

$\tau$ -rigid Modules over Auslander Algebras

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Abstract. We give a characterization of  $\tau$ -rigid modules over Auslander algebras in terms of projective dimension of modules. Moreover, we show that for an Auslander algebra  $\Lambda$  admitting finite number of non-isomorphic basic tilting  $\Lambda$ -modules and tilting  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$ -modules, if all indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid  $\Lambda$ -modules of projective dimension 2 are of grade 2, then  $\Lambda$  is  $\tau$ -tilting finite.

## 1. Introduction

Recently Adachi, Iyama and Reiten [4] introduced  $\tau$ -tilting theory to generalize the classical tilting theory in terms of mutations.  $\tau$ -tilting theory is close to the silting theory introduced by [5] and the cluster tilting theory in the sense of [10, 18, 21].

Note that  $\tau$ -tilting theory depends on  $\tau$ -rigid modules. So it is very interesting to find all  $\tau$ -rigid modules for a given algebra. There are some works on this topic (see [1–3, 6, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24–26] and so on). In particular, Iyama and Zhang [19] classified all the support  $\tau$ -tilting modules and indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid modules for the Auslander algebra  $\Gamma$  of  $K[x]/(x^n)$ . They showed that the number of non-isomorphic basic support  $\tau$ -tilting  $\Gamma$ -modules is exactly  $(n + 1)!$ . For an arbitrary Auslander algebra  $\Lambda$ , little is known on  $\tau$ -rigid  $\Lambda$ -modules. So a natural question is:

**Question 1.1.** How to judge  $\tau$ -rigid modules over an arbitrary Auslander algebra?

Our first goal in this paper is to give a partial answer to this question. Throughout this paper all algebras are finite-dimensional algebras over a field  $K$  and all modules are finitely generated right modules.

For an algebra  $\Lambda$ , denote by  $(-)^*$  the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(-, \Lambda)$ . For a  $\Lambda$ -module  $M$ , denote by  $\text{pd}_{\Lambda} M$  (resp.  $\text{id}_{\Lambda} M$ ) the projective dimension (resp. injective dimension) of  $M$ . Denote by  $\text{grade } M$  the grade of  $M$ . Then we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.2.** (Theorems 3.3 and 3.10, Corollary 3.7) *Let  $\Lambda$  be an Auslander algebra and  $M$  a  $\Lambda$ -module. Then we have the following:*

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- (1) Every simple module  $S$  is  $\tau$ -rigid.
- (2) If  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 1$ , then  $M$  is  $(\tau)$ -rigid if and only if  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^2(N, M) = 0$ , where  $N = M^{**}/M$ .
- (3) If  $\text{grade } M = 2$ , then  $M$  is  $\tau$ -rigid if and only if  $\text{Tr } M$  is  $\tau$ -rigid with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda \text{Tr } M = 1$ .
- (4) If  $\Lambda$  admits a unique simple module  $S$  with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = 2$ , then
- (a) every indecomposable module  $M$  with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 1$  is  $(\tau)$ -rigid.
  - (b) all indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid  $\Lambda$ -modules  $N$  with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda N = 2$  are of grade 2.

On the other hand, Demonet, Iyama and Jasso gave a general description of algebras with finite number of support  $\tau$ -tilting modules in [11] where they call the algebras  $\tau$ -tilting finite algebras. It is clear that an algebra  $\Lambda$  is  $\tau$ -tilting finite if and only if so is its opposite algebra  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$ . We should remark that an algebra is  $\tau$ -tilting finite implies that there are finite number of non-isomorphic basic tilting  $\Lambda$ -modules and tilting  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$ -modules. It is natural to consider the following question.

**Question 1.3.** When is an algebra admitting finite number of basic tilting  $\Lambda$ -modules and tilting  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$ -modules  $\tau$ -tilting finite?

It is obvious that algebras of finite representation type are both tilting-finite and  $\tau$ -tilting finite. However, we need a non-trivial case. Our second goal of this paper is to give a more general answer to this question whenever  $\Lambda$  is an Auslander algebra. We prove the following theorem in which the algebra is not necessary to be an Auslander algebra.

