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# An Auslander-type result for Gorenstein-projective modules <sup>☆</sup>

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## Abstract

An artin algebra  $A$  is said to be CM-finite if there are only finitely many, up to isomorphisms, indecomposable finitely generated Gorenstein-projective  $A$ -modules. We prove that for a Gorenstein artin algebra, it is CM-finite if and only if every its Gorenstein-projective module is a direct sum of finitely generated Gorenstein-projective modules. This is an analogue of Auslander's theorem on algebras of finite representation type [M. Auslander, A functorial approach to representation theory, in: Representations of Algebras, Workshop Notes of the Third Internat. Conference, in: Lecture Notes in Math., vol. 944, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 1982, pp. 105–179; M. Auslander, Representation theory of artin algebras II, Comm. Algebra (1974) 269–310].

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $A$  be an artin  $R$ -algebra, where  $R$  is a commutative artinian ring. Denote by  $A\text{-mod}$  (resp.  $A\text{-mod}$ ) the category of (resp. finitely generated) left  $A$ -modules. Denote by  $A\text{-Proj}$  (resp.  $A\text{-proj}$ ) the category of (resp. finitely generated) projective  $A$ -modules. Following [21], a chain complex  $P^\bullet$  of projective  $A$ -modules is defined to be *totally-acyclic*, if for every projective

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module  $Q \in A\text{-Proj}$  the Hom-complexes  $\text{Hom}_A(Q, P^\bullet)$  and  $\text{Hom}_A(P^\bullet, Q)$  are exact. A module  $M$  is said to be *Gorenstein-projective* if there exists a totally-acyclic complex  $P^\bullet$  such that the 0th cocycle  $Z^0(P^\bullet) = M$ . Denote by  $A\text{-GProj}$  the full subcategory of Gorenstein-projective modules. Similarly, we define finitely generated Gorenstein-projective modules by replacing all modules above by finitely generated ones, and we also get the category  $A\text{-Gproj}$  of finitely generated Gorenstein-projective modules [17]. It is known that  $A\text{-Gproj} = A\text{-GProj} \cap A\text{-mod}$  [14, Lemma 3.4]. Finitely generated Gorenstein-projective modules are also referred as maximal Cohen–Macaulay modules. These modules play a central role in the theory of singularity [10–12, 14] and of relative homological algebra [9,17].

An artin algebra  $A$  is said to be *CM-finite* if there are only finitely many, up to isomorphisms, indecomposable finitely generated Gorenstein-projective modules. Recall that an artin algebra  $A$  is said to be of *finite representation type* if there are only finitely many isomorphism classes of indecomposable finitely generated modules. Clearly, finite representation type implies CM-finite. The converse is not true, in general.

Let us recall the following famous result of Auslander [3,4] (see also Ringel–Tachikawa [27, Corollary 4.4]):

**Auslander’s theorem.** *An artin algebra  $A$  is of finite representation type if and only if every  $A$ -module is a direct sum of finitely generated modules, that is,  $A$  is left pure semisimple, see [31].*

Inspired by the theorem above, one may conjecture the following Auslander-type result for Gorenstein-projective modules: an artin algebra  $A$  is CM-finite if and only if every Gorenstein-projective  $A$ -module is a direct sum of finitely generated ones. However we can only prove this conjecture in a nice case.

Recall that an artin algebra  $A$  is said to be Gorenstein [19] if the regular module  $A$  has finite injective dimension both at the left and right sides. Our main result is

**Main theorem.** *Let  $A$  be a Gorenstein artin algebra. Then  $A$  is CM-finite if and only if every Gorenstein-projective  $A$ -module is a direct sum of finitely generated Gorenstein-projective modules.*

Note that our main result has a similar character to a result by Beligiannis [9, Proposition 11.23], and also note that similar concepts were introduced and then similar results and ideas were developed by Rump in a series of papers [28–30].

## 2. Proof of Main theorem

Before giving the proof, we recall some notions and known results.

