# Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat modules with respect to a special finitely presented module

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**Abstract.** Let R be a ring,  $\mathscr{X}$  a class of R-modules and  $n \geq 1$  an integer. In this paper, via special finitely presented modules, we introduce the concepts of Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat modules. And aside, we obtain some equivalent properties of these modules on n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent rings. Then, we investigate the relations among Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective, n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat, injective and flat modules on  $\mathscr{X}$ -FC-rings (i.e., self n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent rings). Several known results are generalized to this new context.

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## 1 Introduction

In 1995, Enochs et al. introduced the concept of Gorenstein injective and Gorenstein flat modules. Then, these modules have become a vigorously active area of research. For background on Gorenstein modules, we refer the reader to [8, 9, 12]. In 2012, Gao and Wang introduced and studied in [11] Gorenstein FP-injective modules. They established various homological properties of Gorenstein FP-injective modules mainly over a coherent ring (for more details, see [13]).

Recall that coherent rings were first appeared in Chase's paper [3] without being mentioned by name. The term coherent was first used by Bourbaki in [2]. Then, n-coherent rings were introduced by Costa in [5]. Let n be a non-negative integer. An R-module M is said to be n-presented if there is an exact sequence  $F_n \to F_{n-1} \to \cdots \to F_1 \to F_0 \to M \to \text{of } R\text{-modules, where}$ each  $F_i$  is finitely generated free. And a ring R is called left n-coherent if every n-presented Rmodule is (n+1)-presented. Thus, for n=1, left n-coherent rings are nothing but coherent rings (see [5, 7, 17]). Chen and Ding in [4] introduced, by using n-presented modules, n-FPinjective and n-flat modules. Bennis in [1] introduced  $n-\mathcal{X}$ -injective and  $n-\mathcal{X}$ -flat modules and n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent rings for any class  $\mathscr{X}$  of R-modules. Then, in 2018, Zhao et al. in [20] introduced n-FP-gr-injective graded modules, n-gr-flat graded right modules and n-gr-coherent graded rings on a class of graded R-modules. Moreover, they defined special finitely presented graded modules via projective resolutions of n-presented graded left modules, where if U is n-presented graded module, then in the exact sequence  $F_n \to F_{n-1} \to \cdots \to F_1 \to F_0 \to U \to 0$ ,  $K_{n-1} =$  $\operatorname{Im}(F_{n-1} \to F_{n-2})$  is called a special finitely presented module. In this paper, we unify and extend various homological notions, including the ones cited above, to a more general context. Namely, we define special finitely presented modules via projective resolutions of n-presented modules in a given  $\mathscr X$  of R-modules. Then, we introduce and study Gorenstein n- $\mathscr X$ -injective and n- $\mathscr X$ -flat modules with respect to special finitely presented modules.

The paper is organized as follows:

In Section 2, some fundamental concepts and some preliminary results are stated.

In Section 3, we give some characterizations of n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective and n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat modules.

In Section 4, we introduce the notions of Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat modules. We generalize some results of [20] to the context of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat modules as well as some results of [11] to the context of Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective modules. Then, we give some characterizations of Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and  $\mathscr{X}$ -flat modules on n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent rings.

In Section 5, we introduce and investigate  $\mathscr{X}$ -FC rings (i.e., self n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent rings) whose every module is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and every Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective right module is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat. Furthermore, examples are given which show that the Gorenstein m- $\mathscr{X}$ -injectivity (resp., the m- $\mathscr{X}$ -flatness) does not imply, in general, the Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injectivity (resp., the n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flatness) for any m > n.

## 2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper R will be an associative (non necessarily commutative) ring with identity, and all modules will be unital left R-modules (unless specified otherwise).

In this section, some fundamental concepts and notations are stated.

Let n be a non-negative integer, M an R-module and  $\mathscr{X}$  a class of R-modules. Then, M is said to be  $Gorenstein\ injective$  (resp.,  $Gorenstein\ flat$ ) [8, 9] if there is an exact sequence  $\cdots \to I_1 \to I_0 \to I^0 \to I^1 \to \cdots$  of injective (resp., flat ) modules with  $M = \ker(I^0 \to I^1)$  such that  $\operatorname{Hom}(U,-)$  (resp.,  $U \otimes_R -$ ) leaves the sequence exact whenever U is an injective left (resp., right) module. The Gorenstein projective modules are defined dually. Recall also that M is said to be n-FP-injective [4] if  $\operatorname{Ext}_R^n(U,M) = 0$  for any n-presented R-module U. In case n=1, n-FP-injective modules are nothing but the well-known FP-injective modules. A right module N is called n-flat if  $\operatorname{Tor}_R^R(N,U) = 0$  for any n-presented R-module U. Also, M is said to be Gorenstein FP-injective [11] if there is an exact sequence  $\mathbf{E} = \cdots \to E_1 \to E_0 \to E^0 \to E^1 \to \cdots$  with  $M = \ker(E^0 \to E^1)$  such that  $\operatorname{Hom}_R(P,\mathbf{E})$  is an exact sequence whenever P is finitely presented with  $\operatorname{pd}_R(P) < \infty$ . A graded R-module M is called n-FP-GP-injective [20] if  $\operatorname{EXT}_R^n(N,M) = 0$  for any n-presented graded R-module N. A graded right R-module M is called n-GP-flat [20] if  $\operatorname{Tor}_R^n(M,N) = 0$  for any n-presented graded R-module R-module R-module R-module R-module R-module R-module R-module R-module R-modules, see [10, 14, 15]).

From now on,  $\mathscr{X}_k$  is a non empty class of k-presented R-module in a given class  $\mathscr{X}$  for any integer  $k \geq 0$ .

An R-module M is said to be n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective [1] if  $\mathrm{EXT}^n_R(U,M)=0$  for any  $U\in\mathscr{X}_n$ . A right R-module N is called n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat [1] if  $\mathrm{Tor}^n_R(N,U)=0$  for any  $U\in\mathscr{X}_n$ . We use  $\mathscr{X}\mathscr{I}_n$  (resp.,  $\mathscr{X}\mathscr{F}_n$ ) to denote the class of all n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective left R-modules (resp., n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat right R-modules). A ring R is called left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent if every n-presented R-module in  $\mathscr{X}$  is (n+1)-presented.

