

## Relative weak derived functors

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*Abstract.* Let  $R$  be a ring,  $n$  a fixed non-negative integer,  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$  the class of all left  $R$ -modules with weak injective dimension at most  $n$ , and  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$  the class of all right  $R$ -modules with weak flat dimension at most  $n$ . Using left (right)  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$ -resolutions and the left derived functors of  $\text{Hom}$  we study the weak injective dimensions of modules and rings. Also we prove that  $-\otimes-$  is right balanced on  ${}_{\mathcal{M}_R} \times_{R\text{-}} \mathcal{M}$  by  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$ , and investigate the global right  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$ -dimension of  ${}_{R\text{-}} \mathcal{M}$  by right derived functors of  $\otimes$ .

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $R$  denotes an associative ring with identity and all modules are unitary. For a left  $R$ -module  $M$ , the character module  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  is denoted by  $M^+$  and for a class of  $R$ -modules  $\mathcal{C}$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{C}^+ = \{C^+ : C \in \mathcal{C}\}$ . Denote by  ${}_{R\text{-}} \mathcal{M}$  the category of all left  $R$ -modules and by  $\mathcal{M}_R$  the category of right  $R$ -modules. For unexplained concepts and notations, we refer the reader to [2], [7], [9].

We first recall some known notions and facts needed in the sequel.

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of left  $R$ -modules and  $M$  a left  $R$ -module. Following [2], we say that a map  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(C, M)$  with  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -precover of  $M$ , if the group homomorphism  $\text{Hom}_R(C', f) : \text{Hom}_R(C', C) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(C', M)$  is surjective for each  $C' \in \mathcal{C}$ . A  $\mathcal{C}$ -precover  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(C, M)$  of  $M$  is called a  $\mathcal{C}$ -cover of  $M$  if  $f$  is right minimal, that is, if  $fg = f$  implies that  $g$  is an automorphism for each  $g \in \text{End}_R(C)$ . Dually, we have the definition of  $\mathcal{C}$ -preenvelope (or  $\mathcal{C}$ -envelope). In general,  $\mathcal{C}$ -covers ( $\mathcal{C}$ -envelopes) may not exist, if exists, they are unique up to isomorphism.

A pair  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{C})$  of classes of left  $R$ -modules is called a *cotorsion theory*, see [2], if  $\mathcal{F}^\perp = \mathcal{C}$  and  ${}^\perp \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{F}$ , where  $\mathcal{F}^\perp = \{M \in {}_{R\text{-}} \mathcal{M} : \text{Ext}_R^1(F, M) = 0 \ \forall F \in \mathcal{F}\}$  and  ${}^\perp \mathcal{C} = \{M \in {}_{R\text{-}} \mathcal{M} : \text{Ext}_R^1(M, C) = 0 \ \forall C \in \mathcal{C}\}$ . A cotorsion theory  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{C})$  is called *perfect*, see [6], if every left  $R$ -module has a  $\mathcal{C}$ -envelope and a  $\mathcal{F}$ -cover.

Let  $C, D$  and  $E$  be abelian categories and  $T: C \times D \rightarrow E$  an additive functor contravariant in the first variable and covariant in the second. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be classes of objects of  $C$  and  $D$ , respectively. Then  $T$  is said to be right (or left) balanced by  $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{G}$  [2, Definition 8.2.13] if for every object  $M$  of  $C$ , there is a  $T(-, \mathcal{G})$ -exact complex

$$\cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{or } 0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \cdots)$$

with each  $F_i$  (or  $F^i$ ) in  $\mathcal{F}$ , and for every object  $N$  of  $D$ , there is a  $T(\mathcal{F}, -)$ -exact complex

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow G^0 \rightarrow G^1 \rightarrow \cdots \quad (\text{or } \cdots \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0)$$

with each  $G^i$  (or  $G_i$ , respectively) in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

In [8], B. Stenström defined and studied  $FP$ -injective modules. A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *FP-injective* (or *absolutely pure*) if  $\text{Ext}_R^1(F, M) = 0$  for all finitely presented left  $R$ -modules  $F$ . The *FP-injective dimension* of  $M$ , denoted by  $FP\text{-id}(M)$ , is defined to be the smallest non-negative integer  $n$  such that  $\text{Ext}^{n+1}(F, M) = 0$  for every finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $F$  (if no such  $n$  exists, set  $FP\text{-id}(M) = \infty$ ).

A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *super finitely presented*, see [4], if there exists an exact sequence of left  $R$ -modules:  $\cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ , where each  $F_i$  is finitely generated and projective. Recently, Z. Gao and F. Wang introduced the notion of weak injective and weak flat modules, see [4]. A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *weak injective* if  $\text{Ext}_R^1(F, M) = 0$  for any super finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $F$ . A right  $R$ -module  $N$  is called *weak flat* if  $\text{Tor}_1^R(N, F) = 0$  for any super finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $F$ . The class of all weak injective (or weak flat) left (or right)  $R$ -modules is denoted by  $\mathcal{WJ}$  (or  $\mathcal{WF}$ , respectively).

Accordingly, the *weak injective dimension* of a left  $R$ -module  $M$ , denoted by  $\text{wid}_R(M)$ , is defined to be the smallest  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{Ext}_R^{n+1}(F, M) = 0$  for all super finitely presented left  $R$ -modules  $F$ . If no such  $n$  exists, set  $\text{wid}_R(M) = \infty$ . The *weak flat dimension* of a right  $R$ -module  $N$ , denoted by  $\text{wfd}_R(N)$ , is defined to be the smallest  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^R(N, F) = 0$  for all super finitely presented left  $R$ -modules  $F$ . If no such  $n$  exists, set  $\text{wfd}_R(N) = \infty$ . The *left super finitely presented dimension*, denoted by  $\text{l.sp.gldim}(R)$ , of a ring  $R$  is defined as  $\text{l.sp.gldim}(R) = \sup\{pd_R(M) : M \text{ is a super finitely presented left } R\text{-module}\}$ .

