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## On Modules with Trivial Self-Extensions

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Throughout this note, all rings will be self-basic connected artin algebras over a fixed commutative local artin ring k and all modules will be finitely generated. Homomorphisms will be written on the opposite side of the scalars. By mod-A (resp. A-mod), we denote the category of all right (resp. left) A-modules for an artin algebra A. The ordinary duality functor is denoted by D: mod-A  $\rightleftharpoons$  A-mod, i.e.,  $D = \text{Hom}_k(?, I)$  with the minimal injective cogenerator I over k.

We are interested in the bimodules  ${}_{B}T_{A}$  with the following properties:

- (A1)  $B = \operatorname{End}(T_A)$  and  $\operatorname{End}(_B T) = A$ ,
- (A2)  $\operatorname{Ext}_{B}^{i}(T, T) = 0 = \operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{i}(T, T)$  for all integers  $i \ge 1$ .

It is well known that a tilting module  $T_A$  with  $B = \text{End}(T_A)$  has the above properties. Another example of such a module appears in the study of generalized Nakayama conjecture: Let

$$0 \to A \to I_0 \to I_1 \to I_2 \to \cdots$$

be the minimal injective resolution of the module  $A_A$ . Let  $T_A$  be the direct sum of all representatives of indecomposable injective A-modules which appear in the above resolution as direct summands of some term and put  $B = \text{End}(T_A)$ . Then the bimodule  ${}_BT_A$  has the properties. This fact was already used by Tachikawa [3] in the study of Nakayama's conjecture.

By  $n(X_A)$  we denote the number of nonisomorphic indecomposable direct summands of a module  $X_A$ .

For a tilting module  $T_A$  with  $B = \text{End}(T_A)$ , it is proved by Happel and Ringel [2] that  $_B T$  becomes again a tilting module and  $n(_B T) = n(T_A)$ .

Auslander and Reiten [1] conjectured that the injective module  $T_A$ 

defined as the second example above is, in fact, an injective cogenerator. They called it the generalized Nakayama conjecture. It is obvious that the validity of their conjecture follows from the conditions  $id(_B T) = id(T_A)$  or  $n(_B T) = n(T_A)$ .

Therefore, it is natural to consider the following problems on the bimodule  ${}_{B}T_{A}$  which has the properties (A1) and (A2):

Problem 1.  $pd(_BT) = pd(T_A)$ ?  $(id(_BT) = id(T_A)$ ?) Problem 2.  $n(_BT) = n(T_A)$ ?

In this note, we consider the above problems and prove the following

THEOREM. (1) If 
$$pd(_BT)$$
,  $pd(T_A) < \infty$  then  $pd(_BT) = pd(T_A)$ .

(2) If  $(_BT)$ ,  $\operatorname{id}(T_A) < \infty$  then  $\operatorname{id}(_BT) = \operatorname{id}(T_A)$ .

(3) If  $pd(_BT)$ ,  $pd(T_A) < \infty$  or  $id(_BT)$ ,  $id(T_A) < \infty$  then  $n(_BT) = n(T_A)$ .

We start by characterizing the one-sided module  $T_A$  for which the bimodule  ${}_BT_A$  with  $B = \text{End}(T_A)$  has the properties (A1) and (A2).

**PROPOSITION 1.** Let  $T_A$  be a module with  $B = \text{End}(T_A)$  and  $X_A$  another module. Assume that there is an infinite exact sequence

$$0 \to X \to T_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} T_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} T_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} \cdots$$

such that  $T_k \in \text{add}(T_A)$  and  $\text{Ext}_A^1(\text{Ker } f_{k+1}, T) = 0$  for any  $k \ge 0$ . Then the canonical morphism  $d_X: X_A \to \text{Hom}_B(\text{Hom}_A(X, T), T)_A$  is an isomorphism and further  $\text{Ext}_B^i(\text{Hom}_A(X, T), T) = 0$  for any  $i \ge 1$ .

*Proof.* We denote the contravariant functors  $\text{Hom}(?, {}_{B}T_{A})$  and  $\text{Ext}^{i}(?, {}_{B}T_{A})$  by  $F = F_{0}$  and  $F_{i}$ , respectively. From the short exact sequences

$$0 \to \operatorname{Ker} f_k \to T_k \to \operatorname{Ker} f_{k+1} \to 0 \qquad (k \ge 0, \operatorname{Ker} f_0 = X),$$

we have the following exact sequences

$$0 \to F(\operatorname{Ker} f_{k+1}) \to F(T_k) \to F(\operatorname{Ker} f_k) \to F_1(\operatorname{Ker} f_{k+1}) = 0.$$

Hence we obtain a projective resolution of the left B-module F(X),

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{F(f_2)} F(T_2) \xrightarrow{F(f_1)} F(T_1) \xrightarrow{F(f_0)} F(T_0) \to F(X) \to 0,$$

where Cok  $F(f_k) = F(\text{Ker } f_k)$  for each  $k \ge 0$ .

