

## A HOMOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF $Q_0$ -PRÜFER V-MULTIPLICATION RINGS

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called a semi-regular  $w$ -flat module if  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M)$  is GV-torsion for any finitely generated semi-regular ideal  $I$ . In this article, we show that the class of semi-regular  $w$ -flat modules is a covering class. Moreover, we introduce the semi-regular  $w$ -flat dimensions of  $R$ -modules and the  $sr$ - $w$ -weak global dimensions of the commutative ring  $R$ . Utilizing these notions, we give some homological characterizations of WQ-rings and  $Q_0$ -PvMRs.

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, we always assume  $R$  is a commutative ring with identity and  $T(R)$  is the total quotient ring of  $R$ . Following from [17], an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is said to be *dense* if  $(0 :_R I) := \{r \in R \mid Ir = 0\} = 0$  and be *semi-regular* if it contains a finitely generated dense sub-ideal. Denote by  $\mathcal{Q}$  the set of all finitely generated semi-regular ideals of  $R$ . Following from [20] that a ring  $R$  is called a *DQ-ring* if  $\mathcal{Q} = \{R\}$ . If  $R$  is an integral domain, the quotient field  $K$  is a very important  $R$ -module to study integral domains. However, the total quotient ring  $T(R)$  is not always convenient to study commutative rings  $R$  with zero-divisors. For example, the polynomial ring  $R[x]$  is not always integrally closed in  $T(R[x])$  when  $R$  is integrally closed in  $T(R)$  (see [3]). It is well-known that a finitely generated ideal  $I = \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  is semi-regular if and only if the polynomial  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$  is a regular element in  $R[x]$  (see [17, Exercise 6.5] for example). So, to study the integrally closedness of  $R[x]$ , Lucas [10] introduced the ring of finite fractions of  $R$ :

$$Q_0(R) := \{\alpha \in T(R[x]) \mid \text{there exists } I \in \mathcal{Q} \text{ such that } I\alpha \subseteq R\},$$

and showed that a reduced ring  $R$  is integrally closed in  $Q_0(R)$  if and only if  $R[x]$  is integrally closed in  $T(R[x])$ . Note that for any commutative ring  $R$ , we have  $R \subseteq T(R) \subseteq Q_0(R)$ . Recently, the authors [23,24] gave several homological characterizations of total quotients rings (i.e.  $R = T(R)$ ) and DQ-rings utilizing certain generalized flat modules. There is a natural question to characterize commutative rings with  $R = Q_0(R)$  (called WQ-rings from the star operation point of view). Actually, we show that WQ-rings are exactly those rings whose modules are all semi-regular  $w$ -flat (see Theorem 4.2).

Prüfer domains are well-known domains and have been studied by many algebraists. In order to generalize Prüfer domains to commutative rings with zero-divisors, Butts and Smith [4], in 1967, introduced the notion of *Prüfer rings* in which every finitely generated regular ideal is invertible. Later in 1985, Anderson et al. [1] introduced the notion of *strong Prüfer rings* whose finitely generated semi-regular ideals are all  $Q_0$ -invertible. Strong Prüfer rings have many nice properties. For example, the small finitistic dimensions of strong Prüfer rings are at most one (see [19]). To give a  $w$ -analogue of Prüfer rings, Huckaba and Papick [9] and Matsuda [13] called a ring  $R$  to be a PvMR (short for *Prüfer  $v$ -multiplication ring*) provided that any finitely generated regular ideal is  $t$ -invertible. For generalizing strong Prüfer rings, Lucas [12] said a ring  $R$  to be a  $Q_0$ -PvMR (short for  *$Q_0$ -Prüfer  $v$ -multiplication ring*) if any finitely generated semi-regular ideal is  $t$ -invertible, and then he considered the properties of polynomial rings  $R[x]$  and Nagata rings  $R(x)$  and  $w$ -Nagata rings  $R\{x\}$  when  $R$  is a  $Q_0$ -PvMR. For studying  $Q_0$ -PvMRs, Qiao and Wang [15] introduced quasi- $Q_0$ -PvMRs and showed that a ring  $R$  is a  $Q_0$ -PvMR if and only if  $R$  is a quasi- $Q_0$ -PvMR, and  $R$  has Property  $B$  in  $Q_0(R)$ , i.e.,  $(IQ_0(R))_w = Q_0(R)_w$  for any  $I \in \mathcal{Q}$ . Wang and Kim [16] gave some module-theoretic properties of  $Q_0$ -PvMRs. Actually, they showed that  $Q_0$ -PvMRs are  $Q_0$ - $w$ -coherent and each finite type semi-regular ideal is  $w$ -projective. The authors [23,24] also gave some homological characterizations of strong Prüfer rings and PvMRs utilizing the generalized flat modules. In this paper, we obtain several module-theoretic and homological characterizations of  $Q_0$ -PvMRs using  $w$ -projective modules,  $w$ -flat modules and semi-regular  $w$ -flat modules (see Theorem 4.4).

