

# STABILITY OF GORENSTEIN OBJECTS IN TRIANGULATED CATEGORIES

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**Abstract** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a triangulated category with a proper class  $\xi$  of triangles. Asadollahi and Salarian introduced and studied  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective and  $\xi$ -Gorenstein injective objects, and developed Gorenstein homological algebra in  $\mathcal{C}$ . In this paper, we further study Gorenstein homological properties for a triangulated category. First, we discuss the stability of  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective objects, and show that the subcategory  $\mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  of all  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective objects has a strong stability. That is, an iteration of the procedure used to define the  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective objects yields exactly the  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective objects. Second, we give some equivalent characterizations for  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective dimension of object in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Triangulated categories were introduced independently in algebraic geometry by Verdier in his thèse [21], and in algebraic topology by Puppe [19] in the early sixties, which have by now become indispensable in many areas of mathematics such as algebraic geometry, stable homotopy theory and representation theory [5, 11, 17]. The basic properties of triangulated categories can be found in Neeman's book [18].

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a triangulated category with triangles  $\Delta$ . Beligiannis [6] developed homological algebra in  $\mathcal{C}$  which parallels the homological algebra in an exact category in the sense of Quillen. By specifying a class of triangles  $\xi \subseteq \Delta$ , which is called a proper class of triangles, he introduced  $\xi$ -projective objects,  $\xi$ -projective dimensions and their duals.

Auslander and Bridger generalized in [1] finitely generated projective modules to finitely generated modules of Gorenstein dimension zero over commutative noetherian rings. Furthermore, Enochs and Jenda introduced in [9] Gorenstein projective modules for arbitrary modules over a general ring, which is a generalization of finitely generated modules of Gorenstein dimension zero, and dually they defined Gorenstein injective modules. Gorenstein homological algebra has been extensively studied by many authors, see for example [2, 8, 10, 13].

As a natural generalization of modules of Gorenstein dimension zero, Beligiannis [7] defined the concept of an  $\mathcal{X}$ -Gorenstein object in an additive category  $\mathcal{C}$  for a contravariantly finite subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  such that any  $\mathcal{X}$ -epic has kernel in  $\mathcal{C}$ . In an attempt to extend the theory, Asadollahi and Salarian [3] introduced and studied  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective and  $\xi$ -Gorenstein injective objects, and then  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective and  $\xi$ -Gorenstein injective dimensions of objects in a triangulated

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category which are defined by modifying what Enochs and Jenda have done in an abelian category [10].

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category and  $\mathcal{X}$  an additive full subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Sather-Wagstaff, Sharif and White introduced in [20] the Gorenstein category  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{X})$ , which is defined as  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{X}) = \{A \text{ is an object in } \mathcal{A} \mid \text{there exists an exact sequence } \cdots \rightarrow X_1 \rightarrow X_0 \rightarrow X^0 \rightarrow X^1 \rightarrow \cdots \text{ in } \mathcal{X}, \text{ which is both } \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{X}, -)\text{-exact and } \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, \mathcal{X})\text{-exact, such that } A \cong \text{Im}(X_0 \rightarrow X^0)\}$ . Set  $\mathcal{G}^0(\mathcal{X}) = \mathcal{X}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}^1(\mathcal{X}) = \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{X})$ , and inductively set  $\mathcal{G}^{n+1}(\mathcal{X}) = \mathcal{G}^n(\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{X}))$  for any  $n \geq 1$ . They proved that when  $\mathcal{X}$  is self-orthogonal,  $\mathcal{G}^n(\mathcal{X}) = \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{X})$  for any  $n \geq 1$ ; and they proposed the question whether  $\mathcal{G}^2(\mathcal{X}) = \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{X})$  holds for an arbitrary subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$ . See [20, 4.10, 5.8]. Recently, Huang [15] proved that the answer to this question is affirmative. This shows that  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{X})$ , in particular the subcategory  $\mathcal{GP}(\mathcal{A})$  of all Gorenstein projective objects, has a strong stability. Kong and Zhang give a slight generalization of this stability by a different method [16].

Inspired by the above results, we consider the stability of the subcategory  $\mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  of all  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective objects, which is introduced by Asadollahi and Salarian [3]. Set  $\mathcal{G}^0\mathcal{P}(\xi) = \mathcal{P}(\xi)$ ,  $\mathcal{G}^1\mathcal{P}(\xi) = \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ , and inductively set  $\mathcal{G}^{n+1}\mathcal{P}(\xi) = \mathcal{G}^n(\mathcal{GP}(\xi))$  for any  $n \geq 1$ . A natural question is whether  $\mathcal{G}^n\mathcal{P}(\xi) = \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ .

In Section 2, we give some terminologies and some preliminary results. Section 3 is devoted to answer the above question. We will prove the following theorem.

**Main theorem** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a triangulated category with enough  $\xi$ -projectives, where  $\xi$  is a proper class of triangles. Then  $\mathcal{G}^n\mathcal{P}(\xi) = \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  for any  $n \geq 1$ .

The above theorem shows that the subcategory  $\mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  of all  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective objects has a strong stability. That is, an iteration of the procedure used to define the  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective objects yields exactly the  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective objects. Finally, we give some equivalent characterizations for  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective dimension of an object  $A$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

## 2. SOME BASIC FACTS IN TRIANGULATED CATEGORIES

This section is devoted to recall the definitions and elementary properties of triangulated categories used throughout the paper. For the terminology we shall follow [3, 4, 6].

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an additive category and  $\Sigma : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be an additive functor. Let  $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{C}, \Sigma)$  denote the category whose objects are diagrams in  $\mathcal{C}$  of the form  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow \Sigma A$ , and morphisms between two objects  $A_i \rightarrow B_i \rightarrow C_i \rightarrow \Sigma A_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , are a triple of morphisms  $\alpha : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ ,  $\beta : B_1 \rightarrow B_2$  and  $\gamma : C_1 \rightarrow C_2$ , such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & B_1 & \xrightarrow{g_1} & C_1 & \xrightarrow{h_1} & \Sigma A_1 \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \beta \downarrow & & \gamma \downarrow & & \Sigma \alpha \downarrow \\ A_2 & \xrightarrow{f_2} & B_2 & \xrightarrow{g_2} & C_2 & \xrightarrow{h_2} & \Sigma A_2. \end{array}$$

A triangulated category is a triple  $(\mathcal{C}, \Sigma, \Delta)$ , where  $\mathcal{C}$  is an additive category,  $\Sigma$  is an autoequivalence of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\Delta$  is a full subcategory of  $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{C}, \Sigma)$  which satisfies the following axioms. The elements of  $\Delta$  are then called triangles.

(Tr1) Every diagram isomorphic to a triangle is a triangle. Every morphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  can be embedded into a triangle  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \xrightarrow{h} \Sigma A$ . For any object  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ , the diagram  $A \xrightarrow{1_A} A \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \Sigma A$  is a triangle, where  $1_A$  denotes the identity morphism from  $A$  to  $A$ .

(Tr2)  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \xrightarrow{h} \Sigma A$  is a triangle if and only if  $B \xrightarrow{g} C \xrightarrow{h} \Sigma A \xrightarrow{-\Sigma f} \Sigma B$ .

(Tr3) Given triangles  $A_i \xrightarrow{f_i} B_i \xrightarrow{g_i} C_i \xrightarrow{h_i} \Sigma A_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and morphism  $\alpha : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ ,  $\beta : B_1 \rightarrow B_2$  such that  $f_2\alpha = \beta f_1$ , there exists a morphism  $\gamma : C_1 \rightarrow C_2$  such that  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is a morphism from the first triangle to the second.

(Tr4) (The Octahedral Axiom) Given triangles

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{i} C' \xrightarrow{i'} \Sigma A, \quad B \xrightarrow{g} C \xrightarrow{j} A' \xrightarrow{j'} \Sigma B, \quad A \xrightarrow{gf} C \xrightarrow{k} B' \xrightarrow{k'} \Sigma A,$$

there exist morphisms  $f' : C' \rightarrow B'$  and  $g' : B' \rightarrow A'$  such that the following diagram commutes and the third column is a triangle:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{i} & C' & \xrightarrow{i'} & \Sigma A \\ \parallel & & \downarrow g & & \vdots f' & & \parallel \\ A & \xrightarrow{gf} & C & \xrightarrow{k} & B' & \xrightarrow{k'} & \Sigma A \\ & & \downarrow j & & \vdots g' & & \downarrow \Sigma f \\ & & A' & \xlongequal{\quad} & A' & \xrightarrow{j'} & \Sigma B \\ & & \downarrow j' & & \downarrow j' \Sigma i & & \\ & & \Sigma B & \xrightarrow{\Sigma i} & \Sigma C' & & \end{array}$$

Some equivalent formulations for the Octahedral Axiom (Tr4) are given in [6, 2.1], which are more convenient to use. If  $\mathcal{C} = (\mathcal{C}, \Sigma, \Delta)$  satisfies all the axioms of a triangulated category except possibly of (Tr4), then (Tr4) is equivalent to each of the following:

**Base Change:** For any triangle  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \xrightarrow{h} \Sigma A \in \Delta$  and morphism  $\varepsilon : E \rightarrow C$ , there exists a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & M & \xlongequal{\quad} & M & & \\ & & \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \delta & & \\ A & \xrightarrow{f'} & G & \xrightarrow{g'} & E & \xrightarrow{h'} & \Sigma A \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \beta & & \downarrow \varepsilon & & \parallel \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{g} & C & \xrightarrow{h} & \Sigma A \\ & & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \zeta & & \downarrow \Sigma f' \\ & & \Sigma M & \xlongequal{\quad} & \Sigma M & \xrightarrow{-\Sigma \alpha} & \Sigma G \end{array}$$

in which all horizontal and vertical diagrams are triangles in  $\Delta$ .

**Cobase Change:** For any triangle  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \xrightarrow{h} \Sigma A \in \Delta$  and morphism  $\alpha : A \rightarrow D$ , there exists a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & N & \xlongequal{\quad} & N & & \\
& & \downarrow \zeta & & \downarrow \delta & & \\
\Sigma^{-1}C & \xrightarrow{-\Sigma^{-1}h} & A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{g} & C \\
\parallel & & \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \beta & & \parallel \\
\Sigma^{-1}C & \xrightarrow{-\Sigma^{-1}h'} & D & \xrightarrow{f'} & F & \xrightarrow{g'} & C \\
& & \downarrow \eta & & \downarrow v & & \downarrow -h \\
& & \Sigma N & \xlongequal{\quad} & \Sigma N & \xrightarrow{-\Sigma\eta} & \Sigma A
\end{array}$$

in which all horizontal and vertical diagrams are triangles in  $\Delta$ .

The following definitions are quoted verbatim from [6, Section 2]. A class of triangles  $\xi$  is closed under base change if for any triangle  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \xrightarrow{h} \Sigma A \in \xi$  and any morphism  $\varepsilon : E \rightarrow C$  as in the base change diagram above, the triangle  $A \xrightarrow{f'} G \xrightarrow{g'} E \xrightarrow{h'} \Sigma A$  belongs to  $\xi$ . Dually, a class of triangles  $\xi$  is closed under cobase change if for any triangle  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \xrightarrow{h} \Sigma A \in \xi$  and any morphism  $\alpha : A \rightarrow D$  as in the cobase change diagram above, the triangle  $D \xrightarrow{f'} F \xrightarrow{g'} C \xrightarrow{h'} \Sigma D$  belongs to  $\xi$ . A class of triangles  $\xi$  is closed under suspension if for any triangle  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \xrightarrow{h} \Sigma A \in \xi$  and  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the triangle  $\Sigma^i A \xrightarrow{(-1)^i \Sigma^i f} \Sigma^i B \xrightarrow{(-1)^i \Sigma^i g} \Sigma^i C \xrightarrow{(-1)^i \Sigma^i h} \Sigma^{i+1} A$  is in  $\xi$ . A class of triangles  $\xi$  is called saturated if in the situation of base change, whenever the third vertical and the second horizontal triangles are in  $\xi$ , then the triangle  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \xrightarrow{h} \Sigma A$  is in  $\xi$ . An easy consequence of the octahedral axiom is that  $\xi$  is saturated if and only if in the situation of cobase change, whenever the second vertical and the third horizontal triangles are in  $\xi$ , then the triangle  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \xrightarrow{h} \Sigma A$  is in  $\xi$ .

A triangle  $(T) : A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \xrightarrow{h} \Sigma A \in \Delta$  is called split if it is isomorphic to the triangle  $A \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}} A \oplus C \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} C \xrightarrow{0} \Sigma A$ . It is easy to see that  $(T)$  is split if and only if  $f$  is a section or  $g$  is a retraction or  $h = 0$ . The full subcategory of  $\Delta$  consisting of the split triangles will be denoted by  $\Delta_0$ .

**Definition 2.1.** ([6, 2.2]) Let  $\mathcal{C} = (\mathcal{C}, \Sigma, \Delta)$  be a triangulated category. A class  $\xi \subseteq \Delta$  is called a proper class of triangles if the following conditions hold.

- (1)  $\xi$  is closed under isomorphisms, finite coproducts and  $\Delta_0 \subseteq \xi \subseteq \Delta$ .
- (2)  $\xi$  is closed under suspensions and is saturated.
- (3)  $\xi$  is closed under base and cobase change.

It is known that  $\Delta_0$  and the class of all triangles  $\Delta$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  are proper classes of triangles. There are more interesting examples of proper classes of triangles enumerated in [6, Example 2.3].

