

## **$n$ -Gorenstein Projective Modules and Dimensions over Frobenius Extensions**

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**Abstract** In this paper, we study  $n$ -Gorenstein projective modules over Frobenius extensions and  $n$ -Gorenstein projective dimensions over separable Frobenius extensions. Let  $R \subset A$  be a Frobenius extension of rings and  $M$  any left  $A$ -module. It is proved that  $M$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module if and only if  $A \otimes_R M$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(A, M)$  are  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -modules if and only if  $M$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -module. Furthermore, when  $R \subset A$  is a separable Frobenius extension,  $n$ -Gorenstein projective dimensions are considered.

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### **1. Introduction**

The study of Gorenstein homological algebra stems from finitely generated modules of G-dimensions zero over any noetherian rings, introduced by Auslander and Bridger [1] in 1969 as a generalization of finite generated projective modules. In order to complete the analogy, in 1995, Enochs and Jenda introduced the Gorenstein projective modules (not necessarily finitely generated) over any associative rings; and dually, Gorenstein injective modules were defined in [2]. In 2004, Holm further studied the properties of these modules in [3]. In 2015,  $n$ -Gorenstein projective modules and  $n$ -Gorenstein injective modules were introduced by Tang in [4] as a generalization of these modules. Tang used these two classes of modules to give a new characterization of Gorenstein rings in terms of top local cohomology modules of flat modules.

The theory of Frobenius extensions was developed by Kasch [5] in 1954 as a generalization of Frobenius algebras, and was further studied by Nakayama and Tsuzuku [6, 7] in 1960–1961, Morita [8] in 1965, and Kadison [9] in 1999. In 2018, Ren studied the Gorenstein projective properties of modules and Gorenstein homological dimensions along Frobenius extensions of rings in [10, 11].

Inspired by above conclusions, in this paper, we intend to study the  $n$ -Gorenstein projective properties of modules and  $n$ -Gorenstein homological dimensions along Frobenius extensions of rings.

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Throughout this paper, let  $R$  be an associative ring with identity. All modules will be unitary left  $R$ -modules. We write  $P(R)$  and  $GP(R)$  for the classes of projective and Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -modules, respectively. For each positive integer  $n$  and the class of modules  $\mathcal{X}$ , we denote by  ${}^{\perp n}\mathcal{X} := \{M | \text{Ext}_R^i(M, X) = 0 \text{ for any } X \in \mathcal{X}, \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

## 2. $n$ -Gorenstein projective modules over Frobenius extensions

As a generalization of Gorenstein projective modules, Tang defined  $n$ -Gorenstein projective modules in [4].

**Definition 2.1** *Suppose that  $n$  is a positive integer. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be  $n$ -Gorenstein projective, if there exists an acyclic complex of projective modules  $\mathbf{P} = \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow P_{-1} \rightarrow P_{-2} \rightarrow \cdots$  such that  $M \cong \text{Im}(P_0 \rightarrow P_{-1})$  and such that for any projective module  $Q$  the complex  $\text{Hom}_R(\mathbf{P}, Q) = \cdots \rightarrow P_1^* \rightarrow P_0^* \rightarrow P_{-1}^* \rightarrow P_{-2}^* \rightarrow \cdots$  is exact at  $P_i^*$  for all  $i \geq -n$ , where  $P_i^* = \text{Hom}_R(P_{-i}, Q)$ . The class of  $n$ -Gorenstein projective modules is denoted by  $n\text{-GP}(R)$ .*

Clearly, by the definitions we have  $P(R) \subseteq GP(R) \subseteq n\text{-GP}(R)$ . However, there are  $n$ -Gorenstein projective modules which are not Gorenstein projective by [4, Example 2.4].

