

# ON THE COFINITENESS OF GENERALIZED LOCAL COHOMOLOGY MODULES WITH RESPECT TO A PAIR OF IDEALS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we show that the  $i$ -th generalized local cohomology module with respect to a pair of ideals  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite if one of the followings holds

- (i)  $I$  is a principal;
- (ii)  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is minimax;
- (iii)  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is a local ring and  $\dim H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N) \leq 1$  for all  $\mathfrak{a} \in \tilde{W}(I, J)$ ;
- (iv)  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is a local ring and  $\dim(M \otimes_R N) \leq 2$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper,  $R$  is a commutative Noetherian ring with identity and  $I, J$  are ideals of  $R$ . Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, the  $i$ -th local cohomology module of  $M$  with respect to  $I$  is denoted by  $H_I^i(M)$ . In 1969, Grothendieck conjectured that the  $R$ -module  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_I^i(M))$  is finitely generated for all  $i$ . One year later, Hartshorne [11] showed a counter-example which shows that this conjecture is false even when  $R$  is regular. Moreover, he also defined an  $R$ -module  $N$  to be  $I$ -cofinite if  $\text{Supp}_R N \subseteq V(I)$  and  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i$  and he asked when  $H_I^i(M)$  are  $I$ -cofinite for all  $i$ .

Delfino and Marley [6], Yoshida [23], Kawasaki [13] and Melkersson [15, 16] have studied and showed many results on the cofiniteness of the local cohomology modules.

A generalization of local cohomology functors has been given by J. Herzog in [12]. Let  $i$  be a nonnegative integer and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then the  $i$ -th generalized local cohomology module of

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$M$  and  $N$  with respect to  $I$  is defined by

$$H_I^i(M, N) \cong \varinjlim_n \text{Ext}_R^i(M/I^n M, N).$$

It is clear that  $H_I^i(R, N)$  is just the ordinary local cohomology module  $H_I^i(N)$ . In [8], the authors showed that  $H_I^i(M, N)$  is  $I$ -cofinite for all  $i$  when  $\dim R/I \leq 1$ . In [9] or [5], if  $I$  is a non-zero principal ideal of  $R$ , then the  $R$ -module  $H_I^i(M, N)$  is  $I$ -cofinite for all  $i$ . Moreover, if  $\dim(M) \leq 2$  or  $\dim(N) \leq 2$ , then  $H_I^i(M, N)$  is  $I$ -cofinite for all  $i$  ([5]).

Another extension of local cohomology modules which is the local cohomology modules with respect to a pair ideals  $(I, J)$  was introduced by R. Takahashi, Y. Yoshino and T. Yoshizawa in [21]. Let  $I, J$  be two ideals of  $R$ , the functor  $\Gamma_{I,J}$  from the category of  $R$ -modules to itself is defined by

$$\Gamma_{I,J}(M) = \{m \in M \mid I^n m \subseteq Jm \text{ for some integer } n\},$$

where  $M$  is an  $R$ -module. The functor  $\Gamma_{I,J}$  is  $R$ -linear and left exact. For an integer  $i$ , the  $i$ -th local cohomology functor  $H_{I,J}^i$  is the  $i$ -th right derived functor of  $\Gamma_{I,J}$ . It is clear that if  $J = 0$ , then the functor  $H_{I,J}^i$  coincides with the ordinary local cohomology functor  $H_I^i$  of Grothendieck.

A natural generalization of local cohomology modules with respect to  $(I, J)$  was introduced in [17] as follows: Let  $M, N$  be two  $R$ -modules, the module  $\Gamma_{I,J}(M, N) = \Gamma_{I,J}(\text{Hom}_R(M, N))$ . For each finitely generated  $R$ -module  $M$ , the  $i$ -th generalized local cohomology functor  $H_{I,J}^i(M, -)$  is the  $i$ -th right derived functor of the functor  $\Gamma_{I,J}(M, -)$ . Clearly, whenever  $J = 0$ , the functor  $H_{I,J}^i(M, -)$  is the generalized local cohomology functor  $H_I^i(M, -)$  of J. Herzog [12]. On the other hand, when  $M = R$ , the generalized local cohomology module  $H_{I,J}^i(R, N)$  is the local cohomology module  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  in [21].

