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# **FP-Gorenstein Cotorsion Modules**

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**Abstract.** Let *R* be a ring. In this paper, *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion modules are introduced and studied. An *R*-module *N* is said to be *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion if  $\text{Ext}_R^1(F,N) = 0$  for any finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-module *F*. We prove that the class of *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion modules is covering and preenveloping over coherent rings. *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion dimension of modules and rings are also studied. Some properties of *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion modules are given.

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Throughout this paper, *R* will denote an associative ring with identity and all modules will be unitary. Unless otherwise stated, *R*-modules always denote left *R*-modules. For an *R*-module *M*, the character module  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  is denoted by  $M^+$ ; fd(*M*), id(*M*), pd(*M*) and *FP*-id(*M*) stand for the flat, injective, projective and *FP*-injective dimensions of *M* respectively. As usual, we use  $_R\mathfrak{M}$  to denote the class of left *R*-modules, wD(*R*) the weakly global dimension of *R* and D(*R*) the left global dimension of *R*. For unexplained concepts, notions and facts, we refer the reader to [3, 7–9, 17, 18, 20, 21].

We first recall some notions and facts which we need in the later sections.

(1) Let *M* be an *R*-module and *X* a class of *R*-modules. A homomorphism  $\phi : M \to X$  with  $X \in X$  is called an *X*-preenvelope [7, 16, 18, 20] of *M* if for any homomorphism  $f : M \to X'$  with  $X' \in X$ , there is a homomorphism  $g : X \to X'$  such that  $g\phi = f$ . Moreover, if the only such *g* are automorphisms of *X* when X = X' and  $f = \phi$ , the *X*-preenvelope  $\phi$  is called an *X*-envelope of *M*. *X* is a (pre)enveloping class provided that each module has an *X*-(pre)envelope. Dually, *X*-precovers, *X*-covers, and covering classes of modules can be defined.

(2) Let  $X, \mathcal{Y}$  be two classes of *R*-modules.  $X^{\perp} = \{N \in {}_R\mathfrak{M} | \operatorname{Ext}^1_R(X, N) = 0 \text{ for all } X \in X\}$ and  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{Y} = \{M \in {}_R\mathfrak{M} | \operatorname{Ext}^1_R(M, Y) = 0 \text{ for all } Y \in \mathcal{Y}\}$ . A module *M* is said to have a *special* 

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*X-precover* [7] if there is an exact sequence  $0 \to K \to X \to M \to 0$  with  $X \in X$  and  $K \in X^{\perp}$ . Dually, *M* is said to be have a *special*  $\mathcal{Y}$ -*preenvelope* if there is an exact sequence  $0 \to M \to Y \to L \to 0$  with  $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$  and  $L \in {}^{\perp}\mathcal{Y}$ .

(3) Let  $X, \mathcal{Y}$  be two classes of *R*-modules. The pair  $(X, \mathcal{Y})$  is called a *cotorsion pair* (or *cotorsion theory*) [7–9] if  $X^{\perp} = \mathcal{Y}$  and  $X = {}^{\perp}\mathcal{Y}$ . Let S be a class of *R*-modules.  $({}^{\perp}(S^{\perp}), S^{\perp})$  is called the cotorsion pair *cogenerated* by S. A cotorsion pair  $(X, \mathcal{Y})$  is called *complete* if each module has a special  $\mathcal{Y}$ -preenvelope and *hereditary* if  $\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{i}(X,Y) = 0$  for all  $i \ge 1, X \in X$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$ .  $(X, \mathcal{Y})$  is called *perfect* provided that X is a covering class and  $\mathcal{Y}$  is an enveloping class. We know that a cotorsion pair  $(X, \mathcal{Y})$  is a complete cotorsion pair if it is cogenerated by a set [7, Theorem 7.4.1].

(4) An *R*-module *M* is called *Gorenstein flat* [7,9,20] if there exists an exact sequence  $\dots \to F_1 \to F_0 \to F^0 \to F^1 \to \dots$  of flat *R*-modules such that  $M = \ker(F^0 \to F^1)$  and that remains exact whenever  $E \otimes_R -$  is applied for any injective right *R*-module *E*. The class of Gorenstein flat modules is denoted by  $\mathcal{GF}$ . An *R*-module *N* is called *Gorenstein cotorsion* [9] if  $\operatorname{Ext}^1_R(M,N) = 0$  for any Gorenstein flat *R*-module *M*. The class of Gorenstein cotorsion modules is denoted by  $\mathcal{GC}$ . Over right coherent rings,  $(\mathcal{GF}, \mathcal{GC})$  is a hereditary and perfect cotorsion pair [9, Theorem 3.1.9]. So we can define the Gorenstein cotorsion dimension  $\operatorname{Gcd}(M)$  of an *R*-module *M* as the least nonnegative integer *n* such that there is an exact sequence  $0 \to M \to C^0 \to C^1 \to \dots \to C^n \to 0$  with  $C^i \in \mathcal{GC}$  for  $0 \le i \le n$ .

In Section 2, we introduce the concept of FP-Gorenstein cotorsion modules. We show that the class of FP-Gorenstein cotorsion modules is closed under extensions, pure submodules, pure quotients, direct products and direct limits (and so direct sums) over coherent rings. Some basic properties of FP-Gorenstein cotorsion modules are given. In Section 3, we prove that over coherent rings, every R-module M has a surjective FP-Gorenstein cotorsion cover and an injective FP-Gorenstein cotorsion preenvelope. In Section 4, we introduce and investigate the FP-Gorenstein cotorsion dimension of modules and rings. We characterize some rings through FP-Gorenstein cotorsion dimensions.

### 2. Some properties of FP-Gorenstein cotorsion modules

We begin with the following definition.

