

# TOPICS ON SEQUENTIALLY COHEN-MACAULAY MODULES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we study the two different topics related to sequentially Cohen-Macaulay modules. The questions are when the sequentially Cohen-Macaulay property preserve the localization and the module-finite extension of rings.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, unless otherwise specified, let  $R$  be a commutative Noetherian ring,  $M \neq (0)$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module of dimension  $d$ . Then there exists the largest  $R$ -submodule  $M_n$  of  $M$  with  $\dim_R M_n \leq n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (here  $\dim_R(0) = -\infty$  for convention). Let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}(M) &= \{ \dim_R N \mid N \text{ is an } R\text{-submodule of } M, N \neq (0) \} \\ &= \{ \dim R/\mathfrak{p} \mid \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M \}. \end{aligned}$$

Put  $\ell = \#\mathcal{S}(M)$  and write  $\mathcal{S}(M) = \{d_1 < d_2 < \dots < d_\ell = d\}$ . Then *the dimension filtration of  $M$*  is a chain

$$\mathcal{D} : D_0 := (0) \subsetneq D_1 \subsetneq D_2 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq D_\ell = M$$

of  $R$ -submodules of  $M$ , where  $D_i = M_{d_i}$  for every  $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ . Notice that the notion of dimension filtration is due to S. Goto, Y. Horiuchi and H. Sakurai ([GHS]) and a little different from that of the original one given by P. Schenzel ([Sch]). However, let us adopt the above definition throughout this paper. We say that  $M$  is a *sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module*, if the quotient module  $C_i = D_i/D_{i-1}$  of  $D_i$  is Cohen-Macaulay for every  $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ . In particular, the ring  $R$  is called a *sequentially Cohen-Macaulay ring*, if  $\dim R < \infty$  and  $R$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay module over itself.

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The aim of this paper is to investigate the following questions. The first one is whether the sequentially Cohen-Macaulay property is inherited from localizations, which has been already studied by Cuong-Goto-Truong ([CGT]) and Cuong-Nhan ([CN]) in the case of local rings. In Section 2, we shall probe into a possible generalization of their results ([CGT, Proposition 2.6], [CN, Proposition 4.7]). More precisely, we prove the following.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Suppose that  $\dim R/\mathfrak{p} = \dim R_{\mathfrak{m}}/\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{m}}$  for every  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M$  and for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module.
- (2)  $M_P$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R_P$ -module for every  $P \in \text{Supp}_R M$ .

Another one is the question of whether the sequentially Cohen-Macaulay property preserves the module-finite extension of rings or not. In Section 3, especially, we will give the characterization of sequentially Cohen-Macaulay local rings obtained by the idealization (that is, trivial extension), which is stated as follows.

**Theorem 1.2** (Corollary 3.9). *Suppose that  $R$  is a local ring. Let  $R \times M$  denote the idealization of  $M$  over  $R$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $R \times M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay local ring.
- (2)  $R \times M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module.
- (3)  $R$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay local ring and  $M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module.

## 2. LOCALIZATION OF SEQUENTIALLY COHEN-MACAULAY MODULES

The purpose of this section is mainly to prove Theorem 1.1.

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) We may assume that  $\ell > 1$  and the assertion holds for  $\ell - 1$ . Thanks to [CGT, Proposition 2.6], it is enough to show the case where  $P$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ . Then we get the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow M \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  of  $R$ -modules where  $N = D_{\ell-1}$  and  $C = C_{\ell}$ . We may also assume  $N_P \neq (0)$ ,  $C_P \neq (0)$  and  $\dim_{R_P} N_P = \dim_{R_P} M_P$ , since  $N_P$  is sequentially Cohen-Macaulay and  $C_P$  is Cohen-Macaulay. By using the hypothesis, we get  $\dim_{R_P} M_P = \dim_{R_P} C_P$  (see also [Sch, Corollary 2.3]).

