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## TOP LOCAL COHOMOLOGY AND TOP FORMAL LOCAL COHOMOLOGY MODULES WITH SPECIFIED ATTACHED PRIMES

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ABSTRACT. Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Noetherian local ring, M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n and  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of R. In this paper, generalizing the main results of Dibaei and Jafari [3] and Rezaei [8], we will show that if T is a subset of  $\operatorname{Assh}_R M$ , then there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of R such that  $\operatorname{Att}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = T$ . As an application, we give some relationships between top local cohomology modules and top formal local cohomology modules.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a commutative Noetherian local ring,  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of R and M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n. For an R-module M, the *i*-th local cohomology module of M with respect to  $\mathfrak{a}$  is defined as

$$\mathrm{H}^{i}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \lim_{n \ge 1} \mathrm{Ext}^{i}_{R}(R/\mathfrak{a}^{n}, M).$$

For the basic properties of local cohomology the reader can refer to [2]. Also, for each  $i \geq 0$ ;  $\mathfrak{F}^i_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) := \lim_{\overleftarrow{t}} \mathrm{H}^i_{\mathfrak{m}}(M/\mathfrak{a}^t M)$  is called the *i*-th formal local cohomology module of M with respect to  $\mathfrak{a}$ . The formal local cohomology modules have been studied by several authors; see

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for example [1], [5] and [9]. Let M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n, then  $\operatorname{Max}\{i \in \mathbb{Z} : \operatorname{H}^{i}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \neq 0\} \leq n$  by [2, Theorem 6.1.2] and  $\operatorname{Max}\{i \in \mathbb{Z} : \mathfrak{F}^{i}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \neq 0\} \leq n$  by [9, Theorem 4.5]. Recall that the module  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  is called a top local cohomology module if  $\operatorname{Max}\{i \in \mathbb{Z} : \operatorname{H}^{i}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \neq 0\} = n$  and the module  $\mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  is called a top formal local cohomology module if  $\operatorname{Max}\{i \in \mathbb{Z} : \mathfrak{F}^{i}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \neq 0\} = n$ . For each Artinian R-module A, we denote by  $\operatorname{Att}_{R} A$  the set of all attached prime ideals of A.

In section 2, we show that any subset T of  $\operatorname{Assh}_R M$ , where

 $\operatorname{Assh}_R M = \{ \mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Ass}_R M : \dim(R/\mathfrak{p}) = \dim M \},\$ 

can be expressed as the set of attached primes of the top local cohomology module  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  for some ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of R. This generalizes a result of Dibaei and Jafari [3] to Noetherian local rings that are not necessarily complete.

We say that the top local cohomology module  $H^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*), if

Att<sub>R</sub> H<sup>n</sup><sub>a</sub>(M) = {
$$\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Ass}_R M$$
 : dim $(R/\mathfrak{p}) = n$  and  $\sqrt{\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{m}$ }.

Rezaei in [8], showed that if  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is a complete Noetherian local ring and M is a finitely generated R-module of dimension n then for each ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of R there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{b}$  such that  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$  and there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{c}$  such that  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{c}}(M)$ . In section 3, we generalize this result. In fact, we show that over Noetherian local rings that are not necessarily complete, there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{c}$  such that  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{c}}(M)$  and if  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*) then there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{b}$  such that  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$ .

For any ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of R, the radical of  $\mathfrak{a}$ , denoted by  $\sqrt{\mathfrak{a}}$ , is defined to be the set  $\{x \in R : x^n \in \mathfrak{a} \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Also, we denote  $\{\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Spec} R : \mathfrak{p} \supseteq \mathfrak{a}\}$  by  $V(\mathfrak{a})$  and  $\operatorname{Min} V(\mathfrak{a})$  by  $\operatorname{Min}(\mathfrak{a})$ . For an Rmodule M, we show the set of minimal members of associated primes of M by  $\operatorname{mAss}_R(M)$ . For any unexplained notation and terminology, we refer the reader to [2] and [6].

# 2. TOP LOCAL COHOMOLOGY MODULES WITH SPECIFIED ATTACHED PRIMES

In this section, we study the set of attached primes of top local cohomology modules.

