CLUSTER-TILTED ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We introduce a new class of algebras, which we call cluster-tilted. They are by definition the endomorphism algebras of tilting objects in a cluster category. We show that their representation theory is very close to the representation theory of hereditary algebras. As an application of this, we prove a generalised version of so-called APR-tilting.

INTRODUCTION

In [FZ] Fomin and Zelevinsky introduced a class of algebras which they called cluster algebras. There are interesting connections to their theory in many directions (see [FZ2]), amongst them to tilting modules over hereditary algebras [MRZ]. Motivated by [MRZ], tilting theory in a particular factor category of the bounded derived category $D^b(\text{mod } H)$ of the finitely generated modules over a finite dimensional hereditary algebra $H$ over a field $k$ was investigated in [BMRRT], along with the relationship to tilting theory for hereditary algebras. In the triangulated category $D^b(\text{mod } H)$ denote by $[1]$ the suspension functor. Since $H$ has finite global dimension, $D^b(\text{mod } H)$ has AR-triangles [H]. Denote by $\tau$ the corresponding translation functor, which is an autoequivalence. Denoting by $F$ the composition $\tau^{-1}[1]$, the cluster category $\mathcal{C}$ was defined in [BMRRT] as the factor category $D^b(\text{mod } H)/F$. Actually, the theory holds more generally when replacing $\text{mod } H$ with any hereditary abelian Ext-finite $k$-category (see [BMRRT], Section 3).

Tilting modules play an important role in the representation theory of finite dimensional algebras, and the tilted algebras which by definition are the algebras of the form $\text{End}_H(T)^{\text{op}}$ for a tilting module $T$ over a hereditary algebra $H$, form a central class of algebras. Their module theory is to a large extent determined by the module theory of the hereditary algebra $H$. This motivates investigating the cluster-tilted algebras more closely, which are those of the form $\text{End}_\mathcal{C}(T)^{\text{op}}$, where $T$ is a tilting $H$-module, viewed as an object in $\mathcal{C}$, or equivalently, $T$ is a cluster tilting object in $\mathcal{C}$, or tilting object for short (see [BMRRT]). We also investigate the relationship between $\mathcal{C}$ and the module theory of these algebras. In some sense the relationship is even closer than is the case for tilted algebras. The following first main result is proved in Section 2.
Theorem A. If $T$ is a tilting object in $\mathcal{C}$, then $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(T, \_)$ induces an equivalence $\mathcal{C}/\text{add}(\tau T) \to \text{mod } \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(T)^{\text{op}}$.

Interesting consequences are that for finite representation type the cluster-tilted algebras all have the same number of indecomposable modules as the hereditary algebra $H$ we started with, and that we get a nice description of the AR-quivers of cluster-tilted algebras.

Also, the notion of almost complete (cluster) tilting object was investigated in cluster categories in [BMRRT], and it was shown that there are always exactly two complements (see Section 1 for definitions). For an almost complete tilting object $T$, let $M$ and $M^*$ be the two complements, and let $T = T \oplus M$ and $T' = T \oplus M^*$. As an application of Theorem A we prove a close connection between the modules over $\Gamma = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(T)^{\text{op}}$ and $\Gamma' = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(T')^{\text{op}}$. To understand this connection better is of interest for the relationship to cluster algebras. If $S_M$ and $S_{M^*}$ denote the simple tops of the $\Gamma$-module $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(T, M)$ and the $\Gamma'$-module $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(T', M^*)$, respectively, we have the following, which answers a conjecture in [BMRRT].

Theorem B. With the above notation the categories $\text{mod } \Gamma/\text{add } S_M$ and $\text{mod } \Gamma'/\text{add } S_{M^*}$ are equivalent.

A relevant model for our result from tilting theory is the APR-tilting modules, which by definition, for a hereditary (basic) algebra $H$ are of the form $T = P \oplus \tau^{-1} S$, where $H = P \oplus S$, and $S$ is simple projective. Then $T$ and $H$ are two completions of the almost complete tilting module $P$, and are actually also the two completions of the almost complete tilting object $P$ in $\mathcal{C}$. Thus, Theorem B can be regarded as a generalisation of APR-tilting.

