

## A CHARACTERIZATION OF GORENSTEIN DEDEKIND DOMAINS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we show that a domain  $R$  is a Gorenstein Dedekind domain if and only if every divisible module is Gorenstein injective; if and only if every divisible module is copure injective.

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, all rings are commutative rings with identity element and all modules are unitary. For an  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $\text{pd}_R M$  (resp.  $\text{id}_R M$ , resp.  $\text{fd}_R M$ ) stands for the projective (resp. injective, resp. flat) dimension of  $M$ . We also use  $w.\text{gl.dim}(R)$  (resp.  $\text{gl.dim}(R)$ ) to denote the weak global (resp. global) dimension of  $R$ .

An  $R$ -module  $D$  is said to be divisible if  $\text{Ext}_R^1(R/aR, D) = 0$  for all  $a \in R$ ; and an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called  $h$ -divisible if it is an epic image of an injective  $R$ -module. Note that injective modules and all  $h$ -divisible  $R$ -modules are divisible.

Divisible modules and  $h$ -divisible modules play important roles in characterizing domains. It is well known that a domain  $R$  is a Dedekind (resp. Prüfer) domain if and only if every divisible module is injective (resp. FP-injective); if and only if every  $h$ -divisible module is injective (resp. FP-injective).

Recall that a domain  $R$  is called a Matlis domain [9] if the projective dimension of the field of quotients is at most one. It is shown [10] that a domain  $R$  is a

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Matlis domain if and only if every divisible module is  $h$ -divisible; if and only if every divisible module is  $K$ -injective, where an  $R$ -module  $A$  is called  $K$ -injective if  $\text{Ext}_R^1(K, A) = 0$  for the field of quotients  $K$  of  $R$ .

Recall from [11] that an  $R$ -module  $W$  is called weak-injective if  $\text{Ext}_R^1(M, W) = 0$  for all modules  $M$  with  $\text{fd}_R M \leq 1$  and from [1] that a domain  $R$  is called almost perfect (APD shortly) if all its proper homomorphic images are perfect. It is proved in [8, Corollary 6.4.8] that a domain  $R$  is an APD if and only if every divisible module is weak-injective; if and only if every  $h$ -divisible is weak-injective.

An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be Gorenstein projective (G-projective for short) [5] if there is an exact sequence of projective modules

$$\mathbf{P} = \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow P^0 \rightarrow P^1 \rightarrow \cdots$$

such that  $M \cong \text{Im}(P_0 \rightarrow P^0)$  and that  $\text{Hom}_R(-, Q)$  leaves the sequence  $\mathbf{P}$  exact whenever  $Q$  is a projective  $R$ -module. A Gorenstein injective  $R$ -module is defined dually. The Gorenstein projective, injective dimensions are defined in terms of Gorenstein projective, injective resolutions, respectively, and denoted by  $\text{Gpd}_R(-)$ ,  $\text{Gid}_R(-)$ . In [3], Bennis and Mahdou defined the Gorenstein global dimension  $\text{Ggldim}(R)$  of  $R$ , and proved that for any ring  $R$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ggldim}(R) &= \sup\{\text{Gpd}_R M \mid M \text{ is any } R\text{-module}\} \\ &= \sup\{\text{Gid}_R M \mid M \text{ is any } R\text{-module}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that a ring  $R$  is called Gorenstein hereditary if  $\text{Ggldim}(R) \leq 1$ . Also, a Gorenstein hereditary domain is called a Gorenstein Dedekind domain. Naturally, we propose the following question:

**Question 1.1.** *Let  $R$  be a domain. Is it true that  $R$  is a Gorenstein Dedekind domain if and only if every divisible module is Gorenstein injective; if and only if every  $h$ -divisible module is Gorenstein injective?*

As in [4], Enochs and Jenda introduce the concepts of copure injective modules and strongly copure injective modules. For an  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $M$  is called copure injective if  $\text{Ext}_R^1(E, M) = 0$  for any injective  $R$ -module  $E$ , and  $M$  is called strongly copure injective if  $\text{Ext}_R^i(E, M) = 0$  for any injective  $R$ -module  $E$  and for all  $i \geq 1$ . In the paper [4] the authors define the copure injective dimension  $\text{cid}_R M$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  to be the largest integer  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{Ext}_R^n(E, M) \neq 0$  for some injective  $R$ -module  $E$ . Of course, if no such  $n$  exists, write  $\text{cid}_R(M) = \infty$ . Thus  $\text{cid}_R M = 0$  if and only if  $M$  is strongly copure injective. As in [4, Lemma 3.1], it is shown that for an  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $\text{cid}_R M \leq m$  if and only if  $\text{Ext}_R^{m+i}(E, M) = 0$  for

any injective  $R$ -module  $E$ . The copure injective dimension of a ring  $R$  is defined in [7] as  $ciD(R) = \sup\{cid_R(M) \mid M \text{ is an } R\text{-module}\}$ . It is clear that all domains  $R$  with  $ciD(R) \leq 1$  are Matlis domains.

