

# CHARACTERIZATIONS OF DING INJECTIVE COMPLEXES

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ABSTRACT. Let  $R$  be a ring and  $X$  a chain complex of  $R$ -modules. It is proven that if each term  $X_i$  is Ding injective in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and there exists an integer  $k$  such that each  $Z_i X$  is Ding injective in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $i \geq k$ , then  $X$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ . If  $R$  is a left coherent ring, then a chain complex  $X$  is Ding injective if and only if each term  $X_i$  is Ding injective in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Ding injective modules were defined in [15], and they were initially introduced as Gorenstein FP-injective modules in [9]. Several authors have studied the properties of Ding injective modules and their dual notions, see [9, 15, 23]. It is well-known that a very natural way to study homological algebra is extending the homological theory on the modules category to one on the chain complexes category. Based on this idea, Ding homological chain complexes have been already described in [16, 18, 24, 25]. Gillespie proved in [16] that if  $R$  is a Ding- Chen ring, then Ding injective complexes are precisely the complexes  $X$  for which each term  $X_i$  is a Ding injective  $R$ -module for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The aim of this paper is to generalize this result.

Throughout the paper  $R$  denotes a general ring with identity. An  $R$ -module will mean a left  $R$ -module, unless stated otherwise. The category of  $R$ -modules will be denoted  $R\text{-Mod}$ . As usual, we use  $\text{Ch}(R)$  to denote the category of chain complexes

$$X =: \cdots \longrightarrow X_{i+1} \xrightarrow{d_{i+1}} X_i \xrightarrow{d_i} X_{i-1} \longrightarrow \cdots$$

of  $R$ -modules. Let  $X$  be a chain complex of  $R$ -modules. It is proven that if each term  $X_i$  is Ding injective in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and there exists an integer  $k$  such that each  $Z_i X$  is Ding injective in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $i \geq k$ , then  $X$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ . If  $R$  is a left coherent ring, then a chain complex  $X$  is Ding injective if and only if each term  $X_i$  is Ding injective in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

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## 2. PRELIMINARIES

A *chain complex* (complex for short)  $X$  of  $R$ -modules is a sequence  $\cdots \rightarrow X_{i+1} \xrightarrow{d_{i+1}} X_i \xrightarrow{d_i} X_{i-1} \rightarrow \cdots$  of  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -homomorphisms such that  $d_i d_{i+1} = 0$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . A chain complex  $X$  is said to be *bounded above* if  $X_i = 0$  holds for  $i \gg 0$ , *bounded below* if  $X_i = 0$  holds for  $i \ll 0$ , and *bounded* if it is bounded above and below, i.e.  $X_i = 0$  holds for  $|i| \gg 0$ . Let  $X$  be a chain complex and let  $m$  be an integer. The  $m$ th *cycle module* is defined as  $\text{Ker}(d_m)$  and is denoted  $Z_m X$ . The  $m$ th *boundary module* is  $\text{Im}(d_{m+1})$  and is denoted  $B_m X$ . The  $m$ th *homology module* of  $X$  is the module  $H_m(X) = Z_m X / B_m X$ . The chain complex  $X$  is said to be *acyclic (exact)* if its homology module  $H_i(X) = 0$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The  $m$ -fold *shift* of  $X$  is the chain complex  $\Sigma^m X$  given by  $(\Sigma^m X)_i = X_{i-m}$  and  $d_i^{\Sigma^m X} = (-1)^m d_{i-m}^X$ . Usually,  $\Sigma^1 X$  is denoted simply by  $\Sigma X$ .

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two chain complexes. We will let  $\text{Hom}_R(X, Y)$  denote the hom-complex of abelian groups with  $m$ th term  $\text{Hom}_R(X, Y)_m = \prod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_R(X_i, Y_{i+m})$  and differential

$$(d(g))_i = d_{i+m}^Y g_i - (-1)^m g_{i-1} d_i^X \text{ for } g = (g_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \in \prod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_R(X_i, Y_{i+m}).$$

By a *morphism (chain map)*  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  we mean a sequence  $f_i : X_i \rightarrow Y_i$  such that  $d_i^Y f_i = f_{i-1} d_i^X$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . A morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be *null-homotopic* if there exists a sequence  $s_i : X_i \rightarrow Y_{i+1}$  such that  $f_i = d_{i+1}^Y s_i + s_{i-1} d_i^X$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The *mapping cone*  $\text{Cone}(f)$  of a morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is defined as  $\text{Cone}(f)_i = Y_i \oplus X_{i-1}$  with  $d_i^{\text{Cone}(f)} = \begin{pmatrix} d_i^Y & f_{i-1} \\ 0 & -d_{i-1}^X \end{pmatrix}$ .

