

# Auslander-type Conditions and Weakly Gorenstein Algebras <sup>1</sup>

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## Abstract

Let  $R$  be an Artin algebra. Under certain Auslander-type conditions, we give some equivalent characterizations of (weakly) Gorenstein algebras in terms of the properties of Gorenstein projective modules and modules satisfying Auslander-type conditions. As applications, we provide some support for several homological conjectures. In particular, we prove that if  $R$  is left quasi Auslander, then  $R$  is Gorenstein if and only if it is (left and) right weakly Gorenstein; and that if  $R$  satisfies the Auslander condition, then  $R$  is Gorenstein if and only if it is left or right weakly Gorenstein. This is a reduction of an Auslander–Reiten’s conjecture, which states that  $R$  is Gorenstein if  $R$  satisfies the Auslander condition.

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## 1 Introduction

The fundamental theorem in [6] states that a commutative Noetherian ring  $R$  is a Gorenstein ring (that is, the self-injective dimension of  $R$  is finite) if and only if the flat dimension of the  $i$ -th term in a minimal injective coresolution of  $R$  as an  $R$ -module is at most  $i-1$  for any  $i \geq 1$ . In the non-commutative case, Auslander proved that this condition is left-right symmetric [9, Theorem 3.7]; in this case,  $R$  is said to satisfy the *Auslander condition*. Thus, the above result in [6] can be restated as follows: A commutative Noetherian ring satisfies the Auslander condition if and only if it is Gorenstein. Based on it, Auslander and Reiten [2] conjectured that an Artin algebra satisfying the Auslander condition is Gorenstein. We call this conjecture **ARC** for short. It is situated between the well known Nakayama conjecture and the generalized Nakayama conjecture [2, p.2]. All these conjectures remain still open.

As a generalization of the notion of the Auslander condition, Huang and Iyama [15] introduced the notion of Auslander-type conditions of rings as follows. For any  $m \geq 0$ , a left and right Noetherian ring is said to be  $G_\infty(m)$  if for any finitely generated left  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $i \geq 1$ , it holds that  $\text{Ext}_{R^{op}}^{0 \leq j \leq i-1}(X, R) = 0$  for any right  $R$ -submodule  $X$  of  $\text{Ext}_R^{i+m}(M, R)$ ; equivalently, if the flat dimension of the  $i$ -th term in a minimal injective coresolution of  $R_R$  is at most  $i+m-1$  for any  $i \geq 1$  ([15, p.99]). Auslander-type conditions are non-commutative analogs of commutative Gorenstein rings. Such conditions play a crucial role in homological algebra, representation theory of algebras and non-commutative algebraic geometry, see [2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 20, 23, 25] and references therein. Recently, we introduced modules satisfying Auslander-type condition  $G_\infty(m)$  for any  $m \geq 0$  [14], see Definition 2.3 below.

As a generalization of the notion Gorenstein algebras, Ringel and Zhang [22] introduced that of weakly Gorenstein algebras. Marczinzik [19] posed the following question: Is a left weakly

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Gorenstein Artin algebra also right weakly Gorenstein? For the sake of convenience, we state this question as the following conjecture.

**Weakly-Gorenstein Symmetry Conjecture (WGSC for short):** An Artin algebra is left weakly Gorenstein if and only if it is right weakly Gorenstein.

It is related to the following famous conjecture.

**Gorenstein Symmetry Conjecture (GSC for short)** states that the left and right self-injective dimensions of an Artin algebra coincide.

It was proved that **WGSC** implies **GSC** [22, p.33], and that **GSC** holds true for Artin algebras satisfying the Auslander condition [2, Corollary 5.5(b)]. We proved that an Artin algebra satisfying the Auslander condition is Gorenstein if and only if the subcategory of modules satisfying the Auslander condition is contravariantly finite [14, Theorem 5.8]. The aim of this paper is to give some equivalent characterizations of (weakly) Gorenstein algebras under certain Auslander-type conditions, and then provide some support for these conjectures mentioned above.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we give some terminology and some preliminary results. Let  $R$  be an arbitrary ring. We use  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)$  to denote the category of Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -modules. For any  $m \geq 0$ , we use  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq m}$  to denote the category of left  $R$ -modules with Gorenstein projective dimension at most  $m$ , and use  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  to denote the category of left  $R$ -modules being  $G_\infty(m)$ .

In Section 3,  $R$  is an arbitrary ring. We prove that any module in  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  is isomorphic to a kernel (resp. a cokernel) of a homomorphism from a module with finite flat dimension to certain syzygy module, and as a consequence we get that if a left  $R$ -module  $M$  satisfies the Auslander condition (that is,  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$ ), then  $M$  is an  $\infty$ -flat syzygy module, and the converse holds true if  ${}_R R$  satisfies the Auslander condition (Theorem 3.3). For any  $m, s \geq 0$ , we prove that  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R) = \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  if and only if  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq s} = \mathcal{G}_\infty(m+s)$  (Proposition 3.5). We also prove that if  $R$  is a Gorenstein ring, then any module in  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  has Gorenstein projective dimension at most  $m$  (Proposition 3.6).

In Section 4,  $R$  is an Artin algebra. We get some equivalent characterizations for  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  and  $R$  being Gorenstein as follows. When  $m = 0$ , it is the Gorenstein version of [14, Theorem 5.9].

**Theorem 1.1.** (Theorem 4.6) *Let  $m \geq 0$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  and  $R$  is Gorenstein.
- (2)  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  and the left self-injective dimension of  $R$  is finite.
- (3)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m) \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq m}$ .
- (4)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq s} \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m+s) \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq m+s}$  for any  $s \geq 0$ .
- (i)<sub>f</sub> The finitely generated version of (i) with  $i = 3, 4$ .

Under certain Auslander-type conditions, we get some equivalent characterizations of (weakly) Gorenstein algebras.

