

**THE STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES  
OF WEAKLY REGULAR ALGEBRAS**

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**ABSTRACT.** Abstract In this paper, we introduce the concept of quasi dimension of weakly regular algebras and study its some properties. Moreover, we provide characterizations between regular and weakly regular algebras.

**1. Introduction and Preliminaries**

All algebras in this paper are associative with unit ,and all modules are unital.

An algebra  $A$  is called regular,if for each  $a \in A$ , there exists  $b \in A$  such that  $a = aba$ . An algebra  $A$  is weakly regular,if for each  $a \in A$ , there exist  $b, c \in A$  such that  $a = abac$ . It is clear that every regular algebra is weakly regular. We know that an algebra  $A$  is regular if and only if for every right  $A$ -module is flat and an algebra  $A$  is regular if and only if weakly dimension  $w.dim A$  of  $A$ ,  $w.dim A = 0$ . In ([6]),Y.F.Xiao introduce the concept of semiflat module and obtain that an algebra  $A$  is weakly regular if and only if for every right  $A$ -module is semiflat.In this paper, we introduce the concept of quasi dimension of weakly regular algebras and study its some properties. Moreover, we provide characterizations between regular and regular algebras.

In this paper,we use  $w.dim, q.dim$  and  $f.dim$  to denote the weakly dimension, quasi dimension and flat dimension respectively.

**2. The properties of weakly regular algebras**

**Definition 2.1** ([6]) A right  $A$ -module  $M$  is called semiflat if for every  $J \leq_A A_A$ , the sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \otimes_A J \rightarrow M \otimes_A A$  is left exact.

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $B$  be a right  $A$ -module and  $I$  an ideal of  $A$ , then there exists a unique epic  $\theta : B \otimes_A I \rightarrow BI$  such that  $\theta(b \otimes x) = bx$  for every  $b \in B$  and  $x \in I$ . If  $B$  is semiflat, then  $\theta$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof* Suppose  $f : B \times I \rightarrow BI$  such that  $(b, x) \mapsto bx$ , then  $f$  is an  $A$ -biadditive function, there exists a unique homomorphism  $\theta$  making the diagram commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B \times I & \xrightarrow{h} & B \otimes_A I \\ & \searrow f & \swarrow \theta \\ & & BI \end{array}$$

where  $h(b, x) = b \otimes x$  and  $\theta$  is epic and unique.

If  $B$  is semiflat,then  $1 \otimes i : B \otimes_A I \rightarrow B \otimes_A A$  is monic. Since  $\phi : B \otimes_A A \rightarrow B$  is an isomorphism,  $\phi(1 \otimes i)(b \otimes x) = \theta(b \otimes x)$ , i.e.,  $\theta = \phi(1 \otimes i)$ , then  $\theta$  is monic, but  $\theta$  is epic,  $\theta$  is an isomorphism.

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**Theorem 2.3** Let  $B$  be a right  $A$ -module and  $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{i} F \xrightarrow{g} B \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence of right  $A$ -module, where  $F$  is semiflat. The following are equivalent:

- (i)  $B$  is semiflat;
- (ii)  $K \cap FI = KI$  for every ideal  $I$  of  $A$ .

*Proof* Note that  $KI \subseteq K \cap FI$  for every ideal  $I$  of  $A$ . By Lemma 2.2, there exists a unique epic  $\theta : B \otimes_A I \rightarrow BI$  such that  $\theta(x \otimes y) = xy$  for every  $x \in B$  and  $y \in I$ .

We can show that  $\theta$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $K \cap FI = KI$ .

In fact, tensoring the original exact sequence by an ideal  $I$  give exactness of

$$K \otimes_A I \xrightarrow{i \otimes 1} F \otimes_A I \xrightarrow{g \otimes 1} B \otimes_A I \rightarrow 0$$

then(1)  $FI/KI \cong B \otimes_A I$

In fact,  $F$  is semiflat, by Lemma 2.2, there exists a unique isomorphism  $\phi : F \otimes_A I \rightarrow FI$  such that  $\phi(x \otimes y) = xy$ , then  $(g \otimes 1)\phi^{-1} : FI \rightarrow B \otimes_A I$  is epic. Since  $\ker((g \otimes 1)\phi^{-1}) = \phi(\ker(g \otimes 1)) = \phi(\text{Im}(i \otimes 1)) = KI$ . Hence  $\gamma : FI/KI \rightarrow B \otimes_A I$  is an isomorphism and  $\gamma(xy + KI) = g(x) \otimes y$ .

