

# Uniform Dimension over Skew *PBW* Extensions

Dimensión uniforme de las extensiones *PBW* torcidas

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*Dedicated to my dear grandfather Luis María*

ABSTRACT. The aim of the present paper is to show that, under some conditions, the uniform dimension of a ring  $R$  is the same as the uniform dimension of a skew Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt extension built on  $R$ .

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RESUMEN. El propósito de este artículo es mostrar que bajo ciertas condiciones, la dimensión uniforme de un anillo  $R$  coincide con la dimensión uniforme de una extensión Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt torcida de  $R$ .

*Palabras y frases clave.* Anillos no conmutativos, anillos filtrados y graduados, extensiones *PBW*, dimensión uniforme, módulos no singulares.

## 1. Introduction

A basic tool in the study of Noetherian rings and modules is the uniform dimension (also known as Goldie dimension), noted  $\text{rudim}(-)$  for the right dimension (similarly  $\text{ludim}(-)$  for the left dimension). The basic idea of this dimension is that one measures the “size” of a module  $M$  by finding out how big a direct sum of nonzero submodules  $M$  can contain. For modules over a division ring, uniform dimension is just the usual vector space dimension as defined in linear algebra.

For polynomial rings, Shock in 1972 ([15], Theorem 2.6) proved that if  $B$  is a ring having finite left uniform dimension, then the left uniform dimension

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of  $B[x]$  is equal to the left uniform dimension of  $B$  (see also Goodearl [3], Theorem 3.23). In the case of noncommutative rings, and more specifically skew polynomial rings, we can include (in chronological order) the following works: In 1988, Grzeszczuk [5] proved that if  $B$  is a semiprime left Goldie ring equipped with a derivation  $\delta$ , then the Goldie dimension of  $B[y; \delta]$  is equal to the Goldie dimension of  $B$ . In fact, he proved that  $B[y; \delta]_{B[y; \delta]}$  and  $B_B$  have the same uniform dimension if  $B$  is right nonsingular, or if  $B$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra with the descending chain condition on right annihilators ([5], Corollary 4). The same year, Quinn ([12], Theorem 15) showed that if  $B$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra and  $\delta$  is locally nilpotent, then  $B[y; \delta]_{B[y; \delta]}$  and  $B_B$  have the same uniform dimension. This result cannot hold in general; the classical example is given by  $B = \mathbb{k}[x]/\langle x^2 \rangle$  and  $\delta = \frac{d}{dx}$ , where  $\mathbb{k}$  is a field of characteristic 2, in which case  $\text{rudim}(B_B) = 1$  and  $\text{rudim}(B[y; \delta]_{B[y; \delta]}) = 2$  ([4], p. 851). In 1995, Matczuk [9] proved that if  $B$  is a semiprime left Goldie ring equipped with an automorphism  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma$ -derivation  $\delta$ , then the Goldie dimension of  $B[x; \sigma, \delta]$  is equal to the Goldie dimension of  $B$ . In 2005, Leroy and Matczuk [7] generalized this result to the case where  $\sigma$  is an injective endomorphism. A similar remark can be established for the results presented by Mushrub [11] and Sigurdsson [16].

In this paper we present sufficient conditions to guarantee that a ring  $R$  and a skew Poincaré Birkhoff Witt extension  $A$  built on  $R$  have the same uniform dimension. Since skew *PBW* extensions introduced in [2] are a generalization of *PBW* extensions, the results established here are more general than the result presented in [1]. In this way this paper continues with the study of several dimensions of skew *PBW* extensions presented in [8], Section 4, [13] and [14], Chapter 4. The techniques used here are fairly standard and follow the same path as other text on the subject. The results presented are new for skew *PBW* extensions and all they are similar to others existing in the literature.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 contains the definition and some of the properties of the objects we are going to study. In Section 3 we establish an upper bound for the uniform dimension of skew *PBW* extensions, and in Section 4 we present sufficient conditions under which passing from  $R$  to  $A$  preserves the dimension. For example, if  $M$  is a nonsingular right  $R$ -module, or if each nonzero submodule of  $M$  contains a nonzero element whose annihilator in  $R$  is  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$ -invariant, then  $M \otimes_R A$  has the same uniform dimension as  $M$ . When  $R$  is right Noetherian ring and tame as a right module over itself and with prime annihilator ideals under certain conditions of stability, we show that the uniform dimension of both  $A_A$  and  $R_R$  coincides.

Throughout this paper the rings and algebras are associative with unit, and all modules are unital right modules.

## 2. Definitions and Elementary Properties

In this section we recall the definition of skew *PBW* extensions presented in [2] and we also present some key properties of these extensions. The content and

proofs of this introductory section can be found in [8], Sections 1 and 2, or [14], Chapter 1. From Definition 2.1 we can see that skew PBW extensions are a generalization of PBW extensions defined by Bell and Goodearl in [1] (see [2] for more details).

**Definition 2.1** ([2] Definition 1). Let  $R$  and  $A$  be rings. We say that  $A$  is a skew PBW extension of  $R$  (also called a  $\sigma$ -PBW extension of  $R$ ) if the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $R \subseteq A$ .
- (ii) There exist elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in A \setminus R$  such that  $A$  is a left free  $R$ -module, with basis the basic elements

$$\text{Mon}(A) := \{x^\alpha = x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n} : \alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n\}.$$

- (iii) For each  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and any  $r \in R \setminus \{0\}$ , there exists an element  $c_{i,r} \in R \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$$x_i r - c_{i,r} x_i \in R. \quad (1)$$

- (iv) For any elements  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  there exists  $c_{i,j} \in R \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$$x_j x_i - c_{i,j} x_i x_j \in R + R x_1 + \cdots + R x_n. \quad (2)$$

Under these conditions we will write  $A := \sigma(R)\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$ .

