GORENSTEIN PROPERTIES OF SPLIT-BY-NILPOTENT EXTENSION ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. Let A be a finite-dimensional k-algebra over an algebraically closed field k. In this note, we study the Gorenstein homological properties of a split-by-nilpotent extension algebra. Let R be a split-by-nilpotent extension of A. We provide sufficient conditions to ensure when a Gorenstein-projective module over A induces a similar structure over R. We also study when a Gorenstein-projective R-module induces a Gorenstein-projective A-module. Moreover, we study the relationship between the Gorensteinness of A and R.

INTRODUCTION

Gorenstein homological algebra has been thoroughly studied in the last decades. These algebras played an important role in the representation theory of finitedimensional algebras. In particular, for the setting of cluster theory, we highlight the work of B. Keller and I. Reiten [12], where they proved that all cluster algebras are Gorenstein. It is well known also that all gentle algebras are Gorenstein, see [10]. In [15], C. M. Ringel studied indecomposable Gorenstein-projective modules over Nakayama algebras and characterized Nakayama algebras that are Gorenstein. In a similar direction, in [7] the authors classified Gorenstein-projective modules over monomial algebras.

Finitely generated Gorenstein-projective modules over a noetherian ring were introduced by M. Auslander and M. Bridger [3]. More generally, the notion of Gorenstein-projective modules over an arbitrary ring was defined by E. Enochs and O. Jenda in [8]. Consequently, if we construct the dual of those modules we obtain Gorenstein-injective modules, which where also developed in [8].

It is not clear that classical constructions over algebras preserve Gorenstein properties. Under certain hypotheses, it is possible to define new Gorenstein algebras from the initial ones, see for example [6], [13], or [18].

In this work, we focus our attention on Gorenstein-projective modules over splitby-nilpotent extension algebras.

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Let A be a finite-dimensional k-algebra over an algebraically closed field k and R a split-extension of A by the nilpotent ideal E. A recurrent problem of split-bynilpotent extension algebras is to predict the properties that R inherits from the preceding algebra. The principal tool used in this work to study the connection between the categories mod A and mod R is the theory of change of rings functors. The main result of our work is the following.

Theorem A (Corollary 2.2). Let R be a split-by-nilpotent extension of A by the nilpotent ideal E.

- (i) Assume that pd_A R < ∞, id_A R < ∞, pd_A DR < ∞ and id_A DR < ∞. If N is a Gorenstein-projective A-module then R ⊗_A N is a Gorensteinprojective R-module.
- (ii) Assume that pd_R A < ∞, id_R A < ∞, pd_R DA < ∞ and id_R DA < ∞. If L is a Gorenstein-projective R-module then A⊗_RL is a Gorenstein-projective R-module.

We obtain a similar result to the one stated in Theorem A for Gorensteininjective modules.

Finally, it is of particular interest in the representation theory of artin algebras the study of Gorenstein-projective modules over Gorenstein algebras. By assuming some hypotheses, as we show below in Theorem B, it is possible to determine that the extension always inherits the quality of A of being Gorenstein.

Theorem B (Theorem 2.3). Let R be a split-by-nilpotent extension of A by the nilpotent ideal E. Assume that $pd_R E < \infty$, $pd_A E < \infty$, $id_R D E < \infty$ and $id_A D E < \infty$. Then A is Gorenstein if and only if R is Gorenstein.

The note is organized as follows. After a brief section of preliminaries, we devote Section 2 to the proofs of Theorems A and B.

1. Preliminaries

Throughout this note, all algebras are associative basic connected finite-dimensional over an algebraically closed field k. For an algebra A, we denote by mod A the category of finitely generated left A-modules.

We denote by D the usual standard duality $\operatorname{Hom}_k(-,k) : \operatorname{mod} A \to \operatorname{mod} A^{op}$, see [2, I, 2.9].