2.1. Let  $A$  be an artin  $R$ -algebra. By a subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $A\text{-mod}$ , we mean a full additive subcategory which is closed under taking direct summands. Let  $M \in A\text{-mod}$ . We recall from [6,7] that a *right  $\mathcal{X}$ -approximation* of  $M$  is a morphism  $f: X \rightarrow M$  such that  $X \in \mathcal{X}$  and every morphism from an object in  $\mathcal{X}$  to  $M$  factors through  $f$ . The subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  is said to be *contravariantly-finite* in  $A\text{-mod}$  if each finitely generated modules has a right  $\mathcal{X}$ -approximation. Dually, one defines the notions of *left  $\mathcal{X}$ -approximations* and *covariantly-finite* subcategories. The subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  is said to be *functorially-finite* in  $A\text{-mod}$  if it is contravariantly-finite and

covariantly-finite. Recall that a morphism  $f : X \rightarrow M$  is said to be *right minimal*, if for each endomorphism  $h : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $f = f \circ h$ , then  $h$  is an isomorphism. A right  $\mathcal{X}$ -approximation  $f : X \rightarrow M$  is said to be a *right minimal  $\mathcal{X}$ -approximation* if it is right minimal. Note that if a right approximation exists, so does right minimal one; a right minimal approximation, if in existence, is unique up to isomorphisms. For details, see [6–8].

The following fact is known.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $A$  be an artin algebra. Then*

- (1) *The subcategory  $A\text{-Gproj}$  of  $A\text{-mod}$  is closed under taking direct summands, kernels of epimorphisms and extensions, and contains  $A\text{-proj}$ .*
- (2) *The category  $A\text{-Gproj}$  is a Frobenius exact category [22], whose relative projective-injective objects are precisely contained in  $A\text{-proj}$ . Thus the stable category  $A\text{-}\underline{\text{Gproj}}$  modulo projectives is a triangulated category.*
- (3) *Let  $A$  be Gorenstein. Then the subcategory  $A\text{-Gproj}$  of  $A\text{-mod}$  is functorially-finite.*
- (4) *Let  $A$  be Gorenstein. Denote by  $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^n$  a complete list of pairwise nonisomorphic simple  $A$ -modules. Denote by  $f_i : X_i \rightarrow S_i$  the right minimal  $A\text{-Gproj}$ -approximations. Then every finitely generated Gorenstein-projective module  $M$  is a direct summand of some module  $M'$ , such that there exists a finite chain of submodules  $0 = M_0 \subseteq M_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq M_{m-1} \subseteq M_m = M'$  with each subquotient  $M_j/M_{j-1}$  lying in  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$ .*

**Proof.** Note that  $A\text{-Gproj}$  is nothing but  $\mathcal{X}_\omega$  with  $\omega = A\text{-proj}$  in [6, Section 5]. Thus (1) follows from [6, Proposition 5.1], and (3) follows from [6, Corollary 5.10(1)] (just note that in this case, the regular module  ${}_A A$  is a cotilting module).

Since  $A\text{-Gproj}$  is closed under extensions, thus it becomes an exact category in the sense of [22]. The property of being Frobenius and the characterization of projective-injective objects follow directly from the definition, also see [14, Proposition 3.1(1)]. Thus by [18, Chapter 1, Section 2], the stable category  $A\text{-}\underline{\text{Gproj}}$  is triangulated.

By (1) and (3), we see that (4) is a special case of [6, Proposition 3.8].  $\square$

Let  $R$  be a commutative artinian ring as above. An additive category  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be  *$R$ -linear* if all its Hom-spaces are  $R$ -modules, and the composition maps are  $R$ -bilinear. An  $R$ -linear category is said to be *hom-finite*, if all its Hom-spaces are finitely generated  $R$ -modules. Recall that an  *$R$ -variety  $\mathcal{C}$*  means a hom-finite  $R$ -linear category which is skeletally-small and idempotent-split (that is, for each idempotent morphism  $e : X \rightarrow X$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , there exist  $u : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $v : Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $e = v \circ u$  and  $\text{Id}_Y = u \circ v$ ). It is well known that a skeletally-small  $R$ -linear category is an  $R$ -variety if and only if it is hom-finite and Krull–Schmidt (i.e., every object is a finite sum of indecomposable objects with local endomorphism rings). See [26, p. 52] or [16, Appendix A]. Then it follows that any factor category [8, p. 101] of an  $R$ -variety is still an  $R$ -variety.