P. Caldero, F. Chapoton and R. Schiffler [CCS] have recently associated an algebra to each cluster $C$ in a cluster algebra of simply-laced Dynkin type, giving a definition via the combinatorics of the cluster algebra. It is conjectured [BMRRT, 9.2] that this algebra coincides with the cluster-tilted algebra associated to the tilting object in the cluster category $\mathcal{C}$ corresponding to the cluster $C$. They have given an interesting geometric description of the module category of this algebra in type $A_n$, and their approach enables them to generalise the denominator theorem of Fomin and Zelevinsky [FZ2, 1.9] to an arbitrary cluster in type $A_n$. Our main aims in this paper are to show that the representation theory of cluster-tilted algebras is very close to the representation theory of hereditary algebras, and that the cluster-tilted algebras satisfy a generalised version of APR-tilting.

Theorem B is proved in Section 4. In the second section we prove Theorem A, and in the third we give some combinatorial consequences of this theorem and an illustrative example. In the first section some necessary background material is recalled.

1. Preliminaries

In this section we review some useful notions and results. Let $\mathcal{A}$ be an additive category. We need the notion of approximations. Let $\mathcal{X}$ be an additive subcategory of $\mathcal{A}$, and let $A$ be an object of $\mathcal{A}$. Then a map $X' \to A$ with $X' \in \mathcal{X}$ is called a right $\mathcal{X}$-approximation if the induced map $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{X}, X') \to \text{Hom}(\mathcal{X}, A)$ is an epimorphism. There is the dual notion of a left $\mathcal{X}$-approximation. These concepts were introduced in [AS].
A map $f: A \rightarrow B$ in a category $\mathcal{A}$ is called right minimal, if for every $g: A \rightarrow A$ such that $fg = f$, the map $g$ is an isomorphism. There is the dual notion of a left minimal map. A right (left) approximation that is also a right (left) minimal map, is called a minimal right (left) approximation.

For a $\Lambda$-module $T$, we let $\text{add} T$ denote the full subcategory of $\text{mod} \Lambda$ with objects all direct summands of direct sums of copies of $T$. We let $\text{Fac} T$ denote the full subcategory of $\text{mod} \Lambda$ with objects all factors of modules in $\text{add} T$ and we let $\text{Sub} T$ denote the full subcategory with objects all submodules of modules in $\text{add} T$.

1.1. Tilting modules and torsion pairs. In this section, let $\Lambda$ be a, not necessarily hereditary, finite dimensional algebra. Then $T$ is called a tilting module in $\text{mod} \Lambda$ if

- $\text{pd}_\Lambda T \leq 1$,
- $\text{Ext}^1(T, T) = 0$ and
- there is an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \Lambda \rightarrow T_0 \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow 0$, with $T_0, T_1$ in $\text{add} T$.

This is the original definition of tilting modules from [HR], and it was proved in [B] that the third axiom can be replaced by the following:

- the number of indecomposable direct summands of $T$ (up to isomorphism) is the same as the number of simples.

There is a dual concept of cotilting modules, and using the result of Bongartz, it follows that for hereditary, finite dimensional algebras a module is a tilting module if and only if it is a cotilting module.

Let $T$ be a tilting module. Then the category $\mathcal{T}_T = \text{Fac} T$ is closed under factors and extensions and is hence a torsion class. The corresponding torsion-free class is $\mathcal{F}_T = \{ X \mid \text{Hom}(T_T, X) = 0 \}$. It is well known that $\mathcal{T}_T = \{ Y \mid \text{Ext}^1(T, Y) = 0 \}$ and that $\mathcal{F}_T = \{ X \mid \text{Hom}(T, X) = 0 \} = \text{Sub}(\tau T)$.

1.2. A factor of the derived category and tilting objects. Let $H$ be a hereditary algebra and let $F = \tau^{-1}[1]$ and $\mathcal{C} = D^b(H)/F$, as in the introduction.

A crucial property of $\mathcal{C}$ is that it has a triangulated structure induced by the triangulated structure of $D^b(\text{mod} H)$. The following is a special case of a theorem of Keller [K].

**Theorem 1.1.** The category $\mathcal{C}$ carries a canonical triangulated structure, such that the canonical functor

$$D^b(\text{mod} H) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

is a triangle functor.

We use [1] also to denote the suspension functor in $\mathcal{C}$.