In this paper, in terms of copure injective modules, we show that a domain  $R$  with  $ciD(R) \leq 1$  is exactly a Gorenstein Dedekind domain, and give an affirmative answer to Question 1.1.

## 2. Main result

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $R$  be a ring with  $ciD(R) \leq 1$ . Then every copure injective  $R$ -module  $M$  is divisible. Moreover, if  $R$  is a domain with  $ciD(R) \leq 1$ , then every divisible  $R$ -module is copure injective.*

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a copure injective  $R$ -module. For any  $a \in R$  which is neither a non-zero-divisor nor a unit,  $fd_R R/aR \leq 1$  and the sequence  $0 \rightarrow aR \rightarrow R \rightarrow R/aR \rightarrow 0$  is exact. By hypothesis,  $ciD(R) \leq 1$ ,  $fd_R R^+ \leq pd_R R^+ \leq 1$ . Now, let  $X$  be an  $R$ -module. Note that  $(aR)^+ \cong R^+$  as  $R$ -modules. Then we can obtain  $fd_R (R/aR)^+ \leq 1$  from the sequence  $0 = \text{Tor}_3^R(X, (aR)^+) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_2^R(X, (R/aR)^+) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_2^R(X, R^+) = 0$ . Then  $id_R R/aR \leq 1$  since  $R/aR$  is finitely presented. So there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow R/aR \rightarrow E \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  with  $E, C$  injective. Hence  $pd_R C \leq 1$  by [7]. Then  $\text{Ext}_R^1(E, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(R/aR, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^2(C, M) = 0$  is exact. By hypothesis,  $M$  is copure injective,  $\text{Ext}_R^1(E, M) = 0$  holds. Hence  $\text{Ext}_R^1(R/aR, M) = 0$ . Thus  $M$  is divisible, as desired.

Now, assume  $R$  is a domain with  $ciD(R) \leq 1$ . Then  $R$  is a Matlis domain. Let  $M$  be a divisible module. By [10, Lemma 2.4],  $M$  is  $h$ -divisible. Since  $ciD(R) \leq 1$ ,  $M$  is copure injective.  $\square$

**Example 2.2.** *A copure injective  $R$ -module is not necessarily divisible. In fact, let  $L$  be a field and set  $R = L[x, y]$ . Set  $M = R/(x, y)$ . Then for any flat  $R$ -module  $N$ , we have  $\text{Ext}_R^1(M, N) = 0$ , but  $\text{Ext}_R^2(M, R) \cong \text{Hom}_R(M, M) \neq 0$ . Hence  $M$  is not torsion-free. By [7, Proposition 3.7] and [4, Lemma 3.4],  $M^+$  is copure injective. By [6, Proposition 5.3.7] and [11, Lemma 3.1 & Theorem 3.3],  $M^+$  is not divisible.*

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $R$  be a domain. Then  $ciD(R) \leq 1$  if and only if every  $h$ -divisible module is copure injective.*

**Proof.** The assertion follows from the fact that  $pd_R E \leq 1$  holds for any injective  $R$ -module  $E$  by [7].  $\square$

Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. As in [7], the copure projective dimension  $cpd_R(M)$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is defined to be the smallest integer  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{Ext}_R^{n+i}(M, F) = 0$

for any flat  $R$ -module  $F$  and for any  $i \geq 0$ . Of course, if no such  $n$  exists, write  $\text{cpd}_R(M) = \infty$ . Thus  $\text{cpd}_R(M) \leq m$  is equivalent to  $M$  has a strongly copure projective resolution  $0 \rightarrow P_m \rightarrow P_{m-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ , where each  $P_i$  is strongly copure projective. The copure projective dimension of a ring  $R$  is defined as  $\text{cpD}(R) = \sup\{\text{cpd}_R(M) \mid M \text{ is an } R\text{-module}\}$ .

