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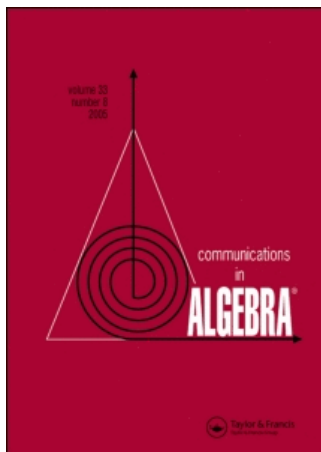
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To the memory of Professor Maurice Auslander

ABSTRACT. Let Λ be a left and right Noetherian ring. For a positive integer k , we give an equivalent condition that flat dimensions of the first k terms in the minimal injective resolution of Λ are less than or equal to k . In this case we show that the subcategory consisting of k -torsionfree modules is extension closed. Moreover we prove that for a Noetherian algebra every subcategory consisting of i -torsionfree modules is extension closed for any $1 \leq i \leq k$ if and only if every subcategory consisting of i -th syzygy modules is extension closed for any $1 \leq i \leq k$. Our results generalize the main results in Auslander and Reiten [4].

Key words. extension closed, k -torsionfree modules, Noetherian rings, flat dimension.

1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper Λ is a left and right Noetherian ring and $\text{mod } \Lambda$ (resp. $\text{mod } \Lambda^{\text{op}}$) is the category of finitely generated left (resp. right) Λ -modules. Let \mathfrak{X} be a full subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$. \mathfrak{X} is called extension closed, if the middle term B of any short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is in

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\mathfrak{X} , provided the end terms A, C are in \mathfrak{X} . For a left (resp. right) Λ -module A , we use the notation $l.fd_\Lambda(A)$ (resp. $r.fd_\Lambda(A)$) and $l.id_\Lambda(A)$ (resp. $r.id_\Lambda(A)$) to denote left (resp. right) flat dimension and left (resp. right) injective dimension of A respectively, and we put $A^* = Hom_\Lambda(A, \Lambda)$. In addition, we assume that

$$0 \rightarrow \Lambda \rightarrow I_0 \rightarrow I_1 \cdots \rightarrow I_i \rightarrow \dots$$

is a minimal injective resolution of Λ as a right Λ -module.

Let X be in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and i a non-negative integer. We denote $\text{grade } X \geq i$ if $Ext_\Lambda^j(X, \Lambda) = 0$ for any $0 \leq j < i$. We denote $s.\text{grade } X \geq i$ if $\text{grade } A \geq i$ for each submodule A of X . Let k be a positive integer, and assume there is an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow P_{k-1} \cdots \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$ with the P_i 's projective Λ -modules. Then Y is the k -th syzygy module of X . By $\Omega^k(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ we denote the full subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ consisting of k -th syzygy modules and by $\text{add } \Omega^k(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ we denote the full subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ consisting of direct summands of k -th syzygy modules. Auslander and Reiten studied when $\Omega^k(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ is extension closed in [3] and [4]. This condition is stated in term of flat dimension and grade of Λ -modules by them as follows.

Theorem AR ([4, Theorem 4.7]). *Let Λ be a left and right Noetherian ring and k a positive integer. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (a) $\Omega^i(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ is extension closed for $1 \leq i \leq k$;
- (b) $\text{add } \Omega^i(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ is extension closed for $1 \leq i \leq k$;
- (c) $r.fd_\Lambda(I_i) \leq i + 1$ for $0 \leq i \leq k - 1$;
- (d) $s.\text{grade } Ext_\Lambda^{i+1}(Y, \Lambda) \geq i$ for all Y in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $1 \leq i \leq k$.

If Λ is a Noetherian algebra, that is, Λ is an algebra over a commutative Noetherian ring R and Λ is a finitely generated R -module, then the following condition is equivalent to the above conditions.

- (e) $\text{grade } Ext_\Lambda^i(X, \Lambda) \geq i$ for all X in $\text{mod } \Lambda^{op}$ and $1 \leq i \leq k$.

