

## MINIMAXNESS AND COFINITENESS PROPERTIES OF GENERALIZED LOCAL COHOMOLOGY WITH RESPECT TO A PAIR OF IDEALS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $I$  and  $J$  be two ideals of a commutative Noetherian ring  $R$  and  $M, N$  be two non-zero finitely generated  $R$ -modules. Let  $t$  be a non-negative integer such that  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -minimax for all  $i < t$ . It is shown that the generalized local cohomology module  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -Cofinite minimax for all  $i < t$ . Also, we prove that the  $R$ -module  $Ext_R^j(R/I, H_{I,J}^i(N))$  is finitely generated for all  $i \leq t$  and  $j = 0, 1$ .

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $R$  is a commutative Noetherian local ring and  $I, J$  are ideals of  $R$  and  $M, N$  two  $R$ -modules. As a generalization of the local cohomology modules, Nam, Tri and Dong [7] (see also [2], [11]) introduced the local cohomology modules with respect to a pair of ideals  $(I, J)$ . To more precise, let

$$W(I, J) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(R) \mid I^n \subseteq \mathfrak{p} + J \text{ for some positive integer } n\}.$$

For an  $R$ -module  $M$ , the  $(I, J)$ -torsion submodule  $\Gamma_{I,J}(M)$  of  $M$ , which consists of all elements  $x$  of  $M$  with  $\text{Supp}(Rx) \subseteq W(I, J)$ , is considered. Let  $i$  be an integer, the generalized local cohomology functor  $H_{I,J}^i(M, -)$  with respect to  $(I, J)$  is defined to be the  $i$ -th right derived functor of  $\Gamma_{I,J}(\text{Hom}(M, -))$ . This is a generalization of the local cohomology functors  $H_{I,J}^i(-)$  with respect to  $(I, J)$  and is also generalization of the generalized local cohomology functors  $H_I^i(M, -)$ . The  $i$ -th generalized local cohomology module of  $M, N$  with respect to  $(I, J)$  is denoted by  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$ . Henceforth, in this paper,  $M$  will denote a non-zero finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then, according to [7, Proposition 2.2],  $\Gamma_{I,J}(\text{Hom}(M, N)) = \text{Hom}(M, \Gamma_{I,J}(N))$ .

In [4], Grothedieck proposed the following conjecture:

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If  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $N$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module, then

$$\mathrm{Hom}_R(R/I, H_I^i(N))$$

is finitely generated for all  $i$ .

One year later, Hartshorne [5] provided a counterexample to Grothendieck's conjecture. He defined an  $R$ -module  $T$  to be  $I$ -cofinite if  $\mathrm{Supp}(T) \subseteq V(I)$  and  $\mathrm{Ext}_R^i(R/I, T)$  is finitely generated for all  $i$  and asked:

For which rings  $R$  and ideals  $I$  are the modules  $H_I^i(N)$ ,  $I$ -cofinite for all  $i$  and all finitely generated modules  $N$ ?

The aim of the present paper is to prove some results concerning cofiniteness of generalized local cohomology modules  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  ( $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ). More precisely, we shall show that:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two finitely generated  $R$ -modules. Let  $I$  and  $J$  be two ideals of  $R$  and  $t$  be a non-negative integer such that  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -minimax for all  $i < t$ . Then  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite. In particular, the Goldie dimension of  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is finite.*

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $T$  is said to be  $(I, J)$ -cofinite if  $\mathrm{Supp}(T) \subseteq W(I, J)$  and  $\mathrm{Ext}_R^i(R/I, T)$  is finitely generated for all  $i \geq 0$ . Also, an  $R$ -module  $T$  is said to have finite Goldie dimension if  $T$  does not contain an infinite direct sum of non-zero submodules.

We say that an  $R$ -module  $T$  is  $(I, J)$ -minimax if the Goldie dimension of  $(I, J)$ -torsion submodule  $\Gamma_{I,J}(T)$  of  $T$  is finite. One of our tools for proving Theorem 1.1 is the following:

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $N$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Let  $t$  be a non-negative integer such that  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -minimax for all  $i < t$ . Then  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i < t$  and  $\mathrm{Ext}_R^j(R/I, H_{I,J}^i(N))$  is finitely generated for all  $i \leq t$  and  $j = 0, 1$ .*

We refer the reader to [1] or [10] for more details about local cohomology.

## 2. The results

For an  $R$ -module  $T$ , the Goldie dimension of  $T$  is defined as the cardinal of the set of indecomposable submodules of  $E(T)$  which appear in a decomposition of  $E(T)$  into a direct sum of indecomposable submodules.

