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The existence of maximal n -orthogonal subcategories

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ABSTRACT

For an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra Λ with global dimension n , we give some necessary conditions for Λ admitting a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory in terms of the properties of simple Λ -modules with projective dimension $n - 1$ or n . For an almost hereditary algebra Λ with global dimension 2, we prove that Λ admits a maximal 1-orthogonal subcategory if and only if for any non-projective indecomposable Λ -module M , M is injective is equivalent to that the reduced grade of M is equal to 2. We give a connection between the Gorenstein Symmetric Conjecture and the existence of maximal n -orthogonal subcategories of ${}^{\perp}T$ for a cotilting module T . For a Gorenstein algebra, we prove that all non-projective direct summands of a maximal n -orthogonal module are $\Omega^n \tau$ -periodic. In addition, we study the relation between the complexity of modules and the existence of maximal n -orthogonal subcategories for the tensor product of two finite-dimensional algebras.

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1. Introduction

In [Iy2] and [Iy3], Iyama developed the classical 2-dimensional Auslander–Reiten theory to higher-dimensional Auslander–Reiten theory. For example, in [Iy2], the notion of almost split sequences was generalized to that of n -almost split sequences; and in [Iy3], the famous 2-dimensional Auslander correspondence was generalized to higher-dimensional Auslander correspondence. In particular, in [Iy2], Iyama introduced the notion of maximal n -orthogonal subcategories, which played a crucial role in these two papers mentioned above. In fact, Iyama's higher-dimensional Auslander–Reiten theory depends on the existence of maximal n -orthogonal subcategories. So, a natural question is: When do maximal n -orthogonal subcategories exist? Geiss, Leclerc and Schröer proved in [GLS] that

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maximal 1-orthogonal subcategories exist for preprojective algebras as well as for certain algebras of finite representation type. Erdmann and Holm gave in [EH] a necessary condition that a self-injective algebra admits a maximal n -orthogonal subcategory. They proved that for a selfinjective finite-dimensional K -algebra Λ , the complexity of any Λ -module M is at most 1 if Λ admits a maximal n -orthogonal module for some $n \geq 1$, where the complexity of M , denoted by $\text{cx}(M)$, is defined as $\inf\{b \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid \text{there exists a } c > 0 \text{ such that } \dim_K P_n \leq cn^{b-1} \text{ for all } n\}$ with P_n the $(n+1)$ st term in a minimal projective resolution of M . This result means that for a selfinjective algebra, maximal n -orthogonal modules rarely exist. Recently, Iyama proved in [Iy4] that if Λ is a finite-dimensional algebra of finite representation type with Auslander algebra Γ and $\text{mod } \Gamma$ contains a maximal 1-orthogonal object, then Λ is hereditary and the dominant dimension of Λ is at least 1; furthermore, if the base field is algebraically closed, then such Λ is an upper triangular matrix ring. The aim of the paper is to study algebras of global dimension n which admit maximal $(n-1)$ -orthogonal subcategories or modules, and that they are natural generalizations of Gabriel's classification theorem on path algebras of Dynkin quivers (for $n=1$). This paper is organized as follows.

In Section 2, we give some notions and notations and collect some preliminary results.

In Section 3, we study the existence of maximal n -orthogonal subcategories for algebras with finite global dimension. We observe that an Artinian algebra Λ with global dimension $n (\geq 1)$ admits no maximal n -orthogonal subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda$. Let Λ be an $(n-1)$ -Auslander algebra with global dimension n . We prove that if Λ admits a maximal $(n-1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$, then we can classify the simple modules with projective dimension $n-1$; furthermore, in terms of the properties of simple modules in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ with projective dimension n , we give some necessary and sufficient conditions for Λ admitting a trivial maximal $(n-1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$, and also give a necessary condition for Λ admitting a non-trivial maximal $(n-1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$.

We also study the existence of maximal n -orthogonal subcategories for algebras with global dimension 2. For example, if putting $n=1$, then the above results holds true for classical Auslander algebras with global dimension 2. In addition, for an almost hereditary algebra Λ with global dimension 2, we prove that Λ admits a maximal 1-orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ if and only if for any non-projective indecomposable module $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$, M is injective is equivalent to that the reduced grade of M is equal to 2. In particular, if Λ admits a maximal 1-orthogonal subcategory \mathcal{C} of $\text{mod } \Lambda$, then $\mathcal{C} = \text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{\text{op}})$.

In Section 4, we study the existence of maximal n -orthogonal subcategories of ${}^\perp T$ for a cotilting module T . We give a connection between the Gorenstein Symmetric Conjecture with the existence of maximal n -orthogonal subcategories of ${}^\perp T$. As a generalization of a result of Erdmann and Holm in [EH], we prove that for a Gorenstein algebra, all non-projective direct summands of a maximal n -orthogonal module are $\Omega^n \tau$ -periodic. It should be pointed out that this result can be induced by [Iy3, Theorem 2.5.1(1)].

In Section 5, both Λ and Γ are finite-dimensional K -algebras over a field K . We prove that if the selfinjective dimension of Λ is equal to $n (\geq 1)$ and $\text{Hom}_\Gamma(\mathbb{D}\Gamma^{\text{op}}, \Gamma) \neq 0$, then $\Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma$ admits no maximal j -orthogonal subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma$ for any $j \geq n$. By this result, we can construct algebras with infinite global dimension admitting no maximal n -orthogonal subcategories for any $n \geq 1$. In addition, we prove that $\max\{\text{cx}(M), \text{cx}(N)\} \leq \text{cx}(M \otimes_K N) \leq \text{cx}(M) + \text{cx}(N)$ for any $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ and $N \in \text{mod } \Gamma$. As an application of this result, we can construct a class of algebras Λ with selfinjective dimension $n (\geq 1)$, such that not all modules in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ are of complexity at most 1, but Λ admits no maximal j -orthogonal subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ for any $j \geq n$.

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we give some notions and notations in our terminology and collect some preliminary results for later use.

For a ring Λ , we use $\text{mod } \Lambda$, $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda$ and $J(\Lambda)$ to denote the category of finitely generated left Λ -modules, the global dimension and the Jacobson radical of Λ , respectively. We use Tr and $(-)^*$ to denote the Auslander transpose and the functor $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(-, \Lambda)$, respectively.

Let M be a Λ -module. The *grade* of M , denoted by $\text{grade } M$, is defined as $\inf\{n \geq 0 \mid \text{Ext}_\Lambda^n(M, \Lambda) \neq 0\}$; and the *reduced grade* of M , denoted by $\text{r.grade } M$, is defined as $\inf\{n \geq 1 \mid \text{Ext}_\Lambda^n(M, \Lambda) \neq 0\}$ (see [Ho]). We use $\text{pd}_\Lambda M$, $\text{fd}_\Lambda M$ and $\text{id}_\Lambda M$ to denote the projective, flat and injective dimensions of M , respectively. Let Λ be a left and right Noetherian ring and $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$. We use

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow I^0(M) \rightarrow I^1(M) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow I^i(M) \rightarrow \dots$$

to denote a minimal injective resolution of ${}_\Lambda M$. For positive integers m and n , recall from [ly1] that Λ is said to satisfy the (m, n) -condition (resp. the $(m, n)^{op}$ -condition) if $\text{fd}_\Lambda I^i(\Lambda)$ (resp. $\text{fd}_{\Lambda^{op}} I^i(\Lambda^{op}) \leq m - 1$) for any $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$.

