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CLUSTER TILTING SUBCATEGORIES AND TORSION PAIRS IN IGUSA–TODOROV CLUSTER CATEGORIES OF DYNKIN TYPE $A_\infty$

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Abstract. We give a combinatorial classification of cluster tilting subcategories and torsion pairs in Igusa–Todorov cluster categories of Dynkin type $A_\infty$.

0. Introduction

Let $\mathcal{C}(A_n)$ be the cluster category of Dynkin type $A_n$, see [3, sec. 1] and [4]. It is well known that $\mathcal{C}(A_n)$ has a combinatorial model by an $(n + 3)$-gon $P$. The indecomposable objects are in bijection with the diagonals of $P$, and non-vanishing Ext$^1$ groups correspond to crossing diagonals.

The combinatorial model has two key properties: Cluster tilting subcategories of $\mathcal{C}(A_n)$ correspond to triangulations of $P$, and torsion pairs in $\mathcal{C}(A_n)$ correspond to so-called Ptolemy diagrams in $P$. The former result is well known and appears to be folklore; the latter is proved in [10, thm. A].

The aim of this paper is to prove similar key properties for the cluster categories $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ of Dynkin type $A_\infty$, which were introduced by Igusa and Todorov. Subsection A is a primer on $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ and its combinatorial model by an $\infty$-gon, and Subsections B and C state the key properties we will prove.

Our results generalise the following parts of the literature:

- When $\mathcal{Z}$ has one, respectively two limit points (see Definition 0.1(iii)), [9, thms. A,B,C], respectively [16, thms. 3.13, 5.7] classified cluster tilting subcategories in $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$, and showed that they form a cluster structure in the sense of [2, sec. II.1].
- When $\mathcal{Z}$ has one, respectively two limit points, [17, thm. 3.18], respectively [5, thm. 4.4] classified torsion pairs in $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$.

Furthermore, our Theorem 0.5 is closely related to [19, thm. 7.17].

We would also like to mention that there are a number of papers on the classification of cluster tilting subcategories and torsion pairs in more general cluster categories, mainly based on combinatorial models of Riemann surfaces with marked points on the boundary, see [1], [18], [20] for surface type and [11] for cluster tubes.

A. The Igusa–Todorov cluster categories $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ of Dynkin type $A_\infty$. To explain the categories $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ and their combinatorial models by $\infty$-gons, we first state two definitions.
Definition 0.1 (Admissible subsets of $S^1$). A subset $\mathcal{Z}$ of the circle $S^1$ is called admissible if it satisfies the following conditions.

(i) $\mathcal{Z}$ has infinitely many elements.

(ii) $\mathcal{Z} \subset S^1$ is a discrete subset, i.e. for each $z \in \mathcal{Z}$ there is an open neighbourhood of $z$ in $S^1$, equipped with its usual topology, containing no other element of $\mathcal{Z}$.

(iii) $\mathcal{Z}$ satisfies the two-sided limit condition, i.e. each $x \in S^1$ which is the limit of a sequence from $\mathcal{Z}$ is a limit of both an increasing and a decreasing sequence from $\mathcal{Z}$ with respect to the cyclic order.

Throughout the paper, $\mathcal{Z} \subset S^1$ is a fixed admissible subset. We think of $\mathcal{Z}$ as the vertices of an $\infty$-gon, see Figure 1.

Definition 0.2 (Diagonals). A diagonal of $\mathcal{Z}$ is a subset $X = \{x_0, x_1\} \subset \mathcal{Z}$ where $x_1 \notin \{x_0^-, x_0, x_0^+\}$. If $Y = \{y_0, y_1\}$ is another diagonal, then $X$ and $Y$ cross if $x_0 < y_0 < x_1 < y_1$ or $x_0 < y_1 < x_1 < y_0$. See Definition 1.1 for an explanation of inequalities.

If $D^1$ is the disk bounded by $S^1$, then we think of the diagonal $X$ as an isotopy class of non-selfintersecting curves in $D^1$ between the non-neighbouring vertices $x_0$ and $x_1$, see Figure 2. Two diagonals cross if their representing curves intersect in the interior of $D^1$.

Starting from $\mathcal{Z}$ and an algebraically closed field $k$, Igusa and Todorov in [12, sec. 2.4] constructed a cluster category $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ of Dynkin type $A_\infty$, which has a similar combinatorial model to that of $\mathcal{C}(A_n)$. To wit, $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ is a $k$-linear Hom-finite Krull–Schmidt 2-Calabi–Yau triangulated category; the indecomposable objects are in bijection with the diagonals of $\mathcal{Z}$, and non-vanishing Ext$^1$ groups correspond to crossing diagonals. Further properties of $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ are given in Section 2.
B. Cluster tilting subcategories of the cluster categories $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$. Our first main result is a classification of the cluster tilting subcategories of $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ (see Definition 5.1). Cluster tilting subcategories of $\mathcal{C}(A_n)$ correspond to triangulations of a finite polygon $P$, that is, maximal sets of pairwise non-crossing diagonals of $P$. By analogy, we expect cluster tilting subcategories of $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ to correspond to triangulations of the $\infty$-gon with vertex set $\mathcal{Z}$.

This is, in a sense, true, but there is more to say: The definition of admissible subset permits $\mathcal{Z}$ to have a complicated configuration of limit points, and it is crucial how the endpoints of diagonals converge to the limit points. Hence the following two definitions.

Definition 0.3 (The proper limit points of $\mathcal{Z}$). We denote by $\overline{\mathcal{Z}}$ the topological closure of $\mathcal{Z}$ in $S^1$, and by

$$L(\mathcal{Z}) = \overline{\mathcal{Z}} \setminus \mathcal{Z}$$

the set of proper limit points of $\mathcal{Z}$. It is disjoint from $\mathcal{Z}$ because $\mathcal{Z}$ is discrete.

Definition 0.4 (Leapfrogs and fountains). Let $\mathcal{X}$ be a set of diagonals of $\mathcal{Z}$. The following notions are illustrated by Figure 2.

- Given $a \in L(\mathcal{Z})$, we say that $\mathcal{X}$ has a leapfrog converging to $a \in L(\mathcal{Z})$ if there is a sequence $\{x_i, y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ of diagonals from $\mathcal{X}$ with $x_i \to a$ from below and $y_i \to a$ from above. (Convergence from below and above is explained in Definition 1.4.)

- Given $a \in L(\mathcal{Z})$, $z \in \mathcal{Z}$. We say that $\mathcal{X}$ has a right fountain at $z$ converging to $a$ if there is a sequence $\{z, x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ from $\mathcal{X}$ with $x_i \to a$ from below. We say that $\mathcal{X}$ has a left fountain at $z$ converging to $a$ if there is a sequence $\{z, y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ from $\mathcal{X}$ with $y_i \to a$ from above.

We say that $\mathcal{X}$ has a fountain at $z$ converging to $a$ if it has a right fountain and a left fountain at $z$ converging to $a$.

Here is our first main result. It is closely related to [19, thm. 7.17]. Given a set $\mathcal{X}$ of diagonals of $\mathcal{Z}$, we write $E(\mathcal{X})$ for the corresponding set of indecomposable objects of $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$. 

![Figure 2. A set of diagonals of $\mathcal{Z}$ with fountains converging to the limit points $a_1, a_2, a_3$ and a leapfrog converging to the limit point $a_4$, see Definition 0.4. Such convergence must occur in each cluster tilting subcategory of $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ by Theorem 0.5.](image-url)
Theorem 0.5 (=Theorem 5.7). Let \( \mathcal{X} \) be a set of diagonals of \( \mathcal{Z} \). Then \( \text{add} \, E(\mathcal{X}) \) is a cluster tilting subcategory if and only if \( \mathcal{X} \) is a maximal set of pairwise non-crossing diagonals, such that for each \( a \in L(\mathcal{Z}) \), the set \( \mathcal{X} \) has a fountain or a leapfrog converging to \( a \).

One of the salient features of cluster tilting subcategories are their nice combinatorial properties encoded in the notion of cluster structure. We thank Adam-Christiaan van Roosmalen for pointing out that the following result follows from [19, thm. 5.6]. We will give a direct proof.

Theorem 0.6 (=Theorem 5.9). The cluster tilting subcategories of \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z}) \) form a cluster structure in the sense of [2, sec. II.1].

To get this from [19, thm. 5.6] requires the existence of a so-called directed cluster tilting subcategory of \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z}) \), which can be obtained from Theorem 0.5 by picking a vertex \( z \in \mathcal{Z} \) and letting \( \mathcal{X} \) be the set of all diagonals from \( z \) to non-neighbouring vertices.

C. Torsion pairs in the cluster categories \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z}) \). Our second main result is a classification of the torsion pairs in \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z}) \) (see Definition 4.1). Recall that torsion pairs in \( \mathcal{C}(A_n) \) correspond to so-called Ptolemy diagrams in a finite polygon \( P \), see [10, thm. A]. Again there is an analogue for \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z}) \), and again, convergence plays a crucial role. Hence the following definition.

Definition 0.7 (Conditions PC1 and PC2). We can impose the following conditions on a set \( \mathcal{X} \) of diagonals of \( \mathcal{Z} \), see Figure 3. The letters “PC” stands for “precovering”.

- **PC1**: If there is a sequence \( \{x^i_0, x^i_1\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) from \( \mathcal{X} \) with \( x^i_0 \to p \) from below and \( x^i_1 \to q \) from below with \( p \neq q \), then there is a sequence \( \{x'^i_0, x'^i_1\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) from \( \mathcal{X} \) with \( x'^i_0 \to p \) from above and \( x'^i_1 \to q \) from above.

- **PC2**: If there is a sequence \( \{x^i_0, x^i_1\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) from \( \mathcal{X} \) with \( x^i_0 \to p \) from below and \( x^i_1 \to q \) from above with \( p \neq q \), then there is a sequence \( \{x'^i_0, x'^i_1\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) from \( \mathcal{X} \) with \( x'^i_0 \to p \) from above and \( x'^i_1 \to q \) from above.

