

## Complete cotorsion pairs in the category of complexes

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we study completeness of cotorsion pairs in the category of complexes of  $R$ -modules. Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  be a cotorsion pair in  $R\text{-Mod}$ . It is shown that the cotorsion pairs  $(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \text{dg}\tilde{\mathcal{B}})$  and  $(\overline{\mathcal{A}}, \overline{\mathcal{A}}^\perp)$  are complete if  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under pure submodules and cokernels of pure monomorphisms, where in Gillespie's definitions  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  is the class of exact complexes with cycles in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\text{dg}\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  is the class of complexes  $X$  with components in  $\mathcal{B}$  such that the complex  $\text{Hom}(A, X)$  is exact for every complex  $A \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ ; and  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$  is the class of all complexes with components in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Furthermore, they are perfect. As an application, we get that every complex over a right coherent ring has a Gorenstein flat cover, which generalizes the well-known results on the existence of Gorenstein flat covers.

**Key words:** Complete, cotorsion pair, cover, Gorenstein flat complex

### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

In this paper,  $R$  denotes a ring with unity,  $R\text{-Mod}$  denotes the category of left  $R$ -modules, and  $\mathcal{C}(R)$  denotes the abelian category of complexes of left  $R$ -modules. A complex

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\delta_2} C_1 \xrightarrow{\delta_1} C_0 \xrightarrow{\delta_0} C_{-1} \xrightarrow{\delta_{-1}} \cdots$$

of left  $R$ -modules will be denoted  $(C, \delta)$  or  $C$ . Given a left  $R$ -module  $M$ , we will denote by  $D^n(M)$  the complex

$$\cdots \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow M \xrightarrow{id} M \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

with the  $M$  in the  $n$  and  $(n-1)$ -th position. Also, by  $S^n(M)$  we mean the complex with  $M$  in the  $n$ -th place and 0 in the other places, and the character module  $M^+ = \text{Hom}(M, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ . Given a complex  $C$  and an integer  $i$ ,  $\Sigma^i C$  denotes the complex such that  $(\Sigma^i C)_n = C_{n-i}$  and whose boundary operators are  $(-1)^i \delta_{n-i}^C$ . The  $n$ -th homology module of  $C$  is the module  $H_n(C) = Z_n(C)/B_n(C)$ , where  $Z_n(C) = \text{Ker}(\delta_n^C)$ ,  $B_n(C) = \text{Im}(\delta_{n+1}^C)$ ; we set  $C_n(C) = \text{Coker}(\delta_{n+1}^C)$ .

Throughout the paper we use both the subscript notation for complexes and the superscript notation. When we use superscripts for a complex we will use subscripts to distinguish complexes. For example, if  $(K^i)_{i \in I}$  is a family of complexes, then  $K_n^i$  denotes the  $n$ -th component of the complex  $K^i$ .

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For objects  $C$  and  $D$  of  $\mathcal{C}(R)$ ,  $\text{Hom}(C, D)$  is the abelian group of morphisms from  $C$  to  $D$  in  $\mathcal{C}(R)$  and  $\text{Ext}^i(C, D)$  for  $i \geq 1$  will denote the groups we get from the right derived functor of  $\text{Hom}$ .  $\mathcal{H}om(C, D)$  denotes the complex of abelian groups with  $n$ -th component  $\mathcal{H}om(C, D)_n$  and boundary operator

$$\delta_n((\varphi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}) = (\delta_{n+i}^D \varphi_i - (-1)^n \varphi_{i-1} \delta_i^C)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}.$$

It is easy to see that  $\text{Hom}(C, D) = Z_0(\mathcal{H}om(C, D))$ . We recall the notations introduced in [5]. Let  $\underline{\text{Hom}}(C, D) = Z(\mathcal{H}om(C, D))$ , we then see that  $\underline{\text{Hom}}(C, D)$  can be made into a complex with  $\underline{\text{Hom}}(C, D)_n$  the abelian group of morphisms from  $C$  to  $\Sigma^{-n}D$  and with boundary operator given by  $\delta_n(f) : C \rightarrow \Sigma^{-(n-1)}D$  with  $\delta_n(f)_m = (-1)^n \delta^D f_m, \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}$  for  $f \in \underline{\text{Hom}}(C, D)_n$ , and note that the new functor  $\underline{\text{Hom}}(C, D)$  will have right derived functors whose values will be complexes. These values should certainly be denoted  $\underline{\text{Ext}}^i(C, D)$ . It is not hard to see that  $\underline{\text{Ext}}^i(C, D)$  is the complex

$$\dots \rightarrow \text{Ext}^i(C, \Sigma^{-(n+1)}D) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^i(C, \Sigma^{-n}D) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^i(C, \Sigma^{-(n-1)}D) \rightarrow \dots$$

with boundary operators induced by the boundary operators of  $D$ . Also we mean by  $C^+ = \underline{\text{Hom}}(C, D^0(\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}))$  the complex

$$\dots \rightarrow \text{Hom}(C_{-1}, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(C_0, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(C_1, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \dots$$

