

## SUBLATTICES OF $R$ -TORS INDUCED BY $\mathcal{A}$ -MODULES

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**ABSTRACT.** This article is concerned with the study of the sublattice  $gen(\rho)$  of  $R$ -tors, where  $\rho$  is some arbitrary but fixed member of  $R$ -tors. We use the concept of the  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module ( $M$  is a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, if  $M$  is  $\rho$ -torsion free and  $\vee\xi(\{M\})$  is an atom in  $gen(\rho)$ ) and we define an equivalence relation in the sublattice  $gen(\rho)$ . The partition associated to this equivalence relation allows us to get interesting information about this sublattice. As an application, we obtain new characterizations of  $\rho$ -artinian rings,  $\rho$ -semiartinian rings (a ring  $R$  is  $\rho$ -semiartinian if every non-zero  $\rho$ -torsion free  $R$ -module contains a  $\tau$ -cocritical submodule) and rings with  $\rho$ -atomic dimension (rings such that for all  $\sigma \in gen(\rho)$  with  $\sigma \neq \chi$ , there exists a  $\sigma$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module).

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### Introduction

Recently,  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules, introduced in [5], have been used to obtain information about a ring  $R$  and its category of modules. For example, in [4] the authors obtain characterizations of rings with bijective Gabriel correspondence and in [6] characterizations of left semiartinian rings and left artinian rings are given.

In [5] the authors studied the rings  $R$  with the property that, for a fixed  $\rho \in R$ -tors, the lattice  $gen(\sigma)$  is atomic for all  $\sigma \geq \rho$ . We shall say that a ring with this property possesses  $\rho$ -atomic dimension.

The lattice considered in this article is the sublattice  $gen(\rho) = \{\tau \in R\text{-tors} \mid \tau \geq \rho\}$  of  $R$ -tors for an arbitrary but fixed member  $\rho$  of  $R$ -tors. We will use the concept of relative pseudocomplement given by Golan in [8]. We use the concept of a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module to define an equivalence relation on the lattice  $gen(\rho)$ . The form of the classes of equivalence provides information about the  $\rho$ -atomic dimension of the ring  $R$ . Indeed, we show that if every equivalence class has only one element, then the ring  $R$  has  $\rho$ -atomic dimension equal to 1.

A well-known Theorem of Hopkins and Levitzki states that any left artinian ring  $R$  with identity element is left noetherian. The relative version with respect

to a hereditary torsion theory  $\tau$ , was proved by Miller and Teply in [11]. Later, Nastasescu proved in [12] that, if  $R$  is left  $\tau$ -noetherian and left  $\tau$ -semiartinian, then  $R$  is left  $\tau$ -artinian. Afterwards Bueso and Jara in [3] defined the concept of a  $\tau$ -semiartinian  $R$ -module and they proved that, if  $M$  is  $\tau$ -artinian module, then  $M$  is  $\tau$ -semiartinian. In particular, they showed that if the ring  $R$  is left  $\tau$ -artinian, then  $R$  is left  $\tau$ -semiartinian. In this paper we investigate the relation between left  $\tau$ -semiartinian rings and rings which have left  $\tau$ -atomic dimension.

In Section 1 of this work, we examine some properties of the pseudocomplement of  $\tau$  relative to  $\rho$  and we give a characterization of the relative pseudocomplement in terms of  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -modules. With this tool in hand we define an equivalence relation on  $gen(\rho)$  and we describe its equivalence classes. Proposition 1.12 provides characterizations of rings having left atomic dimension equal to 1 in terms of equivalence classes. If each non-singular  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module contains a non-zero projective submodule, then Theorem 2.23 and Corollary 1.24 provide information about when there is a lattice isomorphism between two equivalence classes in terms of the  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -modules  $M$  such that  $Z(M) \neq 0$  (singular submodule of  $M$ ). In Section 2, we introduce for  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ , left  $\tau$ -semiartinian rings see [3] and left  $\tau$ -artinian rings. Proposition 2.9 provides a characterization of left  $\tau$ -semiartinian rings in terms of hereditary torsion theories. In Proposition 2.13, we prove that the following conditions are equivalent: 1)  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -semiartinian ring 2)  $R$  has left  $\tau$ -atomic dimension equal to 1, 3)  $R$  has left  $\tau$ -Gabriel dimension equal to 1.

Finally, when  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -noetherian ring, Theorem 2.16 provides a characterization of left  $\tau$ -artinian rings in terms of the equivalence classes defined in Section 1, and of left  $\tau$ -atomic dimension.

Let  $R$  be an associative ring with unity,  $R\text{-Mod}$  be the category of unitary left  $R$ -modules and let  $R\text{-tors}$  be the frame of all hereditary torsion theories in  $R\text{-Mod}$ . For a family of left  $R$ -modules  $\{M_\alpha\}$ , let  $\chi(\{M_\alpha\})$  be the only maximal element of  $R\text{-tors}$  for which all the  $M_\alpha$  are torsion free, and let  $\xi(\{M_\alpha\})$  denote the minimal element of  $R\text{-tors}$  for which all the  $M_\alpha$  are torsion.  $\chi(\{M_\alpha\})$  is called the torsion theory cogenerated by the family  $\{M_\alpha\}$ , and  $\xi(\{M_\alpha\})$  is called the torsion theory generated by the family  $\{M_\alpha\}$ . In particular, the maximal element of  $R\text{-tors}$  is denoted by  $\chi$  and the minimal element of  $R\text{-tors}$  by  $\xi$ . If  $\rho$  is an element of  $R\text{-tors}$ ,  $gen(\rho)$  denotes the interval  $[\rho, \chi]$ .

Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ , By  $\mathbb{T}_\tau$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_\tau$ ,  $t_\tau$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_\tau$ , we denote respectively, the torsion class, the torsion free class, the torsion functor and the linear filter associated to  $\tau$ . A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called  $\tau$ -closed in  $M$  if  $M/N \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $\tau$ -decisive, if  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$  and for all  $\sigma \geq \tau$ ,  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$  or  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$  see [5, Definition 2.12]. If

$N$  is an essential submodule of  $M$ , we write  $N \subseteq_{es} M$ . For  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ , let  $E(M)$  denote the injective hull of  $M$ . We also use the  $\tau$ -Gabriel dimension denoted by  $\tau\text{-Gdim}$ , of rings and modules. For basic results concerning this invariant we refer the reader to [7, Chapter 51]. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module if  $M$  is  $\tau$ -torsion free and  $\tau \vee \xi(\{M\})$  is an atom in  $gen(\tau)$ . We say that  $M$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -module if  $M$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module for some  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ .

If  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ , we define a transfinite chain of torsion theories as follows:

1. Let  $\tau_0 = \tau$ .
2. If  $i$  is not a limit ordinal then

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_i &= \tau_{i-1} \vee \xi(\{M \mid M \text{ is } \tau_{i-1}\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}\}) \\ &= \bigvee \{\sigma \in R\text{-tors} \mid \sigma \text{ is an atom of } gen(\tau_{i-1})\} \end{aligned}$$

3. If  $i$  is a limit ordinal then  $\tau_i = \vee \{\tau_j \mid j < i\}$

This chain is called the atomic filtration of  $\tau$ . A non-zero left  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to have  $\tau$ -atomic dimension equal to an ordinal  $h$ , if  $M$  is  $\tau_h$ -torsion but not  $\tau_i$ -torsion for any  $i < h$ . If  $M$  is not  $\tau_i$ -torsion for any  $i$ , then its  $\tau$ -atomic dimension is not defined. The  $\tau$ -atomic dimension of  $M$  is denoted by  $\tau\text{-Adim}(M)$ . The  $\xi$ -atomic dimension of  $M$  is simply called the atomic dimension of  $M$ . The ring  $R$  is said to have left  $\tau$ -atomic dimension equal to  $h$ , if it has  $\tau$ -atomic dimension  $h$ , as a left module over itself. For details about  $\tau$ -atomic dimension and  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules see [5]. For all other concepts and terminology concerning torsion theories and torsion theoretic dimensions, the reader is referred to [7, 8, 9, 13].

### 1. Sublattices of $R$ -tors

In this section  $\rho$  will denote a fixed hereditary torsion theory and we suppose that  $gen(\rho)$  is an atomic lattice. That is, we assume that for all  $\tau \in gen(\rho)$  with  $\rho \neq \tau \neq \chi$  there exists  $\sigma \in gen(\rho)$  such that  $\sigma$  is an atom in the lattice  $gen(\rho)$  and  $\sigma \leq \tau$ . Note that this condition is equivalent to the condition that for all  $\tau \in gen(\rho)$  with  $\rho \neq \tau$ , there exists  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$  such that  $M$  is a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module and  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ , see [5, Definition 2.3]. Also notice that when the ring  $R$  has left  $\rho$ -atomic dimension, then the lattice  $gen(\sigma)$  is atomic, see [5 Theorem 3.3 (2)]. However, there are rings that do not have left  $\rho$ -atomic dimension, but the lattice  $gen(\rho)$  is atomic (see Example 1.25).