Let  $n$  be a fixed non-negative integer. In what follows, the symbols  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mathcal{WJ}$  and  $\mathcal{WF}$  denotes the classes of all left  $R$ -modules with  $FP$ -injective dimension at most  $n$ , left  $R$ -modules with weak injective dimension at most  $n$  and right  $R$ -modules with weak flat dimension at most  $n$ , respectively.

In [10], Y. Zeng and J. Chen proved all left  $R$ -modules over a left coherent ring  $R$  have  $\mathcal{F}$ -preenvelope and  $\mathcal{F}$ -cover and they investigated the derived functors of  $\text{Hom}$  using  $\mathcal{F}$ -resolutions. In [5], Z. Gao and Z. Huang investigated the derived functors of  $\text{Hom}$  and  $\otimes$  using  $\mathcal{WJ}$  and  $\mathcal{WF}$ -resolutions. Recently, T. Zhao in [12] proved that over any ring  $R$ ,  $\mathcal{WS}$  and  $\mathcal{WF}$  are preenveloping and covering classes. Inspired by the above works and by [11], in this paper we investigate the derived functors of  $\text{Hom}$  and  $\otimes$  using  $\mathcal{WS}$  and  $\mathcal{WF}$ -resolutions. This paper is organized as follows.

In Section 2, we investigate the  $\mathcal{WS}$ -dimensions of modules and rings in terms of left or right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolutions. We give some characterizations of right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -dim  $M \leq m$  and right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -dim  ${}_R R \leq m$ . Also, we obtain some equivalent conditions concerning the weak injective dimension of a module  $N$ .

In Section 3, we first show that  $-\otimes-$  is right balanced on  $\mathcal{M}_R \times {}_R \mathcal{M}$  by  $\mathcal{WF} \times \mathcal{WS}$ . Then we investigate the global right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -dimension of  ${}_R \mathcal{M}$  in terms of the properties of the right derived functors of “ $\otimes$ ”.

The following results proved by T. Zhao in [12] will be used frequently in this paper.

**Proposition 1.1** ([12, Corollary 2.4]).

- (1) For a left  $R$ -module  $M$ , we have  $\text{wid}_R(M) = \text{wfd}_R(M^+)$ .
- (2) For a right  $R$ -module  $M$ , we have  $\text{wfd}_R(M) = \text{wid}_R(M^+)$ .

**Theorem 1.2** ([12, Theorem 4.8 and Theorem 4.9]). *The class  $\mathcal{WS}$  is preenveloping and covering.*

**Theorem 1.3** ([12, Theorem 4.4 and Theorem 4.5]). *The class  $\mathcal{WF}$  is preenveloping and covering.*

## 2. Left derived functors of $\text{Hom}$ and right $\mathcal{WS}$ -dimension

By Theorem 1.2, all left  $R$ -modules have  $\mathcal{WS}$ -preenvelopes and  $\mathcal{WS}$ -covers. Hence  $\text{Hom}(-, -)$  is left balanced on  ${}_R \mathcal{M} \times {}_R \mathcal{M}$  by  $\mathcal{WS} \times \mathcal{WS}$ . Let  $\text{Ext}_m(-, -)$  denote the  $m$ th left derived functor of  $\text{Hom}(-, -)$  with respect to the pair  $\mathcal{WS} \times \mathcal{WS}$ . Then, for any two left  $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$ ,  $\text{Ext}_m(M, N)$  can be computed by using a right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution of  $M$  or a left  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution of  $N$ . For a left  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution of  $M$ :  $\cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  with each  $F_i \in \mathcal{WS}$ , write

$$K_0 = M, \quad K_1 = \ker(F_0 \rightarrow M), \quad \text{and} \quad K_i = \ker(F_{i-1} \rightarrow F_{i-2}) \quad \text{for } i \geq 2.$$

The  $m$ th kernel  $K_m$ ,  $m \geq 0$ , is called the  $m$ th  $\mathcal{WS}$ -syzygy of  $M$ .

Let  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{g} F^0 \xrightarrow{f} F^1 \rightarrow \dots$  be a right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution of  $M$  in  ${}_R\mathcal{M}$ . Applying  $\text{Hom}_R(-, N)$  to the sequence, we get the deleted complex

$$\dots \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F^1, N) \xrightarrow{f^*} \text{Hom}(F^0, N) \rightarrow 0.$$

Then  $\text{Ext}_m(M, N)$  is exactly the  $m$ th homology of the complex above. There is a canonical map

$$\sigma: \text{Ext}_0(M, N) = \text{Hom}(F^0, N)/\text{im}(f^*) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N),$$

which is defined by  $\sigma(\alpha + \text{im}(f^*)) = \alpha g$  for each  $\alpha \in \text{Hom}(F^0, N)$ .

Following [2], the left  $\mathcal{WS}$ -dimension of a left  $R$ -module  $M$ , denoted by  $\text{left } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } M$ , is defined as  $\inf\{m: \text{there is a left } \mathcal{WS}\text{-resolution of the form } 0 \rightarrow F_m \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0\}$ . If there is no such  $m$ , set  $\text{left } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } M = \infty$ . The global left  $\mathcal{WS}$ -dimension of  ${}_R\mathcal{M}$ , denoted by  $\text{gl.left } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } {}_R\mathcal{M}$ , is defined to be  $\sup\{\text{left } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } M: M \in {}_R\mathcal{M}\}$ . The right versions can be defined similarly, and they are denoted by  $\text{right } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } M$  and  $\text{gl.right } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } {}_R\mathcal{M}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  a left  $R$ -module. Then  $\mathcal{WS}\text{-dim}(M)$  is defined to be the smallest non-negative integer  $m$  such that  $\text{Ext}^{m+n+1}(F, M) = 0$  for every super finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $F$ . If no such  $m$  exists, set  $\mathcal{WS}\text{-dim}(M) = \infty$ .

