

# Auslander-Reiten Triangles in Homotopy Categories <sup>\*†</sup>

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## Abstract

Let  $A$  be an artin algebra. We show that the bounded homotopy category of finitely generated right  $A$ -modules has Auslander-Reiten triangles. Two applications are given: (1) we provide an alternative proof of a theorem of Happel in [H2]; (2) we prove that over a Gorenstein algebra, the bounded homotopy category of finitely generated Gorenstein projective (resp. injective) modules admits Auslander-Reiten triangles, which improves a main result in [G].

## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $A$  is an artin algebra over a fixed commutative artin ring  $R$  and  $D := \text{Hom}_R(-, E(R/J))$  is the usual duality, where  $J$  is the Jacobson radical of  $R$  and  $E(R/J)$  is the injective envelope of  $R/J$ . We denote by  $\text{mod } A$  the category of finitely generated right  $A$ -modules. As usual, we write  $\text{proj } A$  (resp.  $\text{inj } A$ ) the category of finitely generated projective (resp. injective) right  $A$ -modules.

Auslander-Reiten sequences, also known as almost split sequences, are one of the central tools in the representation theory of artin algebras. Auslander-Reiten triangles can also be defined by almost split morphisms in Hom-finite Krull-Schmidt triangulated  $R$ -categories. Happel proved in [H3] that the bounded homotopy category  $K^b(\text{proj } A)$  of finitely generated projective right  $A$ -modules has right Auslander-Reiten triangles if and only if the left self-injective dimension of  $A$  is finite; and dually, the bounded homotopy category  $K^b(\text{inj } A)$  of finitely generated injective right  $A$ -modules has left Auslander-Reiten triangles if and only if the right self-injective dimension of  $A$  is finite.

There is a close relation between Auslander-Reiten triangles and Serre functors ([RV]): a Hom-finite Krull-Schmidt triangulated  $R$ -category has right (resp. left) Auslander-Reiten triangles if and only if it has a right (resp. left) Serre functor. A Serre functor by definition is a right Serre functor which is an equivalence. In [BJ], Backelin and Jaramillo proved that the bounded homotopy category  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$  of  $\text{mod } A$  has a right Serre duality. Their method is based on the construction of a  $t$ -structure in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$ , and their proof is somewhat complicated although they obtained some more results. We use the terminology of Auslander-Reiten triangles to prove that the right Serre functor in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$  is always an equivalence (Theorem 3.4). Our result is based on the fact that right (left)

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minimal almost split morphisms are stable under quotients. It seems more elementary. In particular, we determine Auslander-Reiten triangles admitting special ending (resp. starting) terms (Proposition 4.2).

As in abelian categories, the existence of Auslander-Reiten triangles in subcategories were investigated by Jørgensen in [J]. Note that  $K^b(\text{proj } A)$  and  $K^b(\text{inj } A)$  can be embedded in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$  naturally. By using the obtained result about the existence of Auslander-Reiten triangles in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$ , we reprove the Happel's theorem mentioned above (Theorem 4.4). The steps we take seem more "categorization" and can be easily treated dually. The advantage here is that the Auslander-Reiten triangles we treat always lie in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$ . Similarly, we prove that over a Gorenstein algebra, the bounded homotopy category of finitely generated Gorenstein projective (resp. injective) modules admits Auslander-Reiten triangles, which improves a main result in [G].

## 2 Preliminaries

Recall that a right  $A$ -module  $M$  is called *Gorenstein projective* if there exists an exact sequence  $T^\bullet$  of projective modules which remains exact when applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_A(-, P)$  for any  $P \in \text{proj } A$  such that  $M$  is isomorphic to some kernel of  $T^\bullet$ . Dually, The notion of *Gorenstein injective modules* is defined. We denote the category of all finitely generated Gorenstein projective (resp. injective) modules by  $\text{Gproj } A$  (resp.  $\text{Ginj } A$ ). Note that we have  $\text{proj } A \subset \text{Gproj } A$  and  $\text{inj } A \subset \text{Ginj } A$ .

Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be a morphism in  $\text{mod } A$ . According to [AR1],  $f$  is called *right almost split* if it is not a retraction, and any morphism  $g : L \rightarrow N$  which is not a retraction factors through  $f$ ; it is called *right minimal* if any morphism  $h$  satisfying  $f = f \cdot h$  is an automorphism of  $M$ ; and it is called *right minimal almost split* if it is both right almost split and right minimal. The left versions are defined dually. An exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\alpha} N \xrightarrow{\beta} L \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{mod } A$  is called an *almost split sequence* if either  $\alpha$  is left minimal almost split or  $\beta$  is right minimal almost split. This also means that  $M$  and  $L$  must be indecomposable. We say  $\text{mod } A$  has *almost split sequences* if for any indecomposable non-injective module  $M$  in  $\text{mod } A$  there is an almost split sequence starting at  $M$ , and for any indecomposable non-projective module  $N \in \text{mod } A$  there is an almost split sequence ending at  $N$ . By [AR1],  $\text{mod } A$  always has almost split sequences.

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a Hom-finite Krull-Schmidt triangulated  $R$ -category. The notion of almost split triangles in  $\mathcal{T}$  was introduced by Happel in [H1]. A triangle

$$X \xrightarrow{\alpha} Y \xrightarrow{\beta} Z \rightarrow X[1]$$

in  $\mathcal{T}$  is called an *Auslander-Reiten triangle* (or *almost split triangle*) if either  $\alpha$  is left minimal almost split or  $\beta$  is right minimal almost split (see [H2], where the notions source morphisms and sink morphisms were used). A triangulated category is said to *have right (resp. left) Auslander-Reiten*

*triangles* if for any indecomposable object  $M$  there is an Auslander-Reiten triangle ending (resp. starting) at  $M$ .

Let  $F : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  be a triangulated functor. According to [RV],  $F$  is called a *right Serre functor* if for any  $X, Y$  in  $\mathcal{T}$ , there is an isomorphism  $D \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(X, Y) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(Y, FX)$  which is natural in  $X$  and  $Y$ . This  $F$  is unique up to natural isomorphism. A left Serre functor is defined dually.

**Theorem 2.1.** ([BJ, Corollary 2.5 and Proposition 4.6])

*Let  $A$  be an Artin algebra. Then there is a right Serre functor  $S : K^b(\operatorname{mod} A) \rightarrow K^b(\operatorname{mod} A)$ , equivalently,  $K^b(\operatorname{mod} A)$  has right Auslander-Reiten triangles.*

### 3 AR-triangles in homotopy categories

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an additive  $R$ -category. By an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module, we mean a contravariant  $R$ -linear functor from  $\mathcal{A}$  to the category of  $R$ -modules. We denote by  $\operatorname{mod} \mathcal{A}$  the category of finitely presented  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules. Note that, in general,  $\operatorname{mod} \mathcal{A}$  is not an abelian category. It is an abelian category if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  has pseudo-kernels ([A]). We call  $\mathcal{A}$  a *dualizing  $R$ -category* if  $D$  gives a duality between  $\operatorname{mod} \mathcal{A}$  and  $\operatorname{mod} \mathcal{A}^{op}$ . Note that, in this case,  $\operatorname{mod} \mathcal{A}$  is always an abelian category, and hence the bounded complex category  $C^b(\operatorname{mod} \mathcal{A})$  of  $\operatorname{mod} \mathcal{A}$  is also an abelian category. We begin with a main theorem in [BJR].

**Lemma 3.1.** ([BJR, Theorem 4.3]) *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a dualizing  $R$ -category. Then  $C^b(\operatorname{mod} \mathcal{A})$  has almost split sequences.*

Note that  $\operatorname{mod} A$  is equivalent to  $\operatorname{mod}(\operatorname{proj} A)$  as additive  $R$ -categories ([A]). This means that  $C^b(\operatorname{mod} A)$  always has almost split sequences. As a consequence, for any indecomposable non-projective (resp. non-injective) object  $X$  in  $C^b(\operatorname{mod} A)$ , there is always an almost split sequence ending (resp. starting) at  $X$ .

