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Abstract. In this paper we prove that for any associative ring $R$, and for any left $R$-module $M$ with finite projective dimension, the Gorenstein injective dimension $\text{Gid}_RM$ equals the usual injective dimension $\text{id}_RM$. In particular, if $\text{Gid}_RR$ is finite, then also $\text{id}_RR$ is finite, and thus $R$ is Gorenstein (provided that $R$ is commutative and Noetherian).

1. Introduction

It is well known that among the commutative local Noetherian rings $(R, \mathfrak{m}, k)$, the Gorenstein rings are characterized by the condition $\text{id}_RR < \infty$. From the dual of [10, Proposition (2.27)] ([6, Proposition 10.2.3] is a special case) it follows that the Gorenstein injective dimension $\text{Gid}_R(-)$ is a refinement of the usual injective dimension $\text{id}_R(-)$ in the following sense:

For any $R$-module $M$ there is an inequality $\text{Gid}_RM \leq \text{id}_RM$, and if $\text{id}_RM < \infty$, then there is an equality $\text{Gid}_RM = \text{id}_RM$.

Now, since the injective dimension $\text{id}_RR$ of $R$ measures Gorensteinness, it is only natural to ask what does the Gorenstein injective dimension $\text{Gid}_RR$ of $R$ measure? As a consequence of Theorem (2.1) below, it turns out that:

An associative ring $R$ with $\text{Gid}_RR < \infty$ also has $\text{id}_RR < \infty$ (and hence $R$ is Gorenstein, provided that $R$ is commutative and Noetherian).

This result is proved by Christensen [2, Theorem (6.3.2)] in the case where $(R, \mathfrak{m}, k)$ is a commutative local Noetherian Cohen-Macaulay ring with a dualizing module. The aim of this paper is to prove Theorem (2.1), together with a series of related results. Among these results is Theorem (3.2), which has the nice, and easily stated, Corollary (3.3):

Assume that $(R, \mathfrak{m}, k)$ is a commutative local Noetherian ring, and let $M$ be an $R$-module of finite depth, that is, $\text{Ext}^m_R(k, M) \neq 0$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ (this happens for example if $M \neq 0$ is finitely generated). If either

(i) $\text{Gid}_RM < \infty$ and $\text{id}_RM < \infty$ or
(ii) $\text{fd}_RM < \infty$ and $\text{Gid}_RM < \infty$,

then $R$ is Gorenstein.
This corollary is also proved by Christensen [2, Theorem (6.3.2)] in the case where \((R, m, k)\) is Cohen-Macaulay with a dualizing module. However, Theorem (3.2) itself (dealing not only with local rings) is a generalization of [8, Proposition 2.10] (in the module case) by Foxby from 1979.

We should briefly mention the history of Gorenstein injective, projective and flat modules: Gorenstein injective modules over an arbitrary associative ring, and the related Gorenstein injective dimension, was introduced and studied by Enochs and Jenda in [3]. The dual concept, Gorenstein projective modules, was already introduced by Auslander and Bridger [1] in 1969, but only for finitely generated modules over a two-sided Noetherian ring. Gorenstein flat modules were also introduced by Enochs and Jenda; please see [5].

1.1. Setup and notation. Let \(R\) be any associative ring with a nonzero multiplicative identity. All modules are—if not specified otherwise—left \(R\)-modules. If \(M\) is any \(R\)-module, we use \(\text{pd}_R M\), \(\text{id}_R M\), and \(\text{id}_R M\) to denote the usual projective, flat, and injective dimension of \(M\), respectively. Furthermore, we write \(\text{Gpd}_R M\), \(\text{Gfd}_R M\), and \(\text{Gid}_R M\) for the Gorenstein projective, Gorenstein flat, and Gorenstein injective dimension of \(M\), respectively.

2. Rings with finite Gorenstein injective dimension

**Theorem 2.1.** If \(M\) is an \(R\)-module with \(\text{pd}_R M < \infty\), then \(\text{Gid}_R M = \text{id}_R M\). In particular, if \(\text{Gid}_R R < \infty\), then also \(\text{id}_R R < \infty\) (and hence \(R\) is Gorenstein, provided that \(R\) is commutative and Noetherian).

