

## FINITENESS RESULT FOR GENERALIZED LOCAL COHOMOLOGY MODULES

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**Abstract.** Let  $R$  be a Noetherian ring, let  $M$  and  $N$  be finitely generated modules and let  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  be ideals of  $R$ . Let  $s$  be an integer such that  $\mathfrak{b}_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann} H_{\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}}}^i(M_{\mathfrak{p}}, N_{\mathfrak{p}})}$  for all  $i \leq s$  and all prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $R$ . Then we show the following statements hold:

- (1) If  $H_{\mathfrak{b}}^i(N) = 0$  for all  $i < s$ , then  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i \leq s$ .
- (2)  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann} H_{\mathfrak{a}}^2(M, N)}$ .

These statements generalize the corresponding results which are shown in [6] and [1] for standard local cohomology module.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this note the ring  $R$  is commutative Noetherian with non-zero identity. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be  $R$ -modules and let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then the generalized local cohomology module

$$H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N) = \varinjlim_n \text{Ext}_R^i(M/\mathfrak{a}^n M, N)$$

was introduced by Herzog in [5] and studied further by Suzuki in [7] and Yassemi in [8]. Note that  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(R, N) = H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(N)$ .

Let  $M$  be a finitely generated  $R$ -module and let  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$  be ideals of  $R$ . In [6] Raghavan proved the following statement:

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If  $\mathfrak{b}_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann} H_{\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}}}^1(M_{\mathfrak{p}})}$  for every prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $R$ , and  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann} H_{\mathfrak{a}}^0(M)}$ , then  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann} H_{\mathfrak{a}}^1(M)}$ . If, in addition,  $H_{\mathfrak{b}}^0(M) = H_{\mathfrak{a}}^0(M) = 0$ , then  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^1(M)$  is finitely generated.

On the other hand in [1] Brodmann, Rotthaus, and Sharp proved the following statement:

If  $\mathfrak{b}_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann} H_{\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}}}^i(M_{\mathfrak{p}})}$  for all  $i \leq 2$  and all prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $R$  then  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann} H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)}$  for all  $i \leq 2$ .

In this note we generalize the above results for the generalized local cohomology modules, see Theorems 1 and 2.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

First we recall some known results which we will use in this paper.

**Lemma A.** ([1, Lemma 2.1]). *Let  $L$  be an  $R$ -module such that the set of associated primes of  $L$  is finite and  $\mathfrak{b}_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann}_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}} L_{\mathfrak{p}}}$  for all prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $R$ . Then  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann}_R L}$ .*

**Theorem B.** ([9, Theorem 2.1]). *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be finitely generated  $R$ -modules. Let  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$  be such that  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i < s$ . Then the set of associated primes of the module  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^s(M, N)$  is finite.*

In the first step we prove an extension of Faltings' lemma cf. [3, Lemma 3] and [4, pp. 48-49], (see also [2, Prop. 9.1.2] and [2, Theorem 9.6.1]), in the context of generalized local cohomology modules.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be finitely generated  $R$ -modules and let  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i < s$ ;
- (2)  $H_{\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}}}^i(M_{\mathfrak{p}}, N_{\mathfrak{p}})$  is finitely generated for all  $i < s$  and all prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $R$ ;
- (3)  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann} H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)}$  for all  $i < s$ .

*Proof.* We show that (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2) and (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3).

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) is clear.

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (3): It follows from the fact that  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)$  is finitely generated and  $\mathfrak{a}$ -torsion.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1): We use induction on  $s$ . For  $s = 1$  the assertion follows from the fact  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^0(M, N) = \Gamma_{\mathfrak{a}}(\text{Hom}(M, N))$ . Let  $s > 1$ . By induction hypothesis we know that

$H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)$  is finitely generated for  $0 \leq i \leq s - 2$ . Hence it remains to prove that  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^{s-1}(M, N)$  is finitely generated. First assume that  $N$  is  $\mathfrak{a}$ -torsion free module. Let  $x$  be an element of  $\mathfrak{a}$  which is regular on  $N$ . Then  $x^k H_{\mathfrak{a}}^{s-1}(M, N) = 0$  for all  $k \gg 0$ . It follows from [2, Lemma 9.1.1] and the long exact sequence on generalized local cohomology induced by  $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{x^k} N \rightarrow N/x^k N \rightarrow 0$  that  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann } H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N/x^k N)}$  for all  $i < s - 1$ . Hence by induction hypothesis  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N/x^k N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i < s - 1$ . Thus  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^{s-1}(M, N)$  is finitely generated (since it is homomorphic image of  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^{s-2}(M, N/x^k N)$ ).