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an additive category and  $\mathcal{C}$  an additive full subcategory of  $\mathcal{B}$  closed under summands. Then we can form the factor category  $\mathcal{B}/\mathcal{C}$ . The objects in  $\mathcal{B}/\mathcal{C}$  are the same as in  $\mathcal{B}$ , and the morphisms are the morphisms in  $\mathcal{B}$  modulo morphisms factor through an object of  $\mathcal{C}$ . There is a natural factor functor  $\pi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}/\mathcal{C}$ . It is an additive functor. For both objects and morphisms, we denote their images under  $\pi$  by adding  $\sim$  above. The following lemma is a well known fact. For the reader's convenience we give a quick proof here.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a Hom-finite Krull-Schmidt  $R$ -category and  $\mathcal{C}$  an additive full subcategory of  $\mathcal{B}$  closed under summands. If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is a right (resp. left) minimal almost split morphism in  $\mathcal{B}$ , then  $\tilde{f} : \tilde{M} \rightarrow \tilde{N}$  is also a right (resp. left) minimal almost split morphism in  $\mathcal{B}/\mathcal{C}$ .*

*Proof.* Obviously,  $N$  is indecomposable; in particular, it has no nonzero summands in  $\mathcal{C}$ . By [AR2, Lemma 1.1(c)],  $\tilde{f} : \tilde{M} \rightarrow \tilde{N}$  is not a retraction. Let  $\tilde{g} : \tilde{L} \rightarrow \tilde{N}$  be not a retraction. Then it is induced by a morphism  $g : L \rightarrow N$  which is also not a retraction. So  $g$  factors through  $f$  since  $f$  is

right almost split, and hence  $\tilde{g}$  factors through  $\tilde{f}$ . If  $\tilde{f}$  is not minimal, then  $\tilde{f}$  has a direct summand of the form  $\tilde{W} \rightarrow 0$ , and so  $f$  has a direct summand of the form  $W \rightarrow 0$  or  $W \rightarrow C$  with  $0 \neq C \in \mathcal{C}$ . Note that the former one gives a contradiction to the minimality of  $f$ , and the latter one gives a contradiction to the indecomposableness of  $N$ .  $\square$

A complex  $X$  is called *contractible* if it is isomorphic to zero in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$ , that is, it is splitting exact. Note that a chain map of complexes is homotopic to zero if and only if it factors through some contractible complex. So  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$  is exactly the factor category of  $C^b(\text{mod } A)$  by modulo contractible complexes ([H2, p.28]). We also need the following

**Lemma 3.3.** *A complex  $X$  is a projective (resp. injective) object in  $C^b(\text{mod } A)$  if and only if it is a contractible complex consisting of projective (resp. injective) modules in  $\text{mod } A$ .*

*Proof.* See for example [EJ2, Theorem 1.4.7].  $\square$

Now we can prove the following result, which improves Theorem 2.1.

**Theorem 3.4.**  *$K^b(\text{mod } A)$  has Auslander-Reiten triangles.*

*Proof.* Let  $0 \neq \tilde{X} \in K^b(\text{mod } A)$  be indecomposable. Then it is induced by an indecomposable object  $X$  in  $C^b(\text{mod } A)$ . Note that  $X$  is neither projective nor injective by Lemma 3.3. It follows from Lemma 3.1 that there is a minimal right almost split morphism  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  in  $C^b(\text{mod } A)$ . Then by Lemma 3.2, its image  $\tilde{f} : \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  is also right minimal almost split. Complete it to a triangle

$$L \rightarrow \tilde{Y} \rightarrow \tilde{X} \rightarrow L[1]$$

in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$ . Then by definition, it is an Auslander-Reiten triangle in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$ . Dually, there is an Auslander-Reiten triangle starting at  $\tilde{X}$ .  $\square$

## 4 Applications

In this section, we will reprove the Happel's theorem by using the main result in Section 3. Our proof is based on the restriction of Auslander-Reiten triangles in subcategories. Also one can see that using this technique, over a Gorenstein algebra the existence of Auslander-Reiten triangles in the bounded homotopy category of Gorenstein projective modules is valid. This improves a result by Gao in [G] where only the existence of right Auslander-Reiten triangles is proved and the condition CM-finiteness is necessary.

Although  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$  has Auslander-Reiten triangles, it is difficult to compute the Auslander-Reiten translation. By [RV, Theorem I.2.4],  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$  has Auslander-Reiten triangles if and only if it has a Serre functor. Denote the Serre functor of  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$  by  $S$ . Then by [RV, Proposition I.2.3], we have that for any indecomposable object  $X$ , the left end term of an Auslander-Reiten triangle ending at  $X$  is  $S \cdot [-1]$ , the other end term is its quasi-inverse  $S^{-1} \cdot [1]$ . Thanks to this result, we only need to compute the Serre dual object for an indecomposable object  $X$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be in  $C^b(\text{mod } A)$ .*

