

Local Cohomology and Symbolic Power of Modules

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Abstract

Let I be an ideal of a Noetherian ring R , and let N be a non-zero finitely generated R -module. In this paper, the main results are a relationship between the vanishing of the local cohomology modules $H_I^i(N)$, and a comparison of the topologies I defined by the $\{I^n N\}_{n \geq 0}$ and $\{S(I^n N)\}_{n \geq 0}$.

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Introduction

Let R denote a commutative Noetherian ring, I an ideal of R , and N a non-zero finitely generated R -module. \bar{I} denotes the integral closure of I , i.e., \bar{I} is the ideal of R consisting of all elements $x \in R$, which satisfy the equation $x^n + r_1 x_{n-1} + \dots + r_n = 0$, where $r_i \in I_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. The concept of integral closure of an ideal of a commutative Noetherian ring (with identity), developed by D. G. Northcott and D. Rees (1985), is fundamental to a considerable body of recent and current research both in commutative algebra and algebraic geometry. Moreover, the notion of integral closures of ideals of R relative to a Noetherian R -module N was initiated by R.Y. Sharp et al. (1990). An element $x \in R$ is said to be integrally dependent on I relative to N if there exists a positive integer n such that $x^n \in \sum_{i=1}^n x^{n-i} I^i N$. Then the set

$$\bar{I}N = \{x \in R; x \text{ is integrally dependent on } I \text{ relative to } N\}$$

is an ideal of R , called the integral closure of I relative to N , in the case $N=R$, $\bar{I}N$ is the classical integral closure \bar{I} of I . It is clear that $I \subseteq \bar{I}N$. I is considered as integrally closed relative to N if $I = \bar{I}N$. For any multiplicatively closed subset S of R , $S(\bar{I}N)$ is the union of $(\bar{I}N :_R s)$, where s varies in S .

For any ideal I of R and any R -module N , the i -th local cohomology module of N with respect to I is defined by

$$H_I^i(N) = \varinjlim_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \text{Ext}_R^i(R/I^n, N)$$

The reader is referred to (Brodmann and Sharp, 2012) for basic properties of local cohomology modules.

In the second section, the linearly equivalence between the topologies defined by $\{S(I^n N)\}_{n \geq 0}$ and $\{\bar{I}^n N\}_{n \geq 0}$ is studied in the terms of vanishing of the top local cohomology module $H_I^{\dim N}(N)$. The main result in this section is the following:

Theorem 1.1. *Let R be a Noetherian ring, N a finitely generated R -module, and I an ideal of R . Then, for any multiplicatively closed subset S of R , the following are equivalent:*

- (i) $S \subseteq R \setminus \{p \in \bar{A}^*(I, N)\}$,
- (ii) For all integers $k \geq 0$, $S(\bar{I}^k N) \subseteq \bar{I}^k N$ (hence equality holds).
- (iii) There exists an integer $h \geq 0$ such that for all integers $k \geq 0$, $S(\bar{I}^{k+h} N) \subseteq \bar{I}^k N$.

One of our tools for proving Theorem 1.1 is the following set, called quintasymptotic prime ideals of I with respect to N .

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$\overline{Q^*}(I, N) = \{p \in \text{Spec}(R); \text{there exists a } q \in \text{mAss}_{\widehat{R}_p} \widehat{N}_p \text{ such that } \text{Rad}(I\widehat{R}_p + q) = p\widehat{R}_p\}$ In the case $N = R$, this set was studied by McAdam (1987). The set of asymptotic prime ideals of I with respect to N is defined as:

$$\overline{A^*}(I, N) = \{q \cap R; q \in \overline{Q^*}(uR[It, u], N[It, u])\}$$

in which, $R[It, u]$ and $N[It, u]$, are respectively the Rees ring of R with respect to I , and Rees module of N with respect to I .

The concepts of $\overline{Q^*}(I, N)$ and $\overline{A^*}(I, N)$ have been studied by Ahn (1995).