**Remark 2.2** ([2], Remark 2).

- (i) Since  $\text{Mon}(A)$  is a left  $R$ -basis of  $A$ , the elements  $c_{i,r}$  and  $c_{i,j}$  in Definition 2.1 are unique.
- (ii) In Definition 2.1 (iv),  $c_{i,i} = 1$ . This follows from  $x_i^2 - c_{i,i} x_i^2 = s_0 + s_1 x_1 + \cdots + s_n x_n$ , with  $s_i \in R$ , which implies  $1 - c_{i,i} = 0 = s_i$ .
- (iii) Let  $i < j$ . By (2) there exist elements  $c_{j,i}, c_{i,j} \in R$  such that  $x_i x_j - c_{j,i} x_j x_i \in R + R x_1 + \cdots + R x_n$  and  $x_j x_i - c_{i,j} x_i x_j \in R + R x_1 + \cdots + R x_n$ , and hence  $1 = c_{j,i} c_{i,j}$ , that is, for each  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ ,  $c_{i,j}$  has a left inverse and  $c_{j,i}$  has a right inverse. In general, the elements  $c_{i,j}$  are not two sided invertible. For instance,  $x_1 x_2 = c_{2,1} x_2 x_1 + p = c_{2,1} (c_{1,2} x_1 x_2 + q) + p$ , where  $p, q \in R + R x_1 + \cdots + R x_n$ , so  $1 = c_{2,1} c_{1,2}$ , since  $x_1 x_2$  is a basic element of  $\text{Mon}(A)$ . Now,  $x_2 x_1 = c_{1,2} x_1 x_2 + q = c_{1,2} (c_{2,1} x_2 x_1 + p) + q$ , but we cannot conclude that  $c_{1,2} c_{2,1} = 1$  because  $x_2 x_1$  is not a basic element of  $\text{Mon}(A)$  (we recall that  $\text{Mon}(A)$  consists of the standard monomials).
- (iv) Each element  $f \in A \setminus \{0\}$  has a unique representation as  $f = c_1 X_1 + \cdots + c_t X_t$ , with  $c_i \in R \setminus \{0\}$  and  $X_i \in \text{Mon}(A)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq t$ .

The next proposition justifies the notation and the name of the skew *PBW* extensions.

**Proposition 2.3** ([2], Proposition 3). *Let  $A$  be a skew *PBW* extension of  $R$ . For each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , there exist an injective endomorphism  $\sigma_i : R \rightarrow R$  and a  $\sigma_i$ -derivation  $\delta_i : R \rightarrow R$  such that*

$$x_i r = \sigma_i(r)x_i + \delta_i(r), \quad \text{for each } r \in R. \quad (3)$$

A particular case of skew *PBW* extension is considered when derivations  $\delta_i$  are zero for all  $i$ . A remarkable case is presented when all endomorphisms  $\sigma_i$  are isomorphisms. These observations are formulated in the next definition.

**Definition 2.4** ([2], Definition 4). Let  $A$  be a skew *PBW* extension of  $R$ .

(a)  $A$  is called *quasi-commutative* if the conditions (iii) and (iv) in Definition 2.1 are replaced by

(iii') for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and all  $r \in R \setminus \{0\}$  there exists  $c_{i,r} \in R \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$$x_i r = c_{i,r} x_i; \quad (4)$$

(iv') for any  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  there exists  $c_{i,j} \in R \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$$x_j x_i = c_{i,j} x_i x_j. \quad (5)$$

(b)  $A$  is called *bijective* if  $\sigma_i$  is bijective for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and  $c_{i,j}$  is invertible for any  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ .

**Example 2.5.** A considerable number of examples of skew *PBW* extensions are presented in [8], Section 3 and [14], Chapter 2. These examples include *PBW* extensions and many other algebras of interest for modern mathematical physicists which are not *PBW* extensions. Some of these algebras are group rings of polycyclic-by-finite groups, Ore algebras, operator algebras, diffusion algebras, quantum algebras, quadratic algebras in 3 variables, Clifford algebras among many others.

**Definition 2.6** ([2], Definition 6). Let  $A$  be a skew *PBW* extension of  $R$  with endomorphisms  $\sigma_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , as in Proposition 2.3.

- (i) For  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ ,  $\sigma^\alpha := \sigma_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots \sigma_n^{\alpha_n}$ ,  $|\alpha| := \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n$ . If  $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , then  $\alpha + \beta := (\alpha_1 + \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_n + \beta_n)$ .
- (ii) For  $X = x^\alpha \in \text{Mon}(A)$ ,  $\exp(X) := \alpha$  and  $\deg(X) := |\alpha|$ . The symbol  $\succeq$  will denote a total order defined on  $\text{Mon}(A)$  (a total order on  $\mathbb{N}_0^n$ ). For an element  $x^\alpha \in \text{Mon}(A)$ ,  $\text{Mon}(x^\alpha) := \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ . If  $x^\alpha \succeq x^\beta$  but  $x^\alpha \neq x^\beta$ , we write  $x^\alpha \succ x^\beta$ . If  $f = c_1 X_1 + \cdots + c_t X_t \in A$ ,  $c_i \in R \setminus \{0\}$ , with

$X_1 \succ \cdots \succ X_t$ , then  $\text{lm}(f) := X_1$  is the *leading monomial* of  $f$ ,  $\text{lc}(f) := c_1$  is the *leading coefficient* of  $f$ ,  $\text{lt}(f) := c_1 X_1$  is the *leading term* of  $f$ ,  $\text{exp}(f) := \text{exp}(X_1)$  is the *order* of  $f$ , and  $E(f) := \{\text{exp}(X_i) : 1 \leq i \leq t\}$ . Finally, if  $f = 0$ , then  $\text{lm}(0) := 0$ ,  $\text{lc}(0) := 0$ ,  $\text{lt}(0) := 0$ . We also consider  $X \succ 0$  for any  $X \in \text{Mon}(A)$ . For a detailed description of monomial orders in skew PBW extensions, see [2, Section 3].

(iii) If  $f$  is an element as in Remark 2.2 (iv), then  $\text{deg}(f) := \max \{ \text{deg}(X_i) \}_{i=1}^t$ .

Skew PBW extensions can be characterized as the following theorem shows.

**Theorem 2.7** ([2], Theorem 7). *Let  $A$  be a polynomial ring over  $R$  with respect to  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ .  $A$  is a skew PBW extension of  $R$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:*

(i) *for each  $x^\alpha \in \text{Mon}(A)$  and every nonzero element  $r$  of  $R$ , there exist unique elements  $r_\alpha := \sigma^\alpha(r) \in R \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $p_{\alpha,r} \in A$  such that*

$$x^\alpha r = r_\alpha x^\alpha + p_{\alpha,r}, \tag{6}$$

*where  $p_{\alpha,r} = 0$  or  $\text{deg}(p_{\alpha,r}) < |\alpha|$  if  $p_{\alpha,r} \neq 0$ . If  $r$  is left invertible, so is  $r_\alpha$ .*

(ii) *For each  $x^\alpha, x^\beta \in \text{Mon}(A)$  there exist unique elements  $c_{\alpha,\beta} \in R$  and  $p_{\alpha,\beta} \in A$  such that*

$$x^\alpha x^\beta = c_{\alpha,\beta} x^{\alpha+\beta} + p_{\alpha,\beta}, \tag{7}$$

*where  $c_{\alpha,\beta}$  is left invertible,  $p_{\alpha,\beta} = 0$  or  $\text{deg}(p_{\alpha,\beta}) < |\alpha + \beta|$  if  $p_{\alpha,\beta} \neq 0$ .*

In the noncommutative setting an *integral domain*, briefly called a *domain*, is defined as a ring in which the product of any two nonzero elements is nonzero. With this in mind, if  $A$  is a skew PBW extension of a domain  $R$ , then so is  $A$  ([8, Proposition 4.1]).

