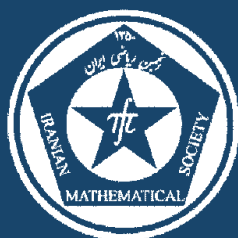


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## GORENSTEIN HEREDITARY RINGS WITH RESPECT TO A SEMIDUALIZING MODULE

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $C$  be a semidualizing module. We first investigate the properties of finitely generated  $G_C$ -projective modules. Then, relative to  $C$ , we introduce and study the rings over which every submodule of a projective (flat) module is  $G_C$ -projective (flat), which we call  $C$ -Gorenstein (semi)hereditary rings. It is proved that every  $C$ -Gorenstein hereditary ring is both coherent and  $C$ -Gorenstein semihereditary.

**Keywords:** Semidualizing module,  $G_C$ -projective module,  $G_C$ -flat module,  $G_C$ -(semi)hereditary ring, coherent ring.

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout this work  $R$  is a commutative ring with unity. For an  $R$ -module  $T$ , let  $\text{add}_R T$  be the subclass of  $R$ -modules consisting of all modules isomorphic to direct summands of finite direct sums of copies of  $T$ . We define  $\text{gen}^*(T) = \{M \text{ is an } R\text{-module} \mid \text{there exists an exact sequence } \cdots \rightarrow T_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow T_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \text{ with each } T_i \in \text{add}_R T \text{ and } \text{Hom}_R(T, -) \text{ leaves it exact}\}$  (see [14]).  $\text{cogen}^*(T)$  is defined dually. Recall that an  $R$ -module  $C \in \text{gen}^*(R)$  is said to be *semidualizing* if  $\text{Ext}_R^i(C, C) = 0$  for any  $i \geq 1$ , and the map  $R \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(C, C)$  is an isomorphism.

In the following, we always assume that  $C$  is a semidualizing  $R$ -module. Recall from [15] that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  *$G_C$ -projective* if there exists an exact sequence of  $R$ -modules  $\cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow C \otimes_R P_{-1} \rightarrow C \otimes_R P_{-2} \rightarrow \cdots$  with all  $P_i$  projective, such that  $M \cong \text{Im}(P_0 \rightarrow C \otimes_R P_{-1})$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(-, C \otimes_R P)$  leaves the sequence exact for any projective  $R$ -module  $P$ . The  $G_C$ -injective modules are defined in a dual manner. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  *$G_C$ -flat* [9] if there is an exact sequence of  $R$ -modules  $\cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow C \otimes_R F_{-1} \rightarrow C \otimes_R F_{-2} \rightarrow \cdots$  with all  $F_i$  flat, such that  $M \cong \text{Im}(F_0 \rightarrow C \otimes_R F_{-1})$  and

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$\text{Hom}_R(C, I) \otimes_R -$  leaves the sequence exact for any injective  $R$ -module  $I$ . The  $G_C$ -projective, flat, and injective dimensions of an  $R$ -module  $M$  are defined in terms of  $G_C$ -projective, flat resolutions, and injective coresolutions, and denoted by  $G_C\text{-pd}_R(M)$ ,  $G_C\text{-fd}_R(M)$  and  $G_C\text{-id}_R(M)$ , respectively. The  $G_C$ -projective dimension was first introduced by Golod in [7] for finitely generated modules over a commutative Noetherian ring, and was extended by Holm and Jørgensen in [9] to arbitrary modules. Later, White further extended in [15] these concepts to the non-Noetherian setting, and showed that they share many common properties with the Gorenstein homological dimensions [8]. Since then these notions have been extensively studied (see also [2, 12] for a new trends in relative homological algebra).

