

## ON FULLY BOUNDED MODULES AND KRULL SYMMETRY

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### Abstract

The concept of fully bounded modules introduced and as a special case of the Krull symmetry property, it is proved that if  $M_R$  is a fully bounded Noetherian projective module, which is a generator (*NPG* module for short) in the category of right  $R$ -modules ( $\text{mod-}R$  for short) and  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$ , then  $k\text{-dim } M_R = k\text{-dim } {}_S M$ .

## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper, all rings are associative with  $1 \neq 0$  and modules assumed to be unitary. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a generator if for every  $R$ -module  $N$  there is an epimorphism  $M^{(I)} \rightarrow N$  for some indexed set  $I$ . Obviously,  $R$  is a generator and if an epimorphic image of  $M$  is a generator, then so is  $M$ . This implies that  $R \oplus M$  is a generator for any  $R$ -module  $M$ , so every free  $R$ -module  $M$  is a generator. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be self-generator if it generates all its submodules. Note that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is self-generator if and only if for each submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , there exists  $\Delta \subseteq S = \text{End}(M_R)$  such that  $N = \sum_{f \in \Delta} f(M)$ . Also, an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called quasi-projective (or self-projective) if it is  $M$ -projective. The notation  $N \leq_e M$  means that

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$N$  is an essential (or large) submodule of  $M$ , that is  $K \cap N \neq 0$  for every non-zero submodule  $K$  of  $M$ . Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two rings. the notion  ${}_S M_R$  means that  $M$  is an  $(S - R)$ -bimodule, that is  $M$  is a left  $S$ -module and right  $R$ -module such that  $(rm)s = r(ms)$  for all  $r \in R, m \in M$  and  $s \in S$ . The bimodule  ${}_S M_R$  will be called Noetherian if  $M$  is Noetherian both as a left  $S$ -module and as a right  $R$ -module. We shall say that a bimodule  ${}_S M_R$  is Krull symmetric if  $M$  has Krull dimension both as a left  $S$ -module and as a right  $R$ -module and  $k\text{-dim } {}_S M = k\text{-dim } M_R$ , see also [1]. T. H. Lenagan proved the zero-dimensional case for Noetherian bimodules, that is  $k\text{-dim } M_R = 0$  if and only if  $k\text{-dim } {}_S M = 0$ , for any Noetherian bimodule  ${}_S M_R$ , see [2, Theorem, 7.10]. Recall that a ring  $R$  is right (left) bounded if every essential right (left) ideal of  $R$  contains an (2-sided) ideal which is essential as a right (left) ideal. If both condition hold,  $R$  is called a bounded ring. Any commutative ring and any semisimple ring is bounded. Note that every nonzero ideal of a prime ring  $R$  is right and left essential, so a prime ring  $R$  is bounded if and only if every one sided ideal of  $R$  contains a nonzero (2-sided) ideal. A ring  $R$  is right (left) fully bounded if  $\frac{R}{P}$  is right (left) bounded for any prime ideal  $P$  of  $R$ . If  $R$  is both left and right fully bounded, it called a fully bounded ring. A right (left) *FBN* ring is any right (left) fully bounded right (left) Noetherian ring. An *FBN* ring is any right and left *FBN* ring. Jategaonkar has shown that if  $S$  is a left *FBN* ring and  $R$  is a right *FBN* ring, then any Noetherian bimodule  ${}_S M_R$  is Krull symmetric, see [2, Theorem 13.15]. In particular,  $k\text{-dim } {}_R R = k\text{-dim } R_R$  for any *FBN* ring  $R$ . From these facts, naturally raised the Krull symmetry problems that is still open in general. The krull symmetry problems is as follows:

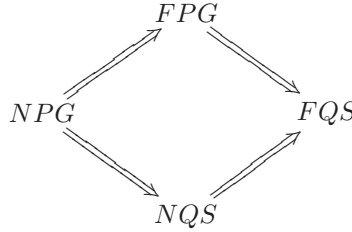
1. Does  $k\text{-dim } R_R = k\text{-dim } R_R$ , for any Noetherian ring  $R$  ?
2. Does  $k\text{-dim } {}_S M = k\text{-dim } M_R$  for any Noetherian bimodule  ${}_S M_R$  ?