If  $M$  is an  $R$ -module then we denote the complex  $\cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots$  with  $M$  in the  $m$ th degree by  $S^m(M)$ , and denote the complex  $\cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{Id} M \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots$  with  $M$  in the  $m-1$  and  $m$ th degrees by  $D^m(M)$ . Usually,  $S^0(M)$  is denoted simply by  $M$ . We use  $\text{Hom}(X, Y)$  to present the group of all morphisms from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Recall that a complex  $I$  is injective if the functor  $\text{Hom}(-, I)$  is exact. Equivalently,  $I$  is injective if and only if  $I$  is acyclic and  $Z_i I$  is an injective  $R$ -module for each  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . A projective complex is defined dually. Thus the category of chain complexes  $\text{Ch}(R)$  of  $R$ -modules has enough projectives and injectives, we can compute right derived functors  $\text{Ext}^i(X, Y)$  of  $\text{Hom}(-, -)$ . In particular,  $\text{Ext}^1(X, Y)$  will denote the group of (equivalent classes) of short exact sequences  $0 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$  under the Baer sum operation. There is a subgroup  $\text{Ext}_{dw}^1(X, Y) \subseteq \text{Ext}^1(X, Y)$  consisting of the ‘‘degreewise split’’ short exact sequences. That is, those for which each  $0 \rightarrow Y_m \rightarrow Z_m \rightarrow X_m \rightarrow 0$  is split exact. The following lemma gives a well-known connection between  $\text{Ext}_{dw}^1(-, -)$  and the above hom-complex  $\text{Hom}_R(-, -)$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two chain complexes. Then there are isomorphisms*

$$\text{Ext}_{dw}^1(X, \Sigma^{-m-1} Y) \cong H_m \text{Hom}_R(X, Y) = \text{Hom}_{K(R)}(X, \Sigma^{-m} Y),$$

where  $K(R)$  is the homotopy category of chain complexes. In particular, the hom-complex  $\text{Hom}_R(X, Y)$  is acyclic if and only if for each  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , any chain map  $f : \Sigma^m X \rightarrow Y$  (or  $f : X \rightarrow \Sigma^m Y$ ) is null homotopic.

Recall from [19] that an  $R$ -module  $E$  is called *FP-injective* if  $\text{Ext}^1(A, E) = 0$  for all finitely presented  $R$ -modules  $A$ . The *FP-injective dimension* of a module  $B$ , denoted by  $\text{FP-id}_R(B)$ , is defined to be the least integer  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{Ext}^{n+1}(A, B) = 0$  for all finitely presented  $R$ -modules  $A$ . If no such  $n$  exists, set  $\text{FP-id}(B) = \infty$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *Ding injective* (resp., *Ding projective*) [6, 9] if there exists an acyclic complex of injective (resp., projective)  $R$ -modules  $\cdots \longrightarrow X_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} X_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} X_{-1} \longrightarrow \cdots$  with  $M \cong Z_0 X$  and which remains exact after applying  $\text{Hom}_R(J, -)$  (resp.,  $\text{Hom}_R(-, J)$ ) for any FP-injective (resp., flat)  $R$ -module  $J$ , see [6, 9, 15, 23] for properties of Ding injective and Ding projective  $R$ -modules. It is natural that one can define the analog for chain complexes of  $R$ -modules, see [21, 24, 26] for the notions of FP-injective chain complexes, and [16, 24] of Ding injective and Ding projective chain complexes.

**Definition 2.2.** A chain complex  $J$  is FP-injective if  $\text{Ext}^1(A, J) = 0$  for any finitely presented chain complex  $A$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A chain complex  $X$  is called Ding injective if there exists an exact sequence of injective chain complexes  $\cdots \longrightarrow I_1 \longrightarrow I_0 \longrightarrow I^0 \longrightarrow I^1 \longrightarrow \cdots$  with  $X \cong \text{Ker}(I^0 \longrightarrow I^1)$  and which remains exact after applying  $\text{Hom}(J, -)$  for any FP-injective chain complex  $J$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A chain complex  $Y$  is called Ding projective if there exists an exact sequence of projective chain complexes  $\cdots \longrightarrow P_1 \longrightarrow P_0 \longrightarrow P^0 \longrightarrow P^1 \longrightarrow \cdots$  with  $Y \cong \text{Ker}(P^0 \longrightarrow P^1)$  and which remains exact after applying  $\text{Hom}(-, F)$  for any flat chain complex  $F$ .