It is well-known that, the classical global dimensions of rings play an important role in the theory of rings. Motivated by Bennis and Mahdou's [3] ideas to study the global dimensions of a ring  $R$  in terms of Gorenstein homological dimensions, recently, Zhao and Sun studied in [16] the global dimensions of  $R$  defined by some relative homological dimensions with respect to  $C$ , and proved that  $\sup\{G_C\text{-pd}_R(M) \mid M \text{ is an } R\text{-module}\} = \sup\{G_C\text{-id}_R(M) \mid M \text{ is an } R\text{-module}\}$ . The common value, denoted by  $G_C\text{-gl.dim}(R)$ , is named as the  $C$ -Gorenstein global dimension of  $R$ . Similarly, the  $C$ -Gorenstein weak global dimension of  $R$  is also defined as  $G_C\text{-wgl.dim}(R) = \sup\{G_C\text{-fd}_R(M) \mid M \text{ is an } R\text{-module}\}$ .

On the other hand, in classical homological algebra, the rings of (weak) global dimensions at most 1, called (semi)hereditary rings [13], are important classes of rings, and the following are well-known: (1) every hereditary ring is coherent and semihereditary; (2) a ring  $R$  is semihereditary if and only if every finitely generated submodule of a projective  $R$ -module is projective. Rings of small Gorenstein homological dimensions were introduced in [4, Section 5] which ends with the following question "whether G-hereditary rings are coherent?". This question is recently resolved positively in [6] (see also [1, 10, 11] where some results on these kind of rings were established). Then, naturally, relative Gorenstein rings will be of interest. According to the terminology of the classical theory of homological algebra and the one of Gorenstein homological algebra started in [4, Section 5], we introduce the following notions: A ring  $R$  is called *C-Gorenstein hereditary* ( $G_C$ -hereditary for short) if every submodule of a projective  $R$ -module is  $G_C$ -projective (i.e.,  $G_C\text{-gl.dim}(R) \leq 1$ ), and  $R$  is said to be *C-Gorenstein semihereditary* ( $G_C$ -semihereditary for short) if  $R$  is coherent and every submodule of a flat  $R$ -module is  $G_C$ -flat. In this paper, we are mainly concerned with the following natural questions:

**Question A.** Is it true that every  $C$ -Gorenstein hereditary ring is coherent and  $C$ -Gorenstein semihereditary?

**Question B.** Is it true that  $R$  is  $C$ -Gorenstein semihereditary if and only if every finitely generated submodule of a  $G_C$ -projective  $R$ -module is  $G_C$ -projective?

It is shown that Question A has an affirmative answer (see Corollary 2.4 and Theorem 2.8). Also, a partial answer to Question B is provided at the end of this paper.

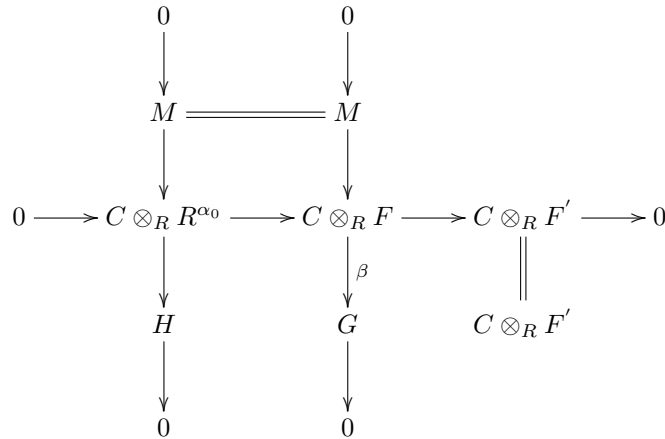
2.  $C$ -Gorenstein hereditary and semihereditary rings

We use  $(-)^C$  to denote the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(-, C)$ . The following result is the relative version of [6, Lemma 2.3 and Corollary 2.4], but the proof is slightly different.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Assume that  $M$  is a finitely generated  $G_C$ -projective  $R$ -module. Then*

- (1)  $M \in \text{cogen}^*(C)$ .
- (2)  $M^C \in \text{gen}^*(R)$ .