If  $X$  is a complex of right  $R$ -modules and  $Y$  is a complex of left  $R$ -modules, the tensor product of  $X$  and  $Y$  is the complex of abelian groups  $X \otimes Y$  with  $(X \otimes Y)_n = \bigoplus_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} (X_t \otimes_R Y_{n-t})$  and  $\delta(x \otimes y) = \delta_t^X(x) \otimes y + (-1)^t x \otimes \delta_{n-t}^Y(y), \forall x \in X^t, y \in Y^{n-t}$ . Define  $X \overline{\otimes} Y$  to be  $\frac{X \otimes Y}{B(X \otimes Y)}$ . Then with the maps

$$\frac{(X \otimes Y)_n}{B_n(X \otimes Y)} \rightarrow \frac{(X \otimes Y)_{n-1}}{B_{n-1}(X \otimes Y)}, \quad x \otimes y \mapsto \delta_X(x) \otimes y,$$

where  $x \otimes y$  is used to denote the coset in  $\frac{(X \otimes Y)_n}{B_n(X \otimes Y)}$ , we get a complex of abelian groups.

Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  be classes of objects in an abelian category  $\mathcal{D}$ . Let  $D$  be an object of  $\mathcal{D}$ . We recall the definition introduced in [2]. A morphism  $f : D \rightarrow B$  is called a  $\mathcal{B}$ -preenvelope of  $D$  if  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\text{Hom}(B, B') \rightarrow \text{Hom}(D, B') \rightarrow 0$  is exact for all  $B' \in \mathcal{B}$ . If, moreover, any morphism  $g : B \rightarrow B$  such that  $gf = f$  is an automorphism of  $B$  then  $f : D \rightarrow B$  is called a  $\mathcal{B}$ -envelope. A monomorphism  $\alpha : D \rightarrow B$  with  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  is said to be a special  $\mathcal{B}$ -preenvelope of  $D$  if  $\text{Coker}(\alpha) \in {}^\perp \mathcal{B}$ , where  ${}^\perp \mathcal{B} = \{A \in \mathcal{D} : \text{Ext}^1(A, B) = 0 \text{ for all } B \in \mathcal{B}\}$ . Dually we have the concepts of a (special)  $\mathcal{B}$ -precover and a  $\mathcal{B}$ -cover. A pair of classes of objects  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is called a cotorsion pair (or cotorsion theory) [15, 20] if  $\mathcal{A}^\perp = \mathcal{B}$  and  ${}^\perp \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A}$ , where  $\mathcal{A}^\perp = \{B \in \mathcal{D} : \text{Ext}^1(A, B) = 0 \text{ for all } A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ . A cotorsion pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is called hereditary if whenever  $0 \rightarrow A' \rightarrow A \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow 0$  is exact with  $A, A'' \in \mathcal{A}$  then  $A'$  is also in  $\mathcal{A}$ . A cotorsion pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is called complete if every  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  has a special  $\mathcal{B}$ -preenvelope and a special  $\mathcal{A}$ -precover. A cotorsion pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is called perfect if every  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  has a  $\mathcal{B}$ -envelope and an  $\mathcal{A}$ -cover. A cotorsion pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is said to be cogenerated by a set  $X$  if  $X^\perp = \mathcal{A}^\perp$ . It is well known that a perfect cotorsion pair is complete, but the converse may be false in general. In [1], Eklof and Trlifaj proved that a cotorsion pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  in  $R\text{-Mod}$  is complete when it is cogenerated by a set. This result actually holds in any Grothendieck category with enough projectives, as Hovey proved in [17]. For unexplained concepts and notations, we refer the reader to [4, 5, 6, 11, 15, 21].

In [12], Gillespie introduced the following definition.

**Definition 1.1** ([12, Definition 3.3]) Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  be a cotorsion pair on an abelian category  $\mathcal{C}$ . Let  $X$  be a complex.

- (1)  $X$  is called an  $\mathcal{A}$  complex if it is exact and  $Z_n(X) \in \mathcal{A}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (2)  $X$  is called a  $\mathcal{B}$  complex if it is exact and  $Z_n(X) \in \mathcal{B}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (3)  $X$  is called a dg- $\mathcal{A}$  complex if  $X_n \in \mathcal{A}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $\mathcal{H}om(X, B)$  is exact whenever  $B$  is a  $\mathcal{B}$  complex.
- (4)  $X$  is called a dg- $\mathcal{B}$  complex if  $X_n \in \mathcal{B}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $\mathcal{H}om(A, X)$  is exact whenever  $A$  is a  $\mathcal{A}$  complex.