After that, several authors tried to solve this problems and each one has investigated this issue in a special way, see for example [6]. The main result of this paper, Theorem 2.16, states another special case of Krull symmetry of modules. Now, let us give a brief outline of this paper. First of all, we introduce abbreviated symbols in this paper as follows:

1. *FQS* module means a finitely generated quasi-projective module, which is self-generator.
2. *NQS* module means a Noetherian quasi-projective module, which is self-generator.
3. *FPG* module means a finitely-generated projective module, which is generator and finally,

4. *NPG* module means a Noetherian projective module, which is a generator in  $\text{mod-}R$ .

Note that



In [3], we investigate FQS modules. We show that if  $M$  is an FQS module, then  $M$  is Goldie (critical, dual critical, etc.) if and only if the endomorphism ring  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$  has all the latter properties for right hand, respectively. We also prove that an FQS module  $M$  has the classical Krull dimension, denoted by  $cl.k\text{-dim } M$  if and only if it satisfies ACC on prime submodules. The reader is referred to [3] for more details.

In this paper we will discuss some other properties of the FQS modules. First, we defined a bounded and a fully bounded module. Then we proved that if  $M$  is an *FQS* module and  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$ , then  $M$  is bounded (resp, fully bounded) if and only if  $S$  is right bounded (resp, fully bounded) ring. Also we show that if  $M$  is an *NQS*-module, which is *FBN*, then  $k\text{-dim } M_R = k\text{-dim } S_S = cl.k\text{-dim } S = cl.k\text{-dim } M_R$ . Consequently, if  $M$  be a faithful and balanced right  $R$ -module and  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$ , then  $cl.k\text{-dim } M_R = cl.k\text{-dim}_S M$ , if either side exists. Finally, as the main result we show that if  $R$  is a left *FBN*-ring and  $M_R$  is a fully bounded *NPG* module, then  $k\text{-dim } M_R = k\text{-dim}_S M$ . It is convenient, when we are dealing with the above dimensions, to begin our list of ordinals with  $-1$ .

## 2 main results

We recall that a fully invariant submodule of  $M$  is any sub-bimodule of  ${}_S M_R$ , where  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$ . Note that,  $X$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M$ , if  $f(X) \subseteq X$  for any  $f \in S = \text{End}(M_R)$ . According to [5, Definition 1.1], a prime submodule of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is a fully invariant proper submodule  $P$  such that  $IX \subseteq P$  implies  $X \subseteq P$  or  $IM \subseteq P$ , for any ideal  $I$  of  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$  and any fully invariant submodule  $X$  of  $M$ . An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called prime if  $0$  is a prime submodule of  $M$ . Any maximal of the set of all fully invariant submodules of  $M$  is prime, see [5, Proposition 1.6]. The set of all prime submodules of  $M$  will be denoted by  $\text{spec}(M)$ . Next, we introduce the concept of bounded and fully bounded modules and investigate some related properties, similar to the definitions in ring theory. We note that by a fully

invariant essential submodule of  $M_R$ , we mean a fully invariant submodule which is essential as an  $R$ -submodule.

**Definition 2.1.** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is bounded if every essential submodule of  $M$ , contains a fully invariant essential submodule.

Note that, if  $M$  is an  $FQS$  prime module, then every nonzero fully invariant submodule of  $M$  is an essential  $R$ -submodule of  $M$ , see [3, Lemma 3.11]. So a prime  $FQS$  module  $M$  is bounded if and only if every essential submodule of  $M$  contains a nonzero fully invariant submodule.

We recall that  $I_X = \{f \in S : f(M) \subseteq X\}$  and  $AM = \sum_{f \in A} f(M)$ , for any submodule  $X \subseteq M$  and  $A \subseteq S = \text{End}(M_R)$ .

*Proposition 2.2.* Let  $M$  be an  $FQS$  module and  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$ .  $M$  is bounded if and only if  $S$  is a right bounded ring.

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be bounded and  $A$  be an essential right ideal of  $S$ , then  $AM$  is an essential submodule of  $M$ , by [3, Lemma 3.4 and Theorem 3.5], so there exists a fully invariant essential submodule  $U$  such that  $U \subseteq AM$ . Then  $I_U$  is an essential ideal of  $S$  and  $I_U \subseteq A$ , by the above mentioned facts and therefore  $S$  is right bounded. Conversely, let  $S$  be right bounded and  $E$  be an essential submodule of  $M$ . Then  $I_E$  is an essential right ideal of  $S$ , so it contains an ideal  $X$ , which is right essential. Again, by the mentioned facts,  $XM$  is a fully invariant essential submodule of  $M$  and  $XM \subseteq I_E M = E$ . Therefore  $M$  is bounded.  $\square$

**Definition 2.3.** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is fully bounded if  $\frac{M}{P}$  is bounded, for every  $P \in \text{spec}(M)$ .