**Theorem 1.4.** (Theorem 3.8) *Let  $\Lambda$  be an algebra of global dimension 2 admitting finite number of basic tilting  $\Lambda$ -modules and tilting  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$ -modules. If all indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid modules with projective dimension 2 are of grade 2, then  $\Lambda$  is  $\tau$ -tilting finite.*

The paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we recall some preliminaries. In Section 3, we prove the main results and give some examples to show the main results.

Throughout this paper, all algebras  $\Lambda$  are basic connected finite dimensional algebras over an algebraic closed field  $K$  and all  $\Lambda$ -modules are finitely generated right modules. Denote by  $\text{mod } \Lambda$  the category of finitely generated right  $\Lambda$ -modules. For  $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ , denote by  $\text{add } M$  the subcategory of direct summands of finite direct sum of  $M$ . We use  $\text{Tr } M$  to denote the Auslander transpose of  $M$ . Denote by  $\tau$  the AR-translation and denote by  $|M|$  the number of non-isomorphic indecomposable direct summands of  $M$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we recall some basic preliminaries for later use. For an algebra  $\Lambda$ , denote by  $\text{gl. dim } \Lambda$  the global dimension of  $\Lambda$ . We begin with the definition of Auslander algebras.

**Definition 2.1.** An algebra  $R$  is called an *Auslander algebra* if  $\text{gl. dim } R \leq 2$  and  $I_i(R)$  is projective for  $i = 0, 1$ , where  $I_i(R)$  is the  $(i + 1)$ -th term in a minimal injective resolution of  $R$ .

Let  $R$  be a representation-finite algebra and  $A$  an additive generator of  $\text{mod } R$ . Auslander proved that there is a one to one correspondence between representation-finite algebras and Auslander algebras via  $R \mapsto \text{End}_R(A)$ . In this case, we call  $\text{End}_R(A)$  the *Auslander algebra of  $R$* . Furthermore, for  $X \in \text{mod } R$  we denote by  $P_X = \text{Hom}_R(A, X)$  and  $S_X = P_X/\text{rad } P_X$ . The following statement [9] is essential in the proof of the main result.

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be an indecomposable  $R$ -module. Then*

- (1)  $\text{pd}_\Lambda S_X \leq 1$  if and only if  $X$  is projective, and  $0 \rightarrow P_{\text{rad } X} \rightarrow P_X \rightarrow S_X \rightarrow 0$  is a minimal projective resolution of  $S_X$ .
- (2)  $\text{pd}_\Lambda S_X = 2$  if and only if  $X$  is not projective, and the almost split sequence  $0 \rightarrow \tau X \rightarrow E \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$  gives a minimal projective resolution  $0 \rightarrow P_{\tau X} \rightarrow P_E \rightarrow P_X \rightarrow S_X \rightarrow 0$  of  $S_X$ .

For a positive integer  $k$ , an algebra  $\Lambda$  is called Auslander’s  $k$ -Gorenstein if  $\text{pd}_\Lambda I_j(\Lambda) \leq j$  for  $0 \leq j \leq k - 1$ . For a  $\Lambda$ -module  $M$  and a positive integer  $i$ , we call  $\text{grade } M \geq i$  if  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^j(M, \Lambda) = 0$  for  $0 \leq j \leq i - 1$ . We need the following result.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be an Auslander algebra and  $T \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ . For  $j = 1, 2$ ,*

- (1) *the subcategory  $\{M \mid \text{grade } M \geq j\}$  is closed under submodules and factor modules.*
- (2) *every simple  $\Lambda$ -module  $S$  is either of grade 0 or of grade 2.*
- (3)  $\text{grade Ext}_\Lambda^j(T, \Lambda) \geq 2$ .
- (4) *the projective dimension of any composition factor of  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^2(T, \Lambda)$  is 2.*

*Proof.* (1) is a straight result of [15, Proposition 2.4].

(2) follows from the fact  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(S, \Lambda) \simeq \text{Hom}_\Lambda(S, I_i(\Lambda))$  and  $\Lambda$  is an Auslander algebra.

