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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we define Gorenstein injective rings, Gorenstein injective modules and their envelopes. The main topic of this paper is to show that if D is a Gorenstein integral domain and M is a left D -module, then the torsion submodule tGM of Gorenstein injective envelope GM of M is also Gorenstein injective. We can also show that if M is a torsion D -module of a Gorenstein injective integral domain D , then the Gorenstein injective envelope GM of M is torsion.

1. GORENSTEIN INJECTIVE MODULES AND ENVELOPES

Definition 1. (Iwanaga [5]) A ring is said to be Gorenstein if it is left and right Noetherian and if it has a finite injective dimension as a module over itself both on the left and on the right. If R is Gorenstein and $n \geq 0$ is an upper bound for those two dimensions, then R is said to be n -Gorenstein.

Proposition 1. (Iwanaga [6]) If R is n -Gorenstein and if M is a left R -module the followings are equivalent:

- (1) $proj.dim_R M < \infty$;
- (2) $proj.dim_R M \leq n$;
- (3) $inj.dim_R M < \infty$;
- (4) $inj.dim_R M \leq n$;
- (5) $flat.dim_R M < \infty$;
- (6) $flat.dim_R M \leq n$.

Examples of Gorenstein rings :

- (1) $\mathbb{Z}/(n)$ for $n = 0$ is 0-Gorenstein.
- (2) A Noetherian commutative ring of finite global dimension n is n -Gorenstein.
- (3) If R is n -Gorenstein, then $R[x]$ is $(n + 1)$ -Gorenstein.

- (4) If R is n -Gorenstein, then for any $k \geq 1$, $M_k(R)$ (the $k \times k$ matrices over R) is n -Gorenstein.
- (5) If k is a field and $f = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$, then if $f = 0$ and f is not a constant, $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/(f)$ is $(n - 1)$ -Gorenstein.

For any ring R , \mathcal{F}_n denotes the class of left R -modules of finite projective dimension.

Definition 2. For a Gorenstein ring R , K is Gorenstein injective if and only if $Ext^1(L, K) = 0$ whenever $proj.dim L < \infty$. Gorenstein injective right R -modules are defined analogously.

Proposition 2. If R is Gorenstein ring, K is a Gorenstein injective left R -module and $E \rightarrow K$ is an injective cover of K , then $E \rightarrow K$ is surjective and is also an \mathcal{F}_n -cover of K . Furthermore $ker(E \rightarrow K)$ is Gorenstein injective.

Proof. Proposition 4.3 [4]. □

Definition 3. If N is a left R -module then a complex

$$E_1 \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

is called an injective resolvent of N if all the E_i 's are injective and if for any injective module E the functor $Hom(E, _)$ makes the complex exact. We note this is equivalent to $E_0 \rightarrow N, E_1 \rightarrow ker(E_0 \rightarrow N)$, and $E_{i+1} \rightarrow ker(E_i \rightarrow E_{i-1})$ for $i \geq 1$ being injective precovers. If in fact these are all injective covers, we call this a minimal injective resolvent of N and write $E_i = E_i(N)$.

If we consider a minimal injective resolvent and a minimal injective resolution of N , say

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & E_1(N) & & E_0(N) & & N & & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & 0 & & N & & E^0(N) & & E^1(N) & \end{array}$$

then pasting together along N we get a complex

$$E_1(N) \rightarrow E_0(N) \rightarrow E^0(N)$$

Definition 4. The complex above is said to be the complete minimal injective resolution of N .

Proposition 3. The left R -module N is Gorenstein injective if and only if

$$0 = Ext_i(Q, N) = Ext^i(Q, N) = \overline{Ext}_0(Q, N) = \overline{Ext}^0(Q, N),$$

for all $i \geq 1$ and for modules Q which have finite injective or projective dimension.

Proof. This is just the usual dimension shifting argument. □

Proposition 4. The left R -module N is Gorenstein injective if and only if the complex

$$E_1(N) \rightarrow E_0(N) \rightarrow E^0(N) \rightarrow E^1(N)$$

is exact and remains exact when $\text{Hom}(E, _)$ is applied to it for any injective module E .