Lemma 2.1. (See [ly1, Proposition 2.4].) *Let Λ be a left and right Noetherian ring satisfying the (n, n) -condition and $(n, n)^{op}$ -condition. Then the subcategory $\{X \mid \text{grade } X \geq n\}$ of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ is closed under submodules and factor modules.*

Recall from [FGR] that a left and right Noetherian ring Λ is called *n-Gorenstein* if $\text{fd}_\Lambda I^i(\Lambda) \leq i$ for any $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$. By [FGR, Theorem 3.7], the notion of *n-Gorenstein* rings is left and right symmetric. It is clear that Λ is *n-Gorenstein* if and only if Λ satisfies the (i, i) (or $(i, i)^{op}$)-condition for any $1 \leq i \leq n$. Recall from [Bj] that Λ is called *Auslander–Gorenstein* if Λ is *n-Gorenstein* for all n and both $\text{id}_\Lambda \Lambda$ and $\text{id}_{\Lambda^{op}} \Lambda$ are finite; and Λ is called *Auslander-regular* if Λ is *n-Gorenstein* for all n and $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda$ is finite.

Lemma 2.2. (See [IS, Corollary 7].) *Let Λ be an Auslander–Gorenstein ring with $\text{id}_\Lambda \Lambda = \text{id}_{\Lambda^{op}} \Lambda = n \geq 1$. Then $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{n-1} I^i(\Lambda)$ and $I^n(\Lambda)$ have no isomorphic direct summands in common.*

The following easy observation is well known.

Lemma 2.3. *Let Λ be a left Noetherian ring and $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ with $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = n (< \infty)$. Then $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^n(M, \Lambda) \neq 0$.*

Lemma 2.4. *Let Λ be an Auslander–Gorenstein ring with $\text{id}_\Lambda \Lambda = \text{id}_{\Lambda^{op}} \Lambda = n$. If $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ is simple with $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n$, then $S \subseteq I^n(\Lambda)$ and $S \not\subseteq I^0(\Lambda) \oplus \dots \oplus I^{n-1}(\Lambda)$.*

Proof. Note that $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(S, \Lambda) \cong \text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, I^i(\Lambda))$ for any $i \geq 0$. Because $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n$, $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^n(S, \Lambda) \neq 0$ by Lemma 2.3. So $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, I^n(\Lambda)) \neq 0$ and $S \subseteq I^n(\Lambda)$. Then by Lemma 2.2, $S \not\subseteq I^0(\Lambda) \oplus \dots \oplus I^{n-1}(\Lambda)$. \square

As a generalization of the notion of classical Auslander algebras, Iyama introduced in [ly2] the notion of *n-Auslander* algebras as follows.

Definition 2.5. (See [ly4].) For a positive integer n , an Artinian algebra Λ is called an *n-Auslander algebra* if $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda \leq n + 1$ and $I^0(\Lambda), I^1(\Lambda), \dots, I^n(\Lambda)$ are projective.

The notion of *n-Auslander* algebras is left and right symmetric by [ly4, Theorem 1.2]. It is trivial that *n-Auslander* algebras with global dimension at most n are semisimple. Note that the notion of 1-Auslander algebras is just that of classical Auslander algebras. In the following, we assume that $n \geq 2$ when an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra is concerned.

Proposition 2.6. *Let Λ be an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$. Then we have the following*

- (1) *There does not exist an injective simple module $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ with $1 \leq \text{pd}_\Lambda S \leq n - 1$. Dually, there does not exist a projective simple module $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ with $1 \leq \text{id}_\Lambda S \leq n - 1$.*
- (2) *For a projective simple module $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$, $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(I^0(\Lambda), S) \neq 0$ if and only if S is injective; and $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(I^0(\Lambda), S) = 0$ if and only if $\text{id}_\Lambda S = n$.*

Proof. (1) Let $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ be simple with $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = i$ with $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$. Then by Lemma 2.3, we have that $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, I^i(\Lambda)) \cong \text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(S, \Lambda) \neq 0$. If S is injective, then S is isomorphic to a direct summand of $I^i(\Lambda)$ and hence S is projective, which is a contradiction. Dually, we get the second assertion.

(2) Let $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ be a projective simple module. If S is injective, then we have an epimorphism $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(I^0(\Lambda), S) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_\Lambda(\Lambda, S) (\cong S) \rightarrow 0$ and so $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(I^0(\Lambda), S) \neq 0$. Conversely, if $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(I^0(\Lambda), S) \neq 0$, then S is isomorphic to a direct summand of $I^0(\Lambda)$ and hence S is injective. The second assertion follows from the first one and (1). \square

Definition 2.7. (See [AR1].) Let Λ be an Artinian algebra. Assume that $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ are full subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $D \in \text{mod } \Lambda, C \in \mathcal{C}$. The morphism $f : D \rightarrow C$ is said to be a *left \mathcal{C} -approximation* of D if $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(C, C') \rightarrow \text{Hom}_\Lambda(D, C') \rightarrow 0$ is exact for any $C' \in \mathcal{C}$. The morphism $f : D \rightarrow C$ is said to be *left minimal* if an endomorphism $g : C \rightarrow C$ is an automorphism whenever $f = gf$. The subcategory \mathcal{C} is said to be *covariantly finite* in \mathcal{D} if every module in \mathcal{D} has a left \mathcal{C} -approximation. The notions of (*minimal*) *right \mathcal{C} -approximations* and *contravariantly finite subcategories* of \mathcal{D} may be defined dually. The subcategory \mathcal{C} is said to be *functorially finite* in \mathcal{D} if it is both covariantly finite and contravariantly finite in \mathcal{D} .

The following result is due to T. Wakamatsu.

Lemma 2.8. (See [AR1, Lemma 1.3].) Let Λ be an Artinian algebra, \mathcal{C} a full subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ which is closed under extensions and $D \in \text{mod } \Lambda$. If $D \xrightarrow{f} C \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$ is exact with f a minimal left \mathcal{C} -approximation of D , then $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(Z, \mathcal{C}) = 0$.

3. Maximal n -orthogonal subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda$

From now on, all algebras are Artinian algebras. For an Artinian R -algebra Λ , we denote by \mathbb{D} the ordinary duality, that is, $\mathbb{D}(-) = \text{Hom}_R(-, I(R/J(R)))$, where $I(R/J(R))$ is the injective envelope of $R/J(R)$.

In this section, we will mainly study the existence of maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategories for algebras with global dimension n , especially for $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebras and for almost hereditary algebras. In particular, we will give some necessary conditions for $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebras with global dimension n admitting maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategories, and give some necessary and sufficient conditions for almost hereditary algebras with global dimension 2 admitting maximal 1-orthogonal subcategories.

Let \mathcal{C} be a full subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and n a positive integer. We denote ${}^{\perp n} \mathcal{C} = \{X \in \text{mod } \Lambda \mid \text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(X, C) = 0 \text{ for any } C \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n\}$, and $\mathcal{C}^{\perp n} = \{X \in \text{mod } \Lambda \mid \text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(C, X) = 0 \text{ for any } C \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n\}$.