Note that  $M$  is a fully bounded  $R$ -module if for any prime submodule  $P$  and any submodule  $A$  of  $M$  which  $P \subsetneq A$ , there exists a fully invariant essential submodule  $X$  of  $M$  such that  $P \subsetneq X \subseteq A$ .

*Proposition 2.4.* Let  $M$  be an  $FQS$  module and  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$ .  $M$  is fully bounded if and only if  $S$  is a right fully bounded ring.

*Proof.* First, let  $M$  be fully bounded. In order to show that  $S$  is a right fully bounded ring, let  $P \in \text{spec}(S)$  and  $A$  be a right ideal of  $S$  such that  $P \subsetneq A$ . According to [3, Lemma 3.9],  $PM \subsetneq AM$  are submodules of  $M$  and  $PM \in \text{spec}(M)$ . By definition, there exists a fully invariant essential submodule  $X$  of  $M$  such that  $PM \subsetneq X \subseteq AM$ . Then  $I_X$  is an ideal of  $S$ , which is essential as a right ideal and  $P \subsetneq I_X \subseteq A$ , by [3, Lemmas 3.4 and 3.5]. Therefore  $S$  is right fully bounded. Conversely, let  $S$  be a right fully bounded ring. In order to show that  $M$  is fully bounded, by the comment after Definition 2.3, let  $P \in \text{spec}(M)$  and  $A$  be a submodule of  $M$  such that  $P \subsetneq A$ . Then  $I_P$  is a prime ideal of  $S$  properly contained in the right ideal  $I_A$  and so there exists an ideal  $X$  of  $S$ , which is essential as a right ideal and  $I_P \subsetneq X \subseteq I_A$ . In this

case,  $XM$  is a fully invariant essential submodule of  $M$  and  $P \subsetneq XM \subseteq A$ . Therefore  $M$  is fully bounded and we are done.  $\square$

Let us recall two results to prove the next theorem.

*Theorem 2.5.* [3, Theorem 4.3] Let  $M$  be an FQS module,  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$  and  $X$  be a submodule of  $M$ . Then we have:

1.  $G - \dim M_R = G - \dim S_S$ .
2.  $k\text{-dim } M_R = k\text{-dim } S_S$ , if either side exists.
3.  $k\text{-dim } X = k\text{-dim } I_X$ .
4.  $n\text{-dim } M_R = n\text{-dim } S_S$ , if either side exists.
5.  $n\text{-dim } X = n\text{-dim } I_X$ .
6.  $k\text{-dim } \frac{M}{X} = k\text{-dim } \frac{S}{I_X}$ , if  $X$  is fully invariant.
7.  $n\text{-dim } \frac{M}{X} = n\text{-dim } \frac{S}{I_X}$ , if  $X$  is fully invariant.

*Theorem 2.6.* [3, Theorem 4.21] Let  $M$  be an FQS module and  $S = \text{End}_R(M)$ . Then  $M$  has classical Krull dimension if and only if  $S$  has classical Krull dimension and in this case  $cl.k\text{-dim } M = cl.k\text{-dim } S$ .

We recall that, in [4] Krause showed that if  $R$  is a right fully bounded ring with right Krull dimension then  $cl.k\text{-dim } R \leq k\text{-dim } R$  and equality holds, where  $R$  is a right *FBN* ring. The next result is an analogue of this fact for modules.

