

## Research Article

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# Duality pairs induced by Auslander and Bass classes

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**Abstract:** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be arbitrary rings and let  ${}_R C_S$  be a semidualizing bimodule, and let  $\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  and  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  be the Auslander and Bass classes, respectively. Then both pairs

$$(\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}}), \mathcal{B}_C(R)) \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathcal{B}_C(R), \mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}}))$$

are coproduct-closed and product-closed duality pairs and both  $\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  and  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  are covering and preenveloping; in particular, the former duality pair is perfect. Moreover, if  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  is enveloping in  $\text{Mod } R$ , then  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  is enveloping in  $\text{Mod } S$ . Also, some applications to the Auslander projective dimension of modules are given.

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## 1 Introduction

In relative homological algebra, the theory of covers and envelopes is fundamental and important. Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $\text{Mod } R$  be the category of left  $R$ -modules. Given a subcategory of  $\text{Mod } R$ , it is always worth studying whether or when it is (pre)covering or (pre)enveloping. This problem has been studied extensively; see [3–10] and the references therein.

Let  $R$  be a commutative noetherian ring, let  $C$  be a semidualizing  $R$ -module, and let  $\mathcal{A}_C(R)$  and  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  be the Auslander and Bass classes, respectively. By proving that both  $\mathcal{A}_C(R)$  and  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  are Kaplansky classes, Enochs and Holm got in [6, Theorems 3.11 and 3.12] that the pair  $(\mathcal{A}_C(R), (\mathcal{A}_C(R))^{\perp})$  is a perfect cotorsion pair,  $\mathcal{A}_C(R)$  is covering and preenveloping and  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  is preenveloping. Holm and Jørgensen introduced the notion of duality pairs and proved the following remarkable result. Let  $R$  be an arbitrary ring, and let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be subcategories of  $\text{Mod } R$  and  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$ , respectively. When  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is a duality pair, the following assertions hold true: (1) If  $\mathcal{X}$  is closed under coproducts, then  $\mathcal{X}$  is covering; (2) if  $\mathcal{X}$  is closed under products, then  $\mathcal{X}$  is preenveloping; and (3) if  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{X}$  is closed under coproducts and extensions, then  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}^{\perp})$  is a perfect cotorsion pair [10, Theorem 3.1]. By using it, they generalized the above result of Enochs and Holm to the category of complexes, and Enochs and Iacob investigated in [7] the existence of Gorenstein injective envelopes over commutative noetherian rings.

Let  $R$  and  $S$  be arbitrary rings, let  ${}_R C_S$  be a semidualizing bimodule, let  $\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  be the Auslander class in  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$  and let  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  be the Bass class in  $\text{Mod } R$ . Our first main result reads as follows.

**Theorem 1.1** (see Theorem 3.3). (1) *Both pairs  $(\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}}), \mathcal{B}_C(R))$  and  $(\mathcal{B}_C(R), \mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}}))$  are coproduct-closed and product-closed duality pairs. Furthermore, the former one is perfect.*  
 (2)  *$\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  is covering and preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  is covering and preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } R$ .*

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As a consequence of Theorem 1.1, we get that the pair  $(\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}}), \mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})^\perp)$  is a hereditary perfect cotorsion pair and  $\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  is covering and preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$ , where  $\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})^\perp$  is the right Ext-orthogonal class of  $\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  (Corollary 3.4). This result was proved in [6, Theorem 3.11] when  $R$  is a commutative noetherian ring and  ${}_R C_S = {}_R C_R$ .

By Theorem 1.1 and its symmetric result, we have that  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  is preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } R$  and  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  is preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } S$ . Moreover, we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.2** (see Theorem 3.7 (2)). *If  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  is enveloping in  $\text{Mod } R$ , then  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  is enveloping in  $\text{Mod } S$ .*

Then we apply these results and their symmetric results to study the Auslander projective dimension of modules. We obtain some criteria for computing the Auslander projective dimension of modules in  $\text{Mod } S$  (Theorem 4.4). Furthermore, we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.3** (see Theorem 4.10). *If  ${}_R C$  has an ultimately closed projective resolution, then*

$$\mathcal{A}_C(S) = C_S^\top = {}^\perp \mathcal{J}_C(S),$$

where  $C_S^\top$  is the Tor-orthogonal class of  $C_S$  and  ${}^\perp \mathcal{J}_C(S)$  is the left Ext-orthogonal class of the subcategory  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)$  of  $\text{Mod } S$  consisting of  $C$ -injective modules.

As a consequence, we have that if  ${}_R C$  has an ultimately closed projective resolution, then the projective dimension of  $C_S$  is at most  $n$  if and only if the Auslander projective dimension of any module in  $\text{Mod } S$  is at most  $n$  (Corollary 4.11).

## 2 Preliminaries

In this paper, all rings are associative with identities. Let  $R$  be a ring. We use  $\text{Mod } R$  to denote the category of left  $R$ -modules and all subcategories of  $\text{Mod } R$  involved are full and closed under isomorphisms. For a subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\text{Mod } R$ , we write

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

For subcategories  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  of  $\text{Mod } R$ , we write  $\mathcal{X} \perp \mathcal{Y}$  if  $\text{Ext}_R^{\geq 1}(X, Y) = 0$  for any  $X \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$ .

**Definition 2.1** ([5, 8]). Let  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathcal{Y}$  be subcategories of  $\text{Mod } R$ . A homomorphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\text{Mod } R$  with  $X \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$  is called an  $\mathcal{X}$ -precover of  $Y$  if  $\text{Hom}_R(X', f)$  is epic for any  $X' \in \mathcal{X}$ ; and  $f$  is called *right minimal* if an endomorphism  $h: X \rightarrow X$  is an automorphism whenever  $f = fh$ . An  $\mathcal{X}$ -precover  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called an  $\mathcal{X}$ -cover of  $Y$  if it is right minimal. The subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  is called *(pre)covering* in  $\mathcal{Y}$  if any object in  $\mathcal{Y}$  admits an  $\mathcal{X}$ -(pre)cover. Dually, the notions of an  $\mathcal{X}$ -(pre)envelope, a *left minimal homomorphism* and a *(pre)enveloping subcategory* are defined.

**Definition 2.2** ([8, 9]). Let  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}$  be subcategories of  $\text{Mod } R$ .

- (1) The pair  $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V})$  is called a *cotorsion pair* in  $\text{Mod } R$  if  $\mathcal{U} = {}^{\perp 1} \mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{U}^\perp$ .
- (2) A cotorsion pair  $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V})$  is called *perfect* if  $\mathcal{U}$  is covering and  $\mathcal{V}$  is enveloping in  $\text{Mod } R$ .
- (3) A cotorsion pair  $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V})$  is called *hereditary* if one of the following equivalent conditions is satisfied:
  - (3a)  $\mathcal{U} \perp \mathcal{V}$ .
  - (3b)  $\mathcal{U}$  is projectively resolving in the sense that  $\mathcal{U}$  contains all projective modules in  $\text{Mod } R$ , and  $\mathcal{U}$  is closed under extensions and kernels of epimorphisms.
  - (3c)  $\mathcal{V}$  is injectively coresolving in the sense that  $\mathcal{V}$  contains all injective modules in  $\text{Mod } R$ , and  $\mathcal{V}$  is closed under extensions and cokernels of monomorphisms.