**Theorem 1.2.** (Theorem 4.9) *If  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  and  $R_R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m')^{op}$  with  $m, m' \geq 0$ , then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $R$  is Gorenstein.
- (2)  $R$  is left and right weakly Gorenstein.
- (3) The left self-injective dimension of  $R$  is finite.
- (4)  $R$  is left weakly Gorenstein.
- (5)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)$  coincides with the left orthogonal category of projective left  $R$ -modules.

(i)<sup>op</sup> The opposite version of (i) with  $3 \leq i \leq 5$ .

Furthermore, we consider algebras satisfying small Auslander-type conditions. We prove that if  $R$  is left quasi Auslander (that is,  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(1)$ ), then  $R$  is Gorenstein if and only if the left or right self-injective dimension of  $R$  is finite, and if and only if  $R$  is (left and) right weakly Gorenstein (Theorem 4.10). Moreover, we get some equivalent characterizations of Auslander-Gorenstein algebras (Theorem 4.11), which yields that if  $R$  satisfies the Auslander condition (that is,  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$ ), then  $R$  is Gorenstein if and only if  $R$  is left or right weakly Gorenstein.

Consequently, we conclude that

- (1) Over an Artin algebra  $R$  satisfying  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  and  $R_R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m')^{\text{op}}$  with  $m, m' \geq 0$ , both **WGSC** and **GSC** hold true.
- (2) Over a left quasi Auslander Artin algebra, **GSC** holds true, but we do not know whether **WGSC** holds true or not.
- (3) Assume that an Artin algebra  $R$  satisfies the Auslander condition. Then both **WGSC** and **GSC** hold true for  $R$ . Moreover,  $R$  is Gorenstein if and only if it is left or right weakly Gorenstein. This is a reduction of **ARC**, since Gorenstein algebras are left and right weakly Gorenstein, but the converse does not hold true in general [19, 21, 22].

## 2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, all rings are associative rings with unit and all modules are unital. For a ring  $R$ , we use  $\text{Mod } R$  to denote the category of left  $R$ -modules, and use  $\text{mod } R$  to denote the category of finitely generated left  $R$ -modules. For a module  $M \in \text{Mod } R$ , we use  $\text{pd}_R M$ ,  $\text{fd}_R M$  and  $\text{id}_R M$  to denote the projective, flat and injective dimensions of  $M$  respectively.

Let  $R$  be a ring. We write  $(-)^* = \text{Hom}(-, R)$ . Let  $M \in \text{Mod } R$  and let  $\sigma_M : M \rightarrow M^{**}$  via  $\sigma_M(x)(f) = f(x)$  for any  $x \in M$  and  $f \in M^*$  be the canonical evaluation homomorphism. Recall that  $M$  is called *torsionless* if  $\sigma_M$  is a monomorphism, and is called *reflexive* if  $\sigma_M$  is an isomorphism. For any  $n \geq 1$ , we use  $\Omega^n(M)$  and  $\Omega^{-n}(M)$  to denote the  $n$ -th syzygy and cosyzygy of  $M$  (note:  $\Omega^0(M) = M$ ) respectively. We write

$$\Omega^n(\text{Mod } R) := \{M \in \text{Mod } R \mid M \text{ is an } n\text{-th syzygy module}\} \text{ for any } n \geq 1,$$

$$\Omega^\infty(\text{Mod } R) := \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \Omega^n(\text{Mod } R) \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega^\infty(\text{mod } R) := \Omega^\infty(\text{Mod } R) \cap \text{mod } R.$$

For a subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\text{Mod } R$ , we write

$${}^\perp \mathcal{X} := \{A \in \text{Mod } R \mid \text{Ext}_R^{\geq 1}(A, X) = 0 \text{ for any } X \in \mathcal{X}\},$$

and write  ${}^\perp M := {}^\perp \mathcal{X}$  if  $\mathcal{X} = \{M\}$ .

Let  $R$  be a left and right Noetherian ring and  $M \in \text{mod } R$ , and let

$$P_1 \xrightarrow{f} P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

be a projective presentation of  $M$  in  $\text{mod } R$ . The cokernel  $\text{Coker } f^*$ , denoted by  $\text{Tr } M$ , is called the *transpose* of  $M$  ([1]). A module  $M \in \text{mod } R$  is called  $\infty$ -*torsionfree* if  $\text{Tr } M \in {}^\perp R_R \cap \text{mod } R^{\text{op}}$ . We write

$$\mathcal{T}(\text{mod } R) := \{M \in \text{mod } R \mid M \text{ is } \infty\text{-torsionfree}\}.$$

By [1, Theorem 2.17], we have  $\mathcal{T}(\text{mod } R) \subseteq \Omega^\infty(\text{mod } R)$ .

**Definition 2.1.** ([1]). Let  $R$  be a left and right Noetherian ring. A module  $M \in \text{mod } R$  is said to have *Gorenstein dimension zero* if

$$\text{Ext}_R^{\geq 1}(M, R) = 0 = \text{Ext}_{R^{op}}^{\geq 1}(\text{Tr } M, R);$$

equivalently, if  $M$  is reflexive and

$$\text{Ext}_R^{\geq 1}(M, R) = 0 = \text{Ext}_{R^{op}}^{\geq 1}(M^*, R).$$

Let  $R$  be a ring. We write  $\mathcal{P}(\text{Mod } R) := \{\text{projective left } R\text{-modules}\}$ . Recall from [7] that a module  $M \in \text{Mod } R$  is called *Gorenstein projective* if there exists an exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow P^0 \rightarrow P^1 \rightarrow \cdots$$

in  $\text{Mod } R$  with all  $P^i, P_i$  in  $\mathcal{P}(\text{Mod } R)$ , such that it remains exact after applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(-, P)$  for any  $P \in \mathcal{P}(\text{Mod } R)$  and  $M \cong \text{Im}(P_0 \rightarrow P^0)$ . We write

$\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R) := \{\text{Gorenstein projective left } R\text{-modules}\}$  and  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R) := \mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R) \cap \text{mod } R$ .