Throughout we fix a proper class  $\xi$  of triangles in the triangulated category  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** ([6, 4.1]) An object  $P \in \mathcal{C}$  (resp.,  $I \in \mathcal{C}$ ) is called  $\xi$ -projective (resp.,  $\xi$ -injective) if for any triangle  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow \Sigma A$  in  $\xi$ , the induced sequence of abelian groups  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(P, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(P, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(P, C) \rightarrow 0$  (resp.,  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(C, I) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(B, I) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, I) \rightarrow 0$ ) is exact.

It follows easily from the definition that the subcategory  $\mathcal{P}(\xi)$  of  $\xi$ -projective objects and the subcategory  $\mathcal{I}(\xi)$  of  $\xi$ -injective objects are full, additive,  $\Sigma$ -stable, and closed under isomorphisms

and direct summands. The category  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to have enough  $\xi$ -projectives (resp.,  $\xi$ -injectives) if for any object  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ , there exists a triangle  $K \rightarrow P \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma K$  (resp.,  $A \rightarrow I \rightarrow L \rightarrow \Sigma A$ ) in  $\xi$  with  $P \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$  (resp.,  $I \in \mathcal{I}(\xi)$ ). However, it is not so easy to find a proper class  $\xi$  of triangles in a triangulated category having enough  $\xi$ -projectives or  $\xi$ -injectives in general. Here we present a nontrivial example due to Beligiannis, and also, see more nontrivial examples in [6, Sections 12.4 and 12.5], which are of great interest. Take  $\mathcal{C}$  to be the unbounded homotopy category of complexes of objects from a Grothendieck category which has enough projectives. Then the so-called Cartan-Eilenberg projective and injective complexes form the relative projective and injective objects for a proper class of triangles in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

The following lemma is quoted from [6, 4.2].

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  have enough  $\xi$ -projectives. Then a triangle  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow \Sigma A$  is in  $\xi$  if and only if for all  $P \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$  the induced sequence  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(P, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(P, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(P, C) \rightarrow 0$  is exact.*

Recall that an  $\xi$ -exact sequence  $X$  is a diagram

$$\cdots \rightarrow X_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} X_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} X_{-1} \xrightarrow{d_{-1}} X_{-2} \rightarrow \cdots$$

in  $\mathcal{C}$ , such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , there exists triangle  $K_{n+1} \xrightarrow{f_n} X_n \xrightarrow{g_n} K_n \xrightarrow{h_n} \Sigma K_{n+1}$  in  $\xi$  and the differential is defined as  $d_n = f_{n-1}g_n$  for any  $n$ .

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a full and additive subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}$ . A triangle  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow \Sigma A$  in  $\xi$  is called  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{X})$ -exact (resp.,  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{X}, -)$ -exact), if for any  $X \in \mathcal{X}$ , the induced sequence of abelian groups  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(C, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(B, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, X) \rightarrow 0$  (resp.,  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, C) \rightarrow 0$ ) is exact.

A complete  $\xi$ -projective resolution is a diagram

$$\mathbf{P} : \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} P_{-1} \rightarrow \cdots$$

in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that for any integer  $n$ ,  $P_n \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$  and there exist  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact triangles

$$K_{n+1} \xrightarrow{f_n} P_n \xrightarrow{g_n} K_n \xrightarrow{h_n} \Sigma K_{n+1}$$

in  $\xi$  and the differential is defined as  $d_n = f_{n-1}g_n$  for any  $n$ .

**Definition 2.4.** (see [3]) Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be a complete  $\xi$ -projective resolution in  $\mathcal{C}$ . So for any integer  $n$ , there exist triangles

$$K_{n+1} \xrightarrow{f_n} P_n \xrightarrow{g_n} K_n \xrightarrow{h_n} \Sigma K_{n+1}$$

in  $\xi$ . The objects  $K_n$  for any integer  $n$ , are called  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective ( $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective for short).

Dually, one can define complete  $\xi$ -injective resolution and  $\xi$ -Gorenstein injective ( $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ injective for short) objects.

We denote by  $\mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  and  $\mathcal{GI}(\xi)$  the subcategory of  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective and  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ injective objects of  $\mathcal{C}$  respectively. It is obvious that  $\mathcal{P}(\xi) \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  and  $\mathcal{I}(\xi) \subseteq \mathcal{GI}(\xi)$ ;  $\mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  and  $\mathcal{GI}(\xi)$  are full, additive,  $\Sigma$ -stable, and closed under isomorphisms and direct summands.

## 3. MAIN RESULTS

Throughout the paper,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a triangulated category with enough  $\xi$ -projectives and enough  $\xi$ -injectives, where  $\xi$  is a fixed proper class of triangles.