Now consider the following commutative diagrams with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 \to & \operatorname{Ker} f_k & \to & T_k & \to & \operatorname{Ker} f_{k+1} & \to 0 \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ d_{\operatorname{Ker} f_k} & & & & \\ 0 \to & F^2(\operatorname{Ker} f_k) \to & F^2(T_k) \to & F^2(\operatorname{Ker} f_{k+1}) \to F_1F(\operatorname{Ker} f_k) \to 0. \end{array}$$

Since Ker  $f_k$  are cogenerated by  $T_k$ , all the maps  $d_{\text{Ker } f_k}$  are monomorphisms and all the maps  $d_{T_k}$  are isomorphisms by our assumption. Then, by the snake lemma, we know that all the maps  $d_{\text{Ker } f_k}$  are isomorphisms and  $F_iF(X) \cong F_1F(\text{Ker } f_{i-1}) = 0$  for all  $i \ge 1$ .

This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 2. Let  $B = \text{End}(T_A)$  and assume that there is an infinite exact sequence

$$0 \to A \to T_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} T_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} T_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} \cdots$$

such that  $T_k \in \text{add}(T_A)$  and  $\text{Ext}^1_A(\text{Ker } f_k, T) = 0$  for all  $k \ge 0$ . Then the bimodule  ${}_BT_A$  has the property (A1) and satisfies the condition  $\text{Ext}^i_B(T, T) = 0$  for all  $i \ge 1$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.** Assume that the bimodule  ${}_{B}T_{A}$  has the property (A1) and satisfies the condition  $\operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{1}(T, T) = 0$ . Suppose that a module  ${}_{B}Y$  is *T*-reflexive (i.e.,  $Y \cong F^{2}(Y)$ ) and satisfies the condition  $\operatorname{Ext}_{B}^{i}(Y, T) = 0$  for all  $i \ge 1$ . Then there is an infinite exact sequence

$$0 \to F(Y)_A \to T_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} T_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} T_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} \cdots,$$

such that  $T_k \in \operatorname{add}(T_A)$  and  $\operatorname{Ext}^1_A(\operatorname{Ker} f_{k+1}, T) = 0$  for all  $k \ge 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\dots \to {}^{g_2}P_2 \to {}^{g_1}P_1 \to {}^{g_0}P_0 \to Y \to 0$  be a projective resolution of the left *B*-module *Y*. From the exact sequences

 $0 \to \operatorname{Cok} g_{k+1} \to P_k \to \operatorname{Cok} g_k \to 0 \qquad (k \ge 0, \operatorname{Cok} g_0 = Y),$ 

we have the sequences

$$0 \to F(\operatorname{Cok} g_k) \to F(P_k) \to F(\operatorname{Cok} g_{k+1}) \to F_1(\operatorname{Cok} g_k) \cong F_{k+1}(Y) = 0$$

Hence we obtain an infinite exact sequence

$$0 \to F(Y) \to F(P_0) \xrightarrow{F(g_0)} F(P_1) \xrightarrow{F(g_1)} F(P_2) \xrightarrow{F(g_2)} \cdots,$$

where Ker  $F(g_k) = F(\operatorname{Cok} g_k)$  and  $F(P_k) \in \operatorname{add}(T_A)$  for all  $k \ge 0$ .

We have to prove  $F_1F(\operatorname{Cok} g_k) = 0$  for each  $k \ge 1$ . By the condition  $\operatorname{Ext}_A^1(T, T) = 0$ , we have the following commutative diagrams with exact rows:

From those diagrams, by using the snake lemma, we see that Ker  $d_{\operatorname{Cok} g_{k+1}} = 0$ , Cok  $d_{\operatorname{Cok} g_{k+1}} \cong$  Ker  $d_{\operatorname{Cok} g_k}$  and Cok  $d_{\operatorname{Cok} g_k} \cong F_1 F(\operatorname{Cok} g_{k+1})$  for each  $k \ge 0$ . For k = 0, by our assumption, the map  $d_{\operatorname{Cok} g_k}$  is an isomorphism. Therefore, by induction on k, we know that all the maps  $d_{\operatorname{Cok} g_k}$  are isomorphisms and  $F_1 F(\operatorname{Cok} g_{k+1}) \cong \operatorname{Cok} d_{\operatorname{Cok} g_k} = 0$ .

