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Gorenstein injective complexes of modules over Noetherian rings[☆]

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ABSTRACT

A complex C is called Gorenstein injective if there exists an exact sequence of complexes $\cdots \rightarrow I_{-1} \rightarrow I_0 \rightarrow I_1 \rightarrow \cdots$ such that each I_i is injective, $C = \text{Ker}(I_0 \rightarrow I_1)$ and the sequence remains exact when $\text{Hom}(E, -)$ is applied to it for any injective complex E . We show that over a left Noetherian ring R , a complex C of left R -modules is Gorenstein injective if and only if C^m is Gorenstein injective in $R\text{-Mod}$ for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. Also Gorenstein injective dimensions of complexes are considered.

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1. Introduction and preliminaries

Throughout this paper, R denotes a ring with unity. A complex

$$\cdots \rightarrow C^{-1} \xrightarrow{\delta^{-1}} C^0 \xrightarrow{\delta^0} C^1 \xrightarrow{\delta^1} \cdots$$

of left R -modules will be denoted (C, δ) or C .

It is an important question to establish relationships between a complex C and the modules C^m , $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. It is well known that a complex (C, δ) is injective (respectively projective) if and only if each left R -module $\text{Ker}(\delta^m)$ is injective (respectively projective) in $R\text{-Mod}$ and C is exact; and C is finitely generated if and only if C is bounded and C^m is finitely generated in $R\text{-Mod}$ for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ [6, Lemma 2.2]. It is natural to consider the relationships of Gorenstein injectivity of a complex C and Gorenstein injectivity of all R -modules C^m , $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. If R is an n -Gorenstein ring (that is, R is left and right Noetherian and the injective dimensions of ${}_R R$ and R_R are at most n), then E.E. Enochs

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and J.R. Garcia Rozas in [5] (also, see [12]) showed that a complex C is Gorenstein injective if and only if C^m is Gorenstein injective in $R\text{-Mod}$ for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. In this paper we will show that the same result holds if R is a left Noetherian ring. We also consider the Gorenstein injective dimensions of complexes by showing that if R is a left Noetherian ring and C a complex of left R -modules, then $\text{Gid}(C) = \sup\{\text{Gid}(C^m) \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ where $\text{Gid}(-)$ denotes Gorenstein injective dimension.

In the following \mathcal{C} will be the abelian category of complexes of left R -modules. This category has enough projectives and injectives. For complexes C and D , $\text{Hom}(C, D)$ is the abelian group of morphisms from C to D in the category of complexes and $\text{Ext}^i(C, D)$ for $i \geq 1$ will denote the groups we get from the right derived functor of Hom .

Let \mathcal{B} be a class of objects in an abelian category \mathcal{D} . Let X be an object of \mathcal{D} . We recall the definition introduced in [4]. A homomorphism $\alpha : B \rightarrow X$, where B is in \mathcal{B} , is called a \mathcal{B} -precover of X if the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & B' & \\ \gamma \swarrow & \downarrow \beta & \\ B & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & X \end{array}$$

can be completed for each homomorphism $\beta : B' \rightarrow X$ with $B' \in \mathcal{B}$. If furthermore, when $B' = B$ and $\beta = \alpha$ the only such γ are automorphisms of B , then $\alpha : B \rightarrow X$ is called a \mathcal{B} -cover of X . Dually we have the concepts \mathcal{B} -preenvelope and \mathcal{B} -envelope. If \mathcal{B} is the class of all injective objects of \mathcal{D} , then \mathcal{B} -precover and \mathcal{B} -cover are called injective precover and injective cover, respectively. There are a lot of results concerning covers and envelopes (see, for example, [6–9,14,1]).

Given a left R -module M , we will denote by \bar{M} the complex

$$\dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\text{id}} M \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$$

with the M in the -1 and 0 th position. Given a complex C and an integer m , $C[m]$ denotes the complex such that $C[m]^n = C^{m+n}$ and whose boundary operators are $(-1)^m \delta^{m+n}$.

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_i^n denotes the degree- n term of the complex K_i .

General background material can be found in [10,12,13].

