

## MINIMAXNESS AND FINITENESS PROPERTIES OF FORMAL LOCAL COHOMOLOGY MODULES

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### Abstract

Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module and  $n$  an integer. We prove some results concerning minimaxness and finiteness of formal local cohomology modules. We discuss the maximum and minimum integers such that  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)$  is minimax and also we obtain the maximum and minimum integers such that  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)$  is finitely generated.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $R$  is a commutative Noetherian ring with identity,  $\mathfrak{a}$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $M$  is an  $R$ -module. Recall that the  $i$ -th local cohomology module of  $M$  with respect to  $\mathfrak{a}$  is denoted by  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)$ . For basic facts about commutative algebra see [4], [6]; for local cohomology refer to [3]. Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. For each  $i \geq 0$ ;  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M) := \varinjlim_r H_m^i(M/\mathfrak{a}^n M)$  is called the  $i$ -th formal local cohomology of  $M$  with respect to  $\mathfrak{a}$ .

The basic properties of formal local cohomology modules are found in [7], [1], [5] and [2].

Recall that an  $R$ -module  $M$  is called minimax, if there is a finite submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , such that  $M/N$  is Artinian. The class of minimax modules was introduced by Zöschinger [10], and he has given in [10, 11] many equivalent conditions for a module to be minimax. The class of minimax modules includes all finite and all Artinian modules. Moreover it is closed under taking submodules, quotients and extensions, i.e., it is a Serre subcategory of the category of  $R$ -modules.

In this paper we investigate some Minimaxness and Finiteness properties of formal local cohomology modules. At first we obtain a result about cosupport

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of minimax formal local cohomology modules and then we determine the least and the largest integers  $i$  such that  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M)$  is minimax. Also we investigate the relation between Finiteness and cosupport of formal local cohomology modules. We will get that (see Theorem 2.8):

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf\{i \in \mathbb{N}_0 : \mathfrak{F}_a^i(M) \text{ is not finitely generated}\} \\ &= \inf\{i \in \mathbb{N}_0 : \text{Cosupp}_R(\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M)) \not\subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}\} \end{aligned}$$

and by Theorem 2.10:

$$\begin{aligned} \sup\{i \in \mathbb{N}_0 : \mathfrak{F}_a^i(M) \neq 0\} &= \sup\{i \in \mathbb{N}_0 : \mathfrak{F}_a^i(M) \text{ is not finitely generated}\} \\ &= \sup\{i \in \mathbb{N}_0 : \text{Coass}_R(\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M)) \not\subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}\}. \end{aligned}$$

## 2. Finiteness of formal local cohomology modules

We first recall the concept of coassociated primes and cosupport of an  $R$ -module  $M$ . A module is called cocyclic if it is a submodule of  $E(R/\mathfrak{m})$  for some maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $R$ . A prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  is called coassociated to a non-zero  $R$ -module  $M$  if there is a cocyclic homomorphic image  $T$  of  $M$  with  $\mathfrak{p} = \text{Ann}_R T$  [8]. The set of coassociated primes of  $M$  is denoted by  $\text{Coass}_R(M)$ . Also, Yassemi [8] defined the cosupport of an  $R$ -module  $M$ , denoted by  $\text{Cosupp}_R(M)$ , to be the set of primes  $\mathfrak{p}$  such that there exists a cocyclic homomorphic image  $L$  of  $M$  with  $\text{Ann}_R(L) \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ . In [8] we can see that  $\text{Coass}_R(M) \subseteq \text{Cosupp}_R(M)$  and every minimal element of the set  $\text{Cosupp}_R(M)$  belongs to  $\text{Coass}_R(M)$ .

The following lemma is used in the sequel.

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  an  $R$ -module. If  $\mathfrak{a}^k M = 0$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M) \cong H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M)$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M)$  is Artinian for all  $i \geq 0$  and so it is also minimax.*

*Proof.* It is clear that  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M) \cong \varinjlim H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}^n M) \cong H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M)$ . But by [3, Theorem 7.1.3]  $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M)$  is Artinian for all  $i \geq 0$  and so the proof is complete.  $\square$

THEOREM 2.2. *Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Let  $i$  be a natural number. If  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M)$  is minimax, then  $\text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_a^i(M) \subseteq V(\mathfrak{a})$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M)$  is minimax, there exists a finitely generated submodule  $N$  of  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M)$  such that  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M)/N$  is Artinian. If in [2, Theorem 2.3], we replace  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M)$  with  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M)/N$  then with small changes in its proof we can

deduce that  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)/N \subseteq V(\alpha)$ . On the other hand by [8, Theorem 1.14]  $\text{Coass}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)/N = \text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)/N$ . Hence  $\text{Coass}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)/N \subseteq V(\alpha)$  and so  $\text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)/N \subseteq V(\alpha)$ . Since  $N$  is finitely generated  $\text{Cosupp}_R N \subseteq V(\mathfrak{m})$  by [8, Theorem 2.10]. Thus  $\text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) \subseteq V(\alpha)$  by [8, Theorem 2.7], as required.  $\square$

We need the following Lemma in the proof of the Next Theorem.