If  $\tau, \rho \in R\text{-tors}$ , Golan defines in [8] the pseudocomplement of  $\tau$  relative to  $\rho$  as follows.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $\tau$  and  $\rho$  be elements of  $R\text{-tors}$ . Then the *pseudocomplement* of  $\tau$  relative to  $\rho$ , denoted by  $\tau^{\perp\rho}$ , is defined as  $\tau^{\perp\rho} = \vee \{\sigma \in R\text{-tors} \mid \tau \wedge \sigma \leq \rho\}$ .

Note that if  $\tau \in \text{gen}(\rho)$ , the pseudocomplement of  $\tau$  relative to  $\rho$  can be described as:  $\tau^{\perp\rho} = \vee \{\sigma \in \text{gen}(\rho) \mid \sigma \wedge \tau = \rho\}$ .

In the following proposition we collect some properties of relative pseudocomplements that are straightforward to verify.

**Proposition 1.2.** *Let  $\tau, \sigma \in \text{gen}(\rho)$ . Then the following conditions hold.*

1.  $\tau \wedge \tau^{\perp\rho} = \rho$
2.  $\tau \leq \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$
3.  $\tau^{\perp\rho} = \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho\perp\rho}$
4.  $\sigma \leq \tau \Rightarrow \tau^{\perp\rho} \leq \sigma^{\perp\rho}$
5.  $(\sigma \vee \tau)^{\perp\rho} = \sigma^{\perp\rho} \wedge \tau^{\perp\rho}$

If  $\rho \in R\text{-tors}$  we let  $\mathcal{A}_\rho$  denote  $\{M \in R\text{-Mod} \mid M \text{ is a } \rho\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}\}$ .

In the next proposition we give a description of  $\tau^{\perp\rho}$  and  $\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$  in terms of  $\rho\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-modules}$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** *If  $\tau \in \text{gen}(\rho)$ , then  $\tau^{\perp\rho} = \chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{T}_\tau\})$*

**Proof.** We let  $\tau^* = \chi(\{M \mid M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau\})$ .

It is clear that  $\tau^* = \bigwedge_{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau} \chi(\{M\})$ . We claim that  $\tau \wedge \tau^* = \rho$ . In fact, for each  $M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau$ ,  $M$  is a  $\rho\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}$ , thus  $\chi(M) \geq \rho$ , hence we have  $\tau^* \geq \rho$ . Therefore  $\rho \leq \tau^* \wedge \tau$ . If  $\rho < \tau^* \wedge \tau$ , then there exists  $0 \neq M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^* \wedge \tau}$  and  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\rho$ . So we have that  $\rho < \rho \vee \xi(M) \leq \tau^* \wedge \tau \leq \tau$ . Since  $\text{gen}(\rho)$  is an atomic lattice, there exists a  $\rho\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}$   $N$  such that  $N \in \mathbb{T}_{\rho \vee \xi(M)}$ . Since  $N \in \mathbb{F}_\rho$ , we have  $N \notin \mathbb{F}_{\xi(M)}$ . Thus  $\text{Hom}(M, E(N)) \neq 0$ . Hence there exist submodules  $K \subsetneq L \subseteq M$  and a monomorphism  $L/K \hookrightarrow N$ . As  $N$  is a  $\rho\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}$ , by [5, Proposition 2.4, 3]  $L/K$  is a  $\rho\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}$ . As  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^* \wedge \tau}$ , we have  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^*}$ . So  $L/K \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^*}$ . Furthermore, we know that  $N \in \mathbb{T}_{\rho \vee \xi(M)}$  and as  $\rho \vee \xi(M) \leq \tau^* \wedge \tau \leq \tau$ , this gives  $N \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . Therefore  $L/K \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau$ , whence  $L/K \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau^*}$  which is a contradiction. Thus we have that  $\rho = \tau \wedge \tau^*$ . So  $\tau^* \leq \tau^{\perp\rho}$ .

Now suppose that  $\tau^* < \tau^{\perp\rho}$ . Then there exists a module  $0 \neq L \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}$  and  $L \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau^*}$ . Since  $L \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau^*}$ , there exists  $N \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau$  such that  $\text{Hom}(L, E(N)) \neq 0$ . Hence there exist submodules  $K \subsetneq T \subseteq L$  and a monomorphism  $T/K \hookrightarrow N$ . As  $N \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ , we have  $T/K \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . On the other hand, we know that  $L \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}$ , so we have that  $T/K \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}$ . Therefore  $T/K \in \mathbb{T}_\tau \cap \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}} = \mathbb{T}_{\tau \wedge \tau^{\perp\rho}} = \mathbb{T}_\rho$ . Since  $N$  is a  $\rho\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}$ , we have by [5, Proposition 2.4, 3] that  $T/K \in \mathbb{F}_\rho$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Proposition 1.4.** *If  $\tau \in \text{gen}(\rho)$ , then  $\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau\})$ .*

**Proof.** By Lemma 1.3 we know that  $\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}\})$ .

It suffices to prove that  $\chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau\}) = \chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}\})$ . Let  $M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho$ , and  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}$ . Since  $M$  is an  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, by [5, Theorem 2.13] we have that  $M$  is  $\rho$ -decisive, thus  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$  or  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ . If  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ , then  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\tau \cap \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}} = \mathbb{T}_{\tau \wedge \tau^{\perp\rho}} = \mathbb{T}_\rho$  a contradiction. Therefore  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ . So we have that  $\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}\} \subseteq \{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau\}$ . Thus  $\chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau\}) \leq \chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}\})$ .

Now, let  $M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho$  and  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ . By [5, Theorem 2.13] we have that  $M$  is  $\rho$ -decisive. So  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}$  or  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}$ . Suppose  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}$ . By Lemma 1.3  $\tau^{\perp\rho} = \chi(\{N \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid N \in \mathbb{T}_\tau\})$ , so there exists a module  $N \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau$  such that  $\text{Hom}(M, E(N)) \neq 0$ . Hence there exist  $K \subsetneq L$  submodules of  $M$  and a monomorphism  $L/K \hookrightarrow N$ . Since  $N$  is an  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, then by [5, Proposition 2.4]  $L/K$  is an  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module. Thus we have that  $\chi(L/K) = \chi(N)$  by [5, Corollary 2.17]. Since  $M$  is an  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, by [5, Corollary 2.17]  $\chi(L/K) = \chi(L) = \chi(M)$ . So we have that  $\chi(M) = \chi(N)$ . Hence there exist  $N'' \subsetneq N'$  submodules of  $N$  such that  $N'/N'' \hookrightarrow M$ . As  $N \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ , then  $N'/N'' \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . On the other hand we know that  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ , and so  $N'/N'' \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$  which is a contradiction. Therefore  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}$ . So we have proved that  $\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau\} \subseteq \{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}\}$ . Thus  $\chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho}}\}) \leq \chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau\})$ . Therefore  $\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau\})$ .

Notice that  $\tau \leq \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$  for all  $\tau \in \text{gen}(\rho)$ . Moreover if  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{gen}(\rho)$  and  $\sigma \leq \tau$ , then  $\sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \leq \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ .  $\square$

The following proposition shows how torsion theories of type  $\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$  are related by their torsion and torsion free  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -modules.

**Proposition 1.5.** *If  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{gen}(\rho)$ , then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- i)  $\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$
- ii)  $\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau = \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma$
- iii)  $\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\tau = \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\sigma$

**Proof.** *i)  $\Rightarrow$  ii)* Let  $M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . By [5, Theorem 2.13] we have that  $M$  is  $\rho$ -decisive. Hence  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$  or  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ . If  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ , then by Proposition 1.4,  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$ . By hypothesis we have that  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$ . As  $\tau \leq \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ , then  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$  a contradiction. Thus  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . So  $\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau \subseteq \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . Analogously we have that  $\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma \subseteq \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau = \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ .

*ii)  $\Rightarrow$  iii)* Let  $M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\tau$ . By [5, Theorem 2.13] we have that  $M$  is  $\rho$ -decisive. So  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$  or  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ . If  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ , then  $M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . By hypothesis we have that

$M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau$  a contradiction. Therefore  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ . So we have  $\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\tau \subseteq \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ . Analogously we can see that  $\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau \subseteq \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\tau = \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ .

*iii*)  $\Rightarrow$  *i*) By Proposition 1.4, we know that  $\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \chi(\{M \mid M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\tau\})$  and  $\sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \chi(\{M \mid M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\sigma\})$ . Hence by *iii*) we have that  $\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ .  $\square$

In the following definition we use Proposition 1.5 to define the relation “ $\equiv$ ” on the lattice  $gen(\rho)$ .

