

# On localizing subcategories of derived categories

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## Abstract

Let  $A$  be a commutative noetherian ring. In this paper, we interpret localizing subcategories of the derived category of  $A$  by using subsets of  $\text{Spec } A$  and subcategories of the category of  $A$ -modules. We unify theorems of Gabriel, Neeman and Krause.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $A$  be a commutative noetherian ring. In this paper, we investigate the relationship among subcategories of the derived category  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  of  $A$ , subcategories of the category  $\text{Mod } A$  of  $A$ -modules, and subsets of the prime spectrum  $\text{Spec } A$  of  $A$  (i.e.  $\text{Spec } A$  is the set of prime ideals of  $A$ ).

In the early 1960s, Gabriel [4] showed the following.

**Theorem 1.1** (Gabriel). *There is an inclusion-preserving bijection between the set of localizing subcategories of  $\text{Mod } A$  and the set of subsets of  $\text{Spec } A$  closed under specialization.*

Thirty years later, Neeman [10] proved the following result, which generalizes a theorem of Hopkins [7].

**Theorem 1.2** (Neeman). *The assignment  $\mathcal{X} \mapsto \text{supp } \mathcal{X}$  makes an inclusion-preserving bijection from the set of localizing subcategories of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  to the set of subsets of  $\text{Spec } A$ , which induces an inclusion-preserving bijection from the set of smashing subcategories of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  to the set of subsets of  $\text{Spec } A$  closed under specialization. The inverse map sends a subset  $\Phi$  of  $\text{Spec } A$  to the localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  generated by  $\{k(\mathfrak{p})\}_{\mathfrak{p} \in \Phi}$ .*

Here,  $\text{supp } \mathcal{X}$  denotes the set of prime ideals  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $A$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{supp } X$  for some  $X \in \mathcal{X}$ , where  $\text{supp } X$  denotes the set of prime ideals  $\mathfrak{p}$  such that  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L X \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  ( $k(\mathfrak{p})$  denotes the residue field  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ ).

Recently, Krause [9] generalized the above Gabriel's result, and corrected a theorem of Hovey [8].

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**Theorem 1.3** (Krause). *The assignment  $\mathcal{M} \mapsto \text{supp } \mathcal{M}$  makes an inclusion-preserving bijection from the set of thick subcategories of  $\text{Mod } A$  closed under direct sums and the set of coherent subsets of  $\text{Spec } A$ . The inverse map is given by  $\Phi \mapsto (\text{supp}^{-1} \Phi)_0$ .*

Here,  $\text{supp}^{-1} \Phi$  denotes the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  consisting of all complexes  $X$  such that  $\text{supp } X$  is contained in  $\Phi$ , and for a subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ ,  $\mathcal{X}_0$  denotes the full subcategory of  $\text{Mod } A$  consisting of all modules whose corresponding complexes are in  $\mathcal{X}$ .

Let  $E(M) = (0 \rightarrow E^0(M) \rightarrow E^1(M) \rightarrow E^2(M) \rightarrow \dots)$  denote the minimal injective resolution of an  $A$ -module  $M$ . We say that a full subcategory  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\text{Mod } A$  is E-stable provided that a module  $M$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$  if and only if so is  $E^i(M)$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . We denote by  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$  the localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  generated by  $\mathcal{M}$ , and by  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$  the localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  consisting of all complexes each of whose homology modules is in  $\mathcal{M}$ . A subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is said to be closed under homology if (the corresponding complex of) any homology module of any complex in  $\mathcal{X}$  is also in  $\mathcal{X}$ . Our main result is the following, which contains all of the above three theorems.

**Main Theorem.** *One has the following commutative diagram of inclusion-preserving bijections.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{localizing} \\ \text{subcategories} \\ \text{of } \mathcal{D}(A) \end{array} \right\} & \xrightleftharpoons[\cong]{(-)_0} & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{E-stable subcategories} \\ \text{of } \text{Mod } A \text{ closed} \\ \text{under direct sums} \\ \text{and summands} \end{array} \right\} \\
\text{supp} \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \text{supp} \searrow & \cong & \text{supp} \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \text{supp} \searrow \\
& (-) & \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{subsets} \\ \text{of } \text{Spec } A \end{array} \right\} & \xrightleftharpoons[\cong]{(\text{supp}^{-1}(-))_0} &
\end{array}$$