Definition 3.1. (See [ly2].) Let $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ be full subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and \mathcal{C} functorially finite in \mathcal{D} . For a positive integer n , \mathcal{C} is called a *maximal n -orthogonal subcategory* of \mathcal{D} if $\mathcal{C} = {}^{\perp n} \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{D} = \mathcal{C}^{\perp n} \cap \mathcal{D}$.

From the definition above, we get easily that both Λ and $\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}$ are in any maximal n -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$. For a module $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$, we use $\text{add}_\Lambda M$ to denote the subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ consisting of all modules isomorphic to direct summands of finite direct sums of copies of ${}_\Lambda M$.

Proposition 3.2. Let n be a positive integer. If $\text{id}_\Lambda \Lambda = n$ (in particular, if $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$), then Λ admits no maximal n -orthogonal subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda$.

Proof. By the dual version of Lemma 2.3, we have that $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^n(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}, \Lambda) \neq 0$ and so the assertion follows. \square

Proposition 3.3. *Let Λ be an algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n \geq 2$. If Λ admits a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$, then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) Λ is an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra.
- (2) $\text{pd}_\Lambda \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-1} I^i(\Lambda) \leq n - 1$.
- (2)^{op} $\text{pd}_{\Lambda^{\text{op}}} \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-1} I^i(\Lambda^{\text{op}}) \leq n - 1$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) and (1) \Rightarrow (2)^{op} are trivial.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Because Λ admits a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$, $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{\text{op}}, \Lambda) = 0$ for any $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$. Then $\text{pd}_\Lambda \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-1} I^i(\Lambda) \leq n - 1$ implies $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-1} I^i(\Lambda)$ is projective. Put $K = \text{Im}(I^0(\Lambda) \rightarrow I^1(\Lambda))$. Since $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$, $\text{pd}_\Lambda K \leq 1$. So $\text{pd}_\Lambda I^0(\Lambda) \leq 1$ and hence $I^0(\Lambda)$ is projective.

(2)^{op} \Rightarrow (1) Note that \mathcal{C} is a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ if and only if $\mathbb{D}\mathcal{C}$ is a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda^{\text{op}}$. Then we get the assertion by using an argument similar to that in the proof of (2) \Rightarrow (1). \square

Let Λ be an algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n \geq 2$ admitting a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$. Then by Proposition 3.3, we have that Λ is an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra if and only if Λ is Auslander-regular, if and only if Λ satisfies the (n, n) -condition, if and only if Λ satisfies the (n, n) ^{op}-condition.

Proposition 3.4. *Let Λ be an algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n \geq 2$ and \mathcal{C} a subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ such that $\Lambda \in \mathcal{C}$ and $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}) = 0$ for any $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$. Then $\text{grade } M = n$ for any $M \in \mathcal{C}$ without projective direct summands.*

Proof. Since $\Lambda \in \mathcal{C}$ and $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}) = 0$ for any $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$, $\mathcal{C} \subseteq {}^{\perp n-1} \Lambda$. Notice that $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$, so $M \in \mathcal{C}$ without projective direct summands implies that $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = n$. Let $0 \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ be a minimal projective resolution of M . The induced exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M^* \rightarrow P_0^* \rightarrow P_1^* \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_n^* \rightarrow \text{Tr } \Omega^{n-1} M \rightarrow 0$ with $P_0^* \rightarrow P_1^* \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_n^* \rightarrow \text{Tr } \Omega^{n-1} M \rightarrow 0$ a minimal projective resolution of $\text{Tr } \Omega^{n-1} M$ by [M, Proposition 4.2], where $\Omega^{n-1} M$ is the $(n - 1)$ st syzygy of M . Thus $M^* = 0$ by $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$ and therefore $\text{grade } M = n$. \square

The following is an immediate consequence of Proposition 3.4.

Corollary 3.5. *Let Λ be an algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n \geq 2$ admitting a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory \mathcal{C} . Then $\text{grade } M = n$ for any $M \in \mathcal{C}$ without projective direct summands.*

Proposition 3.6. *Let Λ be an Auslander-regular algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$. Then there exist simple modules $S_1, S_2 \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ with $\text{pd}_\Lambda S_1 = n - 1$ and $\text{pd}_\Lambda S_2 = n$.*

Proof. If there do not exist simple modules with projective dimension $n - 1$, then we claim that $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{n-1}(S, \Lambda) = 0$ for any simple module $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$. If $\text{pd}_\Lambda S \leq n - 2$, then $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{n-1}(S, \Lambda) = 0$. If $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n$, then $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, I^{n-1}(\Lambda)) = 0$ by Lemma 2.4. So $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{n-1}(S, \Lambda) = 0$ and the claim is proved. It follows that $\text{id}_\Lambda \Lambda \leq n - 2$, which is a contradiction because $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$. The other assertion is trivial. \square

Recall from [AR1] that a homomorphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ is called *left minimal* if an endomorphism $g : Y \rightarrow Y$ is an automorphism whenever $f = gf$. Let \mathcal{C} be a subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$. Recall from [Iy2] that a complex:

$$M \xrightarrow{f_0} C_0 \xrightarrow{f_1} C_1 \xrightarrow{f_2} \dots \tag{1}$$

with $C_i \in \mathcal{C}$ for any $i \geq 0$ is called *minimal* if f_i is left minimal for any $i \geq 0$. If the following sequence of functors:

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_\Lambda(f_2, \cdot)} \text{Hom}_\Lambda(C_1, \cdot) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_\Lambda(f_1, \cdot)} \text{Hom}_\Lambda(C_0, \cdot) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_\Lambda(f_0, \cdot)} \text{Hom}_\Lambda(M, \cdot) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact on \mathcal{C} , then the complex (1) is called a *left \mathcal{C} -resolution*. It is trivial that if \mathcal{C} is covariantly finite in $\text{mod } \Lambda$, then any $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ has a minimal left \mathcal{C} -resolution.

Lemma 3.7. *Let Λ be an algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$ admitting a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory \mathcal{C} of $\text{mod } \Lambda$, and $X \in \text{mod } \Lambda$. Then $\text{id}_\Lambda X \leq n - 1$ if and only if the injective envelope $I^0(X)$ of X gives a minimal left \mathcal{C} -approximation of X . In this case, the minimal injective resolution of X gives a minimal left \mathcal{C} -resolution of X .*

Proof. Let $X \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ with $\text{id}_\Lambda X = m \leq n - 1$ and $C \in \mathcal{C}$. Since $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{\text{op}}, C) = 0$ for any $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$, by applying the functor $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(\cdot, C)$ to a minimal injective resolution of X , we get the following exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_\Lambda(I^m(X), C) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \text{Hom}_\Lambda(I^1(X), C) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_\Lambda(I^0(X), C) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_\Lambda(X, C) \rightarrow 0.$$

The necessity is proved.