The following combinatorial notion was introduced in [17, def. 0.3].
Figure 4. The Ptolemy condition from Definition 0.8: If the crossing diagonals \( \{x_0, x_1\} \) and \( \{y_0, y_1\} \) are in \( \mathcal{X} \), then so are those of \( \{x_0, y_0\}, \{x_0, y_1\}, \{x_1, y_0\}, \{x_1, y_1\} \) which are diagonals.

**Definition 0.8 (The Ptolemy condition).** Let \( \mathcal{X} \) be a set of diagonals of \( \mathcal{Z} \). We say that \( \mathcal{X} \) satisfies the Ptolemy condition if, whenever \( \{x_0, x_1\} \in \mathcal{X} \) and \( \{y_0, y_1\} \in \mathcal{X} \) cross, then those of \( \{x_0, y_0\}, \{x_0, y_1\}, \{x_1, y_0\} \) and \( \{x_1, y_1\} \) which are diagonals of \( \mathcal{Z} \) (i.e. whose vertices are non-neighbouring) also lie in \( \mathcal{X} \). See Figure 4.

Here is our second main result.

**Theorem 0.9 (=Theorem 4.7).** Let \( \mathcal{X} \) be a set of diagonals of \( \mathcal{Z} \). Then \( \text{add} \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{X}) \) is the first half of a torsion pair in \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z}) \) if and only if \( \mathcal{X} \) satisfies conditions PC1, PC2, and the Ptolemy condition.

Note that the first half of a torsion pair determines the second half, so our result does provide a complete classification.

**Remark 0.10.** The conjunction of PC1 and PC2 is equivalent to the following condition.

\[ \text{PC: If there is a sequence } \{x^i_0, x^i_1\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \text{ from } \mathcal{Z} \text{ with } x^i_0 \to p \text{ from below and } x^i_1 \to q \text{ with } p \neq q, \text{ then there is a sequence } \{x^i_0, x^i_1\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \text{ from } \mathcal{Z} \text{ with } x^i_0 \to p \text{ from above and } x^i_1 \to q \text{ from above.} \]

It is clear that PC implies PC1 and PC2. To see the converse, note that the sequence \( \{x^i_0, x^i_1\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) in PC will either have a subsequence with \( x^i_1 \to q \) from below, and then PC1 can be applied, or a subsequence with \( x^i_1 \to q \) from above, and then PC2 can be applied.

The paper is organised as follows: Section 1 shows some properties of admissible subsets of \( S^1 \). Section 2 recalls the cluster category \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z}) \) from [12, sec. 2.4]. Section 3 provides a main ingredient for the proof of Theorem 0.9 by showing that \( \text{add} \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{Z}) \) is precovering if and only if \( \mathcal{Z} \) satisfies conditions PC1 and PC2. Section 4 proves Theorem 0.9. Section 5 proves Theorems 0.5 and 0.6.
Figure 5. Illustration of Definition 1.1. The elements $x_0, \ldots, x_5$ of $S^1$ satisfy $x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < x_4 < x_5$, and the interval $[a, b]$ is marked by a thick arc.

1. Admissible subsets of the circle $S^1$

Definition 1.1 (Cyclically ordered subsets of $S^1$). The circle $S^1$, equipped with its usual topology and orientation, has a natural structure as a cyclically ordered set.

We choose anticlockwise as the positive direction, whence the inequalities $x_0 < x_1 < \ldots < x_n$ mean that, when moving anticlockwise around the circle, after encountering $x_{i-1}$ for $i = 1, \ldots, n$, the next element of $\{x_0, \ldots, x_n\}$ encountered is precisely $x_i$. See Figure 5. Soft inequalities are defined analogously.

The cyclic order permits to define closed or (half) open intervals of $S^1$; for instance, the closed interval $[a, b]$ is shown in Figure 5. Each interval has an induced linear order.

The cyclic order on $S^1$ induces a cyclic order on each subset of $S^1$, in particular on $\mathcal{Z}$.

Remark 1.2 (Predecessors and successors in $\mathcal{Z}$). It follows directly from Definition 0.1 that:

- Each $z \in \mathcal{Z}$ has a unique predecessor $z^- \in \mathcal{Z}$, i.e. a unique element $z^- \in \mathcal{Z}$ such that $(z^-, z) \cap \mathcal{Z} = \emptyset$.
- Each $z \in \mathcal{Z}$ has a unique successor $z^+ \in \mathcal{Z}$, i.e. a unique element $z^+ \in \mathcal{Z}$ such that $(z, z^+) \cap \mathcal{Z} = \emptyset$.

Figure 1 in the introduction shows an example of an admissible subset and of the predecessor and successor of one of its elements.

Remark 1.3 (A dichotomy for sequences in $\mathcal{Z}$). Since $\mathcal{Z}$ is discrete, each sequence $\{z_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ from $\mathcal{Z}$ which converges to a $z \in \mathcal{Z}$ has to satisfy $z_i = z$ for $i \gg 0$. Thus each convergent sequence from $\mathcal{Z}$ that is not constant from some step converges to an element of $L(\mathcal{Z})$. Furthermore, since $S^1$ is compact, each sequence $\{z'_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ from $\mathcal{Z}$ has a convergent subsequence $\{z''_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ converging to some point in $\overline{\mathcal{Z}}$.

There is hence a dichotomy:
• Either the subsequence \( \{z'_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) converges to \( z \in \mathcal{Z} \), and \( z'_i \) is constant from some step,
• or the subsequence \( \{z'_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) converges to a proper limit point \( a \in L(\mathcal{Z}) \) and \( z'_i \) is not constant from any step.

In the latter case, by refining the sequence further if necessary, we can suppose that the sequence is increasing (i.e. \( z'_0 \leq z'_1 \leq \ldots \leq z'_k < a \) for each \( k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \)) or decreasing (i.e. \( z'_0 \geq z'_1 \geq \ldots \geq z'_k > a \) for each \( k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \)).

**Definition 1.4** (Convergence from below and above). Let \( \{z_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) be a convergent sequence from \( \mathcal{Z} \). If \( \{z_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) converges to \( p \in \overline{\mathcal{Z}} \), then we write \( z_i \to p \).

• We say that \( z_i \to p \) from below if there is a \( \mu \in S^1 \setminus \{p\} \) such that \( z_i \in [\mu, p] \) from some step.
• We say that \( z_i \to p \) from above if there is a \( \nu \in S^1 \setminus \{p\} \) such that \( z_i \in [p, \nu] \) from some step.

If \( z_i \to p \) with \( p \in \mathcal{Z} \), then \( z_i = p \) from some step by Remark 1.3, so \( z_i \to p \) from below and from above.

**Definition 1.5** (Infimum and supremum). Let \( a, b \in S^1 \). Each non-empty subset \( P \subseteq [a, b] \cap \mathcal{Z} \subset S^1 \) has an infimum and a supremum, and there is a decreasing sequence in \( P \) converging to its infimum, denoted by \( \inf_{[a, b]} P \), and an increasing sequence in \( P \) converging to its supremum, denoted by \( \sup_{[a, b]} P \).

Note that the infimum and the supremum are contained in the interval \( [a, b] \), but not necessarily in \( P \) or in \( \mathcal{Z} \). If \( i = \inf_{[a, b]} P \) and \( s = \sup_{[a, b]} P \) then \( a \leq i \leq p \leq s \leq b \) for each \( p \in P \).

Note that any increasing or decreasing sequence in an interval \( [a, b] \) is convergent to a point in that interval.

Recall that \( \mathcal{Z} \) contains infinitely many points by Definition 0.1(i). For each \( z \in \mathcal{Z} \), the sequence \( \{z^{+n}\}_{n \geq 0} \) defined iteratively by \( z^{+0} = z \) and \( z^{+(k+1)} = (z^{+k})^+ \) for each \( k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \) is an increasing sequence. Moreover, there are infinitely many points of \( \mathcal{Z} \) in \( [z, z^-] \) whence \( z \leq z^{+n} < z^- \). So \( \{z^{+n}\}_{n \geq 0} \) is an increasing sequence in \( [z, z^-] \) and it must converge to a limit point.

**Definition 1.6.** The limit point of \( \{z^{+n}\}_{n \geq 0} \) will be denoted \( z^{+\infty} \). Symmetrically, we can define \( \{z^{-n}\}_{n \geq 0} \) and its limit point will be denoted \( z^{-\infty} \).

**Lemma 1.7.** We have \( [z, z^{+\infty}] \cap L(\mathcal{Z}) = \{z^{+\infty}\} \) and \( [z^{-\infty}, z] \cap L(\mathcal{Z}) = \{z^{-\infty}\} \).

**Proof.** We only prove that \( [z, z^{+\infty}] \cap L(\mathcal{Z}) = \{z^{+\infty}\} \); the equality \( [z^{-\infty}, z] \cap L(\mathcal{Z}) = \{z^{-\infty}\} \) is proved symmetrically. The inclusion \( \{z^{+\infty}\} \subseteq [z, z^{+\infty}] \cap L(\mathcal{Z}) \) is clear by definition. The inclusion \( [z, z^{+\infty}] \cap L(\mathcal{Z}) \subseteq \{z^{+\infty}\} \) amounts to showing that \( [z, z^{+\infty}] \cap L(\mathcal{Z}) = \emptyset \), which again amounts to showing that \( (z, z^{+\infty}) \cap L(\mathcal{Z}) = \emptyset \), since \( z \in \mathcal{Z} \), and hence \( z \notin L(\mathcal{Z}) \).

So suppose for a contradiction that there exists \( x \in (z, z^{+\infty}) \cap L(\mathcal{Z}) \). In particular, \( x \notin \mathcal{Z} \) and there exists a sequence \( \{z_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) from \( \mathcal{Z} \) converging to \( x \). By construction we have that
Theorem 3.1. Let $C$ be an algebraically closed field.

This section provides the following main ingredient for the proof of Theorem 0.9.

2. The Igusa–Todorov cluster categories $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})$ of Dynkin type $A_\infty$

Setup 2.1. In the rest of the paper, $k$ is an algebraically closed field.

Igusa and Todorov [12] constructed a cluster category $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})$. They proved in [12, sec. 2.4] that it has the following properties.