It was shown in [21] that a chain complex  $J$  is FP-injective if and only if  $J$  is acyclic and  $Z_i J$  is FP-injective in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . A chain complex  $F$  is flat if and only if  $F$  is acyclic and  $Z_i F$  is flat in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  ([10]).

It was shown in [24] that Ding injective (resp., Ding projective) chain complexes are precisely the chain complexes  $X$  for which each term  $X_i$  is Ding injective (resp., Ding projective) and any chain map  $J \rightarrow X$  (resp.,  $X \rightarrow J$ ) is null homotopic whenever  $J$  is an FP-injective (resp., a flat) chain complex. It was shown in [16] that the null homotopic condition is automatically satisfied when the ring  $R$  is Ding-Chen (that is,  $R$  is both left and right coherent, and has both left and right self FP-injective dimensions at most  $n$  for some non-negative integer  $n$ ). It was shown recently in [25] that a chain complex  $X \in \text{Ch}(R)$  is Ding projective if and only if each term  $X_i$  is Ding projective in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

### 3. DING INJECTIVE COMPLEXES OVER GENERAL RINGS

This section is devoted to studying Ding injective chain complexes over general rings. We will first show that any bounded below chain complex of Ding injective modules can be approximated by a bounded below chain complex of injective modules. For the convenience, we use  $\mathcal{I}$  (resp.,  $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{I})$ ) to denote the subcategory of injective  $R$ -modules (resp., the subcategory of chain complexes of injective  $R$ -modules).

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be a bounded below chain complex with all terms Ding injective. Then there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$  of chain complexes such that the following conditions are satisfied*

- (1)  $E \in \text{Ch}(\mathcal{I})$  is bounded below,
- (2)  $K$  is acyclic and bounded below with all terms Ding injective,
- (3)  $K$  is  $\text{Hom}_R(\mathcal{J}, -)$ -exact, where  $\mathcal{J}$  denotes the class of all FP-injective modules.

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, we let

$$G =: \cdots \longrightarrow G_{n+1} \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} G_n \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow G_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} G_0 \longrightarrow 0.$$

Now if we denote  $G(n)$  the hard truncation above of  $G$  at  $n$ , that is,

$$G(n) =: \cdots \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow G_n \xrightarrow{d_n} \cdots \longrightarrow G_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} G_0 \longrightarrow 0,$$

then  $\{(G(n), \alpha_{nm}) \mid 0 \leq n \leq m\}$  forms a direct system in  $\text{Ch}(R)$  and  $G = \varinjlim G(n)$ , where  $\alpha_{nm} : G(n) \rightarrow G(m)$  is the following natural injection for any  $n \leq m$ .

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} G(n) =: & \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & G_n & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & G_1 & \longrightarrow & G_0 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \alpha_{nm} \downarrow & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ G(m) =: & \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & G_m & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & G_n & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & G_1 & \longrightarrow & G_0 & \longrightarrow & 0. \end{array}$$

We will show the result by induction on  $n \geq 0$ . For the case  $n = 0$ , since  $G_0$  is Ding injective, there exists an exact sequence of  $R$ -modules

$$\cdots \longrightarrow E_2 \longrightarrow E_1 \longrightarrow E_0 \xrightarrow{f} G_0 \longrightarrow 0$$

with each  $E_i$  injective and which remains exact after applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(J, -)$  for any FP-injective  $R$ -module  $J$ . Now consider the following morphisms of complexes

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} K(0) =: & \cdots & \longrightarrow & E_2 & \longrightarrow & E_1 & \longrightarrow & \bar{G}_0 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow \rho^{(0)} & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \rho & & & & & & & & & & & \\ E(0) =: & \cdots & \longrightarrow & E_2 & \longrightarrow & E_1 & \longrightarrow & E_0 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow \phi^{(0)} & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow f & & & & & & & & & & & \\ G(0) =: & \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & G_0 & \longrightarrow & 0, \end{array}$$

where  $\bar{G}_0 = \text{Ker}(f)$  is Ding injective, and  $\rho$  is the natural injection. This gives an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow K(0) \xrightarrow{\rho^{(0)}} E(0) \xrightarrow{\phi^{(0)}} G(0) \longrightarrow 0$$

of bounded below complexes. It is easily seen that  $K(0)$  is acyclic with all terms Ding injective, and  $\text{Hom}_R(J, K(0))$  is acyclic for any FP-injective  $R$ -module  $J$ .