**Remark 2.2.** We note that if  $n = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{WS}\text{-dim}(M)$  coincides with  $\text{wid}(M)$  and if  $R$  is coherent ring then  $\mathcal{WS}\text{-dim}(M)$  coincides with  $\mathcal{F}\text{-dim}(M)$ , see [10, Definition 3.1]. Moreover, if  $R$  is a coherent ring and  $n = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{WS}\text{-dim}(M)$  is coincide with  $FP\text{-id}(M)$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *The following statements are equivalent for any  $M \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$  and  $m \geq 0$ :*

- (1)  $\mathcal{WS}\text{-dim}(M) \leq m$ ;
- (2)  $\text{Ext}^{n+m+1}(N, M) = 0$  for any super finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $N$ ;
- (3) if the sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F^m \rightarrow 0$  is exact with each  $F^0, \dots, F^{m-1} \in \mathcal{WS}$  then  $F^m \in \mathcal{WS}$ ;
- (4)  $\text{wid}_R(M) \leq m + n$ .

PROOF: (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). We will proceed by induction on  $m$ . If  $\mathcal{WS}\text{-dim}(M) = 0$ , then it is clear. Suppose that  $m \geq 1$  and  $N$  is a super finitely presented left  $R$ -module. Let  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow P \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  be a projective resolution of  $N$  with  $P$  finitely generated projective. Then  $K$  is super finitely presented, and  $\text{Ext}^{n+m+1}(N, M) \cong \text{Ext}^{n+m}(K, M) = 0$  by induction.

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

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) follows from [4, Proposition 3.3].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Note that  $\text{Ext}^{n+m+1}(N, M) \cong \text{Ext}^{n+1}(N, F^m)$  for all super finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $N$ . Then the implication follows by [4, Proposition 3.3].

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E^0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E^{m-1} \rightarrow \dots$  be an injective resolution of  $M$ . Then we have  $K = \text{coker}(E^{m-2} \rightarrow E^{m-1}) \in \mathcal{WS}$ . From the isomorphism  $\text{Ext}^{n+m+1}(N, M) \cong \text{Ext}^{n+1}(N, K)$ , it follows that  $\text{Ext}^{n+m+1}(N, M) = 0$  for all super finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $N$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. Then  $\mathcal{WS}\text{-dim}(M) = \text{right } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } M$  for any left  $R$ -module  $M$ . Moreover  $\text{right } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } M \leq m$  if and only if  $\text{wid}_R(M) \leq m + n$ .*

PROOF: It is trivial by Lemma 2.3.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5.** *The following statements are equivalent for any  $M \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$ :*

- (1)  $\text{wid}_R(M) \leq n$ ;
- (2) the canonical map  $\sigma: \text{Ext}_0(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N)$  is an isomorphism for any  $N \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$ ;
- (3) the canonical map  $\sigma: \text{Ext}_0(M, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, M)$  is an isomorphism;
- (4) the canonical map  $\sigma: \text{Ext}_0(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N)$  is an epimorphism for any  $N \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$ ;
- (5) the canonical map  $\sigma: \text{Ext}_0(M, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, M)$  is an epimorphism.

PROOF: (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is clear by setting  $F^0 = M$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) and (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) are trivial.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). By (5), there exists  $\alpha \in \text{Hom}(F^0, M)$  such that  $\sigma(\alpha + \text{im}(f^*)) = \alpha g = 1_M$ . So  $M$  is isomorphism to a direct summand of  $F^0$ , and hence  $\text{wid}_R(M) \leq n$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.6.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\text{wid}_R({}_R R) \leq n$ ;
- (2) the canonical map  $\sigma: \text{Ext}_0(R, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(R, N)$  is an isomorphism for any  $N \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$ ;
- (3) the canonical map  $\sigma: \text{Ext}_0(R, R) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(R, R)$  is an isomorphism;
- (4) the canonical map  $\sigma: \text{Ext}_0(R, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(R, N)$  is an epimorphism for any  $N \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$ ;
- (5) the canonical map  $\sigma: \text{Ext}_0(R, R) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(R, R)$  is an epimorphism.

PROOF: It follows from Proposition 2.5.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.7.** *The following statements are equivalent for any  $M \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$ :*

- (1)  $\text{right } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } M \leq 1$ ;
- (2) the canonical map  $\sigma: \text{Ext}_0(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N)$  is a monomorphism for any left  $R$ -module  $N$ .

PROOF: (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). By assumption,  $M$  has a right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow 0$ . Thus we get an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F^1, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F^0, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N)$  for any left  $R$ -module  $N$ . Hence  $\sigma$  is a monomorphism.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence of left  $R$ -modules with  $M \rightarrow E$  being a  $\mathcal{WS}$ -preenvelope of  $M$ . It is enough to prove that  $L \in \mathcal{WS}$ . By [2, Theorem 8.2.3], we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Ext}_0(L, L) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}_0(E, L) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}_0(M, L) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \sigma_1 \downarrow & & \sigma_2 \downarrow & & \sigma_3 \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(L, L) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(E, L) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(M, L). \end{array}$$

Note that  $\sigma_2$  is an epimorphism by Proposition 2.5 and  $\sigma_3$  is a monomorphism by (2). Hence  $\sigma_1$  is an epimorphism by the Snake lemma. Thus  $L \in \mathcal{WS}$  by Proposition 2.5.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.8.** *The following statements are equivalent for any  $M \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$  and any  $m \geq 2$ :*

- (1) right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -dim  $M \leq m$ ;
- (2)  $\text{Ext}_{m+k}(M, N) = 0$  for any  $N \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$  and  $k \geq -1$ ;
- (3)  $\text{Ext}_{m-1}(M, N) = 0$  for any  $N \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$ .

