

## $r$ -COSTAR MODULES

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**ABSTRACT.** We give the definition of  $r$ -costar modules as a generalization of costar modules under artin algebra situation. We also study characterizations of  $r$ -costar modules and give characterizations of  $r$ -costar modules with some special properties.

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### 1. Introduction

The theory of equivalences and dualities between module subcategories, originating in the well-known theory of Morita theorems, had been studied extensively. Both quasi-progenerators and tilting modules over arbitrary rings induce equivalences between certain categories of modules. Menini and Orsatti introduced a generalization of these modules that have come to be called  $*$ -modules, cf. [5]. Namely, let  $\mathcal{C}_A$  be a subcategory of  $\text{Mod-}A$  closed under submodules and containing  $A_A$ , and let  $\mathcal{Y}_R$  be a subcategory of  $\text{Mod-}R$  closed under direct sums and epimorphic images, then any equivalence between  $\mathcal{C}_A$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_R$  is represented by a bimodule  ${}_A P_R$ , via the adjoint pair  $(T_P, H_P)$ .  $P$  is called  $*$ -module if we put  $A = \text{End}(P_R)$ ,  $T_P = - \otimes_A P$ ,  $H_P = \text{Hom}_R(P, -)$ ,  $K_A = \text{Hom}_R(P, Q)$ , where  $Q$  is a cogenerator of  $\text{Mod-}A$ , then the pair of the functors  $(T_P, H_P)$  defines an equivalence between  $\text{Gen}(P_R)$  and  $\text{Cogen}(K_A)$ . In [3], Colpi gave that  $P$  is a  $*$ -module if and only if  $P$  is selfsmall and, for any exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  with  $M, N \in \text{Gen}(P)$ , the induced sequence  $0 \rightarrow H_P(L) \rightarrow H_P(M) \rightarrow H_P(N) \rightarrow 0$  is exact if and only if  $L \in \text{Gen}(P)$ .

Wei introduced the notion of  $*^s$ -modules, where  $s$  denotes static, by replacing the subcategory  $\text{Gen}(P)$  in the theory of  $*$ -module with the subcategory  $\text{Stat}(P)$  and some results on  $*$ -module are successively extended to  $*^s$ -modules, cf. [7].

On the other side, a dual notion of quasi-progenerators called quasi-duality modules and cotilting modules dual to tilting modules have been a central topic of recent investigation in module theory. Colby and Fuller generalized these modules to costar modules which may be viewed as dual to  $*$ -modules in a sense, cf. [1].

Inspired by [7], we shall investigate  $r$ -costar modules by replacing the subcategory  $\text{cogen}(\mathbf{P})$  in the theory of costar modules with the subcategory  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  under artin algebra situation. Some similar results are obtained.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $R$  be an associative ring with nonzero identity,  $\text{Mod-}R$  ( $R\text{-Mod}$ ) denotes the category of all right (left)  $R$ -modules, while  $\text{mod-}R$  and  $R\text{-mod}$  denote their subcategories of finitely generated modules. We shall let  $\text{proj}_R$  be the full subcategory of all projective modules in  $\text{mod-}R$  (or  $R\text{-mod}$ ). Given a module  $P_R$  (or  ${}_R P$ ), we denote

$$\text{KerExt}_R^{i \geq e}(-, P) = \{X \in \text{mod-}R(\text{or } R\text{-mod}) \mid \text{Ext}_R^i(X, P) = 0, \text{ for all } i \geq e, \\ \text{where } e \text{ is a positive integer or } 0\}.$$

If  $X \in \text{Mod-}R$  (or  $R\text{-Mod}$ ), let  $\text{Rej}_P(X) = \bigcap \{\text{Ker}(f) \mid f \in \text{Hom}_R(X, P)\}$ .

