

INJECTIVE DIMENSION OF GENERALIZED TRIANGULAR MATRIX RINGS

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Throughout this paper, let R and S denote rings with identity, M an (S, R) -bimodule, and A a generalized triangular matrix ring defined by ${}_S M_R$, i. e.,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}$$

with the addition by element-wise and the multiplication by

$$\begin{bmatrix} r & 0 \\ m & s \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} r' & 0 \\ m' & s' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} rr' & 0 \\ mr' + sm' & ss' \end{bmatrix}.$$

The main purpose of the present paper is to estimate $\text{id-}A_A$, the injective dimension of A_A , in terms of those of R_R , M_R , and S_S . In fact, if we assume that $\text{fd-}{}_S M$, the flat dimension of ${}_S M$, is finite, then there hold the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R, \text{id-}S_S - \text{fd-}{}_S M) &\leq \text{id-}A_A \leq \\ \max(\max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R) + \text{fd-}{}_S M, \text{id-}S_S - 1) + 1. \end{aligned}$$

In this connection, we investigate the case when the left-hand or the right-hand side equality holds under the condition that ${}_S M$ is flat.

In [7], Zaks shows that the injective dimension of an $n \times n$ lower triangular matrix ring over a semiprimary ring R is just equal to $\text{id-}R_R + 1$. An example is constructed to show that the condition on R being semiprimary is redundant in his theorem.

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Let $e = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in A$ and $e' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in A$. Then $R \cong eAe$, $M \cong e'Ae$, and $S \cong e'Ae'$.

LEMMA 1. *Let X be a right A -module with $X = Xe$.*

- (1) *If X_R is projective, then X_A is projective.*
- (2) $\text{Ext}_A^i(X_A, A_A) \cong \text{Ext}_A^i(X_R, Ae_R)$.

PROOF. (1) This is found in [2, Theorem 2.2].

(2) By [4, Exercise 22, p. 114], we have the natural isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}_A(X_A, A_A) \cong \text{Hom}_R(X_R, Ae_R).$$

It follows that

$$\text{Ext}_A^i(X_A, A_A) \cong \text{Ext}_R^i(X_R, Ae_R),$$

for a projective resolution of X_R may be viewed as one of X_A by (1).

LEMMA 2. *Let Y be a right A -module.*

(1) *If Y_A is projective, then Ye'_S is projective.*

(2) $\text{Ext}_A^i(Y_A, e'A/e'Ae_A) \cong \text{Ext}_S^i(Ye'_S, S_S)$.

PROOF. (1) This is found in [4, Exercise 19, p. 114].

(2) By [4, Exercise 22, p. 114], we have the natural isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}_A(Y_A, e'A/e'Ae_A) \cong \text{Hom}_S(Ye'_S, S_S).$$

Note that, if $P'_A \rightarrow P_A \rightarrow P''_A$ is an exact sequence of projective A -modules, then so is $P'e'_S \rightarrow Pe'_S \rightarrow P''e'_S$ of projective S -modules in view of (1). Thus

$$\text{Ext}_A^i(Y_A, e'A/e'Ae_A) \cong \text{Ext}_S^i(Ye'_S, S_S).$$

LEMMA 3 [4, Proposition 4.1]. *Every right ideal of A has the form of $\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ K & \end{bmatrix}$, where K is a right ideal of S and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ KM \end{bmatrix}_R \subseteq X_R \subseteq \begin{bmatrix} R \\ M \end{bmatrix}_R$.*

THEOREM 4. *Assume that $\text{fd}_S M$ is finite. Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \max(\text{id}_R, \text{id}_M, \text{id}_S - \text{fd}_S M) &\leq \text{id}_A \leq \\ \max(\max(\text{id}_R, \text{id}_M) + \text{fd}_S M, \text{id}_S - 1) + 1. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Suppose $\max(\max(\text{id}_R, \text{id}_M) + \text{fd}_S M, \text{id}_S - 1) + 1 = t$. Let $\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ K & \end{bmatrix}$ be a right ideal of A . Since R can be considered as a left A -module via $\rho: A \rightarrow R \left(\begin{bmatrix} r & 0 \\ m & s \end{bmatrix} \mapsto r \right)$, the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow {}_A A \longrightarrow {}_A R \longrightarrow 0$$

induces

$$\text{Tor}_{i+1}^A(C, R) \cong \text{Tor}_i^A\left(C, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}\right) \quad (i \geq 1)$$

for every right A -module C . It follows that $\text{fd}_A \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix} + 1 = \text{fd}_A R$. Moreover, since ${}_A S$ is flat, $\text{fd}_S M = \text{fd}_A \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{fd}_A \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}$ by [1, Proposition 4.1.1, p. 117].