PROOF: (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F^m \rightarrow 0$  be a right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution of  $M$ . Then we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F^m, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F^{m-1}, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F^{m-2}, N)$$

for all left  $R$ -modules  $N$ . Hence  $\text{Ext}_m(M, N) = \text{Ext}_{m-1}(M, N) = 0$ . It is clear that  $\text{Ext}_{m+k}(M, N) = 0$  for all  $k \geq -1$ .

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

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Assume that  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F^m \rightarrow \dots$  is a right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution of  $M$  with  $L^m = \text{coker}(F^{m-2} \rightarrow F^{m-1})$ . It suffices to show that  $L^m \in \mathcal{WS}$ . Clearly, we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & F^0 & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & F^{m-2} & \xrightarrow{f} & F^{m-1} & \xrightarrow{g} & F^m & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & & & & & & & & & & \searrow \pi & & \nearrow \lambda & & \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & L^m & & \\ & & & & & & & & & & \nearrow & & \searrow & & \\ & & & & & & & & & & 0 & & & & 0 \end{array}$$

By (3), we have  $\text{Ext}_{m-1}(M, L^m) = 0$ . The sequence

$$\text{Hom}(F^m, L^m) \xrightarrow{g^*} \text{Hom}(F^{m-1}, L^m) \xrightarrow{f^*} \text{Hom}(F^{m-2}, L^m)$$

is exact. Since  $f^*(\pi) = \pi f = 0$ ,  $\pi \in \ker(f^*) = \text{im}(g^*)$ . Thus there exists  $h \in \text{Hom}(F^m, L^m)$  such that  $\pi = g^*(h) = hg = h\lambda\pi$ , and hence  $h\lambda = 1$  since  $\pi$  is epic. Thus  $L^m \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.9.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. Then the following hold.*

- (1) *If  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence of left  $R$ -modules with  $A, B \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$ , then  $C \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$ .*
- (2) *If  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence of right  $R$ -modules with  $B, C \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$ , then  $A \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$ .*

PROOF: (1). If  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence, then we have a long exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow \text{Ext}^{n+1}(F, B) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^{n+1}(F, C) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^{n+2}(F, A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

for any super finitely presented left  $R$ -module  $F$ . Because  $A, B \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$ ,  $\text{Ext}^{n+1}(F, B) = 0 = \text{Ext}^{n+2}(F, A)$ . This implies that  $\text{Ext}^{n+1}(F, C) = 0$  and hence  $C \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$  by [4, Proposition 3.3].

(2). By hypothesis, the sequence  $0 \rightarrow C^+ \rightarrow B^+ \rightarrow A^+ \rightarrow 0$  is exact with  $C^+, B^+ \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$  by Proposition 1.1. Then by (1), we have  $A^+ \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$ . Hence  $A \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$  by Proposition 1.1 again.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.10.** *The following are equivalent for a left  $R$ -module  $N$  and any  $m \geq 2$ :*

- (1) *left  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$ -dim  $N \leq m - 2$ ;*
- (2)  *$\text{Ext}_{m+k}(M, N) = 0$  for any  $M \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$  and  $k \geq -1$ ;*
- (3)  *$\text{Ext}_{m-1}(M, N) = 0$  for any  $M \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$ .*

PROOF: (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). By (1),  $N$  has a left  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$ -resolution  $0 \rightarrow F_{m-2} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$ . Then for any left  $R$ -module  $M$ , we have the following complex

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, F_{m-2}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, F_{m-3}) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, F_0) \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence,  $\text{Ext}_{m+k}(M, N) = 0$  for all left  $R$ -module  $M$  and all  $k \geq -1$ .

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

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). By Theorem 1.2,  $N$  has a left minimal  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$ -resolution

$$\cdots \longrightarrow F_m \xrightarrow{f_m} F_{m-1} \xrightarrow{f_{m-1}} \cdots \xrightarrow{f_2} F_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} F_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} N \longrightarrow 0$$

with each  $F_i \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{I}$ . Put  $K_m = \ker(F_{m-1} \rightarrow F_{m-2})$  and  $H = F_{m-1}/K_m$ . Let  $\lambda: K_m \rightarrow F_{m-1}$  be the inclusion and  $\pi: F_{m-1} \rightarrow H$  the canonical projection.

Then there exists  $p: F_m \rightarrow K_m$  such that  $f_m = \lambda p$ , and there exists a monomorphism  $\alpha: H \rightarrow F_{m-2}$  such that  $f_{m-1} = \alpha\pi$ . Put  $L = F_{m-2}/\text{im}(\alpha)$  and let  $\beta: F_{m-2} \rightarrow L$  be the canonical projection. Then there exists a homomorphism  $i: L \rightarrow F_{m-3}$  via  $i(x + \text{im}(\alpha)) = f_{m-2}(x)$  such that  $f_{m-2} = i\beta$ . So we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 F_m & \xrightarrow{f_m} & F_{m-1} & \xrightarrow{f_{m-1}} & F_{m-2} & \xrightarrow{f_{m-2}} & F_{m-3} \cdot \\
 & \searrow p & & \nearrow \lambda & & \searrow \beta & \nearrow i \\
 & & K_m & & H & & L \\
 & & \nearrow & \dashrightarrow & \searrow & & \searrow \\
 0 & & & 0 & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

By (3),  $\text{Ext}_{m-1}(K_m, N) = 0$ . Thus, the sequence

$$\text{Hom}(K_m, F_m) \xrightarrow{f_m^*} \text{Hom}(K_m, F_{m-1}) \xrightarrow{f_{m-1}^*} \text{Hom}(K_m, F_{m-2})$$

is exact. Since  $f_{m-1*}(\lambda) = f_{m-1}\lambda = 0$  and  $\lambda \in \ker(f_{m-1*}) = \text{im}(f_{m-1*})$ , we have  $\lambda = f_{m-1*}(l) = f_{m-1}l$  for some  $l \in \text{Hom}(K_m, F_m)$ . But  $f_m = \lambda p$ , and hence  $\lambda = \lambda pl$ . We obtain  $pl = 1$  since  $\lambda$  is monic, and so  $K_m \in \mathcal{WS}$ . Since  $0 \rightarrow K_m \rightarrow F_{m-1} \rightarrow H \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence,  $H \in \mathcal{WS}$  by Lemma 2.9. Similarly,  $L \in \mathcal{WS}$ .

