

## Morita Theory:

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### ① Morita Theory for Rings (Morita, 1958)

The following are equivalent.

- ① Two rings  $R$  and  $T$  are Morita equivalent if their module categories are equivalent:

$$\text{ie: } \text{mod-}R \cong \text{mod-}T \quad (\text{equivalent as categories})$$

- ②  $\exists$  a finitely generated projective generator  $M$  such that  $\text{hom}_T(M, M) \cong R$

- ③  $\exists$   $R$ - $T$  bimodule  $N$  such that

$$- \otimes_R N : \text{Mod-}R \cong \text{Mod-}T.$$

### Sketch of proof:

- ②  $\Rightarrow$  ①  $\text{hom}_T(M, -) : \text{Mod-}T \rightleftarrows \text{Mod-}R : - \otimes_R M$  is an equivalence:

$$\text{Note: } \begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\quad} & R \end{array}$$

$$M \xleftarrow{\quad} R$$

Because  $M$  is a ~~generator~~ fin. gen. proj. generator, sums and cokernels are preserved, so we can build all modules out of these.

②  $\Rightarrow$  ③ is subsumed above. ②

③  $\Rightarrow$  ① is easy.

①  $\Rightarrow$  ②  $M := F(R)$  where  $F$  is the hypothesized equivalence.

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{hom}_T(F(R), F(R)) &\cong \text{hom}_R(R, R) \\ &\cong R. \end{aligned}$$

Example:  $R$  and  $M_n(R)$  are Morita equivalent. //

② Derived:

$\text{Ch}_R$  ( $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded)

$$\mathcal{D}(R) := \text{Ch}_R(\text{q-iso}) \cong \text{Ho}(\text{Ch}_R)$$

This is a triangulated category. ( $\Delta$ 'd)

Derived Morita theory (Rickard '89, '91; Keller '94)

① Two rings  $R$  and  $T$  are derived equivalent if  $\mathcal{D}(R) \cong_{\Delta} \mathcal{D}(T)$  equivalent as  $\Delta$ 'd categories.  
if and only if

②  $\exists$  compact generator  $M$  in  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  such that

$$\mathcal{D}(T)(M, M)_* \cong R \quad (\text{concentrated in degree } 0).$$

$M$  is called a tilting complex.

For  $\mathcal{C}$  a  $\Delta$ 'd category with infinite coproducts,  $M$  is compact if  $\mathcal{C}(M, -)$  preserves sums.

In  $\mathcal{D}(R)$ , compact  $\iff$  q-iso to bounded complex of finitely generated projectives

$M$  is a generator if the only  $\Delta$ 'd subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$  containing  $M$  and closed under coproducts is  $\mathcal{C}$ .

In the theorem above, there is an analog to the bimodule condition in the classical case. ③

Sketch of proof: "same" as classical case.

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2} \quad M := F(R)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \quad \mathcal{D}(T)(M, -) : \mathcal{D}(T) \cong \mathcal{D}(R) //$$

Example (Derived equivalent but NOT Morita equivalent.)

$K$  a field,  $M_3(K)$ .

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix} * \in K. \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & * & * \end{pmatrix} * \in K$$

$R$  and  $T$  are derived equivalent:

Need to find a tilting complex,  $M$ :

Projectives in  $T$ :  $e_{ii} T = P_i$

$$P_3 = (0 \ 0 \ *) \hookrightarrow P_2 = (0 \ * \ *) \hookrightarrow P_1 = (* \ * \ *)$$

Let  $M = P_1 \oplus P_2 \oplus P_2/P_3$ .  $M$  is a tilting complex.

$$\text{Check: } \mathcal{D}_T(M, M) \cong R.$$

But  $R$  and  $T$  are not Morita equivalent:

check the indecomposables.

$$T: \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$$

$$R: \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \swarrow \downarrow \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array}$$

} not the same.

More examples: look at Broué's conjecture.

May lose too much information by passing to derived setting. Perhaps we want to look at the homotopy theories instead. But, actually:

Theorem For rings  $R$  and  $T$ ,

$$D(R) \cong_{\Delta} D(T) \text{ if and only if } \text{Ch}_R \cong_{\mathcal{Q}} \text{Ch}_T \text{ (Quillen equivalent)}$$

The above theorem is not true for spectra.