**Lemma 2.2** ([4, Proposition 2.2]) *Suppose that  $M$  is an  $R$ -module, and  $m, n$  are positive integers such that  $m < n$ , then the following statements hold.*

- (1)  *$M$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein projective if and only if  $M$  belongs to the class  ${}^{\perp n}P(R)$ , and admits a co-proper right  $P(R)$ -resolution.*
- (2)  *$n$ -Gorenstein projective modules are  $m$ -Gorenstein projective modules.*
- (3)  *$GP(R) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} n\text{-GP}(R)$ .*
- (4) *If  $M$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein projective, then there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow P \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$  such that  $P$  is projective and  $G$  is  $(n+1)$ -Gorenstein projective.*

**Lemma 2.3** ([4, Proposition 2.6 and Corollary 2.7])  *$n\text{-GP}(R)$  is closed under direct sums, direct summands and extensions.*

**Lemma 2.4** ([4, Corollary 3.2]) *Let  $0 \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence, where  $G$  and  $G_1$  are  $n$ -Gorenstein projective and  $\text{Ext}^1(M, Q) = 0$  for all projective modules  $Q$ . Then  $M$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein projective.*

**Definition 2.5** ([9, Definition 1.1 and Theorem 1.2]) *A ring extension  $R \subset A$  is a Frobenius extension, which provided that one of the following equivalent conditions holds:*

- (1) *The functors  $\mathbb{T} = A \otimes_R -$  and  $\mathbb{H} = \text{Hom}_R(A, -)$  are naturally equivalent.*
- (2)  *${}_R A$  is finite generated projective and  ${}_A A_R \cong ({}_R A_A)^* = \text{Hom}_R({}_R A_A, R)$ .*
- (3)  *$A_R$  is finite generated projective and  ${}_R A_A \cong ({}_A A_R)^* = \text{Hom}_{R^{\text{op}}}({}_A A_R, R)$ .*

**Example 2.6** ([9, Definition 1.1 and Theorem 1.2]) (1) For a finite group  $G$ ,  $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Z}G$  is a Frobenius extension.

- (2) ([11, Lemma 3.1]) Let  $R$  be an arbitrary ring, and  $A = R[x]/(x^2)$  is the quotient of the

polynomial ring, where  $x$  is a variable which is supposed to commute with all the elements of  $R$ . Then the ring extension  $R \subset A$  is a Frobenius extension.

In [11], Ren studied the Gorenstein projective properties of modules along Frobenius extensions of rings. Let  $M$  be any left  $A$ -module. It is proved that  $M$  is a Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module if and only if  $M$  is a Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -module if and only if  $A \otimes_R M$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(A, M)$  are Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -modules. Analogously, we have the following conclusions for  $n$ -Gorenstein projective modules.

**Proposition 2.7** *Let  $R \subset A$  be a Frobenius extension of rings and  $M$  a left  $A$ -module. If  ${}_A M$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein projective, then the underlying left  $R$ -module  ${}_R M$  is also  $n$ -Gorenstein projective.*

**Proof** Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module. There exists an acyclic complex of projective left  $A$ -module  $\mathbf{P} = \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow P_{-1} \rightarrow P_{-2} \rightarrow \cdots$  such that  $M \cong \text{Im}(P_0 \rightarrow P_{-1})$  and for any projective left  $A$ -module  $Q$  the complex  $\text{Hom}_A(\mathbf{P}, Q) = \cdots \rightarrow P_1^* \rightarrow P_0^* \rightarrow P_{-1}^* \rightarrow P_{-2}^* \rightarrow \cdots$  is exact at  $P_i^*$  for all  $i \geq -n$ , where  $P_i^* = \text{Hom}_A(P_{-i}, Q)$ . Note that each  $P_i$  is a projective left  $R$ -module. Then by restricting  $\mathbf{P}$  one gets an acyclic complex of projective  $R$ -modules.

Let  $F$  be a projective left  $R$ -module. It follows from isomorphisms  $\text{Hom}_R(A, F) \cong A \otimes_R F$  that  $\text{Hom}_R(A, F)$  is a projective left  $A$ -module. Then the complex

$$\text{Hom}_A(\mathbf{P}, \text{Hom}_R(A, F)) = \cdots \rightarrow T_1^* \rightarrow T_0^* \rightarrow T_{-1}^* \rightarrow T_{-2}^* \rightarrow \cdots$$

is exact at  $T_i^*$  for all  $i \geq -n$ , where  $T_i^* = \text{Hom}_A(P_{-i}, \text{Hom}_R(A, F))$ . Moreover, there are isomorphisms

$$\text{Hom}_R(\mathbf{P}, F) \cong \text{Hom}_R(A \otimes_A \mathbf{P}, F) \cong \text{Hom}_A(\mathbf{P}, \text{Hom}_R(A, F)).$$