Therefore $\text{fd-}_A R = \text{fd-}_A \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix} + 1 = \text{fd-}_S M + 1$. The exact sequence of right A -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow 0$$

yields the following exact sequence

$$\text{Ext}_A^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_A \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) &\cong \text{Hom}_A \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, \text{Hom}_R \left(R, \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_R \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix} \otimes_A R, \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right), \end{aligned}$$

the resulting spectral sequence is

$$E_2^{p,q} = \text{Ext}_R^q \left(\text{Tor}_p^A \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, R \right), \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \Rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^n \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

Since $E_2^{p,q} = 0$ for either $q > \max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R)$ or $p > \text{fd-}_S M$, we have $\text{Ext}_A^n \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$ for $n > \max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R) + \text{fd-}_S M$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) &\cong \text{Ext}_A^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &\cong \text{Ext}_S^t(K, S) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 2, we have $\text{Ext}_A^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) = 0$. It follows that $\text{id-}A_A \leq t$ from the exactness of the sequence

$$\text{Ext}_A^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ K & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ K & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right),$$

and from the fact that

$$\text{Ext}_A^t \left(\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ K & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \cong \text{Ext}_R^t(X/KM, R \oplus M) = 0$$

by Lemma 1.

Conversely, suppose $\text{id-}A_A = m$. Then Lemma 1 forces that $\text{id-}R_R \leq m$ and

$\text{id-}M_R \leq m$. Now, let K be a right ideal of S . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_A\left(S/K \otimes_S \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}, A\right) &\cong \text{Hom}_S\left(S/K, \text{Hom}_A\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}, A\right)\right) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_S(S/K, S) \end{aligned}$$

and $\text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}, A\right) = 0$ for $i > 0$, the resulting spectral sequence is

$$E_2^{p,q} = \text{Ext}_A^q\left(\text{Tor}_p^S\left(S/K, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}\right), A\right) \xrightarrow{q} \text{Ext}_S^q(S/K, S).$$

Since $E_2^{p,q} = 0$ for either $q > \text{id-}A_A$ or $p > \text{fd-}_S M$, we have $\text{Ext}_S^q(S/K, S) = 0$ for $n > \text{id-}A_A + \text{fd-}_S M$. Thus $\text{id-}S_S - \text{fd-}_S M \leq \text{id-}A_A$.

The following is essentially in [1, p. 346].

LEMMA 5. Let A_S , ${}_S B_A$, and C_A be modules such that $\text{Ext}_A^i(B, C) = 0$ ($i > 0$) and $\text{Tor}_i^S(A, B) = 0$ ($i > 0$). Then there holds

$$\text{Ext}_S^q(A, \text{Hom}_A(B, C)) \cong \text{Ext}_A^q(A \otimes_S B, C).$$

LEMMA 6. Assume that ${}_S M$ is flat. Let

$$f_i^* = \text{Ext}_A^i(f, 1_A) : \text{Ext}_A^i\left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right)$$

be the induced map by

$$f : \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix} \hookrightarrow A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix},$$

where K is a right ideal of S . Then $\text{Im } f_i^*$ is contained in

$$\text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, e' A\right),$$

a direct summand of

$$\text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right).$$

PROOF. Let

$$\longrightarrow P_n \longrightarrow P_{n-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow P_0 \longrightarrow S/K \longrightarrow 0$$

be a free resolution of S/K , and

$$\longrightarrow Q_n \longrightarrow Q_{n-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow Q_0 \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow 0$$

a projective resolution of $\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}$. Then

$$\longrightarrow P_n \otimes_S e' A \longrightarrow P_{n-1} \otimes_S e' A \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow P_0 \otimes_S e' A \longrightarrow S/K \otimes_S e' A \longrightarrow 0$$

is a projective resolution of $S/K \otimes_S e' A$, since ${}_S M$ is flat. Consider the following exact commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \longrightarrow & P_n \otimes_S e' A & \longrightarrow & P_{n-1} \otimes_S e' A & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow P_0 \otimes_S e' A \longrightarrow P_n \otimes_S e' A \longrightarrow 0 \\ & \uparrow f_n & & \uparrow f_{n-1} & & & \uparrow f_0 & & \uparrow g \\ & Q_n & \longrightarrow & Q_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow Q_0 & \longrightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & & & & & & & \uparrow f \end{array}$$

where (f_i) is a map over $g \circ f$. Now, every element of $\text{Hom}_A(e' A, A)$ is given by the left multiplication of $\Lambda e'$, so

$$\text{Hom}_A(e' A, A) = \text{Hom}_A(e' A, \Lambda e' A) = \text{Hom}_A(e' A, e' A).$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_A(P_n \otimes_S e' A, A) &= \text{Hom}_A(S^{(I_n)} \otimes_S e' A, A) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_A(e' A^{(I_n)}, A) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_A(e' A^{(I_n)}, e' A) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_A(P_n \otimes_S e' A, e' A), \end{aligned}$$

hence that

$$\text{Im Hom}_A(f_n, 1_A) \subset \text{Hom}_A(Q_n, e' A).$$

Thus

$$\text{Im Ext}_A^i(f, 1_A) \subset \text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, e' A\right).$$