Set  $(-)^+ := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(-, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the additive group of integers and  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the additive group of rational numbers. The following is the definition of duality pairs (cf. [7, 10]).

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be subcategories of  $\text{Mod } R$  and  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$ , respectively.

- (1) The pair  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is called a *duality pair* if the following conditions are satisfied:
  - (1a) For a module  $X \in \text{Mod } R$ , one has  $X \in \mathcal{X}$  if and only if  $X^+ \in \mathcal{Y}$ .
  - (1b)  $\mathcal{Y}$  is closed under direct summands and finite direct sums.
- (2) A duality pair  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is called *(co)product-closed* if  $\mathcal{X}$  is closed under (co)products.
- (3) A duality pair  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is called *perfect* if it is coproduct-closed, if  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{X}$  and if  $\mathcal{X}$  is closed under extensions.

We also recall the following remarkable result.

**Lemma 2.4** ([7, p. 7, Theorem] and [10, Theorem 3.1]). *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be subcategories of  $\text{Mod } R$  and  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$ , respectively. If  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is a duality pair, then the following assertions hold true:*

- (1) *If  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is coproduct-closed, then  $\mathcal{X}$  is covering.*
- (2) *If  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is product-closed, then  $\mathcal{X}$  is preenveloping.*
- (3) *If  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  is perfect, then  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}^\perp)$  is a perfect cotorsion pair.*

**Definition 2.5** ([1, 11]). Let  $R$  and  $S$  be rings. An  $(R, S)$ -bimodule  ${}_R C_S$  is called *semidualizing* if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a1)  ${}_R C$  admits a degreewise finite  $R$ -projective resolution.
- (a2)  $C_S$  admits a degreewise finite  $S^{\text{op}}$ -projective resolution.
- (b1) The homothety map  ${}_R R_R \xrightarrow{R_Y} \text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, C)$  is an isomorphism.
- (b2) The homothety map  ${}_S S_S \xrightarrow{Y_S} \text{Hom}_R(C, C)$  is an isomorphism.
- (c1)  $\text{Ext}_R^{\geq 1}(C, C) = 0$ .
- (c2)  $\text{Ext}_{S^{\text{op}}}^{\geq 1}(C, C) = 0$ .

Wakamatsu [18] introduced and studied the so-called *generalized tilting modules*, which are usually called *Wakamatsu tilting modules*; see [3, 16]. Note that a bimodule  ${}_R C_S$  is semidualizing if and only if it is Wakamatsu tilting [20, Corollary 3.2]. For examples of semidualizing bimodules, the reader is referred to [11, 19].

### 3 Duality pairs

In this section,  $R$  and  $S$  are arbitrary rings and  ${}_R C_S$  is a semidualizing bimodule. We write  $(-)_* := \text{Hom}(C, -)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} {}_R C^\perp &:= \{M \in \text{Mod } R \mid \text{Ext}_R^{\geq 1}(C, M) = 0\} & \text{and} & & C_S^\perp &:= \{B \in \text{Mod } S^{\text{op}} \mid \text{Ext}_{S^{\text{op}}}^{\geq 1}(C, B) = 0\}, \\ {}^\top {}_R C &:= \{N \in \text{Mod } R^{\text{op}} \mid \text{Tor}_{\geq 1}^R(N, C) = 0\} & \text{and} & & C_S^\top &:= \{A \in \text{Mod } S \mid \text{Tor}_{\geq 1}^S(C, A) = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 3.1** ([11]). (1) The *Auslander class*  $\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  with respect to  $C$  consists of all modules  $N$  in  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (a1)  $N \in {}^\top {}_R C$ .
- (a2)  $N \otimes_R C \in C_S^\perp$ .
- (a3) The canonical evaluation homomorphism

$$\mu_N : N \rightarrow (N \otimes_R C)_*$$

defined by  $\mu_N(x)(c) = x \otimes c$  for any  $x \in N$  and  $c \in C$  is an isomorphism in  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$ .

(2) The *Bass class*  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  with respect to  $C$  consists of all modules  $M$  in  $\text{Mod } R$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (b1)  $M \in {}_R C^\perp$ .
- (b2)  $M_* \in C_S^\top$ .

(b3) The canonical evaluation homomorphism

$$\theta_M : C \otimes_S M_* \rightarrow M$$

defined by  $\theta_M(c \otimes f) = f(c)$  for any  $c \in C$  and  $f \in M_*$  is an isomorphism in  $\text{Mod } R$ .

(3) The Auslander class  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  in  $\text{Mod } S$  and the Bass class  $\mathcal{B}_C(S^{\text{op}})$  in  $\text{Mod } S^{\text{op}}$  are defined symmetrically.

The following result is crucial. From its proof, it is known that the conditions in the definitions of  $\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  and  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  are dual item by item.

**Proposition 3.2.** (1) For a module  $N \in \text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$ , one has  $N \in \mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  if and only if  $N^+ \in \mathcal{B}_C(R)$ .  
 (2) For a module  $M \in \text{Mod } R$ , one has  $M \in \mathcal{B}_C(R)$  if and only if  $M^+ \in \mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $N \in \text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$ . Then we have the following assertions:

(a) We have the equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} N \in {}^\top_R C &\iff \text{Tor}_{\geq 1}^R(N, C) = 0 \\ &\iff [\text{Tor}_{\geq 1}^R(N, C)]^+ = 0 \\ &\iff \text{Ext}_R^{\geq 1}(C, N^+) = 0 \quad (\text{by [9, Lemma 2.16 (b)]}) \\ &\iff N^+ \in {}_R C^\perp. \end{aligned}$$

(b) We have the equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} N \otimes_R C \in C_S^\perp &\iff \text{Ext}_{S^{\text{op}}}^{\geq 1}(C, N \otimes_R C) = 0 \\ &\iff [\text{Ext}_{S^{\text{op}}}^{\geq 1}(C, N \otimes_R C)]^+ = 0 \\ &\iff \text{Tor}_{\geq 1}^S(C, (N \otimes_R C)^+) = 0 \quad (\text{by [9, Lemma 2.16 (d)]}) \\ &\iff \text{Tor}_{\geq 1}^S(C, (N^+)_*) = 0 \quad (\text{by [9, Lemma 2.16 (a)]}) \\ &\iff (N^+)_* \in C_S^\top. \end{aligned}$$

(c) By [9, Lemma 2.16 (c)], the canonical evaluation homomorphism

$$\alpha : C \otimes_S (N \otimes_R C)^+ \rightarrow [\text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, N \otimes_R C)]^+$$

defined by  $\alpha(c \otimes g)(f) = gf(c)$  for any  $c \in C$ ,  $g \in (N \otimes_R C)^+$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, N \otimes_R C)$  is an isomorphism in  $\text{Mod } R$ . By [9, Lemma 2.16 (a)], the canonical evaluation homomorphism

$$\beta : (N \otimes_R C)^+ \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(C, N^+)$$

defined by  $\beta(g)(c)(x) = g(x \otimes c)$  for any  $g \in (N \otimes_R C)^+$ ,  $c \in C$  and  $x \in N$  is an isomorphism in  $\text{Mod } S$ . So,

$$1_C \otimes \beta : C \otimes_S (N \otimes_R C)^+ \rightarrow C \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(C, N^+)$$

defined by  $(1_C \otimes \beta)(c \otimes g) = c \otimes \beta(g)$  for any  $c \in C$  and  $g \in (N \otimes_R C)^+$  is an isomorphism in  $\text{Mod } R$ .

Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C \otimes_S (N \otimes_R C)^+ & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & [\text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, N \otimes_R C)]^+ \\ \downarrow 1_C \otimes \beta & & \downarrow (\mu_N)^+ \\ C \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(C, N^+) & \xrightarrow{\theta_{N^+}} & N^+, \end{array}$$

where

$$(\mu_N)^+ : [\text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, N \otimes_R C)]^+ \rightarrow N^+$$

defined by  $(\mu_N)^+(f') = f' \mu_N$  for any  $f' \in [\text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, N \otimes_R C)]^+$  is a natural homomorphism in  $\text{Mod } R$ , and

$$\theta_{N^+} : C \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(C, N^+) \rightarrow N^+$$

defined by  $\theta_{N^+}(c \otimes f'') = f''(c)$  for any  $c \in C$  and  $f'' \in \text{Hom}_R(C, N^+)$  is a canonical evaluation homomorphism in  $\text{Mod } R$ . Then, for any  $c \in C$ ,  $g \in (N \otimes_R C)^+$  and  $x \in N$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_N)^+ \alpha(c \otimes g)(x) &= \alpha(c \otimes g)\mu_N(x) = g\mu_N(x)(c) = g(x \otimes c), \\ \theta_{N^+}(1_C \otimes \beta)(c \otimes g)(x) &= \theta_{N^+}(c \otimes \beta(g))(x) = \beta(g)(c)(x) = g(x \otimes c). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(\mu_N)^+ \alpha = \theta_{N^+}(1_C \otimes \beta).$$

Therefore,  $\mu_N$  is an isomorphism, which is equivalent to the fact that  $(\mu_N)^+$  is an isomorphism, which in turn is equivalent to  $\theta_{N^+}$  being an isomorphism.

We conclude that  $N \in \mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$ , which is equivalent to  $N^+ \in \mathcal{B}_C(R)$ .

(2) Let  $M \in \text{Mod } R$ . Then we have the following assertions.

(a) We have the equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} M \in {}_R C^\perp &\iff \text{Ext}_R^{\geq 1}(C, M) = 0 \\ &\iff [\text{Ext}_R^{\geq 1}(C, M)]^+ = 0 \\ &\iff \text{Tor}_{\geq 1}^R(M^+, C) = 0 \quad (\text{by [9, Lemma 2.16 (d)]}) \\ &\iff M^+ \in {}^\top_R C. \end{aligned}$$

(b) We have the equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} M_* \in C_S^\top &\iff \text{Tor}_{\geq 1}^S(C, M_*) = 0 \\ &\iff [\text{Tor}_{\geq 1}^S(C, M_*)]^+ = 0 \\ &\iff \text{Ext}_{S^{\text{op}}}^{\geq 1}(C, (M_*)^+) = 0 \quad (\text{by [9, Lemma 2.16 (b)]}) \\ &\iff \text{Ext}_{S^{\text{op}}}^{\geq 1}(C, M^+ \otimes_R C) = 0 \quad (\text{by [9, Lemma 2.16 (c)]}) \\ &\iff M^+ \otimes_R C \in C_S^{\perp 1}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) By [9, Lemma 2.16 (a)], the canonical evaluation homomorphism

$$\tau : [C \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(C, M)]^+ \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, [\text{Hom}_R(C, M)]^+)$$

defined by  $\tau(g')(c)(f) = g'(c \otimes f)$  for any  $g' \in [C \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(C, M)]^+$ ,  $c \in C$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(C, M)$  is an isomorphism in  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$ . By [9, Lemma 2.16(c)], the canonical evaluation homomorphism

$$\sigma : M^+ \otimes_R C \rightarrow [\text{Hom}_R(C, M)]^+$$

defined by  $\sigma(g \otimes c)(f) = gf(c)$  for any  $g \in M^+$ ,  $c \in C$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(C, M)$  is an isomorphism in  $\text{Mod } S^{\text{op}}$ . So,

$$\text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, \sigma) : \text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, M^+ \otimes_R C) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, [\text{Hom}_R(C, M)]^+)$$

defined by  $\text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, \sigma)(g'') = \sigma g''$  for any  $g'' \in \text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, M^+ \otimes_R C)$  is an isomorphism in  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$ .

Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M^+ & \xrightarrow{(\theta_M)^+} & [C \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(C, M)]^+ \\ \downarrow \mu_{M^+} & & \downarrow \tau \\ \text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, M^+ \otimes_R C) & \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, \sigma)} & \text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, [\text{Hom}_R(C, M)]^+), \end{array}$$

where

$$(\theta_M)^+ : M^+ \rightarrow [C \otimes_S \text{Hom}_R(C, M)]^+$$

defined by  $(\theta_M)^+(g) = g\theta_M$  for any  $g \in M^+$  is a natural homomorphism in  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$ , and

$$\mu_{M^+} : M^+ \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, M^+ \otimes_R C)$$

defined by  $\mu_{M^+}(g)(c) = g \otimes c$  for any  $g \in M^+$  and  $c \in C$  is a canonical evaluation homomorphism in  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$ .

Then, for any  $g \in M^+$ ,  $c \in C$  and  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(C, M)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\theta_M)^+(g)(c)(f) &= (\theta_M)^+(g)(c \otimes f) = g\theta_M(c \otimes f) = gf(c), \\ \text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, \sigma)\mu_{M^+}(g)(c)(f) &= \sigma\mu_{M^+}(g)(c)(f) = \sigma(g \otimes c)(f) = gf(c). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\tau(\theta_M)^+ = \text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, \sigma)\mu_{M^+}.$$

Therefore,  $\theta_M$  is an isomorphism, which is equivalent to the fact that  $(\theta_M)^+$  is an isomorphism, which in turn is equivalent to  $\mu_{M^+}$  being an isomorphism.

We conclude that  $M \in \mathcal{B}_C(R)$ , which is equivalent to  $M^+ \in \mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$ . □

As a consequence, we get the following theorem.

- Theorem 3.3.** (1) *The pair  $(\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}}), \mathcal{B}_C(R))$  is a perfect coproduct-closed and product-closed duality pair and  $\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  is covering and preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$ .*  
 (2) *The pair  $(\mathcal{B}_C(R), \mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}}))$  is a coproduct-closed and product-closed duality pair and  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  is covering and preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } R$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from [11, Proposition 4.2 (a)] that both  $\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  and  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  are closed under direct summands, coproducts and products. So, by Lemma 2.4 (1) and (2), and by Proposition 3.2, we have that both the pairs

$$(\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}}), \mathcal{B}_C(R)) \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathcal{B}_C(R), \mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}}))$$

are coproduct-closed and product-closed duality pairs,  $\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  is covering and preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  is covering and preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } R$ . Moreover,  $\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  is projectively resolving by [11, Theorem 6.2], so the duality pair  $(\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}}), \mathcal{B}_C(R))$  is perfect. □

We write

$$\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})^\perp := \{Y \in \text{Mod } R^{\text{op}} \mid \text{Ext}_{R^{\text{op}}}^{\geq 1}(N, Y) = 0 \text{ for any } N \in \mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})\}.$$

The following corollary was proved in [6, Theorem 3.11] when  $R$  is a commutative noetherian ring and  ${}_R C_S = {}_R C_R$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** *The pair  $(\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}}), \mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})^\perp)$  is a hereditary perfect cotorsion pair and  $\mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}})$  is covering and preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } R^{\text{op}}$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 3.3 (1) and Lemma 2.4 (3). □

The following two results are the symmetric versions of Theorem 3.3 and Corollary 3.4, respectively.