Moreover, restricting this diagram, one has the following two commutative diagrams of inclusion-preserving bijections.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{localizing} \\ \text{subcategories} \\ \text{of } \mathcal{D}(A) \text{ closed} \\ \text{under homology} \end{array} \right\} & \xrightleftharpoons[\cong]{(-)_0} & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{thick subcategories} \\ \text{of } \text{Mod } A \text{ closed} \\ \text{under direct sums} \end{array} \right\} \\
\text{supp} \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \text{supp} \searrow & \cong & \text{supp} \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \text{supp} \searrow \\
& (-) & \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{coherent} \\ \text{subsets} \\ \text{of } \text{Spec } A \end{array} \right\} & \xrightleftharpoons[\cong]{(\text{supp}^{-1}(-))_0} &
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{smashing} \\ \text{subcategories} \\ \text{of } \mathcal{D}(A) \end{array} \right\} & \xrightarrow{\quad (-)_0 \quad \cong} & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{localizing} \\ \text{subcategories} \\ \text{of } \text{Mod}(A) \end{array} \right\} \\
& \xleftarrow{\quad \overline{(-)} \quad} & \\
\text{supp} & & \text{supp} \\
\cong & & \cong \\
\text{supp}^{-1} & & (\text{supp}^{-1}(-))_0
\end{array}
\begin{array}{c}
\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{subsets} \\ \text{of } \text{Spec } A \\ \text{closed under} \\ \text{specialization} \end{array} \right\}
\end{array}$$

Thus, one obtains the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{localizing} \\ \text{subcategories} \\ \text{of } \mathcal{D}(A) \end{array} \right\} & \cong & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{subsets} \\ \text{of } \text{Spec } A \end{array} \right\} & \cong & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} E\text{-stable subcategories} \\ \text{of } \text{Mod } A \text{ closed} \\ \text{under direct sums} \\ \text{and summands} \end{array} \right\} \\
\cup & & \cup & & \cup \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{localizing} \\ \text{subcategories} \\ \text{of } \mathcal{D}(A) \text{ closed} \\ \text{under homology} \end{array} \right\} & \cong & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{coherent} \\ \text{subsets} \\ \text{of } \text{Spec } A \end{array} \right\} & \cong & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{thick subcategories} \\ \text{of } \text{Mod } A \text{ closed} \\ \text{under direct sums} \end{array} \right\} \\
\cup & & \cup & & \cup \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{smashing} \\ \text{subcategories} \\ \text{of } \mathcal{D}(A) \end{array} \right\} & \cong & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{subsets} \\ \text{of } \text{Spec } A \\ \text{closed under} \\ \text{specialization} \end{array} \right\} & \cong & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{localizing} \\ \text{subcategories} \\ \text{of } \text{Mod}(A) \end{array} \right\}
\end{array}$$

There are some related works other than ones cited above; see [1, 3, 5, 6, 12, 13] for example. In the next section, we will prove this Main Theorem after stating precise definitions and showing preliminary results.

## 2. Proof of Main Theorem

Throughout this section, let  $A$  be a commutative noetherian ring. By a *subcategory*, we always mean a full subcategory which is closed under isomorphisms. We denote the category of  $A$ -modules by  $\text{Mod } A$  and the derived category of  $\text{Mod } A$  by  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ . For an  $A$ -module  $M$ , let

$$C_M = (\cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots)$$

be the complex with  $M$  in degree zero. We will often identify  $M$  with  $C_M$ .

First of all, we recall the definitions of a triangulated subcategory and a localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ . For a (cochain)  $A$ -complex  $X$  and an integer  $n$ , we denote by  $X[n]$  the complex  $X$  shifted by  $n$  degrees; its module in degree  $i$  is  $X^{n+i}$  for each integer  $i$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ .

- (1) We say that  $\mathcal{X}$  is *triangulated* provided that for every exact triangle  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow X[1]$  in  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ , if two of  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are in  $\mathcal{X}$ , then so is the third.
- (2) We say that  $\mathcal{X}$  is *localizing* if  $\mathcal{X}$  is triangulated and closed under (arbitrary) direct sums.