As our work involves the  $w$ -operations, we give some reviews. A finitely generated ideal  $J$  of  $R$  is called a *Glaz-Vasconcelos ideal* (*GV-ideal* for short) if the natural homomorphism  $R \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(J, R)$  is an isomorphism, and the set of all GV-ideals is denoted by  $\text{GV}(R)$ . Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Define

$$\text{tor}_{\text{GV}}(M) := \{x \in M \mid Jx = 0 \text{ for some } J \in \text{GV}(R)\}.$$

An  $R$ -module  $M$  is called *GV-torsion* (resp., *GV-torsion-free*) if  $\text{tor}_{\text{GV}}(M) = M$  (resp.,  $\text{tor}_{\text{GV}}(M) = 0$ ). A GV-torsion-free module  $M$  is called a *w-module* if  $\text{Ext}_R^1(R/J, M) = 0$  for any  $J \in \text{GV}(R)$ , and the *w-envelope* of  $M$  is given by

$$M_w := \{x \in E(M) \mid Jx \subseteq M \text{ for some } J \in \text{GV}(R)\},$$

where  $E(M)$  is the injective envelope of  $M$ . A fractional ideal  $I$  is said to be *w-invertible* if  $(II^{-1})_w = R$ . A DW ring  $R$  is a ring over which every module is a *w-module*, equivalently the only GV-ideal of  $R$  is  $R$ . A *maximal w-ideal* is an ideal of  $R$  which is maximal among all *w-submodules* of  $R$ . The set of all maximal *w-ideals* is denoted by  $w\text{-Max}(R)$ , and any maximal *w-ideal* is prime.

An  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is said to be a *w-monomorphism* (resp., *w-epimorphism*, *w-isomorphism*) if for any  $\mathfrak{m} \in w\text{-Max}(R)$ ,  $f_{\mathfrak{m}} : M_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow N_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is a monomorphism (resp., an epimorphism, an isomorphism). A sequence  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$  is said to be *w-exact* if for any  $\mathfrak{m} \in w\text{-Max}(R)$ ,  $A_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow B_{\mathfrak{m}} \rightarrow C_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is exact. A class  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $R$ -modules is said to be closed under *w-isomorphisms* provided that for any *w-isomorphism*  $f : M \rightarrow N$ , if one of the modules  $M$  and  $N$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ , so is the other. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be of *finite type* if there exist a finitely generated free module  $F$  and a *w-epimorphism*  $g : F \rightarrow M$ . Following from [16], an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be *w-flat* if for any *w-monomorphism*  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , the induced sequence  $f \otimes_R 1 : A \otimes_R M \rightarrow B \otimes_R M$  is also a *w-monomorphism*. The classes of finite type modules and *w-flat* modules are all closed under *w-isomorphisms*, see [17, Corollary 6.7.4].

## 2. Semi-regular *w-flat* modules

Recall from [24], an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a semi-regular flat module if, for any finitely generated semi-regular ideal  $I$  (i.e.  $I \in \mathcal{Q}$ ), we have  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M) = 0$ . Obviously, every flat module is semi-regular flat. We denote by  $\mathcal{F}_{sr}$  the class of all semi-regular flat modules. Then the class  $\mathcal{F}_{sr}$  of all semi-regular flat modules is closed under direct limits, pure submodules and pure quotients [24, Lemma 2.4]. Hence  $\mathcal{F}_{sr}$  is a covering class (see [24, Theorem 2.6]). Now, we give a *w-analogue* of semi-regular flat modules.

