in \text{Spec } R$ and an indecomposable module $M \in k(p) \otimes S \subseteq D(k(p)Q)$ with dimension vector α . By Lemma 5.5 there is a lattice $\widetilde{M} \in D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$ with $k(p) \otimes \widetilde{M} \cong M$ and $k(q) \otimes \widetilde{M}$ the unique indecomposable $k(q)Q$ -module with dimension vector α . We have to show that $k(q) \otimes \widetilde{M}$ is in $k(q) \otimes S$. To this end consider the localization triangle

$$i_* i^! \widetilde{M} \rightarrow \widetilde{M} \rightarrow j_* j^* \widetilde{M} \rightarrow \Sigma i_* i^! \widetilde{M}.$$

Pick an indecomposable summand N of $k(q) \otimes j_* j^* \widetilde{M}$ and note that, by Lemma 5.7, $N \in S^\perp$. We assume N is non-zero as if $k(q) \otimes j_* j^* \widetilde{M}$ is zero then $k(q) \otimes \widetilde{M}$ is in S and we are done. Let \widetilde{N} be a lattice lift of N . As we have assumed $k(q) \otimes j_* j^* \widetilde{M}$ is non-zero the morphism

$$\phi = k(q) \otimes \widetilde{M} \rightarrow k(q) \otimes j_* j^* \widetilde{M} \rightarrow N \cong k(q) \otimes \widetilde{N}$$

must also be non-zero. Thus we can apply Lemma 5.8 to produce a non-zero morphism

$$\gamma: E(k(p)) \otimes \widetilde{M} \rightarrow E(k(q)) \otimes \widetilde{N}$$

in $D(RQ)$.

On the other hand, by assumption $k(p) \otimes \widetilde{M} \in S$ and $k(q) \otimes \widetilde{N} \in S^\perp$. As both S and S^\perp are localizing, and for any prime ideal p' we have $E(k(p')) \in \langle k(p') \rangle$, we see (as in the proof of Theorem 4.2) that

$$E(k(p)) \otimes \widetilde{M} \in S \quad \text{and} \quad E(k(q)) \otimes \widetilde{N} \in S^\perp.$$

But this contradicts the existence of the non-zero morphism γ . Hence N must have been zero, showing that $k(q) \otimes j_* j^* \widetilde{M} \cong 0$, which in turn implies (via Lemma 5.7) that $k(q) \otimes \widetilde{M} \in S$ as desired. ■

This has the following, more palatable, consequences.

Corollary 5.10. *Let R be a commutative noetherian ring and Q a simply laced Dynkin quiver. Then $D(RQ)$ satisfies the telescope conjecture: every smashing subcategory is generated by objects of $D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$.*

Proof. Suppose S is a smashing subcategory. Then by the classification given in Corollary 5.1 we know

$$S = gf(S).$$

By Theorem 5.9 the function $f(S)$ is specialization closed and so by Lemma 5.6 we see $S = gf(S)$ is generated by objects of $D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$ as claimed. ■

Corollary 5.11. *Let R be a commutative noetherian ring and Q a simply laced Dynkin quiver. There is an isomorphism of lattices*

$$\left\{ \text{thick subcategories of } D^{\text{perf}}(RQ) \right\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xleftarrow{g} \end{array} \left\{ \text{specialization closed functions } \text{Spec } R \rightarrow \text{NC}(Q) \right\},$$

where $\text{NC}(Q)$ denotes the lattice of noncrossing partitions associated to Q .