**Remark.**

- (1) Triangulated subcategories of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  are *closed under shifts*: if a complex  $X$  is in a triangulated subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ , then  $X[n]$  is also in  $\mathcal{X}$  for every integer  $n$ .

In fact, it follows from the triangle  $X \xrightarrow{\sim} X \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow X[1]$  that  $0$  is in  $\mathcal{X}$ , and it follows from the triangles  $X \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow X[1] \xrightarrow{\sim} X[1]$  and  $X[-1] \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{\sim} X$  that  $X[1], X[-1]$  are in  $\mathcal{X}$ . An inductive argument shows that  $X[n]$  is in  $\mathcal{X}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- (2) Localizing subcategories of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  are closed under direct summands; see [11, Proposition 1.6.8].

The support of a complex is defined as follows.

**Definition 2.2.** The (small) *support*  $\text{supp } X$  of an  $A$ -complex  $X$  is defined as the set of prime ideals  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $A$  satisfying  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L X \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ , where  $k(\mathfrak{p})$  denotes the residue field  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}}$  of the local ring  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .

Here we state basic properties of support.

**Lemma 2.1.**

- (1) Let  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow X[1]$  be an exact triangle in  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ . Then one has the following inclusion relations:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{supp } X &\subseteq \text{supp } Y \cup \text{supp } Z, \\ \text{supp } Y &\subseteq \text{supp } Z \cup \text{supp } X, \\ \text{supp } Z &\subseteq \text{supp } X \cup \text{supp } Y.\end{aligned}$$

- (2) The equality

$$\text{supp} \left( \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_{\lambda} \right) = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \text{supp } X_{\lambda}$$

holds for any family  $\{X_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  of  $A$ -complexes.

- (3) Let  $s$  be an integer, and let  $X = (\cdots \rightarrow X^{s-2} \rightarrow X^{s-1} \rightarrow X^s \rightarrow 0)$  be an  $A$ -complex. Then

$$\text{supp } X \subseteq \bigcup_{i \leq s} \text{supp } X^i.$$

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal in  $\text{supp } X$ . Then  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L X$  is nonzero. There is an exact triangle

$$k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L X \rightarrow k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L Y \rightarrow k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L Z \rightarrow k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L X[1],$$

which says that either  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L Y$  or  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L Z$  is nonzero. Thus  $\mathfrak{p}$  is in the union of  $\text{supp } Y$  and  $\text{supp } Z$ . The other inclusion relations are similarly obtained.

(2) One has  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L (\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\lambda) \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L X_\lambda)$  for  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } A$ . Hence  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L (\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\lambda)$  is nonzero if and only if  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L X_\lambda$  is nonzero for some  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

(3) Assume that a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $A$  satisfies  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L X^i = 0$  for every  $i \leq s$ . Let  $F = (\cdots \rightarrow F^{-2} \rightarrow F^{-1} \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow 0)$  be a free resolution of the  $A$ -module  $k(\mathfrak{p})$ . Then the complex  $F \otimes_A X^i = (\cdots \rightarrow F^{-2} \otimes_A X^i \rightarrow F^{-1} \otimes_A X^i \rightarrow F^0 \otimes_A X^i \rightarrow 0)$  is exact for every  $i \leq s$ . We have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ (\cdots & \longrightarrow & F^{-2} \otimes_A X^{s-2} & \longrightarrow & F^{-2} \otimes_A X^{s-1} & \longrightarrow & F^{-2} \otimes_A X^s & \longrightarrow 0) \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ (\cdots & \longrightarrow & F^{-1} \otimes_A X^{s-2} & \longrightarrow & F^{-1} \otimes_A X^{s-1} & \longrightarrow & F^{-1} \otimes_A X^s & \longrightarrow 0) \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ (\cdots & \longrightarrow & F^0 \otimes_A X^{s-2} & \longrightarrow & F^0 \otimes_A X^{s-1} & \longrightarrow & F^0 \otimes_A X^s & \longrightarrow 0) \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & \end{array}$$

with exact columns. Considering the spectral sequence of the double complex  $F \otimes_A X$ , we see that the total complex of  $F \otimes_A X$  is exact. This means that  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L X = 0$ .  $\square$