Skew PBW extensions are filtered rings. We recall the definition of these rings.

**Definition 2.8.** A *filtered ring* is a ring  $B$  with a family  $FB = \{F_n B : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  of additive subgroups of  $B$  where we have the ascending chain  $\cdots \subset F_{n-1} B \subset F_n B \subset \cdots$  such that  $1 \in F_0 B$  and  $F_n B F_m B \subseteq F_{n+m} B$  for all  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The filtration  $FB$  is called *separated* if  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} F_n B = 0$  and *exhaustive* if  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} F_n B = B$ .

From a filtered ring  $B$  it is possible to construct its associated graded ring  $G(B)$  which is known in the literature as the *associated graded ring* of  $B$ .

The first key theorem computes the graduation of a general skew PBW extension of a ring  $R$ .

**Theorem 2.9** ([8], Theorem 2.2). *Let  $A$  be an arbitrary skew PBW extension of  $R$ . Then,  $A$  is a filtered ring with filtration given by*

$$F_m A := \begin{cases} R, & \text{if } m = 0; \\ \{f \in A : \deg(f) \leq m\}, & \text{if } m \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

and the corresponding graded ring  $G(A)$  is a quasi-commutative skew PBW extension of  $R$ . Moreover, if  $A$  is bijective, then  $G(A)$  is a quasi-commutative bijective skew PBW extension of  $R$ .

Next we recall the Hilbert's Basis theorem for skew PBW extensions.

**Theorem 2.10** ([8], Corollary 2.4). *Let  $A$  be a bijective skew PBW extension of  $R$ . If  $R$  is a left (right) Noetherian ring, then  $A$  is also a left (right) Noetherian ring.*

The next theorem is also very useful in the following section.

**Proposition 2.11.** *If  $A$  is a bijective skew PBW extension of a prime ring  $R$ , then  $A$  is also a prime ring.*

**Proof.** Theorem 2.9 shows that  $G(A)$  is a quasi-commutative skew PBW extension of  $R$ , and by assumption  $G(A)$  is also bijective. By [8, Theorem 2.3], we know that  $G(A)$  is isomorphic to an iterated skew polynomial ring  $R[z_1; \theta_1] \cdots [z_n; \theta_n]$  where  $\theta_i$  is bijective for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . The result follows from [10, Theorem 1.2.9 and Proposition 1.6.6].  $\checkmark$

### 3. Uniform Dimension over Skew PBW Extensions I

In this section we establish a relation between the uniform dimensions of a ring  $R$  and a skew PBW extension  $A$  built on  $R$ . If  $A$  is a bijective skew PBW extension of a right Noetherian domain  $R$  we will show that  $\text{rudim } A = \text{rudim } R = 1$ . In a more general case, we prove that if  $A$  is a bijective skew PBW extension of a prime right Goldie ring  $R$ , then the uniform dimension of  $A$  is bounded by the uniform dimension of  $R$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $B$  be a ring. If  $N$  is a submodule of a right  $B$ -module  $M$  such that, for all nonzero submodules  $X$  of  $M$ , one has  $N \cap X \neq 0$ , then  $N$  is an *essential submodule* of  $M$ , and  $M$  is an *essential extension* of  $N$ . We write  $N \triangleleft_e M$ .

A module  $U$  is *uniform* if  $U \neq 0$  and each nonzero submodule of  $U$  is an essential submodule. This is equivalent to  $U$  not containing a direct sum of nonzero submodules. For example, if  $B$  is an integral domain, then  $B_B$  is uniform if and only if  $B$  is a right Ore domain. We recall that a module  $M$  is said to have *finite uniform dimension* if it contains no infinite direct sum of nonzero

submodules. This is true of any uniform module and of any Noetherian module. Note that a module with Krull dimension has finite uniform dimension ([10, Lemma 6.2.6]). Because bijective skew PBW extensions have Krull dimension ([8, Section 4]) these extensions have uniform dimension.

Since a right Noetherian domain has right uniform dimension 1, Theorem 2.10 and [8, Proposition 4.1], yield the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.2.** *If  $A$  is a bijective skew PBW extension of a right Noetherian domain  $R$ , then the uniform dimension of  $A$  is 1, that is,  $\text{rudim } A = 1$ .*

A more general result than Proposition 3.2 is established in Theorem 3.5.

**Proposition 3.3** ([7], Theorem 3.4). *If  $B$  is a semiprime right Goldie ring and  $\sigma$  is injective, then the Ore extension  $B[x; \sigma, \delta]$  is also semiprime right Goldie and both rings have the same right uniform dimension.*

In order to determine an upper bound for a bijective skew PBW extension we need the following lemma. We thank professor Huishi Li for a personal communication with a simplification of our original proof. Before, we recall that if  $B$  is a filtered ring with filtration  $FB = \{F_n B\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $M$  is a right  $B$ -module, the induced filtration  $FM = \{F_n M\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  on  $M$  from  $FB$  is given by  $F_0 M := M_0 = \{X\}_{F_0 B}$ , and  $F_n M := M_0 F_n B$ , where  $X$  is any system of generators of  $M$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $B$  be a filtered ring and  $M$  a right  $B$ -module. Suppose that the induced filtration  $FM$  on  $M$  is separated and exhaustive. If  $\text{rudim}(Gr(M)) = s$ , then  $\text{rudim}(M) \leq s$ . In particular, if  $B$  is filtered with separated and exhaustive filtration, then  $\text{rudim } B \leq \text{rudim } G(B)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $B$  be a filtered ring with filtration  $FB = \{F_n B\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . Consider  $G(B) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} G(B)_n$ , the associated graded ring of  $B$ , where we know that  $G(B)_n = F_n B / F_{n-1} B$ . Note that every  $B$ -module  $M$  can be equipped with a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -filtration  $FM$  such that it is turned into a filtered  $B$ -module. Suppose that  $N = \bigoplus_{i \in I} N_i$  is a direct sum of nonzero submodules of  $M$ . Considering the filtration  $FN_i$  of each  $N_i$  induced by  $FM$ , i.e.,  $F_n N_i = N_i \cap F_n M$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We define the filtration  $FN$  of  $N$  by putting  $F_n N = \bigoplus_{i \in I} F_n N_i$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , or equivalently,  $F_n N = N \cap F_n M$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Since  $G(N)_n = \frac{F_n N}{F_{n-1} N} = \frac{\bigoplus_{i \in I} F_n N_i}{\bigoplus_{i \in I} F_{n-1} N_i} = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \frac{F_n N_i}{F_{n-1} N_i} = \bigoplus_{i \in I} G(N_i)_n$  we get

$$G(N) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} G(N)_n = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \bigoplus_{i \in I} G(N_i)_n = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} G(N_i)_n = \bigoplus_{i \in I} G(N_i).$$