For every  $R$ -module  $P$ ,  $\text{Prod}P$  ( $\text{prod}P$ ) will denote the class of the  $R$ -modules isomorphic to arbitrary (finite) summands of direct products of copies of  $P$ .  $\text{Add}(P)$  ( $\text{add}(P)$ ) will denote the class of the  $R$ -modules isomorphic to arbitrary (finite) summands of direct sums of copies of  $P$ .  $\text{Cogen}(P)$  ( $\text{cogen}(P)$ ) consists of the  $R$ -modules that embed in arbitrary (finite) direct products of modules isomorphic to  $P$ . An  $R$ -module  $N \in \text{Cogen}(P)$  if and only if, for every  $0 \neq x \in N$ , there is a morphism  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(N, P)$  such that  $f(x) \neq 0$ .  $\text{Gen}(P)$  will denote the class of the  $R$ -modules generated by  $P$ . For a module  $M$ , if there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow P^X \rightarrow P^Y$ , where  $X, Y$  are sets, we say  $M$  is copresented by  $P_R$ . A subcategory is resolving if it contains all projective objects and is closed under extensions and kernels of epimorphisms.

For a bimodule  ${}_A P_R$ , we let  $\Delta_{P_R} = \text{Hom}_R(-, P)$  and  $\Delta_{AP} = \text{Hom}_A(-, P)$ . Both of which will, when convenient, simply be denoted by  $\Delta_P$  or  $\Delta$ . We have a pair of contravariant functors

$$\Delta_{P_R} : \text{Mod-}R \rightleftharpoons A\text{-Mod} : \Delta_{AP}.$$

Associated with this adjunction are the evaluation maps

$$\delta_X : X \rightarrow \Delta^2 X \text{ with } \delta_X(x) : f \mapsto f(x)$$

for  $X$  in  $\text{Mod-}R$  or  $A\text{-Mod}$ ,  $x \in X$ , and  $f \in \Delta(X)$ . This yields natural transformations

$$\delta : 1_{\text{Mod-}R} \rightarrow \Delta^2 \text{ and } \delta : 1_{A\text{-Mod}} \rightarrow \Delta^2.$$

A module  $X$  is ( $P$ -)reflexive if  $\delta_X$  is an isomorphism, and ( $P$ -)torsionless if  $\delta_X$  is a monomorphism. Note that  $\text{Ker}\delta_X = \text{Rej}_P(X)$ , so that  $X$  is  $P$ -torsionless if and only if  $X$  is cogenerated by  $P$ . We shall let  $\Gamma_{P_R} = \text{Ext}_R^1(-, P)$  and  $\Gamma_{_A P} = \text{Ext}_A^1(-, P)$ , both of which will usually be denoted by  $\Gamma$ , cf. [2].

Denoting the class of  $P$ -reflexive right- $R$  and left- $A$  modules by  $\text{Ref}(P_R)$  and  $\text{Ref}(_A P)$ , respectively, it always the case that  $_A P_R$ -induces a duality

$$\Delta : \text{Ref}(P_R) \rightleftharpoons \text{Ref}(_A P) : \Delta.$$

Let  $\text{fgd-tl}(P_R)$  denote by the class of torsionless right  $R$ -modules whose  $P$ -duals are finitely generated over  $A$  and  $\text{fg-tl}(_A P)$  denote the class of finitely generated torsionless left  $A$ -modules. we also denote by

$$\text{sf-cp}(P_R) = \{M \in \text{Mod-}R \mid 0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow P^n \rightarrow P^A \text{ with } n \in N\}.$$

Colby and Fuller obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** ([1]) *Let  $R$  be a ring,  $P \in \text{Mod-}R$  and  $A = \text{End}(P_R)$ . The following are equivalent.*

- (a)  $\Delta : \text{fgd-tl}(P_R) \rightleftharpoons \text{fg-tl}(_A P) : \Delta$  is a duality. That is,  $P_R$  is a costar module.
- (b)  $\Delta : \text{sf-cp}(P_R) \rightleftharpoons \text{fg-tl}(_A P) : \Delta$  is a duality and  $\text{fgd-tl}(P_R) = \text{sf-cp}(P_R)$ .
- (c)  $\delta_M$  is an epimorphism if  $\Delta(M) \in A\text{-mod}$  and  $\delta_N$  is an epimorphism if  $N \in A\text{-mod}$ .
- (d)  $\text{fgd-tl}(P_R) \subseteq \text{sf-cp}(P_R)$  and if  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{f} P^n \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  is exact with  $L \in \text{Cogen}(P_R)$ , then  $\Delta(f)$  is an epimorphism.
- (e) If  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{f} P^n \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  is exact then  $L \in \text{Cogen}(P_R)$  if and only if  $\Delta(f)$  is an epimorphism.

