

## RINGS OF EQUIVALENT DOMINANT AND CODOMINANT DIMENSIONS

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ABSTRACT. Continuing an earlier examination of the codominant dimension of rings and modules, a categorical characterization is given for rings of equivalent dominant and codominant dimensions. Specifically, the question is reduced to when  ${}_R R$  and the left minimal injective cogenerator  ${}_R \mathcal{U}$  can be used as test modules respectively for the dominant dimension of the projective modules and the codominant dimension of the injective modules. These conditions are in turn characterized by when the injective projective modules are  $\Sigma$ -injective. Also, a new and shortened version is given for the proof that the codominant dimension of the injective modules is equal to the dominant dimension of the projective modules.

Throughout,  $R$  is an associative ring with unity and all modules considered are unital. We denote a minimal injective cogenerator for  ${}_R \mathfrak{M}$  by  ${}_R \mathcal{U}$ , such being isomorphic to an injective hull of a direct sum of a complete representative class of simple left  $R$ -modules. For a left perfect ring  $R$  and a left  $R$ -module  ${}_R M$  we define the *codominant dimension* of  ${}_R M$ , denoted  $\text{codom dim}_R M$ , to be greater than or equal to  $n$  if for a minimal projective resolution  $\cdots \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ ,  $P_i$  is injective for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . The left codominant dimension of  $R$  is defined to be  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{U}$ . The *dominant dimension* of  ${}_R M$  is defined in a dual manner, and the left dominant dimension of  $R$  is  $\text{dom dim}_R R$ . Further, for  $R$  left perfect, we define  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{I}$  to be  $\inf\{\text{codom dim}_R E: {}_R E \text{ injective}\}$ . Similarly,  $\text{dom dim}_R \mathcal{P}$  is given by  $\inf\{\text{dom dim}_R P: {}_R P \text{ projective}\}$ . Finally, we say that  ${}_R E({}_R P)$  is a *test module* for  ${}_R \mathcal{I}({}_R \mathcal{P})$  provided

$$\text{codom dim}_R E = \text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{I} \quad (\text{dom dim}_R P = \text{dom dim}_R \mathcal{P}).$$

In [2] we showed that  $\text{dom dim}_R \mathcal{P} = \text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{I}$ . As an application it can

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be shown that the left codominant dimension of a left artinian ring is equivalent to the ring's left dominant dimension. In fact, this follows from the result that the minimal injective cogenerator  ${}_R\mathcal{U}$  and the left regular module  ${}_R R$  can be used as test modules for  ${}_R\mathcal{I}$  and  ${}_R\mathcal{P}$ , respectively. In this paper we propose to give a categorical characterization of those rings for which this can be done.

As shall be seen, this is closely related to when the direct sum of projective injective modules is injective and rings with ascending condition on annihilators (see [3]). To facilitate this discussion we provide the following definitions.

An injective module  ${}_R M$  is  $\Sigma$ -injective provided  $\bigoplus \Sigma_\Omega M$  is injective for all  $\Omega$ . Faith [3, Proposition 3.3] has shown that it is sufficient to consider  $\Omega$  of countable cardinality in testing for  $\Sigma$ -injectivity. As the categorical dual concept we have  $\pi$ -projectivity.

For a left  $R$ -module  ${}_R M$  and a subset  $X \subseteq M$  we set

$$\text{Ann}_R(X) = \{r \in R: rX = 0\}.$$

The collection of all such left ideals for a given  ${}_R M$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{A}\text{nn}_R(M)$ . For the special case of  ${}_R M = {}_R R$ ,  $\mathcal{A}\text{nn}_R(R)$  is called the set of left *annulets* of  $R$ .

1. **The left regular module  ${}_R R$  as a test module.** In this section we determine when  ${}_R R$  is a test module. Clearly this is a triviality when  $\text{dom dim } {}_R R = 0$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $R$  be a left perfect ring of positive left dominant dimension. Then  ${}_R R$  is a test module for the dominant dimension of the projective modules if and only if each injective projective left module is  $\Sigma$ -injective.*

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) It suffices to show that  $\bigoplus \Sigma_\Omega P_\alpha$  is injective, where  $P_\alpha \cong Re$  for each  $\alpha \in \Omega$  is an indecomposable injective projective. Further, we may assume that the cardinality of  $\Omega$  is  $\aleph_0$ .