③ Morita Theory for DGAs.

Question: For two DGAs  $A$  and  $B$ , are the following equivalent?

①  $D(A) \cong_{\Delta} D(B)$

②  $\text{d.g. mod-}A \cong_{\mathcal{Q}} \text{d.g. mod-}B$

③ ~~III~~  $\exists M$  a compact generator in  $\text{d.g. mod-}A$  such that  $\text{hom}_A(M, M) \cong_{\mathcal{Q}\text{-iso}} B$   
derived isomorphism complex.

Answer: start with ③.

③  $\Rightarrow$  ② :  $\text{hom}_A(M, -)$  induces a Quillen equivalence.

②  $\rightarrow$  ① : straight forward.

Other directions are false!

①  $\not\Rightarrow$  ② :  $\exists$  DGAs  $A, B$  s.t.  $D(A) \cong_{\Delta} D(B)$  but  $K_*A \not\cong K_*B$ . Thus ② does not hold.

This was shown by (Schlichting '02, Dugger-Shipley '09). ⑤

②  $\not\Rightarrow$  ③ :  $q$ -iso's of DGAs in ③ is not enough.  
Instead need equivalences of spectra.

Fact : Can model DGAs as  $H\mathbb{Z}$ -algebras, so  
DGAs  $\cong_q H\mathbb{Z}$ -algebras.

Counterexample for ②  $\Rightarrow$  ③ :

$$H\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{L} H\mathbb{Z} \wedge_S H\mathbb{Z}/2 \xleftarrow{R} H\mathbb{Z}$$

$\uparrow$  smash over  
sphere spectrum

Claim : 1)  $L \neq R$  as  $H\mathbb{Z}$ -algebras  
2)  $L \cong R$  as  $S$ -algebras.

Read more in Dugger-Shipley, '07

"Topological equivalences of DGAs."

④ Morita Theory for Ring Spectra (Schweck-Shipley '03)

The following are equivalent:

① Two ring spectra  $R$  and  $T$  are Morita equivalent  
if  $\text{Mod-}R \cong_q \text{Mod-}T$  are Quillen equivalent.

②  $\exists$  compact generator  $M$  such that  $\text{hom}_T(M, M) \cong R$

③  $\exists$  an  $R$ - $T$  bimodule  $N$  such that

$$- \wedge_R N : \text{Mod-}R \xrightarrow{\cong_q} \text{Mod-}T$$

Sketch of proof : "similar."

Also can be done for spectral categories ~~(category)~~ (ring spectrum with many objects.)

Everything so far is (mostly) in two surveys:

- Schwede '04
- Shipley '07

## ⑤ Related Results.

1) spaces of Morita equivalences

Thm (Toën, '07)

For two DGAs  $A, B$  (or DG-categories)

$$\text{map}_{\text{DGAs}}^h(A, B) \cong N(\text{sp. } A\text{-}B \text{ bimodules}).$$

sp. = "special", meaning quasi-isomorphic to free on one generator as a right  $B$ -module.

(Exercise: show  $A \rightarrow \text{End}(M, M) \cong B$ ).

Thm (Dwyer-Hess)

For  $(C, \otimes)$  a monoidal model category satisfying certain axioms,  $R, T$  monoids in  $C$ , then

$$\text{map}_{\text{monoids}}^h(R, T) \cong N(\text{sp. } R\text{-}T \text{ bimodules})$$

2) Blumberg, Gepner, Tabuada '13 :

study spectral categories up to Morita equivalences.

3) Brauer Group:

Def: A an  $R$ -algebra is an Azumaya algebra if there exists  $B$  such that  $A \otimes_R B$  and  $B \otimes_R A$  are Morita equivalent to  $R$ .

Def  $Br(R)$ , the Brauer group of  $R$ , is the set of Morita equivalence classes of Azumaya algebras over  $R$ .

There are derived versions: Toën, Baker-Szymik

(for commutative ring spectra)

Antiean - Gepner  
(for Brauer spectrum)



Thm  $Br(\text{sphere spectrum}) = 0$ .