

## CHAPTER X: GORENSTEIN RINGS, MATLIS DUALITY

### §1: GORENSTEIN RINGS

(10.1) Definition: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Artinian ring. The socle  $\mathcal{J}(A)$  of  $A$  is defined by  $\mathcal{J}(A) = \text{ann}(\mathfrak{m}) = \{a \in A \mid \mathfrak{m}a = 0\}$ .

(10.2) Remark: If  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  is a local Artinian ring, then  $\mathcal{J}(A)$  is an ideal of  $A$ . Since  $\text{Ass}_A(A) = \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{J}(A) \neq (0)$  if  $\mathfrak{m} \neq 0$ . If  $I \subseteq A$  is a nonzero ideal of  $A$  then  $\text{Ass}_A(I) = \{\mathfrak{m}\}$  and  $I \cap \mathcal{J}(A) \neq (0)$ . Moreover,  $\mathcal{J}(A)$  is a finite-dimensional  $k$ -vector space.

(10.3) Proposition: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Noetherian CM-ring of dimension  $d$  and let  $x_1, \dots, x_d \in \mathfrak{m}$  and  $y_1, \dots, y_d \in \mathfrak{m}$  be maximal regular sequences of  $A$ . Then  $\dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A/(x_1, \dots, x_d))) = \dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A/(y_1, \dots, y_d)))$ .

Proof: By induction on  $d$ : If  $d=0$ , there is nothing to show. If  $d=1$ , let  $x, y \in A$  be regular elements of  $A$ . Then  $xy$  is regular and it suffices to show that  $\dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A/(x))) = \dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A/(xy)))$ . Let  $a \in A - (x)$  with  $\mathfrak{m}a \subseteq (x)$ . Since  $y$  is regular,  $ay \notin (xy)$  and  $\mathfrak{m}ay \subseteq (xy)$ . Thus multiplication by  $y$  defines an injective  $k$ -linear map:  $\sigma: \mathcal{J}(A/(x)) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}(A/(xy))$  with  $\sigma(a+(x)) = ay+(xy)$ . We claim that  $\sigma$  is surjective. Let  $b \in A - (xy)$  with  $\mathfrak{m}b \subseteq (xy)$ . In particular,  $xb \in (xy)$  and thus  $b \in (y)$  since  $x$  is regular. Hence  $b = yt$  with a unique  $t \in A$ . Since  $y$  is regular,  $\mathfrak{m}ty \in (xy)$  implies  $\mathfrak{m}t \subseteq (x)$  and  $t+(x) \in \mathcal{J}(A/(x))$  with  $\sigma(t+(x)) = yt+(xy) = b+(xy)$ .  $\sigma$  is an isomorphism of  $k$ -vector spaces.

For the induction step suppose that the statement has been shown for local CM-rings of dimension  $< d$ . Let  $A$  be a local CM-ring of dimension  $d$  and let  $x_1, \dots, x_d$  and  $y_1, \dots, y_d$  be maximal regular sequences of  $A$ . Since  $x_d$  is regular on  $A/(x_1, \dots, x_{d-1})$  and  $y_d$  regular on  $A/(y_1, \dots, y_{d-1})$ ,  $\text{Ass}_A(A/(x_1, \dots, x_{d-1})) \cup \text{Ass}_A(A/(y_1, \dots, y_{d-1})) =$

$\{P_1, \dots, P_s\}$  with  $m \neq P_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq s$ . Let  $c \in m - (P_1 \cup \dots \cup P_s)$ . Then  $c$  is a regular element of  $A/(x_1, \dots, x_{d-1})$  and  $A/(y_1, \dots, y_{d-1})$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}, c$  and  $y_1, \dots, y_{d-1}, c$  are regular sequences. Hence  $c, x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}$  and  $c, y_1, \dots, y_{d-1}$  are regular sequences of  $A$ . Let  $\bar{A} = A/(c)$ . Then  $\bar{A}$  is a CM-ring of dimension  $d-1$  with regular sequences  $x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}$  and  $y_1, \dots, y_{d-1}$ . By induction hypothesis:

$$\dim_k(\mathcal{J}(\bar{A}/(x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}))) = \dim_k(\mathcal{J}(\bar{A}/(y_1, \dots, y_{d-1}))).$$

Let  $A' = A/(x_1)$ . Then again by induction hypothesis:

$$\dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A'/(x_2, \dots, x_d))) = \dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A'/(x_2, \dots, x_{d-1}, c))).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{This implies: } \dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A/(x_1, \dots, x_d))) &= \dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A/(x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}, c))) \\ &= \dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A/(y_1, \dots, y_{d-1}, c))) \\ &= \dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A/(y_1, \dots, y_d))). \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows by a similar argument as above.

(10.4) Definition: Let  $(A, m, k)$  be a local Noetherian CM-ring. The number  $r = \dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A/(x_1, \dots, x_d)))$ , where  $x_1, \dots, x_d$  is a SOP of  $A$ , is called the CM-type of  $A$ .  $A$  is called a Gorenstein ring if  $r=1$ . A Noetherian ring  $A$  is a Gorenstein ring if  $A_m$  is Gorenstein for all maximal ideals  $m \in A$ .

(10.5) Definition: Let  $A$  be a Noetherian ring. An ideal  $I \subseteq A$  is called irreducible if for all ideals  $K, \mathcal{J} \subseteq A$  with  $I = K \cap \mathcal{J}$  it follows that  $I=K$  or  $I=\mathcal{J}$ .

(10.6) Lemma: Let  $(A, m, k)$  be a local Noetherian ring and  $Q \subseteq A$  an  $m$ -primary ideal.  $Q$  is irreducible if and only if  $\dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A/Q)) = 1$ .

Proof: Obviously,  $Q$  is irreducible in  $A$  if and only if  $(0)$  is irreducible in  $A/Q$ . Thus we may assume that  $A$  is a local Artinian ring and have to show that  $(0) \subseteq A$  is irreducible if and only if  $\dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A)) = 1$ . If  $(0) = K \cap \mathcal{J}$  is reducible with  $K \neq (0)$  and  $\mathcal{J} \neq (0)$ , then  $K \cap \mathcal{J}(A) \neq (0)$  and  $\mathcal{J} \cap \mathcal{J}(A) \neq (0)$  and  $\dim_k(\mathcal{J}(A)) > 1$ . Conversely,

if  $\dim_k(\mathcal{Y}(A)) \geq 2$ , let  $K, \mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{Y}(A)$  be two nonzero subspaces with  $K \cap \mathcal{J} = (0)$ .  $K$  and  $\mathcal{J}$  are ideals of  $A$  and  $(0)$  is reducible.

(10.7) Definition: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local Noetherian ring. An ideal  $I \subseteq A$  is called a parameter ideal if  $I$  is generated by a system of parameters of  $A$ .

(10.8) Corollary: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local CM-ring. The following are equivalent:

- (a)  $A$  is Gorenstein
- (b)  $A$  contains an irreducible parameter ideal.
- (c) Every parameter ideal of  $A$  is irreducible.

Recall from chapter VII: If  $A$  is a ring and  $M$  an  $A$ -module, then  $\text{injdim } M \leq n \iff \text{Ext}_A^i(N, M) = 0$  for all  $i > n$  and every  $A$ -module  $N$   
 $\iff \text{Ext}_A^{n+i}(A/I, M) = 0$  for every  $A$ -ideal  $I$  (see (7.42)).

(10.9) Lemma: Let  $A$  be a Noetherian ring and  $M$  an  $A$ -module. Then  $\text{injdim } M \leq n$  if and only if  $\text{Ext}_A^{n+i}(A/P, M) = 0$  for every prime ideal  $P \subseteq A$ .

Proof: " $\Leftarrow$ " It suffices to show that  $\text{Ext}_A^{n+i}(N, M) = 0$  for every finitely generated  $A$ -module  $N$ .

Since  $A$  is Noetherian there is a decreasing chain of submodules of  $N$ :

$N = N_0 \supseteq N_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq N_s \supseteq N_{s+1} = (0)$  so that  $N_j/N_{j+1} \cong A/P_j$  for  $0 \leq j \leq s$  where  $P_j \subseteq A$

are prime ideals. We show by decreasing induction that  $\text{Ext}_A^{n+i}(N_j, M) = 0$ . By assumption  $\text{Ext}_A^{n+i}(N_s, M) = 0$ . Suppose that  $\text{Ext}_A^{n+i}(N_j, M) = 0$  for some  $0 < j \leq s$ .

The exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow N_j \rightarrow N_{j-1} \rightarrow N_{j-1}/N_j \rightarrow 0$  yields an exact

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{sequence:} & \text{Ext}_A^{n+i}(N_{j-1}/N_j, M) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}_A^{n+i}(N_{j-1}, M) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}_A^{n+i}(N_j, M) & \\ & \text{IS} & & & & \text{"} & \\ & \text{Ext}_A^{n+i}(A/P_{j-1}, M) = 0 & & & & 0 & \text{by ind. hyp.} \end{array}$$

Thus  $\text{Ext}_A^{n+i}(N_{j-1}, M) = 0$ .

