

FP-PROJECTIVE PERIODICITY

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ABSTRACT. The phenomenon of periodicity, discovered by Benson and Goodearl, is linked to the behavior of the objects of cocycles in acyclic complexes. It is known that any flat Proj-periodic module is projective, any fp-injective Inj-periodic module is injective, and any Cot-periodic module is cotorsion. It is also known that any pure PProj-periodic module is pure-projective and any pure Plnj-periodic module is pure-injective. Generalizing a result of Šaroch and Šťovíček, we show that every FpProj-periodic module is weakly fp-projective. The proof is quite elementary, using only a strong form of the pure-projective periodicity and the Hill lemma. More generally, we prove that, in a locally finitely presentable Grothendieck category, every FpProj-periodic object is weakly fp-projective. In a locally coherent category, all weakly fp-projective objects are fp-projective. We also present counterexamples showing that a non-pure PProj-periodic module over a regular finitely generated commutative algebra (or a hereditary finite-dimensional associative algebra) over a field need not be pure-projective.

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INTRODUCTION

0.0. Any acyclic bounded above complex of projective modules is contractible. The same applies to acyclic bounded below complexes of injective modules. For unbounded complexes, these assertions no longer hold.

Here is the classical counterexample. Let k be a field, and let $\Lambda = k[\epsilon]/(\epsilon^2)$ be the ring of dual numbers, or which is the same, the exterior algebra with one generator over k . Consider the acyclic, unbounded complex of projective-injective Λ -modules

$$(1) \quad \cdots \longrightarrow \Lambda \xrightarrow{\epsilon^*} \Lambda \xrightarrow{\epsilon^*} \Lambda \longrightarrow \cdots$$

Here every term of the complex (1) is the free Λ -module with one generator; all the differentials in (1) are the operators of multiplication with ϵ . One can easily see that the complex (1) is not contractible.

From the homological algebra perspective, *periodicity theorems* constitute one of the several presently known technical approaches designed to overcome the difficulties represented by complexes such as (1). Other approaches include such concepts as the *homotopy projective* and *homotopy injective* complexes [34], the *coderived* and *contraderived categories* [24, Section 7], etc.

Let \mathbf{K} be an abelian category, and let $\mathbf{A} \subset \mathbf{K}$ be a class of objects. An object $M \in \mathbf{K}$ is said to be *A-periodic* if there exists a short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow A \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ in \mathbf{K} with $A \in \mathbf{A}$. For example, the acyclic complex (1) demonstrates the fact that the irreducible Λ -module k is periodic with respect to the class of all projective-injective Λ -modules, while *not* belonging to this class.

More generally, one can let \mathbf{K} be an exact category (in Quillen's sense), and consider conflations instead of the short exact sequences. A typical *periodicity theorem* has the form: for some two classes of objects $\mathbf{A} \subset \mathbf{E} \subset \mathbf{K}$, any *A*-periodic object belonging to \mathbf{E} belongs to \mathbf{A} .

0.1. The subject of periodicity originates from the seminal paper of Benson and Goodearl [5], where the following theorem was proved.

Theorem 0.1 (Benson and Goodearl [5, Theorem 2.5]). *Let R be a ring; denote by \mathbf{Proj} the class of all projective R -modules. Then any flat \mathbf{Proj} -periodic R -module is projective.*

The theorem of Benson and Goodearl had module-theoretic flavor. It was rediscovered and strengthened by Neeman [21] in the form of the following theorem in homological algebra.

Theorem 0.2 (Neeman [21, Remark 2.15 and Theorem 8.6]; see also Theorem 4.4 below). *Let R be a ring. Then*

(a) *any acyclic complex of projective R -modules with flat modules of cocycles is contractible;*

(b) *moreover, if P^\bullet is a complex of projective R -modules and F^\bullet is an acyclic complex of flat R -modules with flat modules of cocycles, then any morphism of complexes $P^\bullet \rightarrow F^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero.*

Part (a) of Theorem 0.2 is obviously a particular case of part (b) (take $F^\bullet = P^\bullet$ and consider the identity morphism $P^\bullet \rightarrow F^\bullet$). Theorem 0.2(a) is an equivalent restatement of Theorem 0.1.

Indeed, for any abelian category \mathbf{K} with exact functor of countable coproduct (respectively, product), any class of objects $\mathbf{A} \subset \mathbf{K}$ closed under countable coproducts (resp., products), and any class of objects $\mathbf{B} \subset \mathbf{K}$ closed under direct summands, the following two conditions are equivalent:

- every *A*-periodic object in \mathbf{K} belongs to \mathbf{B} ;

- in any acyclic complex in \mathbf{K} with the terms belonging to \mathbf{A} , the objects of cocycles belong to \mathbf{B} .

This elementary observation can be found in [7, proof of Proposition 7.6] or [10, Propositions 1 and 2].

An R -module J is said to be *fp-injective* if $\text{Ext}_R^1(T, J) = 0$ for all finitely presented R -modules T . Fp-injective modules are also known as *absolutely pure* modules. They are often considered as dual analogues of flat modules. Thus the following theorem due to Šťovíček [37] is dual-analogous to Theorem 0.1. Another proof can be found in the paper of Bazzoni, Cortés-Izurdiaga, and Estrada [2].

Theorem 0.3 (essentially Šťovíček [37, Corollary 5.5]; see also [2, Theorem 1.2(1) or Proposition 4.8(1)]). *Let R be a ring; denote by Inj the class of all injective R -modules. Then any fp-injective Inj -periodic R -module is injective.*

The following homological algebra theorem provides a reformulation and a stronger version of Theorem 0.3.

Theorem 0.4 (essentially Šťovíček [37, Theorem 5.4 and Corollary 5.5]; see also [2, Theorem 5.1(1)] for part (a)). *Let R be a ring. Then*

- (a) *any acyclic complex of injective R -modules with fp-injective modules of cocycles is contractible;*
- (b) *moreover, if J^\bullet is a complex of injective R -modules and I^\bullet is an acyclic complex of fp-injective R -modules with fp-injective modules of cocycles, then any morphism of complexes $I^\bullet \rightarrow J^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero.*

Part (a) of Theorem 0.4 is obviously a particular case of part (b). Theorem 0.4(a) is an equivalent restatement of Theorem 0.3.

An R -module C is said to be *cotorsion* if $\text{Ext}_R^1(F, C) = 0$ for all flat R -modules F . Thus the following theorem due to Bazzoni, Cortés-Izurdiaga, and Estrada [2] can be viewed as complementing Theorem 0.1.

Theorem 0.5 (Bazzoni, Cortés-Izurdiaga, and Estrada [2, Theorem 1.2(2) or Proposition 4.8(2)]). *Let R be a ring; denote by Cot the class of all cotorsion R -modules. Then any Cot -periodic R -module is cotorsion.*

The following homological algebra theorem is a reformulation of Theorem 0.5.

Theorem 0.6 (Bazzoni, Cortés-Izurdiaga, and Estrada [2, Theorems 5.1(2) and 5.3]). *Let R be a ring. Then*

- (a) *any acyclic complex of cotorsion R -modules has cotorsion modules of cocycles;*
- (b) *if C^\bullet is a complex of cotorsion R -modules and F^\bullet is an acyclic complex of flat R -modules with flat modules of cocycles, then any morphism of complexes $F^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero.*

Parts (a) and (b) of Theorem 0.6 can be easily deduced from each other. In the language of [12, Definition 3.3], Theorem 0.6(b) tells that any complex of cotorsion modules is dg-cotorsion.

The pair of classes (all flat modules, all cotorsion modules) is a thematic example of what people call a *hereditary complete cotorsion pair* in the category of R -modules [15, Section 5.2 and Chapter 6]. In this sense, it is tempting to try and deduce Theorem 0.5 from Theorem 0.1, or Theorem 0.6 from Theorem 0.2, or vice versa. However, this does not seem to work well. The theorem on Proj-periodic flat modules and the theorem on Cot-periodic modules appear to be two quite different results nicely complementing each other.

The aim of this paper is to obtain a similarly complementary result to Theorems 0.3 and 0.4. An R -module P is said to be *fp-projective* [38, Definition 3.3 and Theorem 3.4(2)], [20] if $\text{Ext}_R^1(P, J) = 0$ for all fp-injective R -modules J . The pair of classes (fp-projective modules, fp-injective modules) is a complete cotorsion pair; this cotorsion pair in the category of right R -modules is hereditary if and only if the ring R is right coherent. The potential importance of fp-injective and fp-projective modules in the context of semi-infinite homological algebra and algebraic geometry over coherent rings or schemes was emphasized in the paper [23].

To remedy the failure of the (fp-projective, fp-injective) cotorsion pair to be hereditary over a noncoherent ring, we follow the suggestion of [9, Section 4] and consider *strongly fp-injective modules*. An R -module J is said to be *strongly fp-injective* if $\text{Ext}_R^n(T, J) = 0$ for all finitely presented R -modules T and $n \geq 1$. We say that an R -module P is *weakly fp-projective* if $\text{Ext}_R^1(P, J) = 0$ for all strongly fp-injective R -modules J . The pair of classes (weakly fp-projective modules, strongly fp-injective modules) is a hereditary complete cotorsion pair over any ring R . The classes of fp-projective and weakly fp-projective right R -modules coincide if and only if the ring R is right coherent.

The following theorem is the main result of this paper formulated in the module-theoretic language.

Theorem 0.7 (Corollary 4.9 below). *Let R be a ring; denote by FpProj the class of all fp-projective R -modules. Then any FpProj -periodic R -module is weakly fp-projective.*

The next theorem provides a formulation of our main result in the language of homological algebra of complexes of modules.

Theorem 0.8 (Corollaries 4.7 and 4.8 below). *Let R be a ring. Then*

- (a) *any acyclic complex of fp-projective R -modules has weakly fp-projective modules of cocycles;*
- (b) *if P^\bullet is a complex of fp-projective R -modules and J^\bullet is an acyclic complex of fp-injective R -modules with fp-injective modules of cocycles, then any morphism of complexes $P^\bullet \rightarrow J^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero.*

In the preceding paper of Šaroch and Šťovíček [32, Example 4.3], the results of our Theorems 0.7–0.8 were obtained for right modules over a right coherent ring R using complicated set-theoretic techniques. Our proof in the present paper is both more elementary and provides a more general version of fp-projective periodicity, in that we do not assume coherence. On the other hand, it is easy to produce a counterexample

showing that, over any ring that is not right coherent, a non-fp-projective (but weakly fp-projective!) FpProj -periodic right module exists.

To the extent that fp-injective modules can be viewed as dual analogues of flat modules, one can also view fp-projective modules as dual analogues of cotorsion modules. Thus our Theorems 0.7 and 0.8 are dual-analogous to Theorems 0.5 and 0.6 of Bazzoni, Cortés-Izurdiaga, and Estrada.

Theorem 0.8(a) is an equivalent restatement of Theorem 0.7. In the language of [12, Definition 3.3], Theorem 0.8(b) tells that any complex of fp-projective modules is dg-fp-projective. Assuming the ring to be coherent, Šaroch and Šťovíček in [32, Example 4.3] deduced what is stated above as Theorem 0.8(b) from Theorem 0.8(a). Our proof of Theorem 0.8(a) deduces it from Theorem 0.8(b), while the latter, in turn, is obtained by reducing the problem to a *pure* version of Theorem 0.2(b).

As pure periodicity theorems play an important role in our proofs and are also interesting on their own, we will formulate them below in this introduction, firstly in the context of module categories and then more generally.