In particular, if  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) = (\text{Proj}, R\text{-Mod})$ , then  $\mathcal{A}$  complexes and dg- $\mathcal{A}$  complexes is just projective complexes and DG-projective complexes, respectively. If  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) = (R\text{-Mod}, \text{Inj})$ , then  $\mathcal{B}$  complexes and dg- $\mathcal{B}$  complexes are just injective complexes, and DG-injective complexes respectively.

We denote the class of  $\mathcal{A}$  complexes by  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  and the class of dg- $\mathcal{A}$  complexes by  $\text{dg}\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ . Similarly, the class of  $\mathcal{B}$  complexes is denoted by  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  and the class of dg- $\mathcal{B}$  complexes by  $\text{dg}\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$ . In [12], it was shown that  $(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \text{dg}\tilde{\mathcal{B}})$  and  $(\text{dg}\tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \tilde{\mathcal{B}})$  are cotorsion pairs in  $\mathcal{C}(R)$  if  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is a cotorsion pair in  $R\text{-Mod}$ , and proven that  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is hereditary if and only if  $(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \text{dg}\tilde{\mathcal{B}})$  is hereditary if and only if  $(\text{dg}\tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \tilde{\mathcal{B}})$  is hereditary. In [13] and [14], it was considered the question of whether or not the induced cotorsion pairs are complete when the original cotorsion pair is complete, and shown that a cotorsion pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  in an abelian category  $\mathcal{C}$  can induce two natural homological model structures on  $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{C})$  under certain conditions.

In section 2 of this article, the completeness of the cotorsion pair  $(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \text{dg}\tilde{\mathcal{B}})$  is studied. It is given a sufficient condition such that the cotorsion pair  $(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \text{dg}\tilde{\mathcal{B}})$  is complete. As some applications, we get that every complex over a right coherent ring has a  $\widetilde{\mathcal{GF}}$ -cover, every complex has a  $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_n$ -cover, and every complex has a  $\widetilde{\mathcal{MF}}$ -cover, where  $\mathcal{GF}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_n$ , and  $\mathcal{MF}$  respectively denote the classes of all Gorenstein flat left  $R$ -modules, all left  $R$ -modules with flat dimension less than or equal to a fixed nonnegative integer  $n$ , and all min-flat left  $R$ -modules.

Section 3 is devoted to studying complexes in the class  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}^\perp$ , and completeness of the cotorsion pair  $(\overline{\mathcal{A}}, \overline{\mathcal{A}}^\perp)$ . We prove that a complex  $C$  is in  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}^\perp$  if and only if  $C_n$  is in  $\mathcal{A}^\perp$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathcal{H}om(G, C)$  is exact for any  $G \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}$ , and  $(\overline{\mathcal{A}}, \overline{\mathcal{A}}^\perp)$  is complete if  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under pure submodules and cokernels of pure monomorphisms. As an application, we get that every complex over a right coherent ring has a Gorenstein flat cover, which generalizes Theorem 5.4.8 in [11] and Theorem 2.12 in [10].

## 2. $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ -covers of complexes

First are given some characterizations of  $\mathcal{A}$  complexes and  $\mathcal{B}$  complexes.

**Lemma 2.1** ([14, Lemma 4.2]) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an abelian category,  $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{C})$  be the category of complexes on  $\mathcal{C}$ . For each object  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $X, Y \in \text{Ch}(\mathcal{C})$ , we have the following isomorphisms.

- (1) If  $X$  is an exact complex, then  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(C_n(X), C) \cong \text{Ext}_{\text{Ch}(\mathcal{C})}^1(X, S^n(C))$ .
- (2) If  $Y$  is an exact complex, then  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(C, Z_n(Y)) \cong \text{Ext}_{\text{Ch}(\mathcal{C})}^1(S^n(C), Y)$ .

**Proposition 2.2** *Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  be a cotorsion pair in  $R\text{-Mod}$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $C$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$  complex.
- (2) For every dg- $\mathcal{B}$  complex  $G$ ,  $\text{Ext}^1(C, G) = 0$ .
- (3) For every bounded above complex  $G$  with each component in  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\text{Ext}^1(C, G) = 0$ .
- (4) For every bounded complex  $G$  with each component in  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\text{Ext}^1(C, G) = 0$ .
- (5) For any  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ , and any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\text{Ext}^1(C, S^n(B)) = 0$ .

