

ON G - (n, d) -RINGS

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ABSTRACT. The main aim of this paper is to investigate a new class of rings called, for positive integers n and d , G - (n, d) -rings, over which every n -presented module has a Gorenstein projective dimension at most d . We characterize n -coherent G - $(n, 0)$ -rings. We conclude with various examples of G - (n, d) -rings.

1. Introduction. Throughout this paper all rings are commutative with identity element and all modules are unital. If M is any R -module, we use $\text{pd}_R(M)$, $\text{id}_R(M)$ and $\text{fd}_R(M)$ to denote, respectively, the usual projective, injective and flat dimensions of M . It is convenient to use “ m -local” to refer to a (not necessarily Noetherian) ring with a unique maximal ideal m .

During 1967–69, Auslander and Bridger [1, 2] introduced the G -dimension for finitely generated modules over Noetherian rings. Several decades later, this homological dimension was extended, by Enochs and Jenda [11, 12], to the Gorenstein projective dimension of modules that are not necessarily finitely generated and over non-necessarily Noetherian rings. And, dually, they defined the Gorenstein injective dimension. Then, to complete the analogy with the classical homological dimension, Enochs, Jenda and Torrecillas [14] introduced the Gorenstein flat dimension.

In the past few years, Gorenstein homological dimensions have become a vigorously active area of research (see [4, 9, 11, 13, 17] for more details). In 2004, Holm [17] generalized several results which had already been obtained over Noetherian rings.

The Gorenstein projective, injective and flat dimensions of a module are defined in terms of resolutions by Gorenstein projective, injective and flat modules, respectively.

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Definition 1.1 [17]. 1. An R -module M is said to be Gorenstein projective if there exists an exact sequence of projective modules

$$\mathbf{P} = \cdots \longrightarrow P_1 \longrightarrow P_0 \longrightarrow P^0 \longrightarrow P^1 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

such that $M \cong \text{Im}(P_0 \rightarrow P^0)$ and such that $\text{Hom}_R(-, Q)$ leaves the sequence \mathbf{P} exact whenever Q is a projective module.

2. The Gorenstein injective modules are defined dually.

3. An R -module M is said to be Gorenstein flat if there exists an exact sequence of flat modules

$$\mathbf{F} = \cdots \longrightarrow F_1 \longrightarrow F_0 \longrightarrow F^0 \longrightarrow F^1 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

such that $M \cong \text{Im}(F_0 \rightarrow F^0)$ and such that $- \otimes I$ leaves the sequence \mathbf{F} exact whenever I is an injective module.

Let R be a commutative ring, and let M be an R -module. For any positive integer n , we say that M is n -presented whenever there is an exact sequence:

$$F_n \longrightarrow F_{n-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow F_0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

of R -modules in which each F_i is a finitely generated free R -module. In particular, 0-presented and 1-presented R -modules are, respectively, finitely generated and finitely presented R -modules. We set $\lambda_R(M) = \sup\{n \mid M \text{ is } n\text{-presented}\}$, except that we set $\lambda_R(M) = -1$ if M is not finitely generated. Note that $\lambda_R(M) \geq n$ is a way to express the fact that M is n -presented.

Costa, [10], introduced a doubly filtered set of classes of rings in order to categorize the structure of non-Noetherian rings: for non-negative integers n and d , we say that a ring R is an (n, d) -ring if $\text{pd}_R(M) \leq d$ for each n -presented R -module M . (n, d) -rings are known rings in some particular values of n and d . For example, R is a Noetherian (n, d) -ring, which means that R has global dimension $\leq d$. $(0, 0)$, $(1, 0)$, and $(0, 1)$ -rings are, respectively, semi-simple, von Neumann regular and hereditary rings (see [10, Theorem 1.3]). According to Costa, [10], a ring R is called an n -coherent ring if every n -presented R -module is $(n + 1)$ -presented. For more results about (n, d) -rings see, for instance, [10, 22, 23].

The object of this paper is to extend the idea of Costa and introduce a doubly filtered set of classes of rings called G - (n, d) -rings and defined as follows:

Definition 1.2. Let $n, d \geq 0$ be integers. A ring R is called a G - (n, d) -ring if every n -presented R -module has a Gorenstein projective dimension at most d (i.e., $\lambda_R(M) \geq n$ implies $\text{Gpd}_R(M) \leq d$).

