

Auslander-Reiten conjecture on Gorenstein rings ¹

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1. INTRODUCTION

The generalized Nakayama conjecture which was given by M. Auslander and I. Reiten is as follows [3] : Let Λ be an artin algebra. Any indecomposable injective Λ -module appears as a direct summand in the minimal injective resolution of Λ .

They showed that above conjecture holds for all artin algebras if and only if the following conjecture holds for all artin algebras.

Let Λ be an Artin algebra and M be a finitely generated Λ -module. If $\text{Ext}_{\Lambda}^i(M, M \oplus \Lambda) = 0$ ($\forall i > 0$), then M is projective.

M. Auslander, S. Ding, and Ø. Solberg widened the context to algebras over commutative local rings [2].

(ARC) Let R be a commutative Noetherian local ring and M be a finitely generated R -module. If $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, M \oplus R) = 0$ ($\forall i > 0$), then M is free.

They showed in [2] that if R is a complete intersection, then R satisfies (ARC). We shall show the following main theorem.

Theorem 1. *Let R be a Gorenstein ring. If R_p satisfies (ARC) for all $p \in \text{Spec}R$ with $\text{ht } p \leq 1$, then R_p satisfies (ARC) for all $p \in \text{Spec}R$.*

2. MAIN RESULTS

Through in this paper, we denote by R the d -dimensional commutative Gorenstein local ring with the unique maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} . We also denote by $\text{mod } R$ the category of finitely generated R -modules and by $\text{CM } R$ the full subcategory of $\text{mod } R$ consisting of all maximal Cohen-Macaulay modules.

We give a following condition to consider the Auslander-Reiten conjecture.

(ARC) For $M \in \text{mod } R$, suppose $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, M \oplus R) = 0$ ($i > 0$), then M is free.

The main theorem of this paper is following;

Theorem 1. *If R_p satisfies (ARC) for all $p \in \text{Spec}R$ with $\text{ht } p \leq 1$, then R_p satisfies (ARC) for all $p \in \text{Spec}R$.*

It is difficult to check the freeness of modules in general. We give a following theorem to check the freeness of vector bundles.

Theorem 2. *We assume $\dim R = d \geq 2$. Let $M \in \text{CM } R$ be a vector bundle. Suppose $\text{Ext}_R^{d-1}(M, M) = 0$, then M is free.*

¹The detailed version of this paper will be submitted for publication elsewhere.

We say M is a *vector bundle* if M_p is a free R_p -module for all prime ideal p which is not maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} . We want to omit the assumption M is a vector bundle in Theorem 2. But there is a counterexample if M is not a vector bundle.

Example 3. Let k be a field. We set $R = k[x, y, z]/(xy)$ be a 2-dimensional hypersurface and $M = R/(x)$. In this case, we can check that $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, M) = 0$ if and only if i is odd. In particular, we see that $\text{Ext}_R^{2-1}(M, M) = 0$ even if M is not free.

We prepare a lemma to show Theorem 2.

Lemma 4. [9, Lemma 3.10.] *Let R be a d -dimensional Cohen-Macaulay local ring and ω be a canonical module. We denote by $(-)^{\vee}$ the canonical dual $\text{Hom}_R(-, \omega)$. For vector bundles M and $N \in \text{CM } R$, we have a following isomorphism;*

$$\text{Ext}_R^d(\underline{\text{Hom}}(N, M), \omega) \cong \text{Ext}_R^{d+1}(M, (\text{tr } N)^{\vee})$$

Here, $\underline{\text{Hom}}(N, M)$ is the set of stable homomorphisms.

Proof of Theorem 2. Let $M \in \text{CM } R$ be a vector bundle and we assume $\text{Ext}_R^{d-1}(M, M) = 0$. We take a minimal free resolution of M ;

$$F_{\bullet} : \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0.$$

Apply $(-)^* := \text{Hom}_R(-, R)$, we get exact sequence;

$$0 \rightarrow M^* \rightarrow F_0^* \rightarrow F_1^* \rightarrow \text{tr } M \rightarrow 0.$$

Since R is Gorenstein and M is maximal Cohen-Macaulay, we have $\Omega^2 M \cong (\text{tr } M)^* (\cong (\text{tr } M)^{\vee})$. Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_R^{d+1}(M, (\text{tr } N)^{\vee}) &\cong \text{Ext}_R^{d+1}(M, (\text{tr } N)^*) \\ &\cong \text{Ext}_R^{d+1}(M, \Omega^2 M) \\ &\cong \text{Ext}_R^{d-1}(M, M) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since M is vector bundle,

$$\underline{\text{Hom}}_R(M, M)_p \cong \underline{\text{Hom}}_{R_p}(M_p, M_p) = 0 \quad (\forall p \neq \mathfrak{m}).$$

Thus we have $\underline{\text{Hom}}_R(M, M)$ has finite length and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{Hom}}_R(M, M) &\cong \text{Ext}_R^d(\text{Ext}_R^d(\underline{\text{Hom}}_R(M, M), R), R) \\ &\cong \text{Ext}_R^d(\text{Ext}_R^{d+1}(M, (\text{tr } M)^{\vee}), R) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get M is free. □

Proof of Theorem 1. We put $\mathfrak{P} := \{ p \in \text{Spec } R \mid R_p \text{ does not satisfy (ARC)} \}$ and assume $\mathfrak{P} \neq \emptyset$. Let q be a minimal element in \mathfrak{P} and replace R with R_q . By the minimality, R is a $d(\geq 2)$ -dimensional Gorenstein local ring which does not satisfy (ARC) but R_p satisfy (ARC) for all prime $p \neq \mathfrak{m}$. There exists $M \in \text{mod } R$ s.t. $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, M \oplus R) = 0$ ($\forall i > 0$) but M is not free. Since $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, R) = 0$ ($i > 0$), M is maximal Cohen-Macaulay. For any $p \neq \mathfrak{m}$, $\text{Ext}_{R_p}^i(M_p, M_p \oplus R_p) = 0$ ($\forall i > 0$) and R_p satisfies (ARC), we have M_p is a free

R_p -module. Thus we get M is vector bundle. Furthermore, $\text{Ext}_R^{d-1}(M, M) = 0$ implies M is free. (\because Theorem 2.) Therefore we get contradiction and we have $\mathfrak{P} = \phi$. \square

Finally, we remark that normal domain satisfies Serre's (R_1) -condition and regular local ring satisfies (ARC), we get the following as a corollary of Theorem 1.

Corollary 5. *Gorenstein normal domain satisfies (ARC).*

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