Proof. Since this complex can be used to compute $\overline{\text{Ext}}_0(_, N)$, $\overline{\text{Ext}}^0(_, N)$, $\text{Ext}_i(_, N)$ for $i \geq 1$ we see that exactness is equivalent to the vanishing of these functors when applied to projective modules. The hypothesis guarantees they vanish when applied to injective modules.

Corollary 1. N is Gorenstein injective if and only if its minimal injective resolution

$$E_1(N) \rightarrow E_0(N) \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

is exact and if $\text{Ext}^i(E, N) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$ and injective left R -module E .

Proof. This is just a reformation of the preceding result. □

Proposition 5. If $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow N \rightarrow B \rightarrow 0$ is exact sequence of left R -module such that

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(E, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(E, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(E, B) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact for all injective modules E then if A and B are Gorenstein injective, so is N .

Proof. Use the extended long exact sequence associated with

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow N \rightarrow B \rightarrow 0. \quad \square$$

Definition 5. A left R -module N is said to be reduced if it has no injective submodules other than 0.

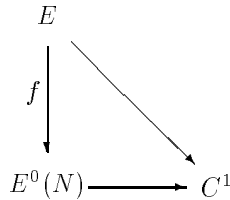
Given a left R -module N , let

$$E_1(N) \rightarrow E_0(N) \rightarrow E^0(N) \rightarrow E^1(N)$$

be its complete minimal injective resolution. Let $C_i = \ker(E_i(N) \rightarrow E_{i-1}(N))$ for $i \geq 1$, $C_0 = \ker(E_0(N) \rightarrow E^0(N))$ and $C^i = \ker(E^i(N) \rightarrow E^{i+1}(N))$ for $i \geq 0$.

Proposition 6. If N is a reduced, Gorenstein injective left R -module, then the complex $_$ is the complete minimal injective resolution of any of the terms C_i and C^i for $i \geq 0$. And each C_i and C^i is reduced and Gorenstein injective.

Proof. This is true for $C^0 = N$ by hypothesis. If we can argue that it is true for C_0 and C^1 , then by repeating the argument we can get it true for any of C_i 's and C^i 's. We first argue for C^1 . We have $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow E^0(N) \rightarrow C^1 \rightarrow 0$ is exact. Also $\text{Ext}^1(E, N) = 0$ for any injective module E so $E^0(N) \rightarrow C^1$ is an arrow injective precover. If $E \rightarrow C^1$ is an injective submodule, then



can be completed to a commutative diagram. But then $f(E) \cap N = 0$, so $f(E) = 0$ and hence $E = 0$. So C^1 is reduced. If $E^0(N) \rightarrow C^1$ were not a cover, then $\ker(E^0(N) \rightarrow C^1) = N$ would contain a non-zero injective module, contradicting the fact that N is reduced. Hence () is the complete minimal injective resolution of C^1 . Proposition 4 shows that C^1 is Gorenstein injective. The proof for C_0 is similar. \square

If $f : M \rightarrow N$ is a linear map then it is easy to see that the following are equivalent:

- (1) f can be factorized through some injective module E ;
- (2) f can be factorized by $M \rightarrow E^0(M)$;
- (3) f can be factorized by $E_0(N) \rightarrow N$.

Then we have

Corollary 2. If N is a reduced Gorenstein injective left R -module and $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow E_0(N) \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$ is exact, then the set of $f \in \text{End}(N)$ which can be factorized through an injective module form a two-sided ideal of $\text{End}(N)$ contained in the jacobson radical of $\text{End}(N)$. If $A \subseteq \text{End}(N)$ is this ideal and $B \subseteq \text{End}(K)$, is the corresponding ideal for K , then $\text{End}(N/A) = \text{End}(K/B)$.