1.1. Gorenstein-projective modules. A complex C^{\bullet} of A-modules is acyclic provided that it is exact as a sequence or, equivalently, $H^n(C^{\bullet}) = 0$ for all n. It follows from [4, p. 400] that a complex P^{\bullet} of projective A-modules is totally acyclic provided it is acyclic and the Hom complex Hom (P^{\bullet}, A) is also acyclic.

Following E. Enochs and O. Jenda [9], we have the following definition.

Definition 1.1. An A-module M is *Gorenstein-projective* provided that there is a totally acyclic complex P^{\bullet} of projective modules such that its 0-th cocycle $Z^{0}(P^{\bullet})$ is isomorphic to M.

Let us denote by A-Gproj the full subcategory of mod A consisting of Gorensteinprojective modules. In Definition 1.1, the complex P^{\bullet} is said to be a *complete* resolution of M. Note that any projective module P is Gorenstein-projective. Therefore, A-proj \subset A-Gproj. If we consider the dual of Gorenstein-projective modules we obtain the notion of Gorenstein-injective modules, see [9].

Following [16], a module M is said to be *semi-Gorenstein-projective* provided that $\operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{i}(M, A) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$. All Gorenstein-projective modules are semi-Gorenstein-projective modules. If we denote by $\perp A$ the class of all semi-Gorensteinprojective modules, then A-Gproj $\subset {}^{\perp}A$. It is well known that a module M is a Gorenstein-projective module if and only if both M and Tr M are semi-Gorensteinprojective modules, see for example [16]. In [14], R. Marczinzik presented examples of non-commutative algebras with semi-Gorenstein-projective modules which are not Gorenstein-projective modules. The following result shall be helpful for our purpose.

Lemma 1.2. Let $M \in {}^{\perp}A$ and $L, L' \in \text{mod } A$.

- (i) If $\operatorname{pd}_A L < \infty$ then $\operatorname{Ext}^i_A(M, L) = 0$ for all $i \ge 1$. (ii) If $\operatorname{id}_A L' < \infty$ then $\operatorname{Tor}^i_A(L, M) = 0$ for all $i \ge 1$.

Recall that an artin algebra A is *Gorenstein* provided that the regular module A has finite injective dimension on both sides, see [11].

It is well known that if A is an artin algebra then it is Gorenstein if and only if $\operatorname{id}_A A < \infty$ and $\operatorname{pd}_A DA < \infty$.

Proposition 1.3 ([9, Proposition 9.1.7]). Let A be a Gorenstein algebra and $M \in$ $\operatorname{mod} A$. Then M has finite projective dimension if and only if M has finite injective dimension.

1.2. Split extensions of algebras by a nilpotent ideal. Given two algebras A and R and a surjective algebra homomorphism $\pi: R \to A$, the morphism π is said to be *split* if there exists an algebra homomorphism $\sigma: A \to R$ such that $\pi \sigma = \mathrm{Id}_A$. In this situation, the kernel E of π is a two-sided ideal in R. Therefore we have a short exact sequence of abelian groups

$$0 \to E \xrightarrow{i} R \stackrel{\pi}{\underset{\sigma}{\longrightarrow}} A \to 0, \tag{1.1}$$

where i denotes the inclusion morphism. Since $\pi \sigma = \mathrm{Id}_A$, we have that σ is injective and thus A is isomorphic to a subalgebra of R. In particular, E inherits an A-Abimodule structure by restriction of scalars. Therefore, (1.1) is a split sequence of A-modules, which allows us to find an A-module isomorphism, $R \cong A \oplus E$.

Definition 1.4. Let A, R be algebras. We say that R is a split extension of A by a nilpotent ideal E, or a split-by-nilpotent extension for short, if there exists a split surjective algebra homomorphism $\pi: R \to A$ whose kernel is E.

Let R be a split-by-nilpotent extension of A by the nilpotent ideal E. Then we have two categories mod A and mod R. A problem of interest in the theory of split extensions is to compare these two categories. With this purpose we define both changes of ring functors as

$$R \otimes_A - : \operatorname{mod} A \to \operatorname{mod} R$$

and

$$A \otimes_R - : \operatorname{mod} R \to \operatorname{mod} A$$

These functors satisfy the following adjunction relation: $A \otimes_R R \otimes_A - \cong \operatorname{Id}_{\operatorname{mod} A}$. The reverse composition of these functors, in general, is not equal to the identity in mod R.