**Definition 2.1.** An *R*-module *N* is called *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion if  $Ext_R^1(F,N) = 0$  for all finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-modules *F*.

# **Proposition 2.1.** The following hold:

- (1) Injective modules, FP-injective modules and Gorenstein cotorsion modules are FP-Goresntein cotorsion.
- (2) Every direct product of FP-Gorenstein cotorsion modules is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion.
- (3) Every finite direct sum of FP-Gorenstein cotorsion modules is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion.
- (4) Suppose  $N = N_1 \oplus N_2$ , then N is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion if and only if  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are both FP-Gorenstein cotorsion.

*Proof.* By Definition 2.1.

Recall that a ring *R* is called *left coherent* (resp. *right coherent*) if every finitely generated left (resp. right) ideal is finitely presented. A ring *R* is coherent if it is both left and right

coherent. A ring R is left coherent if and only if every finitely generated submodule of a finitely presented *R*-module is also finitely presented.

**Proposition 2.2.** Suppose R is a coherent ring and N an FP-Gorenstein cotorsion Rmodule. Then  $\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{i}(F,N) = 0$  for any finitely presented Gorenstein flat R-module F and for all  $i \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Let F be a finitely presented Gorenstein flat R-module. By Definition 2.1, we need only to prove that  $\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{i}(F, M) = 0$  for  $i \ge 2$ . Since R is coherent, we have a finitely generated free resolution of F

$$\cdots \to F_n \xrightarrow{f_n} F_{n-1} \xrightarrow{f_{n-1}} \cdots \to F_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} F_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} F \to 0.$$

Then every ker  $f_i$  (for  $i \ge 0$ ) is also finitely presented and Gorenstein flat by [9, Corollary 2.1.8]. Hence  $\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{i+1}(F,N) \cong \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(\ker f_{i-1},M) = 0$  for all  $i \ge 1$ .

**Corollary 2.1.** Let *R* be a coherent ring and  $0 \rightarrow N' \rightarrow N \rightarrow N'' \rightarrow 0$  a short exact sequence. If N' is FP-Goresntein cotorsion, then N is FP-Goresntein cotorsion if and only if N'' is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion.

*Proof.* Let F be any finitely presented Gorenstein flat R-module, we get the following exact sequence

$$0 = \operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{R}(F, N') \to \operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{R}(F, N) \to \operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{R}(F, N'') \to \operatorname{Ext}^{2}_{R}(F, N').$$

 $U = \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{*}(F, N') \to \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{*}(F, N) \to \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{*}(F, N'') -$ By Proposition 2.2,  $\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{2}(F, N') = 0$ . Hence the result follows.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let R be a coherent ring. Then  $\lim N_i$  is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion, where  $((N_i), (f_{ii}))$  is a direct system of FP-Gorenstein cotorsion R-modules. In particular, the class FGC of FP-Gorenstein cotorsion R-modules is closed under direct sums.

*Proof.* Let F be a finitely presented Gorenstein flat R-module. By [19, Theorem 3.2], we get

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F, \lim N_{i}) \cong \lim \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F, N_{i}) = 0.$$

Then the result follows.

It is not hard to see that the condition "R is commutative" can be dropped in [2, Proposition 1.3]. Then we have the next lemma.

**Lemma 2.2.** If R is coherent, then a finitely presented R-module is Gorenstein flat if and only if it is Gorenstein projective.

# Remark 2.1.

- (1) Let R be a coherent ring. Then each R-module with finite projective dimension is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion since finitely presented Gorenstein projective R-modules coincide with finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-modules by Lemma 2.2. Hence any *R*-module with finite injective dimension is also *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion by [4, Lemma 2.1].
- (2) Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ . Then D(R) = 1, so every Goresntein flat *R*-module is flat. Since finitely presented flat *R*-modules are finitely generated projective, every *R*-module is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion by Definition 2.1. Note that the quotient field  $\mathbb{Q}$  of R is a flat *R*-module, but it is not a projective *R*-module. So there is an *R*-module *L* such

that  $\operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{R}(\mathbb{Q},L) \neq 0$ , i.e., *L* is neither cotorsion nor Gorenstein cotorsion. This example shows that *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion modules need not to be cotorsion or Gorenstein cotorsion. Then we get the following implications:

injective modules  $\Rightarrow$  Gorenstein cotorsion modules  $\Rightarrow$  cotorsion modules, injective modules  $\Rightarrow$  *FP*-injective modules  $\Rightarrow$  *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion modules.

# **Proposition 2.3.** Let R be a coherent ring.

- (1) If an *R*-module *N* has finite *FP*-injective dimension, then *N* is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion.
- (2) If a right *R*-module *N* has finite *FP*-injective dimension, then *N*<sup>+</sup> is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion.
- (3) If an R-module M has finite flat dimension, then M is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion.

*Proof.* (1). Suppose that FP-id(N) =  $n < \infty$ . Let F be a finitely presented Gorenstein flat R-module. Then there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \to F \to P^0 \to P^1 \to \dots \to P^{n-1} \to L \to 0$$

such that  $P^i$  is finitely generated projective for  $0 \le i \le n-1$  and *L* is a finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-module. Thus  $\operatorname{Ext}_R^1(F,N) \cong \operatorname{Ext}_R^{n+1}(L,N) = 0$  and hence *N* is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion.

(2). Let *F* be a finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-module and *E* an injective right *R*-module. Then  $\text{Tor}_1^R(E, F) = 0$  and [7, Theorem 3.2.1] shows

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F, E^{+}) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\operatorname{Tor}_{1}^{R}(E, F), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) = 0,$$

which implies that  $E^+$  is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion for every injective right R-module E.