(i) $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})$ is a $k$-linear Hom-finite Krull–Schmidt triangulated category.

(ii) $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})$ is 2-Calabi–Yau, that is, there are natural isomorphisms

$$\text{Ext}^1_{\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})}(X,Y) \cong \text{DExt}^1_{\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})}(Y,X)$$

where $\text{D}(-) = \text{Hom}_k(-,k)$.

(iii) If $X = \{x_0, x_1\}$ is a diagonal of $\mathscr{Z}$, then there is an indecomposable object $E(X) = E(x_0, x_1)$ in $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})$, and this induces a bijection from diagonals of $\mathscr{Z}$ to isomorphism classes of indecomposable objects of $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})$.

(iv) The suspension functor acts on the indecomposable objects $E(X)$ by

$$\Sigma(E(x_0, x_1)) = E(x_0^-, x_1^-).$$

(v) We have

$$\text{Ext}^1_{\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})}(E(X), E(Y)) \cong \begin{cases} k & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ cross,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(vi) Since $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})}(E(X), E(Y)) \cong \text{Ext}^1_{\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})}(E(X), \Sigma^{-1}E(Y))$, it follows from (iv) and (v) that $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})}(E(X), E(Y))$ is isomorphic to

$$\begin{cases} k & \text{if we can write } X = \{x_0, x_1\} \text{ and } Y = \{y_0, y_1\} \text{ with } x_0 \leq y_0 \leq x_1^- < x_1 \leq y_1 \leq x_0^-, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(vii) In part (vi), if $X = \{x_0, x_1\}$ and $Y = \{y_0, y_1\}$ with $x_0 \leq y_0 \leq x_1^- < x_1 \leq y_1 \leq x_0^-$, then a morphism $E(X) \to E(Y)$ factors through $E(S)$ if and only if we can write $S = \{s_0, s_1\}$ with $x_0 \leq s_0 \leq y_0$ and $x_1 \leq s_1 \leq y_1$.

In part (v) observe that non-vanishing of $\text{Ext}^1$ is symmetric in the two arguments, as indeed it must be by the 2-Calabi–Yau property from (ii). Figure 6 provides an illustration of morphisms between indecomposable objects.

3. Precovering subcategories of the cluster categories $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})$

This section provides the following main ingredient for the proof of Theorem 0.9.

Theorem 3.1. Let $\mathscr{Z}$ be a set of diagonals of $\mathscr{Z}$. Then add $E(\mathscr{Z})$ is a precovering subcategory of $\mathcal{C}(\mathscr{Z})$ if and only if $\mathscr{Z}$ satisfies conditions PC1 and PC2 from Definition 0.7.
Figure 6. The non-zero morphism spaces between the indecomposable objects corresponding to the pictured diagonals are precisely \( \text{Hom}(E(x_0, x_1), E(y_0, y_1)) \), \( \text{Hom}(E(y_0, y_1), E(x_0, x_1)) \) and \( \text{Hom}(E(x_0, z_1), E(x_0, x_1)) \), as well as the endomorphism spaces of each of the three indecomposable objects. All other morphism spaces between these three objects are zero. See Section 2(vi).

The proof can be found at the end of the section. First we require some preparation, not least the following definition due to [7, sec. 1].

**Definition 3.2 (Precovers).** Let \( \mathcal{T} \) be a category, \( X \subseteq \mathcal{T} \) a full subcategory.

(i) Let \( t \in \mathcal{T} \) be an object. An object \( x \in X \) together with a morphism \( f: x \to t \) is called an \( X \)-precover of \( t \) if each morphism \( g: x' \to t \) with \( x' \in X \) factors through \( f \). That is, there exists a morphism \( h: x' \to x \) such that \( g = f \circ h \).

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
  x' & \xrightarrow{h} & x \\
  \downarrow{g} & & \downarrow{f} \\
  t & & t
\end{array}
\]

(ii) The subcategory \( X \subseteq \mathcal{T} \) is called precovering if each object \( t \in \mathcal{T} \) has an \( X \)-precover.

**Definition 3.3.** Let \( \mathcal{T} \) be an additive category. An additive subcategory \( X \) of \( \mathcal{T} \) is a full subcategory of \( \mathcal{T} \) closed under isomorphisms, finite direct sums, and direct summands.

**Remark 3.4.** Since \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X}) \) is Krull-Schmidt, its additive subcategories are determined by the indecomposable objects they contain. Thus, there is a one-to-one correspondence between additive subcategories of \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X}) \) and sets of diagonals of \( \mathcal{X} \).

Given a set of diagonals \( \mathcal{X} \), we write \( E(\mathcal{X}) \) for the corresponding set of indecomposable objects of \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X}) \). The corresponding additive subcategory of \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X}) \) is given by \( \text{add} E(\mathcal{X}) \).

**Lemma 3.5.** Let \( D \subseteq \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X}) \) be an additive subcategory, \( e \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X}) \) an indecomposable object, and

\[
\delta: d_1 \oplus \ldots \oplus d_n \to e
\]

a morphism in \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X}) \) with \( d_i \in D \) indecomposable for each \( i \in \{1, \ldots, n\} \).
We can write \(\delta = (\delta_1, \ldots, \delta_n)\), and \(\delta\) is a \(D\)-precover of \(e\) if and only if each morphism \(\varphi: d \to e\) with \(d \in D\) indecomposable factors through at least one of the \(\delta_i\).

**Proof.** It is clear that if each morphism \(\varphi: d \to e\) with \(d \in D\) indecomposable factors through at least one of the \(\delta_i\), then it also factors through \(\delta\) which is hence a \(D\)-precover.

Conversely, assume that \(\delta\) is a \(D\)-precover. Let \(\varphi: d \to e\) be a morphism in \(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})\) with \(d \in D\) indecomposable. If \(\varphi = 0\), then \(\varphi\) factors trivially through each \(\delta_i\) and we are done. If \(\varphi \neq 0\), then choose a morphism \(\varphi': d \to d_1 \oplus \ldots \oplus d_n\) with \(\varphi = \delta \circ \varphi'\). Writing \(\varphi'\) in components \(\varphi_i\), this means \(\varphi = \delta_1 \varphi'_1 + \ldots + \delta_n \varphi'_n\). Because \(\varphi \neq 0\) there exists an \(i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}\) such that \(\delta_i \circ \varphi'_i \neq 0\).

Now \(\varphi\) and \(\delta_i \circ \varphi'_i\) are non-zero elements of \(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})}(d, e)\) which must be a one-dimensional \(k\)-vector space by Section 2(vi). Hence \(\varphi = \alpha \delta_i \circ \varphi'_i\) for some \(\alpha \in k\), so \(\varphi\) factors through \(\delta_i\). \(\square\)

**Lemma 3.6.** Let \(\mathcal{X}\) be a set of diagonals of \(\mathcal{Z}\). Then \(\text{add } E(\mathcal{X})\) is a precovering subcategory of \(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})\) if and only if \(\mathcal{X}\) satisfies the following condition:

For each diagonal \(Y = \{y_0, y_1\}\) of \(\mathcal{Z}\) there is a finite set of diagonals \(X^1, \ldots, X^l \in \mathcal{X}\), such that for each \(X = \{x_0, x_1\} \in \mathcal{X}\) with

\[
x_0 \leq y_0 \leq x_1^- < x_1 \leq y_1 \leq x_0^-
\]

there is an \(i \in \{1, \ldots, l\}\) with \(X^i = \{x^i_0, x^i_1\}\) and

\[
x_0 \leq x^i_0 \leq y_0 \quad \text{and} \quad x^i_1 \leq y_1.
\]

**Proof.** This is immediate by combining Section 2(vii) with Lemma 3.5. \(\square\)

**Proposition 3.7.** Let \(\mathcal{X}\) be a set of diagonals of \(\mathcal{Z}\). If \(\text{add } E(\mathcal{X})\) is a precovering subcategory of \(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})\) then \(\mathcal{X}\) satisfies conditions PC1 and PC2.

**Proof.** Let \(\mathcal{X}\) be a set of diagonals such that \(\text{add } E(\mathcal{X})\) is precovering. We show that \(\mathcal{X}\) satisfies condition PC1. The fact that \(\mathcal{X}\) satisfies condition PC2 follows by an analogous argument. Hence let \(X^i = \{x^i_0, x^i_1\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}\) be a sequence from \(\mathcal{X}\) with \(x^i_0 \to p\) from below and \(x^i_1 \to q\) from below with \(p \neq q\).

If \(p, q \in \mathcal{Z}\), we have \(x^i_0 = p\) and \(x^i_1 = q\) from some step, whence \(\{p, q\} \in \mathcal{X}\) and condition PC1 is clearly satisfied with \(x^j_0 = p\) and \(x^j_1 = q\) for each \(j \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}\).

We can thus assume that \(p \in L(\mathcal{Z})\) or \(q \in L(\mathcal{Z})\).

Then by passing to a subsequence we may assume

\[
x^i_0 \leq p \leq x^i_1^- < x^i_1 \leq q \leq x^i_0^-
\]

for each \(i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}\). Let \(Y = \{y_0, y_1\}\) be a diagonal of \(\mathcal{Z}\) with

\[
p \leq y_0 \leq x^i_1^- \quad \text{and} \quad q \leq y_1 \leq x^i_0^{-}
\]

for each \(i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}\), see Figure 7. Note that such diagonals exist; in fact since \(\mathcal{X}\) satisfies the two-sided limit condition (see Definition 0.1), we can even find an entire sequence of such diagonals with endpoints converging to \(p\) and \(q\) (at least one of which lies in \(L(\mathcal{Z})\)) from above.