In [1, Lemma 1.2], I. Assem and N. Marmaridis proved that there is a bijective correspondence between the isoclasses of indecomposable projective A-modules and the isoclasses of indecomposable projective R-modules.

Proposition 1.5 ([17, Proposition 4.4]). Let R be a split-by-nilpotent extension of A by the nilpotent ideal E. The following conditions hold:

- (i) If $L \in \text{mod } A$, then (a) $\text{pd}_A L \leq \text{pd}_R L + \text{pd}_A E$; (b) $\text{id}_A L \leq \text{id}_R L + \text{id}_A DR$.
- (ii) If $N \in \text{mod } R$, then (a) $\text{pd}_R N \leq \text{pd}_A N + \text{pd}_R A$; (b) $\text{id}_R N \leq \text{id}_A N + \text{id}_R DA$.

Remark 1.6. In general, for $L \in \text{mod } R$ it is not true that if $\text{pd}_R L < \infty$ then $\text{pd}_A L < \infty$. For example, consider the following algebras:

$$Q_A: 1 \xrightarrow{\beta} 2 \xrightarrow{\beta} 3 \quad I_A = \langle \alpha \gamma \beta \alpha \rangle, \quad A = k Q_A / I_A$$

and

$$Q_R: 1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} 3 I_R = \langle \alpha \gamma \beta \alpha, \alpha \lambda \rangle, \quad R = kQ_R/I_R.$$

Observe that R is a split extension of A by the ideal generated by λ . Consider L the projective R-module corresponding to the vertex 3. Then, as an A-module, L is isomorphic to $P_3^A \oplus S_1$, where P_3^A denotes the projective A-module corresponding to the vertex 3 and S_1 the simple A-module corresponding to the vertex 1.

Since $pd_A S_1 = \infty$ we conclude that $pd_A L = \infty$.

2. Main results

Let R be a split-by-nilpotent extension of A by the nilpotent ideal E. In this section, we study the relationship between the Gorenstein homological properties of A and the Gorenstein homological properties of R. We start studying the semi-Gorenstein-projective modules over these algebras.

Proposition 2.1. Let R be a split-by-nilpotent extension of A by the nilpotent ideal E.

- (i) Assume that pd_A R < ∞ and id_A R < ∞. If N is a semi-Gorenstein-projective A-module, then R ⊗_A N is also a semi-Gorenstein-projective R-module.
- (ii) Assume that $pd_R A < \infty$ and $id_R A < \infty$. If L is a semi-Gorensteinprojective R-module, then $A \otimes_R L$ is also a semi-Gorenstein-projective A-module.

Proof. We only prove (i) since (ii) follows with similar arguments.

Assume that N is a semi-Gorenstein-projective A-module. Since $\operatorname{pd}_A R < \infty$ and $\operatorname{id}_A R < \infty$, by Lemma 1.2 we have that $\operatorname{Ext}_A^i(N, R) = 0$ and $\operatorname{Tor}_i^A(R, N) = 0$. Let

$$P^{\bullet}:\dots \to P_n \to P_{n-1} \to \dots \to P_1 \to P_0 \to 0 \tag{2.1}$$

be a minimal projective resolution of N.