(3) By the definition of Auslander algebra,  $\Lambda$  is Auslander’s 2-Gorenstein. Then by [12]  $\Lambda$  is Auslander’s  $k$ -Gorenstein if and only if for each submodule  $X$  of  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^i(T, \Lambda)$  with  $T$  in  $\text{mod } \Lambda$  and  $i \leq k$ , we have  $\text{grade } X \geq i$ . Then we have  $\text{grade Ext}_\Lambda^j(T, \Lambda) \geq j$  for  $j = 1, 2$ .

By (1) every composition factor  $S$  of  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(T, \Lambda)$  has grade at least 1, and hence 2 by (2). Then by an induction on the length of  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(T, \Lambda)$ , we get  $\text{grade Ext}_\Lambda^1(T, \Lambda) \geq 2$ .

(4) is a direct result of (1) and (3). □

In the following we recall some basic properties of  $\tau$ -rigid modules. We start with the following definition [4].

**Definition 2.4.** We call  $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$   $\tau$ -rigid if  $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(M, \tau M) = 0$ . In addition,  $M$  is called  $\tau$ -tilting if  $M$  is  $\tau$ -rigid and  $|M| = |\Lambda|$ . Moreover,  $M$  is called *support  $\tau$ -tilting* if there exists an idempotent  $e$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $M$  is a  $\tau$ -tilting  $\Lambda/(e)$ -module.

It is clear that any  $\tau$ -rigid  $\Lambda$ -module  $M$  is rigid, that is,  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, M) = 0$ . In general the converse is not true. But if  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 1$ , then  $M$  is  $\tau$ -rigid if and only if  $M$  is rigid. Recall that a  $\Lambda$ -module  $T$  is called a (*classical*) *tilting module* if  $T$  satisfies (1)  $\text{pd}_\Lambda T \leq 1$ , (2)  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(T, T) = 0$  and (3)  $|T| = |\Lambda|$ . It is showed in [4] that a tilting  $\Lambda$ -module is exactly a faithful support  $\tau$ -tilting  $\Lambda$ -module.

To judge  $\tau$ -rigid modules of projective dimension 2 over Auslander algebras, we also need the following lemma in [4].

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be an algebra and  $M$  a  $\Lambda$ -module without projective direct summands. Then  $M$  is  $\tau$ -rigid in  $\text{mod } \Lambda$  if and only if  $\text{Tr } M$  is  $\tau$ -rigid in  $\text{mod } \Lambda^{\text{op}}$ .*

Recall that a morphism  $f: M \rightarrow N$  is called *right minimal* (resp. *left minimal*) if  $fg = f$  (resp.  $gf = f$ ) implies that  $g$  is an isomorphism, where  $g$  is a homomorphism of the form  $M \rightarrow M$  (resp.  $N \rightarrow N$ ). The following properties of right minimal (resp. left minimal) morphisms in [13] are useful for the proof of the main results.

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{g} B \xrightarrow{f} C \rightarrow 0$  be a non-split exact sequence in  $\text{mod } \Lambda$  with  $B$  projective-injective. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $A$  is indecomposable and  $g$  is left minimal.
- (2)  $C$  is indecomposable and  $f$  is right minimal.

### 3. Main results

In this section we give the main results of this paper and some examples to show the main results. Throughout this section,  $\Lambda = \text{End}_R A$  is the Auslander algebra of a representation-finite algebra  $R$  with an additive generator  $A$ .

It is showed by Igusa [14] that  $S$  is rigid for any simple module  $S$  over an algebra  $\Gamma$  of finite global dimension. However, we give a new direct proof for the rigidness of simple modules whenever  $\Gamma$  is an Auslander algebra.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be an Auslander algebra and  $S$  a simple  $\Lambda$ -module. Then  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(S, S) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* For a simple  $\Lambda$ -module  $S$ , we show the assertion by using the projective dimension of  $S$ .

If  $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = 0$ , there is nothing to show.

If  $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = 1$ , then we can get a minimal projective resolution  $0 \rightarrow P_1(S) \rightarrow P_0(S) \rightarrow S \rightarrow 0$ . Then the length of  $P_1(S)$  is smaller than that of  $P_0(S)$ , and hence  $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(P_1(S), S) = 0$ . So one gets  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(S, S) \simeq \text{Hom}_\Lambda(P_1(S), S) = 0$ .

