

On top local homology modules

Abstract

Let R be a local ring, and let A be a non-zero Artinian R -module, with Noetherian dimension equal to s . In this paper, we determine the associated primes of the top local homology module of A , with respect to unique maximal ideal of the ring R .

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1 Introduction

Throughout this paper assume that (R, \mathfrak{m}) is a commutative Noetherian local ring, with non-zero identity, \mathfrak{a} is an ideal of R and A is an R -module.

In [3], Cuong and Nam defined the local homology modules $H_i^{\mathfrak{a}}(A)$, with respect to \mathfrak{a} by

$$H_i^{\mathfrak{a}}(A) = \varprojlim_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \operatorname{Tor}_i^R(R/\mathfrak{a}^n, A).$$

This definition is dual to Grothendieck's definition of local cohomology modules. For more details about local cohomology modules, see [2].

For basic results about local homology we refer the reader to [3], and, [8].

In this paper, we study the top local homology module $H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A)$, where A is a non-zero Artinian R -module of Noetherian dimension s . The module $H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A)$ is called a top local homology module with respect to maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} , because

$$\max \{i : H_i^{\mathfrak{m}}(A) \neq 0\} \leq s,$$

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by [3, Proposition 4.8].

We use properties of commutative algebra and homological algebra for the development of the results (see [1] and [11]).

2 Prerequisites

Definition 2.1. A non-zero R -module A is called secondary if the multiplication map by any element a of R is either surjective or nilpotent. A secondary representation of the R -module A is an expression for A as a finite sum of secondary modules. If such a representation exists, we will say that A is representable.

Definition 2.2. A prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of R is said to be an attached prime of A if $\mathfrak{p} = (N :_R A)$, for some submodule N of A . If A admits a reduced secondary representation

$$A = S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_n,$$

then the set of attached primes $\text{Att}_R(A)$ is equal to

$$\left\{ \sqrt{(0 :_R S_i)}, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n \right\}.$$

It is well known that if N is a submodule of Artinian R -module A , then

$$\text{Att}_R(A/N) \subseteq \text{Att}_R(A) \subseteq \text{Att}_R(N) \cup \text{Att}_R(A/N) \quad (\text{see [7, Section 6]}).$$

We now recall the concept of Noetherian dimension $\text{N dim}_R(A)$ of an R -module A .

For $A = 0$, we define $\text{N dim}_R(A) = -1$. Then by induction, for any integer $t \geq 0$, we define $\text{N dim}_R(A) = t$ when

- (1) $\text{N dim}_R(A) < t$ is false, and
- (2) for every ascending chain $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$, of submodules of A there exists an integer m_0 such that

$$\text{N dim}_R(A_{m+1}/A_m) < t,$$

for all $m \geq m_0$.

Thus, A is non-zero and finitely generated if and only if $\text{N dim}_R(A) = 0$.

If A is Artinian R -module, then $\text{N dim}_R(A) < \infty$, according to [6].

In [4], for any R -module A , we define the cohomological dimension of A with respect to \mathfrak{a} as

$$\text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, A) = \max \{i : H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(A) \neq 0\}.$$

By [2, Theorem 6.1.2] and by [2, Theorem 6.1.4],

$$\text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, A) \leq \dim_R(A),$$

and,

$$\text{cd}(\mathfrak{m}, A) = \dim_R(A).$$

We will call,

$$\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A) := \max \{i : H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(A) \neq 0\}$$

the homological dimension of A with respect to \mathfrak{a} . It follows from [3, Propositions 4.8 and 4.10] that if A is an Artinian R -module, then,

$$\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A) \leq \text{N dim}_R(A),$$

and,

$$\text{hd}(\mathfrak{m}, A) = \text{N dim}_R(A).$$

Throughout the paper, for an R -module A , $E(R/\mathfrak{m})$ denotes the injective envelope of R/\mathfrak{m} and $D(\bullet)$ denotes the Matlis duality functor

$$\text{Hom}_R(\bullet, E(R/\mathfrak{m})).$$

It is well known that:

$$\dim_R(D(A)) = \dim_R(A).$$

Also, if A is an Artinian R -module, where R is complete ring, then

$$A \cong D(D(A)),$$

and $D(A)$ is a Noetherian \hat{R} -module (see [2, Theorem 10.2.19], and, [10, Theorem 1.6(5)]).

Note that if A is an Artinian R -module, then

$$H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(A) \cong D(H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(D(A))),$$

for all $i \geq 0$, according to [3, Proposition 3.3(ii)].

