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# Original Article On the Cofiniteness of Certain Local Cohomology Modules for a Pair of Ideals

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**Abstract**: Let  $m, n$  be non-negative integers and N be an R-module such that  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \le m + n$  and  $H^i_{l,j}(N) \in S_n(l,j)$  for all  $i \le m$ , where  $S_n(l,j)$  is a class of modules. We hence prove that (1) if  $n = 1$  then  $H_{l,J}^i(N)$  is  $(l,J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \leq m$ ; (2) if  $n \geq 2$  and  $Ext_R^{\ell}(R/I, H_{I,I}^{t+i-\ell}(N))$  is finitely generated for all  $1 \leq t \leq n-1, \ell \leq t-1, i \leq m$ , then  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I,J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \leq m$ . These extend the results of Khazaei-Sazeedeh [10, Thm 2.10, Thm 2.11] for local cohomology modules for a pair of ideals. Finally, we prove that  $H_{i,j}^{i}(N)$ is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \ge 0$  whenever I is principal, N is an R-module satisfying  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \ge 0$ , and  $H_{1,j}^0(N)$  is in dimension < 2. This extends a theorem [13, Thm 1] of Kawasaki.

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#### **1. Introduction\***

Throughout this note the ring  $R$  is commutative Noetherian. Let  $j$  be a non-negative integer,  $I$ ,  $J$ ideals of R, and N an R-module. The  $j<sup>th</sup>$  local cohomology functor  $H_{I,J}^j(-)$  w.r.t a pair of ideals  $(I,J)$ was defined by Takahashi et al. [1] as the  $j^{th}$  right derived functor of  $(I, J)$ -torsion functor  $\Gamma_{I, J}(-)$ . They called  $H_{I,J}^j(N)$  the j<sup>th</sup> local cohomology module of N w.r.t a pair of ideals  $(I,J)$ . It is clear that  $H_{I,0}^j(N)$ is just the ordinary local cohomology module  $H_I^j(N)$  of N w.r.t the ideal I.

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In [2], Grothendieck conjectured that  $(0:_{H^j_l(N)} I)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \ge 0$  and all finitely generated modules  $N$ . In [3], Hartshorne provided a counterexample to this conjecture. He also introduced an *R*-module *K* to be *I*-cofinite if  $Supp_R(K) \subseteq V(I)$  and  $Ext_R^j(R/I, K)$  is finitely generated for all *j* and he asked a question: *For which rings R and ideals I are the modules*  $H^j_l(N)$  *is <i>I-cofinite for* all finitely generated modules  $N$ ? Hartshorne proved that if  $N$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module where  $R$ is a complete regular local ring, then  $H_I^j(N)$  is I-cofinite in the case I is a prime ideal with  $\dim_R(R/I)$  = 1 (see [3, Coro 7.7]). This problem was studied more extensively by the numerous mathematicians (see papers [4-10]). The aim of this note is to investigate a question similar to the one above for the theory of local cohomology w.r.t a pair of ideals. Before stating main results, we recall the notion of  $(I, J)$ cofinite module which is introduced by Tehranian-and Talemi (see  $[11, Det 2.1]$ ) as follows: An  $R$ module *K* is called (*I*,*J*)-*cofinite* if  $Supp_R(K) \subseteq W(I, J)$  and  $Ext_R^j(R/I, K)$  is finitely generated for all j, where  $W(I, J) = \{ p \in Spec R \mid I^n \subseteq p + J \text{ for some } n \in N_0 \}$  (see [1, Def 3.1]). We then introduce a class  $S_n(I, J)$  of modules (see Definition 2.1). The first main result in this note is the following theorem on the cofiniteness of module  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  w.r.t a pair of ideals  $(I,J)$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $m$  be an integer with  $m \geq 0$ , and  $N$  an  $R$ -module. If  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \leq m+1$  and  $H_{I,J}^i(N) \in S_1(I,J)$  for all  $i \leq m$ , then  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I,J)$ -cofinite for *all*  $i \leq m$ .

This result covers [10, Thm 2.10] of Khazaei-Sazeedeh for local cohomology modules (see Corollary 2.3). Theorem 1.1 also has a consequence on the co-finiteness of  $H_{I,J}^{i}(N)$  when these modules are in dimension  $\lt 2$  (see Corollary 2.5), in which an R-module K is called in dimension  $\lt 2$  if there exists a finitely generated R-submodule T of K such that  $dimSupp_R(K/T) \leq 1$  (see [12, Def 2.1] of Asadollahi-Naghipour). We next prove the co-finiteness of  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  concerning the condition that  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$ belongs to a class module  $S_n(I, J)$ . The following theorem is the second main result in this note.