In Section 2, we characterize some known rings by the G - (n, d) -property, for small values of n and d . Then, we study the transfer of this property into some particular ring extensions. In the main result of this section, we characterize n -coherent G - $(n, 0)$ -rings. Section 3 is devoted to examples. We give an example of a ring which is a G - (n, d) -ring but not an (n, d) -ring for any positive integers n and d . Also we give examples of G - $(n, 0)$ -rings which are not G - $(n - 1, d)$ -rings, for $n = 2, 3$ and for any positive integer d .

2. Main results. As in [10, Theorem 1.3], the G - (n, d) -property is used to characterize the rings of small Gorenstein global dimension. Recall, from [5], the Gorenstein global dimension of a ring R , denoted $\text{G-gldim}(R)$, is defined as follows:

$$\text{G-gldim}(R) = \sup\{\text{Gpd}_R(M) \mid M \text{ } R\text{-module}\}.$$

Recall first the following rings:

Definition 2.1 [7, 25, 26]. Let R be a ring.

1. R is called G -semisimple if every R module is Gorenstein projective (= R is quasi-Frobenius).

2. R is called G -Von Neuman regular if every R -module is Gorenstein flat (= R is an \mathbf{F} -ring).

3. R is called G -hereditary if $\text{G-gldim}(R) \leq 1$. Also R is called G -Dedekind if it is an integral domain G -hereditary.

4. R is called G -semi-hereditary if R is coherent and every submodule of a flat R -module is Gorenstein flat. Also R is called G -Prüfer if it is an integral domain G -semi-hereditary.

Recall that an R -module M is n -presented if there is an exact sequence:

$$F_n \longrightarrow F_{n-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow F_1 \longrightarrow F_0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0,$$

such that each F_i is a finitely generated free R -module for $0 \leq i \leq n$. If $n = \infty$, we say that M is infinitely presented.

Theorem 2.2. *Let R be a ring. Then:*

1. R is a $G - (0, 0)$ -ring if and only if R is G -semisimple.
2. R is a $G - (0, 1)$ -ring if and only if R is G -hereditary.
3. R is a $G - (0, d)$ -ring if and only if $G\text{-gldim}(R) \leq d$.
4. R is a $G - (1, 0)$ -ring if and only if R is G -von Neuman regular.
5. If R is coherent, then R is a $G - (1, 1)$ -ring if and only if R is G -semi-hereditary.
6. R is a $G - (0, 1)$ -domain if and only if R is G -Dedekind.
7. If R is coherent, then R is a $G - (1, 1)$ -domain if and only if R is G -Prüfer.
8. If R is Noetherian, then R is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring if and only if $G\text{-gldim}(R) \leq d$.

Proof. (1) Follows from [7, Proposition 2.1]. The assertions (2)–(6) and (7) follow respectively from [25, Proposition 2.3, Proposition 3.3, Definition 2.1 and Definition 3.1] and [26, Theorem 2.6]. Equation (3) follows from [5, Lemma 2.2]. Equation (8) follows from (3) and, since it is in a Noetherian ring R , every finitely generated R -module is infinitely presented. \square

Remark 2.3. 1) An (n, d) -ring is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring for any positive integers n and d . The converse is not true in general (see Example 3.2).

2) $G - (n, d)$ -rings are $G - (n', d')$ -rings for any $n' \geq n$ and $d \geq d'$. The converse is not true in general (see Theorem 3.1).

Recall that, for an extension of rings $A \subseteq B$, A is called a module retract of B if there exists an A -module homomorphism $f : B \rightarrow A$ such that $f|_A = \text{id}_A$. The homomorphism f is called a module retraction map. If such map f exists, B contains A as a direct summand A -module.

