# CLASSIFYING SUBCATEGORIES OF NOETHERIAN ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. For a Noetherian *R*-algebra  $\Lambda$ , we classify torsion classes, torsionfree classes and Serre subcategories of mod  $\Lambda$ . For a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of *R*, let  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda = (R_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}}) \otimes_R \Lambda$ . Torsionfree classes are classified by using torsionfree classes of  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$ . Serre subcategories are classified by using simple  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$ -modules. To classify torsion classes, we construct an embedding from tors  $\Lambda$  to  $\prod_{\mathfrak{p}}$  tors  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$ , where tors  $\Lambda$  is the set of torsion classes of mod  $\Lambda$ and  $\mathfrak{p}$  runs all prime ideals of *R*. We introduce the notion of compatible elements in  $\prod_{\mathfrak{p}}$  tors  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$  and show that each element in the image of the embedding is compatible. We give a sufficient condition such that any compatible element belongs to the image of the embedding. This proceeding is based on the paper [6].

### 1. Preliminary

For finite dimensional algebras, a connection between torsion classes and classical tilting modules was well understood in the last century, see [2] for instance. Recently, there are many studies of torsion classes, for instance [1, 5]. For a commutative Noetherian ring R, classification problems of subcategories of mod R has been studied by many mathematicians. The classification of Serre subcategories by Gabriel [3] is one of the most important results. There exist many results of classification problems of subcategories based on the Gabriel's result, for instance [7, 13].

Throughout this proceeding let R be a commutative Noetherian ring and  $\Lambda$  an R-algebra which is finitely generated as an R-module. We call such an algebra  $\Lambda$  a Noetherian algebra and write  $(R, \Lambda)$ . In the paper [6], as a natural generalization of finite dimensional algebras and commutative Noetherian rings, we consider Noetherian R-algebras. The aim is to classify torsion classes, torsionfree classes and Serre subcategories of the category **mod**  $\Lambda$  of finitely generated (left)  $\Lambda$ -modules.

We recall the definition of such subcategories of the module category.

**Definition 1.** Let  $(R, \Lambda)$  be a Noetherian algebra and C a subcategory of  $\mathsf{mod} \Lambda$ . We say that C is a *torsion class* (respectively, *torsionfree class*, *Serre subcategory*) of  $\mathsf{mod} \Lambda$  if C is closed under factor modules (respectively, submodules, both of factor modules and submodules) and extensions. We denote by  $\mathsf{tors} \Lambda$  (respectively,  $\mathsf{torf} \Lambda$ ,  $\mathsf{serre} \Lambda$ ) the set of all torsion classes (respectively, torsionfree classes, Serre subcategories) of  $\mathsf{mod} \Lambda$ .

Note that each torsion class in  $\operatorname{mod} \Lambda$  gives rise to a torsion pair, since each module in  $\operatorname{mod} \Lambda$  is noetherian. On the other hand, a torsionfree class does not necessarily give rise to a torsion pair in  $\operatorname{mod} \Lambda$ .

We denote by SpecR the set of all prime ideals of R. Let  $\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Spec} R$  and  $\Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_R \Lambda$ . Then  $(R_{\mathfrak{p}}, \Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}})$  is a Noetherian algebra. For a  $\Lambda$ -module M we denote by  $M_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_R M$ 

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a  $\Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module. For a subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathsf{mod} \Lambda$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  a subcategory of  $\mathsf{mod} \Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}}$  defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{p}} := \{ M_{\mathfrak{p}} \in \operatorname{mod} \Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}} \mid M \in \mathcal{C} \}.$$

It is easy to see that if C is closed under extensions (respectively, factor modules, submodules) in mod  $\Lambda$ , then so is  $C_p$  in mod  $\Lambda_p$ . Therefore taking localization at p preserves the property of being torsion classes (respectively, torsionfree classes, Serre subcategories). Thus:

**Lemma 2.** If C is a torsion class (respectively, torsionfree class, Serre subcategory) of mod  $\Lambda$ , then  $C_p$  is a torsion class (respectively, torsionfree class, Serre subcategory) of mod  $\Lambda_p$ .

