

ON VANISHING OF GENERALIZED LOCAL HOMOLOGY MODULES AND ITS DUALITY

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we study the vanishing and non-vanishing of generalized local cohomology and generalized local homology. In particular for a Noetherian local ring (R, \mathfrak{m}) and two non-zero finitely generated R -modules M and N , it is shown that $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\dim N}(M, N) \neq 0$.

1. INTRODUCTION

Local cohomology was first defined and studied by Grothendieck [Gro]. Let R be a commutative Noetherian ring with non-zero identity and M be an R -module. For an ideal I of R , the i -th local cohomology modules with support in I is defined as follows:

$$H_I^i(M) = \varinjlim_{t \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Ext}_R^i(R/I^t, M).$$

On the other hand, a natural generalization of local cohomology modules was introduced by Herzog [Her] as follows: For a pair of R -module (M, N) the i -th generalized local cohomology module of (M, N) with respect to I is the R -module

$$H_I^i(M, N) = \varinjlim_{t \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Ext}_R^i(M/I^t M, N).$$

Clearly whenever $M = R$, the generalized local cohomology module $H_I^i(R, N)$ is the ordinary local cohomology module $H_I^i(N)$. Moslehi and Bijan-Zadeh introduced a natural generalization of local homology modules [BM]. For $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$, we defined generalized local homology module $U_i^I(M, N)$ of pair (M, N) with respect to I as follows:

$$U_i^I(M, N) = \varprojlim_{t \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Tor}_i^I(M/I^t M, N).$$

Whenever $M = R$, for simplicity of notation we denote $U_i^I(R, N)$ by $U_i^I(N)$.

Two important type of theorems concerning local homology and cohomology are vanishing and non-vanishing results. We collect the known vanishing and non-vanishing results for generalized local homology and cohomology in the following theorems.

Theorem 1.1. *Let M and N be two non-zero finitely generated R -modules such that $\text{pd}M < \infty$ (pd abbreviates projective dimension).*

- (i) ([Yas, 3.7]) *Suppose $\dim N < \infty$. Then $H_I^i(M, N) = 0$, for all $i > \text{pd}M + \dim(M \otimes_R N)$.*
- (ii) ([Bij, 5.5]) *Let*

$$t = \text{grade}_N(M/IM) = \inf \{i : \text{Ext}_R^i(M/IM, N) \neq 0\}.$$

If $t < \infty$, then $H_I^i(M, N) = 0$ for all $i < t$ and $H_I^t(M, N) \neq 0$.

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(iii) ([Yas, 2.5]) $H_I^i(M, N) = 0$, for all $i > \text{ara}(I) + \text{pd}M$, where $\text{ara}(I)$ the arithmetic rank of the ideal I is the least number of elements of R required to generate an ideal which has the same radical as I .

(iv) ([Suz, 2.3]) Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a local ring. Then $\text{depth}N$ is the least integer i such that $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M, N) \neq 0$.

(v) ([Suz, 3.18, 3.21]) Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a Cohen-Macaulay local ring, M and N be two non-zero R -modules such that N is finitely generated and $\text{Supp}(N) \subseteq \text{Supp}(M)$. Then $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\dim N}(M, N) \neq 0$.

Definition 1.2. (a) We say that an element $a \in R$ is M -coregular if $aM = M$.

(b) The sequence a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n of R is called an M -coregular sequence if

(i) $\text{Ann}_M(a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq 0$;

(ii) a_i is an $\text{Ann}_M(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1})$ -coregular element, for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

(c) Let M and N be R -modules, where M is finitely generated and N is Artinian. We call the length of any maximal N -coregular sequence contained in $\text{Ann}_R(M)$ the $\text{Cograde}_N(M)$. We note that this is well-defined by [Ooi, 3.10].

Now we recall the concept of *Krull dimension* of an Artinian module, denoted by $\text{Kdim}M$, due to Roberts [Rob]: let M be an Artinian R -module. When $M = 0$ we put $\text{Kdim}M = -1$. Then by induction, for any ordinal α , we put $\text{Kdim}M = \alpha$ when (i) $\text{Kdim}M < \alpha$ is false, and (ii) for every ascending chain $M_0 \subseteq M_1 \subseteq \dots$ of submodules of M , there exists a positive integer m_0 such that $\text{Kdim}(M_{m+1}/M_m) < \alpha$ for all $m > m_0$. Thus M is non-zero and Noetherian if and only if $\text{Kdim}M = 0$.