Proposition 2.4. *Let A be a subring retract of R , $R = A \oplus_A E$, such that E is a flat A -module and $\text{G-gldim}(A)$ is finite. If R is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring, then A is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring.*

Proof. Let M be an n -presented A -module. Since R is a flat A -module, $M \otimes_A R$ is an n -presented R -module, and by hypothesis $\text{Gpd}_R(M \otimes_A R) \leq d$. Then, $\text{Gpd}_A(M) \leq d$ from [24, Proposition 2.4]. \square

Let A be a ring, and let E be an A -module. The trivial ring extension of A by E is the ring $R := A \rtimes E$ whose underlying group is $A \times E$ with multiplication given by $(a, e)(a', e') = (aa', ae' + a'e)$. These extensions have been useful for solving many open problems and conjectures in both commutative and non-commutative ring theory (see, for instance, [16, 18, 20, 22, 23]).

A direct application of Proposition 2.4 is the following corollary.

Corollary 2.5. *Let A be a ring with $\text{G-gldim}(A) < \infty$, and let E be a flat A -module. If $R = A \rtimes E$ is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring, then A is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring.*

In the next result, we study the transfer of the $G - (n, d)$ -property to the polynomial ring.

Theorem 2.6. *Let R be a ring and let X be an indeterminate over R .*

1. *Suppose that $\text{G-gldim}(R)$ is finite. If $R[X]$ is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring, then R is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring.*
2. *If R is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring which is not a $G - (n, d - 1)$ -ring, then $R[X]$ is not a $G - (n, d)$ -ring.*
3. *Suppose that $\text{G-gldim}(R)$ is finite. If $R[X]$ is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring, then R is a $G - (n, d - 1)$ -ring.*

Proof. 1. Let M be an R -module such that $\lambda_R(M) \geq n$. Since $R[X]$ is a free R -module, we have $\lambda_{R[X]}(M[X]) \geq n$ and, by hypothesis, $\text{Gpd}_{R[X]}(M[X]) \leq d$. From [6, Lemma 2.8], $\text{Gpd}_R(M) \leq d$, and R is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring as desired.

2. Since R is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring which is not a $G - (n, d - 1)$ -ring, there exists an R -module M such that $\lambda_R(M) \geq n$ and $\text{Gpd}_R(M) = d$. Then, from [17, Theorem], it is easy to see that there exists a free R -module F such that $\text{Ext}_R^d(M, F) \neq 0$. on the other hand, M is also an $R[X]$ -module via the canonical morphism: $R[X] \rightarrow R$. Hence, from [28, Lemma 9.29], there exists an exact sequence of $R[X]$ -modules:

$$0 \longrightarrow M[X] \longrightarrow M[X] \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0,$$

from which we conclude that $\lambda_{R[X]}(M) \geq \lambda_{R[X]}(M[X])$. But since $R[X]$ is a flat R -module we see that $\lambda_{R[X]}(M[X]) \geq \lambda_R(M) \geq n$, and we have $\lambda_{R[X]}(M) \geq n$. Then, [28, Theorem 9.37] shows that:

$$\text{Ext}_{R[X]}^{d+1}(M, F[X]) \cong \text{Ext}_R^{d+1}(M, F) \neq 0.$$

It follows from [17, Theorem 2.20], that $\text{Gpd}_{R[X]}(M) \geq d$. Finally, $R[X]$ is not a $G - (n, d)$ -ring as desired.

3. Follows from (1) and (2) of the same theorem. □

In the next theorem we study the transfer of the $G - (n, d)$ -property to the finite direct product of rings.

Theorem 2.7. *Let $R = R_1 \times R_2 \cdots \times R_m$ be a finite direct product of rings. If R is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring, then R_i is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring for each $i = 1, \dots, m$. The converse is true if $\sup\{\text{G-gldim}(R_i) \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$ is finite.*

To prove this theorem we need the following lemma.

Lemma 2.8. *Let $R = R_1 \times R_2 \cdots \times R_m$ be a finite direct product of rings, and let $n \geq 0$ be an integer. Then, $M = \oplus_i M_i$ is an n -presented R -module if and only if M_i is an n -presented R_i -module for each $i = 1, \dots, m$.*

Proof. Follows from [8, Corollary 2.6.9]. □

Proof of Theorem 2.7. Let M_i be an R_i -module such that $\lambda_{R_i}(M_i) \geq n$; then, from Lemma 2.8 above, we have $\lambda_R(\oplus_i M_i) \geq n$ and by hypothesis $\text{Gpd}_R(\oplus_i M_i) \leq d$. Hence, from [6, Lemma 3.2], $\text{Gpd}_{R_i}(M_i) \leq d$.

