

The derived Picard group is a locally algebraic group

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Abstract

Let A be a finite dimensional algebra over an algebraically closed field K . The derived Picard group $DPic_K(A)$ is the group of two-sided tilting complexes over A modulo isomorphism. We prove that $DPic_K(A)$ is a locally algebraic group, and its identity component is $Out_K^0(A)$. If B is a derived Morita equivalent algebra then $DPic_K(A) \cong DPic_K(B)$ as locally algebraic groups.

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1. Introduction

Let A and B be associative algebras with 1 over a field K . We denote by $D^b(\text{Mod } A)$ the bounded derived category of left A -modules. Let B° be the opposite algebra, so $A \times_K B^\circ$ -module is a K -central A - B -bimodule. A two-sided tilting complex over (A, B) is a complex $T \in D^b(\text{Mod } A \times_K B^\circ)$ such that there exists a complex $T^\vee \in D^b(\text{Mod } B \times_K A^\circ)$ and isomorphisms of the derived tensor products $T \times_B^L T^\vee \cong A$ and $T^\vee \times_A^L T \cong B$. Two-sided tilting complexes were introduced by Rickard in [Rd]

When $B = A$ we write $A^\circ = A \times_K A^\circ$. The set

$$DPic_K(A) = \frac{\{\text{two-sided tilting complexes } T \in D^b(\text{Mod } A^\circ)\}}{\text{isomorphism}}$$

is the derived Picard group of A (relative to K). The identity element is the class of A , the multiplication is $(T_1, T_2) \rightarrow T_1 \times_A T_2$, and the inverse is

$$T \rightarrow T^\vee = R\text{Hom}_A(T, A).$$

Denote by $Out_K(A)$ the group of outer K -algebra automorphism of A , and by $Pic_K(A)$ the Picard group of A (the group of invertible bimodules modulo isomorphism). Then there are inclusions

$$Out_K(A) \subset Pic_K(A) \subset DPic_K(A)$$

The first inclusion sends the automorphism σ to the invertible bimodule A^σ where the right action is twisted by σ . The second inclusion corresponds to the full embedding $\text{Mod } A^\circ \subset D^b(\text{Mod } A^\circ)$. See [Ye] for details. To simplify notation we use the same symbol to denote an automorphism $\sigma \in \text{Aut}_K(A)$ and its class in $Out_K(A)$. Likewise for a two-sided tilting complex T and its class in $DPic_K(A)$. The precise meaning is always clear from the context. Now assume K is algebraically closed and A is a finite dimensional K -algebra.

Then the group $\text{Aut}_K(A) = \text{AutAlg}_K(A)$ of K -algebra automorphisms is a linear algebraic group, being a closed subgroup of $GL(A) = \text{Aut}_{\text{Mod } K}(A)$. This induces a structure of linear algebraic group on the quotient $Out_K(A)$. Denote by $Out_K^0(A)$ the identity component.

Examples calculated in [MY] indicated that the whole group $DPic_K(A)$ should carry a geometric structure (cf. Example 3 below). This is our first main result Theorem 2.

A result of Brauer says that the group $Out_K^0(A)$ is a Morita invariant of A : if A and B are Morita equivalent K -algebras then $Out_K^0(A) \cong Out_K^0(B)$. In [HS] and [Ro] this is extended to derived Morita equivalence. Our Theorem 4 extends these results further.

We shall need the following variant of the result of Huisgen-Zimmermann, Saorin and Rouquier.

Theorem 1

Let A and B be finite dimensional K -algebras. Suppose $T \in D^b(\text{Mod } A \times_K B^\circ)$ is a two-sided tilting complex over (A, B) , with inverse $T^\vee \in D^b(\text{Mod } B \times_K A^\circ)$. Then for any element $\delta \in Out_K^0(A)$ the two-sided tilting complex

$$\phi_T^0(\delta) := T^\vee \times_A^L A^\sigma \times_A^L T \in DPic_K(B)$$

is in $Out_K^0(B)$. The group homomorphism

$$\phi_T^0: Out_K^0(A) \rightarrow Out_K^0(B)$$

is an isomorphism of algebraic groups.

Proof. According to [HS, Theorem 17] or [Ro, Theoreme 4.2] there is an isomorphism of algebraic groups $\phi^0: Out_K^0(A) \rightarrow Out_K^0(B)$ induced by T . Letting

$$\tau := \phi^0(\sigma) \in Out_K^0(B) \text{ one has } T \times_B^L B^i \cong A^\sigma \times_A T \text{ in } D(\text{Mod } \times_K D^0).$$

Applying $T^\vee \times_A^L$ to this isomorphism we see that $B^i \cong \phi_T^0(\sigma)$ in $D(\text{Mod } B^e)$, so

$$i = \phi_T^0(\sigma) \text{ in } DPic_K(B). \text{ We conclude that } \phi_T^0 = \phi^0.$$

A locally algebraic group over K is a group G , with a normal subgroup G° , such that G° is a connected algebraic group over K , each coset of G° is a variety, and multiplication and inversion are morphisms of varieties. A morphism $\phi: G \rightarrow H$ of locally algebraic groups is a group homomorphism such that $\phi(G^\circ) \subset H^\circ$

And the restriction $\emptyset^0: G^0 \rightarrow H^0$ is a morphism of varieties. We call \emptyset an open immersion if \emptyset is injective and \emptyset^0 is an isomorphism.

In other words G is the group of rational points $G(K)$ of a reduced group scheme G locally of finite type over K , in the sense of [SGA3, Expose VI_A]. A morphism $\emptyset = G \rightarrow H$ corresponds to a morphism $\emptyset: G \rightarrow H$ of group schemes over K . Here is our first main result.