Recall that in [3] a diagram

$$\mathbf{P} : \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} P_{-1} \rightarrow \cdots$$

in  $\mathcal{C}$  is a complete  $\xi$ -projective resolution, if for any  $n$ ,  $P_n \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$ , and there exist  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact triangles

$$K_{n+1} \xrightarrow{f_n} P_n \xrightarrow{g_n} K_n \xrightarrow{h_n} \Sigma K_{n+1}$$

in  $\xi$  and the differential is defined as  $d_n = f_{n-1}g_n$  for any  $n$ . That is,  $\mathbf{P}$  is an  $\xi$ -exact sequence of  $\xi$ -projective objects, and is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact. The objects  $K_n$  for any integer  $n$ , are called  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective ( $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective for short). Dually, one can define complete  $\xi$ -injective resolution and  $\xi$ -Gorenstein injective ( $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ injective for short) objects.

We study only the case of  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective objects since the study of the  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ injective objects is dual.

An  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective resolution of  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  is an  $\xi$ -exact sequence  $\cdots \rightarrow G_n \rightarrow G_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , such that  $G_n \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . The definition is different from [3, Definition 4.2].

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a triangulated category with enough  $\xi$ -projectives,  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then  $A$  has an  $\xi$ -projective resolution which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact if and only if  $A$  has an  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective resolution which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact.*

**Proof** Since  $\mathcal{P}(\xi) \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ , it is enough to show the “if” part. Assume that  $A$  has an  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective resolution which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact. Then there exists a triangle  $\delta : B \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma B \in \xi$  which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact, where  $G_0 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  and  $B$  has an  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective resolution which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact. Since  $G_0 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ , there exists a triangle  $\eta : G'_0 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow \Sigma G'_0 \in \xi$  such that  $G'_0 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ ,  $P_0 \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$  and it is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact. By base change, we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \Sigma^{-1}A & \xlongequal{\quad} & \Sigma^{-1}A & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \eta' : & G'_0 & \longrightarrow & L & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow \Sigma G'_0 \\ & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \parallel \\ \eta : & G'_0 & \longrightarrow & P_0 & \longrightarrow & G_0 & \longrightarrow \Sigma G'_0 \\ & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ & & & \Sigma A & \xlongequal{\quad} & A & \end{array}$$

Since  $\xi$  is closed under base change, we have  $\eta' \in \xi$ . Applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{P}(\xi), -)$  to the above diagram, we obtain the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & & 0 & & 0 & \\
& & & \vdots & & \downarrow & \\
\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{P}(\xi), \eta') : & 0 & \cdots \rightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{P}(\xi), G'_0) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{P}(\xi), L) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{P}(\xi), B) & \cdots \rightarrow & 0 \\
& & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{P}(\xi), \eta) : & 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{P}(\xi), G'_0) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{P}(\xi), P_0) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{P}(\xi), G_0) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & & & & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{P}(\xi), A) & \xlongequal{\quad} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{P}(\xi), A) & & \\
& & & & & \vdots & & \downarrow & & \\
& & & & & 0 & & 0 & & 
\end{array}$$

By snake lemma, we get that the second vertical sequence is exact, and so  $L \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma L \in \xi$  by Lemma 2.3. For any  $Q \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$ , applying  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, Q)$  to the above base change diagram, we obtain the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\eta, Q) & & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\eta', Q) & \\
& & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\delta, Q) : & 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, Q) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(G_0, Q) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(B, Q) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\delta', Q) : & 0 & \cdots \rightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, Q) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(P_0, Q) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(L, Q) & \cdots \rightarrow & 0 \\
& & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & & & & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(G'_0, Q) & \xlongequal{\quad} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(G'_0, Q) & & \\
& & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & & & & 0 & & 0 & & 
\end{array}$$

By snake lemma, one can get that  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\delta', Q)$  and  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\eta', Q)$  are exact. Since  $B$  has an  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective resolution which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact, there exists a triangle  $C \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow B \rightarrow \Sigma C \in \xi$  which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact, where  $G_1 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  and  $C$  has an  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective resolution which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact. By base change and the similar method above, we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & & \zeta' & & \zeta & \\
& & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
& & C & \xlongequal{\quad} & C & & \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
\epsilon' : & G'_0 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & G_1 & \longrightarrow \Sigma G'_0 \\
& \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \parallel \\
\epsilon' : & G'_0 & \longrightarrow & L & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow \Sigma G'_0 \\
& & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
& & & \Sigma C & \xlongequal{\quad} & \Sigma C & 
\end{array}$$

such that  $\epsilon'$  and  $\zeta'$  are in  $\xi$ . Since  $G'_0 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  and  $G_1 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ , by [3, Theorem 3.11], we have  $M \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ . Thus  $L$  has an  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective resolution which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact. Note that the triangle  $L \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma L$  is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact. By repeating the preceding process, we have that  $A$  has an  $\xi$ -projective resolution which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact, as required.  $\square$