(1) *If  $X$  is degreewise projective, then we have a natural isomorphism*

$$D \text{Hom}_A(X, Y) \cong \text{Hom}_A(Y, X \otimes_A DA).$$

(2) *If  $Y$  is degreewise injective, then we have a natural isomorphism*

$$D \text{Hom}_A(X, Y) \cong \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(DA, Y), X).$$

*Proof.* (1) Note that for any  $X, Y$  in  $\text{mod } A$ , we have a natural morphism

$$\delta_{Y,X} : Y \otimes_A \text{Hom}_A(X, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(X, Y), \quad y \otimes f \mapsto (x \mapsto yf(x)).$$

So we have a natural morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{X,Y} : D \text{Hom}_A(X, Y) &\xrightarrow{D\delta_{Y,X}} D(Y \otimes_A \text{Hom}_A(X, A)) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_R(Y \otimes_A \text{Hom}_A(X, A), E(R/J)) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_A(Y, \text{Hom}_R(\text{Hom}_A(X, A), E(R/J))) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_A(Y, X \otimes_A DA). \end{aligned}$$

It is known that if  $X$  is projective, then  $\delta_{Y,X}$  is an isomorphism. Thus  $D\delta_{Y,X}$  is also an isomorphism. Therefore we have a natural isomorphism

$$\eta_{X,Y} : D \text{Hom}_A(X, Y) \cong \text{Hom}_A(Y, X \otimes_A DA).$$

Now the isomorphism can be extended to the desired situation.

(2) Let  $Y$  be injective. Then  $Y \cong DA \otimes_A P$  for some  $P \in \text{proj } A$ . Then we have isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(DA, Y), X) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(DA, DA \otimes_A P), X) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_A(P, X) \\ &\cong D \text{Hom}_A(X, P \otimes_A DA) \text{ (by (1))} \\ &\cong D \text{Hom}_A(X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the isomorphism can be extended to the desired situation. □

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be in  $C^b(\text{mod } A)$ .*

(1) *If  $X$  is degreewise projective, then there is an Auslander-Reiten triangle in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$*

$$X[-1] \otimes_A DA \rightarrow M \rightarrow X \rightarrow X \otimes_A DA.$$

(2) If  $Y$  is degreewise injective, then there is an Auslander-Reiten triangle in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$

$$Y \rightarrow N \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(DA, Y[1]) \rightarrow Y[1].$$

*Proof.* We only prove (1), and the proof of (2) is similar. Let  $X \in K^b(\text{proj } A)$ . By Lemma 4.1, we have  $D\text{Hom}_A(X, Y) \cong \text{Hom}_A(Y, X \otimes_A DA)$ . Thus we have isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} D\text{Hom}_{K^b(\text{mod } A)}(X, Y) &\cong DH^0\text{Hom}_A(X, Y) \cong H^0D\text{Hom}_A(X, Y) \cong \\ &H^0\text{Hom}_A(Y, X \otimes_A DA) \cong \text{Hom}_{K^b(\text{mod } A)}(Y, X \otimes_A DA). \end{aligned}$$

This holds for any  $Y \in K^b(\text{mod } A)$ . Then by the Yoneda's lemma, the Serre dual object for  $X$  is  $X \otimes_A DA$ . Now by [RV, Proposition I.2.3], we have the desired triangle.  $\square$

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an additive category and  $\mathcal{C}$  a full subcategory of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Recall that a morphism  $f : B \rightarrow C$  with  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  is called a  $\mathcal{C}$ -preenvelope if the natural map  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(C, C') \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(B, C') \rightarrow 0$  is exact for any  $C' \in \mathcal{C}$ . A  $\mathcal{C}$ -preenvelope  $C$  is called a  $\mathcal{C}$ -envelope if it is left minimal. Dually, the notion of (pre)covers is defined ([AR3, E]). The following proposition involves Auslander-Reiten triangles in subcategories.