- Theorem 3.5.** (1) *The pair  $(\mathcal{A}_C(S), \mathcal{B}_C(S^{\text{op}}))$  is a perfect coproduct-closed and product-closed duality pair and  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  is covering and preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } S$ .*  
 (2) *The pair  $(\mathcal{B}_C(S^{\text{op}}), \mathcal{A}_C(S))$  is a coproduct-closed and product-closed duality pair and  $\mathcal{B}_C(S^{\text{op}})$  is covering and preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } S^{\text{op}}$ .*

We write

$$\mathcal{A}_C(S)^\perp := \{X \in \text{Mod } S \mid \text{Ext}_S^{\geq 1}(N', X) = 0 \text{ for any } N' \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)\}.$$

**Corollary 3.6.** *The pair  $(\mathcal{A}_C(S), \mathcal{A}_C(S)^\perp)$  is a hereditary perfect cotorsion pair and  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  is covering and preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } S$ .*

Holm and White proved in [11, Proposition 4.1] that there exist the following (Foxby) equivalences of categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{A}_C(S) & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{C \otimes_S -} \\ \sim \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Hom}_R(C, -)} \end{array} & \mathcal{B}_C(R), \\ \mathcal{A}_C(R^{\text{op}}) & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{- \otimes_R C} \\ \sim \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Hom}_{S^{\text{op}}}(C, -)} \end{array} & \mathcal{B}_C(S^{\text{op}}). \end{array}$$

Compare this result with Theorems 3.3 and 3.5.

By Theorems 3.3 (2) and 3.5 (1),  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  is preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } R$  and  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  is preenveloping in  $\text{Mod } S$ . In the following result, we construct an  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ -preenvelope of a given module in  $\text{Mod } S$  from a  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$ -preenvelope of some module in  $\text{Mod } R$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** (1) *Let  $N \in \text{Mod } S$  and let  $f : C \otimes_S N \rightarrow B$  be a  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$ -preenvelope of  $C \otimes_S N$  in  $\text{Mod } R$ . Then we have the following assertions:*

- (1a)  $f_*\mu_N : N \rightarrow B_*$  is an  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ -preenvelope of  $N$  in  $\text{Mod } S$ .
- (1b) If  $f$  is a  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$ -envelope of  $C \otimes_S N$ , then  $f_*\mu_N$  is an  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ -envelope of  $N$ .

(2) *If  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  is enveloping in  $\text{Mod } R$ , then  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  is enveloping in  $\text{Mod } S$ .*

*Proof.* (1a) Let  $N \in \text{Mod } S$  and let

$$f : C \otimes_S N \rightarrow B$$

be a  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$ -preenvelope in  $\text{Mod } R$ . By [11, Proposition 4.1], we have  $B_* \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ . Let  $g \in \text{Hom}_S(N, A)$  with  $A \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ . By [11, Proposition 4.1] again, we have  $C \otimes_S A \in \mathcal{B}_C(R)$ . So there exists  $h \in \text{Hom}_R(B, C \otimes_S A)$  such that  $1_C \otimes g = hf$ , that is, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ 1_C \otimes g \downarrow & \swarrow h & \\ C \otimes_S A & & \end{array}$$

commutes. From the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N & \xrightarrow{g} & A \\ \mu_N \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_A \\ (C \otimes_S N)_* & \xrightarrow{(1_C \otimes g)_*} & (C \otimes_S A)_* \end{array}$$

we get  $\mu_A g = (1_C \otimes g)_* \mu_N$ . Since  $\mu_A$  is an isomorphism, we have

$$g = \mu_A^{-1} (1_C \otimes g)_* \mu_N = (\mu_A^{-1} h_*) (f_* \mu_N),$$

that is, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N & \xrightarrow{f_* \mu_N} & B \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow \mu_A^{-1} h_* & \\ A & & \end{array}$$

commutes. Thus  $f_*\mu_N : N \rightarrow B_*$  is an  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ -preenvelope of  $N$ .

(1b) By (1a), it suffices to prove that if  $f$  is left minimal, then so is  $f_*\mu_N$ .

Let  $f$  be left minimal and let  $h \in \text{Hom}_S(B_*, B_*)$  such that  $f_*\mu_N = h(f_*\mu_N)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1_C \otimes f_*)(1_C \otimes \mu_N) &= 1_C \otimes (f_*\mu_N) = 1_C \otimes (h(f_*\mu_N)) \\ &= (1_C \otimes h)(1_C \otimes f_*)(1_C \otimes \mu_N). \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

From the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C \otimes_S (C \otimes_S N)_* & \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes f_*} & C \otimes_S B_* \\ \theta_{C \otimes_S N} \downarrow & & \downarrow \theta_B \\ C \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{f} & B, \end{array}$$

we get

$$f\theta_{C \otimes_S N} = \theta_B(1_C \otimes f_*). \tag{3.2}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &= f1_{C \otimes_S N} \\
 &= f(\theta_{C \otimes_S N}(1_C \otimes \mu_N)) && \text{(by [21, Proposition 2.2 (1)])} \\
 &= \theta_B(1_C \otimes f_*)(1_C \otimes \mu_N) && \text{(by (3.2))} \\
 &= \theta_B(1_C \otimes h)(1_C \otimes f_*)(1_C \otimes \mu_N) && \text{(by (3.1))} \\
 &= \theta_B(1_C \otimes h)(\theta_B^{-1}\theta_B)(1_C \otimes f_*)(1_C \otimes \mu_N) && \text{(because } \theta_B \text{ is an isomorphism)} \\
 &= \theta_B(1_C \otimes h)\theta_B^{-1}f\theta_{C \otimes_S N}(1_C \otimes \mu_N) && \text{(by (3.2))} \\
 &= \theta_B(1_C \otimes h)\theta_B^{-1}f1_{C \otimes_S N} && \text{(by [21, Proposition 2.2 (1)])} \\
 &= \theta_B(1_C \otimes h)\theta_B^{-1}f.
 \end{aligned}$$

Because  $f$  is left minimal,  $\theta_B(1_C \otimes h)\theta_B^{-1}$  is an isomorphism, which implies that  $1_C \otimes h$  and  $(1_C \otimes h)_*$  are also isomorphisms. From the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 B_* & \xrightarrow{h} & B_* \\
 \mu_{B_*} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_{B_*} \\
 (C \otimes_S B_*)_* & \xrightarrow{(1_C \otimes h)_*} & (C \otimes_S B_*)_*
 \end{array}$$

we get

$$(1_C \otimes h)_* \mu_{B_*} = \mu_{B_*} h.$$

Because  $B_* \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$  by [11, Proposition 4.1], we obtain that  $\mu_{B_*}$  is an isomorphism. It follows that  $h$  is also an isomorphism and  $f_* \mu_N$  is left minimal.

(2): It follows from assertion (1b) immediately. □

We do not know whether a  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$ -preenvelope of a given module in  $\text{Mod } R$  can be constructed from an  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ -preenvelope of some module in  $\text{Mod } S$ , and we do not know whether the converse of Theorem 3.7 (2) holds true.