It is clear that when n=0 (resp., n=1) and  $\mathscr X$  is a class of all cyclic R-modules, then R is Noetherian (resp., coherent).

## 3 n- $\mathscr X$ -injective, n- $\mathscr X$ -flat and special $\mathscr X$ -presented modules

In this section, we state a relative version of [20, Definition 3.1] and provide several characterizations of n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective and n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat modules.

Let us introduce the following notions. Let  $n \geq 0$  be an integer and  $U \in \mathscr{X}_n$  for a class  $\mathscr{X}$  of R-modules. Then, an exact sequence of the form

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

where each  $F_i$  is a finitely generated free R-module, exists. Let  $K_{n-1} = \operatorname{Im}(F_{n-1} \to F_{n-2})$  and  $K_n = \operatorname{Im}(F_n \to F_{n-1})$ . The short exact sequence  $0 \to K_n \to F_n \to K_{n-1} \to 0$  is called a special short exact sequence of U. It is clear that  $K_n$  and  $K_{n-1}$  are finitely generated and finitely presented, respectively. We call  $K_n$  a special  $\mathscr{X}$ -generated R-module and  $K_{n-1}$  a special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented R-module.

Also, a short exact sequence  $0 \to A \to B \to C \to 0$  of R-modules is called special  $\mathscr{X}$ -pure, if for every special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented  $K_{n-1}$ , there exists the following exact sequence:

$$0 \to \operatorname{Hom}_R(K_{n-1}, A) \to \operatorname{Hom}_R(K_{n-1}, B) \to \operatorname{Hom}_R(K_{n-1}, C) \to 0.$$

The R-module A is said to be a special  $\mathscr{X}$ -pure in B. Also, the exact sequence  $0 \to C^* \to B^* \to A^* \to 0$  is called a split special exact sequence. If M is an n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective (resp., a flat) R-module, then  $\operatorname{Ext}^1_R(K_{n-1},M) \cong \operatorname{Ext}^n_R(U,M) = 0$  (resp.,  $\operatorname{Tor}^R_1(M,K_{n-1}) \cong \operatorname{Tor}^R_n(M,U) = 0$ ) for any  $U \in \mathscr{X}_n$ .

In particular, if  $\mathscr{X}$  is a class of graded R-modules, then every special  $\mathscr{X}$ -generated and every special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented module are special finitely generated and special finitely presented graded R-modules, respectively. Also, every n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective R-module and every n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat right R-module are n-FP-gr-injective and n-gr-flat, respectively; see [20].

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules and M an R-module. Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) M is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective;
- (2) Every short exact sequence  $0 \to M \to A \to C \to 0$  is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -pure;
- (3) M is special  $\mathcal{X}$ -pure in any injective R-module containing it;
- (4) M is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -pure in E(M).

*Proof.* (1)  $\Longrightarrow$  (2) Let  $U \in \mathcal{X}_n$ . Then, there exists the following exact sequence

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

where each  $F_i$  is a finitely generated free R-module. If  $K_{n-1} = \operatorname{Im}(F_{n-1} \to F_{n-2})$  is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented, then  $\operatorname{Ext}^1_R(K_{n-1},M) \cong \operatorname{Ext}^n_R(U,M) = 0$  since M is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. Hence (2) follows.

- (2)  $\Longrightarrow$  (3) Consider the canonical short exact sequence  $0 \to M \to E \to \frac{E}{M} \to 0$ , where E is an injective R-module containing M. So by (2), M is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -pure in E.
  - $(3) \Longrightarrow (4)$  is trivial.
- $(4)\Longrightarrow (1)$  Assume that  $U\in\mathscr{X}_n$  and  $K_{n-1}$  is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented. By (4), the short exact sequence  $0\to M\to E(M)\to \frac{E(M)}{M}\to 0$  is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -pure. Therefore,  $\operatorname{Ext}^1_R(K_{n-1},M)=0$ , and so from  $\operatorname{Ext}^1_R(K_{n-1},M)\cong\operatorname{Ext}^n_R(U,M)$  we get that M is  $n-\mathscr{X}$ -injective.

The following lemma is a generalization of [18, Exercise 40].

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules and  $0 \to A \to B \to C \to 0$  be a short exact sequence of R-modules . Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) The exact sequence  $0 \to A \to B \to C \to 0$  is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -pure;
- (2) The sequence  $0 \to \operatorname{Hom}_R(K_{n-1}, A) \to \operatorname{Hom}_R(K_{n-1}, B) \to \operatorname{Hom}_R(K_{n-1}, C) \to 0$  is exact for every special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented  $K_{n-1}$ ;
- (3) The short exact sequence  $0 \to C^* \to B^* \to A^* \to 0$  is a split special exact sequence.

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules. Then:

- (1) Every special  $\mathscr{X}$ -pure submodule of an n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat right R-module is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat.
- (2) Every special  $\mathcal{X}$ -pure submodule of an R-module is n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective.

*Proof.* (1) Let A be a special  $\mathscr{X}$ -pure submodule of an n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat right R-module B. Then, by Lemma 3.2, the sequence  $0 \to (\frac{B}{A})^* \to B^* \to A^* \to 0$  is a split special exact sequence. By [1, Lemma 2.8],  $B^*$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. Then, from [1, lemma 2.7] and Lemma 3.2, we deduce that A is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat.

(2) Let A be a special  $\mathscr{X}$ -pure submodule of an R-module B. Then, the exact sequence  $0 \to A \to B \to \frac{B}{A} \to 0$  is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -pure. So, by Proposition 3.1, A is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.

#### **Remark 3.4.** (1) Every flat right R-module is n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat.

- (2) Every injective left (resp., right) R-module is n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective.
- (3) If  $U \in \mathcal{X}_m$ , then  $U \in \mathcal{X}_n$  for any  $m \geq n$ .