In [22], the authors defined the module  $(I, J)$ -cofinite which is an extension of  $I$ -cofinite modules. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite if  $\text{Supp}_R(M) \subseteq W(I, J)$  and  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, M)$  is finitely generated for all  $i \geq 0$ . In [1], if  $M$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module, then  $H_{I,J}^i(M)$  are  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i$  in three cases

(i)  $\dim R/\mathfrak{a} \leq 1$  for all  $\mathfrak{a} \in \tilde{W}(I, J)$ , where

$$\tilde{W}(I, J) = \{\mathfrak{a} \mid \mathfrak{a} \text{ is an ideal of } R \text{ and } I^n \subseteq \mathfrak{a} + J \text{ for some integer } n\};$$

(ii)  $\sup\{i \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid H_{I,J}^i(R) \neq 0\} = 1$ ;

(iii)  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is a local ring with  $\dim R \leq 2$ .

The purpose of this paper is to investigate the cofiniteness of the generalized local cohomology modules with respect to a pair of ideals. The module  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite if one of the followings holds

- (i)  $I$  is a principal (Theorem 2.4);
- (ii)  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is minimax (Theorem 2.5);
- (iii)  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is a local ring and  $\dim(H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)) \leq 1$  for all  $\mathfrak{a} \in \tilde{W}(I, J)$  (Theorem 2.9);
- (iv)  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is a local ring and  $\dim(M \otimes_R N) \leq 2$  (Theorem 2.11).

Moreover, there are some properties on the top of generalized local cohomology modules with respect to a pair of ideals. In a local ring,  $H_{I,J}^{\text{pd}M + \dim(M \otimes_R N)}(M, N)$  is  $I$ -cofinite artinian (Theorem 2.14). In this paper, we assume that  $M$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

We recall the definition of  $(I, J)$ -cofinite modules which was introduced in [22].

**Definition 2.1.** An  $R$ -module  $K$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite if  $\text{Supp}_R(K) \subseteq W(I, J)$  and  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, K)$  is finitely generated for all  $i \geq 0$ .

The concept of  $(I, J)$ -cofinite modules is a generalization of  $I$ -cofinite modules. It is well-known that if  $I$  is a principal ideal of  $R$ , then  $H_I^i(M)$  is  $I$ -cofinite for all  $i \geq 0$  (see [13, Theorem 1]). The first result is an extension of this property.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module,  $I$  a principal ideal of  $R$ . Then  $H_{I,J}^i(M)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from [21, 2.4] that  $H_{I,J}^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i > 1$ . Since  $H_{I,J}^0(M)$  is a submodule of  $M$ , it is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite.

Let  $F = \text{Hom}_R(R/I, -)$  and  $G = \Gamma_{I,J}(-)$  be functors from the category of  $R$ -modules to itself. By [19, 10.47], we have a Grothendieck spectral sequence

$$E_2^{i,j} = \text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, H_{I,J}^j(M)) \Longrightarrow_i \text{Ext}_R^{i+j}(R/I, M).$$

For each  $i \geq 0$ , from the homomorphisms of spectral sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E_2^{i,1} \xrightarrow{d_2^{i,1}} E_2^{i+2,0} \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } 0 \rightarrow E_3^{i,1} \xrightarrow{d_3^{i,1}} E_3^{i+3,-1} = 0$$

we deduce that  $\text{Ker } d_2^{i,1} = E_3^{i,1} = \dots = E_\infty^{i,1}$ . There is a filtration  $\Phi$  of submodules of  $H^{i+1} = \text{Ext}_R^{i+1}(R/I, M)$

$$0 = \Phi^{i+2}H^{i+1} \subseteq \dots \subseteq \Phi^0H^{i+1} = H^{i+1}$$

such that  $E_\infty^{j,i-j+1} \cong \Phi^jH^{i+1}/\Phi^{j+1}H^{i+1}$  for all  $0 \leq j \leq i+1$ . Note that  $H^{i+1}$  and  $E_2^{i+2,0}$  are finitely generated, so are  $\text{Ker } d_2^{i,1}$  and  $\text{Im } d_2^{i,1}$ . This clearly forces that  $E_2^{i,1}$  is finitely generated. Consequently,  $H_{I,J}^1(M)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite and the proof is complete.  $\square$