For elements  $r \in G(R)_n$  and  $y \in G(N_i)_m$  we define  $(r + F_{n-1} R)(y + F_{m-1} N_i) = ry + F_{n+m-1}$  and thus  $G(N_i)$  is a graded submodule of  $G(M)$  which gives rise to

a direct sum of graded submodules of  $G(M)$ . If the filtration  $FM$  is separated and exhaustive, then  $G(N_i) = 0$  if and only if  $N_i = 0$ . The result follows from [10, Theorem 2.2.9].  $\checkmark$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $R$  be a prime right Goldie ring. If  $A$  is a bijective skew PBW extension of  $R$ , then uniform dimension of  $A$  is less or equal than uniform dimension of  $R$ .*

**Proof.** By Lemma 3.4 we obtain  $\text{rudim } A \leq \text{rudim } G(A)$ . Theorem 2.11 and Proposition 3.3 (this last says that the uniform dimension is preserved by iterated polynomial rings of automorphism type), imply that  $\text{rudim } G(A) = \text{rudim } R$ .  $\checkmark$

### 3.1. Uniform Dimension over Skew Quantum Polynomials

In this section we compute the uniform dimension of skew quantum polynomials introduced in [8].

**Definition 3.6** ([8], Example 3.2). Let  $R$  be a ring with a fixed matrix of parameters  $\mathbf{q} := [q_{ij}] \in M_n(R)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , such that  $q_{ii} = 1 = q_{ij}q_{ji} = q_{ji}q_{ij}$  for every  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , and suppose that automorphisms  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  of  $R$  are also given. The ring of *skew quantum polynomials over  $R$* , denoted by  $R_{\mathbf{q}, \sigma}[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_r^{\pm 1}, x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n]$  or  $Q_{\mathbf{q}, \sigma}^{r, n}(R)$  is defined as the ring satisfying the relations:

- (i)  $R \subseteq R_{\mathbf{q}, \sigma}[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_r^{\pm 1}, x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n]$ ;
- (ii)  $R_{\mathbf{q}, \sigma}[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_r^{\pm 1}, x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n]$  is a free left  $R$ -module with basis
 
$$\{x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n} : \alpha_i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq r \text{ and } \alpha_i \in \mathbb{N} \text{ for } r+1 \leq i \leq n\}; \quad (9)$$
- (iii) the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  satisfy the defining relations

$$x_i x_i^{-1} = 1 = x_i^{-1} x_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq r, \quad (10)$$

$$x_j x_i = \sigma_j(x_i) x_j = q_{ij} x_i x_j, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n, \quad (11)$$

$$x_j r = \sigma_j(r) x_j, \quad r \in R, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n. \quad (12)$$

**Remark 3.7.**  $R_{\mathbf{q}, \sigma}[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_r^{\pm 1}, x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n]$  can be viewed as a localization of a skew PBW extension. For the quasi-commutative bijective skew PBW extension  $A := \sigma(R)\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$ , with  $x_i r = \sigma_i(r) x_i$  and  $x_j x_i = q_{ij} x_i x_j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . If we set  $S := \{r x^\alpha : r \in R^*, x^\alpha \in \text{Mon}\{x_1, \dots, x_r\}\}$ , then  $S$  is a multiplicative subset of  $A$  and we have the isomorphism  $S^{-1}A \cong R_{\mathbf{q}, \sigma}[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_r^{\pm 1}, x_{r+1}, \dots, x_n]$ . See [8, Example 3.2] or [13, Remark 21], for more details.



**Examples 3.8.** Particular examples of skew polynomial rings include *quantum polynomials*, *algebra of skew quantum polynomials*, *algebra of quantum polynomials*, the *n-multiparametric skew quantum space*, *n-multiparametric skew quantum torus*, *skew Laurent polynomial ring*, *n-multiparametric skew quantum torus*, etc. For a detailed description of these rings and algebras, see [8, Example 3.2] or [13, Remark 22].

**Lemma 3.9** ([10], Lemma 2.2.12). *Let  $S$  be a left Ore set of regular elements of a ring  $B$ . Then  $\text{rudim}_S B = \text{rudim } B$ .*

**Proposition 3.10.** *If  $R$  is a right Noetherian domain, then  $\text{ludim } Q_{q,\sigma}^{r,n}(R) = 1$ .*

**Proof.** The assertion follows from Remark 3.7, Proposition 3.2 and Lemma 3.9.  $\checkmark$

**Proposition 3.11.** *If  $R$  is a prime right Goldie ring, then  $\text{rudim } Q_{q,\sigma}^{r,n}(R) \leq \text{rudim } R$ .*

**Proof.** The result follows from Remark 3.7, Theorem 3.5 and Lemma 3.9.  $\checkmark$

#### 4. Uniform Dimension over Skew PBW Extensions II

In this section we establish sufficient conditions under which passing from  $R$  to  $A$  preserves the uniform dimension for  $A$  a bijective skew PBW extension of  $R$ .

Let  $A = \sigma(R)\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$  be a skew PBW extension of a ring  $R$ . By Proposition 2.3 we know that  $x_i r - \sigma_i(r)x_i = \delta_i(r)$  for all  $r \in R$ , where  $\sigma$  is an injective endomorphism of  $R$  and  $\delta_i$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -derivation of  $R$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $\Sigma := \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n\}$  and  $\Delta := \{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$ . We say that the pair  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$  is induced by the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . If  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ ,  $I$  is called  $\Sigma$ -invariant ( $\Delta$ -invariant) if it is invariant under each injective endomorphism ( $\sigma$ -derivation) of  $\Sigma$  ( $\Delta$ ), that is,  $\sigma_i(I) \subseteq I$  ( $\delta_i(I) \subseteq I$ ) for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . If  $I$  is both  $\Sigma$  and  $\Delta$ -invariant ideal we say that  $I$  is  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$ -invariant. We consider a  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$ -invariant ideal  $I$  of  $R$  to be  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$ -prime if whenever a product of two  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$ -invariant ideals is contained in  $I$ , one of these ideals is contained in  $I$ .  $R$  is a  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$ -prime ring if the ideal  $0$  is  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$ -prime.