*Proof.* (1) Because  $M$  is  $G_C$ -projective, there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow C \otimes_R F \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$ , in which  $F$  is free and  $G$  is  $G_C$ -projective by [15, Observation 2.3 and Proposition 2.9]. Since  $M$  is also finitely generated, there exists a finitely generated free submodule  $R^{\alpha_0}$  with  $\alpha_0$  an integer, and a free submodule  $F'$  of  $F$ , such that  $M \subseteq C \otimes_R R^{\alpha_0} \cong C^{\alpha_0}$  and  $F = R^{\alpha_0} \oplus F'$ . Setting  $H = \text{Coker}(M \rightarrow C \otimes_R R^{\alpha_0})$  yields a commutative diagram with exact row



with middle row is split. By the snake lemma, we get an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow H \rightarrow G \rightarrow C \otimes_R F' \rightarrow 0$ , which implies that  $H$  is finitely generated  $G_C$ -projective [15, Theorem 2.8]. Repeating this process to  $H$  and so on, one has an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow C^{\alpha_0} \rightarrow C^{\alpha_1} \rightarrow \dots \tag{*}$$

with each image is finitely generated  $G_C$ -projective, which implies that the sequence  $(*)$  is exact after applying  $\text{Hom}_R(-, C)$ . Therefore,  $M \in \text{cogen}^*(C)$ .

(2) Applying  $\text{Hom}_R(-, C)$  to the sequence  $(*)$  in (1) provides an exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow (C^{\alpha_1})^C \rightarrow (C^{\alpha_0})^C \rightarrow M^C \rightarrow 0$$

Because  $(C^{\alpha_i})^C \cong \text{Hom}_R(C, C)^{\alpha_i} \cong R^{\alpha_i}$ , the desired result follows.  $\square$

The following theorem plays a crucial role in proving the main result in this paper.

**Theorem 2.2.** *A ring  $R$  is coherent if every finitely generated submodule of a  $G_C$ -projective  $R$ -module is  $G_C$ -projective.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a finitely generated submodule of a projective  $R$ -module. By the hypothesis,  $M$  is  $G_C$ -projective since every projective  $R$ -module is  $G_C$ -projective [15, Proposition 2.6]. It follows from Lemma 2.9(2) that  $M^C \in \text{gen}^*(R)$ , and hence it is finitely generated. On the other hand, since  $M$  is finitely generated, there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $F_0 = R^\alpha$  is finitely generated free. Applying  $\text{Hom}_R(-, C)$  to this short exact sequence gives rise to a monomorphism:  $0 \rightarrow M^C \rightarrow (R^\alpha)^C$ . Since  $(R^\alpha)^C = \text{Hom}_R(R^\alpha, C) \cong C^\alpha$  is  $G_C$ -projective by [15, Proposition 2.6] again, the assumption yields that  $M^C$  is  $G_C$ -projective. Replacing  $M$  with  $M^C$  in Lemma 2.9(2), we get that  $M^{CC} \in \text{gen}^*(R)$ , and hence finitely presented.

On the other hand, from Lemma 2.9(1), we know that  $M \in \text{cogen}^*(C)$ . Consider the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & C^{\alpha_0} & \rightarrow & C^{\alpha_1} & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & M^{CC} & \rightarrow & (C^{\alpha_0})^{CC} & \rightarrow & (C^{\alpha_1})^{CC} & \rightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

As  $(C^{\alpha_i})^{CC} \cong (R^{\alpha_i})^C \cong C^{\alpha_i}$  for each  $i \geq 0$ ,  $M \cong M^{CC}$  is finitely presented. Thus,  $R$  is coherent.  $\square$

To prove the coherence of  $G_C$ -hereditary rings, we need the following result, which gives some other descriptions of  $G_C$ -hereditary rings.

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $R$  is  $G_C$ -hereditary.
- (2) Every submodule of a  $G_C$ -projective  $R$ -module is  $G_C$ -projective.
- (3) Every quotient module of a  $G_C$ -injective  $R$ -module is  $G_C$ -injective.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Follows from [15, Proposition 2.12].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Evident.