0.2. Recall that a short exact sequence of modules is called *pure* if its exactness is preserved by taking the tensor product with any module, or equivalently, by taking the Hom from any finitely presented module [15, Definition 2.6 and Lemma 2.19]. The class of all pure exact sequences defines an exact category structure on the category of R -modules, called the *pure exact structure*. The acyclic complexes, projective objects, and injective objects with respect to this exact structure are called *pure acyclic*, *pure-projective*, and *pure-injective*, respectively. Given a class of R -modules \mathbf{A} , an R -module M is said to be *pure \mathbf{A} -periodic* if there exists a pure short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow A \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ with $A \in \mathbf{A}$.

The following theorem due to Simson [33] is a pure version of Theorem 0.1.

Theorem 0.9 (Simson [33, Theorem 1.3 or 4.4]). *Let R be a ring; denote by PProj the class of all pure-projective R -modules. Then any pure PProj -periodic R -module is pure-projective.*

Theorem 0.9 is a module-theoretic formulation of pure-projective periodicity. The following theorem of Šťovíček [37] provides a homological formulation, which is a pure version of Theorem 0.2.

Theorem 0.10 (Šťovíček [37, Theorem 5.4 and Corollary 5.5]). *Let R be a ring. Then*

- (a) *any pure acyclic complex of pure-projective R -modules is contractible;*
- (b) *moreover, if P^\bullet is a complex of pure-projective R -modules and X^\bullet is a pure acyclic complex of R -modules, then any morphism of complexes $P^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero.*

Part (a) of Theorem 0.10 is obviously a particular case of part (b). Theorem 0.10(a) is an equivalent restatement of Theorem 0.9.

Theorems 0.9 and 0.10 are essentially equivalent to Theorems 0.1 and 0.2, respectively. To deduce Theorems 0.1 and 0.2 from Theorems 0.9 and 0.10, it suffices to

observe that any short exact sequence of flat modules is pure, any projective module is pure-projective, and any flat pure-projective module is projective.

To deduce Theorems 0.9 and 0.10 from Theorems 0.1 and 0.2, one has to interpret the essentially small additive category of finitely presented right R -modules as a “ring with many objects” \mathcal{R} . Then pure-projective right R -modules are the same things as projective right \mathcal{R} -modules, while arbitrary right R -modules are the same things as flat right \mathcal{R} -modules, and pure exact sequences of right R -modules correspond to exact sequences of flat right \mathcal{R} -modules. Applying Theorems 0.1 and 0.2 to right \mathcal{R} -modules yields Theorems 0.9 and 0.10 for right R -modules (respectively).

The following theorem of Šťovíček [37] is a pure version of Theorem 0.3.

Theorem 0.11 (Šťovíček [37, Corollary 5.5]). *Let R be a ring; denote by Plnj the class of all pure-injective R -modules. Then any pure Plnj -periodic R -module is pure-injective.*

Theorem 0.11 is a module-theoretic formulation of pure-injective periodicity. The following theorem from [37] provides a homological formulation, which is a pure version of Theorem 0.4.

Theorem 0.12 (Šťovíček [37, Theorem 5.4 and Corollary 5.5]). *Let R be a ring. Then*

- (a) *any pure acyclic complex of pure-injective R -modules is contractible;*
- (b) *moreover, if J^\bullet is a complex of pure-injective R -modules and X^\bullet is a pure acyclic complex of R -modules, then any morphism of complexes $X^\bullet \rightarrow J^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero.*

Part (a) of Theorem 0.12 is obviously a particular case of part (b). Theorem 0.12(a) is an equivalent restatement of Theorem 0.11.

Theorems 0.11 and 0.12 are essentially equivalent to Theorems 0.3 and 0.4, respectively. To deduce Theorems 0.3 and 0.4 from Theorems 0.11 and 0.12, it suffices to observe that any short exact sequence of fp-injective modules is pure, any injective module is pure-injective, and any fp-injective pure-injective module is injective.

To deduce Theorems 0.11 and 0.12 from Theorems 0.3 and 0.4, one has to interpret the essentially small additive category of finitely presented left R -modules as a “ring with many objects” \mathcal{L} . Then pure-injective right R -modules are the same things as injective left \mathcal{L} -modules, while arbitrary right R -modules are the same things as fp-injective left \mathcal{L} -modules, and pure exact sequences of right R -modules correspond to exact sequences of fp-injective left \mathcal{L} -modules. Applying Theorems 0.3 and 0.4 to left \mathcal{L} -modules yields Theorems 0.11 and 0.12 for right R -modules (respectively).

The assertions about left \mathcal{L} -modules from the previous paragraph are more counterintuitive than the discussion of right \mathcal{R} -modules above, so let us explain them in more detail. By the definition, the left \mathcal{L} -modules are the covariant functors to the category of abelian groups $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$. To a right R -module M , the tensor product functor $S \mapsto M \otimes_R S: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ is assigned. Clearly, this identifies the category of right R -modules $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$ with the category of right exact functors $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$. The

claim is that a functor $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ is right exact if and only if it is fp-injective as an object of the functor category $\mathcal{L}\text{-Mod}$.

Indeed, let $G: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ be a finitely presented left \mathcal{L} -module. Then G is the cokernel of a morphism of representable functors $\text{Hom}_R(S, -) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(T, -)$, where $S, T \in \mathcal{L}$. The morphism of representable functors is induced by a morphism of finitely presented left R -modules $T \rightarrow S$. So we have a 4-term exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(S/T, -) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(S, -) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(T, -) \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$ of functors $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$. Here S/T is a notation for the cokernel of the morphism $T \rightarrow S$, which is also a finitely presented left R -module. Now it is clear that the “ring with many objects” \mathcal{L} is left coherent of weak global dimension at most 2. Hence a left \mathcal{L} -module F is fp-injective if and only if $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{L}}^n(G, F) = 0$ for all finitely presented left \mathcal{L} -modules G and $n \geq 1$. Using the projective resolution above, the Ext groups in question are computed by the complex $F(T) \rightarrow F(S) \rightarrow F(S/T) \rightarrow 0$ (since $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{L}}(\text{Hom}_R(S, -), F) = F(S)$ and similarly for T and S/T), so they vanish for all $S, T \in \mathcal{L}$ if and only if the functor $F: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ is right exact.

To show that the same correspondence identifies pure-injective right R -modules with injective left \mathcal{L} -modules, notice that the injective left \mathcal{L} -modules are the direct summands of the products of the functors $S \mapsto \text{Hom}_R(S, T)^+ \simeq S \otimes_R T^+$, where M^+ denotes the character group/module $M^+ = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ and $S, T \in \mathcal{L}$. On the other hand, the pure-injective right R -modules are the direct summands of the products of the character modules T^+ of finitely presented left R -modules T [15, Corollary 2.30(a)].

0.3. The main results of this paper are formulated and proved in the category-theoretic setting. Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category (any such category is Grothendieck). Just as for modules, an object $J \in \mathbf{K}$ is called *fp-injective* if $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(T, J) = 0$ for all finitely presentable objects $T \in \mathbf{K}$. An object $P \in \mathbf{K}$ is called *fp-projective* if $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(P, J) = 0$ for all fp-injective objects $J \in \mathbf{K}$.

Furthermore, an object $J \in \mathbf{K}$ is said to be *strongly fp-injective* if $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^n(T, J) = 0$ for all finitely presentable objects $T \in \mathbf{K}$ and all integers $n \geq 1$. An object $P \in \mathbf{K}$ is said to be *weakly fp-projective* if $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(P, J) = 0$ for all strongly fp-injective objects $J \in \mathbf{K}$. The following two theorems are our main results.

Theorem 0.13 (Corollary 4.5 below). *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category; denote by \mathbf{FpProj} the class of all fp-projective objects in \mathbf{K} . Then every \mathbf{FpProj} -periodic object in \mathbf{K} is weakly fp-projective.*

Theorem 0.14 (Theorems 4.1 and 4.2 below). *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category. Then*

(a) *every acyclic complex of fp-projective objects in \mathbf{K} has weakly fp-projective objects of cocycles;*

(b) *if P^\bullet is a complex of fp-projective objects in \mathbf{K} and J^\bullet is an acyclic complex of fp-injective objects with fp-injective objects of cocycles, then any morphism of complexes $P^\bullet \rightarrow J^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero.*

Theorem 0.14(a) is an equivalent restatement of Theorem 0.13. In the language of [12, Definition 3.3], Theorem 0.14(b) tells that any complex of fp-projective objects in a locally finitely presentable abelian category is dg-fp-projective. Our proof of Theorem 0.14(a) deduces it from Theorem 0.14(b), while the latter, in turn, is obtained by reducing the problem to Theorem 0.16(b) stated below.

The classes of fp-projective and weakly fp-projective objects in \mathbf{K} coincide if and only if the category \mathbf{K} is locally coherent. In any locally finitely presentable abelian category that is not locally coherent, a non-fp-projective (but weakly fp-projective!) \mathbf{FpProj} -periodic object exists. Here a locally finitely presentable abelian category \mathbf{K} is said to be *locally coherent* if the kernel of any morphism acting between two finitely presentable objects in \mathbf{K} is finitely presentable [30, Section 2]. We refer to [27, Section 13] or [29, Sections 8.1–8.2] for an additional discussion of locally finitely presentable and locally coherent abelian categories.

0.4. Let us now formulate the categorical versions of the pure-projective periodicity results that we use. A short exact sequence in an locally finitely presentable abelian category \mathbf{K} is called *pure* if it stays exact after applying the functor $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(T, -)$ from any finitely presentable object $T \in \mathbf{K}$. The class of all pure exact sequences defines an exact category structure on \mathbf{K} , called the *pure exact structure*. Hence the notions of *pure acyclic complexes*, as well as *pure-projective* and *pure-injective objects*, in a locally finitely presentable abelian category \mathbf{K} . Given a class of objects $\mathbf{A} \subset \mathbf{K}$, an object $M \in \mathbf{K}$ is said to be *pure \mathbf{A} -periodic* if there exists a pure short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow A \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ with $A \in \mathbf{A}$.

Theorem 0.15 (Šťovíček [37, Corollary 5.5]). *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category; denote by \mathbf{PProj} the class of all pure-projective objects in \mathbf{K} . Then any pure \mathbf{PProj} -periodic object in \mathbf{K} is pure-projective.*

Theorem 0.16 (Šťovíček [37, Theorem 5.4 and Corollary 5.5]). *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category. Then*

- (a) *any pure acyclic complex of pure-projective objects in \mathbf{K} is contractible;*
- (b) *moreover, if P^\bullet is a complex of pure-projective objects and X^\bullet is a pure acyclic complex in \mathbf{K} , then any morphism of complexes $P^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero.*

Part (a) of Theorem 0.16 is obviously a particular case of part (b). Theorem 0.16(a) is an equivalent restatement of Theorem 0.15.

Theorems 0.15 and 0.16 are still particular cases of the exposition in [37], which is written in the yet more general setting of finitely accessible additive (not necessarily abelian) categories. Nevertheless, these results are deduced in [37] from Neeman’s theorem stated above as Theorem 0.2, which is a result about complexes of modules.

So let us briefly repeat again the idea of the argument allowing one to pass from Theorems 0.1 and 0.2 to Theorems 0.15 and 0.16. For this purpose, one needs to interpret the essentially small additive category of finitely presentable objects in \mathbf{K} as a “ring with many objects” \mathcal{R} . Then pure-projective objects of \mathbf{K} are the same things as projective right \mathcal{R} -modules, while the whole category \mathbf{K} is equivalent to the category of flat right \mathcal{R} -modules, and pure exact sequences in \mathbf{K} correspond to

exact sequences of flat right \mathcal{R} -modules. Applying Theorems 0.1 and 0.2 to right \mathcal{R} -modules yields Theorems 0.15 and 0.16 for the category \mathbf{K} .