For a positive integer i let \mathfrak{X}_i be the full subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ consisting of i -torsionfree modules (see Definition 2.2). It is not difficult to see that $\mathfrak{X}_i \subseteq \Omega^i(\text{mod } \Lambda)$. Under the assumption of (c) in the above Theorem, it follows from Auslander and Reiten [4, Theorem 1.7 and Proposition 2.2] that $\mathfrak{X}_i = \Omega^i(\text{mod } \Lambda)$. We attempt to generalize and develop above Theorem by using the extension closure of \mathfrak{X}_i . In fact for a positive integer k we will prove that if $r.fd_\Lambda(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} I_i) \leq k$, then \mathfrak{X}_k is extension closed (Theorem 2.3), and a necessary and sufficient condition for $r.fd_\Lambda(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} I_i) \leq k$ is that $s.\text{grade } Ext_\Lambda^{k+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq k$ for any M in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ (Theorem 2.8). In section 3 we will prove that if Λ is a Noetherian algebra, then \mathfrak{X}_i is extension closed for any $1 \leq i \leq k$ if and only if $\Omega^i(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ is extension closed for any $1 \leq i \leq k$. In this case $\mathfrak{X}_i = \Omega^i(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ for any $1 \leq i \leq k$ (Theorem 3.1).

2. FLAT DIMENSION AND EXTENSION CLOSURE

From this section we assume that all modules are finitely generated and k is a positive integer.

Definition 2.1. A left (resp. right) Λ -module M is called a left (resp. right) W^k -module if $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(M, \Lambda) = 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$.

Let M be a W^k -module. If $P_{k+1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ is a projective resolution of M , we have an exact sequence of the form $0 \rightarrow M^* \rightarrow P_0^* \rightarrow P_1^* \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_{k+1}^*$.

We also recall a definition from Auslander and Reiten [4].

Definition 2.2. Let M be in $\text{mod } \Lambda$. M is said to be a k -torsionfree module if $\text{Tr}M$ is a W^k -module, where $\text{Tr}M$ is the transpose of M .

Remark. For any M in $\text{mod } \Lambda$, from the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(\text{Tr}M, \Lambda) \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\sigma_M} M^{**} \rightarrow \text{Ext}_\Lambda^2(\text{Tr}M, \Lambda) \rightarrow 0$ (see Auslander [1, Proposition 6.3]) we know that M is 1-torsionfree if and only if M is torsionless, and M is 2-torsionfree if and only if M is reflexive. In addition, If $k \geq 2$ and $\text{r.gl.dim } \Lambda$ (right global dimension of Λ) $= k - 2$, then M is k -torsionfree if and only if M is projective.

Theorem 2.3. If $\text{r.fd}_\Lambda(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} I_i) \leq k$, then \mathcal{X}_k is extension closed.

Proof. Let $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ with A, C k -torsionfree. We want to prove that B is also k -torsionfree.

We first prove that $\text{grade Coker } f^* \geq k$. If $k = 1$, then by [4, Proposition 2.2] $\text{s.grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(C, \Lambda) \geq 1$ because of $\text{fd}_\Lambda(I_0) \leq 1$. But $\text{Coker } f^*$ is a submodule of $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(C, \Lambda)$, so $\text{grade Coker } f^* \geq 1$. If $k = 2$, then C is 2-torsionfree, that is, C is reflexive. Suppose $P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow C^* \rightarrow 0$ is a projective resolution of C^* . Then we get an exact sequence of the form

$$(1) \quad 0 \rightarrow C \cong C^{**} \rightarrow P_0^* \rightarrow P_1^* \rightarrow H \rightarrow 0$$

where $H = \text{Coker}(P_0^* \rightarrow P_1^*)$. Now suppose $k \geq 3$. Then A^*, C^* are W^{k-2} -modules. Consider an exact sequence of the form

$$P_{k-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow C^* \rightarrow 0$$

where P_i 's are projective modules. We have an exact sequence

$$(2) \quad 0 \rightarrow C \cong C^{**} \rightarrow P_0^* \rightarrow P_1^* \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_{k-1}^* \rightarrow H \rightarrow 0$$

where $H = \text{Coker}(P_{k-2}^* \rightarrow P_{k-1}^*)$. From the above exact sequences (1) and (2) for $k \geq 2$ and from [5, Chapter VI, Proposition 5.3] it follows that $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(C, \Lambda), \bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} I_i) \cong \text{Tor}_1^\Lambda(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} I_i, C) \cong \text{Tor}_{k+1}^\Lambda(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} I_i, H) = 0$. We then have $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(\text{Coker } f^*, \bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} I_i) = 0$ since $\text{Coker } f^*$ is a submodule of $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(C, \Lambda)$ and $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} I_i$ is injective. It is easy to see that $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(\text{Coker } f^*, \Lambda) = 0$ for $0 \leq i \leq k - 1$.