**Proof.** Since \(\text{Gid}_R M \leq \text{id}_R M\) always, it suffices to prove that \(\text{id}_R M \leq \text{Gid}_R M\). Naturally, we may assume that \(\text{Gid}_R M < \infty\).

First consider the case where \(M\) is Gorenstein injective, that is, \(\text{Gid}_R M = 0\). By definition, \(M\) is a kernel in a complete injective resolution. This means that there exists an exact sequence \(E = \cdots \to E_1 \to E_0 \to E_{-1} \to \cdots\) of injective \(R\)-modules, such that \(\text{Hom}_R(I, E)\) is exact for every injective \(R\)-module \(I\), and such that \(M \cong \text{Ker}(E_1 \to E_0)\). In particular, there exists a short exact sequence \(0 \to M' \to E \to M \to 0\), where \(E\) is injective, and \(M'\) is Gorenstein injective. Since \(M'\) is Gorenstein injective and \(\text{pd}_R M < \infty\), it follows by [11, Lemma 1.3] that \(\text{Ext}^1_R(M, M') = 0\). Thus \(0 \to M' \to E \to M \to 0\) is split-exact; so \(M\) is a direct summand of the injective module \(E\). Therefore, \(M\) itself is injective.

Next consider the case where \(\text{Gid}_R M > 0\). By [10, Theorem (2.15)] there exists an exact sequence \(0 \to M \to H \to C \to 0\) where \(H\) is Gorenstein injective and \(\text{id}_R C = \text{Gid}_R M - 1\). As in the previous case, since \(H\) is Gorenstein injective, there exists a short exact sequence \(0 \to H' \to I \to H \to 0\) where \(I\) is injective and \(H'\) is Gorenstein injective. Now consider the pull-back diagram with exact rows and
Since $I$ is injective and $\text{id}_R C = \text{Gid}_R M - 1$ we get $\text{id}_R P \leq \text{Gid}_R M$ by the second row. Since $H'$ is Gorenstein injective and $\text{pd}_R M < \infty$, it follows (as before) by [4, Lemma 1.3] that $\text{Ext}^1_R(M, H') = 0$. Consequently, the first column $0 \to H' \to P \to M \to 0$ splits. Therefore $P \cong M \oplus H'$, and hence $\text{id}_R M \leq \text{id}_R P \leq \text{Gid}_R M$.

Theorem above has, of course, a dual counterpart:

**Theorem 2.2.** If $M$ is an $R$-module with $\text{id}_R M < \infty$, then $\text{Gpd}_R M = \text{pd}_R M$. □

Theorem (2.6) below is a “flat version” of the two previous theorems. First recall the following.

**Definition 2.3.** The left finitistic projective dimension $\text{LeftFPD}(R)$ of $R$ is defined as

$$\text{LeftFPD}(R) = \sup \{ \text{pd}_R M \mid M \text{ is a left } R\text{-module with } \text{pd}_R M < \infty \}.$$ 

The right finitistic projective dimension $\text{RightFPD}(R)$ of $R$ is defined similarly.

**Remark 2.4.** When $R$ is commutative and Noetherian, we have that $\text{LeftFPD}(R)$ and $\text{RightFPD}(R)$ equals the Krull dimension of $R$, by [3, Théorème (3.2.6) (Seconde partie)].

Furthermore, we will need the following result from [10, Proposition (3.11)]:

**Proposition 2.5.** For any (left) $R$-module $M$ the inequality

$$\text{Gid}_R \text{Hom} Z(M, Q/\mathbb{Z}) \leq \text{Gfd}_R M$$

holds. If $R$ is right coherent, then we have $\text{Gid}_R \text{Hom} Z(M, Q/\mathbb{Z}) = \text{Gfd}_R M$. □

We are now ready to state:

**Theorem 2.6.** For any $R$-module $M$, the following conclusions hold:

(i) Assume that $\text{LeftFPD}(R)$ is finite. If $\text{fd}_R M < \infty$, then $\text{Gid}_R M = \text{id}_R M$.