In [13], H. Zöschinger introduced the class of minimax modules, and he has in [13] and [14] given many equivalent conditions for a module to be minimax. The  $R$ -module  $T$  is said to be minimax module if there is a finitely generated submodule  $T'$  of  $T$  such that  $T/T'$  is Artinian. On the other hand, it is known that when  $R$  is a Noetherian ring, a module is minimax if and only if each of its quotients has finite Goldie dimension, [14] or [12]. Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . An  $R$ -module  $T$  is said to be minimax with respect to  $I$  or  $I$ -minimax if the  $I$ -relative Goldie dimension of any quotient module of  $T$  is finite. Also,

an  $R$ -module  $T$  is said to have finite  $I$ -relative Goldie dimension if the Goldie dimension of the  $I$ -torsion submodule  $\Gamma_I(T)$  of  $T$  is finite. In addition, we say that an  $R$ -module  $T$  is  $I$ -cominimax if the support of  $T$  is contained in  $V(I)$  and  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, T)$  is  $I$ -minimax.

The definition of  $(I, J)$ -cofinite modules and  $I$ -minimax modules motivate the following definition.

**Definition 2.1.**

- (i) An  $R$ -module  $T$  is said to be  $(I, J)$ -minimax if the  $(I, J)$ -relative Goldie dimension of any quotient module of  $T$  is finite.
- (ii) An  $R$ -module  $T$  is said to be  $(I, J)$ -cominimax if support of  $T$  is contained in  $W(I, J)$  and  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, T)$  is  $(I, J)$ -minimax.

*Remark 2.2.* It is easy to see that:

- (i) For a Noetherian ring  $R$ , the class of  $I$ -minimax  $R$ -modules contains the class of  $(I, J)$ -minimax  $R$ -modules and it contains the class of minimax  $R$ -modules.
- (ii) Let  $T$  be an  $I$ -torsion module. Then, by [3, Lemma 2.6] and [8, Lemma 3.1],  $T$  is minimax if and only if it is  $(I, J)$ -minimax if and only if it is  $I$ -minimax.
- (iii) Let  $T$  be an  $(I, J)$ -torsion module. Then, by the definition and [8, Lemma 3.1],  $T$  is minimax if and only if it is  $(I, J)$ -minimax.
- (iv) Let  $T$  be an  $(I, J)$ -cofinite. Then  $T$  is  $(I, J)$ -cominimax.

The following lemma is needed in the proof of the main theorem of this paper.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $T$  be an  $R$ -module. Then the following holds:*

- (i) *Let  $T$  be an Artinian module. If  $\text{Hom}(R/I, T)$  is finitely generated, then  $T$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite.*
- (ii) *Let  $T$  be a minimax module with support in  $W(I, J)$ . If  $\text{Hom}(R/I, T)$  is finitely generated, then  $T$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite.*
- (iii) *Let  $0 \rightarrow T' \rightarrow T \rightarrow T'' \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence of  $R$ -modules. Then  $T$  is an  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax module if and only if  $T'$  and  $T''$  are both  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax modules. In particular, any quotient of an  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax module, as well as any finite direct sum of  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax modules, is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax.*
- (iv) *Let  $T$  be an  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then  $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, T)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax for all  $i \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* (i) Since, in view of the hypothesis,  $\text{Hom}(R/I, T)$  has finite length and  $\text{Supp}(T) \subseteq V(\mathfrak{m}) \subseteq V(I) \subseteq W(I, J)$ . By using [6, Proposition 4.1], we can get  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, T)$  is finitely generated for all  $i \geq 0$ , as required.

(ii) Let  $T_1$  be a finitely generated submodule of  $T$  such that  $T_2 = T/T_1$  is Artinian and suppose that  $\text{Hom}(R/I, T)$  is finitely generated. Then exactness of  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R/I, T_1) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R/I, T) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R/I, T_2) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(R/I, T_1)$

implies that  $\text{Hom}(R/I, T_2)$  is finitely generated. Hence we get from (i) that  $T_2$  is Artinian and  $(I, J)$ -cofinite, therefore  $T$  is also  $(I, J)$ -cofinite.

(iii) This follows from (ii) and [6, Corollary 4.4].