Now suppose that for  $n \geq 0$ , we have an exact sequence of bounded below complexes

$$0 \longrightarrow K(n) \xrightarrow{\rho^{(n)}} E(n) \xrightarrow{\phi^{(n)}} G(n) \longrightarrow 0$$

which is given by the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
K(n) =: & \cdots & \longrightarrow & E_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & K_n & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & K_1 & \longrightarrow & K_0 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & & \downarrow \rho^{(n)} & & \downarrow \rho_n & & & & \downarrow \rho_1 & & \downarrow \rho_0 & & \\
E(n) =: & \cdots & \longrightarrow & E_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & E_n & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & E_1 & \longrightarrow & E_0 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & & \downarrow \phi^{(n)} & & \downarrow f_n & & & & \downarrow f_1 & & \downarrow f_0 & & \\
G(n) =: & \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & G_n & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & G_1 & \longrightarrow & G_0 & \longrightarrow & 0.
\end{array}$$

Where  $E(n)$  is in  $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{T})$ ,  $K(n)$  is acyclic with all terms Ding injective, and  $\text{Hom}_R(J, K(n))$  is acyclic for any FP-injective  $R$ -module  $J$ .

The next is to show that the result holds for  $n+1$ . Since  $G_{n+1}$  is Ding injective, there exists an exact sequence of  $R$ -modules

$$\cdots \longrightarrow I_{n+3} \longrightarrow I_{n+2} \longrightarrow I_{n+1} \xrightarrow{g} G_{n+1} \longrightarrow 0$$

with each  $I_i$  injective and which remains exact after applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(J, -)$  for any FP-injective  $R$ -module  $J$ . This gives an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ker}(\pi) \xrightarrow{\iota} I \xrightarrow{\pi} S^{n+1}(G_{n+1}) \longrightarrow 0$$

of bounded below complexes. Where

$$I =: \cdots \longrightarrow I_{n+3} \longrightarrow I_{n+2} \longrightarrow I_{n+1} \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \cdots,$$

$\pi_{n+1} = g$  and  $\pi_i = 0$  for  $i \neq n+1$ , and  $\iota$  is the natural injection. Clearly,  $\text{Ker}(\pi)$  is acyclic with all terms Ding injective, and  $\text{Hom}_R(J, \text{Ker}(\pi))$  is acyclic for any FP-injective  $R$ -module  $J$ .

Let  $\mu : S^n(G_{n+1}) \rightarrow G(n)$  be the following morphism

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
S^n(G_{n+1}) =: & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & G_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow d_{n+1} & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & \\
G(n) =: & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & G_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & G_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & G_0 & \longrightarrow & 0.
\end{array}$$

It follows from [7, Lemma 2.3] that any chain map  $\Sigma^{-1}I \rightarrow K(n)$  is null-homotopic since the complex of abelian groups  $\text{Hom}_R(I_i, K(n))$  is acyclic for all  $i$  and the abelian group  $\text{Hom}_R(I_m, K(n)_m)$  is trivial for all  $m \ll 0$ . It gets by Lemma 2.1 ([14, Lemma 2.1]) that the subgroup of all degreewise split extensions  $\text{Ext}_{dw}^1(\Sigma^{-1}I, K(n)) \cong \text{H}_{-2}[\text{Hom}(I, K(n))] = 0$ . This implies that the composition chain map

$$\Sigma^{-1}I \xrightarrow{\Sigma^{-1}\pi} S^n(G_{n+1}) \xrightarrow{\mu} G(n)$$

can factor through  $\phi(n) : E(n) \rightarrow G(n)$  as  $\mu\Sigma^{-1}\pi = \phi(n)\nu$  because

$$\text{Ext}_{\text{Ch}(R)}^1(\Sigma^{-1}I, K(n)) = \text{Ext}_{dw}^1(\Sigma^{-1}I, K(n)) = 0.$$

So one gets by the factor lemma a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^{-1}\text{Ker}(\pi) & \xrightarrow{\Sigma^{-1}\iota} & \Sigma^{-1}I & \xrightarrow{\Sigma^{-1}\pi} & S^n(G_{n+1}) \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \omega \downarrow & & \downarrow \nu & & \downarrow \mu \\
0 & \longrightarrow & K(n) & \xrightarrow{\rho(n)} & E(n) & \xrightarrow{\phi(n)} & G(n) \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

with exact rows. Note that  $G(n+1) = \text{Cone}(\mu)$ . If we put  $E(n+1) = \text{Cone}(\nu)$  and  $K(n+1) = \text{Cone}(\omega)$  then it is easily seen that there is an induced exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \longrightarrow K(n+1) \xrightarrow{\rho(n+1)} E(n+1) \xrightarrow{\phi(n+1)} G(n+1) \longrightarrow 0$$

with  $\rho(n+1) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho(n) & 0 \\ 0 & \iota \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\phi(n+1) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi(n) & 0 \\ 0 & \pi \end{pmatrix}$ .