In [BMRRT], it is proved that $\mathcal{C}$ has almost split triangles, induced by the almost split triangles in $D$. We denote by $\tau$ the corresponding translation functor in both categories. Then there is an isomorphism

$$D \text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(B, \tau A) \simeq \text{Ext}_c^1(A, B)$$

for all objects $A$ and $B$ in $\mathcal{C}$. The notion of a tilting object in $\mathcal{C}$ was defined in [BMRRT], and it was shown (Proposition 2.3) that an object $T$ in $\mathcal{C}$ is a tilting object if and only if the following holds: $\text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, X[1]) = 0$ if and only if $X$ is in $\text{add} T$. The object $T$ is called an exceptional object if $\text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, T[1]) = 0$, and it is called an almost complete tilting object if in addition it has $n - 1$ indecomposable direct summands, where $n$ is the number of simple $H$-modules.
The following summarises some results we need from [BMRRI]. If $T$ is a module, we also denote its image in $C$ by $T$.

**Proposition 1.2.** a) If $T$ is exceptional in mod $H$, then $T$ is also exceptional in $C$.

b) If $T$ is a tilting module in mod $H$, then $T$ is also a tilting object in $C$.

c) If $T$ is an almost complete tilting object in $C$, then it has exactly two non-isomorphic complements in $C$.

d) Let $\overline{T}$ be as above with two indecomposable complements $M$ and $M^*$ in $C$. Then there are triangles in $C$:

$$M^* \to B \to M \to$$

and

$$M \to B' \to M^* \to$$

where $B \to M$ and $B' \to M^*$ are minimal right $\mathcal{T}$-approximations.

e) For a tilting object $T$ in $C = D^b(\text{mod} \, H)/F$, there is always a hereditary algebra $H'$ derived equivalent to $H$, such that the image of $T$ under this equivalence is induced by a tilting module.

2. **Cluster categories and cluster-tilted algebras**

In this section we show the main result describing the connection between a cluster category and the module theory of an associated cluster-tilted algebra.

For a hereditary algebra $H$ and a tilting module $T$, there are associated torsion theories $(T, \mathcal{F})$ in mod $H$, where $T = \text{Fac} T$, and $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ in $\text{mod} \, \text{End}_H(T)^{\text{op}}$, such that there are equivalences of categories $\text{Hom}_H(T, \cdot): \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{Y}$ and $\text{Ext}^1_H(T, \cdot): \mathcal{Y} \to \mathcal{X}$; see [BB]. In addition, there is an induced equivalence of derived categories (see [H])

$$\text{RHom}(\cdot, \cdot): D^b(\text{mod} \, H) \to D^b(\text{mod} \, \text{End}_H(T)^{\text{op}}).$$

When $T$ is a tilting object in a cluster category, the functor $G = \text{Hom}_C(T, \cdot)$ behaves nicely on all of $C$, and is actually even dense.

**Proposition 2.1.** The functor $G$ is full and dense.

**Proof.** Let $\Gamma = \text{End}_C(T)^{\text{op}}$. Then it is well known that $G$ induces an equivalence between the additive categories $\text{add} \, T$ and $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$, the full subcategory of mod $\Gamma$ with objects the projective modules. We first show that $G$ is dense. So let $Y$ be any module in mod $\Gamma$, and let $P_i \to Y \to 0$ be a minimal projective presentation. Then there are modules $T_0$ and $T_1$ in $\text{add} \, T$ and a map $\alpha: T_1 \to T_0$ such that $G(T_i) = P_i$ for $i = 0, 1$ and $G(\alpha) = g$. There is a triangle

$$T_1 \to T_0 \to A \to$$

in $C$. By applying $\text{Hom}_C(T, \cdot)$, we obtain an exact sequence

$$\text{Hom}_C(T, T_1) \to \text{Hom}_C(T, T_0) \to \text{Hom}_C(T, A) \to \text{Hom}_C(T, T_1[1]).$$

We now use that $T$ is tilting and Proposition 1.2(a) to conclude that $\text{Hom}_C(T, T_1[1]) = 0$. Hence $G(A) \simeq Y$, and the functor is dense.