Let  $0 \rightarrow \bigoplus \Sigma_\Omega P_\alpha \rightarrow E(\bigoplus \Sigma_\Omega P_\alpha)$  be the canonical injection. Since  $P_\alpha$  is injective,  $\bigoplus \Sigma_{\Omega'} P_\alpha$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $E(\bigoplus \Sigma_\Omega P_\alpha)$  for each finite subset  $\Omega'$  of  $\Omega$ . Moreover, with  $E(\bigoplus \Sigma_\Omega P_\alpha)$  projective,  $E(\bigoplus \Sigma_\Omega P_\alpha) \cong \bigoplus \Sigma_\Gamma Re_\beta$ , where each  $Re_\beta$  is injective. Whereas  $\bigoplus \Sigma_{\Omega'} P_\alpha$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $\bigoplus \Sigma_\Gamma Re_\beta$  for each finite subset  $\Omega'$  of  $\Omega$ ,  $P_\alpha \cong Re_\beta$  for infinitely many  $\beta \in \Gamma$ . Thus,  $\bigoplus \Sigma_\Omega P_\alpha$  is injective.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) For  ${}_R P$  projective we have  ${}_R P \cong \bigoplus_{\Omega} \Sigma Re_{\alpha}$ . We consider a minimal injective resolution  $0 \rightarrow Re_{\alpha} \rightarrow E_{1\alpha} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow E_{n\alpha} \rightarrow \cdots$  for each  $\alpha \in \Omega$ . Then, with  $\text{dom dim}_R R \geq n$ ,

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\Omega} Re_{\alpha} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\Omega} E_{1\alpha} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\Omega} E_{n\alpha}$$

provides the desired portion of a minimal injective resolution of  $\bigoplus_{\Omega} \Sigma Re_{\alpha}$ .

Note that the sufficiency part of the proof depended only on the dominant dimension of the projectives being nonzero.

**Corollary 1.2.** *If  $R$  is a left perfect ring of positive left dominant dimension and  ${}_R R$  is a test module for  ${}_R \mathcal{P}$ , then  $R$  is semiprimary.*

**Proof.** In this setting  $E({}_R R)$  is  $\Sigma$ -injective. Then, by Corollary 3.4 of [3],  $R$  satisfies a.c.c. on left annulets. But then by Proposition 4.1 of [3],  $R$  is semiprimary.

**Corollary 1.3.** *A ring  $R$  is left self-injective, left perfect and has  ${}_R R$  as a test module for  ${}_R \mathcal{P}$  if and only if  $R$  is QF.*

**Proof.** For such a ring every projective left module is injective and so, the ring is QF (see [3]).

In [3] Faith points out that a.c.c. on left annulets of  $R$  does not imply  $\Sigma$ -injectivity of  $E({}_R R)$ , although the converse does hold. We provide a case where this is true.

**Proposition 1.4.** *Let  $R$  be a left perfect ring of positive left dominant dimension. Then,  $\mathcal{U}_{\text{nn}}(E({}_R R)) = \mathcal{U}_{\text{nn}}(R)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a subset of  $E({}_R R) \cong \bigoplus_{\Omega} \Sigma Re_{\alpha}$ . Set  $M_{\alpha} = \rho_{\alpha}(M) \subseteq Re_{\alpha}$ , where  $\rho_{\alpha}: E({}_R R) \rightarrow Re_{\alpha}$  is the canonical projection. Then,  $\{\tau \in R: \tau M = 0\} = \{\tau \in R: \tau(\bigcup_{\Omega} M_{\alpha}) = 0\}$ .

**Corollary 1.5.** *Let  $R$  be left perfect and  $\text{dom dim}_R R \neq 0$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  ${}_R R$  is a test module for  ${}_R \mathcal{P}$ ;
- (2)  $R$  satisfies a.c.c. on left annulets;
- (3) For each left ideal  $I$  there corresponds a finitely generated sub-ideal  $I'$  having the same right annihilator as  $I$ .

**Proof.** In light of (1.4) this is a restatement of Proposition 3.3 of [3].

2. **The minimal injective cogenerator as a test module.** First we note that rings in which  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{J} \neq 0$  have the same  $\Sigma$ -injectivity property as noted in the previous section.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $R$  be a left perfect ring for which  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{I} \neq 0$ . Then, each injective projective left module is  $\Sigma$ -injective.*

**Proof.** Theorem 3.1 of [2] states that  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{I} = \text{dom dim}_R \mathcal{P}$ . Consequently, this is immediate from the remark following (1.1).

In establishing our next theorem we shall make use of the following observation.

