

The Existence of Gorenstein Injective Envelopes

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Abstract. Let R be a commutative Noetherian ring. We prove that every R -module N of finite Gorenstein injective dimension has a Gorenstein injective envelope $\psi : N \rightarrow G$ where injective dimension of $\text{Ker } \psi$ is finite and ψ is injective.

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1. Introduction

In general, there is little hope to describe all modules over a given ring. In order to study the structure of a module, we may try to approximate the module using the so-called \mathcal{F} -cover and \mathcal{F} -envelope where \mathcal{F} is a class of R -modules. The enveloping and covering classes play a fundamental role in relative homological algebra. They are used to construct resolutions, minimal resolutions and to compute relative derived functors. A fundamental question in module theory is the existence of such covers and envelopes. We consider the existence of Gorenstein injective envelopes and totally reflexive covers.

Throughout this paper, R is a Noetherian commutative ring with an identity. We recall from [5] that, a module G is Gorenstein injective if

there is an exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow E_2 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow E^0 \rightarrow E^1 \rightarrow E^2 \rightarrow \dots,$$

of injective modules such that $G = \text{Ker}(E^0 \rightarrow E^1)$ and $\text{Hom}_R(E, -)$ leaves the sequence exact when E is injective module.

The Gorenstein injective dimension of modules are defined in the obvious way.

Let \mathcal{F} be a class of modules. Then an \mathcal{F} -preenvelope of a module M is a homomorphism $\varphi : M \rightarrow F$ with $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $\text{Hom}_R(F, G) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, G) \rightarrow 0$ is exact for all $G \in \mathcal{F}$. If, moreover, any endomorphism $f : F \rightarrow F$ such that $f\varphi = \varphi$ is an automorphism, then $\varphi : M \rightarrow F$ is said to be an \mathcal{F} -envelope.

We study the existence of Gorenstein injective envelopes. In [7], Enochs, Jenda and Xu showed that over a Gorenstein ring every module has Gorenstein injective envelope and then they proved that over a Cohen-Macaulay ring admitting a dualizing module all modules of finite Gorenstein injective dimension have Gorenstein injective envelope (see [6]). Recently Enochs, Estrada and Iacob proved that if the ring is commutative Noetherian and such that the character modules of Gorenstein injective modules are Gorenstein flat, then every complex has a Gorenstein injective envelope. In particular, this is the case when the ring is commutative Noetherian with a dualizing complex (cf.[4]).

On the other hand, Nikkhak Babaei and Divaani-Aazar showed that every Artinian R -module of finite Gorenstein injective dimension possesses a Gorenstein injective envelope which is especial and Artinian (cf.[11]). We prove that every R -module of finite Gorenstein injective dimension has a Gorenstein injective envelope.

In the end, we prove some results for R -modules of finite Gorenstein injective dimension.

2. The Existence of Gorenstein Injective Envelopes

We recall some notations and definitions from [15]. If \mathcal{X} is a class of R -

R -modules, then ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{X}$ is the class of R -modules M such that $\text{Ext}_R^1(M, X) = 0$ for all $X \in \mathcal{X}$. One can easily check that, the class ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{X}$ is closed under direct limits and direct summands.

A \mathcal{X} -preenvelope $\varphi : M \rightarrow X$ is called a special \mathcal{X} -preenvelope if φ is injective and $\text{Coker}\varphi \in {}^{\perp}\mathcal{X}$.

Definition 2.1. (See [15, Definition 2.2.1]) *Let \mathcal{L} be a class of R -modules and let M be an R -module. An extension $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow G \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$ with $L \in \mathcal{L}$ is called a generator for $\mathcal{E}xt(\mathcal{L}, M)$ if for any extension $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow \bar{G} \rightarrow \bar{L} \rightarrow 0$ with $\bar{L} \in \mathcal{L}$, there is a commutative diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & \bar{G} & \rightarrow & \bar{L} & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & G & \rightarrow & L & \rightarrow & 0, \end{array}$$

Furthermore, such a generator is said to be minimal provided that any commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & G & \rightarrow & L & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & G & \rightarrow & L & \rightarrow & 0, \end{array}$$

always implies that $L \rightarrow L$ is an automorphism (so that $G \rightarrow G$ is too).