A ring R is called self left n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective if R is an n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective left R-module.

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a class of R-modules and M an R-module. Recall that a morphism  $f: F \to M$  is called an  $\mathcal{F}$ -precover of M if  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}_R(F',F) \to \operatorname{Hom}_R(F',M) \to 0$  is exact for all  $F' \in \mathcal{F}$ . Moreover, if whenever a morphism  $g: F \to F$  such that fg = f is an automorphism of F, then  $f: F \to M$  is called an  $\mathcal{F}$ -cover of M. Dually, the notions of  $\mathcal{F}$ -preenvelopes and  $\mathcal{F}$ -envelopes are defined.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let R be a left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent ring and  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules. Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) R is self left n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective;
- (2) For any R-module, there is an epimorphism  $\mathcal{X}$   $\mathscr{I}$ -cover;
- (3) For any right R-module, there is a monomorphic  $\mathscr{XF}$ -preenvelope;
- (4) Every injective right R-module is n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat;
- (5) Every 1- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective right R-module is n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat;
- (6) Every n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective right R-module is n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat;
- (7) Every flat R-module is  $n-\mathcal{X}$ -injective.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Longrightarrow$  (3) By [1, Theorem 2.16], every right R-module N has an n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat preenvelope  $f: N \to F$ . By [1, Theorem 2.13],  $R^*$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat, and so  $\prod R^*$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat by [1, Theorem 2.6].

On the other hand,  $R^*$  is a cogenerator, so a monomorphism of the form  $g: N \to \prod R^*$  exists. Hence, there exists a homomorphism  $h: F \to \prod R^*$  such that hf = g which implies that f is monic.

- (3)  $\Longrightarrow$  (4) Let E be an injective right R-module. By (3), there is  $f: E \to F$  a monic n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat preenvelope of E. So, the sequence  $0 \to E \to F \to \frac{F}{E} \to 0$  splits, hence E is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat.
  - $(3) \Longrightarrow (5)$  The proof is similar to the one of  $(3) \Longrightarrow (4)$ .
- $(4) \Longrightarrow (6)$  Let N be an n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective right R-module. Then, by Proposition 3.1, the exact sequence  $0 \to N \to E(N) \to \frac{E(N)}{N} \to 0$  is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -pure. Since by (3) E(N) is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat, then from Proposition 3.3, we deduce that N is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat.
  - $(5) \Longrightarrow (4)$  is clear by Remark 3.4.
- $(4) \Longrightarrow (1)$  By (4),  $R^*$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat since  $R^*$  is injective. So, R is self left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective by [1, Theorem 2.13].
- $(6 \Rightarrow 7)$  Let F be a flat R-module, then  $F^*$  is injective, so  $F^*$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat by (6), and hence F is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.
- $(7 \Rightarrow 2)$  For any R-module M, there is an  $\mathscr{XI}_n$ -cover  $f: C \to M$ . Notice that R is an n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective R-module, so f is an epimorphism.
- $(2\Rightarrow 1)$  By hypothesis, R has an epimorphism  $\mathscr{XI}_n$ -cover  $f:D\to R$ , then we have a split exact sequence  $0\to Kerf\to D\to R\to 0$  with D is  $n\text{-}\mathscr{X}$ -injective. Then, R is  $n\text{-}\mathscr{X}$ -injective as a left R-module.

**Proposition 3.6.** Let R be a left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent ring and  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules. If  $\{A_i\}_{i\in I}$  is a family of R-modules, then  $\bigoplus_{i\in I} A_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective if and only if every  $A_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.

*Proof.* Assume that  $U \in \mathscr{X}_n$ . So, there exists a special exact sequence  $0 \to K_n \to F_n \to K_{n-1} \to 0$  of  $\mathscr{X}_n$ . Since R is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent, we conclude that  $U \in \mathscr{X}_{n+1}$  and  $K_n$  is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented. So, if  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a family of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective R-modules, we have that

$$\operatorname{Hom}(K_n, \bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} \operatorname{Hom}(K_n, A_i).$$

One easily gets that

$$\operatorname{Ext}_R^n(U,\bigoplus_{i\in I}A_i)\cong\operatorname{Ext}_R^1(K_n,\bigoplus_{i\in I}A_i)\cong\bigoplus_{i\in I}\operatorname{Ext}_R^1(K_n,A_i)\cong\bigoplus_{i\in I}\operatorname{Ext}_R^n(U,A_i).$$

## 4 Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat modules

In this section, we investigate Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective and Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat modules which are defined below. Then, by using of results of Section 3, some characterizations of them are given.

**Definition 4.1.** Let R be a ring and  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules. Then:

(1) An R-module G is called Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective, if there exists an exact sequence of n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective R-modules:

$$\mathbf{A} = \cdots \longrightarrow A_1 \longrightarrow A_0 \longrightarrow A^0 \longrightarrow A^1 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

with  $G = \ker(A^0 \to A^1)$  such that  $\operatorname{Hom}_R(K_{n-1}, \mathbf{A})$  is an exact sequence whenever  $K_{n-1}$  is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented with  $\operatorname{pd}_R(K_{n-1}) < \infty$ .

(1) An R-module G is called Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat right R-module if there exists an exact sequence of n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat right R-modules:

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

with  $G = \ker(F^0 \to F^1)$  such that  $\mathbf{F} \otimes_R K_{n-1}$  is an exact sequence whenever  $K_{n-1}$  is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented with  $\operatorname{fd}_R(K_{n-1}) < \infty$ .

For example, if  $\mathscr{X}$  is a class of all cyclic R-modules, then every Gorenstein 1- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective R-module is Gorenstein FP-injective, and every Gorenstein 1- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat right R-module is Gorenstein flat, see [1, 11].

**Remark 4.2.** (1) Every n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat right R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat.