If  $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = 2$ , then by Proposition 2.2, there is an  $AR$ -sequence  $0 \rightarrow \tau X \rightarrow E \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$  in  $\text{mod } R$  such that  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, \tau X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, E) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, X) \rightarrow S \rightarrow 0$  is a minimal projective resolution of  $S$ . On the contrary, suppose that  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(S, S) \neq 0$ , then we get that  $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(P_1(S), S) \simeq \text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(S, S) \neq 0$ . So  $P_0(S) = \text{Hom}_R(A, X)$  is a direct summand of  $P_1(S) = \text{Hom}_\Lambda(A, E)$ . Note that the functor  $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(A, -)$  induces an equivalence from  $\text{add } A$  to  $\text{add } \Lambda$ , then  $X$  is a direct summand of  $E$ . Since  $E \rightarrow X$  is right almost split, then we get an irreducible morphism  $f: X \rightarrow X$  by [7, IV, Theorem 1.10(b)], a contradiction. □

Denote by  $(-)^*$  the functor  $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(-, \Lambda)$ , then we have the following lemma [19] with a different shorter proof.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be an Auslander algebra, and let  $M$  be a  $\Lambda$ -module with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M \leq 1$ . Then the canonical map  $M \xrightarrow{\varphi_M} M^{**}$  is injective, and the projective dimension of any composition factor of  $M^{**}/M$  is 2.*

*Proof.* By [8], we get an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Lambda^{\text{op}}}^1(\text{Tr } M, \Lambda) \rightarrow M \rightarrow M^{**} \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Lambda^{\text{op}}}^2(\text{Tr } M, \Lambda) \rightarrow 0.$$

To show the former assertion, it suffices to show that  $\text{Ext}_{\Lambda^{\text{op}}}^1(\text{Tr } M, \Lambda) = 0$ . In the following we show  $\text{grade Tr } M = 2$ . Since  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M \leq 1$ , then one gets  $\text{Tr } M \simeq \text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, \Lambda)$  and hence by Lemma 2.3(3),  $\text{grade Tr } M \geq 2$  holds, and hence  $\text{Ext}_{\Lambda^{\text{op}}}^1(\text{Tr } M, \Lambda) = 0$ . We get the desired injection. Then by Lemma 2.3(2), the later assertion holds. □

Now we are in a position to state the following main result on the  $(\tau)$ -rigidness of modules with projective dimension 1.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be an Auslander algebra and  $M$  a  $\Lambda$ -module with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 1$ . Then  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, M) = 0$  if and only if  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^2(N, M) = 0$  holds for  $N = M^{**}/M$ .*

*Proof.* We show the assertion step by step.

(1) For any  $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ ,  $M^*$  is projective. Here we only need the condition  $\text{gl. dim } \Lambda = 2$ .

Let  $P_1(M) \rightarrow P_0(M) \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  be a projective resolution of  $M$ . Applying the functor  $(-)^*$ , we get an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M^* \rightarrow P_0(M)^* \rightarrow P_1(M)^*$ . Since  $\text{gl. dim } \Lambda \leq 2$ , one gets that  $M^*$  is a projective  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$ -module. Thus  $M^{**}$  is a projective  $\Lambda$ -module.

(2)  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, M) \simeq \text{Ext}_\Lambda^2(M^{**}/M, M)$  holds.

By Lemma 3.2, we get the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow M^{**} \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Lambda^{\text{op}}}^2(\text{Tr } M, \Lambda) (= M^{**}/M) \rightarrow 0$ . Applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_\Lambda(-, M)$  to the exact sequence, we get the desired isomorphism since  $M^{**}$  is projective by (1). □

Immediately, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be an Auslander algebra and  $M$  a  $\Lambda$ -module with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 1$ .*

(1) *If  $\text{id}_\Lambda M = 1$ , then  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, M) = 0$  holds.*

(2) *If  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^2(S', M) = 0$  holds for any composition factor  $S'$  of  $M^{**}/M$ , then  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, M) = 0$  holds.*

*Proof.* (1) follows from Theorem 3.3 directly. By induction on the length of  $M^{**}/M$ , one can get the assertion (2). □

*Remark 3.5.* We should remark that the converse of Corollary 3.4 are not true in general (see Example 3.11(5)).