Now let  $N$  be an arbitrary finitely generated  $R$ -module, and set  $L = \Gamma_{\mathfrak{a}}(N)$ ,  $K = N/L$ . The exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow N \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0$  induces the exact sequence  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, L) \rightarrow H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N) \rightarrow H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, K) \rightarrow H_{\mathfrak{a}}^{i+1}(M, L)$ . By [9, Lemma 1.1] we know that  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, L) = \text{Ext}^i(M, L)$  for all  $i$  and so  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann } H_{\mathfrak{a}}^{i+1}(M, L)}$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann } H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, K)}$  for all  $i < s$ . Now since  $K$  is  $\mathfrak{a}$ -torsion free we have that  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, K)$  is finitely generated for  $i < s$  and hence  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)$  is finitely generated for  $i < s$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1): For  $s = 1$  it is clear. Let  $s > 1$ . By the induction hypothesis we have  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)$  is finitely generated for  $0 \leq i \leq s - 2$  and hence  $|\text{Ass } H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)| < \infty$  for all  $i \leq s - 1$  by Theorem B. By Lemma A we have  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann } H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)}$  for all  $i < s - 1$ . Now the assertion follows from the equivalence between (1) and (3).

The following theorem is a generalization of the main result in [6].

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be finitely generated modules and let  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  be ideals of  $R$ . If  $s$  is an integer such that  $H_{\mathfrak{b}}^i(N) = 0$  for  $i < s$ , and  $\mathfrak{b}_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann } H_{\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}}}^i(M_{\mathfrak{p}}, N_{\mathfrak{p}})}$  for all  $i \leq s$  and all prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $R$  then  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i \leq s$ .*

*Proof.* We use induction on  $s$ . Assume that  $s = 1$ . Since  $H_{\mathfrak{p}}^0(M, N) = \Gamma_{\mathfrak{a}}(\text{Hom}(M, N))$  is finitely generated, the set of associated primes of  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^1(M, N)$  is finite by Theorem B, and hence by Lemma A we have that  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann } H_{\mathfrak{a}}^1(M, N)}$ . Therefore, there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $\mathfrak{b}^k H_{\mathfrak{a}}^1(M, N) = 0$ . Let  $x$  be an element of  $\mathfrak{b}$  that is regular on  $N$ . Since  $x^k H_{\mathfrak{a}}^1(M, N) = 0$ , it follows from the long exact sequence on generalized local cohomology induced by  $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{x^k} N \rightarrow N/x^k N \rightarrow 0$  that  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^1(M, N)$  is a homomorphic image of  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^0(M, N/x^k N)$  and hence is finitely generated.

Now let  $s > 1$ . By induction hypothesis we have  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i < s$  and hence  $\text{Ass } H_{\mathfrak{a}}^s(M, N)$  is a finite set by Theorem B. Let  $x$  be an element in  $\mathfrak{b}$  that is regular on  $N$ . By Lemma A we know that  $x^k H_{\mathfrak{a}}^s(M, N) = 0$  for all  $k \gg 0$ . It follows from the long exact sequence on local cohomology induced by  $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{x^k} N \rightarrow N/x^k N \rightarrow 0$  that  $H_{\mathfrak{b}}^i(N/x^k N) = 0$  for all  $i < s - 1$ . Now

it follows from the long exact sequence

$$H_a^i(M, N) \longrightarrow H_a^i(M, N/x^k N) \longrightarrow H_a^{i+1}(M, N) \xrightarrow{x^k} H_a^{i+1}(M, N)$$

and using [2, Lemma 9.1.1], we have  $\mathfrak{b}_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann} H_{\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}}}^i(M_{\mathfrak{p}}, (N/x^k N)_{\mathfrak{p}})}$  for all  $i < s$ . Therefore, by induction hypothesis  $H_a^i(M, N/x^k N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i < s$  and hence  $H_a^s(M, N)$  is finitely generated (since it is a homomorphic image of  $H_a^{s-1}(M, N/x^k N)$ ).

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $M$  and  $N$  be finitely generated modules and let  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  be ideals of  $R$ . If  $\mathfrak{b}_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann} H_{\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}}}^i(M_{\mathfrak{p}}, N_{\mathfrak{p}})}$  for all  $i \leq 2$  and all prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $R$  then  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann} H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)}$  for all  $i \leq 2$ .*

*Proof.* Set  $N' = N/\Gamma_{\mathfrak{b}}(N)$ . By using the same technique as [1, Remark 1.3(ii)], we have that  $\mathfrak{b}_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann} H_{\mathfrak{a}_{\mathfrak{p}}}^i(M_{\mathfrak{p}}, N'_{\mathfrak{p}})}$  for all  $i \leq 2$  and all prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $R$ . Since  $H_{\mathfrak{b}}^i(N') = 0$  for all  $i < 1$  we have  $H_a^i(M, N')$  is finitely generated for all  $i \leq 1$  and hence  $\text{Ass} H_a^2(M, N')$  is a finite set. Therefore, by Lemma A,  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{Ann} H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M, N)}$  for all  $i \leq 2$ .

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