LEMMA 2.3. *Let  $\alpha$  be an ideal of a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^0(M)/\alpha^k \cdot \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^0(M)$  is Artinian for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

*Proof.* By [1, Theorem 3.8]  $\mathfrak{F}_{\alpha^k}^0(M)/\alpha^k \cdot \mathfrak{F}_{\alpha^k}^0(M)$  is Artinian for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . But  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^0(M) \simeq \mathfrak{F}_{\alpha^k}^0(M)$  by [7, Lemma 3.8] and so we get the result.  $\square$

THEOREM 2.4. *Let  $\alpha$  be an ideal of a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module, and let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- i)  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)$  is minimax for all  $i < n$ .
- ii)  $\text{Cosupp}_R(\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)) \subseteq V(\alpha)$  for all  $i < n$ .

*Proof.* i)  $\Rightarrow$  ii): By Theorem 2.2.

ii)  $\Rightarrow$  i): We use induction on  $n$ . Since  $\text{Coass}_R(\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)) \subseteq \text{Cosupp}_R(\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)) \subseteq V(\alpha)$ , by [9, Satz 2.4] there exists an integer  $k \geq 0$  such that  $\alpha^k \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)$  is finitely generated. By Lemma 2.3,  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^0(M)/\alpha^k \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^0(M)$  is Artinian and so  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^0(M)$  is minimax.

Now suppose, inductively, that  $n > 0$  and we have established the result for smaller values of  $n$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)$  is minimax for all  $i \leq n - 2$ . It is enough to show that  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{n-1}(M)$  is minimax. By [7, Theorem 3.11], the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma_\alpha(M) \rightarrow M \rightarrow M/\Gamma_\alpha(M) \rightarrow 0$$

implies the long exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{i-1}(\Gamma_\alpha(M)) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{i-1}(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{i-1}(M/\Gamma_\alpha(M)) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(\Gamma_\alpha(M)) \rightarrow \dots$$

Since by Lemma 2.1,  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(\Gamma_\alpha(M))$  is minimax for all  $i \geq 0$ , using the above long exact sequence, we can see that  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)$  is minimax if and only if  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M/\Gamma_\alpha(M))$  is minimax for all  $i \geq 0$ . On the other hand, since  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(\Gamma_\alpha(M))$  is minimax for all  $i \geq 0$ ,  $\text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(\Gamma_\alpha(M)) \subseteq V(\alpha)$  for all  $i \geq 0$  by Theorem 2.2. Now the above long exact sequence and our assumption that  $\text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) \subseteq V(\alpha)$  for all  $i < n$  imply that  $\text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M/\Gamma_\alpha(M)) \subseteq V(\alpha)$  for all  $i < n$ . Therefore we can and do assume that  $M$  is an  $\alpha$ -torsion-free  $R$ -module.

By [3, 2.1.1 (ii)],  $\alpha$  contains an element  $r$  which is a non-zerodivisor on  $M$ . Since  $\text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{n-1}(M) \subseteq V(\alpha)$ , by [9, Satz 2.4] there is an integer  $k \geq 1$  such that  $r^k \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{n-1}(M)$  is finitely generated. The short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{r^k} M \rightarrow M/r^k M \rightarrow 0$$

induces a long exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^0(M) \xrightarrow{r^k} \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^0(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^0(M/r^k M) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) \\ \xrightarrow{r^k} \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M/r^k M) \rightarrow \dots$$