PROPOSITION 7. Assume that ${}_S M$ is flat and put $\max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R) = i$.

- (1) If $\text{id-}S_S > i$, then $\text{id-}\Lambda_A = \text{id-}S_S$.
- (2) If $\text{id-}S_S < i \neq 0$, then $\text{id-}\Lambda_A = i$ if and only if $\text{Ext}_R^i(M/KM, R \oplus M) = 0$ for every right ideal K of S .
- (3) If $\text{id-}S_S = i \neq 0$ and if $\text{Ext}_R^i(M/KM, R \oplus M) = 0$ for every right ideal K of S , then $\text{id-}\Lambda_A = i$.
- (4) If $\text{id-}S_S = i \neq 0$ and if $\text{Ext}_R^i(M/RM, R) \neq 0$ for some right ideal K of S , then $\text{id-}\Lambda_A = i + 1$.

PROOF. (1) This directly follows from Theorem 4.

(2) Let $\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}$ be a right ideal of A . Since

$$\text{Ext}_A^{i+1} \left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \cong \text{Ext}_R^{i+1}((R \oplus M)/X, R \oplus M) = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^i \left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) &\cong \text{Ext}_A^i(S/K \otimes_S e'A, A) \\ &\stackrel{\phi}{\cong} \text{Ext}_S^i(S/K, \text{Hom}_A(e'A, A)) \\ &\cong \text{Ext}_S^i(S/K, S) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where ϕ is an isomorphism by Lemma 5, we obtain the following exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^{i+1} \left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1} \left(A / \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \longrightarrow \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1} \left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \text{Ext}_A^i \left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^i \left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \longrightarrow \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1} \left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1} \left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that, for every right ideal K of S ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{id-}A_A = i &\Leftrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1} \left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^i(M/KM, R \oplus M) \cong \text{Ext}_A^i \left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

(3) Let $\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}$ be a right ideal of A . Considering the following exact sequences in the similar manners in (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^{i+1} \left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1} \left(A / \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \longrightarrow \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1} \left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right) &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1}\left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right) \longrightarrow \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1}\left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

we conclude that $\text{id-}A_A = i$ if $\text{Ext}_R^i(M/KM, R \oplus M) \cong \text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right) = 0$ for every right ideal K of S .

(4) Let K be a right ideal of S such that $\text{Ext}_R^i(M/KM, R) \neq 0$. Let

$$f: \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} \hookrightarrow A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then f induces a non-epimorphism

$$\begin{aligned} f_i^#: \text{Ext}_A^i\left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right) &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right) = \\ &\text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, e'A\right) \oplus \\ &\text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, eA\right) \end{aligned}$$

by the preceding Lemma 6, It follows that $\text{Ext}_A^{i+1}\left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right) \neq 0$ from the exactness of the following sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^i\left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right) &\xrightarrow{f_i^#} \text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right) \longrightarrow \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1}\left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right), \end{aligned}$$

hence that $\text{id-}A_A = i+1$ together with Theorem 4.

It is remaining the case when $R_R, M_R,$ and S_S are all injective. Since ${}_S M_R$ can be considered as an $(R \oplus S, R \oplus S)$ -bimodule in the natural way, i. e., $(r, s)m = sm$ and $m(r, s) = mr, A$ can be regarded as the trivial extension of the ring $R \oplus S$ by the $(R \oplus S, R \oplus S)$ -bimodule M . Thus [6, Theorem 1.4.1] can be applied to the above, namely,

PROPOSITION 8. Let $\mu: S \rightarrow \text{End}(M_R)$ be the canonical map. Then A_A is injective iff

- (1) $R_R, M_R,$ and ${}_S(M)_S = \{s \in S; sm=0 \text{ for every } m \in M\}$ are all injective.
- (2) μ is an epimorphism.
- (3) $\text{Hom}_R(M_R, R_R) = 0$.