Then for each \(i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}\) we have

\[
x^i_0 \leq y_0 \leq x^i_1^- \quad \text{and} \quad x^i_1 \leq y_1 \leq x^i_0^-.
\]
By assumption, add $E(\mathcal{R})$ is a precovering subcategory of $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{R})$. So by Lemma 3.6 there must exist finitely many diagonals $U^j = \{u^j_0, u^j_1\} \in \mathcal{R}$ for $j \in \{1, \ldots, l\}$, such that for each $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ there is a $j \in \{1, \ldots, l\}$ with

$$x^i_0 \leq u^j_0 \leq y_0 \quad \text{and} \quad x^i_1 \leq u^j_1 \leq y_1.$$ 

There must be a $j \in \{1, \ldots, l\}$ which works for infinitely many values of $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, i.e. there is a diagonal $V = \{v_0, v_1\} \in \mathcal{R}$ such that for infinitely many values of $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ we have

$$x^i_0 \leq v_0 \leq y_0 \quad \text{and} \quad x^i_1 \leq v_1 \leq y_1.$$ 

Since they hold for infinitely many $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, the first of these inequalities forces $p \leq v_0 \leq y_0$, while the second forces $q \leq v_1 \leq y_1$. As mentioned above, since $\mathcal{R}$ satisfies the two-sided limit condition, we can pick a sequence of diagonals $Y^j = \{y^j_0, y^j_1\}$ of $\mathcal{R}$ with $y^j_0 \to p$ from above and $y^j_1 \to q$ from above and such that

$$p \leq y^j_0 \leq x^i_1 \quad \text{and} \quad q \leq y^j_1 \leq x^i_0$$

for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ (note that if $p \in \mathcal{R}$, respectively $q \in \mathcal{R}$, we can pick $y^j_0 = p$ for each $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, respectively $y^j_1 = q$ for each $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$). Applying the above argument for each of the diagonals $Y^j$ in this sequence, we find a sequence $\{v^j_0, v^j_1\} \in \mathcal{R}$ with $v^j_0 \to p$ from above and $v^j_1 \to q$ from above. Thus condition PC1 holds.

**Remark 3.8.** Either of conditions PC1 and PC2 implies the following condition: Suppose $\mathcal{R}$ has a right fountain at $z \in \mathcal{R}$ converging to $a \in L(\mathcal{R})$, that is, a sequence $\{z, x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ with $x_i \to a$ from below. Then $\mathcal{R}$ has a fountain at $z$ converging to $a$.

Namely, if condition PC1 holds, then there is a sequence $\{x^i_0, x^i_1\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ from $\mathcal{R}$ with $x^i_0 \to z$ from above and $x^i_1 \to a$ from above. Since $\mathcal{R}$ is discrete, $x^i_0 = z$ from some step (see Remark 1.3), so $\mathcal{R}$ has a left fountain at $z$ converging to $a$.

If condition PC2 holds, the analogous argument works with $z$ in the role of $q$ and $a$ in the role of $p$ in the definition of condition PC2.
Definition 3.9. Let $\mathcal{X}$ be a set of diagonals of $\mathcal{X}$, let $Y = \{y_0, y_1\}$ be in $\mathcal{X}$, and let $t_0 \in [y_1^{++}, y_0] \cap \mathcal{X}$ and $t_1 \in [y_0^{++}, y_1] \cap \mathcal{X}$. We write

$$W_0(\mathcal{X}, Y, t_0, t_1) = \{ x_0 \in [y_1^{++}, t_0] \cap \mathcal{X} \mid \exists \{x_0, x_1\} \in \mathcal{X} \text{ with } x_1 \in [t_1, y_1] \}. $$

For $u_0 \in [y_1^{++}, y_0] \cap \mathcal{X}$ we write

$$W_1(\mathcal{X}, Y, u_0, t_1) = \{ x_1 \in [t_1, y_1] \cap \mathcal{X} \mid \{u_0, x_1\} \in \mathcal{X} \}. $$

The set $W_0(\mathcal{X}, Y, t_0, t_1)$ consists of the end points in $[y_1^{++}, t_0]$ of diagonals in $\mathcal{X}$ between the two intervals shown in Figure 8. The set $W_1(\mathcal{X}, Y, u_0, t_1)$ consists of end points in $[t_1, y_1]$ of diagonals of $\mathcal{X}$ with other end point $u_0$.

Lemma 3.10. Let $\mathcal{X}$ be a set of diagonals of $\mathcal{X}$ satisfying conditions PC1 and PC2, let $Y = \{y_0, y_1\}$ be in $\mathcal{X}$, and let $t_0, t_1$ and $u_0$ be as in Definition 3.9. Then the following holds.

(i) If the set $W_0 := W_0(\mathcal{X}, Y, t_0, t_1)$ is non-empty, then $s_0 := \sup_{[y_1^{++}, t_0]} W_0 \in \mathcal{X}$.

(ii) If the set $W_1 := W_1(\mathcal{X}, Y, u_0, t_1)$ is non-empty, then $s_1 := \sup_{[t_1, y_1]} W_1 \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. We start by showing (i). Suppose $s_0 \notin \mathcal{X}$, in particular $s_0 \neq y_1^{++}$ and $s_0 \neq t_0$, so $s_0 \in (y_1^{++}, t_0)$. There is a sequence $\{x_0, x_1\}$ from $\mathcal{X}$ with $x_0 \in [y_1^{++}, t_0]$, $x_1 \in [t_1, y_1]$ for each $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $x_0^i \to s_0$ from below. Passing to a subsequence we can assume $x_1^i \to \tilde{s}_1$ from below or above for some $\tilde{s}_1 \in [t_1, y_1]$. Note that since

$$y_1^{++} < s_0 < t_0 \leq y_0 < y_0^{++} \leq t_1 \leq \tilde{s}_1 \leq y_1,$$

we have $s_0 \neq \tilde{s}_1$. So conditions PC1 and PC2 imply that there is a sequence $\{x_0^i, x_1^i\}$ from $\mathcal{X}$ with $x_0^i \to s_0$ and $x_1^i \to \tilde{s}_1$ both from above. So for some $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ we have

$$s_0 < x_0^i \leq t_0 \text{ and } \tilde{s}_1 \leq x_1^i \leq y_1.$$

In particular, $x_0^i \in [y_1^{++}, t_0]$ and $x_1^i \in [t_1, y_1]$ for these $i$, so $x_0^i \in W_0$ and the first of the above inequalities violates the definition of $s_0$ as a supremum.
Figure 9. Illustration of the proof of Theorem 3.1.

We now show (ii). Suppose \( s_1 \notin \mathcal{X} \), in particular \( s_1 \neq t_1 \) and \( s_1 \neq y_1 \), so \( s_1 \in (t_1, y_1) \). There is a sequence \( \{u_0, x^i\} \) from \( \mathcal{X} \) with \( x^i \in [t_1, y_1] \) for each \( i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \) and \( x^i \to s_1 \) from below. By condition PC1 (or PC2) and Remark 3.8 there is a sequence \( \{u_0, x'^i\} \) from \( \mathcal{X} \) with \( x'^i \to s_1 \) from above. However, then we obtain \( s_1 < x'^i \leq y_1 \) from some step, violating the definition of \( s_1 \) as a supremum. \( \square \)

We can now prove Theorem 3.1.

**Proof.** If add \( E(\mathcal{X}) \) is precovering, then \( \mathcal{X} \) satisfies conditions PC1 and PC2 by Proposition 3.7.

Conversely, assume that \( \mathcal{X} \) satisfies conditions PC1 and PC2. Let \( Y = \{y_0, y_1\} \) be an arbitrary diagonal of \( \mathcal{X} \). According to Lemma 3.6 we have to show that \( Y \) satisfies the following condition:

\[(*) \text{ There exists a finite set of diagonals } S = \{X^1, \ldots, X^l\} \subseteq \mathcal{X}, \text{ such that for each diagonal } X = \{x_0, x_1\} \in \mathcal{X} \text{ with } x_0 \leq y_0 \leq x_1^- \text{ and } x_1 \leq y_1 \leq x_0^- \text{ there is an } i \in \{1, \ldots, l\} \text{ with } X^i = \{x^i_0, x^i_1\} \text{ and } x_0 \leq x^i_0 \leq y_0 \text{ and } x_1 \leq x^i_1 \leq y_1.\]

We are going to construct inductively a sequence \( S \) of diagonals from \( \mathcal{X} \), see Figure 9.

Set \( s^0_0 = s^0_1 = y^+_0 \). For \( l \geq 1 \), if

\[ y^{++}_1 \leq s^{l-1}_0 \leq y^+_0 \text{ and } y^+_0 \leq s^{l-1}_1 \leq y_1 \]

have already been defined, then we proceed as follows:

- If \( s^{l-1}_0 = y^{++}_1 \) or \( s^{l-1}_1 = y_1 \), then we terminate. (Note that for \( l = 1 \) this can not happen since \( \{y_0, y_1\} \) is a diagonal, i.e. \( y_0 \) and \( y_1 \) are not neighbouring vertices of \( \mathcal{X} \).)
- If \( s^{l-1}_0 \neq y^{++}_1 \) and \( s^{l-1}_1 \neq y_1 \), then

\[ y^{++}_1 \leq (s^{l-1}_0)^- \leq y_0 \text{ and } y^{++}_0 \leq (s^{l-1}_1)^+ \leq y_1 \]

and we set \( t_0 = (s^{l-1}_0)^-, t_1 = (s^{l-1}_1)^+ \).
If \( W_0(\mathcal{X}, Y, t_0, t_1) = \emptyset \) then we terminate. (Note that if this happens for \( l = 1 \) then there are no relevant diagonals \( X \) as in condition \((*)\), thus \((*)\) is trivially satisfied.)

If \( W_0(\mathcal{X}, Y, t_0, t_1) \neq \emptyset \) then we set
\[
s_0^l = \sup_{[y_0^+, t_0]} W_0(\mathcal{X}, Y, t_0, t_1).
\] (3.1)

This supremum lies in \( \mathcal{X} \) by Lemma 3.10. We then set \( u_0 = s_0^l \) and consider the set \( W_1(\mathcal{X}, Y, u_0, t_1) \). It is non-empty since \( W_0(\mathcal{X}, Y, t_0, t_1) \neq \emptyset \), and we set
\[
s_1^l = \sup_{[t_1, y_1]} W_1(\mathcal{X}, Y, u_0, t_1).
\]

Note that by construction we have
\[
y_1^{++} \leq \ldots < s_0^3 < s_0^2 < s_0^1 \leq y_0,
\] (3.2)
\[
y_0^{++} \leq s_1^1 < s_1^2 < s_1^3 < \ldots \leq y_1,
\] (3.3)
and \( \{s_0^l, s_1^l\} \in \mathcal{X} \) by Lemma 3.10 for all \( l \geq 0 \) that are defined.