**Proposition 2.2.** *If  $R$  is a left perfect ring and  ${}_R P$  is an injective projective module which is  $\Pi$ -projective, then  ${}_R P$  is  $\Sigma$ -injective. For  $R$  perfect the converse also holds.*

**Proof.** It suffices to show that  $\bigoplus \Sigma_{\Omega} Re$  is injective for some infinite index set  $\Omega$ ,  $Re$  an indecomposable injective projective left  $R$ -module. For any infinite set  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Pi_{\Gamma} Re$  is projective and so, isomorphic to  $\bigoplus \Sigma_{\Delta} Re_{\alpha}$  for some infinite set  $\Delta$ . Suppose that only finitely many of the  $Re_{\alpha}$ 's are isomorphic to  $Re$ , say  $n$  in all. The module  $\Pi_{\Gamma} Re$  has a submodule isomorphic to  $\bigoplus \Sigma^{n+1} Re$ , so  $\bigoplus \Sigma_{\Gamma} Re_{\alpha}$  has a direct summand isomorphic to  $\bigoplus \Sigma^{n+1} Re$ . This is impossible and so infinitely many of the  $Re_{\alpha}$ 's are isomorphic to  $Re$ . Thus,  $\bigoplus \Sigma_{\Gamma} Re_{\alpha}$  has a direct summand of the form  $\bigoplus \Sigma_{\Omega} Re$  with  $\Omega$  infinite.

For  $R$  perfect, every nonzero module has a nonzero socle. We again let  $Re$  be an indecomposable injective projective left  $R$ -module and consider  $\Pi_{\Omega} Re$ ,  $\Omega$  infinite. Every simple submodule of  $\Pi_{\Omega} Re$  is isomorphic to  $Re$ 's unique simple submodule. Hence,  $\Pi_{\Omega} Re \cong \bigoplus \Sigma_{\Gamma} Re$  and  $\Pi_{\Omega} Re$  is projective.

So as to relate the codominant dimension of the minimal injective cogenerator  ${}_R \mathcal{U}$  to the codominant dimension of an arbitrary injective module, we shall apply the next result.

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $R$  be left perfect with  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{I} \neq 0$  and  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{U} \geq n$ . Then, if  $\dots \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow {}_R \mathcal{U} \rightarrow 0$  is a minimal projective resolution of  ${}_R \mathcal{U}$ ,  $P_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , generates the corresponding  $i$ th term in the minimal projective resolution of an arbitrary injective left  $R$ -module.*

**Proof.** By Theorem 3.1 of [2], (1.1) and (2.1), we note that the hypothesis of (1.2) is satisfied. Thus,  $R$  is perfect. For each injective  ${}_R E$ ,

$${}_R E \cong E \left( \bigoplus \sum_{\Omega_1} \frac{Re_1}{Je_1} \right) \oplus \dots \oplus E \left( \bigoplus \sum_{\Omega_m} \frac{Re_m}{Je_m} \right),$$

where  $e_1, \dots, e_m$  belong to a basic set of primitive idempotents for  $R$ . We shall establish (2.3) for  $E(\bigoplus_{\Omega_1} S)$ , where  $S \cong Re_1/Je_1$ .

First observe that  $E(\bigoplus_{\Omega_1} S)$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $\prod_{\Omega_1} E(S)$ . Next, let  $P_{1n} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_{11} \rightarrow E(S) \rightarrow 0$  be the first  $n$  terms in a minimal projective resolution of  $E(S)$ .

By (2.1) and (2.2),

$$\prod_{\Omega_1} P_{1n} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \prod_{\Omega_1} P_{11} \rightarrow \prod_{\Omega_1} E(S) \rightarrow 0$$

are the first  $n$  terms in a projective resolution of  $\prod E(S)$ . Moreover, the  $i$ th term in a minimal projective resolution of  $E(\bigoplus_{\Omega_1} S)$  is isomorphic to a direct summand of  $\prod_{\Omega_1} P_{1i}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Also, such a summand is of the form  $\bigoplus_{\Sigma} Re_{\beta}$  with each  $Re_{\beta}$  isomorphic to a direct summand of  $P_{1i}$ . Thus,  $P_{1i}$ , and so  $P_i$ , generates  $\bigoplus_{\Sigma} Re_{\beta}$ .