Denote by  $i\tau\text{-rig } \Lambda$  the set of isomorphism classes of indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid  $\Lambda$ -modules. Similarly, one can define  $i\tau\text{-rig } \Lambda^{\text{op}}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{G}$  the subset of  $i\tau\text{-rig } \Lambda$  consisting of isomorphism classes of  $\tau$ -rigid modules of grade 2 and denote by  $\mathcal{S}$  the subset of  $i\tau\text{-rig } \Lambda^{\text{op}}$  consisting of isomorphism classes of non-projective  $\tau$ -rigid submodules of  $\text{add } \Lambda^{\text{op}}$ . To judge  $\tau$ -rigid modules of projective dimension 2 over Auslander algebras, we need the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be an algebra of global dimension 2. There is a bijection between  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  via  $\text{Tr}: M \mapsto \text{Tr } M$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.5  $M$  is  $\tau$ -rigid if and only if  $\text{Tr } M$  is  $\tau$ -rigid. Now it suffices to show that (a)  $M \in \mathcal{G}$  implies that  $\text{Tr } M \in \mathcal{S}$  and (b)  $M \in \mathcal{S}$  implies that  $\text{Tr } M \in \mathcal{G}$ .

(a) Since  $M \in \mathcal{G}$ , take the following minimal projective resolution of  $M$ :  $\cdots \rightarrow P_1(M) \rightarrow P_0(M) \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ . Applying the functor  $(-)^*$ , we get an exact sequence

$$(3.1) \quad 0 = M^* \rightarrow P_0(M)^* \rightarrow P_1(M)^* \rightarrow \text{Tr } M \rightarrow 0,$$

which is a minimal projective resolution of  $\text{Tr } M$ . Then  $\text{pd}_\Lambda \text{Tr } M = 1$ . On the other hand, since  $\text{grade } M = 2$ , one gets the following sequences

$$(3.2) \quad 0 = M^* \rightarrow P_0(M)^* \rightarrow \Omega^1 M^* \rightarrow \text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, \Lambda) = 0$$

and

$$(3.3) \quad 0 \rightarrow \Omega^1 M^* \rightarrow P_1(M)^* \rightarrow P_2(M)^*.$$

Comparing exact sequences (3.1) with (3.2) and (3.3), one gets that  $\text{Tr } M$  is a submodule of  $P_2(M)^*$ .

(b) Since  $M \in \mathcal{S}$  is non-projective and  $\text{gl. dim } \Lambda = 2$ , then  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 1$ . Take a minimal projective resolution of  $M$ :  $0 \rightarrow P_1(M) \rightarrow P_0(M) \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ . Applying  $(-)^*$ , we get the following exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M^* \rightarrow P_0(M)^* \rightarrow P_1(M)^* \rightarrow \text{Tr } M \rightarrow 0$ . Note that  $\text{Tr}$  is a duality and  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 1$ , one gets that  $\text{Hom}_{\Lambda^{\text{op}}}(\text{Tr } M, \Lambda) = 0$ . Since  $M$  can be embedded into a projective module, then  $M$  is torsionless, that is,  $M \rightarrow M^{**}$  is injective. By [8] there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Lambda^{\text{op}}}^1(\text{Tr } M, \Lambda) \rightarrow M \rightarrow M^{**} \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Lambda^{\text{op}}}^2(\text{Tr } M, \Lambda) \rightarrow 0$  which implies that  $\text{Ext}_{\Lambda^{\text{op}}}^1(\text{Tr } M, \Lambda) = 0$ . Then  $\text{grade } \text{Tr } M = 2$ .  $\square$

As a corollary, we get the following

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be an Auslander algebra and  $M \in \text{mod } \Lambda$ . If  $M$  is of grade 2, then  $M$  is  $\tau$ -rigid if and only if  $\text{Tr } M$  is  $\tau$ -rigid with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda \text{Tr } M = 1$  in  $\text{mod } \Lambda^{\text{op}}$ .*

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.6, it is enough to show that  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 1$  if and only if  $M$  can be embedded into a projective module. Since  $\text{gl. dim } \Lambda = 2$ , one gets that  $M$  can be embedded into a projective module implies that  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 1$ . The converse follows from Lemma 3.2.  $\square$

