

GENERALIZED SEQUENTIALLY COHEN-MACAULAY MODULES UNDER BASE CHANGE

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Abstract

Assume that $\varphi : (R, \mathfrak{m}) \rightarrow (S, \mathfrak{n})$ is a local flat homomorphism between commutative Noetherian local rings R and S . Let M be a finitely generalized R -module. The ascent and descent of generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulayness between R -module M and S -module $M \otimes_R S$ are given. An example is given to point out that the result of M. Tousi and S. Yassemi [10] cannot be extended for generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay modules.

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1 Introduction

Throughout this paper, $\varphi : (R, \mathfrak{m}) \rightarrow (S, \mathfrak{n})$ is a local flat homomorphism between commutative Noetherian local rings R and S . Let M be a non-zero finitely generated R -module with $\dim M = d$. It is well known that the studying properties of modules via a local flat homomorphism is an extremely useful technique in commutative algebra. For example, cf. [2], it is proved that S is a complete intersection ring (resp. Gorenstein ring, Cohen-Macaulay ring) if and only if R and $S/\mathfrak{m}S$ are complete intersection (resp. Gorenstein, Cohen-Macaulay). Moreover, if S is regular then so is R , and conversely, if R and $S/\mathfrak{m}S$ are regular then so is S . Recently, M. Tousi and S. Yassemi [10] pointed out the ascent and descent of the sequentially Cohen-Macaulayness between R -module M and S -module $M \otimes_R S$. Concretely, their main theorem (See [10], Theorem 5) gives an equivalence of three following statements:

- (i) M is sequentially Cohen-Macaulay R -module and $S/\mathfrak{m}S$ is Cohen-Macaulay ring;
- (ii) $M \otimes_R S$ is sequentially Cohen-Macaulay S -module and

$$0 = M_0 \otimes_R S \subset M_1 \otimes_R S \subset \cdots \subset M_t \otimes_R S = M \otimes_R S$$

is a dimension filtration of $M \otimes_R S$;

(iii) $M \otimes_R S$ is sequentially Cohen-Macaulay S -module and $\text{Ass}_S(S/\mathfrak{p}S) = \text{Ass}_S^{k+\ell}(S/\mathfrak{p}S)$ for each $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R^k(M)$ and each $k = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$, where, for each $0 \leq i \leq d$,

$$\text{Ass}_R^i(M) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(M) \mid \dim(R/\mathfrak{p}) > i\},$$

and $0 = M_0 \subset M_1 \subset \cdots \subset M_t = M$ is a dimension filtration of M (i.e a filtration of submodules of M such that M_{i-1} is the largest submodule of M_i which has dimension strictly less than $\dim M_i$ for all $i = 1, \dots, t$).

Recall that the concept of sequentially Cohen-Macaulay module was introduced by Stanley [8] for graded modules and studied further by Herzog and Sbarra [6]. After that, in [4] N. T. Cuong and L. T. Nhan defined this notion for modules over local rings as follows: An R -module

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M is called *sequentially Cohen-Macaulay module* if there exists a filtration $0 = N_0 \subset N_1 \subset \cdots \subset N_t = M$ of submodule of M such that

- (i) Each quotient N_i/N_{i-1} is Cohen-Macaulay;
- (ii) $\dim N_1/N_0 < \dim N_2/N_1 < \cdots < \dim N_t/N_{t-1}$.

They also defined the notion of generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay modules which is similar to that of sequentially Cohen-Macaulay modules, except the condition (i) to be replated by the generalized Cohen-Macaulayness of modules N_i/N_{i-1} .

It is natural to ask whether the above results of M. Tousi and S. Yassemi ([10], Theorem 5) can be extended to generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay modules ? The aim of this paper is to give an answer to this question. The main result of this paper is as follows

Theorem. *Let $\varphi : (R, \mathfrak{m}) \longrightarrow (S, \mathfrak{n})$ be a flat local homomorphism and let $\dim S/\mathfrak{m}S = \ell$. Let $0 = M_0 \subset M_1 \subset \cdots \subset M_t = M$ be a dimension filtration of M , $\dim M = d > 0$. Then we have*

(i) *If $M \otimes_R S$ is generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay S -module and $0 = M_0 \otimes_R S \subset M_1 \otimes_R S \subset \cdots \subset M_t \otimes_R S = M \otimes_R S$ is a dimension filtration of $M \otimes_R S$ then M is generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay R -module. Furthermore, if $\dim S/\mathfrak{m}S > 0$ then M is sequentially Cohen-Macaulay R -module.*

(ii) *If $M \otimes_R S$ is generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay S -module and*

$$\text{Ass}_S(S/\mathfrak{p}S) = \text{Ass}_S^{k+\ell}(S/\mathfrak{p}S), \forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R^k(M)$$

for every $k = 1, \dots, d - 1$ then M is generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay S -module. Furthermore, if $\dim S/\mathfrak{m}S > 0$ then M is sequentially Cohen-Macaulay R -module.