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $\sigma, \tau \in gen(\rho)$ . We put  $\tau \equiv \sigma$  if and only if  $\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau = \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ .

It is easily seen that  $\equiv$  is an equivalence relation on the lattice  $gen(\rho)$ .

Note that by Proposition 1.5 we have that the following conditions are equivalent.

- i)  $\tau \equiv \sigma$
- ii)  $\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$
- iii)  $\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\tau = \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ .

If  $\sigma \in gen(\rho)$ , we let  $\bar{\sigma}$  denote the equivalence class of  $\sigma$  under the relation  $\equiv$ , that is  $\bar{\sigma} = \{\tau \in gen(\rho) \mid \tau \equiv \sigma\}$ .

We let  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho}$  denote the hereditary torsion theory in  $gen(\rho)$  generated by the  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -modules, namely  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho} = \rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)$ . For each  $\sigma \in gen(\rho)$ , we also let  $\sigma_{\perp\rho}$  denote  $\sigma \wedge \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho}$ .

We claim that if  $\sigma \in gen(\rho)$ , then  $\rho \vee [\sigma \wedge \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)] = \rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma)$ . In fact, if  $M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ , then  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\sigma \wedge \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)}$ . Hence  $\xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma) \leq \sigma \wedge \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)$ . Thus  $\rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma) \leq \rho \vee [\sigma \wedge \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)]$ . Now, let  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\rho \vee [\sigma \wedge \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)]}$  and suppose that  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma)}$ . Then  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\rho$  and  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma)}$ . Since  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\rho \vee [\sigma \wedge \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)]}$ , we have  $M \notin \mathbb{F}_{\sigma \wedge \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)}$ . Let  $0 \neq M' = t_{\sigma \wedge \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)}(M)$ . So  $M' \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$  and  $M' \in \mathbb{T}_{\xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)}$ . Thus there exists  $N \in \mathcal{A}_\rho$  such that  $Hom(N, E(M')) \neq 0$ . Hence there exist submodules  $K \subsetneq L$  of  $N$  and a monomorphism  $L/K \hookrightarrow M'$ . Inasmuch as  $M' \in \mathbb{F}_\rho$  and  $N$  is an  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, by [5, Proposition 2.4] we have that  $L/K$  is a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module. As  $M' \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ , we have  $L/K \in \mathbb{T}_{\sigma \wedge \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)}$ . So  $L/K \in \mathbb{T}_{\rho \vee [\sigma \wedge \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)]}$ . Since  $L/K \hookrightarrow M' \subseteq M$ ,  $M \notin \mathbb{F}_{\rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma)}$  which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\rho \vee [\sigma \wedge \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)] = \rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma)$ .

As  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} = \sigma \wedge \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho}$ , we get  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} = \sigma \wedge [\rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)] = \rho \vee [\sigma \wedge \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)]$ . Thus we have that  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} = \rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma)$ .

Also note that if  $\sigma \in gen(\rho)$ , then  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} \leq \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ . In fact, if  $M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ , then  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\sigma \wedge \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho}}$ . Hence  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\sigma_{\perp\rho}}$ .

We use the partition induced by the equivalence relation  $\equiv$  in  $gen(\rho)$  to obtain characterizations of left  $\rho$ -semiartinian rings. In order to do this we begin describing the equivalence classes.

**Proposition 1.7.** *Let  $\sigma \in \text{gen}(\rho)$ . Then  $\bar{\sigma} = [\sigma_{\perp\rho}, \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}]$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\tau \in \text{gen}(\rho) \wedge \bar{\sigma}$ . Thus  $\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ . Since  $\tau \leq \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ , we have  $\tau \leq \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ . As  $\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau = \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ , we have that  $\rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau) = \rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma) = \sigma_{\perp\rho}$ . On the other hand, we know that  $\tau \geq \rho$ . So  $\tau \geq \rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau)$ . Thus  $\tau \geq \sigma_{\perp\rho}$ . This shows that  $\tau \in [\sigma_{\perp\rho}, \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}]$ .

Now, if  $\tau \in [\sigma_{\perp\rho}, \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}]$ , then  $\rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma) = \sigma_{\perp\rho} \leq \tau \leq \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ . Hence  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$  for all  $M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . Thus  $\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma \subseteq \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . Now let  $M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . As  $M$  is a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, by [5, Theorem 2.13] we have that  $M$  is a  $\rho$ -decisive module. So  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$  or  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ . Suppose that  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ . Then by Proposition 1.4,  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$ . Since  $\tau \leq \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ , we have  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . Hence  $\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma = \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . Thus we have that  $\tau \equiv \sigma$ .  $\square$

Note that in particular  $\bar{\chi} = [\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho}, \chi]$  and  $\bar{\rho} = \{\rho\}$ .

**Proposition 1.8.** *Let  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{gen}(\rho)$ . If  $\sigma \leq \tau$ . Then  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} = \tau_{\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $\sigma \leq \tau$ , then  $\sigma \wedge \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho} \leq \tau \wedge \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho}$ . Thus  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} \leq \tau_{\perp\rho}$ . On the other hand, we know that  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} \leq \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ . So  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} \leq \tau_{\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ .

Now suppose that there exists  $0 \neq K \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau_{\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$  such that  $K \in \mathbb{F}_{\sigma_{\perp\rho}}$ . As  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} = \rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma)$ , then  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\rho$ . On the other hand we know that  $K \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau_{\perp\rho}} = \mathbb{T}_{\rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau)}$ . Hence  $K \notin \mathbb{F}_{\xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau)}$ . Thus there exists  $M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\tau$  such that  $\text{Hom}(M, E(K)) \neq 0$ . So there are submodules  $L' \subsetneq L$  of  $M$  and a monomorphism  $L/L' \hookrightarrow K$ . As  $K \in \mathbb{F}_\rho$  and  $M$  is a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, by [5, Proposition 2.4]  $L/L'$  is a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module. Moreover, as  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ , we have  $L/L' \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . We claim that  $L/L' \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . In fact, by [5, Theorem 2.13] we have that  $L/L'$  is a  $\rho$ -decisive module. Suppose that  $L/L' \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ . Then  $L/L' \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ . So by Proposition 1.4 we have that  $L/L' \in \mathbb{F}_{\sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$ . But we know that  $K \in \mathbb{T}_{\sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$ . So  $L/L' \in \mathbb{T}_{\sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $L/L' \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . We have shown that  $L/L' \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . Therefore  $L/L' \in \mathbb{T}_{\sigma_{\perp\rho}}$ . Since  $L/L' \hookrightarrow K$ , we get  $t_{\sigma_{\perp\rho}}(K) \neq 0$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} = \tau_{\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1.9.** *For all  $\sigma \in \text{gen}(\rho)$ ,  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} = \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ .*

**Proof.** As  $\sigma \leq \chi$ , by Proposition 1.8, we have that  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} = \chi_{\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ . Since  $\chi_{\perp\rho} = \chi \wedge \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho} = \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho}$ , it follows that  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} = \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ .  $\square$

If  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{gen}(\rho)$  and  $\sigma \leq \tau$ , we define the following functions on the equivalence classes of  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  under the relation “ $\equiv$ ”:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_\sigma^\tau : [\sigma_{\perp\rho}, \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}] &\longrightarrow [\tau_{\perp\rho}, \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}] \\ \Psi_\sigma^\tau(\alpha) &= \alpha \vee \tau_{\perp\rho} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma_\tau^\sigma : [\tau_{\perp\rho}, \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}] \longrightarrow [\sigma_{\perp\rho}, \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}]$$

$$\Gamma_\tau^\sigma(\beta) = \beta \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$$

Since  $\sigma \leq \tau$ , we have  $\sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \leq \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ . Thus the map  $\Psi_\sigma^\tau$  is well-defined. On the other hand, by Proposition 1.8, we have that  $\Gamma_\tau^\sigma(\tau_{\perp\rho}) = \tau_{\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \sigma_{\perp\rho}$ . Hence  $\Gamma_\tau^\sigma$  is well-defined. Also note that  $\Psi_\sigma^\tau$  and  $\Gamma_\tau^\sigma$  are lattice morphisms

**Proposition 1.10.** *Let  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{gen}(\rho)$  such that  $\sigma \leq \tau$ . Then  $\Gamma_\tau^\sigma \circ \Psi_\sigma^\tau = I_{\bar{\sigma}}$*

**Proof.** Let  $\alpha \in [\sigma_{\perp\rho}, \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}]$ .  $(\Gamma_\tau^\sigma \circ \Psi_\sigma^\tau)(\alpha) = \Gamma_\tau^\sigma(\alpha \vee \tau_{\perp\rho}) = (\alpha \vee \tau_{\perp\rho}) \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = (\alpha \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}) \vee (\tau_{\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho})$ . Since  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} \leq \alpha \leq \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ , we have  $\alpha \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \alpha$ . Moreover, by Proposition 1.8 we have that  $\tau_{\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \sigma_{\perp\rho}$ . Therefore  $\Gamma_\tau^\sigma \circ \Psi_\sigma^\tau(\alpha) = \alpha \vee \sigma_{\perp\rho} = \alpha$ .  $\square$

Inasmuch as  $\Gamma_\tau^\sigma \circ \Psi_\sigma^\tau = I_{\bar{\sigma}}$ ,  $\Psi_\sigma^\tau$  is a lattice monomorphism and  $\Gamma_\tau^\sigma$  is a lattice epimorphism.

