

# General formal local cohomology modules

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. In this paper, we define and study general formal local cohomology modules. We denote the  $i$ -th general formal local cohomology module  $M$  with respect to  $\Phi$  by  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M)$  and we investigate some finiteness and Artinianness properties of general formal local cohomology modules.

## Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $R$  is a commutative Noetherian ring with identity,  $\mathfrak{a}$  is an ideal of  $R$ ,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  is an  $R$ -module. Recall that the  $i$ -th local cohomology module of  $M$  with respect to  $\mathfrak{a}$  is denoted by  $H_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)$ . There are some generalizations of local cohomology theory. The following one is given in [2]. A system of ideals of  $R$  is a non-empty set  $\Phi$  of ideals of  $R$  such that, whenever  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \in \Phi$ , there exists  $\mathfrak{c} \in \Phi$  with  $\mathfrak{c} \subseteq \mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$ . For such a system, there is a  $\Phi$ -torsion functor  $\Gamma_{\Phi} : \mathcal{C}(R) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(R)$  (where  $\mathcal{C}(R)$  denotes the category of  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -homomorphisms) such that for every  $R$ -module  $M$ ,

$$\Gamma_{\Phi}(M) := \{x \in M : \mathfrak{a}x = 0 \text{ for some } \mathfrak{a} \text{ in } \Phi\}.$$

In [2],  $\Gamma_{\Phi}(-)$  is called the "general local cohomology functor with respect to  $\Phi$ ". For each  $i \geq 0$ , the  $i$ -th right derived functor of  $\Gamma_{\Phi}(-)$  is denoted by  $H_{\Phi}^i(-)$ .

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For more details about general local cohomology modules see [2], [3].

Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. For each  $i \geq 0$ ;  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M) := \varprojlim_n H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}^n M)$  is called the  $i$ -th formal local cohomology of  $M$  with respect to  $\mathfrak{a}$ .

The formal local cohomology modules have been studied by several authors; see for example [1], [4], [6], [9] and [10]. The purpose of this paper is to make a generalization of formal local cohomology theory as above. There are some generalization of formal local cohomology theory (see [7] and [11]). Here, we give a new generalization in terms of a system of ideals.

Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. For each  $i \geq 0$ ; we define  $i$ -th general formal local cohomology of  $M$  with respect to  $\Phi$  by

$$\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) := \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}M).$$

Clearly, for an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $R$ , if we put  $\Phi := \{\mathfrak{a}^i | i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  then the above definition coincides with the original definition  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)$ .

In this paper, we get some results on Artinianness, vanishing and other properties of general formal local cohomology modules. Among other things, we will prove that, for any finitely generated  $R$ -module  $M$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf\{i \in \mathbb{N} : \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) \text{ is not representable}\} \\ & = \inf\{i \in \mathbb{N} : \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) \text{ is not Artinian}\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup\{i \in \mathbb{N} : \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) \text{ is not representable}\} \\ & = \sup\{i \in \mathbb{N} : \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) \text{ is not Artinian}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Also, we study the structure of 0-th general formal local cohomology module and we will prove that for a complete local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$ ,

$$\text{Ass}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^0(M) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(M) : \dim R/(\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{p}) = 0 \text{ for all } \mathfrak{a} \in \Phi\}.$$

Recall that,  $\text{Assh}_R(M)$  denotes the set  $\{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass } M : \dim R/\mathfrak{p} = \dim M\}$ . We show that  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^{\dim M}(M)$  is Artinian and there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  in  $\Phi$  such that  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M) = \text{Assh}_R(M) \cap V(\mathfrak{a})$ .