Let

$$E_0 = (0) \subsetneq E_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq E_{t-1} \subsetneq E_t = N_P$$

be the dimension filtration of  $N_P$ . Then  $M_P/E_{t-1}$  is a Cohen-Macaulay  $R_P$ -module of dimension  $\dim_{R_P} M_P$ , because  $N_P/E_{t-1}$  and  $M_P/N_P$  are Cohen-Macaulay  $R_P$ -modules of same dimension  $\dim_{R_P} M_P$ . Hence  $M_P$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R_P$ -module.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that  $C_i$  is not Cohen-Macaulay for some  $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ . Then there exists a maximal ideal  $P$  of  $R$  such that  $[C_i]_P \neq (0)$ ,  $[C_i]_P$  is not a Cohen-Macaulay  $R_P$ -module. Let  $\alpha = \dim_{R_P} [C_i]_P$ . We choose  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R C_i$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq P$ ,  $\alpha = \dim_{R_P} \mathfrak{p}R_P$ . Then

$$\alpha = \dim_{R_P} \mathfrak{p}R_P = \dim R/\mathfrak{p} = d_i$$

by using the hypothesis and  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R C_i$ . Therefore  $d_i \in \mathcal{S}(M_P) \subseteq \mathcal{S}(M)$ , since

$$\mathcal{S}(M_P) = \{\dim R/\mathfrak{p} \mid \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M, \mathfrak{p} \subseteq P\} \subseteq \mathcal{S}(M).$$

Let  $q = \#\mathcal{S}(M_P)$ . We write  $\mathcal{S}(M_P) = \{n_1 < n_2 < \cdots < n_q\}$ . Then  $d_i = n_j$  for some  $1 \leq j \leq q$ . Let  $(0) = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M} M(\mathfrak{p})$  be a primary decomposition of  $(0)$  in  $M$ . In this case

$$(0) = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M, \mathfrak{p} \subseteq P} [M(\mathfrak{p})]_P$$

forms a primary decomposition of  $(0)$  in  $M_P$ .

**Claim 2.1.** *The following assertions hold true.*

(1)  $[D_i]_P = D_j(M_P)$

(2)  $[D_{i-1}]_P = D_{j-1}(M_P)$

where  $\{D_j(M_P)\}_{0 \leq j \leq q}$  stands for the dimension filtration of  $M_P$ .

*Proof of Claim 2.1.* (1) We may assume that  $i < \ell$ . Then

$$D_i = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M, \dim R/\mathfrak{p} > d_i} M(\mathfrak{p}),$$

so that

$$[D_i]_P = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M, \dim R/\mathfrak{p} > n_j, \mathfrak{p} \subseteq P} [M(\mathfrak{p})]_P.$$

We now assume that  $\mathfrak{p} \not\subseteq P$  for every  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M$  with  $\dim R/\mathfrak{p} > d_i$ . Then  $M(\mathfrak{p})_P = M_P$ , so that  $[D_i]_P = M_P$ . Then  $\dim_{R_P} M_P = d_i$ , since  $\dim_{R_P} M_P \leq d_i \in \mathcal{S}(M_P)$ . Therefore  $d_i = n_q$ ,  $j = q$  and

$$[D_i]_P = M_P = D_q(M_P) = D_j(M_P).$$

Thus we may assume that  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq P$  for some  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M$  with  $\dim R/\mathfrak{p} > d_i$ . Thus

$$n_q = \dim_{R_P} M_P \geq \dim_{R_P} R_P/\mathfrak{p}R_P = \dim R/\mathfrak{p} > d_i = n_j$$

whence  $1 \leq j < q$ . Hence

$$[D_i]_P = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M, \dim R_P/\mathfrak{p}R_P > n_j, \mathfrak{p} \subseteq P} [M(\mathfrak{p})]_P = D_j(M_P).$$