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) The assertion holds by [16, Theorem 4.4].  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4.** *Every  $G_C$ -hereditary ring is coherent.*

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 2.10 and Proposition 2.7.  $\square$

In the special case that  $C = R$ , we obtain the main result of [6, Theorem 2.5].

**Corollary 2.5.** *All Gorenstein hereditary rings are coherent.*

Before starting to study the  $G_C$ -semihereditary rings, we first give some equivalent characterizations of modules with finite  $G_C$ -flat dimension. We write  $(-)^+ = \text{Hom}_R(-, E)$ , where  $E$  is an injective cogenerator for the categories of  $R$ -modules.

**Lemma 2.6.** *Suppose that  $R$  is a coherent ring, and  $M$  an  $R$ -module with  $G_C\text{-fd}_R(M) < \infty$ . For a nonnegative integer  $n$ , the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $G_C\text{-fd}_R(M) \leq n$ .
- (2)  $\text{Tor}_{i>n}^R(M, \text{Hom}_R(C, I)) = 0$  for any injective module  $I$ .
- (3) In every exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K_n \rightarrow G_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ , with  $G_i$  are  $G_C$ -flat,  $K_n$  is also  $G_C$ -flat.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) Since  $R$  is coherent, it follows from [17, Theorem 3.8] that  $G_C\text{-fd}_R(M) \leq n$  if and only if  $G_C\text{-id}_R(M^+) \leq n$ . This, by the dual version of [15, Proposition 2.12], is equivalent to that  $\text{Ext}_R^i(\text{Hom}_R(C, I), M^+) = 0$  for any injective module  $I$  and  $i > n$ . Because  $\text{Ext}_R^i(\text{Hom}_R(C, I), M^+) \cong (\text{Tor}_i^R(M, \text{Hom}_R(C, I)))^+$  by [5, Chapter VI, Proposition 5.1], we get the desired result.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) is trivial. Conversely, let  $0 \rightarrow K_n \rightarrow G_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence with all  $G_i$  are  $G_C$ -flat. Then  $0 \rightarrow M^+ \rightarrow G_0^+ \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_{n-1}^+ \rightarrow K_n^+ \rightarrow 0$  is exact with all  $G_i^+$  are  $G_C$ -injective. The assumption implies that  $G_C\text{-id}_R(M^+) \leq n$ , and so  $K_n^+$  is  $G_C$ -injective by the dual version of [15, Proposition 2.12] again. Thus  $K_n$  is  $G_C$ -flat.  $\square$

By Lemma 2.6 and a standard argument, it is not difficult to get the following result.

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $R$  is  $G_C$ -semihereditary.
- (2)  $R$  is coherent and  $G_C\text{-wgl.dim}(R) \leq 1$ .
- (3)  $R$  is coherent and every submodule of a  $G_C$ -flat  $R$ -module is  $G_C$ -flat.

The next result, together with Corollary 2.4, gives an affirmative answer to Question A.

**Theorem 2.8.** *If  $R$  is a  $G_C$ -hereditary ring, then it is  $G_C$ -semihereditary.*

*Proof.* The coherence of  $R$  follows from Corollary 2.4. It follows from [16, Corollary 4.6] that  $G_C\text{-wgl.dim}(R) \leq G_C\text{-gl.dim}(R) \leq 1$ . Thus  $R$  is  $G_C$ -semihereditary by Proposition 2.7.  $\square$

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $FP$ -injective if  $\text{Ext}_R^1(N, M) = 0$  for all finitely presented  $R$ -modules  $N$ . The  $FP$ -injective dimension of  $M$ , denoted by  $FP\text{-id}(M)$ , is defined to be the least nonnegative integer  $n$  such that  $\text{Ext}_R^{n+1}(N, M) = 0$  for all finitely presented  $R$ -modules  $N$ . If no such  $n$  exists, set  $FP\text{-id}(M) = \infty$ .