The final section discusses some relationships between 0-th modules of local cohomology and the symbolic and ordinary powers. The following Theorem is the main result of this section:

Theorem 1.2. *Let R be a Noetherian ring, N a finitely generated R -module, and I an ideal of R . Then the following statements hold:*

- (i) *Let J be a second ideal of R . Then there exists a multiplicatively closed subset S of R such that $H_J^0(N/I_n N) = S(I^n N)/I^n N$ for all integers $n \geq 0$*
- (ii) *Let S be a multiplicatively closed subset of R . Then there exists an ideal J of R , such that $H_J^0(N/I_n N) = S(I^n N)/I^n N$ for all integers $n \geq 0$.*

Local Cohomology and Ideal Topology

The purpose of this section is to show the linear equivalence between the topologies defined by $\{S(I^n N)\}_{n \geq 0}$ and $\{\overline{I^n N}\}_{n \geq 0}$ in terms of vanishing of the top local cohomology module $H_I^{\dim N}(N)$. We start with the following remark:

Let R be a Noetherian ring, N a finitely generated R -module, and I an ideal of R . Then for any multiplicatively closed subset S of R , we have the following equality:

$$S(\overline{I^n N}) = S^{-1}(\overline{I^n N}) \cap R$$

The following Theorem was proved by McAdam (1987), in the case $N = R$. The proof can be easily carried over to a module, so we omit the proof.

Theorem 2.1. *Let R be a Noetherian ring, N a finitely generated R -module, and I an ideal of R . Then for any multiplicatively closed subset S of R , consider the following:*

- (i) $S \subseteq R \setminus \cup \{p \in \overline{A^*}(I, N)\}$.
- (ii) *For all integers $k \geq 0$, $S(\overline{I^k N}) \subseteq \overline{I^k N}$ (hence equality holds).*
- (iii) *There exists an integer $h \geq 0$ such that for all integers $k \geq 0$, $S(\overline{I^{k+h} N}) \subseteq \overline{I^k N}$.*

Then we have the implications: (i) \Rightarrow (ii) \Rightarrow (iii).

The following Corollary is an immediate consequence of the above-mentioned Theorem.

Corollary 2.2. *Let R be a Noetherian ring, I an ideal of R , and N a finitely generated R -module, such that $\overline{A^*}(I, N) = \text{mAss}_R N/IN$. Then the topologies defined by $\{S(\overline{I^n N})\}_{n \geq 0}$ and $\{\overline{I^n N}\}_{n \geq 0}$ are linearly equivalent.*

Theorem 2.3. *Let (R, m) be a Noetherian local ring, N a finitely generated R -module of dimension d and I an ideal of R . Consider the following conditions:*

- (i) *There exists a multiplicatively closed subset S of R such that $m \cap S \neq \phi$, and that the topologies defined by $\{S(\overline{I^n N})\}_{n \geq 0}$ and $\{\overline{I^n N}\}_{n \geq 0}$ are linearly equivalent.*
- (ii) $H_I^d(N) = 0$.

Then, (i) implies (ii), and the conditions are equivalent, if N is quasi-unmixed.

Proof. The implication (i) \Rightarrow (ii) follows easily from (Naghipour and Schenzel, 2018, Theorem 4.1).

Assume N is quasi-unmixed. In order to prove the conclusion (ii) \Rightarrow (i), let $S = R \setminus \cup \{p \in (A^*)^-(I, N)\}$. In view of 2.1, the topologies defined by $\{S(I^n N)\}_{n \geq 0}$ and $\{I^n N\}_{n \geq 0}$ are linearly equivalent. Now, it is enough to show that $\mathfrak{m} \cap S \neq \emptyset$ suppose the contrary that $\mathfrak{m} \cap S = \emptyset$. Then $\mathfrak{m} \in \overline{A^*}(I, N)$. Then by the definition and invoking (Ahn, 1995, Proposition 3.8), $\mathfrak{m} \in \overline{Q^*}(I, N)$. So there exists $p \in \text{Ass}_R \hat{N}$, such that $\text{Rad}(I\hat{R} + p) = \mathfrak{m}\hat{R}$. As N is quasi-unmixed, $\dim \hat{R}/I\hat{R} + q = 0$, for some $q \in \text{Ass}_R \hat{N}$ such that $\dim \hat{R}/q = d$. It follows by using (Divaani-Aazar and Schenzel, 2001, corollary 3.4) $H_I^d(N) \neq 0$ which is a contradiction.

