

## INJECTIVE DIMENSION OF GENERALIZED TRIANGULAR MATRIX RINGS

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Throughout this paper, let  $R$  and  $S$  denote rings with identity,  $M$  an  $(S, R)$ -bimodule, and  $A$  a generalized triangular matrix ring defined by  ${}_S M_R$ , i. e.,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}$$

with the addition by element-wise and the multiplication by

$$\begin{bmatrix} r & 0 \\ m & s \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} r' & 0 \\ m' & s' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} rr' & 0 \\ mr' + sm' & ss' \end{bmatrix}.$$

The main purpose of the present paper is to estimate  $\text{id-}A_A$ , the injective dimension of  $A_A$ , in terms of those of  $R_R$ ,  $M_R$ , and  $S_S$ . In fact, if we assume that  $\text{fd-}{}_S M$ , the flat dimension of  ${}_S M$ , is finite, then there hold the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R, \text{id-}S_S - \text{fd-}{}_S M) &\leq \text{id-}A_A \leq \\ \max(\max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R) + \text{fd-}{}_S M, \text{id-}S_S - 1) + 1. \end{aligned}$$

In this connection, we investigate the case when the left-hand or the right-hand side equality holds under the condition that  ${}_S M$  is flat.

In [7], Zaks shows that the injective dimension of an  $n \times n$  lower triangular matrix ring over a semiprimary ring  $R$  is just equal to  $\text{id-}R_R + 1$ . An example is constructed to show that the condition on  $R$  being semiprimary is redundant in his theorem.

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Let  $e = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in A$  and  $e' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in A$ . Then  $R \cong eAe$ ,  $M \cong e'Ae$ , and  $S \cong e'Ae'$ .

LEMMA 1. *Let  $X$  be a right  $A$ -module with  $X = Xe$ .*

- (1) *If  $X_R$  is projective, then  $X_A$  is projective.*
- (2)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(X_A, A_A) \cong \text{Ext}_A^i(X_R, Ae_R)$ .

PROOF. (1) This is found in [2, Theorem 2.2].

(2) By [4, Exercise 22, p. 114], we have the natural isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}_A(X_A, A_A) \cong \text{Hom}_R(X_R, Ae_R).$$

It follows that

$$\text{Ext}_A^i(X_A, A_A) \cong \text{Ext}_R^i(X_R, Ae_R),$$

for a projective resolution of  $X_R$  may be viewed as one of  $X_A$  by (1).

LEMMA 2. *Let  $Y$  be a right  $A$ -module.*

(1) *If  $Y_A$  is projective, then  $Ye'_S$  is projective.*

(2)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(Y_A, e'A/e'Ae_A) \cong \text{Ext}_S^i(Ye'_S, S_S)$ .

PROOF. (1) This is found in [4, Exercise 19, p. 114].

(2) By [4, Exercise 22, p. 114], we have the natural isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}_A(Y_A, e'A/e'Ae_A) \cong \text{Hom}_S(Ye'_S, S_S).$$

Note that, if  $P'_A \rightarrow P_A \rightarrow P''_A$  is an exact sequence of projective  $A$ -modules, then so is  $P'e'_S \rightarrow Pe'_S \rightarrow P''e'_S$  of projective  $S$ -modules in view of (1). Thus

$$\text{Ext}_A^i(Y_A, e'A/e'Ae_A) \cong \text{Ext}_S^i(Ye'_S, S_S).$$

LEMMA 3 [4, Proposition 4.1]. *Every right ideal of  $A$  has the form of  $\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $K$  is a right ideal of  $S$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ KM \end{bmatrix}_R \subseteq X_R \subseteq \begin{bmatrix} R \\ M \end{bmatrix}_R$ .*