Theorem 1.3. Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a local ring, M a finitely generated and N an Artinian R -modules. Then

(i) ([BM, 4.2]) $\text{Cograde}_N(M/IM) = \inf \{i : U_i^I(M, N) \neq 0\}$.

(ii) ([BM, 4.4]) For all $i > \text{Kdim}N$, $U_i^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N) = 0$ and if there exists an element $x \in I$ which is N -coregular, $U_i^I(M, N) = 0$.

Theorem 1.4. ([BM, 2.3]) Let $D(-) := \text{Hom}_R(-, E(R/\mathfrak{m}))$ be the Matlis dual functor with respect to the injective hull of R/\mathfrak{m} .

(i) $U_i^I(M, D(N)) = 0$ if and only if $H_I^i(M, N) = 0$.

(ii) If N is an Artinian R -module, then $U_i^I(M, N) = 0$ if and only if $H_I^i(M, D(N)) = 0$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, some results on vanishing and non-vanishing of generalized local homology and cohomology modules are presented. From now on, we assume that R is a Noetherian local ring with a unique maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} .

Remark 2.1. Let $\widehat{}$ be a \mathfrak{m} -adic completion functor. The following items will be required to prove Theorems.

(i) If M is a finitely generated R -module, then $\widehat{R} \otimes_R M \cong \widehat{M}$ by [EJ, 2.5.14].

(ii) If N is an Artinian R -module, then $\widehat{R} \otimes_R N \cong N$ and N is also Artinian as an \widehat{R} -module by [Ooi, 3.14].

(iii) If M is a finitely generated and N an Artinian R -modules, then $\text{Hom}_{\widehat{R}}(\widehat{M}, N) \cong \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ by [EJ, 2.5.15] and [Rot, 11.65].

(iv) If M is a finitely generated R -module with $\text{pd}_R M = n$, then by [Rot, 11.64],

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tor}_{n+1}^{\widehat{R}}(N, \widehat{M}) &\cong \text{Tor}_{n+1}^{\widehat{R}}(N, M \otimes_R \widehat{R}) \\ &\cong \text{Tor}_{n+1}^R(N, M) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for all \widehat{R} -module N . Thus $\text{pd}_{\widehat{R}} \widehat{M} \leq n$.

(v) If M is a finitely generated and Cohen-Macaulay R -module, then \widehat{M} is also Cohen-Macaulay as an R -module by [BH, 2.1.8(b)].

(vi) Let M be a finitely generated and N an Artinian R -modules. If $\text{Cosupp}_R(N) \subseteq \text{Supp}_R(M)$, then $\text{Cosupp}_{\widehat{R}}(N) \subseteq \text{Supp}_{\widehat{R}}(\widehat{M})$ by [AM, Ch. 3, Exercise 19, viii].

The following Corollary is a consequence of Theorem 1.1.

Corollary 2.2. *Let M be a finitely generated and N an Artinian R -modules such that $\text{pd} M < \infty$.*

(i) *Suppose $\dim N < \infty$. Then $U_i^I(M, N) = 0$, for all $i > \text{pd} M + \dim(\text{Hom}_R(M, N))$.*

(ii) *$U_i^I(M, N) = 0$, for all $i > \text{ara}(\widehat{I}) + \text{pd} M$.*

(iii) *Also, let M and N be two non-zero R -module with $\text{Cosupp}(N) \subseteq \text{Supp}(M)$. Then if R is Cohen-Macaulay, then $U_{\dim N}^m(M, N) \neq 0$.*

Proof. (i) By [BM, 2.5], without loss of generality, we may assume that (R, \mathfrak{m}) is a complete local ring. Also, $D(N)$ (where $D(-) := \text{Hom}_R(-, E(R/\mathfrak{m}))$) is the Matlis dual functor with respect to the injective hull of R/\mathfrak{m} is a finitely generated R -module and

$$\dim(\text{Hom}_R(M, N)) = \dim(D(\text{Hom}_R(M, N))) = \dim(M \otimes_R D(N))$$

by [Ooi, 1.6(3),(8)]. The assertion is now immediate from Theorem 1.1(i) and 1.4(ii).