It is well known that over a left and right noetherian ring, a finitely generated module has Gorenstein dimension zero if and only if it is Gorenstein projective (cf. [4, 7]), and thus

$$\mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R) = ({}^\perp_R R \cap \text{mod } R) \cap \mathcal{T}(\text{mod } R).$$

Now, finitely generated modules having Gorenstein dimension zero over left and right noetherian rings are usually referred to as Gorenstein projective modules.

For any  $M \in \text{mod } R$  (resp.  $\text{mod } R^{op}$ ), it is well known that  $M$  and  $\text{Tr } \text{Tr } M$  are projectively equivalent. So we have the following observation.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $R$  be a left and right Noetherian ring. Then a module  $M \in \text{mod } R$  (resp.  $\text{mod } R^{op}$ ) is Gorenstein projective if and only if so is  $\text{Tr } M$ .*

Let  $R$  be a ring. For an  $R$ -module  $M$ , we use

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E^0(M) \rightarrow E^1(M) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow E^i(M) \rightarrow \cdots$$

to denote a minimal injective coresolution of  $M$ . Recall from [9] that a left and right Noetherian ring  $R$  is said to satisfy the *Auslander condition* if  $\text{fd}_R E^i({}_R R) \leq i$  for any  $i \geq 0$ . As a generalization of rings satisfying the Auslander condition, Huang and Iyama [15] introduced the notion of rings satisfying Auslander-type conditions, which was extended to that of modules satisfying Auslander-type conditions as follows.

**Definition 2.3.** ([14]) Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $m \geq 0$ . A module  $M \in \text{Mod } R$  is said to be  $G_\infty(m)$  if  $\text{fd}_R E^i(M) \leq i + m$  for any  $i \geq 0$ . In particular,  $M$  is said to satisfy the *Auslander condition* if it is  $G_\infty(0)$ .

Let  $R$  be a left and right Noetherian ring. Then  ${}_R R$  is  $G_\infty(m)$  if and only if the ring  $R$  is  $G_\infty(m)^{op}$  in the sense of [15] (cf. Introduction). Notice that the notion of the Auslander condition is left-right symmetric [9, Theorem 3.7], so  $R$  satisfies the Auslander condition if and only if both  ${}_R R$  and  $R_R$  satisfy the Auslander condition. However, in general, the notion of  $R$  being  $G_\infty(m)$  is not left-right symmetric when  $m \geq 1$  ([3, 15]). It should be pointed out that modules satisfying Auslander-type conditions are ubiquitous. For example, if  $R$  is a left and

right Noetherian ring and  $\text{id}_{R^{\text{op}}} R \leq m$ , then any module in  $\text{Mod } R$  is  $G_\infty(m)$  (see [14, Example 4.2] for details).

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a subcategory of  $\text{Mod } R$  and  $M \in \text{Mod } R$ . The  $\mathcal{X}$ -projective dimension  $\mathcal{X}\text{-pd}_R M$  of  $M$  is defined as  $\inf\{n \mid \text{there exists an exact sequence}$

$$0 \rightarrow X_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow X_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Mod } R$  with all  $X_i$  in  $\mathcal{X}\}$ . If no such an integer exists, then set  $\mathcal{X}\text{-pd}_R M = \infty$ . For any  $s \geq 0$ , we write

$$\mathcal{X}^{\leq s} := \{M \in \text{Mod } R \mid \mathcal{X}\text{-pd}_R M \leq s\}.$$

When  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)$  or  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R)$ , the  $\mathcal{X}$ -projective dimension of  $M$  is exactly the Gorenstein projective dimension  $G\text{-pd}_R M$  of  $M$ .

### 3 Syzygy modules and Gorenstein projective dimension

In this section,  $R$  is an arbitrary ring. For any  $m \geq 0$ , we write

$$\mathcal{G}_\infty(m) := \{M \in \text{Mod } R \mid M \text{ is } G_\infty(m)\}.$$

Then we have the following inclusion chain

$$\mathcal{G}_\infty(0) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(1) \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m) \subseteq \cdots .$$

**Lemma 3.1.** *If  $R$  is a left Noetherian ring and  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$ , then any flat module in  $\text{Mod } R$  is in  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from [14, Corollary 3.2]. □

The following lemma is used frequently in the sequel.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let*

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow X^0 \rightarrow X^1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow X^i \rightarrow \cdots \tag{3.1}$$

*be an exact sequence in  $\text{Mod } R$  and let  $m \geq 0$ . If  $X^i \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  for any  $i \geq 0$ , then  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$ . In particular, the subcategory  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  is closed under kernels of epimorphisms.*

*Proof.* By the exact sequence (3.1) and [12, Corollary 3.9(1)], we get the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E^0(X^0) \rightarrow E^1(X^0) \oplus E^0(X^1) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^n E^{n-i}(X^i) \rightarrow \cdots .$$

Since  $X^i \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$ , we have  $\text{fd}_R E^j(X^i) \leq j + m$  for any  $i, j \geq 0$ . So  $\text{fd}_R \bigoplus_{i=0}^n E^{n-i}(X^i) \leq n + m$  for any  $n \geq 0$ , and thus  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$ . □

For any  $n \geq 1$ , we write  $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}^n(\text{Mod } R) := \{M \in \text{Mod } R \mid \text{there exists an exact sequence}$

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F^{n-1}$$

in  $\text{Mod } R$  with all  $F^i$  flat $\}$ , and write  $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}^\infty(\text{Mod } R) := \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \Omega_{\mathcal{F}}^n(\text{Mod } R)$ .

