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Annihilators of local cohomology

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R commutative ring Noeth., $I \subset R$ an ideal.

Known results:

(Schenzel, 82): R local, $I \subset R$ ideal $I = (f_1, \dots, f_t)$, $A_i := (0 :_{\hat{R}} H_I^i(R))$

Then $A_0 \dots A_t = 0$

(Eghbali and Schenzel 2012 / Lynch 2012):

(R, \underline{m}) local ring, $d := \dim R = d$, $H_I^d(R) \neq 0$. Then

$$(0 :_{\hat{R}} H_I^d(R)) = \bigcap \{ Q \mid Q \text{ primary component of } \hat{R}, d : \frac{\hat{R}}{Q} = d, \dim \frac{\hat{R}}{I+Q} = 0 \}$$

If R is unmixed, and $\sqrt{I} = \underline{m}$, then $(0 :_{\hat{R}} H_I^d(R)) = 0$
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(Huneke-Koh, 91) (R, \underline{m}) Noeth. Comm. ring regular containing a field of positive characteristic.

$$H_I^i(R) \neq 0 \quad \text{iff.} \quad (0 :_{\hat{R}} H_I^i(R)) = 0$$

(Lyubeznik, 93) (R, \underline{m}) Noeth. Comm. ring regular containing a field of characteristic zero.

$$H_I^i(R) \neq 0 \quad \text{iff.} \quad (0 :_{\hat{R}} H_I^i(R)) = 0$$

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Question: (R, \mathfrak{m}) Noeth. Comm. ring, $I \subset R$ an ideal.

Is it true that:

$$H_I^i(R) \neq 0 \text{ iff } (0 :_R H_I^i(R)) = 0 ?$$

Ans: No, In general.

Plan:

I) characteristic free proof of the results of
Heneke-Koh and Lyubeznik.

II) Answer question in mixed characteristic
case. (positive answer)

III) positive answer to the question in
characteristic $p > 0$, case for strongly F-regular
domains.

IV) positive answer via flat endomorphism.

V) positive answer in Normal rings and
Cohen-Macaulay cases.

0. Preliminaries.

Let A Comm. ring, B (not necessarily Comm) ring.

$A \xrightarrow{\phi} B$ ring homomorphism. M left B -mod.

and also is a left A -mod.

Lemma 1:

- (1) $(0 :_B M) = \{b \in B \mid bm = 0 \ \forall m \in M\}$ is a two sided ideal of B .
- (2) $(0 :_A M) = (0 :_B M) \cap \phi^{-1}(0)$
- (3) $(0 :_B M) = 0$. Then $(0 :_A M) = 0$.

Lemma 2: Let $A \rightarrow A'$ faithfully flat homomorphism of
Comm. Noeth. rings, I ideal of A , J' ideal of A' .

Suppose $(0 :_{A'} H_{IA'}^i(A')) \subseteq J'$, then $(0 :_A H_I^i(A)) \subseteq J' \cap A$;

in particular, $(0 :_{A'} H_{IA'}^i(A')) = 0$, then $(0 :_A H_I^i(A)) = 0$.

Thm 3: A Comm. ring, B (not necessarily Comm.) ring
s.t. $A \subseteq B$, M left B -mod. If B is simple then $(0 :_A M) = 0$.

Definition 4: K field. B a Noeth K -algebra.

B is geometrically regular, if for any finite field extension
 B is again regular.

NT: K a perfect field.

regular rings over $K \equiv$ g. regular.

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Def. 5. A Comm. ring R commutative A -algebra
 R is smooth A -algebra if R is a finitely presented, flat
 A -algebra, and $\forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A)$, $R_{\mathfrak{p}} / \mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is geometrically regular
over $A_{\mathfrak{p}} / \mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}}$.

Def. 6. R Comm. ring, $k \subset R$ a subring

A k -linear differential operator of order 0 is a map
 $\tilde{r}: R \rightarrow R$
 $x \mapsto rx$

A k -linear diff. operator of order $\leq n$
is a k -linear map $\delta: R \rightarrow R$; s.t. $\forall r \in R$, $\delta \circ \tilde{r} - \tilde{r} \circ \delta$ is a
diff. operator of order $\leq n-1$.

$$D^n(R, k) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} k\text{-linear diff. operators of order } \leq n \\ (R\text{-mod}) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta \in D^n(R, k), \delta' \in D^m(R, k) \Rightarrow$$

$$\delta \circ \delta' \in D^{n+m}(R, k)$$

$$D(R) := \bigcup_n D^n(R, k) \quad \text{ring of diff. operators.}$$

$$1) \quad R \hookrightarrow D(R, k) \quad \text{is a subring}$$

$$r \mapsto \tilde{r}: R \rightarrow R$$

2) R is a $D(R)_k$ -mod. and is every localization of it

3) $H_I^i(R)$ is $D(R)$ -mod.