Notation 2.1. Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of R and M be a finitely generated Rmodule of dimension n. Let  $0 = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Ass}_R M} N(\mathfrak{p})$  be a reduced primary

decomposition of the submodule 0 of M. Following [7], we set

 $\operatorname{Ass}_{R}(\mathfrak{a}, M) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Ass}_{R} M : \dim(R/\mathfrak{p}) = n \text{ and } \sqrt{\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{m}\}.$ 

Set  $N^{\mathfrak{a}} = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Ass}_{R}(\mathfrak{a},M)} N(\mathfrak{p})$ . Note that  $N^{\mathfrak{a}}$  does not depend on the choice of the reduced primary decomposition of zero because

$$\operatorname{Ass}_R(\mathfrak{a}, M) \subseteq \operatorname{mAss}_R M.$$

It is clear that  $\operatorname{Ass}_R(\mathfrak{a}, M) = \operatorname{Ass}_R(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})$  and

$$\operatorname{Ass}_R N^{\mathfrak{a}} = \operatorname{Ass}_R M \setminus \operatorname{Ass}_R(\mathfrak{a}, M).$$

For each integer  $l \geq 0$  and any subset S of Spec R we define

$$S_l := \{ \mathfrak{p} \in S : \dim(R/\mathfrak{p}) = l \}.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $N^{\mathfrak{a}}$  be defined as above. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(N^{\mathfrak{a}}) = 0;$
- (ii)  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}});$
- (iii)  $\operatorname{Att}_{R} \operatorname{H}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{n}(M) = \operatorname{Att}_{R} \operatorname{H}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{n}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}) = \operatorname{Ass}_{R}(\mathfrak{a}, M).$

*Proof.* By the exact sequence

$$\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(N^{\mathfrak{a}}) \to \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \to \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}) \to 0$$

it is enough for us to prove (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i). Suppose, on the contrary, that  $\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(N^{\mathfrak{a}}) \neq 0$ . Then there exists  $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Att}_{R} \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(N^{\mathfrak{a}})$ . By [4, Theorem A],  $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Ass}_{R} N^{\mathfrak{a}}$  and  $\mathrm{cd}(\mathfrak{a}, R/\mathfrak{p}) = n$  and so  $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Att}_{R} \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \mathrm{Att}_{R} \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})$ . But by Notation 2.1,  $\mathrm{Att}_{R} \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}) = \mathrm{Ass}_{R}(\mathfrak{a}, M)$ , that means  $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathrm{Ass}_{R}(\mathfrak{a}, M) = \mathrm{Ass}_{R}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})$ , a contradiction.  $\Box$ 

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of R, M be a finitely generated Rmodule of dimension n and  $N^{\mathfrak{a}}$  be defined as in Notation 2.1. We say  $H^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*), if one of the equivalent conditions of
Lemma 2.2 holds.

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  be two ideals of R such that  $\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$ satisfies the property (\*). If  $\mathrm{Att}_{R} \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M) \subseteq \mathrm{Att}_{R} \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$ , then there exists an epimorphism  $\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \to \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*), we have

$$\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}) \cong \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})$$

and

$$\operatorname{Att}_{R}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \operatorname{Att}_{R}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}) = \operatorname{Ass}_{R}(\mathfrak{a}, M) = \operatorname{Ass}_{R}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})$$

where,  $N^{\mathfrak{a}} = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Ass}_{R}(\mathfrak{a},M)} N(\mathfrak{p})$ . Now we show that  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(N^{\mathfrak{a}}) = 0$ . Suppose, on the contrary, that  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(N^{\mathfrak{a}}) \neq 0$ . Then there exists a prime ideal

 $\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Att}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(N^{\mathfrak{a}})$  and therefore for this prime ideal, by [4, Theorem A] we have,  $\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Ass}_R N^{\mathfrak{a}}$  and  $\operatorname{cd}(\mathfrak{b}, R/\mathfrak{p}) = n$ . Since  $\operatorname{Ass}_R N^{\mathfrak{a}} \subseteq \operatorname{Ass}_R M$ , we have  $\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Att}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$  and therefore  $\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Att}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  that is a contradiction by Notation 2.1. So,  $\operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M) \cong \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})$ . By [2, Proposition 8.1.2], for each  $x \in \mathfrak{m} \setminus \mathfrak{b}$ , there is a long exact sequence