THEOREM 4. *Assume that  $\text{fd}_S M$  is finite. Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \max(\text{id}_R, \text{id}_M, \text{id}_S - \text{fd}_S M) &\leq \text{id}_A \leq \\ \max(\max(\text{id}_R, \text{id}_M) + \text{fd}_S M, \text{id}_S - 1) + 1 &. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Suppose  $\max(\max(\text{id}_R, \text{id}_M) + \text{fd}_S M, \text{id}_S - 1) + 1 = t$ . Let  $\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}$  be a right ideal of  $A$ . Since  $R$  can be considered as a left  $A$ -module via  $\rho: A \rightarrow R \left( \begin{bmatrix} r & 0 \\ m & s \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow r \right)$ , the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ {}_A M & S \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow {}_A A \longrightarrow {}_A R \longrightarrow 0$$

induces

$$\text{Tor}_{i+1}^A(C, R) \cong \text{Tor}_i^A\left(C, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}\right) \quad (i \geq 1)$$

for every right  $A$ -module  $C$ . It follows that  $\text{fd}_A \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ {}_A M & S \end{bmatrix} + 1 = \text{fd}_A R$ . Moreover, since  ${}_A S$  is flat,  $\text{fd}_S M = \text{fd}_A \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ {}_A M & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{fd}_A \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}$  by [1, Proposition 4.1.1, p. 117].

Therefore  $\text{fd-}_A R = \text{fd-}_A \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix} + 1 = \text{fd-}_S M + 1$ . The exact sequence of right  $A$ -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow 0$$

yields the following exact sequence

$$\text{Ext}_A^t \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^t \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^t \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_A \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) &\cong \text{Hom}_A \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, \text{Hom}_R \left( R, \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_R \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix} \otimes_A R, \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right), \end{aligned}$$

the resulting spectral sequence is

$$E_2^{p,q} = \text{Ext}_R^q \left( \text{Tor}_p^A \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, R \right), \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \rightrightarrows_q \text{Ext}_A^q \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

Since  $E_2^{p,q} = 0$  for either  $q > \max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R)$  or  $p > \text{fd-}_S M$ , we have  $\text{Ext}_A^n \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$  for  $n > \max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R) + \text{fd-}_S M$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^t \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) &\cong \text{Ext}_A^t \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &\cong \text{Ext}_S^t(K, S) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 2, we have  $\text{Ext}_A^t \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) = 0$ . It follows that  $\text{id-}A_A \leq t$  from the exactness of the sequence

$$\text{Ext}_A^t \left( \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ K & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^t \left( \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ K & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^t \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right),$$

and from the fact that

$$\text{Ext}_A^t \left( \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ K & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \cong \text{Ext}_R^t(X/KM, R \oplus M) = 0$$

by Lemma 1.

Conversely, suppose  $\text{id-}A_A = m$ . Then Lemma 1 forces that  $\text{id-}R_R \leq m$  and

$\text{id-}M_R \leq m$ . Now, let  $K$  be a right ideal of  $S$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_A\left(S/K \otimes_S \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}, A\right) &\cong \text{Hom}_S\left(S/K, \text{Hom}_A\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}, A\right)\right) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_S(S/K, S) \end{aligned}$$

and  $\text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}, A\right) = 0$  for  $i > 0$ , the resulting spectral sequence is

$$E_2^{p,q} = \text{Ext}_A^q\left(\text{Tor}_p^S\left(S/K, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M & S \end{bmatrix}\right), A\right) \Rightarrow_q \text{Ext}_S^q(S/K, S).$$

Since  $E_2^{p,q} = 0$  for either  $q > \text{id-}A_A$  or  $p > \text{fd-}_S M$ , we have  $\text{Ext}_S^q(S/K, S) = 0$  for  $n > \text{id-}A_A + \text{fd-}_S M$ . Thus  $\text{id-}S_S - \text{fd-}_S M \leq \text{id-}A_A$ .

The following is essentially in [1, p. 346].

LEMMA 5. Let  $A_S, {}_S B_A$ , and  $C_A$  be modules such that  $\text{Ext}_A^i(B, C) = 0$  ( $i > 0$ ) and  $\text{Tor}_i^S(A, B) = 0$  ( $i > 0$ ). Then there holds

$$\text{Ext}_S^q(A, \text{Hom}_A(B, C)) \cong \text{Ext}_A^q(A \otimes_S B, C).$$