**Theorem 1.2.** Let *n* be an integer with  $n \geq 2$ . Let *m* be a non-negative integer such that  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \leq m + n$  and  $H_{l,j}^i(N) \in S_n(I, J)$  for all  $i \leq m$ . If  $Ext^{\ell}_R(R/I, H_{I,I}^{t+i-\ell}(N))$  is finitely generated for all  $1 \leq t \leq n-1, 0 \leq \ell \leq t-1$  and  $i \leq m$ , *then*  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  *is*  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \leq m$ .

By replacing  $J = 0$  in Theorem 1.2, we obtain again a result of Khazaei-Sazeedeh in [10, Thm 2.11]. The last of this section, we use Theorem 1.1 and Corollary 2.5 to study the co-finiteness of  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$ when the ideal  $I$  is principal. Kawasaki proved that if  $I$  is a principal ideal then local cohomology module  $H_l^i(M)$  is *I*-cofinite for all  $i \geq 0$  when *M* is a finitely generated *R*-module (see [13, Thm 1]). We next extend the result of Kawasaki in [13] to the case of local cohomology module  $H_{I,J}^{i}(N)$  where I is a principal ideal and the module  $N$  is not necessary finitely generated. The following theorem is the third main result in this note.

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let and be ideals of such that is a principal ideal. Let be an -module such*  that  $Ext^j_R(R/I,N)$  is finitely generated for all  $j~\geq~0.$  Assume that the  $R$ -module  $H^0_{I,J}(N)$  is in dimension  $\leq$  2. Then the R-module  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I,J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \geq 0$ .

This note is organized into two sections. In Section 2, we first introduce a condition  $P_n(I, I)$  and a class  $S_n(I, J)$  of modules. We second prove three main theorems and their consequences.

### **2. Main Results**

We first recall a class  $S_n(I, J)$  of modules which is introduced in [14].

**Definition 2.1.** (see [14, Def 2.3]) Let  $n$  be a non-negative integer,  $I, J$  ideals of  $R$  and  $K$  an  $R$ module.

We say that an  $R$ -module  $K$  satisfies the condition  $P_n(I, J)$  if the following statement holds: *Suppose* that  $Ext^j_R(R/I, K)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \leq n$  and  $Supp_R(K) \subseteq W(I, J)$ . Then the module K is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite.

We define a class of  $R$ -modules as follows:

 $S_n(I, J) = \{ K \in Mod - R \mid K \text{ satisfies the condition } P_n(I, J) \},\$ 

where  $Mod - R$  is the category of modules over the ring R.

**Remark 2.2.** Firstly, we observe that  $S_0(I, J) \subseteq S_1(I, J) \subseteq S_2(I, J) \subseteq \dots$  Secondly, we recall that an R-module K satisfies the condition  $P_n(I)$  if K is I-cofinite whenever  $Ext_R^j(R/I,K)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \leq n$  and  $Supp_R(K) \subseteq V(I)$  (see [10, Def 2.1]). Hence, if we replace *J* by 0 in  $P_n(I, J)$ , we obtain that  $P_n(I, 0) = P_n(I)$ . Moreover, we also have

 $S_n(I, 0) = S_n(I) = \{K \in Mod - R | K \text{ satisfies the condition } P_n(I)\}\$ 

and the notion  $(I, J)$ -cofinite is an extension of the notion I-cofinite because the notion  $(I, 0)$ -cofinite coincides exactly with the notion  $I$ -cofinite.

We next prove Theorem 1.1 on the co-finiteness of  $H<sup>i</sup><sub>I,J</sub>(N)$  with respect to a pair of ideals  $(I, J)$ concerning the condition  $S_1(I, I)$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* We process by induction on  $m \ge 0$ . Assume that  $m = 0$ . Then the Rmodule  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for  $j = 0, 1$  by the hypothesis. Therefore, the isomorphism  $Hom_R(R/I, \Gamma_{I,I}(N)) \cong Hom_R(R/I, N)$  and the exact sequence

 $Hom_R(R/I, N/\Gamma_{I,J}(N)) = 0 \rightarrow Ext_R^1(R/I, \Gamma_{I,J}(N)) \rightarrow Ext_R^1(R/I, N)$ 

imply that  $Ext^j_R(R/I, \Gamma_{I,J}(N))$  is finite for all  $j \leq 1$ . Moreover, since  $\Gamma_{I,J}(N) \in S_1(I,J)$  by the hypothesis for  $m = 0$ , we obtain that  $H_{I,J}^0(N)$  is  $(I,J)$ -cofinite as  $H_{I,J}^0(N) \cong \Gamma_{I,J}(N)$ .