If we apply the functor $R \otimes_A - \text{to } (2.1)$, since $\operatorname{Tor}_i^A(R, M) = 0$, we get the following exact sequence:

$$R \otimes_A P^{\bullet} : \dots \to R \otimes_A P_n \to R \otimes_A P_{n-1} \to \dots \to R \otimes_A P_1 \to R \otimes_A P_0 \to R \otimes_A N \to 0.$$

By [4, Lemma 1.3], we have that $R \otimes_A P^{\bullet}$ is a projective resolution of $R \otimes_A N$. Since $\operatorname{Hom}_R(R \otimes_A P_i, R) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_A(P_i, R)$, we have that $\operatorname{Hom}_R(R \otimes_A P^{\bullet}, R)$ is isomorphic to the sequence

 $0 \to \operatorname{Hom}_A(P_0, R) \to \operatorname{Hom}_A(P_1, R) \to \cdots \to \operatorname{Hom}_A(P_n, R) \to \ldots,$

which is an exact sequence because $\operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{i}(M, R) = 0$. Therefore, $R \otimes_{A} N$ is a semi-Gorenstein-projective *R*-module.

Corollary 2.2. Let R be a split-by-nilpotent extension of A by the nilpotent ideal E.

- (i) Assume that $\operatorname{pd}_A R < \infty$, $\operatorname{id}_A R < \infty$, $\operatorname{pd}_A DR < \infty$ and $\operatorname{id}_A DR < \infty$.
 - (a) If N is a Gorenstein-projective A-module, then $R \otimes_A N$ is a Gorensteinprojective R-module.
 - (b) If N is a Gorenstein-injective A-module, then $\operatorname{Hom}_A(M, R)$ is a Gorenstein-injective R-module.
- (ii) Assume that $\operatorname{pd}_R A < \infty$, $\operatorname{id}_R A < \infty$, $\operatorname{pd}_R DA < \infty$ and $\operatorname{id}_R DA < \infty$.
 - (a) If L is a Gorenstein-projective R-module, then $A \otimes_R L$ is a Gorensteinprojective R-module.
 - (b) If L is a Gorenstein-injective R-module, then $\operatorname{Hom}_R(L, A)$ is a Gorenstein-injective R-module.

Proof. (i) (a) Since N is a Gorenstein-projective A-module, we have that N and Tr N are semi-Gorenstein-projective A-modules. By Proposition 2.1, we get that $R \otimes_A N$ and Tr $N \otimes_A R$ are semi-Gorenstein-projective R-modules. It follows from [4, Lemma 2.1] that $\operatorname{Tr}(R \otimes_A N) \cong \operatorname{Tr} N \otimes_A R$. Therefore, $R \otimes_A N$ is a Gorenstein-projective R-module.

(i) (b) Let N be a Gorenstein-injective A-module. By [5, X, Lemma 1.5], the module $\tau^{-1}N$ is a Gorenstein-projective A-module. The result follows from (i) (a) and the fact that $\tau_R(R \otimes \tau^{-1}N) \cong \text{Hom}_A(R, N)$ (see [4, Lemma 2.1]).

(ii) (a) Since L is a Gorenstein-projective R-module, we have that N and Tr N are semi-Gorenstein-projective R-modules. Then by Proposition 2.1, we have that $A \otimes_R L$ and $\operatorname{Tr} L \otimes_R A$ are semi-Gorenstein-projective A-modules. Since $\operatorname{id}_R A < \infty$, we have that $\operatorname{Tor}_1^R(A, L) = 0$. By [17, Proposition 3.7], $\operatorname{Tr}(A \otimes_R L) \cong \operatorname{Tr} L \otimes_R A$. Therefore, $A \otimes_A L$ is a Gorenstein-projective A-module.

(ii) (b) Let L be a Gorenstein-injective R-module. By [5, X, Lemma 1.5], $\tau^{-1}L$ is a Gorenstein-projective R-module. Since $\operatorname{id}_R A < \infty$, we have that $\operatorname{Tor}_1^R(A, L) = 0$. It follows from [17, Proposition 3.7] that $\tau_A(A \otimes \tau^{-1}L) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_R(A, L)$. The result is a consequence of (ii) (a).

Theorem 2.3. Let R be a split-by-nilpotent extension of A by the nilpotent ideal E. Assume that $pd_R E < \infty$, $pd_A E < \infty$, $id_R DE < \infty$ and $id_A DE < \infty$. Then A is Gorenstein if and only if R is Gorenstein.