The first assertion in the following result shows that any module in  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  is isomorphic to a kernel (resp. a cokernel) of a homomorphism from a module with finite flat dimension to certain syzygy module.

**Theorem 3.3.** *It holds that*

(1) Let  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  with  $m \geq 0$ . Then for any  $n \geq 1$ , there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow X_0 \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Mod } R$  with  $M \cong \text{Im}(X_0 \rightarrow G_1)$  such that the following conditions are satisfied.

(a)  $\text{fd}_R G_0 \leq m - 1$  and  $\text{fd}_R G_1 \leq m$ .

(b)  $X_0 \in \Omega_{\mathcal{F}}^n(\text{Mod } R)$  and  $X_1 \in \Omega^{n-1}(\text{Mod } R)$ .

(2)  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(0) \subseteq \Omega_{\mathcal{F}}^\infty(\text{Mod } R)$  with equality if  $R$  is a left Noetherian ring and  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  and  $n \geq 1$ . We have the following two commutative and exact diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
0 & \dashrightarrow & K & \dashrightarrow & K_0 & \dashrightarrow & K_1 & \dashrightarrow & \cdots & \dashrightarrow & K_{n-1} & \dashrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
0 & \dashrightarrow & X & \dashrightarrow & P_0 & \dashrightarrow & P_1 & \dashrightarrow & \cdots & \dashrightarrow & P_{n-1} & \dashrightarrow & \Omega^{-n}(M) & \dashrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & E^0(M) & \longrightarrow & E^1(M) & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & E^{n-1}(M) & \longrightarrow & \Omega^{-n}(M) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & & & & & 
\end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \dashrightarrow & K & \dashrightarrow & K_0 & \dashrightarrow & K'_1 & \dashrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
0 & \dashrightarrow & X & \dashrightarrow & P_0 & \dashrightarrow & X_1 & \dashrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & E^0(M) & \longrightarrow & \Omega^{-1}(M) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 
\end{array}$$

with all  $P_i$  projective in  $\text{Mod } R$  and  $X_1 := \text{Im}(P_0 \rightarrow P_1) \in \Omega^{n-1}(\text{Mod } R)$ . Since  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$ , we have  $\text{fd}_R E^i(M) \leq i + m$  for any  $i \geq 0$ , and thus  $\text{fd}_R K_i \leq i + m - 1$  for any  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . It follows from the upper row in the first diagram that  $\text{fd}_R K'_1 \leq m$ .

Consider the following pull-back diagram (Diagram (3.1)):

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & 0 & & 0 & & \\
& & \vdots & & \downarrow & & \\
& & K'_1 & = & = & = & K'_1 \\
& & \vdots & & \downarrow & & \\
0 & \dashrightarrow & M & \dashrightarrow & G_1 & \dashrightarrow & X_1 & \dashrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \parallel & & \vdots & & \downarrow & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & E^0(M) & \longrightarrow & \Omega^{-1}(M) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \vdots & & \vdots & & \downarrow & & \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 
\end{array}$$

From the middle column, we obtain  $\text{fd}_R G_1 \leq m$ , and there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow F \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Mod } R$  with  $F$  flat and  $\text{fd}_R G_0 \leq m - 1$ . Consider the following pull-back diagram (Diagram (3.2)):

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & 0 & & 0 & & \\
& & \vdots & & \downarrow & & \\
& & G_0 & = & = & = & G_0 \\
& & \vdots & & \downarrow & & \\
0 & \dashrightarrow & X_0 & \dashrightarrow & F & \dashrightarrow & X_1 & \dashrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \vdots & & \downarrow & & \parallel & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & G_1 & \longrightarrow & X_1 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \vdots & & \downarrow & & \parallel & & \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 
\end{array}$$

From the middle row, we obtain  $X_0 \in \Omega_{\mathcal{F}}^n(\text{Mod } R)$ . Now splicing the middle row in Diagram (3.1) and the leftmost column in Diagram (3.2) we get the desired exact sequence.

(2) To prove  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(0) \subseteq \Omega_{\mathcal{F}}^\infty(\text{Mod } R)$ , it suffices to prove if  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$ , then  $M \in \Omega_{\mathcal{F}}^n(\text{Mod } R)$  for any  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$  and  $n \geq 1$ . By (1), there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Mod } R$  with  $F$  flat and  $G_1 \in \Omega^{n-1}(\text{Mod } R)$ , and so  $M \in \Omega_{\mathcal{F}}^n(\text{Mod } R)$ .

Now assume that  $R$  is a left Noetherian ring and  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$ . Then any flat module in  $\text{Mod } R$  is in  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$  by Lemma 3.1, and thus  $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}^\infty(\text{Mod } R) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$  by Lemma 3.2.  $\square$

We need the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.4.** *For any  $m, s \geq 0$ , we have*

$$\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)^{\leq s} \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m + s)$$

with equality if  $\mathcal{P}(\text{Mod } R) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)^{\leq s}$  and

$$0 \rightarrow X_s \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow X_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence in  $\text{Mod } R$  with all  $X_i$  in  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$ . According to [12, Corollary 3.5], we get the following two exact sequences

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^s E^{i+1}(X_i) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^s E^{i+2}(X_i) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^s E^{i+3}(X_i) \rightarrow \cdots, \quad (3.2)$$

$$0 \rightarrow E^s(X_0) \rightarrow E^{s-1}(X_0) \oplus E^s(X_1) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^s E^{i-1}(X_i) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^s E^i(X_i) \rightarrow E \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.3)$$

Since all  $X_i$  are in  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$ , we have  $\text{fd}_R E^j(X_i) \leq j + m$  for any  $j \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq i \leq s$ . Thus  $\text{fd}_R \bigoplus_{i=0}^s E^{i+j}(X_i) \leq j + m + s$  for any  $j \geq 1$ . By (3.3), we have that  $E$  is a direct summand of  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^s E^i(X_i)$  and  $\text{fd}_R E \leq m + s$ . Therefore we obtain  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m + s)$  by (3.2).