- (2) Every n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.
- (3) In Definition 4.1, one easily gets that each  $\ker(A_i \to A_{i-1})$ ,  $\ker(A^i \to A^{i+1})$  and  $\ker(F_i \to F_{i-1})$ ,  $K^i = \ker(F^i \to F^{i+1})$  are Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat, respectively.

**Lemma 4.3.** Let R be a left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent ring and  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules. If  $K_{n-1}$  is a special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented R-module with  $\mathrm{fd}_R(K_{n-1}) < \infty$ , then  $\mathrm{pd}_R(K_{n-1}) < \infty$ .

Proof. If  $\mathrm{fd}_R(K_{n-1})=m<\infty$ , then there exists  $U\in\mathscr{X}_n$  such that  $\mathrm{fd}_R(U)\leq n+m$ . We show that  $\mathrm{pd}_R(U)\leq n+m$ . Since R is  $n\text{-}\mathscr{X}$ -coherent, the projective resolution  $\cdots\to F_{n+1}\to F_n\to\cdots\to F_0\to U\to 0$ , where any  $F_i$  is finitely generated free, exists. On the other hand, the above exact sequence is a flat resolution. So by [16, Proposition 8.17], (n+m-1)-syzygy is flat. Hence, the exact sequence  $0\to K_{n+m-1}\to F_{n+m-1}\to\cdots\to F_0\to U\to 0$  is a flat resolution. Now, a simple observation shows that if  $n\geq m$  or n< m,  $K_{n+m-1}$  is finitely presented and consequently by [16, Theorem 3.56],  $K_{n+m-1}$  is projective and therefore,  $\mathrm{pd}_R(U)\leq n+m$  if and only if  $\mathrm{pd}_R(K_{n-1})\leq m$ .

In the following theorem, we show that in the case of left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent rings, Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat and Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective are determined via only the existence of the corresponding exact complexes.

**Theorem 4.4.** Let R be a left n- $\mathcal{X}$ -coherent ring and  $\mathcal{X}$  be a class of R-modules. Then:

(1) A right R-module G is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat if and only if there is an exact sequence

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

of n- $\mathcal X$ -flat right R-modules such that  $G = \ker(F^0 \to F^1)$ .

(2) An R-module G is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective if and only if there is an exact sequence

$$\mathbf{A} = \cdots \longrightarrow A_1 \longrightarrow A_0 \longrightarrow A^0 \longrightarrow A^1 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective R-modules such that  $G = \ker(A^0 \to A^1)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $(\Longrightarrow)$  follows by definition.

 $(\longleftarrow)$  By definition, it suffices to show that  $\mathbf{F} \otimes_R K_{n-1}$  is exact for every special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented  $K_{n-1}$  with  $\mathrm{fd}_R(K_{n-1}) < \infty$ . By Lemma 4.3,  $\mathrm{pd}_R(K_{n-1}) < \infty$ . Let  $\mathrm{pd}_R(K_{n-1}) = m$ . We prove by induction on m. The case m=0 is clear. Assume that  $m \geq 1$ . There exists a special exact sequence  $0 \to K_n \to P_n \to K_{n-1} \to 0$  of  $U \in \mathscr{X}_n$ , where  $P_n$  is projective. Now, from the  $n\mathscr{X}$ -coherence of R, we deduce that  $K_n$  is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented. Also,  $\mathrm{pd}_R(K_n) \leq m-1$ . So, the following short exact sequence of complexes exists:

By induction,  $\mathbf{F} \otimes_R P_n$  and  $\mathbf{F} \otimes_R K_n$  are exact, hence  $\mathbf{F} \otimes_R K_{n-1}$  is exact by [16, Theorem 6.10]. (2) ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) This is a direct consequence of the definition.

 $(\longleftarrow)$  Let  $K_{n-1}$  be a special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented R-module with  $\operatorname{pd}_R(K_{n-1}) < \infty$ . Then, similar proof to that of (1) shows that  $\operatorname{Hom}_R(K_{n-1}, \mathbf{A})$  is exact and hence G is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.

**Corollary 4.5.** Let R be a left n- $\mathcal{X}$ -coherent ring and  $\mathcal{X}$  be a class of R-modules. Then, for any R-module G, the following assertions are equivalent:

- (1) G is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective;
- (2) There is an exact sequence  $\cdots \to A_1 \to A_0 \to G \to 0$  of R-modules, where every  $A_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective;
- (3) There is a short exact sequence  $0 \to L \to M \to G \to 0$  of R-modules, where M is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and L is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.

*Proof.*  $(1) \Longrightarrow (2)$  and  $(1) \Longrightarrow (3)$  follow from the definition.

 $(2) \Longrightarrow (1)$ There is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow I^0 \longrightarrow I^1 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

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where every  $I^i$  is injective for any  $i \geq 0$ . By Remark 3.4, each  $I^i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. So, an exact sequence

$$\cdots \longrightarrow A_1 \longrightarrow A_0 \longrightarrow I^0 \longrightarrow I^1 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective modules exists, where  $G = \ker(I^0 \to I^1)$ . Therefore, G is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective by Theorem 4.4.

 $(3) \Longrightarrow (2)$  Assume there is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow 0, (1)$$

where M is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and L is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. Since L is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective, there is an exact sequence

$$\cdots \longrightarrow A_2' \longrightarrow A_1' \longrightarrow A_0' \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow 0, (2)$$

where every  $A_i^{'}$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. Assembling the sequences (1) and (2), we get the exact sequence

$$\cdots \longrightarrow A_{2}' \longrightarrow A_{1}' \longrightarrow A_{0}' \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow 0,$$

where M and  $A_i^{'}$  are n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective, as desired.

**Corollary 4.6.** Let R be a left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent ring and  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules. Then, for any right R-module G, the following assertions are equivalent:

- (1) G is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat;
- (2) There is an exact sequence  $0 \to G \to B^0 \to B^1 \to \cdots$  of right R-modules, where every  $B^i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat;
- (3) There is a short exact sequence  $0 \to G \to M \to L \to 0$  of right R-modules, where M is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat and L is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat.