### 1. Results

Assume that  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is a local ring and that  $M$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module. We investigate a generalization of formal local cohomology theory in terms of a system of ideals. A system of ideals of  $R$  is a non-empty set  $\Phi$  of ideals of  $R$  such that, whenever  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \in \Phi$ , there exists  $\mathfrak{c} \in \Phi$  with  $\mathfrak{c} \subseteq \mathfrak{ab}$ . We define the relation  $\leq$  on  $\Phi$  by:  $\mathfrak{a} \leq \mathfrak{b}$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathfrak{a}$ . It is easy to see that  $\Phi$  is a direct set by this relation. Now, let  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{a} \leq \mathfrak{b}$ ,  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then for each integer  $n \geq 0$ , the  $R$ -homomorphism  $M/\mathfrak{b}M \rightarrow M/\mathfrak{a}M$  induces the  $R$ -homomorphism  $\psi_{\mathfrak{a}}^{\mathfrak{b}} : H_{\mathfrak{m}}^n(M/\mathfrak{b}M) \rightarrow H_{\mathfrak{m}}^n(M/\mathfrak{a}M)$ . Thus  $\{H_{\mathfrak{m}}^n(M/\mathfrak{a}M), \psi\}$  forms an inverse system of  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -homomorphisms over  $\Phi$ . Now we are ready to give the following definition.

**Definition 1.** Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. For each  $i \geq 0$ ;  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) := \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}M)$  is called the  $i$ -th general formal local cohomology of  $M$  with respect to  $\Phi$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. For each  $i \geq 0$ ;  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) \simeq \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{a} \leq \mathfrak{b}$ . If  $n$  is an integer then the natural homomorphism  $M/\mathfrak{b}^n M \rightarrow M/\mathfrak{a}^n M$  induces the homomorphism  $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{b}^n M) \rightarrow H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}^n M)$  for any integer  $i \geq 0$ . On the other hand, if  $n \leq m$  we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{b}^n M) & \longrightarrow & H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}^n M) \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{b}^m M) & \longrightarrow & H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}^m M)
 \end{array}$$

From the above diagram we get a homomorphism

$$\lambda_{\mathfrak{a}}^{\mathfrak{b}} : \varprojlim_n H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{b}^n M) \rightarrow \varprojlim_n H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}^n M)$$

and so, we have

$$\lambda_{\mathfrak{a}}^{\mathfrak{b}} : \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{b}}^i(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M).$$

This shows that  $\{\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M), \lambda\}_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi}$  is an inverse system of  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -homomorphisms over the directed set  $\Phi$ . Thus we may form  $\varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(-)$ .

But, for each integer  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and any ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$  there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{b} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathfrak{a}^k$ . Thus, by using a proof similar to the proof

of [12, Lemma 3.8] for each integer  $k$  we have

$$\varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}M) \simeq \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}^k M)$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M) &\simeq \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \varprojlim_k H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}^k M) \simeq \varprojlim_k \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}^k M) \\ &\simeq \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}M) \simeq \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Let  $\underline{x}$  denotes a system of elements of  $R$  such that  $\mathfrak{m} = \text{Rad}(\underline{x}R)$ . Let  $\check{C}_{\underline{x}}$  denotes the Čech complex of  $R$  with respect to  $\underline{x}$ . For an  $R$ -module  $M$  and an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$ , it is easy to see that there exists an inverse system of  $R$ -complexes  $\{\check{C}_{\underline{x}} \otimes M/\mathfrak{a}M\}_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi}$ . Hence, we may form the inverse limit  $\varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} (\check{C}_{\underline{x}} \otimes M/\mathfrak{a}M)$ . By a proof similar to the proof of [12, proposition 3.2] we obtain the next result.

**Theorem 2.** *With the previous notation, there is an isomorphism*

$$\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) \simeq H^i(\varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} (\check{C}_{\underline{x}} \otimes M/\mathfrak{a}M))$$

for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

*Proof.* It follows by a straightforward modification of the proof of [12, proposition 3.2].  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i > \dim(M)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $i > \dim(M)$ . By [12, Theorem 4.5]  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M) = 0$  for all  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) = \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M) = 0$ , as required.  $\square$

Let  $f : R \rightarrow R'$  be a homomorphism of Noetherian commutative rings. Set  $\Phi R' := \{\mathfrak{a}R' : \mathfrak{a} \in \Phi\}$ . Then  $\Phi R'$  is a system of ideals of  $R'$ . Now by using this notation we give the following result:

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) \simeq \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi R'}^i(\widehat{M})$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

*Proof.* By [12, Proposition 3.3],  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M) \simeq \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}R'}^i(\widehat{M})$ . Thus  $\varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^i(M) \simeq \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}R'}^i(\widehat{M})$ . Now Theorem 1 completes the proof.  $\square$

Recall that a dualizing complex  $D_R$  for a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is a bounded complex of injective  $R$ -modules whose cohomology modules  $H^i(D_R)$  are finitely generated  $R$ -modules for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For more details see [13]. It is well known that  $R$  possesses a dualizing complex if and only if  $R$  is the factor ring of a Gorenstein ring. The next result is an expression of the general formal local cohomology in terms of a certain general local cohomology of the dualizing complex.

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring possessing a dualizing complex  $D_R$ ,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then*

$$\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M) \simeq \text{Hom}_R(H_\Phi^{-i}(\text{Hom}_R(M, D_R)), E(R/\mathfrak{m})),$$

for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

*Proof.* By Local Duality Theorem there are the isomorphisms

$$H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}M) \simeq \text{Hom}_R(H^{-i}(\text{Hom}_R(M/\mathfrak{a}M, D_R)), E(R/\mathfrak{m})),$$

for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$ . Thus we have

$$\varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}M) \simeq \text{Hom}_R(H^{-i}(\varinjlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \text{Hom}_R(M/\mathfrak{a}M, D_R)), E(R/\mathfrak{m})),$$

for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . But  $\varinjlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \text{Hom}_R(M/\mathfrak{a}M, D_R) \simeq \Gamma_\Phi(\text{Hom}_R(M, D_R))$  and so

$$\varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}M) \simeq \text{Hom}_R(H^{-i}(\Gamma_\Phi(\text{Hom}_R(M, D_R)), E(R/\mathfrak{m})),$$

for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore

$$\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M) \simeq \text{Hom}_R(H_\Phi^{-i}(\text{Hom}_R(M, D_R)), E(R/\mathfrak{m})),$$

for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , as required. □

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  a short exact sequence of finitely generated  $R$ -modules. Then there is a long exact sequence*

$$\cdots \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(A) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(B) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(C) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^{i+1}(A) \rightarrow \cdots .$$

*Proof.* It follows by an argument similar to the proof of [12, Theorem 3.11]. □

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. If  $w := \max\{\dim(M/\mathfrak{a}M) \mid \mathfrak{a} \in \Phi\}$  is finite then  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^w(M) \neq 0$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i > w$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $i > w$ . Since  $i > \dim(M/\mathfrak{a}M)$  for all  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$ , [12, Theorem 4.5] implies that  $\mathfrak{F}_\mathfrak{a}^i(M) = 0$  for all  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M) = \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \mathfrak{F}_\mathfrak{a}^i(M) = 0$ . On the other hand, since  $w$  is finite there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{b} \in \Phi$  such that  $\dim(M/\mathfrak{b}M) = w$ . Now, put  $\Psi = \{\mathfrak{c} \in \Phi \mid \mathfrak{c} \subseteq \mathfrak{b}\}$ . Then  $\Psi$  is cofinal in  $\Phi$ . Thus we may assume that  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{b}$  for all  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$ . Let  $\mathfrak{c} \in \Phi$ . It is easy to see that  $\dim(\mathfrak{b}M/\mathfrak{c}M) \leq \dim M/\mathfrak{c}M \leq w$  and so the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{b}M/\mathfrak{c}M \rightarrow M/\mathfrak{c}M \rightarrow M/\mathfrak{b}M \rightarrow 0$  induces  $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^w(M/\mathfrak{c}M) \rightarrow H_{\mathfrak{m}}^w(M/\mathfrak{b}M) \rightarrow 0$ . Now for each  $\mathfrak{d} \in \Phi$  with  $\mathfrak{d} \leq \mathfrak{c}$  i.e.  $\mathfrak{c} \subseteq \mathfrak{d}$  we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^w(M/\mathfrak{d}M) & \xrightarrow{f_{\mathfrak{d}}} & H_{\mathfrak{m}}^w(M/\mathfrak{b}M) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ H_{\mathfrak{m}}^w(M/\mathfrak{c}M) & \xrightarrow{f_{\mathfrak{c}}} & H_{\mathfrak{m}}^w(M/\mathfrak{b}M) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