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}+Rx}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}((M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})_{x}) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

where  $(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})_x$  is the localization of  $M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}$  at  $\{x^i : i \geq 0\}$ . Note that  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})$  is Artinian and  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}((M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})_x) \cong (\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}))_x$ . It follows that  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}((M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})_x) = 0$  and so there exists an epimorphism  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{b}+Rx}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}) \to \mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})$ . Repeating the argument with  $\mathfrak{b} + Rx$ in place of  $\mathfrak{b}$  and continuing gives an epimorphism  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{m}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}) \to$  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})$  and so we have the epimorphism  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \to \mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$ .  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  be two ideals of R such that  $\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$  and  $\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  satisfy the property (\*). If  $\mathrm{Att}_{R} \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \mathrm{Att}_{R} \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$ , then  $\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$ .

*Proof.* As in the proof of Proposition 2.4, since

$$\operatorname{Att}_{R} \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \operatorname{Att}_{R} \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{h}}(M),$$

we have  $N^{\mathfrak{a}} = N^{\mathfrak{b}}$  and so

$$\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}) \cong \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{b}}) \cong \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M).$$

Dibaei and Jafari in [3], have shown that if R is a complete Noetherian local ring and M is a finitely generated R-module of dimension n, then any subset T of  $\operatorname{Assh}_R M$  can be expressed as the set of attached primes of the top local cohomology module  $\operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  for some ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of R (see [3, Theorem 2.8]). In the next theorem, we generalize this result to Noetherian local rings that are not necessarily complete.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n and T be a subset of  $Assh_R(M)$ , then there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of R such that  $Att_R H^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = T$ .

Proof. Let  $\operatorname{Assh}_R M = \{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_k\}$  and  $T = \{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_r\}$ , where  $r \leq k$ . When r = k, the result is immediate from [2, Theorem 7.3.2], just take  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{m}$ . We therefore assume henceforth in this proof that r < k. So  $\operatorname{Assh}_R M \setminus T = \{\mathfrak{p}_{r+1}, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_k\}$ . Since, for each  $1 \leq i \leq k, \mathfrak{p}_i$  is a minimal associated prime of M, we have  $\bigcap_{i=r+1}^k \mathfrak{p}_i \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{p}_i$ . So we can choose an element  $y \in \bigcap_{i=r+1}^k \mathfrak{p}_i \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{p}_i$ . Set  $\overline{M} = \frac{M}{(\bigcap_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{p}_i)M}$ , then  $\operatorname{Assh}_R \overline{M} = T$  and  $\dim(\overline{M}) = n$ . Since  $y \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{p}_i$ , there are

elements  $x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}$  such that  $y, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}$  forms a system of parameters for R- module  $\overline{M}$ . Set  $\mathfrak{a} = \langle y, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1} \rangle$ . It follows from [2, Independence Theorem 4.2.1 and Exercise 6.1.9] that

$$\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \otimes \frac{R}{\bigcap_{i=1}^{r} \mathfrak{p}_{i}} \cong \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M \otimes \frac{R}{\bigcap_{i=1}^{r} \mathfrak{p}_{i}}) \cong \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(\overline{M}) \cong \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(\overline{M}) \neq 0.$$

We can now use [2, Theorem 7.3.2 and Exercise 7.2.6] to deduce that

$$T = \operatorname{Att}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{m}}(\overline{M}) \subseteq \operatorname{Att}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M).$$

On the other hand, if  $\mathfrak{p}_i \in \operatorname{Assh}_R M \setminus T$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}\left(\frac{R}{\mathfrak{p}_{i}}\right) &= \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\langle y, x_{1}, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle}\left(\frac{R}{\mathfrak{p}_{i}}\right) \\ & [\operatorname{Since} y \in \mathfrak{p}_{i}] &\cong \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\langle x_{1}, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle}\left(\frac{R}{\mathfrak{p}_{i}}\right) \\ & \text{by } [2, \text{ Theorem 3.3.1}] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from this observation and [4, Theorem A] that  $\operatorname{Att}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \subseteq T$ . Hence  $\operatorname{Att}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = T$  and this completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