Conversely, assume that the injective envelope $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow I^0(X) \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$ of X gives a minimal left \mathcal{C} -approximation of X . Since $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$, $\text{id}_\Lambda Y \leq n - 1$. By assumption, the minimal injective resolution $0 \rightarrow Y \rightarrow I^0(Y) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow I^{n-1}(Y) \rightarrow 0$ of Y gives a minimal left \mathcal{C} -resolution of Y . Then we have a minimal left \mathcal{C} -resolution $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow I^0(X) \rightarrow I^0(Y) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow I^{n-1}(Y) \rightarrow 0$ of X . Since any module in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ has a minimal left \mathcal{C} -resolution of length at most n (cf. [ly2, Theorem 2.2.3]), we have that $I^{n-1}(Y) = 0$ and $\text{id}_\Lambda X \leq n - 1$. \square

Let Λ be an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$. Then by Proposition 3.6, there exist simple Λ -modules with projective dimension $n - 1$. On the other hand, by Proposition 2.6, there do not exist injective simple Λ -modules with projective dimension $n - 1$. In terms of the injective dimension of simple Λ -modules with projective dimension $n - 1$, we give some necessary conditions for Λ admitting a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ as follows.

Theorem 3.8. *Let Λ be an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$ admitting a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory \mathcal{C} of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ simple with $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n - 1$. Then we have*

- (1) ${}_A S$ is not injective.
- (2) $1 \leq \text{id}_\Lambda S \leq n - 1$ if and only if $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, P) = 0$ for any indecomposable projective module in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ with $\text{id}_\Lambda P = n$.
- (3) $\text{id}_\Lambda S = n$ if and only if $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, P) \neq 0$ for some indecomposable projective module in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ with $\text{id}_\Lambda P = n$.

Proof. (1) Because $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n - 1$, $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{n-1}(S, \Lambda) \neq 0$ by Lemma 2.3. Notice that Λ admits a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$, so S is not injective.

(2) We first prove the sufficiency. Let $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ be a simple module with $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n - 1$ and N a module in \mathcal{C} without projective direct summands. Then $\text{grade } N = n$ by Corollary 3.5. We claim that $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, N) = 0$. Otherwise, if $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, N) \neq 0$, then S is isomorphic to a submodule of N and so $\text{grade } S = n$ by Lemma 2.1. It follows that $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^{n-1}(S, \Lambda) = 0$, which is a contradiction because $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n - 1$. The claim is proved. On the other hand, $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, P) = 0$ for any indecomposable projective module in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ with $\text{id}_\Lambda P = n$ by assumption.

Let $0 \rightarrow S \rightarrow C$ be a minimal left \mathcal{C} -approximation of S and N a non-zero indecomposable direct summand of C . Then $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, N) \neq 0$. By the above argument, N is projective and $\text{id}_\Lambda N < n$. Because

\mathcal{C} is a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ by assumption, N is injective. So $N \cong I^0(S)$ and hence $C \cong I^0(S)$ by the minimality of the above left \mathcal{C} -approximation of S . Then it follows from (1) and Lemma 3.7 that $1 \leq \text{id}_\Lambda S \leq n - 1$.

We next prove the necessity. Let $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ be a simple module with $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n - 1$ and $P \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ an indecomposable projective module with $\text{id}_\Lambda P = n$. If $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, P) \neq 0$, then there exists an epimorphism $\mathbb{D}P \rightarrow \mathbb{D}S \rightarrow 0$. Since \mathcal{C} is a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$, $\mathbb{D}\mathcal{C}$ is a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda^{op}$. So $\text{grade } \mathbb{D}P = n$ by the opposite version of Proposition 3.4 and hence $\text{grade } \mathbb{D}S = n$ by the opposite version of Lemma 2.1. Since $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$, $\text{pd}_{\Lambda^{op}} \mathbb{D}S = n$. So $\text{id}_\Lambda S = n$, which is a contradiction.

(3) Since Λ is an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra, the injective dimension of simple modules in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ with projective dimension $n - 1$ is situated between 1 and n by Proposition 2.6. Thus the assertion follows immediately from (2). \square

In the following, we will study the properties of simple modules in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ with $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n$ if an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra Λ with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$ admits a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$.

Proposition 3.9. *Let Λ be an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$ admitting a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory \mathcal{C} of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and S a simple Λ -module with $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n$. Then we have*

- (1) S is injective if and only if $S \in \mathcal{C}$ and $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, C) = 0$ for any (non-projective) indecomposable module $C \in \mathcal{C}$ with $C \not\cong I^0(S)$.
- (2) $1 \leq \text{id}_\Lambda S \leq n - 1$ if and only if $S \notin \mathcal{C}$ and $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, C) = 0$ for any (non-projective) indecomposable module $C \in \mathcal{C}$ with $C \not\cong I^0(S)$.
- (3) $\text{id}_\Lambda S = n$ if and only if $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, C) \neq 0$ for some (non-projective) indecomposable module $C \in \mathcal{C}$ with $C \not\cong I^0(S)$.

Proof. (1) The necessity is easy. Conversely, assume that $S \in \mathcal{C}$ and $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, C) = 0$ for any non-projective indecomposable module $C \in \mathcal{C}$ with $C \not\cong I^0(S)$. Because $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, S) \neq 0$ and $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n$ by assumption, $S \cong I^0(S)$ is injective.

(2) If $1 \leq \text{id}_\Lambda S \leq n - 1$, then $S \notin \mathcal{C}$. Since \mathcal{C} is maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal, the minimal injective resolution of $S: 0 \rightarrow S \xrightarrow{f} I^0(S) \rightarrow I^0(S)/S \rightarrow 0$ is a minimal left \mathcal{C} -approximation of S by Lemma 3.7. So, for any indecomposable module $C \in \mathcal{C}$ with $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, C) \neq 0$ and $g \in \text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, C)$, there exists an $h \in \text{Hom}_\Lambda(I^0(S), C)$ such that $g = hf$. Since f is essential and g is a monomorphism, h is a splittable monomorphism and $C \cong I^0(S)$ is injective.

Conversely, since $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n$, $\text{grade } S = n$ by Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4. So S cannot be embedded into any projective module. On the other hand, $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, C) = 0$ for any non-projective indecomposable module $C \in \mathcal{C}$ with $C \not\cong I^0(S)$ by assumption. Since $S \notin \mathcal{C}$, the injective envelope $0 \rightarrow S \rightarrow I^0(S)$ of S is a minimal left \mathcal{C} -approximation of S by the argument of Theorem 3.8(2). Then by Lemma 3.7, the assertion follows.

(3) It follows from (1) and (2). \square

For a positive integer n , we know that $\text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op})$ is contained in any maximal n -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$. On the other hand, it is easy to see that if $\text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op})$ is a maximal n -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$, then $\text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op})$ is the unique maximal n -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$. In this case, we say that Λ admits a *trivial maximal n -orthogonal subcategory* of $\text{mod } \Lambda$. As an application of Proposition 3.9, we give some necessary and sufficient conditions that an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra Λ with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$ admits a trivial maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$.

Corollary 3.10. *Let Λ be an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) Λ admits a trivial maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory $\text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op})$ of $\text{mod } \Lambda$.
- (2) A simple module $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ is injective if $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n$.
- (3) There do not exist simple modules in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ with both projective and injective dimensions n ; and $1 \leq \text{pd}_\Lambda S \leq n - 1$ if and only if $1 \leq \text{id}_\Lambda S \leq n - 1$ for a simple module $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Let $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ be a simple module with $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n$. Because $\text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op})$ is a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$, $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, C) = 0$ for any non-projective indecomposable module $C \in \mathcal{C}$ with $C \not\cong I^0(S)$. Then it follows from Proposition 3.9 that $\text{id}_\Lambda S \leq n - 1$. On the other hand, Λ is an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra, so $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(S, \Lambda) = 0$ for any $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$ by Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4 and hence $S \in \mathcal{C}$. It follows that S is injective.

