

## TORSION THEORIES INDUCED BY TILTING MODULES

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**Introduction.** Let  $k$  be a commutative field, and  $A$  a finite-dimensional  $k$ -algebra. By a module will always be meant a finitely generated right module. Following [8], we shall call a module  $T_A$  a tilting module if (1)  $\text{pd} T_A \leq 1$ , (2)  $\text{Ext}_A^1(T, T) = 0$  and (3) there is a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A_A \rightarrow T'_A \rightarrow T''_A \rightarrow 0,$$

with  $T'$  and  $T''$  direct sums of direct summands of  $T$ . Given a tilting module  $T_A$ , the full subcategories

$$\mathcal{F} = \{M_A \mid \text{Hom}_A(T, M) = 0\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\mathcal{T} = \{M_A \mid \text{Ext}_A^1(T, M) = 0\}$$

of the category  $\text{mod} A$  of  $A$ -modules are respectively the torsion-free class and the torsion class of a torsion theory  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  on  $\text{mod} A$  [8]. The aim of the present paper is to find conditions on a torsion theory in order that it be induced by a tilting module. This problem has already been considered by Hoshino [10] who proved that if  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is a torsion theory such that  $\mathcal{T}$  contains all injectives, and either  $\mathcal{T}$  or  $\mathcal{F}$  contains only finitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable modules, then  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is induced by a tilting module. However, while the first condition is obviously necessary, the second is not as the following example shows: let  $A$  be a tame one-relation algebra resulting from the glueing of the preinjective component of a tame hereditary algebra with the preprojective component of another [12], then the slice module of a complete slice in the glued component is a tilting module inducing a torsion theory  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  such that both  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  contain infinitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable modules. We shall thus start by proving:

**THEOREM.** *A torsion theory  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  on  $\text{mod} A$  is induced by a tilting module if and only if  $\mathcal{T}$  contains all injective modules, and either  $\mathcal{T}$  is generated, or  $\mathcal{F}$  is cogenerated (as subcategories of  $\text{mod} A$ ) by a (finitely generated) module.*

Section (1) will be devoted to the proof of this theorem. In Section (2), we shall study the case where  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is a splitting torsion theory induced

by a tilting module. It is then possible to give an explicit description of such a tilting module, provided the algebra  $A$  has a preprojective component containing all projectives, and the torsion-free modules are preprojective. We shall then apply our results in Section (3), to give a sufficient condition for such an algebra to be a tilted algebra.

Throughout this paper, we shall freely use the properties of the Auslander-Reiten translations  $\tau = DTr$  and  $\tau^{-1} = TrD$ , as in [2]. For tilting modules and their properties, we shall refer to [7] and [8].

**1. Tilting torsion theories.**

*Definition (1.1).* A torsion theory  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  on  $\text{mod}A$  will be called a *tilting torsion theory* if there exists a tilting module  $T_A$  such that

$$\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}(T_A) = \{M_A \mid \text{Ext}_A^1(T, M) = 0\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(T_A) = \{M_A \mid \text{Hom}_A(T, M) = 0\}.$$

Our objective will be to prove the following:

**THEOREM (1.2).** *Let  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  be a torsion theory on  $\text{mod}A$ , the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is a tilting torsion theory,
- (ii)  $\mathcal{T}$  is generated by a (finitely generated) faithful module,
- (iii)  $\mathcal{F}$  is cogenerated by a (finitely generated) module  $N$  with no injective summands and such that  $\text{pd}(\tau^{-1}N) \leq 1$ .

*Remarks (1.3).* (1) Assume that  $\mathcal{T}$  is generated by the module  $M_A$ . Then  $M_A$  is faithful if and only if there exists an epimorphism

$$M^{(t)} \rightarrow D({}_A A) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for some } t \in \mathbf{N}.$$

Thus, we may replace in (ii) the condition that  $M$  is faithful by the condition that  $\mathcal{T}$  contains the minimal injective cogenerator  $DA$ , or, equivalently, all injective  $A$ -modules. Again, if  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies (iii),  $\text{pd}(\tau^{-1}N) \leq 1$  implies that

$$\text{Hom}_A(I, N) = 0$$

for any injective  $A$ -module  $I_A$ , by Lemma (2.2) of [7], and hence injectives are torsion. We may therefore reformulate Theorem (1.2) as follows:  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is a tilting torsion theory if and only if  $\mathcal{T}$  contains all injective  $A$ -modules, and either  $\mathcal{T}$  is generated, or  $\mathcal{F}$  is cogenerated by a module.

(2) Observe also that, by Propositions (4.6) and (4.7) of [4], the torsion theory  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is such that  $\mathcal{T}$  is generated (respectively,  $\mathcal{F}$  is cogenerated) by a finitely generated module if and only if  $\mathcal{T}$  has a finite cover (respectively,  $\mathcal{F}$  has a finite cocover), or equivalently, if and only if  $\text{mod}A$

is functorially finite over  $\mathcal{T}$  (respectively, over  $\mathcal{F}$ ). In this case,  $\mathcal{T}$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{F}$ ) has relative Auslander-Reiten sequences [5].