The family of  $R$ -modules  $\{\ker f_{\mathfrak{c}}\}_{\mathfrak{c} \in \Phi}$ , as a family of Artinian  $R$ -modules, satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition. Hence the above diagram induces an exact sequence  $\varprojlim_{\mathfrak{c} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^w(M/\mathfrak{c}M) \rightarrow H_{\mathfrak{m}}^w(M/\mathfrak{b}M) \rightarrow 0$ . By Theorem 1 we get  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^w(M) \rightarrow H_{\mathfrak{m}}^w(M/\mathfrak{b}M) \rightarrow 0$ . By Grothendieck’s non-vanishing Theorem  $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^w(M/\mathfrak{b}M) \neq 0$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^w(M) \neq 0$ , as required.  $\square$

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module of dimension  $d$ . Then  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^d(M)$  is homomorphic image of  $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^d(M)$ , and so  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^d(M)$  is Artinian.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$ . We have  $\dim \mathfrak{a}M \leq \dim M$ , so that, by the Grothendieck’s Vanishing Theorem, the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{a}M \rightarrow M \rightarrow M/\mathfrak{a}M \rightarrow 0$$

induces an exact sequence

$$H_{\mathfrak{m}}^d(M) \xrightarrow{\phi_{\mathfrak{a}}} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^d(M/\mathfrak{a}M) \rightarrow 0.$$

The family of  $R$ -modules  $\{\ker \phi_{\mathfrak{a}}\}_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi}$ , as a family of Artinian  $R$ -modules, satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition. Therefore, the above exact sequence induces an exact sequence  $\varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^d(M) \rightarrow \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^d(M/\mathfrak{a}M) \rightarrow 0$  and

so we have the exact sequence  $H_m^d(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^d(M) \rightarrow 0$ , and the proof is complete.  $\square$

In the next result, we investigate the 0-th general formal local cohomology module. Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. For a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  we denote the ultimate constant value of the increasing sequence

$$N \subseteq N :_M \mathfrak{a} \subseteq N :_M \mathfrak{a}^2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq N :_M \mathfrak{a}^i \subseteq \dots$$

by  $N :_M \langle \mathfrak{a} \rangle$ . Let  $0 = \bigcap_{j=1}^n Q_j$  denotes a reduced primary decomposition of the zero submodule  $0$  in  $M$  and  $Q_j$  is a  $\mathfrak{p}_j$ -primary submodule of  $M$ , for all  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Put  $T(\mathfrak{a}, M) := \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M : \dim R/(\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{p}) > 0\}$  and  $u_M(\mathfrak{a}) := \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p}_i \in T(\mathfrak{a}, M)} Q_i$  also  $T(\Phi, M) := \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M : \text{there exists } \mathfrak{a} \in \Phi \text{ such that } \dim R/(\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{p}) > 0\}$  and  $u_M(\Phi) := \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p}_i \in T(\Phi, M)} Q_i$ . With these notations we have:

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then*

- i)  $\bigcap_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} u_M(\mathfrak{a}) = u_M(\Phi)$ ,
- ii)  $u_M(\Phi) = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} (\mathfrak{a}M :_M \langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle)$ ,
- iii)  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^0(M) \simeq u_{\hat{M}}(\Phi \hat{R})$ .