To show that $G$ is full, we first give a useful property of objects $C$ in $C$. Let $\delta: T' \to C$ be a minimal right $T$-approximation, and let $E \to T' \to C$ be the induced triangle. Applying $\text{Hom}_C(T, \cdot)$ we see that $\text{Ext}^1_C(T, E) = 0$, and hence $E$ is in $\text{add} \, T$ by Section 1.
Now let $A$ and $B$ be objects in $\mathcal{C}$, and let $f : G(A) \to G(B)$ be a map in $\text{mod } \Gamma$. By the above we have triangles $T_1 \overset{\alpha}{\to} T_0 \to A \to$ and $T_1 \overset{\beta}{\to} T'_0 \to B \to$ in $\mathcal{C}$, with $T_i, T'_i$ in $\text{add } T$. Hence we get an exact commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, T_1) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, T_0) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, A) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow h & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow f & & \\
\text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, T'_1) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, T'_0) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, B) & \longrightarrow & 0
\end{array}
\]

and consequently an exact commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
T_1 & \overset{\alpha}{\longrightarrow} & T_0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & \\
\downarrow v & & \downarrow u & & \downarrow \gamma & & \\
T'_1 & \overset{\beta}{\longrightarrow} & T'_0 & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow &
\end{array}
\]

with $G(v) = h$, $G(u) = g$, and $\gamma$ the induced map. It follows that $G(\gamma) = f$, and the functor is full. \hfill \Box

The functor $G$ is not faithful. But a related functor turns out to be an equivalence.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let $T$ be a tilting object in $\mathcal{C}$, and

\[
G = \text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, \cdot) : \mathcal{C} \to \text{mod } \Gamma.
\]

Then there is an induced functor $\overline{G} : \mathcal{C} / \text{add}(\tau T) \to \text{mod } \Gamma$, which is an equivalence.

**Proof.** We have $G(\tau T) = \text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, \tau T) = \text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, T[1]) = 0$, where the last equality uses that $\tau T \simeq T[1]$ in $\mathcal{C}$, since $F = \tau^{-1}[1]$. Thus, there is an induced functor $\overline{G} : \mathcal{C} / \text{add}(\tau T) \to \text{mod } \Gamma$.

Since $G$ is full and dense by Proposition 2.1, it follows that $\overline{G}$ is full and dense. To show that $\overline{G}$ is an equivalence, it remains to show that it is faithful.

Let $h : A \to B$ in $\mathcal{C}$ be such that $G(h) = 0$, that is, $\text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, h) : \text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, A) \to \text{Hom}_\mathcal{C}(T, B)$ is 0. Consider the diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
T_1 & \overset{s}{\longrightarrow} & T_0 & \overset{f}{\longrightarrow} & A & \overset{e}{\longrightarrow} & T_1[1] = \tau T \\
\downarrow h & & & & \downarrow & & \\
& & & & B & &
\end{array}
\]

where $T_1 \overset{s}{\longrightarrow} T_0 \overset{f}{\longrightarrow} A \longrightarrow$ is a triangle. Since $hf = 0$, there is a map $t : \tau T \to B$ such that $tr = h$, that is, $h : A \to B$ factors through $\text{add}(\tau T)$. This shows that $\overline{G}$ is faithful, and consequently an equivalence. \hfill \Box

**Remark.** The argument showing that $\overline{G}$ is faithful is a major simplification due to Bernhard Keller of our original proof. We thank him for his kind permission to include his proof.

The result has an especially nice consequence in the case of finite type.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let $H$ be a hereditary algebra of finite representation type, and let $T$ be a tilting object in $\mathcal{C}$, with $\Gamma = \text{End}_\mathcal{C}(T)^{\text{op}}$. Then $\Gamma$ has the same number of non-isomorphic indecomposable modules as $H$. 
Proof. Let $h$ be the number of indecomposable modules for $H$ (up to isomorphism), and let $n$ be the number of simples. The number of indecomposable objects in $C$ is $h + n$. The number of indecomposable summands of $T$ and thus of $\tau T$ is $n$, and thus the number of indecomposables for $\Gamma$ is $h + n - n = h$. \hfill \Box

3. Combinatorial properties

Let $H$ be a hereditary algebra with a tilting module $T$ in $\text{mod} \, H$. Let $\Lambda = \text{End}_H(T)^{op}$ be the corresponding tilted algebra and $\Gamma = \text{End}_C(T)^{op}$ the cluster-tilted algebra. In this section we point out a nice consequence of the equivalence of Theorem 2.2, namely that the AR-quiver of $\Gamma$ can be obtained directly from the AR-quiver of $H$. We illustrate this by a small concrete example. This example also suggests that there is a combinatorially nice relationship between the AR-quivers of $\Gamma$ and of $\Lambda$, but we do not have any general result in this direction.