(2) \Rightarrow (1) Let E be an indecomposable direct summand of $I^n(\Lambda)$. Then $E \cong I^0(S)$ for some simple module $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$. So $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^n(S, \Lambda) \cong \text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, I^n(\Lambda)) \neq 0$ and $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n$. Thus by (2), S is injective and $E \cong S$. Then it follows easily from Lemma 2.4 that $\text{grade } E = n$, which implies that $\text{grade } I^n(\Lambda) = n$. On the other hand, because Λ is an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra, $I^0(\Lambda), \dots, I^{n-1}(\Lambda)$ are projective. Notice that $\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op} \in \text{add}_\Lambda \bigoplus_{i=0}^n I^i(\Lambda)$, so $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}, \Lambda) = 0$ for any $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$.

Now let $M \in {}^{\perp_{n-1}}\Lambda$ be indecomposable. If $\text{pd}_\Lambda M \leq n - 1$, then M is projective. If $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = n$, then $\text{grade } M = n$. By Lemma 2.1, for a simple submodule S of M , $\text{grade } S = n$. So $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n$ and hence S is injective by (2). It follows that $M(\cong S)$ is injective. Thus we have that $\text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}) = {}^{\perp_{n-1}}\Lambda$ and therefore $\text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op})$ is a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ by [ly2, Proposition 2.2.2].

(3) \Rightarrow (2) It is easy.

(1) + (2) \Rightarrow (3) It suffices to prove the latter assertion by (2). If $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ is simple with $1 \leq \text{pd}_\Lambda S \leq n - 1$, then we only have to show $\text{id}_\Lambda S \neq n$ by Proposition 2.6. Otherwise, if $\text{id}_\Lambda S = n$, then $\text{pd}_{\Lambda^{op}} \mathbb{D}S = n$. By (1), Λ^{op} admits a trivial maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda^{op}$, so the opposite version of (2) holds true. Then it follows that $\mathbb{D}S$ is injective and S is projective, which is a contradiction. The converse can be proved dually. \square

We give an example to illustrate Theorem 3.8 and Corollary 3.10.

Example 3.11. Let Λ be a finite-dimensional algebra given by the quiver Q :

$$1 \xleftarrow{\beta_1} 2 \xleftarrow{\beta_2} 3 \xleftarrow{\beta_3} \dots \xleftarrow{\beta_n} n + 1$$

modulo the ideal generated by $\{\beta_i \beta_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$. Then we have

- (1) Λ is an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$ and admits a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory $\mathcal{C} = \text{add}_\Lambda(P(1) \oplus P(2) \oplus P(3) \oplus \dots \oplus P(n + 1) \oplus S(n + 1))$.
- (2) $\text{pd}_\Lambda S(n) = n - 1$, $\text{id}_\Lambda P(1) = n$, $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S(n), P(1)) = 0$ and $\text{id}_\Lambda S(n) = 1$.
- (3) $\{S \in \text{mod } \Lambda \mid S \text{ is simple with } 1 \leq \text{pd}_\Lambda S \leq n - 1\} = \{S \in \text{mod } \Lambda \mid S \text{ is simple with } 1 \leq \text{id}_\Lambda S \leq n - 1\} = \{S(i) \mid 2 \leq i \leq n\}$.
- (4) $\text{pd}_\Lambda S(n + 1) = n$ and $S(n + 1) = I(n + 1)$.

As another application of Proposition 3.9, we give a necessary condition for an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra Λ with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$ admitting a non-trivial maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$.

Corollary 3.12. Let Λ be an $(n - 1)$ -Auslander algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = n$. If Λ admits a non-trivial maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory $\mathcal{C} (\neq \text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}))$ of $\text{mod } \Lambda$, then there exists a simple module $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ such that $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n$ and $\text{id}_\Lambda S = n$.

Proof. Let $\mathcal{C} \neq \text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op})$ be a maximal $(n - 1)$ -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$. Then there exists an indecomposable module $M \in \mathcal{C}$ such that $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = n$ and $\text{id}_\Lambda M = n$. So $\text{grade } M = n$. Then

by Lemma 2.1, for any simple submodule S of M , $\text{grade } S = n$ and $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = n$. Notice that $M \not\cong I^0(S)$ and $M \in \mathcal{C}$, so $\text{id}_\Lambda S = n$ by Proposition 3.9. \square

In the following, we will study the existence of maximal 1-orthogonal subcategories for some kinds of algebras (Auslander algebras and almost hereditary algebras) with global dimension 2. First, if putting $n = 1$, we get the following corollary immediately from Theorem 3.8. This result means that the existence of maximal 1-orthogonal subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ for an Auslander algebra Λ with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = 2$ enables us to classify the simple modules in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ with projective dimension 1.

Corollary 3.13. *Let Λ be an Auslander algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = 2$ admitting a maximal 1-orthogonal subcategory \mathcal{C} of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $S \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ simple with $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = 1$. Then we have*

- (1) $\text{id}_\Lambda S = 1$ if and only if $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, P) = 0$ for any indecomposable projective module in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ with $\text{id}_\Lambda P = 2$.
- (2) $\text{id}_\Lambda S = 2$ if and only if $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, P) \neq 0$ for some indecomposable projective module in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ with $\text{id}_\Lambda P = 2$.

Definition 3.14. (See [HRS].) An algebra Λ is called *almost hereditary* if the following conditions are satisfied: (1) $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda \leq 2$; and (2) If $X \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ is indecomposable, then either $\text{id}_\Lambda X \leq 1$ or $\text{pd}_\Lambda X \leq 1$.

By Proposition 3.2, if $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = 1$, then Λ admits no maximal n -orthogonal subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ for any $n \geq 1$. For an almost hereditary algebra Λ with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = 2$, we give some equivalent characterizations of the existence of maximal 1-orthogonal subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ as follows.

Theorem 3.15. *Let Λ be an almost hereditary algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = 2$. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) Λ admits a maximal 1-orthogonal subcategory \mathcal{C} of $\text{mod } \Lambda$.
- (2) The following conditions are satisfied:
 - (i) $\text{r.grade } \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op} = 2$; and
 - (ii) Any non-projective indecomposable module $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ is injective if $\text{r.grade } M = 2$.
- (3) For any non-projective indecomposable module $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$, M is injective if and only if $\text{r.grade } M = 2$.