Note that  $\Gamma_\tau^\sigma$  preserves arbitrary intersections. Since  $R\text{-tors}$  is a frame,  $\Gamma_\tau^\sigma$  preserves arbitrary unions. Also note that  $\Psi_\sigma^\tau$  preserves arbitrary joins.

**Proposition 1.11.** *Let  $\sigma, \tau, \eta \in \text{gen}(\rho)$  with  $\sigma \leq \tau \leq \eta$ . Then:*

- i)  $\Psi_\tau^\eta \circ \Psi_\sigma^\tau = \Psi_\sigma^\eta$
- ii)  $\Gamma_\tau^\sigma \circ \Gamma_\eta^\tau = \Gamma_\eta^\sigma$

**Proof.** i)  $(\Psi_\tau^\eta \circ \Psi_\sigma^\tau)(\alpha) = \Psi_\tau^\eta(\alpha \vee \tau_{\perp\rho}) = (\alpha \vee \tau_{\perp\rho}) \vee \eta_{\perp\rho} = \alpha \vee (\tau_{\perp\rho} \vee \eta_{\perp\rho})$ . Since  $\tau \leq \eta$ , we have  $\tau_{\perp\rho} \leq \eta_{\perp\rho}$ . So  $\alpha \vee (\tau_{\perp\rho} \vee \eta_{\perp\rho}) = \alpha \vee \eta_{\perp\rho} = \Psi_\sigma^\eta(\alpha)$ .

ii)  $(\Gamma_\tau^\sigma \circ \Gamma_\eta^\tau)(\beta) = \Gamma_\tau^\sigma(\beta \wedge \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}) = (\beta \wedge \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}) \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \beta \wedge (\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho})$ . Inasmuch as  $\sigma \leq \tau$ , we have  $\sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \leq \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ . Thus  $\beta \wedge (\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}) = \beta \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \Gamma_\eta^\sigma(\beta)$ .  $\square$

We use the function  $\Gamma_\tau^\sigma$  to obtain characterizations of rings with left  $\rho$ -atomic dimension equal to 1.

**Proposition 1.12.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $\rho \in R\text{-tors}$ . The following conditions are equivalent.*

- i)  $\bar{\chi} = \{\chi\}$
- ii) For all  $\sigma \geq \rho$ ,  $\bar{\sigma} = \{\sigma\}$ .
- iii)  $R$  has left  $\rho$ -atomic dimension equal to 1.

**Proof.** *i)  $\Rightarrow$  ii)* Let  $\sigma \geq \rho$ , we know that  $\Gamma_\chi^\sigma : [\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho}, \chi] \longrightarrow [\sigma_{\perp\rho}, \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}]$  is a lattice epimorphism. By *i)* we have that  $\bar{\chi} = \{\chi\}$ . Thus  $\bar{\sigma} = \{\sigma\}$ .



$ii) \Rightarrow iii)$  As  $\bar{\sigma} = \{\sigma\}$  for all  $\sigma \geq \rho$ , we have  $\sigma = \sigma_{\perp\rho}$ . On the other hand, we know that  $\sigma_{\perp\rho} = \rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\sigma)$ . In particular,  $\chi = \chi_{\perp\rho} = \rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{T}_\chi) = \rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)$ . So by [5, Definition 3.1]  $\rho\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-dim}(R) = 1$ .

$iii) \Rightarrow i)$  Given that  $R$  has left  $\rho$ -atomic dimension equal to 1, by [5, Definition 3.1] we have  $\chi = \rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)$ . Also we know that  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho} = \rho \vee \xi(\mathcal{A}_\rho)$ . Therefore  $\bar{\chi} = [\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho}, \chi] = \{\chi\}$ .  $\square$

If  $\rho = \xi$  we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.13.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following conditions are equivalent.*

- i)  $\bar{\chi} = \{\chi\}$
- ii) For all  $\sigma \in R\text{-tors}$ ,  $\bar{\sigma} = \{\sigma\}$
- iii)  $R$  has left  $\xi$ -atomic dimension equal to 1.

**Remark 1.14.**  $R$  is a ring with left  $\xi$ -atomic dimension equal to 1 if and only if  $R$  is a left semiartinian ring. In fact, it is clear that if  $R$  is a left semiartinian ring, then  $\mathcal{A}\text{-dim}(R) = 1$ . Now if  $\mathcal{A}\text{-dim}(R) = 1$ , then by [5, Definition 3.1], we have that  $\chi = \xi \vee \xi(\{M \mid M \text{ is a } \xi\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}\}) = \xi(\{M \mid M \text{ is a } \xi\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}\})$ . Now, if  $0 \neq N$ , then there exists a  $\xi\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}$   $M$  such that  $\text{Hom}(M, E(N)) \neq 0$ . Hence there are submodules  $K \subsetneq L$  of  $M$  and a non-zero monomorphism  $L/K \hookrightarrow N$ . So by [5, Proposition 2.4, 4.]  $L/K$  is a  $\xi\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}$ . Thus  $N$  contains an  $\xi\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}$ . On the other hand we know that  $\xi\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-modules}$  are  $\xi\text{-atoms}$ . Moreover, by [5, Remark 2.2.],  $\xi\text{-atoms}$  are precisely the atoms of  $R\text{-tors}$ , meaning the hereditary torsion theories of the form  $\xi(\{S\})$  where  $S \in R\text{-Mod}$  is simple. Since  $N$  contains an  $\xi\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}$ , there exists a submodule  $N'$  of  $N$  and a simple  $R\text{-module}$   $S$  such that  $\xi(\{S\}) = \xi(\{N'\})$ . Hence  $S \hookrightarrow N'$ . Thus  $R$  is a left semiartinian ring.

Corollary 1.12 generalizes [1, Proposition 6.].

We denote the singular submodule of  $M$  by  $Z(M)$ .

**Proposition 1.15.** *If  $M$  is a  $\rho\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}$  with  $Z(M) \neq 0$ , then  $Z(M) \subseteq_{es} M$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $Z(M)$  is not essential in  $M$ . Then there exists a non-zero submodule  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $Z(M) \cap N = 0$ . So  $Z(N) = 0$ . Since  $M$  is a  $\rho\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}$ , by [5, Corollary 2.17] we have  $\chi(N) = \chi(M) = \chi(Z(M))$ . Therefore  $\text{Hom}(Z(M), E(N)) \neq 0$  which is a contradiction.  $\square$

Notice that equality in Proposition 1.15 in general is not true. To see this consider the following example:

**Example 1.16.** *Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_4$  be the ring of integers modulo 4. Notice that  $\mathbb{Z}_4\text{-tors} = \{\xi, \chi\}$ . Hence we have  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  is an  $\xi\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}$ . But  $Z(\mathbb{Z}_4) = 2\mathbb{Z}_4 \subsetneq \mathbb{Z}_4$ .*

We let  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}$  denote  $\rho \vee \xi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid Z(M) \neq 0\})$ .

**Proposition 1.17.** *For any hereditary torsion theory  $\rho$ , we have*

$$\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp \rho \perp \rho} = \chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid Z(M) = 0\}).$$

**Proof.** From Proposition 1.4, we know that  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp \rho \perp \rho} = \chi\left(\left\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid M \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}}\right\}\right)$ . Let  $N$  be a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module with  $Z(N) = 0$ . We claim that  $N \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}}$ . In fact, suppose  $N \notin \mathbb{F}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}}$ . As  $N$  is a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, it follows from [5, Definition 2.3] that  $N \in \mathbb{F}_\rho$ . Thus  $N \notin \mathbb{F}_{\xi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid Z(M) \neq 0\})}$ . So there exists a module  $M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho$  such that  $Z(M) \neq 0$  and  $\text{Hom}(M, E(N)) \neq 0$ . Let  $f : M \rightarrow E(N)$  be a non-zero morphism and  $M' = f^{-1}(N)$ . We consider the map restriction  $f|_{M'} : M' \rightarrow N$ . Then  $f|_{M'}$  is a non-zero morphism. On the other hand we know that  $Z(M') = M' \cap Z(M) \neq 0$ . From Proposition 1.15 we obtain  $Z(M') \subseteq_{es} M'$ . Now let  $K = \ker f|_{M'}$ . If  $Z(M') \subseteq K$ , then  $K \subseteq_{es} M'$ . So  $M'/K$  is a non-zero singular module. If  $Z(M') \not\subseteq K$ , then there exists  $0 \neq x \in Z(M')$  with  $x \notin K$ . Hence  $0 \neq x + K \in Z(M'/K)$ . We conclude that  $Z(M'/K) \neq 0$ . As  $M'/K \hookrightarrow N$ , then  $Z(N) \neq 0$  which is a contradiction. Therefore  $N \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}}$ . Hence  $\chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid Z(M) = 0\}) \geq \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp \rho \perp \rho}$ .