**Lemma 2.9.** *Let  $R$  be a coherent ring. The following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $FP\text{-id}(C \otimes_R P) \leq n$  for any projective  $R$ -module  $P$ .
- (2)  $\text{fd}(\text{Hom}_R(C, I)) \leq n$  for any injective  $R$ -module  $I$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $P$  be a projective  $R$ -module. The hypothesis implies that  $\text{Ext}_R^{i>n}(N, C \otimes_R P) = 0$  for all finitely presented  $R$ -modules  $N$ . Since  $R$  is coherent,  $N \in \text{gen}^*(R)$ . Thus  $\text{Tor}_{i>n}^R((C \otimes_R P)^+, N) \cong (\text{Ext}_R^{i>n}(N, C \otimes_R P))^+ = 0$  by [5, Chapter VI, Proposition 5.3]. This implies that  $\text{fd}(C \otimes_R P)^+ \leq n$ , and so  $\text{fd}(\text{Hom}_R(C, P^+)) \leq n$  by the adjoint isomorphism.

For any injective  $R$ -module  $I$ , since  $P^+$  is also an injective cogenerator,  $I$  is a direct summand of  $\prod P^+$ . Thus  $\text{Hom}_R(C, I)$  is a direct summand of  $\text{Hom}_R(C, \prod P^+) \cong \prod \text{Hom}_R(C, P^+)$ , and hence  $\text{fd}(\text{Hom}_R(C, I)) \leq \text{fd}(\prod \text{Hom}_R(C, P^+)) \leq n$  from the coherence of  $R$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose  $F$  is a flat  $R$ -module, then  $F^+$  is injective, and so  $\text{fd}(\text{Hom}_R(C, F^+)) \leq n$ . The adjoint isomorphism  $\text{Hom}_R(C, F^+) \cong (C \otimes_R F)^+$  yields that  $\text{fd}(C \otimes_R F)^+ \leq n$ . Thus, for any finitely presented  $R$ -module  $N$ ,  $(\text{Ext}_R^{i>n}(N, C \otimes_R F))^+ \cong \text{Tor}_{i>n}^R((C \otimes_R F)^+, N) = 0$ , and hence  $\text{Ext}_R^{i>n}(N, C \otimes_R F) = 0$ . Therefore,  $FP\text{-id}(C \otimes_R F) \leq n$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

The following result gives a partial answer to Question B.

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $R$  be a ring with  $G_C\text{-wgl.dim}(R) < \infty$ . If every finitely generated submodule of a  $G_C$ -projective  $R$ -module is  $G_C$ -projective, then  $R$  is  $G_C$ -semihereditary.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a finitely presented  $R$ -module. There is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow P \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

with  $P$  finitely generated projective. Note that  $R$  is coherent by Theorem 2.2, it follows that  $K$  is finitely generated. By the hypothesis,  $K$  is  $G_C$ -projective. Thus, one has that  $G_C\text{-pd}_R(M) \leq 1$  for every finitely presented  $R$ -module  $M$ , and so  $\text{Ext}_R^{i>1}(M, C \otimes_R Q) = 0$  for any projective  $R$ -module  $Q$  by [15, Proposition 2.12]. This means that  $FP\text{-id}(C \otimes_R Q) \leq 1$ . By Lemma 2.9,  $\text{fd}(\text{Hom}_R(C, I)) \leq 1$  for any injective  $R$ -module  $I$ , which implies that  $\text{Tor}_{i>1}^R(N, \text{Hom}_R(C, I)) = 0$  for any  $R$ -module  $N$ . Since  $G_C\text{-fd}(N) < \infty$ , Lemma 2.6 yields that  $G_C\text{-fd}(N) \leq 1$ . Therefore,  $G_C\text{-wgl.dim}(R) \leq 1$ , and hence  $R$  is  $G_C$ -semihereditary by Proposition 2.7.  $\square$

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