Now, there is a minor result on the cofiniteness of  $H_{I,J}^1(M, N)$  which will be used in the next theorem.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $M, N$  be finitely generated  $R$ -modules,  $I$  a principal ideal of  $R$ . Then  $H_{I,J}^1(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite.*

*Proof.* Let  $F = \Gamma_{I,J}(-)$  and  $G = \text{Hom}_R(M, -)$  be functors from the category of  $R$ -modules to itself. By [19, 10.47] there is a Grothendieck spectral sequence

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

For each  $r \geq 2$ , from the homomorphisms of the spectral sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E_r^{1,0} \rightarrow E_r^{1+r,1-r} = 0$$

we see that  $E_2^{1,0} = \dots = E_\infty^{1,0}$ . There is a filtration  $\Phi$  of submodules of  $H^1 = H_{I,J}^1(M, N)$

$$0 = \Phi^2H^1 \subseteq \Phi^1H^1 \subseteq \Phi^0H^1 = H^1$$

such that

$$E_\infty^{1,0} \cong \Phi^1H^1/\Phi^2H^1 = \Phi^1H^1.$$

Note that by Theorem 2.2,  $E_2^{1,0} = H_{I,J}^1(\text{Hom}(M, N))$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite and so is  $\Phi^1H^1$ . Since  $E_2^{0,1}$  is finitely generated, it follows that  $\Phi^0H^1/\Phi^1H^1$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite.

From the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Phi^1H^1 \rightarrow \Phi^0H^1 \rightarrow \Phi^0H^1/\Phi^1H^1 \rightarrow 0$$

we see that  $H_{I,J}^1(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite.  $\square$

We will state and prove the first main result of this paper. The following theorem can be considered as a generalization of Theorem 2.2 or [5, Theorem 1.1] or [9, Theorem 2.8].

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $M, N$  be finitely generated  $R$ -modules,  $I$  a principal ideal of  $R$ . Then  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Note that  $\text{Supp}_R(H_{I,J}^i(M, N)) \subseteq W(I, J)$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . Since  $H_{I,J}^0(M, N)$  is finitely generated, it is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite. The module  $H_{I,J}^1(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite by Lemma 2.3. Now, we prove that  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \geq 2$ .

Consider the Grothendieck spectral sequence

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

For each  $i \geq 2$ , there is a filtration  $\Phi$  of submodules of  $H^i = H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$

$$0 = \Phi^{i+1}H^i \subseteq \dots \subseteq \Phi^0H^i = H^i$$

such that

$$E_\infty^{j,i-j} \cong \Phi^jH^i/\Phi^{j+1}H^i \text{ for all } j \leq i.$$

By [21, 2.4],  $E_2^{j,i-j} = H_{I,J}^j(\text{Ext}_R^{i-j}(M, N)) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 2$ . Thus  $\Phi^2H^i = \dots = \Phi^{i+1}H^i = 0$ .

For each  $r \geq 2$ , from the homomorphisms of spectral sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E_r^{1,i-1} \rightarrow E_r^{r+1,i-r} = 0$$

we see that

$$E_2^{1,i-1} = \dots = E_\infty^{1,i-1} \cong \Phi^1H^i/\Phi^2H^i = \Phi^1H^i.$$

By 2.2,  $E_2^{1,i-1}$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite. Since  $E_2^{0,i}$  is finitely generated, it follows that  $E_\infty^{0,i} \cong \Phi^0H^i/\Phi^1H^i$  is finitely generated. Therefore  $\Phi^0H^i = H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite.  $\square$

The following result establishes the relation between the minimaxness and the cofiniteness. Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called minimax if there is a finite submodule  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $M/N$  is Artinian (see [24]). The class of minimax modules includes all finitely generated and all Artinian modules.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $M, N$  be two finitely generated  $R$ -modules and  $t$  a non-negative integer. Assume that  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is minimax for all  $i < t$ . Then  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i < t$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^t(M, N))$  is finitely generated.*

*Proof.* First, we show that  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^t(M, N))$  is finitely generated by induction on  $t$ .

