

# COFINITE MODULES AND LOCAL COHOMOLOGY

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ABSTRACT. We show that if  $M$  is a finitely generated module over a commutative Noetherian local ring  $R$  and  $I$  is a dimension one ideal of  $R$  (i.e.,  $\dim R/I = 1$ ), then the local cohomology modules  $H_I^i(M)$  are  $I$ -cofinite; that is,  $\text{Ext}_R^j(R/I, H_I^i(M))$  is finitely generated for all  $i, j$ . We also show that if  $R$  is a complete local ring and  $P$  is a dimension one prime ideal of  $R$ , then the set of  $P$ -cofinite modules form an abelian subcategory of the category of all  $R$ -modules. Finally, we prove that if  $M$  is an  $n$ -dimensional finitely generated module over a Noetherian local ring  $R$  and  $I$  is any ideal of  $R$ , then  $H_I^n(M)$  is  $I$ -cofinite.

Let  $R$  be a commutative Noetherian local ring with maximal ideal  $m$  and let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . An  $R$ -module  $N$  is said to be  $I$ -cofinite if  $\text{Supp } N \subseteq V(I)$  and  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i \geq 0$ . Using Matlis duality one can show that a module is  $m$ -cofinite if and only if it is Artinian. As a consequence, the local cohomology modules  $H_m^i(M)$  are  $m$ -cofinite for any finitely generated  $R$ -module  $M$ . In [6], Hartshorne posed the question of whether this statement still holds when  $m$  is replaced by an arbitrary ideal  $I$ ; i.e., is  $H_I^i(M)$   $I$ -cofinite for all  $i$ ? In general, the answer is no, even if  $R$  is a regular local ring. Let  $R = k[[x, y, u, v]]$  be the formal power series ring in four variables over a field  $k$ ,  $m$  the maximal ideal of  $R$ ,  $P = (x, u)R$  and  $M = R/(xy - uv)$ . Hartshorne showed that  $\text{Hom}_R(R/m, H_P^2(M))$  is not finitely generated, and hence  $\text{Hom}_R(R/P, H_P^2(M))$  cannot be finitely generated. In the positive direction, Hartshorne proved that if  $R$  is a complete regular local ring,  $P$  a dimension one prime ideal of  $R$ , and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module, then  $H_P^i(M)$  is  $P$ -cofinite for all  $i$ . In 1991, Huneke and Koh proved that if  $R$  is a complete local Gorenstein domain,  $I$  a dimension one ideal of  $R$ , and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module, then  $H_I^i(M)$  is  $I$ -cofinite for all  $i$  ([7, Theorem 4.1]). Recently, Delfino proved that the Gorenstein hypothesis in the Huneke-Koh theorem may be weakened to include all complete local domains  $R$  which satisfy one of the following conditions: (1)  $R$  contains a field; (2) if  $q$  is a uniformizing parameter for a coefficient ring for  $R$  then either  $q \in \sqrt{I}$  or  $q$  is not in any prime minimal over  $I$ ; or (3)  $R$  is Cohen-Macaulay ([3, Theorem 3] and [4, Theorem 2.21]). In this paper, we eliminate the complete domain hypothesis entirely by proving the following:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian local ring,  $I$  a dimension one ideal of  $R$ , and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then  $H_I^i(M)$  is  $I$ -cofinite for all  $i$ .*

We prove this by establishing a change of ring principle for cofiniteness (Proposition 2) and then applying it to the Huneke-Koh result. Using this change of ring principle,

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we are also able to generalize Hartshorne's theorem that over a regular local ring, the  $P$ -cofinite modules ( $P$  a dimension one prime) form an abelian subcategory of the category of  $R$ -modules (Theorem 2).