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) It follows from the proof of [12, Proposition 3.6].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) It is clear since every bounded above complex with components in  $\mathcal{B}$  is dg- $\mathcal{B}$  complex (see [12, Lemma 3.4(2)]).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) and (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) are obvious.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) First, we show that  $C$  is exact. Let  $f_n : C_n/B_n(C) \rightarrow I$  be an injective homomorphism, where  $I$  is an injective module. Then the induced morphism of complexes  $f : C \rightarrow S^n(I)$  follows as

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 C = & & \cdots & \longrightarrow & C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\delta_{n+1}} & C_n & \xrightarrow{\delta_n} & C_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow f_n \eta & & \downarrow & & \\
 S^n(I) = & & \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & I & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \cdots,
 \end{array}$$

where  $\eta : C_n \rightarrow C_n/B_n(C)$  is the natural epimorphism. We get that  $f$  is homotopic to zero since  $\text{Ext}^1(C, S^n(I)) = 0$ . Let  $\{S_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be homotopy, then  $S_{n-1}\delta_n = f_n\eta$ . Thus  $Z_n(C) \subseteq B_n(C)$ , and so  $C$  is an exact complex. Next it is proven that  $Z_n(C) \in \mathcal{A}$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $\text{Ext}_R^1(C_n(C), B) \cong \text{Ext}^1(C, S^n(B))$  for any  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ . But  $\text{Ext}^1(C, S^n(B)) = 0$ , so  $\text{Ext}_R^1(C_n(C), B) = 0$ . Thus  $C_n(C) \in \mathcal{A}$ . Since  $Z_n(C) \cong C_{n+1}(C)$ , we have  $Z_n(C) \in \mathcal{A}$ . Therefore  $C$  is  $\mathcal{A}$  complex. □

**Proposition 2.3** *Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  be a cotorsion pair in  $R\text{-Mod}$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $C$  is a  $\mathcal{B}$  complex.
- (2) For every dg- $\mathcal{A}$  complex  $G$ ,  $\text{Ext}^1(G, C) = 0$ .
- (3) For every bounded below complex  $G$  with each component in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\text{Ext}^1(G, C) = 0$ .
- (4) For every bounded complex  $G$  with each component in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\text{Ext}^1(G, C) = 0$ .
- (5) For any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , and any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\text{Ext}^1(S^n(A), C) = 0$ .

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) It follows from the proof of [12, Proposition 3.6].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) is clear since every bounded below complex with each component in  $\mathcal{A}$  is dg- $\mathcal{A}$  complex (see [12, Lemma 3.4(1)]).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) and (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) are obvious.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Note that  $\text{Hom}(S^0(R), C) \cong C$  for any complex, we obtain that  $H^n(C) \cong \text{Ext}^1(S^{1-n}(R), C)$  by [12, Lemma 2.1]. Since  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{A}$ , it follows that  $C$  is an exact complex by the assumption. By Lemma 2.1,  $\text{Ext}_R^1(A, Z_n(C)) \cong \text{Ext}^1(S^n(A), C)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , which implies that  $Z_n(C) \in \mathcal{B}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus  $C$  is  $\mathcal{B}$  complex. □

According to [11], a short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{C}(R)$  is called pure if the sequence  $0 \rightarrow F \otimes A \rightarrow F \otimes B$  is exact for any (or finitely presented) complex  $F$  of right  $R$ -modules. Equivalently,  $\underline{\text{Hom}}(F, B) \rightarrow \underline{\text{Hom}}(F, C) \rightarrow 0$  is surjective for all finitely presented complex  $F$  of left  $R$ -modules. A subcomplex  $S \subseteq C$  is pure if  $0 \rightarrow S \rightarrow C \rightarrow C/S \rightarrow 0$  is a pure exact sequence.

**Lemma 2.4** ([12, Lemma 4.6]) *Let  $|R| \leq \aleph$ , where  $\aleph$  is some infinite cardinal. Then for any  $C \in \mathcal{C}(R)$  and any element  $x \in C$  (by this we mean  $x \in C_n$  for some  $n$ ), there exists a pure subcomplex  $P \subseteq C$  with  $x \in P$  and  $|P| \leq \aleph$ .*

**Lemma 2.5** *Suppose  $S, T$  and  $C$  are complexes of left  $R$ -modules such that  $S \subseteq T \subseteq C$ . If  $S$  is pure in  $C$  and  $T/S$  is pure in  $C/S$ , then  $T$  is pure in  $C$ .*

**Proof** Let  $D$  be any complex of right  $R$ -modules. Then we get the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & 0 & & \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & & & D \otimes T/S & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & D \otimes S & \longrightarrow & D \otimes T & \longrightarrow & D \otimes T/S & \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & D \otimes S & \longrightarrow & D \otimes C & \longrightarrow & D \otimes C/S \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

where all of the maps are the obvious ones. Thus  $0 \rightarrow D \otimes T \rightarrow D \otimes C$  is exact, and so  $T$  is pure in  $C$ . □

Note that the similar result holds in  $R\text{-Mod}$ .