This implies that the complex  $\text{Hom}_R(\mathbf{P}, F)$  is exact at  $H_i^*$  for all  $i \geq -n$ , where  $H_i^* = \text{Hom}_R(P_{-i}, F)$ , and hence the underlying  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein projective.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.8** *Let  $R \subset A$  be a Frobenius extension of rings and  $M$  a left  $A$ -module. Then  $A \otimes_R M(\text{Hom}_R(A, M))$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module if and only if the underlying left  $R$ -module  ${}_R M$  is also  $n$ -Gorenstein projective.*

**Proof**  $\Leftarrow$ . Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -module. There exists an acyclic complex of projective left  $R$ -module  $\mathbf{P} = \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow P_{-1} \rightarrow P_{-2} \rightarrow \cdots$  such that  $M \cong \text{Im}(P_0 \rightarrow P_{-1})$  and for any projective left  $R$ -module  $Q$  the complex  $\text{Hom}_R(\mathbf{P}, Q) = \cdots \rightarrow P_1^* \rightarrow P_0^* \rightarrow P_{-1}^* \rightarrow P_{-2}^* \rightarrow \cdots$  is exact at  $P_i^*$  for all  $i \geq -n$ , where  $P_i^* = \text{Hom}_R(P_{-i}, Q)$ . It is easy to see that  $A \otimes_R \mathbf{P}$  is an acyclic complex of projective  $A$ -modules, and

$$A \otimes_R M \cong \text{Im}(A \otimes_R P_0 \rightarrow A \otimes_R P_{-1}).$$

Moreover, for any projective left  $A$ -module  $P$ , there are isomorphisms

$$\text{Hom}_A(A \otimes_R \mathbf{P}, P) \cong \text{Hom}_R(\mathbf{P}, P).$$

This implies that the complex  $\text{Hom}_A(A \otimes_R \mathbf{P}, P)$  is exact at  $U_i^*$  for all  $i \geq -n$ , where  $U_i^* =$

$\text{Hom}_A(A \otimes_R P_{-i}, P)$ . Hence  $A \otimes_R M$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module. There is an isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}_R(A, M) \cong A \otimes_R M.$$

This implies that the module  $\text{Hom}_R(A, M)$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module.

$\Rightarrow$ . Note that for the ring extension  $R \subset A$  and any  $A$ -module  $M$ , the module  $M$  is a left  $R$ -module. By Proposition 2.7, it suffices to prove that when the left  $A$ -module  $A \otimes_R M$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein projective,  $A \otimes_R M$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -module. It is easy to see that the module  ${}_R M$  is a direct summand of the left  $R$ -module  $A \otimes_R M$ . According to Lemma 2.3,  ${}_R M$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -module.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9** *Suppose  $M$  is any left  $A$ -module. Then  $A \otimes_R M$  ( $\text{Hom}_R(A, M)$ ) is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module if and only if  $M$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module.*

**Proof** By Propositions 2.7 and 2.8, it suffices to prove that  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -module  $M$  is also an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module.

Let  $Q$  be any projective left  $A$ -module. Then  $Q$  is a projective left  $R$ -module. Note that for the ring extension  $R \subset A$  and any  $A$ -module  $M$ , the module  $M$  is a left  $R$ -module. Therefore, by the isomorphisms

$$\text{Hom}_A(M, A \otimes_R Q) \cong \text{Hom}_A(M, \text{Hom}_R(A, Q)) \cong \text{Hom}_R(A \otimes_A M, Q) \cong \text{Hom}_R(M, Q),$$

we get the cohomology isomorphisms

$$\text{Ext}_A^i(M, A \otimes_R Q) \cong \text{Ext}_A^i(M, \text{Hom}_R(A, Q)) \cong \text{Ext}_R^i(A \otimes_A M, Q) \cong \text{Ext}_R^i(M, Q).$$

Since  $M$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -module, it follows from Lemma 2.2(1) that  $M \in {}^{\perp n}P(R)$ , i.e.,  $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, Q) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then we have  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, A \otimes_R Q) \cong \text{Ext}_R^i(M, Q) = 0$ . Moreover, since  ${}_A Q$  is a direct summand of  $A \otimes_R Q$ , and then  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, Q) = 0$ .