Now suppose  $\mathcal{P}(\text{Mod } R) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$ . We will prove  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m + s) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)^{\leq s}$  by induction on  $s$ . The case for  $s = 0$  follows trivially. Suppose  $s \geq 1$  and  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m + s)$ . Let

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

be an exact sequence in  $\text{Mod } R$  with  $P$  projective. Since  $P \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$ , it follows from [14, Proposition 4.12] that  $K \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m + s - 1)$ , and hence  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$ -pd  $K \leq s - 1$  by the induction hypothesis. This implies  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$ -pd  $M \leq s$  and  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)^{\leq s}$ .  $\square$

By Lemma 3.4, we obtain the following result.

**Proposition 3.5.** *If  $\mathcal{P}(\text{Mod } R) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$ , then it holds that*

- (1)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R) = \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  if and only if  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq s} = \mathcal{G}_\infty(m + s)$  for any  $s \geq 0$ .
- (2) If  $R$  is a left and right Noetherian ring, then  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R) = \mathcal{G}_\infty(m) \cap \text{mod } R$  if and only if  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R)^{\leq s} = \mathcal{G}_\infty(m + s) \cap \text{mod } R$  for any  $s \geq 0$ .

Recall that a left and right Noetherian ring  $R$  is called *Gorenstein* if  $\text{id}_R R = \text{id}_{R^{op}} R < \infty$ .

**Proposition 3.6.** *It holds that*

- (1) If  $R$  is a Gorenstein ring, then  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m) \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq m}$  for any  $m \geq 0$ .
- (2) If  $R$  is a left Noetherian ring and  $\text{id}_R R < \infty$ , then  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R) = \Omega^\infty(\text{Mod } R)$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $R$  be a Gorenstein ring with  $\text{id}_R R = \text{id}_{R^{op}} R \leq n$ , and let  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$ . Then  $\text{G-pd}_R M \leq n$  by [7, Theorem 12.3.1]. It suffices to prove  $\text{G-pd}_R M \leq m$ . The case for  $n \leq m$  is trivial. Now suppose  $n > m$  and  $t := n - m$ . Consider the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E^0(M) \rightarrow E^1(M) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow E^{t-1}(M) \rightarrow K^t \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $K^t := \text{Im}(E^{t-1}(M) \rightarrow E^t(M))$ . By [7, Theorem 12.3.1] again, we have  $\text{G-pd}_R K^t \leq n (= t + m)$ . Since  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$ , we have  $\text{pd}_R E^i(M) \leq i + m$  for any  $0 \leq i \leq t - 1$ . Then it is easy to get  $\text{G-pd}_R M \leq m$  by [13, Theorem 3.2 and Remark 4.4(3)(a)].

(2) It suffices to prove  $\Omega^\infty(\text{Mod } R) \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)$ . If  $R$  is a left Noetherian ring and  $\text{id}_R R < \infty$ , then  $\text{id}_R P < \infty$  for any  $P \in \mathcal{P}(\text{Mod } R)$  by [5, Theorem 1.1]. Assume that  $M \in \Omega^\infty(\text{Mod } R)$  and

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow P^0 \rightarrow P^1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P^i \rightarrow \cdots$$

is an exact sequence in  $\text{Mod } R$  with all  $P^i$  in  $\mathcal{P}(\text{Mod } R)$ . It is easy to see that each kernel in the above exact sequence is in  ${}^\perp \mathcal{P}(\text{Mod } R)$  by dimension shifting. Thus  $M \in \mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)$  and  $\Omega^\infty(\text{Mod } R) \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)$ .  $\square$



## 4 (Weakly) Gorenstein algebras

In this section,  $R$  is an Artin algebra. Under certain Auslander-type conditions, we will give some equivalent characterizations for  $\text{id}_R R < \infty$  as well as for (weakly) Gorenstein algebras. As applications, we give some partial answers to some related homological conjectures.

### 4.1 Auslander-type conditions

For any  $M \in \text{Mod } R$  and  $m \geq 0$ , we write

$${}^{\perp_{\geq m+1}} M := \{A \in \text{Mod } R \mid \text{Ext}_R^{\geq m+1}(A, M) = 0\}.$$

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $M \in \text{mod } R$  such that  $\Omega^\infty(\text{mod } R) \subseteq {}^{\perp_{\geq m+1}} M \cap \text{mod } R$  for some  $m \geq 0$ . If there exists some  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{pd}_R E^i(M) \leq n$  for any  $i \geq n + m + 1$ , then  $\text{id}_R M \leq n + m$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M \in \text{mod } R$ . Set  $K^i := \text{Im}(E^{i-1}(M) \rightarrow E^i(M))$  for any  $i \geq 1$ . Since  $\text{pd}_R E^i(M) \leq n$  for any  $i \geq n + m + 1$ , by the horseshoe lemma we obtain the following commutative and exact diagram