We shall need the following definitions and results from [5] and [6]:

*Definition.* (1.4). Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a full subcategory of  $\text{mod}A$  closed under extensions. A module  $M$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  will be called *Ext-projective* (respectively, *Ext-injective*) in  $\mathcal{C}$  if

$$\text{Ext}_A^1(M, -)|_{\mathcal{C}} = 0$$

(respectively,  $\text{Ext}_A^1(-, M)|_{\mathcal{C}} = 0$ ).

**THEOREM** (1.5). *Let  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  be a torsion theory in  $\text{mod}A$ , and  $t$  be the idempotent torsion radical, then:*

(i) *If  $M \in \mathcal{T}$  is indecomposable, then:*

$$M \text{ is Ext-projective in } \mathcal{T} \Leftrightarrow \tau M \in \mathcal{F}$$

*and  $M$  is Ext-injective in  $\mathcal{T} \Leftrightarrow M \xrightarrow{\sim} tI$  for some indecomposable injective module  $I_A \notin \mathcal{F}$ .*

(ii) *If, moreover,  $\mathcal{T}$  is generated by a module  $G_A$ , then  $G$  is Ext-projective in  $\mathcal{T}$ . Also, the number of non-isomorphic indecomposable torsion modules which are Ext-projective, and the number of those which are Ext-injective are finite and equal.*

(iii) *Dually, let  $N \in \mathcal{F}$  be indecomposable, then:*

$$N \text{ is Ext-injective in } \mathcal{F} \Leftrightarrow \tau^{-1}N \in \mathcal{T}$$

*and  $N$  is Ext-projective in  $\mathcal{F} \Leftrightarrow N \xrightarrow{\sim} P/tP$  for some indecomposable projective module  $P_A \notin \mathcal{T}$ .*

(iv) *If, moreover,  $\mathcal{F}$  is cogenerated by a module  $H_A$ , then  $H$  is Ext-injective in  $\mathcal{F}$ . Also, the number of non-isomorphic indecomposable torsion-free modules which are Ext-projective, and the number of those which are Ext-injective are finite and equal.*

*Proof of Theorem* (1.2). Assume first that the torsion theory  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is induced by the tilting module  $T_A$ . Then  $\mathcal{T}$  is generated by  $T_A$  [8], which is a faithful module, as can be seen from the short exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow A_A \rightarrow T'_A \rightarrow T''_A \rightarrow 0$$

(with  $T'$  and  $T''$  direct sums of summands of  $T$ ). On the other hand, the torsion-free class is cogenerated by  $\tau T$  which has no injective summands and which satisfies

$$\text{pd}(\tau^{-1}(\tau T)) \leq 1.$$

Thus, (i) implies (ii) and (iii).

Let now the torsion theory  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  be such that  $\mathcal{T}$  is generated by the (finitely generated) faithful module  $M_A$ . We may assume, without loss of

generality, that  $M$  is the direct sum of non-isomorphic indecomposables. Let  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_m$  be a complete set of representatives of the isomorphism classes of indecomposable Ext-projective modules in  $\mathcal{T}$ . We claim that

$$T_A = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m T_i$$

is a tilting module.

Let us start by showing that

$$\text{pd}T_i \leq 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

We may assume that  $T_i$  is not projective. Then  $\tau T_i \in \mathcal{F}$  (by (1.5)) and, since injectives are torsion,

$$\text{Hom}_A(I, \tau T_i) = 0$$

for any injective  $A$ -module  $I_A$ . Therefore  $\text{pd}T_i \leq 1$  [7]. Next,

$$\text{Ext}_A^1(T, T) = 0,$$

because  $T$  is Ext-projective in  $\mathcal{T}$ . There only remains to construct a short exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow A_A \rightarrow T'_A \rightarrow T''_A \rightarrow 0$$

with  $T', T''$  direct sums of summands of  $T_A$ . Let  $(f_i)_{1 \leq i \leq t}$  be a basis of the  $k$ -vector space  $\text{Hom}_A(A, M)$ , and put

$$f = (f_i)_i: A \rightarrow M^{(t)}.$$

Then  $f$  is a monomorphism (for,  $M$  being faithful cogenerates  $A_A$ ). We claim that for  $N \in \mathcal{T}$ ,

$$\text{Hom}_A(f, N): \text{Hom}_A(M^{(t)}, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(A, N)$$