LEMMA 6. Assume that  ${}_S M$  is flat. Let

$$f^* = \text{Ext}_A^i(f, 1_A) : \text{Ext}_A^i\left(A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right)$$

be the induced map by

$$f : \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix} \hookrightarrow A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $K$  is a right ideal of  $S$ . Then  $\text{Im } f^*$  is contained in

$$\text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, e'A\right),$$

a direct summand of

$$\text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A\right).$$

PROOF. Let

$$\longrightarrow P_n \longrightarrow P_{n-1} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow P_0 \longrightarrow S/K \longrightarrow 0$$

be a free resolution of  $S/K$ , and

$$\longrightarrow Q_n \longrightarrow Q_{n-1} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow Q_0 \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow 0$$

a projective resolution of  $\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}$ . Then

$$\rightarrow P_n \otimes_S e'A \rightarrow P_{n-1} \otimes_S e'A \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_0 \otimes_S e'A \rightarrow S/K \otimes_S e'A \rightarrow 0$$

is a projective resolution of  $S/K \otimes_S e'A$ , since  ${}_S M$  is flat. Consider the following exact commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \rightarrow & P_n \otimes_S e'A & \rightarrow & P_{n-1} \otimes_S e'A & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow P_0 \otimes_S e'A \rightarrow P_n \otimes_S e'A \rightarrow 0 \\ & \uparrow f_n & & \uparrow f_{n-1} & & & \uparrow f_0 & & \uparrow g \\ & & & & & & & & A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix} \\ \rightarrow & Q_n & \rightarrow & Q_{n-1} & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow Q_0 & \rightarrow & \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 0, \\ & & & & & & & & \uparrow f \end{array}$$

where  $(f_i)$  is a map over  $g \circ f$ . Now, every element of  $\text{Hom}_A(e'A, A)$  is given by the left multiplication of  $Ae'$ , so

$$\text{Hom}_A(e'A, A) = \text{Hom}_A(e'A, Ae'A) = \text{Hom}_A(e'A, e'A).$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_A(P_n \otimes_S e'A, A) &= \text{Hom}_A(S^{(I_n)} \otimes_S e'A, A) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_A(e'A^{(I_n)}, A) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_A(e'A^{(I_n)}, e'A) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_A(P_n \otimes_S e'A, e'A), \end{aligned}$$

hence that

$$\text{Im Hom}_A(f_n, 1_A) \subset \text{Hom}_A(Q_n, e'A).$$

Thus

$$\text{Im Ext}_A^i(f, 1_A) \subset \text{Ext}_A^i\left(\begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, e'A\right).$$

PROPOSITION 7. Assume that  ${}_S M$  is flat and put  $\max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R) = i$ .

- (1) If  $\text{id-}S_S > i$ , then  $\text{id-}A_A = \text{id-}S_S$ .
- (2) If  $\text{id-}S_S < i \neq 0$ , then  $\text{id-}A_A = i$  if and only if  $\text{Ext}_R^i(M/KM, R \oplus M) = 0$  for every right ideal  $K$  of  $S$ .
- (3) If  $\text{id-}S_S = i \neq 0$  and if  $\text{Ext}_R^i(M/KM, R \oplus M) = 0$  for every right ideal  $K$  of  $S$ , then  $\text{id-}A_A = i$ .
- (4) If  $\text{id-}S_S = i \neq 0$  and if  $\text{Ext}_R^i(M/RM, R) \neq 0$  for some right ideal  $K$  of  $S$ , then  $\text{id-}A_A = i + 1$ .

PROOF. (1) This directly follows from Theorem 4.

(2) Let  $\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}$  be a right ideal of  $A$ . Since

$$\text{Ext}_A^{t+1} \left( \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \cong \text{Ext}_k^{t+1} ((R \oplus M)/X, R \oplus M) = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^t \left( A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) &\cong \text{Ext}_A^t (S/K \otimes_S e'A, A) \\ &\stackrel{\phi}{\cong} \text{Ext}_S^t (S/K, \text{Hom}_A(e'A, A)) \\ &\cong \text{Ext}_S^t (S/K, S) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\phi$  is an isomorphism by Lemma 5, we obtain the following exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^{t+1} \left( A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{t+1} \left( A / \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \longrightarrow \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{t+1} \left( \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \text{Ext}_A^t \left( A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^t \left( \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \longrightarrow \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{t+1} \left( A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{t+1} \left( A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that, for every right ideal  $K$  of  $S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{id-}A_A = i &\Leftrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{t+1} \left( A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{Ext}_k^t (M/KM, R \oplus M) \cong \text{Ext}_A^t \left( \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

(3) Let  $\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}$  be a right ideal of  $A$ . Considering the following exact sequences in the similar manners in (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^{t+1} \left( A / \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{t+1} \left( A / \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) \longrightarrow \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{t+1} \left( \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ & K \end{bmatrix}, A \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^i\left(\left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{array}\right] / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{array}\right], A\right) &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1}\left(A / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{array}\right], A\right) \longrightarrow \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1}\left(A / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{array}\right], A\right) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

we conclude that  $\text{id-}A_A = i$  if  $\text{Ext}_k^i(M/KM, R \oplus M) \cong \text{Ext}_A^i\left(\left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{array}\right] / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{array}\right], A\right) = 0$  for every right ideal  $K$  of  $S$ .