2. Gorenstein injective complexes

Lemma 1. *Let C be a complex and $\alpha : E \rightarrow C$ an injective precover of C . If C^m is Gorenstein injective for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, then α is surjective.*

Proof. Suppose that I is an injective left R -module and $f : I \rightarrow C^m$ an R -homomorphism. Consider the complex $\bar{I}[-m-1]$ and define a map of complexes $\gamma : \bar{I}[-m-1] \rightarrow C$ as following

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & I & \longrightarrow & I & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow \\ & \downarrow 0 & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow \delta_C^m f & & \downarrow 0 & \\ \longrightarrow & C^{m-1} & \longrightarrow & C^m & \longrightarrow & C^{m+1} & \longrightarrow & C^{m+2} & \longrightarrow \end{array}$$

Since $\bar{I}[-m-1]$ is an injective complex and $\alpha : E \rightarrow C$ an injective precover of C , there exists a map of complexes $\beta : \bar{I}[-m-1] \rightarrow E$ such that $\alpha\beta = \gamma$. Thus we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & I \\
 & \swarrow \beta^m & \downarrow f \\
 E^m & \xrightarrow{\alpha^m} & C^m
 \end{array}$$

This means that $\alpha^m : E^m \rightarrow C^m$ is an injective precover of C^m .

Since C^m is a Gorenstein injective left R -module, it is easy to see that there exists an epimorphism $I \rightarrow C^m$ with I injective. Hence α^m is an epimorphism. Therefore α is surjective. \square

According to [12], a complex C is called Gorenstein injective if there exists an exact sequence of complexes

$$\cdots \rightarrow I_{-1} \rightarrow I_0 \rightarrow I_1 \rightarrow \cdots$$

such that

- (1) each I_i is injective;
- (2) $C = \text{Ker}(I_0 \rightarrow I_1)$;
- (3) the sequence remains exact when $\text{Hom}(E, -)$ is applied to it for any injective complex E .

Lemma 2. *Let C be a complex. Then C is Gorenstein injective if and only if there exists an exact sequence of complexes*

$$\cdots \rightarrow I_{-1} \rightarrow I_0 \rightarrow I_1 \rightarrow \cdots$$

such that

- (1) each I_i is injective;
- (2) $C = \text{Ker}(I_0 \rightarrow I_1)$;
- (3) $\text{Ext}^1(E, K_i) = 0$ for all injective complexes E and all $K_i = \text{Ker}(I_i \rightarrow I_{i+1})$, $i \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof. It follows from the definition. \square

Note that the similar result holds for left R -modules.

Lemma 3. *Let k be a positive integer. If a complex C satisfies $\text{Ext}^k(E, C) = 0$ for all complexes E with finite injective dimension, then $\text{Ext}^k(M, C^m) = 0$ for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and all left R -modules M with finite injective dimension.*

Proof. Let M be a left R -module with finite injective dimension. Then there exists exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow I_0 \rightarrow I_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow I_n \rightarrow 0$$

of left R -modules with each I_j injective. Thus we have the following exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow \bar{M}[-m-1] \rightarrow \bar{I}_0[-m-1] \rightarrow \bar{I}_1[-m-1] \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \bar{I}_n[-m-1] \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence the injective dimension of $\overline{M}[-m-1]$ is finite since each $\overline{I}_j[-m-1]$ is injective. Consider exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow P_{k-1} \rightarrow P_{k-2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

with each P_j projective. Let $H = \text{Im}(P_{k-1} \rightarrow P_{k-2})$ (if $k = 1$, then let $H = M$). Then $\text{Ext}^k(M, C^m) \cong \text{Ext}^1(H, C^m)$. Now from the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow P_{k-1} \rightarrow H \rightarrow 0$$

it follows that the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \overline{Q}[-m-1] \rightarrow \overline{P_{k-1}}[-m-1] \rightarrow \overline{H}[-m-1] \rightarrow 0$$

is exact and $\overline{P_{k-1}}[-m-1]$ is projective. By the hypothesis, $\text{Ext}^k(\overline{M}[-m-1], C) = 0$. Thus, from the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \overline{H}[-m-1] \rightarrow \overline{P_{k-2}}[-m-1] \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \overline{P_0}[-m-1] \rightarrow \overline{M}[-m-1] \rightarrow 0$$

it follows that

$$\text{Ext}^1(\overline{H}[-m-1], C) \cong \text{Ext}^k(\overline{M}[-m-1], C) = 0$$

since each $\overline{P}_j[-m-1]$ is projective. Hence we have an exact sequence

$$\text{Hom}(\overline{P_{k-1}}[-m-1], C) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\overline{Q}[-m-1], C) \rightarrow 0.$$