A ring  $\Lambda$  is an artin algebra if its center  $K$  is an artinian ring and  $\Lambda$  is finitely generated as a  $K$ -module. Any finitely generated module over an artin algebra is finitely generated over its endmorphism ring, which is also an artin algebra, cf. [2].

In this paper, we let  $\Lambda$  denote by an artin albebra and we only consider finitely generated module category. If  $P \in \text{mod-}\Lambda$ , for  $M \in \text{mod-}\Lambda(A\text{-mod})$ , then  $\Delta(M) \in A\text{-mod(mod-}\Lambda)$ . Any exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow P^n \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  in  $\text{mod-}\Lambda(\text{or } A\text{-mod})$ , then  $L, M \in \text{mod-}\Lambda(\text{or } A\text{-mod})$  and  $\Delta(L), \Delta(M) \in A\text{-mod}(\text{or } \Lambda\text{-mod})$ , since  $\Lambda$  is an artin algebra. If  $\Lambda$  is an artin algebra and  $_A P_\Lambda$  is a bimodule, then  $\text{Cogen}(P_\Lambda) \cap \text{mod-}\Lambda = \text{cogen}(P_\Lambda)$  and  $\text{Cogen}(_A P) \cap A\text{-mod} = \text{cogen}(_A P)$ , cf. [2](P115). So that

from Theorem 2.1 (e),  $P$  is a costar module provided that any exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{f} P^n \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  remains exact after applying the functor  $\Delta_P$  if and only if  $L \in \text{cogen}(P_\Lambda)$ .

### 3. Basic properties on $r$ -costar modules

Firstly, we give the definition of  $r$ -costar modules.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $P \in \text{mod-}\Lambda$ . A  $\Lambda$ -module  $P$  is said to be an  $r$ -costar module provided that any exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  with  $L, M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  remains exact after applying the functor  $\Delta_{P_\Lambda}$  if and only if  $N \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ .

If  $P$  is an  $r$ -costar module and  $\text{cogen}(P_\Lambda) = \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ , then  $P$  is a costar module.

For an  $r$ -costar module  $P_\Lambda$ , the subcategory  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  has the following properties.

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $P_\Lambda \in \text{mod-}\Lambda$  be an  $r$ -costar module. Then the following hold.

- (1) The functor  $\Delta_{P_\Lambda}$  preserves short exact sequences in  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ .
- (2) For any  $M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ , there is an infinite exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow \dots$  which remains exact after applying the functor  $\Delta_{P_\Lambda}$  where  $P_i \in \text{prod}P$  for each  $i$ .
- (3) For any exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  which is also exact after applying the functor  $\Delta_{P_\Lambda}$ , if two of its terms are in  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ , then so is the third one.

**Proof.** (1) Follows from the definition of  $r$ -costar modules.

(2) If  $X$  is finitely generated, then  $\Delta(X)$  is finitely generated as  $A$ -module. So, for any  $M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ , let  $\Delta(M)$  is generated by  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  as  $A$ -module. Then we have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{f} P^n \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow 0$  where  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$  and  $P^n \in \text{prod}P$ . Since the sequence is clearly exact after applying the functor  $\Delta_{P_\Lambda}$  and  $P^n \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ , we obtain that  $M_1 \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . By repeating the process to  $M_1$ , and so on, we finally obtain the desired exact sequence.

(3) If  $L, M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ , then  $N \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  by the definition of  $r$ -costar modules.

Now let  $N \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . By applying the functor  $\Delta^2$  to the sequence in (3), we have the following commutative diagram by assumptions.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 0 & \rightarrow & L & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \delta_L & & \downarrow \delta_M & & \downarrow \delta_N & & \\
 0 & \rightarrow & \Delta^2(L) & \rightarrow & \Delta^2(M) & \rightarrow & \Delta^2(N) & & 
 \end{array}$$

since  $N \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ , we have that  $\delta_N$  is an isomorphism. It follows easily that  $\delta_L$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $\delta_M$  is an isomorphism. So that,  $L \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  if and only if  $M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ .  $\square$

The following proposition gives some properties of the subcategory  $\text{Ref}({}_A P)$  for  $P$  an  $r$ -costar module.