Theorem 2

Let A be a finite dimensional K -algebra. Then the derived Picard group $DPic_K(A)$ is a locally algebraic group over K . The inclusion $Out_K(A) \subset DPic_K(A)$ is an open immersion. In particular the identity components coincide

$$Out_K^0(A) = DPic_K^0(A).$$

Proof. Theorem 1 with $A = B$ implies that the subgroup $Out_K^0(A) \subset DPic_K(A)$ is normal, and for any two-sided tilting complex T the conjugation $\text{cf } \emptyset_T^0: Out_K^0(A) \rightarrow Out_K^0(A)$ is an automorphism of algebraic groups.

Let us now switch to the notation T_1, T_2 and T^{-1} for the operations in $DPic_K(A)$. Define an algebraic variety structure on each coset $C=T$. $Out_K^0(A) \subset DPic_K(A)$ using the multiplication map $P \rightarrow T.P, P \in Out_K^0(A)$. Since \emptyset_T^0 is an automorphism of algebraic groups, the variety structure is independent of the representative $T \in C$.

Let us prove that $DPic_K(A)$ is a locally algebraic group. For $P_1, P_2 \in Out_K^0(A)$ and $T_1, T_2 \in DPic_K(A)$, multiplication is the morphism

$$(T_1.P_1)(T_2.P_2) = (T_1.T_2).(\emptyset_{T_2}^0(P_1).P_2).$$

Similarly for the inverse:

$$(T.P)^{-1} = T^{-1}.\emptyset_T^0(P)^{-1}$$

Example 3

Let $\overrightarrow{\Omega}_n$ be the quiver with two vertices x, y and n arrows $x \underline{a}_i y$. Let A be the path algebra $K\overrightarrow{\Omega}_n$. According to [MY, Theorem 5.3], $Out_K(A) \cong Pic_K(A) \cong PGL_n(K)$ and $DPic_K(A) \cong Z \times (Z \times PGL_n(K))$.

In the semi-direct product a generator T of Z acts on a matrix $\sigma \in PGL_n(K)$ by $\emptyset_T^0(\sigma) = (\sigma^{-1})^t$. This is clearly a morphism of varieties, so $DPic_K(A)$ is indeed a locally algebraic group.

Our second main result relates two algebras. Recall that the algebras A and B are derived Morita equivalent over K if there is a K -linear equivalence of triangulated categories $D^b(Mod A) \approx D^b(Mod B)$.

Theorem 4

Suppose A and B are two finite dimensional K -algebras, and assume they are derived Morita equivalent over K . Then $DPic_K(A) \cong DPic_K(B)$ as locally algebraic groups.

Proof. It is known that there exist two-sided tilting complexes $T \in D(Mod A \times_K B^0)$; choose one. We obtain a group isomorphism

$$\emptyset_T: \begin{cases} DPic_K(A) \rightarrow DPic_K(B) \\ S \rightarrow T^V \times {}^L_A S \times {}^L_{A^T} \end{cases}$$

By Theorem 1, \emptyset_T restricts to an isomorphism of algebraic groups $\emptyset_T^0: Out_K^0(A) \rightarrow Out_K^0(B)$. So \emptyset_T is an isomorphism of locally algebraic groups.

We end the paper with a corollary and some remarks. Suppose C is a K -linear triangulated category that's equivalent to a small category. Denote by $Out_K^{tr}(C)$ the group of K -linear triangle auto-equivalences of C modulo natural isomorphism.

Let $\text{mod } A$ stand for the category of finitely generated A -modules.

Corollary 5. Suppose C is a K -linear triangulated category that is equivalent to $D^b(\text{mod } a)$ for some hereditary finite dimensional K -algebra A . Then $Out_K^{tr}(C)$ is a locally algebraic group.

Proof. Trivially $Out_K^{tr}(C) \cong Out_K^{tr}(D^b(\text{mod } A))$, and by [MY, Corollary 0.11] we have $Out_K^{tr}(D^b(\text{mod } A)) \cong DPic_K(A)$.

Example 6

Beilinson [Be] proved that $D^b(\text{Coh } P_K^1) \approx D^b(\text{mod } K \overrightarrow{\Omega}_2)$, where $\text{Coh } P_K^1$ is the category of coherent sheaves on the projective line, and $\overrightarrow{\Omega}_2$ is the quiver from Example 3. Therefore, $Out_K^{tr}(D^b(\text{Coh } P_K^1))$ is a locally algebraic group? This should be compared to Remark 7 below; see also [MY, Remark 5.4].

Remark 7

Suppose X is a smooth projective variety over K with ample canonical or anti-canonical bundle. Bondal and Orlov [BO] proved that

$$Out_K^{tr}(D^b(\text{Coh } X)) \cong (\text{Aut}_K(X) \times \text{Pic}(X)) \times Z$$

Here $\text{Pic}(X)$ is the group of line bundles. Thus, $Out_K^{tr}(D^b(\text{Coh } X)) \cong G \times D$, where G is an algebraic group and D is a discrete group, and in particular, this is a locally algebraic group.

Remark 8

In [Or] Orlov gives an example of an abelian variety over \mathbb{K} such that

$$Out_K^{tr}(D^b(\text{Coh } X)) \cong D \times (X \times \hat{X})(K)$$

Where D is a discrete group (an extension of $SL_2(Z)$ by Z) and \hat{X} is the dual Abelian variety. The group D acts (nontrivially) via $\text{Aut}_K(X \times \hat{X})$ and hence $Out_K^{tr}(D^b(\text{Coh } X))$ is a locally algebraic group.

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