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $R$ -variety. We will abbreviate the Hom-space  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$  as  $(X, Y)$ . Denote by  $(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, R\text{-Mod})$  (resp.  $(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, R\text{-mod})$ ) the category of contravariant  $R$ -linear functors from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $R\text{-Mod}$  (resp.  $R\text{-mod}$ ). Then  $(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, R\text{-Mod})$  is an abelian category and  $(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, R\text{-mod})$  is its abelian subcategory. Denote by  $(-, C)$  the representable functor for each  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ . A functor  $F$  is said to be *finitely generated* if there exists an epimorphism  $(-, C) \rightarrow F$  for some object  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ ;  $F$  is said to be *finitely presented (= coherent)* [2,4], if there exists an exact sequence of functors

$(-, C_1) \rightarrow (-, C_0) \rightarrow F \rightarrow 0$ . Denote by  $\mathbf{fp}(\mathcal{C})$  the subcategory of  $(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, R\text{-Mod})$  consisting of finitely presented functors. Clearly,  $\mathbf{fp}(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq (\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, R\text{-mod})$ . Recall the duality

$$D = \text{Hom}_R(-, E) : R\text{-mod} \rightarrow R\text{-mod},$$

where  $E$  is the injective hull of  $R/\text{rad}(R)$  as an  $R$ -module. Therefore, it induces duality  $D : (\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, R\text{-mod}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}, R\text{-mod})$  and  $D : (\mathcal{C}, R\text{-mod}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, R\text{-mod})$ . The  $R$ -variety  $\mathcal{C}$  is called a *dualizing  $R$ -variety* [5], if this duality preserves finitely presented functors.

The following observation is important.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $A$  be a Gorenstein artin  $R$ -algebra. Then the stable category  $A\text{-Gproj}$  is a dualizing  $R$ -variety.*

**Proof.** Since  $A\text{-Gproj} \subseteq A\text{-mod}$  is closed under taking direct summands, thus idempotent-split. Therefore, we infer that  $A\text{-Gproj}$  is an  $R$ -variety, and its stable category  $A\text{-Gproj}$  is also an  $R$ -variety. By Lemma 2.1(3), the subcategory  $A\text{-Gproj}$  is functorially-finite in  $A\text{-mod}$ , then by a result of Auslander and Smalø [7, Theorem 2.4(b)]  $A\text{-Gproj}$  has almost-split sequences, and thus these sequences induce Auslander–Reiten triangles in  $A\text{-Gproj}$  (let us remark that it is Happel [19, 4.7] who realized this fact for the first time). Hence the triangulated category  $A\text{-Gproj}$  has Auslander–Reiten triangles, and by a theorem of Reiten and Van den Bergh [25, Theorem I.2.4] we infer that  $A\text{-Gproj}$  has Serre duality. Now by [20, Proposition 2.11] (or [13, Corollary 2.6]), we deduce that  $A\text{-Gproj}$  is a dualizing  $R$ -variety. Let us remark that the last two cited results are given in the case where  $R$  is a field, however one just notes that the results can be extended to the case where  $R$  is a commutative artinian ring without any difficulty.  $\square$

For the next result, we recall more notions on functors over varieties. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $R$ -variety and let  $F \in (\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, R\text{-Mod})$  be a functor. Denote by  $\text{ind}(\mathcal{C})$  the complete set of pairwise nonisomorphic indecomposable objects in  $\mathcal{C}$ . The *support* of  $F$  is defined by  $\text{supp}(F) = \{C \in \text{ind}(\mathcal{C}) \mid F(C) \neq 0\}$ . The functor  $F$  is *simple* if it has no nonzero proper subfunctors, and  $F$  has *finite length* if it is a finite iterated extension of simple functors. Observe that  $F$  has finite length if and only if  $F$  lies in  $(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, R\text{-mod})$  and  $\text{supp}(F)$  is a finite set. The functor  $F$  is said to be *noetherian*, if its every subfunctor is finitely generated. It is a good exercise to show that a functor  $F$  is noetherian if and only if every ascending chain of subfunctors in  $F$  becomes stable after finite steps (one may use the fact: for a finitely generated functor  $F$  with an epimorphism  $(-, C) \rightarrow F$ , then for any subfunctor  $F'$  of  $F$ ,  $F' = F$  provided that  $F'(C) = F(C)$ ). Observe that a functor having finite length is necessarily noetherian by an argument on its total length (i.e.,  $l(F) = \sum_{C \in \text{ind}(\mathcal{C})} l_R(F(C))$ , where  $l_R$  denotes the length function on finitely generated  $R$ -modules).