*Proof.*  $(1) \Longrightarrow (2)$  and  $(1) \Longrightarrow (3)$  follow from the definition.

 $(2) \Longrightarrow (1)$  For any right R-module G, there is an exact sequence

$$\cdots \longrightarrow P_1 \longrightarrow P_0 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow 0$$
,

where any  $P_i$  is flat for any  $i \geq 0$ . By Remark 3.4, every  $P_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat. Thus, there is an exact sequence

$$\cdots \longrightarrow P_1 \longrightarrow P_0 \longrightarrow B^0 \longrightarrow B^1 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat right modules, where  $G = \ker(B^0 \to B^1)$ . Therefore, by Theorem 4.4, G is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat.

 $(3) \Longrightarrow (2)$  Assume there is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow 0, (1)$$

where M is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat and L is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat. Since L is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat, there is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow F^0 \longrightarrow F^1 \longrightarrow F^2 \longrightarrow \cdots, (2)$$

where every  $F^i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat. Assembling the sequences (1) and (2), we get the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow F^0 \longrightarrow F^1 \longrightarrow F^2 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

where M and any  $F^i$  are n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat, as desired.

#### **Proposition 4.7.** Let $\mathcal{X}$ be a class of R-modules. Then:

- (1) Every direct product of Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective R-modules is a Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective R-module.
- (2) Every direct sum of Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat right R-modules is a Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat R-module.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $U \in \mathscr{X}_n$  and  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective R-modules. Then, by [1, Lemma 2.7],  $\prod A_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. So, if  $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a family of Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective R-modules, then the following corresponding exact sequences of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective R-modules

$$\mathbf{A_i} = \cdots \longrightarrow (A_i)_1 \longrightarrow (A_i)_0 \longrightarrow (A_i)^0 \longrightarrow (A_i)^1 \longrightarrow \cdots,$$

where  $G_i = \ker((A_i)^0 \to (A_i)^1)$ , induce the following exact sequence of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective R-modules:

$$\prod_{i\in I} \mathbf{A_i} = \cdots \longrightarrow \prod_{i\in I} (A_i)_1 \longrightarrow \prod_{i\in I} (A_i)_0 \longrightarrow \prod_{i\in I} (A_i)^0 \longrightarrow \prod_{i\in I} (A_i)^1 \longrightarrow \cdots,$$

where  $\prod_{i\in I}G_i=\ker(\prod_{i\in I}(A_i)^0\to\prod_{i\in I}(A_i)^1)$ . If  $K_{n-1}$  is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented, then

$$\operatorname{Hom}_R(K_{n-1}, \prod_{i \in I} \mathbf{A_i}) \cong \prod_{i \in I} \operatorname{Hom}_R(K_{n-1}, \mathbf{A_i}).$$

By hypothesis,  $\operatorname{Hom}_R(K_{n-1}, \mathbf{A_i})$  is exact, and consequently  $\prod_{i \in I} G_i$  is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. (2) Let  $U \in \mathscr{X}_n$  and  $\{I_i\}_{i \in J}$  be a family of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat right R-modules. Then, by [1, Lemma 2.7],  $\bigoplus_{i \in J} I_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat. So, if  $\{G_i\}_{i \in J}$  is a family of Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat right R-modules, then the following corresponding exact sequences of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat right R-modules

$$\mathbf{I_i} = \cdots \longrightarrow (I_i)_1 \longrightarrow (I_i)_0 \longrightarrow (I_i)^0 \longrightarrow (I_i)^1 \longrightarrow \cdots,$$

where  $G_i = \ker((I_i)^0 \to (I_i)^1)$ , induces the following exact sequence of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat right R-modules:

$$\bigoplus_{i \in J} \mathbf{I_i} = \cdots \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in J} (I_i)_1 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in J} (I_i)_0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in J} (I_i)^0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in J} (I_i)^1 \longrightarrow \cdots,$$

where  $\bigoplus_{i\in J} G_i = \ker((\bigoplus_{i\in J} I_i)^0 \to (\bigoplus_{i\in J} I_i)^1)$ . If  $K_{n-1}$  is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented, then

$$(\bigoplus_{i\in J} \mathbf{I_i} \otimes_R K_{n-1}) \cong \bigoplus_{i\in J} (\mathbf{I_i} \otimes_R K_{n-1}).$$

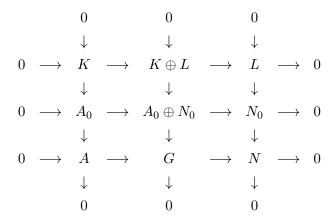
By hypothesis,  $(\mathbf{I_i} \otimes_R K_{n-1})$  is exact, and consequently  $\bigoplus_{i \in J} G_i$  is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat.

Now, we study the Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injectivity and Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flatness of modules in short exact sequences.

**Proposition 4.8.** Let R be a left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent ring and  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules. Then:

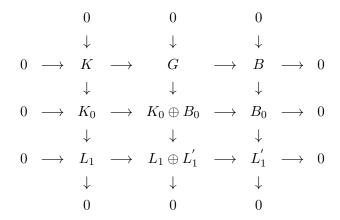
- (1) Let  $0 \to A \to G \to N \to 0$  be an exact sequence of R-modules. If A and N are Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective, then G is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.
- (2) Let  $0 \to K \to G \to B \to 0$  be an exact sequence of right R-modules. If K and B are Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat, then G is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat.

*Proof.* (1) Since A and N are Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective, by Corollary 4.5, there exist exact sequences  $0 \to K \to A_0 \to A \to 0$  and  $0 \to L \to N_0 \to N \to 0$  of R-modules, where  $A_0$  and  $N_0$  are n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and also, K and L are Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. Now, we consider the following commutative diagram:



The exactness of the middle horizontal sequence where  $A_0$  and  $N_0$  are n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective, implies that  $A_0 \oplus N_0$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective by [1, Lemma 2.7]. Also,  $K \oplus L$  is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective by Proposition 4.7(1). Hence, from the middle vertical sequence and Corollary 4.5, we deduce that G is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.