We now show that our construction terminates after finitely many steps for each diagonal \( Y \) of \( \mathcal{X} \). Suppose by contradiction that for some diagonal \( Y = \{y_0, y_1\} \) of \( \mathcal{X} \), our construction does not terminate. Then by the inequalities (3.2) and (3.3) there must exist \( a \in (y_1^+, y_0) \cap L(\mathcal{X}) \) and \( b \in (y_0^{++}, y_1) \cap L(\mathcal{X}) \) such that \( s_0^l \to a \) from above and \( s_1^l \to b \) from below. By condition PC2 for \( \mathcal{X} \), there is a sequence \( \{s_0^m, s_1^m\} \) from \( \mathcal{X} \) such that \( s_0^m \to a \) from above and \( s_1^m \to b \) from above. Moreover, there exist \( m, l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \) such that \( s_0^0 < s_0^m \leq s_0^{l-1} \) and \( b < s_1^m < y_1 \). If we have \( s_0^m = s_0^{l-1} \) then \( \{s_0^{l-1}, s_1^l\} \) \( \in \mathcal{X} \) contradicts the definition of \( s_0^{l-1} \) as a supremum. Else, since we now have \((s_1^{l-1})^+ < b < s_1^m < y_1 \), the diagonal \( \{s_0^m, s_1^m\} \) \( \in \mathcal{X} \) violates the definition of \( s_0^l \) as a supremum.

So we have shown that our construction terminates after finitely many steps. By the above remarks on the case \( l = 1 \) (i.e. that if the construction terminates without defining \( s_0^l \) and \( s_1^l \) then condition \((*)\) is trivially satisfied) we can assume that the construction provides a non-empty finite set
\[
S = \{\{s_0^l, s_1^l\} \mid 1 \leq l \leq N\}
\]
of diagonals from \( \mathcal{X} \), for some \( N \in \mathbb{N} \).

We now finally show that the set \( S \) has the desired property from condition \((*)\). Let \( X = \{x_0, x_1\} \in \mathcal{X} \) with \( x_0 \leq y_0 \leq x_1^- \) and \( x_1 \leq y_1 \leq x_0^- \), i.e. \( x_0 \in [y_1^{++}, y_0] \) and \( x_1 \in [y_0^{++}, y_1] \).

We distinguish two cases. Assume first that there is an \( l \geq 1 \) such that \( s_0^l < x_0 \leq s_0^{l-1} \). Note that then \( l \geq 2 \) since for \( l = 1 \) this would violate the definition of \( s_0^l \) as a supremum. Recall from equation (3.1) that
\[
s_0^l = \sup_{[y_0^+, s_0^{l-1}]} W_0(\mathcal{X}, Y, (s_0^{l-1})^-, (s_1^{l-1})^+),
\]
so \( s_0^l < x_0 \leq s_0^{l-1} \) implies that there is no diagonal \( \{x_0, v_1\} \in \mathcal{X} \) with \( v_1 \in [(s_1^{l-1})^+, y_1] \). That is, we must have \( y_0^{++} \leq x_1 \leq s_1^{l-1} \). We get that \( x_0 \leq s_0^{l-1} \leq y_0 \) and \( x_1 \leq s_1^{l-1} \leq y_1 \), so we are done in this case.

Assume now that there is no \( l \geq 1 \) such that \( s_0^l < x_0 \leq s_0^{l-1} \). This means that \( x_0 \in [y_1^{++}, s_0^N] \). Since \( s_0^{N+1} \) has not been defined in our construction and by the choice of \( s_1^N \) as supremum we must have \( x_1 \in [y_0^{++}, s_1^N] \). In other words, \( x_0 \leq s_0^N \leq y_0 \) and \( x_1 \leq s_1^N \leq y_1 \), and hence condition \((*)\) is also satisfied in this case.
\[\square\]
Figure 10. Illustration of Lemma 4.3.

4. TORSION PAIRS IN THE CLUSTER CATEGORIES $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$

This section proves Theorem 0.9 from the introduction (=Theorem 4.7). To set the scene, recall the definition of torsion pairs in triangulated categories, due to Iyama and Yoshino [14, def. 2.2], following the lead of Dickson [6, p. 224] from the abelian case.

**Definition 4.1** (Torsion pairs in triangulated categories). Let $\mathcal{T}$ be a triangulated category with suspension functor $\Sigma$. A pair $(X, Y)$ of full subcategories of $\mathcal{T}$ is called a torsion pair if it satisfies the following two axioms.

1. $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(x, y) = 0$ for all $x \in X, y \in Y$.
2. For each $t \in \mathcal{T}$ there exist $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$ and a distinguished triangle $x \rightarrow t \rightarrow y \rightarrow \Sigma x$.

**Lemma 4.2.** Let $\mathcal{X}$ be a set of diagonals of $\mathcal{Z}$ satisfying condition PC1 or condition PC2 and let $s, t \in \mathcal{Z}$. If the set $U([s, t]) = \{z \in [s, t] \cap \mathcal{Z} \mid \{s, z\} \in \mathcal{X}\}$ is non-empty then its supremum $u = \sup_{[s, t]} U([s, t])$ lies in $\mathcal{Z}$.

**Proof.** Assume by contradiction that the supremum $u$ does not lie in $\mathcal{Z}$. Then there is a sequence $\{s, z^i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ from $\mathcal{X}$ with $z^i \rightarrow u$ from below. Since $\mathcal{X}$ satisfies condition PC1 or condition PC2, by Remark 3.8 there is a sequence $\{s, z'^i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ from $\mathcal{X}$ with $z'^i \rightarrow u$ from above. Since $u \notin \mathcal{Z}$ we have $u \neq t$ and thus $u < z'^i < t$ for some $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. Then $\{s, z'^i\} \in \mathcal{X}$ violates the definition of $u$ as a supremum.

**Lemma 4.3.** Let $\mathcal{X}$ be a set of diagonals of $\mathcal{Z}$ satisfying conditions PC1 and PC2 and the Ptolemy condition. Let $s \in \mathcal{Z}$ and $v \in L(\mathcal{Z})$ be given, and assume that there exists $t \in (s, v) \cap \mathcal{Z}$ such that the following condition is satisfied, see Figure 10:

For each $w \in (t, v) \cap \mathcal{Z}$ there exists a diagonal $\{p, q\} \in \mathcal{X}$ with $s < p < w < q < v$. (4.1)

Then for each $w \in (t, v) \cap \mathcal{Z}$ there exists a diagonal $\{p', q'\} \in \mathcal{X}$ with

$s < p' \leq t < w < q' < v$. (4.1)
Proof. Consider the set
\[ V = \{ w \in (t, v) \cap \mathcal{X} \mid \exists \{ p', q' \} \in \mathcal{X} \text{ with } s < p' \leq t < w < q' < v \} \]
and suppose that \( V \neq \emptyset \), setting \( \tilde{w} = \inf_{[t, v]} V \). We aim for a contradiction.

Assume first that \( \tilde{w} \in \mathcal{X} \). In particular, this implies \( \tilde{w} \in V \). By condition (4.1) there exists a diagonal \( \{ p, q \} \in \mathcal{X} \) with
\[ s < p < \tilde{w} < q < v. \]
Since \( \tilde{w} \in V \) we must have
\[ s < t < p < \tilde{w} < q < v. \] (4.2)
Therefore \( \tilde{w} \) lies in \((t^+, v)\) and thus \( \tilde{w}^- \in (t, v) \). Now, because \( \tilde{w} \) is the infimum of \( V \), we have \( \tilde{w}^- \notin V \) and thus we can find \( \{ p', q' \} \in \mathcal{X} \) with \( s < p' \leq t < \tilde{w}^- < q' < v \).

This implies
\[ s < p' \leq t < \tilde{w} \leq q' < v \] (4.3)
and because \( \tilde{w} \in V \) we must have \( q' = \tilde{w} \). Combining (4.2) and (4.3) yields
\[ s < p' \leq t < p < \tilde{w} = q' < q < v, \]
implying that \( \{ p', q' \} \in \mathcal{X}^- \) and \( \{ p, q \} \in \mathcal{X} \) cross. The Ptolemy condition implies that the diagonal \( \{ p', q \} \) is in \( \mathcal{X} \) and we have
\[ s < p' \leq t < \tilde{w} < q < v. \]
This contradicts \( \tilde{w} \in V \).

Assume now that \( \tilde{w} \in L(\mathcal{X}) \). We can pick a sequence \( \{ w^i \}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) from \( V \) converging to \( \tilde{w} \) from above. Since \( \mathcal{X} \) satisfies the two-sided limit condition (cf. Definition 0.1), we can pick a sequence \( \{ z^i \}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) from \((t, \tilde{w}) \cap \mathcal{X} \) converging to \( \tilde{w} \) from below.

Because \( \tilde{w} \) is the infimum of \( V \), we have \( z^i \notin V \) for each \( i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \). Thus for each \( i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \) there is a diagonal \( \{ x_0^i, x_1^i \} \in \mathcal{X} \) with
\[ s < x_0^i \leq t < z^i < x_1^i < v. \]
The last inequality can even be written \( x_1^i < \tilde{w} < v \) for each \( i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \): If we had \( \tilde{w} < x_1^i < v \) for an \( i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \) there would be a \( j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \) (in fact, infinitely many) with \( \tilde{w} < w^j < x_1^i \) which would yield
\[ s < x_0^i \leq t < \tilde{w} < w^j < x_1^i < v \]
contradicting the fact that \( w^j \in V \).