Combining the isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^0(M, N)) \cong \text{Hom}_R(R/I, \text{Hom}_R(M, H_{I,J}^0(N)))$$

with the hypothesis on  $N$ , the assertion holds in the case  $t = 0$ . Assume that the statement is true for all  $i < t$ . The short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma_{I,J}(N) \rightarrow N \rightarrow N/\Gamma_{I,J}(N) \rightarrow 0$$

induces a long exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_{I,J}^i(M, \Gamma_{I,J}(N)) \rightarrow H_{I,J}^i(M, N) \rightarrow H_{I,J}^i(M, N/\Gamma_{I,J}(N)) \rightarrow \cdots .$$

It follows from [17, 2.6] that  $H_{I,J}^i(M, \Gamma_{I,J}(N)) \cong \text{Ext}_R^i(M, \Gamma_{I,J}(N))$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . Since  $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, \Gamma_{I,J}(N))$  is finitely generated and  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is minimax for all  $i < t$ , we can conclude that  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N/\Gamma_{I,J}(N))$  is minimax for all  $i < t$ . Let  $\bar{N} = N/\Gamma_{I,J}(N)$  and note that  $\bar{N}$  is  $I$ -torsion-free. There is an element  $x \in I$  which is regular on  $\bar{N}$ . Now the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \bar{N} \xrightarrow{x} \bar{N} \rightarrow \bar{N}/x\bar{N} \rightarrow 0$$

gives rise to a long exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_{I,J}^{t-1}(M, \bar{N}) \xrightarrow{g} H_{I,J}^{t-1}(M, \bar{N}/x\bar{N}) \xrightarrow{f} H_{I,J}^t(M, \bar{N}) \xrightarrow{x} H_{I,J}^t(M, \bar{N}) \rightarrow \cdots .$$

We see that  $\text{Im} g$  and  $H_{I,J}^i(M, \bar{N}/x\bar{N})$  are minimax for all  $i < t - 1$ . By the inductive hypothesis,  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^{t-1}(M, \bar{N}/x\bar{N}))$  is finitely generated. Now apply the functor  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, -)$  to the short exact

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } f \rightarrow H_{I,J}^{t-1}(M, \bar{N}/x\bar{N}) \rightarrow 0 :_{H_{I,J}^t(M, \bar{N})} x \rightarrow 0$$

there is an exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots &\rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^{t-1}(M, \bar{N}/x\bar{N})) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R/I, 0 :_{H_{I,J}^t(M, \bar{N})} x) \\ &\rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(R/I, \text{Ker } f) \rightarrow \cdots \end{aligned}$$

Combining [14, 5.3] with [15, 2.1] we see that  $\text{Ext}_R^1(R/I, \text{Ker } f)$  is finitely generated. Consequently,  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, 0 :_{H_{I,J}^t(M, \bar{N})} x)$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_R(R/I, 0 :_{H_{I,J}^t(M, \bar{N})} x) &\cong \text{Hom}_R(R/I, \text{Hom}_R(R/(x), H_{I,J}^t(M, \bar{N}))) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^t(M, \bar{N})) \end{aligned}$$

since  $x \in I$ . Therefore  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^t(M, \bar{N}))$  is finitely generated and so is  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^t(M, N))$ . It follows from the hypothesis that  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^i(M, N))$  is finitely generated for all  $i \leq t$ .

We use again [14, 5.3] and [15, 2.1] to see that  $\text{Ext}_R^j(R/I, H_{I,J}^i(M, N))$  is finitely generated for all  $j \geq 0, i < t$ . Thus  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i < t$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $M, N$  be finitely generated  $R$ -modules and  $t$  a non-negative integer. Assume that  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is minimax for all  $i < t$ . Then  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i < t$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^t(M, N))$  is finitely generated.*

*Proof.* It follows from [18, 2.7] and 2.5.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $M, N$  be finitely generated  $R$ -modules and  $t$  a non-negative integer. Assume that  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is artinian for all  $i < t$ . Then  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i < t$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^t(M, N))$  is finitely generated.*

**Lemma 2.8.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring and  $M, N$  two finitely generated  $R$ -modules. Assume that  $t$  is a non-negative integer and  $M$  has finite projective dimension. If  $\dim(H_I^i(M, N)) \leq 1$  for all  $i \leq t$ , then  $H_I^i(M, N)$  is a minimax  $R$ -module for all  $i \leq t$ .*