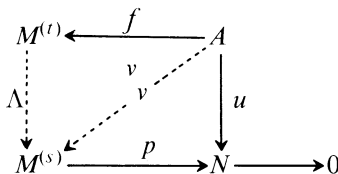
is an epimorphism. Since  $N \in \mathcal{T}$ , there exists an epimorphism

$$p: M^{(s)} \rightarrow N \quad \text{for some } s \in \mathbf{N}.$$

Since  $A_A$  is projective, to any morphism  $u: A \rightarrow N$  corresponds

$$v = (v_j)_{1 \leq j \leq s}: A \rightarrow M^{(s)}$$

such that  $u = pv$ :



Now  $v_j: A \rightarrow M$  can be written as

$$v_j = \sum_{i=1}^t \lambda_j^i f_i \text{ for some } \lambda_j^i \in k.$$

Therefore  $v = \Lambda f$ , where  $\Lambda = [\lambda_j^i]$  is an  $s \times t$  scalar matrix, hence an  $A$ -linear map from  $M^{(t)}$  to  $M^{(s)}$ . We thus have:

$$u = pv = (p\Lambda)f = \text{Hom}_A(f, N)(p\Lambda)$$

which proves our claim.

Setting  $C = \text{Coker } f$ , we have a short exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow A_A \xrightarrow{f} M^{(t)} \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $M$  is Ext-projective in  $\mathcal{T}$  (by (1.5)),  $M^{(t)}$  is a direct sum of summands of  $T$ . Applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_A(-, N)$ , with  $N \in \mathcal{T}$ , to the previous sequence, we obtain an exact sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(C, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M^{(t)}, N) &\xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_A(f, N)} \text{Hom}_A(A, N) \\ \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^1(C, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^1(M^{(t)}, N) &\rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^1(A, N) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\text{Hom}_A(f, N)$  is an epimorphism, we deduce that:

$$\text{Ext}_A^1(C, N) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ext}_A^1(M^{(t)}, N) = 0$$

because  $M$  is Ext-projective. Hence  $C$  is also Ext-projective, thus is a direct sum of summands of  $T$ . This completes the proof that  $T_A$  is a tilting module. Finally,  $\mathcal{T}(T_A) = \mathcal{T}$ : since  $M_A$  is a summand of  $T$ ,  $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{T}(T_A)$ , and since  $T$  is generated by  $M$ , we have  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}(T_A)$  which implies that  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(T_A)$ , and  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is a tilting torsion theory. We have thus proved that (ii) implies (i).

Assume now that  $\mathcal{F}$  is cogenerated by the module  $N_A$  with no injective summands and such that  $\text{pd}(\tau^{-1}N) \leq 1$ . As already observed, this implies that injectives are torsion. Let  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_r$  be a complete set of representatives of the isomorphism classes of the indecomposable Ext-injectives in  $\mathcal{F}$ . Since no  $N_i$  is injective,  $\tau^{-1}N_i \in \mathcal{T}$  is not zero and, since

$$\tau(\tau^{-1}N_i) \xrightarrow{\sim} N_i \in \mathcal{F},$$

$\tau^{-1}N_i$  is in fact Ext-projective in  $\mathcal{T}$ . On the other hand, let  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_s$  be the non-isomorphic indecomposable projective torsion modules, and put:

$$T_A = \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \tau^{-1}N_i \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^s P_j \right).$$

Obviously,  $T_A$  is Ext-projective. We claim that in fact  $T_A$  is the direct sum of all non-isomorphic indecomposable Ext-projectives in  $\mathcal{T}$ . Indeed, if  $M_A$  is an indecomposable Ext-projective torsion module, then either  $M$  is projective, in which case  $M \xrightarrow{\sim} P_j$  for some  $1 \leq j \leq s$ , or else  $\tau M \neq 0$ , and then  $\tau M \in \mathcal{F}$ . Since

$$\tau^{-1}(\tau M) \xrightarrow{\sim} M \in \mathcal{T},$$

$\tau M$  is indecomposable Ext-injective in  $\mathcal{F}$ , hence

$$\tau M \xrightarrow{\sim} N_i \text{ for some } 1 \leq i \leq r$$

and consequently

$$M \xrightarrow{\sim} \tau^{-1}N_i.$$

Our claim follows.

We now show that  $T_A$  is a tilting module. First, it is evident that

$$\text{Ext}_A^1(T, T) = 0.$$

On the other hand, for every injective module  $I_A$ ,

$$\text{Hom}_A(I, \tau T) = \text{Hom}_A(I, \bigoplus_{i=1}^r N_i) = 0,$$

and therefore  $\text{pd}T_A \leq 1$ . There only remains to prove that  $r + s = n$ , where  $n$  is the number of non-isomorphic simple  $A$ -modules [7]. By (1.5),  $r$  equals the number of non-isomorphic indecomposable Ext-projective torsion-free modules, and  $L \in \mathcal{F}$  is indecomposable Ext-projective if and only if  $L \xrightarrow{\sim} P/tP$  for some indecomposable projective module  $P_A \notin \mathcal{T}$  (where  $t$  denotes the idempotent torsion radical). Therefore  $r = n - s$ , and  $T_A$  is indeed a tilting module.