Next, we assume that FP-id $(N) = n < \infty$ . Then there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \to N \to E^0 \to E^1 \dots \to E^{n-1} \to L \to 0$$

such that each  $E^i$  is injective for  $0 \le i \le n-1$  and *L* is *FP*-injective by [19, Lemma 3.1]. This exact sequence induces the following exact sequence

$$0 \to L^+ \to (E^{n-1})^+ \to \dots \to (E^1)^+ \to (E^0)^+ \to N^+ \to 0.$$

By Corollary 2.1, it is sufficient to prove that  $L^+$  is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion. Since *L* is *FP*-injective, *L* is a pure submodule of any right *R*-module which contains *L*. Then we get a pure exact sequence

$$0 \to L \to E \to K \to 0$$

with E injective. Note that

$$0 \to K^+ \to E^+ \to L^+ \to 0$$

splits, so  $L^+$  is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion since  $E^+$  is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion by the proof above. This completes the proof.

(3). Let *F* be a finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-module and *F'* a flat *R*-module. Then  $F' = \lim_{i \to i} P_i$  for some direct system  $((P_i), (f_{ji}))$ , where each  $P_i$  is projective. By [10, Lemma 3.1.6], we have

$$\operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{R}(F, F') \cong \operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{R}(F, \lim_{\longrightarrow} P_{i}) \cong \lim_{\longrightarrow} \operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{R}(F, P_{i}) = 0.$$

Hence any flat *R*-module is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion. Assume that fd(M) = n, then we have the exact sequence

$$0 \to F_n \to F_{n-1} \to \cdots \to F_1 \to F_0 \to M \to 0,$$

where  $F_i$  is flat for  $0 \le i \le n$ . By the proof above, each  $F_i$  is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion and hence *M* is also *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion by Corollary 2.1.

Recall that a submodule *T* of an *R*-module *N* is said to be a *pure submodule* of *N* if  $0 \rightarrow A \otimes_R T \rightarrow A \otimes_R N$  is exact for all right *R*-modules *A*, or equivalently, if  $\text{Hom}_R(A, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, N/T) \rightarrow 0$  is exact for all finitely presented *R*-modules *A*. An exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow T \xrightarrow{\lambda} N$  is said to be *pure exact* if  $\lambda(T)$  is a pure submodule of *N*.

**Proposition 2.4.** Let *R* be a ring and *N* an *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion *R*-module. If the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow N' \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{\pi} N'' \rightarrow 0$  is pure, then *N'* is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion. In addition, if *R* is coherent, then *N''* is also *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion.

*Proof.* Let F be a finitely presented Gorenstein flat R-module. Then we have an exact sequence

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(F,N) \xrightarrow{\pi_{*}} \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(F,N'') \to \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F,N') \to \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F,N) (=0)$$
$$\to \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F,N'') \to \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{2}(F,N').$$

Since *F* is finitely presented and  $0 \to N' \to N \xrightarrow{\pi} N'' \to 0$  is pure exact,  $\pi_*$  is epimorphic. So  $\operatorname{Ext}^1_R(F,N') = 0$  and hence *N'* is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion. If *R* is coherent, then  $\operatorname{Ext}^2_R(F,N') = 0$  by Proposition 2.3. So  $\operatorname{Ext}^1_R(F,N'') = 0$  and then *N''* is also *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion.

**Corollary 2.2.** Suppose R is coherent. Then M is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion if and only if  $M^{++}$  is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion.

*Proof.* Note that  $0 \to M \to M^{++}$  is a pure exact sequence, then *M* is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion whenever  $M^{++}$  is by Proposition 2.4.

Conversely, suppose that M is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion. Let F be a finitely presented Gorenstein flat R-module and  $\mathbf{P}$  a finitely generated projective resolution of F. Then we have

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F, M^{++}) = H_{-1}(\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(\mathbf{P}, M^{++}))$$
  

$$\cong H_{-1}(\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M^{+} \otimes_{R} \mathbf{P}, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H_{1}(M^{+} \otimes_{R} \mathbf{P}), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$$
  

$$\cong \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H_{-1}(\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(\mathbf{P}, M)), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$$
  

$$\cong \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F, M), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) = 0.$$

The second step is Hom-tensor adjointness. The fourth step follows from the proof of [18, Theorem 9.51] and [18, Remark, p.257]. Hence  $M^{++}$  is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion.

#### 3. Existences of FP-Gorenstein cotorsion covers and preenvelopes

In the rest of this article,  $\mathcal{GF}_{fp}$  always denotes the class of finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-modules.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let *R* be a coherent ring.

- (1) Every *R*-module *M* has a surjective *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion cover  $f : C \to M$ .
- (2) The pair (<sup>⊥</sup>FGC,FGC) is a complete and hereditary cotorsion pair. In particular, every *R*-module *M* has a special <sup>⊥</sup>FGC-precover and a special *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion preenvelope.

*Proof.* (1). Since the class of *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion modules is closed under pure quotient modules by Proposition 2.4 and closed under direct sums by Lemma 2.1, every *R*-module *M* has an *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion cover  $f : C \to M$  by [12, Theorem 2.5]. Note that each projective *R*-module is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion by Remark 2.1, then *f* is surjective.

(2). Firstly, it is easy to see that  $({}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC},\mathcal{FGC}) = ({}^{\perp}(\mathcal{GF}_{fp}{}^{\perp}),\mathcal{GF}_{fp}{}^{\perp})$  is a cotorsion pair.