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & K_n^{n+m+1} & \longrightarrow & P_n^{n+m+1} & \longrightarrow & P_n^{n+m+2} & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & P_n^{n+m+i} & \longrightarrow & \dots \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & P_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & P_{n-1}^{n+m+1} & \longrightarrow & P_{n-1}^{n+m+2} & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & P_{n-1}^{n+m+i} & \longrightarrow & \dots \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & P_1 & \longrightarrow & P_1^{n+m+1} & \longrightarrow & P_1^{n+m+2} & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & P_1^{n+m+i} & \longrightarrow & \dots \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & P_0 & \longrightarrow & P_0^{n+m+1} & \longrightarrow & P_0^{n+m+2} & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & P_0^{n+m+i} & \longrightarrow & \dots \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & K^{n+m+1} & \longrightarrow & E^{n+m+1}(M) & \longrightarrow & E^{n+m+2}(M) & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & E^{n+m+i}(M) & \longrightarrow & \dots \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 
 \end{array}$$

in  $\text{mod } R$  with all  $P_j$  and  $P_j^t$  projective. Then  $K_n^{n+m+1} \in \Omega^\infty(\text{mod } R)$ , and thus  $K_n^{n+m+1} \in {}^{\perp_{\geq m+1}} M \cap \text{mod } R$  by assumption. It follows from the leftmost column in the above diagram that  $K^{n+m+1} \in {}^{\perp_{\geq n+m+1}} M \cap \text{mod } R$ . Now applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(K^{n+m+1}, -)$  to the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E^0(M) \rightarrow E^1(M) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E^{n+m-1}(M) \rightarrow K^{n+m} \rightarrow 0$$

yields  $\text{Ext}_R^1(K^{n+m+1}, K^{n+m}) = 0$ . It implies that the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K^{n+m} \rightarrow E^{n+m}(M) \rightarrow K^{n+m+1} \rightarrow 0$$

splits and  $K^{n+m}$  is a direct summand of  $E^{n+m}(M)$ . Thus  $K^{n+m}$  is injective and  $\text{id}_R M \leq n + m$ .  $\square$

*Remark 4.2.* The same argument as above essentially proves the following result: Let  $R$  be an arbitrary ring (not necessarily an Artin algebra) and let  $M \in \text{Mod } R$  such that  $\Omega^\infty(\text{Mod } R) \subseteq {}^\perp_{\geq m+1} M$  for some  $m \geq 0$ . If there exists some  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{pd}_R E^i(M) \leq n$  for any  $i \geq n + m + 1$ , then  $\text{id}_R M \leq n + m$ .

Recall from [22] that an Artin algebra  $R$  is called *left weakly Gorenstein* if  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R) = {}^\perp_R R \cap \text{mod } R$ . Symmetrically, the notion of *right weakly Gorenstein algebras* is defined.

**Proposition 4.3.** *It holds that*

- (1) *Assume that there exists some  $n, m \geq 0$  such that  $\text{pd}_R E^i({}_R R) \leq n$  for any  $i \geq n + m + 1$ . If  $\Omega^\infty(\text{mod } R) \subseteq {}^\perp_{\geq m+1} R \cap \text{mod } R$ , then  $\text{id}_R R \leq n + m$ .*
- (2) *Assume that there exists some  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{pd}_R E^i({}_R R) \leq n$  for any  $i \geq n + 1$ . If  $R$  is right weakly Gorenstein and  $\Omega^\infty(\text{mod } R) = \mathcal{T}(\text{mod } R)$ , then  $\text{id}_R R \leq n$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Putting  $M = {}_R R$  in Lemma 4.1, the assertion follows.

(2) Let  $M \in \Omega^\infty(\text{mod } R)$ . Then  $M \in \mathcal{T}(\text{mod } R)$  by assumption, and so  $\text{Tr } M \in {}^\perp_R R \cap \text{mod } R^{\text{op}}$ . Since  $R$  is right weakly Gorenstein by assumption, we have  $\text{Tr } M \in {}^\perp_R R \cap \text{mod } R^{\text{op}} = \mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R^{\text{op}})$ . Thus  $M \in \mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R) \subseteq {}^\perp_R R \cap \text{mod } R$  by Lemma 2.2. This shows  $\Omega^\infty(\text{mod } R) \subseteq {}^\perp_R R \cap \text{mod } R$ , and then the assertion follows from (1).  $\square$

The following lemma shows that all modules satisfying certain Auslander-type condition over an Artin algebra satisfy the condition about projective dimension in Lemma 4.1.

**Lemma 4.4.** *If  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)^{\text{op}}$ ) with  $m \geq 0$ , then there exists some  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{pd}_R E^i(M)$  (resp.  $\text{pd}_{R^{\text{op}}} E^i(M)$ )  $\leq n$  for any  $i \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $R$  is an Artin algebra, there exist only finitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable injective left (resp. right)  $R$ -modules. Without loss of generalization, suppose that  $\{E^0, \dots, E^t\}$  is the complete set of non-isomorphic indecomposable injective left (resp. right) modules that occur as direct summands of all  $E^i(M)$ . If  $M \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)^{\text{op}}$ ), then there exists some  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{pd}_R E^i \leq n$  ( $\text{pd}_{R^{\text{op}}} E^i \leq n$ ) for any  $1 \leq i \leq t$ , and thus  $\text{pd}_R E^i(M)$  (resp.  $\text{pd}_{R^{\text{op}}} E^i(M)$ )  $\leq n$  for any  $i \geq 0$ .  $\square$

As a consequence, we obtain the following result.

**Proposition 4.5.** *If  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R) = \mathcal{G}_\infty(m) \cap \text{mod } R$  for some  $m \geq 0$ , then  $\text{id}_R R < \infty$ .*

*Proof.* Since  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R)$ , we have  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  by assumption. It follows from Lemma 4.4 that  $\text{pd}_R E^i({}_R R) \leq n$  for any  $i \geq 0$ . Since any projective module in  $\text{mod } R$  is in  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^\infty(\text{mod } R) &\subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m) \cap \text{mod } R \quad (\text{by Lemma 3.2}) \\ &= \mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R) \quad (\text{by assumption}) \\ &\subseteq {}^\perp_R R \cap \text{mod } R. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\text{id}_R R \leq n$  by Proposition 4.3(1).  $\square$

We are now in a position to prove the following result, in which assertions (5) and (6) are finitely generated versions of (3) and (4) respectively.