Having \( z^i < x_1^i < \tilde{w} \) for each \( i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \) and \( z^i \to \tilde{w} \) from below forces \( x_1^i \to \tilde{w} \) from below. We have \( x_0^i \in [s^+, t] \) and passing to a subsequence we can assume \( x_0^i \to c \) from below or above for some \( c \in [s^+, t] \cap \mathcal{X} \). Since \( \tilde{w} \in (t, v) \cap L(\mathcal{X}) \) we have \( c \neq \tilde{w} \). By assumption, the set \( \mathcal{X} \) satisfies conditions PC1 and PC2 and thus there is a sequence \( \{ x_0^i, x_1^i \}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) of diagonals from \( \mathcal{X} \) with \( x_0^i \to c \) from above and \( x_1^i \to \tilde{w} \) from above. We can pick \( i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \) such that
\[ s < x_0^i \leq t < \tilde{w} < w^j < x_1^i < v \]
contradicting the fact that \( w^j \in V \). \( \square \)

**Definition 4.4.** Let \( \mathcal{X} \) be a set of diagonals of \( \mathcal{X} \). Then we set
\[ \text{nc}\mathcal{X} = \{ Y \text{ diagonal of } \mathcal{X} \mid Y \text{ crosses no } X \in \mathcal{X} \}. \]
We write \( \text{nc}^2 \mathcal{X} = \text{nc}(\text{nc}\mathcal{X}) \). The letters “nc” stand for “non-crossing”.

Lemma 4.5. Let \( \mathcal{X} \) be a set of diagonals of \( \mathcal{Z} \). If \( \text{nc}^2 \mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X} \), then \( \mathcal{X} \) satisfies the Ptolemy condition.

Proof. Assume \( \{x_0, x_1\} \in \mathcal{X} \) and \( \{y_0, y_1\} \in \mathcal{X} \) cross. According to Definition 0.2 this means that we can label the vertices so that \( x_0 < y_0 < x_1 < y_1 \). Consider those of \( \{x_0, y_0\}, \{y_0, x_1\}, \{x_1, y_1\} \) and \( \{y_1, x_0\} \) which are diagonals of \( \mathcal{Z} \). Clearly, any diagonal \( U \) of \( \mathcal{Z} \) crossing one of these diagonals must also cross one of \( \{x_0, x_1\} \in \mathcal{X} \) and \( \{y_0, y_1\} \in \mathcal{X} \), i.e. \( U \notin \text{nc} \mathcal{X} \). It follows that those of \( \{x_0, y_0\}, \{y_0, x_1\}, \{x_1, y_1\} \) and \( \{y_1, x_0\} \) which are diagonals of \( \mathcal{Z} \) lie in \( \text{nc}^2 \mathcal{X} \). But by assumption \( \text{nc}^2 \mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X} \), so \( \mathcal{X} \) satisfies the Ptolemy condition.

Lemma 4.6. Let \( \mathcal{X} \) be a set of diagonals of \( \mathcal{Z} \) satisfying conditions PC1 and PC2. If \( \mathcal{X} \) satisfies the Ptolemy condition, then \( \text{nc}^2 \mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X} \).

Proof. The inclusion \( \mathcal{X} \subseteq \text{nc}^2 \mathcal{X} \) follows immediately from Definition 4.4 (and does not need any of the assumptions on \( \mathcal{X} \)).

For the inclusion \( \text{nc}^2 \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathcal{X} \), let \( \{s, t\} \in \text{nc}^2 \mathcal{X} \) be given. Our proof will be divided into cases and subcases. For each one we shall show that either \( \{s, t\} \in \mathcal{X} \), or that we can deduce a contradiction.

Case A: There does not exist \( z \in (s, t] \cap \mathcal{Z} \) such that \( \{s, z\} \in \mathcal{X} \). We will show that this assumption leads to a contradiction.

Observe that \( \{s, t\} \in \text{nc}^2 \mathcal{X} \) implies \( \{s^-, s^+\} \notin \text{nc} \mathcal{X} \), so there exists a \( z \in \mathcal{Z} \) such that \( \{s, z\} \in \mathcal{X} \). By assumption we have \( z \notin (s, t] \), so the set

\[
V = \left\{ z \in (t, s) \cap \mathcal{Z} \mid \{s, z\} \in \mathcal{X} \right\}
\]

is non-empty. Set \( v = \inf_{(t,s)} V \). We claim that \( v \in L(\mathcal{Z}) \). Assume for a contradiction that \( v \in \mathcal{Z} \). Then we have \( \{s, v\} \in \mathcal{X} \). It follows from the assumption in Case A that \( \{s, t\} \notin \mathcal{X} \), so \( v \in [t^+, s^-] \). Then \( \{s^+, v\} \) crosses \( \{s, t\} \in \text{nc}^2 \mathcal{X} \), whence \( \{s^+, v\} \notin \text{nc} \mathcal{X} \). Thus there is a diagonal \( \{p, q\} \in \mathcal{X} \) crossing \( \{s^+, v\} \). However, this diagonal cannot have \( s \) as one of its endpoints, due to the assumption in Case A and the definition of \( v \) as infimum. So we can deduce that the diagonal \( \{p, q\} \in \mathcal{X} \) crosses the diagonal \( \{s, v\} \in \mathcal{X} \); in particular, one of the endpoints, say \( p \), lies in \( (s, v) \). But then the Ptolemy condition yields that \( \{s, p\} \in \mathcal{X} \), contradicting the assumption in Case A and the definition of \( v \) as infimum.

We thus have shown that \( v \in L(\mathcal{Z}) \) with \( t < v < s \). From the definition of \( v \) as infimum there must exist a sequence of diagonals \( \{s, v_i\} \in \mathcal{X} \) with \( v_i \in (v, s) \) and \( v_i \to v \) converging from above. Since \( \mathcal{Z} \) satisfies the two-sided limit condition (see Definition 0.1), there is also a sequence of points in \( \mathcal{Z} \) converging to \( v \) from below; in particular, \( (t, v) \cap \mathcal{Z} \) is non-empty.

For each such \( w \in (t, v) \cap \mathcal{Z} \) we have \( s^+ < t < w < v < s \), so \( \{s, t\} \in \text{nc}^2 \mathcal{X} \) crosses \( \{s^+, w\} \) whence \( \{s^+, w\} \notin \text{nc} \mathcal{X} \). So there is a diagonal \( \{p, q\} \in \mathcal{X} \) crossing \( \{s^+, w\} \). This diagonal cannot have \( s \) as one of its endpoints because of the assumption in Case A and the definition of \( v \) as infimum. So we can assume \( p \in [s^{++}, w^-] \) and \( q \in [w^+, s] \). If \( v < q < s \) then there exists an \( i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \) such that \( \{s, v_i\} \in \mathcal{X} \) and \( \{p, q\} \in \mathcal{X} \) cross; by the Ptolemy condition it follows that \( \{s, p\} \in \mathcal{X} \), contradicting our assumption in Case A and the definition of \( v \) as infimum.

Since this argument worked for each \( w \in (t, v) \cap \mathcal{Z} \), we can apply Lemma 4.3. Thus for each \( w \in (t, v) \cap \mathcal{Z} \) there exists a diagonal \( \{p', q'\} \in \mathcal{X} \) with

\[
s^+ < p' \leq t < w < q' < v.
\]

(4.4)
As already mentioned above, the two-sided limit condition yields a sequence \( \{w_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) with \( w_i \to v \) from below. By (4.4) we can find a sequence \( \{p'_i, q'_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) of diagonals from \( \mathcal{X} \) with \( p'_i \in [s^+, t] \) and \( q'_i \in (w_i, v) \) for each \( i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \). It is clear that \( q'_i \to v \) from below and by compactness and passing to a subsequence we can assume \( p'_i \to r \) from below or above for some \( r \in [s^+, t] \). By conditions PC1 and PC2 there is also a sequence \( \{p''_i, q''_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) from \( \mathcal{X} \) with \( p''_i \to r \) and \( q''_i \to v \) from above. This implies that there must exist \( j, l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \) such that \( \{s, v_l\} \in \mathcal{X} \) and \( \{p''_j, q''_j\} \in \mathcal{X} \) cross (more precisely, for each \( j \) there are infinitely many \( l \) such that \( \{s, v_l\} \in \mathcal{X} \) and \( \{p''_j, q''_j\} \in \mathcal{X} \) cross). But then the Ptolemy condition gives \( \{s, p''_j\} \in \mathcal{X} \), contradicting the assumption in Case A.

Therefore we have now shown that Case A cannot occur.

Case B: There exists a \( z \in (s, t) \cap \mathcal{X} \) such that \( \{s, z\} \in \mathcal{X} \). Then the set \( U([s, t]) \) from Lemma 4.2 is non-empty, and by Lemma 4.2 its supremum \( u = \sup_{[s, t]} U([s, t]) \) lies in \( \mathcal{X} \).

Subcase B1: We have \( u = t \). Then \( \{s, t\} = \{s, u\} \in \mathcal{X} \) and we are done.

Subcase B2: We have \( u \in (s, t) \). We will show that this assumption also leads to a contradiction.

Again, consider the set
\[
V = \left\{ y \in (t, s) \cap \mathcal{X} \mid \{s, y\} \in \mathcal{X} \right\}.
\]

If \( V = \emptyset \) then a symmetric version of the assumption in Case A is satisfied; so we can deduce a contradiction exactly as in Case A. So we can assume that \( V \neq \emptyset \). Set \( v = \inf_{(t, s)} V \).

First suppose \( v \in \mathcal{X} \). Then \( \{s, v\} \in \mathcal{X} \) and \( t < v < s \). Since \( s < u < t \) we have that \( \{u, v\} \) is a diagonal of \( \mathcal{X} \) which crosses \( \{s, t\} \). Since \( \{s, t\} \in \text{nc}^2 \mathcal{X} \), this means that \( \{u, v\} \notin \text{nc} \mathcal{X} \). So there is a diagonal \( \{p, q\} \in \mathcal{X} \) which crosses \( \{u, v\} \) and we can assume \( p \in [u^+, v^-] \) and \( q \in [v^+, u^-] \).

Note that \( q = s \) is impossible due to the definition of \( u \) as supremum and of \( v \) as infimum, respectively. Thus we have \( q \neq s \); but then the diagonal \( \{p, q\} \in \mathcal{X} \) crosses \( \{s, u\} \in \mathcal{X} \) or \( \{s, v\} \in \mathcal{X} \). In either case, the Ptolemy condition implies that \( \{s, p\} \in \mathcal{X} \), again contradicting the choice of \( u \) and \( v \) as supremum and infimum, because \( p \in [u^+, v^-] \).