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $P \in \text{mod-}\Lambda$  be an  $r$ -costar module with  $A = \text{End}(P_\Lambda)$ . Then the following hold.*

(1)  $\text{proj}_A \subseteq \text{Ref}({}_A P) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ . In particular, the functor  $\Delta_{AP}$  preserves short exact sequences in  $\text{Ref}({}_A P)$ .

(2)  $\text{Ref}({}_A P)$  is a resolving subcategory.

**Proof.** Since  $A \in \text{Ref}({}_A P)$ , we have  $\text{proj}_A \subseteq \text{Ref}({}_A P)$ . Now for any  $N \in \text{Ref}({}_A P)$ , then  $\Delta(N) \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . By proposition 3.2(2), there is an infinite exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \Delta(N) \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow \dots$  which remains exact after applying the functor  $\Delta_{P_\Lambda}$  to the sequence. We obtain an exact sequence  $\dots \rightarrow \Delta(P_n) (\cong A_n) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \Delta(P_1) (\cong A_1) \rightarrow \Delta^2(N) \rightarrow 0$  with  $A_i \in \text{proj}_A$ . It remains exact after applying the functor  $\Delta_{AP}$ . We obtain that  $\text{Ref}({}_A P) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$  by dimension shifting.

(2) From (1), we know that  $\text{Ref}({}_A P)$  contains all projective  $A$ -modules. For any exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  with  $N \in \text{Ref}({}_A P)$ . As  $\text{Ref}({}_A P) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$  by (1), we obtain the following exact commutative diagram by applying the functor  $\Delta^2$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & K & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow \delta_K & & \downarrow \delta_M & & \downarrow \delta_N & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \Delta^2(K) & \rightarrow & \Delta^2(M) & \rightarrow & \Delta^2(N) & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Since  $N \in \text{Ref}({}_A P)$ , then  $\delta_N$  is an isomorphism. So that,  $\delta_K$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $\delta_M$  is an isomorphism. That is,  $K \in \text{Ref}({}_A P)$  if and only if  $M \in \text{Ref}({}_A P)$ . It follows that  $\text{Ref}({}_A P)$  is closed under kernels of epimorphisms and under extensions. Thus,  $\text{Ref}({}_A P)$  is a resolving subcategory.  $\square$

#### 4. Characterizations of $r$ -costar modules

In this section, we shall give an equivalent condition for  $r$ -costar modules.

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $P$  be an right  $\Lambda$ -module with  $A = \text{End}(P_\Lambda)$ . Assume that  $\text{Ref}({}_A P) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$  and  $\text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 0}(-, P) = 0$ . Then  $P$  is an  $r$ -costar module.*

**Proof.** Let  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence with  $L, M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . Assume the sequence is exact after applying the functor  $\Delta$ , then we have the induced exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \Delta(N) \rightarrow \Delta(M) \rightarrow \Delta(L) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $\Delta(L) \in \text{Ref}({}_A P) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ , after applying the functor  $\Delta$ , we obtain an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \Delta^2(L) \rightarrow \Delta^2(M) \rightarrow \Delta^2(N) \rightarrow 0$ . Note that  $L, M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ , so  $\delta_L, \delta_M$  are isomorphisms. It follows that  $\delta_N$  is an isomorphism and  $N \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ .

Now, suppose that  $N \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . By applying the functor  $\Delta$ , we obtain an induced exact sequences  $0 \rightarrow \Delta(N) \rightarrow \Delta(M) \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} \Delta(L) \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$  for some  $X, Y \in A\text{-mod}$ . After applying the functor  $\Delta$  to the first sequence, we then have the following exact commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & L & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow h & & \downarrow \delta_M & & \downarrow \delta_N & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \Delta(X) & \rightarrow & \Delta^2(M) & \rightarrow & \Delta^2(N) & \rightarrow & \text{Ext}_A^1(X, P) \rightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