This finishes the proof.

COROLLARY 4. Assume that the bimodule  ${}_{B}T_{A}$  has the property (A1) and satisfies the conditions  $\operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{i}(T, T) = 0$  and  $\operatorname{Ext}_{B}^{i}(T, T) = 0$  for any  $i \ge 1$ . Then there is an infinite exact sequence

$$0 \to A \to T_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} T_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} T_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} \cdots$$

such that  $T_k \in \text{add}(T_A)$  and  $\text{Ext}^1_A(\text{Ker } f_k, T) = 0$  for any  $k \ge 0$ .

Combining Corollary 2 with Corollary 4, we get a characterization of bimodules  ${}_{B}T_{A}$  possessing the properties (A1) and (A2).

**PROPOSITION 5.** For a module  $T_A$  with  $B = \text{End}(T_A)$ , the following two assertions are equivalent:

- (1)  $_{B}T_{A}$  has the properties (A1) and (A2).
- (2) (i)  $\operatorname{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^{i}(T, T) = 0$  for any  $i \ge 1$ ;
  - (ii) there is an infinite exact sequence

$$0 \to A \to T_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} T_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} T_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} \cdots$$

such that  $T_k \in \operatorname{add}(T_A)$  and  $\operatorname{Ext}^1_A(\operatorname{Ker} f_k, T) = 0$  for any  $k \ge 0$ .

From now on, we assume that the bimodule  ${}_{B}T_{A}$  has the properties (A1) and (A2).

We call an exact sequence  $0 \to X \to T_0 \to f_0 T_1 \to f_1 T_2 \to f_2 \cdots$ , a *T*-sequence of  $X_A$  if  $T_k \in \text{add}(T_A)$  and  $\text{Ext}^1_A(\text{Ker } f_{k+1}, T) = 0$  for any

 $k \ge 0$ . Further, we define for a module  $X_A$  which has a *T*-sequence its *T*-dimension, T-dim $(X_A)$ , to be the natural number or the symbol  $\infty$ :

inf $\{n | \text{There is a } T\text{-sequence of } X \text{ such that } T_n \neq 0 \text{ and } T_k = 0 \text{ for any } k \ge n+1 \}.$ 

By the proofs of Proposition 1 and Proposition 3, we know that there is a bijection between the set of all projective resolutions of  ${}_{B}F(X)$  and the set of all *T*-sequences of  $X_{A}$ . By this bijection, we have

COROLLARY 6. The equalities  $T-\dim(X_A) = pd(_BF(X))$  and  $pd(F(Y)_A) = T-\dim(_BY)$  hold for any modules  $X_A$  and  $_BY$  which have their T-sequences.

By using this corollary, we can prove the statements (1) and (2) in the theorem.

PROPOSITION 7. (1)  $pd(_BT)$ ,  $pd(T_A) < \infty \Rightarrow pd(_BT) = pd(T_A)$ .

(2)  $\operatorname{id}(_{B}T), \operatorname{id}(T_{A}) < \infty \Rightarrow \operatorname{id}(_{B}T) = \operatorname{id}(T_{A}).$ 

*Proof.* (1) By the above corollary, we may assume  $pd(T_A) \leq pd(_B T)$ . Suppose that  $pd(T_A) = n$ ,  $pd(_B T) = T \cdot \dim(A_A) = n + m$  and  $m \geq 1$ . Let

 $0 \to A \to T_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} T_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} \cdots \longrightarrow T_{n+m-1} \xrightarrow{f_{n+m-1}} T_{n+m} \to 0$ 

be a T-sequence of  $A_A$ . From the exact sequences  $0 \to \text{Ker } f_k \to T_k \to \text{Ker } f_{k+1} \to 0$   $(0 \le k \le n+m-1)$ , we have  $\text{Ext}_A^i(T, \text{Ker } f_{k+1}) \cong \text{Ext}_A^{i+1}(T, \text{Ker } f_k)$  for any  $i \ge 1$ . Therefore, we have the isomorphisms

$$0 = \operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{n+1}(T, \operatorname{Ker} f_{m-1}) \cong \operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{n}(T, \operatorname{Ker} f_{m})$$
$$\cong \cdots \cong \operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{1}(T, \operatorname{Ker} f_{n+m-1}).$$

 $\operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{1}(T, \operatorname{Ker} f_{n+m-1}) = 0$  implies that the short exact sequence

$$0 \to \operatorname{Ker} f_{n+m-1} \to T_{n+m-1} \to T_{n+m} \to 0$$

is splitting. Obviously, this contradicts T-dim $(A_A) = n + m$ .