Therefore,

$$\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A) = \text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, D(A)).$$

Thus,

$$\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A) \leq \dim_R(D(A)) = \dim_R(A).$$

3 The results

Lemma 3.1. *Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a local ring, and let*

$$0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow A \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0,$$

be an exact sequence of Artinian R -modules. Then,

$$\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A) = \max \{ \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, L), \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, N) \}.$$

Proof. Since $D(A)$ is Noetherian \hat{R} -module, by [4, Corollary 2.3(i)], we have that

$$\text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}\hat{R}, D(N)) \leq \text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}\hat{R}, D(A)).$$

Hence by the Independence Theorem, [2, Theorem 4.2.1], it follows that

$$\text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, D(N)) \leq \text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, D(A)).$$

Therefore, $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, N) \leq \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A)$. From the long exact sequence

$$H_{i+1}^{\mathfrak{a}}(L) \rightarrow H_{i+1}^{\mathfrak{a}}(A) \rightarrow H_{i+1}^{\mathfrak{a}}(N) \rightarrow H_i^{\mathfrak{a}}(L) \rightarrow H_i^{\mathfrak{a}}(A) \rightarrow \dots,$$

we deduce that $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, L) \leq \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A)$.

Hence,

$$\max \{ \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, L), \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, N) \} \leq \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A).$$

From the above long exact sequence we also infer that

$$\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A) \leq \max \{ \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, L), \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, N) \}.$$

Thus, the proof is complete. \square

Lemma 3.2. *Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a complete local ring, and let A be a non-zero Artinian R -module. Then,*

$$\text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, R/\mathfrak{p}) \leq \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A),$$

for all $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(A)$.

Proof. Since $D(A)$ is a Noetherian R -module and

$$\text{Supp}_R(R/\mathfrak{p}) \subseteq \text{Supp}_R(D(A)),$$

for all $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(\text{D}(A))$, by [4, Theorem 2.2] we infer that

$$\text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, R/\mathfrak{p}) \leq \text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, \text{D}(A)),$$

for all $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(\text{D}(A))$.

Since $\text{Att}_R(A) = \text{Ass}_R(\text{D}(A))$ and $\text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, \text{D}(A)) = \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A)$, we obtain

$$\text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, R/\mathfrak{p}) \leq \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A),$$

for all $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(A)$. □

Lemma 3.3. *Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a local ring, and let A be an Artinian R -module. Then,*

$$\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A) \leq \text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, R/\text{Ann}_R(A)).$$

Proof. Let $R' = R/\text{Ann}_R(A)$. By [12, Theorem 3.3], we have

$$\text{H}_i^{\mathfrak{a}}(A) \cong \text{H}_i^{\mathfrak{a}R'}(A),$$

for all $i \geq 0$.

Thus, we have that $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A) = \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}R', A)$. Since,

$$\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}R', A) \leq \text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}R', R'),$$

according to [5, Corollary 3.2], and

$$\text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}R', R') = \text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, R'),$$

according to [4, Lemma 2.1], we conclude that

$$\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A) \leq \text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, R'),$$

and this finishes the proof. □

Lemma 3.4. *Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a complete local ring, and let A be a non-zero Artinian R -module of finite Noetherian dimension s , with $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A) = s$. Thus,*

$$\sum = \left\{ N' : N' \text{ is a submodule of } A \text{ and } \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A/N') < s \right\},$$

has a smallest element N . The R -module N has the following properties:

- (1) $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, N) = \dim(N) = s$.

- (2) N has no proper submodule L such that $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, N/L) < s$.
- (3) $\text{Att}_R(N) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(A) : \text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, R/\mathfrak{p}) = s\}$.
- (4) $H_s^{\mathfrak{a}}(N) \cong H_s^{\mathfrak{a}}(A)$.

Proof. It is clear that $A \in \sum$, and thus \sum is not empty. Since A is an Artinian R -module, the set \sum has a minimal member N . By Lemma 3.1, if $N_1, N_2 \in \sum$, then $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A/(N_1 \cap N_2)) < n$. Since the intersection of any two members of \sum is again in \sum , it follows that N is contained in every member of \sum implying that N is the smallest element of \sum .

- (1) Since $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A/N) < s$, from the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow A \rightarrow A/N \rightarrow 0,$$

and of the Lemma 3.1, we obtain that $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, N) = s$. From,

$$s = \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, N) \leq \dim(N) \leq \dim(A) = s,$$

we derive $\dim(N) = s$.