Finally, since  $N$  is Ext-injective in  $\mathcal{F}$ , its indecomposable summands are summands of

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^r N_i = \tau T,$$

hence  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{F}(T_A)$ . Since  $\tau T \in \mathcal{F}$ , we deduce that  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(T_A)$ , and therefore  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is induced by the tilting module  $T_A$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

**COROLLARY. (1.6).** *Let  $A$  be a representation-finite algebra. A torsion theory  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  on  $\text{mod}A$  is a tilting torsion theory if and only if all injectives are torsion.*

**COROLLARY (1.7).** *Let  $A$  be a finite-dimensional algebra, and  $M_A$  a faithful module such that  $\text{Hom}_A(M, \tau M) = 0$ . Then there exists a module  $X_A$  such that  $T = M \oplus X$  is a tilting module.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the subcategory of  $\text{mod}A$  generated by  $M$ . Since

$$\text{Hom}_A(M, \tau M) = 0,$$

$\mathcal{T}$  is closed under extensions [5] and is therefore, since  $M$  is faithful, the torsion class of a tilting torsion theory  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$ . Moreover, the direct sum  $T'_A$  of all non-isomorphic indecomposable Ext-projective torsion modules is a tilting module inducing  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$ . However,  $M_A$  is itself Ext-projective in  $\mathcal{T}$ . Therefore its indecomposable summands are also summands of  $T'$ , and the corollary follows.

**2. Splitting tilting torsion theories.**

*Definition (2.1).* A tilting module  $T_A$  will be called *separating* if the torsion theory  $(\mathcal{T}(T_A), \mathcal{F}(T_A))$  in  $\text{mod}A$  is splitting. In other words, if any indecomposable module  $M_A$  is such that either

$$\text{Hom}_A(T, M) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Ext}_A^1(T, M) = 0.$$

The following are examples of separating tilting modules: the APR tilts studied in [3], the slice modules of complete slices in tilted algebras [8], the tilting modules used in the proof of the sufficiency part of the main theorem in [1]. If  $T_A$  is a tilting module and  $B = \text{End}T_A$ , it follows directly from the Brenner-Butler theorem [8] that  $T_A$  is separating if and only if  ${}_B T$  is splitting in the sense of [1]. Thus, an algebra  $A$  is iterated tilted of type  $\Delta$  if and only if there exists a sequence of algebras  $A_0 = A, A_1, \dots, A_m$  with  $A_m$  hereditary of type  $\Delta$ , and a sequence of separating tilting modules  $T_{A_i}^{(i)}$  ( $0 \leq i < m$ ) such that  $\text{End}T_{A_i}^{(i)} = A_{i+1}$ .

We shall need the following result from [9]:

LEMMA (2.2). *Let  $T_A$  be a tilting module. The following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $T_A$  is a separating tilting module.
- (ii) If  $M_A \in \mathcal{F}(T_A)$ , then  $\tau M \in \mathcal{F}(T_A)$ .
- (iii) If  $N_A \in \mathcal{T}(T_A)$ , then  $\tau^{-1}N \in \mathcal{T}(T_A)$ .

PROPOSITION (2.3). *Let  $T_A$  be a separating tilting module, then:*

- (i) Two non-isomorphic indecomposable summands of  $T_A$  lie in distinct  $\tau$ -orbits of the Auslander-Reiten quiver of  $A$ .
- (ii) Let  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  be indecomposable summands of  $T_A$  such that there exist  $s, t \geq 0$  and an irreducible map  $\tau^{-s}T_0 \rightarrow \tau^t T_1$ . Then, if  $T_1$  is not projective, both  $s$  and  $t$  equal zero.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $T_0$  and  $T_1 = \tau^{-t}T_0$  ( $t \geq 0$ ) be two indecomposable summands of  $T$  lying in the same  $\tau$ -orbit. Since  $\text{Ext}_A^1(T, T_0) = 0$ , (2.2) implies that

$$\text{Ext}_A^1(T, \tau^{-i}T_0) = 0 \quad \text{for every } i \geq 0.$$

In particular, if  $t \neq 0$ ,

$$\text{Ext}_A^1(T, \tau^{-(t-1)}T_0) = 0.$$

But

$$\tau^{-(t-1)}T_0 \xrightarrow{\sim} \tau T_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Ext}_A^1(T_1, \tau T_1) \neq 0.$$

Therefore  $t = 0$  and  $T_0 \xrightarrow{\sim} T_1$ .