**Definition 2.1.** An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a *semi-regular w-flat module* if  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M)$  is GV-torsion for any  $I \in \mathcal{Q}$ . The class of all semi-regular *w-flat* modules is denoted by  $w\text{-}\mathcal{F}_{sr}$ .

Obviously, semi-regular flat modules and  $w$ -flat modules are all semi-regular  $w$ -flat. Following from [24] that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a semi-regular coflat module if for any  $I \in \mathcal{Q}$ , we have  $\text{Ext}_R^1(R/I, M) = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is a semi-regular  $w$ -flat module;
- (2) for any  $I \in \mathcal{Q}$ , the natural homomorphism  $I \otimes M \rightarrow R \otimes M$  is a  $w$ -monomorphism;
- (3) for any  $I \in \mathcal{Q}$ , the natural homomorphism  $\sigma_I : I \otimes M \rightarrow IM$  is a  $w$ -isomorphism;
- (4) for any injective  $w$ -module  $E$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(M, E)$  is a semi-regular coflat module.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2): Let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal. Then we have a long exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M) \rightarrow I \otimes_R M \rightarrow R \otimes_R M \rightarrow R/I \otimes_R M \rightarrow 0.$$

Consequently,  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M)$  is GV-torsion if and only if  $I \otimes_R M \rightarrow R \otimes_R M$  is a  $w$ -monomorphism.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal. Then we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & I \otimes_R M & \longrightarrow & R \otimes_R M \\ & & \sigma_I \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & IM & \longrightarrow & M. \end{array}$$

Then  $\sigma_I$  is a  $w$ -monomorphism. Since the multiplicative map  $\sigma_I$  is an epimorphism,  $\sigma_I$  is a  $w$ -isomorphism.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal. Then we have a long exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M) \longrightarrow IM \xrightarrow{f} M.$$

Since  $f$  is a natural embedding map, we have  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M)$  is GV-torsion.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal and  $E$  an injective  $w$ -module. Then  $\text{Ext}_R^1(R/I, \text{Hom}_R(M, E)) \cong \text{Hom}_R(\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M), E)$ . Since  $M$  is a semi-regular  $w$ -flat module,  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M)$  is GV-torsion. Since  $E$  is a  $w$ -module, we have  $\text{Hom}_R(\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M), E) = 0$ . Thus  $\text{Ext}_R^1(R/I, \text{Hom}_R(M, E)) = 0$ . So  $\text{Hom}_R(M, E)$  is a semi-regular coflat module.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal and  $E$  an injective  $w$ -module. Since  $\text{Hom}_R(M, E)$  is a semi-regular coflat module and

$$\text{Ext}_R^1(R/I, \text{Hom}_R(M, E)) \cong \text{Hom}_R(\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M), E),$$

we have  $\text{Hom}_R(\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M), E) = 0$ . By [25, Corollary 3.11],  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M)$  is GV-torsion. So  $M$  is a semi-regular  $w$ -flat module.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The class of semi-regular  $w$ -flat  $R$ -modules is closed under  $w$ -isomorphisms.*

**Proof.** Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be a  $w$ -isomorphism and  $I$  a finitely generated semi-regular ideal. There exist two exact sequences  $0 \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow M \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow N \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow 0$  with  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  GV-torsion. Consider the induced two long exact sequences  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, T_1) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, L) \rightarrow R/I \otimes T_1$  and  $\text{Tor}_2^R(R/I, T_2) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, L) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, N) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, T_2)$ . By [17, Theorem 6.7.2],  $M$  is semi-regular  $w$ -flat if and only if  $N$  is semi-regular  $w$ -flat.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. Then  $R$  is a DW-ring if and only if any semi-regular  $w$ -flat module is semi-regular flat.*