The next proposition is very useful for computing uniform dimension of skew PBW extensions.

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $R$  be a right Noetherian ring and let  $A = \sigma(R)\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$  be a bijective skew PBW extension of  $R$ . If  $I$  is a nonzero  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$ -invariant ideal of  $R$  then  $IA = AI$  is an ideal of  $A$  with  $IA \cap R = I$ ,  $R/I$  embeds in  $A/IA$  and  $A/IA$  is a skew PBW extension of  $R/I$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $I$  is a  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$ -invariant ideal of  $R$  it follows that  $IA = AI$  is an ideal of  $A$  with  $IA \cap R = I$ . Let us see that  $A/IA$  is a skew *PBW* extension of  $R/I$ .

- (i) It is clear that  $R/I \subseteq A/IA$ .
- (ii) It is also clear that  $A/IA$  is a left  $R/I$ -module with generating set  $\text{Mon}(A/IA)$ . Next we show that  $A/IA$  is a left free  $R/I$ -module. Consider the expression  $\overline{r_1} \widetilde{X_1} + \cdots + \overline{r_n} \widetilde{X_n} = 0 + IA$  where  $X_i \in \text{Mon}(A)$  for each  $i$ . Let us see that  $\overline{r_i} = 0 + I$  for each  $i$ . By definition above we have  $\widetilde{r_1 X_1} + \cdots + \widetilde{r_n X_n} = 0 + IA$ , that is  $r_1 X_1 + \cdots + r_n X_n \in IA$ . Since  $A$  is a left free  $R$ -module, by order conditions on  $X_i$  using notation in Definition 2.6 we can write

$$r_1 X_1 + \cdots + r_n X_n = m_1 X_1 + \cdots + m_n X_n, \quad m_i \in I, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

or, equivalently,  $(r_1 - m_1)X_1 + \cdots + (r_n - m_n)X_n = 0$ . Thus we obtain that  $r_i = m_i$  for all  $i$  which implies that  $r_i \in I$  and thus  $\overline{r_i} = 0 + I$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Therefore  $A/IA$  is a left free  $R/I$ -module.

- (iii) Let  $\overline{r} \neq 0 + I$ . We have  $\widetilde{x_i r} = \widetilde{x_i} \overline{r} \neq 0 + IA$  since  $r \notin I$ . Then  $x_i r \notin IA$  for each  $i$ . By Proposition 2.3 we know that  $x_i r = c_{i,r} x_i + \delta_i(r)$  for all  $r \in R$  and each  $i$ . Since  $R$  is left Noetherian, for every  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  we obtain  $I = \sigma(I)$ . Then, if  $r \notin I$  it follows that  $c_{i,r} = \sigma_i(r) \notin I$ . In this way  $c_{i,r} x_i \notin IA$  whence  $\delta_i(r) \notin IA$  which yields  $\delta_i(r) \notin I$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Therefore we consider  $\widetilde{x_i r} = \overline{c_{i,r}} \widetilde{x_i} + \overline{\delta_i(r)}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Since  $\text{Mon}(A/IA)$  is a  $R/I$  basis of  $A/IA$  then  $\overline{c_{i,r}}$  is unique (Remark 2.2).
- (iv) Note that  $\widetilde{x_j x_i} \neq 0 + IA$  since  $x_j x_i \notin IA$  for  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . By assumption, the elements  $c_{i,j}$  are left invertible in  $R$  which implies that  $c_{i,j} \notin I$  and thus  $c_{i,j} x_i x_j \notin IA$  for  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . Hence  $x_j x_i - c_{i,j} x_i x_j = \sum_{t=1}^n r_t x_t \notin IA$ , where  $r_t \in R$ . Since  $A$  is a left free  $R$ -module, there exists  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  with  $r_j \notin I$  and thus  $r_j x_j \notin IA$ . Thus  $\sum_{t \neq j}^n r_t x_t \notin IA$ . Continuing this way we can see that  $r_t \notin I$  for all  $t = 1, \dots, n$ , and we obtain the equality  $\widetilde{x_j x_i} = \overline{c_{i,j}} \widetilde{x_i} \overline{x_j} + \sum_{t=1}^n \overline{r_t} \widetilde{x_t}$ , where  $\overline{c_{i,j}} \neq 0 + I$ ,  $\widetilde{x_i} \overline{x_j} \neq 0 + IA$  and  $\overline{r_t} \neq 0 + I$  for all  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$  and  $t = 1, \dots, n$ , respectively. Since  $\text{Mon}(A/IA)$  is a  $R/I$  basis of  $A/IA$  the elements  $\overline{c_{i,j}}$  are unique (see Remark 2.2).

In this way  $A/IA$  is a skew *PBW* extension of  $R/I$ . We keep the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  of extension  $A$  of the extension  $A/IA$  hoping that this will not cause confusion.  $\square$

If  $M$  is a right  $R$ -module, and  $T$  is a nonzero  $A$ -submodule of  $M \otimes_R A$ , since  ${}_R A$  is free, whence faithfully flat, given any right  $R$ -modules  $N \leq M$ , we

may identify  $N \otimes_R A$  with its image in  $M \otimes_R A$ . The module  $M \otimes_R A$  is called the *induced module*. Observe that  $M \otimes_R A$  is, as an abelian group, the direct sum of the subgroups  $M \otimes X_i$  for each  $X_i \in \text{Mon}(A)$ . In this way, any nonzero element  $f \in M \otimes_R A$  may be uniquely expressed in the form

$$f = (m_0 \otimes 1) + (m_1 \otimes X_1) + \cdots + (m_t \otimes X_t) \quad (13)$$

where  $m_i \in M$  for each  $i$ ,  $m_t \neq 0$ , and  $\exp(X_i) \prec \exp(X_t)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t-1$ . We shall usually abbreviate such an expression to

$$f = m_0 + m_1 X_1 + \cdots + m_t X_t. \quad (14)$$

**Definition 4.2.** A  $B$ -module  $M$  is a *rational extension* of a submodule  $N$ , denoted  $N \leq_r M$ , provided that  $\text{Hom}_B(L/N, M) = 0$  for any submodule  $L$  of  $M$  that contains  $N$ . Equivalently, if these are right modules,  $N \leq_r M$  if and only if whenever  $x, y \in M$  with  $x \neq 0$ , there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $xr \neq 0$  and  $yr \in N$  ([3, Proposition 2.25]).