3.1. The AR-quiver of $\Gamma$. Here we explain why and how the AR-structure of $\Gamma$ can be obtained from the AR-structure of $H$. The indecomposable objects of the derived category of a hereditary algebra are all (isomorphic to) stalk complexes. The AR-structure of the derived category of $H$ is well known. The AR-quiver consists of a countable number of copies of the AR-quiver of $H$, glued together using that the translate of a projective is the corresponding injective (given by the Nakayama functor) $[H]$. The following is proved in [BMRRT].

**Proposition 3.1.** The category $C$ has AR-triangles, induced by the AR-triangles in $D^b(\text{mod} \, H)$.

Proof. This is a special case of Proposition 1.3 in [BMRRT]. \hfill \Box

Combining this with the following observation, we see that the AR-quiver of $\Gamma$ can be obtained from the AR-quiver of $H$.

**Proposition 3.2.** The almost split sequences in $C / \text{add}(\tau T) \simeq \text{mod} \, \Gamma$ are induced by almost split triangles in $C$.

Proof. By [AR], minimal right (left) almost split maps are sent to minimal right (left) almost split maps in the factor. Let $M$ be a non-projective indecomposable in $\text{mod} \, \Gamma$, and let $C$ be the corresponding indecomposable object in $C$. Let $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$ be the AR-triangle in $C$, and let $\tilde{f} : \tilde{A} \to \tilde{B}$ and $\tilde{g} : \tilde{B} \to \tilde{C}$ be the induced maps in $\text{mod} \, \Gamma$. Then it is clear that $\tau \Gamma \tilde{C} = \ker \tilde{g}$. Since the composition $\tilde{g} \tilde{f}$ is the zero-map, it follows that $\tilde{f}$ cannot be an epimorphism, and since it is left almost split, it must be a monomorphism. It also follows that it factors through $\ker \tilde{g}$. But since it is irreducible, we must have $\tilde{A} \simeq \ker \tilde{g}$. \hfill \Box

We note that since the tilted algebra $\Lambda$ is a factor algebra of $\Gamma$, there is an induced embedding $\text{mod} \, \Lambda \to \text{mod} \, \Gamma$. In the example below we see that the AR-structure is preserved by this embedding.

3.2. An example. In this section we illustrate Theorem 2.2 and the combinatorial remarks above by a small example. Let $Q$ be the quiver

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1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad 2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad 3
$$
and let $H = kQ$ be the path algebra, where $k$ is a field. Then the AR-quiver of the triangulated category $D^b(H)$ looks like this:

The AR-quiver of $C$ is given by

with identifications as indicated in the figure.

Let $T$ be the tilting module $T = T_1 \oplus T_2 \oplus T_3 = S_3 \oplus P_1 \oplus S_1$, let $\Lambda = \text{End}_H(T)^{\text{op}}$ be the corresponding tilted algebra and $\Gamma = \text{End}_C(T)^{\text{op}}$ the cluster-tilted algebra. We notice that $\Gamma$ is the path algebra of the quiver

with relations $r^2 = 0$. As we expect from Theorem A, we get the AR-quiver of $\Gamma$ by deleting the vertices corresponding to $\tau T$.

The tilted algebra $\Lambda$ is given by the quiver $Q$ also with $r^2 = 0$. We note now that there is (in this particular example) a nice embedding of the AR-quiver of $\Lambda$ in the AR-quiver of $\Gamma$. The AR-quiver of $\Lambda$ is given by deleting the module $\frac{1}{3}$ in the AR-quiver above. This is in contrast to the embedding of $\text{mod} \Lambda$ into $D^b(\text{mod} \Lambda)$, which we consider now. We have an equivalence of categories $R\text{Hom}(T, ) : D^b(\text{mod} \Lambda) \to D^b(\text{mod} \Lambda)$. 

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The image of a module $X$ in $D^b(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ when applying $\text{RHom}(T, \ )$ is a complex with homology in degree zero, given by $\text{Hom}_H(T, X)$, and homology of degree one, given by $\text{Ext}_1^H(T, X) = \text{Hom}(T, X[1])$. We use the numbers 1, 2, 3 to indicate the simple tops of $\text{Hom}(T, T_1)$, $\text{Hom}(T, T_2)$ and $\text{Hom}(T, T_3)$, respectively.