**Proof.** Obviously, if  $R$  is a DW-ring, then every semi-regular  $w$ -flat module is semi-regular flat. On the other hand, let  $J$  be a GV-ideal of  $R$ , then  $R/J$  is GV-torsion and hence a semi-regular  $w$ -flat module by Corollary 2.3. So  $R/J$  is a semi-regular flat module. Note the GV-ideal  $J$  is finitely generated and semi-regular, so  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/J, R/J) \cong J/J^2 = 0$  by [17, Exercise 3.20]. It follows that  $J$  is a finitely generated idempotent ideal of  $R$ , and thus  $J$  is projective by [6, Proposition 1.10]. Hence  $J = J_w = R$ . Consequently,  $R$  is a DW-ring.  $\square$

We say a class  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $R$ -modules is precovering provided that for any  $R$ -module  $M$ , there is a homomorphism  $f : F \rightarrow M$  with  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $\text{Hom}_R(F', F) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(F', M)$  is an epimorphism for any  $F' \in \mathcal{F}$ . If, moreover, any homomorphism  $h$  such that  $f = f \circ h$  is an isomorphism,  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be covering. It is well-known that the class of flat modules is a covering class (see [2, Theorem 3]). It was also proved in [22, Theorem 3.5] that the class of  $w$ -flat modules is a covering class. For the class of semi-regular flat modules, we have the following similar result.

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. Then the class  $w\text{-}\mathcal{F}_{sr}$  of all semi-regular flat modules is closed under direct limits, pure submodules and pure quotients. Consequently,  $w\text{-}\mathcal{F}_{sr}$  is a covering class.*

**Proof.** For the direct limits, suppose  $\{M_i\}_{i \in \Gamma}$  is a direct system consisting of semi-regular  $w$ -flat modules. Then, for any finitely generated semi-regular ideal  $I$ , we have  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, \varinjlim M_i) = \varinjlim \text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M_i)$  is GV-torsion. So  $\varinjlim M_i$  is a semi-regular  $w$ -flat module.

For pure submodules and pure quotients, let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal. Suppose  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  is a pure exact sequence. We have the following commutative diagram with rows exact:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & M \otimes_R I & \longrightarrow & N \otimes_R I & \longrightarrow & L \otimes_R I & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow & & \downarrow g & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & M \otimes_R R & \longrightarrow & N \otimes_R R & \longrightarrow & L \otimes_R R & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & M \otimes_R R/I & \longrightarrow & N \otimes_R R/I & \longrightarrow & L \otimes_R R/I & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

By the generalized Five Lemma (see [17, Lemma 6.3.6]), the natural homomorphism  $f : M \otimes_R I \rightarrow M \otimes_R R$  and  $g : L \otimes_R I \rightarrow L \otimes_R R$  are all  $w$ -monomorphisms. Consequently,  $M$  and  $L$  are all semi-regular  $w$ -flat. Consequently,  $w\mathcal{F}_{sr}$  is a covering class by [8, Theorem 3.4]. □

### 3. On the homological dimension of semi-regular $w$ -flat modules

The author [23] introduced the notions of homological dimensions of regular  $w$ -flat modules for the homological characterizations of total quotient rings and PvMRs. In order to characterize WQ rings and  $Q_0$ -PvMRs, we introduce the homological dimensions using semi-regular  $w$ -flat modules in this section.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  an  $R$ -module. We write  $sr\text{-}w\text{-fd}_R(M) \leq n$  ( $sr\text{-}w\text{-fd}$  abbreviates *semi-regular  $w$ -flat dimension*) if there is a  $w$ -exact sequence of  $R$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \tag{\diamond}$$

with each  $F_i$   $w$ -flat ( $i = 0, \dots, n - 1$ ) and  $F_n$  semi-regular  $w$ -flat. The  $w$ -exact sequence  $(\diamond)$  is said to be a semi-regular  $w$ -flat  $w$ -resolution of length  $n$  of  $M$ . The semi-regular  $w$ -flat dimension  $sr\text{-}w\text{-fd}_R(M)$  is defined to be the length of the shortest semi-regular  $w$ -flat  $w$ -resolution of  $M$ . If such finite  $w$ -resolution  $(\diamond)$  does not exist, then we say  $sr\text{-}w\text{-fd}_R(M) = \infty$ .