We say that a subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is *closed under left complexes* provided that for any  $A$ -complex  $X = (\cdots \rightarrow X^{s-2} \rightarrow X^{s-1} \rightarrow X^s \rightarrow 0)$  bounded above, if each  $X^i$  is in  $\mathcal{X}$ , then  $X$  is also in  $\mathcal{X}$ . For a subset  $\Phi$  of  $\text{Spec } A$ , we denote by  $\text{supp}^{-1} \Phi$  the subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  consisting of all  $A$ -complexes  $X$  with  $\text{supp } X \subseteq \Phi$ . The following proposition immediately follows from Lemma 2.1.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $\Phi$  be a subset of  $\text{Spec } A$ . Then  $\text{supp}^{-1} \Phi$  is a localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  closed under left complexes.*

We denote the set of associated primes of an  $A$ -module  $M$  by  $\text{Ass } M$ , and the injective hull of  $M$  by  $E(M)$ .

**Lemma 2.2.**

- (1) For an  $A$ -module  $M$  we have a direct sum decomposition

$$E(M) \cong \bigoplus_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass } M} E(A/\mathfrak{p})^{\oplus \Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}}},$$

where  $\Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a nonempty set.

- (2) The equality

$$\text{supp } I = \text{Ass } I$$

holds for every injective  $A$ -module  $I$ .

*Proof.* (1) This assertion can be shown by using [2, Theorem 3.2.8].

(2) Let  $\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{q}$  be prime ideals of  $A$ . Then we easily see that there are isomorphisms

$$k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L (E(A/\mathfrak{q})_{\mathfrak{p}}) \cong k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L E(A/\mathfrak{q}) \cong (k(\mathfrak{p})_{\mathfrak{q}}) \otimes_A^L E(A/\mathfrak{q}).$$

Therefore the complex  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L E(A/\mathfrak{q})$  is nonzero if and only if  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{q}$ . The assertion follows from this fact and (1).  $\square$

We now recall the definition of a smashing subcategory.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ .

- (1) An object  $C \in \mathcal{D}(A)$  is called  $\mathcal{X}$ -local if  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}(A)}(X, C) = 0$  for any  $X \in \mathcal{X}$ .
- (2) A morphism  $f : C \rightarrow L$  is called a *localization* of  $C$  by  $\mathcal{X}$  if  $L$  is  $\mathcal{X}$ -local, and  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}(A)}(f, L') : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}(A)}(L, L') \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}(A)}(C, L')$  is an isomorphism for any  $\mathcal{X}$ -local object  $L' \in \mathcal{D}(A)$ .
- (3)  $\mathcal{X}$  is called *smashing* if localization by  $\mathcal{X}$  commutes with direct sums.

For a subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ , we denote by  $\text{supp } \mathcal{X}$  the set of prime ideals  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $A$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{supp } X$  for some  $X \in \mathcal{X}$ . We describe a theorem of Neeman [10] in the following form.

**Theorem 2.1.**

- (1) One has maps

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{localizing} \\ \text{subcategories} \\ \text{of } \mathcal{D}(A) \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{f} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{subsets} \\ \text{of } \text{Spec } A \end{array} \right\}$$

defined by  $f(\mathcal{X}) = \text{supp } \mathcal{X}$  and  $g(\Phi) = \text{supp}^{-1} \Phi$ . The map  $f$  is an inclusion-preserving bijection and  $g$  is its inverse map.

(2) One has maps

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{smashing} \\ \text{subcategories} \\ \text{of } \mathcal{D}(A) \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\quad f \quad} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{subsets} \\ \text{of } \mathrm{Spec} A \\ \text{closed under} \\ \text{specialization} \end{array} \right\}$$

defined by  $f(\mathcal{X}) = \mathrm{supp} \mathcal{X}$  and  $g(\Phi) = \mathrm{supp}^{-1} \Phi$ . The map  $f$  is an inclusion-preserving bijection and  $g$  is its inverse map.

