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On almost projective and almost injective modules

Let A be an artin algebra, and consider the category $\text{mod } A$ of finitely generated right A -modules. A module M in $\text{mod } A$ is called *almost projective* if $\text{Ext}_A^1(M, X) \neq 0$ for at most finitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable modules in $\text{mod } A$; and *almost injective* if $\text{Ext}_A^1(X, M) \neq 0$ for at most finitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable modules in $\text{mod } A$. We shall show that the almost projective or injective modules are distributed in finitely many DTr-orbits in the Auslander–Reiten quiver of A . In particular, A is of finite representation type if and only if every module in $\text{mod } A$ is almost projective or injective. As a consequence, if A is a finite-dimensional algebra over an algebraically closed field of infinite representation type, then there exists infinitely many non-isomorphic indecomposable modules in $\text{mod } A$ which are neither almost projective nor almost injective.