We are now in a position to give an affirmative answer to Question 1.1.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $R$  be a domain. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is a Gorenstein Dedekind domain.
- (2)  $\text{ciD}(R) \leq 1$ .
- (3) Every divisible module is copure injective.
- (4) Every  $h$ -divisible module is copure injective.
- (5) Every divisible module is Gorenstein injective.
- (6) Every  $h$ -divisible module is Gorenstein injective.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $E$  be an injective module. Then  $\text{pd}_R E \leq 1$  by [2, Theorem 1.2]. Let  $X$  be any  $R$ -module. Then  $\text{Ext}_R^2(E, X) = 0$  and  $\text{cid}_R X \leq 1$ . Hence  $\text{ciD}(R) \leq 1$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $P$  be a nonzero prime ideal of  $R$ . Pick  $0 \neq a \in P$ . Set  $m = \text{ciD}(T = R/aR)$ . There is a  $T$ -module  $\overline{M} = M/aM \neq 0$  with  $\text{cid}_T \overline{M} = m$ , and an injective  $T$ -module  $N$  with  $\text{Ext}_T^m(N, M) \neq 0$ . Let  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow E \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence, where  $E$  is an injective  $R$ -module, and  $M$  is an  $R$ -module. Thus  $C$  is also an injective  $T$ -module. Hence we have the exact sequence  $\text{Ext}_T^m(E, \overline{M}) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_T^m(N, \overline{M}) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_T^{m+1}(C, \overline{M}) = 0$ , which implies  $\text{Ext}_T^m(E, \overline{M}) \neq 0$ . By Rees Theorem, we get  $\text{Ext}_R^{m+1}(E, M) \cong \text{Ext}_T^m(E, \overline{M}) \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $1 \geq \text{cid}_R M \geq m + 1$ . Hence  $m = 0$ . Therefore,  $\text{ciD}(T) = 0$ . Then  $T$  is a QF ring. Since a QF ring is Artinian,  $P/(a)$  is finitely generated. Consequently,  $P$  is finitely generated, and hence  $R$  is Noetherian. Thus  $\text{cpD}(R) \leq 1$  by [7, Corollary 5.6]. Hence  $R$  is a Gorenstein Dedekind domain by [7, Theorem 4.18].

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) By Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.3.

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (6) Since all Gorenstein Dedekind domains are Matlis domains, the result holds.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $R$  be a Gorenstein Dedekind domain. Then  $R$  is a Dedekind domain if and only if every copure injective  $R$ -module is injective.*

We conclude this article with the following examples.

Rings  $R$  with  $\text{ciD}(R) \leq 1$  are not necessarily Noetherian.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $R$  be an umbrella ring with  $\text{gl.dim}(R) \leq 2$  and let  $P$  be the maximum non-finitely generated prime ideal of  $R$ . Pick  $0 \neq a \in P$ . Then  $R/(a)$  is a coherent ring with  $\text{ciD}(R) \leq 1$ , and not Noetherian.

Rings  $R$  with  $\text{ciD}(R) \leq 1$  are not necessarily hereditary.

**Example 2.7.** Construct  $R = \mathbb{Q}[x, y]/(x^2 + 2y^2)$ . Since  $x^2 + 2y^2$  is an irreducible polynomial, we have that  $R$  is a Gorenstein Dedekind domain. Noting that  $R$  is not integrally closed, we have  $\text{gl.dim}(R) = \infty$ .

Let  $R$  be a ring with  $\text{ciD}(R) \leq 1$ . Then  $\text{gl.dim}(R) < \infty$  is not necessarily true.

**Example 2.8.** We give another example of a ring with  $\text{ciD}(R) \leq 1$  and  $\text{gl.dim}(R) = \infty$ . Set  $R = \mathbb{Z}_4$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of integers. Then  $R$  is a QF ring with  $\text{gl.dim}(R) = \infty$ .

Let  $R$  be a ring with  $\text{gl.dim}(R) < \infty$ . Then  $\text{ciD}(R) \leq 1$  is not necessarily true.

**Example 2.9.** Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be the field of complex numbers and  $X, Y$  be the indeterminates over  $\mathbb{C}$ . We use  $\mathbb{C}(X, Y)$  to denote the quotient field of the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{C}[X, Y]$ . Let  $Z$  be an indeterminate over  $\mathbb{C}(X, Y)$ . Then  $\mathfrak{m} = (Z)$  is a maximal ideal of  $\mathbb{C}(X, Y)$ . Construct  $R = \mathbb{C}[X, Y] + Z\mathbb{C}(X, Y)[Z]_{\mathfrak{m}}$ . Then  $\text{gl.dim}(R) = 3$  and  $\text{ciD}(R) > 1$ .

Let  $R$  be a ring with  $\text{gl.dim}(R) = \infty$ . Then  $\text{ciD}(R) \leq 1$  does not necessarily hold.

**Example 2.10.** Construct a ring  $R = \mathbb{Z}_4[X, Y]$ , where  $X, Y$  are the indeterminates over  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ . Then  $\text{gl.dim}(R) = \infty$  and  $\text{ciD}(R) > 1$ .

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