*Theorem 2.7.* Let  $M$  be a fully bounded *NQS*-module. Then:

$$k\text{-dim } M_R = k\text{-dim } S_S = cl.k\text{-dim } S = cl.k\text{-dim } M_R.$$

*Proof.* Note that  $M$  is an *FQS* module and so  $k\text{-dim } M_R = k\text{-dim } S_S$  and  $cl.k\text{-dim } M_R = cl.k\text{-dim } S$ , by Theorems 2.5, 2.6. Since  $M$  is fully bounded,  $S$  is a right fully bounded ring, by Proposition 2.4. Also,  $M$  is Noetherian and so  $S$  is right Noetherian, by Theorem 2.5. Thus  $S$  is a right *FBN* ring and so  $k\text{-dim } S_S = cl.k\text{-dim } S$ , by the above comment and therefore

$$k\text{-dim } M_R = k\text{-dim } S_S = cl.k\text{-dim } S = cl.k\text{-dim } M_R.$$

$\square$

Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module,  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$  and  $T = \text{End}({}_S M)$  be the endomorphism ring of  ${}_S M$ . In the literature,  $T$  is called the biendomorphism ring of  $M_R$ , abbreviated *Biend*( $M_R$ ). Recall that the canon  $\psi : R \rightarrow T$ , by  $\psi(r) = \bar{r}$ , where  $\bar{r}(m) = mr$ , is a ring homomorphism. The module  $M_R$  is called faithful, when the canonical map  $\psi$  is injective or equivalently,  $\text{ann}_R(M) = \{r \in R : Mr = 0\} = 0$ . In other case that  $\psi$  is surjective,  $M$  is called to be balanced. We cite the following fact.

*Theorem 2.8.* [7, 18.8] Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module and  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$ , then  $M_R$  is a generator if and only if

1.  ${}_S M$  is *FP* (i.e., finitely generated and projective), and
2.  $R \cong T = \text{Biend}(M_R)$

The following result is now immediate.

*Corollary 2.9.* Let  $M_R$  be a generator, then  $M_R$  is both faithful and balanced.

Now, we have the following.

*Theorem 2.10.* Let  $M_R$  be a module.

1. If  $M_R$  is *FPG*, then so is  ${}_S M$ .
2. If  $M_R$  is faithful and balanced, then the converse of (1) holds, i.e., if  ${}_S M$  is an *FPG*-module, so is  $M_R$ .

*Proof.* (1) Since  $M_R$  is a generator, thus  ${}_S M$  is *FP* and  $R \cong T$ , by Theorem 2.8. In this case,  $M_T$  is *FP* and  $S = \text{End}(M_R) \cong \text{End}(M_T) = \text{Biend}({}_S M)$ . Again, we may invoke the left-hand version of Theorem 2.8 to show that  ${}_S M$  is a generator. Therefore  ${}_S M$  is an *FPG*-module.

(2) If  ${}_S M$  is *FPG*, then so is  $M_T$ , by item (1). If in addition,  $M_R$  is faithful and balanced, then  $R \cong T$ . Therefore  $M_R$  is an *FPG*-module and we are done.

□

According to [5, Theorem 2.4], a fully invariant proper submodule  $P$  of an  $R$ -module  $M$  is prime if  $\phi X \subseteq P$  implies that  $X \subseteq P$  or  $\phi M \subseteq P$  for any  $\phi \in S = \text{End}(M_R)$  and any fully invariant submodule  $X$  of  $M$ . Similarly, a prime submodule of  ${}_S M$  is a fully invariant submodule  $P$  of  ${}_S M$  such that  $X\psi \subseteq P$  implies that  $X \subseteq P$  or  $M\psi \subseteq P$ , for any  $\psi \in T = \text{End}({}_S M) = \text{Biend}(M_R)$  and fully invariant submodule  $X$  of  ${}_S M$ .

**Remark 2.11.** Let  $M_R$  be a faithful and balanced module, then  $R \cong T = \text{Biend}(M_R)$  and it is easy to see that  $X$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M_R$  if and only if  $X$  is a fully invariant submodule of  ${}_S M$  for any  $X \subseteq M$ . In other words, for both modules  $M_R$  and  ${}_S M$ , the sets of fully invariant submodules are coincide. Thus, according to the above comment,  $P$  is a prime submodule of  ${}_S M$ , if and only if,  $P$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $M_R$  such that  $Xr \subseteq P$  implies that  $X \subseteq P$  or  $Mr \subseteq P$ , for every  $r \in R$  and fully invariant submodule  $X$  of  $M_R$ .

Now, with respect to the previous remark, we will have the following result. We note that, by  $\text{Spec}(M_R)$  and  $\text{Spec}({}_S M)$  we means the set of all prime submodules of  $M_R$  and  ${}_S M$ .