We refrain from formulating here the category-theoretic generalizations of Theorems 0.3–0.4 and 0.11–0.12 (referring the reader instead to the original exposition in [37, Theorem 5.4 and Corollary 5.5]), as these results are not used in our proofs in this paper. Let us only point out that (in contrast with the discussion in the previous paragraph and in the end of Section 0.2), these results concerning the fp-injective and pure-injective periodicity in locally finitely presentable and locally accessible categories do *not* seem to be readily deducible from their particular cases for module categories. The reason is that for the category of right R -modules there is the accompanying category of left R -modules, but an arbitrary locally finitely presentable abelian category does not have such a (well-behaved) counterpart.

0.5. Section 1 contains preliminary material on cotorsion pairs in abelian categories, particularly in Grothendieck categories. The preliminaries are continued in Section 2, where we spell out the definitions of various classes of objects in locally finitely presentable abelian categories and their basic properties. Section 3 demonstrates the utility of the Hill lemma for filtrations by finitely presentable objects in locally finitely presentable abelian categories.

The main results, including the weak fp-projectivity of \mathbf{FpProj} -periodic objects and modules, the failure of fp-projectivity of \mathbf{FpProj} -periodic objects in absence of local coherence, etc., are formulated and proved in Section 4. We explain how to use the fp-projective periodicity to describe the unbounded derived category of a locally coherent abelian category in term of complexes of fp-projective objects in Section 5. Finally, a variety of counterexamples to non-pure \mathbf{PProj} -periodicity, including counterexamples of \mathbf{Proj} -periodic objects, are presented in Section 6.

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1. COTORSION PAIRS IN GROTHENDIECK CATEGORIES

In this paper we are interested in Grothendieck categories, i. e., cocomplete abelian categories with exact functors of directed colimits and a set of generators. Any locally finitely presentable abelian category is Grothendieck, while any Grothendieck category is locally presentable. All the definitions and results below in this section, suitably stated, apply to arbitrary locally presentable abelian categories, as explained in the papers [25, 28].

Let λ be a regular cardinal and \mathbf{K} be a cocomplete abelian category. Recall that an object $S \in \mathbf{K}$ is said to be λ -*presentable* if the functor $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(S, -): \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sets}$ preserves λ -directed colimits, or equivalently, the functor $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(S, -): \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$

preserves λ -directed colimits. The category \mathbf{K} is called *locally λ -presentable* if it has a set of generators consisting of λ -presentable objects. The category \mathbf{K} is called *locally presentable* if it is locally λ -presentable for some regular cardinal λ . We refer to the book [1] for the background discussion of presentable objects and locally presentable categories in the general (nonadditive) category-theoretic context.

Let \mathbf{K} be an abelian category. Given a class of objects $\mathbf{A} \subset \mathbf{K}$, one denotes by $\mathbf{A}^{\perp 1} \subset \mathbf{K}$ the class of all objects $X \in \mathbf{K}$ such that $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(A, X) = 0$ for all $A \in \mathbf{A}$. Dually, given a class of objects $\mathbf{B} \subset \mathbf{K}$, the notation ${}^{\perp 1}\mathbf{B} \subset \mathbf{K}$ stands for the class of all objects $Y \in \mathbf{K}$ such that $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(Y, B) = 0$ for all $B \in \mathbf{B}$.

A pair of classes of objects (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) in \mathbf{K} is called a *cotorsion pair* if $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^{\perp 1}$ and $\mathbf{A} = {}^{\perp 1}\mathbf{B}$. Given an arbitrary class of objects $\mathbf{S} \subset \mathbf{K}$, the cotorsion pair (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) in \mathbf{K} with $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{S}^{\perp 1}$ is said to be *generated* by the class \mathbf{S} .

A class of objects $\mathbf{A} \subset \mathbf{K}$ is said to be *generating* if every object of \mathbf{K} is a quotient object of an object from \mathbf{A} . Dually, a class of objects $\mathbf{B} \subset \mathbf{K}$ is said to be *cogenerating* if every object of \mathbf{K} is a subobject of an object from \mathbf{B} .

Let (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) be a cotorsion pair in \mathbf{K} such that the class \mathbf{A} is generating and the class \mathbf{B} is cogenerating. Under these assumptions, a cotorsion pair (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) in \mathbf{K} is said to be *hereditary* if $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^2(A, B) = 0$ for all objects $A \in \mathbf{A}$ and $B \in \mathbf{B}$, or equivalently, $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^n(A, B) = 0$ for all $A \in \mathbf{A}$, $B \in \mathbf{B}$, and all integers $n \geq 1$. Equivalently, a cotorsion pair (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) is hereditary if and only if the class \mathbf{A} is closed under the kernels of epimorphisms in \mathbf{K} , and if and only if the class \mathbf{B} is closed under the cokernels of monomorphisms in \mathbf{K} . We refer to [28, Lemma 1.4] and the references therein for this well-known characterization of hereditary cotorsion pairs.

A cotorsion pair (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) in \mathbf{K} is said to be *complete* if, for every object $K \in \mathbf{K}$, there exist short exact sequences

$$(2) \quad 0 \longrightarrow B' \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow 0$$

$$(3) \quad 0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow A' \longrightarrow 0$$

in \mathbf{K} with $A, A' \in \mathbf{A}$ and $B, B' \in \mathbf{B}$.

The short exact sequences (2–3) are collectively referred to as *approximation sequences*. The short exact sequence (2) is called a *special precover sequence*, and the short exact sequence (3) is called a *special preenvelope sequence*.

Let \mathbf{K} be a Grothendieck category and α be an ordinal. An α -indexed filtration on an object $F \in \mathbf{K}$ is a family of subobjects $(F_i \subset F)_{0 \leq i \leq \alpha}$ such that

- $F_0 = 0$ and $F_\alpha = F$;
- $F_i \subset F_j$ whenever $0 \leq i \leq j \leq \alpha$;
- $F_j = \bigcup_{i < j} F_i$ for every limit ordinal $j \leq \alpha$.

An object $F \in \mathbf{K}$ endowed with an ordinal-indexed filtration $(F_i \subset F)_{0 \leq i \leq \alpha}$ is said to be *filtered by* the quotient objects $(F_{i+1}/F_i \in \mathbf{K})_{0 \leq i < \alpha}$. In an alternative terminology, the object F is said to be a *transfinitely iterated extension* of the objects F_{i+1}/F_i , $0 \leq i < \alpha$ (*in the sense of the directed colimit*). Given a class of objects $\mathbf{S} \subset \mathbf{K}$, one denotes by $\text{Fil}(\mathbf{S}) \subset \mathbf{K}$ the class of all objects of \mathbf{K} filtered by (objects isomorphic to) objects from \mathbf{S} .

The following result is known as the *Eklof lemma* [15, Lemma 6.2].

Lemma 1.1. *For any class of objects $B \subset K$, the class ${}^{\perp_1}B \subset K$ is closed under transfinitely iterated extensions. In other words, ${}^{\perp_1}B = \text{Fil}({}^{\perp_1}B)$.*

Proof. This assertion, properly understood, holds in any abelian category [25, Lemma 4.5], [28, Proposition 1.3], and even in any exact category. For an exposition in the generality of Grothendieck categories and their exact category analogues, see [31, Proposition 2.12] or [36, Proposition 5.7]. \square

Given a class of objects $F \subset K$, we denote by $F^{\oplus} \subset K$ the class of all direct summands of the objects from F . The next result is called the *Eklof–Trlifaj theorem* [15, Theorem 6.11 and Corollary 6.13].

Theorem 1.2. *Let K be a Grothendieck category, $S \subset K$ be a set of objects, and (A, B) be the cotorsion pair generated by S in K . Then*

- (a) *if the class $A \subset K$ is generating, then the cotorsion pair (A, B) is complete;*
- (b) *if the class $\text{Fil}(S) \subset K$ is generating, then $A = \text{Fil}(S)^{\oplus}$.*

Proof. A suitable version of this result holds for any locally presentable abelian category K [25, Corollary 3.6 and Theorem 4.8], [28, Theorems 3.3 and 3.4]. For an exposition in the generality of Grothendieck categories and their exact category generalizations, see [31, Corollary 2.15] or [36, Theorem 5.16].

The difference is that, for Grothendieck categories K , one does not need to assume the class B to be cogenerating, as this holds automatically for any cotorsion pair (A, B) (because there are enough injective objects in K and all of them belong to B). Similarly, the assumption that the class A is generating becomes redundant when there are enough projective objects in K . \square

Given a class of objects $A \subset K$, denote by $A^{\perp_{\geq 1}} \subset K$ the class of all objects $X \in K$ such that $\text{Ext}_K^n(A, X) = 0$ for all $A \in A$ and $n \geq 1$. Dually, given a class of objects $B \subset K$, let ${}^{\perp_{\geq 1}}B \subset K$ denote the class of all objects $Y \in K$ such that $\text{Ext}_K^n(Y, B) = 0$ for all $B \in B$ and $n \geq 1$.

A class of objects $S \subset K$ is said to be *self-generating* if for any epimorphism $K \rightarrow S$ in K with $S \in S$ there exist an epimorphism $S' \rightarrow S$ in K with $S' \in S$ and a morphism $S' \rightarrow K$ making the triangular diagram $S' \rightarrow K \rightarrow S$ commutative. Clearly, any generating class of objects is self-generating.

Lemma 1.3. *Let K be an abelian category and $S \subset K$ be a self-generating class of objects closed under the kernels of epimorphisms. Then $S^{\perp_1} = S^{\perp_{\geq 1}} \subset K$.*

Proof. This is a partial generalization of the standard characterization of hereditary cotorsion pairs in abelian categories [28, Lemma 1.4] mentioned above. The argument from [36, Lemma 6.17] or [31, Lemma 4.25] applies. To give some details, it follows from the assumptions of the lemma that for any objects $S \in S$ and $K \in K$, and any Yoneda extension class $\xi \in \text{Ext}_K^n(S, K)$ with $n \geq 2$ there exists a short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow S'' \rightarrow S' \rightarrow S \rightarrow 0$ in K with $S', S'' \in S$ such that the class ξ comes from a certain Yoneda extension class $\eta \in \text{Ext}_K^{n-1}(S'', K)$. Thus $\text{Ext}_K^{n-1}(S'', K) = 0$ for all $S'' \in S$ implies $\text{Ext}_K^n(S, K) = 0$. \square

Lemma 1.4. *Let \mathbf{K} be an abelian category with enough injective objects, and let $\mathsf{T} \subset \mathbf{K}$ be a class of objects. Put $\mathsf{B} = \mathsf{T}^{\perp_{\geq 1}}$. Then*

(a) ${}^{\perp 1}\mathsf{B} = \mathsf{T}^{\perp_{\geq 1}} \subset \mathbf{K}$;

(b) *if the class $\mathsf{A} = {}^{\perp 1}\mathsf{B} = \mathsf{T}^{\perp_{\geq 1}}$ is generating in \mathbf{K} , then (A, B) is a hereditary cotorsion pair in \mathbf{K} .*

Proof. Part (a) follows from the observation that the class B is *coresolving* in \mathbf{K} . In other words, the class $\mathsf{B} \subset \mathbf{K}$ contains the injective objects and is closed under extensions and the cokernels of monomorphisms. To prove part (b), one observes that the class A is *resolving* in \mathbf{K} , i. e., it is generating and closed under extensions and the kernels of epimorphisms. Therefore, $\mathsf{A}^{\perp_{\geq 1}} = \mathsf{A}^{\perp 1}$ by Lemma 1.3. It follows immediately from the constructions that $\mathsf{B} = \mathsf{A}^{\perp_{\geq 1}}$, so we are done. \square

Proposition 1.5. *Let \mathbf{K} be a Grothendieck category and $\mathsf{T} \subset \mathbf{K}$ be a set of objects. Put $\mathsf{B} = \mathsf{T}^{\perp_{\geq 1}}$ and $\mathsf{A} = {}^{\perp 1}\mathsf{B} = \mathsf{T}^{\perp_{\geq 1}}$, as per Lemma 1.4, and assume that the class A is generating in \mathbf{K} . Then (A, B) is a hereditary complete cotorsion pair in \mathbf{K} generated by a certain set of objects S .*

Proof. In view of Lemma 1.4 and Theorem 1.2, we only need to construct a set of objects $\mathsf{S} \subset \mathbf{K}$ such that $\mathsf{S}^{\perp 1} = \mathsf{T}^{\perp_{\geq 1}}$. Clearly, we have $\mathsf{T} \subset \mathsf{A}$. Arguing by induction, it suffices to show that for every object $S \in \mathsf{A}$ and an integer $n \geq 2$ there exists a set of objects $\mathsf{S}' \subset \mathsf{A}$ such that for any given $X \in \mathbf{K}$ one has $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^n(S, X) = 0$ whenever $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^{n-1}(S', X) = 0$ for all $S' \in \mathsf{S}'$.