Secondly. For any finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-module *F*,  $Card(F) \leq \aleph_0 \cdot Card(R)$ . Let *Y* be the set of all finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-modules *F* such that  $Card(F) \leq \aleph_0 \cdot Card(R)$ . Then *C* is in  $\mathcal{FGC}$  if and only if  $Ext_R^1(F, C) = 0$  for all  $F \in Y$ . This just says that the cotorsion pair ( ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC},\mathcal{FGC}$ ) is cogenerated by the set *Y* and hence ( ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC},\mathcal{FGC}$ ) is a complete cotorsion pair by [10, Theorem 3.2.1]. In particular, every *R*-module *M* has a special  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$ -precover and a special  $\mathcal{FGC}$ -preenvelope.

Thirdly.  $\mathcal{FGC}$  is coresolving by Proposition 2.1 and Corollary 2.1, so  $({}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC},\mathcal{FGC})$  is a hereditary cotorsion pair by [8, Theorem 2.1.4].

# Remark 3.1.

- Note that *FGC* contains all injective modules, then every *FGC*-preenvelope g : *M* → C of an *R*-module *M* is a monomorphism. Clearly, <sup>⊥</sup>*FGC* contains all projective *R*-modules, so each <sup>⊥</sup>*FGC*-precover f : G → N of an *R*-module N is an epimorphism.
- (2) *GF* ⊇ <sup>⊥</sup>*FGC* since *GC* ⊆ *FGC*. So every *R*-module *M* ∈ <sup>⊥</sup>*FGC* is Gorenstein flat. In general, <sup>⊥</sup>*FGC* isn't closed under direct limits. If <sup>⊥</sup>*FGC* is closed under direct limits, then <sup>⊥</sup>*FGC* contains all flat *R*-modules since every flat module is a direct limit of finitely generated free *R*-modules. Even over the ring Z, <sup>⊥</sup>*FGC* doesn't contain all flat modules (see Remark 2.1(2)).

**Corollary 3.1.** Let *R* be a coherent ring and  $f: M \rightarrow N$  a monomorphism.

- (1) If  $\operatorname{coker}(f) \in {}^{\perp}\mathcal{F}GC$ , then  $gf: M \to C$  is also an  $\mathcal{F}GC$ -preenvelope of M whenever  $g: N \to C$  is an  $\mathcal{F}GC$ -preenvelope of N.
- (2) If  $g: N \to C$  is a special  $\mathcal{FGC}$ -preenvelope of N, then  $\operatorname{coker}(f) \in {}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$  if and only if  $gf: M \to C$  is a special  $\mathcal{FGC}$ -preenvelope of M.

Proof. This is similar to the proof of [15, Proposition 2.6].

**Proposition 3.1.** The following conditions are equivalent for a coherent ring R:

- (1) Every R-module is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion.
- (2) Every *R*-module  $M \in {}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$  is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is trivial.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Let *M* be an *R*-module. By Theorem 3.1, we have a short exact sequence:

$$0 \to C \to F \xrightarrow{J} M \to 0$$

such that  $f: F \to M$  is a special  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$ -precover. So *C* is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion and hence *M* is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion by Corollary 2.1.

# 4. FP-Gorenstein cotorsion dimension of modules and rings

**Definition 4.1.** Let R be a ring. For an R-module M, the FP-Gorenstein cotorsion dimension FP-Gcd(M) of M is defined to be the smallest integer  $n \ge 0$  such that  $Ext_R^{n+1}(F, M) = 0$  for any finitely presented Gorenstein flat R-module F. If there is no such n, set FP-Gcd(M) =  $\infty$ . The (left) global FP-Gorenstein cotorsion dimension FP-G-cot.D(R) of R is defined as the supremum of the FP-Gorenstein cotorsion dimensions of R-modules.

Dually, we can define the  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$  *dimension* of M, denoted by  $\mathrm{Gfd}^*(M)$ . Note that  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$  contains all projective R-modules, then  $\mathrm{Gfd}(M) \leq \mathrm{Gfd}^*(M) \leq \mathrm{pd}(M)$  for all R-modules M. The (left) global  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$  dimension of R is defined by G-wD<sup>\*</sup>(R) = sup{Gfd<sup>\*</sup>(M)| $M \in _R \mathfrak{M}$ }.

#### **Proposition 4.1.** Let R be coherent and N an R-module.

(1) Consider the following two exact sequences

$$0 \to N \to G^0 \to G^1 \to \dots \to G^{n-1} \to X \to 0,$$
  
$$0 \to N \to \tilde{G}^0 \to \tilde{G}^1 \to \dots \to \tilde{G}^{n-1} \to \tilde{X} \to 0,$$

where G<sup>0</sup>, G<sup>1</sup>,..., G<sup>n-1</sup> and G̃<sup>0</sup>, G̃<sup>1</sup>,..., G̃<sup>n-1</sup> are FP-Gorenstein cotorsion R-modules. Then X is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion if and only if X̃ is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion.
(2) Dually, consider the following two exact sequences

$$0 \to K \to F_{m-1} \to F_{m-2} \to \dots \to F_0 \to N \to 0,$$
  
$$0 \to \tilde{K} \to \tilde{F}_{m-1} \to \tilde{F}_{m-2} \to \dots \to \tilde{F}_0 \to N \to 0,$$

where  $F_0, \dots, F_{m-1}$  and  $\tilde{F}_0, \dots, \tilde{F}_{m-1}$  are all in  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{F}\mathcal{G}\mathcal{C}$ . Then  $K \in {}^{\perp}\mathcal{F}\mathcal{G}\mathcal{C}$  if and only if  $\tilde{K} \in {}^{\perp}\mathcal{F}\mathcal{G}\mathcal{C}$ .