*Proof.* (1) Proposition 2.1 guarantees that  $g$  is well-defined. Let  $\Phi$  be a subset of  $\mathrm{Spec} A$ . Then the inclusion  $\mathrm{supp}(\mathrm{supp}^{-1} \Phi) \subseteq \Phi$  clearly holds. It follows from Lemma 2.2(2) that  $\mathrm{supp} E(A/\mathfrak{p}) = \mathrm{Ass} E(A/\mathfrak{p}) = \{\mathfrak{p}\} \subseteq \Phi$  for every  $\mathfrak{p} \in \Phi$ , which yields the opposite inclusion  $\mathrm{supp}(\mathrm{supp}^{-1} \Phi) \supseteq \Phi$ . Therefore we have the equality  $\mathrm{supp}(\mathrm{supp}^{-1} \Phi) = \Phi$ , which shows that  $fg$  is the identity map. Since  $f$  is a bijective map by virtue of [10, Theorem 2.8],  $g$  is the inverse map of  $f$ . It is easy to check that  $f$  is inclusion-preserving.

(2) This follows from [10, Theorem 3.3] and (1).  $\square$

Combining Theorem 2.1(1) with [10, Theorem 2.8] and Proposition 2.1, we obtain the following result.

### Corollary 2.1.

- (1) For every subset  $\Phi$  of  $\mathrm{Spec} A$ ,  $\mathrm{supp}^{-1} \Phi$  is the localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  generated by  $\{k(\mathfrak{p})\}_{\mathfrak{p} \in \Phi}$ .
- (2) Any localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is closed under left complexes.

Krause [9] introduces the notion of a coherent subset of  $\mathrm{Spec} A$ :

**Definition 2.4.** A subset  $\Phi$  of  $\mathrm{Spec} A$  is called *coherent* if every homomorphism  $f : I^0 \rightarrow I^1$  of injective  $A$ -modules with  $\mathrm{Ass} I^i \subseteq \Phi$  for  $i = 1, 2$  can be completed to an exact sequence  $I^0 \xrightarrow{f} I^1 \rightarrow I^2$  of injective  $A$ -modules with  $\mathrm{Ass} I^2 \subseteq \Phi$ .

To relate coherent subsets of  $\mathrm{Spec} A$  to localizing subcategories of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ , we make the following definition.

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ .

- (1) We say that  $\mathcal{X}$  is *closed under homology* if  $H^i(X)$  is in  $\mathcal{X}$  for all  $X \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (2) We say that  $\mathcal{X}$  is *H-stable* provided that a complex  $X$  is in  $\mathcal{X}$  if and only if so is  $H^i(X)$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

We have the following one-to-one correspondence.

**Theorem 2.2.** *One has maps*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{localizing} \\ \text{subcategories} \\ \text{of } \mathcal{D}(A) \text{ closed} \\ \text{under homology} \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\quad f \quad} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{coherent} \\ \text{subsets} \\ \text{of } \mathrm{Spec} A \end{array} \right\}$$

defined by  $f(\mathcal{X}) = \mathrm{supp} \mathcal{X}$  and  $g(\Phi) = \mathrm{supp}^{-1} \Phi$ . The map  $f$  is an inclusion-preserving bijection and  $g$  is its inverse map.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  closed under homology. Then we have  $\mathcal{X} = \mathrm{supp}^{-1}(\mathrm{supp} \mathcal{X})$  by Theorem 2.1(1). It is seen from [9, Theorem 5.2] that  $\mathrm{supp} \mathcal{X}$  is coherent. Hence  $f$  is well-defined. From Proposition 2.1 and [9, Theorem 5.2] we see that  $g$  is well-defined. Theorem 2.1(1) shows that  $f$  is an inclusion-preserving bijective map and  $g$  is the inverse map of  $f$ .  $\square$

By definition, an H-stable subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is closed under homology. The converse of this statement also holds:

**Corollary 2.2.**

- (1) Any localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  closed under homology is H-stable.
- (2) Any smashing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is H-stable.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  closed under homology. Then by Theorem 2.2 we have  $\mathcal{X} = \mathrm{supp}^{-1} \Phi$  for some coherent subset  $\Phi$  of  $\mathrm{Spec} A$ . It follows from [9, Theorem 5.2] that  $\mathcal{X}$  is H-stable.

(2) Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a smashing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ . Then  $\Phi := \mathrm{supp} \mathcal{X}$  is closed under specialization by Theorem 2.1(2). It follows from [9, Proposition 4.1(2)] that  $\Phi$  is coherent. Theorem 2.1(1) yields  $\mathcal{X} = \mathrm{supp}^{-1} \Phi$ , which is H-stable by Theorem 2.2 and (1).  $\square$

Following [9], we define a thick subcategory of modules as follows.