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Lemma 7. (B. Shatt, M. Blickle, G. Lyubeznik, A.K. Singh, W. Zhang).

A Comm. ring, R is either a polynomial ring over A
or formal power Series ring over A
or Smooth A -algebra

$$\text{Then } D_A(R) \otimes_A B \cong D_B(R \otimes_A B)$$

I) Characteristic free proof.

Thm 8: K field. R Comm. Noeth. ring.
(Boix-Eghbali) R is either regular ring, affine over K or
formal power Series ring over K , or
 R regular affinoid over K , K is a complete valued field.

Then $D_K(R)$ is a Simple ring. $\rightarrow \frac{K\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}}{I}$

Thm 9 (Boix-Eghbali) K field. R Comm. Noeth. ring.
 R is regular, affine or affinoid over K or
 R regular local ring with K as residue field.

Then $H_I^i(R) \neq 0$ iff $(0: H_I^i(R)) = 0$

proof: - for affine or affinoid use Thm 8, Thm 3, Lemma 1.
- for regular local ring; pass to Completion (Lemma 2)
use Cohen's structure Thm and Thm 8, Thm 3.

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II) Mixed characteristic.

Def. 10, A char. zero ring is of mixed characteristic if for some ideal I of it, its quotient is of positive characteristic.

Exp. II

local PID of char. p
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Thm 11 (Boix-Eghbali) Let (V, uV) be a DVR of mixed char. R a V -algebra is either smooth over V or a formal power series ring over V .

(i) If the multiplication by u , $H_I^i(R) \xrightarrow{\cdot u} H_I^i(R)$ is not injective, then $(0 :_R H_I^i(R)) \subseteq uR$ and equality holds iff $\xrightarrow{\cdot u}$ is the zero map.

(ii) If the multiplication by u , $H_I^i(R) \xrightarrow{\cdot u} H_I^i(R)$ is not surjective, then $(0 :_R H_I^i(R)) \subseteq uR$.

proof: $M = \ker u$ is non-zero left $D_V(R)$ -mod. and so $\frac{D_V(R)}{uD_V(R)}$ -mod.

by Lemma 7 $\xrightarrow{\text{by Lemma 7}}$ $D_{\frac{V}{uV}}\left(\frac{R}{uR}\right)$ -mod. $\xrightarrow{\text{Thm 9}}$ $D_{\frac{V}{uV}}\left(\frac{R}{uR}\right)$ is simple ($\frac{R}{uR}$ is smooth)

then $(0 :_{\frac{R}{uR}} M) = 0$. Hence $(0 :_R H_I^i(R)) \subseteq uR$

Def. 12. R Comm. \mathbb{Z} -algebra. R verifies star-assumption if for any infinite set of primes (integers) $\{p_i\}_{i \in I}$, one has $\bigcap_{i \in I} p_i R = (0)$

Exp. $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

Thm 13. Let R be either Smooth \mathbb{Z} -algebra or a formal power series ring over \mathbb{Z} , p prime number.

(i) If $H_{\mathbb{Z}}^i(R) \xrightarrow{\cdot p} H_{\mathbb{Z}}^i(R)$ is not injective then $e_0: H_{\mathbb{Z}}^i(R) \subseteq pR$, equality $\Rightarrow \cdot p$, zero map.

(ii) If $H_{\mathbb{Z}}^i(R) \xrightarrow{\cdot p} H_{\mathbb{Z}}^i(R)$ is not surjective, then $(e_0: H_{\mathbb{Z}}^i(R)) \subseteq pR$

(iii) If R verifies star-assumption, there are infinitely many prime integers p s.t. mult by p on $H_{\mathbb{Z}}^i(R)$ is not surjective, then $H_{\mathbb{Z}}^i(R) \neq 0$ iff $(e_0: H_{\mathbb{Z}}^i(R)) = 0$.

Exp. $E =$ elliptic curve in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^2$, Consider Segre embed. $EXP'_{\mathbb{Q}}$ in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^5$

$I =$ lifting ideal of an ideal \underline{a} in $R = \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_5]$. i.e.

$$\text{proj} \left(\frac{R}{\underline{a}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q} \right) = \text{Exp}'_{\mathbb{Q}}$$

By Hartshorne-Speiser and Lyubeznik: $H_{\mathbb{Z}}^4 \left(\frac{R}{pR} \right) = 0$ for inf. p
and $H_{\mathbb{Z}}^4 \left(\frac{R}{pR} \right) \neq 0$ for inf. p .