Let λ be a regular cardinal such that the category \mathbf{K} is locally λ -presentable and the object S is λ -presentable. For every λ -presentable object $K \in \mathbf{K}$ endowed with an epimorphism $K \rightarrow S$, choose an epimorphism $A \rightarrow K$ onto K from an object $A \in \mathsf{A}$, and set S' to be the kernel of the composition $A \rightarrow K \rightarrow S$. Then one has $S' \in \mathsf{A}$, since the class A is closed under the kernels of epimorphisms.

Let S' be the set of all objects S' obtained in this way. For any Yoneda extension class $\xi \in \text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^n(S, X)$, there exists a short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow Z \rightarrow Y \rightarrow S \rightarrow 0$ in \mathbf{K} such that the class ξ comes from a Yoneda extension class $\eta \in \text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^{n-1}(Z, X)$. By [25, Lemma 3.4], any short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow Z \rightarrow Y \rightarrow S \rightarrow 0$ in \mathbf{K} is a pushout of a short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow K \rightarrow S \rightarrow 0$ in \mathbf{K} in which the object K is λ -presentable. The latter short exact sequence is, in turn, a pushout of a short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow S' \rightarrow A \rightarrow S \rightarrow 0$ with $A \in \mathsf{A}$ and $S' \in \mathsf{S}'$. It follows easily that $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^{n-1}(S', X) = 0$ for all $S' \in \mathsf{S}'$ implies $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^n(S, X) = 0$. \square

For any additive/abelian category \mathbf{K} , let us denote by $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{K})$ the additive/abelian category of complexes in \mathbf{K} and by $\text{Hot}(\mathbf{K})$ the triangulated homotopy category of (complexes in) \mathbf{K} . When a category \mathbf{K} is locally λ -presentable or Grothendieck, so is the category $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{K})$. As usual, we denote by $C^{\bullet} \mapsto C^{\bullet}[n]$ the cohomological grading shifts of a complex C^{\bullet} ; so $C^{\bullet}[n]^i = C^{i+n}$ for all $n, i \in \mathbb{Z}$. The following lemma is well-known and very useful.

Lemma 1.6. *For any two complexes A^{\bullet} and B^{\bullet} in an abelian category \mathbf{K} , the group $\text{Hom}_{\text{Hot}(\mathbf{K})}(A^{\bullet}, B^{\bullet}[1])$ is naturally isomorphic to the subgroup in $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{K})}^1(A^{\bullet}, B^{\bullet})$*

formed by all the degree-wise split extension classes. In particular, if $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(A^i, B^i) = 0$ for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Hot}(\mathbf{K})}(A^\bullet, B^\bullet[1]) \simeq \text{Ext}_{\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{K})}^1(A^\bullet, B^\bullet).$$

Proof. The point is that degree-wise split extensions $0 \rightarrow B^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet \rightarrow A^\bullet \rightarrow 0$ in $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{K})$ are described as the cones of morphisms of complexes $f: A^\bullet \rightarrow B^\bullet[1]$; specifically, $C = \text{cone}(f)[-1]$. Such extensions corresponding to two morphisms $f', f'': A^\bullet \rightarrow B^\bullet$ represent the same extension class in $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{K})}^1(A^\bullet, B^\bullet)$ if and only if the two morphisms f' and f'' are cochain homotopic. (Cf. [28, Lemma 5.1].) \square

2. LOCALLY FINITELY PRESENTABLE ABELIAN CATEGORIES

The definitions of a λ -presentable object and a locally λ -presentable (abelian) category were already given in the beginning of Section 1. The concepts of a *finitely presentable object* and a *locally finitely presentable category* are obtained by specializing to the case of the countable cardinal $\lambda = \aleph_0$. Given a locally finitely presentable abelian category \mathbf{K} , we denote by $\mathbf{K}_{\text{fp}} \subset \mathbf{K}$ the full subcategory of finitely presentable objects. The category \mathbf{K}_{fp} is essentially small. The full subcategory \mathbf{K}_{fp} is closed under extensions and cokernels in \mathbf{K} .

More generally, an object $S \in \mathbf{K}$ is said to be *finitely generated* if the functor $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(S, -)$ preserves the directed colimits of diagrams of monomorphisms in \mathbf{K} . In a locally finitely presentable abelian category, the finitely generated objects are precisely the quotient objects of the finitely presentable ones. Given a short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow S \rightarrow T \rightarrow 0$ in a locally finitely presentable abelian category \mathbf{K} with a finitely presentable object S , the object T is finitely presentable if and only if the object Q is finitely generated.

Finitely accessible additive categories (in the terminology of [1]) form a wider class of categories than the locally finitely presentable abelian ones. This class of additive categories, which is natural for many purposes, was studied in the papers [8, 19] under the name of “locally finitely presented additive categories”.

A locally finitely presentable abelian category \mathbf{K} is said to be *locally coherent* if the class of all finitely presentable objects in \mathbf{K} is closed under the kernels of epimorphisms, or equivalently, if it is closed under the kernels of all morphisms. A locally finitely presentable abelian category \mathbf{K} is locally coherent if and only if any finitely generated subobject of a finitely presentable object of \mathbf{K} is finitely presentable, or equivalently, the kernel of any morphism from a finitely generated object to a finitely presentable one is finitely generated [30, Section 2]. We refer to [27, Section 13] or [29, Sections 8.1–8.2] for a further discussion of locally finitely presentable and locally coherent abelian categories.

For example, for any associative ring R , the category of R -modules $\text{Mod-}R$ is locally finitely presentable. More generally, for any small preadditive category \mathcal{R} (i. e., a small category enriched in abelian groups), one denotes by $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R} =$

$\text{Funct}_{\text{ad}}(\mathcal{R}^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$ the category of contravariant additive functors from \mathcal{R} to the category of abelian groups Ab , and by $\mathcal{R}\text{-Mod} = \text{Funct}_{\text{ad}}(\mathcal{R}, \text{Ab})$ the category of covariant additive functors $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$. Both $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$ and $\mathcal{R}\text{-Mod}$ are locally finitely presentable abelian categories, with the full subcategories of finitely presentable objects consisting of all the cokernels of arbitrary morphisms between finite direct sums of (co)representable functors.

The direct summands of coproducts of (co)representable functors are the projective objects in $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$ and $\mathcal{R}\text{-Mod}$. Generally, \mathcal{R} can be viewed as a “ring with many objects” or “a nonunital ring with enough idempotents”; then the objects of $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$ and $\mathcal{R}\text{-Mod}$ are simply interpreted as right and left \mathcal{R} -modules. Essentially all the constructions and results of the conventional module theory can be easily transferred to modules over rings with many objects. In particular, there is a naturally defined tensor product functor $\otimes_{\mathcal{R}}: \text{Mod-}\mathcal{R} \times \mathcal{R}\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$, and its derived functor $\text{Tor}_*^{\mathcal{R}}$ can be constructed as usual. Hence one can speak of *flat* right and left \mathcal{R} -modules; these are precisely the directed colimits of projective ones. We denote the full subcategory of flat modules by $\text{Mod}_{\text{fl}}\text{-}\mathcal{R} \subset \text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$.

Let us recall some definitions sketched in the introduction. In a locally finitely presentable abelian category \mathbf{K} , an object J is said to be *fp-injective* if $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(T, J) = 0$ for all finitely presentable objects $T \in \mathbf{K}$. An object $P \in \mathbf{K}$ is said to be *fp-projective* if $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(P, J) = 0$ for all fp-injective objects $J \in \mathbf{K}$.

We denote the full subcategory of fp-injective objects by $\mathbf{K}_{\text{inj}}^{\text{fp}} \subset \mathbf{K}$ and the full subcategory of fp-projective objects by $\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}} \subset \mathbf{K}$. So $(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}, \mathbf{K}_{\text{inj}}^{\text{fp}})$ is the cotorsion pair generated by $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{K}_{\text{fp}}$ in \mathbf{K} . Applying Theorem 1.2, one easily concludes that this cotorsion pair is complete and $\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}} = \text{Fil}(\mathbf{K}_{\text{fp}})^{\oplus}$ (since any object of \mathbf{K} is a quotient object of a coproduct of finitely presentables).

An object $J \in \mathbf{K}$ is said to be *strongly fp-injective* if $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^n(T, J) = 0$ for all $T \in \mathbf{K}_{\text{fp}}$ and $n \geq 1$. An object $P \in \mathbf{K}$ is said to be *weakly fp-projective* if $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(P, J) = 0$ for all strongly fp-injective objects $J \in \mathbf{K}$, or equivalently, $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^n(P, J) = 0$ for all strongly fp-injective objects $J \in \mathbf{K}$ and all $n \geq 1$ (cf. Lemma 1.4).

We denote the full subcategory of strongly fp-injective objects by $\mathbf{K}_{\text{inj}}^{\text{s-fp}} \subset \mathbf{K}$ and the full subcategory of weakly fp-projective objects by $\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{w-fp}} \subset \mathbf{K}$. By Proposition 1.5 applied to (a representative set of isomorphism classes of objects in) $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{K}_{\text{fp}}$, the pair of classes of objects $(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{w-fp}}, \mathbf{K}_{\text{inj}}^{\text{s-fp}})$ is a hereditary complete cotorsion pair in \mathbf{K} .

A short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ in a locally finitely presentable abelian category \mathbf{K} is said to be *pure* if the induced morphism of abelian groups $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(T, L) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(T, M)$ is surjective for all finitely presentable objects $T \in \mathbf{K}$. In this case, the morphism $K \rightarrow L$ is called a *pure monomorphism* and the morphism $L \rightarrow M$ is called a *pure epimorphism* in \mathbf{K} . The object K is said to be a *pure subobject* of L , and the object M is said to be a *pure quotient* of L . Acyclic complexes obtained by splicing pure short exact sequences are called *pure acyclic* or *pure exact*. The class of all pure short exact sequences defines an exact category structure on \mathbf{K} , called the *pure exact structure*.

An object $P \in \mathbf{K}$ is said to be *pure-projective* if it is projective with respect to the pure exact structure, i. e., the induced map $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(P, L) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(P, M)$ is surjective for any pure epimorphism $L \longrightarrow M$ in \mathbf{K} . There are enough pure-projective objects in \mathbf{K} : any object is a pure quotient of a pure-projective one. An object $P \in \mathbf{K}$ is pure-projective if and only if it is a direct summand of a coproduct of finitely presentable objects. So any pure-projective object is fp-projective, but the converse usually does *not* hold.