**Definition 2.6.** A subcategory  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathrm{Mod} A$  is called *thick* provided that for any exact sequence

$$M_1 \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow M_3 \rightarrow M_4 \rightarrow M_5$$

of  $A$ -modules, if  $M_i$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 4, 5$ , then so is  $M_3$ .

**Remark.**

- (1) A subcategory of  $\mathrm{Mod} A$  is thick if and only if it is closed under kernels, cokernels and extensions.

- (2) If a subcategory of  $\text{Mod } A$  is closed under kernels or cokernels, then it is closed under direct summands. In particular, every thick subcategory of  $\text{Mod } A$  is closed under direct summands, and contains the zero module 0.

Indeed, assume that the direct sum  $M = N \oplus L$  of two  $A$ -modules  $N, L$  is in a subcategory  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\text{Mod } A$ . Then the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

of  $A$ -modules shows that  $N$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$  if  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under kernels or cokernels.

For an  $A$ -module  $M$ , let

$$E(M) = (0 \rightarrow E^0(M) \rightarrow E^1(M) \rightarrow E^2(M) \rightarrow \dots)$$

denote the minimal injective resolution of  $M$ . (Recall that a minimal injective resolution of a given  $A$ -module is uniquely determined up to isomorphism; see [2, Page 99].)

**Definition 2.7.** We say that a subcategory  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\text{Mod } A$  is *E-stable* provided that a module  $M$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$  if and only if so is  $E^i(M)$  for every  $i \geq 0$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** *Every thick subcategory of  $\text{Mod } A$  closed under direct sums is E-stable.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a thick subcategory of  $\text{Mod } A$  closed under direct sums. Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under cokernels and injective hulls by [9, Lemma 3.5]. Hence  $E^i(M)$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$  for every  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $i \geq 0$ . Conversely, let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module with  $E^i(M) \in \mathcal{M}$  for any  $i \geq 0$ . There is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E^0(M) \rightarrow E^1(M)$$

of  $A$ -modules, and  $M$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$  by the closedness of  $\mathcal{M}$  under kernels. Consequently,  $\mathcal{M}$  is E-stable.  $\square$

For a subcategory  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\text{Mod } A$ , we denote by  $\text{supp } \mathcal{M}$  the set of prime ideals  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $A$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{supp } M$  for some  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ . For a subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{X}_0$  the subcategory of  $\text{Mod } A$  consisting of all  $A$ -modules  $M$  with  $C_M \in \mathcal{X}$ . Now we can construct the following one-to-one correspondence.

**Theorem 2.3.** *One has maps*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{E-stable subcategories} \\ \text{of } \text{Mod } A \text{ closed} \\ \text{under direct sums} \\ \text{and summands} \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{f} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{subsets} \\ \text{of } \text{Spec } A \end{array} \right\} \xleftarrow[g]{}$$

defined by  $f(\mathcal{M}) = \text{supp } \mathcal{M}$  and  $g(\Phi) = (\text{supp}^{-1} \Phi)_0$ . The map  $f$  is an inclusion-preserving bijection and  $g$  is its inverse map.

*Proof.* Let  $\Phi$  be a subset of  $\text{Spec } A$ , and put  $\mathcal{M} = (\text{supp}^{-1} \Phi)_0$ . We observe by Lemma 2.1(2) that  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under direct sums and summands. Fix an  $A$ -module  $M$ . According to [9, Lemma 3.3] and Lemma 2.2(2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M \in \mathcal{M} &\iff \text{supp } M \subseteq \Phi \\ &\iff \text{Ass } E^i(M) \subseteq \Phi \text{ for all } i \geq 0 \\ &\iff \text{supp } E^i(M) \subseteq \Phi \text{ for all } i \geq 0 \\ &\iff E^i(M) \in \mathcal{M} \text{ for all } i \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mathcal{M}$  is E-stable, which says that the map  $g$  is well-defined.