Let $f : Q \rightarrow C^m$ be an R -homomorphism. Define $\alpha^m = f$, $\alpha^{m+1} = \delta_C^m f$ and $\alpha^n = 0$ for any $n \neq m, m+1$. Then $\alpha : \overline{Q}[-m-1] \rightarrow C$ is a map of complexes. Thus there exists $\beta : \overline{P_{k-1}}[-m-1] \rightarrow C$ such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \overline{Q}[-m-1] & \longrightarrow & \overline{P_{k-1}}[-m-1] \\ \downarrow \alpha & & \swarrow \beta \\ & & C \end{array}$$

commutes. Hence, considering the degree- m term of the complexes yields that the sequence

$$\text{Hom}(P_{k-1}, C^m) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(Q, C^m) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact. On the other hand we have an exact sequence

$$\text{Hom}(P_{k-1}, C^m) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(Q, C^m) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(H, C^m) \rightarrow 0.$$

Thus $\text{Ext}^k(M, C^m) \cong \text{Ext}^1(H, C^m) = 0$. \square

Corollary 4. *If a complex C satisfies $\text{Ext}^1(E, C) = 0$ for all injective complexes E , then $\text{Ext}^1(I, C^n) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and any injective left R -module I .*

Proof. It follows by analogy with the proof of Lemma 3. \square

Corollary 5. *If C is a Gorenstein injective complex, then C^m is a Gorenstein injective left R -module for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.*

Proof. Suppose that C is a Gorenstein injective complex. We use the notation of Lemma 2. Then, for each $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, the following sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow I_{-1}^m \rightarrow I_0^m \rightarrow I_1^m \rightarrow \dots$$

is exact, each I_i^m is injective and $C^m = \text{Ker}(I_0^m \rightarrow I_1^m)$. Also by Lemma 2, $\text{Ext}^1(E, K_i) = 0$ for all injective complexes E . Thus, by Corollary 4, $\text{Ext}^1(I, K_i^m) = 0$ for any injective left R -module I and for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. Now, by the version for modules of Lemma 2, C^m is Gorenstein injective. \square

A left R -module K is called an n th syzygy of a left R -module N , if there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow P_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

such that each P_j is projective.

Lemma 6. *Let M be a Gorenstein injective left R -module. Then for any syzygy K of an injective left R -module I , $\text{Ext}^i(K, M) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$.*

Proof. Let I be an injective left R -module and K an n th syzygy of I . Then There exists an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow P_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow 0$$

such that each P_j is projective. Thus for any $i \geq 1$,

$$\text{Ext}^i(K, M) \cong \text{Ext}^{i+n}(I, M) = 0$$

since M is Gorenstein injective and I is injective. \square

Lemma 7 (Dual version of [13, Corollary 2.11]). *Let $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$ be a short exact sequence of left R -modules where N and L are Gorenstein injective. If $\text{Ext}^1(I, M) = 0$ for all injective left R -modules I , then M is Gorenstein injective.*

Now we are in the position to give our main result. Note that the same result was shown in [5,12] if R is an n -Gorenstein ring.

Theorem 8. *Let R be a left Noetherian ring and G a complex of left R -modules. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) G is a Gorenstein injective complex;
- (2) G^m is a Gorenstein injective left R -module for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). It follows from Corollary 5.