For  $\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Spec} R$  let  $k_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  and  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda = k_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_R \Lambda$ . Then  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$  is a finite dimensional  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -algebra. We regard  $\operatorname{mod} k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$  as a full subcategory of  $\operatorname{mod} \Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}}$  by a canonical surjection from  $\Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}}$  to  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$ . Then  $\operatorname{mod} k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$  is closed under factor modules and submodules in  $\operatorname{mod} \Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Thus an assignment  $\mathcal{C} \mapsto \mathcal{C} \cap \operatorname{mod} k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$  induces maps

(1.1) 
$$\operatorname{tors} \Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}} \longrightarrow \operatorname{tors} k_{\mathfrak{p}} \Lambda, \quad \operatorname{torf} \Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}} \longrightarrow \operatorname{torf} k_{\mathfrak{p}} \Lambda, \quad \operatorname{serre} \Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}} \longrightarrow \operatorname{serre} k_{\mathfrak{p}} \Lambda$$

Let  $\mathbb{T}_R(\Lambda)$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_R(\Lambda)$  and  $\mathbb{S}_R(\Lambda)$  be the Cartesian products of tors  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$ , torf  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$  and serre  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$ respectively, where  $\mathfrak{p}$  runs all prime ideals of R:

$$\mathbb{T}_R(\Lambda) := \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Spec} R} \operatorname{tors} k_\mathfrak{p} \Lambda, \qquad \mathbb{F}_R(\Lambda) := \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Spec} R} \operatorname{torf} k_\mathfrak{p} \Lambda, \qquad \mathbb{S}_R(\Lambda) := \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Spec} R} \operatorname{serre} k_\mathfrak{p} \Lambda.$$

By Lemma 2 and (1.1), we have the following maps

$$\begin{array}{ll} \Phi: \operatorname{tors} \Lambda \longrightarrow \mathbb{T}_R(\Lambda), & \mathcal{T} \mapsto \{\mathcal{T}_{\mathfrak{p}} \cap \operatorname{\mathsf{mod}} k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda\}_{\mathfrak{p}}, \\ \Phi': \operatorname{torf} \Lambda \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_R(\Lambda), & \mathcal{F} \mapsto \{\mathcal{F}_{\mathfrak{p}} \cap \operatorname{\mathsf{mod}} k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda\}_{\mathfrak{p}}. \end{array}$$

By restricting  $\Phi$  to serre  $\Lambda$ , we have a map from serre  $\Lambda$  to  $\mathbb{S}_R(\Lambda)$ . These maps enable us to study torsion classes, torsionfree classes and Serre subcategories of mod  $\Lambda$  by comparing with those of mod  $k_p\Lambda$ .

### 2. Classification of torsionfree classes and Serre subcategories

We regard tors  $\Lambda$ , torf  $\Lambda$ , serre  $\Lambda$ ,  $\mathbb{T}_R(\Lambda)$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_R(\Lambda)$  and  $\mathbb{S}_R(\Lambda)$  as posets by inclusion.

For a subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\operatorname{mod} \Lambda$ , let  $\mathcal{C}^{\perp}$  be a subcategory of  $\operatorname{mod} \Lambda$  consisting of modules M such that  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(C, M) = 0$  for any  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ . Dually we define  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{C}$ . Since  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$  is a finite dimensional algebra,  $(-)^{\perp}$  induces an order reversing bijection from  $\operatorname{tors} k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$  to  $\operatorname{torf} k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$  with an inverse map  ${}^{\perp}(-)$ . Then  $(-)^{\perp}$  induces an order reversing bijection from  $\mathbb{T}_{R}(\Lambda)$  to  $\mathbb{F}_{R}(\Lambda)$ . We have the following commutative diagram.

$$\operatorname{tors} \Lambda \xrightarrow{\Phi} \mathbb{T}_{R}(\Lambda)$$
$$(-)^{\perp} \downarrow \qquad (-)^{\perp} \downarrow^{\wr}$$
$$\operatorname{torf} \Lambda \xrightarrow{\Phi'} \mathbb{F}_{R}(\Lambda)$$

Our main theorem is the following one.

**Theorem 3.** For a Noetherian algebra  $(R, \Lambda)$ , the following statements hold.

- (a) The map  $\Phi'$  is an isomorphism of posets.
- (b) The map  $\Phi$  is an embedding of posets.

Therefore classification problem of torsionfree classes of  $\text{mod } \Lambda$  can be reduced to the problem for finite dimensional algebras. As we explain in Corollary 5 bellow if  $\Lambda = R$  then Theorem 3 recovers famous classification results of torsion classes, torsionfree classes and Serre subcategories by Stanley-Wang, Takahashi and Gabriel, respectively [3, 12, 13].

We give an inverse map of  $\Phi'$ . We denote by Ass M the set of associated prime ideals of an R-module M. For a torsionfree class  $\mathcal{Y}$  of  $\mathsf{mod} k_p \Lambda$  let

$$\mathcal{Y} := \{ X \in \mathsf{mod}\,\Lambda \mid \operatorname{Ass} X \subseteq \{\mathfrak{p}\}, \, X_{\mathfrak{p}} \in \mathsf{F}_{\Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}}}(\mathcal{Y}) \}$$

where  $\mathsf{F}_{\Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}}}(\mathcal{Y})$  is the smallest torsionfree class of  $\mathsf{mod}\,\Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}}$  containing  $\mathcal{Y}$ . Then the inverse map  $\Psi'$  of  $\Phi'$  is given as follows

$$\Psi' : \mathbb{F}_R(\Lambda) \longrightarrow \operatorname{torf} \Lambda, \qquad \{\mathcal{Y}^{\mathfrak{p}}\}_{\mathfrak{p}} \mapsto \operatorname{Filt}\left( \widecheck{\mathcal{Y}^{\mathfrak{p}}} \middle| \mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Spec} R \right).$$