*Proof.* (1). Clearly, we can construct the following diagram:



where  $E^i$  is injective for  $0 \le i \le n-1$ . By mapping cone, we get the following two exact sequences:

$$0 \to N \to N \oplus G^{0} \to E^{0} \oplus G^{1} \to \dots \to E^{n-2} \oplus G^{n-1} \to E^{n-1} \oplus X \to L \to 0,$$
  
$$0 \to N \to N \oplus \tilde{G}^{0} \to E^{0} \oplus \tilde{G}^{1} \to \dots \to E^{n-2} \oplus \tilde{G}^{n-1} \to E^{n-1} \oplus \tilde{X} \to L \to 0.$$

Then we get two exact sequences by [7, Remark 1.4.14]:

$$0 \to G^0 \to E^0 \oplus G^1 \to \dots \to E^{n-2} \oplus G^{n-1} \to E^{n-1} \oplus X \to L \to 0,$$
  
$$0 \to \tilde{G}^0 \to E^0 \oplus \tilde{G}^1 \to \dots \to E^{n-2} \oplus \tilde{G}^{n-1} \to E^{n-1} \oplus \tilde{X} \to L \to 0.$$

By Corollary 2.1, X is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion if and only if L is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion if and only if  $\tilde{X}$  is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion.

(2). The proof is dual to that of (1).

Over coherent rings, it is easily to see  $Gfd^*(M) = Gfd(M)$  for every finitely presented *R*-module *M*.

# **Theorem 4.1.** Let R be a coherent ring.

- (1) FP-Gcd(M) = 0 or  $\infty$  for an R-module M.
- (2) FP-G-cot. $D(R) = 0 \text{ or } \infty$ .
- (3)  $(\mathcal{FGC}, \mathcal{FGC}^{\perp})$  is a perfect, hereditary cotorsion pair.

*Proof.* (1). Suppose that FP-Gcd(M) =  $n < \infty$  for some nonnegative integer n. Let F be a finitely presented Gorenstein flat R-module. Then there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \to F \to P^0 \to P^1 \to P^2 \to \dots \to P^{n-1} \to F' \to 0$$

such that each  $P^i$  is finitely generated projective for  $0 \le i \le n-1$  and F' is a finitely presented Gorenstein flat. So we get  $\operatorname{Ext}_R^1(F, M) \cong \operatorname{Ext}_R^{n+1}(F', M) = 0$ . Hence M is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion.

(2) is clear by (1).

(3). We first prove that  $(\mathcal{FGC}, \mathcal{FGC}^{\perp})$  is a cotorsion pair. Note that  $(^{\perp}(\mathcal{FGC}^{\perp}), \mathcal{FGC}^{\perp})$  is a cotorsion pair, then we must prove  $\mathcal{FGC} = ^{\perp}(\mathcal{FGC}^{\perp})$ .  $\mathcal{FGC} \subseteq ^{\perp}(\mathcal{FGC}^{\perp})$  is clear, so we need to prove  $\mathcal{FGC} \supseteq ^{\perp}(\mathcal{FGC}^{\perp})$ . For any *R*-module  $M \in ^{\perp}(\mathcal{FGC}^{\perp})$ , there exists an exact sequence  $0 \to K \to C \to M \to 0$ , where  $C \to M$  is the *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion cover of *M* by Theorem 3.1. Then  $K \in \mathcal{FGC}^{\perp}$  by [20, Lemma 2.1.1] and so  $\operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{R}(M, K) = 0$ . Hence  $0 \to K \to C \to M \to 0$  splits and then  $M \in \mathcal{FGC}$ . So  $\mathcal{FGC} \supseteq ^{\perp}(\mathcal{FGC}^{\perp})$ .

Note that  $\mathcal{FGC}$  is resolving by Remark 2.1 and Theorem 4.1, then  $(\mathcal{FGC}, \mathcal{FGC}^{\perp})$  is a complete, hereditary cotorsion pair by Theorem 3.1 and [7, Proposition 7.1.7].

Since  $\mathcal{FGC}$  is closed under direct limits by Proposition 2.4,  $(\mathcal{FGC}, \mathcal{FGC}^{\perp})$  is a perfect cotorsion pair by [7, Theorem 7.2.6].

**Proposition 4.2.** Let *R* be a coherent ring and *M* an *R*-module. Then the following are equivalent for a nonnegative integer n:

- (1)  $\operatorname{Gfd}^*(M) \le n$ .
- (2)  $\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{n+1}(M,C) = 0$  for all FP-Gorenstein cotorsion R-modules C.
- (3)  $\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{i}(M,C) = 0$  for all FP-Gorenstein cotorsion R-modules C and all  $i \ge n+1$ .
- (4) If the sequence  $0 \to G^n \to G^{n-1} \to \dots \to G^0 \to M \to 0$  is exact such that  $G^0, G^1, \dots, G^{n-1}$  are all in  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{F}\mathcal{G}\mathcal{C}$ , then  $G^n$  is also in  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{F}\mathcal{G}\mathcal{C}$ .
- (5) If  $f: M \to C$  is a special  $\mathcal{FGC}$ -preenvelope, then  $\mathrm{Gfd}^*(C) \leq n$ .

Consequently, the  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{F}GC$  dimension of M is determined by the formula:

Gfd<sup>\*</sup>(*M*) = sup{ $i \in \mathbb{N}_0 | \exists C \in \mathcal{FGC} : \operatorname{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{R}}(M, C) \neq 0$ }.

*Proof.* By Definition 4.1, Proposition 4.1 and Theorem 3.1.