(10.10) Lemma: Let  $A$  be a Noetherian ring,  $M$  an  $A$ -module, and  $N$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module. If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\text{Ext}_A^n(A/P, M) = 0$  for all  $P \in \text{Supp}(N)$ , then  $\text{Ext}_A^n(N, M) = 0$ .

Proof: Homework (use a similar argument as in (10.9))

(10.11) Proposition: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Noetherian local ring,  $M$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module, and  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$  with  $P \neq \mathfrak{m}$ . If  $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(A/Q, M) = 0$  for every prime ideal  $Q \neq P$ , then  $\text{Ext}_A^n(A/P, M) = 0$ .

Proof: Let  $x \in \mathfrak{m} - P$ . There is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A/P \xrightarrow{x} A/P \rightarrow N = A/(P, x) \rightarrow 0$ . For every  $Q \in \text{Supp}(N)$  we have  $P \subsetneq Q$  and thus  $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(A/Q, M) = 0$ . By (10.10)  $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(N, M) = 0$ . From the long exact sequence we obtain an exact sequence  $\text{Ext}_A^n(A/P, M) \xrightarrow{x} \text{Ext}_A^n(A/P, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(N, M) = 0$ . Thus  $\text{Ext}_A^n(A/P, M) = 0$  by Nakayama's Lemma.

(10.12) Proposition: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Noetherian ring and  $M \neq 0$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module. Then  $\text{injdim } M = \sup \{n \mid \text{Ext}_A^n(k, M) \neq 0\}$ .

Proof: Use (10.9) and (10.11).

(10.13) Corollary: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Noetherian ring,  $M \neq 0$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module with  $\text{injdim } M < \infty$ , and  $N$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module with  $\text{depth } N = 0$ . Then  $\text{injdim } M = \sup \{u \mid \text{Ext}_A^u(N, M) \neq 0\}$ .

Proof: It suffices to show that if  $t = \text{injdim } M < \infty$ , then  $\text{Ext}_A^t(N, M) \neq 0$ . Since  $\text{depth } N = 0$ , we have  $k = A/\mathfrak{m} \hookrightarrow N$  giving an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow N \rightarrow U \rightarrow 0$ . Thus  $\text{Ext}_A^t(N, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^t(k, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{t+1}(U, M)$  is exact. Since  $t = \text{injdim } M$ ,  $\text{Ext}_A^{t+1}(U, M) = 0$  and  $\text{Ext}_A^t(k, M) \neq 0$  by (10.12). Thus  $\text{Ext}_A^t(N, M) \neq 0$ .

(10.14) Lemma: Let  $A$  be a ring,  $M$  and  $N$   $A$ -modules, and  $x \in \text{ann}(N)$  a NZD on  $A$  and  $M$ . Then for all  $n \geq 0$   $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(N, M) \cong \text{Ext}_{A/(x)}^n(N, M/xM)$ . The isomorphism is natural in the first variable.

Proof: Let  $F = \text{Hom}_A(-, M/xM): A/(x)\text{-mod} \rightarrow A/(x)\text{-mod}$ . We want to show that  $R^n F \cong \text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(-, M)$  as contravariant functors on  $A/(x)\text{-mod}$ .

(1)  $F \cong \text{Ext}_A^1(-, M)$ . In order to prove this, consider the exact sequence

$0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{x} M \rightarrow M/xM \rightarrow 0$  and let  $N$  be an  $A/(x)$ -module. Since  $\text{Hom}_A(N, M) = 0$  we have an exact sequence:  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(N, M/xM) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^1(N, M) \xrightarrow{x \cong 0} \text{Ext}_A^1(N, M)$ .

(2) There is a long exact sequence  $\text{Ext}_A^i(-, M)$  which is natural in the first variable.

(3) Let  $P$  be a free  $A/(x)$ -module. Since  $x$  is a NZD on  $A$ ,  $\text{projdim}_A P \leq 1$  and  $\text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(P, M) = 0$  for all  $n+1 \geq 2$ .

It follows now by induction on  $n$  that  $R^n F \cong \text{Ext}_A^{n+1}(-, M)$ .

(10.15) Proposition: Let  $A$  be a local Noetherian ring,  $M$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module, and  $x$  a regular element on  $A$  and on  $M$ . Then  $\text{injdim}_{A/(x)} M/xM = \text{injdim}_A M - 1$ .

Proof: Use (10.12) and (10.14).

(10.16) Remark: We show in the next chapter: If  $A$  is a local Noetherian ring and  $M \neq 0$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module of finite injective dimension, then  $\text{dim } M \leq \text{injdim } M = \text{depth } A$ .

(10.17) Lemma: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Noetherian ring,  $M$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module, and  $\mathfrak{P} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$  a prime ideal with  $\text{ht}(\mathfrak{P}) = d$ . If  $\text{Ext}_A^{\text{ind}}(k, M) = 0$ , then  $\text{Ext}_{A_{\mathfrak{P}}}^i(k(\mathfrak{P}), M_{\mathfrak{P}}) = 0$  where  $k(\mathfrak{P}) = (A/\mathfrak{P})_{\mathfrak{P}}$ .

Proof: By (10.11)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(A/\mathfrak{P}, M) = 0$  and by (7.90)(b)  $\text{Ext}_{A_{\mathfrak{P}}}^i(k(\mathfrak{P}), M_{\mathfrak{P}}) \cong \text{Ext}_A^i(A/\mathfrak{P}, M)_{\mathfrak{P}} = 0$ .

(10.18) Theorem: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Noetherian ring of dimension  $n$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

(a)  $\text{injdim } A < \infty$

(a')  $\text{injdim } A = n$

(b)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(k, A) = 0$  for  $i \neq n$  and  $\text{Ext}_A^n(k, A) \cong k$

(c)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(k, A) = 0$  for some  $i > n$

(d)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(k, A) = 0$  for  $i < n$  and  $\text{Ext}_A^n(k, A) \cong k$

(d')  $A$  is a CM-ring and  $\text{Ext}_A^n(k, A) \cong k$

(e)  $A$  is a CM-ring and every parameter ideal is irreducible

(e')  $A$  is a CM-ring and there is an irreducible parameter ideal.

(f)  $A$  is a Gorenstein ring

Proof: By (10.8):  $(e) \Leftrightarrow (e') \Leftrightarrow (f)$ . We will show:  $(a) \Rightarrow (a') \Rightarrow (b) \Rightarrow (c) \Rightarrow (a)$  and  $(b) \Rightarrow (d) \Leftrightarrow (d') \Rightarrow (e) \Rightarrow (b)$ .

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (a'): Suppose that  $\text{injdim } A = r < \infty$ . Let  $P \subseteq A$  be a minimal prime ideal with  $\text{ht}(P) = n$ . Then  $PA_P \in \text{Ass}(A_P)$  and  $\text{Hom}_{A_P}(k(P), A_P) \neq 0$ . By (10.17)  $\text{Ext}_A^r(k, A) \neq 0$  and by (10.12)  $r \geq n$ . In order to show  $r \leq n$  we proceed by induction on  $r$ . If  $r = 0$ , we are done. Since  $\text{injdim } A = r$ , the functor  $T = \text{Ext}_A^r(-, A)$  is right exact by (7.42). Moreover, by (10.12)  $\text{Ext}_A^r(k, A) \neq 0$ . If  $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Ass}(A)$ , the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow A$  yields an exact sequence  $\text{Ext}_A^r(A, A) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^r(k, A) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $\text{Ext}_A^r(k, A) \neq 0$ , we obtain that  $\text{Ext}_A^r(A, A) \neq 0$ , a contradiction since  $r > 0$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{m} \notin \text{Ass}(A)$  and there is a regular element  $x \in \mathfrak{m}$ . By (10.15)  $B = A/(x)$  is a local Noetherian ring of injective dimension  $r-1$ . By induction hypothesis,  $r-1 \leq \text{dim } B \leq n-1$  and  $r \leq n$ .

(a')  $\Rightarrow$  (b): By induction on  $n$ . If  $n = 0$ , then  $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Ass}(A)$  and there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow k \rightarrow A$ . Since  $\text{injdim } A = 0$ , the sequence  $A \cong \text{Hom}_A(A, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(k, A) \rightarrow 0$  is  $\text{Hom}_A(k, A) \neq 0$  is cyclic and hence  $\text{Hom}_A(k, A) \cong k$ .