- (2) Suppose that L is a submodule of N such that $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, N/L) < s$. From the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N/L \rightarrow A/L \rightarrow A/N \rightarrow 0,$$

and of the Lemma 3.1, we infer $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A/L) < s$. Hence, $L \in \sum$, and then $L = N$.

- (3) If $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(N)$, then $\mathfrak{p} = \text{Ann}_R(N/L)$, where L is a submodule of N . By item (2), we have that $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, N/L) = s$. Hence,

$$s = \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, N/L) \leq \dim_R(R/\mathfrak{p}) \leq \dim_R(A) = s.$$

Thus,

$$\dim_R(R/\mathfrak{p}) = \dim_R(A).$$

Since $\dim_R(A) = \dim_R(R/\text{Ann}_R(A))$, we conclude that \mathfrak{p} is a minimal element of the set $V(\text{Ann}_R(A))$. Thus, $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(A)$.

On the other hand, using Lemma 3.3, we derive

$$s = \text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, N/L) \leq \text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, R/\mathfrak{p}) \leq \dim_R(R/\mathfrak{p}) \leq \dim_R(A) = s.$$

Therefore, we have that $\text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, R/\mathfrak{p}) = s$.

Now, suppose that

$$\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(A)$$

and

$$\text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, R/\mathfrak{p}) = s.$$

Since, $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A/N) < s$, and, also $\text{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, R/\mathfrak{p}) = s$, Lemma 3.2, implies that $\mathfrak{p} \notin \text{Att}_R(A/N)$.

Therefore, we have that $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(N)$.

(4) The exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow A \rightarrow A/N \rightarrow 0,$$

induces the exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H_{s+1}^{\mathfrak{a}}(A/N) \rightarrow H_s^{\mathfrak{a}}(N) \rightarrow H_s^{\mathfrak{a}}(A) \rightarrow H_s^{\mathfrak{a}}(A/N) \rightarrow \dots$$

Since, $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{a}, A/N) < s$, it follows that we have

$$H_{s+1}^{\mathfrak{a}}(A/N) = H_s^{\mathfrak{a}}(A/N) = 0.$$

Therefore, $H_s^{\mathfrak{a}}(N) \cong H_s^{\mathfrak{a}}(A)$.

□

4 Applications

Theorem 4.1. *Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a complete local ring, and let A be a non-zero Artinian R -module of Noetherian dimension s . Then,*

$$\text{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A)) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(A) : \text{cd}(\mathfrak{m}, R/\mathfrak{p}) = s\}.$$

Proof. If $s = 0$, then A has a finite length and therefore $\mathfrak{m}^k A = 0$, for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A)) &= \text{Ass}_R(A) = \{\mathfrak{m}\} = \text{Att}_R(A) = \\ &= \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(A) : \text{cd}(\mathfrak{m}, R/\mathfrak{p}) = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $s > 0$. If $H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A) = 0$, then $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{m}, A) < s$. By Lemma 3.2,

$$\text{cd}(\mathfrak{m}, R/\mathfrak{p}) < s \text{ for all } \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(A).$$

This implies that,

$$\{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(A) : \text{cd}(\mathfrak{m}, R/\mathfrak{p}) = s\} = \emptyset = \text{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A)),$$

and the result has been proved in this case. Now assume that $s > 0$, and $H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A) \neq 0$. Then,

$$\text{hd}(\mathfrak{m}, A) = \dim_R(A) = s.$$

By Lemma 3.4, A has no proper submodule L with $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{m}, A/L) < s$, and we must show that $\text{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A)) = \text{Att}_R(A)$. If

$$r \notin \bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(A)} \mathfrak{p},$$

then the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (0 :_A r) \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{r} A \rightarrow 0,$$

induces the exact sequence

$$H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}((0 :_A r)) \rightarrow H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A) \xrightarrow{r} H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A).$$

Using [8, Lemma 4.7],

$$\text{N dim}_R((0 :_A r)) \leq s - 1,$$

and therefore $H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}((0 :_A r)) = 0$. Since

$$0 \rightarrow H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A) \xrightarrow{r} H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A)$$

is exact, we infer that

$$r \notin \bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A))} \mathfrak{p},$$

and

$$\bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A))} \mathfrak{p} \subseteq \bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(A)} \mathfrak{p}.$$