It is obvious that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is semi-regular  $w$ -flat if and only if  $sr\text{-}w\text{-fd}_R(M) = 0$  and  $sr\text{-}w\text{-fd}_R(N) \leq w\text{-fd}_R(N)$  for any  $R$ -module  $N$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. The following statements are equivalent for an  $R$ -module  $M$ :*

- (1)  $sr\text{-}w\text{-}fd_R(M) \leq n$ ;
- (2)  $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^R(M, R/I)$  is GV-torsion for all finitely generated semi-regular ideals  $I$ ;
- (3) if  $0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence, where  $F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1}$  are flat  $R$ -modules, then  $F_n$  is semi-regular  $w$ -flat;
- (4) if  $0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  is an  $w$ -exact sequence, where  $F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1}$  are  $w$ -flat  $R$ -modules, then  $F_n$  is semi-regular  $w$ -flat;
- (5) if  $0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence, where  $F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1}$  are  $w$ -flat  $R$ -modules, then  $F_n$  is semi-regular  $w$ -flat;
- (6) if  $0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  is an  $w$ -exact sequence, where  $F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1}$  are flat  $R$ -modules, then  $F_n$  is semi-regular  $w$ -flat.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): We prove (2) by induction on  $n$ . The case  $n = 0$  is trivial. If  $n > 0$ , then there is a  $w$ -exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  with each  $F_i$   $w$ -flat ( $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ ) and  $F_n$  is semi-regular  $w$ -flat. Let  $K_0 = \ker(F_0 \rightarrow M)$ . We have two  $w$ -exact sequences  $0 \rightarrow K_0 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow F_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow K_0 \rightarrow 0$ . Note that  $sr\text{-}w\text{-}fd_R(K_0) \leq n-1$ . Let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal. By induction, we have  $\text{Tor}_n^R(K_0, R/I)$  is GV-torsion. It follows from [18, Lemma 2.2] that  $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^R(M, R/I)$  is GV-torsion.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  be a  $w$ -exact sequence with each  $F_i$   $w$ -flat ( $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ ). Set  $L_n = F_n$  and  $L_i = \text{Im}(F_i \rightarrow F_{i-1})$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ . Then both  $0 \rightarrow L_{i+1} \rightarrow F_i \rightarrow L_i \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  are  $w$ -exact sequences. By using [18, Lemma 2.2] repeatedly, we can obtain that  $\text{Tor}_1^R(F_n, R/I)$  is GV-torsion for all finitely generated semi-regular ideals  $I$ . Thus  $F_n$  is semi-regular  $w$ -flat.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) and (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Trivial. □

**Definition 3.3.** The  $sr\text{-}w\text{-weak}$  global dimension of a ring  $R$  is defined by

$$sr\text{-}w\text{-}w.\text{gl.}\dim(R) = \sup\{sr\text{-}w\text{-}fd_R(M) \mid M \text{ is an } R\text{-module}\}.$$

Obviously, by definition,  $sr\text{-}w\text{-}w.\text{gl.}\dim(R) \leq w\text{-}w.\text{gl.}\dim(R)$  for any ring  $R$ . We can easily deduce the following results from Proposition 3.2.

**Corollary 3.4.** *The following statements are equivalent for a ring  $R$ .*

- (1)  $sr\text{-}w\text{-}w.\text{gl.}\dim(R) \leq n$ .
- (2)  $sr\text{-}w\text{-}fd_R(M) \leq n$  for all  $R$ -modules  $M$ .

- (3)  $\text{Tor}_{n+1}^R(M, R/I)$  is GV-torsion for all  $R$ -modules  $M$  and all finitely generated semi-regular ideals  $I$  of  $R$ .