The following result is essentially due to Auslander (compare [4, Proposition 3.10]).

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a dualizing  $R$ -variety,  $F \in (\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, R\text{-mod})$ . Then  $F$  has finite length if and only if  $F$  is finitely presented and noetherian.*

**Proof.** Recall from [5, Corollary 3.3] that for a dualizing  $R$ -variety, functors having finite length are finitely presented. So the “only if” follows.

For the “if” part, assume that  $F$  is finitely presented and noetherian. Since  $F$  is finitely presented, by [5, p. 324], we have the filtration of subfunctors

$$0 = \text{soc}_0(F) \subseteq \text{soc}_1(F) \subseteq \dots \subseteq \text{soc}_{i+1}(F) \subseteq \dots$$

where  $\text{soc}_1(F)$  is the socle of  $F$ , and in general  $\text{soc}_{i+1}$  is the preimage of the socle of  $F/\text{soc}_i(F)$  under the canonical epimorphism  $F \rightarrow F/\text{soc}_i(F)$ . Since  $F$  is noetherian, we get  $\text{soc}_{i_0} F = \text{soc}_{i_0+1}(F)$  for some  $i_0$ , and that is, the socle of  $F/\text{soc}_{i_0}(F)$  is zero. However, by the dual of [5, Proposition 3.5], we know that for each nonzero finitely presented functor  $F$ , the socle  $\text{soc}(F)$  is necessarily nonzero and finitely generated semisimple. In particular,  $\text{soc}(F)$  has finite length, and thus it is finitely presented. Note that  $\mathbf{fp}(C) \subseteq (C^{\text{op}}, R\text{-mod})$  is an abelian subcategory, and thus  $F/\text{soc}_1(F)$  is finitely presented. Applying the above argument to  $F/\text{soc}_1(F)$ , we obtain that  $\text{soc}_2(F)$ , as an extension between the socles of two finitely presented functors, has finite length. In general, one proves that  $F/\text{soc}_i(F)$  is finitely presented and  $\text{soc}_{i+1}(F)$  has finite length for all  $i$ . Hence  $\text{soc}(F/\text{soc}_{i_0}(F)) = 0$  will imply that  $F/\text{soc}_{i_0}(F) = 0$ , i.e.,  $F = \text{soc}_{i_0}(F)$ , which has finite length.  $\square$

Let us consider the category  $A\text{-GProj}$ . Similar to Lemma 2.1(1), (2), we recall that  $A\text{-GProj} \subseteq A\text{-Mod}$  is closed under taking direct summands, kernels of epimorphisms and extensions, and it is a Frobenius exact category with (relative) projective-injective objects precisely contained in  $A\text{-Proj}$ . Consider the stable category  $\underline{A\text{-GProj}}$ , which is also triangulated and has arbitrary coproducts. Recall that in an additive category  $\mathcal{T}$  with arbitrary coproducts, an object  $T$  is said to be *compact*, if the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(T, -)$  commutes with coproducts. Denote the full subcategory of compact objects by  $\mathcal{T}^c$ . If we assume further that  $\mathcal{T}$  is triangulated, then  $\mathcal{T}^c$  is a thick triangulated subcategory. We say that the triangulated category  $\mathcal{T}$  is *compactly generated* [23,24], if the subcategory  $\mathcal{T}^c$  is skeletally-small and for each object  $X$ ,  $X \simeq 0$  provided that  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(T, X) = 0$  for every compact object  $T$ .