In particular, if Λ admits a maximal 1-orthogonal subcategory \mathcal{C} of $\text{mod } \Lambda$, then $\mathcal{C} = \text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op})$. That is, the maximal 1-orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ is trivial if it exists.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Let \mathcal{C} be a maximal 1-orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $N \in \mathcal{C}$ an indecomposable module. Because Λ is almost hereditary, N is projective or injective. So $\mathcal{C} = \text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}) = {}^{\perp_1}\mathcal{C} = {}^{\perp_1}\Lambda$. Since $\text{pd}_\Lambda \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op} = \text{gl.dim } \Lambda = 2$, $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^2(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}, \Lambda) \neq 0$ by Lemma 2.3. So $\text{r.grade } \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op} = 2$. If $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ is indecomposable with $\text{r.grade } M = 2$, then $M \in \mathcal{C}$; so, if M is further non-projective, then M is injective by the above argument.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) It is easy.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) We will show that $\mathcal{C} = \text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op})$ is a maximal 1-orthogonal of $\text{mod } \Lambda$. By [Ily2, Proposition 2.2.2], we only need to show ${}^{\perp_1}\Lambda \subseteq \text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op})$. Let $M \in {}^{\perp_1}\Lambda$ be an indecomposable module. If $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 2$, then $\text{r.grade } M = 2$ and so M is injective by assumption. If $\text{pd}_\Lambda M \leq 1$, then M is projective. Thus we conclude that ${}^{\perp_1}\Lambda \subseteq \text{add}_\Lambda(\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op})$.

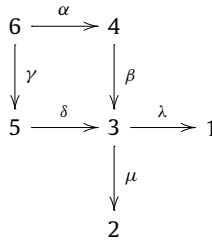
The last assertion follows from the above argument. \square

At the end of this section, we give two examples related to Corollary 3.13 and Theorem 3.15 as follows.

Example 3.16. Putting $n = 2$ in Example 3.11, then we have

- (1) Λ is an Auslander algebra and an almost hereditary algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = 2$ admitting a maximal 1-orthogonal subcategory $\mathcal{C} = \text{add}_\Lambda(P(1) \oplus P(2) \oplus P(3) \oplus S(3))$.
- (2) $\text{pd}_\Lambda S(2) = 1 = \text{id}_\Lambda S(2)$, $\text{id}_\Lambda P(1) = 2$ and $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S(2), P(1)) = 0$.
- (3) $S(3) = I(3)$ and $\text{pd}_\Lambda S(3) = 2$.
- (4) $\text{r.grade } S(3) = 2$.

Example 3.17. Let Λ be a finite-dimensional algebra given by the quiver Q :



modulo the ideal generated by $\{\beta\alpha - \delta\gamma, \mu\delta, \lambda\beta\}$. Then we have

- (1) Λ is an Auslander algebra and an almost hereditary algebra with $\text{gl.dim } \Lambda = 2$.
- (2) $\text{pd}_\Lambda S(3) = 1$, $\text{id}_\Lambda S(3) = 2$, $P(4)$, $P(5)$ and $P(6)$ are injective; $\text{id}_\Lambda P(i) = 2$ and $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(S(3), P(i)) = 0$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$.
- (3) $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{\text{op}}, \Lambda) = 0$. Both $S(4)$ and $S(5)$ are of $\text{r.grade } 2$, and neither of them are injective.
- (4) There does not exist a simple module S such that $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = 2$ and $\text{id}_\Lambda S = 2$.

So there exist no maximal 1-orthogonal subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ by Corollary 3.13 or Theorem 3.15.

4. Maximal n -orthogonal subcategories of ${}^\perp T$

In this section, we will study the properties of an algebra Λ and Λ -modules if Λ admits maximal n -orthogonal subcategories of ${}^\perp T$ for a cotilting module T .

Let \mathcal{C} be a full subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$. We use $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ to denote the subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ consisting of the module X for which there exists an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$ with each C_i in \mathcal{C} . Denote ${}^\perp \mathcal{C} = \bigcap_{n \geq 1} {}^\perp_n \mathcal{C}$, and $\mathcal{I}^\infty(\Lambda) = \{X \in \text{mod } \Lambda \mid \text{id}_\Lambda X < \infty\}$.

Definition 4.1. (See [AR1].) A module $T \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ is called a *cotilting* module if the following conditions are satisfied: (1) $\text{id}_\Lambda T = n < \infty$; (2) $T \in {}^\perp T$; and (3) $\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{\text{op}} \in \widehat{\text{add}}_\Lambda T$. A cotilting module T is called *strong cotilting* if $\mathcal{I}^\infty(\Lambda) = \widehat{\text{add}}_\Lambda T$.

Lemma 4.2. Let Λ be an algebra and $T \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ a cotilting module. Then for any $M \in {}^\perp T$ with $\text{id}_\Lambda M = n$, there exists an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow T_0 \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow T_n \rightarrow 0$ with $T_i \in \text{add}_\Lambda T$ for any $0 \leq i \leq n$.

Proof. For any $M \in {}^\perp T$, we have an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{f_0} T_0 \xrightarrow{f_1} T_1 \xrightarrow{f_2} \dots \xrightarrow{f_n} T_n \xrightarrow{f_{n+1}} \dots$ with $\text{Coker } f_i \in {}^\perp T$ for any $i \geq 0$ by [AR1, Theorem 5.4]. Then for any $N \in {}^\perp T$ and $i \geq 1$, $0 = \text{Ext}_\Lambda^{n+i}(N, M) = \text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(N, \text{Coker } f_{n-1})$. So $\text{Coker } f_{n-1} \in ({}^\perp T)^\perp$. Since T is cotilting and $\text{Coker } f_{n-1} \in {}^\perp T$, $\text{Coker } f_{n-1} \in \text{add}_\Lambda T$. \square

Auslander and Reiten in [AR1, p. 150] posed a question: whether does $\text{id}_\Lambda \Lambda < \infty$ imply $\text{id}_{\Lambda^{\text{op}}} \Lambda < \infty$? This question is now referred to the Gorenstein Symmetry Conjecture, which still remains open

(see [BR]). The following result gives a connection between this conjecture with the existence of maximal n -orthogonal subcategories. For a module $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$, the *basic submodule* of M , denoted by M_b , is defined as the direct sum of one copy of each non-isomorphic indecomposable direct summand of M .

Theorem 4.3. *Let Λ be an algebra with $\text{id}_\Lambda \Lambda = n \geq 1$ and $T \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ a cotilting module. If $T \in {}^\perp_n \Lambda$ (in particular, if Λ admits a maximal j -orthogonal subcategory of ${}^\perp T$ for some $j \geq n$), then $\text{id}_{\Lambda^{op}} \Lambda = n$ and T is a strong cotilting module with $T_b = \Lambda_b$.*

Proof. Let $T \in {}^\perp_n \Lambda$ be a cotilting module. By Lemma 4.2, there exists an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \Lambda \rightarrow T_0 \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow T_n \rightarrow 0$ with $T_i \in \text{add}_\Lambda T$ for any $0 \leq i \leq n$, which is splittable. So we have ${}_\Lambda \Lambda \in \text{add}_\Lambda T$. Note that all cotilting modules in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ have the same number of non-isomorphic indecomposable direct summands which is equal to the number of non-isomorphic indecomposable projective modules in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ (see [AR1] or [M]). It follows that ${}_\Lambda \Lambda_b = {}_\Lambda T_b$ and ${}_\Lambda \Lambda$ is a cotilting module. Thus $\text{id}_{\Lambda^{op}} \Lambda = n$ by [AR2, Lemma 1.7]. \square

From now on, Λ is a Gorenstein algebra, that is, $\text{id}_\Lambda \Lambda = \text{id}_{\Lambda^{op}} \Lambda < \infty$.