Since $\text{Att}_R(A)$ is a finite set, every

$$\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A))$$

is included in some

$$\mathfrak{q} \in \text{Att}_R(A).$$

For such \mathfrak{q} there exists a submodule L of A satisfying $\mathfrak{q} = \text{Ann}_R(A/L)$. Hence,

$$s = \text{hd}(\mathfrak{m}, A/L) \leq \dim_R(A/L) \leq \dim_R(R/\mathfrak{q}) \leq \dim_R(R/\mathfrak{p}) \leq s.$$

This shows $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{q}$, and, also,

$$\text{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A)) \subseteq \text{Att}_R(A).$$

To prove the reverse inclusion, assume that $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R(A)$. There exists a submodule L of A such that $\text{Att}_R(L) = \mathfrak{p}$. Since we have assumed that A has no proper submodule U with $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{m}, A/U) < s$, Lemma 3.4 implies that $\text{cd}(\mathfrak{m}, R/\mathfrak{p}) = s$. By Lemma 3.2, $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{m}, L) = s$, and, $H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(L) \neq 0$. Since $\text{cd}(\mathfrak{m}, R/\mathfrak{p}) = s$, and,

$$\text{Att}_R(L/U) \subseteq \text{Att}_R(L) = \{\mathfrak{p}\},$$

for all submodules U , Lemma 3.2 shows that L cannot have any proper submodule U such that $\text{hd}(\mathfrak{m}, L/U) < s$. Analogously,

$$\text{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(L)) \subseteq \text{Att}_R(L) = \{\mathfrak{p}\}.$$

Since $H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(L) \neq 0$, we establish that $\text{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(L)) = \{\mathfrak{p}\}$. However, from the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(L) \rightarrow H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A) \rightarrow H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A/L),$$

we see that

$$\{\mathfrak{p}\} = \text{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(L)) \subseteq \text{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A)).$$

Therefore,

$$\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A)),$$

that completes the proof. \square

Theorem 4.2. *Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a complete local ring, and let A be a non-zero Artinian R -module with $\mathrm{Ndim}_R(A) = s$. Then,*

$$\mathrm{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A)) = \left\{ \mathfrak{B} \cap R : \mathfrak{B} \in \mathrm{Att}_{\hat{R}}(A) \text{ and } \mathrm{cd}(\mathfrak{m}\hat{R}, \hat{R}/\mathfrak{B}) = s \right\}.$$

Proof. Since $\dim_{\hat{R}}(D(A)) = \dim_{\hat{R}}(A) = \mathrm{Ndim}_R(A) = s$, (for details consult [9]), by [2, Theorem 7.1.6],

$$H_{\mathfrak{m}\hat{R}}^s(D(A)),$$

is an Artinian local cohomology module and

$$D(H_{\mathfrak{m}\hat{R}}^s(D(A))) \cong H_s^{\mathfrak{m}\hat{R}}(A),$$

is a Noetherian \hat{R} -module. It is well known that

$$\mathrm{Ass}_R(L) = \{ \mathfrak{B} \cap R : \mathfrak{B} \in \mathrm{Ass}_{\hat{R}}(L) \},$$

for each finitely generated \hat{R} -module L (see [7, Exercise 6.7]. Thus,

$$\mathrm{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}\hat{R}}(A)) = \left\{ \mathfrak{B} \cap R : \mathfrak{B} \in \mathrm{Ass}_{\hat{R}}(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}\hat{R}}(A)) \right\}.$$

Since by [13, Proposition 4.3],

$$H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A) \cong H_s^{\mathfrak{m}\hat{R}}(A),$$

as R -modules, we conclude that

$$\mathrm{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A)) = \left\{ \mathfrak{B} \cap R : \mathfrak{B} \in \mathrm{Ass}_{\hat{R}}(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}\hat{R}}(A)) \right\}.$$

According to Theorem 4.1,

$$\mathrm{Ass}_{\hat{R}}(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}\hat{R}}(A)) = \left\{ \mathfrak{B} : \mathfrak{B} \in \mathrm{Att}_{\hat{R}}(A) \text{ and } \mathrm{cd}(\mathfrak{m}\hat{R}, \hat{R}/\mathfrak{B}) = s \right\}.$$

Therefore,

$$\mathrm{Ass}_R(H_s^{\mathfrak{m}}(A)) = \left\{ \mathfrak{B} \cap R : \mathfrak{B} \in \mathrm{Att}_{\hat{R}}(A) \text{ and } \mathrm{cd}(\mathfrak{m}\hat{R}, \hat{R}/\mathfrak{B}) = s \right\}.$$

This finishes the proof. \square

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