*Proof.* By [20, 2.7 and 2.8], we can assume that  $\dim R/I \leq 1$  and Bass numbers of  $H_I^i(M, N)$  are finite for all  $i \leq t$ . Let  $i \leq t$  and  $E$  be an injective hull of  $H_I^i(M, N)$ . Note that  $\dim E \leq 1$  and

$$E = \bigoplus_{\mathfrak{p} \in V(I)} E_R(R/\mathfrak{p})^{\mu^0(\mathfrak{p}, H_I^i(M, N))}.$$

Let  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(E)$ , then  $\dim R/\mathfrak{p} \leq 1$ . Moreover,  $V(I)$  is a finite set. It follows from the proof of (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) of [23, 3.5] that the injective hull  $E(R/\mathfrak{p})$  of  $R/\mathfrak{p}$  is minimax. Therefore  $E$  is a minimax  $R$ -module and so is  $H_I^i(M, N)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring and  $M, N$  two finitely generated  $R$ -modules with  $\text{pd}(M) < \infty$ . Assume that  $t$  is a non-negative integer such that  $\dim H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N) \leq 1$  for all  $\mathfrak{a} \in \tilde{W}(I, J)$  and for all  $i < t$ . Then*

- (i)  $\Gamma_I(H_{I,J}^q(M, N))$  and  $H_I^1(H_{I,J}^{q-1}(M, N))$  is  $I$ -cofinite minimax for all  $q < t$ ;
- (ii)  $\text{Hom}(R/I, H_I^1(H_{I,J}^{t-1}(M, N)))$  is finitely generated;
- (iii)  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i < t$ .

*Proof.* Let  $F = \Gamma_I(-)$  and  $G = \Gamma_{I,J}(M, -)$  be two functors from the category of  $R$ -modules to itself. For an  $R$ -module  $N$ ,

$$FG(N) = \Gamma_I(\Gamma_{I,J}(M, N)) = \Gamma_I(M, N).$$

Let  $E$  be an injective  $R$ -module, we have

$$\begin{aligned} R^i F(G(E)) &= H_I^i(\Gamma_{I,J}(M, E)) \\ &\cong H_I^i(\text{Hom}_R(M, \Gamma_{I,J}(E))) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathbf{F}_\bullet$  be a free resolution of  $M$

$$\mathbf{F}_\bullet : \cdots \rightarrow F_2 \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $\Gamma_I(E)$  is an injective  $R$ -module, we get an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, \Gamma_I(E)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(\mathbf{F}_\bullet, \Gamma_I(E))$$

and this is an injective resolution of  $\text{Hom}_R(M, \Gamma_I(E))$ . On the other hand  $\Gamma_I(E) = \Gamma_I(\Gamma_{I,J}(E))$ , therefore there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, \Gamma_I(\Gamma_{I,J}(E))) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(\mathbf{F}_\bullet, \Gamma_I(\Gamma_{I,J}(E))).$$

Since  $M$  is finitely generated, the exact sequence can be rewritten

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma_I(\text{Hom}_R(M, \Gamma_{I,J}(E))) \rightarrow \Gamma_I(\text{Hom}_R(\mathbf{F}_\bullet, \Gamma_{I,J}(E))).$$

Hence  $R^i F(G(E)) \cong H_I^i(\text{Hom}_R(M, \Gamma_{I,J}(E))) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$ . By [19, 10.47] there is a Grothendieck spectral sequence

$$E_2^{p,q} = H_I^p(H_{I,J}^q(M, N)) \Rightarrow_p H_I^{p+q}(M, N).$$

(i) Since  $\dim H_{\mathbf{a}}^i(M, N) \leq 1$  for all  $\mathbf{a} \in \tilde{W}(I, J)$  and for all  $i < t$ , we have  $\dim H_{I,J}^i(M, N) \leq 1$  for all  $i < t$ . Therefore  $E_2^{p,q} = 0$  for all  $p > 1$  and for all  $q < t$ .