#### 4. Rings with $sr$ - $w$ -weak global dimensions at most one

Recently, the authors in [27] introduced the notion of  $q$ -operation on a commutative ring  $R$ . We give some reviews here. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be  $\mathcal{Q}$ -torison-free if  $Im = 0$  with  $I \in \mathcal{Q}$  and  $m \in M$  can deduce  $m = 0$ . Let  $M$  be a  $\mathcal{Q}$ -torison-free  $R$ -module. The Lucas envelope

$$M_q = \{x \in E(M) \mid \text{there exists } I \in \mathcal{Q} \text{ such that } Ix \subseteq M\}$$

where  $E(M)$  is the injective envelope of  $M$ . An  $\mathcal{Q}$ -torison-free  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a Lucas module provided that  $M_q = M$ . By [21, Proposition 2.2], a ring is a DQ-ring if and only if every  $R$ -module is Lucas module. Since any GV-ideal is finitely generated semi-regular, we have Lucas modules are all  $w$ -modules. However,  $R$  itself is not always a Lucas module. It was proved in [20, Proposition 3.8] that a ring  $R$  is a Lucas module if and only if the  $q$ - and  $w$ -operations on  $R$  coincide, if and only if every finitely generated semi-regular ideal is a GV-ideal, if and only if  $Q_0(R) = R$ . For convenience, we say a ring  $R$  is a WQ-ring if every finitely generated semi-regular ideal is a GV-ideal. Obviously, a ring  $R$  is a DQ-ring if and only if it is both a DW-ring and a WQ-ring. It was proved in [23, Theorem 4.1] that a ring  $R$  is a total quotient ring (i.e. any regular element of  $R$  is a unit) if and only if every  $R$ -module is regular  $w$ -flat, if and only if  $reg\text{-}w\text{-}w.gl.\dim(R) = 0$ . Next, we will give a homological characterization of WQ rings utilizing  $sr$ - $w$ -weak global dimensions.

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $I = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$  be a finitely generated ideal of  $R$ . Suppose  $m$  is a positive integer and  $K = \langle a_1^m, a_2^m, \dots, a_n^m \rangle$ . Then  $I^{mn} \subseteq K$ .*

**Proof.** Note that  $I^{mn}$  is generated by  $\{\prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{k_i} \mid \sum_{i=1}^n k_i = mn\}$ . By the pigeonhole principle, there exists some  $k_i$  such that  $k_i \geq m$ . So each  $\prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{k_i} \in K$ , and thus  $I^{mn} \subseteq K$ . □

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is a WQ-ring;
- (2) every  $R$ -module is semi-regular  $w$ -flat;
- (3)  $sr\text{-}w\text{-}w.gl.\dim(R) = 0$ ;
- (4) for every finitely generated semi-regular ideal  $I$ ,  $R/I$  is a  $w$ -flat module;
- (5)  $I \subseteq (I^2)_w$  for any finitely generated semi-regular ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ;



- (6) every  $w$ -module is a Lucas module;
- (7)  $Q_0(R) = R$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal of  $R$  and  $M$  an  $R$ -module. Then  $I$  is a GV-ideal of  $R$ . So  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M)$  is GV-torsion. Hence  $M$  is semi-regular  $w$ -flat.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) and (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3): Trivial.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal of  $R$  and  $K$  a finitely generated ideal of  $R$ . Then  $R/K$  is a semi-regular  $w$ -flat module. So  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/K, R/I)$  is GV-torsion. Hence  $R/I$  is a  $w$ -flat module by [17, Theorem 6.7.3].

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal of  $R$ . Then  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, R/I)$  is GV-torsion since  $R/I$  is a  $w$ -flat module by (4). That is,  $I/I^2$  is GV-torsion, and thus  $I \subseteq (I)_w = (I^2)_w$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $I = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  is finitely generated semi-regular ideal. There exists a GV-ideal  $J$  such that  $J I \subseteq I^2$ . We claim that  $I$  is also a GV-ideal. Indeed, suppose  $J$  is generated by  $\{j_1, \dots, j_m\}$ . For each  $k = 1, \dots, m$ , we have  $j_k a_i = \sum_{j=1}^n r_{ij} a_j$  for some suitable  $r_{ij} \in I$ . The column vector  $\mathbf{a} \in R^n$  whose  $i$ -th coordinate is  $a_i$ , and the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \|j_k \delta_{ij} - r_{ij}\|$ , where  $\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker symbol, satisfy  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{a} = 0$ . Hence  $\det(\mathbf{A}) \mathbf{a} = 0$ . Since  $I$  is semi-regular, we have  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ . So  $j_k^n + j_k^{n-1} r_1 + \dots + r_n = 0$  for some  $r_i \in I$ . Thus  $j_k^n \in I$  for each  $k = 1, \dots, m$ . By Lemma 4.1, we have  $J^{mn} \subseteq \langle j_k^n \mid k = 1, \dots, m \rangle \subseteq I$ . Since  $J^{mn}$  is a GV-ideal, the finitely generated semi-regular ideal  $I$  is also a GV-ideal (see [17, Proposition 6.1.9]).