Since  $\text{Hom}_R(A, M)$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module, by Lemma 2.2(2), there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, M) \xrightarrow{f} P_0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  of left  $A$ -modules, where  $P_0$  is projective and  $L$  is  $(n+1)$ -Gorenstein projective. By Lemma 2.2(4),  $L$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein projective. There is a map  $\varphi : M \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(A, M)$  given by  $\varphi(m)(a) = am$ , which is an  $A$ -monomorphism, and split when we restrict it as an  $R$ -homomorphism. Hence we have an  $R$ -homomorphism  $\varphi' : \text{Hom}_R(A, M) \rightarrow M$  such that  $\varphi'\varphi = \text{id}_M$ . Let  $P$  be any projective  $R$ -module, and  $g : M \rightarrow P$  be any  $R$ -homomorphism. Since  $L$  is also  $n$ -Gorenstein projective as an  $R$ -module, for the  $R$ -homomorphism  $g\varphi' : \text{Hom}_R(A, M) \rightarrow P$ , there is an  $R$ -homomorphism  $h : P_0 \rightarrow P$ , such that  $g\varphi' = hf$ . That is, we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_R(A, M) & \xrightarrow{f} & P_0 & \longrightarrow & L \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow g\varphi' & \nearrow \exists h & & & \\ & & P & & & & \end{array}$$

Now we have an  $A$ -monomorphism  $f\varphi : M \rightarrow P_0$ . Consider the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{f\varphi} P_0 \rightarrow L_0 \rightarrow 0$  of  $A$ -modules, where  $P_0$  is projective,  $L_0 = \text{Coker}(f\varphi)$ . Restricting

the sequence, we note that it is  $\text{Hom}_R(-, P)$ -exact for any projective  $R$ -modules  $P$ , since for any  $R$ -homomorphism  $g : M \rightarrow P$ , there is an  $R$ -homomorphism  $h : P_0 \rightarrow P$ , such that  $g = (g\varphi')\varphi = h(f\varphi)$ . Then, it follows from the exact sequence  $\text{Hom}_R(P_0, P) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, P) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(L_0, P) \rightarrow 0$  that  $\text{Ext}_R^1(L_0, P) = 0$ . Moreover,  $M$  and  $P_0$  are  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -modules, it follows from Lemma 2.4 that  $L_0$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -module.

Let  $F$  be any projective left  $A$ -module. There is a split epimorphism  $\psi : A \otimes_R F \rightarrow F$  of  $A$ -modules given by  $\psi(a \otimes_R x) = ax$  for any  $a \in A$  and  $x \in F$ , and then there exists an  $A$ -homomorphism  $\psi' : F \rightarrow A \otimes_R F$  such that  $\psi\psi' = \text{id}_F$ . Note that  $F$  is also projective as an  $R$ -module. Then, it follows from  $\text{Ext}_A^1(L_0, A \otimes_R F) \cong \text{Ext}_R^1(L_0, F) = 0$  that the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{f\varphi} P_0 \rightarrow L_0 \rightarrow 0$  remains exact after applying  $\text{Hom}_A(-, A \otimes_R F)$ . For any  $A$ -homomorphism  $\alpha : M \rightarrow F$ , we consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & M & \xrightarrow{f\varphi} & P_0 & \longrightarrow & L_0 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \alpha & \swarrow \psi' & \downarrow \exists \beta & & \\
 & & F & \longrightarrow & A \otimes_R F & & 
 \end{array}$$

For  $\psi'\alpha : M \rightarrow A \otimes_R F$ , there exists an  $A$ -map  $\beta : P_0 \rightarrow A \otimes_R F$  such that  $\psi'\alpha = \beta(f\varphi)$ . And then, we have  $\psi\beta : P_0 \rightarrow F$ , such that  $\alpha = (\psi\psi')\alpha = (\psi\beta)(f\varphi)$ . This implies that the sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{f\varphi} P_0 \rightarrow L_0 \rightarrow 0$  is  $\text{Hom}_A(-, F)$ -exact.