The pair $(a, b)$ indicates that the homology in degree zero is $a$, and the homology in degree one is $b$. For stalk complexes in degree 0 we write $a$ instead of $(a, 0)$.

Now, we do not get the AR-quiver for mod $\Lambda$ directly when restricting from $D^b(\Lambda)$ to mod $\Lambda$, but have to move some of the modules, to take the place of complexes to get the AR-quiver of mod $\Lambda$. The problem is that we normally will have some non-projective $\Lambda$-module $Y$ for which $\tau_{D^b(\Lambda)} Y$ is not a $\Lambda$-module. So when we restrict, and $\tau Y$ gets deleted, there is then no $\tau_{D^b(\Lambda)} Y$-correspondent for $Y$, without moving.

3.3. Some remarks. We observe that the endomorphism-ring of a tilting object in $\mathcal{C}$ can both have cycles in the AR-quiver and have infinite global dimension. So in this respect, the algebras that appear as cluster-tilted algebras are very different from the ordinary tilted algebras.

We also make some comparison with the combinatorial setup in the classification of selfinjective algebras of finite type [R]. To find the possible AR-quivers for a selfinjective algebra of finite type, it was first proved that the possible stable AR-quivers were given by $\mathbb{Z}\Delta/G$ for a Dynkin diagram $\Delta$ and $G$ a group acting admisibly. Then one “filled in” extra vertices for the projectives to get a module category. Here the situation is “opposite”. One has the translation quiver of $\mathcal{C}$, and then removes certain vertices (given by $\tau T$) to get the translation quiver for a module category.

It is an interesting phenomenon that one can remove a set of vertices from a stable translation quiver, such as the AR-quiver of $\mathcal{D}/F$, and then obtain an AR-quiver. A necessary condition for this is that for any indecomposable projective $P$, we have $\tau^2 P \simeq I'$ for an indecomposable injective $I'$.

4. Generalised APR-tilting

Given a tilting module $T$ for a hereditary algebra $H$, we have shown that there is an equivalence $\mathcal{C}/\text{add}(\tau T) \rightarrow \text{mod } \Gamma$, where $\Gamma = \text{End}_C(T)^{\text{op}}$. We now apply this to get a generalisation of the equivalence coming from APR-tilts.

Let $\overline{T}$ be an almost complete tilting object in $\mathcal{C}$, with complements $M$ and $M^*$. By Proposition 1.2, there are triangles $M^* \rightarrow B \rightarrow M \rightarrow$ and $M \rightarrow B' \rightarrow M^* \rightarrow$, with $B$ and $B'$ in $\text{add } \overline{T}$. Let $T = \overline{T} \oplus M$, and let $T' = \overline{T} \oplus M^*$. Furthermore, let $\Gamma = \text{End}_C(T)^{\text{op}}$ and $\Gamma' = \text{End}_C(T')^{\text{op}}$. Then $\text{Hom}_C(T, M)$ and $\text{Hom}_C(T', M^*)$ are indecomposable projective modules over $\Gamma$ and $\Gamma'$, respectively. Thus, they have
simple tops, which we denote by $S_M$ and $S_{M^*}$. The top of a module $Z$ is $Z/\mathfrak{z}Z$, where $\mathfrak{z}$ is the radical of the ring. We now have an exact sequence

$$(1) \quad \text{Hom}_C(T, B) \to \text{Hom}_C(T, M) \to \text{Hom}_C(T, \tau M^*) \to \text{Hom}_C(T, B[1])$$

where the last term vanishes.

**Lemma 4.1.** The $\Gamma$-module $\text{Hom}_C(T, \tau M^*)$ is simple.

**Proof.** By [BMRRT], $\text{Hom}_C(M, M^*[1])$ is one-dimensional over the factor algebra $\text{End}_C(M)/\text{Rad}(M, M)$, and thus a simple $\text{End}_C(M)$-module. We have

$$\text{Hom}_C(T, \tau M^*) = \text{Hom}_C(\overline{T} \oplus M, \tau M^*)$$

$$\simeq \text{Hom}_C(\overline{T}, M^*[1]) \oplus \text{Hom}_C(M, M^*[1]) \simeq \text{Hom}_C(M, M^*[1]).$$