Conversely, suppose that $\sup\{G\text{-gldim}(R_i) \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$ is finite, and let $M = M_1 \oplus \dots \oplus M_m$ be an n -presented R -module. Then, for each i , M_i is an n -presented R_i -module by Lemma 2.8. And, by hypothesis, we have $\text{Gpd}_{R_i}(M_i) \leq d$. Hence, from [6, Lemma 3.3], $\text{Gpd}_R(M) \leq \sup\{\text{Gpd}_{R_i}(M_i) \mid i = 1, \dots, m\} \leq d$. \square

The next result shows that a $G - (n, d)$ -ring has grade at most d . This theorem is a generalization of [10, Theorem 1.4].

Theorem 2.9. *Let R be a $G - (n, d)$ -ring. Then R contains no regular sequence of length $d + 1$.*

Proof. Let x_1, \dots, x_t be a regular sequence in R , where $I = \sum_{i=1}^t Rx_i \neq R$. Then, the Koszul complex defined by $\{x_1, \dots, x_t\}$ is a finite free resolution of R/I and hence R/I is n -presented for every n . Then, since R is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring, we have $\text{Gpd}_R(R/I) \leq d$. But $\text{Gpd}_R(R/I) = t$ from [21, Exercise 1, page 127]. Therefore, $t \leq d$. \square

In the next result we study the locality of the $G - (n, d)$ -property.

Proposition 2.10. *Let R be a ring with $G\text{-gldim}(R)$ finite, and let n and d be positive integers such that $d \leq n - 1$. If R is locally a $G - (n, d)$ -ring, then R is also a $G - (n, d)$ -ring.*

To prove this theorem we need the following result.

Lemma 2.11 ([10, Lemma 3.1]). *Let M be an R -module, and let S be a multiplicative subset of a system in R . If M has a finite presentation, then:*

$$S^{-1}\text{Ext}_R^i(M, N) \cong \text{Ext}_{S^{-1}R}^i(S^{-1}M, S^{-1}N)$$

for all $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$, and $S^{-1}\text{Ext}_R^n(M, N)$ is isomorphic to a submodule of $\text{Ext}_{S^{-1}R}^n(S^{-1}M, S^{-1}N)$.

Proof of Proposition 2.10. Let M be an n -presented R -module, and let m be a maximal ideal of R . Then, M_m is an n -presented R_m -

module. Let P be a projective R -module; then $(\text{Ext}_R^i(M, P))_m = \text{Ext}_{R_m}(M_m, P_m) = 0$, and from [28, Theorem 3.80], $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, P) = 0$ for all $0 \leq i \leq n$. Therefore, $\text{Gpd}_R(M) \leq d$. \square

Now we give our main result of this section in which we give a characterization of n -coherent and a $G - (n, 0)$ -ring.

Theorem 2.12. *Let R be an n -coherent ring. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- A) R is a $G - (n, 0)$ -ring.
- B) The following conditions hold:
 1. Every finitely generated ideal of R has a nonzero annihilator.
 2. For each infinitely presented R -module M , $\text{Gpd}_R(M) < \infty$.
 3. For every finitely generated Gorenstein projective submodule G of a finitely generated projective R -module P , P/G is Gorenstein projective.

To prove this theorem we need the following lemma.

Lemma 2.13 ([3, Theorem 5.4]). *The following assertions are equivalent for a ring R :*

1. Every finitely generated projective submodule of a projective R -module P is a direct summand of P .
2. Every finitely generated proper ideal of R has a nonzero annihilator.

Proof of Theorem 2.12. (A) \Rightarrow (B). Condition (2) is obvious.