We also prove a cofiniteness result about  $H_I^n(M)$ , where  $M$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module and  $n = \dim M$ . In [12], Sharp proved that if  $R$  is a Noetherian local ring of dimension  $d$  and  $I$  is any ideal of  $R$ , then  $H_I^d(R)$  is Artinian. From this it follows easily that if  $M$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module of dimension  $n$  then  $H_I^n(M)$  is Artinian. (See also [10, Theorem 2.2].) Thus,  $H_I^n(M)$  is  $m$ -cofinite. We prove that  $H_I^n(M)$  is in fact  $I$ -cofinite (Theorem 3).

We begin the proof of Theorem 1 by proving the following generalization of [7, Lemma 4.2] and [3, Lemma 2]:

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian ring,  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module and  $N$  an arbitrary  $R$ -module. Suppose that for some  $p \geq 0$ ,  $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i \leq p$ . Then for any finitely generated  $R$ -module  $L$  with  $\text{Supp } L \subseteq \text{Supp } M$ ,  $\text{Ext}_R^i(L, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i \leq p$ .*

*proof.* Using induction on  $p$ , we may assume that  $\text{Ext}_R^i(L, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i < p$  and all finitely generated modules  $L$  with  $\text{Supp } L \subseteq \text{Supp } M$ . (This is satisfied vacuously if  $p = 0$ .) By Gruson's Theorem ([13, Theorem 4.1]), given any finitely generated  $R$ -module  $L$  with  $\text{Supp } L \subseteq \text{Supp } M$  there exists a finite filtration

$$0 = L_0 \subset L_1 \subset \cdots \subset L_n = L$$

such that the factors  $L_i/L_{i-1}$  are homomorphic images of a direct sum of finitely many copies of  $M$ . By using short exact sequences and induction on  $n$ , it suffices to prove the case when  $n = 1$ . Thus, we have an exact sequence of the form

$$0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow M^n \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow 0$$

for some positive integer  $n$  and some finitely generated module  $K$ . This gives the long exact sequence

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^{p-1}(K, N) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^p(L, N) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^p(M^n, N) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

Since  $\text{Supp } K \subseteq \text{Supp } M$  we have that  $\text{Ext}_R^{p-1}(K, N)$  is finitely generated (by the induction on  $p$ ). As  $\text{Ext}_R^p(M^n, N) \cong \text{Ext}_R^p(M, N)^n$  is finitely generated, the result follows.

As a consequence, we have the following:

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian ring,  $I$  an ideal of  $R$  and  $N$  an  $R$ -module. The following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i \geq 0$ ,
- (b)  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/J, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i \geq 0$  and ideals  $J \supseteq I$ ,
- (c)  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/P, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i \geq 0$  and all primes  $P$  minimal over  $I$ .

*proof.* We show that (c) implies (a). Let  $P_1, \dots, P_n$  be the minimal primes of  $I$  and  $M = R/P_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus R/P_n$ . Then  $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i$ . As  $\text{Supp } R/I = \text{Supp } M$ ,  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i$  by the proposition.

The next result concerns spectral sequences, for which we use the notation from chapter 5 of [14]. The essential idea for this lemma can be found in the proof of [3, Theorem 3].

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian ring and  $\{E_r^{pq}\}$  a first quadrant cohomology spectral sequence (starting with  $E_a$ , for some  $a \geq 1$ ) converging to  $H^*$  in the category of  $R$ -modules. For a fixed integer  $n$ , suppose  $H^n$  is finitely generated and  $E_a^{p,q}$  is finitely generated for all  $p < n$  and  $q \geq 0$ . Then  $E_a^{n,0}$  is finitely generated.*