We denote the class of all pure-projective objects by $\mathbf{K}_{\mathrm{proj}}^{\mathrm{pur}} \subset \mathbf{K}$. The *pure-injective objects* are defined dually, but we will not use them in this paper.

The next two lemmas are well-known. The following one explains why fp-injective objects are often called “absolutely pure”.

Lemma 2.1. *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category. Then an object $J \in \mathbf{K}$ is fp-injective if and only if any monomorphism $J \longrightarrow K$ from J to any object $K \in \mathbf{K}$ is pure.*

Proof. “If”: let $0 \longrightarrow J \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow T \longrightarrow 0$ be a short exact sequence in \mathbf{K} with $T \in \mathbf{K}_{\mathrm{fp}}$. By assumption, this short exact sequence is pure. Hence the map $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(T, K) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(T, T)$ is surjective, so our short exact sequence splits. We have shown that $\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(T, J) = 0$, as desired.

“Only if”: let $0 \longrightarrow J \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$ be a short exact sequence in \mathbf{K} . Then the assumption of $\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(T, J) = 0$ for any finitely presentable object $T \in \mathbf{K}$ implies the desired surjectivity of the map $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(T, K) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(T, M)$. \square

Lemma 2.2. *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category. Denote by \mathcal{R} a small category equivalent to \mathbf{K}_{fp} . Then the functor assigning to an object $K \in \mathbf{K}$ the contravariant functor $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(-, K): \mathbf{K}^{\mathrm{op}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ restricted to the full subcategory $\mathbf{K}_{\mathrm{fp}} \subset \mathbf{K}$ defines an equivalence between \mathbf{K} and the full subcategory of flat modules in the category of right \mathcal{R} -modules $\mathrm{Mod}\text{-}\mathcal{R}$,*

$$\mathbf{K} \simeq \mathrm{Mod}_{\mathrm{fl}}\text{-}\mathcal{R}.$$

Under this equivalence, the pure exact structure on \mathbf{K} corresponds to the exact structure on $\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathrm{fl}}\text{-}\mathcal{R}$ inherited from the abelian exact structure on $\mathrm{Mod}\text{-}\mathcal{R}$. The pure-projective objects of \mathbf{K} correspond to the projective objects of $\mathrm{Mod}\text{-}\mathcal{R}$.

Proof. This is a standard observation. Notice that the functor $K \longmapsto \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(-, K)|_{\mathbf{K}_{\mathrm{fp}}}$ identifies the full subcategory of finitely presentable objects $\mathbf{K}_{\mathrm{fp}} \subset \mathbf{K}$ with the full subcategory of representable functors in $\mathrm{Funct}_{\mathrm{ad}}(\mathbf{K}_{\mathrm{fp}}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathbf{Ab}) = \mathrm{Mod}\text{-}\mathcal{R}$. For an arbitrary small preadditive category \mathcal{R} , the representable functors play the role of free modules with one generator in $\mathrm{Mod}\text{-}\mathcal{R}$. When \mathcal{R} is an idempotent-complete additive category, as in the situation at hand, these are the same things as the finitely generated projective modules. It remains to recall that the objects of \mathbf{K} are the directed colimits of the objects from \mathbf{K}_{fp} , while the flat modules are the directed colimits of the finitely generated projective modules, etc. \square

3. TWO INSTANCES OF THE HILL LEMMA

The *Hill lemma* [15, Theorem 7.10], [35, Theorem 2.1] is a general property of modules or Grothendieck category objects with ordinal-indexed filtrations, which becomes particularly important when the indexing ordinal is large as compared to the presentability ranks of the successive quotient modules/objects in the filtration. The Hill lemma tells that, given one such filtration on a particular object, one can produce many similar filtrations.

In this paper we apply the Hill lemma in locally finitely presentable abelian categories \mathbf{K} . We do not reproduce the lengthy general formulation of the Hill lemma (referring the reader instead to [15, 35]), but only state two particular cases or corollaries that are relevant for our purposes.

Lemma 3.1. *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category and $\mathbf{S} \subset \mathbf{K}_{\text{fp}}$ be a class of finitely presentable objects closed under extensions. Let $P \in \text{Fil}(\mathbf{S}) \subset \mathbf{K}$ be an \mathbf{S} -filtered object (as defined in Section 1), and let $Q \subset P$ be a finitely generated subobject. Then there exists an intermediate subobject $Q \subset S \subset P$ such that $S \in \mathbf{S}$.*

Proof. This is a particular case of [35, Theorem 2.1 (H3–H4)] applied in the case of the countable cardinal $\kappa = \aleph_0$. □

Corollary 3.2. (a) *In a locally finitely presentable abelian category, any finitely generated fp-projective object is finitely presentable.*

(b) *In a locally coherent abelian category, any finitely generated subobject of an fp-projective object is finitely presentable.*

Proof. To prove part (a), let Q be a finitely generated fp-projective object in a locally finitely presentable abelian category \mathbf{K} . Then Q is a direct summand of a \mathbf{K}_{fp} -filtered object P , so we have two morphisms $Q \rightarrow P \rightarrow Q$ with the composition equal to id_Q . By Lemma 3.1, there exists a finitely presentable subobject $S \subset P$ such that the morphism $Q \rightarrow P$ factorizes as $Q \rightarrow S \rightarrow P$. It follows that Q is a direct summand of S , hence Q is also finitely presentable.

Part (b): Let Q be a finitely generated subobject of an fp-projective object in a locally coherent category \mathbf{K} . Then Q is also a subobject of a \mathbf{K}_{fp} -filtered object. By Lemma 3.1, it follows that Q is a subobject of a finitely presentable object $S \in \mathbf{K}_{\text{fp}}$. It remains to recall that in a locally coherent category any finitely generated subobject of a finitely presentable object is finitely presentable.

Both the assertions (a) and (b) are also provable without the Hill lemma. For a proof of (a) (in the case of module categories), see [14, Theorem 2.1.10]. A proof of (b) can be found in [23, Lemma 1.5]. The arguments above are particularly neat and transparent, though. □

Corollary 3.3. *The following conditions are equivalent for a locally finitely presentable abelian category \mathbf{K} :*

- (1) *the cotorsion pair $(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}, \mathbf{K}_{\text{inj}}^{\text{fp}})$ is hereditary in \mathbf{K} ;*
- (2) *all weakly fp-projective objects in \mathbf{K} are fp-projective;*

- (3) all fp-injective objects in \mathbf{K} are strongly fp-injective;
- (4) the category \mathbf{K} is locally coherent.

Proof. (1) \implies (4) It suffices to show that the kernel Q of any epimorphism $S \longrightarrow T$ between finitely presentable objects $S, T \in \mathbf{K}$ is finitely presentable. Notice that the object Q is always finitely generated. The objects S and T are fp-projective. Since the cotorsion pair $(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}, \mathbf{K}_{\text{inj}}^{\text{fp}})$ is hereditary by assumption, it follows that the object Q is fp-projective. It remains to invoke Corollary 3.2(a) in order to conclude that Q is finitely presentable.

(4) \implies (3) The class $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{K}_{\text{fp}}$ of all finitely presentable objects is self-generating in any locally finitely presentable abelian category \mathbf{K} . In a locally coherent category, it is also closed under the kernels of epimorphisms, so Lemma 1.3 applies.

(1) \implies (3) \implies (2) hold by the definitions.

(2) \implies (3) holds because both $(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}, \mathbf{K}_{\text{inj}}^{\text{fp}})$ and $(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{w-fp}}, \mathbf{K}_{\text{inj}}^{\text{s-fp}})$ are cotorsion pairs in \mathbf{K} , and a cotorsion pair is determined by its left class.

(2) + (3) \implies (1) holds because the cotorsion pair $(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{w-fp}}, \mathbf{K}_{\text{inj}}^{\text{s-fp}})$ is always hereditary (as explained in Section 2). \square

The following lemma plays a crucial role in the proofs of the main theorems in Section 4 (specifically, Theorem 4.2).

Lemma 3.4. *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category and $\mathbf{S} \subset \mathbf{K}_{\text{fp}}$ be a class of finitely presentable objects closed under extensions. Let $P^\bullet \in \mathbf{C}(\text{Fil}(\mathbf{S}))$ be a complex in \mathbf{K} whose terms are \mathbf{S} -filtered objects. Then the complex P^\bullet , viewed as an object of the abelian category of complexes $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{K})$, is filtered by bounded below complexes whose terms belong to \mathbf{S} .*

Proof. This is [35, (proof of) Proposition 4.3] for $\kappa = \aleph_0$. \square

4. PROOFS OF MAIN RESULTS

The following theorem is the main result of this paper.

Theorem 4.1. *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category, and let P^\bullet be an acyclic complex in \mathbf{K} whose terms P^n are fp-projective objects for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Denote by $Z^n \in \mathbf{K}$ the objects of cocycles of the acyclic complex P^\bullet . Then all the objects Z^n are weakly fp-projective, that is $Z^n \in \mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{w-fp}}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.*

The proof of Theorem 4.1 is based on the next Theorem 4.2.

Theorem 4.2. *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category, let $P^\bullet \in \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}})$ be a complex of fp-projective objects in \mathbf{K} , and let J^\bullet be an acyclic complex of fp-injective objects in \mathbf{K} with fp-injective objects of cocycles. Then any morphism of complexes $P^\bullet \longrightarrow J^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero.*

The proof of Theorem 4.2, in turn, is based on the following Theorem 4.3.

Theorem 4.3 (Šťovíček [37, Theorem 5.4]). *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category, let $P^\bullet \in \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{pur}})$ be a complex of pure-projective objects in \mathbf{K} , and let X^\bullet be a pure acyclic complex in \mathbf{K} . Then any morphism of complexes $P^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero.*

Finally, the proof of Theorem 4.3 is based on the next Theorem 4.4.

Theorem 4.4 (Neeman [21, Theorem 8.6]). *Let \mathcal{R} be a small preadditive category, let $P^\bullet \in \mathbf{C}(\text{Mod}_{\text{proj}}\text{-}\mathcal{R})$ be a complex of projective objects in $\text{Mod}\text{-}\mathcal{R}$, and let X^\bullet be an acyclic complex of flat right \mathcal{R} -modules with flat modules of cocycles. Then any morphism of complexes $P^\bullet \rightarrow X^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero.*

Proof of Theorem 4.4. This is a straightforward generalization of [21, Theorem 8.6 (iii) \Rightarrow (i)] from modules over the conventional unital rings to modules over “rings with enough idempotents” or (which is essentially the same) “rings with many objects” or (which is the same) small preadditive categories. As usual for such generalizations, it is provable by the same method. \square

Proof of Theorem 4.3. This assertion, stated in the introduction as Theorem 0.16(b), is one specific aspect of a particular case of Šťovíček’s [37, Theorem 5.4], provable by reduction to Neeman’s theorem. Let \mathcal{R} be a small category equivalent to \mathbf{K}_{fp} . Applying Lemma 2.2, one reduces Theorem 4.3 to Theorem 4.4. \square

Proof of Theorem 4.2. As explained in Section 2, any fp-projective object is a direct summand of an object filtered by finitely presentable ones. In the context of the theorem, P^\bullet is an arbitrary complex of fp-projective objects. So a complex Q^\bullet in the category \mathbf{K} can be found such that the direct sum $P^\bullet \oplus Q^\bullet$ is a complex whose every term $P^i \oplus Q^i$, $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, is filtered by finitely presentable objects (e. g., one can choose Q^\bullet to be a suitable complex with zero differential). If we manage to prove that every morphism of complexes $P^\bullet \oplus Q^\bullet \rightarrow J^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero, it will follow that every morphism of complexes $P^\bullet \rightarrow J^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero as well. Redenoting $P^\bullet \oplus Q^\bullet$ by P^\bullet , we have shown that it can be assumed, without loss of generality, that every object P^i , $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, is filtered by finitely presentable objects.