From this long exact sequence, it turns out that  $\text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M/r^k M) \subseteq V(\alpha)$  for all  $i < n - 1$ . Hence, by the inductive hypothesis,  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M/r^k M)$  is minimax for all  $i < n - 1$ , and so  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{n-2}(M/r^k M)$  is minimax. Since  $r^k \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{n-1}(M)$  is finitely generated and so is minimax, the above long exact sequence implies that  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{n-2}(M/r^k M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{n-1}(M) \rightarrow r^k \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{n-1}(M)$  is exact. Thus  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{n-1}(M)$  is minimax, as required.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.5.** *Let  $\alpha$  be an ideal of a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module, and let  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^j(M)$  is minimax for all  $j > t$ .
- (ii)  $\text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^j(M) \subseteq V(\alpha)$  for all  $j > t$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): By Theorem 2.2.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): We argue by induction on  $n := \dim M$ . If  $n = 0$ , then  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$ , so that the result has been proved in this case. Now assume, inductively, that  $n > 0$  and that the result has been proved for all  $R$ -modules of dimensions smaller than  $n$ . By an argument analogue to that used in the proof of Theorem 2.4, we can and do assume that  $M$  is an  $\alpha$ -torsion-free  $R$ -module. By [3, 2.1.1 (ii)],  $\alpha$  contains an element  $r$  which is a non-zerodivisor on  $M$ . Let  $j > t$  be an integer. By assumption and [9, Satz 2.4] there exists an integer  $u_j$  such that  $\alpha^{u_j} \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^j(M)$  is finitely generated. But  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i > \dim M$ . Thus we can find an integer  $u$  such that  $\alpha^u \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^j(M)$  is finitely generated for all  $j > t$ . The exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{r^u} M \rightarrow M/r^u M \rightarrow 0$$

induces a long exact sequence of formal local cohomology modules

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^0(M) \xrightarrow{r^u} \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^0(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^0(M/r^u M) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) \\ \xrightarrow{r^u} \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M/r^u M) \rightarrow \dots$$

From this long exact sequence, we get  $\text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^j(M/r^u M) \subseteq V(\alpha)$  for all  $j > t$ . Since  $\dim(M/r^u M) = n - 1$ , it follows from the inductive hypothesis that  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^j(M/r^u M)$  is minimax for all  $j > t$ . The exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{r^u} M \rightarrow M/r^u M \rightarrow 0$$

provides the following exact sequence

$$\rightarrow r^u \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^j(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^j(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^j(M/r^u M) \rightarrow \dots,$$

for all  $j > t$ . Since  $\alpha^n \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^j(M)$  is finitely generated for all  $j > t$ ,  $r^n \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^j(M)$  is minimax for all  $j > t$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^j(M)$  is minimax for all  $j > t$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.6.** *Let  $\alpha$  be an ideal of a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module, and let  $t \in \mathbf{N}$ . If  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)$  is minimax for all  $i > t$  then  $\text{Supp}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) \cap V(\alpha) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$  for all  $i > t$ .*

*Proof.* We use induction on  $n := \dim M$ . If  $n = 0$ , then  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$ , so that the result has been proved in this case. Now assume, inductively, that  $n > 0$  and that the result has been proved for all  $R$ -modules of dimensions smaller than  $n$ .

The short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma_\alpha(M) \rightarrow M \rightarrow M/\Gamma_\alpha(M) \rightarrow 0$$

induces a long exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(\Gamma_\alpha(M)) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M/\Gamma_\alpha(M)) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{i+1}(\Gamma_\alpha(M)) \rightarrow \dots$$

Since  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(\Gamma_\alpha(M))$  is Artinian for all  $i \geq 0$  we obtain the following exact sequence for all prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ :

$$0 \rightarrow (\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M))_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow (\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M/\Gamma_\alpha(M)))_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow 0$$

From the above exact sequence we conclude that  $\text{Supp}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) \cap V(\alpha) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$  if and only if  $\text{Supp}_R \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M/\Gamma_\alpha(M)) \cap V(\alpha) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ . Hence we can and do assume that  $M$  is an  $\alpha$ -torsion-free  $R$ -module. Thus, there exists an element  $x \in \alpha$  which is a non-zero-divisor on  $M$ . Now the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{x} M \rightarrow M/xM \rightarrow 0$$

induces a long exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{i-1}(M/xM) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M/xM) \rightarrow \dots$$

From the above exact sequence we see that  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M/xM)$  is minimax for all  $i > t$ . But  $\dim(M/xM) = n - 1$  and so from the inductive hypothesis  $\text{Supp}_R(\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M/xM)) \cap V(\alpha) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$  for all  $i > t$ . Thus if  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a prime ideal such that  $\alpha \subseteq \mathfrak{p} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{m}$  then  $(\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M/xM))_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0$  for all  $i > t$ . Hence we get the following exact sequence:

$$\rightarrow (\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M))_{\mathfrak{p}} \xrightarrow{x/1} (\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M))_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow 0.$$