We also present an example to show that the result of M. Tousi and S. Yassemi in general can not be extended for generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay (see Section 3).

2 Proof of Theorem

To prove the Theorem, we need a result on the generalized Cohen-Macaulayness under base change. Firstly, we recall the concepts of filter regular sequence (f -sequence) and f -module introduced by N. T. Cuong, P. Schenzel and N. V. Trung [5]: a sequence of elements x_1, \dots, x_n of \mathfrak{m} is called *filter regular sequence* (f -sequence) with respect to M if

$$(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})M \underset{M}{:} x_i \subseteq \bigcup_{t \geq 0} (x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})M \underset{M}{:} \mathfrak{m}^t$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$, where we stipulate, when $i = 1$ then

$$0 \underset{M}{:} x_1 \subseteq \bigcup_{t \geq 0} (0 \underset{M}{:} \mathfrak{m}^t).$$

We say that R -module M is f -module if every system of parameters of M is f -sequence. In general, a generalized Cohen-Macaulay module is an f -module and the inverse is true when R is an epimorphic image of a local Cohen-Macaulay ring ([9], Appendix, Proposition 16).

Lemma 2.1. *Let $\varphi : (R, \mathfrak{m}) \longrightarrow (S, \mathfrak{n})$ be a flat local homomorphism, M a finitely generated R -module. Then, if $M \otimes_R S$ is a generalized Cohen-Macaulay S -module then M is a generalized Cohen-Macaulay R -module. Further, if $\dim S/\mathfrak{m}S > 0$ then M is Cohen-Macaulay module.*

Proof of Lemma 2.1. Let \widehat{R} and \widehat{S} are \mathfrak{m} -adic completion of R and S respectively. We have the natural flat local homomorphism $\widehat{\varphi} : (\widehat{R}, \widehat{\mathfrak{m}}) \longrightarrow (\widehat{S}, \widehat{\mathfrak{n}})$ and $\widehat{S}/\widehat{\mathfrak{n}} \cong \widehat{(S/\mathfrak{m})}$. Hence, without loss of the generality we can suppose that R and S are complete. Therefore they are homomorphic images of regular rings. And then, according to the note above we only have to prove M is f -module. Let (x_1, \dots, x_d) be any system of parameters of M . Because the exactness of following sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow (x_1, \dots, x_d)M \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow M/(x_1, \dots, x_d)M \longrightarrow 0.$$

and S is flat as R -module, we have exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow ((x_1, \dots, x_d)M) \otimes_R S \longrightarrow M \otimes_R S \longrightarrow (M/(x_1, \dots, x_d)M) \otimes_R S \longrightarrow 0.$$

On the other hand, since S is flat and (x_1, \dots, x_d) is finitely generated,

$$((x_1, \dots, x_d)M) \otimes_R S \cong (x_1, \dots, x_d)(M \otimes_R S),$$

So that

$$(M/(x_1, \dots, x_d)M) \otimes_R S \cong (M \otimes_R S)/(x_1, \dots, x_d)(M \otimes_R S).$$

It follows

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(M \otimes_R S)/(x_1, \dots, x_d)(M \otimes_R S) &= \dim((M/(x_1, \dots, x_d)M) \otimes_R S) \\ &= \dim M/(x_1, \dots, x_d)M + \dim S/\mathfrak{m}S \\ &= \dim S/\mathfrak{m}S \\ &= \dim(M \otimes_R S) - \dim M. \end{aligned}$$