We prove (1). Let P be a finitely generated submodule of Q , and both P and Q are projective. Let Q' be a projective R -module such that $Q \oplus_R Q' = F_0$ is a free R -module. Then there exists an exact sequence:

$$(*) \quad 0 \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow F_0 \longrightarrow Q/P \oplus_R Q' \longrightarrow 0$$

On the other hand, since P is a finitely generated projective R -module, there exists a finitely generated free submodule F_1 of F_0 such that $P \subseteq F_1$ and $F_0 = F_1 \oplus_R F_2$. Thus, we see easily that P is infinitely

presented and from the exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow F_1 \longrightarrow F_1/P \longrightarrow 0;$$

$\text{pd}_R(F_1/P) \leq 1$ and F_1/P is also infinitely presented, and by hypothesis F_1/P is Gorenstein projective, then it is projective. Consider the following pushout diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & P & \longrightarrow & F_1 & \longrightarrow & F_1/P \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & P & \longrightarrow & F_0 & \longrightarrow & Q/P \oplus_R Q' \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & F_2 & \xlongequal{\quad} & F_2 \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

Since F_2 and F_1/P are projective, the exact sequence (*) splits and $Q \oplus_R Q' \cong P \oplus_R Q/P \oplus_R Q'$. Then $Q \cong P \oplus_R Q/P$ as desired.

To finish the proof of the first implication, it remains to prove that condition (3) holds. Let G be a finitely generated Gorenstein projective submodule of a finitely generated projective R -module P . Consider the exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow P/G \longrightarrow 0.$$

It follows that $\text{Gpd}_R(P/G) \leq 1$, and from [17, Theorem 2.10], there exists an exact sequence of R -modules:

$$(*) \quad 0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow P/G \longrightarrow 0$$

where K is projective and H is Gorenstein projective. But, by the proof of [17, Theorem 2.10], we may assume that K and H are finitely generated since G and P are finitely generated. Hence, combining (1) of this theorem with [25, Lemma 2.10], we conclude that K is a direct summand of H and the exact sequence (\star) splits. Then P/G is Gorenstein projective as a direct summand of H .

(B) \Rightarrow (A). Let M be an n -presented R -module. Since R is n -coherent, M is infinitely presented and $\text{Gpd}_R(M)$ is finite. Let $\text{Gpd}_R(M) = d$; then we have the exact sequence of R -modules:

$$0 \longrightarrow G \xrightarrow{u_{d-1}} P_{d-1} \xrightarrow{u_{d-2}} P_{d-2} \cdots \longrightarrow P_1 \xrightarrow{u_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{u_0} M \longrightarrow 0,$$

where P_i is a finitely generated projective for each i and G is a Gorenstein projective. Then we have the exact sequences of R -modules:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow G(= \ker(u_{d-1})) &\longrightarrow P_{d-1} \longrightarrow \text{Im}(u_{d-1}) \longrightarrow 0, \\ 0 \longrightarrow \text{Im}(u_i)(= \ker(u_{i-1})) &\longrightarrow P_{i-1} \longrightarrow \text{Im}(u_{i-1}) \longrightarrow 0 \\ &\text{for } i = 2, \dots, d-1, \\ 0 \longrightarrow \text{Im}(u_1)(= \ker(u_0)) &\longrightarrow P_0 \longrightarrow \text{Im}(u_0) = M \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by hypothesis and since G is a finitely generated Gorenstein projective submodule of a projective R -module P_{d-1} , we have $\text{textIm}(u_{d-1}) \cong P_{d-1}/G$ is a finitely generated Gorenstein projective R -module. Thus, by induction, we conclude that $M = \text{Im}(u_0)$ is a finitely generated Gorenstein projective R -module, and this completes the proof. \square

In the next proposition we study the relation between $G-(n, d)$ -rings and $G-(n, 0)$ -rings.

Proposition 2.14. *Let R be a $G-(n, d)$ -ring. Then R is a $G-(n, 0)$ -ring if and only if $\text{Ext}_R(M, K) = 0$ for every n -presented R -module M and every R -module K with $\text{pd}_R(K) = \text{Gpd}_R(M) - 1$.*

Proof. \Rightarrow). Obvious.