Combining (2.1) and (2.3) along with the results of the previous section we have the following characterization of when the minimal injective cogenerator  ${}_R \mathcal{U}$  is a test module.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $R$  be left perfect and of positive left codominant dimension. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  ${}_R \mathcal{U}$  is a test module for  ${}_R \mathcal{J}$ .
- (2) Each injective projective left module is  $\Sigma$ -injective.
- (3) Each injective projective left module is  $\Pi$ -projective.
- (4)  $R$  has a.c.c. on left annulets and  $E({}_R R)$  is projective.
- (5)  ${}_R R$  is a test module for  ${}_R \mathcal{P}$  and  $\text{dom dim}_R R \neq 0$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2). This is (2.1) and (2.3).

(1), (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3). By Theorem 3.1 of [2], (1.1) and (1.2), we have sufficiency. Necessity is (2.2).

$\Leftrightarrow$ (4). This equivalency is given by Theorem 3.1 of [2], (1.4) and Proposition 3.3 of [3].

$\Leftrightarrow$ (5). See (1.1).

**3. When codominant and dominant dimension are equivalent.** First we restate the main result of [2], replacing the long tedious proof given there by a greatly clarified version.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $R$  be left perfect. Then  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{J} \geq n$  if and only if  $\text{dom dim}_R \mathcal{P} \geq n$ .*

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) We induct on  $n$ . Let  ${}_R P$  be projective, and suppose that  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{A} \geq k + 1$  and that  $\text{dom dim}_R \mathcal{P} \geq k$ . Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & & & P_{k+1} \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & & & \vdots \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & & & P_1 \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \phi_1 \\
 0 \rightarrow & P & \rightarrow & E_1 & \xrightarrow{\psi_1} & \cdots & \rightarrow E_{k+1} \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & & & 0
 \end{array}$$

where the row is a minimal injective resolution of  ${}_R P$  and the column a minimal projective resolution of  $E_{k+1}$ . Since  $\text{Hom}_R(\_, M)$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(N, \_)$  are exact functors whenever  ${}_R M$  is injective and  ${}_R N$  is projective, the above diagram results in the commutative diagram given by Figure 1, in which all the columns are exact and the first  $k + 1$  rows are exact and the last row semi-exact. To show that  $E_{k+1}$  is projective it will suffice to show that the identity map  $\iota \in \text{Hom}_R(E_{k+1}, E_{k+1})$  has a preimage under  $\text{Hom}_R(E_{k+1}, P_1) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(E_{k+1}, E_{k+1})$ , since in such a case  $E_{k+1}$  will be isomorphic to a submodule of  $P_1$ . Using Figure 1 we diagram chase  $\iota = \text{Hom}_R(E_{k+1}, E_{k+1})$  to some  $f_{k+1} = \text{Hom}_R(P, P_{k+1})$  as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 f_{k+1} & \rightarrow & f_k \psi_0 & & & & \\
 & & \uparrow & & & & \\
 & & f_k & \rightarrow & \cdots & & \\
 & & & & \uparrow & & \\
 & & & & f_2 & \rightarrow & f_1 \psi_{k-1} \\
 & & & & & & \uparrow \\
 & & & & & & f_1 & \rightarrow & \psi_k \\
 & & & & & & & & \uparrow \\
 & & & & & & & & \iota
 \end{array}$$

*Case 1.*  $f_i \psi_{k-i} \neq 0, i = 1, \dots, k$ . In this case consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 f_{k+1} & & 0 & & & & \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & & & \\
 b_1 & \phi_{k+1}b_1 - f_k & & 0 & & & \\
 & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & & \\
 & b_2 & \phi_k b_2 - f_{k-1} & & & & \\
 & & \uparrow & & & & \\
 & & b_3 & & & & \\
 & & & & & & 0 \\
 & & & & \uparrow & & \\
 & & & & \phi_3 b_{k-1} - f_2 & & 0 \\
 & & & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 & & & & b_k & \phi_2 b_k - f_1 & 0 \\
 & & & & & \uparrow & \uparrow \\
 & & & & & b_{k+1} & \phi_1 b_{k+1} - f_1
 \end{array}$$

Since  $(\phi_1 b_{k+1} - f_1)\psi_k = 0$ ,  $\phi_1 b_{k+1}\psi_k = \psi_k$ . But if  $\text{Ker } \phi_1 b_{k+1} \neq 0$ , then  $\text{Im } \psi_k \cap \text{Ker } \phi_1 b_{k+1} \neq 0$ , as  $\text{Im } \psi_k$  is essential in  $E_{k+1}$ . This is impossible, so  $b_{k+1}$  is monic. Thus,  $E_{k+1}$  is isomorphic to a submodule of  $P_1$  and so, is projective.