**Theorem 4.6.** *For any  $m \geq 0$ , the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  and  $R$  is Gorenstein.
- (2)  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  and  $\text{id}_R R < \infty$ .
- (3)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m) \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq m}$ .
- (4)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq s} \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m+s) \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq m+s}$  for any  $s \geq 0$ .
- (5)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m) \cap \text{mod } R \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R)^{\leq m}$ .
- (6)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R)^{\leq s} \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m+s) \cap \text{mod } R \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R)^{\leq m+s}$  for any  $s \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* The implications (1)  $\implies$  (2), (4)  $\implies$  (3)  $\implies$  (5) and (4)  $\implies$  (6)  $\implies$  (5) are trivial. By the symmetric version of [10, Corollary 3], we get (2)  $\implies$  (1).

(1)  $\implies$  (3) Since  $R$  is Gorenstein by (1), we have  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m) \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq m}$  by Proposition 3.6(1). On the other hand, since  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  by (1), we have  $\mathcal{P}(\text{Mod } R) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  by Lemma 3.1, and thus

$$\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R) \subseteq \Omega^\infty(\text{Mod } R) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$$

by Lemma 3.2.

(5)  $\implies$  (2) Since any projective module in  $\text{mod } R$  is in  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m) \cap \text{mod } R$  by (5), we have

$$\Omega^\infty(\text{mod } R) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m) \cap \text{mod } R \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R)^{\leq m} \subseteq {}^{\perp \geq m+1} {}_R R \cap \text{mod } R$$

by Lemma 3.2 and (5). Since  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m) \cap \text{mod } R$ , there exists some  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{pd}_R E^i({}_R R) \leq n$  for any  $i \geq 0$  by Lemma 4.4, and thus  $\text{id}_R R \leq n + m$  by Proposition 4.3(1).

(1) + (3)  $\implies$  (4) Let  $s \geq 0$ . Since  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R) \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  by (3), we have

$$\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq s} \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)^{\leq s} \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\infty(m+s)$$

by Lemma 3.4. Since  $R$  is Gorenstein by (1), we have  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m+s) \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq m+s}$  by Proposition 3.6(1).  $\square$

We need the following result.

**Proposition 4.7.** *If  $\text{id}_R R < \infty$ , then  $R$  is right weakly Gorenstein. The converse holds true if one of the following conditions is satisfied.*

- (1)  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(1)$ .
- (2)  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  and  $R_R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m')^{op}$  for some  $m, m' \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* The former assertion follows from the symmetric versions of [16, Lemma 3.4] and [22, Theorem 1.2].

Conversely, since  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(1)$  or  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  with  $m \geq 0$  by assumption, it follows from Lemma 4.4 that there exists some  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{pd}_R E^i({}_R R) \leq n$  for any  $i \geq 0$ . When  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(1)$ , we have  $\Omega^\infty(\text{mod } R) = \mathcal{T}(\text{mod } R)$  by [3, Proposition 1.6(a)] and the symmetric version of [3, Theorem 0.1]; when  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m')^{op}$  with  $m' \geq 0$ , that is, the algebra  $R$  is  $\mathcal{G}_\infty(m')$ , we also have  $\Omega^\infty(\text{mod } R) = \mathcal{T}(\text{mod } R)$  by [15, Theorem 3.4]. Thus  $\text{id}_R R \leq n$  by Proposition 4.3(2).  $\square$

The following corollary was proved in [22, p.33], we give it a shorter proof.

**Corollary 4.8.** *WGSC implies GSC.*

*Proof.* Suppose that **WGSC** holds true. Let  $\text{id}_R R = n < \infty$ . Then  $R$  is right weakly Gorenstein by Proposition 4.7, and hence is left weakly Gorenstein. It follows that any  $n$ -syzygy module in  $\text{mod } R$  is in  ${}^{\perp n} {}_R R \cap \text{mod } R = \mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R)$ . So  $\text{G-pd}_R M \leq n$  for any  $M \in \text{mod } R$ , and hence  $R$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein by [7, Theorem 12.3.1].  $\square$

The following result shows that the Gorensteinness and weakly Gorensteinness of an Artin algebra are equivalent under certain Auslander-type conditions. It also shows that both **GSC** and **WGSC** hold true for an Artin algebra  $R$  such that  ${}_R R$  and  $R_R$  satisfy certain Auslander-type conditions.

**Theorem 4.9.** *If  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m)$  and  $R_R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(m')^{op}$  with  $m, m' \geq 0$ , then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $R$  is Gorenstein.
  - (2)  $R$  is left and right weakly Gorenstein.
  - (3)  $\text{id}_R R < \infty$ .
  - (4)  $R$  is left weakly Gorenstein.
  - (5)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R) = {}^\perp\mathcal{P}(\text{Mod } R)$ .
- (i)<sup>op</sup> *Opposite version of (i) with  $3 \leq i \leq 5$ .*

*Proof.* It is trivial that (5)  $\implies$  (4) and (2)  $\implies$  (4). By Proposition 4.7 and its symmetric version, we have (1)  $\implies$  (2) and (3)  $\iff$  (4)<sup>op</sup>. By Theorem 4.6 and its symmetric version, we have (1)  $\iff$  (3)  $\iff$  (3)<sup>op</sup>. By [7, Corollary 11.5.3], we have (1)  $\implies$  (5).

By symmetry, the proof is finished.  $\square$

## 4.2 Small Auslander-type conditions

Recall from [11] that  $R$  is called *left quasi Auslander* if  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(1)$ . Compare the following result with Theorem 4.9.

**Theorem 4.10.** *Let  $R$  be a left quasi Auslander algebra. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $R$  is Gorenstein.
- (2)  $\text{id}_R R < \infty$ .
- (3)  $\text{id}_{R^{op}} R < \infty$ .
- (4)  $R$  is left and right weakly Gorenstein.
- (5)  $R$  is right weakly Gorenstein.
- (6)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R^{op}) = {}^\perp\mathcal{P}(\text{Mod } R^{op})$ .