So $H_{\mathbb{Z}}^4(R) \xrightarrow{\cdot p} H_{\mathbb{Z}}^4(R)$ is not surjective for inf. p .

III) Annihilator via flat endomorphism + Normal rings.

R Comm. ring ~~cont.~~ ~~and~~ Noeth. with a flat endomorphism

$$\varphi: R \rightarrow R.$$

$$\varphi_* R \equiv \text{An } (R, R)\text{-bimodule } \forall r, r_1, r_2 \in R; \quad (M \text{ } R\text{-mod})$$

$$r_1 \cdot (\varphi_* r) \cdot r_2 := \varphi_* (\varphi(r_1) r r_2)$$

$$\Phi(-) \text{ functor of } R\text{-Mods. } \Phi(M) := \varphi_* R \otimes_R M$$

$$\Phi^t(M) := \varphi_* R \otimes_R \Phi^{t-1}(M) \quad t \geq 1$$

Singh-Walter: $\Phi(H_I^i(R)) \cong H_{\varphi(I)}^i(R) \cong H_I^i(R) \forall i, r, 0$, whenever $\{\varphi^t(I)R\}_t$
 cofinal with $\{I^t\}_t$. ↓
decreasing
chain

Exp: 1) Frobenius endomorphism in positive charact.

2) $\varphi(x_i) = x_i^t$ of $K\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ examples of φ .

Thm 14 (Boix-Eghbali) R Comm. Noeth. ring. either $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{domain} \\ \text{on} \\ \text{local} \end{array} \right.$

$$\varphi: R \rightarrow R \text{ flat, } \forall J \text{ ideal of } R, \varphi^t(J)R \subseteq J^t \forall t \geq 1,$$

$\{\varphi^t(J)R\}_t$ decreasing chain of ideals cofinal with $\{J^t\}_t$.

$$H_I^i(R) \neq 0 \text{ iff } (0 : H_I^i(R)) = 0$$

proof.
 $\neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists x \in H_I^i(R) \neq 0, J := (0 : x)_R \quad \frac{R}{J} \hookrightarrow H_I^i(R)$. Apply Φ^t

$$\Phi^t\left(\frac{R}{J}\right) \cong \frac{R}{\varphi^t(J)R} \longrightarrow \Phi^t(H_I^i(R)) \cong H_I^i(R)$$

Krull's intersection $\rightarrow (0 : H_I^i(R)) \subseteq \bigcap_{t \geq 1} \varphi^t(J)R \subseteq \bigcap_{t \geq 1} J^t = 0$

prop. 15 (Boix-Eghbali) R Noeth. normal reduced ring
 $(0 : H_I^i(R/p)) = 0$ for at least one minimal prime p of R , then
 $(0 : H_I^i(R)) = 0$.

V C-M case.

Thm 16 (Lynch 2012): R complete Cohen-Macaulay ring, UFD, $\dim R \leq 4$.

$$H_I^i(R) \neq 0 \iff (0 : H_I^i(R)) = 0$$

Def. 17: R Comm. ring, Noeth. $x_1, \dots, x_d \in R$ an R -regular sequence

contained in Jacobson radical of R . $r \in R$ is a monomial w.r.t.

$$x_1, \dots, x_d \text{ if } r = x_1^{a_1} \dots x_d^{a_d} \quad \exists \alpha = (a_1, \dots, a_d) \in \mathbb{N}^d.$$

$I \triangleleft R$ is a mon. ideal w.r.t. x_1, \dots, x_d if it is generated by monomials

Thm 18 (Boix-Eghbali) R C-M local containing a field K .
 I monomial ideal w.r.t. a system of parameter for R . Then
 $H_I^i(R) \neq 0$ iff $(0 : H_I^i(R)) \cap A = 0$; $A = K[x_1, \dots, x_d]$.

proof: x_1, \dots, x_d s.o.p. for R , I mon. ideal w.r.t. x_1, \dots, x_d .

① K -alg. hom. $A: K[x_1, \dots, x_d] \xrightarrow{\phi} R$ is flat.
 $x_j \mapsto x_j$

② $A \xrightarrow{\phi} R$
 $\phi^{-1}(I) = J$
 monomial I

③ $H_I^i(R) \cong H_J^i(A)$ A -mods

④ $(0 : H_J^i(A)) = (0 : H_I^i(R)) \cap A$