Now let  $M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho$ , with  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}}$ . We claim  $Z(M) = 0$ . In fact, if  $Z(M) \neq 0$ , then  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}}$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $\chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid Z(M) = 0\}) \leq \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp \rho \perp \rho}$ .  $\square$

**Remark 1.18.** *If  $R$  is a left semihereditary ring, then each non-zero  $R$ -module  $M$  with  $Z(M) = 0$  contains a non-zero projective submodule. In fact, let  $0 \neq M$  be such that  $Z(M) = 0$ . We can assume without loss of generality that  $M$  is a cyclic  $R$ -module. Thus let us take  $M = R/I$ . As  $M$  is a non-singular module,  $I$  is a non-essential left ideal of  $R$ . Hence there exists  $0 \neq x \in R$ , such that  $Rx \cap I = 0$ . Thus  $Rx \cong \frac{I \oplus Rx}{I} \hookrightarrow \frac{R}{I}$ . Moreover  $Rx$  is a projective left ideal since  $R$  is left semihereditary. This shows that  $M$  contains a non-zero projective submodule.*

When each non-singular  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module contains a non-zero projective submodule, we obtain interesting information about the lattice  $\text{gen}(\rho)$ .

**Proposition 1.19.** *Suppose that each non-singular  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module contains a non-zero projective submodule. Then  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp \rho \perp \rho} \vee \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho} = \chi$ .*

**Proof.** If  $N$  is a non-zero  $R$ -module such that  $N \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp \rho \perp \rho} \vee \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho}}$ , then  $N \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp \rho \perp \rho}}$  and  $N \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho}}$ . By Proposition 1.17 we have that  $N \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(\{M \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \mid Z(M) = 0\})}$ . Hence there exists a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $M$ , with  $Z(M) = 0$ , and such that  $\text{Hom}(N, E(M)) \neq 0$ . If  $f : N \rightarrow E(M)$  is a non-zero morphism, then  $f(N) \cap M \neq 0$ . Thus by [5,

Proposition 2.4]  $f(N) \cap M$  is a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module. As  $f(N) \cap M$  is a non-singular module, by hypothesis  $f(N) \cap M$  contains a non-zero projective submodule  $M'$ . If  $N' = f^{-1}(M')$ , then the restriction morphism  $f|_{N'} : N' \rightarrow M'$  is an epimorphism. Since  $M'$  is projective,  $f|_{N'}$  splits. Hence  $M' \hookrightarrow N'$ . As  $M' \subseteq M$ , by [5, Proposition 2.4],  $M'$  is  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module. Thus  $N' \notin \mathbb{F}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho}}$ . On the other hand, we know that  $N' \subseteq N$ , thus  $N \notin \mathbb{F}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho}}$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Proposition 1.20.** *Suppose that each non-singular  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module contains a non-zero projective submodule. If  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{gen}(\rho)$  are such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S} \leq \sigma \leq \tau \leq \chi$ , then  $\Gamma_{\tau}^{\sigma}$  is a lattice isomorphism.*

**Proof.** First we will prove that  $\Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}}$  is a lattice isomorphism.

By Proposition 1.7 we have that  $\overline{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}} = [\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}, \tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}^{\perp \rho \perp \rho}]$  and  $\overline{\chi} = [\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho}, \chi]$ . Let  $\beta \in [\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho}, \chi]$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \Psi_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho}}^{\chi} \circ \Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}} \right) (\beta) &= \Psi_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho}}^{\chi} \left( \beta \wedge \tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}^{\perp \rho \perp \rho} \right) \\ &= \left( \beta \wedge \tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}^{\perp \rho \perp \rho} \right) \vee \tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho} \\ &= \beta \wedge \left( \tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}^{\perp \rho \perp \rho} \vee \tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho} \right). \end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 1.19, we have that  $\beta \wedge \left( \tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}^{\perp \rho \perp \rho} \vee \tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho} \right) = \beta \wedge \chi = \beta$ . We have shown that  $\Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}}$  is a lattice monomorphism. As  $\Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}}$  is a lattice epimorphism,  $\Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}}$  is a lattice isomorphism. Moreover,  $\Psi_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho}}^{\chi}$  is the inverse lattice morphism of  $\Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}}$ .

Now let  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{gen}(\rho)$  such that  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S} \leq \sigma \leq \tau \leq \chi$ . From Proposition 1.11, we have that  $\Gamma_{\tau}^{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}} \circ \Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau} = \Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}}$ . Since  $\Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}}$  is a lattice isomorphism,  $\Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau}$  is a lattice monomorphism. Hence  $\Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau}$  is a lattice isomorphism. Moreover,  $\Psi_{\tau}^{\chi}$  is the inverse lattice morphism of  $\Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau}$ . Analogously we have that  $\Gamma_{\chi}^{\sigma}$  is a lattice isomorphism.

Since  $\Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau} \circ \Psi_{\tau}^{\chi} = I_{\tau}$ , then  $\Gamma_{\tau}^{\sigma} = \Gamma_{\tau}^{\sigma} \circ \left( \Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau} \circ \Psi_{\tau}^{\chi} \right) = \left( \Gamma_{\tau}^{\sigma} \circ \Gamma_{\chi}^{\tau} \right) \circ \Psi_{\tau}^{\chi} = \Gamma_{\chi}^{\sigma} \circ \Psi_{\tau}^{\chi}$ . Hence  $\Gamma_{\tau}^{\sigma}$  is a lattice isomorphism.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.21.** *Suppose that each non-singular  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module contains a non-zero projective submodule. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- i)  $\overline{\chi} = \{\chi\}$
- ii)  $\overline{\sigma} = \{\sigma\}$  for each  $\sigma \geq \rho$
- iii)  $R$  has left atomic  $\rho$ -dimension 1.
- iv)  $\overline{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho}} = \{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho}\}$
- v)  $\overline{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}} = \{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}\}$

**Proof.** This follows from Proposition 1.20 and Proposition 1.12.  $\square$

**Lemma 1.22.** *If  $\tau, \sigma \in \text{gen}(\rho)$ , then  $(\tau \wedge \sigma)^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ .*

**Proof.** It is clear that  $(\tau \wedge \sigma)^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \leq \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ . Suppose that  $(\tau \wedge \sigma)^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} < \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ . Hence there exists a module  $M$  such that  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$  and  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{(\tau \wedge \sigma)^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$ . By Proposition 1.4, we know that  $(\tau \wedge \sigma)^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \chi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_{\tau \wedge \sigma})$ . Hence  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_{\tau \wedge \sigma})}$ . Thus there exists a module  $N \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_{\tau \wedge \sigma}$  such that  $\text{Hom}(M, E(N)) \neq 0$ . On the other hand, as  $N$  is a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module, by [5, Theorem 2.13]  $N$  is a  $\rho$ -decisive module. Either  $N \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$  or  $N \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . If  $N \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ , then  $N \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ . Therefore  $N \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\tau)} = \mathbb{F}_{\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$ . As we know that  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$ , we get  $\text{Hom}(M, E(N)) = 0$ , which is a contradiction. If  $N \in \mathbb{F}_\sigma$ , we have  $N \in \mathbb{F}_{\chi(\mathcal{A}_\rho \cap \mathbb{F}_\sigma)} = \mathbb{F}_{\sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$ . As  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$ , we have  $\text{Hom}(M, E(N)) = 0$ , which is also a contradiction. Therefore  $(\tau \wedge \sigma)^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} = \tau^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 1.23.** *If each non-singular  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module contains a non-zero projective submodule, then for  $\sigma \in \text{gen}(\rho)$ , we have  $\overline{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S} \wedge \sigma} \cong \bar{\sigma}$ .*