Thus we now suppose that $P^i \in \text{Fil}(\mathbf{K}_{\text{fp}})$. By the definition of fp-projective objects, we have $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(P^i, J^j) = 0$ for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$. Therefore, Lemma 1.6 provides an isomorphism of abelian groups

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Hot}(\mathbf{K})}(P^\bullet, J^\bullet) \simeq \text{Ext}_{\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{K})}^1(P^\bullet, J^\bullet[-1]).$$

By Lemma 3.4 (for $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{K}_{\text{fp}}$), the complex P^\bullet is filtered by (bounded below) complexes of finitely presentable objects. In view of Lemma 1.1, it suffices to show that $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{K})}^1(S^\bullet, J^\bullet[-1]) = 0$ for any complex $S^\bullet \in \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{K}_{\text{fp}})$. The same isomorphism from Lemma 1.6 tells that

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{K})}^1(S^\bullet, J^\bullet[-1]) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\text{Hot}(\mathbf{K})}(S^\bullet, J^\bullet).$$

Essentially, we have reduced the assertion of the proposition to the case of a complex of finitely presentable objects in place of a complex of fp-projective objects.

Now we observe that, by the definition, all finitely presentable objects are pure-projective. On the other hand, by Lemma 2.1, any acyclic complex in \mathbf{K} with fp-injective objects of cocycles is pure acyclic. It remains to apply Theorem 4.3 to $P^\bullet = S^\bullet$ and $X^\bullet = J^\bullet$. \square

Proof of Theorem 4.1. Let $Y \in \mathbf{K}_{\text{inj}}^{\text{s-fp}}$ be a strongly fp-injective object. Given an integer $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have to show that $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(Z^n, Y) = 0$. In the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow Z^{n-1} \longrightarrow P^{n-1} \longrightarrow Z^n \longrightarrow 0$$

we have $\text{Ext}_{\mathbf{K}}^1(P^{n-1}, Y) = 0$; so it suffices to prove that the map $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(P^{n-1}, Y) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(Z^{n-1}, Y)$ is surjective. For this purpose, we will show that the complex of abelian groups $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(P^\bullet, Y)$ is acyclic.

Let $0 \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow I^0 \longrightarrow I^1 \longrightarrow I^2 \longrightarrow \dots$ be an injective resolution of the object Y in the category \mathbf{K} . Denote by J^\bullet the acyclic complex $Y \longrightarrow I^\bullet$. Since the object Y is strongly fp-injective and the cotorsion pair $(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{w-fp}}, \mathbf{K}_{\text{inj}}^{\text{s-fp}})$ is hereditary in \mathbf{K} , all the objects of cocycles of the complex J^\bullet are (strongly) fp-injective. All the terms of the complex J^\bullet are also obviously (strongly) fp-injective.

Recall that P^\bullet is a complex of fp-projective objects. By Theorem 4.2, it follows that all morphisms of complexes $P^\bullet \longrightarrow J^\bullet[n]$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, are homotopic to zero. In other words, this means that the complex of abelian groups $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(P^\bullet, J^\bullet)$ is acyclic.

On the other hand, for any acyclic complex X^\bullet and any bounded below complex of injective objects I^\bullet in an abelian category \mathbf{K} , the complex of abelian groups $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(X^\bullet, I^\bullet)$ is well-known to be acyclic. In the situation at hand, we observe that the complex $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(P^\bullet, I^\bullet)$ is acyclic.

Since both the complexes of abelian groups $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(P^\bullet, I^\bullet)$ and $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(P^\bullet, J^\bullet)$ are acyclic, and the complex J^\bullet is simply the augmented coresolution $J^\bullet = (Y \rightarrow I^\bullet)$, we can finally conclude that the complex $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{K}}(P^\bullet, Y)$ is acyclic, as desired. \square

Corollary 4.5. *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category and $\text{FpProj} = \mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}$ be the class of all fp-projective objects in \mathbf{K} . Then any FpProj -periodic object in \mathbf{K} is weakly fp-projective.*

Proof. We refer to Section 0.0 of the introduction for the definition of an \mathbf{A} -periodic object. Given a short exact sequence $0 \longrightarrow M \xrightarrow{k} A \xrightarrow{q} M \longrightarrow 0$ in \mathbf{K} with $A \in \mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}$, all one needs to do is to splice up a doubly unbounded sequence of copies of the given short exact sequence, obtaining an acyclic complex

$$\dots \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{kq} A \xrightarrow{kq} A \longrightarrow \dots$$

and apply Theorem 4.1 to the resulting complex. \square

Corollary 4.6. *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) *in any acyclic complex in \mathbf{K} with fp-projective terms, the objects of cocycles are fp-projective;*
- (2) *any FpProj -periodic object in \mathbf{K} is fp-projective;*

- (3) the cotorsion pair $(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}, \mathbf{K}_{\text{inj}}^{\text{fp}})$ is hereditary in \mathbf{K} ;
- (4) the category \mathbf{K} is locally coherent.

Proof. (1) \iff (2) is essentially [10, Proposition 1] (cf. the discussion in Section 0.1 of the introduction). The implication (1) \implies (2) was already explained in the proof of Corollary 4.5. To prove (2) \implies (1), all one needs to do is chop up a given acyclic complex of fp-projectives into short exact sequence pieces and apply (2) to the coproduct of the resulting short exact sequences.

(3) \iff (4) is Corollary 3.3 (1) \Leftrightarrow (4).

The implication (3) \implies (1) holds by Theorem 4.1 and Corollary 3.3 (1) \implies (2).

To prove (1) \implies (3), consider a short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow S \rightarrow T \rightarrow 0$ in \mathbf{K} with fp-projective objects S and T . Put $P_1 = S$ and $P_0 = T$.

Any object of \mathbf{K} is an epimorphic image of an fp-projective object (in fact, any object of \mathbf{K} is even a pure epimorphic image of a pure-projective object). So the object Q has an fp-projective resolution $\cdots \rightarrow P_4 \rightarrow P_3 \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow 0$. Then $\cdots \rightarrow P_3 \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow 0$ is an acyclic complex P_\bullet of fp-projective objects in \mathbf{K} . Among the objects of cocycles of the acyclic complex P_\bullet , there is the object Q . Thus (1) implies that Q is fp-projective. \square

For reader's convenience, let us explicitly formulate our results in the case of module categories.

Corollary 4.7. *Let R be an associative ring, and let P^\bullet be an acyclic complex of R -modules whose terms P^n are fp-projective R -modules. Denote by $Z^n \in \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$ the modules of cocycles of the acyclic complex P^\bullet . Then all the R -modules Z^n are weakly fp-projective.*

Corollary 4.8. *Let R be an associative ring, let P^\bullet be a complex of fp-projective right R -modules, and let J^\bullet be an acyclic complex of fp-injective right R -modules with fp-injective modules of cocycles. Then any morphism of complexes $P^\bullet \rightarrow J^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero.*

Corollary 4.9. *Let R be an associative ring, and let \mathbf{FpProj} denote the class of all fp-projective R -modules. Then any \mathbf{FpProj} -periodic R -module is weakly fp-projective.*

Proof of Corollaries 4.7–4.9. Apply Theorems 4.1–4.2 and Corollary 4.5 to the module category $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$. \square

Corollary 4.10. *For any associative ring R , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) in any acyclic complex of right R -modules with fp-projective terms, the modules of cocycles are fp-projective;
- (2) any \mathbf{FpProj} -periodic right R -module is fp-projective;
- (3) the ring R is right coherent.

Proof. The nontrivial implications (3) \implies (2) and (3) \implies (1) are due to Šaroch and Šťovíček [32, Example 4.3]. The whole corollary can be also obtained by applying our Corollary 4.6 to $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$. \square

For a simple counterexample of a non-fp-projective Proj-periodic module over a noncoherent ring, see Example 6.1 below.

Notice that the assertion of Corollary 4.8 for right coherent rings R is also covered by the discussion of Šaroch and Šťovíček; see [32, second paragraph of Example 4.3]. Our approach provides a generalization to arbitrary rings R .

Over an arbitrary ring R , the particular case of Corollary 4.7 for acyclic complexes of *pure-projective* modules P^\bullet was obtained by Emmanouil and Kaperonis in [9, Lemma 4.5(iii) or Corollary 4.9(i)]. The particular case of Corollary 4.8 for complexes of *pure-projective* modules P^\bullet and acyclic complexes of *strongly* fp-injective modules J^\bullet with *strongly* fp-injective modules of cocycles can be found in [9, Lemma 4.5(ii)].

Remark 4.11. The results of this section admit a rather straightforward extension to higher cardinalities. Given a regular cardinal κ and a locally κ -presentable Grothendieck category \mathbf{K} , one defines κ -*p-injective*, κ -*p-projective*, *strongly* κ -*p-injective*, and *weakly* κ -*p-projective* objects similarly to the definitions in Section 2, using κ -presentable objects T instead of finitely presentable ones.

Suitable analogues of Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 hold in this context, with purity replaced by κ -purity and \mathcal{R} denoting a small additive category equivalent to the full subcategory of κ -presentable objects in \mathbf{K} . There is only a set of isomorphism classes of κ -presentable objects in \mathbf{K} by [1, Remark 1.19]. The category of flat \mathcal{R} -modules should be replaced with its full subcategory of κ -flat \mathcal{R} -modules (in the sense of [26, Section 6] in the κ -version of Lemma 2.2. The point is that every object of \mathbf{K} is a κ -filtered direct limit of κ -presentable objects by [17, Proposition 7.15] or [1, Definition 1.17 and Theorem 1.20]. Furthermore, the κ -analogues of the lemmas and corollaries of Section 3 also hold. So the κ -versions of Theorems 4.1–4.3 and Corollaries 4.5–4.6 can be deduced similarly to the proofs above.

Generalizing the results of this section to locally κ -presentable (*not* necessarily Grothendieck) abelian categories would be a harder task, as the Hill lemma and its corollaries have been only proved for Grothendieck categories in the paper [35].

5. APPLICATION TO DERIVED CATEGORIES

The aim of this section is to show that, for a locally coherent abelian category \mathbf{K} , the (unbounded) derived category $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{K})$ is equivalent to the derived category of the exact category of fp-projective objects in \mathbf{K} ,

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}) \simeq \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{K}).$$

Here the exact category structure on $\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}$ is inherited from the abelian exact structure of the ambient abelian category \mathbf{K} (notice that the full subcategory of fp-projective objects $\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}$ is closed under extensions in \mathbf{K}).

We start with a general lemma applicable to exact categories \mathbf{K} . Denote by $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{K})$ the derived category of an exact category \mathbf{K} . So $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{K})$ is the triangulated Verdier

quotient category $D(\mathbf{K}) = \text{Hot}(\mathbf{K})/\text{Ac}(\mathbf{K})$, where $\text{Ac}(\mathbf{K}) \subset \text{Hot}(\mathbf{K})$ is the triangulated subcategory of acyclic complexes.