*Proof.* i) It is easy to see that

$$\bigcap_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} u_M(\mathfrak{a}) = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p}_i \in T(\mathfrak{a}, M)} Q_i = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p}_i \in T(\Phi, M)} Q_i = u_M(\Phi).$$

ii) By [12, Lemma 4.1(a)],  $u_M(\mathfrak{a}) = \bigcap_{n \geq 1} (\mathfrak{a}^n M :_M \langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle)$ . Thus

$$u_M(\Phi) = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} u_M(\mathfrak{a}) = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \bigcap_{n \geq 1} (\mathfrak{a}^n M :_M \langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle) \subseteq \bigcap_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} (\mathfrak{a}M :_M \langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle).$$

Conversly, let  $x \in \bigcap_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} (\mathfrak{a}M :_M \langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$  be an ideal. Then there exists an integer  $u$  such that  $x\mathfrak{m}^u \subseteq \mathfrak{a}M$ . For any integer  $k$ , there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{b} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathfrak{a}^k$ . Since  $x \in (\mathfrak{b}M :_M \langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle)$  there exists an integer  $t$  such that  $x\mathfrak{m}^t \subseteq \mathfrak{b}M \subseteq \mathfrak{a}^k M$ . Hence  $x \in (\mathfrak{a}^k M :_M \langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle)$  and so  $x \in \bigcap_{n \geq 1} (\mathfrak{a}^n M :_M \langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle)$  for each ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$ . Therefore  $x \in \bigcap_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \bigcap_{n \geq 1} (\mathfrak{a}^n M :_M \langle \mathfrak{m} \rangle) = u_M(\Phi)$ .

iii) By Theorem 4 we may assume that  $M = \hat{M}$  and  $R = \hat{R}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{b}$  be a proper ideal of  $R$  such that  $\mathfrak{b} \in \Phi$ . It is easy to see that  $\bigcap_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \mathfrak{a}M \subseteq \bigcap_{n \geq 0} \mathfrak{b}^n M$ . Thus Krull's intersection theorem implies that  $\bigcap_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \mathfrak{a}M = 0$ . Now the proof is a straightforward modification of the proof of [12, Lemma 4.1(c)].  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a complete local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then*

$$\text{Ass}_R \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^0(M) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M : \dim R/(\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{p}) = 0 \text{ for all } \mathfrak{a} \in \Phi\}.$$

*Proof.* By [12, Lemma 2.7]  $\text{Ass}_R u_M(\Phi) = \text{Ass}_R M \setminus T(\Phi, M)$ . But

$$\text{Ass}_R M \setminus T(\Phi, M) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R M : \dim R/(\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{p}) = 0 \text{ for all } \mathfrak{a} \in \Phi\}$$

and  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^0(M) = u_M(\Phi)$  by Theorem 9(iii) and this finishes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^0(M) = 0$  if and only if  $\text{Ass}_{\hat{R}} \hat{M} = T(\Phi \hat{R}, \hat{M})$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 3(iii)  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^0(M) = 0$  if and only if  $u_{\hat{M}}(\Phi \hat{R}) = 0$ . But  $\text{Ass}_{\hat{R}} u_{\hat{M}}(\Phi \hat{R}) = \text{Ass}_{\hat{R}} \hat{M} \setminus T(\Phi \hat{R}, \hat{M})$  by [12, Lemma 2.7]. Thus  $u_{\hat{M}}(\Phi \hat{R}) = 0$  if and only if  $\text{Ass}_{\hat{R}} \hat{M} = T(\Phi \hat{R}, \hat{M})$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

The next theorem gives a result for representable general formal local cohomology modules.

**Theorem 10.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Let  $i$  be an integer such that  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M)$  is nonzero and representable. Then there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$  for all  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M) = S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_n$  be a minimal secondary representation of  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M)$  where  $S_j$  is non-zero and  $\mathfrak{p}_j$ -Secondary for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Let  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Since  $S_j \neq 0$ , there exists  $0 \neq a = (a_i) \in S_j \subseteq \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M) = \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}M)$ .