An  $\xi$ -projective ( $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective) coresolution of  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  is an  $\xi$ -exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow X^0 \rightarrow X^1 \rightarrow \cdots$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , such that  $X^n \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$  ( $X^n \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ ) for all  $n \geq 0$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a triangulated category with enough  $\xi$ -projectives,  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then  $A$  has an  $\xi$ -projective coresolution which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact if and only if  $A$  has an  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective coresolution which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact.*

**Proof** It is completely dual to the proof of Lemma 3.1. So we omit it.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a triangulated category with enough  $\xi$ -projectives,  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $A$  is an  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective object.
- (2)  $A$  has an  $\xi$ -projective resolution which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact and has an  $\xi$ -projective coresolution which is  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact.
- (3) There exist  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact triangles  $K_{n+1} \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow K_n \rightarrow \Sigma K_{n+1} \in \xi$  such that  $P_n \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$  and  $K_0 = A$ .

**Proof** It follows from the definition of  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective object.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a triangulated category with enough  $\xi$ -projectives,  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ . The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $A$  is  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective.
- (2) There exist  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{GP}(\xi))$ -exact and  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{GP}(\xi), -)$ -exact triangles  $K_{n+1} \rightarrow G_n \rightarrow K_n \rightarrow \Sigma K_{n+1} \in \xi$  such that  $G_n \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  and  $K_0 = A$ .
- (3) There exist  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{GP}(\xi))$ -exact triangles  $K_{n+1} \rightarrow G_n \rightarrow K_n \rightarrow \Sigma K_{n+1} \in \xi$  such that  $G_n \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  and  $K_0 = A$ .
- (4) There exist  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact triangles  $K_{n+1} \rightarrow G_n \rightarrow K_n \rightarrow \Sigma K_{n+1} \in \xi$  such that  $G_n \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  and  $K_0 = A$ .
- (5) There exists a  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{GP}(\xi), -)$ -exact and  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{GP}(\xi))$ -exact triangle  $A \rightarrow G \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma A \in \xi$  such that  $G \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ .



- (6) *There exists a  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{GP}(\xi))$ -exact triangle  $A \rightarrow G \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma A \in \xi$  such that  $G \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ .*  
 (7) *There exists a  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{P}(\xi))$ -exact triangle  $A \rightarrow G \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma A \in \xi$  such that  $G \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ .*

**Proof**

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Let  $A$  be an  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective object of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Consider the triangles

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{1} A \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } A \xrightarrow{1} A \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \Sigma A$$

Since  $\xi$  is proper, it contains  $\Delta_0$ . So the above two triangles are in  $\xi$ . It is easy to see that they are  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, \mathcal{GP}(\xi))$ -exact and  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{GP}(\xi), -)$ -exact triangles.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) and (3) $\Rightarrow$ (4) are clear.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1) It follows from Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.2.

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (5) Let  $A$  be an  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective object of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Consider the split triangle

$$\delta : A \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}} A \oplus A \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} A \xrightarrow{0} \Sigma A$$

Since  $\xi$  is proper, it contains  $\Delta_0$ . So  $\delta$  is in  $\xi$ . For any  $Q \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ , applying the functors  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, -)$  and  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, Q)$  to the above triangle, we get the following exact sequences

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, Q) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A \oplus A, Q) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, Q) \rightarrow 0,$$

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, A \oplus A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, A) \rightarrow 0.$$

By [3, Theorem 3.11], we can obtain  $A \oplus A \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ . So we are done.

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (6) $\Rightarrow$ (7) $\Rightarrow$ (1) are clear. □

Denote by  $\mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  the subcategory of all  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective objects. Set  $\mathcal{G}^0\mathcal{P}(\xi) = \mathcal{P}(\xi)$ ,  $\mathcal{G}^1\mathcal{P}(\xi) = \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ , and inductively set  $\mathcal{G}^{n+1}\mathcal{P}(\xi) = \mathcal{G}^n(\mathcal{GP}(\xi))$  for any  $n \geq 1$ . Now we can obtain our main theorem.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a triangulated category with enough  $\xi$ -projectives. Then  $\mathcal{G}^n\mathcal{P}(\xi) = \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  for any  $n \geq 1$ .*

**Proof** It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{P}(\xi) \subseteq \mathcal{GP}(\xi) \subseteq \mathcal{G}^2\mathcal{P}(\xi) \subseteq \mathcal{G}^3\mathcal{P}(\xi) \subseteq \dots$  is an ascending chain of subcategories of  $\mathcal{C}$ . By (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) of the above theorem, we have that  $\mathcal{G}^2\mathcal{P}(\xi) = \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ . By using induction on  $n$  we get easily the assertion. □

In order to give some equivalent characterizations for  $\xi$ -Gorenstein projective dimension of an object  $A$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , one needs the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  be an  $\xi$ -exact sequence with  $G_1, G_0 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ . Then there exist the following  $\xi$ -exact sequences:*

$$0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow P \rightarrow G'_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow G'_1 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

where  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$  and  $G'_0, G'_1 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ .

**Proof** Since  $G_1$  is in  $\mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ , there exists a triangle  $G_1 \rightarrow P \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow \Sigma G_1 \in \xi$  with  $P$   $\xi$ -projective and  $G_2$   $\xi$ - $\mathcal{G}$ projective. Since  $0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  is an  $\xi$ -exact sequence, there exist triangles  $B \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow K \rightarrow \Sigma B \in \xi$  and  $K \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma K \in \xi$ . Then we have the following commutative diagrams by cobase change.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & B & \xlongequal{\quad} & B & & \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
\Sigma^{-1}G_2 & \longrightarrow & G_1 & \longrightarrow & P & \longrightarrow & G_2 \\
\parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
\Sigma^{-1}G_2 & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & C & \longrightarrow & G_2 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & \Sigma B & \xlongequal{\quad} & \Sigma B & & 
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & \Sigma^{-1}G_2 & \xlongequal{\quad} & \Sigma^{-1}G_2 & & \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
\Sigma^{-1}A & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & G_0 & \longrightarrow & A \\
\parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
\Sigma^{-1}A & \longrightarrow & C & \longrightarrow & G'_0 & \longrightarrow & A \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & G_2 & \xlongequal{\quad} & G_2 & & 
\end{array}$$

Since  $\xi$  is closed under cobase change, we get  $K \rightarrow C \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow \Sigma K \in \xi$  and  $C \rightarrow G'_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma C \in \xi$ .

For any  $Q \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$ , applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, -)$  to the above diagrams, we have the following commutative diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& 0 & & 0 & & & \\
& \downarrow & & \downarrow \cdots & & & \\
& \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, B) & \xlongequal{\quad} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, B) & & & \\
& \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, G_1) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, P) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, G_2) \longrightarrow 0 \\
& \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & \parallel \\
0 & \cdots \twoheadrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, K) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, C) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, G_2) \cdots \twoheadrightarrow 0 \\
& \downarrow & & \downarrow \cdots & & & \\
& 0 & & 0 & & & 
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& 0 & & 0 & & & \\
& \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, K) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, G_0) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, A) \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
0 & \cdots \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, C) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, G'_0) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, A) \cdots \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, G_2) & \equiv & \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q, G_2) & & \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 
\end{array}$$

By snake lemma and Lemma 2.3, we have  $B \rightarrow P \rightarrow C \rightarrow \Sigma B \in \xi$  and  $G_0 \rightarrow G'_0 \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow \Sigma G_0 \in \xi$ . Because both  $G_0$  and  $G_2$  are in  $\mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ ,  $G'_0$  is also in  $\mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  by [3, Theorem 3.11]. Connecting the triangles  $B \rightarrow P \rightarrow C \rightarrow \Sigma B$  and  $C \rightarrow G'_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma C$ , we get the first desired  $\xi$ -exact sequence.

Since  $G_0$  is  $\xi$ - $\mathcal{GP}$ projective, there is a triangle  $G_3 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow \Sigma G_3 \in \xi$  with  $Q \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$  and  $G_3 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ . Then we have the following two commutative diagrams by base change:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& G_3 & \equiv & G_3 & & & \\
& \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & \\
\Sigma^{-1}A & \longrightarrow & W & \longrightarrow & Q & \longrightarrow & A \\
\parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
\Sigma^{-1}A & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & G_0 & \longrightarrow & A \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & \Sigma G_3 & \equiv & \Sigma G_3 & & 
\end{array}$$
  

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& G_3 & \equiv & G_3 & & & \\
& \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & \\
B & \longrightarrow & G'_1 & \longrightarrow & W & \longrightarrow & \Sigma B \\
\parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
B & \longrightarrow & G_1 & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & \Sigma B \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & \Sigma G_3 & \equiv & \Sigma G_3 & & 
\end{array}$$