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an E-stable subcategory of  $\text{Mod } A$  closed under direct sums and summands. It is obvious that  $\mathcal{M}$  is contained in  $(\text{supp}^{-1}(\text{supp } \mathcal{M}))_0$ . Let  $N$  be an  $A$ -module with  $\text{supp } N \subseteq \text{supp } \mathcal{M}$ . Then we see from [9, Lemma 3.3] that for each  $i \geq 0$  and  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass } E^i(N)$  there exists a module  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  and an integer  $j \geq 0$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass } E^j(M)$ . Hence  $E(A/\mathfrak{p})$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $E^j(M)$ . The module  $E^j(M)$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$  since  $\mathcal{M}$  is E-stable, and  $E(A/\mathfrak{p})$  is also in  $\mathcal{M}$  since  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under direct summands. Therefore by Lemma 2.2(1) the module  $E^i(N)$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$  for every  $i \geq 0$  since  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under direct sums, and  $N$  is also in  $\mathcal{M}$  since  $\mathcal{M}$  is E-stable. Thus we conclude that the composite map  $gf$  is the identity map.

Let  $\Phi$  be a subset of  $\text{Spec } A$ . It is obvious that  $\text{supp}((\text{supp}^{-1} \Phi)_0)$  is contained in  $\Phi$ . For  $\mathfrak{p} \in \Phi$  we have  $\text{supp } E(A/\mathfrak{p}) = \text{Ass } E(A/\mathfrak{p}) = \{\mathfrak{p}\} \subseteq \Phi$  by Lemma 2.2(2). This implies that  $\Phi$  is contained in  $\text{supp}((\text{supp}^{-1} \Phi)_0)$ , and we conclude that the composite map  $fg$  is the identity map.  $\square$

We say that a subcategory  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\text{Mod } A$  is *closed under short exact sequences* provided that for any short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  of  $A$ -modules, if two of  $L$ ,  $M$  and  $N$  are in  $\mathcal{M}$ , then so is the third. We say that  $\mathcal{M}$  is *closed under left resolutions* provided that for any exact sequence  $\cdots \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  of  $A$ -modules, if every  $M_i$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$  then so is  $N$ . Theorem 2.3 yields the following result.

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an E-stable subcategory of  $\text{Mod } A$  closed under direct sums and summands. Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under short exact sequences and left resolutions.*

*Proof.* By virtue of Theorem 2.3 there exists a subset  $\Phi$  of  $\text{Spec } A$  such that  $\mathcal{M} = (\text{supp}^{-1} \Phi)_0$ .

Let  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence of  $A$ -modules. Assume that two of  $L$ ,  $M$  and  $N$ , say  $L$  and  $M$ , are in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Then  $\text{supp } L$  and  $\text{supp } M$  are contained in  $\Phi$ , and so is  $\text{supp } N$  by Lemma 2.1(1). Hence  $N$  is also in  $\mathcal{M}$ , and therefore  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under short exact sequences.

Let  $\cdots \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence of  $A$ -modules with  $M_i \in \mathcal{M}$  for any  $i \geq 0$ . Then we have an  $A$ -complex  $X = (\cdots \rightarrow X^{-2} \rightarrow X^{-1} \rightarrow X^0 \rightarrow 0)$  with  $X^{-i} = M_i$  for  $i \geq 0$  which is quasi-isomorphic to  $N$ . Lemma 2.1(3) implies that  $\text{supp } N = \text{supp } X \subseteq \bigcup_{i \leq 0} \text{supp } X^i \subseteq \Phi$ . Therefore  $N$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$ .  $\square$

An  $A$ -complex  $X$  is called  *$K$ -injective* if every morphism from an acyclic  $A$ -complex to  $X$  is null-homotopic. An  $A$ -complex  $I$  is called a *minimal  $K$ -injective resolution* of an  $A$ -complex  $X$  if there exists a quasi-isomorphism  $X \rightarrow I$ , each  $I^i$  is an injective module,  $I$  is a  $K$ -injective complex, and the kernel of the differential map  $I^i \rightarrow I^{i+1}$  is an essential submodule of  $I^i$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Every  $A$ -complex admits a minimal  $K$ -injective resolution; see [9, before Proposition 5.1].

For a subcategory  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\text{Mod } A$ , we denote by  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$  the localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  generated by  $\mathcal{M}$ , and by  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$  the localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  consisting of all complexes each of whose homology modules is in  $\mathcal{M}$ . For an  $A$ -complex  $X$  and an integer  $i$ , let  $Z^i(X)$  (respectively,  $B^i(X)$ ) denote the  $i$ th cycle (respectively, boundary) of  $X$ .