If  $n > 0$ , the same argument as in (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (a') yields that  $A$  contains a regular

element  $x \in \mathfrak{m}$ . By (10.15)  $B = A/(x)$  is a local Noetherian ring of injective dimension  $n-1$ . Thus by induction hypothesis and (10.14)  $\text{Ext}_A^{i+1}(k, A) \cong \text{Ext}_B^i(k, B) = 0$  for all  $i \geq n-1$  and  $\text{Ext}_R^n(k, A) \cong \text{Ext}_B^{n-1}(k, B) \cong k$ . Since  $x$  is a regular element on  $A$ ,  $\text{Hom}_A(k, A) = 0$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): trivial

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): By induction on  $n$ : If  $n=0$ , let  $\text{Ext}_A^i(k, A) = 0$  for some  $i > 0$ . Since  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the only prime ideal of  $A$ , by (10.9)  $\text{injdim } A \leq i < \infty$ .

Let  $n > 0$  and  $i > n$  with  $\text{Ext}_A^i(k, A) = 0$ . We want to show that  $\text{Ext}_A^i(A/P, A) = 0$  for every prime ideal  $P \subseteq A$ . Then by (10.9)  $\text{injdim } A \leq i$ . Assume that there is a prime ideal  $P \subseteq A$  with  $\text{Ext}_A^i(A/P, A) \neq 0$ . Since  $A$  is Noetherian, we may assume that  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$  is maximal with  $\text{Ext}_A^i(A/P, A) \neq 0$ . Then  $P \neq \mathfrak{m}$  and for  $x \in \mathfrak{m} - P$  consider the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A/P \xrightarrow{x} A/P \rightarrow A/P+(x) \rightarrow 0$ . This yields an exact sequence:

$$\text{Ext}_A^i(A/P+(x), A) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^i(A/P, A) \xrightarrow{x} \text{Ext}_A^i(A/P, A).$$

By assumption  $\text{Ext}_A^i(A/Q, A) = 0$  for all  $Q \in \text{Supp}(A/P+(x))$ . Thus by (10.10)

$\text{Ext}_A^i(A/P+(x), A) = 0$  and  $x$  is regular on  $\text{Ext}_A^i(A/P, A)$ . On the other hand, if  $\text{ht}(\mathfrak{m}/P) = d$ , then by (10.17)  $\text{Ext}_{A_P}^{i-d}(k(P), A_P) = 0$ . Since  $\dim A_P \leq n-d < i-d$ , by induction hypothesis  $\text{injdim } A_P < \infty$  and by '(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)':  $\text{Ext}_{A_P}^i(k(P), A_P) \cong \text{Ext}_A^i(A/P, A)_P = 0$ . Since  $\text{Ext}_A^i(A/P, A)$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module, there is an element  $x \in \mathfrak{m} - P$  with  $x \text{Ext}_A^i(A/P, A) = 0$ . Thus  $\text{Ext}_A^i(A/P, A) = 0$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (d): trivial

(d)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (d'): Theorem (8.16)

(d')  $\Rightarrow$  (f): Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be an SOP of  $A$ ,  $I = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , and  $B = A/I$ . Since  $A$  is a CM-ring,  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is a regular sequence of  $A$ . Repeated application of (10.14) yields:  $\text{Ext}_A^n(k, A) \cong \text{Ext}_{A/(x_1)}^{n-1}(k, A/(x_1)) \cong \dots \cong \text{Ext}_B^0(k, B) = \text{Hom}_B(k, B) \cong k$ .

Thus  $\dim_k(Y(B)) = 1$  and  $A$  is a Gorenstein ring.

(f)  $\Rightarrow$  (b): Since  $A$  is a CM-ring, by (8.16)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(k, A) = 0$  for  $i < n$ . If  $I = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \subseteq A$  is a parameter ideal of  $A$  and  $B = A/I$ , then by (10.14)  $\text{Ext}_A^n(k, A) \cong \text{Ext}_B^0(k, B) = \text{Hom}_B(k, B)$  and  $\text{Hom}_B(k, B) \cong k$ , since  $A$  is Gorenstein.

In order to show that  $\text{Ext}_A^i(k, A) = 0$  for all  $i > n$ , let  $I$  and  $B$  be as above.

By (10.14) it suffices to show that  $\text{Ext}_B^i(k, B) = 0$  for  $i > 0$ . Since  $\dim B = 0$ , by (10.9)  $\text{Ext}_B^1(k, B) = 0$  implies that  $\text{injdim } B \leq 1$  and it suffices to show that  $\text{Ext}_B^1(k, B) = 0$ . Let  $B = N_r \supseteq N_{r-1} \supseteq \dots \supseteq N_1 \supseteq N_0 = 0$  be a descending chain of ideals with  $N_i/N_{i-1} \cong k$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq r$ . This yields short exact sequences:  $0 \rightarrow N_i \rightarrow N_{i+1} \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq r-1$  inducing long exact sequences:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(k, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(N_{i+1}, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(N_i, B) \xrightarrow{\delta_i} \text{Ext}_B^1(k, B).$$

Since  $B$  is Gorenstein,  $\text{Hom}_B(k, B) \cong \text{Hom}_B(N_1, B) \cong k$  and by induction on  $i$   $\ell_B(\text{Hom}_B(N_i, B)) \leq i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq r$ . Moreover,  $\ell_B(\text{Hom}_B(N_i, B)) = i \iff \delta_j = 0$  for all  $j \leq i$ . Since  $\ell_B(\text{Hom}_B(B, B)) = \ell_B(B) = r$  it follows that  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \dots = \delta_{r-1} = 0$ . Thus the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow N_{r-1} \rightarrow N_r = B \rightarrow 0$  yields a long exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}_B^1(k, B) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_B^1(B, B) \rightarrow \dots. \text{ Since } \text{Ext}_B^1(B, B) = 0, \text{ Ext}_B^1(k, B) = 0 \text{ and } \text{injdim } B \leq 1.$$

(10.19) Corollary: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Noetherian CM-ring of CM-type  $r$  and dimension  $n$ . Then  $r = \dim_k(\text{Ext}_A^n(k, A))$ .

Proof: Let  $I = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a parameter ideal of  $A$  and  $B = A/I$ . By (10.14):  $\text{Ext}_A^n(k, A) \cong \text{Hom}_B(k, B)$  and  $r = \dim_k(\mathcal{Y}(B)) = \dim_k(\text{Hom}_B(k, B))$ .

(10.20) Theorem: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Gorenstein ring and  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$ . Then  $A_P$  is a local Gorenstein ring.

Proof: Consider a finite injective resolution of  $A$ :  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E_0 \rightarrow E_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E_n \rightarrow 0$ . By Homework 5, #5:  $(E_i)_P$  is an injective  $A_P$ -module and  $0 \rightarrow A_P \rightarrow E_{0P} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow E_{nP} \rightarrow 0$  is a finite injective resolution of  $A_P$ . Thus  $\text{injdim } A_P < \infty$ .

(10.21) Theorem: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Noetherian ring and  $\hat{A}$  the  $\mathfrak{m}$ -adic completion of  $A$ .  $A$  is Gorenstein if and only if  $\hat{A}$  is Gorenstein.



Proof: By (9.53)  $A$  is CM if and only if  $\hat{A}$  is CM. Let  $I = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a parameter ideal of  $A$ . Then  $I\hat{A}$  is a parameter ideal of  $\hat{A}$  and  $A/I \cong \hat{A}/I\hat{A}$ .

Recall from Chapter 7:

Let  $A$  be a Noetherian ring,  $M$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module, and  $E^\bullet$  a minimal injective resolution of  $M$ . Then  $E^i \cong \bigoplus_{P \in \text{Spec}(A)} E(A/P)^{\mu_i(P, M)}$ , where  $\mu_i(P, M) = \dim_{k(P)} \text{Ext}_{A_P}^i(k(P), M_P)$  is the  $i$ th Bass number of  $M$  with respect to  $P$ .

(10.21A) Theorem: Let  $A$  be a Noetherian ring and  $E^\bullet$  a minimal injective resolution of  $A$ .  $A$  is Gorenstein if and only if for all  $i \geq 0$ :  $E^i \cong \bigoplus_{\text{ht } P = i} E(A/P)$  or equivalently, for all  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$ :  $\mu_i(P, A) = \delta_{i, \text{ht } P}$ .

Proof: " $\Leftarrow$ ": Suppose that  $\mu_i(P, A) = \delta_{i, \text{ht } P}$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and all  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$ .

By Homework 5, #5 for all  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$ ,  $E_P^\bullet$  is a minimal injective resolution of  $A_P$ . Since  $E_P^\bullet$  is finite,  $\text{injdim}(A_P) < \infty$  and  $A_P$  is Gorenstein.

" $\Rightarrow$ ": Let  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$ . By assumption  $A_P$  is Gorenstein, thus by (10.18)  $\text{Ext}_{A_P}^i(k(P), A_P) = 0$  for  $i \neq \dim A_P = \text{ht } P$  and  $\text{Ext}_{A_P}^i(k(P), A_P) \cong k(P)$  if  $i = \dim A_P = \text{ht } P$ . Thus  $\mu_i(P, A) = \delta_{i, \text{ht } P}$ .

