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The G-dimension for finitely generated (f.g.) modules over a commutative noetherian local ring R was introduced by M. Auslander and M. Bridger in the late 1960'ies. It is a refinement of the classical projective dimension and obeys the so-called Auslander-Bridger formula:

 $G - \dim_R M = \operatorname{depth}_R R - \operatorname{depth}_R M.$

This formula has been extended to modules that are finite over a local homomorphism: If $\varphi : R \to S$ is a local homomorphism (i.e. mapping the maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} of R into that of S), and M is a f.g. S-module with finite Gorenstein flat dimension over R, then

$$\mathrm{Gfd}_R M = \mathrm{depth}_R - \mathrm{depth}_R M.$$

Here the Gorenstein flat dimension is an extension of G-dimension to modules that are not f.g., and the number depth_RM is the index of the first non-vanishing cohomology module $\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{i}(R/\mathfrak{m}, M)$.

I will outline the proof of this formula and discuss a global version. (Received February 11, 2005)