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Since  $R$  is a  $w$ -module, then it is a Lucas module. So  $R$  is a WQ-ring by [20, Proposition 3.8].

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (7): See [20, Proposition 3.8]. □

It was proved in [24, Theorem 3.1] that a ring  $R$  is a DQ-ring (i.e. the only finitely generated semi-regular ideal of  $R$  is  $R$  itself) if and only if every  $R$ -module is semi-regular flat. Hence rings with  $sr$ - $w$ -weak global dimensions equal to 0 and  $sr$ -weak global dimensions equal to 0 do not coincide.

**Example 4.3.** [11, Example 12] Let  $D = L[X^2, X^3, Y]$ ,  $\mathcal{P} = \text{Spec}(D) - \{ \langle X^2, X^3, Y \rangle \}$ ,  $B = \bigoplus_{\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{P}} K(R/\mathfrak{p})$  and  $R = D(+)B$  where  $L$  is a field and  $K(R/\mathfrak{p})$  is the quotient field of  $R/\mathfrak{p}$ . Since  $Q_0(R) = R$ ,  $R$  is a WQ-ring by [20, Proposition 3.8]. Since every finitely generated  $R$ -ideal of the form  $J(+)B$  with  $\sqrt{J} = \langle X^2, X^3, Y \rangle$  is a GV-ideal,  $R$  is not a DW-ring. Hence  $R$  is not a DQ-ring by [21, Proposition 2.2].

Recall from Lucas [12] that an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is said to be  $t$ -invertible if there is an  $R$ -submodule  $J$  of  $Q_0(R)$  such that  $(IJ)_t = R$ , and  $R$  is called a  $Q_0$ -PvMR if every finitely generated semi-regular ideal of  $R$  is  $t$ -invertible. From [16, Proposition 4.17], a semi-regular ideal is  $t$ -invertible if and only if it is  $w$ -invertible. So a ring  $R$  is a  $Q_0$ -PvMR if and only if every finitely generated semi-regular ideal is  $w$ -invertible. Recall from [16] that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be a  $w$ -projective module if  $\text{Ext}_R^1((M/\text{Tor}_{\text{GV}}(M))_w, N)$  is a GV-torsion module for any torsion-free  $w$ -module  $N$ . Recall from [16] that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is said to be semi-regular if there are a positive integer  $n$  and a chain of submodules of  $M$ :

$$0 \subseteq M_1 \subseteq M_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq M_{n-1} \subseteq M_n = M$$

such that every factor module  $M_i/M_{i-1}$  is  $w$ -isomorphic to a semi-regular ideal of  $R$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $R$  be a ring. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $R$  is a  $Q_0$ -PvMR;
- (2) any submodule of a semi-regular  $w$ -flat  $R$ -module is semi-regular  $w$ -flat;
- (3) any submodule of a  $w$ -flat  $R$ -module is semi-regular  $w$ -flat;
- (4) any ideal of  $R$  is semi-regular  $w$ -flat;
- (5) any finitely generated (resp., finite type) ideal of  $R$  is semi-regular  $w$ -flat;
- (6) any finitely generated (resp., finite type) semi-regular ideal of  $R$  is  $w$ -flat;
- (7) any finitely generated (resp., finite type) semi-regular ideal of  $R$  is  $w$ -projective;
- (8)  $sr\text{-}w\text{-}w.gl.dim(R) \leq 1$ ;
- (9) any finitely generated (resp., finite type) semi-regular  $R$ -module is  $w$ -projective.

