

# Auslander class and $C$ -projective modules modulo exact zero-divisors

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## *Exact zero-divisors*

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### Definition

An element  $x$  of  $R$  is called an *exact zero-divisor* on  $M$  if  $xM \neq 0$ ,  $xM \neq M$  and there is  $y \in R$  such that the sequence of multiplication maps  $M \xrightarrow{x} M \xrightarrow{y} M \xrightarrow{x} M$  is exact.

In this case we say that  $x, y$  form a *pair* of exact zero-divisors on  $M$ .

### Example

Let  $a \in R$  be an  $R$ -regular element. For some integer  $r > 1$ , the sequence of multiplication maps

$$R/(a^r) \xrightarrow{a^s} R/(a^r) \xrightarrow{a^{r-s}} R/(a^r) \xrightarrow{a^s} R/(a^r)$$

is exact for all  $0 < s < r$ .

Then  $a^s, a^{r-s}$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $R/(a^r)$ .

### *Basic properties*

Let  $R$  be a local ring,  $x$  an exact zero-divisor on  $R$ .

- $\dim(R) = \dim(R/xR)$  and  $\text{depth}(R) = \text{depth}(R/xR)$ .  
(Avramov, Henriques and Şega, in 2010)
- $R$  is Cohen-Macaulay if and only if  $R/xR$  is Cohen-Macaulay.  
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- $R$  is Gorenstein if and only if  $R/xR$  is Gorenstein ring.  
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- $\text{pd}_R(R/xR) = \infty$ .

### *Proposition (Dibaei and Gheibi)*

Assume that  $x, y$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $R$ . Let  $n$  be a non-negative integer. Consider the following statements.

- (i)  $x, y$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $M$ .
- (ii)  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/xR, M) = 0$  for all  $i > n$ .
- (iii)  $\text{Tor}_i^R(R/xR, M) = 0$  for all  $i > n$ .

Then (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii). If one of the following conditions holds true, then the statements (i), (ii) and (iii) are equivalent.

- (a)  $xM \neq 0$  and  $xM \neq M$ .
- (b)  $R$  is local and  $M$  is finite.

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We observed that, if  $x, y$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $R$  and if  $M \xrightarrow{x} M$  is neither zero nor epimorphism, then  $x, y$  form also a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $M$  whenever one of the conditions  $\text{id}(M) < \infty$ ,  $\text{pd}(M) < \infty$ , or  $\text{fd}(M) < \infty$  holds true.

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### *Proposition (Dibaei and Gheibi)*

Assume that  $x, y$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on both  $R$  and  $M$  and that  $N$  is an  $R/xR$ -module. Then the following statements hold true for all  $i \geq 0$ .

- (i)  $\text{Ext}_R^i(N, M) \cong \text{Ext}_{R/xR}^i(N, M/xM)$ .
- (ii)  $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, N) \cong \text{Ext}_{R/xR}^i(M/xM, N)$ .
- (iii)  $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N) \cong \text{Tor}_i^{R/xR}(M/xM, N)$ .

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### Example

Examples of semidualizing modules include

- $R$
- The dualizing module of  $R$  if it exists (dualizing module is a semidualizing module with finite injective dimension).

These are called the trivial semidualizing modules.

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- $\dim_R(C) = \dim(R)$  and  $\text{Ass}_R(C) = \text{Ass}_R(R)$ .
- An element  $a \in R$  is  $R$ -regular if and only if it is  $C$ -regular.
- If  $a \in R$  is  $R$ -regular, then  $C/aC$  is semidualizing  $R/aR$ -module.
- If  $R$  is local, then  $\text{depth}_R(C) = \text{depth}(R)$ .

## *Semidualizing and exact zero-divisor*

Note that if  $x \in R$  is non-zero, then  $xC \neq 0$ . By Nakayama's lemma,  $xC = C$  if and only if  $(x) = R$ .

Let  $x, y$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $R$ .

- If  $\text{pd}(C) < \infty$ , then Auslander-Buchsbaum formula implies that  $C$  is projective and so  $x, y$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $C$  by definition.
- If  $R$  is Cohen-Macaulay local ring with dualizing module  $\omega$ , then  $x, y$  form also a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $\omega$ .

In general, we do not know whether a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $R$  is also a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $C$ .

## Semidualizing and exact zero-divisor

### *Proposition (Dibaei, me)*

Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a Cohen-Macaulay local ring that is not Gorenstein, with dualizing module  $\omega$ . Let  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be a flat local ring homomorphism such that  $S/\mathfrak{m}S$  is not Gorenstein. Assume that  $x, y \in S$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $S$  such that  $\text{fd}_R(S/xS) < \infty$ . Then  $S \otimes_R \omega$  is a semidualizing  $S$ -module which is not a dualizing  $S$ -module and  $\text{pd}_S(S \otimes_R \omega) = \infty$ . Moreover,  $x, y$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $S \otimes_R \omega$ .