Note that in our situation, we always have an inclusion  $A\text{-Gproj} \hookrightarrow \underline{A\text{-GProj}}$ , and in fact, we view it as  $A\text{-Gproj} \subseteq (\underline{A\text{-GProj}})^c$ . Next lemma, probably known to experts, states the converse in Gorenstein case. It is a special case of [14, Theorem 4.1] (compare [10, Theorem 6.6]). One may note that in the artin case, the category  $A\text{-Gproj}$  is idempotent-split.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $A$  be a Gorenstein artin algebra. Then the triangulated category  $\underline{A\text{-GProj}}$  is compactly generated and  $A\text{-Gproj} \subseteq (\underline{A\text{-GProj}})^c$  is dense (i.e., surjective up to isomorphisms).*

### 2.2. Proof of Main theorem

Assume that  $A$  is a Gorenstein artin  $R$ -algebra. Set  $\mathcal{C} = A\text{-Gproj}$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a dualizing  $R$ -variety. For a finitely generated Gorenstein-projective module  $M$ , we will denote by  $(-, M)$  the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, M)$ ; for an arbitrary module  $X$ , we denote by  $(-, X)|_{\mathcal{C}}$  the restriction of the functor  $\underline{\text{Hom}}_A(-, X)$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ .

For the “if” part, we assume that each Gorenstein-projective module is a direct sum of finitely generated ones. It suffices to show that the set  $\text{ind}(\mathcal{C})$  is finite. For this end, assume that  $M$  is a finitely generated Gorenstein-projective module. We claim that the functor  $(-, M)$  is noetherian. In fact, given a subfunctor  $F \subseteq (-, M)$ , first of all, we may find an epimorphism

$$\bigoplus_{i \in I} (-, M_i) \rightarrow F,$$

where each  $M_i \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $I$  is an index set. Compose this epimorphism with the inclusion of  $F$  into  $(-, M)$ , we get a morphism from  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} (-, M_i)$  to  $(-, M)$ . By the universal property of coproducts

and then by Yoneda’s lemma, we have, for each  $i$ , a morphism  $\theta_i : M_i \rightarrow M$ , such that  $F$  is the image of the morphism

$$\sum_{i \in I} (-, \theta_i) : \bigoplus_{i \in I} (-, M_i) \rightarrow (-, M).$$

Note that  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} (-, M_i) \simeq (-, \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i)|_{\mathcal{C}}$ , and the morphism above is also induced by the morphism  $\sum_{i \in I} \theta_i : \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i \rightarrow M$ . Form a triangle in  $A\text{-GProj}$

$$K[-1] \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i \xrightarrow{\sum_{i \in I} \theta_i} M \xrightarrow{\phi} K.$$

By assumption, we have a decomposition  $K = \bigoplus_{j \in J} K_j$  where each  $K_j$  is finitely generated Gorenstein-projective. Since the module  $M$  is finitely generated, we infer that  $\phi$  factors through a finite sum  $\bigoplus_{j \in J'} K_j$ , where  $J' \subseteq J$  is a finite subset. In other words,  $\phi$  is a direct sum of

$$M \xrightarrow{\phi'} \bigoplus_{j \in J'} K_j \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{j \in J \setminus J'} K_j.$$

By the additivity of triangles, we deduce that there exists a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i & \xrightarrow{\sum_{i \in I} \theta_i} & M \\ \downarrow & & \parallel \\ M' \oplus (\bigoplus_{j \in J \setminus J'} K_j)[-1] & \xrightarrow{(\theta', 0)} & M \end{array}$$

where the left side vertical map is an isomorphism, and  $M'$  and  $\theta'$  are given by the triangle  $(\bigoplus_{j \in J'} K_j)[-1] \rightarrow M' \xrightarrow{\theta'} M \xrightarrow{\phi} \bigoplus_{j \in J'} K_j$ . Note that  $M' \in \mathcal{C}$ , and by the above diagram we infer that  $F$  is the image of the morphism  $(-, \theta') : (-, M') \rightarrow (-, M)$ , and thus  $F$  is finitely generated. This proves the claim.

By the claim, and by Lemma 2.3, we deduce that for each  $M \in \mathcal{C}$ , the functor  $(-, M)$  has finite length, in particular,  $\text{supp}((-, M))$  is finite. Assume that  $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is a complete list of pairwise nonisomorphic simple  $A$ -modules. Denote by  $f_i : X_i \rightarrow S_i$  the right minimal  $A$ -Gproj-approximations. By Lemma 2.1(4), the module  $M$  is a direct summand of  $M'$  and we have a finite chain of submodules of  $M'$  with factors being among  $X_i$ ’s. Then it is not hard to see that  $\text{supp}((-, M)) \subseteq \text{supp}((-, M')) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n \text{supp}((-, X_i))$  for every  $M \in \mathcal{C}$ . Therefore we deduce that  $\text{ind}(\mathcal{C}) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \text{supp}((-, X_i))$ , which is finite.