Proof. A is clearly a two-sided ideal. Suppose $f : N \rightarrow N$ can be factorized $N \xrightarrow{g} E_0(N) \xrightarrow{\phi} N$. Then

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 0 & & K & & E_0(N) & & N & & 0 \\
 & & & \text{id} & & id + g\phi & & id + f & \\
 0 & & K & & E_0(N) & & N & & 0
 \end{array}$$

is commutative. Since $K \rightarrow E_0(N)$ is an injective envelope, $id + g\phi$ is an isomorphism, and hence so is $id + f$. We see that any map $K \rightarrow K$ is part of a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 0 & & K & & E_0(N) & & N & & 0 \\
 & & & & & & & & \\
 0 & & K & & E_0(N) & & N & & 0
 \end{array}$$

and similarly for any map $N \rightarrow N$. It is a simple matter of chasing diagrams to check that this (not one to one) correspondence between maps $K \rightarrow K$ and maps $N \rightarrow N$ induces an isomorphism $\text{End}(K/B) = \text{End}(N/A)$. \square

Using the notation above we have

Corollary 3. If N is a reduced Gorenstein injective module and $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow E^0(N) \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is exact, then if $g \in \text{End}(C)$ is the set of $g \in \text{End}(C)$ that can be factorized through injective modules then

$$\text{End}(N)/A = \text{End}(C)/g.$$

Proof. Similar to that of the above Corollary. □

Proposition 7. If $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow N \rightarrow B \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence of left R -module, then if A and N are Gorenstein injective then so is B . If N and B are Gorenstein injective, then A is Gorenstein injective if and only if $\text{Ext}^1(E, A) = 0$ for all injective left R -modules E . If A and B are Gorenstein injective, then so is N .

Proof. For the first claim we note that since A is Gorenstein injective $\text{Ext}^1(E, A) = 0$ for all injective module E . Hence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(E, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(E, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(E, B) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact for such E and so we can appeal to the long exact sequence. The proof of the remaining claims is similar. □

Corollary 4. If N_1 and N_2 are Gorenstein injective then so is $N_1 \oplus N_2$.

Proposition 8. A reduced Gorenstein injective module $N \neq 0$ has infinite injective and projective dimension.

Proof. If any $C^i = 0$ for $i \geq 0$, then all the terms of the complete minimal injective resolution of C_i will be 0, hence $C^0 = N$ will be 0. Hence $\text{inj. dim } N = \infty$. Since $\dots \rightarrow C_i \rightarrow C_{i-1} \rightarrow \dots$ is a minimal injective resolution of C_i for $i \geq 0$, we see that $\text{Ext}^{i+1}(N, C_i) = \text{Ext}^1(N, C_0)$. Since $0 \rightarrow C_0 \rightarrow E_0(N) \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$ doesn't split, $\text{Ext}^1(N, C_0) \neq 0$. So $\text{proj. dim } N = i + 1$ for all i . □

Proposition 9. If R is an n -Gorenstein ring and a left R -module K is Gorenstein injective if and only if K is an n -th cosyzygy, i.e., there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E^0 \rightarrow E^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E^n \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$$

of injective resolution of M .

Proof. Given such an exact sequence of modules over the n -Gorenstein ring R , let $\text{proj. dim } {}_R L < \infty$. Then by Proposition 1, $\text{proj. dim } L \leq n$. Hence $\text{Ext}^1(L, K) = \text{Ext}^{n+1}(L, M) = 0$. Hence K is Gorenstein injective. Conversely, suppose K is Gorenstein injective. Let $E \rightarrow K$ be an injective cover of K . If $\bar{K} = \ker(E \rightarrow K)$ then \bar{K} is Gorenstein injective by Proposition 2. Then if $\bar{E} \rightarrow \bar{K}$ is an injective cover of \bar{K} , we have the exact sequence $\bar{E} \rightarrow E \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$. □

Proposition 10. If R is a Gorenstein ring, then every left R -module M has a Gorenstein injective envelope GM (or we denote $G(M)$ if it is necessary).

Proof. Theorem 6.1 [4]. □

2. TORSION GORENSTEIN INJECTIVE MODULES

Definition 6. The torsion submodule tA of a module A is defined by

$$tA = \{ a \in A \mid ra = 0 \text{ for some non-zero } r \in R \}$$

Remark. If R is not a domain, then tA might not be a submodule. If D is an integral domain and M is a torsion D -module, then the injective envelope $E(M)$ of M is torsion.