That proved (x_1, \dots, x_d) is a part of system of parameters of $M \otimes_R S$. According to the hypothesis of the lemma, $M \otimes_R S$ is generalized Cohen-Macaulay S -module then (x_1, \dots, x_d) is f -sequence of $M \otimes_R S$. It follows

$$\ell(0 :_{(M \otimes_R S)/(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})(M \otimes_R S)} x_i) < \infty,$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, d$. It is easy to verify that

$$\begin{aligned} (0 :_{M/(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})M} x_i) \otimes_R S &\cong 0 :_{(M/(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})M) \otimes_R S} x_i \\ &\cong 0 :_{(M \otimes_R S)/(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})(M \otimes_R S)} x_i. \end{aligned}$$

Then $\ell((0 :_{M/(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})M} x_i) \otimes_R S) < \infty$, or $\dim((0 :_{M/(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})M} x_i) \otimes_R S) \leq 0$. It follows that

$$\dim(0 :_{M/(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})M} x_i) + \dim S/\mathfrak{m}S \leq 0.$$

We have $\dim S/\mathfrak{m}S \geq 0$ because $\varphi : R \longrightarrow S$ is local and according to Nakayama's lemma. So that

If $\dim S/\mathfrak{m}S = 0$ then

$$\dim(0 :_{M/(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})M} x_i) \leq 0,$$

and we have M is f -module.

If $\dim S/\mathfrak{m}S > 0$ then

$$\dim(0 :_{M/(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})M} x_i) < 0$$

or $0 :_{M/(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})M} x_i = 0$, for all i . This equivalent that (x_1, \dots, x_d) is regular sequence of M and implies M is Cohen-Macaulay R -module. \square

Proof of Theorem . According to ([10], Lemma 4 (a)) we only have to prove (i). It follow by ([4], Lemma 4.4 (iii)) $M_i \otimes_R S/M_{i-1} \otimes_R S$ is generalized Cohen-Macaulay. From the following isomorphism

$$(M_i \otimes_R S)/(M_{i-1} \otimes_R S) \cong (M_i/M_{i-1}) \otimes_R S$$

and the above lemma we have the requirement. \square

3 Example

Before giving an example to point out that the result of M. Tousi and S. Yassemi can not be extended for generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay modules, we give a result about the polynomial type of the ring of the formal series power and the polynomial ring. Recall that the notion *polynomial type* of modules was introduced by N. T. Cuong in [3] as follows. For a system of parameters $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$ of M and a set of positive integers $\underline{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_d)$, we set $\underline{x}(\underline{n}) = (x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_d^{n_d})$. Consider the difference

$$I(\underline{x}(\underline{n}); M) = \ell(M/\underline{x}(\underline{n})M) - n_1 \dots n_d e(\underline{x}; M)$$

as a function in n_1, \dots, n_d , where $e(\underline{x}; M)$ is the multiplicity of M with respect to \underline{x} . In general, $I(\underline{x}(\underline{n}); M)$ is not polynomial for n_1, \dots, n_d large enough, but they are still nice since they are bounded above by polynomials. Especially, the least degree of all polynomials in \underline{n} bounding above $I(\underline{x}(\underline{n}); M)$ is independent of the choice of \underline{x} , and it is denoted by $p(M)$. The invariant $p(M)$ is called the *polynomial type* of M . If we stipulate the degree of the zero polynomial is $-\infty$, then M is a Cohen-Macaulay module if and only if $p(M) = -\infty$, and M is generalized Cohen-Macaulay module if and only if $p(M) \leq 0$.

Lemma 3.1. *Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a local Noetherian ring. Then*

$$(i) \ p(R[[X_1, \dots, X_n]]) = p(R) + n.$$

$$(ii) \ p(R[X_1, \dots, X_n]_{(\mathfrak{m}, X_1, \dots, X_n)R[X_1, \dots, X_n]}) = p(R) + n,$$

where $R[[X_1, \dots, X_n]]$ and $R[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ are respectively the ring of formal power series and the polynomial ring of variables X_1, \dots, X_n .

Proof. We only need to prove the case $n = 1$. Set $T = R[[X]], S = R[X]_{(\mathfrak{m}, X)R[X]}$.