*Theorem 2.12.* Let  $M_R$  be an *FPG* module,  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$  and  $P \subseteq M$ . Then  $P \in \text{Spec}(M_R)$  if and only if  $P \in \text{Spec}({}_S M)$ .

*Proof.* First, let  $P \in \text{Spec}(M_R)$ . Since  $M_R$  is a generator, it is faithful and balanced and so  $P$  is a fully invariant submodule of  ${}_S M$  too, by the previous remark. In order to show that  $P \in \text{Spec}({}_S M)$ , let  $X$  be a fully invariant submodule of  $M_R$  and  $r \in R$  such that  $Xr \subseteq P$ . Define  $\phi : M \rightarrow M$ , by  $\phi(m) = mr$ , then clearly  $\phi \in S$  and  $Xr = \phi X \subseteq P$ . Since  $P \in \text{Spec}(M_R)$ , we see that  $X \subseteq P$  or  $\phi M = Mr \subseteq P$ . Now we use the previous remark to conclude that  $P \in \text{Spec}({}_S M)$ . Conversely, let  $P \in \text{Spec}({}_S M)$ . Note that  ${}_S M$  is an *FPG* module, by Theorem 2.10. The previous reasoning implies that  $P \in \text{Spec}(M_T)$ , where  $T = \text{Biend}(M_R)$ . But  $M_R$  is faithful and balanced and so there is the ring isomorphism  $R \cong T$ . Consequently,  $P \in \text{Spec}(M_R)$  and this complete the proof.  $\square$

We cite the following definition from [3, Definition 4.18].

**Definition 2.13.** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. We denote the set of all prime submodules of  $M$ , by  $\text{Spec}(M)$ . Let  $X(M) = \text{Spec}(M)$  and  $X_0(M)$  denote the set of all maximal fully invariant submodules of  $M$ . For an ordinal number  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $X_\alpha(M)$  denote the set of all prime submodules  $P$  of  $M$  such that each prime submodule  $Q$  properly containing  $P$ , belongs to  $X_\beta$  for some  $\beta < \alpha$ . Hence we have  $X_0(M) \subseteq X_1(M) \subseteq X_2(M) \subseteq \dots$ . The smallest ordinal  $\alpha$  for which  $X_\alpha(M) = X(M)$  is called the classical Krull dimension of  $M$  and is denoted by  $cl.k\text{-dim } M$ .

For left hand modules, provided a similar definition. Now we have the next important result.

*Theorem 2.14.* Let  $M_R$  be an *FPG* module and  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$ . Then  $cl.k\text{-dim } M_R = cl.k\text{-dim } {}_S M$ , if either side exists.

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.12, immediately it results that for every ordinal  $\alpha$ ,  $X_\alpha(M_R) = X_\alpha({}_S M)$  and so we are done.  $\square$

Now we return to our main purpose to find a sort of modules  $M_R$  for which  $k\text{-dim } M_R = k\text{-dim } {}_S M$ . We cite the next known fact.

*Lemma 2.15.* [2, Theorem 13.15] Let  $S$  be a left *FBN* ring,  $R$  a right *FBN* ring and  ${}_S M_R$  a bimodule, which is finitely generated on both sides. Then  $k\text{-dim } M_R = k\text{-dim } {}_S M$ .

We will now state our main result:

*Theorem 2.16.* Let  $R$  be a left *FBN* ring,  $M_R$  a fully bounded *NPG* module and  $S = \text{End}(M_R)$ . Then  $k\text{-dim } M_R = k\text{-dim } {}_S M$ .

*Proof.* Obviously  $M$  is both *NQS* and *FPG*, so by Theorems 2.7 and 2.14,  $k\text{-dim } M_R = cl.k\text{-dim } M_R = cl.k\text{-dim } {}_S M$ . Also  ${}_S M$  is *FPG*, by Theorem 2.10, so it is *FQS*. Since  $M$  is a generator,  $R \cong T = \text{End}({}_S M)$  and so  $T$  is a left *FBN* ring. By Theorem 2.5 and left-hand version of Proposition 2.4, it follows that  ${}_S M$  is fully bounded and Noetherian, so it is *NQS*. Now we use

the left-hand version of Theorem 2.7 to see that  $k\text{-dim}_S M = cl.k\text{-dim}_S M$ . Consequently,  $k\text{-dim } M_R = k\text{-dim}_S M$ .  $\square$

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