Let  $q < t$  and  $r \geq 2$ , the homomorphisms of the spectral sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E_r^{0,q} \rightarrow E_r^{r,1-r+q} = 0$$

induces that  $E_2^{0,q} = E_\infty^{0,q} \cong \Phi^0 H^q / \Phi^1 H^q$ , where

$$0 = \Phi^{q+1} H^q \subseteq \cdots \subseteq \Phi^0 H^q = H_I^q(M, N)$$

is a filtration of submodules of  $H^q = H_I^q(M, N)$ .

Similarly, the homomorphisms of the spectral sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E_r^{1,q-1} \rightarrow E_r^{1+r,q-r} = 0$$

induce that

$$E_2^{1,q-1} = E_\infty^{1,q-1} \cong \Phi^1 H^q / \Phi^2 H^q.$$

Moreover, note that  $E_2^{r,q-r} = 0$  for all  $r \geq 2$ , then

$$\Phi^2 H^q = \Phi^3 H^q = \cdots = \Phi^{q+1} H^q = 0.$$

Combining 2.8 with [10, 3.2], we see that  $H_I^q(M, N)$  is  $I$ -cofinite minimax for all  $q < t$ . By [15, 4.4],  $E_2^{0,q}$  and  $E_2^{1,q-1}$  are  $I$ -cofinite minimax for all  $q < t$ .



(ii) There is a filtration of submodules of  $H^t = H_I^t(M, N)$

$$0 = \Phi^{t+1}H^t \subseteq \dots \subseteq \Phi^0H^t = H^t$$

such that

$$E_\infty^{i,t-i} \cong \Phi^i H^t / \Phi^{i+1} H^t$$

for all  $i \leq t$ . Note that

$$\Phi^2 H^t = \dots = \Phi^{t+1} H^t = 0$$

because  $E_\infty^{i,t-i} = 0$  for all  $i > 1$ . From the homomorphisms of spectral sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E_2^{1,t-1} \rightarrow E_2^{3,t-2} = 0$$

we see that

$$E_2^{1,t-1} = E_\infty^{1,t-1} \cong \Phi^1 H^t / \Phi^2 H^t = \Phi^1 H^t.$$

The homomorphisms of spectral sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E_2^{0,t} \rightarrow E_2^{2,t-1} = 0$$

deduce that

$$E_2^{0,t} = E_\infty^{0,t} \cong \Phi^0 H^t / \Phi^1 H^t = H_I^t(M, N) / E_2^{1,t-1}.$$

Now the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E_2^{1,t-1} \rightarrow H_I^t(M, N) \rightarrow E_2^{0,t} \rightarrow 0$$

gives rise to a long exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R/I, E_2^{1,t-1}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_I^t(M, N)) \rightarrow \dots$$

Since  $H_I^i(M, N)$  is minimax for all  $i < t$ , it follows from [2, 3.6] that  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_I^t(M, N))$  is finitely generated. We can conclude that  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_I^1(H_{I,J}^{t-1}(M, N)))$  is finitely generated.

(iii) It follows from [1, 2.5] that the proof is complete by showing that  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^q(M, N))$  and  $\text{Ext}_R^1(R/I, H_{I,J}^q(M, N))$  are finitely generated for all  $q < t$ . By (i),  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, \Gamma_I(H_{I,J}^q(M, N)))$  is finitely generated for all  $q < t$ . On the other hand

$$\text{Hom}_R(R/I, \Gamma_I(H_{I,J}^q(M, N))) = \text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^q(M, N))$$

hence  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^q(M, N))$  is finitely generated for all  $q < t$ .

We have a Grothendieck spectral sequence

$$D_2^{i,j} = \text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, H_I^j(K)) \Rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^{i+j}(R/I, K).$$

Let  $q < t$ ,  $K = H_{I,J}^q(M, N)$  and  $T^1 = \text{Ext}_R^1(R/I, K)$ . There is a filtration of submodules of  $T^1$

$$0 = \theta^2 T^1 \subseteq \theta^1 T^1 \subseteq \theta^0 T^1 = T^1$$

such that

$$D_\infty^{0,1} \cong \theta^0 T^1 / \theta^1 T^1 \text{ and } D_\infty^{1,0} \cong \theta^1 T^1 / \theta^2 T^1 = \theta^1 T^1.$$

The homomorphisms of spectral sequence

$$0 \rightarrow D_2^{1,0} \rightarrow D_2^{3,-1} = 0$$

deduce that

$$D_\infty^{1,0} = D_2^{1,0} = \text{Ext}_R^1(R/I, \Gamma_I(K)) = \text{Ext}_R^1(R/I, \Gamma_I(H_{I,J}^q(M, N))).$$

It follows from (i) that  $D_\infty^{1,0}$  is finitely generated.