**Proof.** We have that

$\bar{\sigma} = [\sigma_{\perp\rho}, \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}]$  and  $\overline{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S} \wedge \sigma} = [(\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S} \wedge \sigma)_{\perp\rho}, (\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S} \wedge \sigma)^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}]$ . If  $\beta \in [\sigma_{\perp\rho}, \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (\Psi_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}}^\sigma \circ \Gamma_\sigma^{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}})(\beta) &= \Psi_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}}^\sigma \left( \beta \wedge (\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S} \wedge \sigma)^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \right) \\ &= \left[ \beta \wedge (\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S} \wedge \sigma)^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \right] \vee \sigma_{\perp\rho} \\ &= \beta \wedge \left( (\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S} \wedge \sigma)^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \vee \sigma_{\perp\rho} \right). \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 1.22, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \beta \wedge \left[ (\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S} \wedge \sigma)^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \vee \sigma_{\perp\rho} \right] &= \beta \wedge \left[ \left( \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \right) \vee \sigma_{\perp\rho} \right] \\ &= \beta \wedge \left[ \left( \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \vee \sigma_{\perp\rho} \right) \wedge \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \right] \\ &= \beta \wedge \left( \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \vee \sigma_{\perp\rho} \right). \end{aligned}$$

We claim that  $\beta \wedge \left( \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \vee \sigma_{\perp\rho} \right) = \beta$ . In fact, it is clear that  $\beta \wedge \left( \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \vee \sigma_{\perp\rho} \right) \leq \beta$ . If  $\beta \wedge \left( \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \vee \sigma_{\perp\rho} \right) < \beta$ , then there exists  $0 \neq M \in R\text{-Mod}$  such that  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\beta$  and  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\beta \wedge \left( \tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \vee \sigma_{\perp\rho} \right)}$ . Since  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\beta$ , we have  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \vee \sigma_{\perp\rho}}$ . Thus  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$  and  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\sigma_{\perp\rho}}$ . As  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}_\rho S}^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}}$ , by Proposition 1.17 there exists a non-singular  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module  $N$  such that  $\text{Hom}(M, E(N)) \neq 0$ . If  $f : M \rightarrow E(N)$  is a non-zero morphism, then  $f(M) \cap N \neq 0$ . By [5, Proposition 2.4], we have that  $f(M) \cap N$  is a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module. So  $f(M) \cap N$  is non-singular. By hypothesis  $f(M) \cap N$  contains a non-zero projective submodule  $P$ . Taking  $M' = f^{-1}(P)$ , the restriction morphism  $f|_{M'} : M' \rightarrow P$  is an epimorphism. As  $P$  is projective,  $f|_{M'}$

splits, giving  $P \hookrightarrow M'$ . Moreover as  $M' \subseteq M$ ,  $P \in \mathbb{T}_\beta$ . Since  $P \subseteq f(M) \cap N$ , by [5, Proposition 2.4 ] we have that  $P$  is a  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module. Hence  $P \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho}}$ . On the other hand, as  $\beta \in [\sigma_{\perp\rho}, \sigma^{\perp\rho\perp\rho}]$ , we have  $\beta \equiv \sigma$ . From Definition 1.6, we get  $P \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . Therefore  $P \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho} \wedge \sigma} = \mathbb{T}_{\sigma_{\perp\rho}}$ . As  $M \in \mathbb{F}_{\sigma_{\perp\rho}}$ , it follows that  $P \in \mathbb{F}_{\sigma_{\perp\rho}}$  a contradiction. Therefore  $\beta \wedge \left( \tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}^{\perp\rho\perp\rho} \vee \sigma_{\perp\rho} \right) = \beta$ . Thus  $\Psi_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}}^\sigma \circ \Gamma_{\sigma}^{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}} = \overline{I_{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S} \wedge \sigma}}$ . Therefore  $\Gamma_{\sigma}^{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S}}$  is a lattice isomorphism.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.24.** *Suppose that each non-singular  $\rho$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module contains a non-zero projective submodule. Let  $\sigma, \tau \in \text{gen}(\rho)$ . If  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S} \wedge \sigma = \tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S} \wedge \tau$ , then  $\bar{\sigma} \cong \bar{\tau}$ .*

**Proof.** By Theorem 1.23, we have that  $\bar{\sigma} \cong \overline{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S} \wedge \sigma} = \overline{\tau_{\mathcal{A}\rho S} \wedge \tau} \cong \bar{\tau}$ .  $\square$

The following example shows a ring  $R$  without left  $\rho$ -atomic dimension, but with atomic lattice  $\text{gen}(\rho)$ .

**Example 1.25.** *Professor Mark L.Teply gave us this example in a personal communication.*

Let  $[0, 1]$  and  $\{0, 1\}$  be the closed real interval and a set with two elements  $0 < 1$  respectively. Now, let  $X = [0, 1] \times \{0, 1\}$ . We define  $(a, b) \leq (c, d)$  if  $a < c$  or  $a = c$  and  $b \leq d$ .

Then  $(X, \leq)$  satisfies the conditions of [10, Theorem 3.1]. Hence there exists a commutative Bezout domain  $R$  such that  $\text{Spec}(R) \cong X$  (as partially ordered sets).

The following facts are true.

- (1)  $R$  is a valuation domain
- (2)  $R$  has a unique maximal ideal  $M$  that corresponds to the element  $(1, 1)$  of  $X$ .
- (3) If  $P$  a prime ideal of  $R$  with  $0 \neq P \neq M$ , then  $P$  is not finitely generated.
- (4) Let  $P \in \text{Spec}(R)$ . Then  $\left( \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} P^n \right) \in \text{Spec}(R)$ . If  $P \neq P^2$ , then  $\left( \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} P^n \right)$  is the maximal prime ideal properly contained in  $P$ .
- (5) If  $P$  is a prime ideal associated with an element of the form  $(r, 0)$ , then  $P$  is idempotent.

Let  $P \in \text{Spec}(R)$ . Let  $\sigma_P$  denote the element of  $R$ -tors such that

$\mathcal{L}_{\sigma_P} = \{I \mid I \text{ is an ideal of } R \text{ and } P \not\subseteq I\}$ . If  $P = P^2$ , we denote by  $\tau_P$  the element of  $R$ -tors such that  $\mathcal{L}_{\tau_P} = \{I \mid I \text{ is an ideal of } R \text{ and } P \subseteq I\}$ .

- (6) By [2, Theorem 3.3 ] we know that if  $\tau \in R$ -tors then either
  - i) there exists  $P \in \text{Spec}(R)$  such that  $\tau = \sigma_P$ , or
  - ii) there exists  $P \in \text{Spec}(R)$  with  $P = P^2$  and  $\tau = \tau_P$
- (7) Let  $P \in \text{Spec}(R)$ . Then
  - i)  $R/P$  is a  $\sigma_P$ -cocritical module,

ii) if  $P = P^2$ , then  $\tau_P$  does not have cocritical modules. Hence  $R$  does not have  $\tau_P$ - Gabriel dimension.

(8) Let  $P$  be the prime ideal associated with  $(r, 0)$ . Then  $\text{gen}(\tau_P)$  does not have atoms and hence  $R$  does not have  $\tau_P$ -atomic dimension.

As  $X$  is a linearly ordered set,  $\text{Spec}(R)$  is a linear lattice. So by (6) the lattice  $R\text{-tors}$  is a linear lattice. If  $P$  is the prime ideal associated with  $(r, 0)$ , then  $P$  is idempotent and we have that  $\sigma_P < \tau_P$ . Since  $R/P$  is  $\sigma_P$ -cocritical, by [5, Corollary 2.6] we have that  $R/P$  is a  $\sigma_P$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module. Therefore  $\sigma_P \vee \xi(R/P)$  is an atom in the lattice  $\text{gen}(\sigma_P)$ . As this lattice is linear,  $R/P$  is a  $\sigma_P$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module such that  $R/P \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$  for all  $\tau > \sigma_P$ . This shows that  $\text{gen}(\sigma_P)$  is an atomic lattice. On the other hand, by (8) we know  $\text{gen}(\tau_P)$  does not have atoms. Inasmuch as  $\sigma_P < \tau_P$ , by [5, Theorem 3.3]  $R$  does not have  $\sigma_P$ -atomic dimension.

## 2. $\tau$ -Semiartinian rings

Semiartinian rings relative to an hereditary torsion theory  $\tau$  have been studied in [3]. The following definitions were given by Bueso and Jara in [3]. For convenience to the reader we include them here.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $\tau$ -simple if  $M \notin \mathbb{T}_\tau$  and  $t_\tau(M)$  is the unique proper  $\tau$ -closed submodule of  $M$ .

Note that  $M$  is  $\tau$ -simple if and only if  $0 \neq M/t_\tau(M)$  is  $\tau$ -cocritical. In particular, if  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ , then  $M$  is  $\tau$ -simple if and only if  $M$  is  $\tau$ -cocritical. Also note that every submodule and every homomorphic image of a  $\tau$ -simple  $R$ -module is either  $\tau$ -simple or  $\tau$ -torsion. Golan in [7, Chapter 14] gives examples of  $\tau$ -simple  $R$ -modules.