\Leftarrow). Let M be an n -presented R -module. Since R is a $G-(n, d)$ -ring, we have $\text{Gpd}_R(M) \leq d$. And, from [17, Theorem 2.10], there exists an exact sequence:

$$(\star) \quad 0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

where G is Gorenstein projective and $\text{pd}_R(K) = \text{Gpd}_R(M) - 1$. By hypothesis $\text{Ext}_R(M, K) = 0$, and the exact sequence (\star) splits. Then, by [17, Theorem 2.5], M is Gorenstein projective as a direct summand of G . \square

3. Examples. In this section, we construct a class of $G - (2, 0)$ -rings (respectively, $G - (3, 0)$ -rings) which are not $(1, d)$ -rings (respectively, not $G - (2, d)$ -rings) for every integer $d \geq 1$. Also we give an example of a $G - (n, d)$ -ring which is not an (n, d) -ring for every integer $n, d \geq 0$.

In the next result we give an example of a $G - (2, 0)$ -ring which is not a $G - (1, d)$ -ring. Also, we give an example of a $G - (2, d)$ -ring which is neither a $G - (2, d - 1)$ -ring nor a $G - (1, d)$ -ring for any integer $d \geq 0$. This theorem is a generalization [22, Theorem 3.4].

Theorem 3.1. *Let K be a field, and let $E(\cong K^\infty)$ be a K -vector space with infinite rank. Let $R := K \rtimes E$ be the trivial ring extension of K by E . Then:*

1. R is a $G - (2, 0)$ -ring.
2. R is not a $G - (1, d)$ -ring for every positive integer d .
3. Let S be a Noetherian ring with $\text{G-gldim}(S) = d$. Then, $T = R \times S$ is a $G - (2, d)$ -ring but neither a $G - (1, d)$ -ring nor a $G - (2, d - 1)$ -ring.

Proof. 1. R is a $G - (2, 0)$ -ring since it is a $(2, 0)$ -ring from [22, Theorem 3.4].

2. Let d be a positive integer. We have to prove that R is not a $G - (1, d)$ -ring. $M = 0 \rtimes E$ is the maximal ideal of R , and let $(0, e_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a set of generators of M . Consider the exact sequence of R -modules:

$$0 \longrightarrow M^{(I)} \longrightarrow R^{(I)} \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0;$$

from this exact sequence, we deduce that $\text{Gpd}_R(M) = 0$ or $\text{Gpd}_R(M) = \infty$. Suppose that $\text{Gpd}_R(M) = 0$, and let $J = R(0, f) \cong 0 \rtimes K$ be a principal ideal of R . J is a direct summand of M ; then $\text{Gpd}_R(J) = 0$. Consider the exact sequence of R -modules:

$$0 \longrightarrow \ker(u) \longrightarrow R \xrightarrow{u} J \longrightarrow 0,$$

where $u((a, e)) = (a, e)(0, f) = (0, af)$. Then, $\ker(u) = \{(a, e) \in R \mid af = 0\}$. We can easily see that $\ker(u) = M$. Then, $M \cong R/J \cong K$; hence, K is a Gorenstein projective R -module. In particular $\text{Ext}_R(K, R) = 0$, and R is self-injective ($0 = \text{id}_K(E) = \text{id}_R(R)$) from [15, Proposition 4.35], a contradiction. Indeed, R is not self-injective since $\text{Ann}_R(\text{ann}_R((J))) = M \neq J$ and from [27, Corollary 1.38]. Then $\text{Gpd}_R(M) = \infty$. On the other hand, R/J is a 1-presented R -module and $\text{Gpd}_R(M) = \text{Gpd}_R(R/J) = \infty$. Finally, R is not a $G - (1, d)$ -ring for each positive integer d .

3. Follows from Theorem 2.7 and Theorem 2.2 (8). □

Next we give an example of a $G - (n, d)$ -ring which is not an (n, d) -ring for positive integers n and d .

Example 3.2. Let K be a field and $R = K \rtimes K$ the trivial ring extension of K by K . Then R is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring but not an (n, d) -ring for positive integers n and d .

Proof. From [7, Theorem 3.7], R is a $G - (0, 0)$ -ring (=quasi-Frobenius); then, from Remark 2.3, R is a $G - (n, d)$ -ring for positive integers n and d . And it follows from [23, Example 3.4] that R is not a (n, d) -ring. □

The next result generates an example of a $G - (3, 0)$ -ring which is not a $G - (2, d)$ -ring for every integer $d \geq 0$. Also we give an example of a $G - (3, d)$ -ring which is neither a $G - (3, d - 1)$ -ring nor a $G - (2, d)$ -ring.