For the “only if” part, assume that the Gorenstein artin algebra  $A$  is CM-finite. Then the set  $\text{ind}(\mathcal{C})$  is finite, say  $\text{ind}(\mathcal{C}) = \{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m\}$ . Set  $B = \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m G_i)^{\text{op}}$ . Then  $B$  is also an artin  $R$ -algebra. Note that for each  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ , the Hom-space  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m G_i, C)$  has a natural left  $B$ -module structure, moreover, it is a finitely generated projective  $B$ -module. In fact, we get an equivalence of categories

$$\Phi = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}} \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^m G_i, - \right) : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow B\text{-proj}.$$

Then the equivalence above naturally induces the following equivalences, still denoted by  $\Phi$ ,

$$\Phi : \mathbf{fp}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow B\text{-mod}, \quad \Phi : (\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, R\text{-Mod}) \rightarrow B\text{-Mod}.$$

In what follows, we will use these equivalences. By [24, p. 169] (or [13, Proposition 2.4]), we know that the category  $\mathbf{fp}(\mathcal{C})$  is a Frobenius category. Therefore, via  $\Phi$ , we get that  $B$  is a self-injective algebra. Therefore by [1, Theorem 31.9], we get that  $B\text{-Mod}$  is also a Frobenius category, and by [1, p. 319], every projective-injective  $B$ -module is of form  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m Q_i^{(I_i)}$ , where  $\{Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_m\}$  is a complete set of pairwise nonisomorphic indecomposable projective  $B$ -modules such that  $Q_i = \Phi(G_i)$ , and each  $I_i$  is some index set, and  $Q_i^{(I_i)}$  is the corresponding coproduct.

Take  $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$  to be a complete set of pairwise nonisomorphic indecomposable projective  $A$ -modules. Let  $G \in A\text{-GProj}$ . We will show that  $G$  is a direct sum of some copies of the modules  $G_i$  and  $P_j$ . Then we are done. Consider the functor  $(-, G)|_{\mathcal{C}}$ , which is cohomological, and thus by [13, Lemma 2.3] (or [24, p. 258]), we get  $\text{Ext}^1(F, (-, G)|_{\mathcal{C}}) = 0$  for each  $F \in \mathbf{fp}(\mathcal{C})$ , where the Ext group is taken in  $(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, R\text{-Mod})$ . Via  $\Phi$  and applying the Baer’s criterion, we get that  $(-, G)|_{\mathcal{C}}$  is an injective object, and thus by the above, we get an isomorphism of functors

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^m (-, G_i)^{(I_i)} \rightarrow (-, G)|_{\mathcal{C}},$$

where  $I_i$  are some index sets. As in the first part of the proof, we get a morphism  $\theta : \bigoplus_{i=1}^m G_i^{(I_i)} \rightarrow G$  such that it induces the isomorphism above. Form a triangle in  $A\text{-GProj}$

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^m G_i^{(I_i)} \xrightarrow{\theta} G \rightarrow X \rightarrow \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^m G_i^{(I_i)} \right) [1].$$

For each  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ , applying the cohomological functor  $\text{Hom}_{A\text{-GProj}}(C, -)$  and by the property of  $\theta$ , we obtain that

$$\text{Hom}_{A\text{-GProj}}(C, X) = 0, \quad \forall C \in \mathcal{C}.$$

By Lemma 2.4, the category  $A\text{-GProj}$  is generated by  $\mathcal{C}$ , and thus  $X \simeq 0$ , and hence  $\theta$  is an isomorphism in the stable category  $\underline{A\text{-GProj}}$ . Thus it is well known (say, by [15, Lemma 1.1]) that this will force an isomorphism in the module category

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^m G_i^{(I_i)} \oplus P \simeq G \oplus Q,$$

where  $P$  and  $Q$  are projective  $A$ -modules. Now by [1, p. 319], again,  $P$  is a direct sum of copies of the modules  $P_j$ . Hence the combination of Azumaya’s theorem and Crawlay–Jønsson–Warfield’s theorem [1, Corollary 26.6] applies in our situation, and thus we infer that  $G$  is isomorphic to a direct sum of copies of the modules  $G_i$  and  $P_j$ . This completes the proof.

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