(2) \Rightarrow (1). Let I be an injective left R -module. Consider an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow P_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow 0$$

where each P_j is projective. Let $K_j = \text{Ker}(P_{j-1} \rightarrow P_{j-2})$ for $j \geq 2$, $K_1 = \text{Ker}(P_0 \rightarrow I)$ and $K_0 = I$. Then for any $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ the following sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \overline{K}[-m] \rightarrow \overline{P_{n-1}}[-m] \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \overline{P_1}[-m] \rightarrow \overline{P_0}[-m] \rightarrow \overline{I}[-m] \rightarrow 0$$

is exact and each $\overline{P_j}[-m]$ is a projective complex. Then

$$\text{Ext}^i(\overline{I}[-m], G) \cong \text{Ext}^1(\overline{K_{i-1}}[-m], G).$$

Let

$$0 \rightarrow G \rightarrow X \rightarrow \overline{K_{i-1}}[-m] \rightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence. Consider the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & G^{m-2} & \longrightarrow & X^{m-2} & \longrightarrow & 0 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & G^{m-1} & \longrightarrow & X^{m-1} & \xrightarrow{\alpha^{m-1}} & K_{i-1} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & G^m & \longrightarrow & X^m & \xrightarrow{\alpha^m} & K_{i-1} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & G^{m+1} & \longrightarrow & X^{m+1} & \longrightarrow & 0 \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow
 \end{array}$$

Since G^{m-1} is Gorenstein injective and K_{i-1} is a syzygy of injective left R -module I , by Lemma 6, it follows that $\text{Ext}^1(K_{i-1}, G^{m-1}) = 0$. Thus the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow G^{m-1} \rightarrow X^{m-1} \rightarrow K_{i-1} \rightarrow 0$ splits. Hence there exists $h : K_{i-1} \rightarrow X^{m-1}$ such that $\alpha^{m-1}h = 1$. Now define a map of complexes $\gamma : \overline{K_{i-1}}[-m] \rightarrow X$ via $\gamma^{m-1} = h$, $\gamma^m = \delta_X^{m-1}h$ and $\gamma^n = 0$ for $n \neq m-1, m$. Then $\alpha\gamma = 1$ and so the sequence $0 \rightarrow G \rightarrow X \rightarrow \overline{K_{i-1}}[-m] \rightarrow 0$ splits. Thus $\text{Ext}^1(\overline{K_{i-1}}[-m], G) = 0$. Hence $\text{Ext}^i(\overline{I}[-m], G) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$, for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and for all injective left R -modules I .

Now suppose that E is an injective complex. Then E is a direct sum of complexes in the form $\overline{I}[m]$ with I an injective left R -module. Thus $\text{Ext}^i(E, G) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$ and for all injective complexes E .

Since R is left Noetherian, by [11], there is a set \mathcal{X} of injective left R -modules such that any injective left R -module is the direct sum of modules each isomorphic to an element of \mathcal{X} . Set

$$S = \{\overline{I}[m] \mid I \in \mathcal{X}, m \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Then it is clearly that every injective complex is the direct sum of complexes each isomorphic to an element of S . Thus, by [2, Theorem 3.2], any complex has an injective cover. (Or, by analogy with the proof of [4, Proposition 2.2], any complex has an injective precover. Now apply Zorn's Lemma for

categories (see, [12]).) Suppose that $\alpha_{-1} : E_{-1} \rightarrow G$ is an injective cover of G . Then, by Lemma 1, we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_{-2} \rightarrow E_{-1} \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$$

where $H_{-2} = \text{Ker}(\alpha_{-1})$. A standard argument yields that $\text{Ext}^i(E, H_{-2}) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$ and for all injective complexes E .

Now consider exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_{-2}^m \rightarrow E_{-1}^m \rightarrow G^m \rightarrow 0.$$

By the hypothesis, G^m is Gorenstein injective. Since E_{-1} is an injective complex, E_{-1}^m is injective and hence Gorenstein injective. By Corollary 4, $\text{Ext}^1(I, H_{-2}^m) = 0$ for all injective left R -modules I since $\text{Ext}^1(E, H_{-2}) = 0$ for all injective complexes E . Thus, from Lemma 7, it follows that H_{-2}^m is Gorenstein injective for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

By analogy with above discussion, we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_{-3} \rightarrow E_{-2} \rightarrow H_{-2} \rightarrow 0$$

where $E_{-2} \rightarrow H_{-2}$ is an injective cover of H_{-2} , $H_{-3} = \text{Ker}(E_{-2} \rightarrow H_{-2})$ and H_{-3}^m is Gorenstein injective for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Continuing this process yields the following exact sequence:

$$\cdots \rightarrow E_{-2} \rightarrow E_{-1} \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$$

where E_{-1} is an injective cover of G and E_{-n} is an injective cover of $H_{-n} = \text{Ker}(E_{-(n-1)} \rightarrow H_{-(n-1)})$ for all $n \geq 2$ (set $H_{-1} = G$). Note that this sequence remains exact when $\text{Hom}(E, -)$ is applied to it for any injective complex E .