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $A$  be a bijective skew PBW extension of a ring  $R$ . If  $N \leq_r M$  are right  $R$ -modules, then  $N \otimes_R A \leq_r M \otimes_R A$  as  $R$ -modules and hence also as  $A$ -modules.*

**Proof.** Let  $x, y \in M \otimes_R A$  with  $x \neq 0$ . Consider the elements

$$x = (x_0 \otimes 1) + (x_1 \otimes X_1) + (x_2 \otimes X_2) + \cdots + (x_t \otimes X_t) \quad (15)$$

and

$$y = (y_0 \otimes 1) + (y_1 \otimes X'_1) + (y_2 \otimes X'_2) + \cdots + (y_s \otimes X'_s) \quad (16)$$

where  $x_i, y_j \in M$ ,  $x_t, y_s \neq 0$ ,  $\exp(x) := \exp(X_t)$ , and  $\exp(y) := \exp(X'_s)$ . For  $k = s, s-1, \dots, 0$ , the idea is to show that there exists  $r_k \in R$  such that  $x_t r_k \neq 0$  and

$$y r_k \in (M \otimes 1) + (M \otimes X_1) + \cdots + (M \otimes X_{k-1}) + (N \otimes X'_k) + \cdots + (N \otimes X'_s).$$

With this in mind, since  $N \leq_r M$  there exists  $r_s \in R$  such that  $x_t r_s \neq 0$  and  $y_s r_s \in N$ . Because  $A$  is bijective, let  $r'_s := \sigma^{-\exp(X'_s)}(r_s)$ . Following notation (14), Theorem 2.7 (i) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
yr'_s &= y_0r'_s + y_1 [\sigma^{\exp(X'_1)}(r'_s)X'_1 + p_{\exp(X'_1),r'_s}] + \\
&\quad y_2 [\sigma^{\exp(X'_2)}(r'_s)X'_2 + p_{\exp(X'_2),r'_s}] + \cdots + \\
&\quad y_s [\sigma^{\exp(X'_s)}(\sigma^{-\exp(X'_s)}(r_s))X'_s + p_{\exp(X'_s),r'_s}] \\
&= y_0r'_s + y_1 [\sigma^{\exp(X'_1)}(r'_s)X'_1 + p_{\exp(X'_1),r'_s}] + \\
&\quad y_2 [\sigma^{\exp(X'_2)}(r'_s)X'_2 + p_{\exp(X'_2),r'_s}] + \cdots + \\
&\quad y_s [r_s X'_s + p_{\exp(X'_s),r'_s}] \\
&= y_0r'_s + y_1 \sigma^{\exp(X'_1)}(r'_s)X'_1 + y_1 p_{\exp(X'_1),r'_s} + \\
&\quad y_2 \sigma^{\exp(X'_2)}(r'_s)X'_2 + y_2 p_{\exp(X'_2),r'_s} + \cdots + y_s r_s X'_s + y_s p_{\exp(X'_s),r'_s}
\end{aligned}$$

or, equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned}
yr'_s &= y_0r'_s + y_1 \sigma^{\exp(X'_1)}(r'_s)X'_1 + y_2 \sigma^{\exp(X'_2)}(r'_s)X'_2 + \cdots + \\
&\quad y_s r_s X'_s + \sum_{l=1}^s y_l p_{\exp(X'_l),r'_s} \quad (17)
\end{aligned}$$

with  $p_{\exp(X'_l),r'_s} \in A$  for all  $l = 1, \dots, t$ , and  $p_{\exp(X'_l),r'_s} = 0$ , or  $\deg(p_{\exp(X'_l),r'_s}) < |\exp(X'_l)|$  if  $p_{\exp(X'_l),r'_s} \neq 0$ . For every  $l$ , consider  $p_{\exp(X'_l),r'_s} := d_{l,0} + d_{l,1}X'_{l,1} + \cdots + d_{l,h(l)}X'_{l,h(l)}$ , with  $\exp(p_{\exp(X'_l),r'_s}) := \exp(X'_{l,h(l)})$ , and the  $d_l$ 's are elements of  $R$ , the  $X_l$ 's are basic elements of  $\text{Mon}(A)$ , and the value  $h(l)$  depends of the polynomial  $l$ . Then

$$\sum_{l=1}^s y_l p_{\exp(X'_l),r'_s} = \sum_{l=1}^s [y_l d_{l,0} + y_l d_{l,1}X'_{l,1} + \cdots + y_l d_{l,h(l)}X'_{l,h(l)}].$$

In this way, from (17)

$$\begin{aligned}
yr'_s &= y_0r'_s + y_1 \sigma^{\exp(X'_1)}(r'_s)X'_1 + y_2 \sigma^{\exp(X'_2)}(r'_s)X'_2 + \cdots + y_s r_s X'_s + \\
&\quad \sum_{l=1}^s [y_l d_{l,0} + y_l d_{l,1}X'_{l,1} + \cdots + y_l d_{l,h(l)}X'_{l,h(l)}] \\
&= \left( y_0r'_s + \sum_{l=1}^s y_l d_{l,0} \right) + y_1 \sigma^{\exp(X'_1)}(r'_s)X'_1 + y_2 \sigma^{\exp(X'_2)}(r'_s)X'_2 + \\
&\quad \cdots + y_s r_s X'_s + \sum_{l=1}^s [y_l d_{l,1}X'_{l,1} + \cdots + y_l d_{l,h(l)}X'_{l,h(l)}].
\end{aligned}$$

This shows that for the element  $yr'_s$  we have the sets of basic monomials given by  $\{X'_1, X'_2, \dots, X'_s\}$ ,  $\{X'_{1,1}, X'_{1,2}, \dots, X'_{1,h(1)}\}$ ,  $\{X'_{2,1}, X'_{2,2}, \dots, X'_{2,h(2)}\}$ ,

$\dots, \{X'_{s,1}, X'_{s,2}, \dots, X'_{s,h(s)}\}$ . Of course, these sets are not necessarily disjoint (note that  $\exp(X'_s)$  is greater than others basic elements of  $yr'_s$ ). If we consider the union

$$\{X'_1, X'_2, \dots, X'_s\} \cup \bigcup_{l=1}^s \{X'_{l,1}, X'_{l,2}, \dots, X'_{l,h(l)}\}$$

after suppressing possible repetitions of basic monomials, we have a finite number of monomials  $X'_1, \dots, X'_{v-1}, X'_s$ , say, if no confusion arises with (16). So, from the last expression for  $yr'_s$  above, we obtain

$$yr_s \in (M \otimes 1) + \dots + (M \otimes X'_{v-1}) + (N \otimes X'_s).$$

Let  $0 < k \leq s$ . Suppose that there exists  $r_k \in R$  which satisfies the required properties. Consider the expression

$$yr_k = (z_0 \otimes 1) + (z_1 \otimes X'_1) + \dots + (z_s \otimes X'_s),$$

with  $z_0, \dots, z_{k-1} \in M$  and  $z_k, \dots, z_s \in N$ . There exists  $p \in R$  such that  $x_t r_k p \neq 0$  and  $z_{k-1} p \in N$ . Therefore the element  $r_{k-1} = r_k p$  has the required properties. In this way we complete the inductive step. Then  $x_t r_0 \neq 0$  which implies  $xr_0 \neq 0$  and  $yr_0 \in N \otimes_R A$ . We conclude that  $N \otimes_R A \leq_r M \otimes_R A$  as  $R$ -modules and it follows that  $N \otimes_R A \leq_R M \otimes_R A$ .  $\square$