Theorem 3.3. *Let (A, M) be a local ring, and let $R = A \rtimes A/M$ be the trivial ring extension of A by A/M . Then:*

1. *If M is not finitely generated, then R is a $G - (3, 0)$ -ring.*
2. *If M contains a regular element, then R is not a $G - (2, d)$ -ring, for every integer $d \leq 0$.*
3. *Let S be a Noetherian ring with $\text{G-gldim}(S) = d$ for some integer $d \geq 0$. Then, $T = R \times S$ is a $G - (3, d)$ -ring which is neither a $G - (2, d)$ nor a $G - (3, d - 1)$ -ring.*

Proof. 1. Follows from [19, Theorem 1.1].

2. Suppose that M contains a regular element. Consider the exact sequence of R -modules:

$$(\star) \quad 0 \longrightarrow M \rtimes A/M \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow R/(M \rtimes A/M) \longrightarrow 0.$$

We prove that $\text{Gpd}_R(R/(M \times A/M)) = \infty$. If not, $\text{Gpd}_R(R/(M \times A/M))$ is finite. From the exact sequence (\star) and [17, Proposition 2.18], we have:

$$(1) \quad \text{Gpd}_R(M \times A/M) + 1 = \text{Gpd}_R(R/(M \times A/M))$$

Let $(x_i)_{i \in I}$ be a set of generators of M , and let $R^{(I)}$ be a free R module. Consider the exact sequence of R -modules:

$$0 \longrightarrow \ker(u) \longrightarrow R^{(I)} \oplus_R R \xrightarrow{u} M \times A/M \longrightarrow 0,$$

where

$$u((a_i, e_i)_{i \in I}, (b_0, f_0)) = \sum_{i \in I} (a_i, e_i)(x_i, 0) + (b_0, f_0)(0, 1) = \sum_{i \in I} (a_i x_i, b_0),$$

since $x_i \in M$ for each $i \in I$. Hence,

$$\ker(u) = (U \times (A/M)^{(I)}) \oplus_R (M \times A/M),$$

where $U = \{(a_i)_{i \in I} \in A^{(I)} \mid \sum_{i \in I} a_i x_i = 0\}$. Therefore, we have the isomorphism of R -modules:

$$M \times A/M \cong [R^{(I)}/(U \times (A/M)^{(I)})] \oplus_R [R/(M \times A/M)].$$

Hence, from [17, Proposition 2.19], we have:

$$(2) \quad \text{Gpd}(R/(M \times A/M)) \leq \text{Gpd}_R(M \times A/M).$$

It follows from (1) and (2) that $\text{Gpd}(R/(M \times A/M)) = \text{Gpd}_R(M \times A/M) = \infty$. Now, from the exact sequence of R -modules:

$$0 \longrightarrow M \times A/M \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow 0 \times A/M \longrightarrow 0,$$

we conclude that $\text{Gpd}_R(0 \times A/M) = \infty$. On the other hand, let $m \in M$ be a regular element and $J = R(m, 0)$ an ideal of R . Consider the following exact sequence of R modules:

$$0 \longrightarrow \ker(v) \longrightarrow R \xrightarrow{v} J \longrightarrow 0,$$

where $v((b, f)) = (b, f)(m, 0) = (bm, mf)$. Since m is a regular element, we have $\ker(v) = 0 \times A/M$. Therefore, it follows that $\text{Gpd}_R(J) = \text{Gpd}_R(0 \times A/M) = \infty$. On the other hand, $0 \times A/M$ is a finitely generated ideal of R ; hence, J is a finitely presented ideal of R . Finally, the exact sequence of R -modules:

$$0 \longrightarrow J \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow R/J \longrightarrow 0,$$

shows that $\lambda_R(R/J) \geq 2$ and $\text{Gpd}_R(R/J) = \infty$. Then R is not a $(2, d)$ -ring for each positive integer d .

3. Follows from Theorem 2.7 and Theorem 2.2 (8). \square

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