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(iii) By [Ooi, 2.11], $\text{Cosupp}(N) = \text{Supp}(D(N))$. Therefore $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^{\dim N}(M, D(N)) \neq 0$ by Theorem 1.1(v). The claim now follows from [Ooi, 1.6(2)] and Theorem 1.4(ii). \square

Lemma 2.3. *Let M be a finitely generated and N a non-zero, Artinian of dimension d . Then the set*

$$\Sigma := \{N' : N' \text{ is a submodule of } N \text{ and } \dim N/N' < d\}$$

has a minimal element with respect to inclusion. If N_0 is a minimal element of Σ , then

(i) $\dim N_0 = d$;

(ii) N_0 has no non-zero submodule N' such that $\dim N_0/N' < d$;

(iii) $\text{Att}_R(N_0) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(N) : \dim R/\mathfrak{p} = d\}$; and

(iv) $U_d^m(M, N) \cong U_d^m(M, N_0)$.

Proof. (i),(ii),(iii) See [Maf, 2.2].

(iv) Since $\dim N/N_0 < d$, it follows from [BM, 4.4(i)] that $U_d^m(M, N/N_0) = U_{d+1}^m(M, N/N_0) = 0$. The claim now follows from [BM, 3.2(ii)], by using the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow N_0 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow N/N_0 \longrightarrow 0.$$

\square

Theorem 2.4. *Let M be a non-zero finitely generated and N a non-zero Artinian R -modules with $\dim N = d$. Then $U_d^m(M, N) \neq 0$ and*

$$\text{Ass}_R(U_d^m(M, N)) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(N) : \dim R/\mathfrak{p} = d\}.$$

Proof. We use induction on d . When $d = 0$, the module N has finite length, and so it is annihilated by some power of \mathfrak{m} . Hence there exists a positive integer n such that $\mathfrak{m}^n(M \otimes_R N) = 0$. Thus

$$U_0^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N) \cong \widehat{M \otimes_R N} \cong M \otimes_R N,$$

where $\widehat{}$ is the completion functor with respect to \mathfrak{m} . Hence $U_0^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N) \neq 0$, by [Ooi, 3.8]. By [Mat, Exercise 6.9],

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ass}_R(U_0^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N)) &= \text{Ass}_R(M \otimes_R N) \\ &= \{\mathfrak{m}\} \\ &= \text{Ass}_R(N) \\ &= \text{Att}_R(N) \\ &= \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(N) : \dim R/\mathfrak{p} = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the result has been proved in this case. Assume, inductively, that $d > 0$ and that the result has been proved for non-zero Artinian R -modules of dimension $d - 1$. By Lemma 2.3, we can assume that N has no non-zero homomorphic image of dimension less than d . We shall make this assumption our aim to show that $\text{Ass}_R(U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N)) = \text{Att}_R(N)$ (see Lemma 2.3(iii)). Since $d > 0$, we have $\mathfrak{m} \notin \text{Att}_R(N)$, and so there exists N -coregular element x in \mathfrak{m} . We suppose that $U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N) = 0$, and look for a contradiction. If $d = 1$, we have $1 \leq \text{Cograde}_N(M/\mathfrak{m}M) = \text{Width}_{\mathfrak{m}}(N) \leq \dim N = 1$ by [Ooi, 3.17]. Thus $\text{Cograde}_N(M/\mathfrak{m}M) = 1$ which is impossible by Theorem 1.3. Thus we can assume $d > 1$. Now, for each N -coregular element x in \mathfrak{m} , the module $(0 :_N x)$ (is non-zero and Artinian and) has $\dim(0 :_N x) = d - 1$, by [Maf, 2.1], and the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow (0 :_N x) \longrightarrow N \xrightarrow{x} N \longrightarrow 0$$

induces a long exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, 0 :_N x) \longrightarrow U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N) \xrightarrow{x} U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N).$$

In view of our assumption $U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N) = 0$. Thus, for each N -coregular element x in \mathfrak{m} , we have that

$$(0 :_{U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N)} x) \cong U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, 0 :_N x),$$

which is non-zero, by the inductive hypothesis. Therefore $U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N) \neq 0$. Our next step is to prove that $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Ass}_R(U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N))$.

