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A module G over a local ring (R, \mathfrak{m}, k) is totally reflexive provided there is a complex of finitely generated free R -modules

$$\mathbf{F} = \dots \longrightarrow F_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} F_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} F_{n-1} \longrightarrow \dots$$

such that G is the cokernel of ∂_0 and $\mathrm{Hom}_R(\mathbf{F}, R)$ is exact. Such modules were first studied by Auslander and Bridger. A ring for which every totally reflexive module is free is called \mathcal{G} -regular.

Such rings have been studied in work of Takahashi and Yoshino, and have appeared implicitly in work of Christensen-Piepmeyer-Striuli-Takahashi. In this preliminary report, we unify many of the examples of \mathcal{G} -regular rings that exist in the literature by showing that if $\varphi: Q \rightarrow R$ is a Golod homomorphism, then under certain conditions R is \mathcal{G} -regular. (Received September 01, 2009)