Since  $M, N \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ ,  $\delta_M, \delta_N$  are isomorphisms. It follows from the diagram that  $\text{Ext}_A^1(X, P) = 0$  and  $h = \Delta(f)\delta_L$  is an isomorphism. Then  $\Delta(f)$  is an isomorphism since  $\delta_L$  is an isomorphism. Note that  $\Delta(M), \Delta(N) \in \text{Ref}({}_A P) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ , so we have  $\text{Ext}_A^i(X, P) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 2$  by dimension shifting. Hence  $X \in \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ . On the other hand, by applying the functor  $\Delta$  to the sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow \Delta(L) \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$ , we have an induced exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \Delta(Y) \longrightarrow \Delta^2(L) \xrightarrow{\Delta(f)} \Delta(X) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^1(Y, P) \longrightarrow 0$$

and that  $Y \in \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 2}(-, P)$ , since  $\Delta(L) \in \text{Ref}({}_A P) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ . Hence we obtain that  $\text{Ext}_A^1(Y, P) = 0 = \Delta(Y)$ . It follows that  $Y \in \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 0}(-, P)$ . So that  $Y = 0$  by assumptions and hence  $X \cong \Delta(L)$  canonically. Therefore, we deduce that the functor  $\Delta$  preserves the exactness of the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  in  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ .

Finally, we conclude that  $P$  is an  $r$ -costar module.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $P \in \text{mod-}\Lambda$  and  $A = \text{End}(P_\Lambda)$ . Then  $\Omega^2(\text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)) \subseteq \text{Ref}({}_A P)$  where  $\Omega^2$  denotes the second syzygy module.*

**Proof.** For any  $N \in \Omega^2(\text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P))$ , we have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  with  $A_1, A_2 \in \text{proj}_A$  and  $M \in \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ . We have an induced exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Delta(M) \rightarrow \Delta(A_1) \rightarrow \Delta(A_2) \rightarrow \Delta(N) \rightarrow 0$$

by applying the functor  $\Delta$ . Now after applying the functor  $\Delta$  to the last sequence, we obtain an induced exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Delta^2(N) \rightarrow \Delta^2(A_2) \rightarrow \Delta^2(A_1).$$

Since  $\delta_{A_1}, \delta_{A_2}$  are isomorphisms, we deduce that  $\delta_N$  is also an isomorphism. Hence  $N \in \text{Ref}({}_A P)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $P_\Lambda$  be an  $r$ -costar module. Then  $\text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 0}(-, P) = 0$ .*

**Proof.** For any  $M \in \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 0}(-, P)$ , we have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  with  $A_1, A_2 \in \text{proj}_A$  and  $N \in \Omega^2(M)$ . Then, by applying the functor  $\Delta$  to the sequence, we obtain an induced exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \Delta(A_1) \rightarrow \Delta(A_2) \rightarrow \Delta(N) \rightarrow 0$ . By Lemma 4.2,  $N \in \text{Ref}({}_A P)$  and then  $\Delta(N) \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . So, after applying the functor  $\Delta$ , we obtain that the induced sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Delta^2(N) \rightarrow \Delta^2(A_2) \rightarrow \Delta^2(A_1) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact by Proposition 3.2. It follows that  $M = \text{Coker}(A_2 \rightarrow A_1) \cong \text{Coker}(\Delta^2(A_2) \rightarrow \Delta^2(A_1)) = 0$ .  $\square$

From Propositions 3.3, 4.1 and 4.3, we have the following characterization of  $r$ -costar modules.

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $P \in \text{mod-}\Lambda$  and  $A = \text{End}(P_\Lambda)$ . Then  $P$  is an  $r$ -costar module if and only if  $\text{proj}_A \subseteq \text{Ref}({}_A P) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$  and  $\text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 0}(-, P) = 0$ .*

From Theorem 4.4, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $P \in \text{mod-}\Lambda$  and  $A = \text{End}(P_\Lambda)$ . If  $\text{Ref}({}_A P) = \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ , then  $P$  is an  $r$ -costar module.*

**Proof.** Under assumptions we clearly have that  $\text{proj}_A \subseteq \text{Ref}({}_A P)$ . For any  $M \in \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 0}(-, P)$ . Then  $M \in \text{Ref}({}_A P) = \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ . Hence  $M \cong \Delta^2(M) = 0$ . By Theorem 4.4, we obtain that  $P$  is an  $r$ -costar module.  $\square$

$P_L$  in condition (2) in the following proposition can be replaced by  $P^n$ . So that, from the following proposition, we know that  $r$ -costar modules are obtained by replacing the subcategory  $\text{cogen}(P_\Lambda)$  with the subcategory  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  in costar modules theory under artin algebra situation.