Proof. Considering the classification of Corollary 5.1 and putting together Theorem 5.9 and Lemma 5.6 gives a classification of the smashing subcategories of $D(RQ)$ in terms of the specialization closed functions $\text{Spec } R \rightarrow \text{NC}(Q)$. By the previous corollary this is also the classification of the localizing subcategories of $D(RQ)$ generated by objects of $D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$. One obtains the isomorphism we have asserted in the statement in the standard way: by Thomason’s localization theorem (see for example [19, Theorem 2.1]) the thick subcategories of $D^{\text{perf}}(RQ)$ are in order-preserving bijection with the localizing subcategories of $D(RQ)$ which are generated by perfect complexes. ■

Example 5.12. Let R be a local 1-dimensional domain. So, $\text{Spec } R$ consists of two points: a generic point η and a closed point x . We will consider the case of $Q = A_2$ in the above examples. The lattice $\text{NC}(A_2)$ consists of the noncrossing partitions of the set $\{1, 2, 3\}$. A noncrossing partition of a cyclically ordered set S determined by an equivalence relation \sim is one where $x < y < z < w$, $x \sim z$, and $y \sim w$ together imply that $x \sim y \sim z \sim w$.

Figure 1 shows the lattice $\text{NC}(A_2)$, the lattice of noncrossing partitions of $\{1, 2, 3\}$. We display each partition as determined by its largest equivalence classes. The class of all localizing subcategories of $D(RA_2)$ in this case is simply two copies of the lattice below, indexed on η and x . Figure 2 shows the lattice of specialization closed functions $\text{Spec } R \rightarrow \text{NC}(A_2)$, which by the results above is the lattice of thick subcategories of $D^{\text{perf}}(RA_2)$.

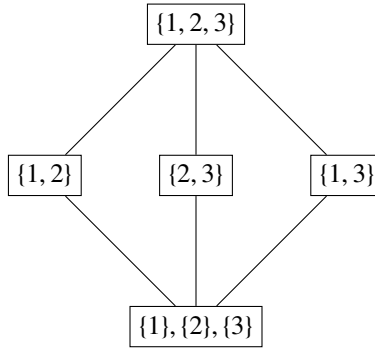


Figure 1: The lattice of noncrossing partitions of $\{1, 2, 3\}$. The coarser partitions are decreed to be bigger in the lattice structure.

6 Towards telescoping

we have seen in Corollary 5.10 the telescope conjecture holds for $D(RQ)$ when Q is an ADE quiver and R is any commutative noetherian ring. Unfortunately we were not able to prove such a general statement for even arbitrary quivers, let alone arbitrary small categories. However, we do have some partial results and remarks which we present in this section which revolve around the following question.

Question 6.1. Let R be a noetherian commutative ring. Does the telescope conjecture hold for $D(RC)$ when C is an ordinary (not R -linear) category if it holds for $D(k(p)C)$ for all $p \in \text{Spec } R$?

We begin to answer this question by showing the bijection of Proposition 4.1(2) restricts to a bijection between the collections of smashing subcategories. Given a localizing subcategory L of

some triangulated category we will denote the associated acyclization and localization functors by Γ_L and L_L respectively.

Remark 6.2. Throughout we will prove that some localizing subcategory S is smashing by exhibiting that the right orthogonal S^\perp is also localizing. In order for this condition to be equivalent to S being smashing one needs to know the inclusion of S admits a right adjoint. In all of the cases we consider S will clearly be generated by a set of objects, for instance it will be the localizing subcategory generated by the image of some other smashing subcategory under an exact functor, and so the existence of the adjoint follows from Brown representability. Indeed, in this case one has a generating set as any smashing subcategory of a compactly generated triangulated category has a set of generators by [16, Theorem 7.4.1] and so one can apply Brown representability for well-generated categories as in [17] (or see [16, Theorem 5.1.1]). Thus we will suppress this part of the arguments throughout.

Let us for the moment fix some $p \in \text{Spec } R$ and denote by i^* the functor $k(p) \otimes (-): \Gamma_p D(RC) \rightarrow D(k(p)C)$ and its right adjoint by i_* .