Let  $a_k$  be the first nonzero component of  $a$ . Thus there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}_k \in \Phi$  such that  $a_k \in H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}_kM)$ . We claim  $\mathfrak{a}_k \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_j$ . If not, then there exists  $u \in \mathfrak{a}_k \setminus \mathfrak{p}_j$ . Since  $u \notin \mathfrak{p}_j$ , we have  $uS_j = S_j$ . Thus  $a \in S_j = uS_j \subseteq u\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M)$  But  $uH_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{a}_kM) = 0$  and so the  $k$ -th component of each element of  $u\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M)$  is zero. But  $a \in u\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M)$  and the  $k$ -th component of  $a$  is not zero. It follows that  $\mathfrak{a}_k \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_j$  where  $\mathfrak{a}_k \in \Phi$ . Hence, we proved that for each integer  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{b}_j \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{b}_j \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_j$ . Since  $\Phi$  is a system of ideals there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{b}_1 \mathfrak{b}_2 \cdots \mathfrak{b}_n \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_j$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , this completes the proof.  $\square$



**Corollary 3.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Let  $i$  be an integer such that  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M)$  is nonzero and representable. Then there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* By [5, 7.2.11]  $\bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att } \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M)} \mathfrak{p} = \sqrt{(0 : \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M))}$ . Thus by Theorem 10 we conclude that there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{b}$  in  $\Phi$  and an integer  $n$  such that,  $\mathfrak{b}^n \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M) = 0$ . Since  $\Phi$  is a system of ideals, there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  in  $\Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{b}^n$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M) = 0$ , as desired.  $\square$

Let  $R$  be a ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  an  $R$ -module. Recall that

$$\Gamma_\Phi(M) := \{x \in M : \mathfrak{a}x = 0 \text{ for some } \mathfrak{a} \text{ in } \Phi\}.$$

We say that  $M$  is  $\Phi$ -torsion if  $M = \Gamma_\Phi(M)$  and that  $M$  is  $\Phi$ -torsion-free if  $\Gamma_\Phi(M) = 0$ . For a finitely generated  $R$ -module  $M$ , it is easy to see that  $M$  is  $\Phi$ -torsion-free if and only if, for each  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$ ,  $\mathfrak{a}$  contains a non-zero-divisor on  $M$ .

In order to state the next result we recall the concept of Matlis dual. Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $E(R/\mathfrak{m})$  the injective envelope of  $R/\mathfrak{m}$ . The module  $D(M) = \text{Hom}_R(M, E(R/\mathfrak{m}))$  is called the Matlis dual of  $M$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a complete local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Then*

- (i)  *$M$  is  $\Phi$ -adically complete (i.e  $M \simeq \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} (M/\mathfrak{a}M)$ ),*
- ii)  *$\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^0(M)$  is finitely generated  $R$ -module.*

*Proof.* i) Since  $M$  is finitely generated,  $D(M)$  is Artinian and so  $D(M)$  is  $\mathfrak{m}$ -torsion. For each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}^i$ . Hence  $D(M)$  is  $\Phi$ -torsion and we have

$$D(M) = \bigcup_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} (0 :_{D(M)} \mathfrak{a}) \simeq \varinjlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \text{Hom}_R(R/\mathfrak{a}, D(M)).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} M &\simeq D D(M) \simeq D(\varinjlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} \text{Hom}_R(R/\mathfrak{a}, D(M))) \simeq \\ &\simeq \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} R/\mathfrak{a} \otimes_R D D(M) \simeq \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} M/\mathfrak{a}M. \end{aligned}$$

ii) By definition  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^0(M) = \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^0(M/\mathfrak{a}M)$ . Since  $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^0(M/\mathfrak{a}M) \subseteq M/\mathfrak{a}M$  for all  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$ , by (i) we get

$$\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^0(M) \subseteq \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi} (M/\mathfrak{a}M) \simeq M.$$

Since  $M$  is finitely generated we conclude that  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^0(M)$  is finitely generated, as required.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\Phi$  be a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $L \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} N$  be an exact sequence of  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -homomorphisms. Suppose that there exist two ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  in  $\Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{a}L = 0$  and  $\mathfrak{b}N = 0$ . Then there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{c} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{c}M = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathfrak{b}g(M) = 0$ , we have  $\mathfrak{b}M \subseteq \ker g = \text{im } f$ . But  $\mathfrak{a}L = 0$ , and so  $\mathfrak{a}(\text{im } f) = 0$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}M = 0$ . But, there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{c} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{c} \subseteq \mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{c}M = 0$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

For the following proof we need the next Lemma.