**Proposition 4.6.** *Let  $P \in \text{mod-}\Lambda$ . The following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $P$  is an  $r$ -costar module.
- (2) For any exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow P_L \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  with  $P_L \in \text{prod}P$  and  $L \in$

$\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ , then  $M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  if and only if the functor  $\Delta$  preserves the exactness of the sequence.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is followed from the definition of  $r$ -costar module.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) As the proof in Proposition 3.2(2), for any  $L \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ , we have an infinite exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow \cdots$  which remains exact after applying the functor  $\Delta$ , where  $P_i \in \text{prod}P$  for each  $i$ . Consequently, we have  $\text{proj}_A \subseteq \text{Ref}({}_A P) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$  as in the proof of Proposition 3.3(1).

At last, the same proof as in Proposition 4.3 yields that  $\text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 0}(-, P) = 0$ . Thus  $P$  is an  $r$ -costar module by Theorem 4.4.  $\square$

## 5. $r$ -Costar modules with special properties

In this section, we shall study  $r$ -costar modules  $P$  such that the subcategory  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  has some special properties.

**Proposition 5.1.** *Let  $P \in \text{mod-}\Lambda$  with  $A = \text{End}(P_\Lambda)$ . If  ${}_A P$  is an injective cogenerator in  $A\text{-mod}$ , then  $P_\Lambda$  is an  $r$ -costar module.*

**Proof.** Let  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence with  $L, M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . Assume first that the sequence is exact after applying the functor  $\Delta$ , then we have an induced exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \Delta(N) \rightarrow \Delta(M) \rightarrow \Delta(L) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  ${}_A P$  is injective, after applying the functor  $\Delta$ , we obtain that the sequence  $0 \rightarrow \Delta^2(L) \rightarrow \Delta^2(M) \rightarrow \Delta^2(N) \rightarrow 0$  is exact. Note that  $L, M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ , so,  $\delta_L$  and  $\delta_M$  are isomorphisms. It follows that  $\delta_N$  is an isomorphism and  $N \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ .

Now, suppose that  $N \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . After applying the functor  $\Delta$ , we obtain an induced exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \Delta(N) \rightarrow \Delta(M) \rightarrow \Delta(L) \rightarrow D \rightarrow 0$  for some  $D$ . Since  ${}_A P$  is injective, we have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \Delta(D) \rightarrow \Delta^2(L) \rightarrow \Delta^2(M) \rightarrow \Delta^2(N) \rightarrow 0$  by applying the functor  $\Delta$ . Because  $\delta_L, \delta_M, \delta_N$  are isomorphisms, then  $\Delta(D) = 0$ . As  ${}_A P$  is a cogenerator, we then obtain that  $D = 0$ . Hence  $0 \rightarrow \Delta(N) \rightarrow \Delta(M) \rightarrow \Delta(L) \rightarrow 0$  is exact. Therefore,  $P$  is an  $r$ -costar module.  $\square$

For an  $r$ -costar module  $P$ , we know that  $\text{Ref}({}_A P)$  is a resolving subcategory from Proposition 3.3(2). Now we consider when  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  is a resolving subcategory. The following theorem gives some characterizations of this case.

**Theorem 5.2.** *Let  $P \in \text{mod-}\Lambda$ . The following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $P$  is an  $r$ -costar module such that  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  is a resolving subcategory.
- (2)  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda) = \text{KerExt}_\Lambda^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ .



(3)  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_\Lambda^{i \geq 1}(-, P) \subseteq \text{cogen}(P_\Lambda)$ .

(4)  $\text{proj}_\Lambda \subseteq \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_\Lambda^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$  and  $\text{proj}_A \subseteq \text{Ref}({}_A P) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  and  $0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow \Lambda_1 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence with  $\Lambda_1 \in \text{proj}_\Lambda$ . Since  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  is a resolving subcategory,  $\text{proj}_\Lambda \subseteq \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  and  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  is closed under kernels of epimorphisms. Therefore  $M_1 \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . It follows from Proposition 3.2 that the sequence remains exact after applying the functor  $\Delta$ . Then we have that  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, P) = 0$  for any  $M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . Hence,  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_\Lambda^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ , since  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  is a resolving subcategory.