We apply Theorem 3 to obtain a classification of Serre subcategories of  $\operatorname{mod} \Lambda$ . We denote by  $\operatorname{sim} k_{\mathfrak{p}} \Lambda$  the set of isomorphism classes of simple  $k_{\mathfrak{p}} \Lambda$ -modules and let

$$\mathsf{Sim} := \bigsqcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \mathsf{Spec}R} \mathsf{sim} \, k_{\mathfrak{p}} \Lambda.$$

We regard Sim as posets as follows: for  $S \in \text{sim } k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$  and  $T \in \text{sim } k_{\mathfrak{q}}\Lambda$ , we write  $S \leq T$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{p} \supseteq \mathfrak{q}$  and S is a subfactor of T as a  $\Lambda_{\mathfrak{q}}$ -module. We say that a subset  $\mathcal{W}$  of Sim is a *down-set* if  $T \in \mathcal{W}$  and  $S \leq T$  implies  $S \in \mathcal{W}$  for  $S \in \text{Sim}$ .

It is well-known that an assignment  $\mathcal{C} \mapsto \mathcal{C} \cap \sin k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$  induces an isomorphism of posets from serre  $k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$  to the power set  $\mathsf{P}(\sin k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda)$ . This induces an isomorphism of posets  $\mathbb{S}_R(\Lambda) \simeq \mathsf{P}(\mathsf{Sim})$ . Since the map  $\Phi$  restricts to Serre subcategories, we have the following morphisms of posets

serre 
$$\Lambda \longrightarrow \operatorname{Im} \Phi \subset \mathbb{S}_R(\Lambda) \simeq \mathsf{P}(\mathsf{Sim}).$$

We regard  $\Phi$  as a map from serre  $\Lambda$  to  $\mathsf{P}(\mathsf{Sim})$ . Then the following theorem characterizes  $\mathrm{Im}\Phi$ .

**Theorem 4.** For a Noetherian algebra  $(R, \Lambda)$ , the map  $\Phi$  induces an isomorphism of posets

$$\operatorname{serre}(\Lambda) \simeq \{ \mathcal{W} \subseteq \operatorname{Sim} \mid \mathcal{W} \text{ is } a \text{ down-set} \}$$

Note that this result simplifies Kanda's classification [7, 8] of serre  $\Lambda$  in terms of atom spectrum.

We give another application of Theorem 3. We say that a subset  $\mathcal{W}$  of  $\operatorname{Spec} R$  is *specialization closed* if  $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{W}$  and  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathfrak{q}$  implies  $\mathfrak{q} \in \mathcal{W}$  for  $\mathfrak{q} \in \operatorname{Spec} R$ . If we take  $\Lambda = R$ , then Theorem 3 recovers famous classification results of torsion classes, torsionfree classes and Serre subcategories by Stanley-Wang, Takahashi and Gabriel, respectively [3, 12, 13]. For  $\mathcal{X} = {\mathcal{X}}^{\mathfrak{p}}_{\mathfrak{p}} \in \mathbb{T}_R(\Lambda)$  (or  $\mathbb{F}_R(\Lambda)$ ), let  $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{X}) = {\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Spec} R \mid \mathcal{X}^{\mathfrak{p}} \neq 0}$ . Then we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 5.** Let  $(R, \Lambda)$  be a Noetherian algebra. Assume that  $\Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is Morita equivalent to a local ring for each  $\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Spec} R$ . Then the following statements hold.

(a) We have serre  $\Lambda = \operatorname{tors} \Lambda$ .

(b) The composite  $S \circ \Phi$  is an isomorphism of posets and  $(S \circ \Phi)(C) = \bigcup_{M \in C} \operatorname{Supp} M$ holds.

serre  $\Lambda \xrightarrow{\Phi} \operatorname{Im} \Phi \xrightarrow{S} \{ specialization \ closed \ subsets \ of \ \mathsf{Spec} R \}$ 

(c) The composite  $S \circ \Phi'$  is an isomorphism of posets and  $(S \circ \Phi')(C) = \bigcup_{M \in C} Ass M$  holds.

$$\operatorname{torf} \Lambda \xrightarrow{\Phi'} \mathbb{F}_R(\Lambda) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}} \mathsf{P}(\mathsf{Spec} R)$$