Theorem 1. If D is a Gorenstein integral domain and M is a left D -module, then the torsion submodule tGM of the Gorenstein injective envelope GM of M is Gorenstein injective.

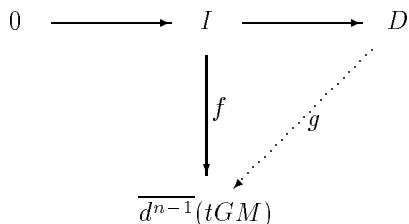
Proof. Since D is integral domain, tGM is a submodule of GM . Since D is Gorenstein, say n -Gorenstein for some n , then by the Proposition 9, GM is an n -th cosyzygy for some N . So there is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow E^0 \longrightarrow E^1 \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow E^{n-1} \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} GM \longrightarrow 0$$

where E^i 's are injective modules. Consider $\overline{d^{n-1}}(tGM) =$ the inverse image of tGM of $d^{n-1} = (d^{n-1})^{-1}(tGM)$. Let I be a nonzero ideal of D and consider the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & I & \longrightarrow & D \\
 & & \downarrow f & & \\
 & & \overline{d^{n-1}}(tGM) & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & E^{n-1} & &
 \end{array}$$

Since E^{n-1} is injective there exists $g : D \rightarrow \overline{E^{n-1}}$ such that $g|_I = f$. Let x be a nonzero element in I , then $g(x) = f(x) \in \overline{d^{n-1}(tGM)}$, i.e., $(d^{n-1}g)(x) \in tGM$. So there exists $\alpha = 0$ in D such that $\alpha[(d^{n-1}g)(x)] = \alpha x \cdot [(d^{n-1}g)(1)] = 0$ with $\alpha x = 0$. So $(d^{n-1}g)(1) \in tGM$ and $g(1) \in \overline{d^{n-1}(tGM)}$. So $g(D) \subseteq \overline{d^{n-1}(tGM)}$ since for all $\alpha \in D, g(\alpha) = \alpha g(1) \in tGM$. So



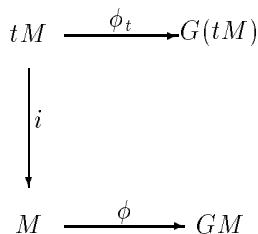
So $\overline{d^{n-1}(tGM)}$ is an injective D -module. Now consider the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow E^0 \rightarrow E^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E^{n-2} \xrightarrow{d^{n-2}} \overline{d^{n-1}(tGM)} \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} tGM \rightarrow 0$$

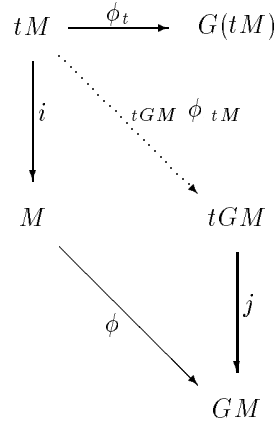
where d^{n-1} is a restricted map. Obviously $E^0, E^1, \dots, E^{n-2}, \overline{d^{n-1}(tGM)}$ are injective modules and the sequence is exact at $N, E^0, E^1, \dots, E^{n-2}$, and $\overline{d^{n-1}(tGM)}$. And since $imd^{n-2} \subseteq \ker d^{n-1}, imd^{n-2} \subseteq \ker d^{n-1}$ and if $x \in \ker(d^{n-1})$, then $d^{n-1}(x) = d^{n-1}(x) = 0 \in tGM$. So $x \in \overline{d^{n-1}(tGM)}$. So the sequence is exact at $\overline{d^{n-1}(tGM)}$. Hence, by the Proposition 9, tGM is Gorenstein injective. \square

Theorem 2. If D is a Gorenstein injective integral domain and M is a torsion D -module then the Gorenstein injective envelope GM of M is also torsion.