Therefore, by the construction above, we get a commutative diagram of bounded below complexes

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & K(n) & \xrightarrow{\rho(n)} & E(n) & \xrightarrow{\phi(n)} & G(n) \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow \gamma_{n(n+1)} & & \downarrow \beta_{n(n+1)} & & \downarrow \alpha_{n(n+1)} \\
0 & \longrightarrow & K(n+1) & \xrightarrow{\rho(n+1)} & E(n+1) & \xrightarrow{\phi(n+1)} & G(n+1) \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Ker}(\pi) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & I & \xrightarrow{\pi} & S^{n+1}(G_{n+1}) \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0
\end{array}$$

with exact rows and columns. One gets easily from the middle column of the above diagram that  $E(n+1) \in \text{Ch}(\mathcal{I})$  is bounded below. In fact,

$$E(n+1)_k = \begin{cases} E(n)_k \oplus I_k, & k \geq n+1; \\ E(n)_k, & 0 \leq k \leq n; \\ 0, & k < 0. \end{cases}$$

The left column implies that the complex  $K(n+1)$  has all its terms Ding injective because the subcategory of Ding injective modules is injectively resolving by [23, Theorem 2.8], and  $K(n+1)$  is acyclic and  $\text{Hom}_R(J, K(n+1))$  is acyclic for any FP-injective  $R$ -module  $J$  since  $K(n)$  and  $\text{Ker}(\pi)$  are so. In particular,

$$K(n+1)_k = \begin{cases} K(n)_k \oplus I_k, & k > n+1; \\ K(n)_{n+1} \oplus \text{Ker}(g), & k = n+1; \\ E(n)_k, & 0 \leq k \leq n; \\ 0, & k < 0. \end{cases}$$

Since the functor  $\varinjlim$  is exact, one has an exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \longrightarrow \varinjlim K(n) \xrightarrow{\varinjlim \rho(n)} \varinjlim E(n) \xrightarrow{\varinjlim \phi(n)} G = \varinjlim G(n) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Let  $E = \varinjlim E(n)$ , and  $K = \varinjlim K(n)$ . Then one gets clearly that

$$E_i = \begin{cases} E(i)_i, & i \geq 0; \\ 0, & i < 0. \end{cases}$$

and

$$K_i = \begin{cases} K(i)_i, & i \geq 0; \\ 0, & i < 0. \end{cases}$$

Thus it is easily seen that the complex  $K$  is acyclic with all terms Ding injective, and  $\text{Hom}_R(J, K)$  is acyclic for any FP-injective  $R$ -module  $J$ . This proves that the exact sequence  $0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow 0$  is what we need.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be a bounded below chain complex with all terms Ding injective. Then there exists an exact sequence of bounded below chain complexes  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$  such that  $K$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ , where  $E$  is in  $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{I})$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$  be the sequence obtained in 3.1. Then it is easily seen that any chain map from a complex  $J$  with all terms FP-injective to such  $K$  is null-homotopic by [7, Lemma 2.3]. In particular, any chain map  $f : F \rightarrow K$  is of course null-homotopic, where  $F$  is any FP-injective chain complex. So  $K$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$  by [24, Theorem 3.20].  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $G$  be a bounded above chain complex. If each term  $G_i$  is Ding injective in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $G$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .*

*Proof.* It is dual to [24, Proposition 3.14].  $\square$

Recall that a chain complex  $X$  is called *DG-injective* (resp., *DG-projective*), if each module  $X_i$  is injective (resp., projective) in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(E, X)$  (resp.,  $\text{Hom}_R(X, E)$ ) is exact for all acyclic complexes  $E$  (see [1, 13]). In the next we will give our main results in this section.

**Theorem 3.4.** *The following conditions are equivalent for any ring  $R$ .*

- (1) *Every bounded below chain complex of Ding injective  $R$ -modules is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .*
- (2) *Every bounded below chain complex of injective  $R$ -modules is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .*
- (3) *Every chain complex of Ding injective  $R$ -modules is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .*
- (4) *Every chain complex of injective  $R$ -modules is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .*
- (5) *Every acyclic chain complex of Ding injective  $R$ -modules is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .*
- (6) *Every acyclic chain complex of injective  $R$ -modules is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .*