Lemma 6.3. *Suppose S is a smashing subcategory of $\Gamma_p D(RC)$ and set*

$$T = f(S) = \text{add}(k(p) \otimes S) \quad \text{and} \quad T' = f(S^\perp) = \text{add}(k(p) \otimes S^\perp).$$

Then T' is the right orthogonal of T and hence T is a smashing subcategory of $D(k(p)C)$.

Proof. If $X \in T'$ then there is, by definition, some $\bar{X} \in S^\perp$ such that X is a summand of $i^*\bar{X}$. Given $Y \in T$, which we can assume to be of the form $i^*\bar{Y}$ with $\bar{Y} \in S$, we have

$$\text{Hom}(i^*\bar{Y}, i^*\bar{X}) \cong \text{Hom}(\bar{Y}, i_*i^*\bar{X}).$$

This latter hom-set is zero as $\bar{Y} \in S$ and $i_*i^*\bar{X} \in S^\perp$ by the closure of localizing subcategories under the $D(R)$ action. Thus $T' \subseteq T^\perp$.

On the other hand, if $\text{Hom}(i^*S, Z) = 0$ for some $Z \in D(k(p)C)$, then by adjunction $i_*Z \in S^\perp$. Hence $i^*i_*Z \in T'$ and we know, by Lemma 3.7, Z is a summand of i^*i_*Z . So Z is in T' , proving that $T^\perp \subseteq T'$ and completing the argument. ■

Now we fix a smashing subcategory T of $D(k(p)C)$ and set

$$S = g(T) = \langle i_*T \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad S' = g(T^\perp) = \langle i_*T^\perp \rangle.$$

We wish to show S is smashing with right orthogonal S' . We prove this in the following four statements.

Lemma 6.4. *The subcategories S and S' generate $\Gamma_p D(RC)$ i.e., we have an equality*

$$\langle S \cup S' \rangle = \Gamma_p D(RC).$$

Proof. Let X be an object of $\Gamma_p D(RC)$. By Theorem 4.2 we know X is in the localizing subcategory $\langle i_*i^*X \rangle$. We have a localization triangle in $D(k(p)C)$

$$\Gamma_T i^*X \rightarrow i^*X \rightarrow L_T i^*X \rightarrow \Sigma \Gamma_T i^*X$$

where $\Gamma_T i^*X \in T$ and $L_T i^*X \in T^\perp$. Applying i_* gives a triangle in $D(RC)$

$$i_*\Gamma_T i^*X \rightarrow i_*i^*X \rightarrow i_*L_T i^*X \rightarrow \Sigma i_*\Gamma_T i^*X$$

with $i_*\Gamma_T i^*X \in S$ and $i_*L_T i^*X \in S'$ by definition. Thus $X \in \langle i_*i^*X \rangle \subseteq \langle S \cup S' \rangle$ as claimed. ■

Lemma 6.5. *There is a containment of triangulated subcategories $S' \subseteq S^\perp$.*

Proof. It is enough to check that for every $t \in T$ and $t' \in T^\perp$ we have

$$\mathrm{Hom}(i_*t, i_*t') = 0.$$

The required vanishing follows from the isomorphisms

$$\mathrm{Hom}(i_*t, i_*t') \cong \mathrm{Hom}(i^*i_*t, t') \cong \mathrm{Hom}\left(\prod_{\lambda} \Sigma^{n_{\lambda}}t, t'\right) \cong \prod_{\lambda} \mathrm{Hom}(\Sigma^{n_{\lambda}}t, t') = 0,$$

where the first isomorphism is by adjunction, the second is by Lemma 3.7, and the final hom-set vanishes by assumption. ■

Lemma 6.6. *There is an equality*

$$\Gamma_p D(RC) = \{X \in \Gamma_p D(RC) \mid \exists \text{ a triangle } X' \rightarrow X \rightarrow X'' \rightarrow \Sigma X' \text{ with } X' \in S \text{ and } X'' \in S'\}.$$