(2)  $BI \cong FI/(K \cap FI)$

In fact,  $g(xy) = g(x)y \in BI$  for every  $x \in F$ , and  $y \in I$ , then  $g(FI) \subseteq B$ . Conversely, let  $x \in B$  and  $y \in I$ , since  $g$  is epic, there exists  $x' \in F$  such that  $x = g(x')$ , then  $xy = g(x'y) \in g(FI)$ . Hence  $g(FI) = BI$ . Write  $g' = g|_{FI}$ , then there exists an epic  $g' : FI \rightarrow BI$  and  $\ker g' = K \cap FI$ , and thus  $\delta : BI \rightarrow FI/(K \cap FI)$  is an isomorphism and  $\delta(g(x)y) = xy + K \cap FI$ .

Let  $\sigma = \delta\theta\gamma : FI/KI \rightarrow KI/(K \cap FI)$ . Moreover,  $KI \subseteq K \cap FI$ , then  $\sigma$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $\theta$  is an isomorphism, then  $\theta$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $K \cap FI = KI$ .

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) If  $B$  is semiflat, by Lemma 2.2,  $\theta : B \otimes_A I \rightarrow BI$  is an isomorphism for every ideal  $I$  of  $A$ . Thus  $K \cap FI = FI$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) Suppose that  $K \cap FI = KI$  for every ideal  $I$ , then  $\theta : B \otimes_A I \rightarrow BI$  is an isomorphism. Moreover,  $\tau : B \otimes_A A \rightarrow B$  is an isomorphism, then it makes the following diagram commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B \otimes_A I & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \rho} & B \otimes_A A \\ \theta \downarrow & & \tau \downarrow \\ BI & \xrightarrow{i} & B \end{array}$$

Hence  $1 \otimes \rho$  is monic, and  $B$  is semiflat.

**Proposition 2.4** A flat module is semiflat.

*Proof* Let  $M$  be a flat right  $A$ -module, then  $0 \rightarrow M \otimes_A I \rightarrow M \otimes_A A$  is left exact for every left ideal of  $A$ . Certainly,  $0 \rightarrow M \otimes_A I \rightarrow M \otimes_A A$  is left exact for every ideal of  $A$ . By Definition 2.1,  $M$  is semiflat.

By Proposition 2.4, every module  $M$  has a semiflat resolution, i.e., there exists an exact sequence:

$$\cdots \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow F_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

which every  $F_i$  is semiflat.

Now, we introduce the following concept:

**Definition 2.5** If  $M$  is a right  $A$ -module, then  $s.\dim M \leq n$  ( $s.\dim$  abbreviates semiflat dimension) if there is a semiflat resolution:

$$0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow F_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

If no such finite resolution exists, define  $s.dim M = \infty$ ; otherwise, if  $n$  is the least such integer, define  $s.dim M = n$ .

**Theorem 2.6** An  $A$ -module  $M$  is semiflat if and only if  $s.dim M = 0$ .

*Proof* Let  $M$  be a semiflat module, then exists a semiflat resolution:

$$\dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow F_0 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} M \rightarrow 0$$

where  $F_0 = M; F_i = 0, i \geq 1; \varepsilon = 1_M$ . Hence  $s.dim M = 0$ .

Conversely, if  $s.dim M = 0$ . then there exists a semiflat resolution:

$$\dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

where  $F_i = 0, i \geq 1$ , then  $M \cong F_0$ . Hence  $M$  is semiflat.

The following concept is necessary:

**Definition 2.7**  $q.dim A = \sup\{s.dim M \mid M \in \mathcal{M}_A\}$  is called quasi dimension of  $A$ .

**Lemma 2.8** ([6]) An algebra  $A$  is weakly regular if and only if for every  $A$ -module is semiflat.

**Theorem 2.9** An algebra  $A$  is weakly regular if and only if  $q.dim A = 0$ .

*Proof* Let  $M$  be a right  $A$ -module. By Lemma 2.8,  $A$  is weakly regular if and only if every  $M$  is semiflat. By Theorem 2.6,  $M$  is flat if and only if  $s.dim M = 0$ . Hence  $A$  is weakly regular if and only if for every  $M$ ,  $s.dim M = 0$ . By Definition 2.7,  $A$  is weakly regular if and only if  $q.dim A = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.10**  $M$  is a semiflat right  $A$ -module  $A$ -module if and only if  $Tor_1(M, A/J) = 0$  for every ideal  $J$  of  $A$ .