Note that  $L_0$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -module, and then  $\text{Hom}_R(A, L_0)$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module. Repeating the process we followed with  $M$ , we inductively construct an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow \dots$  of  $A$ -modules, with each  $P_i$  projective and which is also exact after applying  $\text{Hom}_A(-, F)$  for any projective left  $A$ -module  $F$ . It follows from Lemma 2.2 (1) that  $M$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module.  $\square$

### 3. $n$ -Gorenstein projective dimensions over Frobenius extensions

In [10], Ren studied the Gorenstein projective dimensions along Frobenius extensions of rings. In this section, we consider similar conclusions for  $n$ -Gorenstein projective dimensions.

**Definition 3.1** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The  $n$ -Gorenstein projective dimension of a left  $R$ -module  $M$ , denote by  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M$ , is defined as  $\inf\{m \mid \text{there exists an exact sequence } 0 \rightarrow G_m \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \text{ of } R\text{-modules, where } G_i \text{ is an } n\text{-Gorenstein projective left } R\text{-module}\}$ . If such  $m$  does not exist, then  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M = \infty$ . Obviously,  $M$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -module if and only if  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M = 0$ .*

**Lemma 3.2** ([4, Proposition 3.1]) *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module with finite  $n$ -Gorenstein projective dimension  $m$ . Then there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ , where  $G$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein projective and  $\text{pd}_R K = m - 1$ .*

**Proposition 3.3** *Let  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence of left  $R$ -module, where  $G$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein projective. If  $1 \leq n\text{-Gpd}_R M < \infty$ , then  $n\text{-Gpd}_R K = n\text{-Gpd}_R M - 1$ .*

**Proof** Let  $1 \leq n\text{-Gpd}_R M < \infty$ . On the one hand, by Lemma 3.2 and inclusion relation  $P(R) \subseteq n\text{-GP}(R)$ , we have an inequality  $n\text{-Gpd}_R K \leq \text{pd}_R K = n\text{-Gpd}_R M - 1$ .

On the other hand, let  $n\text{-Gpd}_R K = s < \infty$ . Then there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K_s \rightarrow K_{s-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow K_1 \rightarrow K_0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$ , where  $K_j \in n\text{-GP}(R), j = 0, 1, \dots, s-1, s$ . There exists another exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K_s \rightarrow K_{s-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow K_1 \rightarrow K_0 \rightarrow G \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ . So, we have an inequality  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M \leq s + 1 = n\text{-Gpd}_R K + 1$ , i.e.,  $n\text{-Gpd}_R K \geq n\text{-Gpd}_R M - 1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4** *Let  $R$  be a ring. If  $(M_i)_{i \in I}$  is any family of left  $R$ -module, then we have an equality,*

$$n\text{-Gpd}_R(\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i) = \sup\{n\text{-Gpd}_R M_i | i \in I\}.$$

**Proof** The inequality ' $\leq$ ' is clear since  $n\text{-GP}(R)$  is closed under direct sums by Lemma 2.3. For the converse inequality ' $\geq$ ', it suffices to show that if  $M_1$  is any direct summand of an  $R$ -module  $M$ , then  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M_1 \leq n\text{-Gpd}_R M$ . Naturally we may assume that  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M = m$  is finite, and then proceed by induction on  $m$ .

The induction start is clear, because if  $M$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein projective, then so is  $M_1$ , by Lemma 2.3. If  $m \geq 1$ , we write  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  for some module  $M_2$ . Suppose that when we have equality  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M = m - 1$ , there is an inequality  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M \geq n\text{-Gpd}_R M_1$ . Naturally we have  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M_i < \infty$ , where  $i = 1, 2$ . By Lemma 3.2, there are exact sequences  $0 \rightarrow K_1 \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow K_2 \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow 0$  of left  $R$ -modules, where  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are  $n$ -Gorenstein projective. We get commutative diagram with split-exact rows.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & K_1 & \longrightarrow & K_1 \oplus K_2 & \longrightarrow & K_2 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & G_1 & \longrightarrow & G_1 \oplus G_2 & \longrightarrow & G_2 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & M_1 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & M_2 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