REMARK 9. Let $A \ltimes N$ denote the trivial extension of the ring A by the (A, A) -bimodule N . It appeared in [3] concerning the injective dimension of $A \ltimes N_{A \ltimes N}$ that, if $\text{Ext}_A^i(N_A, N_A) \cong \begin{cases} A & (i=0) \\ 0 & (i>0) \end{cases}$, then $\text{id-}N_A = \text{id-}A \ltimes N_{A \ltimes N}$. This yields, however, only a trivial result for our situations, because $\text{End}(M_{R \oplus S}) \cong R \oplus S$ iff $R=M=S=0$.

REMARK 10. In view of Theorem 4, we may consider the following five cases concerning the relationships between $\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R,$ and $\text{id-}S_S$ under the condition that ${}_S M$ is flat.

Case 1. $\text{id-}R_R = \text{id-}M_R = \text{id-}S_S = \text{id-}A_A$.

Case 2. $\text{id-}R_R = \text{id-}M_R = \text{id-}S_S = \text{id-}A_A - 1$.

Case 3. Each of $(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R, \text{id-}S_S)$ does not equal to the other and $\max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R, \text{id-}S_S) = \text{id-}A_A$.

Case 4. Each of $(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R, \text{id-}S_S)$ does not equal to the other and $\max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R, \text{id-}S_S) = \text{id-}A_A - 1$.

Case 5. The other cases.

The following Examples are given to show the existence of each of the above cases.

Example of Case 1. Let R be an infinite direct product of fields, I a maximal ideal containing their direct sum, and $M = R/I$. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & \text{End}(M_R) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since R is a V -ring, M_R is injective. Moreover, $\text{Hom}_R(M_R, R_R) = 0$. Thus A_A is injective by Proposition 8.

Example of Case 2. Let A_2 be a 2×2 lower triangular matrix ring over a ring $R \neq 0$ with $\text{id-}R_R = i < +\infty$. Since $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, R) \neq 0$ ($i > 0$) for some right ideal I of R and $\text{Hom}_R(R_R, R_R) \neq 0$, $\text{id-}(A_2)_{A_2} = \text{id-}R_R + 1$ by Theorem 4, Propositions 7, and 8.

Example of Case 3. Let

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} Z & 0 & 0 \\ Q & Q & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ Q & Q & Z \end{array} \right], \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} Z & 0 \\ Q & Q \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then $\text{id-}R_R=2$, $\text{id-}(Q \ Q)_R=0$, and $\text{id-}Z_Z=1$. Since $\text{Ext}_R^2((Q \ Q)/K(Q \ Q), R \oplus (Q \ Q))=0$ for every right ideal K of Z , we have $\text{id-}A_A=2$ by Proposition 7 (2).

Example of Case 4. Let

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} Z & 0 & 0 \\ Z & Z & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & Q & Z \end{array} \right], \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} Z & 0 \\ Z & Z \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then $\text{id-}R_R=2$ and $\text{id-}Z_Z=1$. Since $(0 \ Q)_Z$ (resp. ${}_Z Z$) can be considered as a right (resp. left) R -module via $\sigma: R \rightarrow Z \left(\begin{bmatrix} Z & 0 \\ z' & z'' \end{bmatrix} \mapsto z'' \right)$, we have

$$(0 \ Q)_R \cong \text{Hom}_Z({}_R Z_Z, (0 \ Q)_Z)_R.$$

Since ${}_R Z \cong {}_R R e'$ is flat and $(0 \ Q)_Z$ is injective, $(0 \ Q)_R$ is injective. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_R^2((0 \ Q), R) &\cong \text{Ext}_R^2((Q \ Q)/(Q \ 0), R) \\ &\cong \text{Ext}_R^2((Q \otimes_Z (Z \ Z))/(Q \otimes_Z (Z \ 0)), R) \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

from the proof of [7, Lemma B] together with $\text{Ext}_Z^1(Q, Z) \neq 0$. Hence $\text{id-}A_A=3$ by Theorem 4 and Proposition 7 (2).

Example of Case 5. Let A_n ($n > 2$) be an $n \times n$ lower triangular matrix ring over a ring $R \neq 0$ with $\text{id-}R_R=i < +\infty$. Since A_n can be considered as

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|ccc} R & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ R & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ & & A_{n-1} & \\ R & & & \\ \vdots & & & \end{array} \right],$$

$\text{id-}(A_n)_{A_n} = \text{id-}(A_{n-1})_{A_{n-1}}$ by induction on n together with Proposition 7 (1). Hence $\text{id-}(A_n)_{A_n} = \text{id-}R_R + 1$.

REMARK 11. (1) Example of Case 1 is due to T. Kato.

(2) T. Sumioka has also independently observed that the injective dimension of an $n \times n$ lower triangular matrix ring over a ring R has the injective dimension $\leq \text{id-}R_R + 1$.

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