**Lemma 4.3.** ([J, Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2]) *Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a triangulated category and  $\mathcal{C}$  a full subcategory of  $\mathcal{T}$  closed under extensions.*

(1) *Let  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow X[1]$  be an Auslander-Reiten triangle in  $\mathcal{T}$  with  $Z \in \mathcal{C}$ . If there is an object  $A' \in \mathcal{C}$  with a nonzero morphism  $Z \rightarrow A'[1]$ , then the following are equivalent.*

- $X$  has a  $\mathcal{C}$ -cover of the form  $A \rightarrow X$ .
- There is an Auslander-Reiten triangle  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow Z \rightarrow A[1]$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

(2) *Let  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow X[1]$  be an Auslander-Reiten triangle in  $\mathcal{T}$  with  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ . If there is an object  $Z' \in \mathcal{C}$  with a nonzero morphism  $Z' \rightarrow X[1]$ , then the following are equivalent.*

- $Z$  has a  $\mathcal{C}$ -envelope of the form  $Z \rightarrow N$ .
- There is an Auslander-Reiten triangle  $X \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow X[1]$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

As an application of Theorem 3.4, we now are in a position to reprove the following Happel's theorem. Our argument is very different from the original one.

**Theorem 4.4.** ([H2, Section 3.4])

(1)  $K^b(\text{proj } A)$  has right Auslander-Reiten triangles if and only if  $\text{id } A_{A^{op}} < \infty$ .

(2)  $K^b(\text{inj } A)$  has left Auslander-Reiten triangles if and only if  $\text{id } A_A < \infty$ .

*Proof.* We only prove (2), and (1) is its dual.

Let  $0 \neq Y \in K^b(\text{inj } A)$  be indecomposable. Then by Proposition 4.2, there is an Auslander-Reiten triangle

$$Y \rightarrow L \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(DA, Y)[1] \rightarrow Y[1]$$

in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$ . Since  $(Y[1])[-1] \xrightarrow{\text{Id}_Y} Y$  is not homotopic to zero, by Lemma 4.3 we have that  $K^b(\text{inj } A)$  has left Auslander-Reiten triangles if and only if  $\text{Hom}_A(DA, Y)$  has a  $K^b(\text{inj } A)$ -envelope for any  $Y \in K^b(\text{inj } A)$ . Now it suffices to prove that  $\text{id } A_A < \infty$  if and only if  $\text{Hom}_A(DA, Y)$  has a  $K^b(\text{inj } A)$ -envelope for any  $Y \in K^b(\text{inj } A)$ .

If  $\text{id } A_A < \infty$ , then the injective dimension of any module in  $\text{proj } A$  is finite. Since  $\text{Hom}_A(DA, Y)$  consists of modules in  $\text{proj } A$ , then by using induction on the width of  $\text{Hom}_A(DA, Y)$ , one can get an injective resolution  $f : \text{Hom}_A(DA, Y) \rightarrow L$ , where  $f$  is a quasi-isomorphism and  $L \in K^b(\text{inj } A)$ . If there is a chain map  $\alpha : \text{Hom}_A(DA, Y) \rightarrow I$  with  $I \in K^b(\text{inj } A)$ , then  $f^* : \text{Hom}_A(L, I) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(DA, Y), I)$  is a quasi-isomorphism and  $H^0(f^*)$  is an isomorphism. Hence there is some  $\beta : L \rightarrow I$  such that  $\alpha$  homotopic to  $\beta \cdot f$ . If there is some  $g$  satisfying  $g \cdot f$  homotopic to  $f$ , then it is a quasi-isomorphism, and hence a homotopic equivalence. It follows that  $L$  is a  $K^b(\text{inj } A)$ -envelope of  $\text{Hom}_A(DA, Y)$ .

Now suppose that  $\text{Hom}_A(DA, Y)$  has a  $K^b(\text{inj } A)$ -envelope for any  $Y \in K^b(\text{inj } A)$ . Let  $Y = DA$ . Then  $\text{Hom}_A(DA, Y) \cong A$ . Let  $A \rightarrow I$  be the  $K^b(\text{inj } A)$ -envelope of  $A$ . Complete it to a triangle

$$A \xrightarrow{\alpha} I \rightarrow L \rightarrow A[1]$$

in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$ . Then we have that  $\text{Hom}_{K^b(\text{mod } A)}(L, Z) \cong 0$  for any  $Z \in K^b(\text{inj } A)$  by the Wakamatsu lemma (see for example [J, Lemma 2.1]); in particular,  $\text{Hom}_{K^b(\text{mod } A)}(L, (DA)[i]) = 0$  for all  $i$ , which implies that  $L$  is exact. As a consequence,  $\alpha$  is a quasi-isomorphism. Since any injective resolution of  $A$  is homotopically equivalent to  $I$ . It follows that  $\text{id } A_A < \infty$ .  $\square$

**Remark 4.5.** *Note that the functor  $- \otimes_A DA : K^b(\text{proj } A) \rightarrow K^b(\text{inj } A)$  is an equivalence. Hence the Gorenstein symmetry conjecture, which states that  $\text{id } A_A = \text{id } A_{A^{op}}$  for any artin algebra  $A$ , can be reformulated as follows.*

- $K^b(\text{proj } A)$  has right Auslander-Reiten triangles if and only if it has left Auslander-Reiten triangles. Dually,
- $K^b(\text{inj } A)$  has right Auslander-Reiten triangles if and only if it has left Auslander-Reiten triangles.