By Theorems 3.3 (2) and 3.5 (1),  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  is covering in  $\text{Mod } R$  and  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  is covering in  $\text{Mod } S$ . In the following result, we construct a  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$ -cover of a given module in  $\text{Mod } R$  from an  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ -cover of some module in  $\text{Mod } S$ .

**Proposition 3.8.** *Let  $M \in \text{Mod } R$  and let*

$$g : A \rightarrow M_*$$

*be an  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ -cover of  $M_*$  in  $\text{Mod } S$ . Then*

$$\theta_M(1_C \otimes g) : C \otimes_S A \rightarrow M$$

*is a  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$ -cover of  $M$  in  $\text{Mod } R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M \in \text{Mod } R$  and let  $g : A \rightarrow M_*$  be an  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ -cover of  $M_*$  in  $\text{Mod } S$ . By [11, Proposition 4.1], we have  $C \otimes_S A \in \mathcal{B}_C(R)$ . Let  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(B, M)$  with  $B \in \mathcal{B}_C(R)$ . By [11, Proposition 4.1] again, we have  $B_* \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ . So there exists  $h \in \text{Hom}_S(B_*, A)$  such that  $f_* = gh$ , that is, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & B_* & \\
 & \swarrow h & \downarrow f_* \\
 A & \xrightarrow{g} & M_*
 \end{array}$$

commutes. From the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C \otimes_S B_* & \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes f_*} & C \otimes_S M_* \\
 \theta_B \downarrow & & \downarrow \theta_M \\
 B & \xrightarrow{f} & M,
 \end{array}$$



we get  $f\theta_B = \theta_M(1_C \otimes f_*)$ . Because  $\theta_B$  is an isomorphism, we have

$$f = \theta_M(1_C \otimes f_*)\theta_B^{-1} = \theta_M(1_C \otimes (gh))\theta_B^{-1} = (\theta_M(1_C \otimes g))((1_C \otimes h)\theta_B^{-1}),$$

that is, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & B \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow f \\ (1_C \otimes h)\theta_B^{-1} & & \\ C \otimes_S A & \xrightarrow{\theta_M(1_C \otimes g)} & M \end{array}$$

commutes. Thus  $\theta_M(1_C \otimes g) : C \otimes_S A \rightarrow M$  is a  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$ -precover of  $M$ .

In the following, it suffices to prove that  $\theta_M(1_C \otimes g)$  is right minimal.

Let  $h \in \text{Hom}_R(C \otimes_S A, C \otimes_S A)$  such that  $\theta_M(1_C \otimes g) = (\theta_M(1_C \otimes g))h$ . Then we have

$$(\theta_M)_*(1_C \otimes g)_* = (\theta_M(1_C \otimes g))_* = ((\theta_M(1_C \otimes g))h)_* = (\theta_M)_*(1_C \otimes g)_*h_*. \tag{3.3}$$

From the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{g} & M_* \\ \mu_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_{M_*} \\ (C \otimes_S A)_* & \xrightarrow{(1_C \otimes g)_*} & (C \otimes_S M_*)_* \end{array}$$

we get

$$\mu_{M_*}g = (1_C \otimes g)_*\mu_A. \tag{3.4}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} g &= 1_{M_*}g \\ &= (\theta_M)_*\mu_{M_*}g && \text{(by [21, Proposition 2.2 (1)])} \\ &= (\theta_M)_*(1_C \otimes g)_*\mu_A && \text{(by (3.4))} \\ &= (\theta_M)_*(1_C \otimes g)_*h_*\mu_A && \text{(by (3.3))} \\ &= (\theta_M)_*(1_C \otimes g)_*\mu_A\mu_A^{-1}h_*\mu_A && \text{(because } \mu_A \text{ is an isomorphism)} \\ &= (\theta_M)_*\mu_{M_*}g\mu_A^{-1}h_*\mu_A && \text{(by (3.4))} \\ &= 1_{M_*}g\mu_A^{-1}h_*\mu_A && \text{(by [21, Proposition 2.2 (1)])} \\ &= g\mu_A^{-1}h_*\mu_A. \end{aligned}$$

Because  $g$  is right minimal,  $\mu_A^{-1}h_*\mu_A$  is an isomorphism, which implies that  $h_*$  and  $1_C \otimes h_*$  are also isomorphisms. From the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C \otimes_S (C \otimes_S A)_* & \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes h_*} & C \otimes_S (C \otimes_S A)_* \\ \theta_{C \otimes_S A} \downarrow & & \downarrow \theta_{C \otimes_S A} \\ C \otimes_S A & \xrightarrow{h} & C \otimes_S A, \end{array}$$

we get

$$h\theta_{C \otimes_S A} = \theta_{C \otimes_S A}(1_C \otimes h_*).$$

Because  $C \otimes_S A \in \mathcal{B}_C(R)$  by [11, Proposition 4.1], we obtain that  $\theta_{C \otimes_S A}$  is an isomorphism. It follows that  $h$  is also an isomorphism and  $\theta_M(1_C \otimes g)$  is right minimal. □

We do not know whether an  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ -cover of a given module in  $\text{Mod } S$  can be constructed from a  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$ -cover of some module in  $\text{Mod } R$ .

## 4 The Auslander projective dimension of modules

For a subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\text{Mod } S$  and  $N \in \text{Mod } S$ , the  $\mathcal{X}$ -projective dimension  $\mathcal{X}\text{-pd}_S N$  of  $N$  is defined as

$$\inf\{n \mid \text{there exists an exact sequence } 0 \rightarrow X_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow X_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } \text{Mod } S \text{ with all } X_i \in \mathcal{X}\},$$

and we set  $\mathcal{X}\text{-pd}_S N$  infinite if no such integer exists. We call  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N$  the Auslander projective dimension of  $N$ . For any  $n \geq 0$ , we use  $\Omega^n(N)$  to denote the  $n$ -th syzygy of  $N$  (note:  $\Omega^0(N) = N$ ).

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $N \in \text{Mod } S$  and  $n \geq 0$ . If  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N \leq n$  and*

$$0 \rightarrow K_n \rightarrow A_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow A_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

*is an exact sequence in  $\text{Mod } S$  with all  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ , then  $K_n \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ ; in particular,  $\Omega^n(N) \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ .*

*Proof.* Because  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  is projectively resolving and is closed under direct summands and coproducts by [11, Theorem 6.2 and Proposition 4.2 (a)], the assertion follows from [2, Lemma 3.12].  $\square$

We use  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}^{<\infty}$  to denote the subcategory of  $\text{Mod } S$  consisting of modules with finite Auslander projective dimension.

**Proposition 4.2.** *The category  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}^{<\infty}$  is closed under extensions, kernels of epimorphisms and cokernels of monomorphisms.*

*Proof.* Let

$$0 \rightarrow N_1 \rightarrow N_2 \rightarrow N_3 \rightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence in  $\text{Mod } S$  and let  $n \geq 0$ . If  $\max\{\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N_1, \mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N_3\} = n$ , then, by Lemma 4.1, there exist exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \Omega^n(N_1) \rightarrow P_1^{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_1^1 \rightarrow P_1^0 \rightarrow N_1 \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow \Omega^n(N_3) \rightarrow P_3^{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_3^1 \rightarrow P_3^0 \rightarrow N_3 \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$  with all  $P_i^j$  projective and  $\Omega^n(N_1), \Omega^n(N_3) \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ . Then we get exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow K_n \rightarrow P_1^{n-1} \oplus P_3^{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_1^1 \oplus P_3^1 \rightarrow P_1^0 \oplus P_3^0 \rightarrow N_2 \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow \Omega^n(N_1) \rightarrow K_n \rightarrow \Omega^n(N_3) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$ . By [11, Theorem 6.2], we have  $K_n \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$  and  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N_2 \leq n$ .