We suppose that $\mathfrak{m} \notin \text{Ass}_R(U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N))$ and look for a contradiction. Then, by the Prime Avoidance Theorem,

$$\mathfrak{m} \not\subseteq \left(\bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N))} \mathfrak{p} \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{\mathfrak{q} \in \text{Att}_R(N)} \mathfrak{q} \right).$$

Hence there exists an N -coregular element y that belongs to \mathfrak{m} such that

$(0 :_{U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N)} y) = 0$. This is a contradiction (note that, for each N -coregular element y in \mathfrak{m} , we have that $(0 :_{U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N)} y) \cong U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, 0 :_N y)$, which is non-zero, by the inductive hypothesis).

Thus $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Ass}_R(U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N))$. By [BM, 3.1], we can assume that $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_t$ are the remaining members of $\text{Ass}_R(U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N))$. Again, by the Prime Avoidance Theorem, there exists

$$z \in \mathfrak{m} \setminus \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^t \mathfrak{p}_i \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{\mathfrak{q} \in \text{Att}_R(N)} \mathfrak{q} \right).$$

Thus $U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, 0 :_N z) = (0 :_{U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N)} z)$, since $z \in \mathfrak{m}$ is an N -coregular element, and by the induction hypothesis, $U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, 0 :_N z) \neq 0$ and

$$\text{Ass}_R(U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, 0 :_N z)) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(0 :_N z) : \dim R/\mathfrak{p} = d-1\}.$$

On the other hand,

$$\text{Ass}_R(0 :_{U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N)} z) \subseteq \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(U_{d-1}^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N)) : z \in \mathfrak{p}\}$$

and \mathfrak{m} is the only member of this set. Since $d > 1$, we have a contradiction. Thus we have proved that $U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N) \neq 0$. To complete the inductive step, since N now has no non-zero homomorphic image of dimension less than d , it remains for us to prove that $\text{Ass}_R(U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N)) = \text{Att}_R(N)$. Since $\text{Cograde}_N(M/\mathfrak{m}M) \geq 1$, there exists a coregular element x in \mathfrak{m} on N . Thus $\dim(0 :_N x) = d-1$, which implies that $U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, 0 :_N x) = 0$, and we have the long exact sequence induced by the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow (0 :_N x) \longrightarrow N \xrightarrow{x} N \longrightarrow 0$$

yields that $(0 :_{U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N)} x) = 0$. It therefore follows that

$$\mathfrak{m} \setminus \left(\bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(N)} \mathfrak{p} \right) \subseteq \mathfrak{m} \setminus \left(\bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N))} \mathfrak{p} \right).$$

Suppose that $\mathfrak{q} \in \text{Ass}_R(U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N))$. It follows from the above inclusion and by the Prime Avoidance Theorem that $\mathfrak{q} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$, for some $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(N)$. Since $U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, -)$ is an R -linear functor, it follows that $(0 :_N) \subseteq (0 :_{U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N)}) \subseteq \mathfrak{q} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$. As $d = \dim R/\text{Ann}_R(N) = \dim R/\mathfrak{p}$, it follows that $\mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{p}$. Hence $\text{Ass}_R(U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N)) \subseteq \text{Att}_R(N)$. To establish the reverse inclusion, let $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(N)$, so that $\dim R/\mathfrak{p} = d$. Thus there exists a \mathfrak{p} -secondary submodule Q of N (see [Mac, 5.2]). Note that Q can not have any non-zero homomorphic image of dimension less than d (or else it would have an attached prime other than \mathfrak{p}). Now if we use Q rather than N in the above, we have $\text{Ass}_R(U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, Q)) \subseteq \text{Att}_R(Q) = \{\mathfrak{p}\}$ and $U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, Q) \neq 0$. Thus $\text{Ass}_R(U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, Q)) = \{\mathfrak{p}\}$. However, the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow N/Q \longrightarrow 0$$

induces a monomorphism $U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, Q) \longrightarrow U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N)$, since $\dim N/Q \leq d$. It now follows that $\{\mathfrak{p}\} = \text{Ass}_R(U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, Q)) \subseteq \text{Ass}_R(U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N))$. Hence $\text{Att}_R(N) \subseteq \text{Ass}_R(U_d^{\mathfrak{m}}(M, N))$. This completes the inductive step. \square

Corollary 2.5. *Let M and N be two non-zero finitely generated R -modules such that $\dim N = d$. Then*

$$H_{\mathfrak{m}}^d(M, N) \neq 0.$$

Proof. The assertion is immediate from [Ooi, 1.6 (2) and (8)] and Theorem 1.4 (i). \square

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