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2), (3) $\Rightarrow$ (1), (3) $\Rightarrow$ (5), and (4) $\Rightarrow$ (6) are trivial.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let  $G$  be a bounded below complex of Ding injective modules, and  $J$  an FP-injective complex. Then it follows from Lemma 3.1 and Corollary 3.2 that there exists a short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$  such that  $E$  is a bounded below chain complex of injective  $R$ -modules, and  $K$  is a Ding injective chain complex. Now applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(J, -)$  to the short exact sequence will yield the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, K) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, E) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, G) \longrightarrow 0$$

of chain complexes. Also the chain complex of abelian groups  $\text{Hom}_R(J, G)$  must be acyclic since the chain complexes of abelian groups  $\text{Hom}_R(J, K)$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(J, E)$  are acyclic. This implies that any chain map  $J \rightarrow G$  is null-homotopic by Lemma 2.1. Now we get by [24, Theorem 3.20] that  $G$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Let  $G$  be a complex of Ding injective modules, and  $J$  an FP-injective complex. Then there is an induced short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow G_{\leq n} \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow G_{\geq n+1} \longrightarrow 0$$

of chain complexes, where  $G_{\geq n+1}$  is a bounded below complex of Ding injective  $R$ -modules,  $G_{\leq n}$  is a bounded above complex of Ding injective  $R$ -modules which is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$  by Lemma 3.3. Applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(J, -)$  to the short exact sequence will yield the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, G_{\leq n}) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, G) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, G_{\geq n+1}) \longrightarrow 0$$

of chain complexes. It is easy to see that the chain complex of abelian groups  $\text{Hom}_R(J, G)$  must be acyclic since  $\text{Hom}_R(J, G_{\leq n})$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(J, G_{\geq n+1})$  are so. This implies that any chain map  $J \rightarrow G$  is null-homotopic by Lemma 2.1. Now we get again by [24, Theorem 3.20] that  $G$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .

(2) $\Leftrightarrow$ (4) is similar to the proof of (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3).

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Let  $G$  be a complex of Ding injective modules, and  $J$  an FP-injective complex. Then there is a short exact sequence  $0 \longrightarrow I \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow 0$  with  $E$  acyclic and  $I$  DG-injective ([13, Theorem 2.2.4]). It is clear that  $E$  is a complex of Ding injective  $R$ -modules, and so  $E$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$  by the assumption. Also, any DG-injective complex is Ding injective [24, Corollary 3.21]. Applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(J, -)$  to the short exact sequence will yield the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, I) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, E) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, G) \longrightarrow 0$$

of chain complexes. Similarly, one can see easily that the chain complex of abelian groups  $\text{Hom}_R(J, G)$  is acyclic and then  $G$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .

(6) $\Rightarrow$ (4) is similar to the proof of (5) $\Rightarrow$ (3). □

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $G$  be a chain complex of Ding injective  $R$ -modules. If there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $Z_i G$  is Ding injective in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $i \geq k$ , then  $G$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow Z_i G \longrightarrow G_i \longrightarrow B_{i-1} G \longrightarrow 0$$

that each  $B_{i-1} G$  is also Ding injective in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for  $i \geq k$  since  $G_i$  and  $Z_i G$  are Ding injective and the subcategory of Ding injective  $R$ -modules is injectively resolving ([23, Theorem 2.8]). If we put

$$\tau_{\leq n} G =: \cdots \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow B_n G \longrightarrow G_n \xrightarrow{d_n} G_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} \cdots,$$



then there is a projective system of complexes  $\{(\tau_{\leq n}G, \phi_{mn}) | k \leq n < m\}$  such that each chain map

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} \tau_{\leq n+1}G =: & \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & B_{n+1}G & \longrightarrow & G_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & G_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & G_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} & \cdots \\ \phi_{(n+1)n} \downarrow & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \tau_{\leq n}G =: & \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & B_nG & \longrightarrow & G_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & G_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} & \cdots \end{array}$$

is surjective and each

$$\text{Ker}(\phi_{(n+1)n}) =: \cdots \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow B_{n+1}G \longrightarrow Z_{n+1}G \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

is easily seen Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$  for  $n > k$  by Lemma 3.3. It is easy to see that  $G = \varprojlim \tau_{\leq n}G$ . If  $J$  is an FP-injective complex, then  $\text{Hom}_R(J, \varprojlim \tau_{\leq n}G) \cong \varprojlim \text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq n}G)$ . Note that each chain complex of abelian groups  $\text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq n}G)$  is acyclic since  $\tau_{\leq n}G$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ . Now applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(J, -)$  to each sequence of complexes