(ii) Assume that $R$ is left and right coherent with finite $\text{RightFPD}(R)$. If $\text{id}_R M < \infty$, then $\text{Gfd}_R M = \text{fd}_R M$.

**Proof.** (i) If $\text{fd}_R M < \infty$, then also $\text{pd}_R M < \infty$, by [11, Proposition 6] (since $\text{LeftFPD}(R) < \infty$). Hence the desired conclusion follows from Theorem (2.1) above.

(ii) Since $R$ is left coherent, we have that $\text{fd}_R \text{Hom} Z(M, Q/\mathbb{Z}) \leq \text{id}_R M < \infty$, by [12, Lemma 3.1.4]. By assumption, $\text{RightFPD}(R) < \infty$, and therefore also
pdₚHomᵩ(M, Q/Z) < ∞, by [11 Proposition 6]. Now Theorem (2.1) gives that
GidₚHomᵩ(M, Q/Z) = idₚHomᵩ(M, Q/Z). It is well known that
fdₚM = idₚHomᵩ(M, Q/Z)
(without assumptions on R), and by Proposition (2.5) above, we also get GfdₚM =
GidₚHomᵩ(M, Q/Z), since R is right coherent. The proof is done.

3. A theorem on Gorenstein rings by Foxby

We end this paper by generalizing a theorem [8, Proposition 2.10] on Gorenstein rings by Foxby from 1979. For completeness, we briefly recall:

3.1. The small support. Assume that R is commutative and Noetherian. For an R-module M, an integer n, and a prime ideal p in R, we write βₚⁿ(p, M), respectively, μₚⁿ(p, M), for the n-th Betti number, respectively, the n-th Bass number, of M at p.

Foxby [8, Definition p. 157] or [7, (14.8)] defines the small (or homological) support of an R-module M to be the set
suppₚM = { p ∈ Spec R | ∃n ∈ N₀: βₚⁿ(p, M) ≠ 0 }.

Let us mention the most basic results about the small support, all of which can be found in [8] pp. 157 – 159 and [7] Chapter 14:

(a) The small support, suppₚM, is contained in the usual (large) support, SuppₚM, and suppₚM = SuppₚM if M is finitely generated. Also, if M ≠ 0, then suppₚM ≠ 0.
(b) suppₚM = { p ∈ Spec R | ∃n ∈ N₀: μₚⁿ(p, M) ≠ 0 }.
(c) Assume that (R, m, k) is local. If M is an R-module with finite depth, that is,
depthₚM := inf{ m ∈ N₀ | Extₚₗ(k, M) ≠ 0 } < ∞
(this happens for example if M ≠ 0 is finitely generated), then m ∈ suppₚM, by (b) above.

Now, given these facts about the small support, and the results in the previous section, the following generalization of [8 Proposition 2.10] is immediate:

**Theorem 3.2.** Assume that R is commutative and Noetherian. Let M be any R-module, and assume that any of the following four conditions is satisfied:

(i) GpdₚM < ∞ and idₚM < ∞,
(ii) pdₚM < ∞ and GidₚM < ∞,
(iii) R has finite Krull dimension, and GfdₚM < ∞ and idₚM < ∞,
(iv) R has finite Krull dimension, and fdₚM < ∞ and GidₚM < ∞.

Then Rₚ is a Gorenstein local ring for all p ∈ suppₚM.

**Corollary 3.3.** Assume that (R, m, k) is a commutative local Noetherian ring. If there exists an R-module M of finite depth, that is,

depthₚM := inf{ m ∈ N₀ | Extₚₗ(k, M) ≠ 0 } < ∞,
and which satisfies either

(i) GfdₚM < ∞ and idₚM < ∞, or
(ii) fdₚM < ∞ and GidₚM < ∞,

then R is Gorenstein.
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