Next we will show that the complex

$$0 \rightarrow F_{m-2} \rightarrow F_{m-3} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

is a left  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution of  $N$ . First we show that  $\beta: F_{m-2} \rightarrow L$  is an isomorphism. Let  $T = \ker(f_{m-3})$ ,  $\varphi: F_{m-2} \rightarrow T$  be an  $\mathcal{WS}$ -cover of  $T$  and  $\psi: T \rightarrow F_{m-3}$  the inclusion mapping. Then  $f_{m-2} = \psi\varphi$ . Consider the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 F_{m-1} & \xrightarrow{f_{m-1}} & F_{m-2} & \xrightarrow{f_{m-2}} & F_{m-3} & \xrightarrow{f_{m-3}} & F_{m-4} \cdot \\
 & \searrow \pi & & \nearrow \alpha & & \searrow \beta & \nearrow i \\
 & & H & & L & \dashrightarrow & T \\
 & & \nearrow & \searrow & \nearrow \varphi & \searrow \psi & \nearrow \\
 0 & & & 0 & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

Set  $\sigma: L \rightarrow T$  via  $x + \text{im}(\alpha) \mapsto f_{m-2}(x)$ . It is easy to verify that  $\sigma$  is well defined and  $i = \psi\sigma$ . We have  $\psi\varphi = f_{m-2} = i\beta = \psi\sigma\beta$ , and  $\varphi = \sigma\beta$  since  $\psi$  is monic. Hence, there exists a homomorphism  $\eta: L \rightarrow F_{m-2}$  such that  $\sigma = \varphi\eta$  for  $\varphi$  is an



$\mathcal{WS}$ -cover and  $L \in \mathcal{WS}$ . So we have  $\varphi = \sigma\beta = \varphi\eta\beta$  and  $\eta\beta$  is an automorphism of  $F_{m-2}$  for  $\varphi: F_{m-2} \rightarrow T$  is an  $\mathcal{WS}$ -cover. Hence,  $\beta$  is a monomorphism and so  $F_{m-2} \cong L$ . Consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H \xrightarrow{\alpha} F_{m-2} \xrightarrow{\beta} L \rightarrow 0,$$

then  $\alpha = 0$  and  $H \cong 0$ . So the complex

$$0 \rightarrow F_{m-2} \rightarrow F_{m-3} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

is a left  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution of  $N$ , as desired.  $\square$

**Remark 2.11.** We note that Theorem 2.10 is a generalization of [5, Proposition 4.10] and [10, Theorem 4.2]. In fact, if  $n = 0$ , then this is [5, Proposition 4.10] and if  $R$  is a coherent ring, then this is [10, Theorem 4.2].

**Theorem 2.12.** *The following are equivalent for  $m \geq 2$ :*

- (1)  $\text{gl.right } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } {}_R\mathcal{M} \leq m$ ;
- (2)  $\text{gl.left } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } {}_R\mathcal{M} \leq m - 2$ ;
- (3)  $\text{Ext}_{m+k}(M, N) = 0$  for all left  $R$ -modules  $M, N$  and  $k \geq -1$ ;
- (4)  $\text{Ext}_{m-1}(M, N) = 0$  for all left  $R$ -modules  $M, N$ ;
- (5)  $\text{l.sp.gldim}(R) \leq m + n$ .

PROOF: By Proposition 2.8 and Theorem 2.10 the statements (1)–(4) are equivalent and (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5) follows from Lemma 2.3 and Proposition 2.4.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.13.** *For any ring  $R$  we have  $\text{gl.left } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } {}_R\mathcal{M} = \text{gl.right } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } {}_R\mathcal{M} - 2$ , and is zero if  $\text{gl.right } \mathcal{WS}\text{-dim } {}_R\mathcal{M} \leq 2$ .*

**Lemma 2.14.** *The following statements are equivalent for any  $M \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$  and  $m \geq 0$ :*

- (1)  $\text{wid}_R(M) \leq m + n$ ;
- (2) for any left  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution  $\cdots \rightarrow F_m \rightarrow F_{m-1} \rightarrow F_{m-2} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  for each  $N \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(M, F_m) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, K_m) \rightarrow 0$  is exact, where  $K_m$  is the  $m$ th  $\mathcal{WS}$ -syzygy of  $N$ .

PROOF: We proceed by induction on  $m$ . For  $m \geq 1$ , we consider the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F \rightarrow H \rightarrow 0$ , where  $F$  is an  $\mathcal{WS}$ -preenvelope of  $M$ . Then we

have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathrm{Hom}(F, F_m) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(F, K_m) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 \mathrm{Hom}(M, F_m) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(M, K_m) & & \\
 \downarrow & & & & \\
 0 & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(H, K_m) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(H, F_{m-1}) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(H, K_{m-1}) \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(F, K_m) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(F, F_{m-1}) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(F, K_{m-1}) \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(M, K_m) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(M, F_{m-1}) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(M, K_{m-1}) \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & & & 0 & & 
 \end{array}$$

Hence  $\mathrm{wid}_R(M) \leq m + n$  if and only if  $\mathrm{wid}_R(H) \leq m + n - 1$  by Lemma 2.3 if and only if  $\mathrm{Hom}(H, F_{m-1}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(H, K_{m-1})$  is surjective by induction if and only if  $\mathrm{Hom}(F, K_m) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(M, K_m)$  is surjective by the second diagram if and only if  $\mathrm{Hom}(M, F_m) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(M, K_m)$  is surjective by the first diagram.