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Let  $M$  be an  $\Phi$ -torsion  $R$ -module. Then  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) \cong H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M)$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M)$  is Artinian for all  $i \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* It is easy to see that, since  $M$  is finitely generated and  $\Phi$ -torsion there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  in  $\Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{a}M = 0$ . We put  $\Psi = \{\mathfrak{b} \in \Phi \mid \mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathfrak{a}\}$ . Then  $\Psi$  is cofinal in  $\Phi$ . Thus we may assume that  $\mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathfrak{a}$  for all  $\mathfrak{b} \in \Phi$  and so  $\mathfrak{b}M = 0$  for all  $\mathfrak{b} \in \Phi$ . Hence

$$\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) \cong \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{b} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M/\mathfrak{b}M) \cong \varprojlim_{\mathfrak{b} \in \Phi} H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M) \cong H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M)$$

for all  $i \geq 0$ , as desired.  $\square$

**Theorem 11.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Let  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M)$  is Artinian for all  $i < t$ ,
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M)$  is representable for all  $i < t$ ,
- (iii) there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  in  $\Phi$  such that,  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i < t$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii); Any Artinian  $R$ -module is representable.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): By Corollary 3.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): We use induction on  $t$ . Since  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^i(M) \simeq \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi\widehat{R}}^i(\widehat{M})$  by Theorem 4, we may assume that  $R$  is complete. Let  $t = 1$ . By Lemma 1(ii),  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^0(M)$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module. By assumption  $\text{Supp}_R(\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^0(M)) \subseteq V(\mathfrak{a})$  and so by Corollary 1 we conclude that  $\text{Supp}_R(\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^0(M)) \subseteq V(\mathfrak{m})$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{a}}^0(M)$  is Artinian.

Now suppose, inductively, that  $t > 0$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M)$  is Artinian for all  $i \leq t - 2$ . We show that  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{t-1}(M)$  is Artinian. By Theorem 6, the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \Gamma_\Phi(M) \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow M/\Gamma_\Phi(M) \longrightarrow 0$$

implies the long exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^{i-1}(\Gamma_\Phi(M)) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^{i-1}(M) \\ &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^{i-1}(M/\Gamma_\Phi(M)) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(\Gamma_\Phi(M)) \longrightarrow \cdots \end{aligned}$$

But  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(\Gamma_\Phi(M))$  is Artinian for all  $i$  by Lemma 3. Thus by using the above long exact sequence it follows that  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M)$  is Artinian if and only if  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M/\Gamma_\Phi(M))$  is Artinian for all  $i$ . On the other hand, since  $\Phi$  is a system of ideals, by Corollary 3 we can find an ideal  $\mathfrak{b} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(\Gamma_\Phi(M)) = 0$  for all  $i \leq t$ . By assumption and lemma 2 we conclude that there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{c} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{c}\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M/\Gamma_\Phi(M)) = 0$  for all  $i < t$ . Therefore we can and do assume that  $M$  is an  $\Phi$ -torsion-free  $R$ -module. Since  $\alpha \in \Phi$ , it is easy to see that  $\alpha$  contains an element  $r$  which is a non-zerodivisor on  $M$ . The short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M \xrightarrow{r} M \longrightarrow M/rM \longrightarrow 0$$

induces a long exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^0(M) \xrightarrow{r} \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^0(M) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M) \xrightarrow{r} \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M/rM) \rightarrow \cdots$$

By assumption and the above long exact sequence and lemma 2, it follows that there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{b} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M/rM) = 0$  for all  $i < t - 1$ . Thus, by the inductive hypothesis, we conclude that  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^{t-2}(M/rM)$  is Artinian. Since  $r\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^{t-1}(M) \subseteq \alpha\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^{t-1}(M) = 0$ , the above long exact sequence implies that  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^{t-2}(M/rM) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^{t-1}(M) \rightarrow 0$  is exact. But  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^{t-2}(M/rM)$  is Artinian and so  $\mathfrak{F}_\alpha^{t-1}(M)$  is Artinian, as required.  $\square$