If

$$\max\{\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N_1, \mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N_2\} = n,$$

then, by Corollary 3.6 and Lemma 4.1, there exist  $\text{Hom}_S(\mathcal{A}_C(S), -)$ -exact exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow A_1^n \rightarrow A_1^{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_1^1 \rightarrow A_1^0 \rightarrow N_1 \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow A_2^n \rightarrow A_2^{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_2^1 \rightarrow A_2^0 \rightarrow N_2 \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$  with all  $A_i^j \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ . By [12, Theorem 3.6], we get an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A_1^n \rightarrow A_1^{n-1} \oplus A_2^n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_1^0 \oplus A_2^1 \rightarrow A_2^0 \rightarrow N_3 \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$ , and so  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N_3 \leq n + 1$ .

If

$$\max\{\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N_2, \mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N_3\} = n,$$

then, by Corollary 3.6 and Lemma 4.1, there exist  $\text{Hom}_S(\mathcal{A}_C(S), -)$ -exact exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow A_2^n \rightarrow A_2^{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_2^1 \rightarrow A_2^0 \rightarrow N_2 \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow A_3^n \rightarrow A_3^{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_3^1 \rightarrow A_3^0 \rightarrow N_3 \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$  with all  $A_i^j$  in  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ . By [12, Theorem 3.2], we get exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow A_2^n \rightarrow A_2^{n-1} \oplus A_3^n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_2^1 \oplus A_3^2 \rightarrow A \rightarrow N_1 \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A_2^0 \oplus A_3^1 \rightarrow A_3^0 \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$ . By [11, Theorem 6.2], we have  $A \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ , and so  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N_1 \leq n$ . □

We write

$$\mathcal{J}_C(S) := \{I_* \mid I \text{ is injective in } \text{Mod } R\}.$$

The module in  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)$  is called *C-injective* [11]. Let  $Q$  be an injective cogenerator for  $\text{Mod } R$ . Then

$$\mathcal{J}_C(S) = \text{Prod}_S Q_*$$

by [15, Proposition 2.4 (2)], where  $\text{Prod}_S Q_*$  is the subcategory of  $\text{Mod } S$  consisting of direct summands of products of copies of  $Q_*$ . By [9, Lemma 2.16 (b)], we have the following isomorphism of functors:

$$\text{Hom}_R(\text{Tor}_i^S(C, -), Q) \cong \text{Ext}_S^i(-, Q_*)$$

for any  $i \geq 1$ . This gives the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.3.** *One has  $C_S^\top = {}^\perp \mathcal{J}_C(S)$ .*

For a subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\text{Mod } S$ , a sequence in  $\text{Mod } S$  is called  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{X})$ -exact if it is exact after applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_S(-, X)$  for any  $X \in \mathcal{X}$ . Now we give some criteria for computing the Auslander projective dimension of modules.

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $N \in \text{Mod } S$  with  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N < \infty$  and  $n \geq 0$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N \leq n$ .
- (2)  $\Omega^n(N) \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ .
- (3)  $\text{Tor}_{\geq n+1}^S(C, N) = 0$ .
- (4) *There exists an exact sequence*

$$0 \rightarrow H \rightarrow A \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

*in  $\text{Mod } S$  with  $A \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$  and  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H \leq n - 1$ .*

- (5) *There exists a  $(\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{J}_C(S))$ -exact) exact sequence*

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow H' \rightarrow A' \rightarrow 0$$

*in  $\text{Mod } S$  with  $A' \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$  and  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H' \leq n$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 4.1 and the dimension shifting, we have (1)  $\iff$  (2) and (2)  $\implies$  (3).

(3)  $\implies$  (2): Because  $\text{Tor}_{\geq n+1}^S(C, N) = 0$  by (3), we have  $\Omega^n(N) \in C_S^\top$ , and so  $\Omega^n(N) \in {}^\perp \mathcal{J}_C(S)$  by Lemma 4.3. Note that all projective modules in  $\text{Mod } S$  are in  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  by [11, Theorem 6.2]. Because  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N < \infty$  by assumption, we have  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S \Omega^n(N) < \infty$  by Proposition 4.2.

Assume that  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S \Omega^n(N) = m (< \infty)$  and

$$0 \rightarrow A_m \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow A_0 \rightarrow \Omega^n(N) \rightarrow 0 \tag{4.1}$$

is an exact sequence in  $\text{Mod } S$  with all  $A_j$  in  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ . Because  $\mathcal{A}_C(S) \subseteq C_S^\top = {}^\perp \mathcal{J}_C(S)$  by Lemma 4.3, the exact sequence (4.1) is  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{J}_C(S))$ -exact. By [17, Theorem 3.11 (1)], we have the following  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{J}_C(S))$ -exact exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow A_j \rightarrow U_j^0 \rightarrow U_j^1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow U_j^i \rightarrow \cdots$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$  with all  $U_j^i$  in  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)$  for any  $0 \leq j \leq m$  and  $i \geq 0$ . It follows from [12, Corollary 3.5] that there exist the following two exact sequences:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \Omega^n(N) \rightarrow U \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^m U_i^{i+1} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^m U_i^{i+2} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^m U_i^{i+3} \rightarrow \cdots, \\ 0 \rightarrow U_m^0 \rightarrow U_m^1 \oplus U_{m-1}^0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=2}^m U_i^{i-2} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^m U_i^{i-1} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^m U_i^i \rightarrow U \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

and the former one is  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{J}_C(S))$ -exact. Because  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)$  is closed under finite direct sums and cokernels of monomorphisms by [11, Proposition 5.1 (c) and Corollary 6.4], we have  $U \in \mathcal{J}_C(S)$ . By [17, Theorem 3.11 (1)] again, we have  $\Omega^n(N) \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ .

(1)  $\implies$  (4): By [11, Theorem 6.2],  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  is closed under extensions. By [17, Theorem 3.11 (1)], we have that  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)$  is an  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)$ -coproper cogenerator for  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  in the sense of [13]. Then the assertion follows from [13, Theorem 4.7].

(4)  $\implies$  (5): Let

$$0 \rightarrow H \rightarrow A \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence in  $\text{Mod } S$  with  $A \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$  and  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H \leq n - 1$ . By [17, Theorem 3.11 (1)], there exists a  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{J}_C(S))$ -exact exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow U \rightarrow A' \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$  with  $U \in \mathcal{J}_C(S)$  and  $A' \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ . Consider the following push-out diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & 0 & & 0 & \\
 & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & H & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & N \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \dashrightarrow & H & \dashrightarrow & U & \dashrightarrow & H' \dashrightarrow 0 \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & A' & = & A' \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & 0 & & 0.
 \end{array}$$

By the middle row in this diagram, we have  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H' \leq n$ . Because the middle column in the above diagram is  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{J}_C(S))$ -exact, the rightmost column is also  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{J}_C(S))$ -exact by [12, Lemma 2.4 (2)] and it is the desired exact sequence.