### Proposition 2.3.

- (1) Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an  $E$ -stable subcategory of  $\text{Mod } A$  closed under direct sums and summands. Then

$$\text{supp}^{-1}(\text{supp } \mathcal{M}) = \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}.$$

- (2) Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a thick subcategory of  $\text{Mod } A$  closed under direct sums. Then

$$\text{supp}^{-1}(\text{supp } \mathcal{M}) = \overline{\mathcal{M}}.$$

*Proof.* (1) Set  $\mathcal{X} = \text{supp}^{-1}(\text{supp } \mathcal{M})$ . We see from Proposition 2.1 that  $\mathcal{X}$  is a localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  containing  $\mathcal{M}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{X}$  contains  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ . Corollary 2.1(1) says that  $\mathcal{X}$  is the localizing subcategory of  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  generated by  $\{k(\mathfrak{p})\}_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{supp } \mathcal{M}}$ . Hence we have only to show that  $k(\mathfrak{p})$  belongs to  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$  for every  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{supp } \mathcal{M}$ .

Fix a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $\text{supp } \mathcal{M}$ . Then  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L M$  is nonzero for some  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ . Since  $M$  is in  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ , the complex  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L M$  is in  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$  by [10, (2.1.7)]. Note that  $k(\mathfrak{p}) \otimes_A^L M$  is isomorphic to a nonzero direct sum of shifts of  $k(\mathfrak{p})$ . Since  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$  is closed under shifts and direct summands by Corollary 2.1(2),  $k(\mathfrak{p})$  is in  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ , as required.

(2) Fix an  $A$ -complex  $X$ . We want to prove that  $\text{supp } X \subseteq \text{supp } \mathcal{M}$  if and only if  $H^i(X) \in \mathcal{M}$  for all integers  $i$ .

Suppose that the inclusion relation  $\text{supp } X \subseteq \text{supp } \mathcal{M}$  holds. Let  $I$  be a minimal  $K$ -injective resolution of  $X$ . Then we see from [9, Lemma 3.3 and Proposition 5.1] that for each  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass } I^i$  there exists a module  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  and an integer  $j \geq 0$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass } E^j(M)$ . Hence  $E(A/\mathfrak{p})$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $E^j(M)$ . We observe from [9, Lemma 3.5] and the closedness of  $\mathcal{M}$  under cokernels that  $E^j(M)$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$ , and from the closedness of  $\mathcal{M}$  under direct summands that  $E(A/\mathfrak{p})$  is also in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Therefore each  $I^i$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$  by Lemma 2.2(1) as  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under direct sums. For every

$i \in \mathbb{Z}$  there are exact sequences of  $A$ -modules:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\rightarrow Z^i(I) \rightarrow I^i \rightarrow I^{i+1}, \\ 0 &\rightarrow Z^i(I) \rightarrow I^i \rightarrow B^{i+1}(I) \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 &\rightarrow B^i(I) \rightarrow Z^i(I) \rightarrow H^i(X) \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under kernels and cokernels, from these exact sequences we observe that  $H^i(X)$  is in  $\mathcal{M}$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Conversely, suppose that all  $H^i(X)$  belong to  $\mathcal{M}$ . Then  $\text{supp } H^i(X)$  is contained in  $\text{supp } \mathcal{M}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Here note from [9, Theorem 3.1] that  $\text{supp } \mathcal{M}$  is a coherent subset of  $\text{Spec } A$ . Therefore it follows by [9, Theorem 5.2] that  $\text{supp } X$  is contained in  $\text{supp } \mathcal{M}$ , as desired.  $\square$

Now we are in a position to prove our main theorem which we stated in Introduction.

*Proof of Main Theorem.* The first commutative diagram of bijections in Main Theorem is obtained from Theorems 2.1(1), 2.3 and Proposition 2.3(1). Theorem 2.2, [9, Theorem 3.1] and Proposition 2.3(2) make the second diagram in Main Theorem. Theorem 2.1(2), [9, Corollary 3.6] and Proposition 2.3(2) give the third one. All these three commutative diagrams together with Proposition 2.2, Corollary 2.2(2) and [9, Proposition 4.1(2)] yield the last diagram in Main Theorem.  $\square$

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