*proof.* If  $n = 0$  then  $E_a^{00} = H^0$  is finitely generated. Suppose  $n > 0$ . First note that  $E_r^{pq}$  is finitely generated for any  $p < n$ ,  $q \geq 0$ , and  $r \geq 1$ , since  $E_r^{pq}$  is a subquotient of  $E_a^{pq}$ . Also, as  $E_\infty^{n,0}$  is isomorphic to a submodule of  $H^n$ ,  $E_\infty^{n,0}$  is finitely generated. Now since  $\{E_r^{pq}\}$  is a first quadrant spectral sequence (in particular, since there are no nonzero terms below the  $p$ -axis), there is an exact sequence

$$E_r^{n-r,r-1} \longrightarrow E_r^{n,0} \longrightarrow E_{r+1}^{n,0} \longrightarrow 0$$

for all  $r \geq a$ . As  $E_r^{n,0} = E_\infty^{n,0}$  for sufficiently large  $r$  (and thus is finitely generated), we can work backwards to see that  $E_r^{n,0}$  is finitely generated for all  $r \geq a$ .

We now prove the change of ring principle for cofiniteness:

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian ring and  $S$  a module finite  $R$ -algebra. Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  and  $M$  an  $S$ -module. Then  $M$  is  $I$ -cofinite (as an  $R$ -module) if and only if  $M$  is  $IS$ -cofinite (as an  $S$ -module).*

*proof.* First note that  $\text{Supp}_R M \subseteq V(I)$  if and only if  $\text{Supp}_S M \subseteq V(IS)$ . Now consider the Grothendieck spectral sequence (see [11, Theorem 11.65], for example)

$$E_2^{pq} = \text{Ext}_S^p(\text{Tor}_q^R(S, R/I), M) \implies \text{Ext}_R^{p+q}(R/I, M).$$

Suppose first that  $M$  is  $IS$ -cofinite. Then  $E_2^{p,0} = \text{Ext}_S^p(S/IS, M)$  is finitely generated for all  $p$ . Since  $\text{Supp Tor}_q^R(S, R/I) \subseteq \text{Supp } S/IS$  for all  $q$ ,  $E_2^{pq}$  is finitely generated for all  $p$  and  $q$  by Proposition 1. Since the spectral sequence is bounded, it follows that  $\text{Ext}_R^n(R/I, M)$  is finitely generated for all  $n$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $M$  is  $I$ -cofinite. We use induction on  $n$  to show  $E_2^{n,0} = \text{Ext}_S^n(S/IS, M)$  is finitely generated. Now  $E_2^{00} = \text{Hom}_S(S/IS, M) \cong \text{Hom}_R(R/I, M)$  is finitely generated. Suppose that  $n > 0$  and  $E_2^{p,0}$  is finitely generated for all  $p < n$ . By Proposition 1,  $E_2^{pq}$  is finitely generated for all  $p < n$  and  $q \geq 0$ . Since  $H^n = \text{Ext}_R^n(R/I, M)$  is finitely generated,  $E_2^{n,0}$  is finitely generated by Lemma 1.

As a final preparation for the proof of Theorem 1, we need the following fact:

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $(R, m)$  be a local ring and  $S$  the  $m$ -adic completion of  $R$ . Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$  and  $M$  an  $R$ -module. Then  $H_I^i(M)$  is  $I$ -cofinite if and only if  $H_{IS}^i(M \otimes_R S)$  is  $IS$ -cofinite.*

*proof.* Since  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, H_I^i(M)) \otimes_R S \cong \text{Ext}_S^i(S/IS, H_{IS}^i(M \otimes_R S))$ , it is enough to see that an  $R$ -module  $N$  is finitely generated if and only if  $N \otimes_R S$  is finitely generated as an  $S$ -module. If  $N$  is finitely generated, the implication is obvious. If  $N \otimes_R S$  is finitely generated then, using the faithful flatness of  $S$ , one can see that any ascending chain of submodules of  $N$  must stabilize.

Theorem 1 now follows readily:

*proof of Theorem 1.* By Lemma 2 we may assume  $R$  is complete. Thus,  $R$  is the homomorphic image of a regular local ring  $T$ . Let  $J$  be a dimension one ideal of  $T$  such that  $JR = I$ . Then  $H_J^j(M)$  is  $J$ -cofinite by [7, Theorem 4.1] for all  $j$ . By Proposition 2,  $H_I^j(M) \cong H_J^j(M)$  is  $I$ -cofinite for all  $j$ .