Thus, $\text{Hom}_C(T, \tau M^*) \simeq \text{Hom}_C(M, M^*[1])$ as a $\Gamma$-module, and is hence simple. \qed

From this lemma and the exact sequence ($1$), it follows that $S_M \simeq \text{Hom}(T, \tau M^*)$. Similarly, we get $S_{M^*} \simeq \text{Hom}(T^*, \tau M)$. By Theorem 2.2 we get an equivalence $C/\text{add} \tau T \to \text{mod} \Gamma$ such that $\tau M^* \to S_M$. We also get an equivalence $C/\text{add} \tau T^* \to \text{mod} \Gamma'$ such that $\tau M \to S_{M^*}$. If we now let $\overline{T} = \overline{T} \oplus M \oplus M^*$, we get equivalences $C/\text{add} \tau T \to \text{mod} \Gamma/\text{add} S_M$ and $C/\text{add} \tau T^* \to \text{mod} \Gamma'/\text{add} S_{M^*}$.

Putting this together, we get the following.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let $T$ be an almost complete tilting object in $\mathcal{C}$ with complements $M$ and $M^*$. Let $T = \overline{T} \oplus M$, let $T^* = \overline{T} \oplus M^*$ and let $\Gamma = \text{End}_C(T)^{\text{op}}$ and $\Gamma' = \text{End}_C(T^*)^{\text{op}}$. Furthermore, let $S_M$ and $S_{M^*}$ denote the simple tops of $\text{Hom}_C(T, M)$ and $\text{Hom}_C(T^*, M^*)$, respectively. Then there is an equivalence $\text{mod} \Gamma/\text{add} S_M \to \text{mod} \Gamma'/\text{add} S_{M^*}$.

Consider the following special case. Let $M$ be an indecomposable projective $H$-module, and assume $H$ as a left $H$-module decomposes into $P \oplus M$, where $M$ is not in $\text{add} P$. Then $P$ is an almost complete tilting module. As before, denote by $M^*$ the second complement to $P$ in $\mathcal{C}$. Now, we have $\Gamma = \text{End}_C(H)^{\text{op}} = \text{End}_H(H)^{\text{op}} \simeq H$. With $\Gamma' = \text{End}_C(P \oplus M^*)$, the above theorem says that there is an equivalence $\text{mod} H/\text{add} S_M \to \text{mod} \Gamma'/\text{add} S_{M^*}$.

**Example.** Consider again the example in Section 3.2. With $P = S_3 \oplus P_1$, we have the complements $M = P_2$ and $M^* = S_1$. Letting $\Gamma' = \text{End}_C(P \oplus M^*)^{\text{op}}$, we have an equivalence

$$\text{mod} kQ/\text{add} S_M \simeq \text{mod} \Gamma'/\text{add} S_{M^*},$$

where $S_M$ is the simple $kQ$-module corresponding to vertex 2 in $Q$, and $S_{M^*}$ is the simple $\Gamma'$-module corresponding to vertex 2 in the quiver of $\Gamma'$.

Return now to the situation with $M$ indecomposable projective. If in addition we assume that $M = S$ is simple, we are in the classical APR-tilting setting [APR]. It is easy to see that in this case $M^* = \tau^{-1}S$ is the second complement to $P$. The module $T' = P \oplus \tau^{-1}S$ is called an APR-tilting module and we have $\Gamma' = \text{End}_C(T)^{\text{op}} \simeq \text{End}_H(T)^{\text{op}}$. Theorem 1.2 now states that $\text{mod} H/\text{add} S$ and $\text{mod} \Gamma'/\text{add} S_{M^*}$ are equivalent. A reformulation of this in terms of subcategories of indecomposable modules is that ind $H \setminus \{S\}$ and ind $\Gamma \setminus \{S_{M^*}\}$ are equivalent. This equivalence was shown in [APR].

In terms of the quiver $Q$ of a hereditary algebra $H = kQ$, this means that while classical APR-tilting allows us to tilt at a vertex which is a sink, generalised
APR-tilting allows us to tilt at any vertex. The endomorphism ring of a classical APR-tilting module is again a hereditary algebra given as the path algebra of the quiver $Q'$, obtained by reversing the arrows pointing to the vertex where we tilt. The example of Section 3.2 gives us an indication of what to expect for the endomorphism rings when we tilt at arbitrary vertices, but we do not at present have a general description in terms of $Q$.

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