*Proof.* It is trivial that (4)  $\implies$  (5) and (6)  $\implies$  (5).

By Proposition 4.7 and its symmetric version, we have (1)  $\iff$  (4). By [10, Corollary 4], we have (1)  $\iff$  (2)  $\iff$  (3). By Proposition 4.7(1), we have (2)  $\iff$  (5). By [7, Corollary 11.5.3], we have (1)  $\implies$  (6).  $\square$

Theorem 4.10 means that over a left quasi Auslander Artin algebra, **GSC** holds true, but we do not know whether **WGSC** holds true or not.

Recall that  $R$  is called *Auslander-Gorenstein* if  $R$  satisfies the Auslander condition and  $R$  is Gorenstein. In the following result, assertions (5)–(7) are finitely generated versions of (2)–(4) respectively.

**Theorem 4.11.** *The following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $R$  is Auslander-Gorenstein.
- (2)  $R$  satisfies the Auslander condition and  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R) = {}^\perp\mathcal{P}(\text{Mod } R)$ .
- (3)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R) = \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$ .
- (4)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{Mod } R)^{\leq s} = \mathcal{G}_\infty(s)$  for any  $s \geq 0$ .
- (5)  $R$  satisfies the Auslander condition and  $R$  is left weakly Gorenstein.
- (6)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R) = \mathcal{G}_\infty(0) \cap \text{mod } R$ .

- (7)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R)^{\leq s} = \mathcal{G}_\infty(s) \cap \text{mod } R$  for any  $s \geq 0$ .  
*(i)<sup>op</sup> Opposite version of (i) with  $2 \leq i \leq 7$ .*

*Proof.* The implications (2)  $\implies$  (5), (3)  $\implies$  (6) and (4)  $\implies$  (7) are trivial.

Note that  $R$  satisfies the Auslander condition if and only if  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$  and  $R_R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)^{op}$ , and if and only if  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)$  or  $R_R \in \mathcal{G}_\infty(0)^{op}$ .

The implications (3)  $\iff$  (4) and (6)  $\iff$  (7) follow from Proposition 3.5(1)(2) respectively. The implication (6)  $\implies$  (1) follows from Proposition 4.5 and [2, Corollary 5.5(b)]. The implications (1)  $\iff$  (3) and (1)  $\iff$  (2)  $\iff$  (5) follow from Theorems 4.6 and 4.9 respectively.

By symmetry, the proof is finished.  $\square$

The following result is a reduction of **ARC**.

**Corollary 4.12.** *If  $R$  satisfies the Auslander condition, then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $R$  is Gorenstein.
- (2)  $R$  is left or right weakly Gorenstein.
- (3)  $R$  is left and right weakly Gorenstein.
- (4)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R) = \mathcal{T}(\text{mod } R)$ .
- (5)  $\mathcal{GP}(\text{mod } R) = \mathcal{T}(\text{mod } R) = {}^\perp {}_R R \cap \text{mod } R$ .

*Proof.* Since  $R$  satisfies the Auslander condition, we have

$$\mathcal{G}_\infty(0) \cap \text{mod } R = \Omega^\infty(\text{mod } R) = \mathcal{T}(\text{mod } R)$$

by [14, Lemma 5.7]. Now the assertion follows from Theorem 4.11.  $\square$

Recall from [21] that  $R$  is called *torsionless-finite* if there exists only finitely many isomorphism classes of indecomposable torsionless modules in  $\text{mod } R$ . The notion of torsionless-finite algebras is left and right symmetric ([21, Corollary 2.2]). The class of torsionless-finite algebras includes: (1) Artin algebras  $R$  with  $R/\text{soc}(R_R)$  representation-finite, where  $\text{soc}(R_R)$  is the socle of  $R_R$ ; (2) Artin algebras with radical square zero; (3) Minimal representation-infinite algebras; (4) Artin algebras stably equivalent to hereditary algebras; (5) Left or right glued algebras; and (6) Special biserial algebras without indecomposable projective-injective modules ([21, Section 5]).

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. An injective coresolution

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E^0 \xrightarrow{\delta^1} E^1 \xrightarrow{\delta^2} \dots \xrightarrow{\delta^n} E^n \xrightarrow{\delta^{n+1}} \dots$$

is called *ultimately closed* if there exists some  $n$  such that  $\text{Im } \delta^n = \bigoplus W_j$  with each  $W_j$  isomorphic to a direct summand of some  $\text{Im } \delta_{i_j}$  with  $i_j < n$ . It is clear that a left  $R$ -module  $M$  has an ultimately closed injective coresolution if  $\text{id}_R M < \infty$ . An algebra  $R$  is said to be of *ultimately closed type* if the minimal injective coresolution of any left  $R$ -module is ultimately closed [24]. The class of algebras of ultimately closed type includes: (1) Artin algebras with finite global dimension; (2) Artin algebras with radical square zero; (3) Representation-finite algebras; (4) Artin algebras  $R$  with Loewy length  $m$  such that  $R/J^{m-1}$  is representation-finite, where  $J$  is the Jacobson radical of  $R$  ([24, p.110]).

Note that torsionless-finite algebras are left weakly Gorenstein algebras ([22, Theorem 1.3]), and that algebras  $R$  such that  ${}_R R$  has an ultimately closed injective coresolution are right weakly Gorenstein algebras by the symmetric versions of [16, Theorem 2.4] and [22, Theorem 1.2]. So, as a consequence of Corollary 4.12, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 4.13.** *ARC holds true for the following classes of algebras  $R$ .*

- (1) *Torsionless-finite algebras.*
- (2)  *${}_R R$  or  $R_R$  has an ultimately closed injective coresolution.*
- (3) *Algebras of ultimately closed type.*

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