(4) Let  $K$  be a right ideal of  $S$  such that  $\text{Ext}_k^i(M/KM, R) \neq 0$ . Let

$$f: \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{array}\right] / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{array}\right] \hookrightarrow A / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{array}\right].$$

Then  $f$  induces a non-epimorphism

$$\begin{aligned} f^\# : \text{Ext}_A^i\left(A / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{array}\right], A\right) &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^i\left(\left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{array}\right] / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{array}\right], A\right) = \\ &\text{Ext}_A^i\left(\left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{array}\right] / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{array}\right], e'A\right) \oplus \\ &\text{Ext}_A^i\left(\left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{array}\right] / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{array}\right], eA\right) \end{aligned}$$

by the preceding Lemma 6, It follows that  $\text{Ext}_A^{i+1}\left(A / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{array}\right], A\right) \neq 0$  from the exactness of the following sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^i\left(A / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{array}\right], A\right) &\xrightarrow{f^\#} \text{Ext}_A^i\left(\left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{array}\right] / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ KM & K \end{array}\right], A\right) \longrightarrow \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1}\left(A / \left[\begin{array}{cc} R & 0 \\ M & K \end{array}\right], A\right), \end{aligned}$$

hence that  $\text{id-}A_A = i+1$  together with Theorem 4.

It is remaining the case when  $R_R, M_R,$  and  $S_S$  are all injective. Since  ${}_S M_R$  can be considered as an  $(R \oplus S, R \oplus S)$ -bimodule in the natural way, i. e.,  $(r, s)m = sm$  and  $m(r, s) = mr$ ,  $A$  can be regarded as the trivial extension of the ring  $R \oplus S$  by the  $(R \oplus S, R \oplus S)$ -bimodule  $M$ . Thus [6, Theorem 1.4.1] can be applied to the above, namely,

PROPOSITION 8. Let  $\mu: S \rightarrow \text{End}(M_R)$  be the canonical map. Then  $A_A$  is injective iff

- (1)  $R_R, M_R,$  and  $\mathcal{I}_S(M)_S = \{s \in S; sm=0 \text{ for every } m \in M\}$  are all injective.
- (2)  $\mu$  is an epimorphism.
- (3)  $\text{Hom}_R(M_R, R_R) = 0$ .

REMARK 9. Let  $A \ltimes N$  denote the trivial extension of the ring  $A$  by the  $(A, A)$ -bimodule  $N$ . It appeared in [3] concerning the injective dimension of  $A \ltimes N_{A \ltimes N}$  that, if  $\text{Ext}_A^i(N_A, N_A) \cong \begin{cases} A & (i=0) \\ 0 & (i>0) \end{cases}$ , then  $\text{id-}N_A = \text{id-}A \ltimes N_{A \ltimes N}$ . This yields, however, only a trivial result for our situations, because  $\text{End}(M_{R \oplus S}) \cong R \oplus S$  iff  $R=M=S=0$ .

REMARK 10. In view of Theorem 4, we may consider the following five cases concerning the relationships between  $\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R,$  and  $\text{id-}S_S$  under the condition that  ${}_S M$  is flat.

Case 1.  $\text{id-}R_R = \text{id-}M_R = \text{id-}S_S = \text{id-}A_A$ .

Case 2.  $\text{id-}R_R = \text{id-}M_R = \text{id-}S_S = \text{id-}A_A - 1$ .

Case 3. Each of  $(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R, \text{id-}S_S)$  does not equal to the other and  $\max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R, \text{id-}S_S) = \text{id-}A_A$ .

Case 4. Each of  $(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R, \text{id-}S_S)$  does not equal to the other and  $\max(\text{id-}R_R, \text{id-}M_R, \text{id-}S_S) = \text{id-}A_A - 1$ .

Case 5. The other cases.