**Corollary 4.1.** Let *R* be a coherent ring and  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  an exact sequence of *R*-modules. If two of Gfd<sup>\*</sup>(*A*), Gfd<sup>\*</sup>(*B*) and Gfd<sup>\*</sup>(*C*) are finite, so does the third. Moreover,

- (1)  $\operatorname{Gfd}^*(B) \leq \max{\operatorname{Gfd}^*(A), \operatorname{Gfd}^*(C)},$
- (2)  $Gfd^*(C) \le \max\{Gfd^*(A) + 1, Gfd^*(B)\},\$
- (3)  $Gfd^*(A) \le \max\{Gfd^*(B), Gfd^*(C) 1\}.$

In particular, if B is in  $^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$  and  $\mathrm{Gfd}^*(C) > 0$ , then  $\mathrm{Gfd}^*(C) = \mathrm{Gfd}^*(A) + 1$ .

**Corollary 4.2.** Let *R* be a coherent ring with  $D(R) < \infty$ . Then G-wD<sup>\*</sup>(R) = D(R). In particular, *R* is left hereditary if and only if G-wD<sup>\*</sup>(R)  $\leq 1$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** Let *R* be a coherent ring with G-wD<sup>\*</sup>(*R*) = *n* for some nonnegative integer *n* and *M* an *R*-module. Then

- (1)  $\operatorname{id}(M) \leq n \text{ if } \operatorname{fd}(M) < \infty$ ,
- (2)  $\operatorname{id}(M) \le n \text{ if } \operatorname{pd}(M) < \infty$ ,
- (3) id(M) < ∞ if and only if id(M) ≤ n if and only if FP-id(M) ≤ n if and only if FP-id(M) < ∞.</li>

*Proof.* (1). Since G-wD<sup>\*</sup>(R) =  $n < \infty$ , there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \to F_n \to F_{n-1} \to \dots \to F_0 \to N \to 0$$

for any *R*-module *N* such that  $F_i \in {}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$  for  $0 \le i \le n$ . Note that  $M \in \mathcal{FGC}$  if  $fd(M) < \infty$  by Proposition 2.3, then we have  $\operatorname{Ext}_R^{n+1}(N, M) = 0$  for any *R*-module *N*. Hence  $id(M) \le n$ .

(2) is a consequence of (1).

(3).  $id(M) < \infty \Rightarrow id(M) \le n$  and FP- $id(M) < \infty \Rightarrow id(M) \le n$  are similar to (1).  $id(M) \le n \Rightarrow FP$ - $id(M) \le n \Rightarrow FP$ - $id(M) < \infty$  are trivial.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let *R* be a Noetherian ring. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) *R* is quasi-Frobenius (i.e., 0-Gorenstein).
- (2) Every FP-Gorenstein cotorsion R-module is injective.
- (3) Every Gorenstein cotorsion R-module is injective.
- (4)  $\operatorname{Gfd}^*(M) = 0$  for any *R*-module *M*.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since *R* is quasi-Frobenius, *R*/*I* is finitely presented Gorenstein flat for any left ideal *I* of *R*. Then for any *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion *R*-module *N*, we have  $\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(R/I, N) = 0$ . So *N* is injective by Bear criterion.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  and  $(2) \Leftrightarrow (4)$  are trivial.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Since  $(\mathcal{GF}, \mathcal{GC})$  is a cotorsion pair, every *R*-module is Gorenstein flat by (3). Then *R* is quasi-Frobenius by [7, Theorem 12.3.1].

**Remark 4.1.** In general, G-wD(R)  $\leq G$ -wD<sup>\*</sup>(R)  $\leq$  D(R). Theorem 4.2 shows that the the second inequality may be strict. In fact, the first inequality may be also strict. For example, consider Small's triangular ring

$$R = \left(\begin{array}{cc} \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \mathbb{Q} \end{array}\right).$$

Since wD(R) = 1 and D(R) = 2 by [13, Example (5.62b)], we have G-wD(R) = wD(R) = 1 < G-w $D^*(R) = D(R) = 2$ .

Following [5], a ring *R* is called an *n*-*FC* ring if *R* is left and right coherent with *FP*-id( $_RR$ )  $\leq n$  and *FP*-id( $R_R$ )  $\leq n$  for an integer  $n \geq 0$ . An *R*-module *M* is said to be torsionless (or semi-reflexive) [13] if the natural map  $i: M \to M^{**}$  is a monomorphism and an *R*-module *M* is called *reflexive* if  $i: M \to M^{**}$  is an isomorphism, where  $M^* = \text{Hom}_R(M, R)$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let R be a coherent ring. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) R is an FC ring (i.e., 0-FC ring).
- (2) Every FP-Gorenstein cotorsion R-module is FP-injective.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since *R* is *FC*, every *R*-module is Gorenstein flat by [14, Proposition 5.5]. For any *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion *R*-module *N*, we have  $\text{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F, N) = 0$  for any finitely presented *R*-module *F*. Hence *N* is *FP*-injective.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Let *M* be a finitely presented *R*-module. Since every *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion *R*-module is *FP*-injective by (2), every finitely presented *R*-module *M* is Gorenstein flat and hence Gorenstein projective. Then *M* can be embedded in a free *R*-module and is torsionless by [13, Remarks 4.65]. By [19, Lemma 4.6], we have an exact sequence

$$0 \to M \to M^{**} \to \operatorname{Ext}_R^1(L,R) \to 0$$

for some finitely presented *R*-module *L*. Note that *L* is finitely presented Gorenstein projective and hence  $\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(L,R) = 0$  since *R* is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion by Remark 2.1. Then *M* is reflexive and *R* is an *FC* ring by [19, Theorem 4.9].

Example 4.1. By Theorems 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, we get

- If *R* is quasi-Frobenius (i.e., 0-Gorenstein), then the cotorsion pair (*FGC*, *FGC*<sup>⊥</sup>) is exactly (*Proj*<sub>*R*</sub> 𝔅), where *Proj* is the class of projective *R*-modules. In fact, by Theorem 4.2, *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion *R*-modules coincide with injective *R*-modules. Note that *R* is quasi-Frobenius, so projective modules coincide with injective modules. Then the result holds.
- (2) If *R* is an *FC* ring, then the cotorsion pair  $(\mathcal{FGC}, \mathcal{FGC}^{\perp})$  is exactly  $(\mathcal{F}lat, Cot)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}lat$  (*Cot*) is the class of flat (cotorsion) *R*-modules.