For  $m = 0$ , let  $K_0 = M$  in the first diagram. Then  $\mathrm{Hom}(M, F_0) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(M, K_0)$  is surjective. Thus  $F_0 \rightarrow M$  splits, and hence  $M \in \mathcal{WS}$ . If  $M \in \mathcal{WS}$ , it is clear that  $\mathrm{Hom}(M, F_0) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(M, K_0)$  is surjective.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.15.** *The following conditions are equivalent for any  $m \geq 0$ :*

- (1) *if  $\cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  is a left  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution of a left  $R$ -module  $M$ , then the sequence is exact at  $F_k$  for  $k \geq m - 1$ , where  $F_{-1} = M$ ;*
- (2) *right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -dim  ${}_R R \leq m$ ;*
- (3)  *$\mathrm{wid}_R({}_R R) \leq m + n$ ;*
- (4) *if  $K_m$  is the  $m$ th syzygy of  $M$ , then the  $\mathcal{WS}$ -precover  $F_m \rightarrow K_m$  is surjective.*

PROOF: (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). By the assumption,  $\cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  is exact at  $F_{m-1}$ . Thus  $F_m \rightarrow K_m$  is surjective.

(4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2). It follows by Lemma 2.14.

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) is clear.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose  $m \geq 2$ , and let  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F^m \rightarrow 0$  be a right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution of  $R$ . Then  $\text{Ext}_k(R, M) = 0$  for  $k \geq m - 1$ . Computing  $\text{Ext}_k(R, M)$  by using a left  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution  $\dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ , we see that the sequence is exact at  $F_k$  for any  $k \geq m - 1$ .

If  $m = 1$  and  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow 0$  is a right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution of  $R$ , then  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F^1, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F^0, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(R, M)$  is exact. Thus  $\text{Ext}_k(R, M) = 0$  for  $k \geq 1$  and  $\text{Ext}_0(R, M) \rightarrow M$  is a monomorphism. But computing  $\text{Ext}_0(R, M)$  by using a left  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution  $\dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ , we see that the sequence is exact at  $F_0$ . So  $\dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  is exact at  $F_k$  for any  $k \geq 0$ .

Now let  $m = 0$ . Then  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{WS}$ , and so every  $\mathcal{WS}$ -precover is surjective. Thus  $\dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  is exact.  $\square$

### 3. Right derived functors of $\otimes$ and right $\mathcal{WS}$ -dimension

In this section, we prove that  $- \otimes -$  is right balanced on  $\mathcal{M}_R \times_R \mathcal{M}$  by  $\mathcal{WF} \times \mathcal{WS}$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *The following hold for any ring  $R$ :*

- (1) *If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a  $\mathcal{WS}$ -preenvelope of a module  $A$  in  ${}_R \mathcal{M}$ , then  $f^*: B^+ \rightarrow A^+$  is a  $\mathcal{WF}$ -precover of  $A^+$  in  $\mathcal{M}_R$ .*
- (2) *If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a  $\mathcal{WF}$ -preenvelope of a module  $A$  in  $\mathcal{M}_R$ , then  $f^*: B^+ \rightarrow A^+$  is a  $\mathcal{WS}$ -precover of  $A^+$  in  ${}_R \mathcal{M}$ .*

PROOF: By Proposition 1.1, we have  $\mathcal{WS}^+ \subseteq \mathcal{WF}$  and  $\mathcal{WF}^+ \subseteq \mathcal{WS}$ . Now both the assertions follows from [3, Theorem 3.1].  $\square$

The following proposition is the generalization of [5, Proposition 5.1] and [2, Example 8.3.9].

**Proposition 3.2.**  *$- \otimes -$  is right balanced on  $\mathcal{M}_R \times_R \mathcal{M}$  by  $\mathcal{WF} \times \mathcal{WS}$ .*

PROOF: Assume that  $M \in \mathcal{M}_R$  and  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \dots$  is a right  $\mathcal{WF}$ -resolution of  $M$  in  $\mathcal{M}_R$ . Let  $E \in \mathcal{WS}$ . Then  $E^+ \in \mathcal{WF}$  by Proposition 1.1. So we get the exact sequence:

$$\dots \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F^1, E^+) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F^0, E^+) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, E^+) \rightarrow 0$$

which gives the exact sequence:

$$\dots \rightarrow (F^1 \otimes E)^+ \rightarrow (F^0 \otimes E)^+ \rightarrow (M \otimes E)^+ \rightarrow 0.$$

Thus we get the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \otimes E \rightarrow F^0 \otimes E \rightarrow F^1 \otimes E \rightarrow \dots$ .