If  $N$  is an  $R$ -module then the  $i$ th Bass number of  $N$  with respect to  $p$  is defined by  $\mu_i(p, N) = \dim_{k(p)} \text{Ext}_{R_p}^i(k(p), N_p)$ , where  $k(p) = (R/p)_p$ . If  $M$  is finitely generated and  $I$  is a zero-dimensional ideal then the Bass numbers of  $H_I^i(M)$  are finite since  $H_I^i(M)$  is Artinian. However, as Hartshorne's example shows, this does not hold for arbitrary ideals and modules, even over a complete regular local ring. In the special case that  $M = R$ , Huneke and Sharp proved that if  $R$  is a regular local ring of characteristic  $p$  and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then the Bass numbers of  $H_I^i(R)$  are finite for all  $i$  ([8, Theorem 2.1]). Lyubeznik proved this same result in the case  $R$  is a regular local ring containing a field of characteristic 0 ([9, Corollary 3.6]). In [1], it is proved that if  $R$  is a complete local Gorenstein domain,  $I$  is a dimension one ideal and  $M$  is a Matlis reflexive  $R$ -module (i.e.,  $\text{Hom}_R(\text{Hom}_R(M, E), E) \cong M$  where  $E = E_R(R/m)$ ), then the Bass numbers of  $H_I^i(M)$  are finite. Using Theorem 1, we can prove the following:

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $R$  be a Noetherian ring,  $I$  a dimension one ideal of  $R$ , and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then  $\mu_i(p, H_I^j(M)) < \infty$  for all integers  $i, j$  and  $p \in \text{Spec}(R)$ .*

*proof.* If  $p \not\supseteq I$ , then  $\mu_i(p, H_I^j(M)) = 0$ . If  $p \supseteq I$  we can localize and assume  $p = m$ . By Theorem 1,  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, H_I^j(M))$  is finitely generated for all  $i, j$ . Thus,  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/m, H_I^j(M))$  is finitely generated for all  $i, j$  by Corollary 1.

Another question Hartshorne addressed in [6] was the following: if  $R$  is a complete regular local ring and  $P$  is a prime ideal, do the  $P$ -cofinite modules form an abelian subcategory of the category of all  $R$ -modules? That is, if  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is an  $R$ -module map of  $P$ -cofinite modules, are  $\ker f$  and  $\text{coker } f$   $P$ -cofinite? Hartshorne gave the following counterexample: let  $R = k[[x, y, u, v]]$ ,  $P = (x, u)$  and  $M = R/(xy - uv)$  as in the example mentioned above. Applying the functor  $H_P^0(-)$  to the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{xy-uv} R \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

we get the exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H_P^2(R) \xrightarrow{f} H_P^2(R) \rightarrow H_P^2(M) \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $H_P^j(R) = 0$  for all  $j \neq 2$ , one can show (using a collapsing spectral sequence) that  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/P, H_P^2(R)) \cong \text{Ext}_R^{i+2}(R/P, R)$  for all  $i$ . Thus,  $H_P^2(R)$  is  $P$ -cofinite. However, as mentioned above,  $\text{coker } f = H_P^2(M)$  is not  $P$ -cofinite. On the positive side, Hartshorne proved that if  $P$  is a dimension one prime ideal of a complete regular local ring then the answer to his question is yes. Using Proposition 2, we can extend this result to arbitrary complete local rings:

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $R$  be a complete local ring and  $P$  a dimension one prime ideal of  $R$ . Then the  $P$ -cofinite modules form an abelian subcategory of the category of all  $R$ -modules.*

*proof.* Let  $f: M \rightarrow N$  be a map of  $P$ -cofinite modules. Since  $R$  is complete there exists a regular local ring  $T$  and a dimension one prime ideal  $Q$  of  $T$  such that  $R$  is a quotient of  $T$  and  $QT = P$ . Since  $M$  and  $N$  are  $Q$ -cofinite  $T$ -modules,  $\ker f$  and  $\operatorname{coker} f$  are  $Q$ -cofinite by Hartshorne's theorem ([6, Proposition 7.6]). Therefore,  $\ker f$  and  $\operatorname{coker} f$  are  $P$ -cofinite by Proposition 2.