Now we consider the following exact commutative diagram with last two split rows;

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & \\
 & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \longrightarrow & C \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & F_0 & \longrightarrow & F_0 \oplus G_0 & \longrightarrow & G_0 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & F_1 & \longrightarrow & F_1 \oplus G_1 & \longrightarrow & G_1 \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

where F_i and G_i for $i=0,1$ are projective. Then we have the following exact commutative diagram;

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & C^* & \longrightarrow & B^* & \xrightarrow{f^*} & A^* \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & G_0^* & \longrightarrow & G_0^* \oplus F_0^* & \longrightarrow & F_0^* \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & G_1^* & \longrightarrow & G_1^* \oplus F_1^* & \longrightarrow & F_1^* \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 & Tr C & & Tr B & & Tr A & \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 & 0 & & 0 & & 0 &
 \end{array}$$

It follows from the snake lemma that $0 \rightarrow C^* \rightarrow B^* \xrightarrow{f^*} A^* \rightarrow Tr C \rightarrow Tr B \rightarrow Tr A \rightarrow 0$ is exact. Since $Ext_{\Lambda}^i(Coker f^*, \Lambda) = 0$ for $0 \leq i \leq k-1$ and $Tr C$ is a W^k -module, it follows that $Im(Tr C \rightarrow Tr B)$ is a W^k -module. Since $Tr A$ is a W^k -module, we conclude that $Tr B$ is also a W^k -module and B is a k -torsionfree module. \square

Remark. Let I'_0 be injective envelope of Λ as a left Λ -module. We know that $l.f.d_{\Lambda}(I'_0) = 0$ if and only if $r.f.d_{\Lambda}(I_0) = 0$. But in general we don't have the

fact that $l.f.d_\Lambda(I'_0) \leq 1$ if and only if $r.f.d_\Lambda(I_0) \leq 1$. In fact Hoshino M. had given the following example. Let Λ be a finite dimensional algebra which is given by quiver

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & & \\ & 1 & & 2 & \xrightarrow{\gamma} 3 \\ & & \xleftarrow{\beta} & & \end{array}$$

modulo the ideal $\alpha\beta\alpha$. Then $l.f.d_\Lambda(I'_0) = 1$ and $r.f.d_\Lambda(I_0) \geq 2$.

Corollary 2.4. *If $r.f.d_\Lambda(I_i) \leq i + 1$ for $i \leq k - 1$, then each \mathfrak{X}_i is extension closed for $i \leq k$.*

In next section, we will show that the converse to Corollary 2.4 holds.

Corollary 2.5. *If $l.id_\Lambda(\Lambda) = k$, then each \mathfrak{X}_i is extension closed for $i \geq k$.*

Proof. By Theorem 2.3 and Iwanaga [8, Proposition 1]. \square

Lemma 2.6. *For any injective Λ^{op} -module I , $r.f.d_\Lambda(I) \leq k$ if and only if $Hom_\Lambda(Ext_\Lambda^{k+1}(C, \Lambda), I) = 0$ for any C in $mod \Lambda$.*

Proof. It is easy from Cartan and Eilenberg [5, Chapter VI, Proposition 5.3]. \square

Corollary 2.7. (1) *If there is an injective Λ^{op} -module I satisfying $r.f.d_\Lambda(I) = k$ and I a cogenerator for $mod \Lambda^{op}$, then $l.id_\Lambda(\Lambda) = k$.*

(2) *If $r.f.d_\Lambda(\bigoplus_{i=0}^k I_i) \leq k$, then $\bigoplus_{i=0}^k I_i$ is a cogenerator for $mod \Lambda^{op}$ if and only if $l.id_\Lambda(\Lambda) \leq k$.*

Proof. (1) Suppose I is an injective cogenerator for $mod \Lambda^{op}$ and $r.f.d_\Lambda(I) = k$. By Lemma 2.6 $Hom_\Lambda(Ext_\Lambda^{k+1}(M, \Lambda), I) = 0$ for any $M \in mod \Lambda$, and there is a module $N \in mod \Lambda$ such that $Hom_\Lambda(Ext_\Lambda^k(N, \Lambda), I) \neq 0$. So $Ext_\Lambda^{k+1}(M, \Lambda) = 0$ and $Ext_\Lambda^k(N, \Lambda) \neq 0$. We conclude that $l.id_\Lambda(\Lambda) = k$.