**Lemma 2.6** *If  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  is pure exact in  $\mathcal{C}(R)$ , then  $0 \rightarrow Z_n(A) \rightarrow Z_n(B) \rightarrow Z_n(C) \rightarrow 0$  is pure exact in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

**Proof** By the hypothesis, we have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow Z_n(A) \rightarrow Z_n(B) \rightarrow Z_n(C) \rightarrow 0$  in  $R\text{-Mod}$ . Let  $P$  be any finitely presented module, and  $f : P \rightarrow Z_n(C)$  be any  $R$ -homomorphism. We define  $\alpha : S^n(P) \rightarrow C$  as

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 S^n(P) = & \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & P & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\
 & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \lambda f & & \downarrow & & \\
 C = & \cdots & \longrightarrow & C_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & C_n & \longrightarrow & C_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots,
 \end{array}$$

where  $\lambda : Z_n(C) \rightarrow C_n$  is the natural inclusion. Since  $S^n(P)$  is a finitely presented complex, there exists  $\beta : S^n(P) \rightarrow B$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & S^n(P) & & \\
 & & & & \swarrow \beta & \downarrow \alpha & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & C \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

commutes. Thus

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & P & & \\
 & \swarrow \beta_n & \downarrow \lambda f & & \\
 B_n & \longrightarrow & C_n & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

commutes. Since  $\beta$  is a morphism of complexes from  $S^n(P)$  to  $B$ , we get  $\delta_n^B \beta_n = 0$ , and so  $\text{Im}(\beta_n) \subseteq Z_n(B)$ , which imply that  $\beta_n : P \rightarrow Z_n(B)$  and

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & P & & \\
 & \swarrow \beta_n & \downarrow f & & \\
 Z_n(B) & \longrightarrow & Z_n(C) & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

commutes. □

**Lemma 2.7** *If  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under pure submodules and cokernels of pure monomorphisms, then  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  is closed under pure subcomplexes and cokernels of pure monomorphisms.*

**Proof** Suppose  $0 \rightarrow S \rightarrow C \rightarrow C/S \rightarrow 0$  is a pure exact sequence in  $\mathcal{C}(R)$  with  $C \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ . Then  $0 \rightarrow (C/S)^+ \rightarrow C^+ \rightarrow S^+ \rightarrow 0$  is split, and so  $S^+$  and  $(C/S)^+$  are exact, which implies that  $S$  and  $C/S$  are exact. By Lemma 2.6,  $Z_n(S)$  and  $Z_n(C/S)$  are in  $\mathcal{A}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore,  $S$  and  $C/S$  are in  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ . □

Next we prove that  $(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \text{dg}\tilde{\mathcal{B}})$  is complete under additional conditions. The method of proof is learned from [12, Proposition 4.9].

**Theorem 2.8** *Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  be a cotorsion pair in  $R\text{-Mod}$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under pure submodules and cokernels of pure monomorphisms, then the cotorsion pair  $(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}, \text{dg}\tilde{\mathcal{B}})$  is complete. Furthermore, it is perfect.*

**Proof** Suppose  $G \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ , and  $|R| \leq \aleph$  for some infinite cardinal  $\aleph$ . We will show that  $G$  is equal to the union of a continuous chain  $(P^\alpha)_{\alpha < \lambda}$  of pure subcomplexes of  $G$  with  $|P^0| \leq \aleph$  and  $|P^{\alpha+1}/P^\alpha| \leq \aleph$  for all  $\alpha$ .

Set  $T = \coprod_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} G_n$ . We may well order the set  $T$  so that for some ordinal  $\lambda$ ,

$$T = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_\alpha, \dots\}_{\alpha < \lambda}.$$

For  $x_0$ , use Lemma 2.4 to find a pure subcomplex  $P^1 \subseteq G$  containing  $x_0$  with  $|P^1| \leq \aleph$ . Then  $G/P^1$  is in  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  by Lemma 2.7. Now  $\bar{x}_1 \in G/P^1$ . Therefore we can find a pure subcomplex  $P^2/P^1 \subseteq G/P^1$  containing  $\bar{x}_1$  such that  $|P^2/P^1| \leq \aleph$ . Then  $(G/P^1)/(P^2/P^1) \cong G/P^2$  is in  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ . By Lemma 2.5, we get  $P^2$  is pure. Note that  $P^1 \subseteq P^2$  and  $x_0, x_1 \in P^2$ . In general, given any ordinal  $\alpha$ , and having constructed pure subcomplexes  $P^1 \subseteq P^2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq P^\alpha$  where  $x_\gamma \in P^\alpha$  for all  $\gamma < \alpha$ , we find a pure subcomplex  $P^{\alpha+1} \subseteq G$  as follows:  $\bar{x}_\alpha \in G/P^\alpha$ , so by Lemma 2.4 we can find a pure subcomplex  $P^{\alpha+1}/P^\alpha \subseteq G/P^\alpha$  containing  $\bar{x}_\alpha$  such that  $|P^{\alpha+1}/P^\alpha| \leq \aleph$ . Thus  $(G/P^\alpha)/(P^{\alpha+1}/P^\alpha) \cong G/P^{\alpha+1}$  is in  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ , whence  $P^{\alpha+1}$  is pure. We now have  $P^1 \subseteq P^2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq P^\alpha \subseteq P^{\alpha+1}$  and  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_\alpha \in P^{\alpha+1}$ . For the case when  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal we just define  $P^\alpha = \bigcup_{\gamma < \alpha} P^\gamma$ . Then as we noted above,  $P^\alpha$  is pure, and  $x_\gamma \in P^\alpha$  for all  $\gamma < \alpha$ . This construction gives us the directed continuous chain  $(P^\alpha)_{\alpha < \lambda}$ .