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ker}(\phi_{(n+1)n}) \longrightarrow \tau_{\leq n+1}G \xrightarrow{\phi_{(n+1)n}} \tau_{\leq n}G \longrightarrow 0,$$

we then get the projective system

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq k+2}G) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq k+1}G) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq k}G)$$

with each chain map  $\text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq n+1}G) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq n}G)$  is surjective. This implies that  $\varprojlim \text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq n}G)$  is acyclic. It follows from Lemma 2.1 that any chain map  $J \rightarrow G$  is null-homotopic. Now we get by [24, Theorem 3.20] that  $G$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ .  $\square$

#### 4. APPLICATIONS TO SPECIAL RINGS

It was shown recently by Gillespie in [16] that Ding injective complexes are precisely the complexes  $X$  for which all terms  $X_m$  are Ding injective  $R$ -modules whenever  $R$  is a Ding-Chen ring (that is,  $R$  is both left and right coherent, and has both left and right self FP-injective dimensions at most  $n$  for some non-negative integer  $n$ ). In this section we will extend the result to left coherent rings.

We recall the purity in the sense of Cohn ([3]). The reader is also referred to the monographs by Enochs-Jenda ([11]) for an elementary description. A short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  in  $R\text{-Mod}$  is *pure* if for each finitely presented module  $F$ , the sequence of abelian groups

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(F, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(F, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(F, C) \rightarrow 0$$

is also exact. An acyclic chain complex

$$\cdots \longrightarrow X_{i+1} \xrightarrow{d_{i+1}} X_i \xrightarrow{d_i} X_{i-1} \longrightarrow \cdots$$

is pure if all the induced short exact sequences

$$0 \longrightarrow Z_{i+1}X \longrightarrow X_i \longrightarrow Z_iX \longrightarrow 0$$

of  $R$ -modules are pure.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $R$  be a left coherent ring and  $G \in \text{Ch}(R)$  a chain complex. Then  $G$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$  if and only if each term  $G_m$  is Ding injective in  $R\text{-Mod}$ .*

*Proof.* The necessity follows directly from [24, Theorem 3.20] for any ring  $R$ . For the sufficiency, by Theorem 3.4 we need only to show that any chain complex  $I$  of injective modules is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ . Now let  $J$  be any FP-injective chain complex. It is easy to see that  $J$  is pure acyclic. Then it follows from [20, Proposition 6.11] that  $\text{Ext}^1(J, \Sigma^m I) = 0$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  since  $R$  is left coherent, and so  $\text{Ext}_{dw}^1(J, \Sigma^{-1}I) \cong \text{H}_0 \text{Hom}_R(J, I) = \text{Hom}_{K(R)}(J, I)$  is trivial. This implies that any chain map  $f : J \rightarrow I$  is null homotopic. Thus  $I$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$  by [24, Theorem 3.20], as desired.  $\square$

Let  $M$  be a chain complex. Recall that the *flat dimension* of  $M$  is defined as

$$\text{fd}(M) = \inf\{n \mid \text{there exists an exact sequence}$$

$$0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow F_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \text{ with each } F_i \text{ flat } \}.$$

If no such  $n$  exists, set  $\text{fd}(M) = \infty$ . In fact,  $\text{fd}(M) \leq n$  in  $\text{Ch}(R)$  if and only if  $M$  is acyclic, and  $\text{fd}_R(Z_i M) \leq n$  in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  ([13, Lemma 5.4.1]). The *FP-injective dimension* of  $M$ , denoted by  $\text{FP-id}(M)$ , is defined dually. According to [21, Theorem 2.26], we have  $\text{FP-id}(M) \leq n$  in  $\text{Ch}(R)$  if and only if  $M$  is acyclic, and  $\text{FP-id}_R(Z_i M) \leq n$  in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  provided that  $R$  is left coherent.

The following result is of special interest when one compares with [1, Proposition 3.4], which says that if  $R$  is a ring with left global dimension  $\text{gldim } R < \infty$ , then any chain complex of  $R$ -modules with all terms projective (resp., injective) is DG-projective (resp., DG-injective).

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $R$  be a ring with left weak global dimension  $\text{WD}(R) < \infty$ .*

- (1) *Any chain complex of  $R$ -modules with all terms projective is DG-projective;*
- (2) *If  $R$  is left coherent, then any chain complex of  $R$ -modules with all terms injective is DG-injective.*