**Proposition 4.4.** Let R be a coherent ring. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) R is n-FC.
- (2) FP-id(M)  $\leq n$  for any FP-Gorenstein cotorsion (left and right) R-module M.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let *N* be a finitely presented *R*-module. Since *R* is *n*-*FC*, we get Gfd(*N*)  $\leq$  *n* by [5, Theorem 7]. Then  $\text{Ext}_{R}^{n+1}(N, M) = 0$  for any *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion *R*-module *M*. So *FP*-id(*M*)  $\leq$  *n* by [19, Theorem 3.1].

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Suppose  $n \ge 1$ . Let N be a finitely presented R-module and M an FP-Gorenstein cotorsion R-module. We get a finitely generated projective resolution of N:

$$0 \to K \to P_{n-1} \to P_{n-2} \to \cdots \to P_0 \to N \to 0.$$

Since FP-id $(M) \le n, 0 = \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{n+1}(N, M) \cong \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(K, M)$ . Then K is finitely presented Gorenstein flat and hence R is n-FC by [5, Theorem 7] again.

Suppose n = 0. By Theorem 4.3, we easily get that *R* is an *FC* ring.

**Corollary 4.3.** Let R be an n-FC ring. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$  is closed under direct limits.
- (2)  $\mathcal{F}GC = GC$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since *R* is an *n*-*FC* ring, every Gorenstein flat *R*-module *M* is isomorphic to  $\lim_{\to} P_i$  for some inductive system (( $P_i$ ), ( $f_{ji}$ )) by [5, Theorem 5], where each  $P_i$  is a finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-module. By (1), every Gorenstein flat *R*-module is in  $^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$ , so (2) follows.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Since ( ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}, \mathcal{FGC}$ ) and ( $\mathcal{GF}, \mathcal{GC}$ ) are both cotorsion pairs, we get  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC} = \mathcal{GF}$  by (2). Hence  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$  is closed under direct limits by [9, Corollary 2.1.9].

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let R be a coherent ring.* 

- (1) If every FP-Gorenstein cotorsion R-module is Gorenstein cotorsion, then R is left perfect.
- (2) If R is an n-FC ring and N is a pure-injective R-module, then N is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion if and only if N is Gorenstein cotorsion.
- (3) If R is left perfect, then  $Gfd^*(F) = 0$  or  $\infty$  for any Gorenstein flat R-module F. Furthermore, if G-wD<sup>\*</sup>(R) <  $\infty$ , then an R-module M is Gorenstein cotorsion if and only if it is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion.

*Proof.* (1). For any flat *R*-module *F*, we have a short exact sequence

$$0 \to K \to P \to F \to 0.$$

Note that *K* is flat and so it is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion by Proposition 2.3. Then we have  $\operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{R}(F, K) = 0$  and so the sequence splits. Thus *F* is projective and then *R* is left perfect.

(2). The sufficiency is trivial.

Necessity. Suppose  $n \ge 1$ . Let *M* be a Gorenstein flat *R*-module. Note that *R* is *n*-*FC*,  $M \cong \lim_{\to} C_i$  for some inductive system (( $C_i$ ), ( $f_{ji}$ )), where each  $C_i$  is a finitely presented Gorenstein projective *R*-module by [5, Theorem 5]. Note that *N* is pure-injective, then [10, Lemma 3.3.4] implies

$$\operatorname{Ext}^1_R(M,N) \cong \operatorname{Ext}^1_R(\lim_{\to} C_i,N) \cong \lim_{\leftarrow} \operatorname{Ext}^1_R(C_i,N) = 0.$$

So N is Gorenstein cotorsion.

Suppose n = 0. Note that an *R*-module *N* is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion if and only if it is *FP*-injective by Theorem 4.3, the rest proof is similar to the case  $n \ge 1$ .

(3). Let  $F_0$  be a Gorenstein flat *R*-module. Suppose  $Gfd^*(F_0) = n < \infty$  and let  $f : G \to F_0$  be a special  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$ -precover. Then  $K = \ker(f)$  is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion and Gorenstein flat. There exists an exact sequence

$$0 \to F_n \to P_{n-1} \to P_{n-2} \to \dots \to P_1 \to K \to 0$$

with each  $P_i$  projective and  $F_n \in {}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$ . It is easy to see that  $F_n$  is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion. Note that there is an exact sequence

$$0 \to L \to P \to F_n \to 0$$

with *P* projective and  $L \in \mathcal{FGC}$ . The sequence splits and then  $F_n$  is projective. It is not hard to prove that every Gorenstein flat *R*-module is Gorenstein projective when *R* is coherent and left perfect. Hence we get that *K* is projective and so the short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow 0$  splits. Hence  $F_0$  is a direct summand of *G* and so  $F_0 \in {}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$ . Then Gfd\*( $F_0$ ) = 0 or  $\infty$ .

Now, the last statement is obvious.

**Remark 4.2.** The condition G-wD<sup>\*</sup>(R) <  $\infty$  in Theorem 4.4 (3) can be replaced by Gfd<sup>\*</sup>(F) <  $\infty$  for all Gorenstein flat R-modules F.