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### Example (Dibaei, me)

Let  $R = k[X, Y]/(X, Y)^2$ , whenever  $k$  is a field. Then  $R$  is a local artinian ring that is not Gorenstein. As  $R$  is free  $k$ -module of rank 3,  $\omega = \text{Hom}_k(R, k)$  is dualizing  $R$ -module. Set

$S = R[U, V, W, Z]/(U^2, VW, VZ)$ . Then  $S$  is free  $R$ -module and  $S/\mathfrak{m}S \cong k[U, V, W, Z]/(U^2, VW, VZ)$  is not Cohen-Macaulay, where  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the maximal ideal of  $R$ . If  $u$  is the image of  $U$  in  $S$ , then  $u, u$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $S$ . We have an  $R$ -isomorphism  $S/uS \cong R[V, W, Z]/(VW, VZ)$  and so  $S/uS$  is free  $R$ -module. Thus  $u, u$  form also a pair of exact zero-divisors on the semidualizing  $S$ -module  $S \otimes_R \omega$ .

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### *Corollary (Dibaei, me)*

Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a Cohen-Macaulay local ring,  $D$  a finite  $R$ -module. Assume that  $x, y$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on both  $R$  and  $D$ . If  $D/xD$  is a dualizing  $R/xR$ -module and  $D/yD$  is a semidualizing  $R/yR$ -module, then  $D$  is a dualizing  $R$ -module.

Note that the converse of the corollary was proved by **Dibaei** and **Gheibi** in 2011.



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The Bass class  $\mathcal{B}_C(R)$  with respect to  $C$  is the class of all  $R$ -modules  $M$  satisfying the following conditions.

- The evaluation map  $\xi_M^C : C \otimes_R \text{Hom}_R(C, M) \rightarrow M$  is an isomorphism.
- For all  $i > 0$ ,  $\text{Ext}_R^i(C, M) = 0 = \text{Tor}_i^R(C, \text{Hom}_R(C, M))$ .

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### Corollary (Dibaei, me)

Assume that  $x, y$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on both  $R$  and  $C$ . If  $T$  is an  $R/xR$ -module, then the following statements hold true.

- (i) If  $T$  is finite, then  $T \in \mathcal{G}_C(R)$  if and only if  $T \in \mathcal{G}_{C/xC}(R/xR)$ .
- (ii)  $T \in \mathcal{A}_C(R)$  if and only if  $T \in \mathcal{A}_{C/xC}(R/xR)$ .
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Assume that  $x, y$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on  $R$ ,  $C$  and  $M$ .

- If  $M/xM \in \mathcal{A}_{C/xC}(R/xR)$  and  $M/yM \in \mathcal{A}_{C/yC}(R/yR)$ , then  $M \in \mathcal{A}_C(R)$ .
- If  $M/xM \in \mathcal{B}_{C/xC}(R/xR)$  and  $M/yM \in \mathcal{B}_{C/yC}(R/yR)$ , then  $M \in \mathcal{B}_C(R)$ .
- If  $M$  is finite,  $M/xM \in \mathcal{G}_{C/xC}(R/xR)$  and  $M/yM \in \mathcal{G}_{C/yC}(R/yR)$ , then  $M \in \mathcal{G}_C(R)$ .



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### Question (Dibaei, me)

Assume that  $x, y$  form a pair of exact zero-divisors on both  $R$  and  $M$ .

- If  $M \in \mathcal{G}_C(R)$ , is  $M/xM \in \mathcal{G}_C(R)$ ?
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such that  $\text{Hom}_R(C \otimes_R Q, X^+)$  is exact for all projective  $R$ -module  $Q$ .

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Dually, for any  $R$ -module  $N$  there exists an *augmented proper  $\mathcal{I}_C$ -injective resolution*, that is, a complex

$$Y^+ = 0 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(C, I^0) \xrightarrow{\partial_Y^0} \text{Hom}_R(C, I^1) \xrightarrow{\partial_Y^1} \cdots$$

such that  $\text{Hom}_R(Y^+, \text{Hom}_R(C, I))$  is exact for all injective  $R$ -module  $I$ .

## $\mathcal{P}_C$ -projective dimension

### Definition

The  $\mathcal{P}_C$ -projective dimension of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is

$$\mathcal{P}_C - \text{pd}(M) = \inf \left\{ \sup X \mid X \text{ is a proper } \mathcal{P}_C - \text{projective resolution of } M \right\}$$

where  $\sup X = \sup\{n \mid X_n \neq 0\}$ . The modules of zero  $\mathcal{P}_C$ -projective dimensions are the non-zero modules in  $\mathcal{P}_C(R)$ ; and we set  $\mathcal{P}_C - \text{pd}(0) = -\infty$ .

The  $\mathcal{F}_C$ -projective dimension, denoted  $\mathcal{F}_C - \text{pd}(-)$ , is defined similarly and the  $\mathcal{I}_C$ -injective dimension, denoted  $\mathcal{I}_C - \text{id}(-)$ , is defined dually.

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## $\mathcal{P}_C$ -projective dimension modulo exact zero-divisors

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- (i) If  $\mathcal{P}_C - \text{pd}(M) < \infty$ , then  $\mathcal{P}_{\overline{C}} - \text{pd}(\overline{M}) \leq \mathcal{P}_C - \text{pd}(M)$ .
- (ii) If  $\mathcal{F}_C - \text{pd}(M) < \infty$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_{\overline{C}} - \text{pd}(\overline{M}) \leq \mathcal{F}_C - \text{pd}(M)$ .
- (iii) If  $M$  is finite with  $\mathcal{I}_C - \text{id}(M) < \infty$ , then  $\mathcal{I}_{\overline{C}} - \text{id}(\overline{M}) \leq \mathcal{I}_C - \text{id}(M)$ .
- (iv) If  $R$  is local and  $M$  is finite, then equality holds in (i), (ii) and (iii).

Thank You