Lemma 5.1. *Let \mathbf{K} be an idempotent-complete exact category and $\mathbf{A} \subset \mathbf{K}$ be a full additive subcategory. Assume that for any complex K^\bullet in \mathbf{K} there exists a complex A^\bullet in \mathbf{A} together with a morphism of complexes $A^\bullet \rightarrow K^\bullet$ which is a quasi-isomorphism of complexes in \mathbf{K} . Then the inclusion of additive categories $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$ induces a triangulated equivalence of Verdier quotient categories*

$$\frac{\text{Hot}(\mathbf{A})}{\text{Hot}(\mathbf{A}) \cap \text{Ac}(\mathbf{K})} \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{\text{Hot}(\mathbf{K})}{\text{Ac}(\mathbf{K})} = D(\mathbf{K}).$$

Proof. This is a particular case of [18, Corollary 7.2.2 or Proposition 10.2.7(ii)] or [22, Lemma 1.6(a)]. \square

We start with the special case of a module category $\mathbf{K} = \text{Mod-}R$ (for a right coherent ring R). The following proposition is more general.

Proposition 5.2. *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally presentable abelian category with enough projective objects, and let $\mathbf{A} \subset \mathbf{K}$ be a full additive subcategory containing all the projective objects of \mathbf{K} . Then the inclusion of additive categories $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$ induces a triangulated equivalence of Verdier quotient categories*

$$\frac{\text{Hot}(\mathbf{A})}{\text{Hot}(\mathbf{A}) \cap \text{Ac}(\mathbf{K})} \xrightarrow{\cong} D(\mathbf{K}).$$

Proof. Here the argument is that the assumption of Lemma 5.1 can be satisfied by choosing A^\bullet to be a suitable complex of projective objects in \mathbf{K} . There are even many ways to do so: e. g., one can choose A^\bullet to be a homotopy projective complex of projective objects, as there are enough such complexes in any locally presentable abelian category with enough projective objects [28, Corollary 6.7]. Alternatively, choosing A^\bullet as an arbitrary complex of projectives, one can make the cone of the morphism $A^\bullet \rightarrow K^\bullet$ not just an acyclic, but a *contraacyclic complex in the sense of Becker*, which is a stronger property [28, Corollary 7.4]. \square

Corollary 5.3. *Let R be a right coherent ring, and let $\text{Mod}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}\text{-}R$ denote the full subcategory of fp-projective modules in $\text{Mod-}R$, endowed with the inherited exact category structure. Then the inclusion of exact/abelian categories $\text{Mod}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}\text{-}R \rightarrow \text{Mod-}R$ induces an equivalence of their unbounded derived categories,*

$$D(\text{Mod}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}\text{-}R) \xrightarrow{\cong} D(\text{Mod-}R).$$

Proof. Compare Proposition 5.2 with Corollary 4.7 or 4.10. \square

Now we pass to the general case of a locally coherent category \mathbf{K} (which need *not* have enough projectives). Once again, the following proposition is even more general.

Proposition 5.4. *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally finitely presentable abelian category and $\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}} \subset \mathbf{K}$ be its full subcategory of fp-projective objects. Then the inclusion of additive categories $\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$ induces a triangulated equivalence of Verdier quotient categories*

$$\frac{\text{Hot}(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}})}{\text{Hot}(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}) \cap \text{Ac}(\mathbf{K})} \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{D}(\mathbf{K}).$$

Proof. Once again, the argument is that the assumption of Lemma 5.1 is satisfied. Similarly to the proof of Proposition 5.2, there are several possible constructions.

One approach is to choose A^\bullet as a complex of pure-projective objects in \mathbf{K} and the morphism $A^\bullet \rightarrow K^\bullet$ as a pure quasi-isomorphism (i. e., a morphism of complexes with pure acyclic cone). To see that this can be done, interpret \mathbf{K} as the full subcategory of flat modules in $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$, as per Lemma 2.2. Then the pure-projective objects of \mathbf{K} correspond to the projective objects of $\text{Mod-}\mathcal{R}$. The point is that there are enough complexes of projective modules/objects in the exact category of flat modules $\text{Mod}_{\text{fl}}\text{-}\mathcal{R}$: any complex in $\text{Mod}_{\text{fl}}\text{-}\mathcal{R}$ is quasi-isomorphic, *as a complex in $\text{Mod}_{\text{fl}}\text{-}\mathcal{R}$* , to a complex of projectives. This is another result of Neeman’s paper [21]; see [21, Proposition 8.1 and Theorem 8.6].

Alternatively, one can use a suitable version of the construction of homotopy projective resolutions in [34, Section 3.A]. This allows to produce a (nonpure) quasi-isomorphism $A^\bullet \rightarrow K^\bullet$ in \mathbf{K} , where A^\bullet belongs to the minimal full triangulated subcategory of $\text{Hot}(\mathbf{K})$ containing the one-term complexes formed from fp-projective objects (or even from pure-projective objects) and closed under countable coproducts. It is enough to know that the complexes in \mathbf{K} admit canonical truncations, every object is a quotient object of an fp-projective (or even of a pure-projective) object, and countable coproducts are exact in \mathbf{K} . \square

Corollary 5.5. *Let \mathbf{K} be a locally coherent abelian category, and let $\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}$ denote the full subcategory of fp-projective objects in \mathbf{K} , endowed with the inherited exact category structure. Then the inclusion of exact/abelian categories $\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$ induces an equivalence of their unbounded derived categories,*

$$\text{D}(\mathbf{K}_{\text{proj}}^{\text{fp}}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{D}(\mathbf{K}).$$

Proof. Compare Proposition 5.4 with Theorem 4.1 or Corollary 4.6. \square

6. FAILURE OF NON-PURE PURE-PROJECTIVE PERIODICITY

Simson’s theorem [33, Theorem 1.3 or 4.4] (Theorem 0.9 in the introduction) tells that any pure PProj-periodic module is pure-projective. Our Corollary 4.9 tells that any FpProj-periodic module is weakly fp-projective. The aim of this section is to present a variety of counterexamples showing that a (non-pure) PProj-periodic module need *not* be pure-projective.

Acyclic complexes of pure-projective modules were considered in the papers [13, 9]. Our main example is a four-term exact sequence of pure-projective modules (over

the Kronecker algebra, or over a finite-dimensional commutative algebra, or over the algebra of polynomials in two variables over a field) with a non-pure-projective middle module of cocycles. In fact, even a **Proj**-periodic module over a finite-dimensional commutative algebra over a field need not be pure-projective, as we will see.

We start with a simple noncoherent example.

Example 6.1. The following example shows that a **Proj**-periodic module over a noncoherent ring need not be fp-projective (though it is of course weakly fp-projective by Corollary 4.9). We recall that **Proj** denotes the class of all projective R -modules.

Let V be a vector space of infinite countable dimension over a field k and $R = k \oplus V$ be the trivial extension algebra, where the basis vector of k is a unit in R , while the multiplication on V is zero. Let us say that an R -module is *trivial* if V acts by zero in it. Then we have a short exact sequence of R -modules $0 \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow k \longrightarrow 0$, where R is the free R -module with one generator, while V and k are endowed with trivial R -module structures. Taking the direct sum of a countable number of copies of this short exact sequence, we obtain a short exact sequence of R -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow V^{(\mathbb{N}_0)} \longrightarrow R^{(\mathbb{N}_0)} \longrightarrow k^{(\mathbb{N}_0)} \longrightarrow 0.$$

As the trivial R -modules $V^{(\mathbb{N}_0)}$ and $k^{(\mathbb{N}_0)}$ are isomorphic, we see that they are **Proj**-periodic over R . Still the trivial R -module k is *not* fp-projective, since it is finitely generated but not finitely presented (see Corollary 3.2(a)). Consequently, the trivial R -module $V^{(\mathbb{N}_0)} \simeq k^{(\mathbb{N}_0)}$ is *not* fp-projective, either (as the class of all fp-projective modules is closed under direct summands).

In the rest of this section, most of our counterexamples are based on the following example of a non-pure-projective module. Denote by K the Kronecker algebra over a field k , described explicitly as follows. A basis in K as a k -vector space consists of four vectors e_0 , e_1 , x , and y . The multiplication is given by the rules $e_0^2 = e_0$, $e_1^2 = e_1$, $e_0x = x$, $e_0y = y$, $xe_1 = x$, $ye_1 = y$, all the other products of basis vectors are zero. The unit element is $1 = e_0 + e_1 \in K$.

In the discussion below, the action of the idempotent elements e_0 and e_1 is an extra. It is a piece of additional information, which allows us to give an example of a non-pure-projective **PProj**-periodic module over a hereditary finite-dimensional algebra K in Example 6.3. A reader more interested in commutative algebra counterexamples (such as Examples 6.4, 6.5, and 6.6) will lose little by skipping all mentions of the action of these idempotent elements in our modules.

Let M denote the following right K -module. A basis in M as a k -vector space consists of vectors $v_{i,j}$, where $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $i + j = 0$ or $i + j = 1$. The action of K is described by the rules

- $v_{i,j}e_0 = v_{i,j}$ if $i + j = 0$, and $v_{i,j}e_0 = 0$ if $i + j = 1$;
- $v_{i,j}e_1 = 0$ if $i + j = 0$, and $v_{i,j}e_1 = v_{i,j}$ if $i + j = 1$;
- $v_{i,j}x = v_{i+1,j}$ if $i + j = 0$, and $v_{i,j}x = 0$ if $i + j = 1$;
- $v_{i,j}y = v_{i,j+1}$ if $i + j = 0$, and $v_{i,j}y = 0$ if $i + j = 1$.

Lemma 6.2. *Let R be an associative ring and $R \rightarrow K$ be ring homomorphism whose image contains the elements x and $y \in K$. Let us view M as a right R -module via the restriction of scalars. Then the R -module M is not pure-projective.*

Proof. For every integer $n \geq 0$, denote by $M_n \subset M$ the k -vector subspace spanned by the basis vectors $v_{i,j}$, where $-n \leq i \leq n+1$ and $-n \leq j \leq n+1$ (while $i+j=0$ or 1 , of course). So M_n is a finite-dimensional vector subspace of dimension $4n+3$ in M . Clearly, M_n is a K -submodule in M . One has $M = \varinjlim_{n \geq 0} M_n$, so there is a pure exact sequence of right K -modules (and also of right R -modules)

$$(4) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0.$$

In order to show that M is not a pure-projective R -module, it suffices to check that the short exact sequence of R -modules (4) is not split.

Put $S = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n$ and $S_m = \bigoplus_{n=0}^m M_n \subset S$ for $m \geq 0$. For the sake of contradiction, assume that $s: M \rightarrow S$ is an R -linear splitting of (4). Then there exists an integer $m \geq 0$ such that $s(v_{0,0}) \in S_m$.

Arguing by induction, we will show that $s(v_{-n,n}) \in Sx + Sy + S_m$ and similarly $s(v_{n,-n}) \in Sx + Sy + S_m \subset S$ for all $n \geq 0$. For $n > m$, this will clearly contradict the assumption that s is a section of (4) (notice that $Mx = My = Me_1$ is a submodule in M not containing the basis vectors $v_{-n,n}$ and $v_{n,-n}$).

The key observation is that both the maps

$$M_n/(M_nx + M_ny) \xrightarrow{x} M_n \quad \text{and} \quad M_n/(M_nx + M_ny) \xrightarrow{y} M_n$$

are injective for all $n \geq 0$. By the induction assumption, we have $s(v_{-n+1,n-1}) \in Sx + Sy + S_m$ for some $n \geq 1$. Hence $s(v_{-n+1,n}) = s(v_{-n+1,n-1})y \in S_m$ and therefore $s(v_{-n,n})x = s(v_{-n+1,n}) \in S_m$. Since the map

$$S/(Sx + Sy + S_m) \xrightarrow{x} S/S_m$$

is injective, it follows that $s(v_{-n,n}) \in Sx + Sy + S_m$. □

Now let us construct the promised four-term exact sequence. For every $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $L_i \subset M$ be the k -vector subspace spanned by the three basis vectors $v_{-i,i}$, $v_{-i+1,i}$, $v_{-i,i+1}$. Clearly, L_i is a 3-dimensional K -submodule in M and $M = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} L_i$. (In fact, one has $M_n = \sum_{i=-n}^n L_i$.) All the K -modules L_i are isomorphic to each other, so we can put $L = L_i$. The kernel of the morphism $\bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} L_i \rightarrow M$ is the direct sum of a countable number of copies of the one-dimensional K -module $E = k$ with $Ex = Ey = Ee_0 = 0$ and e_1 acting in E by the identity map.