(iv) Let

$$F_* : \cdots \longrightarrow F_n \longrightarrow F_{n-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow F_1 \longrightarrow F_0 \longrightarrow 0$$

be a minimal free resolution of  $M$ . Then  $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, T) = H^i(\text{Hom}_R(F_*, T))$  is subquotient of a direct sum of finitely many copies of  $T$ . Therefore, it follows from (iii) that  $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, T)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax for all  $i \geq 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $N$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Let  $t$  be a non-negative integer, such that  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i < t$ . Then  $\text{Ext}_R^j(R/I, H_{I,J}^i(N))$  is finitely generated for all  $i \leq t$  and  $j = 0, 1$ .*

*Proof.* Consider Grothendieck spectral sequence

$$E_2^{p,q} = \text{Ext}_R^p(R/I, H_{I,J}^q(N)) \implies_p \text{Ext}_R^{p+q}(R/I, N).$$

For each  $r \geq 2$  and  $i = 0, 1$ , we consider the exact sequence

$$(1) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \ker d_r^{i,t} \longrightarrow E_r^{i,t} \xrightarrow{d_r^{i,t}} E_r^{i+r,t-r+1}.$$

It follows from hypothesis that the  $R$  module  $E_r^{i+r,t-r+1}$  is finitely generated. Note that  $E_r^{p,q}$  is a subquotient of  $E_2^{p,q}$  for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . There is an integer  $\ell \geq 2$  such that  $E_\infty^{i,t} = E_r^{i,t}$  for all  $r \geq \ell$ . Also, there is a bounded filtration

$$0 = \varphi^{t+1}H^t \subseteq \varphi^tH^t \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \varphi^1H^t \subseteq \varphi^0H^t = \text{Ext}_R^t(R/I, N)$$

such that  $E_\infty^{p,t-p} \cong \varphi^pH^t / \varphi^{p+1}H^t$  for all  $p = 0, 1, \dots, t$ . Thus  $E_\infty^{p,q}$  is finitely generated for all  $p, q$ . Since  $E_\ell^{i,t} = (\ker d_{\ell-1}^{i,t} / \text{im} d_{\ell-1}^{i-\ell+1,t+\ell-2})$  and  $\text{im} d_{\ell-1}^{i-\ell+1,t+\ell-2} = 0$  (for all  $\ell > 2$  and  $i = 0, 1$ ), it follows that  $\ker d_{\ell-1}^{i,t}$  is finitely generated.

Hence by using (1) for  $r = \ell - 1$ , we deduce that  $E_{\ell-1}^{i,t}$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module. By continuing this argument repeatedly for integer  $\ell - 1, \ell - 2, \dots, 3$  in stead of  $\ell$ , we obtain that  $E_2^{i,t}$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module for  $i = 0, 1$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $N$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Let  $t$  be a non-negative integer, such that  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -minimax for all  $i < t$ . Then  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i < t$ .*

*Proof.* Remark 2.2 allows us to assume that  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is minimax for all  $i < t$ . Now, we prove the result by induction on  $i$ . It is clear  $H_{I,J}^0(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite. Assume that  $i > 0$  and the result holds true for smaller values than  $i$ . Thus we obtain that  $H_{I,J}^j(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax for all  $j \leq i - 1$  by the inductive hypothesis. Also, in view of Theorem 2.4,  $\text{Hom}(R/I, H_{I,J}^i(N))$  is finitely generated. Therefore by Lemma 2.3(ii),  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax. This completes proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $M, N$  be two finitely generated  $R$ -modules. Let  $t$  be a non-negative integer such that  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -minimax for all  $i < t$ . Then  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax for all  $i < t$ . In particular, the Goldie dimension of  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is finite for all  $i < t$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G(-) = \Gamma_{I,J}(-)$  and  $F(-) = \text{Hom}(M, -)$  be functors from category of  $R$ -modules to itself. Then  $FG(-) = \Gamma_{I,J}(M, -)$  and  $F$  is left exact. For any injective module  $E$

$$R^i F(G(E)) = R^i \text{Hom}_R(M, \Gamma_{I,J}(E)) = 0$$

for all  $i > 0$ , as  $\Gamma_{I,J}(E)$  is an injective  $R$ -module. By [9, Theorem 10.47] there is a Grothendieck spectral sequence

$$E_2^{p,q} = \text{Ext}_R^p(M, H_{I,J}^q(N)) \implies_p H_{I,J}^{p+q}(M, N).$$

Using Theorem 2.5,  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax for all  $i < t$ , and  $M$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module hence  $E_2^{p,q}$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax for all  $p \geq 0$  and  $q < t$ , see Lemma 2.3(iv). Since  $E_i^{p,q}$  is a subquotient of  $E_2^{p,q}$  for  $i \geq 2$ , by Lemma 2.3(iii), we deduce that  $E_i^{p,q}$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax for all  $i \geq 2$ ,  $p \geq 0$ , and  $q < t$ . There is a finite filtration

$$0 = \varphi^{j+1}H^j \subseteq \varphi^jH^j \subseteq \dots \subseteq \varphi^1H^j \subseteq \varphi^0H^j = H_{I,J}^j(M, N)$$