(2) We get

$$[D_{i-1}]_P = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M, \dim R/\mathfrak{p} \geq d_i, \mathfrak{p} \subseteq P} [M(\mathfrak{p})]_P,$$

since  $D_{i-1} = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M, \dim R/\mathfrak{p} \geq d_i} M(\mathfrak{p})$ . We may assume  $j > 1$ . Then  $d_i = n_j > n_{j-1}$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned} [D_{i-1}]_P &= \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M, \dim R/\mathfrak{p} \geq d_i, \mathfrak{p} \subseteq P} [M(\mathfrak{p})]_P = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M, \dim R_P/\mathfrak{p}R_P > n_{j-1}} [M(\mathfrak{p})]_P \\ &= D_{j-1}(M_P). \end{aligned}$$

□

Hence  $C_j(M_P) = D_j(M_P)/D_{j-1}(M_P)$  is Cohen-Macaulay, since  $M_P$  is sequentially Cohen-Macaulay, whence  $[C_i]_P$  is a Cohen-Macaulay  $R_P$ -module, a contradiction. □

If the base ring  $R$  is a finitely generated algebra over a field, then the assumption of Theorem 1.1 is automatically satisfied and we get the following.

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $R$  be a finitely generated algebra over a field,  $M \neq (0)$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module.
- (2)  $M_P$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R_P$ -module for every  $P \in \text{Supp}_R M$ .

From now on, let us explore the localization property for the graded rings. Let  $R = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} R_n$  be a Noetherian  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded ring and assume that  $R$  is an  $H$ -local ring with an  $H$ -maximal ideal  $P$  of  $R$  in the sense of S. Goto and K.-i. Watanabe (see [GW, Definition 1.1.5, Definition 1.1.6]). Let  $M \neq (0)$  be a finitely generated graded  $R$ -module of dimension  $d$ . Let  $\{D_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$  be the dimension filtration of  $M$ . We put  $q = \dim R/P$ . For an arbitrary ideal  $I$  of a graded ring,  $I^*$  stands for the ideal generated by every homogeneous elements in  $I$ .

**Lemma 2.3.**  $\dim_R M = \dim_{R_P} M_P + q$ . Therefore  $\dim_R M = \dim_{R_{\mathfrak{m}}} M_{\mathfrak{m}}$  for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$  with  $\mathfrak{m} \supseteq P$ .

*Proof.* We may assume  $q > 0$  (thus  $q = 1$ ). Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be a maximal ideal of  $R$  such that  $\mathfrak{m} \supseteq P$  and  $\dim R_{\mathfrak{m}}/PR_{\mathfrak{m}} = 1$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M$  such that  $P \supseteq \mathfrak{p}$  and  $\dim R_P/\mathfrak{p}R_P = \dim_{R_P} M_P$ . Then we have  $\dim_R M \geq \dim_{R_P} M_P + 1$ . Conversely, we choose  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M$  and a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ ,  $\dim R_{\mathfrak{m}}/\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{m}} = d$ . Since  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a graded ideal of  $R$ ,  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}^*$ . Notice that  $\mathfrak{m}$  is not a graded ideal of  $R$  because  $q = 1$ . Hence we get  $\mathfrak{m}^* \subseteq P$  and

$$d = \dim R_{\mathfrak{m}}/\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{m}} = \dim R_{\mathfrak{m}^*}/\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{m}^*} + 1 \leq \dim R_P/\mathfrak{p}R_P + 1 \leq \dim_{R_P} M_P + 1.$$

□

Apply [GHS, Theorem 2.3] and Lemma 2.3, we get the following.

**Corollary 2.4.** *The following assertions hold true.*

- (1)  $[D_0]_{\mathfrak{m}} = (0) \subsetneq [D_1]_{\mathfrak{m}} \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq [D_{\ell}]_{\mathfrak{m}} = M_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is the dimension filtration of  $M_{\mathfrak{m}}$  for every maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$  such that  $\mathfrak{m} \supseteq P$ .
- (2)  $[D_0]_P = (0) \subsetneq [D_1]_P \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq [D_{\ell}]_P = M_P$  is the dimension filtration of  $M_P$ , so that  $M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module if and only if  $M_P$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R_P$ -module.