Therefore we suppose now that \( v \notin \mathcal{X} \), so we have \( v \in L(\mathcal{X}) \cap (t, s) \) as sketched in Figure 11. Note that indeed there is a sequence of diagonals \( \{s, v_i\} \) from \( \mathcal{X} \) with \( v_i \to v \) from above, since \( v = \inf_{(t, s)} V \) by definition. For each \( w \in (t, v) \cap \mathcal{X} \) we have \( u < t < w < v < s \), so \( \{s, t\} \in \text{nc}^2 \mathcal{X} \) crosses \( \{u, w\} \) whence \( \{u, w\} \notin \text{nc} \mathcal{X} \). So there is a diagonal \( \{p, q\} \in \mathcal{X} \) crossing \( \{u, w\} \) and we can suppose \( p \in [u^+, w^-] \) and \( q \in [w^+, u^-] \).

We claim that \( q \notin (v, u^-) \). Note that \( q = s \) is impossible due to the definition of \( u \) as supremum and of \( v \) as infimum, respectively. Further, if \( q \in (v, u^-) \) then \( \{p, q\} \in \mathcal{X} \) crosses \( \{s, u\} \in \mathcal{X} \) or one (actually, infinitely many) of \( \{s, v_i\} \in \mathcal{X} \). In any case, the Ptolemy condition forces \( \{s, p\} \in \mathcal{X} \), a contradiction to the choice of \( u \) as supremum or of \( v \) as infimum.

So we have shown that \( q \in [w^+, v) \). To sum up, we have \( t \in (u, v) \cap \mathcal{X} \) with \( u \in \mathcal{X} \) and \( v \in L(\mathcal{X}) \) and for each \( w \in (t, v) \cap \mathcal{X} \) there exists \( \{p, q\} \in \mathcal{X} \) with
\[
u < p < w < q < v.
\]
Lemma 4.3 implies that for each \( w \in (t, v) \cap \mathcal{X} \) there exists a diagonal \( \{p', q'\} \in \mathcal{X}^{-} \) with
\[
u < p' \leq t < w < q' < v. \tag{4.5}
\]
Let \( \{w_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) be a sequence in \( (t, v) \) with \( w_i \to v \) from below. By (4.5) we can find a sequence \( \{p'_i, q'_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) of diagonals from \( \mathcal{X}^{-} \) with
\[
u < p'_i \leq t < w_i < q'_i < v,
\]
for each \( i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \). It is clear that \( q'_i \to v \) from below and by compactness and passing to a suitable subsequence we can assume \( p'_i \to r \) from below or above for some \( r \in [u^+, t] \).

By conditions PC1 and PC2 there is also a sequence \( \{p''_i, q''_i\} \in \mathcal{X}^{-} \) with \( p''_i \to r \) from above and \( q''_i \to v \) from above. By passing to a subsequence we can assume that \( p''_i \in [r, t) \subseteq [u^+, t] \) for each \( i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \).

But then it is clear that there must exist \( j, l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \) such that \( \{p''_j, q''_l\} \in \mathcal{X}^{-} \) crosses \( \{s, v_l\} \in \mathcal{X}^{-} \) (see Figure 11). Then the Ptolemy condition yields that \( \{s, p''_j\} \in \mathcal{X}^{-} \), contradicting the definition of \( u \) as a supremum.

Therefore we have finally shown that Subcase B2 cannot occur. \( \square \)

The following notation will be useful: If \( X \subseteq \mathcal{T} \) is an additive subcategory then we write \( \Hom_{\mathcal{T}}(X, y) = 0 \) when \( \Hom_{\mathcal{T}}(x, y) = 0 \) for each \( x \in X \), and \( \Hom_{\mathcal{T}}(y, X) = 0 \) when \( \Hom_{\mathcal{T}}(y, x) = 0 \) for each \( x \in X \). We set
\[
X^\perp = \{y \in \mathcal{T} \mid \Hom_{\mathcal{T}}(X, y) = 0\}, \quad \perp X = \{y \in \mathcal{T} \mid \Hom_{\mathcal{T}}(y, X) = 0\}.
\]

The following is Theorem 0.9 from the introduction.

**Theorem 4.7.** Let \( \mathcal{X} \) be a set of diagonals of \( \mathcal{T} \). Then \( \text{add } E(\mathcal{X}) \) is the first half of a torsion pair in \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{T}) \) if and only if \( \mathcal{X}^{-} \) satisfies conditions PC1, PC2, and the Ptolemy condition.

**Proof.** If \( Y \) is a diagonal of \( \mathcal{X} \), then by Section 2(v) we have \( Y \in \text{nc } \mathcal{X}^{-} \) if and only if
\[
\Ext^1_{\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{T})}(\text{add } E(\mathcal{X}), E(Y)) = 0,
\]
if and only if $E(Y) \in (\Sigma^{-1} \text{add } E(\mathcal{X}))^\perp$. Symmetrically (recall that $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ is 2-Calabi-Yau), $Y \in \text{nc } \mathcal{X}$ if and only if
\[
\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})}^1(E(Y), \text{add } E(\mathcal{X})) = 0,
\]
if and only if $E(Y) \in {\perp}^{\perp}(\Sigma \text{add } E(\mathcal{X}))$. Thus, \( \mathcal{X} = \text{nc}^2(\mathcal{X}) \) if and only if
\[
\text{add } E(\mathcal{X}) = {\perp}^{\perp}(\text{add } E(\mathcal{X}))^{\perp}).
\]
Now, by [14, Proposition 2.3], the subcategory $\text{add}(E(\mathcal{X}))$ is the first half of a torsion pair if and only if $\text{add}(E(\mathcal{X}))$ is precovering and $\text{add } E(\mathcal{X}) = {\perp}^{\perp}(\text{add } E(\mathcal{X}))^{\perp}$, which by the above is the case if and only if $\text{add}(E(\mathcal{X}))$ is precovering and $\mathcal{X} = \text{nc}^2(\mathcal{X})$. By Theorem 3.1 and Lemmas 4.5 and 4.6, this is equivalent to $\mathcal{X}$ satisfying conditions PC1, PC2, and the Ptolemy condition.

5. Cluster tilting subcategories of the cluster categories $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$

This section proves Theorems 0.5 and 0.6 from the introduction (=Theorems 5.7 and 5.9). To set the scene, recall the definition of cluster tilting subcategories of triangulated categories due to Iyama [13, def. 1.1].

**Definition 5.1.** Let $\mathcal{T}$ be a triangulated category. A full subcategory $X \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ is called *weakly cluster tilting* if $X = (\Sigma^{-1} X)^\perp = \perp(\Sigma X)$.

A subcategory $Y \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ is called *cluster tilting* if it is weakly cluster tilting and functorially finite, i.e. it is precovering (see Definition 3.2) and preenveloping (for each $t \in T$ there is a morphism $f: t \to y$ with $y \in Y$ such that each morphism $t \to y'$ with $y' \in Y$ factors through $f$).

**Remark 5.2.** By [15, Lemma 3.2(3)] a full subcategory $Y \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ is cluster tilting if and only if it is weakly cluster tilting and precovering. So we will not need to consider the preenveloping property.

**Lemma 5.3.** Let $\mathcal{X}$ be a set of diagonals of $\mathcal{Z}$ satisfying condition PC1 or condition PC2. For $z \in \mathcal{Z}$ and $a \in L(\mathcal{Z})$, define
\[
U = \{u \in [z, a) \cap \mathcal{Z} \mid \{z, u\} \in \mathcal{X}\}.
\]
Then one of the following happens:

(i) $\mathcal{X}$ has a fountain at $z$ converging to $a$.

(ii) $U = \emptyset$.

(iii) $s = \sup_{[z, a]} U \in \mathcal{Z}$.

**Proof.** Assume that (ii) and (iii) do not hold. Then there exists a right fountain at $z$ converging to the supremum $s \in L(\mathcal{Z})$. By Remark 3.8 there is even a fountain at $z$ converging to $s$. But by definition of $s$ as supremum over the interval $[z, a]$ we must have $s = a$, i.e. (i) holds. □

**Proposition 5.4.** Let $\mathcal{X}$ be a maximal set of pairwise non-crossing diagonals of $\mathcal{Z}$, and suppose that $\mathcal{X}$ satisfies condition PC2. For each $a \in L(\mathcal{Z})$, the set $\mathcal{X}$ has a fountain or a leapfrog converging to $a$.
Proof. Assume that $\mathcal{X}$ does not have a fountain converging to $a$. We will show that it has a leapfrog converging to $a$.

Pick any diagonal $\{x, y\} \in \mathcal{X}$. By switching $x$ and $y$ if necessary we can assume $x < y < a$. By assumption, $\mathcal{X}$ does not have a fountain at $x$ converging to $a$. Thus, by Lemma 5.3 there is a maximal $s_1 \in [x, a] \cap \mathcal{X}$ such that $\{x, s_1\} \in \mathcal{X}$.

We consider the successor $s_1^+ \in \mathcal{X}$ (this exists since $a$ is a limit point, i.e. there are infinitely many elements of $\mathcal{X}$ in the interval $[s_1, a)$). The diagonal $\{x, s_1^+\}$ is not in $\mathcal{X}$ (by maximality of $s_1$). On the other hand, $\mathcal{X}$ is maximal non-crossing, thus $\{x, s_1^+\}$ must be crossed by a diagonal from $\mathcal{X}$. However, this diagonal from $\mathcal{X}$ cannot cross $\{x, s_1\} \in \mathcal{X}$ (since $\mathcal{X}$ is non-crossing), so it must have $s_1$ as one of its endpoints, say $\{s_1, x_1\} \in \mathcal{X}$ crosses $\{x, s_1^+\}$.