0-Th Module of Local Cohomology and Symbolic Power

For any multiplicatively closed subset S of R , the n -th S -symbolic power of I with respect to N , denoted by $S(I^n N)$, is defined to be the union of $I^n N :_N s$ where s varies in S . The S -symbolic filtration $S(I^n N)_{n \geq 0}$ induces a topology on N called the S -symbolic topology. The purpose of this section is to show the relationship between certain 0-th modules of local cohomology and (the quotient of) symbolic and ordinary powers. We begin with the following Lemma.

Lemma 3.1. Let R be a Noetherian ring, N a finitely generated R -module, and I an ideal of R . Let M be a R -submodule of N . Then, we have the following equation:

$$H_I^0(N/M) = M :_N \langle I \rangle / M$$

Proof. This assertion follows easily the definitions.

Now we state and prove the main results of this section.

Proposition 3.2. Let R be a Noetherian ring, N a finitely generated R -module, and I an ideal of R . Then for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) $I^n N = S(I^n N)$.
- (ii) $H_q^0(N/I^n N) = 0$ for all $q \in \text{Spec}(R)$ such that $q \cap S = \emptyset$.
- (iii) $H_q^0(N_q/I^n N_q) = 0$ for all $q \in \text{Spec}(R)$ such that $q \cap S = \emptyset$.

Proof. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, $I^n N = S(I^n N)$, if, and only if, $S \subset R \setminus \cup \{p \in \text{Ass}_R N/I^n N\}$.

if, and only if, $q \notin \text{Ass}_R N/I^n N$ for all $q \in (R)$ with $q \cap S \neq \emptyset$, that is, if and only if, $(N_q/I^n N_q) > 0$ for all $q \in \text{Spec}(R)$ with $q \cap S \neq \emptyset$. Therefore, the consequence immediately follows (Brodmann and Sharp, 2012, Proposition 6.2.7).

Theorem 3.3. Let R be a Noetherian ring, N a finitely generated R -module, and I an ideal of R . Then the following statements hold:

- (i) Let J be a second ideal of R . Then, there exists a multiplicatively closed subset S of R such that $H_J^0(N/I_n N) = S(I^n N)/I^n N$ for all integers $n \geq 0$.
- (ii) Let S be a multiplicatively closed subset of R . Then, there exists an ideal J of R , such that $H_J^0(N/I_n N) = S(I^n N)/I^n N$ for all integers $n \geq 0$.

Proof. In order to prove (i), using 3.1 suffices to show that there exists a multiplicatively closed subset S of R such that $I^n N :_N \langle J \rangle = S(I^n N)$ for all integers $n \geq 0$. Let $\text{Ass}_R N/I^n N = p_1 \cap \dots \cap p_l \cap \dots \cap p_m$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, such that $J \subseteq p_i$ if, and only if, $i \in \{1 \dots l\}$. Pick $x \in J$ such that $x \notin \cup_{i=l+1}^m p_i$. Let $S = \{x\}_{i \geq 0}$. Then it is not hard to see that $I^n N :_N \langle J \rangle = S(I^n N)$.

In order to prove (ii), it is sufficient to show that there exists an ideal J of R such that

$I^n N :_N \langle J \rangle = S(I^n N)$, for all $n \geq 0$. Let $\{p_1 \dots p_r\} \subseteq \text{Ass}_R N/I^n N$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, such that $p_i \cap S \neq \emptyset$ for all $1 \leq i \leq r$. Set $J = \cap_{i=1}^r p_i$. It is not hard to see that $I^n N :_N \langle J \rangle = S(I^n N)$.

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