## 3. Classification of torsion classes

The map  $\Phi$  is an embedding of posets from  $\operatorname{tors} \Lambda$  to  $\mathbb{T}_R(\Lambda)$  by Theorem 3. Thus we study the subset  $\operatorname{Im} \Phi$  of  $\mathbb{T}_R(\Lambda)$ . For  $\mathcal{T} \in \operatorname{tors} k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda$ , the following subcategory  $\overline{\mathcal{T}}$  is a torsion class of  $\operatorname{mod} \Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}}$ :

$$\overline{\mathcal{T}} = \{ X \in \mathsf{mod}\,\Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}} \mid X/\mathfrak{p}X \in \mathcal{T} \} \in \mathsf{tors}\,\Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}}.$$

For  $\mathfrak{p} \supseteq \mathfrak{q}$  of Spec*R*, we define a map  $r_{\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{q}}$  by the composite of the following three maps

$$\mathbf{r}_{\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{q}}:\operatorname{tors} k_{\mathfrak{p}}\Lambda \xrightarrow{\overline{(-)}} \operatorname{tors} \Lambda_{\mathfrak{p}} \xrightarrow{(-)_{\mathfrak{q}}} \operatorname{tors} \Lambda_{\mathfrak{q}} \xrightarrow{(-) \cap \operatorname{mod} k_{\mathfrak{q}}\Lambda} \operatorname{tors} k_{\mathfrak{q}}\Lambda.$$

**Definition 6.** We say that  $\{\mathcal{X}^{\mathfrak{p}}\}_{\mathfrak{p}} \in \mathbb{T}_{R}(\Lambda)$  is *compatible* if  $r_{\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{q}}(\mathcal{X}^{\mathfrak{p}}) \supseteq \mathcal{X}^{\mathfrak{q}}$  holds for any prime ideals  $\mathfrak{p} \supseteq \mathfrak{q}$ .

We can show the following proposition.

**Proposition 7.** Any element of  $Im\Phi$  is compatible.

We say that a Noetherian algebra  $(R, \Lambda)$  is *compatible* if any compatible element of  $\mathbb{T}_R(\Lambda)$  belongs to Im $\Phi$ . In this case, we have

$$\operatorname{tors} \Lambda \simeq \left\{ \{ \mathcal{X}^{\mathfrak{p}} \}_{\mathfrak{p}} \in \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Spec} R} \operatorname{tors} k_{\mathfrak{p}} \Lambda \middle| \operatorname{r}_{\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{q}}(\mathcal{X}^{\mathfrak{p}}) \supseteq \mathcal{X}^{\mathfrak{q}}, {}^{\forall} \mathfrak{p} \supseteq \mathfrak{q} \in \operatorname{Spec} R \right\}$$

which gives a complete classification of  $\operatorname{tors} \Lambda$ .

There are many Noetherian algebra which are compatible. For example we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 8.** Let  $(R, \Lambda)$  be a Noetherian algebra. If R is semi-local with Krull dimension one, then  $(R, \Lambda)$  is compatible.

Note that the classification of torsion classes was also studied in [9] in the case when R is a complete local domain with Krull dimension one.

We give another example. Let k be a field and A a finite dimensional k-algebra. A simple A-module S is said to be k-simple if  $\operatorname{End}_A(S) \simeq k$  holds. For instance if k is algebraically closed, or A is a factor algebra of a finite quiver modulo an admissible ideal, then all simple A-modules are k-simple.

**Theorem 9.** Let A be a finite dimensional k-algebra and R a commutative Noetherian ring containing a field k. Assume that all simple A-modules are k-simple and tors A is a finite set. Then the following statements hold.

(a) There exists an isomorphism of posets  $t_{\mathfrak{p}} : \operatorname{tors} A \to \operatorname{tors}(k_{\mathfrak{p}} \otimes_k A)$  such that  $r_{\mathfrak{p},\mathfrak{q}} \circ t_{\mathfrak{p}} = t_{\mathfrak{q}}$  holds for any prime ideals  $\mathfrak{p} \supseteq \mathfrak{q}$ .

- (b) The Noetherian algebra  $(R, R \otimes_k A)$  is compatible.
- (c) We have an isomorphism of posets

$$\operatorname{tors}(R \otimes_k A) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{poset}}(\operatorname{Spec} R, \operatorname{tors} A).$$

We give one basic example.

**Example 10.** Let Q be a Dynkin quiver, and R a commutative Noetherian ring which contains a field k. It is known that  $\operatorname{tors}(kQ)$  is isomorphic to the Cambrian lattice  $\mathfrak{C}_Q$  of Q by [5] and [11]. Since  $RQ \simeq R \otimes_k kQ$ , we have the following isomorphism of posets by Theorem 9.

tors 
$$RQ \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{poset}}(\operatorname{Spec} R, \mathfrak{C}_Q).$$

We end this proceeding posing the following question.

**Question 11.** Characterize Noetherian algebras which are compatible.

So far we do not know any Noetherian algebra which is *not* compatible.

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