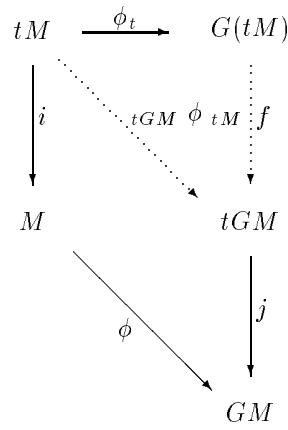
Proof. Consider the diagram:



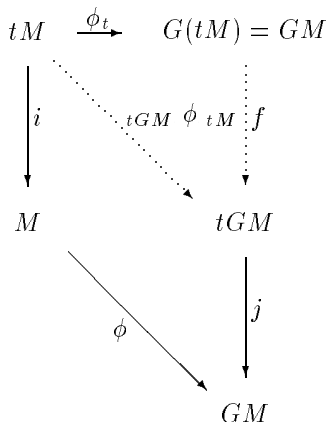
Let $x \in tM$. Then there exists a nonzero $r \in D$ such that $rx = 0$. Then $r \cdot \phi(x) = \phi(rx) = \phi(0) = 0$, so $\phi(x) \in tGM$ i.e., $\phi : tM \rightarrow tGM$. So we get



with the bottom parallelogram commutative. Since tGM is Gorenstein injective there exists a map $f : G(tM) \rightarrow tGM$ such that



the upper triangle is commutative. Since M is torsion $tM = M$. So $G(tM) = G(M)$ and we get the following diagram.



where j is an inclusion map. Since $j \circ f$ is an automorphism of GM , j is a surjection. Hence j is an isomorphism between tGM and $G(M)$. Therefore $GM = G(M)$ is torsion. \square

Theorem 3. Let I be a directed quasi-ordered set. Suppose there are morphisms of direct systems over I

$$A_i, \phi_j^i \quad t \quad B_i, \psi_j^i \quad s \quad C_i, \theta_j^i$$

such that

$$0 \rightarrow A_i \xrightarrow{t_i} B_i \xrightarrow{s_i} C_i \rightarrow 0$$

is exact for each $i \in I$. Then there is an exact sequence of modules

$$0 \rightarrow \varinjlim A_i \xrightarrow{\bar{t}} \varinjlim B_i \xrightarrow{\bar{s}} \varinjlim C_i \rightarrow 0.$$

Proof. We prove that \bar{t} is monic. Assume $x \in \varinjlim A_i$ and $\bar{t}x = 0$ in $\varinjlim B_i$. Let us set $\varinjlim A_i = (A_i)/S$ and set $\lambda_i : A_i \rightarrow A_i$ the i^{th} injection. Let us set $\varinjlim B_i = (B_i)/T$ and set $\mu_i : B_i \rightarrow B_i$ the i^{th} injection. Thus, $x = \lambda_i a_i + S$ and $\bar{t}x = \mu_i t_i a_i + T$. Since $\bar{t}x = 0$, there is some $j \in I$ with $\psi_j^i t_i a_i = 0$. Since t is a morphism between direct systems, we have $t_j \phi_j^i a_i = 0$. But t_j is monic, whence $\phi_j^i a_i = 0$, and this gives $x = \lambda_i a_i + S = 0$. \square

Theorem 4. The following are equivalent for a ring R :

- (1) R is left Noetherian,
- (2) every direct limit (directed index set) of injective modules is injective,
- (3) every sum of injective modules is injective.

Proof. Theorem 4.10 [7] \square

Theorem 5. Let R be an n -Gorenstein ring and (G_i) be a directed system of Gorenstein injective R -modules. Then $\varinjlim G_i$ is Gorenstein injective.

Proof. Since each G_i is Gorenstein injective, there exists an exact sequence ξ_i

$$0 \rightarrow N_i \rightarrow E_i^0 \rightarrow E_i^1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow E_i^{n-1} \rightarrow G_i \rightarrow 0.$$

This sequence can be constructed functorially. By Theorem 3

$$0 \rightarrow \varinjlim N_i \rightarrow \varinjlim E_i^0 \rightarrow \varinjlim E_i^1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \varinjlim E_i^{n-1} \rightarrow \varinjlim G_i \rightarrow 0$$

is also exact for each i . Since the ring R is Gorenstein each $\varinjlim E_i^j$ is injective module by the Theorem 4. So by the Theorem 9 $\varinjlim G_i$ is Gorenstein injective. \square

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