For each submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , we define the  $\tau$ -closure of  $N$  in  $M$  by

$$Cl_\tau^M(N) = \{x \in M \mid (N : x) \in \mathcal{L}_\tau\}.$$

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  and let  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ . The  $\tau$ -socle of  $M$  is defined as  $\text{Soc}_\tau(M) = Cl_\tau^M(\sum \{K \mid K \text{ is a } \tau\text{-simple submodule of } M\})$  or as  $\text{Soc}_\tau(M) = t_\tau(M)$  if  $M$  has no  $\tau$ -simple submodules.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be  $\tau$ -semiartinian if every non-zero quotient module of  $M$  has non-zero  $\tau$ -socle. The ring  $R$  is said to be *left  $\tau$ -semiartinian*, if  $R$  is  $\tau$ -semiartinian as a left module over itself, (see [3, Theorem 3.5]).

Note that a  $\tau$ -simple  $R$ -module is not necessarily  $\tau$ -torsion free. Therefore if  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -simple module, in general it is false that  $M$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module. However we have the following result.

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  and  $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ . If  $M$  is  $\tau$ -simple, then  $\tau \vee \xi(\{M\})$  is an atom over  $\tau$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -simple module,  $M/t_\tau(M)$  is a  $\tau$ -cocritical module. By [5, Corollary 2.6], we have that  $M/t_\tau(M)$  is a  $\tau\text{-}\mathcal{A}$ -module. Thus  $\tau \vee \xi(\{M/t_\tau(M)\})$  is a  $\tau$ -atom. We claim  $\tau \vee \xi(\{M/t_\tau(M)\}) = \tau \vee \xi(\{M\})$ . In fact, taking the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow t_\tau(M) \rightarrow M \rightarrow M/t_\tau(M) \rightarrow 0$ , it is clear that  $M \in \mathbb{T}_{\tau \vee \xi(\{M/t_\tau(M)\})}$ . Thus  $\tau \vee \xi(\{M/t_\tau(M)\}) = \tau \vee \xi(\{M\})$ . So  $\tau \vee \xi(\{M\})$  is an atom over  $\tau$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ . Then*

$$\tau \vee \xi(\{M \mid M \text{ is } \tau\text{-simple}\}) \leq \tau \vee \xi(\{M \mid M \text{ is a } \tau\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}\})$$

**Proof.** From Proposition 2.4, we have that if  $M$  is  $\tau$ -simple, then  $\tau \vee \xi(\{M\})$  is an atom over  $\tau$ . By [5, Proposition 2.4, 2. ], there exists a  $\tau\text{-}\mathcal{A}$ -module  $N$  such that  $\tau \vee \xi(\{M\}) = \tau \vee \xi(\{N\})$ . Therefore  $\tau \vee \xi(\{M \mid M \text{ is } \tau\text{-simple}\}) \leq \tau \vee \xi(\{N \mid N \text{ is a } \tau\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}\})$ .  $\square$

It is false in general that a  $\tau\text{-}\mathcal{A}$ -module is a  $\tau$ -simple module. We give a few specific examples of  $\tau\text{-}\mathcal{A}$ -modules that are not  $\tau$ -simple.

**Example 2.6.** *Let  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  denote the integers modulo  $p$ , where  $p$  is a prime number. If  $\tau = \chi(\{\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}\})$ , then  $\tau \vee \xi(\{\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}\}) = \tau \vee \xi(\{\mathbb{Z}_p\})$ . So  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}$  is a  $\tau\text{-}\mathcal{A}$ -module. On the other hand we know that,  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}}{N} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}$  for every proper submodule  $N$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}$ . Therefore  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}$  is not a  $\tau$ -simple module.*

**Example 2.7.** *Let  $F$  be a field and let  $R$  be the commutative  $F$ -algebra generated by  $\{x_i\}$ , with  $i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 1$  and  $x_i x_j = \begin{cases} x_{i+j} & \text{if } i+j < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } i+j \geq 1 \end{cases}$ .*

*It follows immediately that  $x_0 = 1$  and  $x_1 = 0$ . It is also clear that  $R$  is a local ring.*

*This ring has been studied in [14], where the lattice of ideals is completely described. It is proved that  $R\text{-tors}$  consists of three elements, namely  $\xi$ ,  $\xi(\{S\}) = \chi(\{R\})$  and  $\chi$ , where  $S$  denotes the only simple  $R$ -module. Hence it is clear that  $R$  is a  $\chi(\{R\})\text{-}\mathcal{A}$ -module. On the other hand, from the description of the ideals, it is not difficult to see that  $\chi(\{R\})$  does not have cocritical modules. As  $R$  is a  $\chi(\{R\})\text{-torsion free}$  module and  $R$  is not a  $\chi(\{R\})\text{-cocritical}$  module,  $R$  is not a  $\chi(\{R\})\text{-simple}$  module. Moreover, since  $\chi(\{R\})$  does not have cocritical modules,  $R$  does not contain any  $\tau$ -simple submodules.*

*Note also that from the description of the ideals of this ring, we have that  $Z(R)$  is the unique maximal ideal of  $R$ , hence  $Z(R) \subsetneq R$ . Thus in this example we have that  $R$  is a  $\chi(\{R\})\text{-}\mathcal{A}$ -module and  $Z(R) \subsetneq R$ .*

Here is another example showing that equality in Proposition 1.15. is in general not true.

**Example 2.8.** Let  $F$  be a field and let  $R$  be the ring of  $3 \times 3$  upper triangular matrices  $(a_{ij})$  over  $F$  such that  $a_{11} = a_{33}$ . Then  $R$  has two maximal left ideals  $M_1 = \{(a_{ij}) \mid a_{11} = a_{33} = 0\}$  and  $M_2 = \{(a_{ij}) \mid a_{22} = 0\}$ . The simple left  $R$ -modules  $S_1 = R/M_1$  and  $S_2 = R/M_2$  are not isomorphic.

Let  $\tau = \xi(\{S_2\})$ . If  $(e_{ij})$  denotes the matrix with  $(i, j)$ th entry 1 and 0 elsewhere, we have  $Re_{33} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & e \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, c, e \in F \right\}$ . Since  $\text{Hom}(S_2, Re_{33}) = 0$ , it follows that  $Re_{33} \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ . Moreover  $\text{Soc}(Re_{33}) \cong S_1$ .

$Re_{23} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & e \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid c, e \in F \right\}$ . So  $(Re_{33}/Re_{23}) \cong S_1$ . Hence  $(Re_{33}/Re_{23}) \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ . Therefore  $Re_{33}$  is not a  $\tau$ -simple module.

On the other hand, we have that  $S_1$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module and  $\tau \vee \xi(\{Re_{33}\}) = \tau \vee \xi(\{S_1\})$ , and so  $Re_{33}$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module. We observe that  $\tau \vee \xi(\{Re_{33}\}) = \chi$ .

It is well-known that a ring  $R$  is left semiartinian if and only if each hereditary torsion theory is generated by simple modules. In the following proposition we give a similar result for left  $\tau$ -semiartinian rings.

**Proposition 2.9.** Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ . The following conditions are equivalent.

- i)  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -semiartinian ring
- ii) For every  $\sigma \geq \tau$ ,  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(\{M \mid M \text{ is } \tau\text{-simple with } M \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma\})$ .

**Proof.**  $i) \Rightarrow ii)$  Let  $\sigma \geq \tau$  and  $\sigma' = \tau \vee \xi(\{M \mid M \text{ is } \tau\text{-simple with } M \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma\})$ . It is clear that  $\sigma' \leq \sigma$ . Suppose that  $\sigma' < \sigma$ . Then there exists a non-zero  $R$ -module  $N$  such that  $N \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma \cap \mathbb{F}_{\sigma'}$ . As  $R$  is  $\tau$ -semiartinian,  $\text{Soc}_\tau(N) \neq 0$ . From definition 2.2 we have that  $\text{Soc}_\tau(N) = \text{Cl}_\tau^N(\sum \{K \mid K \text{ is a } \tau\text{-simple submodule of } N\}) \neq 0$  or  $\text{Soc}_\tau(N) = t_\tau(N) \neq 0$  if  $N$  has no  $\tau$ -simple submodules. Suppose that  $N$  has no  $\tau$ -simple submodules. Then  $t_\tau(N) \neq 0$ . Hence  $t_{\sigma'}(N) \neq 0$ . Thus  $N \notin \mathbb{F}_{\sigma'}$  which is a contradiction. Therefore  $N$  has a  $\tau$ -simple submodules. Let  $0 \neq L$  be a  $\tau$ -simple submodule of  $N$ . As  $N \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ , we have  $L \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ . By definition of  $\sigma'$  we get  $L \in \mathbb{T}_{\sigma'}$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $\sigma' = \sigma$ .