**Remark 2.7.** Let M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n and T be a subset of  $\operatorname{Assh}_R M$ . By Theorem 2.6, there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of R such that  $\operatorname{Att}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = T$ . By the choice of this ideal in the proof of Theorem 2.6, one can see that, for each  $\mathfrak{p} \in T, \sqrt{\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{m}$ . Therefore

$$\operatorname{Att}_{R}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Assh}_{R}M : \sqrt{\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{m}\} = \operatorname{Ass}_{R}(\mathfrak{a}, M)$$

and so  $\operatorname{Att}_{R} \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \operatorname{Att}_{R} \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})$ . Hence  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*).

## 3. Some results on top formal local cohomology

In [8], Rezaei proved that if  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is a complete Noetherian local ring and M is a finitely generated R-module of dimension n, then for each ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of R there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{b}$  such that  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$ and there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{c}$  such that  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{c}}(M)$ . In this section we give a generalization of this result.

**Lemma 3.1.** (See [8, Theorem 2.2].) Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Noetherian local ring and M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n. If T is a proper subset of  $\operatorname{Assh}_R M$ , then  $\operatorname{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = T$  where  $\mathfrak{a} := \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p}_i \in T} \mathfrak{p}_i$ is an ideal of R.

**Lemma 3.2.** (See [8, Lemma 2.4].) Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a Noetherian local ring R and M be a finitely generated R-module. If M is an  $\mathfrak{a}$ -torsion module, then  $\mathfrak{F}^i_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathrm{H}^i_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)$  for all  $i \geq 0$ .

By [5, Proposition 2.1], if  $\mathfrak{a}$  is an ideal of R and M is a finitely generated R-module of dimension n, then  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  is an Artinian Rmodule and there exists an integer  $n_0$  such that  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \frac{\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)}{\mathfrak{a}^{n_0}\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)}$ . Now we can reduce the completeness assumption in [8, Theorem 2.5] to the assumption that  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*).

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  be two ideals of a Noetherian local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n such that  $\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*). If  $\mathrm{Att}_{R} \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \mathrm{Att}_{R} \mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$ , then  $\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $H^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*), by Notation 2.1 and Definition 2.3 we have  $H^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(N^{\mathfrak{a}}) = 0$  and

$$\operatorname{Att}_{R} \mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M) = \operatorname{Att}_{R} \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$$
$$= \{ \mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Ass}_{R} M : \dim(R/\mathfrak{p}) = n \text{ and } \sqrt{\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{p}} = \mathfrak{m} \}$$
$$= \operatorname{Ass}_{R}(\mathfrak{a}, M).$$

Now we show that the Artinian module  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(N^{\mathfrak{a}})$  is zero. Suppose, on the contrary, that  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(N^{\mathfrak{a}}) \neq 0$ . Therefore there exists a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(N^{\mathfrak{a}})$ . By [5, Proposition 2.1],  $\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Ass}_R N^a$ ,  $\dim(R/\mathfrak{p}) = n$ and  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M) = \operatorname{Att}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \operatorname{Ass}_R(\mathfrak{a}, M)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(N^{\mathfrak{a}}) = 0$  and  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})$ . On the other hand, since  $\operatorname{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M) = \operatorname{Ass}_R(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})$ , we have  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Ass}_R(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}})} \mathfrak{p}$ . Therefore  $M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}$  is a  $\mathfrak{b}$ -torsion R-module and by Lemma 3.2, we have  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}) \cong \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{m}}(M/N^{\mathfrak{a}}) \cong \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a Noetherian local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  such that  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*). Then  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$ , where  $\mathfrak{b} = \operatorname{Ann}_{R} \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathfrak{b} = \operatorname{Ann}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$ , then  $\sqrt{\mathfrak{b}} = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Att}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)} \mathfrak{p}$ . Since  $\operatorname{Att}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \subseteq \operatorname{Assh}_R M$ ,

it follows from Lemma 3.1 that  $\operatorname{Att}_{R} \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \operatorname{Att}_{R} \mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\sqrt{\mathfrak{b}}}(M)$  and so by Theorem 3.3, we have  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\sqrt{\mathfrak{b}}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$ .  $\Box$ 

Now we can generalize [8, Theorem 2.6 (ii)] and [8, Corollary 2.7] to Noetherian local rings that are not necessarily complete.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a Noetherian local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n. Then there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{c}$  of R such that  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{c}}(M)$ .