Theorem 2.2. (See [15, Theorem 2.2.2]) *Assume that the class of R -modules \mathcal{L} is closed under direct limits. Then for an R -module M , $\mathcal{E}xt(\mathcal{L}, M)$ has a generator, then there must be a minimal generator. Over Noetherian rings, the existence of Gorenstein injective preenvelope for all modules was proved by Enochs and L'opez-Ramos in [8]. Krause proved the next stronger result:*

Theorem 2.3. (See [10, Theorem 7.12(1)]) *Every R -module has a special Gorenstein injective preenvelope.*

Theorem 2.4. *Let R be commutative Noetherian ring. Then every R -module N of finite Gorenstein injective dimension has a Gorenstein injective envelope $\psi : N \rightarrow G$ where injective dimension of $\text{Ker } \psi$ is finite and ψ is injective.*

Proof. We denote the class of Gorenstein injective R -modules by \mathcal{GI} . Let N be an R -module. Then, by Theorem 2.3, there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow H \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0,$$

such that H is Gorenstein injective and $C \in {}^\perp \mathcal{GI}$. Then for any exact sequence $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow H' \rightarrow C' \rightarrow 0$ with $C' \in {}^\perp \mathcal{GI}$, one has the exact sequence

$$\text{Hom}_R(H', H) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N, H) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(C', H) = 0.$$

So,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & H' & & \\ & & & & \parallel & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & H & & \end{array}$$

can be completed to a commutative diagram. This shows that, for any exact sequence $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow H' \rightarrow C' \rightarrow 0$ with $C' \in {}^\perp \mathcal{GI}$, there exists a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & H' & \rightarrow & C' & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & H & \rightarrow & C & \rightarrow & 0, \end{array}$$

This means that $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow H \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ generated $\mathcal{E}xt({}^\perp \mathcal{GI}, N)$. Then since ${}^\perp \mathcal{GI}$ is closed under direct limits, by Theorem 2.2, $\mathcal{E}xt({}^\perp \mathcal{GI}, N)$ has a minimal generator $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{\psi} G \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$, say. Therefore, we have the following commutative diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & G & \rightarrow & L & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & H & \rightarrow & C & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & G & \rightarrow & L & \rightarrow & 0, \end{array}$$

Since $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow G \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$ is a minimal generator, therefore $G \rightarrow G$ and $L \rightarrow L$ are isomorphisms. Hence G is a direct summand of H , so it is Gorenstein injective and L is a direct summand of C and will

belong to ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{GI}$. So, $\psi : N \rightarrow G$ is a special Gorenstein injective preenvelope. Therefore by Definition 2.1, $\psi : N \rightarrow G$ is a Gorenstein injective envelope of N . \square

In this part, (R, \mathfrak{m}) is a Noetherian local ring. Our main result in this direction is Theorem 2.7. It removes the assumption about Cohen-Macaulay ring from [13, Theorem 3.10]. In the following we review some definitions.

Definition 2.5. *The Krull dimension $Kdim_R(M)$ of an Artinian module M , is introduced by Roberts in [12] and is defined inductively as follows.*

When $M = 0$, we put $Kdim_R(M) = -1$. Then by induction, for any integer $\alpha \geq 0$, we put $Kdim_R(M) = \alpha$ if (i) $Kdim_R(M) < \alpha$ is false, and (ii) for any ascending chain $M_0 \subseteq M_1 \subseteq \dots$ of submodules of M there exists an integer n such that $Kdim_R(M_{i+1}/M_i) < \alpha$, for all $i > n$. Following [9], we recall that if R is local ring with maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} , the width of a module M is defined as:

$$width_RM = \inf\{i \in \mathbb{Z} \mid Tor_i^R(k, M) \neq 0\}.$$

Definition 2.6. (See[14]) *Assume that (R, \mathfrak{m}) is a local ring and M is a non-zero Artinian R -module. The module M is called a co-Cohen-Macaulay module if,*

$$width_RM = Kdim_RM.$$

Theorem 2.7. Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a local ring and M be a Cohen-Macaulay R -module of dimension n . If $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^n(M)$ is of finite Gorenstein injective dimension, then $Gid_R H_{\mathfrak{m}}^n(M) = depthR - n$. In particular, if Gid_RM is finite, then $Gid_R H_{\mathfrak{m}}^n(M) = Gid_RM - n$.

Proof. By [3, Theorem 2.2], we have:

$$\begin{aligned} Gid_R H_{\mathfrak{m}}^n(M) &= \sup\{depthR_{\mathfrak{p}} - width_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}}(H_{\mathfrak{m}}^n(M))_{\mathfrak{p}} \mid \mathfrak{p} \in Spec(R)\} \\ &= depthR - width_R H_{\mathfrak{m}}^n(M). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand M is Cohen-Macaulay R -module, therefore by [14, Proposition 2.6], $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^n(M)$ is co-Cohen-Macaulay R -module and hence $\text{width}_R H_{\mathfrak{m}}^n(M) = \text{Kdim}_R H_{\mathfrak{m}}^n(M) = n$. Therefore

$$\text{Gid}_R H_{\mathfrak{m}}^n(M) = \text{depth} R - n.$$

The second claim follows easily because by [3, Corollary 2.3], $\text{Gid}_R M = \text{depth} R$. \square

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