The assertion (2) is now obvious, since  ${}_{B}T_{A}$  has the properties (A1) and (A2) if and only if so does the dual bimodule  ${}_{A}DT_{B}$ .

In order to prove Proposition 9, we need the following.

LEMMA 8. Consider the commutative diagram with exact rows:

Denote by  $K_i$ ,  $C_i$ , and  $I_i$  the modules Ker  $f_i$ , Cok  $f_i$ , and Im  $f_i$ , respectively. Then the isomorphisms

$$H(K_3 \to K_4 \to K_5) \cong H(I_2 \to I_3 \to I_4) \cong H(C_1 \to C_2 \to C_3)$$

hold, where  $H(X \to {}^{f} Y \to {}^{g} Z)$  denotes the homology group (Ker g)/(Im f) for a sequence  $X \to {}^{f} Y \to {}^{g} Z$  with gf = 0.

Proof. An exercise in homological algebra.

**PROPOSITION 9.** Let  $0 \to X_1 \to {}^{u}P_0 \to {}^{p}X_A \to 0$  be an exact sequence with  $P_0$  projective. Put  $X^* = \operatorname{Cok} F(p)$ . Denote by v the inclusion map  $X^* \to F(X_1)$  and by q the projection map  $F(X_1) \to F_1(X)$ . By using these notations, the following statements hold:

- (1)  $F_{i+1}(X^*) \cong F_i F(X)$  for any  $i \ge 1$ .
- (2)  $F_1(X^*) \cong \operatorname{Cok} d_X$ .
- (3) The following infinite sequence is exact:

$$0 \to FF_1(X) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{Cok} d_{X_1} \cdot F(q)} \operatorname{Cok} d_{X_1} \to \operatorname{Ker} d_X$$
$$\to F_1F_1(X) \xrightarrow{F_1(q)} F_1F(X_1) \xrightarrow{F_1(v)} F_1(X^*)$$
$$\to F_2F_1(X) \xrightarrow{F_2(q)} F_2F(X_1) \xrightarrow{F_2(v)} F_2(X^*)$$
$$\to \cdots$$

*Proof.* From the exact sequence  $0 \to F(X) \to F(P_0) \to X^* \to 0$ , we have  $0 \to F(X^*) \to F^2(P_0) \to F^{2(p)} F^2(X) \to F_1(X^*) \to 0$  and  $F_{i+1}(X^*) \cong F_iF(X)$  for any  $i \ge 1$ . Consider the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

By the snake lemma, we see that Cok  $d_X \cong F_1(X^*)$ ,  $\operatorname{Ker}(F(v) \cdot d_{X_1}) = 0$  and  $\operatorname{Cok}(F(v) \cdot d_{X_1}) \cong \operatorname{Ker} d_X$ .

From the exact sequence  $0 \to X^* \to {}^v F(X_1) \to {}^q F_1(X) \to 0$ , we have the long exact sequence

$$0 \to FF_1(X) \xrightarrow{F(q)} F^2(X_1) \xrightarrow{F(v)} F(X^*) \to F_1^2(X) \xrightarrow{F_1(q)} F_1F(X_1)$$
$$\xrightarrow{F_1(v)} F_1(X^*) \to \cdots.$$

Next consider the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

where the map m is the canonical one induced from the commutativity of the left-hand square. Applying the previous lemma to the above diagram, we have the isomorphisms

$$\operatorname{Ker} m \cong H(0 \to \operatorname{Ker} m \to 0) \cong H(FF_1(X) \to \operatorname{Cok} d_{X_1} \to 0)$$

and

$$0 \cong H(\operatorname{Ker} d_{X_1} \to 0 \to \operatorname{Ker} m) \cong H(0 \to FF_1(X) \to \operatorname{Cok} d_{X_1}).$$

Those isomorphisms imply the exactness of the sequence:

$$0 \to FF_1(X) \to \operatorname{Cok} d_{X_1} \to \operatorname{Ker} m \to 0.$$

It is easy to see that Im(m) is isomorphic to  $Im(F(X^*) \rightarrow F_1^2(X))$ . Hence we have the desired long exact sequence. This completes the proof.