(2) The necessity follows from (1), and the sufficiency from Iwanaga [7, Theorem 2] (Note: His argument remains valid in our assumption). \square

Theorem 2.8. *Let m be a non-negative integer. Then $r.f.d_\Lambda(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} I_i) \leq k + m$ if and only if $s.grade \ Ext_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq k$ for any M in $mod \Lambda$. Particularly, $r.f.d_\Lambda(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} I_i) \leq k$ if and only if $s.grade \ Ext_\Lambda^{k+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq k$ for any M in $mod \Lambda$.*

Proof. "The sufficiency". We proceed by induction on i . Suppose $s.grade \ Ext_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq k$ for any M in $mod \Lambda$. We first prove that $r.f.d_\Lambda(I_0) \leq k + m$. Since $s.grade \ Ext_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq k$, $Hom_\Lambda(Ext_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda), \Lambda) = 0$. We claim that $Hom_\Lambda(Ext_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda), I_0) = 0$. Otherwise, there is a non-zero homomorphism $f : Ext_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda) \rightarrow I_0$ and $Im f \cap \Lambda \neq 0$ since Λ is

essential in I_0 . In this case there is a submodule X of $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda)$ such that $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(X, \Lambda) \neq 0$, which contradicts that $\text{s.grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq k$. So we conclude that $\text{r.f.d}_\Lambda(I_0) \leq k + m$ by Lemma 2.6.

Now suppose $i \geq 1$. Consider the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow K_{i-1} \rightarrow I_{i-1} \rightarrow K_i \rightarrow 0$, where $K_{i-1} = \text{Ker}(I_{i-1} \rightarrow I_i)$ and $K_i = \text{Im}(I_{i-1} \rightarrow I_i)$. Then for any submodule X of $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda)$, we have an exact sequence $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(X, I_{i-1}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_\Lambda(X, K_i) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(X, K_{i-1})$. Since $\text{s.grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq k$ and $1 \leq i \leq k-1$, $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(X, K_{i-1}) \cong \text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(X, \Lambda) = 0$. By induction assumption and Lemma 2.6 we have that $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda), I_{i-1}) = 0$. Since I_{i-1} is injective, $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(X, I_{i-1}) = 0$. It follows that $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(X, K_i) = 0$. Noting that I_i is the injective envelope of K_i , then By a similar argument to the proof of the case $i = 0$, we get that $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda), I_i) = 0$ and $\text{r.f.d}_\Lambda(I_i) \leq k + m$. Hence we are done.

"The necessity". Suppose $\text{r.f.d}_\Lambda(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} I_i) \leq k + m$. Then $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda), \bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} I_i) = 0$. Let X be a submodule of $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k+m+1}(M, \Lambda)$, we have that $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(X, \bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-1} I_i) = 0$. Set $K_0 = \Lambda$ and $K_i = \text{Im}(I_{i-1} \rightarrow I_i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq k-1$. Then $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(X, K_i) = 0$ for $0 \leq i \leq k-1$. It is not difficult to prove that $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{i+1}(X, K_0) \cong \text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(X, K_i)$ and $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(X, K_i) \cong \text{Hom}_\Lambda(X, K_{i+1})$ for $0 \leq i \leq k-2$. So we have $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(X, \Lambda) = 0 = \text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(X, \Lambda)$ for $1 \leq i \leq k-1$. \square

Corollary 2.9. *Let m be a non-negative integer. Then $\text{r.f.d}_\Lambda(I_i) \leq i + m + 1$ for $0 \leq i \leq k-1$ if and only if $\text{s.grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{i+m+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq i$ for any M in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $1 \leq i \leq k$. Particularly, $\text{r.f.d}_\Lambda(I_i) \leq i + 1$ for $0 \leq i \leq k-1$ if and only if $\text{s.grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{i+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq i$ for any M in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $1 \leq i \leq k$.*

3. k -TORSIONFREE MODULES AND k -TH SYZGY MODULES

In this section Λ is a Noetherian algebra. We will prove the following result.

Theorem 3.1. *\mathfrak{X}_i is extension closed for any $1 \leq i \leq k$ if and only if $\Omega^i(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ is extension closed for any $1 \leq i \leq k$. In this case, $\mathfrak{X}_i = \Omega^i(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ for any $1 \leq i \leq k$.*

To prove this theorem we need a lemma.