Let  $i > t$  be an integer. Since  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)$  is minimax, there exists a finitely generated submodule  $N$  of  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)$  such that  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)/N$  is Artinian. Thus  $(\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M)/N)_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0$  and so  $(\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M))_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Hence  $(\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M))_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is finitely generated for all  $i > t$ . Now the above exact sequence and Nakayama Lemma imply that  $(\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M))_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{p} \notin \text{Supp}_R(\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^i(M))$  for all  $\alpha \subseteq \mathfrak{p} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.7.** *Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module, and let  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)$  is minimax for all  $i > t$  then  $\text{Hom}_R(R/\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M))$  is Artinian for all  $i > t$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.6,  $\text{Ass}_R(\text{Hom}_R(R/\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M))) = \text{Ass}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M) \cap V(\mathfrak{a}) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$  for all  $i > t$ . But  $\text{Hom}_R(R/\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)) \simeq (0 :_{\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)} \mathfrak{a})$  is isomorphic to a submodule of  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)$  and so is minimax for all  $i > t$ . Now it is easy to see that, by the definition of minimax modules,  $\text{Hom}_R(R/\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M))$  is Artinian for all  $i > t$ , as required.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.8.** *Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module, and let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- i)  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)$  is finitely generated for all  $i < n$ .
- ii)  $\text{Cosupp}_R(\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$  for all  $i < n$ .

*Proof.* i)  $\Rightarrow$  ii): By [8, Theorem 2.10].

ii)  $\Rightarrow$  i): Since  $\text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$  for all  $i < n$ ,  $\text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M) \subseteq V(\mathfrak{a})$  for all  $i < n$  and so  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)$  is minimax for all  $i < n$  by Theorem 2.4. Let  $i < n$  be an integer. Then there exists a finitely generated submodule  $N$  such that  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)/N$  is Artinian. Hence  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)/N = \text{Coass}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)/N$ . But  $\text{Coass}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)/N \subseteq \text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)/N \subseteq \text{Cosupp}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$  and so  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)/N \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ . Now [3, 7.2.12] implies that  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)/N$  is finitely generated. Since  $N$  is finitely generated we conclude that  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)$  is finitely generated for all  $i < n$ , as required.  $\square$

**LEMMA 2.9.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module such that  $\text{Coass}_R(M) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ . Then  $\text{Hom}_R(R_x, M) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathfrak{m}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\text{Coass}_R(M) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ , there is an integer  $t \geq 1$  such that  $\mathfrak{m}^t M$  is finitely generated. Now if  $f \in \text{Hom}_R(R_x, M)$  then  $f(1/x^n) = x^k x^t f(1/x^{t+k+n}) \in x^k \mathfrak{m}^t M$  for all  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $f\left(\frac{1}{x^n}\right) \in \bigcap_k x^k \mathfrak{m}^t M = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , by Krull Theorem. Therefore  $f = 0$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.10.** *Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module, and let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- i)  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)$  is finitely generated for all  $i > n$ .
- ii)  $\text{Coass}_R(\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$  for all  $i > n$ .
- iii)  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i > n$ .

*Proof.* i)  $\Rightarrow$  ii): By [8, Theorem 2.10].

ii)  $\Rightarrow$  iii): Let  $x \in \mathfrak{m} \setminus \mathfrak{a}$ . Then by Lemma 2.9,  $\text{Hom}_R(R_x, \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)) = 0$  for all  $i > n$ . But by [7, Theorem 3.15], there exists a long exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R_x, \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_{\langle \mathfrak{a}, x \rangle}^i(M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R_x, \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{i+1}(M)) \rightarrow \cdots$$

Hence we have  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M) \simeq \mathfrak{F}_{\langle a, x \rangle}^i(M)$  for all  $i > n$ . Continuing in this way, we get  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M) \simeq \mathfrak{F}_m^i(M)$  for all  $i > n$ . Since  $\mathfrak{F}_m^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$ , we get  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i > n$  and the proof is complete.

iii)  $\Rightarrow$  i): It is clear.  $\square$

The next result is a generalization of [1, Theorem 2.6].

**COROLLARY 2.11.** *Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Let  $l := \dim(M/\mathfrak{a}M)$ . Then  $\text{Coass}_R \mathfrak{F}_a^l(M) \not\subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ .*

*Proof.* By [7, Theorem 4.5],  $\mathfrak{F}_a^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i > l$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_a^l(M) \neq 0$ . If  $\text{Coass}_R \mathfrak{F}_a^l(M) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\}$  then by the above theorem  $\mathfrak{F}_a^l(M) = 0$  which is a contradiction. Therefore the proof is complete.

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