We now assume that  $m > 0$  and the result have been proved for all values less than m. Consider the short exact sequence

 $0 \rightarrow \overline{N} \rightarrow E \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0,$  (†)

where  $\overline{N} = N/\Gamma_{I,I}(N), P = E/\overline{N}$ , and  $E = E_R(\overline{N})$  the injective envelope of R-module  $\overline{N}$ . Note that  $\Gamma_{I,I}(E) = 0$  since  $\Gamma_{I,I}(\overline{N}) = 0$ . By the case  $m = 0$  we obtain that  $\Gamma_{I,I}(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite. Thus  $Ext^j_R(R/I, \overline{N})$  is finitely generated for all  $j \leq m + 1$  by the following exact sequences

 $Ext_R^j(R/I,N) \rightarrow Ext_R^j(R/I,\overline{N}) \rightarrow Ext_R^{j+1}(R/I,\Gamma_{I,J}(N))$ 

and the hypothesis of  $N$ . On the other hand, by the exact sequence  $(+)$ , we have isomorphisms  $Ext_R^j(R/I, P) \cong Ext_R^{j+1}(R/I, \overline{N})$  for all  $j \ge 0$ . Therefore the R-module  $Ext_R^j(R/I, P)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \leq m$ . Also, by the sequence (†) and by the fact  $\Gamma_{I,J}(E) = 0$ , we have isomorphisms  $H_{i,j}^i(P) \cong H_{i,j}^{i+1}(\overline{N})$  for all  $i \geq 0$ ; moreover, we also get  $H_{i,j}^{i+1}(\overline{N}) \cong H_{i,j}^{i+1}(N)$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . Therefore, we obtain that  $H_{i,j}^i(P) \cong H_{i,j}^{i+1}(N) \in S_1(I,J)$  for all  $i \leq m-1$  by the hypothesis. Finally, by applying the inductive assumption for the R-module P, we obtain that  $H_{I,J}^i(P)$  is  $(I,J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \leq m-1$ , and so  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I,J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \leq m$ , as required.

By replacing  $J = 0$  in Theorem 1.1 we get the following consequence.

**Corollary 2.3.** (see [10, Thm 2.10]) *Let be a non-negative integer and an -module. If*   $Ext^i_R(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $i \leq m+1$  and  $H^i_I(N) \in S_1(I)$  for all  $i \leq m$ , then  $H^i_I(N)$ *is I-cofinite for all*  $i \leq m$ *.* 

**Remark 2.4.** Before considering more consequences of Theorem 1.1, we need to recall that an Rmodule K is called *in dimension*  $\lt 2$  if there exists a finitely generated submodule T of K such that  $dimSupp_R(K/T) < 2$  (see [12, Def 2.1]). The following is a result on the co-finiteness of  $H^i_{I,J}(N)$ .

**Corollary 2.5.** (covers [9, Thm 1.1]) *Let be a non-negative integer and an -module. If*   $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \leq m+1$  and  $H_{I, J}^i(N)$  is in dimension  $\lt 2$  for all  $i \leq m$ , *then*  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  *is*  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \leq m$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 1.1, we need only to show  $H_{I,J}^i(N) \in S_1(I,J)$  for all  $i \leq m$  provided that  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \leq m + 1$  and  $H_{I, J}^i(N)$  is in dimension  $\lt 2$  for all  $i \leq m$ .

Fix an integer  $i \in \{0,1,\ldots,m\}$ . Set  $K = H^i_{I,J}(N)$ . Hence, K is in dimension  $\lt 2$  by the hypothesis. Note that  $Supp_R(K) ⊆ W(I, J)$  by [1, Prop 1.7 and Coro 1.13]. We now prove that the R-module K satisfies the condition  $P_1(I,J)$ . To do this, we assume that the R-modules  $Hom_R(R/I, K)$  and  $Ext^1_R(R/I, K)$  are finitely generated, we claim that  $Ext^j_R(R/I, K)$  is finitely generated for all j. By the hypothesis of K, there exists a finitely generated submodule T of K such that  $dimSupp_R(K/T) \leq 1$ and  $Supp_R(K/T) \subseteq W(I,J)$ . We have the following exact sequence