We strongly believe Theorem 2 holds for dimension one ideals of an arbitrary local ring.

We now turn our attention to proving Theorem 3. The techniques are essentially those of Sharp ([12]) and Yassemi ([15]). Let  $(R, m)$  be a local ring,  $M$  an  $R$ -module, and  $E = E_R(R/m)$  the injective hull of  $R/m$ . Following [15], we define a prime  $p$  to be a *coassociated prime* of  $M$  if  $p$  is an associated prime of  $M^\vee = \operatorname{Hom}_R(M, E)$ . We denote the set of coassociated primes of  $M$  by  $\operatorname{Coass}_R M$  (or simply  $\operatorname{Coass} M$  if there is no ambiguity about the underlying ring). Note that  $\operatorname{Coass} M = \emptyset$  if and only if  $M = 0$ . We first make a couple of preliminary remarks:

**Remark 1.** ([15, Theorem 1.22]) *Let  $(R, m)$  be a Noetherian local ring,  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module and  $N$  an arbitrary  $R$ -module. Then  $\operatorname{Coass}(M \otimes_R N) = \operatorname{Supp} M \cap \operatorname{Coass} N$ .*

*proof.* Note that  $(M \otimes_R N)^\vee \cong \operatorname{Hom}_R(M, N^\vee)$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Coass}(M \otimes_R N) &= \operatorname{Ass}(\operatorname{Hom}_R(M, N^\vee)) \\ &= \operatorname{Supp} M \cap \operatorname{Ass} N^\vee \quad (\text{e.g., [2, IV.1.4, Prop. 10]}) \\ &= \operatorname{Supp} M \cap \operatorname{Coass} N. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2.** *Let  $R$  be a local ring of dimension  $d$ ,  $I$  an ideal of  $R$  and  $M$  an  $R$ -module. Then  $H_I^d(M) \cong M \otimes_R H_I^d(R)$ .*

*proof.* Since  $H_I^d(-)$  is a right exact functor, this remark is an immediate consequence of Watts' Theorem [11, Theorem 3.33]. Here is a more direct proof: since  $R$  is local, there exist elements  $\underline{x} = x_1, \dots, x_d \in I$  which generate  $I$  up to radical. Then  $H_I^i(M) = H_{(\underline{x})}^i(M)$  for all  $i$ . Using the Čech complex to compute  $H_{(\underline{x})}^d(R)$ , we see there is an exact sequence

$$\bigoplus_i R_{x_1 \dots \hat{x}_i \dots x_d} \rightarrow R_{x_1 \dots x_d} \rightarrow H_{(\underline{x})}^d(R) \rightarrow 0.$$

Tensoring this sequence with  $M$ , we get the exact sequence

$$\bigoplus_i M_{x_1 \dots \hat{x}_i \dots x_d} \xrightarrow{f} M_{x_1 \dots x_d} \rightarrow M \otimes_R H_{(\underline{x})}^d(R) \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $\operatorname{coker} f = H_{(\underline{x})}^d(M)$ , we see that  $H_I^d(M) \cong M \otimes_R H_I^d(R)$ .

The next result is essentially a module version of [12, Theorem 3.4] combined with [15, Theorem 1.16]. As in [12], we make repeated use of the Hartshorne-Lichtenbaum vanishing theorem (HLVT): if  $(R, m)$  is a complete local ring of dimension  $d$  and  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then  $H_I^d(R) \neq 0$  if and only if  $I + p$  is  $m$ -primary for some prime ideal  $p$  such that  $\dim R/p = d$  ([5, Theorem 3.1]).