(2) Since K and B are Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat, by Corollary 4.6, there exist exact sequences  $0 \to K \to K_0 \to L_1 \to 0$  and  $0 \to B \to B_0 \to L_1' \to 0$  of R-modules, where  $K_0$  and  $B_0$  are n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat and also,  $L_1$  and  $L_1'$  are Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat. Now, we consider the following commutative diagram:



The exactness of the middle horizontal sequence with  $K_0$  and  $B_0$  are n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat, implies that  $K_0 \oplus B_0$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat by [1, Lemma 2.7]. Also,  $L_1 \oplus L_1'$  is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat by Proposition 4.7(2). Hence from the middle vertical sequence and Corollary 4.6, we deduce that G is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat.

The left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective dimension of an R-module M, denoted by  $\mathrm{id}_{\mathscr{X}_{\mathbf{n}}}(M)$ , is defined to be the least non-negative integer m such that  $\mathrm{Ext}_R^{n+m+1}(U,M)=0$  for any  $U\in\mathscr{X}_{\mathbf{n}}$ . The left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat dimension of a right R-module M, denoted by  $\mathrm{fd}_{\mathscr{X}_{\mathbf{n}}}(M)$ , is defined to be the least non-negative integer m such that  $\mathrm{Tor}_{n+m+1}^R(M,U)=0$  for any  $U\in\mathscr{X}_{\mathbf{n}}$ . If G is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective, then  $\mathrm{id}_{\mathscr{X}_{\mathbf{n}}}(G)=m$  if there is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow A_m \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow A_1 \longrightarrow A_0 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow 0$$

or an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow A^0 \longrightarrow A^1 \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow A^m \longrightarrow 0$$

of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective R-modules. Similarly, if G is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat and  $\mathrm{fd}_{\mathscr{X}_n}(G)=m$ , then the above exact sequences for n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat right R-modules exists.

The following theorems are generalizations of Corollaries 4.5 and 4.6 and Proposition 4.8.

**Theorem 4.9.** Let R be a left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent ring and  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules which is closed under kernels of epimorphisms. Then, for every R-module G, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) G is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective;
- (2) There exists an n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective resolution of G:

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{f_3} A_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} A_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} A_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} G \longrightarrow 0$$

such that  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \operatorname{Im}(f_i)$  is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective;

(3) There exists an exact sequence

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{f_3} A_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} A_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} A_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} G \longrightarrow 0$$

of R-modules, where  $A_i$  has finite n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective dimension for any  $i \geq 0$ , such that  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \operatorname{Im}(f_i)$  is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.

*Proof.*  $(1) \Longrightarrow (2)$  By Corollary 4.5, there is an exact sequence

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{f_3} A_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} A_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} A_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} G \longrightarrow 0,$$

where every  $A_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. Consider the following exact sequences:

$$\cdots \longrightarrow A_2 \longrightarrow A_1 \longrightarrow A_0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Im}(f_0) \longrightarrow 0,$$

$$\cdots \longrightarrow A_3 \longrightarrow A_2 \longrightarrow A_1 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Im}(f_1) \longrightarrow 0,$$

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots \qquad \vdots \qquad \vdots$$

By Proposition 3.6,  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. Thus, there exists an exact sequence

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \ge 2} A_i \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \ge 1} A_i \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \ge 0} A_i \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i = 0}^{\infty} \operatorname{Im}(f_i) \longrightarrow 0$$

of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective R-modules. Consequently, Corollary 4.5 implies that  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \operatorname{Im}(f_i)$  is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.

- $(2) \Longrightarrow (3)$  trivial.
- $(3) \Longrightarrow (1)$  Let

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{f_3} A_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} A_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} A_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} G \longrightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence of R-modules, where  $A_i$  has finite n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective dimension. By Corollary 4.5, it is sufficient to prove that  $A_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective for any  $i \geq 0$ . Consider, the short exact sequence  $0 \to \operatorname{Im}(f_{i+1}) \to A_i \to \operatorname{Im}(f_i) \to 0$  for any  $i \geq 0$ . Therefore, the short exact sequence  $0 \to \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \operatorname{Im}(f_{i+1}) \to \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i \to \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \operatorname{Im}(f_i) \to 0$  exists. By (3) and Proposition 4.8(1),  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i$  is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. Also,  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i$  has finite n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective dimension. If  $\operatorname{id}_{\mathscr{X}_n}(\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i) = k$ , then there exists an n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective resolution of  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i$ :

$$0 \longrightarrow B_k \longrightarrow B_{k-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow B_0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i \longrightarrow 0.$$

Let  $L_{k-1} = \ker(B_{k-1} \to B_{k-2})$  and  $U \in \mathscr{X}_n$ . Then, the exact sequence  $0 \to B_k \to B_{k-1} \to L_{k-1} \to 0$  induces the following exact sequence:

$$0 = \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{n}(U, B_{k-1}) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{n}(U, L_{k-1}) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{n+1}(U, B_{k}) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

By hypothesis,  $B_k$  is (n+1)- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective, and also  $U \in \mathscr{X}_{n+1}$  since R is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent. So  $\operatorname{Ext}_R^{n+1}(U,B_k)=0$ , and hence  $\operatorname{Ext}_R^n(U,L_{k-1})=0$ . Thus,  $L_{k-1}$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. Then, with the same process, we get that  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} A_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective, and so by Proposition 3.6,  $A_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective for any  $i \geq 0$ .

For the following theorem, the proof is similar to that of  $(1) \Longrightarrow (2), (2) \Longrightarrow (3)$  and  $(3) \Longrightarrow (1)$  in Theorem 4.9.