Since  $\xi$  is closed under base change, we get that the triangles  $G_3 \rightarrow W \rightarrow K \rightarrow \Sigma G_3$  and  $B \rightarrow G'_1 \rightarrow W \rightarrow \Sigma B$  are in  $\xi$ . Applying the functor  $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{P}(\xi), -)$  to the above two diagrams, by snake lemma and Lemma 2.3 we have that the triangles  $W \rightarrow Q \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma W$  and  $G_3 \rightarrow G'_1 \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow \Sigma G_3$  are in  $\xi$ . Because both  $G_1$  and  $G_3$  are in  $\mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ ,  $G'_1$  is also in  $\mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  by [3, Theorem 3.11]. Connecting the triangles  $B \rightarrow G'_1 \rightarrow W \rightarrow \Sigma B$  and  $W \rightarrow Q \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma W$ , we get the second desired  $\xi$ -exact sequence.  $\square$

In particular, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma G_1$  be in  $\xi$  with  $G_1, G_0 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ . Then there exist the following triangles:*

$$P \rightarrow G'_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma P$$

and

$$G'_1 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma G'_1$$

in  $\xi$  where  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$  and  $G'_0, G'_1 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ .

**Proposition 3.8.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a triangulated category with enough  $\xi$ -projectives,  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ , and  $n$  be a non-negative integer. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\xi\text{-Gpd}(A) \leq n$ .
- (2) For every  $0 \leq i \leq n$ , there is an  $\xi$ -exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_{i+1} \rightarrow G \rightarrow P_{i-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

with  $P_j \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$  for all  $0 \leq j \leq n$ ,  $j \neq i$ , and  $G \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ .

- (3) For every  $0 \leq i \leq n$ , there is an  $\xi$ -exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_{i+1} \rightarrow P \rightarrow G_{i-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

with  $G_j \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  for all  $0 \leq j \leq n$ ,  $j \neq i$ , and  $P \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$ .

**Proof** The case  $n = 0$  is trivial. We may assume  $n \geq 1$ .

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) we proceed by induction on  $n$ . Suppose  $\xi\text{-Gpd}(A) \leq 1$ . Then there exists a triangle  $G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma G_1$  in  $\xi$  with  $G_0, G_1 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ . By Corollary 3.7, we get the triangles  $P \rightarrow G'_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma P$  and  $G'_1 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma G'_1$  in  $\xi$  with  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$  and  $G'_0, G'_1 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ .

Now suppose  $n \geq 2$ . Then there exists an  $\xi$ -exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G_n \rightarrow G_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

with  $G_i \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . Applying Proposition 3.6 to the relevant  $\xi$ -exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$ , we get an  $\xi$ -exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G'_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  with  $G'_1 \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  and  $P_0 \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$ , which yields an  $\xi$ -exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G_n \rightarrow G_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow G'_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0.$$

Taking into account the relevant  $\xi$ -exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G_n \rightarrow G_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow G'_1 \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0,$$

it follows that  $\xi\text{-Gpd}(L) \leq n - 1$ . By the induction hypothesis, there exists an  $\xi$ -exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_{i+1} \rightarrow G \rightarrow P_{i-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$$

with  $P_j \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ,  $j \neq i$ , and  $G \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$ . Now one can paste the above  $\xi$ -exact sequence and the triangle  $L \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow \Sigma L$  together to obtain the desired  $\xi$ -exact sequence.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) and (3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) are clear.

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Suppose  $\xi\text{-Gpd}(A) \leq n$ . Then there exists an  $\xi$ -exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G_n \rightarrow G_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

with  $G_i \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . For every  $0 \leq i < n$ , considering the relevant  $\xi$ -exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G_n \rightarrow G_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_{i+1} \rightarrow G_i \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0,$$

it follows that  $\xi\text{-Gpd}(M) \leq n - i$ . By the proof of (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2), we get an  $\xi$ -exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G'_n \rightarrow G'_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G'_{i+1} \rightarrow P \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

with  $G'_i \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  and  $P \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$ . So we obtain the  $\xi$ -exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G'_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G'_{i+1} \rightarrow P \rightarrow G_{i-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0.$$

Now we only need to prove the result for  $i = n$ . Applying Corollary 3.7 to the relevant triangle  $G_n \rightarrow G_{n-1} \rightarrow L \rightarrow \Sigma G_n$ , we get the triangle  $P \rightarrow G'_{n-1} \rightarrow L \rightarrow \Sigma P$  with  $G'_{n-1} \in \mathcal{GP}(\xi)$  and  $P \in \mathcal{P}(\xi)$ . Thus we obtain the desired  $\xi$ -exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow P \rightarrow G'_{n-1} \rightarrow G_{n-2} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow G_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0.$$

□

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