Recall that from [11] that an algebra  $\Lambda$  is called  $\tau$ -tilting finite if there are finite number of non-isomorphic indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid modules in  $\text{mod } \Lambda$ . It is clear that a  $\tau$ -tilting finite algebra admits finite number of tilting  $\Lambda$ -modules and tilting  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$ -modules. To find a way from two-sided tilting finite to  $\tau$ -tilting finite, we have the following

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be an algebra of global dimension 2 admitting finite number of basic tilting  $\Lambda$ -modules and tilting  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$ -modules. If all indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid modules  $M$  with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 2$  are of grade 2, then  $\Lambda$  is  $\tau$ -tilting finite.*

*Proof.* By the assumption, there are finite number of tilting modules which implies that there are finite number of indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid  $\Lambda$ -modules and  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$ -modules of projective dimension less than or equal to 1. Then by Proposition 3.6, the number of indecomposable

$\tau$ -rigid  $\Lambda$ -module of grade 2 is equal to the number of indecomposable non-projective  $\tau$ -rigid submodules  $N$  of  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$ . Since  $\text{gl. dim } \Lambda = 2$ , we get that  $\text{pd}_\Lambda N = 1$ , and hence the number of this class of modules is finite. Note that all indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid  $\Lambda$ -modules with projective dimension 2 are of grade 2, then the number of indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid modules with projective dimension 2 is finite by Proposition 3.6.  $\square$

Immediately, we have the following corollary which confirms the  $\tau$ -tilting finiteness of the Auslander algebra of  $K[x]/(x^n)$  showed in [19].

**Corollary 3.9.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be an Auslander algebra admitting finite number of basic tilting  $\Lambda$ -modules and tilting  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$ -modules. If all indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid modules  $M$  with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 2$  are of grade 2, then  $\Lambda$  is  $\tau$ -tilting finite.*

For a module  $M$ , denote by  $\text{rad } M$  and  $\text{soc } M$  the radical and the socle of  $M$ , respectively. Now we give the following classification of Auslander algebras admitting a unique simple module of projective dimension 2 which gives a support to Theorem 3.3 and Corollary 3.9.

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be an Auslander algebra. If  $\Lambda$  admits a unique simple  $\Lambda$ -module  $S$  with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda S = 2$ , then*

- (1)  $\Lambda$  is either the Auslander algebra of the path algebra  $R = KQ$  with  $Q: 1 \rightarrow 2$  or the Auslander algebra of the Nakayama local algebra  $R$  of radical square zero.
- (2) every indecomposable  $\Lambda$ -module  $M$  with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M \leq 1$  is rigid, and hence  $\tau$ -rigid.
- (3) all indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid  $\Lambda$ -modules  $N$  with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda N = 2$  are of grade 2.

*Proof.* Since (2) and (3) follow from (1) easily, we only show (1). By Proposition 2.2, there is a unique non-projective indecomposable  $R$ -module  $X$  such that the  $AR$ -sequence  $0 \rightarrow \tau X \rightarrow E \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$  in  $\text{mod } R$  induces a minimal projective resolution of  $S: 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, \tau X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, E) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, X) \rightarrow S \rightarrow 0$ . Then all indecomposable modules are projective except  $X$ . We claim that  $X$  should be simple. Otherwise, there would be a simple factor module  $Y$  of  $X$  such that  $Y \not\cong X$ . By the proof above  $Y$  would be projective and hence  $X \simeq Y$  is projective, a contradiction. Now we divide the proof in two parts.

(a) If  $X$  is not injective, then all indecomposable injective  $R$ -modules are projective, and hence  $R$  is self-injective. So we get that  $R$  is local with a unique simple module  $X$ . Otherwise, there would be a simple projective-injective  $R$ -module. One gets a contradiction since  $R$  is basic and connected. Taking a minimal projective resolution of  $X$ , we get the following exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \Omega^1 X \rightarrow P_0(X) (= R) \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$ . By Lemma 2.6,  $\Omega^1 X$  is



indecomposable non-projective, and hence  $\Omega^1 X \simeq X$ . Then  $\text{rad}^2 R = 0$  holds. By [9, IV, Proposition 2.16],  $R$  is a Nakayama algebra.