Proof. Assume that A is Gorenstein. First, we show that $pd_R DR < \infty$. It follows from Proposition 1.5 that

$$\operatorname{pd}_R DR \leq \operatorname{pd}_A DR + \operatorname{pd}_R A.$$

Since $DR \cong DA \oplus DE$ as A-modules, we have $pd_A DR = max\{pd_A DE, pd_A DA\}$. By definition of Gorenstein algebras we infer that $pd_A DA < \infty$. Analogously, since $id_A DE < \infty$, by Lemma 1.3 we get that $pd_A DE < \infty$. Then, $pd_A DR < \infty$.

On the other hand, since $\operatorname{pd}_R E < \infty$ we have $\operatorname{pd}_R A < \infty$, because $\Omega^1(A) \cong E$ in mod R, where $\Omega^1(A)$ denotes the first syzygy. Hence, $\operatorname{pd}_R DR < \infty$.

Now we show that $\operatorname{id}_R R < \infty$. It follows from Proposition 1.5 that

$$\operatorname{id}_R R \leq \operatorname{id}_A R + \operatorname{id}_R DA$$

Since $R \cong A \oplus E$ as A-modules, we have $\operatorname{id}_A R = \max{\operatorname{id}_A A, \operatorname{id}_A E}$. By Lemma 1.3 we get $\operatorname{id}_A E < \infty$, because $\operatorname{pd}_A E < \infty$ and A is Gorenstein. Then, $\operatorname{id}_A R < \infty$.

On the other hand, since the injective envelope of DA in mod R is DR we get that $\Omega^{-1}(DA) \cong DE$. Therefore, since $\mathrm{id}_R DE < \infty$ we obtain $\mathrm{id}_R DA < \infty$. Hence, $\mathrm{id}_R R < \infty$, concluding that R is Gorenstein.

Conversely, suppose that R is a Gorenstein algebra. By Proposition 1.5, we get that

$$\operatorname{id}_A A \leq \operatorname{id}_R A + \operatorname{id}_A DR.$$

As A-modules, we have that $DR = DA \oplus DE$, which implies that $\mathrm{id}_A DR = \mathrm{id}_A DE < \infty$. It is clear that $\mathrm{pd}_R A = \mathrm{pd}_R M + 1 < \infty$. Since we are assuming that R is Gorenstein, we know that $\mathrm{pd}_R A < \infty$ if and only if $\mathrm{id}_R A < \infty$. Therefore, $\mathrm{id}_A A < \infty$.

It remains to prove that $pd_A DA < \infty$. By Proposition 1.5, we get that

$$\operatorname{pd}_A DA \leq \operatorname{pd}_B DA + \operatorname{pd}_A E.$$

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By hypothesis, we know that $pd_A E < \infty$. Furthermore, we have $id_R DA = id_R DE + 1 < \infty$. Since R is Gorenstein, it follows that $pd_R DA < \infty$ if and only if $id_R DA < \infty$. Hence, $pd_A DA < \infty$ and in consequence A is Gorenstein. \Box

The following example shows that the conditions $\operatorname{id}_R DE < \infty$ and $\operatorname{pd}_R E < \infty$ can not be removed.

Example 2.4. Consider the following algebras:

and

$$\begin{array}{cccc} Q_R: & 1 & \stackrel{\alpha}{\longrightarrow} 2 & I_R = \langle \beta \alpha \mu, \gamma \beta \alpha, \mu \delta \gamma \beta, \alpha \mu \delta, \alpha \epsilon, \epsilon \gamma \rangle, & R = kQ_R/I_R. \\ & & & & \downarrow^{\beta} \\ & & 5 & \stackrel{\epsilon}{\longleftarrow} 4 & \stackrel{\epsilon}{\longleftarrow} 3 \end{array}$$

Observe that R is a split-by-nilpotent extension of A by $E = \langle \epsilon \rangle$. It is not hard to see that A is a Gorenstein algebra and R is not so. As R-modules, $E \cong S_1$ and $DE \cong S_4$. Moreover, $pd_R E = \infty = id_R DE$.

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