On the other hand, we may consider the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow \Lambda_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_1 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  with  $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2 \in \text{proj}_\Lambda$  for any  $M \in \text{KerExt}_\Lambda^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ . It clearly remains exact after applying the functor  $\Delta$ . Hence we have an induced exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \Delta(M) \rightarrow \Delta(\Lambda_1) \rightarrow \Delta(\Lambda_2) \rightarrow \Delta(X) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  is a resolving subcategory, then  $\text{proj}_\Lambda \subseteq \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . By applying the functor  $\Delta$  to the sequence, we obtain that  $X \cong \Delta^2(X)$ . That is,  $X \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . Since  $P$  is an  $r$ -costar modules, then we have that  $\text{Im}(\Lambda_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_1) \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  and similarly  $M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . Hence we have  $\text{KerExt}_\Lambda^{i \geq 1}(-, P) \subseteq \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) is clear.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Since  $\text{prod}P \subseteq \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ , we have that  $\text{prod}P \subseteq \text{KerExt}_\Lambda^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ . For any  $M \in \text{KerExt}_\Lambda^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ , let  $\Delta(M)$  is generated by  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  as  $A$ -module. Then we have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{f} P^n \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow 0$  where  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$ . Note that the sequence clearly stays exact after applying the functor  $\Delta$  and since  $M, P^n \in \text{KerExt}_\Lambda^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ , we obtain that  $M_1 \in \text{KerExt}_\Lambda^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$  too. By repeating the process to  $M_1$ , and so on, we finally obtain an infinite exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow \dots$  with  $P_i \in \text{prod}P$  for each  $i$ , such that the sequence remains exact after applying the functor  $\Delta$ . It follows that  $M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . Hence we deduce that  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda) = \text{KerExt}_\Lambda^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ , therefore  $\text{proj}_\Lambda \subseteq \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . Moreover, by an argument similar to the proof of Proposition 3.3(1), we obtain that  $\text{proj}_A \subseteq \text{Ref}({}_A P) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Since  $\text{proj}_\Lambda \subseteq \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_\Lambda^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ , we easily check that  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  is a resolving subcategory as the proof in Proposition 3.3(2). Now it remains to show that  $P$  is an  $r$ -costar module. By Theorem 4.4, we need only to prove that  $\text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 0}(-, P) = 0$ . Let  $M \in \text{KerExt}_A^{i \geq 0}(-, P)$  and take an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  with  $A_2, A_1 \in \text{proj}_A$ . Then we have an induced exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \Delta(A_1) \rightarrow \Delta(A_2) \rightarrow \Delta(N) \rightarrow 0$  by applying the functor  $\Delta$ . Note that  $N \in \text{Ref}({}_A P)$  by Lemma 4.2, so that  $\Delta(N) \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda) \subseteq \text{KerExt}_\Lambda^{i \geq 1}(-, P)$ . It follows that there is an induced exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \Delta^2(N) \rightarrow$

$\Delta^2(A_2) \rightarrow \Delta^2(A_1) \rightarrow 0$  by applying the functor  $\Delta$ . Hence we obtain that  $M = \text{Coker}(A_2 \rightarrow A_1) \cong \text{Coker}(\Delta^2(A_2) \rightarrow \Delta^2(A_1)) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 5.3.** *Let  $P$  be an  $r$ -costar module. Then  $\text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$  is closed under extensions if and only if  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, P) = 0$  for any  $M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ .*

**Proof.**  $\Rightarrow$  . Every exact sequence of the form  $0 \rightarrow P \xrightarrow{f} N \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  where  $M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . By hypothesis,  $N \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . Then  $\Delta$  preserves the exactness of the sequence by the definition of  $r$ -costar modules. So that, we have  $g : N \rightarrow P$  such that  $gf = 1_P$ . Hence the sequence splits and  $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(M, P) = 0$ .

$\Leftarrow$  . Let any exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$  with  $L, N \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . Then  $\Delta$  preserves the exactness of the sequence by assumption. We have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & L & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow \delta_L & & \downarrow \delta_M & & \downarrow \delta_N & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \Delta^2(L) & \rightarrow & \Delta^2(M) & \rightarrow & \Delta^2(N) & \rightarrow & X \rightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

Note that  $\delta_L, \delta_N$  are isomorphisms, since  $L, N \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ . Therefore, we have that  $\delta_M$  is an isomorphism. That is,  $M \in \text{Ref}(P_\Lambda)$ .  $\square$

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