$ii) \Rightarrow i)$  Let  $0 \neq N \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$  and let  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(\{N\})$ . By hypothesis we have that  $\sigma = \tau \vee \xi(\{M \mid M \text{ is a } \tau\text{-simple with } M \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma\})$ . Since  $N \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$  and  $N \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ , we



have  $N \notin \mathbb{F}_{\xi\{(M|M \text{ is } \tau\text{-simple with } M \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma)\}}$ . Hence there is a  $\tau$ -simple module  $M$  with  $M \in \mathbb{T}_\sigma$ , such that  $\text{Hom}(M, E(N)) \neq 0$ . Hence there are submodules  $K \subsetneq L$  of  $M$  and a monomorphism  $L/K \hookrightarrow N$ . Since  $L \subseteq M$ , it follows that by [7, Chapter 14] we have  $L$  is  $\tau$ -simple or  $L \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ . If  $L \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ , then  $L/K \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $L$  is  $\tau$ -simple. Again by [7, Chapter 14]  $L/K \in \mathbb{T}_\tau$  or  $L/K$  is  $\tau$ -simple. So we have that  $L/K$  is  $\tau$ -simple. Moreover, as  $L/K \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ ,  $L/K$  is a  $\tau$ -cocritical module. Therefore  $N$  contains a  $\tau$ -cocritical submodule. Hence by [3, Theorem 3.5]  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -semiartinian ring.  $\square$

The following proposition determines the left  $\tau$ -atomic dimension of left  $\tau$ -semiartinian rings.

**Proposition 2.10.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ . If  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -semiartinian ring, then  $R$  has left  $\tau$ -atomic dimension 1.*

**Proof.** Since  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -semiartinian ring, by Proposition 2.9 we have that  $\chi = \tau \vee \xi(\{M \mid M \text{ is } \tau\text{-simple}\})$ . From Proposition 2.4. we know that if  $M$  is  $\tau$ -simple then  $\tau \vee (\{M\})$  is an atom over  $\tau$ . Thus we have  $\chi = \tau \vee \xi(\{M \mid M \text{ is a } \tau\text{-simple module}\}) \leq \tau \vee \xi(\{M \mid M \text{ is a } \tau\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-module}\})$ . Now, by [5, Definition 3.1],  $R$  has left  $\tau$ -atomic dimension 1.  $\square$

The converse of this result is false as shown by the following example.

**Example 2.11.** *Let  $R$  be the ring of Example 2.7 and  $\tau = \chi(\{R\})$ . We know that  $R$  is a  $\tau$ - $\mathcal{A}$ -module as a left module over itself and  $\tau \vee \xi(\{R\}) = \chi$ . Hence by [5, Definition 3.1]  $\tau\text{-}\mathcal{A}\text{-dim}(R) = 1$ . On the other hand we know that  $\chi(\{R\})$  does not have cocritical modules. So by [3, Theorem 3.5]  $R$  is not a left  $\tau$ -semiartinian ring.*

**Remark 2.12.** *By [5, Theorem 4.4],  $R$  has left  $\tau$ -Gabriel dimension if and only if  $R$  has left  $\tau$ -atomic dimension and every non-zero  $\tau$ -torsion free  $R$ -module  $M$  contains a cocritical submodule. Moreover by [5, Corollary 4.5], if  $\tau\text{-Gdim}(R) = 1$  then  $\tau\text{-Adim}(R) = 1$ .*

**Proposition 2.13.** *Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$  and suppose that for all  $0 \neq M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ ,  $M$  contains a cocritical submodule. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- i)  $R$  is left  $\tau$ -semiartinian ring.
- ii)  $\tau\text{-Adim}(R) = 1$ .
- iii)  $\tau\text{-Gdim}(R) = 1$ .

**Proof.**  $i) \Rightarrow ii)$  follows from Proposition 2.10.

$ii) \Rightarrow iii)$  As  $\tau\text{-Adim}(R) = 1$  and every non zero  $\tau$ -torsion free  $R$ -module  $M$  contains a cocritical submodule, by [5, Theorem 4.4 and Corollary 4.5] we have that  $\tau\text{-Gdim}(R) = 1$ .

$iii) \Rightarrow i)$  Since  $\tau\text{-Gdim}(R) = 1$ , we have  $\tau \vee \xi (\{N \mid N \text{ is a } \tau\text{-cocritical module}\}) = \chi$ . If  $0 \neq M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ , then  $M \notin \mathbb{F}_\xi(\{N \mid N \text{ is } \tau\text{-cocritical module}\})$ . Thus there exists a  $\tau$ -cocritical  $R$ -module  $N$ , such that  $\text{Hom}(N, E(M)) \neq 0$ . Since  $M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ , there exists a non-zero submodule  $L$  of  $N$  and a monomorphism  $L \hookrightarrow M$ . Hence  $M$  contains a  $\tau$ -cocritical submodule. Thus, by [3, Theorem 3.5 ] we have that  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -semiartinian ring.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.14.** *Let  $\tau \in R\text{-tors}$ . Suppose that  $\text{gen}(\tau)$  is an atomic lattice and that, for every  $0 \neq M \in \mathbb{F}_\tau$ ,  $M$  contains a cocritical submodule. The following conditions are equivalent.*

- i)  $\bar{\chi} = \{\chi\}$ .
- ii) For all  $\sigma \geq \tau$ ,  $\bar{\sigma} = \{\sigma\}$ .
- iii)  $\tau\text{-Adim}(R) = 1$ .
- iv)  $\tau\text{-Gdim}(R) = 1$ .
- v)  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -semiartinian ring.

**Proof.** This follows from Proposition 1.12 and Proposition 2.13.

Note that if  $\tau = \xi$ , then  $\text{gen}(\tau) = R\text{-tors}$  is an atomic lattice. Therefore Corollary 2.14 is a generalization of the result in [1, Proposition 6].

Notice that if  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -noetherian ring, then  $R$  has left  $\tau$ -Gabriel dimension. In fact, let  $\sigma \geq \tau$  with  $\sigma \neq \chi$  and let  $I$  be a left  $\sigma$ -closed ideal of  $R$ . Then  $I$  is left  $\tau$ -closed in  $R$ . Since  $R$  is  $\tau$ -noetherian, there are maximal left  $\sigma$ -closed ideals. Therefore there are  $\sigma$ -cocritical modules. Thus  $R$  has left  $\tau$ -Gabriel dimension. Note also that if  $R$  has left  $\tau$ -Gabriel dimension, then  $\text{gen}(\tau)$  is an atomic lattice.  $\square$

In [11, Theorem 1.4] Teply and Miller proved that if  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -artinian ring, then  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -noetherian ring. Bueso and Jara show in [3, Proposition 3.13] that if  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -artinian ring, then  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -semiartinian ring. By Proposition 2.13 we know that  $R$  is a  $\tau$ -semiartinian ring if and only if  $\tau\text{-Adim}(R) = 1$ . Thus the following theorem can be seen as the converse of the theorem of Teply and Miller.

**Theorem 2.15.** *Let  $R$  be a left  $\tau$ -noetherian ring. The following conditions are equivalent.*

- i)  $\bar{\chi} = \{\chi\}$ .
- ii) For all  $\sigma \geq \tau$ ,  $\bar{\sigma} = \{\sigma\}$ .
- iii)  $\tau\text{-Adim}(R) = 1$ .
- iv)  $\tau\text{-Gdim}(R) = 1$ .
- v)  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -artinian ring.

**Proof.** Since  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -noetherian ring, every non-zero  $\tau$ -torsion free  $R$ -module  $M$  contains a cocritical submodule. Moreover,  $R$  has left  $\tau$ -Gabriel dimension. By [5, Theorem 4.4 ],  $R$  has left  $\tau$ -atomic dimension. Therefore  $gen(\tau)$  is an atomic lattice. Hence by Corollary 2.14. *i), ii), iii), iv)* are equivalent.

*iv)  $\Rightarrow$  v)* As  $\tau\text{-Gdim}(R) = 1$  and as  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -noetherian ring, by Corollary 2.14  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -semiartinian ring. Thus by [3, Theorem 3.16], we have that  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -artinian ring.

*v)  $\Rightarrow$  i)* Since  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -artinian ring, by [3, Proposition 3.13],  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -semiartinian ring. As  $R$  is a left  $\tau$ -noetherian ring, by Corollary 2.14 we have that  $\bar{\chi} = \{\chi\}$ . □

**Corollary 2.16.** *Let  $R$  be a left Noetherian ring. The following conditions are equivalent.*

- i)  $\bar{\chi} = \{\chi\}$ .
- ii) For all  $\sigma \in R\text{-tors}$ ,  $\bar{\sigma} = \{\sigma\}$ .
- iii)  $\text{Adim}(R) = 1$ .
- iv)  $\text{Gdim}(R) = 1$ .
- v)  $R$  is a left artinian ring.

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