Using the long exact sequence in the above proposition, we can prove statement (3) in the theorem.

THEOREM 10. Assume  $id(_BT)$ ,  $id(T_A) < \infty$ . Then, for any module X, the following equality holds:

$$\dim X = \sum_{i,j \ge 0} (-1)^{i+j} \dim F_i F_j(X) \qquad (F_0 = F);$$

that is,  $K_0(A) \cong K_0(B)$  by the correspondence: dim  $X \mapsto \sum_{i \ge 0} (-1)^i$ dim  $F_i(X)$ . Here,  $K_0(A)$  and  $K_0(B)$  stand for the Grothendieck groups of A and B, respectively.

*Proof.* Let 
$$\dots \to {}^{g_2}P_2 \to {}^{g_1}P_1 \to {}^{g_0}P_0 \to X \to 0$$
 be a projective

resolution of X. Put  $X_k = \operatorname{Cok} g_k$   $(k \ge 0)$ . Then, by the previous proposition, we have

$$0 \to FF_1(X) \to \operatorname{Cok} d_{X_1} \to \operatorname{Ker} d_X$$
  

$$\to F_1F_1(X) \to F_1F(X_1) \to \operatorname{Cok} d_X \to F_2F_1(X)$$
  

$$\to F_2F(X_1) \to F_1F(X) \to F_3F_1(X)$$
  

$$\to F_3F(X_1) \to F_2F(X) \to \cdots.$$
(E<sub>0</sub>)

and, for any  $i \ge 1$ ,

$$\operatorname{Ker} d_{X_i} = 0, \qquad FF_1(X_i) \cong \operatorname{Cok} d_{X_{i+1}}$$

and

$$0 \to F_1 F_1(X_i) \to F_1 F(X_{i+1}) \to \operatorname{Cok} d_{X_i} \to F_2 F_1(X_i)$$
  
$$\to F_2 F(X_{i+1}) \to F_1 F(X_i) \to F_3 F_1(X_i) \to F_3 F(X_{i+1})$$
  
$$\to F_2 F(X_i) \to \cdots.$$
(E<sub>i</sub>)

Here it should be noted that  $F_1(X_i) \cong F_{i+1}(X)$  for any  $i \ge 1$ .

By our assumption, we can consider the sums

$$M_i = \sum_{k \ge 1} (-1)^{k+i} \operatorname{dim} F_k F_i(X) \quad \text{for} \quad i \ge 0,$$

and

$$N_j = \sum_{k \ge 1} (-1)^k \operatorname{dim} F_k F(X_j) \quad \text{for} \quad j \ge 1.$$

Then we have

$$M_0 + M_1 - \dim FF_1(X)$$
  
= dim Ker  $d_X$  - dim Cok  $d_X$  - dim Cok  $d_{X_1} - N_1$ ,  
 $M_2$  = dim Cok  $d_{X_1} + N_1 + N_2$ 

and

$$M_{i+1} + (-1)^i \dim FF_i(X) = (-1)^{i+1} (N_i + N_{i+1}),$$

from  $(E_0)$ ,  $(E_1)$ , and  $(E_i)$   $(i \ge 2)$ , respectively.

For a large number k, the terms  $M_k$ ,  $N_k$ , and dim  $FF_k(X)$  are all zero (for  $M_k$  and dim  $FF_k(X)$  this is obvious and for  $N_k$  it is proved as follows: We have the isomorphism  $F_iF(X_k) \cong F_{i+1}(X_k^*)$  and we may assume  $F_1(X_k) \cong F_{k+1}(X) = 0$ ; therefore, by definition,  $X_k^* \cong F(X_{k+1})$  and  $F_{i+1}(X_k^*) \cong F_{i+1}F(X_{k+1}) \cong F_{i+2}(X_{k+2}^*)$ . Thus we have the isomorphisms

$$F_i F(X_k) \cong F_{i+1} F(X_{k+1}) \cong \cdots \cong F_{i+r} F(X_{k+r}) \cong F_{i+r+1}(X_{k+r}^*) = 0$$

for some  $r \ge k - (i + 1)$ ). Hence, we get the equalities

$$\left(\sum_{i\geq 0} M_i\right) + \left(\sum_{i\geq 1} (-1)^i \dim FF_i(X)\right) = \dim \operatorname{Ker} d_X - \dim \operatorname{Cok} d_X$$
$$= \dim X - \dim F^2(X)$$

and

$$\dim X = \sum_{i,j \ge 0} (-1)^{i+j} \dim F_i F_j(X).$$

This completes the proof.

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