(ii) Let the indecomposable summands  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  of  $T$  be such that there exist  $s, t \geq 0$  and an irreducible map

$$\tau^{-s}T_0 \rightarrow \tau^t T_1.$$

Assume moreover that  $T_1$  is not projective. Then  $T_0 \in \mathcal{F}(T_A)$  implies that  $\tau^{-s}T_0 \in \mathcal{F}(T_A)$ , and therefore

$$\tau^t T_1 \notin \mathcal{F}(T_A).$$

Since  $(\mathcal{F}(T_A), \mathcal{F}(T_A))$  is splitting,

$$\tau^t T_1 \in \mathcal{F}(T_A).$$

Hence, if  $t \neq 0$ ,

$$\tau^{-(t-1)}\tau^t T_1 = \tau T_1 \in \mathcal{F}(T_A).$$

But this is impossible, since  $\text{Ext}_A^1(T_1, \tau T_1) \neq 0$ . Therefore  $t = 0$ . There remains to show that  $s = 0$  as well. If  $s \neq 0$ , we have a chain of irreducible maps

$$T_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tau^{-(s-1)}T_0 \rightarrow \tau T_1.$$

But  $\text{Ext}_A^1(T_1, \tau T_1) \neq 0$  implies that  $\tau T_1 \in \mathcal{F}(T_A)$ , hence

$$\tau^{-(s-1)}T_0 \in \mathcal{F}(T_A),$$

and we deduce that  $T_0 \in \mathcal{F}(T_A)$ , an absurdity.

It follows that if, in a  $\tau$ -orbit of the Auslander-Reiten quiver of  $A$ , there exists an indecomposable summand  $T_i$  of the separating tilting module  $T$ , then an indecomposable  $M_A$  in this  $\tau$ -orbit belongs to  $\mathcal{F}(T_A)$  if and only if there exists  $t \geq 0$  such that

$$M \xrightarrow{\sim} \tau^{-t}T_i,$$

and an indecomposable  $N_A$  in the same  $\tau$ -orbit belongs to  $\mathcal{F}(T_A)$  if and only if there exists  $s > 0$  such that

$$N \xrightarrow{\sim} \tau^s T_i.$$

On the other hand, if there is no indecomposable summand of  $T$  in this  $\tau$ -orbit, it is entirely contained either in  $\mathcal{F}(T_A)$ , or in  $\mathcal{F}(T_A)$ . In particular,



no indecomposable summand of  $T_A$  lies in a periodic  $\tau$ -orbit. We also have:

**COROLLARY (2.4).** *Let  $T_A$  be a separating tilting module. Then, for any chain of indecomposable modules and irreducible maps of the form*

$$T_0 = M_0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow M_r \rightarrow M_{r+1} = \tau^s T_1$$

*with  $s, r \geq 0$ ,  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  indecomposable summands of  $T$ , and no  $M_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ) an indecomposable summand of  $T$ , we must have  $s = 0$  and, moreover, if  $r \geq 1$ ,  $T_1$  must be projective.*

*Proof.* Indeed, in such a chain, all modules lie in  $\mathcal{F}(T_A)$ , since  $T_0 \in \mathcal{F}(T_A)$ . In particular,

$$\tau^s T_1 \in \mathcal{F}(T_A).$$

Hence  $s = 0$ . Let us now suppose that  $r \geq 1$ , and that  $T_1$  is not projective. Observe that no  $M_i$  is projective, since an indecomposable projective torsion module is a summand of  $T$ . Thus, the irreducible map  $M_r \rightarrow T_1$  induces an irreducible map  $\tau M_r \rightarrow \tau T_1$ . Since  $\tau T_1 \in \mathcal{F}(T_A)$ ,  $\tau M_r \in \mathcal{F}(T_A)$  as well. But then  $M_r$  is Ext-projective in  $\mathcal{F}(T_A)$ , that is to say,  $M_r$  is an indecomposable summand of  $T$ , a contradiction.

**Definition (2.5).** Let  $\Gamma = (\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1, \tau)$  be a translation quiver. A *separating slice*  $\Sigma = (\Sigma_0, \Sigma_1)$  of  $\Gamma$  is a full subquiver such that:

- (1)  $\Sigma_0$  contains exactly one representative from each  $\tau$ -orbit in  $\Gamma$ .
- (2) For every sequence of arrows of the form

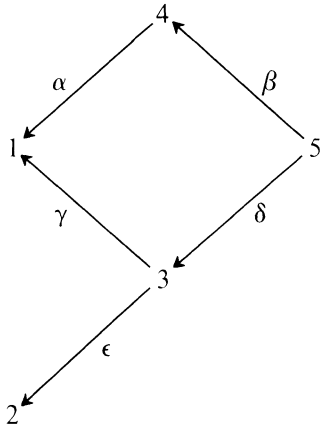
$$x = z_0 \rightarrow z_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow z_r \rightarrow z_{r+1} = \tau^s y$$

with  $s, r \geq 0$ ,  $x, y \in \Sigma_0$  and  $z_i \notin \Sigma_0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , we have that  $s = 0$  and moreover, if  $r \geq 1$ ,  $y$  is projective.