**Theorem 4.10.** Let R be a left n- $\mathcal{X}$ -coherent ring and  $\mathcal{X}$  be a class of R-modules which is closed under kernels of epimorphisms. Then, for every right R-module G, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) G is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat;
- (2) There exists the following right n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat resolution of G:

$$0 \longrightarrow G \xrightarrow{f^0} I^0 \xrightarrow{f^1} I^1 \xrightarrow{f^2} \cdots$$

such that  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \operatorname{Im}(f^i)$  is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat;

(3) There exists an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow G \xrightarrow{f^0} I^0 \xrightarrow{f^1} I^1 \xrightarrow{f^2} \cdots$$

of right R-modules, where  $I_i$  has finite n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat dimension for any  $i \geq 0$ , such that  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \operatorname{Im}(f^i)$  is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat.

## 5 $\mathscr{X}$ -FC-rings

A ring R is called left  $\mathscr{X}$ -FC-ring if R is self left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent. In this section, we investigate properties of Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat modules over  $\mathscr{X}$ -FC-rings, thus generalizing several classical results. Notice that the notion of  $\mathscr{X}$ -FC-ring generalizes the classical notions of quasi-Frobenius and FC (i.e., IF) rings.

It is well-known that quasi-Frobenius (resp., FC) rings can be seen as rings over which all modules are Gorenstein injective (resp., Gorenstein FP-injective). Here, we extend this fact as well as other known ones to our new context.

**Proposition 5.1.** Let  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules. Then, every R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective if and only if every projective R-module is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective and for any R-module N,  $\operatorname{Hom}_R(-,N)$  is exact with respect to all special short exact sequences of  $\mathscr{X}_n$  with modules of finite projective dimension.

*Proof.* ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) Let M be a projective R-module. Then, by hypothesis, M is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. So, the following n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective resolution of M exists:

$$\cdots \longrightarrow A_1 \longrightarrow A_0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0.$$

Since M is projective, M is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective as a direct summand of  $A_0$ . Also, by hypothesis and Definition 4.1,  $\operatorname{Hom}_R(-,N)$  is exact with respect to all special short exact sequences with modules of finite projective dimension since every R-module N is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Choose an injective resolution of  $G: 0 \to G \to E^0 \to E^1 \to \cdots$  and a projective resolution of  $G: \cdots \to F_1 \to F_0 \to G \to 0$ , where every  $F_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective by hypothesis. Assembling these resolutions, we get, by Remark 3.4, the following exact sequence of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective R-modules:

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

where  $G = \ker(E^0 \to E^1)$ ,  $K^i = \ker(E^i \to E^{i+1})$  and  $K_i = \ker(F_i \to F_{i-1})$  for any  $i \ge 1$ . Let  $K_{n-1}$  be a special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented module with  $\operatorname{pd}_R(K_{n-1}) < \infty$ . Then, by hypothesis, we have:

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(K_{n-1}, G) = \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(K_{n-1}, K_{i}) = \operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(K_{n-1}, K^{i}) = 0.$$

So,  $\operatorname{Hom}_R(K_{n-1}, \mathbf{A})$  is exact, and hence G is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.

**Proposition 5.2.** Let  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules. Then, every right R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat if and only if every injective right R-module is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat and for any R-module N,  $N \otimes_R -$  is exact with respect to all special short exact sequences of  $\mathscr{X}_n$  with modules of finite projective dimension.

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of Proposition 5.1.

**Theorem 5.3.** Let R be a left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent ring and  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules. Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) Every R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective;
- (2) Every projective R-module is n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective;
- (3) R is self left n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective.

*Proof.*  $(1) \Longrightarrow (2)$  and  $(2) \Longrightarrow (3)$  hold by Proposition 5.1.

(3)  $\Longrightarrow$  (1) Let G be an R-module and  $\cdots \to F_1 \to F_0 \to G \to 0$  be any free resolution of G. Then, by Proposition 3.6, each  $F_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. Hence, Corollary 4.5 completes the proof.

**Examples 5.4.** Let  $R = k[x^3, x^2, x^2y, xy^2, xy, y^2, y^3]$  be a ring and  $\mathscr X$  a class of all 1-presented R-modules. We claim that R is not 1- $\mathscr X$ -injective. Suppose to the contrary, R is 1- $\mathscr X$ -injective. We have  $\frac{R}{Rx^2}$  is special  $\mathscr X$ -presented since  $Rx^2 \cong R$  is special  $\mathscr X$ -generated. Also,  $\operatorname{pd}_R(\frac{R}{Rx^2}) < \infty$ . So by Proposition 5.1 and Theorem 5.3,  $\frac{R}{Rx^2}$  is projective. Therefore, the exact sequence  $0 \to Rx^2 \to R \to \frac{R}{Rx^2} \to 0$  splits. Thus,  $Rx^2$  is a direct summand of R and so,  $x^2$  is an idempotent, a contradiction.

Let  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of graded R-modules. Then, a graded ring R will be called n-gr-regular if and only if it is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -regular if and only if every n-presented R-module in  $\mathscr{X}$  is projective if and only if every R-module in  $\mathscr{X}$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat. This is a generalization of [19, Proposition 3.11]. Notice that, when n=1, then R is gr-regular if and only if 1- $\mathscr{X}$ -regular, see [18].

The following example show that, for some of class  $\mathscr{X}$  of R-modules and any m > n, every Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective (resp., flat) module is Gorenstein m- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. But, Gorenstein m- $\mathscr{X}$ -injectivity (resp., flatness) does not imply, in general, Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injectivity (resp., flatness).

**Examples 5.5.** (1) Let R be a graded ring and  $\mathscr{X}$  a class of graded R-module. Then, for any m > n, every Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective (resp., flat) module is Gorenstein m- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective (resp., flat), since by [20, Remark 3.5], every n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective (resp., flat) module is m- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective (resp., flat).