**Theorem 12.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module. Let  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M)$  is Artinian for all  $i > t$ ,
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M)$  is representable for all  $i > t$ ,
- (iii) there exists an ideal  $\alpha$  in  $\Phi$  such that,  $\alpha\mathfrak{F}_\Phi^i(M) = 0$  for all  $i > t$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): It is clear.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): By Corollary 3.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): The proof can be easily obtained by extending the proof of [4, Theorem 2.9] *mutatis mutandis* to this general case.  $\square$

Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be an ideal of a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module of dimension  $d$ . By Theorem 8  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M)$  is Artinian. In the next result we determine the set  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M)$ .

**Theorem 13.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module of dimension  $d$ . Then there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  in  $\Phi$  such that  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M) = \text{Assh}_R(M) \cap V(\mathfrak{a})$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $w := \max\{\dim(M/\mathfrak{a}M) : \mathfrak{a} \in \Phi\}$ . If  $w < d$  then  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M) = 0$  by Theorem 7 and so there is nothing to prove. Thus we suppose that  $w = d$ .

By Theorem 10 there exists an ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$  such that  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M) \subseteq V(\mathfrak{a})$ . But by Theorem 8 and [5, 7.3.2]  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M) \subseteq \text{Att}_R H_{\mathfrak{m}}^d(M) = \text{Assh}_R(M)$ . Thus  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M) \subseteq \text{Assh}_R(M) \cap V(\mathfrak{a})$ .

Conversly, assume that  $\mathfrak{a} \in \Phi$ . We show that  $\text{Assh}_R(M) \cap V(\mathfrak{a}) \subseteq \text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Assh}_R(M) \cap V(\mathfrak{a})$ . By [8, 6.8], there exists a  $\mathfrak{p}$ -primary submodule  $N$  of  $M$  such that  $\text{Ass}(M/N) = \{\mathfrak{p}\}$  and  $\mathfrak{p} = \sqrt{(0 : (M/N))}$ . Thus  $\dim M/N = \dim R/\mathfrak{p} = \dim M$ . Since  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$  we have  $\sqrt{\mathfrak{a}} \subseteq \sqrt{(0 : (M/N))}$ .

Thus we can see that  $\text{Supp}_R((M/N)/\mathfrak{a}(M/N)) = \text{Supp}_R(M/N)$  and  $\dim((M/N)/\mathfrak{a}(M/N)) = \dim(M/N)$ . Now by Theorem 7,  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M/N) \neq 0$ . Hence

$$\phi \neq \text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M/N) \subseteq \text{Att}_R H_{\mathfrak{m}}^d(M/N) \subseteq \text{Ass}(M/N) = \{\mathfrak{p}\}$$

Therefore we have  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M/N) = \{\mathfrak{p}\}$ . But the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow M \rightarrow M/N \rightarrow 0$$

induces  $\mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M/N) \rightarrow 0$ . Thus  $\{\mathfrak{p}\} = \text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M/N) \subseteq \text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M)$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a local ring,  $\Phi$  a system of ideals of  $R$  and  $M$  and  $N$  be two finitely generated  $R$ -modules of dimension  $d$  such that  $\text{Supp}_R M = \text{Supp}_R N$ . Then  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(M) = \text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_{\Phi}^d(N)$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 13 there exist two ideals  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  in  $\Phi$  such that  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^d(M) = \text{Assh}_R M \cap V(\mathfrak{a})$  and  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^d(N) = \text{Assh}_R N \cap V(\mathfrak{b})$ . But by assumption we have  $\text{Assh}_R M = \text{Assh}_R N$ . On the other hand, by using the proof of Theorem 13,

$$\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^d(M) = \text{Assh}_R M \cap V(\mathfrak{a}) = \text{Assh}_R N \cap V(\mathfrak{a}) \subseteq \text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^d(N).$$

Similarly  $\text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^d(N) \subseteq \text{Att}_R \mathfrak{F}_\Phi^d(M)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

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