*Proof* Since  $A$  is a flat right  $A$ -module, then  $Tor_1(M, A/J) = 0$ . Moreover,  $0 \rightarrow J \xrightarrow{i} A/J \rightarrow 0$  is exact. By long exact Theorem,  $0 = Tor_1(M, A) \rightarrow Tor_1(M, A/J) \rightarrow M \otimes_A J \xrightarrow{1 \otimes i} M \otimes_A A$  is also exact. If  $M$  is semiflat, then  $1 \otimes i$  is monic, and  $Tor_1(M, A/J) = 0$ .

Conversely, if  $Tor_1(M, A/J) = 0$ , then  $1 \otimes i$  is monic, and thus  $M$  is semiflat.

**Lemma 2.11** For any algebra  $A$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is weakly regular;
- (ii)  ${}_A(A/J)$  is flat for every ideal of  $A$ .

In fact, it is induced by Lemma 2.10.

**Theorem 2.12** For any algebra  $A$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is weakly regular;
- (ii) For every right  $A$ -module  $M$  and every ideal  $J$  of  $A$ ,  $Tor_1(M, A/J) = 0$ .

In fact, it follows from Lemma 2.10 and Lemma 2.11.

**Theorem 2.13** For any algebra  $A$ ,  $q.dim A \leq w.dim A$ .

*Proof* Let  $M$  be a right  $A$ -module, then  $s.dim M \leq f.dim M$ . In fact, suppose  $f.dim M \leq n$ , then there exists a flat resolution:  $0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow F_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ . Since every flat module is semiflat, this is a semiflat resolution of  $M$  exhibiting  $s.dim M \leq n$ . Hence  $s.dim M \leq f.dim M$  for every module  $M$ , and thus  $q.dim A \leq w.dim A$ .

**Definition 2.14** An algebra  $A$  is called left (right) duo algebra, if for every left (right) ideal of  $A$  is an ideal.

**Lemma 2.15** Let  $A$  be a left duo algebra and  $M$  a right  $A$ -module, the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $M$  is flat;
- (ii)  $M$  is semiflat.

It's obvious.

**Theorem 2.16** For any left duo algebra  $A$ ,  $q.dim A = w.dim A$ .

In fact, it follows from Lemma 2.15.

### 3. The structure of weakly regular algebras

**Definition 3.1** An algebra  $A$  is called *MRLT(MERT)* if for every maximal essential left(right) ideal of  $A$  is an ideal.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $A$  be an *MELT* algebra, then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is regular;
- (ii)  $A$  is weakly regular.

Now, we give the following Lemmas:

**Lemma 1** ([3]) For any algebra  $A$ ,  $I$  is an ideal of  $A$ , then  $A$  is weakly regular if and only if  $A/I$  and  $I$  are weakly.

**Lemma 2** An algebra  $A$  is weakly regular if and only if  $A$  is fully right idempotent.

*Proof* If  $I$  is an ideal of  $A$  and  $A$  is weakly regular, then for each  $a \in I \subseteq A$ , there exist  $a', a''$  such that  $a = aa'aa'' \in II = I^2$ , i.e.,  $I \subseteq I^2$ , but  $I^2 \subseteq I$ , and thus  $I = I^2$ .

Conversely, let  $I = aA$ , then  $A$  is a right ideal of  $A$ , and thus  $aA = aAaA$ . If  $a \in A$ , then  $a \in aA = aAaA$ . Hence  $A$  is weakly regular.

**Lemma 3** ([8]) Let  $A$  be an *MELT* algebra. If  $I$  is an ideal of  $A$ , so is  $A/I$ .

**Lemma 4** ([8]) Let  $A$  be an *MELT* algebra, then  $A/S$  is left quasi-duo algebra, where  $S$  is socle of  $A$ .

#### Proof of Theorem 3.2:

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) It's obvious.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $P$  be a prime ideal of  $A$ . Write  $B = A/P$ ,  $A/P$  is weakly regular by Lemma 1, and thus  $B$  is fully right idempotent by Lemma 2. Moreover  $B$  is a prime algebra (Theorem 3.7.6 in (4)), then  $B$  is semiprime and  $B$  has no non-zero nilpotent ideal. Hence  $S = Soc(B) = Soc(B_B)$  (Proposition 5 in (2)). Putting  $H = B/S$ , by Lemma 3,  $H$  is an *MELT* algebra, and thus  $H$  is left quasi-duo algebra by Lemma 4. Hence  $H$  is strongly regular (Lemma 7 in (8)) and  $B$  is regular (Theorem 1 in (7)). Therefore  $A$  is regular (Corollary 1.18 in (1)).

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