Observe that any algebra having a preprojective component admits separating slices in that component (consider for instance the full subquiver consisting of the projective indecomposables). Also, a path from one connected component of a separating slice  $\Sigma$  to another must factor through a projective, but each connected component is not necessarily path-complete: we may have a path

$$x = z_0 \rightarrow z_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow z_r \rightarrow z_{r+1} = y$$

with  $x, y$  in the same connected component of  $\Sigma$ , and  $z_i \notin \Sigma_0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ . For instance, in the Auslander-Reiten quiver of the algebra of the quiver (following) bound by  $\alpha\beta = \gamma\delta = 0$ , the modules  $P(4), P(5), \tau^{-1}P(1), \tau^{-1}P(3)$  and  $\tau^{-2}P(2)$  define a separating slice which is connected but not path-complete. Finally, the existence of separating slices in a component of the Auslander-Reiten quiver does not imply the absence of oriented cycles in that component.



**THEOREM (2.6).** *Let  $A$  be a finite-dimensional  $k$ -algebra having a preprojective component containing all projective  $A$ -modules, and  $T_A$  be a preprojective module. The following assertions are equivalent;*

- (i)  $T_A$  is a separating tilting module.
- (ii)  $T_A$  satisfies the conditions of Proposition (2.3).
- (iii) The indecomposable summands of  $T_A$  form a separating slice in the preprojective component of  $A$ .

*Proof.* We have already seen that (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). There only remains to prove that (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Let  $\Sigma$  be a separating slice, and  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n$  be a complete set of representatives of the isomorphism classes of modules in  $\Sigma$ . Let us put

$$\mathcal{T}_0 = \{\tau^s T_i | s > 0, 1 \leq i \leq n\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_0 = \text{ind}A \setminus \mathcal{T}_0$$

(where  $\text{ind}A$  denotes the full subcategory of  $\text{mod}A$  consisting of a set of representatives of the isomorphism classes of indecomposable  $A$ -modules), and let  $\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F}$  denote respectively the additive subcategories of  $\text{mod}A$  generated by  $\mathcal{T}_0, \mathcal{F}_0$ . We claim that  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is a torsion theory (necessarily splitting) in  $\text{mod}A$ . It suffices in fact to prove that the classes  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  are orthogonal, that is to say, that

$$\text{Hom}_A(M, N) = 0 \quad \text{for } M \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } N \in \mathcal{F},$$

since the maximality of  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  follows from the fact that  $\text{ind}A$  is the disjoint union of  $\mathcal{T}_0$  and  $\mathcal{F}_0$ . Let us thus assume that  $M \in \mathcal{T}_0$  and  $N \in \mathcal{F}_0$  are such that

$$\text{Hom}_A(M, N) \neq 0.$$

Since  $N$  is preprojective, so is  $M$ , and there exist  $s > 0, t \geq 0$ , and  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  such that

$$N \xrightarrow{\sim} \tau^s T_i \quad \text{and} \quad M \xrightarrow{\sim} \tau^{-1} T_j.$$

Also, there exists a path in the preprojective component from the vertex corresponding to  $M$  to the vertex corresponding to  $N$ , and hence a chain of indecomposable modules and irreducible maps:

$$T_j \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tau^{-1} T_j \xrightarrow{\sim} M \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{\sim} \tau^s T_j.$$

Since  $T_i, T_j$  belong to  $\Sigma$ , and  $T_i$  is not projective (because  $s > 0$ ), at least one of the modules between  $T_j$  and  $N$  must belong to  $\Sigma$ . The previous chain may then be substituted by a subchain:

$$T_h \rightarrow M_0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow M_r \rightarrow M_{r+1} = \tau^s T_i$$

with  $T_h, T_i$  in  $\Sigma$ , and  $M_i$  not in  $\Sigma$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ . This, however, contradicts the fact that  $\Sigma$  is a separating slice. Therefore

$$\text{Hom}_A(M, N) = 0 \quad \text{for all } M \in \mathcal{T}_0, N \in \mathcal{F}_0,$$

and hence for all  $M \in \mathcal{T}$  and  $N \in \mathcal{F}$ .

We now prove that

$$T_A = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n T_i$$

is a tilting module inducing the torsion theory  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$ . Observe that, by definition, all injectives are torsion. Since, on the other hand,  $\tau T_i \in \mathcal{F}$  for any non-projective indecomposable summand  $T_i$  of  $T$ , we have

$$\text{Hom}_A(I, \tau T_i) = 0 \quad \text{for any injective } I_A,$$

hence  $\text{pd} T \leq 1$ . Moreover, for any two indecomposable summands  $T_i$  and  $T_j$  of  $T$ , we have

$$\text{Ext}_A^1(T_i, T_j) = D\text{Hom}_A(T_j, \tau T_i) = 0.$$

Finally, the number  $n$  of non-isomorphic indecomposable summands of  $T$  is equal to the number of  $\tau$ -orbits in the preprojective component, and therefore to the number of non-isomorphic simple  $A$ -modules. Hence  $T_A$  is a tilting module. There remains to show that  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}(T_A)$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(T_A)$ .