On the other hand, let  $N \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$  and let  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow E^0 \rightarrow E^1 \rightarrow \dots$  be a right  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$ -resolution of  $N$ . Then  $\dots \rightarrow E^{1+} \rightarrow E^{0+} \rightarrow N^+ \rightarrow 0$  is a left  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$ -resolution of  $N^+$  by Proposition 1.1. Hence

$$\dots \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F, E^{1+}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F, E^{0+}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F, N^+) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact for any right  $R$ -module  $F \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$ , this is equivalent to the sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow (F \otimes E^1)^+ \rightarrow (F \otimes E^0)^+ \rightarrow (F \otimes N)^+ \rightarrow 0$$

being exact. So  $0 \rightarrow F \otimes N \rightarrow F \otimes E^0 \rightarrow F \otimes E^1 \rightarrow \dots$  is exact for any right  $R$ -module  $F \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$ , as desired.  $\square$

We denote by  $\text{Tor}^n(-, -)$  the  $n$ th right derived functor of  $- \otimes -$  with respect to  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** *The following are equivalent for a left  $R$ -module  $N$  and  $m \geq 2$ :*

- (1) *right  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$ -dim  $N \leq m$ ;*
- (2)  *$\text{Tor}^{m+k}(M, N) = 0$  for all  $M \in \mathcal{M}_R$  and  $k \geq -1$ ;*
- (3)  *$\text{Tor}^m(M, N) = \text{Tor}^{m-1}(M, N) = 0$  for all  $M \in \mathcal{M}_R$ ;*
- (4)  *$\text{Tor}^{m-1}(M, N) = 0$  for any finitely presented right  $R$ -module  $M$ .*

PROOF: (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Assume  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F^m \rightarrow 0$  is a right  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$ -resolution of  $N$ . Then the sequence

$$M \otimes F^{m-2} \rightarrow M \otimes F^{m-1} \rightarrow M \otimes F^m \rightarrow 0$$

is exact for any  $M \in \mathcal{M}_R$ . It follows that  $\text{Tor}^m(M, N) = \text{Tor}^{m-1}(M, N) = 0$ . It is clear that  $\text{Tor}^{m+k}(M, N) = 0$  for any  $k \geq 1$ . Hence, (2) holds.

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

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \dots$  be a right  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$ -resolution of  $N$ . Then for any finitely presented right  $R$ -module  $P$ ,

$$P \otimes F^{m-2} \rightarrow P \otimes F^{m-1} \rightarrow P \otimes F^m \rightarrow P \otimes F^{m+1}$$

is exact by (4). Hence,  $K = \ker(F^m \rightarrow F^{m+1})$  is pure in  $F^m$  by [2, Lemma 8.4.23], and  $K \in \mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$  by [12, Corollary 4.7]. So  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F^{m-1} \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$  is a right  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$ -resolution of  $N$  and hence (1) follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *The following are equivalent for a ring  $R$  and  $m \geq 2$ :*

- (1) *gl.right  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{F}$ -dim  ${}_R\mathcal{M} \leq m$ ;*
- (2)  *$\text{Tor}^{m+k}(M, N) = 0$  for all  $N \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$  and  $M \in \mathcal{M}_R$  and  $k \geq -1$ ;*
- (3)  *$\text{Tor}^m(M, N) = \text{Tor}^{m-1}(M, N) = 0$  for all  $N \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$  and  $M \in \mathcal{M}_R$ ;*
- (4)  *$\text{Tor}^{m-1}(M, N) = 0$  for all  $N \in {}_R\mathcal{M}$  and all finitely presented right  $R$ -module  $M$ .*

PROOF: The result follows from Proposition 3.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $m \geq 0$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1) *for every flat left  $R$ -module  $F$ , there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow F \rightarrow A^0 \rightarrow A^1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A^m \rightarrow 0$  with each  $A^i \in \mathcal{WF}$ ;*
- (2) *there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow A^0 \rightarrow A^1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A^m \rightarrow 0$  of left  $R$ -modules with each  $A^i \in \mathcal{WF}$ ;*
- (3) *if  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \cdots$  is a right  $\mathcal{WF}$ -resolution of a right  $R$ -module  $M$ , then the sequence is exact at  $F^k$  for  $k \geq m - 1$ , where  $F^{-1} = M$ .*

PROOF: (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is immediate.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). By Proposition 3.2, we know that  $- \otimes -$  is right balanced on  $\mathcal{M}_R \times_R \mathcal{M}$  by  $\mathcal{WF} \times \mathcal{WF}$  with right derived functor  $\text{Tor}^k(-, -)$ .

If  $m \geq 2$ , there is a right  $\mathcal{WF}$ -resolution  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow B^0 \rightarrow B^1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B^m \rightarrow \cdots$  with  $B^i \in \mathcal{WF}$ . Moreover the above sequence is exact. Let  $K = \text{coker}(B^{m-2} \rightarrow B^{m-1})$ . Since there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow A^0 \rightarrow A^1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A^m \rightarrow 0$  with each  $A^i \in \mathcal{WF}$  by (2), we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & R & \longrightarrow & B^0 & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & B^{m-2} & \longrightarrow & B^{m-1} & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & R & \longrightarrow & A^0 & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & A^{m-2} & \longrightarrow & A^{m-1} & \longrightarrow & A^m & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

Hence, there is an exact complex:

$$0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow B^0 \oplus R \rightarrow B^1 \oplus A^0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B^{m-1} \otimes A^{m-2} \rightarrow K \oplus A^{m-1} \rightarrow A^m \rightarrow 0$$

with exact subcomplex  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow R \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 0$ . We have the exact quotient complex:

$$0 \rightarrow B^0 \rightarrow B^1 \oplus A^0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B^{m-1} \otimes A^{m-2} \rightarrow K \oplus A^{m-1} \rightarrow A^m \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $\mathcal{WF}$  is closed under cokernels of monomorphisms, extensions and direct summands. It follows that  $K \in \mathcal{WF}$ . Hence, there is a right  $\mathcal{WF}$ -resolution  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow B^0 \rightarrow B^1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow B^{m-1} \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$  with  $B^i, K \in \mathcal{WF}$ . It is easy to check that  $\text{Tor}^k(M, R) = 0$  for  $k \geq m - 1$ . Computing by  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \cdots$ , as in (3), we see that  $\text{Tor}^k(M, R)$  is just the  $k$ th homology group of this complex, giving the desired result.