The following Examples are given to show the existence of each of the above cases.

Example of Case 1. Let  $R$  be an infinite direct product of fields,  $I$  a maximal ideal containing their direct sum, and  $M = R/I$ . Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ M & \text{End}(M_R) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $R$  is a  $V$ -ring,  $M_R$  is injective. Moreover,  $\text{Hom}_R(M_R, R_R) = 0$ . Thus  $A_A$  is injective by Proposition 8.

Example of Case 2. Let  $A_2$  be a  $2 \times 2$  lower triangular matrix ring over a ring  $R \neq 0$  with  $\text{id-}R_R = i < +\infty$ . Since  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, R) \neq 0$  ( $i > 0$ ) for some right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(R_R, R_R) \neq 0$ ,  $\text{id-}(A_2)_{A_2} = \text{id-}R_R + 1$  by Theorem 4, Propositions 7, and 8.

Example of Case 3. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z} & 0 & \vdots & 0 \\ \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{Q} & \vdots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{Q} & \vdots & \mathbf{Z} \end{bmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z} & 0 \\ \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{Q} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\text{id-}R_R=2$ ,  $\text{id-}(\mathbf{Q} \ \mathbf{Q})_R=0$ , and  $\text{id-}\mathbf{Z}_Z=1$ . Since  $\text{Ext}_R^2((\mathbf{Q} \ \mathbf{Q})/K(\mathbf{Q} \ \mathbf{Q}), R \oplus (\mathbf{Q} \ \mathbf{Q}))=0$  for every right ideal  $K$  of  $\mathbf{Z}$ , we have  $\text{id-}A_A=2$  by Proposition 7 (2).

Example of Case 4. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z} & 0 & \vdots & 0 \\ \mathbf{Z} & \mathbf{Z} & \vdots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \mathbf{Q} & \vdots & \mathbf{Z} \end{bmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z} & 0 \\ \mathbf{Z} & \mathbf{Z} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $\text{id-}R_R=2$  and  $\text{id-}\mathbf{Z}_Z=1$ . Since  $(0 \ \mathbf{Q})_Z$  (resp.  ${}_Z\mathbf{Z}$ ) can be considered as a right (resp. left)  $R$ -module via  $\sigma: R \rightarrow \mathbf{Z} \left( \begin{bmatrix} z & 0 \\ z' & z'' \end{bmatrix} \mapsto z'' \right)$ , we have

$$(0 \ \mathbf{Q})_R \cong \text{Hom}_Z({}_R\mathbf{Z}, (0 \ \mathbf{Q})_Z)_R.$$

Since  ${}_R\mathbf{Z} \cong {}_R R e'$  is flat and  $(0 \ \mathbf{Q})_Z$  is injective,  $(0 \ \mathbf{Q})_R$  is injective. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_R^2((0 \ \mathbf{Q}), R) &\cong \text{Ext}_R^2((\mathbf{Q} \ \mathbf{Q})/(\mathbf{Q} \ 0), R) \\ &\cong \text{Ext}_R^2((\mathbf{Q} \otimes_Z (\mathbf{Z} \ \mathbf{Z})) / (\mathbf{Q} \otimes_Z (\mathbf{Z} \ 0)), R) \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

from the proof of [7, Lemma B] together with  $\text{Ext}_Z^1(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{Z}) \neq 0$ . Hence  $\text{id-}A_A=3$  by Theorem 4 and Proposition 7 (2).

Example of Case 5. Let  $A_n (n > 2)$  be an  $n \times n$  lower triangular matrix ring over a ring  $R \neq 0$  with  $\text{id-}R_R=i < +\infty$ . Since  $A_n$  can be considered as

$$\begin{bmatrix} R & \vdots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ R & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ & & & A_{n-1} & \\ R & \vdots & & & \end{bmatrix},$$

$\text{id-}(A_n)_{A_n} = \text{id-}(A_{n-1})_{A_{n-1}}$  by induction on  $n$  together with Proposition 7 (1). Hence  $\text{id-}(A_n)_{A_n} = \text{id-}R_R + 1$ .

REMARK 11. (1) Example of Case 1 is due to T. Kato.

(2) T. Sumioka has also independently observed that the injective dimension of an  $n \times n$  lower triangular matrix ring over a ring  $R$  has the injective dimension  $\leq \text{id-}R_R + 1$ .

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