On the other hand, we have

$$D_2^{0,1} = \text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_I^1(K)) = \text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_I^1(H_{I,J}^q(M, N))).$$

It follows from (i) and (ii),  $\text{Hom}_R(R/I, H_I^1(H_{I,J}^q(M, N)))$  is finitely generated. The short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow D_\infty^{1,0} \rightarrow T^1 \rightarrow D_\infty^{0,1} \rightarrow 0$$

shows that  $T^1 = \text{Ext}_R^1(R/I, H_{I,J}^q(M, N))$  is finitely generated, which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring and  $N$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module with  $\dim(N) \leq 2$ . Then  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* There is a Grothendieck spectral sequence

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

It follows from [21, 4.7 (1)] that  $H_{I,J}^i(N) = 0$  for all  $i > 2$ . Combining [3, 2.3], [4, 2.1] with [6, Theorem 3], we see that  $H_{I,J}^2(N)$  is  $I$ -cofinite. The proof is complete by showing that  $H_{I,J}^1(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite. Let  $i \geq 0$ , from the homomorphisms of spectral sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E_3^{i,1} \rightarrow 0$$

we have  $E_3^{i,1} = E_\infty^{i,1} \cong \Phi^i H^{i+1} / \Phi^{i+1} H^{i+1}$ , where

$$0 = \Phi^{i+2} H^{i+1} \subseteq \dots \subseteq \Phi^0 H^{i+1} = H^{i+1}$$

is a filtration of submodules of  $H^{i+1} = \text{Ext}_R^{i+1}(R/I, N)$ .

The module  $H^{i+1}$  is finitely generated, so is  $E_\infty^{i,1}$ . Since  $H_{I,J}^2(N)$  is  $I$ -cofinite, we have  $E_2^{i-2,2}$  is finitely generated. On the other hand,  $E_3^{i,1} = \text{Ker}(E_2^{i,1} \rightarrow E_2^{i+2,0}) / \text{Im}(E_2^{i-2,2} \rightarrow E_2^{i,1})$  which gives  $E_2^{i,1}$  is finitely generated, and the proof is completed.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring and  $M, N$  two finitely generated  $R$ -modules. If  $\dim(M \otimes_R N) \leq 2$ , then  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Consider the spectral sequence

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

Since  $\text{Supp}_R(\text{Ext}_R^i(M, N)) \subseteq \text{Supp}_R(M \otimes_R N)$  for all  $i \geq 0$ , it follows that  $\dim(\text{Ext}_R^i(M, N)) \leq 2$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . Let  $n \geq 0$ , there is a filtration of submodules of  $H^n = H_{I,J}^n(M, N)$

$$0 = \Phi^{n+1}H^n \subseteq \dots \subseteq \Phi^0H^n = H^n$$

such that

$$E_\infty^{i,n-i} \cong \Phi^i H^n / \Phi^{i+1} H^n$$

for all  $i \leq n$ . Since  $E_2^{i,n-i} = 0$  for all  $i > 2$ , we have  $\Phi^3 H^n = \dots = \Phi^{n+1} H^n = 0$ . From the homomorphisms of the spectral sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E_3^{2,n-2} \rightarrow 0, 0 \rightarrow E_2^{1,n-1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } 0 \rightarrow E_3^{0,n} \rightarrow 0$$

we have  $E_3^{2,n-2} = E_\infty^{2,n-2}$ ,  $E_2^{1,n-1} = E_\infty^{1,n-1}$  and  $E_3^{0,n} = E_\infty^{0,n}$ . That  $E_2^{2,n-2}$  is  $I$ -cofinite artinian follows from [3, 2.3], [4, 2.1] with [6, Theorem 3]. This implies that  $E_3^{2,n-2}$  is  $I$ -cofinite artinian. By 2.10,  $E_2^{1,n-1}$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite. Therefore  $\Phi^1 H^n$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite by the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Phi^2 H^n \rightarrow \Phi^1 H^n \rightarrow \Phi^1 H^n / \Phi^2 H^n \rightarrow 0.$$

Now, since  $E_2^{0,n}$  is finitely generated, it follows that  $\Phi^0 H^n / \Phi^1 H^n$  is finitely generated. Therefore, we can conclude that  $\Phi^0 H^n = H_{I,J}^n(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite, and the proof is completed.  $\square$

Next Corollarys immediately follow by 2.11.