(2) Let R = k[X], where k is a field, and  $\mathscr{X}$  a class of graded R-modules. Then, by Remark 4.2, every graded left (resp., right) R-module is Gorenstein 2- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective (resp., flat) since every 2-presented graded R-module is projective. We claim that there is a graded left (resp., right) R-module N so that N is not Gorenstein 1- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective (resp., flat). Suppose to the contrary, every graded left (resp., right) R-module is Gorenstein 1- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective (resp. flat). If U is a finitely presented graded module, then the special exact sequence  $0 \to L \to F_0 \to U \to 0$  of graded modules exists. So by Proposition 5.1 (resp., Proposition 5.2), U is projective and it follows that R is 1- $\mathscr{X}$ -regular or  $\mathscr{X}$ -regular, contradiction, see [20, Example 3.6].

**Proposition 5.6.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a class of R-modules. Then, the following statements hold:

- (1) If G is a Gorenstein injective R-module, then  $\operatorname{Hom}_R(-,G)$  is exact with respect to all special short exact sequences with modules of finite projective dimension.
- (2) If G is a Gorenstein flat right R-module, then  $G \otimes_R -$  is exact with respect to all special short exact sequences with modules of finite flat dimension.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $0 \to K_n \to P_n \to K_{n-1} \to 0$  be a special short exact sequence of  $U \in \mathscr{X}_n$ . It is clear that  $\operatorname{pd}_R(U) = m < \infty$  since  $\operatorname{pd}_R(K_{n-1}) < \infty$ . Also, let G be Gorenstein injective. Then, the following injective resolution of G exists:

$$0 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow A_{m-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow A_0 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow 0.$$

So,  $\operatorname{Ext}_R^{n+i}(U,A_j)=0$  for every  $0\leq j\leq m-1$  and any  $i\geq 0$ . Thus, we deduce that  $\operatorname{Ext}_R^{n+i}(U,G)\cong\operatorname{Ext}_R^{m+n+i}(U,N)=0$  for any  $i\geq 0$ . So,  $\operatorname{Ext}_R^1(K_{n-1},G)\cong\operatorname{Ext}_R^n(U,G)=0$ .

(2) The proof is similar to the one above.

Now we can state the main result of this section.

**Theorem 5.7.** Let R be a left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -coherent ring and  $\mathscr{X}$  be a class of R-modules. Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) R is self left n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective;
- (2) Every Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective;
- (3) Every Gorenstein flat R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective;
- (4) Every flat R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective;
- (5) Every Gorenstein projective R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective;
- (6) Every projective R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective;
- (7) Every Gorenstein injective right R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat;
- (8) Every injective right R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat;
- (9) Every Gorenstein 1- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective right R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat;

(10) Every Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -injective right R-module is Gorenstein n- $\mathcal{X}$ -flat.

*Proof.*  $(1) \Longrightarrow (2)$ ,  $(1) \Longrightarrow (3)$ ,  $(1) \Longrightarrow (4)$ ,  $(1) \Longrightarrow (5)$  and  $(1) \Longrightarrow (6)$  follow immediately from Theorem 5.3.

- $(3) \Longrightarrow (4), (4) \Longrightarrow (6) \text{ and } (5) \Longrightarrow (6) \text{ are trivial.}$
- $(3) \Longrightarrow (1)$  Assume that G is a projective R-module. Then, G is flat and so G is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective by (3). So, similar to the proof of  $(\Longrightarrow)$  of Proposition 5.1, G is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. Thus, the assertion follows from Theorem 5.3.
  - $(6) \Longrightarrow (1)$  This is similar to the proof of  $(3) \Longrightarrow (1)$ .
- $(1) \Longrightarrow (9)$  By Theorem 3.5, every 1- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective right R-module is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat. Suppose that G is Gorenstein 1- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. So, an exact sequence

$$\mathbf{M} = \cdots \longrightarrow M_1 \longrightarrow M_0 \longrightarrow M^0 \longrightarrow M^1 \longrightarrow \cdots,$$

of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat right R-modules exists, where  $G = \ker(M^0 \to M^1)$ . Let  $K_{n-1}$  be special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented with  $f.d(K_{n-1}) < \infty$ . Then, similar to the proof of Theorem 4.4(1),  $\mathbf{M} \otimes_R K_{n-1}$  is exact, and hence G is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat.

 $(9) \Longrightarrow (7)$  By Remark 3.4, every injective right R-module is 1- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective. So, if G is Gorenstein injective, then an exact sequence

$$\mathbf{E} = \cdots \longrightarrow E_1 \longrightarrow E_0 \longrightarrow E^0 \longrightarrow E^1 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

of 1- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective right R-modules exists, where  $G = \ker(E^0 \to E^1)$ . So, if  $U \in \mathscr{X}_1$  with  $\mathrm{pd}(U) < \infty$ , then U is special  $\mathscr{X}$ -presented and by Proposition 5.6,  $\mathrm{Hom}_R(U,\mathbf{E})$  is exact. Therefore, G is Gorenstein 1- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.

- $(7) \Longrightarrow (8)$  is trivial since every injective R-module is Gorenstein injective.
- $(8) \Longrightarrow (1)$  Let M be an injective right R-module. Since M is Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat, we have an exact sequence:

$$\mathbf{M} = \cdots \longrightarrow M_1 \longrightarrow M_0 \longrightarrow M^0 \longrightarrow M^1 \longrightarrow \cdots,$$

where any  $M_i$  is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat and  $M = \ker(M^0 \to M^1)$ . Then, the split exact sequence  $0 \to M \to M^0 \to L \to 0$  implies that M is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat, and hence by Theorem 3.5, we deduce that R is self left n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective.

 $(1) \Longrightarrow (10)$  Suppose that G is a Gorenstein n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective right R-module. By Theorem 3.5(6), every n- $\mathscr{X}$ -injective right R-module is n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat. Thus, an exact sequence

$$\mathbf{N} = \cdots \longrightarrow N_1 \longrightarrow N_0 \longrightarrow N^0 \longrightarrow N^1 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

of n- $\mathscr{X}$ -flat right R-modules exists, where  $G = \ker(N^0 \to N^1)$ . Then, similar to the proof of Theorem 4.4(1), (10) follows.

$$(10) \Longrightarrow (7)$$
 is clear.

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