## § 2: MATLUS DUALITY

Recall from Chapter VII:

Let  $A$  be a Noetherian ring and  $E$  an injective  $A$ -module. Then

$$E \cong \bigoplus_{P \in \text{Spec}(A)} E(A/P)_{\mu_P}$$

where  $E(A/P)$  is the injective hull of  $A/P$  and  $\mu_P = \dim_{k(P)} \text{Hom}_{A_P}(k(P), E_P)$  (7.65).

Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Noetherian ring and  $E = E(k)$  the injective hull of  $k$ . For an  $A$ -module  $M$  set  $M' = \text{Hom}_A(M, E)$ . Then  $M'' = \text{Hom}_A(M, E)' = \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, E), E)$  and there is a canonical map  $\theta: M \rightarrow M'' = \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, E), E)$  defined by: for  $x \in M$ ,  $\theta(x): \text{Hom}_A(M, E) \rightarrow E$  is given by  $\theta(x)(\varphi) = \varphi(x)$  for all  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_A(M, E)$ . Note that  $\theta$  is  $A$ -linear.

(10.22) Proposition: Assumptions as above and suppose  $M \neq 0$ .

- (a) For all  $x \in M - (0)$  there is an  $\varphi \in M'$  with  $\varphi(x) \neq 0$ . In particular,  $\varphi$  is injective.  
 (b) If  $M$  is an  $A$ -module of finite length then  $\ell_A(M) = \ell_A(M')$  and  $\theta$  is an isomorphism.

Proof: (a) The submodule  $Ax$  of  $M$  is isomorphic to  $A/\text{ann}(x)$ . Let  $f$  be the composition of maps:  $f: Ax \xrightarrow{\cong} A/\text{ann}(x) \xrightarrow{\text{can}} k \hookrightarrow E$ . Then  $f(x) \neq 0$ . Since  $E$  is injective,  $f$  extends to an  $A$ -linear map  $\varphi: M \rightarrow E$  with  $\varphi(x) \neq 0$ .

(b) Let  $M_1 \subseteq M$  be a submodule with  $\ell_A(M_1) = n-1 = \ell_A(M) - 1$ . The exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0$  yields an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow k' \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M'_1 \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $E$  is an essential extension of  $k$ :  $k' = \text{Hom}_A(k, E) \cong \text{Hom}_A(k, k) \cong k$  and thus  $\ell_A(M') = \ell_A(M'_1) + 1$ . The statement follows by induction on  $n = \ell_A(M)$ .

(10.23) Proposition: Assumptions as above. Let  $\hat{A}$  be the  $\mathfrak{m}$ -adic completion of  $A$ .

- (a)  $E$  is an  $\hat{A}$ -module. Moreover,  $E$  is the injective hull of the  $\hat{A}$ -module  $k$ .

$$(b) \operatorname{Hom}_A(E, E) = \operatorname{Hom}_{\hat{A}}(E, E) \cong \hat{A}.$$

Proof: (a) We claim that the canonical map  $\sigma: E \rightarrow E \otimes_A \hat{A}$  defined by  $\sigma(x) = x \otimes 1$  is an isomorphism. Let  $x \otimes \hat{a} \in E \otimes_A \hat{A}$ . By (7.59) there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m^n x = 0$ . Since  $A$  is dense in  $\hat{A}$ , there is an  $a_0 \in A$  so that  $\hat{a} - a_0 \in m^n \hat{A}$ . Thus  $\hat{a} = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \hat{b}_i$  where  $\gamma_i \in m^n \subseteq A$  and  $\hat{b}_i \in \hat{A}$ . Then  $x \otimes \hat{a} = x \otimes (a_0 + \sum \gamma_i \hat{b}_i) = x \otimes a_0 + x \otimes \sum \gamma_i \hat{b}_i = a_0 x \otimes 1 + \sum \gamma_i x \otimes \hat{b}_i = a_0 x \otimes 1$ . Thus  $\sigma$  is surjective. In order to show that  $\sigma$  is injective consider the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & E \otimes_A \hat{A} \\ \varepsilon \uparrow & & \uparrow \delta = \varepsilon \otimes \hat{A} \\ k & \xrightarrow{g} & k \otimes_A \hat{A} \end{array}$$

$\varepsilon$  and  $g$  are injective. Since  $\hat{A}$  is flat over  $A$ ,  $\delta$  is injective. Thus  $\sigma \varepsilon = \delta g$  is injective. Since  $E$  is an essential extension of  $k$ ,  $\sigma$  is injective.

Let  $F$  be the injective hull of  $E$  as an  $\hat{A}$ -module. Then  $F$  is the injective hull of the  $\hat{A}$ -module  $k$  and by (7.59) every element of  $F$  is annihilated by some power of  $m \hat{A}$ .  $F$  is an  $A$ -module with  $E \subseteq F$  and since  $E$  is injective over  $A$ , there is a submodule  $C$  of  $F$  with  $F = E \oplus C$ . Since every element of  $C$  is annihilated by some power of  $m \hat{A}$ ,  $C$  is an  $\hat{A}$ -module. But  $F$  is indecomposable as  $\hat{A}$ -module. Thus  $C = 0$  and  $F = E$ .

(b) For  $\nu > 0$  set  $E_\nu = \{x \in E \mid m^\nu x = 0\}$ .  $E_\nu$  is a module over  $A$  and  $\hat{A}$ ,  $E_\nu \subseteq E_{\nu+1}$ , and  $E = \bigcup E_\nu = \varinjlim E_\nu$ . Thus by (7.91)  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(E, E) = \operatorname{Hom}_A(\varinjlim E_\nu, E) = \varprojlim \operatorname{Hom}_A(E_\nu, E)$ . Since  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(A/m^\nu, E) \cong E_\nu$ ,  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(E_\nu, E) = E'_\nu = (A/m^\nu)''$ .  $A/m^\nu$  is an  $A$ -module of finite length, thus by (10.22):  $A/m^\nu \cong (A/m^\nu)''$ . Thus  $\varprojlim \operatorname{Hom}_A(E_\nu, E) \cong \varprojlim A/m^\nu \cong \hat{A}$  as  $A$ -modules. Since  $E_\nu$  is also an  $\hat{A}$ -module, the same argument shows that  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\hat{A}}(E, E) \cong \hat{A}$  as  $\hat{A}$ -modules.

(10.24) Remark: (10.23)(b) shows that every  $\hat{A}$ -linear map:  $f: E \rightarrow E$  is the multiplication by some  $\hat{a} \in \hat{A}$ .

(10.25) Theorem: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Noetherian ring and  $E = E_A(k)$  the injective hull of  $k$ .  $E$  is an Artinian module over  $A$  and  $\hat{A}$ .

Proof: Note that every  $A$ -submodule of  $E$  is also an  $\hat{A}$ -submodule. Thus we may assume that  $A$  is complete. If  $M \subseteq E$  is a submodule let  $M^\perp = \text{ann}(M) = \{a \in A \mid aM = 0\}$  and if  $I \subseteq A$  is an ideal let  $I^\perp = 0 :_E I = \{x \in E \mid Ix = 0\}$ . Obviously,  $M \subseteq M^{\perp\perp}$ . We want to show that  $M^{\perp\perp} = M$ . Consider the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E \rightarrow E/M \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $E$  is injective, the sequence  $0 \rightarrow (E/M)' \xrightarrow{(*)} E'$  is exact, where  $(E/M)' = \text{Hom}_A(E/M, E)$  and  $E' = \text{Hom}_A(E, E) \cong \hat{A}$  (10.23). Thus for every  $f \in \text{Hom}_A(E, E)$  there is an  $\hat{a} \in \hat{A}$  so that  $f(x) = \hat{a}x$  for all  $x \in E$ . Every  $g \in \text{Hom}_A(E/M, E)$  is mapped under  $(*)$  into an  $f \in \text{Hom}_A(E, E)$  with  $f|_M = 0$  and conversely every  $f \in \text{Hom}_A(E, E)$  with  $f|_M = 0$  factors through a  $g \in \text{Hom}_A(E/M, E)$ . Thus  $\text{Hom}_A(E/M, E) \cong M^\perp$  and the embedding  $(*)$  corresponds to the embedding  $0 \rightarrow M^\perp \hookrightarrow A$ . By (10.22) for all  $x \in E - M$  there is an  $\varphi \in (E/M)'$  with  $\varphi(x+M) \neq 0$ . Thus for all  $x \in E - M$  there is an  $a \in M^\perp$  with  $ax \neq 0$ . This shows that  $M^{\perp\perp} \subseteq M$  and hence  $M^{\perp\perp} = M$ .