(5)  $\implies$  (1): Let

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow H' \rightarrow A' \rightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence in  $\text{Mod } S$  with  $A' \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$  and  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H' \leq n$ . Then there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow U_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow U_1 \rightarrow U_0 \rightarrow H' \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$  with all  $U_i$  in  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)$ . Set  $H := \text{Ker}(U_0 \rightarrow H')$ . Then  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H \leq n - 1$ . Consider the following pull-back diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & 0 & & 0 & \\
 & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 & & & H & = & = & H \\
 & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 & \dashrightarrow & A & \dashrightarrow & U_0 & \dashrightarrow & A' \dashrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & N & \longrightarrow & H' & \longrightarrow & A' \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0.
 \end{array}$$

Applying [11, Theorem 6.2] to the middle row in this diagram yields  $A \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ . Thus  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N \leq n$  by the leftmost column in the above diagram.  $\square$

The only place where the assumption  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N < \infty$  in Theorem 4.4 is used is in showing that (3) implies (2). By Theorem 4.4, it is easy to get the following standard observation.

**Corollary 4.5.** *Let*

$$0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$$

*be an exact sequence in Mod S.*

(1) *We have*

$$\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S K \leq \max\{\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S M, \mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S L + 1\},$$

*and the equality holds true if  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S M \neq \mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S L$ .*

(2) *We have*

$$\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S L \leq \max\{\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S M, \mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S K - 1\},$$

*and the equality holds true if  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S M \neq \mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S K$ .*

(3) *We have*

$$\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S M \leq \max\{\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S L, \mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S K\},$$

*and the equality holds true if  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S K \neq \mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S L + 1$ .*

The following corollary is an addendum to the implications (1)  $\implies$  (4) and (1)  $\implies$  (5) in Theorem 4.4.

**Corollary 4.6.** *Let  $N \in \text{Mod } S$  with  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N = n (< \infty)$ . Then there exist exact sequences*

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow H \rightarrow A \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow H' \rightarrow A' \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

*in Mod S with  $A, A' \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ ,  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H = n - 1$  and  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H' = n$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $N \in \text{Mod } S$  with  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N = n (< \infty)$ . By Theorem 4.4, there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H \rightarrow A \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

in Mod S with  $A \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$  and  $(\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H \leq) \mathcal{J}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H \leq n - 1$ . By Theorem 4.4 again, we have

$$\sup\{i \geq 0 \mid \text{Tor}_i^S(C, N) \neq 0\} = n.$$

So  $\sup\{i \geq 0 \mid \text{Tor}_i^S(C, H) \neq 0\} = n - 1$ , and hence  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H = n - 1$  by Theorem 4.4. It follows that  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H = n - 1$ .

By Theorem 4.4, there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow H' \rightarrow A' \rightarrow 0$$

in Mod S with  $A' \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$  and  $(\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H \leq) \mathcal{J}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H' \leq n$ . By Corollary 4.5 (3), we have

$$\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H = \mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N = n,$$

and so  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S H' = n$ . □

Let  $N \in \text{Mod } S$ . Bican, El Bashir and Enochs proved in [4] that  $N$  has a flat cover. We use

$$\dots \xrightarrow{f_{n+1}} F_n(N) \xrightarrow{f_n} \dots \xrightarrow{f_2} F_1(N) \xrightarrow{f_1} F_0(N) \xrightarrow{f_0} N \rightarrow 0 \tag{4.2}$$

to denote a minimal flat resolution of  $N$  in Mod S, where each  $F_i(N) \rightarrow \text{Im } f_i$  is a flat cover of  $\text{Im } f_i$ .

**Lemma 4.7.** *Let  $N \in \text{Mod } S$  and  $n \geq 0$ . If  $\text{Tor}_{1 \leq i \leq n}^S(C, N) = 0$ , then we have the following assertions:*

(1) *There exists an exact sequence*

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^{n+1}(C, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})) \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{\mu_N} (C \otimes_S N)_* \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^{n+2}(C, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})) \rightarrow 0$$

*in Mod S.*

(2)  $\text{Ext}_R^{1 \leq i \leq n}(C, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})) = 0$ .

*Proof.* (1): The case for  $n = 0$  follows from [17, Proposition 3.2]. Now suppose  $n \geq 1$ . If  $\text{Tor}_{1 \leq i \leq n}^S(C, N) = 0$ , then the exact sequence (4.2) yields the following exact sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1}) \longrightarrow C \otimes_S F_{n+1}(N) \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes f_{n+1}} C \otimes_S F_n(N) \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes f_n} \dots \\ \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes f_2} C \otimes_S F_1(N) \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes f_1} C \otimes_S F_0(N) \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes f_0} C \otimes_S N \longrightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

in  $\text{Mod } R$ . Because all  $C \otimes_S F_i(N)$  are in  ${}_R C^\perp$  by [17, Lemma 2.3 (1)], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_R^1(C, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_1)) &\cong \text{Ext}_R^{n+1}(C, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_n)), \\ \text{Ext}_R^2(C, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_1)) &\cong \text{Ext}_R^{n+2}(C, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_n)). \end{aligned}$$

Now the assertion follows from [17, Proposition 3.2].

(2): Applying the functor  $(-)_*$  to the exact sequence (4.3), we get the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} F_{n+1}(N) & \xrightarrow{f_{n+1}} & F_n(N) & \xrightarrow{f_n} & \dots & \xrightarrow{f_1} & F_0(N) \\ \downarrow \mu_{F_{n+1}(N)} & & \downarrow \mu_{F_n(N)} & & & & \downarrow \mu_{F_0(N)} \\ 0 \longrightarrow & (\text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1}))_* & \longrightarrow & (C \otimes_S F_{n+1}(N))_* & \xrightarrow{(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})_*} & (C \otimes_S F_n(N))_* & \xrightarrow{(1_C \otimes f_n)_*} \dots \xrightarrow{(1_C \otimes f_1)_*} & (C \otimes_S F_0(N))_* \end{array}$$

All columns are isomorphisms by [11, Lemma 4.1]. So the bottom row in this diagram is exact. Because all  $C \otimes_S F_i(N)$  are in  ${}_R C^\perp$ , we have  $\text{Ext}_R^{1 \leq i \leq n}(C, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})) = 0$ .  $\square$

Let  $X \in \text{Mod } R$  and let

$$\dots \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes g_{n+1}} P_n \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes g_n} \dots \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes g_2} P_1 \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes g_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes g_0} X \longrightarrow 0$$

be a projective resolution of  $X$  in  $\text{Mod } R$ . If there exists  $n \geq 1$  such that  $\text{Im } g_n \cong \oplus_j W_j$ , where each  $W_j$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of some  $\text{Im } g_i$  with  $i_j < n$ , then we say that  $X$  has an ultimately closed projective resolution at  $n$ ; and we say that  $X$  has an ultimately closed projective resolution if it has an ultimately closed projective resolution at some  $n$  (see [14]). It is trivial that if  $\text{pd}_R X$  (the projective dimension of  $X$ ) is less than or equal to  $n$ , then  $X$  has an ultimately closed projective resolution at  $n + 1$ . Let  $R$  be an Artin algebra. If either  $R$  is of finite representation type or the square of the radical of  $R$  is zero, then any finitely generated left  $R$ -module has an ultimately closed projective resolution [14, p. 341]. Following [21], a module  $N \in \text{Mod } S$  is called  $C$ -adstatic if  $\mu_N$  is an isomorphism.