Proof. Since  $\operatorname{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \subseteq \operatorname{Assh}_R M$ , it follows from Theorem 2.6 that there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{c}$  of R such that  $\operatorname{Att}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{c}}(M) = \operatorname{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$ . By Remark 2.7,  $\operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{c}}(N^{\mathfrak{c}}) = 0$ , where  $N^{\mathfrak{c}}$  is defined as in Notation 2.1. Therefore  $\operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{c}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*). Now by Theorem 3.3,  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{c}}(M)$ .

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a Noetherian local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n. Then

$$\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}^n_{\operatorname{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)}(M).$$

Proof. By Theorem 3.5, there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{c}$  of R such that  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{c}}(M)$ . As  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{c}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*), we have  $\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{c}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}_{\mathrm{Ann}_R \mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{c}}(M)}(M)$  by Corollary 3.4, and so  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}_{\mathrm{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)}(M)$ , as required.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a Noetherian local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n such that  $\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*). Then  $\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \frac{\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)}{(\mathrm{Ann}_{R} \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)) \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)}$ .

*Proof.* By Corollary 3.4, we have  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\operatorname{Ann}_{R}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)}(M)$  and by [5, Proposition 2.1], there exists an integer  $t_{0}$  such that

$$\mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\operatorname{Ann}_{R}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)}(M) = \frac{\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)}{(\operatorname{Ann}_{R}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M))^{t}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)} \text{ for all } t \geq t_{0}.$$
  
Hence  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \frac{\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)}{(\operatorname{Ann}_{R}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M))^{t}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)} \text{ for all } t \geq t_{0} \text{ and so}$   
 $\operatorname{Ann}_{R}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \operatorname{Ann}_{R}(\frac{\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)}{(\operatorname{Ann}_{R}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M))^{t}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)}) \text{ for all } t \geq t_{0}.$ 

It follows that

$$(\operatorname{Ann}_{R} \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)) \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M) \subseteq (\operatorname{Ann}_{R} \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M))^{t} \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M) \text{ for all } t \geq t_{0}$$

Hence  $(\operatorname{Ann}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M))^t \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{m}}(M) = \operatorname{Ann}_R \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \operatorname{H}^n_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)$  for all  $t \ge t_0$ and therefore

$$\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \frac{\mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)}{(\mathrm{Ann}_{R} \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)) \mathrm{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)}.$$

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a Noetherian local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n. Then

$$\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \frac{\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)}{(\mathrm{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)) \,\mathrm{H}^n_{\mathfrak{m}}(M)}$$

*Proof.* By Corollary 3.6,  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}_{\operatorname{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)}(M)$ . So an argument similar to the proof of Theorem 3.7 completes the proof.

**Corollary 3.9.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  be two ideals of a Noetherian local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n.

- (i) If  $\operatorname{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \operatorname{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$ , then  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$ ;
- (ii) If  $H^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*) and

$$\operatorname{Ann}_{R}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \operatorname{Ann}_{R}\mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M),$$

then  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) \cong \mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M);$ 

(iii) If both  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  and  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M)$  satisfy the property (\*) and

 $\operatorname{Ann}_{R} \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \operatorname{Ann}_{R} \operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{b}}(M),$ 

then  $\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\sigma}(M) \cong \operatorname{H}^{n}_{h}(M)$ .

*Proof.* All items are clear by Theorem 3.7 and Theorem 3.8.