There are now two possibilities, namely $x_1 \in (a, x) \cap \mathcal{X}$ or $x_1 \in (s_1^+, a) \cap \mathcal{X}$. We claim that, without loss of generality, we can assume

$$x_1 \in (a, x). \quad (5.1)$$

Assume to the contrary that $x_1 \in (s_1^+, a) \cap \mathcal{X}$. Then we apply Lemma 5.3 to the interval $[s_1, a]$ (by assumption there is no fountain at $s_1$ converging to $a$) and hence we can suppose that $x_1$ is maximal in $(s_1^+, a) \cap \mathcal{X}$ with the property that $\{s_1, x_1\} \in \mathcal{X}$. Now consider the diagonal $\{x, x_1\}$; it is not in $\mathcal{X}$ (by maximality of $s_1$). Since $\mathcal{X}$ is maximal non-crossing, there exists a diagonal in $\mathcal{X}$ crossing $\{x, x_1\}$. But this diagonal is not allowed to cross $\{x, s_1\} \in \mathcal{X}$ or $\{s_1, x_1\} \in \mathcal{X}$; so this diagonal must have $s_1$ as one of its endpoints. Now, by definition of $x_1$ as maximum, the other endpoint of this diagonal is in the interval $(a, x)$. This finishes the argument for (5.1). Thus there is a diagonal $\{s_1, x_1\} \in \mathcal{X}$ with $x_1 \in (a, x)$.

Now we repeat the above argument starting with the diagonal $\{x_1, s_1\}$ instead of $\{x, y\}$. Then we obtain a diagonal $\{x_2, s_2\} \in \mathcal{X}$ where $s_2 \in (s_1, a)$ and $x_2 \in (a, x_1)$.

Inductively, we obtain two infinite sequences $(s_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ and $(x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ of points in $\mathcal{X}$ such that $x < s_1 < s_2 < s_3 \ldots < a$ and $a < \ldots < x_3 < x_2 < x_1 < x$. Moreover, there exists a corresponding sequence of diagonals $\{x_i, s_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ in $\mathcal{X}$.

The strictly increasing sequence $(s_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ must converge from below to some limit point $b \in L(\mathcal{X})$, and similarly the strictly decreasing sequence $(x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ must converge from above to some limit point $c \in L(\mathcal{X})$.

If $b = a = c$ then the diagonals $\{x_i, s_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ show that $\mathcal{X}$ has a leapfrog converging to $a$, and we are done.

Otherwise, condition PC2 (which requires two different limit points), applied to the diagonals $\{x_i, s_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$, yields a sequence $\{y^0_i, y^1_i\}$ of diagonals from $\mathcal{X}$ such that $y^0_i \rightarrow b$ from above and $y^1_i \rightarrow c$ from above. But then some diagonals of this sequence obviously cross some of the diagonals $\{x_i, s_i\}$, a contradiction to $\mathcal{X}$ being non-crossing.

The following observation follows easily from the definitions of leapfrog and fountain, see Definition 0.4.

**Lemma 5.5.** Let $\mathcal{X}$ be a set of pairwise non-crossing diagonals of $\mathcal{X}$ and let $a \in L(\mathcal{X})$.

(i) Suppose $\mathcal{X}$ has a leapfrog converging to $a$. Then there cannot be a sequence $\{x_i, y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ of diagonals in $\mathcal{X}$ such that $(x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ converges to $a$ and $(y_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$ converges to $p$ for some $p \in \mathcal{X}$ with $p \neq a$. 


(ii) Suppose \( X \) has a fountain at \( z \in \mathcal{Z} \) converging to \( a \). Then there cannot be a sequence \( \{x_i, y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) of diagonals in \( X \) such that \((x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}\) converges to \( a \) and \((y_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}\) converges to \( p \) for some \( p \in \mathcal{F} \) with \( p \neq z \).

**Proposition 5.6.** Let \( X \) be a set of pairwise non-crossing diagonals of \( \mathcal{Z} \). Suppose that for each \( a \in L(\mathcal{Z}) \) there is either a fountain or a leapfrog in \( X \) converging to \( a \). Then \( X \) satisfies conditions PC1 and PC2.

**Proof.** According to the definition of the conditions PC1 and PC2 (cf. Definition 3.2), let \( \{x^0_i, x^1_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) be a sequence of diagonals from \( X \) with \( x^0_i \to p \) from below and \( x^1_i \to q \) from below or above and \( p \neq q \).

If \( p, q \in \mathcal{Z} \), then \( \{x^0_i, x^1_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) is eventually constant and both conditions PC1 and PC2 are trivially satisfied with \( x^0_i = x^0_i \) and \( x^1_i = x^1_i \).

If \( p \in L(\mathcal{Z}) \) then by Lemma 5.5(i), \( X \) cannot have a leapfrog converging to \( p \), so by assumption \( X \) must have a fountain at some \( z \in \mathcal{Z} \) converging to \( p \). By Lemma 5.5(ii) this forces \( q = z \). Therefore \( X \) has a fountain at \( z = q \) converging to \( p \), so there certainly is a sequence \( \{x^0_i, x^1_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \) from \( X \) with \( x^0_i \to p \) and \( x^1_i \to z = q \) from above: we can even chose \( x^1_i = z = q \) for each \( i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \).

If \( q \in L(\mathcal{Z}) \) then an analogous argument works. \( \square \)

The following is Theorem 0.5 from the introduction.

**Theorem 5.7.** Let \( X \) be a set of diagonals of \( \mathcal{Z} \). Then \( \text{add} \ E(X) \) is a cluster tilting subcategory if and only if \( X \) is a maximal set of pairwise non-crossing diagonals, such that for each \( a \in L(\mathcal{Z}) \), the set \( X \) has a fountain or a leapfrog converging to \( a \).

**Proof.** By Remark 5.2, the subcategory \( \text{add} \ E(X) \) is cluster tilting if and only if it is weakly cluster tilting and precovering.

It is straightforward from the description of the \( \text{Ext}^1 \) spaces in Section 2(v) that \( \text{add} \ E(X) \) is weakly cluster tilting if and only if \( X \) is a maximal set of pairwise non-crossing diagonals.

Recall from Theorem 3.1 that \( \text{add} \ E(X) \) is a precovering subcategory of \( \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z}) \) if and only if \( X \) satisfies conditions PC1 and PC2.

So it remains to show that if \( X \) is a maximal set of pairwise non-crossing diagonals, then \( X \) satisfies conditions PC1 and PC2 if and only if for each \( a \in L(\mathcal{Z}) \), there is a leapfrog or a fountain in \( X \) converging to \( a \). But these two implications have been shown in Propositions 5.4 and 5.6, respectively. \( \square \)

**Remark 5.8.** If \( \mathcal{Z} \) has precisely one limit point, then the assertion of Theorem 5.7 was already established in [9, Theorem B]. In fact, the condition of being locally finite appearing there is equivalent to the existence of a leapfrog converging to the unique limit point.

Figure 12 shows an example of a maximal set of pairwise non-crossing diagonals \( X \) of \( \mathcal{Z} \) for which the corresponding subcategory \( \text{add} \ E(X) \) is not cluster tilting (only weakly cluster tilting). In fact, neither limit point has a fountain or a leapfrog converging to it.
Note that $\mathcal{C}$ satisfies condition PC1 (because no sequence of diagonals from $\mathcal{C}$ satisfies the assumption in PC1), but not condition PC2. This shows that the conclusion of Proposition 5.4 would not be true if only condition PC1 was assumed.

The following is Theorem 0.6 from the introduction.

**Theorem 5.9.** The cluster tilting subcategories of $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ form a cluster structure in the sense of [2, sec. II.1].

**Proof.** It is enough to verify the conditions in [2, thm. II.1.6].

The first condition is that $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ has a cluster tilting subcategory. This follows from Theorem 5.7.

The second condition is that if $T \subseteq \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})$ is a cluster tilting subcategory, then the quiver of $T$ has no loops or 2-cycles. Recall that up to isomorphism, each indecomposable object of $T$ has the form $E(X)$ by Section 2(iii).

The space $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})}(E(X), E(X))$ is 1-dimensional over the ground field $k$ by Section 2(vi), so each non-zero morphism $E(X) \to E(X)$ is invertible whence the quiver of $T$ has no loops.

Let $E(X) \not\cong E(Y)$ be indecomposable objects in $T$ and assume $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})}(E(X), E(Y)) \neq 0$. By Section 2(vi) we can write $X = \{x_0, x_1\}$ and $Y = \{y_0, y_1\}$ with

$$x_0 \leq y_0 \leq x_1^- < x_1 \leq y_1 \leq x_0^-.$$  \hfill (5.2)

If $x_0 \neq y_0$ and $x_1 \neq y_1$ then $X$ and $Y$ would cross, contradicting $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})}^1(E(X), E(Y)) = 0$ which holds since $E(X), E(Y) \in T$. Without loss of generality we can suppose

$$x_0 = y_0 \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 \neq y_1.$$  \hfill (5.3)

Suppose we had $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})}(E(Y), E(X)) \neq 0$. By Section 2(vi) again we would have

$$y_0 \leq x_0 \leq y_1^- < y_1 \leq x_1 \leq y_0^- \quad \text{or} \quad y_0 \leq x_1 \leq y_1^- < y_1 \leq x_0 \leq y_0^-.$$

But each is incompatible with the combination of (5.2) and (5.3), so $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{Z})}(E(Y), E(X)) = 0$. Hence there is no 2-cycle between $E(X)$ and $E(Y)$ in the quiver of $T$. \hfill $\square$
**Remark 5.10.** For most admissible sets $\mathcal{Z}$, the cluster structure in Theorem 5.9 is different from the one in [12, Theorem 2.4.1], where the clusters are not necessarily cluster tilting subcategories.

Namely, the convergence condition in [12, Theorem 2.4.1] only asks that for each right (respectively left) fountain at a point $z \in \mathcal{Z}$ converging to a limit point $a \in L(\mathcal{Z})$, there be a left (respectively right) fountain at $z$ converging to the same limit point $a$ (cf. [12, Definition 2.4.6]).

In fact, the clusters in [12, Theorem 2.4.1] coincide with cluster tilting subcategories if and only if $\mathcal{Z}$ is finite or has exactly one limit point. Figure 12 yields an example of a cluster in the sense of [12, Theorem 2.4.1] (there is no right or left fountain, so the condition in [12, Definition 2.4.6] is empty) which does not correspond to a cluster tilting subcategory.

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