Following [Iy3], assume that the Abelian category $\mathcal{A} = \text{mod } \Lambda$ and $\mathcal{B} = {}^\perp \Lambda$. Then the categories ${}^\perp_n \Lambda \cap {}^\perp \Lambda = \mathcal{B}$ and $\Lambda^{\perp n} \cap {}^\perp \Lambda = \mathcal{B}$ for any $n \geq 1$. Denote by $\underline{\mathcal{B}}$ (resp. $\overline{\mathcal{B}}$) the stable category \mathcal{B} modulus relative projectives (resp. injectives) in \mathcal{B} . We remark that \mathcal{B} forms a Frobenius category, so the relative projectives in \mathcal{B} coincide with relative injectives in \mathcal{B} , and that we have $\underline{\mathcal{B}} = \overline{\mathcal{B}}$.

We use $\text{Proj}(\text{mod } \overline{\mathcal{B}})$ to denote the subcategory of $\text{mod } \overline{\mathcal{B}}$ consisting of projective objects. The functors $\tau : \underline{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{B}}$ and $\tau^- : \overline{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{B}}$ are quasi-inverse equivalences, where $\tau = F^- \circ G$ and $\tau^- = G^- \circ F$ with $F : \underline{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \text{Proj}(\text{mod } \overline{\mathcal{B}})$ via $X \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{B}}(, X)$ and $G : \overline{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \text{Proj}(\text{mod } \overline{\mathcal{B}})$ via $X \rightarrow \mathbb{D} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X,)$. Let Ω and Ω^- be the relative syzygy and cosyzygy functors in ${}^\perp \Lambda$.

Lemma 4.4.

- (1) (See [Iy3, Corollary 2.3.2].) *The functors τ and τ^- give mutually-inverse equivalences $\tau : \underline{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{B}}$ and $\tau^- : \overline{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{B}}$.*
- (2) (See [Iy3, Theorem 2.3.1].) *There exist functorial isomorphisms $\underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{B}}(Y, \tau X) \cong \mathbb{D} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, Y) \cong \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{B}}(\tau^- Y, X)$ for any $X, Y \in \underline{\mathcal{B}}$.*

The following result is a generalization of [EH, Lemma 3.2].

Lemma 4.5. *For any $M, N \in {}^\perp \Lambda$ and $i \geq 1$, $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^i(M, N) \cong \mathbb{D} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(N, \Omega^i \tau M)$.*

Proof. Note that the functors $\Omega : \underline{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{B}}$ and $\Omega^- : \overline{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{B}}$ are mutually-inverse equivalences by [AR2, Proposition 3.1]. Then by Lemma 4.4(2), we have that $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^i(M, N) \cong \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{B}}(\Omega^i M, N) \cong \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{B}}(\Omega M, \Omega^{-i+1} N) \cong \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(M, \Omega^{-i+1} N) \cong \mathbb{D} \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{B}}(\tau^{-1} \Omega^{-i+1} N, M) \cong \mathbb{D} \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{B}}(\Omega^{-i+1} N, \tau M) \cong \mathbb{D} \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{B}}(\Omega^1 N, \Omega^i \tau M) \cong \mathbb{D} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(N, \Omega^i \tau M)$. \square

Let M be a module in $\text{mod } \Lambda$. For a positive integer n , $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ is called $\Omega^n \tau$ -periodic if there exists a positive integer t , such that $(\Omega^n \tau)^t M \cong M$. Recall from [EH] that M is called a *maximal n -orthogonal module* if $\text{add}_\Lambda M$ is a maximal n -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda$. The following result generalizes [EH, Theorem 3.1]. It should be pointed out that this result can be induced by [Iy3, Theorem 2.5.1(1)].

Theorem 4.6. *Let $X \in {}^\perp \Lambda$ be a maximal n -orthogonal module. If Y is a direct summand of X then so is $\Omega^n \tau Y$ for some $n \geq 1$. Hence the non-projective direct summand of X is $\Omega^n \tau$ -periodic.*

Proof. By Lemma 4.4(1), $\tau X \in {}^\perp \Lambda$ and so $\Omega^n \tau X \in {}^\perp \Lambda$. Since X is maximal n -orthogonal, for any $1 \leq i \leq n$, we have that $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^i(X, \Omega^n \tau X) \cong \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{B}}(\Omega^i X, \Omega^n \tau X) \cong \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{B}}(\Omega^1 X, \Omega^{-i+n+1} \tau X) \cong \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^1(X, \Omega^{-i+n+1} \tau X) \cong \mathbb{D} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^{-i+n+1}(X, X) = 0$ by Lemma 4.5. Also since X is maximal n -orthogonal, $\Omega^n \tau X \in \text{add}_{\Lambda} X$. Notice that both Ω and τ are equivalences in ${}^\perp \Lambda$, it follows that if Y is a direct summand of X , then $\Omega^n \tau Y$ is also a direct summand of X . Since X has only finitely many indecomposable direct summands, some power of $\Omega^n \tau$ is identity on the non-projective direct summands of X . \square

5. The complexity of modules

In this section, both Λ and Γ are finite-dimensional K -algebras over a field K . We will study the relation between the complexity of modules and the existence of maximal n -orthogonal subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma$.

From the following result, we can construct algebras with infinite global dimension admitting no maximal n -orthogonal subcategories for any $n \geq 1$.

Proposition 5.1. *If $\text{id}_{\Lambda} \Lambda = n \geq 1$ and $\Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma$ admits a maximal j -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma$ for some $j \geq n$, then $\text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(\mathbb{D}\Gamma^{op}, \Gamma) = 0$.*

Proof. Suppose that \mathcal{C} is a maximal j -orthogonal subcategory of $\text{mod } \Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma$ for some $j \geq n$. Then both $\Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma$ and $\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op} \otimes_K \mathbb{D}\Gamma^{op}$ are in \mathcal{C} . Thus by [CE, Chapter XI, Theorem 3.1], $0 = \text{Ext}_{\Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma}^i(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op} \otimes_K \mathbb{D}\Gamma^{op}, \Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma) = \bigoplus_{r+s=i} \text{Ext}_{\Lambda}^r(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}, \Lambda) \otimes_K \text{Ext}_{\Gamma}^s(\mathbb{D}\Gamma^{op}, \Gamma)$ for any $1 \leq i \leq n$. So $\text{Ext}_{\Lambda}^i(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}, \Lambda) \otimes_K \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(\mathbb{D}\Gamma^{op}, \Gamma) = 0$ for any $1 \leq i \leq n$.