**Corollary 4.4.** *Let R be a coherent ring. Then the following hold:* 

- (1) Every FP-Gorenstein cotorsion R-module is Gorenstein cotorsion if and only if R is left perfect and  $Gfd^*(F) < \infty$  for all Gorenstein flat R-modules F.
- (2)  $\operatorname{Gfd}(M) \leq \operatorname{Gfd}^*(M) \leq \operatorname{pd}(M)$  for any *R*-module *M*. Furthermore, if *R* is left perfect, *then* 
  - (a)  $\operatorname{Gfd}(M) = \operatorname{Gfd}^*(M)$  if  $\operatorname{Gfd}^*(M) < \infty$ .

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(b) 
$$\operatorname{Gfd}(M) = \operatorname{Gfd}^*(M) = \operatorname{pd}(M)$$
 if  $\operatorname{pd}(M) < \infty$ .

Proof. (1). The sufficiency follows from Theorem 4.4 and Remark 4.2.

Necessity. Since  $(\mathcal{GF}, \mathcal{GC})$  and  $({}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}, \mathcal{FGC})$  are both cotorsion pairs, we easily get  $\mathcal{GF} = {}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC}$  by hypothesis and hence  $\mathrm{Gfd}^*(F) = 0 < \infty$  for any Gorenstein flat *R*-module *F*.

(2).  $Gfd(M) \le Gfd^*(M) \le pd(M)$  are obvious. (a) holds by Theorem 4.4.

For (b), we claim that if an R-module is Gorenstein flat, then it is Gorenstein projective. Let F be a Gorenstein flat R-module. Note that R is left perfect, then we get an exact sequence of projective R-modules

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

with  $F = \ker(P^0 \to P^1)$  such that  $E \otimes_R -$  is exact for any injective right *R*-module *E*. For any projective *R*-module *Q*,  $Q^+$  is right injective, then

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{i}(F,Q^{++}) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\operatorname{Tor}_{i}^{R}(Q^{+},F),\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) = 0$$

for all  $i \ge 1$  by [7, Theorem 3.2.1] and [11, Theorem 3.6]. Since

$$0 \to Q \to Q^{++} \to Q^{++}/Q \to 0$$

is a pure short exact sequence,  $Q^{++}/Q$  is flat by [13, Corollary 4.86] and hence projective. This sequence splits and so Q is a direct summand of  $Q^{++}$ . We get  $\text{Ext}_R^i(F,Q) = 0$  for all  $i \ge 1$  and then F is Gorenstein projective by [11, Proposition 2.3]. Thus (b) follows.

**Proposition 4.5.** *If* R *is an* n*-FC ring with*  $n \ge 0$ *, then the following are equivalent:* 

- (1) wD(R) <  $\infty$ .
- (2) Every finitely presented Gorenstein flat R-module is projective.
- (3) Every R-module is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion.
- (4) Every quotient of an FP-Gorenstein cotorsion R-module is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion.
- (5) Every submodule of an FP-Gorenstein cotorsion R-module is FP-Gorenstein cotorsion.
- (6) The left/right symmetric of (1) ~ (5).

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since fd(*M*) = 0 or  $\infty$  for any Gorenstein flat *R*-module *M*, *M* is flat by hypothesis. Hence every finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-module is projective.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  is trivial.

 $(3) \Leftrightarrow (4) \Leftrightarrow (5)$  hold by Theorems 3.1 and 4.1.

(3) ⇒ (1). Since  ${}^{\perp}\mathcal{FGC} \subseteq \mathcal{GF}$ , we easily get every finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-module is projective by hypothesis. For a Gorenstein flat *R*-module *F*, *F* =  $\lim_{\to} G_i$  for some direct system (( $G_i$ ), ( $f_{ji}$ )) by [5, Theorem 5], where each  $G_i$  is finitely presented Gorenstein flat. Note that each  $G_i$  is projective and hence  $F = \lim_{\to} G_i$  is flat, then wD(R) < ∞ by [5, Theorem 13].

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (6). The proofs are similar to those of (1) ~ (5).

**Proposition 4.6.** Let *R* be a commutative coherent ring and *M* an *R*-module. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $M \in \mathcal{FGC}$ .
- (2)  $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(P, M) \in \mathcal{FGC}$  for any projective *R*-module *P*.

(3)  $G \otimes_R M \in \mathcal{FGC}$  for any flat *R*-module *G*.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let *P* be a projective *R*-module and *F* a finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-module. Then there exists another projective *R*-module *Q* such that  $P \oplus Q = R^{(X)}$  for some set *X*. So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{R}(F, \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(P \oplus Q, M)) &\cong \operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{R}(F, \operatorname{Hom}_{R}(R^{(X)}, M)) &\cong \operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{R}(F, (\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(R, M))^{X}) \\ &\cong (\operatorname{Ext}^{1}_{R}(F, M))^{X} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(P, M) \in \mathcal{FGC}$  by Proposition 2.1.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let *G* be a flat *R*-module. Then  $G = \lim_{i \to i} F_i$  for some direct system ((*F<sub>i</sub>*), (*f<sub>ji</sub>*)), where each *F<sub>i</sub>* is a free *R*-module. For any finitely presented Gorenstein flat *R*-module *F*, we have

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F, G \otimes_{R} M) \cong \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F, \lim_{\to} F_{i} \otimes_{R} M) \cong \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F, \lim_{\to} (F_{i} \otimes_{R} M))$$
$$\cong \lim_{\to} \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F, F_{i} \otimes_{R} M) \cong \lim_{\to} \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(F, M^{(X)}) = 0.$$

The second isomorphism holds since  $-\otimes_R -$  commutes with lim, the third follows by [10, Lemma 3.1.6] and the fourth holds since  $\mathcal{FGC}$  is closed under direct sums. Hence  $G \otimes_R M$  is *FP*-Gorenstein cotorsion.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$  holds by letting P = R and  $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  holds by letting G = R.

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