Finally we reach the goal of this section.

**Theorem 2.5.** *The following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module.
- (2)  $M_P$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R_P$ -module.

When this is the case,  $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module for every  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}_R M$ .

*Proof.* The equivalence of conditions (1) and (2) follows from Corollary 2.4. Let us make sure of the last assertion. Note that  $\mathfrak{p}^* \subseteq P$  for any  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}_R M$ . Thanks to [CGT, Proposition 2.6],  $M_{\mathfrak{p}^*}$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R_{\mathfrak{p}^*}$ -module. Since  $\mathfrak{p}^*R_{(\mathfrak{p})}$  is an  $H$ -maximal ideal of the homogeneous localization  $R_{(\mathfrak{p})}$  of  $R$ ,  $M_{(\mathfrak{p})}$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R_{(\mathfrak{p})}$ -module. We may assume that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is not a graded ideal of  $R$ , so that  $\mathfrak{p}R_{(\mathfrak{p})}$  is a maximal ideal of  $R_{(\mathfrak{p})}$ . Therefore  $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module. □

## 3. MODULE-FINITE EXTENSION OF SEQUENTIALLY COHEN-MACAULAY MODULES

In this section, we assume that  $R$  is a local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Remember that  $M_n$  stands for the largest  $R$ -submodule of  $M$  with  $\dim_R M_n \leq n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

We note the following.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be finitely generated  $R$ -modules. Then  $[M \oplus N]_n = M_n \oplus N_n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $[M \oplus N]_n \supseteq M_n \oplus N_n$ , since  $\dim_R(M_n \oplus N_n) = \max\{\dim_R M_n, \dim_R N_n\} \leq n$ . Let  $p : L = M \oplus N \rightarrow M, (x, y) \mapsto x$  be the first projection. Then  $p(L_n) \subseteq M_n$ , since  $\dim_R p(L_n) \leq \dim_R L_n \leq n$ . We similarly have  $q(L_n) \subseteq N_n$ , where  $q : M \oplus N \rightarrow N, (x, y) \mapsto y$  denotes the second projection. Hence  $[M \oplus N]_n \subseteq M_n \oplus N_n$  as claimed.  $\square$

The following proposition includes the result [CN, Proposition 4.5].

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  ( $M, N \neq (0)$ ) be finitely generated  $R$ -modules. Then  $M \oplus N$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module if and only if both  $M$  and  $N$  are sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -modules.*

*Proof.* We set  $L = M \oplus N$  and  $\ell = \sharp \mathcal{S}(L)$ . Then  $\mathcal{S}(L) = \mathcal{S}(M) \cup \mathcal{S}(N)$ , as  $\text{Ass}_R L = \text{Ass}_R M \cup \text{Ass}_R N$ . Hence if  $\ell = 1$ , then  $\mathcal{S}(L) = \mathcal{S}(M) = \mathcal{S}(N)$  and  $\dim_R L = \dim_R M = \dim_R N$ . Therefore when  $\ell = 1$ ,  $L$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module if and only if  $L$  is a Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module, and the second condition is equivalent to saying that the  $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$  are Cohen-Macaulay, that is  $M$  and  $N$  are sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -modules. Suppose that  $\ell > 1$  and that our assertion holds true for  $\ell - 1$ . Let

$$D_0 = (0) \subsetneq D_1 \subsetneq D_2 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq D_\ell = L$$

be the dimension filtration of  $L = M \oplus N$ , where  $\mathcal{S}(L) = \{d_1 < d_2 < \cdots < d_\ell\}$ . Then  $\{D_i/D_1\}_{1 \leq i \leq \ell}$  is the dimension filtration of  $L/D_1$  and hence  $L$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module if and only if  $D_1$  is a Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module and  $L/D_1$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module. Because

$$D_1 = \begin{cases} M_{d_1} \oplus (0) & (d_1 \in \mathcal{S}(M) \setminus \mathcal{S}(N)), \\ M_{d_1} \oplus N_{d_1} & (d_1 \in \mathcal{S}(M) \cap \mathcal{S}(N)), \\ (0) \oplus N_{d_1} & (d_1 \in \mathcal{S}(N) \setminus \mathcal{S}(M)) \end{cases}$$

by Lemma 3.1, the hypothesis on  $\ell$  readily shows the second condition is equivalent to saying that the  $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$  are sequentially Cohen-Macaulay.  $\square$

In what follows, let  $A$  be a Noetherian local ring and assume that  $A$  is a module-finite algebra over  $R$ .