Taking injective envelopes yields the following exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow G \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow \cdots.$$

Since $\text{Ext}^i(E, G) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$ and for all injective complexes E , it is easy to see that this sequence remains exact when $\text{Hom}(E, -)$ is applied to it for any injective complex E .

Hence G is Gorenstein injective. \square

3. Gorenstein injective dimensions

Let C be a complex of left R -modules. The Gorenstein injective dimension, $\text{Gid}(C)$, of C is defined as $\text{Gid}(C) = \inf\{n \mid \text{there exists an exact sequence } 0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow E_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ with each } E_i \text{ Gorenstein injective}\}$. If no such n exists, set $\text{Gid}(C) = \infty$. Similarly, the Gorenstein injective dimension, $\text{Gid}(M)$, of a left R -module M is defined. Details and results on Gorenstein injective dimension of modules appeared in [3,13].

Theorem 9. *Let R be a left Noetherian ring and G a complex of left R -modules. Then $\text{Gid}(G) = \sup\{\text{Gid}(G^m) \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.*

Proof. If $\sup\{\text{Gid}(G^m) \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \infty$, then $\text{Gid}(G) \leq \sup\{\text{Gid}(G^m) \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. So naturally we may assume that $\sup\{\text{Gid}(G^m) \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\} = n$ is finite. Consider an injective resolution

$$0 \rightarrow G \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow E_{n-1} \rightarrow K_n \rightarrow 0$$

of G , where each E_i is an injective complex. Then K_n^m is Gorenstein injective for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ by [13, Theorem 2.22]. Now, by Theorem 8, K_n is a Gorenstein injective complex. This shows that $\text{Gid}(G) \leq n$ and so $\text{Gid}(G) \leq \sup\{\text{Gid}(G^m) \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

Now it is enough to show that $\sup\{\text{Gid}(G^m) \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\} \leq \text{Gid}(G)$. Naturally we may assume that $\text{Gid}(G) = n$ is finite. Then there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow E_{n-1} \rightarrow E_n \rightarrow 0$$

with each E_i Gorenstein injective. By Theorem 8, E_i^m is Gorenstein injective for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and all $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$. Thus $\text{Gid}(G^m) \leq n$ and so $\sup\{\text{Gid}(G^m) \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\} \leq n = \text{Gid}(G)$. \square

For a general ring R , Propositions 10, 11 and Corollary 12 can be proved by applying the proofs of [13, Theorems 2.22, 2.15, 2.6 and (dual of) Corollary 2.11]. If R is left Noetherian, Propositions 10, 11 and Corollary 12 can be proved more easily by combining Theorem 9 with references to [13] given above.

Proposition 10. *Let G be a complex with finite Gorenstein injective dimension and n an integer. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) $\text{Gid}(G) \leq n$;
- (2) $\text{Ext}^i(E, G) = 0$ for all $i > n$ and all injective complexes E ;
- (3) $\text{Ext}^i(L, G) = 0$ for all $i > n$ and all complexes L with finite injective dimension.

Proposition 11. *Let C be a complex with finite Gorenstein injective dimension n . Then there exists an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow K \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$ with $C \rightarrow K$ a Gorenstein injective preenvelope and L a complex with finite injective dimension $n - 1$ (if C is Gorenstein injective, then this should be interpreted as $L = 0$).*

Corollary 12. *Let $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of complexes.*

- (1) *If L is Gorenstein injective, then M is Gorenstein injective if and only if N is Gorenstein injective.*
- (2) *If M and N are Gorenstein injective, and if $\text{Ext}^1(E, L) = 0$ for all injective complexes E , then L is Gorenstein injective.*

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