If  $m = 1$ , we can assume that  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow A^0 \rightarrow A^1 \rightarrow 0$  is a right  $\mathcal{WF}$ -resolution of  $R$  by the proof above. Hence,  $\text{Tor}^1(M, R) = 0$ , so that  $F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow F^2$  is exact and  $M \otimes R \rightarrow \text{Tor}^0(M, R)$  is onto. Computing the later morphism using  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1$ , we obtain that  $M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1$  is exact.

If  $m = 0$ , then (2) means that  $\text{wid}_R({}_R R) \leq n$ . But we have the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \otimes R \rightarrow F^0 \otimes R \rightarrow F^1 \otimes R \rightarrow \dots$  since the functor  $-\otimes-$  is right balanced. That is,  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \dots$  is exact.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Assume (3) with  $m \geq 2$ . Let  $F$  be a flat left  $R$ -module and  $0 \rightarrow F \rightarrow A^0 \rightarrow A^1 \rightarrow \dots$  a right  $\mathcal{WS}$ -resolution of  $F$ . Obviously, this complex is exact. Then by (3), we get  $\text{Tor}^k(M, F) = 0$  for  $k \geq m - 1$  since  $F$  is flat. Computing using  $0 \rightarrow A^0 \rightarrow A^1 \rightarrow \dots$  and using [5, Lemma 5.6], we get  $K = \ker(A^m \rightarrow A^{m+1})$  is pure in  $A^m$ , so  $K \in \mathcal{WS}$ . Hence  $0 \rightarrow F \rightarrow A^0 \rightarrow A^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A^{m-1} \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$  gives the desired exact sequence.

Now let  $m = 1$ . Then (3) says  $M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \dots$  is exact, so  $\text{Tor}^k(M, F) = 0$  for  $k > 0$  and  $M \otimes F \rightarrow \text{Tor}^0(M, F)$  is onto. Hence, if  $0 \rightarrow F \rightarrow A^0 \rightarrow A^1 \rightarrow \dots$  is exact, then  $M \otimes F \rightarrow M \otimes A^0 \rightarrow M \otimes A^1 \rightarrow M \otimes A^2$  is exact for any finitely presented right  $R$ -module  $M$ . By [5, Lemma 5.6] again, we get the desired exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow F \rightarrow A^0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$  with  $K = \ker(A^1 \rightarrow A^2)$ .

If  $m = 0$ , then  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \dots$  being exact means  $\text{Tor}^k(M, F) = 0$  for  $k > 0$  and  $M \otimes F \rightarrow \text{Tor}^0(M, F)$  is an isomorphism. This gives that  $0 \rightarrow M \otimes F \rightarrow M \otimes A^0 \rightarrow M \otimes A^1$  is exact for all  $M$  which implies that  $F$  is a pure submodule of  $A^0$ , so  $F \in \mathcal{WS}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** *The following are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :*

- (1) every flat left  $R$ -module has weak injective dimension at most  $n$ ;
- (2) every injective right  $R$ -module has weak flat dimension at most  $n$ ;
- (3)  ${}_R R$  has weak injective dimension at most  $n$ ;
- (4)  $(\mathcal{WS}, \mathcal{WS}^\perp)$  is a perfect cotorsion theory.

PROOF: (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) follows from Theorem 3.5.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) is proved in [12, Proposition 4.17].

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). It follows from the fact that if  $\mathcal{WS} = {}^\perp(\mathcal{WS}^\perp)$ , then each projective left  $R$ -module is in  $\mathcal{WS}$ .  $\square$

Recall that a  $\mathcal{C}$ -envelope  $\varphi: M \rightarrow C$  is said to have *unique mapping property*, see [1], if for any homomorphism  $f: M \rightarrow C'$  with  $C' \in \mathcal{C}$ , there is a unique homomorphism  $g: C \rightarrow C'$  such that  $g\varphi = f$ . Dually, we have the definition of  $\mathcal{C}$ -cover with unique mapping property.

We end this paper with the following result.

**Theorem 3.7.** *The following are equivalent for a ring  $R$ :*

- (1)  $\text{l.sp.gldim}(R) \leq n$ ;
- (2)  $\text{wid}_R(R) \leq n$  and every left  $R$ -module has a monomorphic  $\mathcal{WS}$ -cover;
- (3) every left  $R$ -module has an epimorphic  $\mathcal{WS}$ -cover with the unique mapping property;

- (4) every left  $R$ -module has a  $\mathcal{WS}$ -envelope with the unique mapping property.

PROOF: (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2), (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) and (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module. Then  $M \in \mathcal{WS}$  by (1). Then it is easy to verify that the identity homomorphism on  $M$  is a  $\mathcal{WS}$ -cover with the unique mapping property. It is also a  $\mathcal{WS}$ -envelope of  $M$  with the unique mapping property.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $M$  be any left  $R$ -module. By (2),  $M$  has an epimorphic  $\mathcal{WS}$ -cover  $f: F \rightarrow M$ . Since  $\text{wid}_R(R) \leq n$ , it is easy to see that  $f$  is an epimorphism and hence  $M \in \mathcal{WS}$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). For any left  $R$ -module  $M$ , let  $f: E \rightarrow M$  be a  $\mathcal{WS}$ -cover of  $M$  with the unique mapping property, where  $E \in \mathcal{WS}$ . By (3),  $K = \ker(f)$  has an epimorphic  $\mathcal{WS}$ -cover  $g: E' \rightarrow K$ . So we obtain the following row exact commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & E' & & & \\
 & & g \swarrow & \downarrow ig & \searrow 0 & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \xrightarrow{i} & E & \xrightarrow{f} & M \longrightarrow 0.
 \end{array}$$

Since  $f(ig) = 0$ , we have  $ig = 0$  by uniqueness. Note that  $g$  is an epimorphism. Hence  $K = \ker(f) = \text{im}(g) \subseteq \ker(i) = 0$ . Hence  $M \in \mathcal{WS}$  and so (1) follows.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). The proof is similar to that of (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1).  $\square$

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