Diagram 1 By Horseshoe Lemma

In Diagram 1,  $G_1 \oplus G_2$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein projective. Applying Proposition 3.3 to the middle column in Diagram 1, we get that

$$n\text{-Gpd}_R(K_1 \oplus K_2) = n\text{-Gpd}_R(M_1 \oplus M_2) - 1 = m - 1.$$

Hence the induction hypothesis yields that  $n\text{-Gpd}_R K_1 \leq m - 1$ , and thus the short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K_1 \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow 0$  shows that  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M_1 \leq m$ , as desired.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.5** *Let  $R \subset A$  be a Frobenius extension of rings. For any left  $R$ -module  $M$ , if  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M < \infty$ , then*

$$n\text{-Gpd}_R M = n\text{-Gpd}_A(A \otimes_R M) = n\text{-Gpd}_R(A \otimes_R M).$$

**Proof** It follows from Proposition 2.7 that  $n\text{-Gpd}_R(A \otimes_R M) \leq n\text{-Gpd}_A(A \otimes_R M)$ . For any  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -module  $M$ , it follows from Proposition 2.8 that  $A \otimes_R M$  is an  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module. Then  $n\text{-Gpd}_A(A \otimes_R M) \leq n\text{-Gpd}_R M$ . As  $R$ -modules,  $M$  is a direct summand of  $A \otimes_R M$ . It follows immediately from Proposition 3.4 that  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M \leq n\text{-Gpd}_R(A \otimes_R M)$ . Hence, we get the desired equality.  $\square$

**Definition 3.6** ([11, Definition 2.8]) *A ring extension  $R \subset A$  is separable provided that the multiplication map  $\varphi : A \otimes_R A \rightarrow A(a \otimes_R b \mapsto ab)$  is a split epimorphism of  $A$ -bimodules. If  $R \subset A$  is simultaneously a Frobenius and separable extension, then it is called a separable Frobenius extension.*

**Example 3.7** (1) ([11, Example 2.10]) For a finite group  $G$ , the integral group ring extension  $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Z}G$  is a separable Frobenius extension.

(2) ([9, Example 2.7]) Let  $F$  be a field and set  $A = M_4(F)$ . Let  $R$  be the subalgebra of  $A$  with  $F$ -basis consisting of the idempotents and matrix units  $e_1 = e_{11} + e_{44}, e_2 = e_{22} + e_{33}, e_{21}, e_{31}, e_{41}, e_{42}, e_{43}$ . Then  $R \subset A$  is a separable Frobenius extension.

**Lemma 3.8** ([11, Lemma 2.9]) *The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R \subset A$  is a separable extension.
- (2) For any  $A$ -bimodule  $M$ ,  $\theta : A \otimes_R M \rightarrow M$  is a split epimorphism of  $A$ -bimodules.

**Proposition 3.9** *Let  $R \subset A$  be a separable Frobenius extension of rings. For any left  $A$ -module  $M$ , if  $n\text{-Gpd}_A M < \infty$ , then  $n\text{-Gpd}_A M = n\text{-Gpd}_R M$ .*

**Proof** By Proposition 2.7, any  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -module is also  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $R$ -module. It is easy to see that  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M \leq n\text{-Gpd}_A M < \infty$ . For the converse, we can assume that  $n\text{-Gpd}_R M = m < \infty$ , then there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow G_m \rightarrow G_{m-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  of  $R$ -modules, where  $G_i$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein projective. By Proposition 2.8,  $A \otimes_R G_i$  is  $n$ -Gorenstein projective left  $A$ -modules, where  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1, m$ . Then there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \otimes_R G_m \rightarrow A \otimes_R G_{m-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A \otimes_R G_1 \rightarrow A \otimes_R G_0 \rightarrow A \otimes_R M \rightarrow 0$  of left  $A$ -modules. Then  $n\text{-Gpd}_A(A \otimes_R M) \leq m$ . By Lemma 3.8, left  $A$ -module  $M$  is direct summand of  $A \otimes_R M$ . By Proposition 3.4, we have inequalities  $n\text{-Gpd}_A M \leq n\text{-Gpd}_A(A \otimes_R M) \leq m$ .  $\square$

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