If  $I \subseteq A$  is an ideal, the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow A \rightarrow A/I \rightarrow 0$  yields an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow (A/I)' \xrightarrow{(\tilde{*})} A' = \text{Hom}_A(A, E) \cong E$ . Under  $(\tilde{*})$   $(A/I)'$  is mapped onto  $I^\perp$ . If  $a \in A - I$ , by (10.22) there is a  $\varphi \in (A/I)'$  with  $\varphi(a+I) \neq 0$ . Let  $x = \varphi(1+I) \in I^\perp$ . Then  $Ix = 0$  and  $a \notin \text{ann}(x)$ . Since  $I^{\perp\perp} = \bigcap_{x \in I^\perp} \text{ann}(x)$  it follows that  $I^{\perp\perp} \subseteq I$  and hence  $I^{\perp\perp} = I$ .

This shows that  ${}^\perp$  defines order-reversing bijections between the sets:

$$\{M \mid M \subseteq E \text{ a submodule}\} \xrightleftharpoons{{}^\perp} \{I \mid I \subseteq A \text{ an ideal}\}.$$

Since  $A$  is Noetherian,  $E$  is Artinian.

(10.26) Theorem: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a complete local Noetherian ring and  $E = E_A(k)$  the injective hull of  $k$ .

(a) If  $M$  is a Noetherian  $A$ -module, then  $M' = \text{Hom}_A(M, E)$  is an Artinian  $A$ -module and  $M'' \cong M$ .

(b) If  $M$  is an Artinian  $A$ -module, then  $M' = \text{Hom}_A(M, E)$  is a Noetherian  $A$ -module and  $M'' \cong M$ .

Proof: (a) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $A^n \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$  exact. Since  $E$  is injective, the sequence  $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow (A^n)' = \text{Hom}_A(A^n, E) \cong \text{Hom}_A(A, E)^n \cong E^n$  is exact.  $E^n$  is an Artinian  $A$ -module and so is every submodule of  $E^n$ . Thus  $M'$  is Artinian. Since  $(E^n)' = \text{Hom}_A(E^n, E) \cong \text{Hom}_A(E, E)^n \cong A^n$  there is a commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A^n & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \cong \downarrow \theta' & & \downarrow \theta & & \\ (E^n)'' & \longrightarrow & M'' & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

By (10.22)  $\theta$  is injective, hence  $\theta$  is an isomorphism.

(b) We claim that there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $M$  can be considered a submodule of  $E^n$ . For all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  consider all  $A$ -linear maps  $\tau: M \rightarrow E^m$ . This yields a set  $\Gamma$  of submodules  $\ker(\tau)$  of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is Artinian, there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and an  $A$ -linear map  $\varphi: M \rightarrow E^n$  so that  $\ker(\varphi)$  is minimal in  $\Gamma$ . If  $\ker(\varphi) \neq 0$  and  $x \in \ker(\varphi) - (0)$ , by (10.22) there is an  $A$ -linear map  $\sigma: M \rightarrow E$  with  $\sigma(x) \neq 0$ . Let  $\rho: M \rightarrow E^{n+1}$  be defined by  $\rho(y) = (\varphi(y), \sigma(y))$ . Then  $\ker(\rho) = \ker(\varphi) \cap \ker(\sigma) \subsetneq \ker(\varphi)$ , a contradiction. Thus  $\ker(\varphi) = 0$ .

Let  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E^n$  be exact. Then  $(E^n)' \rightarrow M' \rightarrow 0$  is exact and  $(E^n)' \cong A^n$ .  $M'$  is a Noetherian  $A$ -module.

In order to show that  $M'' \cong M$  note that every homomorphic image of an Artinian module is Artinian. The exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E^n \rightarrow E^n/M \rightarrow 0$  yields a commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & E^n & \longrightarrow & E^n/M \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \theta \downarrow & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \bar{\theta} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & M'' & \longrightarrow & (E^n)'' & \longrightarrow & (E^n/M)'' \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

By (10.22)  $\theta$  and  $\bar{\theta}$  are injective. Thus  $\bar{\theta}$  is an isomorphism. Hence  $\theta$  is an isomorphism by the 5-Lemma.

### §3: THE CANONICAL MODULE

(10.27) Definition: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Noetherian ring and  $M$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module with depth  $M = d$ . The number  $r(M) = \dim_k \text{Ext}_A^d(k, M)$  is called the type of  $M$ .

(10.28) Lemma: Let  $A$  be a Noetherian ring,  $M$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  an  $M$ -sequence. Suppose that  $N$  is an  $A$ -module with  $I = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \subseteq \text{ann}(N)$ . Then  $\text{Hom}_A(N, M/IM) \cong \text{Ext}_A^n(N, M)$ .

Proof: Set  $M_0 = M$  and  $M_i = M/(x_1, \dots, x_i)M$ . We show by induction on  $i$  that  $\text{Ext}_A^{n-i-1}(N, M_{i+1}) \cong \text{Ext}_A^{n-i}(N, M_i)$ . If  $i=0$  the exact sequence

$0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{x_1} M \rightarrow M/x_1M \rightarrow 0$  yields a long exact sequence:

$$\text{Ext}_A^{n-1}(N, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{n-1}(N, M_1) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^n(N, M) \xrightarrow{\varphi} \text{Ext}_A^n(N, M)$$

where  $\varphi$  is multiplication by  $x_1$ . Since  $x_1 \in \text{ann}(N)$ ,  $\varphi = 0$  and  $\text{Ext}_A^{n-1}(N, M) = 0$

by (8.14). For the induction step  $i \Rightarrow i+1$  consider the exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow M_i \xrightarrow{x_{i+1}} M_i \rightarrow M_{i+1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ and repeat the argument. Thus } \text{Hom}_A(N, M_n) \cong \text{Ext}_A^n(N, M).$$

(10.29) Remark: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Noetherian ring,  $M$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module and  $x_1, \dots, x_d$  a maximal  $M$ -sequence. Then  $r(M) = \dim_k \text{Hom}_A(k, M/IM)$  where  $I = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$ .  $\text{Hom}_A(k, M/IM) \cong 0$ :  $M/IM$  is called the socle of  $M/IM$ .

Recall from Chapter VIII: Let  $A$  be a local Noetherian ring and  $M$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module.  $M$  is called a maximal CM-module (MCM) if  $\text{depth } M = \dim A$

(10.30) Definition: Let  $A$  be a local CM-ring. A finitely generated  $A$ -module  $C$  is called a canonical module of  $A$  if  $C$  is a MCM,  $r(C) = 1$ , and  $\text{injdim}_A C < \infty$ .

(10.31) Examples: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local Noetherian ring.

(a) If  $A$  is Gorenstein then  $A$  is a canonical module of  $A$ .

(b) If  $A$  is Artinian then  $E_A(k)$  is a canonical module of  $A$ . Conversely, every canonical module of  $A$  is isomorphic to  $E_A(k)$ .

Proof: (b) The Artinian local ring  $A$  is complete. Thus by Matlis duality (10.26)  $A' = \text{Hom}_A(A, E_A(k)) \cong E_A(k)$  is a Noetherian  $A$ -module. Thus  $E_A(k)$  is finitely generated. Conversely, if  $C$  is a canonical module of  $A$ , then  $\text{injdim } C \leq \text{depth } A = 0$  (chapter  $\bar{X}1$ ) and  $C$  is injective. Now use (7.63).

(10.32) Lemma: Let  $A$  be a local Noetherian ring,  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  an  $A$ -linear map of finitely generated  $A$ -modules and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  an  $N$ -regular sequence. Let  $I = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . If  $\varphi \otimes_A A/I$  is an isomorphism, then so is  $\varphi$ .

Proof: By Nakayama's Lemma  $\varphi$  is surjective. Thus there is an exact sequence  $C: 0 \rightarrow U \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\varphi} N \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is an  $N$ -sequence by Homework #6, problem 4,  $C \otimes_A A/I$  is exact. Thus  $U \otimes_A A/I \cong \ker(\varphi \otimes_A A/I) = 0$  and  $U = 0$  by Nakayama's Lemma.

(10.33) Lemma: Let  $A$  be a local Noetherian ring and  $M$  a MCM  $A$ -module. Every  $A$ -regular sequence is  $M$ -regular.

Proof: Obviously,  $M \neq 0$ . If  $P \in \text{Ass}_A(M)$  then by (8.21)  $\dim A/P \geq \text{depth } M = \dim A$  and  $P$  is a minimal prime of  $A$ . Hence  $P \in \text{Ass}(A)$  and every  $A$ -regular element  $x$  is  $M$ -regular. Since  $M/xM$  is a MCM  $A/(x)$ -module the assertion follows by induction.

(10.34) Proposition: Let  $A$  be a local CM ring of dimension  $d$ ,  $M$  a finitely generated

$A$ -module, and  $C$  a MCM  $A$ -module.

(a) If  $M$  is CM of dimension  $t$  and  $\text{injdim}_A C < \infty$  then  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) = 0$  for  $i \neq d-t$  and  $\text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C)$  is CM of dimension  $t$ .