Case 2.  $f_i \psi_{k-i} = 0$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Let  $l$  be the minimal such  $i$ . Then we are back in the situation for Case 1 with  $k = l - 1$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ) This is the dual of the sufficiency proof.

For those rings for which the dimensions, respectively, of the injectives and left projectives are positive, the theories of codominant dimension and dominant dimension coincide.

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $R$  be left perfect and  $\text{dom dim}_R \mathcal{P} \neq 0$ . Then,  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{U} = \text{dom dim}_R R$ .*

**Proof.** If not, then by (1.1), (2.1) and (2.4),  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{U} = 0$ .

**Corollary 3.3.** *If  $R$  is left perfect and  $\text{dom dim}_R \mathcal{P} \neq 0$ , then  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{U} = \text{codom dim } \mathcal{U}_R$ , where  $\mathcal{U}_R$  is the minimal injective cogenerator for  $\mathfrak{M}_R$ .*

**Proof.** As noted in (1.2),  $R$  must be semiprimary. But then by [5, Theorem 10], right and left dominant dimensions are equal.

To throw slightly more light on those rings for which  $\text{dom dim}_R \mathcal{P} \neq 0$ , we make the following observations.

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $R$  be left perfect and  $\text{dom dim}_R R > 0$ . Then, the projective covers of injective left modules are direct sums of finitely generated injectives.*

**Proof.** For a projective cover  $\bigoplus \Sigma Re_\alpha \rightarrow_R E \rightarrow 0$ , we note that each  $Re_\alpha$  is a submodule of an injective  $Re_\beta$ . Considering

$$\begin{array}{c}
 0 \\
 \downarrow \\
 \bigoplus \Sigma Re_\alpha \rightarrow_R E \rightarrow 0 \\
 \downarrow \quad \nearrow \\
 \bigoplus \Sigma Re_\beta
 \end{array}$$

we note that  $\bigoplus \Sigma Re_\alpha$  is a direct summand of  $\bigoplus \Sigma Re_\beta$  and, hence, of the desired form.

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $R$  be left perfect and  $\text{dom dim}_R R > 0$ . Then, if  ${}_R \mathcal{U}$  is finitely generated or if the injective indecomposable projectives are  $\Sigma$ -injective,  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{U} \neq 0$ .*

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $R$  be perfect and  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{U} \neq 0$ . Then,  $R$  has an injective projective faithful left ideal.*

**Proof.** Let  $Re$  be an indecomposable projective. Then,

$$\begin{array}{c}
 0 \rightarrow Re \rightarrow E(\text{Soc } Re) \cong E(Re) \\
 \quad \quad \quad \searrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \phi \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \bigoplus \Sigma_B Re_\beta
 \end{array}$$

where  $\phi$  is the projective cover mapping, can be completed with a monic map. Since  $Re$  is finitely generated,  $\text{Soc}(Re)$  is isomorphic to a submodule of  $\bigoplus \Sigma_{B'} Re_\beta$  for some finite subset  $B' \subseteq B$ . For a given minimal submodule  $S$  of  $Re$ , there exists  $\beta' \in B'$  such that  $S \cong S_{\beta'} \leq Re_{\beta'}$  and  $\phi(S_{\beta'}) \cong S_{\beta'}$ . Thus, the composition  $\rho\phi: \bigoplus \Sigma_B Re_\beta \rightarrow E(S)$ , where  $\rho: E(\text{Soc } Re) \rightarrow E(S)$  is the natural projection, does not annihilate the canonical image of  $S_{\beta'}$ . On the other hand,  $\bigoplus \Sigma_B Re_\beta = P \oplus P'$ , where the restriction of  $\rho\phi$  to  $P$  provides a projective cover and  $P'$  is annihilated by  $\rho\phi$ . Hence,  $S$  is isomorphic to a submodule of  $P$ , and so there exists an injective  $Re_\beta$  with  $S$  as a submodule. Consequently,  $R$  has an injective left ideal which contains a copy of each minimal left ideal of  $R$ .

**Proposition 3.7.** *Let  $R$  be left perfect, and  $\text{dom dim}_R R > 0$  or  $\text{codom dim}_R \mathcal{U} > 0$ . Then,  $\text{dom dim}_R \mathcal{P} \neq 0$  if and only if each injective projective left module is  $\Sigma$ -injective.*

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $Re$  is injective and not  $\Sigma$ -injective, then  $\text{dom dim } \bigoplus \Sigma_\Omega Re = 0$  for infinite  $\Omega$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) See (2.4).



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