If  $M \in \mathcal{T}$ ,

$$\text{Ext}_A^1(T, M) = D\text{Hom}_A(M, \tau T) = 0,$$

since  $\tau T \in \mathcal{T}$ , hence  $M \in \mathcal{T}(T_A)$ . Similarly, if  $N \in \mathcal{F}$ , then

$$\text{Hom}_A(T, N) = 0.$$

This proves that  $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{T}(T_A)$  and  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{F}(T_A)$ . Since  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is splitting, we deduce that

$$\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}(T_A) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(T_A),$$

and the proof of the theorem is now complete.

**COROLLARY (2.7).** *Let  $A$  be a finite-dimensional  $k$ -algebra having a preprojective component containing all projective  $A$ -modules, and  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  a torsion theory in  $\text{mod}A$ . The following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is induced by a preprojective separating tilting module.
- (ii)  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is a splitting tilting torsion theory, with all torsion-free modules preprojective.
- (iii)  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is a splitting torsion theory such that  $\mathcal{T}$  contains the injectives, and  $\mathcal{F}$  contains only finitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable modules.

*Proof.* It follows immediately from (2.6) that (i) implies (ii) and (iii). If  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is a splitting torsion theory, induced by the tilting module  $T_A$ , with all torsion-free modules preprojective, then, in particular,  $\tau T$  is preprojective. Since an indecomposable torsion-free module is a predecessor of  $\tau T$ , there are only finitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable torsion-free modules, and (ii) implies (iii).

Let  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  satisfy the hypothesis of (iii), then all torsion-free modules are preprojective. Indeed, if  $M_A \in \mathcal{F}$  is not preprojective, there must exist a projective module  $P_A$  such that

$$\text{Hom}_A(P, M) \neq 0,$$

and therefore a chain of indecomposable modules and irreducible maps of arbitrary length  $t$ :

$$P = N_0 \xrightarrow{f_1} N_1 \xrightarrow{f_2} N_2 \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{f_t} N_t$$

with a map  $g: N_t \rightarrow M$  such that  $gf_t \dots f_1 \neq 0$  [11]. Now, all  $N_i$  are preprojective and, since  $M \in \mathcal{F}$ , all  $N_i$  are also torsion-free. But then the arbitrariness of  $t$  contradicts the fact that  $\mathcal{F}$  contains only finitely many non-isomorphic indecomposables. This proves that any torsion-free module  $M$  must be preprojective. Let now  $T_A$  be the direct sum of all non-isomorphic indecomposable Ext-projective torsion modules. They are clearly preprojective, since they are either projective, or of the form  $\tau^{-1}M$ , with  $M \in \mathcal{F}$  indecomposable. Since  $\mathcal{T}$  contains the injectives, we have again  $\text{pd}T \leq 1$ . It is evident that

$$\text{Ext}_A^1(T, T) = 0.$$

Finally, the number of non-isomorphic indecomposable summands of  $T$  is equal to the number  $n$  of non-isomorphic simple  $A$ -modules: indeed, if  $r$  is the number of non-isomorphic indecomposable projective torsion modules, the number of non-isomorphic indecomposable Ext-projectives in  $\mathcal{F}$  which is equal to the number of non-isomorphic indecomposable Ext-injectives in  $\mathcal{T}$ , is  $n - r$  (by (1.5)). Since an indecomposable summand of  $T$  is either projective or of the form  $\tau^{-1}N$ , with  $N$  indecomposable

Ext-injective in  $\mathcal{F}$ , the number of non-isomorphic summands of  $T$  is  $r + (n - r) = n$ . Therefore  $T_A$  is a tilting module, and it is easily seen that  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}(T_A)$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(T_A)$ .

**3. Application to tilted algebras.**

PROPOSITION (3.1). *Let  $A$  be a finite-dimensional  $k$ -algebra having a preprojective component containing all projectives and define*

$$\mathcal{T} = \{M_A | \text{lid}M \leq 1\},$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \{M_A | \text{lid}M > 1\}.$$

*If  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is a torsion theory in  $\text{mod}A$ , then  $A$  is a tilted algebra.*

*Proof.* If  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is a torsion theory in  $\text{mod}A$ , it is, by definition, a splitting torsion theory in which all injectives are torsion. Also, an indecomposable module  $M_A$  is torsion-free if and only if

$$\text{Hom}_A(\tau^{-1}M, A_A) \neq 0 \quad [7].$$

Let thus  $M \in \mathcal{F}$ . There exists an indecomposable projective module  $P_A$  such that

$$\text{Hom}_A(\tau^{-1}M, P) \neq 0,$$

therefore  $\tau^{-1}M$ , and consequently  $M$  are preprojective, and we have a chain of irreducible maps from  $M$  to  $P$ . It follows that there are only finitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable torsion-free modules. By (2.7),  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is induced by the separating tilting module

$$T = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n T_i,$$

where  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n$  is a complete set of representatives of the isomorphism classes of indecomposable Ext-projective torsion modules. Observe that the  $T_i$  are all preprojective.