*Proof.* (1) Since projective modules are Ding projective, we would prove a more general result that the hom-complex  $\text{Hom}_R(G, E)$  is acyclic for any chain complex  $G$  with all terms  $G_m$  Ding projective in  $R\text{-Mod}$  and any acyclic complex  $E$ . Let  $G$  and  $E$  be such two chain complex as above. Then, by [25, Theorem 3.8], we follow that  $G$  is Ding projective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ , and this holds for any ring  $R$ . But  $E$  has finite flat dimension because  $\text{WD}(R) < \infty$ , that is, there exists an exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \longrightarrow F_n \longrightarrow F_{n-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow F_0 \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow 0$$

with each  $F_i$  flat in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ . Note that the abelian group  $\text{Ext}^1(G_m, K) = 0$  for any module  $K$  with  $\text{fd}_R(K) < \infty$ . Now applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(G, -)$  to the above sequence, one will get an exact sequence of chain complexes

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(G, F_n) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(G, F_{n-1}) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(G, F_0) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(G, E) \rightarrow 0.$$

Since each chain complex of abelian groups  $\text{Hom}_R(G, F_i)$  is acyclic ([24, Theorem 3.7]), we see easily that  $\text{Hom}_R(G, E)$  is acyclic, as desired.

(2) Under the assumption, we follow from [5, Theorem 3.8] and [19, Proposition 3.5] that  $\text{FP-id}(E) \leq \text{WD}(R)$  for any acyclic complex  $E$ . Now the proof is dual to that of (1).  $\square$

We recall that an  $R$ -module  $C$  is called a *cotorsion* module ([17, 22]) provided that  $\text{Ext}_R^1(F, C) = 0$  for any flat  $R$ -module  $F$ . It is shown recently by Bazzoni,

Izurdiaga, and Estrada in [2, Theorem 4.1] that each boundary module of an acyclic complex of cotorsion  $R$ -modules is always a cotorsion module. We get easily that every acyclic complex of injective  $R$ -modules has cotorsion cycles. This was also shown by Šťovíček [20, Corollary 5.9]. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is *pure injective* ([17, 22]) provided that any pure short exact sequence remains exact after applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(-, M)$ . For the next proposition we recall that a ring  $R$  is called a *Xu ring* ([8, 12]) provided that every cotorsion  $R$ -module is pure injective.

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $R$  be a Xu ring. A chain complex  $G$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$  if and only if each term  $G_m$  is Ding injective in  $R\text{-Mod}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a Ding injective complex. Again, by [24, Theorem 3.20], we get that every module  $G_m$  is Ding injective, and this holds for any ring  $R$ . Conversely, let us assume that  $G_m$  is Ding injective in  $R\text{-Mod}$ , for each  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By Theorem 3.4 we need only to show that any acyclic complex  $I$  of injective modules is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$ . Now let  $J$  be any FP-injective chain complex. Then it is easy to see that  $J$  is in fact pure acyclic. If we put

$$\tau_{\leq n}I =: \cdots \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow B_n I \longrightarrow I_n \xrightarrow{d_n} I_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} \cdots,$$

then there is a projective system of complexes  $\{(\tau_{\leq n}I, \phi_{mn}) \mid k \leq n < m\}$  with each  $\phi_{mn}$  surjective. Note that each chain complex

$$\text{Ker}(\phi_{(n+1)n}) =: \cdots \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow B_{n+1}I \xrightarrow{=} Z_{n+1}I \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

has all terms pure injective, and the chain complex  $\text{Hom}_R(J, \text{Ker}(\phi_{(n+1)n}))$  of abelian groups is clearly acyclic. Now applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(J, -)$  to each short exact sequence of chain complexes

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ker}(\phi_{(n+1)n}) \longrightarrow \tau_{\leq n+1}I \xrightarrow{\phi_{(n+1)n}} \tau_{\leq n}I \longrightarrow 0,$$

we then get the projective system

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq 2}I) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq 1}I) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq 0}I)$$

with each chain map  $\text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq n+1}I) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq n}I)$  surjective and each chain complex of abelian groups  $\text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq n}I)$  acyclic by the dual result of [7, Lemma 2.3]. This implies clearly that

$$\varprojlim \text{Hom}_R(J, \tau_{\leq n}I) \cong \text{Hom}_R(J, \varprojlim \tau_{\leq n}I) = \text{Hom}_R(J, I)$$

is acyclic. Thus we get easily that  $I$  is Ding injective in  $\text{Ch}(R)$  by [24, Theorem 3.20], as desired.  $\square$

**Remark 4.4.** A cotorsion  $R$ -module is not in general pure injective. For instance cotorsion  $R$ -modules are always closed under extensions. But this is not the case for pure-injective  $R$ -modules. In fact, it was proven [22, Theorem 3.5.1] that every cotorsion  $R$ -module is pure-injective (Xu rings) if and only if the class of pure injective  $R$ -modules is closed under extensions. The reader is also referred to [8] for characterizations of Xu rings and to [4] for examples of commutative Xu rings.

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