(b) If  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$  then  $\text{depth Hom}_A(M, C) \geq d$

(c) If  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$  and  $M$  is MCM and  $x_1, \dots, x_d$  is an  $A$ -regular sequence then  $\text{Hom}_A(M, C) \otimes_A A/(x) \cong \text{Hom}_{A/(x)}(M/(x)M, C/(x)C)$  via the natural map.

Proof: (a) By (8.20)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) = 0$  for all  $i < \text{depth } C - \dim M = d-t$ . Since  $\text{ann}(M) \subseteq \text{ann}(\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C))$ ,  $\dim \text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C) \leq \dim M = t$ . We want to show by induction on  $t$  that  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) = 0$  for  $i > d-t$  and that  $\text{depth Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C) = t$ .

If  $t = \text{depth } M = 0$ , then by (10.13)  $\text{injdim } C = d = \max \{i \mid \text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) \neq 0\}$ . Hence  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) = 0$  for  $i > d$  and  $\text{Ext}_A^d(M, C) \neq 0$ . Moreover,  $\text{depth Ext}_A^d(M, C) = 0$  since  $\dim \text{Ext}_A^d(M, C) = 0$ . Let  $t \geq 1$  and let  $x \in m_A$  be an  $M$ -regular element. The exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{x} M \rightarrow M/xM \rightarrow 0$  yields a long exact sequence:

$$\dots \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^i(M/xM, C) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) \xrightarrow{x} \text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1}(M/xM, C) \rightarrow \dots$$

$M/xM$  is a CM-module of dimension  $t-1$ . For  $i \neq d-t$ , by induction hypothesis,  $\text{Ext}_A^{i+1}(M/xM, C) = 0$ , hence by Nakayama's Lemma  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) = 0$ . For  $i = d-t$

we have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C) \xrightarrow{x} \text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{d-t+1}(M/xM, C) \rightarrow 0$ . Thus  $\text{Ext}_A^{d-t+1}(M/xM, C) \cong \text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C) / x \text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C)$ .

By induction hypothesis  $\text{depth Ext}_A^{d-t+1}(M/xM, C) = t-1$  and hence

$$\text{depth Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C) = t.$$

(b) Let  $F_\bullet$  be a finite free  $A$ -resolution of  $M$ . Since  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$ , the sequence  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, C) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(F_0, C)$  is exact. This yields an exact sequence:

$$(*) \quad 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, C) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(F_0, C) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(F_{d-1}, C) \rightarrow B_d \rightarrow 0$$

with  $\text{Hom}_A(F_i, C) \cong C^{b_i}$ ,  $\text{depth Hom}_A(F_i, C) = d$  and  $\text{depth } B_d \geq 1$ . Splitting  $(*)$

into short exact sequences  $0 \rightarrow B_i \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(F_i, C) \rightarrow B_{i+1} \rightarrow 0$  and

applying (8.28) yields that  $\text{depth } B_i \geq \min \{d, \text{depth } B_{i+1} + 1\}$ . Thus

$$\text{depth Hom}_A(M, C) = d.$$



(c) Let  $x \in \mathfrak{m}_A$  be  $A$ -regular. By (10.33)  $x$  is  $M$ - and  $C$ -regular and  $M/xM$ ,  $C/xC$  are MCM over  $A/(x)$ . From the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{x} M \rightarrow M/xM \rightarrow 0$  we obtain  $0 = \text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1}(M/xM, C) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{i+1}(M, C) = 0$  and thus  $\text{Ext}_A^{i+1}(M/xM, C) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . By (10.14)  $\text{Ext}_{A/(x)}^i(M/xM, C/xC) \cong \text{Ext}_A^{i+1}(M/xM, C) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$  and the  $A/(x)$ -modules  $M/xM$  and  $C/xC$  satisfy the assumptions.

We proceed by induction on  $d$ . If  $x_1 = x \in \mathfrak{m}_A$  is  $A$ -regular, the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow C \xrightarrow{x} C \rightarrow C/xC \rightarrow 0$  induces an exact sequence:  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, C) \xrightarrow{x} \text{Hom}_A(M, C) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, C/xC) = \text{Hom}_{A/(x)}(M/xM, C/xC) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^1(M, C) = 0$ .

Thus  $\text{Hom}_{A/(x)}(M/xM, C/xC) \cong \text{Hom}_A(M, C) \otimes_A A/(x)$ . This shows the case  $d=1$ .

If  $d > 1$ , let  $x_1, \dots, x_d$  be an  $A$ -regular sequence. Then by induction hypothesis:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{A/(x)}(M/(x), C/(x)) &\cong \text{Hom}_{A/(x_1)}(M/x_1M, C/x_1C) \otimes_{A/(x_1)} A/(x) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_A(M, C) \otimes_A A/(x). \end{aligned}$$

(10.35) **Theorem:** Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local CM-ring of dimension  $d$ ,  $\underline{x} = x_1, \dots, x_d$  an  $A$ -regular sequence, and  $C, C'$  canonical modules of  $A$ .

(a)  $\underline{x}$  is regular on  $C$  and  $C/(\underline{x})C \cong E_{A/(\underline{x})}(k)$

(b)  $C \cong C'$ ; in particular, we can talk about 'the' canonical module of  $A$ , denoted by  $\omega_A$ , provided it exists.

Proof: (a) By (10.33)  $\underline{x}$  is regular on  $C$ . Thus  $r(C/(\underline{x})) = r(C) = 1$  by (10.29) and  $\text{injdim}_{A/(\underline{x})} C/(\underline{x})C < \infty$  by (10.15). Hence  $C/(\underline{x})C$  is a canonical module of the Artinian local ring  $A/(\underline{x})$  and by (10.31)  $C/(\underline{x})C \cong E_{A/(\underline{x})}(k)$ .

(b) Let  $\bar{A} = A/(\underline{x})$ .  $C$  and  $C'$  are MCM modules and  $\text{injdim } C' < \infty$ . By (10.34)(a)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(C, C') = 0$  for all  $i > 0$  and by (10.34)(c)  $\text{Hom}_A(C, C') \otimes_A \bar{A} \cong \text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(C/(\underline{x})C, C'/(\underline{x})C')$  via the natural map. By (a) there is an isomorphism  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(C/(\underline{x})C, C'/(\underline{x})C')$ .

Thus there is a  $\psi \in \text{Hom}_A(C, C')$  with  $\psi \otimes_A \bar{A} = \varphi$ . By (10.32)  $\psi$  is an isomorphism since  $\underline{x}$  is regular on  $C'$ .

(10.36) Theorem: Let  $A$  be a local Noetherian ring. The following are equivalent:

- (a)  $A$  is Gorenstein
- (b)  $A$  is CM,  $\omega_A$  exists and  $\omega_A \cong A$ .

Proof: By (10.18)  $A$  is Gorenstein if and only if  $A$  is CM,  $r(A)=1$ , and  $\text{injdim}_A A < \infty$ . The assertion follows.

(10.37) Theorem: Let  $A$  be a local CM ring of dimension  $d$ , and  $C$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module. The following are equivalent:

- (a)  $C \cong \omega_A$
- (b) For every  $t$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq d$ , and every CM  $A$ -module  $M$  of dimension  $t$ :
  - (i)  $\text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C)$  is a CM-module of dimension  $t$
  - (ii)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) = 0$  for all  $i \neq d-t$
  - (iii) there is a natural isomorphism  $M \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(\text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C), C)$
- (c) For every MCM  $A$ -module  $M$ :
  - (i)  $\text{Hom}_A(M, C)$  is a MCM  $A$ -module
  - (ii)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$
  - (iii) the natural map  $M \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, C), C)$  is an isomorphism.
- (d) (i)  $C$  is a maximal CM module
- (ii)  $\text{injdim}_A C < \infty$
- (iii) the natural map  $A \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{End}_A(C) = \text{Hom}_A(C, C)$  is an isomorphism.

Proof: (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b): (i) and (ii) follow from (10.34). In order to prove (iii) notice that  $\text{ht ann}(M) = d-t$ . Since  $A$  is CM, there is a regular sequence  $\underline{x} = x_1, \dots, x_{d-t} \in \text{ann}(M)$ . By (10.33)  $\underline{x}$  is a regular sequence on  $C$ . We claim that  $C/(\underline{x})C$  is the canonical module of  $A/(\underline{x})$ .  $C/(\underline{x})C$  is a MCM  $A/(\underline{x})$ -module of dimension  $t$  and by (10.14)  $\text{Ext}_A^d(k, C) \cong \text{Ext}_{A/(\underline{x})}^t(k, C/(\underline{x})C) \cong k$  and by (10.15)  $\text{injdim}_{A/(\underline{x})}(C/(\underline{x})C) < \infty$ . Thus  $C/(\underline{x})C$  is the canonical module of  $A/(\underline{x})$ . By (10.28):

By (10.28)  $\text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(\text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C), C) \cong \text{Hom}_A(\text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C), C/(\underline{x})C)$  and  $\text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C) \cong \text{Hom}_A(M, C/(\underline{x})C)$ . Thus there is a natural isomorphism  $\text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(\text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, C), C) \cong \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, C/(\underline{x})C), C/(\underline{x})C) \cong \text{Hom}_{A/(\underline{x})}(\text{Hom}_{A/(\underline{x})}(M/(\underline{x})M, C/(\underline{x})C), C/(\underline{x})C)$ . Hence we may replace  $A$  by  $A/(\underline{x})$  and assume that  $M$  is MCM  $A$ -module, i.e.  $t=d$ .