Lemma 3.2. *The following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{i-1}(\text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(X, \Lambda), \Lambda) = 0$ for any X in $\text{mod } \Lambda^{\text{op}}$ and $1 \leq i \leq k$.
- (2) $\text{s.grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{i+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq i$ for any M in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $1 \leq i \leq k$.
- (3) \mathfrak{X}_i is extension closed for $1 \leq i \leq k$.
- (4) $\text{s.grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(Y, \Lambda) \geq i$ for any i -torsionfree module Y in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $1 \leq i \leq k$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Suppose $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{i-1}(\text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(X, \Lambda), \Lambda) = 0$ for any X in $\text{mod } \Lambda^{op}$ and $i \leq k$. We will prove that $\text{s.grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{i+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq i$ for any $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ and $i \leq k$ by induction on k . If $k = 1$ and $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(X, \Lambda), \Lambda) = 0$, then by Theorem AR, $\text{s.grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^2(M, \Lambda) \geq 1$ for any $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$. Suppose $k \geq 2$ and $\text{s.grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{i+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq i$ for any $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ and $i \leq k-1$. Then it follows from Auslander and Bridger [2, Proposition 2.26] that $\mathfrak{X}_i = \Omega^i(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$. Suppose $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ and Y is a submodule of $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k+1}(M, \Lambda)$. By Corollary 2.9 and Lemma 2.6 we have that $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k+1}(M, \Lambda), \bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-2} I_i) = 0$. Since $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-2} I_i$ is injective, $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(Y, \bigoplus_{i=0}^{k-2} I_i) = 0$. It is easy to see that $\text{grade } Y \geq k-1$.

Consider an exact sequence of the form

$$\cdots \rightarrow P_i \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

where P_i 's are projective modules. By Hoshino [6, Lemma 1.5] $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k+1}(M, \Lambda)$ is isomorphic to a submodule of $\text{Tr}\Omega^k(M)$, so we have an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow Y \xrightarrow{g} \text{Tr}\Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \text{Cokerg} \rightarrow 0$. Since $\Omega^k(M)$ is k -torsionfree by above argument, $\text{Tr}\Omega^k(M)$ is a W^k -module. So $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k-1}(Y, \Lambda) \cong \text{Ext}_\Lambda^k(\text{Cokerg}, \Lambda)$. Then from the condition (1) we get that $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k-1}(\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k-1}(Y, \Lambda), \Lambda) \cong \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k-1}(\text{Ext}_\Lambda^k(\text{Cokerg}, \Lambda), \Lambda) = 0$. Since $\text{s.grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{i+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq i$ for any $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ and $i \leq k-1$ (induction assumption), it follows from Theorem AR that $\text{grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k-1}(Y, \Lambda) \geq k-1$. So $\text{grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k-1}(Y, \Lambda) \geq k$. Then by Hoshino [6, Lemma 6.2] we have $\text{grade } Y \geq k$ and $\text{s.grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k+1}(M, \Lambda) \geq k$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) By Auslander and Reiten [4, Theorem 1.7].

(3) \Rightarrow (1) For case $k = 1$ the conclusion follows from Theorem AR. Now we assume $k \geq 2$ and $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{i-1}(\text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(X, \Lambda), \Lambda) = 0$ for any $X \in \text{mod } \Lambda^{op}$ and $i \leq k-1$. Then by the proof of (1) implying (2) we know that $\mathfrak{X}_i = \Omega^i(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$, and by the condition (3) $\Omega^i(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ is extension closed for $1 \leq i \leq k$. Then from Theorem AR it follows that $\text{grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^k(X, \Lambda) \geq k$ and $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{k-1}(\text{Ext}_\Lambda^k(X, \Lambda), \Lambda) = 0$ for any $X \in \text{mod } \Lambda^{op}$.

(3) \Leftrightarrow (4) see [4, Corollary 1.5]. \square

Now Theorem 3.1 is an immediate consequence of [4, Theorem 1.7] and Lemma 3.2.

Putting the results from this section together with Theorem AR we have the following.

Theorem 3.3. *The following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) $\Omega^i(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ is extension closed for $1 \leq i \leq k$;
- (2) $\text{add } \Omega^i(\text{mod } \Lambda)$ is extension closed for $1 \leq i \leq k$;
- (3) $\text{r.f.d}_\Lambda(I_i) \leq i+1$ for $0 \leq i \leq k-1$;
- (4) $\text{s.grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{i+1}(Y, \Lambda) \geq i$ for all Y in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $1 \leq i \leq k$.

- (5) $\text{grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(X, \Lambda) \geq i$ for all X in $\text{mod } \Lambda^{\text{op}}$ and $1 \leq i \leq k$.
- (6) \mathfrak{X}_i is extension closed for $1 \leq i \leq k$.
- (7) $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{i-1}(\text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(X, \Lambda), \Lambda) = 0$ for any X in $\text{mod } \Lambda^{\text{op}}$ and $1 \leq i \leq k$.
- (8) $s.\text{grade } \text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(Y, \Lambda) \geq i$ for any i -torsionfree module Y in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $1 \leq i \leq k$.

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