**Remark 4.4.** In the proof of Lemma 4.3 we assume that the skew PBW extension is bijective. Nevertheless, we only used the fact that the injective endomorphisms  $\sigma$  of Proposition 2.3 are bijective, that is, we do not require that the elements  $c_{i,j}$  are invertible.

For the next lemma consider a bijective skew PBW extension  $A$  of a ring  $R$ ,  $M$  a right  $R$ -module, and  $T$  a nonzero  $A$ -submodule of  $M \otimes_R A$ .

**Lemma 4.5.** *If  $f$  is a nonzero element of  $T$  of minimal monomial order  $\exp(X_t) = \alpha_t$  among all elements of  $T$  ( $f$  is expressed as in (13)), then  $\sigma^{-\alpha_t}(\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f)))A = \text{rann}_A(f)$ . Thus  $fA \cong \text{lc}(f)R \otimes_R A$  as right  $A$ -modules.*

**Proof.** Consider  $f$  a nonzero element of  $T$  of minimal monomial order. Following the notation (14), we write  $f = m_0 + m_1 X_1 + \dots + m_t X_t$  where  $m_i \in M$ ,  $m_t \neq 0$ ,  $X_j \in \text{Mon}(A)$  and  $\exp(X_j) < \exp(X_t) = \alpha_t$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq t-1$ . By definition of the right annihilator,  $\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f)) = \{r \in R : m_t r = 0\}$ . For  $r \in R$ , consider the element  $fr$ . Theorem 2.7 establishes that

$$fr = m_0 r + m_1 X_1 r + \dots + m_t (\sigma^{\alpha_t}(r) X_t + p_{\alpha_t, r}),$$

where  $p_{\alpha_t, r} = 0$  or  $\deg(p_{\alpha_t, r}) < \deg(X_t)$  if  $p_{\alpha_t, r} \neq 0$ . If  $r \in \sigma^{-\alpha_t}(\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f)))$ , then  $\sigma^{\alpha_t}(r) \in \text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f))$  which yields  $\deg(fr) <$

$\deg(X_t)$ . Because  $fr \in T$ , then  $fr = 0$ . Thus,  $f\sigma^{-\alpha t}(\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f))) = 0$  and  $f\sigma^{-\alpha t}(\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f)))A = 0$ . Hence  $\sigma^{-\alpha t}(\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f)))A \subseteq \text{rann}_A(f)$ .

Let us see now that  $\text{rann}_A(f) \subseteq \sigma^{-1}(\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f)))A$ . Let  $u = r_0 + r_1Y_1 + \dots + r_kY_k$  an element of  $\text{rann}_A(f)$ . Then

$$fu = (m_0 + m_1X_1 + \dots + m_tX_t)(r_0 + r_1Y_1 + \dots + r_kY_k) = 0,$$

which implies that  $m_tX_t r_k Y_k = 0$ , whence  $m_t\sigma^{\alpha t}(r_k)X_t Y_k = 0$ , i.e.,  $m_t\sigma^{\alpha t}(r_k) = 0$ , and  $\sigma^{\alpha t}(r_k) \in \text{rann}_R(m_t) = \text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f))$ , that is,  $r_k \in \sigma^{-\alpha t}(\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f)))$ . In this way  $r_k Y_k \in \sigma^{-\alpha t}(\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f)))A \subseteq \text{rann}_A(f)$  (by the proof above). Because  $u \in \text{rann}_A(f)$ ,  $u - r_k Y_k \in \text{rann}_A(f)$ . Repeating this process we show that the summands  $r_{k-1}Y_{k-1}$ ,  $r_{k-2}Y_{k-2}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $r_0$  are elements of  $\sigma^{-\alpha t}(\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f)))A$  which yields that  $u \in \sigma^{-\alpha t}(\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f)))A$  and hence we prove the inclusion  $\text{rann}_A(f) \subseteq \sigma^{-\alpha t}(\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f)))A$ . Then  $\text{rann}_A(f) = \sigma^{-\alpha t}(\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f)))A$  and  $fA \cong \text{lc}(f)R \otimes_R A$  as right  $A$ -modules.  $\checkmark$

**Definition 4.6.** If  $M$  is a right module over a ring  $B$ , an element of  $m \in M$  is said to be a *singular element* of  $M$  if the right ideal  $\text{rann}_B(m)$  is essential in  $B_B$ . The set of all singular elements of  $M$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{Z}(M)$ .  $M_B$  is a *singular (nonsingular)* module if  $\mathcal{Z}(M) = M$  ( $\mathcal{Z}(0) := 0$ ).

We have the following key result.

**Proposition 4.7.** *Let  $A$  be a bijective skew PBW extension of a ring  $R$  and let  $M$  be a nonsingular right  $R$ -module. If either  $R$  is a right Noetherian ring or  $M$  is a Noetherian module, then*

$$\text{rudim}_R(M) = \text{rudim}_A(M \otimes_R A).$$

**Proof.** If  $R$  is a right Noetherian ring or  $M$  is a Noetherian module, then every nonzero submodule of  $M$  contains a uniform Noetherian submodule. This implies that  $M$  contains an essential submodule  $N$  which is a direct sum of uniform Noetherian submodules. Since  $M$  is nonsingular,  $N \leq_r M$  and so by Lemma 4.3,  $N \otimes_R A \leq_r M \otimes_R A$  which implies that  $\text{rudim}_R(N \otimes_R A) = \text{rudim}(M \otimes_R A)$ .

In this way we have to show that if  $M$  is a nonsingular uniform Noetherian module, then  $M \otimes_R A$  is uniform. Since  $M \otimes_R A$  is Noetherian, it contains a uniform submodule  $T$ . Consider an element nonzero  $f$  of  $T$  of minimal monomial order as in Lemma 4.5, Lemmas 4.3 and 4.5 imply that

$$fA \cong \text{lc}(f)R \otimes_R A \leq_r M \otimes_R A.$$

Since  $fA$  is uniform then  $M \otimes_R A$  is uniform.  $\checkmark$

The next proposition establishes that nonsingularity is preserved for induced modules.