(i) Let (x_1, \dots, x_t) be a system of parameter if R . It is obvious that (x_1, \dots, x_t, X) is system of parameter of T . Because of the regularity of X , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_T(T/(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t}, X^m)T) &= m\ell_T(T/(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t}, X)T) \\ &= m\ell_{T/X}(T/X/(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t}, X)T/X) \\ &= \ell_R(R/(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t})R). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} e_T(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t}, X^m; T) &= me_T(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t}, X; T) \\ &= me_{T/X}(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t}, X; T/X) \\ &= me_R(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t}; R). \end{aligned}$$

So that

$$I(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t}, X^m; T) = mI(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t}; R)$$

or $p(T) = p(R) + 1$, where we denote

$$I(\underline{x}(\underline{n}); M) = \ell(M/\underline{x}(\underline{n})M) - n_1 \dots n_d e(\underline{x}; M),$$

for $\underline{x}(\underline{n}) = (x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_d^{n_d})$.

(ii) Set $\varphi = gf$ is natural homomorphism from R to S

$$R \xrightarrow{f} R[z] \xrightarrow{g} S.$$

Let (x_1, \dots, x_t) be a system of parameters of R . By ([7], 7.8), we have $(g(x_1), \dots, g(x_t), g(X))$ is a system of parameters of S and

$$(R[X]/(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t}, X^m)R[X])_{(\mathfrak{m}, X)R[X]} \cong S/(g(x_1)^{n_1}, \dots, g(x_t)^{n_t}, g(X)^m)S.$$

From that and ([7], 3.9 Theorem 12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_S(S/(g(x_1)^{n_1}, \dots, g(x_t)^{n_t}, g(X)^m)S) &= \ell_{R[X]}(R[X]/(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t}, X^m)R[X]) \\ &= m\ell_R(R/(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t})R). \end{aligned}$$

Also by ([7], 7.8 Theorem 15) we have

$$e_S(g(x_1)^{n_1}, \dots, g(x_t)^{n_t}, g(X)^m; S) = me_R(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t}; R).$$

It follows that

$$I(g(x_1)^{n_1}, \dots, g(x_t)^{n_t}, g(X)^m; S) = mI(x_1^{n_1}, \dots, x_t^{n_t}; R).$$

or $p(S) = p(R) + 1$. □

Proposition 3.2. *Let R be a local domain with maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} . R is generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay but is not sequentially Cohen-Macaulay. Set $S = R[X]_{(\mathfrak{m}, X)R[X]}$, where X is variable on R . The following statements are true*

(i) *The natural homomorphism $\varphi : R \rightarrow S$ is flat local homomorphism.*

(ii) *R is generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay R -module but $R \otimes_R S$, as a S -module, is not.*

Proof. (i) It is obvious.

(ii) Since R is domain, R is generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay with a dimension filtration $0 \subset R$. So that R is generalized Cohen-Macaulay. We also have $R \otimes_R S = S$ is a domain, following $0 \subset R \otimes_R S$ is a dimension filtration of $R \otimes_R S$. Assume that $R \otimes_R S$ is generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay then $R \otimes_R S$ is generalized Cohen-Macaulay. According to [3.1, (ii)], we have

$$p(R \otimes_R S) = p(S) = p(R) + 1 = 1,$$

contradiction. Therefore $R \otimes_R S$ is not generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay. □

Example 3.1. *Let k be any field, $k[[x, y]]$ a ring of formal series with variables x and y . Set $R = k[[x^4, x^3y, xy^3, y^4]]$ in $k[[x, y]]$. It is easily to verify that R is domain, R is generalized Cohen-Macaulay but is not Cohen-Macaulay. So that R is generalized sequentially Cohen-Macaulay but is not sequentially Cohen-Macaulay. According to [3.2] we have a example satisfy the requirement. Note that, in this case $S/\mathfrak{m}S$ is Cohen-Macaulay, where $S = R[X]_{(\mathfrak{m}, X)R[X]}$, X is variable on R and \mathfrak{m} is maximal ideal of R .*

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TÓMTẮT

MÔĐUN COHEN-MACAULAY SUY RỘNG QUABIẾN ĐỔI CƠ SỞ

Giả sử $\varphi : (R, \mathfrak{m}) \longrightarrow (S, \mathfrak{n})$ là một đồng cấu phẳng, địa phương giữa các vành địa phương, Noether, giao hoán R và S . Giả sử M là một R -môđun hữu hạn sinh. Tính tăng giảm Cohen-Macaulay suy rộng dãy giữa R -môđun M và S -môđun $M \otimes_R S$ được nghiên cứu trong bài báo. Một ví dụ được đưa ra trong bài báo chứng tỏ kết quả của M. Tousi và S. Yassemi [10] không mở rộng được cho trường hợp Cohen-Macaulay suy rộng dãy.

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