We claim that the set  $\mathcal{S} = \{T_i | 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  forms a complete slice in the preprojective component. Since  $T$  is a separating tilting module,  $\mathcal{S}$  contains exactly one representative from each  $\tau$ -orbit. Thus we only have to show that if

$$T_0 \rightarrow M_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow M_r \rightarrow T_1$$

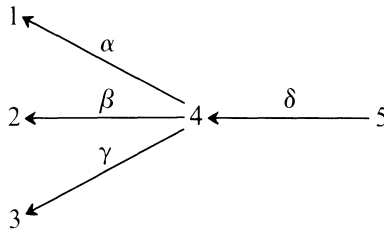
is a chain of indecomposable modules and irreducible maps with  $T_0, T_1 \in \mathcal{S}$ , then all the  $M_i$  belong to  $\mathcal{S}$ . Suppose indeed that this is not the case. We may assume that  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  are chosen so that no  $M_i$  belong to  $\mathcal{S}$ . Then, by the properties of separating tilting modules,  $T_1$  is projective. Observe that, since  $T_0 \in \mathcal{T}$  and  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  is splitting, all the  $M_i$  are torsion.

Also,  $M_t$  cannot be projective (for, a projective torsion module is a summand of  $T$ ), hence  $\tau M_t \neq 0$ . Since  $M_t$  does not belong to  $\mathcal{S}$ ,  $\tau M_t \notin \mathcal{F}$ , therefore  $\tau M_t \in \mathcal{T}$ . But, on the other hand,

$$\text{Hom}_A(\tau^{-1}(\tau M_t), A_A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_A(M_t, A) \neq 0$$

because  $\text{Hom}_A(M_t, T_1) \neq 0$  and  $T_1$  is projective. We have thus reached a contradiction which completes the proof of our claim, and hence of the proposition.

*Remark (3.2).* The converse of this proposition is not true, indeed the algebra  $A$  of the quiver:



bound by  $\alpha\delta = \beta\delta = 0$ , is tilted of type  $\mathbf{D}_5$ , but  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$  does not form a torsion theory. In fact, the projective module  $P(4)$  has injective dimension 2, while its submodule  $P(3)$  has injective dimension 1. On the other hand, its opposite algebra  $A^{\text{op}}$  satisfies the assumptions of (3.1). Such tilted algebras have an interesting property:

**PROPOSITION (3.3).** *Let  $A$  be a tilted algebra such that its opposite algebra  $A^{\text{op}}$  satisfies the assumptions of (3.1), then, for any tilting module  $M_A$ ,  $\text{End}M_A$  is also a tilted algebra.*

*Proof.* By hypothesis,  $A$  has a complete slice  $\mathcal{S}$  in its preinjective component such that all modules on the right of  $\mathcal{S}$  have projective dimension 2. Let  $(T_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  be the non-isomorphic indecomposable  $A$ -modules in  $\mathcal{S}$ , and

$$T_A = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n T_i$$

be the slice module. Then  $B = \text{End}T_A$  is hereditary,  $T_B = D({}_B T)$  is a tilting module and it follows from the Brenner-Butler theorem [8] that

$$\text{Tor}_1^A(N, T') = 0$$

if and only if  $N_A$  does not lie on the right of  $\mathcal{S}$ , while

$$N \otimes_A T' = 0$$

if and only if  $N$  lies on the right of  $\mathcal{S}$ . Let now

$$M_A = \bigoplus_j M_j$$

be an arbitrary tilting module, with the  $M_j$  indecomposable. Since  $\text{pd}M_j \leq 1$  for all  $j$ , no  $M_j$  lies on the right of  $\mathcal{S}$ . Therefore, for each  $j$ , there exists a  $B$ -module  $M'_j$  such that

$$M_j = \text{Hom}_B(T', M'_j).$$

We claim that  $M'_B = \bigoplus_j M'_j$  is a tilting module. Since  $B$  is hereditary, this follows from the fact that, for any two summands  $M_j$  and  $M_h$  of  $M_A$ :

$$\text{Ext}_B^1(M'_j, M'_h) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ext}_A^1(M_j, M_h) = 0.$$

Since clearly  $\text{End}M'_B \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{End}M_A$ , we infer that  $\text{End}M_A$  is a tilted algebra.

*Note.* After the completion of this paper, the author has learned that S. O. Smalø had also characterised the tilting torsion theories in [13], obtaining a result equivalent to Theorem (1.2).

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