**Corollary 4.6.** *The following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $A$  is a Gorenstein algebra.
- (2)  $K^b(\text{proj } A)$  has Auslander-Reiten triangles.
- (3)  $K^b(\text{inj } A)$  has Auslander-Reiten triangles.

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be artin algebras. According to [R],  $A$  and  $B$  are derived equivalent if and only if  $K^b(\text{proj } A)$  and  $K^b(\text{proj } B)$  are equivalent as triangulated categories.

**Corollary 4.7.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be artin algebras. If  $A$  and  $B$  are derived equivalent, then  $A$  is Gorenstein if and only if  $B$  is Gorenstein.*

In general, Theorem 3.4 only tells us the validity of Auslander-Reiten triangles in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$ . When consider some subcategory  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$ , one usually relies on the restriction as in Lemma 4.3. However, it is often difficult to compute the serre dual objects for  $\mathcal{A}$ . For example, the isomorphism in Lemma 4.2 for projective modules can not be extended to Gorenstein projective version unless  $A$  is self-injective, see [ASS, Lemma 2.12]. In the following, we only consider the subcategory  $K^b(\text{Gproj } A)$  (resp.  $K^b(\text{Ginj } A)$ ).

It was proved in [EJ1] that over a Gorenstein algebra any finitely generated module admits a finitely generated Gorenstein projective precover. That is, for any  $M \in \text{mod } A$ , there is a complex  $G_M$  consisting of modules in  $\text{Gproj } A$  and a chain map  $G_M \rightarrow M$  which is a quasi-isomorphism after applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_A(G', -)$  for any  $G' \in \text{Gproj } A$ . Since  $M$  has finite Gorenstein projective dimension,  $G_M$  can be selected to be in  $K^b(\text{Gproj } A)$  by [Ho, Proposition 2.18]. The dual version for finitely generated Gorenstein injective modules is also valid.

**Theorem 4.8.** *Let  $A$  be a Gorenstein algebra. Then  $K^b(\text{Gproj } A)$  has Auslander-Reiten triangles.*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 4.4. First, we prove that  $K^b(\text{Gproj } A)$  has right Auslander-Reiten triangles. Let  $0 \neq X \in K^b(\text{Gproj } A)$  be indecomposable. Then by Theorem 3.4, we have an Auslander-Reiten triangle

$$Y \rightarrow L \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y[1]$$

in  $K^b(\text{mod } A)$ . We only need to prove that  $Y$  has a  $K^b(\text{Gproj } A)$ -cover. In fact, we will prove that any  $Y \in K^b(\text{mod } A)$  has a  $K^b(\text{Gproj } A)$ -cover. Note that for any  $M \in \text{mod } A$ , there is a chain map  $G_M \rightarrow M$  with  $G_M \in K^b(\text{Gproj } A)$ , which is a quasi-isomorphism after applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_A(G', -)$  for any  $G' \in \text{Gproj } A$  as above. By using induction on the width of  $Y$ , we have that there is a chain map  $f_Y : G_Y \rightarrow Y$  with  $G_Y \in K^b(\text{Gproj } A)$ , which is also a quasi-isomorphism after applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_A(G', -)$  for any  $G' \in \text{Gproj } A$ . Hence  $\text{Hom}_A(G', f_Y)$  is also a quasi-isomorphism for any  $G' \in K^b(\text{Gproj } A)$ . It is easy to see that  $G_Y$  is a  $K^b(\text{Gproj } A)$ -cover of  $Y$ . If we consider the category  $K^b(\text{Ginj } A)$ , we then obtain that  $K^b(\text{Ginj } A)$  admits left Auslander-Reiten triangles. Note that  $- \otimes_A DA : K^b(\text{Gproj } A) \rightarrow K^b(\text{Ginj } A)$  is an equivalence by [B]. This completes the proof.  $\square$

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