If  $C$  is a complex such that  $\text{Ext}^1(P^0, C) = 0$  and  $\text{Ext}^1(P^{\alpha+1}/P^\alpha, C) = 0$  whenever  $\alpha + 1 < \lambda$ , then  $\text{Ext}^1(G, C) = 0$  by [12, Lemma 4.5]. Let  $X$  be a set of representatives of all complexes  $C \in \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}$  with  $|C| \leq \aleph$ . Then  $\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}^\perp = X^\perp$ . That is,  $(\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}, \text{dg}\widetilde{\mathcal{B}})$  is cogenerated by  $X$ . Thus  $(\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}, \text{dg}\widetilde{\mathcal{B}})$  is complete.

Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under direct sums,  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under direct limits by [15, Corollary 1.2.7]. Thus the cotorsion pair  $(\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}, \text{dg}\widetilde{\mathcal{B}})$  is automatically perfect. □

According to [3], a module  $M$  is called Gorenstein flat if there exists an exact sequence in  $R\text{-Mod}$

$$\cdots \longrightarrow F_1 \longrightarrow F_0 \longrightarrow F_{-1} \longrightarrow \cdots$$

of flat  $R$ -modules such that  $M = \text{Ker}(F_0 \rightarrow F_{-1})$  and that remains exact whenever  $E \otimes -$  is applied for any injective right  $R$ -module  $E$ . Let  $\mathcal{GF}$  denote the class of all Gorenstein flat left  $R$ -modules. In [7, Theorem 3.1.9] (also, see [10]), it was proven that over a right coherent ring  $(\mathcal{GF}, \mathcal{GF}^\perp)$  is a perfect and hereditary cotorsion pair. By Theorem 2.8, we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.9** *Every complex over a right coherent ring has a  $\widetilde{\mathcal{GF}}$ -cover.*

**Proof** By [7, Corollary 2.1.9], we have that  $\mathcal{GF}$  is closed under direct limits. Thus it is enough to prove that  $\mathcal{GF}$  is closed under pure submodules and cokernels of pure monomorphisms. Suppose  $0 \rightarrow P \rightarrow M \rightarrow M/P \rightarrow 0$  is pure exact in  $R\text{-Mod}$  with  $M \in \mathcal{GF}$ . Then  $0 \rightarrow (M/P)^+ \rightarrow M^+ \rightarrow P^+ \rightarrow 0$  is split, and  $M^+ \in \mathcal{GI}$  by [16, Theorem 3.6], where  $\mathcal{GI}$  denotes the class of Gorenstein injective modules. Thus  $(M/P)^+$  and  $P^+$  are in  $\mathcal{GI}$  by [16, Theorem 2.6], which implies that  $M/P$  and  $P$  are in  $\mathcal{GF}$ . □

The symbol  $\mathcal{F}_n$  stands for the class of all left  $R$ -modules with flat dimension less than or equal to a fixed nonnegative integer  $n$ . In [19, Theorem 3.4], it was proven that  $(\mathcal{F}_n, \mathcal{F}_n^\perp)$  is a perfect and hereditary cotorsion pair. Note that  $\mathcal{F}_n$  is closed under pure submodules, cokernels of pure monomorphisms and direct limits. Thus we have the following result.

**Corollary 2.10** *Every complex has a  $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}_n$ -cover.*

A left  $R$ -module  $M$  is called min-flat [18] if  $\text{Tor}_1(R/I, M) = 0$  for each simple right ideal  $I$ . Let  $\mathcal{MF}$  denote the class of all min-flat left  $R$ -modules. In [18, Theorem 3.4], it was proven that  $(\mathcal{MF}, \mathcal{MF}^\perp)$  is a perfect cotorsion pair. Note that  $\mathcal{MF}$  is closed under pure submodules, cokernels of pure monomorphisms and direct limits.

**Corollary 2.11** *Every complex has a  $\widetilde{\mathcal{MF}}$ -cover.*

**Remark 2.12** *It is well known that the class of modules closed under pure submodules and cokernels of pure monomorphisms is Kaplansky class (see [8, Definition 2.1] and [9, Proposition 3.2.2]). In [13], Gillespie has considered the completeness of the cotorsion pair  $(\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}, \text{dg}\widetilde{\mathcal{B}})$  in the condition of Kaplansky classes in a locally  $k$ -presentable Grothendieck category. But Theorem 2.8 is not a particular case of Theorem 4.12 in [13]. For example, in general the cotorsion pair  $(\mathcal{MF}, \mathcal{MF}^\perp)$  is not hereditary. Thus  $\mathcal{MF}$  does not satisfy condition 4 of Theorem 4.12 in [13].*