Proof. It is routine to verify that the full subcategory defined on the right hand side above is localizing and it contains S and S' by definition. The equality then follows from Lemma 6.4. ■

Proposition 6.7. *The subcategory S is smashing in $\Gamma_p D(RC)$ with right orthogonal S' .*

Proof. We already know by Lemma 6.5 that $S' \subseteq S^\perp$. Let X be an object of S^\perp . By the last lemma we know there is a triangle

$$X' \rightarrow X \rightarrow X'' \rightarrow \Sigma X'$$

with $X' \in S$ and $X'' \in S'$. But, since $X \in S^\perp$ the first map must vanish implying $X'' \cong X \oplus \Sigma X'$. This in turn implies $X' \cong 0$ since $S \cap S' = 0$. We thus conclude that $X \cong X''$, i.e. $X \in S'$ proving $S^\perp = S'$. In particular, S is smashing. ■

We now have enough to prove that we can describe the smashing subcategories of $\Gamma_p D(RC)$ in terms of the smashing subcategories of $D(k(p)C)$.

Theorem 6.8. *There is an order preserving bijection*

$$\left\{ \text{smashing subcategories of } \Gamma_p D(RC) \right\} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f_p} \\ \xleftarrow{g_p} \end{array} \left\{ \text{smashing subcategories of } D(k(p)C) \right\}$$

Proof. We know from Proposition 4.1(2) that there is a bijection between the sets of localizing subcategories of $\Gamma_p D(RC)$ and $D(k(p)C)$ given by f_p and g_p . By Lemma 6.3 and Proposition 6.7 both f_p and g_p send smashing subcategories to smashing subcategories and so the bijection restricts as claimed. ■

Obtaining the corresponding result for localizing subcategories generated by compact objects of $\Gamma_p D(RC)$ and $D(k(p)C)$ seems more subtle. However, if R is sufficiently nice at the prime ideal p this is possible. In order to state the result we need a simple preparatory lemma.

Lemma 6.9. *Let p be a prime ideal of $\mathrm{Spec} R$. The category $\Gamma_p D(RC)$ is a compactly generated triangulated category.*

Proof. Recall that $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$ is the essential image of acting by

$$\Gamma_p R = K_\infty(p) \otimes_R R_p.$$

It is clear that $\mathbf{D}(R_p C)$, the essential image of acting by R_p , is a compactly generated triangulated category. By [21, Corollary 4.11] the essential image of $K_\infty(p)_p \otimes_{R_p} (-)$ acting on $\mathbf{D}(R_p C)$, namely $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$, is also compactly generated (even by objects of $\mathbf{D}^{\text{perf}}(R_p C)$). ■

In the statement and proof of the following proposition, the notation $(\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC))^c$ denotes the full subcategory of compact objects of $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$.

Proposition 6.10. *Let p be a prime ideal of R such that R_p is regular. Then the assignments f_p and g_p of Proposition 4.1(2) induce an order preserving bijection between localizing subcategories of $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$ generated by objects of $(\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC))^c$ and localizing subcategories of $\mathbf{D}(k(p)C)$ generated by objects of $\mathbf{D}^{\text{perf}}(k(p)C)$.*

Proof. The base change functor $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC) \rightarrow \mathbf{D}(k(p)C)$ has a coproduct preserving right adjoint and so sends compacts to compacts by [19, Theorem 5.1]. Thus it is clear that f_p sends any localizing subcategory of $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$ generated by objects of $(\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC))^c$ to a localizing subcategory generated by objects of $\mathbf{D}^{\text{perf}}(k(p)C)$. The argument for g_p is similar, using the fact that as R_p is regular, the residue field $k(p)$ is compact, and so the right adjoint of the restriction functor $\text{Hom}_R(k(p), -)$ is also coproduct preserving. ■

As an immediate consequence of the theorem and the proposition we deduce the following corollary.