(b) If  $X$  is injective, then  $X \not\cong \text{soc } P$  for any indecomposable projective  $R$ -module. Hence the injective envelope  $I^0(R)$  is projective, that is,  $R$  is Auslander’s 1-Gorenstein [12]. Then  $P_0(X)$  is projective-injective since  $X$  is injective. Taking a part of minimal projective resolution of  $X: 0 \rightarrow \Omega^1 X \rightarrow P_0(X) \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$ , one gets that  $\Omega^1 X$  is indecomposable and projective by Lemma 2.6. Then we conclude that  $R$  is a hereditary algebra.

In the following we show  $R$  is a Nakayama algebra. One can show that  $P_0(X)$  is the unique projective-injective module in  $\text{mod } R$  since  $R$  is a basic connected hereditary algebra. Then every indecomposable projective  $R$ -module is contained in  $P_0(X)$  and admits a unique composition series. By [12],  $R^{\text{op}}$  is also Auslander’s 1-Gorenstein. Similarly, every indecomposable projective  $R^{\text{op}}$ -module admits a unique composition series. So  $R$  is a Nakayama algebra. By [7, V, Theorem 3.2] and the fact all indecomposable  $R$ -modules are projective except one, we get that  $R = KQ$  with  $Q: 1 \rightarrow 2$ . □

At the end of this paper we give another two examples to show our main results.

**Example 3.11.** Let  $\Lambda$  be the Auslander algebra of  $K[x]/(x^n)$ . Then we have the following:

(1)  $\Lambda$  is given by

$$1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{a_1} \\ \xleftarrow{b_2} \end{array} 2 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{a_2} \\ \xleftarrow{b_3} \end{array} 3 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{a_3} \\ \xleftarrow{b_4} \end{array} \cdots \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{a_{n-2}} \\ \xleftarrow{b_{n-1}} \end{array} n-1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{a_{n-1}} \\ \xleftarrow{b_n} \end{array} n$$

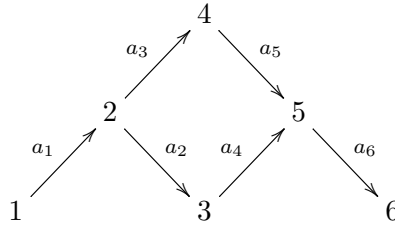
with relations  $a_1 b_2 = 0$  and  $a_i b_{i+1} = b_i a_{i-1}$  for any  $2 \leq i \leq n-1$ .  $\Lambda$  is of infinite representation type if  $n \geq 5$ .

- (2) All indecomposable module  $M$  with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 1 = \text{id}_\Lambda M$  are direct summands of tilting modules, and hence  $\tau$ -rigid.
- (3) All indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid modules of projective dimension 2 are of grade 2 (see [19] for details).
- (4) The number of tilting  $\Lambda$ -modules (resp.  $\Lambda^{\text{op}}$ -modules) is  $n!$  [19, 23]. By Theorem 3.8,  $\Lambda$  is  $\tau$ -tilting finite.
- (5) If  $n = 4$ , then the indecomposable module  $M = \begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}$  is  $(\tau)$ -rigid with  $\text{pd}_\Lambda M = 1$  and  $\text{id}_\Lambda M = 2$  and  $M^{**} = \begin{smallmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}$ . But  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^2(S(2), M) \neq 0$ .

We should remark that there does exist an Auslander algebra  $\Lambda$  such that an indecomposable  $\tau$ -rigid  $\Lambda$ -module with projective dimension 2 does not necessarily have grade 2.

**Example 3.12.** Let  $\Lambda$  be the Auslander algebra of  $KQ$  with  $Q: 1 \xrightarrow{a_1} 2 \xrightarrow{a_2} 3$ . Then

(1)  $\Lambda$  is given by the following quiver  $Q'$ :



with relations  $a_2a_1 = 0$ ,  $a_5a_3 = a_4a_2$  and  $a_6a_4 = 0$ .

(2) All indecomposable modules are  $\tau$ -rigid.

(3) The indecomposable module  $M = {}_3^2 4$  is of projective dimension 2, but it is not of grade 2 since  $\text{pd}_\Lambda S(4) = 1$ .

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