### 3. $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ -covers of complexes

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of  $R$ -modules and  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$  denote the class of all complexes with each component in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Lemma 3.1** ([12, Lemma 3.1]) *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be abelian category,  $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{C})$  be the category of complexes on  $\mathcal{C}$ . For each object  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $X, Y \in \text{Ch}(\mathcal{C})$ , we have the following isomorphisms.*

$$(1) \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(X_n, C) \cong \text{Ext}_{\text{Ch}(\mathcal{C})}^1(X, D^{n+1}(C)).$$

$$(2) \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{C}}^1(C, Y_n) \cong \text{Ext}_{\text{Ch}(\mathcal{C})}^1(D^n(C), Y).$$

**Proposition 3.2** *Let  $C$  be a complex. Then  $C$  is in  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}^\perp$  if and only if  $C_n$  is in  $\mathcal{A}^\perp$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\text{Hom}(G, C)$  is exact for any  $G \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}$ .*

**Proof**  $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $(C, \delta)$  is in  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}^\perp$ . By Lemma 3.1, we have  $\text{Ext}^1(F, C_n) \cong \text{Ext}^1(D^n(F), C)$  for each  $F \in \mathcal{A}$ . But  $\text{Ext}^1(D^n(F), C) = 0$ , so  $\text{Ext}^1(F, C_n) = 0$ . Therefore,  $C_n$  is in  $\mathcal{A}^\perp$ .

For any  $G \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}$ ,  $\text{Hom}(G, C)$  is exact if and only if for each  $n$  each map of complexes  $f : G \rightarrow \Sigma^{-n}C$  is homotopic to 0 if and only if for each  $n$  and each map of complexes  $f : G \rightarrow \Sigma^{-n}C$  the sequence  $0 \rightarrow \Sigma^{-n}C \rightarrow M(f) \rightarrow \Sigma^{-1}G \rightarrow 0$  splits if and only if for each  $n$  and each map of complexes  $f : G \rightarrow \Sigma^{-n}C$  the sequence  $0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow \Sigma^{-n}M(f) \rightarrow \Sigma^{-n-1}G \rightarrow 0$  splits where  $M(f)$  denotes the mapping cone of  $f$ . Since  $G$  is in  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ ,  $\Sigma^{-n-1}G$  is also in  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$ . By the hypothesis,  $\text{Ext}^1(\Sigma^{-n-1}G, C) = 0$ . So the sequence  $0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow \Sigma^{-n}M(f) \rightarrow \Sigma^{-n-1}G \rightarrow 0$  splits, and so  $\text{Hom}(G, C)$  is an exact complex.

$\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $C_n$  is in  $\mathcal{A}^\perp$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\text{Hom}(G, C)$  is exact for any  $G \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}$ . Any exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow W \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$  of complexes with  $G \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}$  splits at the module level. So this sequence is isomorphic to  $0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow M(f) \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$ , where  $f : \Sigma^1G \rightarrow C$  is a map of complexes. Since  $\text{Hom}(\Sigma^1G, C)$  is exact, the sequence  $0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow M(f) \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$  splits in  $\mathcal{C}(R)$  by [11, Lemma 2.3.2]. So  $0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow W \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$  also splits.  $\square$

**Remark 3.3** *If  ${}_R R \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $C \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}^\perp$ , then  $C$  is exact by  $H^n(C) \cong \text{Ext}^1(\underline{R}[1-n], C)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

**Proposition 3.4** *If  $(C, \delta)$  is in  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}^\perp$ , then  $Z_n(C)$  is in  $\mathcal{A}^\perp$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

**Proof** For any  $F \in \mathcal{A}$ , it is enough to prove that  $\text{Ext}^1(F, Z_n(C)) = 0$ . Consider the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow P \rightarrow F \rightarrow 0$  with  $P$  a projective module. It yields an exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow S^n(K) \rightarrow S^n(P) \rightarrow S^n(F) \rightarrow 0.$$

By the hypothesis,  $\text{Ext}^1(S^n(F), C) = 0$ . So  $\text{Hom}(S^n(P), C) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(S^n(K), C) \rightarrow 0$  is exact. Let  $f : K \rightarrow Z_n(C)$  be an  $R$ -homomorphism. We define  $\alpha_n : K \rightarrow C_n$  as  $\alpha_n = \lambda f$  where  $\lambda$  is the inclusion map and  $\alpha_i = 0$  for  $i \neq n$ . In this way we obtain a map of complexes  $\alpha : S^n(K) \rightarrow C$ . Then there exists  $\beta : S^n(P) \rightarrow C$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n(K) & \longrightarrow & S^n(P) \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \swarrow \beta \\ & & C \end{array}$$



commutes. Hence we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K & \longrightarrow & P \\ \lambda f \downarrow & \searrow \beta_n & \\ C_n & & \end{array}$$