**Proposition 4.8.** *Let  $N \in \text{Mod } S$  and  $n \geq 1$ . If  $\text{Tor}_{1 \leq i \leq n}^S(C, N) = 0$ , then  $N$  is  $C$ -adstatic provided that one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

- (1)  $\text{pd}_R C \leq n$ .
- (2)  ${}_R C$  has an ultimately closed projective resolution at  $n$ .

*Proof.* (1): It follows directly from Lemma 4.7 (1).

(2): Let

$$\dots \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes g_{n+1}} P_n \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes g_n} \dots \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes g_2} P_1 \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes g_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{1_C \otimes g_0} C \longrightarrow 0$$

be a projective resolution of  $C$  in  $\text{Mod } R$  ultimately closed at  $n$ . Then  $\text{Im } g_n \cong \oplus_j W_j$  such that each  $W_j$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of some  $\text{Im } g_i$  with  $i_j < n$ . Let  $N \in \text{Mod } S$  with  $\text{Tor}_{1 \leq i \leq n}^S(C, N) = 0$ . By Lemma 4.7 (2), we have

$$\text{Ext}_R^1(\text{Im } g_i, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})) \cong \text{Ext}_R^{i+1}(C, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})) = 0.$$

Because  $W_j$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of some  $\text{Im } g_i$ , we have  $\text{Ext}_R^1(W_j, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})) = 0$  for any  $j$ , which implies

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_R^{n+1}(C, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})) &\cong \text{Ext}_R^1(\text{Im } g_n, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})) \\ &\cong \text{Ext}_R^1(\oplus_j W_j, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})) \\ &\cong \prod_j \text{Ext}_R^1(W_j, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by Lemma 4.7 (2), we conclude that  $\text{Ext}_R^{1 \leq i \leq n+1}(C, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})) = 0$ . Similarly to the above argument, we get  $\text{Ext}_R^{n+2}(C, \text{Ker}(1_C \otimes f_{n+1})) = 0$ . It follows from Lemma 4.7 (1) that  $\mu_N$  is an isomorphism and  $N$  is  $C$ -adstatic.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.9.** *For any  $n \geq 1$ , a module  $N \in \text{Mod } S$  satisfying  $\text{Tor}_{0 \leq i \leq n}^S(C, N) = 0$  implies  $N = 0$  provided that one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

- (1)  $\text{pd}_R C \leq n$ .
- (2)  ${}_R C$  has an ultimately closed projective resolution at  $n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $N \in \text{Mod } S$  with

$$\text{Tor}_{0 \leq i \leq n}^S(C, N) = 0.$$

By Proposition 4.8, we have that  $N$  is  $C$ -adstatic and  $N \cong (C \otimes_S N)_* = 0$ .  $\square$

We are now in a position to give the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.10.** *If  ${}_R C$  has an ultimately closed projective resolution, then*

$$\mathcal{A}_C(S) = C_S^\top = {}^\perp \mathcal{J}_C(S).$$

*Proof.* By the definition of  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$  and by Lemma 4.3, we have  $\mathcal{A}_C(S) \subseteq C_S^\top = {}^\perp \mathcal{J}_C(S)$ .

Now let  $N \in {}^\perp \mathcal{J}_C(S)$  and let  $f : C \otimes_S N \rightarrow B$  be a  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$ -preenvelope of  $C \otimes_S N$  in  $\text{Mod } R$  as in Theorem 3.7. Because  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  is injectively coresolving in  $\text{Mod } R$  by [11, Theorem 6.2],  $f$  is monic. By Proposition 4.8,  $\mu_N$  is an isomorphism. Then, by Theorem 3.7 (1), we have a monic  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ -preenvelope

$$f^0 : N \rightarrow A^0$$

of  $N$ , where  $f^0 = f_* \mu_N$  and  $A^0 = B_*$ . So we have a  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{A}_C(S))$ -exact exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{f^0} A^0 \rightarrow N^1 \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$ , where  $N^1 = \text{Coker } f^0$ . Because  $A^0 \in {}^\perp \mathcal{J}_C(S)$ , we have  $N^1 \in {}^\perp \mathcal{J}_C(S)$ . Similarly to the above argument, we get a  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{A}_C(S))$ -exact exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N^1 \xrightarrow{f^1} A^1 \rightarrow N^2 \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$  with  $A^1 \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$  and  $N^2 \in {}^\perp \mathcal{J}_C(S)$ . Repeating this procedure, we get a  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{A}_C(S))$ -exact exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{f^0} A^0 \xrightarrow{f^1} A^1 \xrightarrow{f^2} \dots \xrightarrow{f^i} A^i \xrightarrow{f^{i+1}} \dots$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$  with all  $A^i$  in  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ . Since  $\mathcal{J}_C(S) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_C(S)$  by [11, Corollary 6.1], this exact sequence is  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{J}_C(S))$ -exact. By [17, Theorem 3.11 (1)], there exists a  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{A}_C(S))$ -exact exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A^i \rightarrow U_0^i \rightarrow U_1^i \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow U_j^i \rightarrow \dots$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$  with all  $U_j^i$  in  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)$  for any  $i, j \geq 0$ . Then, by [12, Corollary 3.9], we get the following  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{A}_C(S))$ -exact exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow U_0^0 \rightarrow U_1^0 \oplus U_0^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^n U_{n-i}^i \rightarrow \dots$$

in  $\text{Mod } S$  with all terms in  $\mathcal{J}_C(S)$ . It follows from [17, Theorem 3.11 (1)] that  $N \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$ .  $\square$

We use  $\text{pd}_{\text{Sop}} C$  and  $\text{fd}_{\text{Sop}} C$  to denote the projective and flat dimensions of  $C_S$ , respectively.

**Corollary 4.11.** *If  ${}_R C$  has an ultimately closed projective resolution, then the following statements are equivalent for any  $n \geq 0$ :*

- (1)  $\text{pd}_{\text{Sop}} C \leq n$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)$ - $\text{pd}_S N \leq n$  for any  $N \in \text{Mod } S$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  ${}_R C$  has an ultimately closed projective resolution. By Theorem 4.10, we have  $\mathcal{A}_C(S) = C_S^\top$ . Then it is easy to see that  $C_S$  is flat (equivalently, projective) if and only if  $\mathcal{A}_C(S) = \text{Mod } S$ , so the assertion for the case  $n = 0$  follows. Now let  $N \in \text{Mod } S$  and  $n \geq 1$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (1): By (2) and Theorem 4.4, we have  $\Omega^n(N) \in \mathcal{A}_C(S) (\subseteq C_S^\top)$ . Then, by dimension shifting, we have  $\text{Tor}_{\geq n+1}^S(C, N) = 0$ , and so  $\text{pd}_{\text{Sop}} C = \text{fd}_{\text{Sop}} C \leq n$ .

(1)  $\implies$  (2): If  $\text{pd}_{\text{Sop}} C \leq n$ , then we have  $\Omega^n(N) \in C_S^\top$  by dimension shifting. By Theorem 4.10, we have  $\Omega^n(N) \in \mathcal{A}_C(S)$  and  $\mathcal{A}_C(S)\text{-pd}_S N \leq n$ .  $\square$

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