**Proposition 4.8.** *Let  $A$  be a bijective skew PBW extension of a ring  $R$  and let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module. If  $M_R$  is nonsingular, then  $(M \otimes_R A)_A$  is nonsingular. Conversely, if  $R_R$  is nonsingular and  $(M \otimes_R A)_A$  is nonsingular, then  $M_R$  is nonsingular.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $M_R$  is nonsingular. Let  $T$  be the singular submodule of  $M \otimes_R A$ . If  $T \neq 0$ , let  $f \in T$  be nonzero with minimal monomial order as in Lemma 4.5. We obtain that  $\text{rann}_A(f) = \text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f))A$ , and since  $M$  is nonsingular, there is a nonzero right ideal  $I$  of  $R$  with  $\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f)) \cap I = 0$ . Hence  $\text{rann}_R(\text{lc}(f))A \cap IA = 0$  which implies that  $\text{rann}_A(f)$  is not an essential right ideal of  $A$ , which contradicts the definition of  $T$ . We conclude that  $T = 0$ .

Finally suppose that  $R_R$  and  $(M \otimes_R A)_A$  are nonsingular. Let  $m$  be an element of  $M$  with  $I = \text{rann}_R(m)$ . If  $I$  is an essential right ideal of  $R$ , then  $I_R \leq_r R_R$  and hence  $IA_A \leq_r A_A$ . The fact  $(m \otimes 1)IA = 0$  implies that  $m = 0$  which shows that  $M_R$  is nonsingular.  $\square$

**Definition 4.9** ([1], Section 2). Let  $B$  be a right Noetherian ring and let  $U$  be a uniform right  $B$ -module. Then there is a unique prime ideal  $P$  of  $B$  which is the largest annihilator of any nonzero submodule of  $U$ . This prime ideal is called the *assassinator* of  $U$ , and  $U$  is called *tame* if it contains a copy of a nonzero right ideal of  $B/P$ .

Alternatively,  $U$  is tame if and only if the submodule  $\text{rann}_U(P)$  is torsion free as an  $(B/P)$ -module. An arbitrary right  $B$ -module  $M$  is tame if all of its uniform submodules are tame, and we denote the set of assassinator prime ideals of uniform submodules of  $M$  by  $\text{ass}(M)$ .

**Proposition 4.10.** *Let  $A$  be a bijective skew PBW extension of a right Noetherian ring, let  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$  be the pair induced by  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and let  $M$  be a tame right  $R$ -module such that each member of  $\text{ass}(M)$  is  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$ -invariant. Then  $\text{rudim}_R(M) = \text{rudim}_A(M \otimes_R A)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $E$  be the injective hull of  $M$ . Since

$$\text{rudim}_R(E) = \text{rudim}_R(M) \leq \text{rudim}_A(M \otimes_R A) \leq \text{rudim}_A(E \otimes_R A),$$

it is sufficient to show that  $\text{rudim}_R(E) = \text{rudim}_A(E \otimes_R A)$ . Since  $R$  is right Noetherian,  $E$  is a direct sum of uniform (indecomposable) injective submodules. Using the fact that the tensor product preserves direct sums, it is enough to prove the assertion with  $E$  uniform ([6, Theorem 3.48 and Corollary 6.10]). We also note that neither the tameness of  $M$  nor the set  $\text{ass}(M)$  is changed by passing to an essential extension or an essential submodule of  $M$  ([1, p. 20]). In this way, following Definition 4.9 we may consider the case where  $M = E(U)$  is the injective hull of a uniform right ideal  $U$  of some factor ring  $R/P$  with  $P$  a  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$ -invariant prime ideal of  $R$ .

Let  $E_0 = \text{ann}_E(P)$ . Then  $E_0$  is the  $(R/P)$ -injective hull of  $U$ , and  $E_0$  is torsionfree and uniform as an  $(R/P)$ -module, so by Proposition 4.7 the module  $E_0 \otimes_{R/P}(A/PA) \cong E_0 \otimes_R A$  is uniform as a right  $A$ -module (note that  $A/PA$  is a skew PBW extension of  $R/P$  by Proposition 4.1). In this way, to conclude the proof we have to show that  $E_0 \otimes_R A \leq_e E \otimes_R A$ . By contradiction, suppose that  $E_0 \otimes_R A$  is not essential in  $E \otimes_R A$ . Then there is a nonzero element  $a \in E \otimes_R A$  of minimal monomial order such that  $aA \cap (E_0 \otimes_R A) = 0$ . Following (13) we have the expression

$$a = (a_0 \otimes 1) + (a_1 \otimes X_1) + \cdots + (a_m \otimes X_m),$$

where  $a_i \in E$  for each  $i$ ,  $a_m \neq 0$ ,  $\exp(X_i) < \exp(X_m)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ , and the element  $a$  satisfies the conditions of the Lemma 4.5. Since  $E_0$  is essential in  $E$ , there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $a_m r \in E_0$  and  $a_m$  is nonzero. We may replace  $a$  by  $ar$  and then without loss of generality we suppose that  $a_m \in E_0$ . In this way  $a_m P = 0$ , and using the fact that  $P$  is  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$ -invariant and part (i) of Theorem 2.7 we have that  $(a_m \otimes X_m)P = 0$ . Now, the equality  $aA \cap (E_0 \otimes_R A) = 0$  implies  $aPA \cap (E_0 \otimes_R A) = 0$ , and using the minimality of  $m$  we obtain that  $aP = 0$  whence  $(a - (a_m \otimes X_m))P = 0$ . Thus  $a_{m-1}P = 0$ . Continuing this way we can see that  $a_i P = 0$  for every  $a_i$ , but this means that  $a \in E_0 \otimes_R A$ , which contradicts  $a \neq 0$ . So,  $E_0 \otimes_R A \leq_e E \otimes_R A$  and the assertion follows.  $\checkmark$

Next theorem establishes conditions under which passing from  $R$  to  $A$  preserves the dimension where  $A$  is a skew PBW extension of  $R$ .

**Theorem 4.11.** *Let  $A$  be a bijective skew PBW extension of a right Noetherian ring. Suppose that  $R$  is tame as a right  $R$ -module over itself and that any prime annihilator ideal in  $R$  is  $(\Sigma, \Delta)$ -invariant. Then  $\text{rudim}_R(R) = \text{rudim}_A(A)$ .*

**Proof.** The assertion follows from Definition 4.9 and Proposition 4.10.  $\checkmark$

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