

On projective modules with semilocal endomorphisms ring.

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Abstract

It is proved that a projective left R -module P with semilocal endomorphism ring is finitely generated if and only if $\text{hdim}(P) = \text{hdim}((P/J(P)))$.

1 Preliminaries.

Throughout R denotes an associative ring with unit and all modules will be left unital R -module. Let $J(M)$ be the *Jacobson radical* of an R -module M . A left R -module is called *semi-local* if $M/J(M)$ is a semi-simple left R -module. For a semisimple module $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ where all M_i are simple R -modules, we denote by $\text{length}(M) = \text{card}(I)$ the length of M .

A submodule N of M is called *small* in M if for every submodule U of M with $N + U = M$ we have $U = M$. We denote a small submodule N of M by $N \ll M$. A module M is said to be *hollow* if $M \neq 0$ and every proper submodule of M is small in M . M is said to have *finite hollow dimension* (or *finite dual Goldie dimension*) if there exists an exact sequence

$$M \xrightarrow{g} \bigoplus_{i=1}^n H_i \longrightarrow 0$$

where all the H_i are hollow and the kernel of g is small in M . Then n is an invariant of the module M and called the *hollow dimension* of M and we write $\text{hdim}(M) = n$. In [SV, Theorem 1.8] it is shown that in this case M does not allow any epimorphism to a direct sum with more than n summands. Note that for a semisimple module M with finite dual Goldie dimension we have $\text{hdim}(M) = \text{length}(M)$. The dual Goldie dimension was investigated in [GP], [HaS], [Lo], [SV], [T76], [T94], [V]. The modules with semilocal endomorphisms ring were investigated in [HeS], [Lo] and [Lo]. In [Lo] C.Lomp has formulated the question: *Is every (self-) projective R -module P with semilocal endomorphisms ring finitely generated ?*

This question is closely related to an old problem of D. Lazard (see [La]): *If P is a projective left R -module with $P/J(P)$ finitely generated then P is finitely generated ?*

H. Zoschinger in [Z81] and I. Sakhaev in [S77], [S85], [S87], [S89], [S91], [S93] have investigated the problem of D. Lazard. A non commutative semilocal ring over which there exists a no finitely generated projective module P such that $P/J(P)$ is finitely generated was constructed by I. Sakhaev and V. Gerasimov in [GS].

2 Proof of the Results.

At first we show how our question is related to the problem of D. Lazard.

Lemma 2.1. *Let P be a projective left R -module with semilocal endomorphism ring. Then the left R -module $P/J(P)$ is finitely generated.*

Proof. By Takeuchi's Theorem (see [Lo, Theorem 2.10] for a short proof) we have $\text{hdim}(\text{End}(P)) = \text{hdim}(P) < \infty$ and by [Lo, Theorem 2.7] P is semilocal with $\text{hdim}(P) \geq \text{length}(P/J(P))$. Since every semisimple module with finite length is finitely generated, the result follows. \square

Now we will prove the more general confirmation about R -modules M with $\text{hdim}(M) < \infty$.

Theorem 2.2. *Let M be a left R -module with $\text{hdim}(M)$ finite. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a) M is finitely generated.
- (b) $J(M)$ is small in M .
- (c) $\text{hdim}(M) = \text{hdim}(M/J(M))$.

Proof. By [Lo, Theorem 2.7] M is semilocal and $\text{hdim}(M) \geq \text{length}(M/J(M))$. Hence $M/J(M)$ is a semisimple module of finite length and hence finitely generated.

By [W, 21.6(4)] a module M is finitely generated if and only if $M/J(M)$ is finitely generated and $J(M) \ll M$. Hence (a) \Leftrightarrow (b) follows from [W, 21.6(4)].

As $\text{hdim}(M)$ is finite (b) \Leftrightarrow (c) follows from [V, Theorem 1.20(3)]. \square

Corollary 2.3. *A projective left R -module P with semi-local endomorphisms ring is finitely generated if and only if $\text{hdim}(P) = \text{hdim}(P/J(P))$.*

Proof. By Takeuchi's theorem [Lo, Theorem 3.10] we have $\text{hdim}(P) < \infty$. Theorem 2.2 completes the proof. \square

Remark 2.4. *In [HeS, Example 10(2)] D. Herbera and A. Shamsuddin gave an example of a cyclic module with semilocal endomorphism ring, but with infinite dual Goldie dimension. Their construction is as follows:*

Take a ring extension $R \subseteq S$ such that R is semilocal, but S is not (for example R a field and $S=R[X]$ the (commutative) polynomial ring with coefficients in R). Consider the (S, R) -bimodule $M := \text{Hom}_R({}_R S, {}_R S/R)$, the sub-bimodule

$N = \{f \in M \mid f(R) = 0\}$ and the ring $T := \begin{pmatrix} S & M \\ 0 & R \end{pmatrix}$. Take the right ideal $I := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & N \\ 0 & R \end{pmatrix}$ of T . Then $\text{End}_T(T/I) \simeq I'/I \simeq R$ holds as rings, where $I' = \begin{pmatrix} R & N \\ 0 & R \end{pmatrix}$ is the idealizer of I in T . Hence T/I is a cyclic T -module whose endomorphism ring is isomorphic to the semilocal ring R . Since S has infinite dual Goldie dimension as right S -module, T/I has infinite dual Goldie dimension as right T -module. To see this let $U := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M \\ 0 & R \end{pmatrix}$ and note that $S_S = T/U_T$ is a factor module of T/I as $I \subseteq U$. Thus $\infty = \text{hdim}(S) = \text{hdim}(T/U_T) \leq \text{hdim}(T/I)$.

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