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a Noetherian local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$ and M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n. Then

(i) We have the equalities

$$\operatorname{Att}_{R} \mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \operatorname{V}(\operatorname{Ann}_{R} \mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)) \cap \operatorname{Assh}_{R} M$$
$$= \operatorname{Min} \operatorname{V}(\operatorname{Ann}_{R} \mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)).$$

(ii) If  $H^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*), then

$$\operatorname{Att}_{R}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \operatorname{V}(\operatorname{Ann}_{R}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)) \cap \operatorname{Assh}_{R} M = \operatorname{Min}\operatorname{V}(\operatorname{Ann}_{R}\operatorname{H}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)).$$

*Proof.* (i) Since for each Artinian R-module A,

$$\operatorname{Att}_R(A/\mathfrak{a} A) = \operatorname{Att}_R A \cap \operatorname{V}(\mathfrak{a}),$$

by Theorem 3.8, we have

$$\operatorname{Att}_{R} \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{n}(M) = \operatorname{Att}_{R} \operatorname{H}_{\mathfrak{m}}^{n}(M) \cap \operatorname{V}(\operatorname{Ann}_{R} \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{n}(M))$$
$$= \operatorname{Assh}_{R} M \cap \operatorname{V}(\operatorname{Ann}_{R} \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{n}(M))$$
$$\subseteq \operatorname{Min} \operatorname{V}(\operatorname{Ann}_{R} \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{n}(M)).$$

On the other hand

$$\operatorname{Min} \operatorname{V}(\operatorname{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)) = \operatorname{Min} \operatorname{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$$
$$\subseteq \operatorname{Assh}_R M \cap \operatorname{V}(\operatorname{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)).$$

Therefore

Att<sub>R</sub> 
$$\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M) = \operatorname{Assh}_R M \cap \operatorname{V}(\operatorname{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)) = \operatorname{Min} \operatorname{V}(\operatorname{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)).$$
  
(ii) The proof is similar to the proof (i).

**Corollary 3.11.** Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a Noetherian local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$ and M be a finitely generated R-module of dimension n. Then

(i) 
$$\operatorname{Att}_{R} \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{n}(M) = \operatorname{Ass}_{R}(\frac{R}{\operatorname{Ann}_{R} \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{n}(M)}).$$
  
(ii) If  $\operatorname{H}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{n}(M)$  satisfies the property (\*), then  
 $\operatorname{Att}_{R} \operatorname{H}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{n}(M) = \operatorname{Ass}_{R}(\frac{R}{\operatorname{Ann}_{R} \operatorname{H}_{\mathfrak{a}}^{n}(M)}).$ 

Proof. (i) Since  $\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)$  is Artinian, it follows from [10, Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.3 (b)] that  $\operatorname{Ass}_R(R/\operatorname{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)) \subseteq \operatorname{Att}_R(\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M))$ . But the sets  $\operatorname{V}(\operatorname{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M))$  and  $\operatorname{Ass}_R(R/\operatorname{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M))$  have the same minimal elements, by [10, Theorem 3.3 (c)]. Thus, by Theorem 3.10,  $\operatorname{Att}_R(\mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)) \subseteq \operatorname{Ass}_R(R/\operatorname{Ann}_R \mathfrak{F}^n_{\mathfrak{a}}(M))$ . Therefore

$$\operatorname{Att}_{R}(\mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)) = \operatorname{Ass}_{R}(R/\operatorname{Ann}_{R}\mathfrak{F}^{n}_{\mathfrak{a}}(M)).$$

(ii) The proof is similar to the proof (i).

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# TOP LOCAL COHOMOLOGY AND TOP FORMAL LOCAL COHOMOLOGY MODULES WITH SPECIFIED ATTACHED PRIMES

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بالاترین مدولهای کوهمولوژی موضعی و کوهمولوژی موضعی صوری با ایدهآلهای اول چسبیدهی مشخص علیرضا نظری و فهیمه راستگو<sup>۲</sup>

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فرض کنید  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  یک حلقه یموضعی نوتری، M یک  $R_{-}$  مدول متناهی مولد از بعد n و  $\mathfrak{n}$  ایده آلی از R باشد. در این مقاله نشان می دهیم که به ازای هر زیر مجموعه یT از  $Assh_R M$ ، ایده آل از R موجود است به طوری که  $T = (M_{\mathfrak{a}}^n(M) = 1$ . با استفاده از این مطلب برخی ارتباطات بین  $\mathfrak{n}$  از R موجود است که مولوژی موضعی و کوهمولوژی موضعی صوری بیان می شود. مطالب بیان شده، نتایج اصلی به دست آمده توسط دیبایی و جعفری در مرجع  $[\mathfrak{n}]$  و رضایی در مرجع  $[\mathfrak{n}]$  را تعمیم می دهد.

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