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $(R, m)$  be a complete Noetherian local ring,  $I$  an ideal of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module of dimension  $n$ . Then*

$$\text{Coass } H_I^n(M) = \{p \in V(\text{Ann}_R M) \mid \dim R/p = n \text{ and } \sqrt{I+p} = m\}.$$

*proof.* Let  $S = R/\text{Ann}_R M$  and  $E_S = \text{Hom}_R(S, E)$  the injective hull of the residue field of  $S$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_S(H_{IS}^n(M), E_S) &\cong \text{Hom}_R(H_I^n(M), E_S) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_R(H_I^n(M) \otimes_R S, E) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_R(H_I^n(M), E). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $\text{Coass}_R H_I^n(M) = \pi(\text{Coass}_S H_{IS}^n(M))$  where  $\pi: \text{Spec } S \rightarrow \text{Spec } R$ . Thus, we may assume that  $\text{Ann}_R M = 0$  and  $n = \dim R$ . By Remarks 1 and 2, we have  $\text{Coass } H_I^n(M) = \text{Coass}(M \otimes_R H_I^n(R)) = \text{Coass } H_I^n(R)$ , so it is enough to prove the result in the case  $M = R$ . By HLVT, both sets are empty if  $H_I^n(R) = 0$ , so assume that  $H_I^n(R) \neq 0$ . Let  $q \in \text{Coass } H_I^n(R)$ . By the remark,  $q \in \text{Coass}(R/q \otimes_R H_I^n(R))$ . In particular,  $R/q \otimes_R H_I^n(R) \cong H_I^n(R/q) \neq 0$ . Thus,  $n = \dim R/q$  and  $I+q$  is  $m$ -primary (by HLVT). Now suppose  $\dim R/q = n$  and  $\sqrt{I+q} = m$ . By reversing the above argument we get that  $R/q \otimes_R H_I^n(R) \neq 0$ . Let  $p \in \text{Coass}(R/q \otimes_R H_I^n(R))$ . By Remark 1,  $p \supseteq q$  and  $p \in \text{Coass } H_I^n(R)$ . We've already shown that every coassociated prime of  $H_I^n(R)$  is a minimal prime of  $R$ . Hence  $p = q$  and  $q \in \text{Coass } H_I^n(R)$ , which completes the proof.

We now show that  $H_I^{\dim M}(M)$  is  $I$ -cofinite:

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $(R, m)$  be Noetherian local ring,  $I$  an ideal of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module of dimension  $n$ . Then  $H_I^n(M)$  is  $I$ -cofinite. In fact,  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, H_I^n(M))$  has finite length for all  $i$ .*

*proof.* By Lemma 2 we may assume that  $R$  is complete. Let  $\text{Coass } H_I^n(M) = \{p_1, \dots, p_k\}$ . Since  $H_I^n(M)$  is Artinian (see [12, Theorem 3.3],  $H_I^n(M)^\vee$  is finitely generated. Hence  $\text{Supp } H_I^n(M)^\vee = V(p_1 \cap \dots \cap p_k)$ . By Matlis duality,  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, H_I^n(M))$  has finite length if and only if  $\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, H_I^n(M))^\vee \cong \text{Tor}_i^R(R/I, H_I^n(M)^\vee)$  ([11, Theorem 11.57]) has finite length. Since  $\text{Tor}_i^R(R/I, H_I^n(M)^\vee)$  is finitely generated, it is enough to show its support is contained in  $\{m\}$ . But

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Supp } \text{Tor}_i^R(R/I, H_I^n(M)^\vee) &\subseteq V(I) \cap \text{Supp } H_I^n(M)^\vee \\ &= V(I) \cap V(p_1 \cap \dots \cap p_k) \\ &= V(I + (p_1 \cap \dots \cap p_k)) \\ &= \{m\} \quad (\text{by Lemma 3}). \end{aligned}$$

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