Corollary 6.11. *Suppose R_p is regular. Then $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$ satisfies the telescope conjecture if and only if $\mathbf{D}(k(p)C)$ satisfies the telescope conjecture.*

Proof. Suppose $\mathbf{D}(k(p)C)$ satisfies the telescope conjecture and let S be a smashing subcategory of $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$. Then $f_p(S)$ is smashing in $\mathbf{D}(k(p)C)$ by Theorem 6.8 and $g_p f_p(S) = S$. Since we have assumed the telescope conjecture for $\mathbf{D}(k(p)C)$ we know $f_p(S)$ is generated by objects of $\mathbf{D}^{\text{perf}}(k(p)C)$. Applying Proposition 6.10 we deduce that $S = g_p f_p(S)$ is generated by objects which are compact in $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$. Thus the telescope conjecture holds for $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$. The other implication is clear since i^* preserves compact objects. ■

This corollary already buys us something in a concrete setting, although it is not clear how to extend it to all of $\mathbf{D}(RC)$.

Corollary 6.12. *Let Q be a quiver and let R be a commutative noetherian ring. For each $p \in \text{Spec } R$ such that R_p is regular the telescope conjecture holds for $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$.*

Proof. By the previous corollary it is sufficient to verify the telescope conjecture for $\mathbf{D}(k(p)Q)$. This has been done by Krause and Šťovíček, see [15, Theorem 7.1]. ■

We give one additional lemma that could prove useful in resolving Question 6.1.

Lemma 6.13. *If S is a smashing subcategory of $\mathbf{D}(RC)$ then for every $p \in \text{Spec } R$ the localizing subcategory $\Gamma_p S$ is smashing in $\Gamma_p \mathbf{D}(RC)$.*

Proof. It is not hard to check that both $\Gamma_p \mathcal{S}$ and $\Gamma_p(\mathcal{S}^\perp)$ are localizing subcategories of $\Gamma_p \mathcal{D}(RC)$. Moreover,

$$\Gamma_p \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{S} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_p(\mathcal{S}^\perp) \subseteq \mathcal{S}^\perp$$

by Lemma 3.3. In particular, $\Gamma_p(\mathcal{S}^\perp) \subseteq (\Gamma_p \mathcal{S})^\perp$. Applying $\Gamma_p R \otimes_R (-)$ to localization triangles for \mathcal{S} shows that every object X of $\Gamma_p \mathcal{D}(RC)$ fits into a triangle

$$X' \rightarrow X \rightarrow X'' \rightarrow \Sigma X'$$

with $X' \in \Gamma_p \mathcal{S}$ and $X'' \in \Gamma_p(\mathcal{S}^\perp)$ and so one can conclude the proof by arguing as in the proof of Proposition 6.7. ■

In summary, we understand what happens at “points” and we can pass from a smashing subcategory of $\mathcal{D}(RC)$ to a smashing subcategory at each prime. What is not clear is how to use this pointwise information to deduce something about the original smashing subcategory. The naive idea, based on the existing proofs of the telescope conjecture in various instances, would be to prove some sort of specialization closure condition for the section corresponding to a smashing subcategory as in Theorem 5.9. One could then hope to combine such a condition with the fibrewise results above. However, the following example shows that one can not always expect specialization closure.

Example 6.14. Consider the projection $\text{Spec } k[x, y] \rightarrow \text{Spec } k[x]$. We view $\text{Mod } k[x, y]$ as a $k[x]$ -linear category. This gives rise to an action of $\mathcal{D}(k[x])$ on $\mathcal{D}(k[x, y])$. Let \mathcal{S} be the smashing subcategory of $\mathcal{D}(k[x, y])$ determined by the closed curve $xy = 1$. Then, the support of \mathcal{S} with respect to the action of $\mathcal{D}(k[x])$ is open in $\text{Spec } k[x]$. Of course, in this case the telescope conjecture does hold.