such that  $E_\infty^{i,j-i} \cong \varphi^iH^j / \varphi^{i+1}H^j$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq j$ . Since  $E_i^{p,q} \cong E_\infty^{p,q}$  for  $i$  sufficiently large, we have that  $E_\infty^{p,q}$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax for all  $q < t$ . Hence, using the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \varphi^{i+1}H^j \longrightarrow \varphi^iH^j \longrightarrow E_\infty^{i,j-i} \longrightarrow 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq j)$$

we get that  $H_{I,J}^j(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite minimax for all  $j < t$ , and so

$$\text{Gdim}H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$$

is finite for all  $j < t$ . □

The following corollary immediately follows by Theorem 2.6.

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $M, N$  be two finitely generated  $R$ -modules. Let  $t$  be a non-negative integer such that  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is Artinian for all  $i < t$ . Then  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i < t$ .*

*Proof.* Apply Theorem 2.6 and the fact that the class of minimax modules includes all Artinian modules. □

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $M, N$  be two finitely generated  $R$ -modules. Then*

$$\inf\{i \mid H_{I,J}^i(N) \text{ is not Artinian}\} \leq \inf\{i \mid H_{I,J}^i(M, N) \text{ is not Artinian}\}.$$

*Proof.* In view of the spectral sequence

$$E_2^{p,q} = \text{Ext}_R^p(M, H_{I,J}^q(N)) \implies_p H_{I,J}^{p+q}(M, N),$$

the result follows by similar argument as used in Theorem 2.6. □

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $T$  be an  $R$ -module such that  $\text{Ext}_R^j(R/I, T)$  is  $(I, J)$ -minimax for all  $j$ . If  $t$  is a non-negative integer such that  $H_{I,J}^t(T)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cominimax for all  $i \neq t$ , then  $H_{I,J}^t(T)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cominimax.*

*Proof.* In view of Remark 2.2 and Definition 2.1 we may assume that

$$\text{Ext}_R^j(R/I, T)$$

is minimax for all  $j$  and  $\text{Ext}_R^j(R/I, H_{I,J}^i(T))$  is minimax for all  $j$  and  $i \neq t$ . It is enough for us to show that the  $R$ -module  $\text{Ext}_R^j(R/I, H_{I,J}^t(T))$  is minimax for all  $j$ . Using [9, Theorem 10.47] there exists a Grothendieck spectral sequence

$$E_2^{p,q} = \text{Ext}_R^p(R/I, H_{I,J}^q(T)) \underset{p}{\implies} \text{Ext}_R^{p+q}(R/I, T).$$

Also, there is a bounded filtration

$$0 = \varphi^{n+1}H^n \subseteq \varphi^n H^n \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \varphi^1 H^n \subseteq \varphi^0 H^n = \text{Ext}_R^n(R/I, T)$$

such that  $E_\infty^{i,n-i} \cong \varphi^i H^n / \varphi^{i+1} H^n$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq n$ , and hence  $E_\infty^{p,q}$  is minimax. Note that  $E_\infty^{p,q} = E_r^{p,q}$  for large  $r$  and each  $p$  and  $q$ . It follows that there is an integer  $\ell \geq 2$  such that  $E_r^{p,q}$  is minimax for all  $r \geq \ell$ . We now argue by descending induction on  $\ell$ . Now, assume that  $2 < \ell < r$  and that the claim holds for  $\ell$ . Since  $E_r^{p,q}$  is a subquotient of  $E_2^{p,q}$  for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , the hypotheses give that  $E_r^{p+r,t-r+1}$  is minimax for all  $r \geq 2$ . In addition,  $E_\ell^{p,t} = (\ker d_{\ell-1}^{p,t} / \text{im} d_{\ell-1}^{p-\ell+1,t+\ell-2})$  and  $\text{im} d_{\ell-1}^{p-\ell+1,t+\ell-2}$  are minimax for all  $p \geq 0$ . It follows that  $\ker d_{\ell-1}^{p,t}$  is minimax for all  $\ell > 2$  and  $p \geq 0$ . Let  $r \geq 2$  and  $p \geq 0$ , we consider the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \ker d_r^{p,t} \longrightarrow E_r^{p,t} \longrightarrow E_r^{p+r,t-r+1}.$$

Since  $\ker d_{\ell-1}^{p,t}$  and  $E_{\ell-1}^{p+\ell-1,t-\ell+2}$  are minimax, it follows that  $E_{\ell-1}^{p,t}$  is minimax for  $p \geq 0$ . This completes the inductive step.  $\square$

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