

## THE EVENTUAL STABILITY OF DEPTH, ASSOCIATED PRIMES AND COHOMOLOGY OF A GRADED MODULE

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**1. Introduction.** The asymptotic stability of several homological invariants of graded pieces of a graded module has attracted quite a lot of attention over the last decades. An early important result was the proof by Brodmann of the eventual stabilization of associated primes of the powers of an ideal in a Noetherian ring ([1]).

We provide in this text several stability results together with estimates of the degree from which it stabilizes. One of our initial goals was to obtain a simple proof of the tameness result of Brodmann in [2] for graded components of cohomology over rings of dimension at most two. This is achieved in the last section and gives a slight generalization of what is known, as our result (Theorem 7.4) applies to Noetherian rings of dimension at most two that are either local or the epimorphic image of a Gorenstein ring. Recall that Cutkosky and Herzog provided examples in [3] showing that tameness does not hold over rings of dimension three (even over such nice local rings).

Besides this result, we establish, for a graded module  $M$  over a polynomial ring  $S$  (in finitely many variables, with its standard grading) over a commutative ring  $R$ , stability results for the depth and cohomological dimension of graded pieces with respect to a finitely generated  $R$ -ideal  $I$ . It follows from our results that the cohomological dimension of  $M_\mu$  with respect to  $I$  is constant for  $\mu > \text{reg}(M)$ , and the depth with respect to  $I$  is at least equal to its eventual value for  $\mu > \text{reg}(M)$  and stabilizes when it reaches this value for some  $M_\mu$  with  $\mu > \text{reg}(M)$ . See Propositions 3.1 and 4.9 for more precise results.

Recall that  $\text{reg}(M) \in \mathbf{Z}$  when  $M \neq 0$  is finitely generated and  $R$  is Noetherian.

When  $R$  is Noetherian,  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(R)$  is associated to  $M_\mu$  for some  $\mu$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{P} \cap R$  for  $\mathfrak{P}$  associated to  $M$  in  $S$ , and the sets of

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