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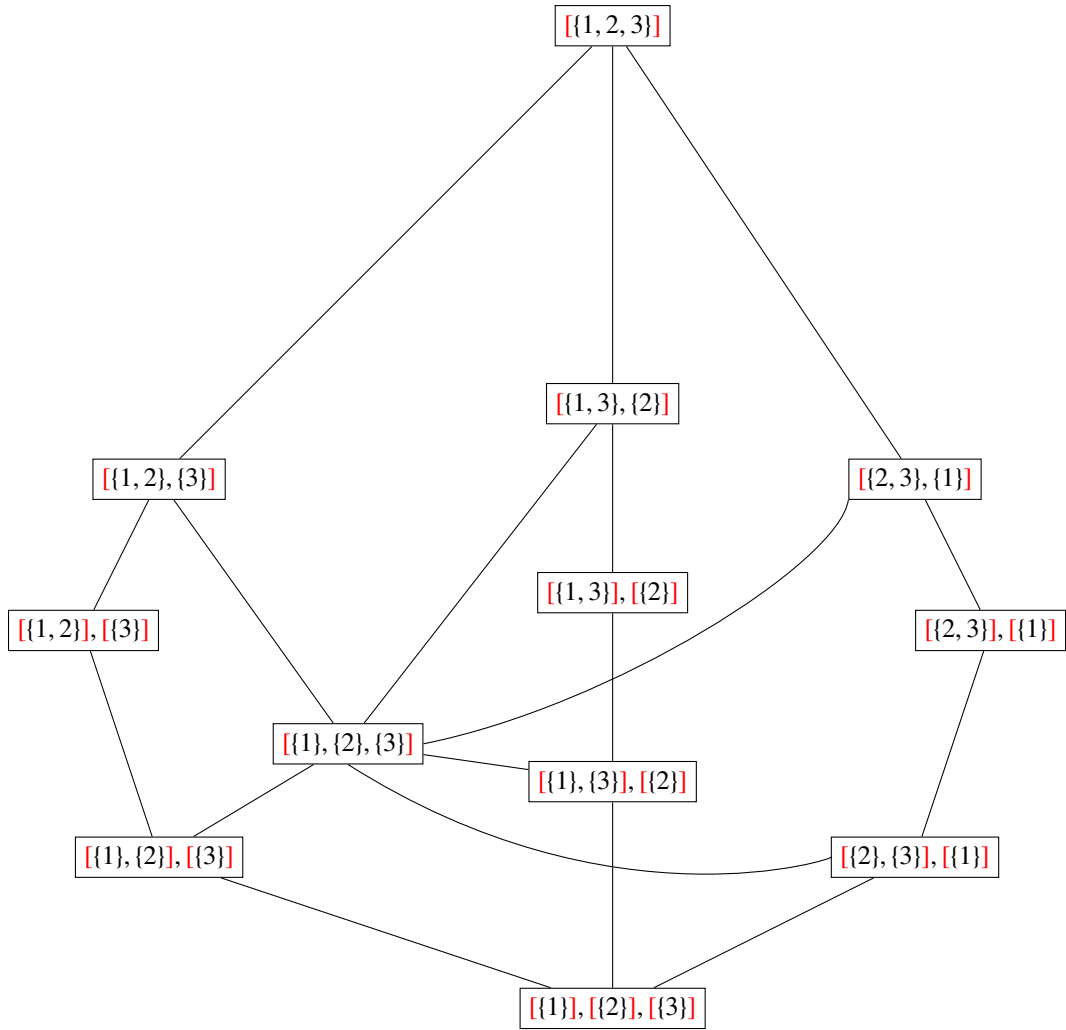


Figure 2: The lattice of specialization closed functions $\text{Spec } R \rightarrow \text{NC}(A_2)$ for R a 1-dimensional local domain. The partition given by the black parentheses is the noncrossing partition corresponding to the generic point η , while the partition determined by the red parentheses is the partition corresponding to the closed point x .