Since  $\beta$  is a morphism of complexes from  $S^n(P)$  to  $C$ , we obtain  $\delta_n \beta_n = 0$ , which implies that  $\text{Im} \beta_n \subseteq Z_n(C)$ . So we define  $g : P \rightarrow Z_n(C)$  as  $g = \beta_n$ . Thus  $\text{Hom}(P, Z_n(C)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(K, Z_n(C)) \rightarrow 0$  is exact. On the other hand, we have an exact sequence  $\text{Hom}(P, Z_n(C)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(K, Z_n(C)) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(F, Z_n(C)) \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore,  $\text{Ext}^1(F, Z_n(C)) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5** *If  $G$  is in  $\mathcal{A}^\perp$ , then  $D^n(G)$  is in  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}^\perp$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

**Proof** By Lemma 3.1, we have  $\text{Ext}^1(F_{n-1}, G) \cong \text{Ext}^1(F, D^n(G))$  for each  $F \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}$ . But  $\text{Ext}^1(F_{n-1}, G) = 0$ , so  $\text{Ext}^1(F, D^n(G)) = 0$ . Therefore,  $D^n(G)$  is in  $\mathcal{A}^\perp$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.6** *If  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is a cotorsion pair in  $R\text{-Mod}$ , then  $(\overline{\mathcal{A}}, \overline{\mathcal{A}}^\perp)$  is a cotorsion pair in  $\mathcal{C}(R)$ .*

**Proof** It follows from Proposition 3.2 in [14].  $\square$

**Lemma 3.7** *If  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  is pure exact in  $\mathcal{C}(R)$ , then  $0 \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B_n \rightarrow C_n \rightarrow 0$  is pure exact in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

**Proof** Suppose  $P$  is a finitely presented module and  $f : P \rightarrow C_n$ . Then we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & D^n(P) & & & \\ & & & \downarrow \alpha & & & \\ & & \beta \swarrow & & \searrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & C \longrightarrow 0, \end{array}$$

since  $D^n(P)$  is a finitely presented complex, where  $\alpha : D^n(P) \rightarrow C$  follows as

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} D^n(P) = & \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & P & \longrightarrow & P & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow \delta_n^C f & & \downarrow & & \\ C = & \cdots & \longrightarrow & C_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & C_n & \longrightarrow & C_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & C_{n-2} & \longrightarrow & \cdots, \end{array}$$

Thus

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & P \\ & & \downarrow f \\ \beta_n \swarrow & & \\ B_n & \longrightarrow & C_n \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

commutes. That is,  $0 \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B_n \rightarrow C_n \rightarrow 0$  is pure.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.8** *If  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under pure submodules and cokernels of pure monomorphisms, then  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$  is closed under pure subcomplexes and cokernels of pure monomorphisms.*

**Proof** It follows from Lemma 3.7. □

Based on the preceding results, we get the following theorem by analogy with the proof of Theorem 2.8.

**Theorem 3.9** *Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  be a cotorsion pair in  $R\text{-Mod}$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under pure submodules and cokernels of pure monomorphisms, then the cotorsion pair  $(\overline{\mathcal{A}}, \overline{\mathcal{A}}^\perp)$  is complete. Furthermore, it is perfect.*

In [11], García Rozas defined Gorenstein flat complexes and characterized such complexes over Gorenstein rings. A complex  $C$  is called Gorenstein flat if there exists an exact sequence of complexes  $\cdots \rightarrow F^{-1} \rightarrow F^0 \rightarrow F^1 \rightarrow \cdots$  such that each  $F^i$  is flat,  $C = \text{Ker}(F^0 \rightarrow F^1)$  and the sequence remains exact when  $I \overline{\otimes} -$  is applied to it for any injective complex  $I$ . It was proven that every complex over a commutative Gorenstein ring has a Gorenstein flat cover [11, Theorem 5.4.8]. We will show that the same result holds if  $R$  is a right coherent ring.

The following lemma is due to Yang [22, Theorem 5].

**Lemma 3.10** *Let  $R$  be a right coherent ring,  $C$  a complex. Then  $C$  is Gorenstein flat if and only if  $C_n$  is Gorenstein flat in  $R\text{-Mod}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

According to the above lemma, it is shown that over a right coherent ring the class of Gorenstein flat complexes coincides with  $\overline{\mathcal{GF}}$ . Thus we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.11** *Every complex over a right coherent ring has a Gorenstein flat cover.*

According to [10, Theorem 2.12], all left modules over a right coherent ring have Gorenstein flat covers. Corollary 3.11 shows that the corresponding result holds in the category of complexes of  $R$ -modules, and generalizes Theorem 5.4.8 in [11].

Analogously, we have the following two corollaries.

**Corollary 3.12** *Every complex has a  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_n$ -cover.*

**Corollary 3.13** *Every complex has a  $\overline{\mathcal{MF}}$ -cover.*

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