**Proof.** Since the classes of semi-regular  $w$ -flat modules,  $w$ -flat modules,  $w$ -projective modules and  $w$ -invertible ideals are closed under  $w$ -isomorphism and every finite type ideal is isomorphic to a finitely generated sub-ideal, we just need to consider the “finitely generated” cases in (5), (6), (7) and (9).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5), (7)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) and (9)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Trivial.

(5)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (6): Let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal of  $R$  and  $J$  a finitely generated ideal of  $R$ . Then we have  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/J, I) \cong \text{Tor}_2^R(R/I, R/J) \cong \text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, J)$ . Consequently,  $J$  is semi-regular  $w$ -flat if and only if  $I$  is  $w$ -flat.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal of  $R$  and  $\mathfrak{m}$  a maximal  $w$ -ideal of  $R$ . Then  $I_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is finitely generated flat  $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$ -ideal. By [7, Lemma 4.2.1] and [14, Theorem 2.5], we have  $I_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is a free  $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$ -ideal. So the rank of  $I_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is at most 1. Hence  $I$  is  $w$ -invertible by [16, Theorem 4.13].

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (6): Let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal of  $R$  and  $\mathfrak{m}$  a maximal  $w$ -ideal of  $R$ . Then  $I_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is a principal  $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$ -ideal by [16, Theorem 4.13]. Suppose  $I_{\mathfrak{m}} = \langle \frac{x}{s} \rangle$ . Then  $(0 :_{R_{\mathfrak{m}}} \frac{x}{s}) = (0 :_{R_{\mathfrak{m}}} I_{\mathfrak{m}}) = (0 :_R I)_{\mathfrak{m}} = 0$  by [17, Exercise 1.72]. Thus  $\frac{x}{s}$  is regular element. So  $I_{\mathfrak{m}} \cong R_{\mathfrak{m}}$ . Consequently,  $I$  is a  $w$ -flat  $R$ -ideal.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $M$  be a semi-regular  $w$ -flat module and  $N$  a submodule of  $M$ . Suppose  $I$  is a finitely generated semi-regular ideal, then  $I$  is a  $w$ -flat ideal. Thus  $w\text{-fd}_R(R/I) \leq 1$ . Consider the exact sequence

$$\text{Tor}_2^R(R/I, M/N) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, N) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M).$$

Since  $\text{Tor}_2^R(R/I, M/N)$  and  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, M)$  are GV-torsion, we have  $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/I, N)$  is GV-torsion. So  $N$  is a semi-regular  $w$ -flat module.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (7): Let  $I$  be a finitely generated semi-regular ideal of  $R$ . Then  $I$  is  $w$ -invertible, and hence  $w$ -projective by [16, Theorem 4.13].

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (8): By Proposition 3.2 and Corollary 3.4.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (9): See [16, Theorem 4.23].  $\square$

The following examples show that regular  $w$ -flat ideals are not necessary semi-regular  $w$ -flat and semi-regular  $w$ -flat ideals are not necessary semi-regular flat.

**Example 4.5.** [12, Example 8.10] Let  $D = \mathbb{Z} + (Y, Z)\mathbb{Q}[[Y, Z]]$  and let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the set of height one primes of  $D$ . Let  $R = B + B$  be the  $A + B$  ring corresponding to  $D$  and  $\mathcal{P}$ . It was showed that  $R$  is a PvMR but not a  $Q_0$ -PvMR. Hence there exists a regular  $w$ -flat ideal which is not semi-regular  $w$ -flat by Theorem 4.4 and [23, Theorem 4.8].

**Example 4.6.** [12, Example 8.11] Let  $E = D[Z]$  where  $D$  is a Dedekind domain with a maximal ideal  $N = \langle a, b \rangle$  for which no power of  $N$  is principal. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the set of primes of  $E$  which contain neither  $Z$  nor  $NE$ . Set  $R = B + B$ . It was showed that  $R$  is a  $Q_0$ -PvMR but not a strong Prüfer ring. Hence there exists a semi-regular  $w$ -flat ideal which is not semi-regular flat by Theorem 4.4 and [24, Theorem 3.4].

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