Let  $\varphi_M: M \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, C), C)$  be the natural map defined by  $\varphi_M(m): \text{Hom}_A(M, C) \rightarrow C$  with  $\varphi_M(m)(f) = f(m)$ . Let  $\underline{y} = y_1, \dots, y_d$  be a regular  $A$ -sequence and let  $\bar{A} = A/(\underline{y})$ . By (i)  $\text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, C), C)$  is MCM and by (10.33)  $\underline{y}$  is a regular sequence on this module. By (10.32) it suffices to show that  $\varphi_M \otimes \bar{A}$  is an isomorphism. By (ii)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$  and thus by (10.34)(c)  $\text{Hom}_A(M, C) \otimes \bar{A} \cong \text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(M/(\underline{y})M, C/(\underline{y})C)$ . Similarly,  $\text{Hom}_A(M, C)$  is MCM and  $\text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, C), C) \otimes \bar{A} \cong \text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(\text{Hom}_A(M, C) \otimes \bar{A}, C/(\underline{y})C)$ . Thus  $\text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, C), C) \otimes \bar{A} \cong \text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(\text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(M/(\underline{y})M, C/(\underline{y})C), C/(\underline{y})C)$  and  $\varphi_M \otimes \bar{A} = \varphi_{M \otimes \bar{A}}$ . By (10.35)  $C \otimes \bar{A} \cong E_{\bar{A}}(k)$ . The natural map  $\varphi_{M \otimes \bar{A}}: M \otimes \bar{A} \rightarrow (M \otimes \bar{A})^{\#}$  is an isomorphism by (10.22).

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): trivial

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d): (i) and (iii) follow immediately from (c) applied to  $M=A$ . In order to prove (ii) let  $N$  be a finitely generated  $A$ -module and let  $M$  be a (finitely generated)  $d$ th syzygy module of  $N$ . By (8.22)  $M$  is a MCM  $A$ -module since  $A$  is CM of dimension  $d$ . By assumption (c)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) = 0$  and by (7.36)  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, C) \cong \text{Ext}_A^{d+i}(N, C) = 0$  since  $M$  is an  $d$ th syzygy module of  $N$ . By (7.42)  $\text{injdim}_A C \leq d < \infty$ .

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): It remains to show that  $r(C) = 1$ . Let  $\underline{x} = x_1, \dots, x_d$  be an  $A$ -sequence,  $A/(\underline{x}) = \bar{A}$ , and  $E = E_{\bar{A}}(k)$ . Since  $C$  is MCM,  $\underline{x}$  is  $C$ -regular and  $r(C) = r(C/(\underline{x})C)$  by (10.29). By (10.15)  $\text{injdim}_{\bar{A}} C/(\underline{x})C < \infty$  and  $C/(\underline{x})C$  is an injective  $\bar{A}$ -module, hence  $C/(\underline{x})C \cong E^r$  with  $r = r(C/(\underline{x})C)$ . Since  $C$  is MCM by (10.34)(a), (c)

$A \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{End}_A(C)$  specializes to an isomorphism  $\bar{A} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{End}_{\bar{A}}(C/(\underline{x})C)$ . But  $\text{End}_{\bar{A}}(C/(\underline{x})C) \cong \text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(E^r, E^r) \cong_{(1)} \text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(E, E)^{r^2} \cong_{(2)} A^{r^2}$  where (1) follows by (7.89) and (2) by (10.23). Thus  $\bar{A} \cong \bar{A}^{r^2}$  and  $r=1$ .

(10.37) shows that  $\text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(-, \omega_A)$  is a contravariant functor on the category of (fin. gen.) CM-modules of dimension  $t$  and defines a duality on this category; in particular,  $\text{Hom}_A(-, \omega_A)$  is a contravariant exact functor on the category of MCM  $A$ -modules and defines a duality on this category. Also, (10.36) and (10.37) show that among CM-rings, Gorenstein rings are exactly those rings for which  $\text{Hom}_A(-, A)$  is a contravariant exact functor and a duality on the category of MCM  $A$ -modules; in particular, over a local Gorenstein ring every MCM  $A$ -module is reflexive (i.e. the natural map  $M \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, A), A)$  is an isomorphism).

Recall: If  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  is a local Noetherian ring and  $M$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module, then  $\mu(M) = \dim_k(k \otimes_A M)$  is the minimal number of generators of  $M$ .

(10.38) Proposition: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local CM-ring of dimension  $d$  with a canonical module  $\omega_A$ .

(a) Let  $M$  be a CM  $A$ -module of dimension  $t$ ; then  $\mu(\text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, \omega_A)) = r(M)$  and  $r(\text{Ext}_A^{d-t}(M, \omega_A)) = \mu(M)$ .

(b)  $\omega_A$  is a faithful  $A$ -module with  $\mu(\omega_A) = r(A)$  and  $r(\omega_A) = 1$ .

Proof: (a) As in the proof of (10.37) we can reduce to the case where  $\dim A = 0$ .

Then  $\omega_A \cong E_A(k) = E$  and by (10.22)  $\text{Hom}_A(M, E) = M'$  and  $M'' = \text{Hom}_A(\text{Hom}_A(M, E), E) \cong M$ . By (6.42)  $\text{Jac}(M') \cong \text{Hom}_A(k, \text{Hom}_A(M, E)) \cong \text{Hom}_A(k \otimes_A M, E)$  and  $r(M') = \ell_A(k \otimes_A M) = \mu(M)$ . By (10.22)  $r(M) = r((M')') = \mu(M')$ .

(b) By (10.37)  $\text{End}_A(\omega_A) \cong A$  and  $\omega_A$  is faithful. The rest follows from (a) with  $M = A$ .

(10.39) Theorem: Let  $A$  be a local CM-ring with a canonical module  $\omega_A$  and  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$ . Then  $A_P$  has a canonical module and  $\omega_{A_P} \cong (\omega_A)_P$ .

Proof: The conditions of (10.37)(d) are preserved under localization.

(10.40) Lemma: Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, k)$  be a local CM-ring of dimension  $d$  and  $C$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module. The following are equivalent:

(a)  $C$  is a canonical module of  $A$

(b)  $\mu_i(\mathfrak{m}, C) = \delta_{id}$  for all  $i$ .

Proof: By (7.66)  $\mu_i(\mathfrak{m}, C) = \dim_k \text{Ext}_A^i(k, C)$  and by (8.18)  $C$  is MCM if and only if  $\mu_i(\mathfrak{m}, C) = 0$  for  $i < d$  and  $\mu_d(\mathfrak{m}, C) \neq 0$ . In this case  $r(C) = \mu_d(\mathfrak{m}, C)$ . Moreover,  $\text{injdim}_A C < \infty$  if and only if  $\text{injdim}_A C \leq d$  which is equivalent to  $\mu_i(\mathfrak{m}, C) = 0$  for  $i > d$  by (10.12).

(10.41) Theorem: Let  $A$  be a local CM-ring and  $C$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module. The following are equivalent:

(a)  $C \cong \omega_A$

(b)  $\mu_i(P, C) = \delta_{i \leq t_P}$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and all  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$

(c) Let  $I^\bullet$  be a minimal injective  $A$ -resolution of  $C$ . Then  $I^i = \bigoplus E_A(A/P)$ , where  $P$  runs over all prime ideals of height  $i$  for all  $i \geq 0$ .

Proof: (a)  $\iff$  (b): By (10.39)  $C \cong \omega_A$  if and only if  $C_P \cong \omega_{A_P}$  for all  $P \in \text{Spec}(A)$ .

By (10.40) this is equivalent to  $\mu_i(P_{A_P}, C_P) = \delta_{i \dim A_P} = \delta_{i \leq t_P} = \mu_i(P, C)$ .

(b)  $\iff$  (c): Use (7.68)

(10.42) Proposition: Let  $A$  be a local CM-ring and  $C$  a finitely generated  $A$ -module.

(a) Let  $\underline{x}$  be a regular sequence on  $A$  and  $C$ . Then  $C \cong \omega_A$  if and only if  $C/(\underline{x})C \cong \omega_{A/(\underline{x})}$ .

(b)  $C \cong \omega_A$  if and only if  $\hat{C} \cong \omega_{\hat{A}}$ .