If $0 \neq \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(\mathbb{D}\Gamma^{op}, \Gamma)$, then $\text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(\mathbb{D}\Gamma^{op}, \Gamma) \cong K^m$ as K -vector spaces for some $m \geq 1$. Thus $[\text{Ext}_{\Lambda}^i(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}, \Lambda)]^m \cong \text{Ext}_{\Lambda}^i(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}, \Lambda) \otimes_K K^m \cong \text{Ext}_{\Lambda}^i(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}, \Lambda) \otimes_K \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(\mathbb{D}\Gamma^{op}, \Gamma) = 0$ and $\text{Ext}_{\Lambda}^i(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}, \Lambda) = 0$ for any $1 \leq i \leq n$. Since $\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}$ is an injective cogenerator for $\text{mod } \Lambda$ and $\text{id}_{\Lambda} \Lambda = n$, it is easy to see that Λ is selfinjective by applying the functor $\text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(\mathbb{D}\Lambda^{op}, -)$ to the minimal injective resolution of ${}_{\Lambda} \Lambda$, which is a contradiction. \square

Assume that $\text{id}_{\Lambda} \Lambda = 1$. If there exists a torsionless injective module in $\text{mod } \Gamma$ (that is, there exists an injective module $Q \in \text{mod } \Gamma$ such that the canonical evaluation homomorphism $Q \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(\text{Hom}_{\Gamma}(Q, \Gamma), \Gamma)$ is monomorphic), especially, if there exists a projective–injective module in $\text{mod } \Gamma$ (for example, Γ is 1-Gorenstein), then $\Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma$ admits no maximal n -orthogonal subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma$ for any $n \geq 1$ by Proposition 5.1.

Definition 5.2. (See [EH].) Let

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

be a minimal projective resolution of a module $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$. The *complexity* of M is defined as $\text{cx}(M) = \inf\{b \geq 0 \mid \text{there exists a } c > 0 \text{ such that } \dim_K P_n \leq cn^{b-1} \text{ for all } n\}$ if it exists, otherwise $\text{cx}(M) = \infty$.

It is easy to see that $\text{cx}(M) = 0$ implies M is of finite projective dimension, and $\text{cx}(M) \leq 1$ if and only if the dimensions of P_n are bounded. Erdmann and Holm proved in [EH, Theorem 1.1] that if Λ is selfinjective and there exists a maximal n -orthogonal module in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ for some $n \geq 1$, then all modules in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ have complexity at most 1. At the end of [EH], Erdmann and Holm posed a question: Whether there can exist maximal n -orthogonal modules for non-selfinjective algebras Λ for which not all modules in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ are of complexity at most 1? In the following, we will give some properties of the complexity of the tensor product of modules. Then we construct a class of algebras Λ with $\text{id}_{\Lambda} \Lambda = n (\geq 1)$, such that not all modules in $\text{mod } \Lambda$ are of complexity at most 1, but Λ admits no maximal j -orthogonal subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda$ for any $j \geq n$.

Lemma 5.3. *Let*

$$\dots \rightarrow P_i \xrightarrow{f_i} \dots \rightarrow P_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} M \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$\dots \rightarrow Q_j \xrightarrow{g_j} \dots \rightarrow Q_1 \xrightarrow{g_1} Q_0 \xrightarrow{g_0} N \rightarrow 0$$

be minimal projective resolutions of $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ and $N \in \text{mod } \Gamma$, respectively. Then the following is a minimal projective resolution of $M \otimes_K N$ as a $\Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma$ -module:

$$\dots \rightarrow R_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow R_1 \xrightarrow{(1_{P_0} \otimes_K g_1) \oplus (f_1 \otimes_K 1_{Q_0})} R_0 \xrightarrow{f_0 \otimes_K g_0} M \otimes_K N \rightarrow 0 \tag{2}$$

where $R_n = \bigoplus_{i+j=n} P_i \otimes_K Q_j$ for any $n \geq 0$.

Proof. It is well known that the sequence (2) is a projective resolution of $M \otimes_K N$ as a $\Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma$ -module. So it suffices to prove the minimality.

It is straightforward to verify that $\text{Ker } f_0 \otimes_K g_0 \cong (\text{Ker } f_0 \otimes_K Q_0) + (P_0 \otimes_K \text{Ker } g_0)$. On the other hand, note that $\text{Ker } f_0 \subseteq J(\Lambda)P_0$, $\text{Ker } g_0 \subseteq J(\Gamma)Q_0$ and the nilpotent ideal $(J(\Lambda) \otimes_K \Gamma) + (\Lambda \otimes_K J(\Gamma)) \subseteq J(\Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma)$. So we have that $(\text{Ker } f_0 \otimes_K Q_0) + (P_0 \otimes_K \text{Ker } g_0) \subseteq J(P_0 \otimes_K Q_0)$ and hence $f_0 \otimes_K g_0$ is minimal. By using an argument similar to above, we get the desired assertion. \square

Proposition 5.4. $\max\{\text{cx}(M), \text{cx}(N)\} \leq \text{cx}(M \otimes_K N) \leq \text{cx}(M) + \text{cx}(N)$ for any $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ and $N \in \text{mod } \Gamma$.

Proof. By Lemma 5.3, we have that $\dim_K R_n = \sum_{i+j=n} \dim_K P_i \dim_K Q_j \geq \dim_K P_n \dim_K Q_0 \geq \dim_K P_n$. Similarly, $\dim_K R_n \geq \dim_K Q_n$. So $\max\{\text{cx}(M), \text{cx}(N)\} \leq \text{cx}(M \otimes_K N)$.

To prove the second inequality, without loss of generality, assume that both $\text{cx}(M)$ and $\text{cx}(N)$ are finite. Then there exist $c, c' > 0$ such that $\dim_K P_i \leq c i^{\text{cx}(M)-1}$ and $\dim_K Q_j \leq c' j^{\text{cx}(N)-1}$ for any $i, j \geq 0$. Thus by Lemma 5.3, we have that $\dim_K R_n = \sum_{i+j=n} \dim_K P_i \dim_K Q_j \leq \sum_{i+j=n} (c i^{\text{cx}(M)-1}) \times (c' j^{\text{cx}(N)-1}) \leq (n + 1)(cc')n^{\text{cx}(M)+\text{cx}(N)-2} \leq (2cc')n^{\text{cx}(M)+\text{cx}(N)-1}$, which implies $\text{cx}(M \otimes_K N) \leq \text{cx}(M) + \text{cx}(N)$. \square

Now we are in a position to give the following example.

Example 5.5. Let $\text{id}_\Lambda \Lambda = n \geq 1$ and Γ be selfinjective of infinite representation type with $J(\Gamma)^3 = 0$. Then we have

- (1) $\text{id}_{\Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma} \Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma = n$.
- (2) $\sup\{\text{cx}(X) \mid X \in \text{mod } \Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma\} \geq 2$.
- (3) $\Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma$ admits no maximal j -orthogonal subcategories of $\text{mod } \Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma$ for any $j \geq n$.

Proof. Because Γ is selfinjective, $\text{Hom}_\Gamma(\mathbb{D}\Gamma^{\text{op}}, \Gamma) \neq 0$ and then the assertion (3) follows from Proposition 5.1. It is well known that $\max\{\text{id}_\Lambda \Lambda, \text{id}_\Gamma \Gamma\} \leq \text{id}_{\Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma} \Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma \leq \text{id}_\Lambda \Lambda + \text{id}_\Gamma \Gamma$ (cf. [AR2, Proposition 2.2]). By assumption, $\text{id}_\Lambda \Lambda = n$ and Γ is selfinjective, so $\text{id}_{\Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma} \Lambda \otimes_K \Gamma = n$ and the assertion (1) follows. By [GW, Theorem 6.1], $\sup\{\text{cx}(N) \mid N \in \text{mod } \Gamma\} \geq 2$. Then it follows from Proposition 5.4 that the assertion (2) holds true. \square

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