**Corollary 2.12.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring and  $M, N$  two finitely generated  $R$ -modules. If  $\dim(R) \leq 2$ , then  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \geq 0$ .*

**Corollary 2.13.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring and  $M, N$  two finitely generated  $R$ -modules. If  $\dim(M) \leq 2$  or  $\dim(N) \leq 2$ , then  $H_{I,J}^i(M, N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \geq 0$ .*

**Theorem 2.14.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring and  $M, N$  two  $R$ -modules with  $d = \text{pd}(M) + \dim(M \otimes_R N) < \infty$ . Then  $H_{I,J}^d(M, N)$  is  $I$ -cofinite artinian.*

*Proof.* Consider the spectral sequence

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

There is a filtration of submodules of  $H^d = H_{I,J}^d(M, N)$

$$0 = \Phi^{d+1}H^d \subseteq \dots \subseteq \Phi^0H^d = H^d$$

such that  $E_\infty^{i,d-i} \cong \Phi^iH^d/\Phi^{i+1}H^d$  for all  $i \leq d$ . Since  $E_2^{p,q} = 0$  when  $q > \text{pd}(M)$  or  $p > \dim(M \otimes_R N)$ , it follows that  $E_\infty^{i,d-i} = 0$  for all  $i \neq \dim(M \otimes_R N)$ . Hence  $\Phi^{\dim(M \otimes_R N)+1}H^d = \dots = \Phi^{d+1}H^d = 0$  and  $\Phi^{\dim(M \otimes_R N)}H^d = \dots = \Phi^0H^d = H^d$ . Moreover,  $E_2^{\dim(M \otimes_R N), \text{pd}(M)} = E_\infty^{\dim(M \otimes_R N), \text{pd}(M)}$ . Therefore  $H_{I,J}^{\dim(M \otimes_R N)}(\text{Ext}_R^{\text{pd}(M)}(M, N)) \cong H_{I,J}^d(M, N)$ .

If  $\dim(\text{Ext}_R^{\text{pd}(M)}(M, N)) < \dim(M \otimes_R N)$ , then  $H_{I,J}^d(M, N) = 0$ . If  $\dim(\text{Ext}_R^{\text{pd}(M)}(M, N)) = \dim(M \otimes_R N)$ , then  $H_{I,J}^d(M, N)$  is  $I$ -cofinite artinian by [3, 2.3], [4, 2.1] and [6, Theorem 3].  $\square$

**Corollary 2.15.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring and  $M, N$  two finitely generated  $R$ -modules with  $t = \text{pd}(M)$ ,  $c = \dim(M \otimes_R N)$  and  $d = t + c < \infty$ . Then*

$$\text{Att}_R(H_{I,J}^d(M, N)) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}_R M \cap \text{Supp}_R N \cap V(J) \mid \text{cd}(I, R/\mathfrak{p}) = c\}.$$

*Proof.* By the proof of 2.14, we may assume that  $\dim(\text{Ext}_R^t(M, N)) = c$ . By [3, 2.1], we have

$$\text{Att}_R(H_{I,J}^c(\text{Ext}_R^t(M, N))) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}_R(\text{Ext}_R^t(M, N)) \cap V(J) \mid \text{cd}(I, R/\mathfrak{p}) = c\}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Att}_R(H_{I,J}^d(M, N)) &= \text{Att}_R(H_{I,J}^c(\text{Ext}_R^t(M, N))) \\ &= \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}_R(\text{Ext}_R^t(M, N)) \cap V(J) \mid \text{cd}(I, R/\mathfrak{p}) = c\} \\ &\subseteq \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Supp}_R M \cap \text{Supp}_R N \cap V(J) \mid \text{cd}(I, R/\mathfrak{p}) = c\}, \end{aligned}$$

as required.  $\square$

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