Proof: (a) Homework

(b) By (7.90)  $\text{Ext}_{\hat{A}}^i(\hat{A}/\hat{\mathfrak{m}}, \hat{C}) \cong \text{Ext}_A^i(A/\mathfrak{m}, C) \otimes_A \hat{A}$ . Thus  $\mu_i(\hat{\mathfrak{m}}, \hat{C}) = \mu_i(\mathfrak{m}, C)$  and

the assertion follows by (10.40).

(10.43) Theorem: Let  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  be a local homomorphism of local CM-rings so that  $B$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module and let  $g = \dim A - \dim B$ . If  $A$  has a canonical module, then so does  $B$  and  $\omega_B \cong \text{Ext}_A^g(B, \omega_A)$ .

Proof: Set  $I = \ker \varphi$ . Then  $A/I \hookrightarrow B$  is an integral extension and  $\dim A/I = \dim B$ . Since  $A$  is CM, by (8.33)  $\dim A = \text{ht } I + \dim A/I$  and  $g = \dim A - \dim A/I = \text{ht } I$ . Let  $\underline{x} = x_1, \dots, x_g \in I$  be an  $A$ -regular sequence. By (10.33)  $\underline{x}$  is a regular sequence on  $\omega_A$  and by (10.14)  $\text{Ext}_A^g(B, \omega_A) \cong \text{Hom}_{A/(\underline{x})}(B, \omega_A/(\underline{x})\omega_A)$ . Moreover, by (10.42)  $\omega_A/(\underline{x})\omega_A \cong \omega_{A/(\underline{x})}$ .  $A/(\underline{x})$  is a CM-ring of dimension  $\dim A - g = \dim B$ . Thus we may replace  $A$  by  $A/(\underline{x})$  and assume that  $\dim A = d = \dim B$ . We have to show that  $\text{Hom}_A(B, \omega_A)$  is the canonical module of  $B$ .

Let  $\underline{y} = y_1, \dots, y_d$  be a SOP of  $A$ . Then  $\underline{y}$  is a SOP of  $B$ , since  $\varphi$  is local, finite, and  $\dim B = d$ . Since  $B$  is CM,  $\underline{y}$  is a regular sequence on  $B$ . Thus  $B$  is a MCM  $A$ -module. By (10.34)  $\text{Hom}_A(B, \omega_A)$  is a MCM  $A$ -module and by (10.33)  $\underline{y}$  is a regular sequence on  $\text{Hom}_A(B, \omega_A)$ . By (10.42)(a) it suffices to show that  $\omega_{\overline{B}} \cong \text{Hom}_A(B, \omega_A) \otimes_B \overline{B}$ , where  $\overline{B} = B/(\underline{y})$ . Set  $\overline{A} = A/(\underline{y})$ . By (10.34)  $\text{Hom}_A(B, \omega_A) \otimes_B \overline{B} \cong \text{Hom}_A(B, \omega_A) \otimes_A \overline{A} \cong \text{Hom}_{\overline{A}}(B \otimes_A \overline{A}, \omega_A \otimes_A \overline{A}) \cong \text{Hom}_{\overline{A}}(\overline{B}, \omega_{\overline{A}})$ . Thus we may replace  $A, B$  by  $\overline{A}, \overline{B}$  and may assume that  $\dim A = \dim B = 0$ .

Let  $k, \ell$  be the residue fields of  $A$  and  $B$ . Then  $\omega_A = E_A(k)$  and we have to show that  $E_B(\ell) \cong \text{Hom}_A(B, \omega_A)$  as  $B$ -modules. There is an adjoint isomorphism  $\text{Hom}_A(M \otimes_B B, \omega_A) \cong \text{Hom}_B(M, \text{Hom}_A(B, \omega_A))$  for all  $B$ -modules  $M$  (compare with (6.42)). Since  $\omega_A$  is an injective  $A$ -module,  $\text{Hom}_A(-, \omega_A)$  is exact. Thus  $\text{Hom}_B(-, \text{Hom}_A(B, \omega_A))$  is exact and  $\text{Hom}_A(B, \omega_A)$  is an injective  $B$ -module. Thus  $\text{Hom}_A(B, \omega_A) \cong E_B(\ell)^r$ . By (10.22)  $\ell_A(\text{Hom}_A(B, \omega_A)) = \ell_A(B)$  and  $\ell_A(E_B(\ell)^r) = r \cdot \ell_B(E_B(\ell))$ .  $\dim_k \ell = r \cdot \ell_B(B)$  and  $\dim_k \ell = r \cdot \ell_A(B)$ . Thus  $r = 1$ .

(10.44) Corollary: Every complete local CM-ring has a canonical module.

Proof: By (9.40) every complete local ring is factor ring of a RLR. Use (10.43).

(10.45) Examples: Let  $B$  be a local CM-ring.

(a) Assume  $B \cong A/I$  with  $A$  a local Gorenstein ring and  $I$  an  $A$ -ideal of grade  $g$ . Let  $\underline{x} = x_1, \dots, x_g \in I$  be an  $A$ -regular sequence. Then  $\text{Ext}_A^g(B, A) \cong \text{Hom}_{A/(\underline{x})}(A/I, A/(\underline{x})) \cong \omega_B$ .

(b) Assume that  $B$  is complete and contains a field: Let  $k$  be a coefficient field of  $B$ ;  $x_1, \dots, x_d$  a SOP of  $B$ , and write  $A = k[[x_1, \dots, x_d]] \subseteq B$ . Then  $A$  is a power series ring and  $B$  is finite over  $A$ . By (10.43)  $\omega_B \cong \text{Hom}_A(B, A)$ .

Let  $A$  be a ring and  $M$  an  $A$ -module. We construct a ring extension  $A \subseteq A * M$  of  $A$ , called the trivial extension of  $A$  by  $M$  as follows: As an  $A$ -module  $A * M = A \oplus M$  and multiplication is defined by  $(a, x)(b, y) = (ab, ay + bx)$  for all  $a, b \in A$  and  $x, y \in M$ . Note that  $M \subseteq A * M$  is an ideal with  $M^2 = 0$  and  $A * M / M \cong A$ .

(10.46) Theorem: Let  $A$  be a local CM-ring. Then  $A$  has a canonical module if and only if  $A$  is a factor ring of a local Gorenstein ring.

Proof: " $\Leftarrow$ ": Use (10.43)

" $\Rightarrow$ ": It is enough to show that  $B = A * \omega_A$  is a local Gorenstein ring. Let  $d = \dim A$ . Since  $A \subseteq B$  is a finite ring extension,  $B$  is a Noetherian ring with  $\dim B = d$ . Since  $\omega_A^2 = 0$  in  $B$  and  $B/\omega_A \cong A$  local, the ring  $B$  is local. Let  $\underline{x} = x_1, \dots, x_d$  be an  $A$ -sequence. Then  $\underline{x}$  is regular on  $\omega_A$  and hence on  $B = A * \omega_A$ . Thus  $B$  is CM. It remains to show that  $r(B) = 1$ , or equivalently,  $r(B/(\underline{x})B) = 1$ . Since  $B/(\underline{x})B \cong A/(\underline{x}) * \omega_{A/(\underline{x})}$  we may replace  $A$  by  $A/(\underline{x})$  and assume that  $\dim A = 0$ . In this case  $\omega_A = E_A(k)$ . It remains to show that  $r(B) = r(A * E_A(k)) = 1$ .

Let  $(a, x) \in \mathcal{J}(B)$ . Then for all  $b \in m$ :  $(b, 0)(a, x) = (ab, bx) = (0, 0)$  and  $a \in \mathcal{J}(A)$  and  $x \in \mathcal{J}(E_A(k))$ . If  $a \neq 0$ , the exact sequence  $A \xrightarrow{a} A \rightarrow A/(a) \rightarrow 0$  induces an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{A/(a)}(A/(a), E_A(k)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(A, E_A(k)) \xrightarrow{a} \text{Hom}_A(A, E_A(k))$ . By a similar argument as in the proof of (10.43) (via the adjoint isomorphism)  $\text{Hom}_{A/(a)}(A/(a), E_A(k))$  is an injective  $A/(a)$ -module. Since  $\mathcal{J}(\text{Hom}_{A/(a)}(A/(a), E_A(k))) \cong k$ , we have that  $\text{Hom}_{A/(a)}(A/(a), E_A(k)) \cong E_{A/(a)}(k)$  and the sequence  $0 \rightarrow E_{A/(a)}(k) \rightarrow E_A(k) \xrightarrow{a} E_A(k)$  is exact. Moreover,  $l(E_{A/(a)}(k)) = l(A/(a)) < l(A) = l(E_A(k))$  and multiplication by  $a$  on  $E_A(k)$  cannot be the zero map. Thus there is a  $y \in E_A(k)$  with  $ay \neq 0$  and  $(0, y)(a, x) = (0, ay) \neq (0, 0)$ , a contradiction. Thus  $\mathcal{J}(A * E_A(k)) \cong \mathcal{J}(E_A(k))$  and  $r(A * E_A(k)) = 1$ .