The main result of this section is the following.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $M \neq (0)$  be a finitely generated  $A$ -module. Then the following assertions hold true.*

- (1)  $M_n$  is the largest  $A$ -submodule of  $M$  with  $\dim_A M_n \leq n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (2) The dimension filtration of  $M$  as an  $A$ -module coincides with that of  $M$  as an  $R$ -module.
- (3)  $M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $A$ -module if and only if  $M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module.

*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $X$  denote the largest  $A$ -submodule of  $M$  with  $\dim_A X \leq n$ . Then  $X \subseteq M_n$ , since  $\dim_R X = \dim_A X \leq n$ . Let  $Y = AM_n$ . Then  $\dim_A Y \leq n$ . In fact, let  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R Y$ . Then since  $[M_n]_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq Y_{\mathfrak{p}} = A_{\mathfrak{p}} \cdot [M_n]_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , we see  $[M_n]_{\mathfrak{p}} \neq (0)$ , so that  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}_R M_n$ . Hence  $\dim R/\mathfrak{p} \leq \dim_R M_n \leq n$ . Thus  $\dim_A Y = \dim_R Y \leq n$ , whence  $M_n \subseteq Y \subseteq X$ , which shows  $X = M_n$ . Therefore assertions (1) and (2) follows. Since  $\dim_A L = \dim_R L$  and  $\text{depth}_A L = \text{depth}_R L$  for every finitely generated  $A$ -module  $L$ , we get assertion (3).  $\square$

We summarize some consequences.

**Corollary 3.4.**  *$A$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay local ring if and only if  $A$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module.*

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $A$ -module. Suppose that  $R$  is a direct summand of  $M$  as an  $R$ -module. If  $M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $A$ -module, then  $R$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay local ring.*

*Proof.* We write  $M = R \oplus N$  where  $N$  is an  $R$ -submodule of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $A$ -module, by Theorem 3.3 it is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module as well, so that by Proposition 3.2,  $R$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay local ring.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** *Suppose that  $R$  is a direct summand of  $A$  as an  $R$ -module. If  $A$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay local ring, then  $R$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay local ring.*

We consider the invariant subring  $R = A^G$ .

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $A$  be a Noetherian local ring,  $G$  a finite subgroup of  $\text{Aut } A$ . Suppose that the order of  $G$  is invertible in  $A$ . If  $A$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay local ring, then the invariant subring  $R = A^G$  of  $A$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay local ring.*

*Proof.* Since the order of  $G$  is invertible in  $A$ ,  $A$  is a module-finite extension of  $R = A^G$  such that  $R$  is a direct summand of  $A$  (see [BR] and reduce to the case where  $A$  is a reduced ring). Hence the assertion follows from Corollary 3.6.  $\square$

**Remark 3.8.** In the setting of Corollary 3.7, let  $\{D_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$  be the dimension filtration of  $A$ . Then every  $D_i$  is a  $G$ -stable ideal of  $A$  (compare with Theorem 3.3 (1)) and the dimension filtration of  $R$  is given by a refinement of  $\{D_i^G\}_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}$ .

The goal of this section is the following.

**Corollary 3.9.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian local ring,  $M \neq (0)$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. We put  $A = R \ltimes M$  the idealization of  $M$  over  $R$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $A = R \ltimes M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay local ring.
- (2)  $A = R \ltimes M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module.
- (3)  $R$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay local ring and  $M$  is a sequentially Cohen-Macaulay  $R$ -module.

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