For every $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $Q_i \subset M$ be the k -vector subspace spanned by *all* the basis vectors *except* $v_{-i,i}$, $v_{-i,i+1}$, and $v_{-i-1,i+1}$. Then Q_i is a K -submodule in M with a 3-dimensional quotient module $N_i = M/Q_i$. All the K -modules N_i are isomorphic to each other, so we can put $N = N_i$. Furthermore, for any element $w \in M$ one has $w \in Q_i$ for all but a finite set of integers i . So there is a natural injective K -module morphism $M \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} N_i$. The cokernel of this morphism is isomorphic to the direct sum of a countable number of copies of the one-dimensional K -module $F = k$ with $Fx = Fy = Fe_1 = 0$ and e_0 acting in F by the identity map.

Thus we obtain a four-term exact sequence of K -modules

$$(5) \quad 0 \longrightarrow E^{(\aleph_0)} \longrightarrow L^{(\aleph_0)} \longrightarrow N^{(\aleph_0)} \longrightarrow F^{(\aleph_0)} \longrightarrow 0$$

with the middle module of cocycles equal to M . The K -modules E and F are one-dimensional, while the K -modules L and N are three-dimensional over k .

Example 6.3. The four-term exact sequence (5) is a (finite) acyclic complex of pure-projective K -modules whose middle module of cocycles M is *not* pure-projective by Lemma 6.2. Thus a PProj-periodic module over the hereditary finite-dimensional algebra K need *not* be pure-projective.

Example 6.4. Let R be the unital k -subalgebra in K spanned by the elements x and y . So R is a 3-dimensional commutative k -algebra isomorphic to $k[x, y]/(x^2, xy, y^2)$. Viewed as R -modules, L is a free R -module with one generator, $L \simeq R$, while N is a cofree R -module with one cogenerator, $N \simeq R^* = \text{Hom}_k(R, k)$ (so N is an injective R -module). The R -modules E and F are isomorphic, of course (in fact, there is a unique simple R -module k).

So we have a four-term exact sequence of R -modules

$$(6) \quad 0 \longrightarrow k^{(\aleph_0)} \longrightarrow R^{(\aleph_0)} \longrightarrow R^{*(\aleph_0)} \longrightarrow k^{(\aleph_0)} \longrightarrow 0$$

whose middle module of cocycles M is *not* pure-projective by Lemma 6.2. Thus a PProj-periodic module over the finite-dimensional commutative algebra R need *not* be pure-projective.

Example 6.5. Let $R' = k[x, y]$ be the commutative algebra of polynomials in two variables over a field k . Taking the restriction of scalars with respect to the obvious surjective k -algebra morphism $R' \longrightarrow R$, with R as in Example 6.4, one can view (6) as a four-term exact sequence of pure-projective R' -modules. (Notice that the algebra R' is Noetherian, so any finitely generated R' -module is finitely presented.)

The R' -module M is *not* pure-projective by Lemma 6.2. Thus a PProj-periodic module over the regular finitely generated commutative k -algebra $R' = k[x, y]$ need *not* be pure-projective.

Example 6.6. Put $R'' = k[x, y]/(x^2, y^2)$; so R'' is a 4-dimensional Frobenius commutative k -algebra. As such, any R'' -module has a double-sided projective-injective R'' -module resolution. In other words, any R'' -module can be obtained as the module of cocycles (in some particular cohomological degree) of an unbounded acyclic complex of projective-injective R'' -modules.

Taking the restriction of scalars with respect to the obvious surjective k -algebra morphism $R'' \longrightarrow R$, one can view M as an R'' -module. The R'' -module M is *not* pure-projective by Lemma 6.2. Still, it can be obtained as a module of cocycles in an acyclic complex of projective R'' -modules. Thus a Proj-periodic module over the finite-dimensional commutative k -algebra R'' need *not* be pure-projective.

Example 6.7. More generally, let S be any quasi-Frobenius ring which is not right pure semisimple. The same argument as in Example 6.6 applies and shows that every S -module is a cocycle in an unbounded acyclic complex of projective-injective

S -modules. The fact that S is not right pure semisimple amounts to the existence of a right S -module which is not pure-projective. It follows that S admits a right **Proj**-periodic module which is not pure-projective.

A commutative ring is pure semisimple if and only if it is an artinian principal ideal ring, see [40, §1.2]. Also, a commutative artinian local ring is a principal ideal ring if and only if it is a hypersurface, this follows directly from [16, Corollary 11]. Therefore, any commutative artinian local Gorenstein ring which is not a hypersurface can play the role of S , this includes the ring of Example 6.6.

Example 6.8. Even more generally, let S be a ring which admits a right S -module M which is Gorenstein projective but not pure-projective (see e.g. [32, §3] for the definition of a Gorenstein projective module). By definition, M is a cocycle in an acyclic complex of projective right S -modules, and therefore there is a **Proj**-periodic right S -module which is not pure-projective.

A source of such rings S can be obtained as follows. Let S be a commutative noetherian complete local Gorenstein ring which is not regular. A result of Beligiannis [4, Theorem 4.20] asserts that all Gorenstein projective S -modules are pure-projective if and only if S is CM-finite, the latter means that the category of Gorenstein projective S -modules is of finite representation type. Note that the proof of [4, Theorem 4.20] explicitly uses the fact that an S -module is pure-projective precisely if it is isomorphic to a direct sum of finitely presented S -modules. By [4, Corollary 4.21], the CM-finiteness implies that S is a simple hypersurface in the sense of [6]. In particular, any commutative noetherian complete local Gorenstein ring which is not a hypersurface can play the role of S .

Example 6.9. This is an example of non-pure-projective **PProj**-periodic module over a valuation domain. Over a Prüfer domain, the class of fp-injective modules coincides with the class **D** of divisible modules [11, Proposition IX.3.4]. If \mathbf{P}_1 is the class of modules of projective dimension at most one, then for every commutative domain, $(\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{D})$ is a complete hereditary cotorsion pair [3, Theorem 7.2]. Thus, for Prüfer domains the class \mathbf{P}_1 coincides with the class of fp-projective modules.

Let R be a valuation domain with value group the abelian group $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ with the anti-lexicographic order. The maximal ideal of R is principal generated by an element r_0 with value $(1, 0)$ and $\bigcap_{n \geq 0} r_0^n R$ is a prime ideal \mathfrak{p} generated by elements s_n , $n \geq 0$ with value $(-n, 1)$. One can choose the elements s_n so that $s_{n+1}r_0 = s_n$ for every $n \geq 0$.

Let P be the pure-projective module $\bigoplus_{n \geq 0} R/s_n R$ and let $e_n = 1 + s_n R$ be the basis elements in P . Consider the submodule M of P generated by the elements $x_n = (e_0 + e_1 + \cdots + e_{n-1})s_n$ for every $n \geq 1$.

For every $n \geq 1$, one has $x_{n+1}r_0 = x_n$, thus $M = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} x_n R$ and M is isomorphic to $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} \frac{r_0^{-n} R}{R} \subset \frac{Q}{R}$, where Q is the quotient field of R . This shows that M has projective dimension one, hence it is fp-projective, but it is not pure-projective. Indeed, M is uniserial (see [11, p. 24 in Section I.4] or [11, Chapter X]), and the only modules over R which are both uniserial and pure-projective are the cyclically presented ones. The

latter assertion holds because any pure-projective R -module is a direct summand of a direct sum of cyclically presented ones (see [39, Theorem 1] or [11, Theorem V.3.3]), and any such direct summand is itself a direct sum of cyclically presented modules (by [11, Theorem I.9.8]).

The claim is that P/M is again a pure-projective module, so that considering a pure-projective resolution P_\bullet of M , the complex $P_\bullet \rightarrow P \rightarrow P/M \rightarrow 0$ with pure-projective terms has M as a cocycle. Let us explain why this is the case.

For every $n \geq 1$, write $P = C_n \oplus P_n$, where $C_n = \bigoplus_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} R/s_i R$ and $P_n = \bigoplus_{i \geq n} R/s_i R$. Now the quotient module P/M is isomorphic to $\varinjlim_{n \geq 1} P/x_n R$, and since $x_n \in C_n$, we have that P/M is isomorphic to $\varinjlim_{n \geq 1} C_n/x_n R$. Here the transition morphisms $\pi_n: C_n/x_n R \rightarrow C_{n+1}/x_{n+1} R$ are given by the obvious rule $\pi_n(e_i + x_n R) = e_i + x_{n+1} R$ for all $0 \leq i \leq n-1$.

Put $f_1 = e_0$, $f_2 = e_0 + e_1$, \dots , $f_j = \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} e_i$ for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}$. The R -module C_n is generated by the elements e_0, \dots, e_{n-1} with the relations $e_i s_i = 0$ for all $0 \leq i \leq n-1$. Changing the basis $\{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}\}$ of C_n to the basis $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$, we see that C_n is generated by the elements f_1, \dots, f_n subject to the relations $f_1 s_0 = 0$, $(f_2 - f_1) s_1 = 0$, \dots , $(f_{n-1} - f_{n-2}) s_{n-2} = 0$, $(f_n - f_{n-1}) s_{n-1} = 0$.

Let us compute the R -module $D_n = C_n/x_n R$. Put $\bar{f}_i = f_i + x_n R \in D_n$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$. We have $x_n = f_n s_n$; so the additional relation $\bar{f}_n s_n = 0$ needs to be imposed on top of the relations in C_n in order to construct D_n . Now $\bar{f}_n s_n = 0$ implies $\bar{f}_n s_{n-1} = 0$, so the relation $(\bar{f}_n - \bar{f}_{n-1}) s_{n-1} = 0$ can be rewritten simply as $\bar{f}_{n-1} s_{n-1} = 0$. This, in turn, implies $\bar{f}_{n-1} s_{n-2} = 0$, so $(\bar{f}_{n-1} - \bar{f}_{n-2}) s_{n-2} = 0$ means simply $\bar{f}_{n-2} s_{n-2} = 0$, etc. Proceeding in this way, we see that the R -module D_n is generated by the elements $\bar{f}_1, \dots, \bar{f}_n$ subject to the relations $\bar{f}_i s_i = 0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$. (At the last step, we conclude that $(\bar{f}_2 - \bar{f}_1) s_1 = 0$ is equivalent to $\bar{f}_1 s_1 = 0$ modulo the previous relations, and $\bar{f}_1 s_0 = 0$ is redundant.)

We have shown that $D_n = R/s_1 R \oplus R/s_2 R \oplus \dots \oplus R/s_n R$. Computing the morphism $\pi_n: D_n \rightarrow D_{n+1}$ in the new basis, one finds that it is still given by the obvious rule $\pi_n(\bar{f}_i) = \bar{f}_i$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$. So π_n is a split monomorphism with the cokernel $R/s_{n+1} R$. Hence P/M is isomorphic to $R/s_1 R \oplus R/s_2 R \oplus \dots \oplus R/s_n R \oplus \dots$ and thus it is pure-projective.

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