$$
0 \to Hom_R(R/I, T) \to Hom_R(R/I, K) \to Hom_R(R/I, K/T)
$$
  
\n
$$
\to Ext_R^1(R/I, T) \to Ext_R^1(R/I, K) \to Ext_R^1(R/I, K/T)
$$
  
\n
$$
\to Ext_R^2(R/I, T) \to Ext_R^2(R/I, K) \to Ext_R^2(R/I, K/T) \to ...
$$

It follows that  $Hom_R(R/I, K/T)$  and  $Ext_R^1(R/I, K/T)$  are finitely generated. Keep in mind that  $dimSupp_R(K/T) \leq 1$ . Thus, we get by [15, Thm 2.5] that  $Ext^j_R(R/I, K/T)$  is finitely generated for all *j*. Therefore, by the above exact sequence again, we obtain that  $Ext_R^j(R/I, K)$  is finitely generated for all *j*, and the claim is proved. That means the *R*-module  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  satisfies the condition  $P_1(I,J)$  for any  $i \in \{0,1,\ldots,m\}$ . Hence  $H_{i,j}^i(N) \in S_1(I,j)$  for all  $0 \le i \le m$ , as required.

We next prove Theorem 1.2 on the co-finiteness of  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  with respect to a pair of ideals  $(I, J)$  in the case where the module  $H_{l,J}^i(N)$  belongs to a class  $S_n(I,J)$  for some integer  $n \geq 2$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* We prove by induction on  $m \ge 0$ . Suppose  $m = 0$ . We have by the hypothesis that  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \leq n+0$  (\*),  $Ext_R^j(R/I, H_{I,j}^{t+0-\ell}(N))$  is finitely generated for all  $1 \le t \le n - 1, 0 \le \ell \le t - 1$  and  $i = 0$ , and  $\Gamma_{I,J}(N) = H^0_{I,J}(N) \in$  $S_n(I, J)$ . Hence, in order to show that the module  $H^0_{I, J}(N)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite, we need only to prove that  $Ext^v_R(R/I, H^0_{I,J}(N))$  is finitely generated for all  $v \leq n$ . We now have the following exact sequences

$$
0 \to \Gamma_{I,J}(N) \to N \to \overline{N} = N/\Gamma_{I,J}(N) \to 0 \qquad (1)
$$

$$
0 \to \overline{N} \to E_0 \to N_1 = E_0 / \overline{N} \to 0 \qquad (1')
$$

where  $E_0$  is the injective envelope of R-module  $\overline{N}$ . By the sequence (1), we get the following exact sequence

$$
Ext^{v-1}_R(R/I, \overline{N}) \rightarrow Ext^v_R(R/I, \Gamma_{I, J}(N)) \rightarrow Ext^v_R(R/I, N).
$$

Hence, from (\*), in order to show the finiteness of  $Ext^{\nu}_R(R/I, \Gamma_{I,J}(N))$  for all  $\nu \leq n$ , we need to Claim that  $Ext_R^{\nu-1}(R/I, \overline{N})$  is finitely generated for all  $\nu \leq n$ .

The case  $v - 1 = 0$  is clear since

$$
Hom_R(R/I,\overline{N})\cong (0:_{{\overline{N}}}I)\subseteq \varGamma_I({\overline{N}})\subseteq \varGamma_{I,J}({\overline{N}})\ =\ 0
$$

by [1, Corollary 1.13]. For the case  $v - 1 = 1$ , by the sequence (1'), we get that

 $Ext_R^1(R/I, \overline{N}) \cong Hom_R(R/I, N_1)$  $\cong Hom_R(R/I, \Gamma_{I,I}(N_1))$  $\cong Hom_R(R/I, H^1_{I,J}(\overline{N}))$ 

since  $\Gamma_{I,I}(E_0) = 0$ . Remind that

$$
Hom_R(R/I, H^1_{I,J}(\overline{N})) \cong Ext_R^0(R/I, H^{1+0-0}_{I,J}(N))
$$

is finitely generated by the hypothesis (for  $t = 1, \ell = 0, i = 0$ ). Hence  $Ext^1_R(R/I, \overline{N})$  is finitely generated.

We next prove the finiteness of  $Ext_R^{v-1}(R/I, \overline{N})$  in the case  $1 < v - 1 \le n - 1$  (\*\*). Fix an integer  $v - 1 \in \{2, 3, \ldots, n - 1\}$ . For any integer  $u > 1$ , we have the following exact sequences

$$
0 \to \Gamma_{l,J}(N_{u-1}) \to N_{u-1} \to \overline{N_{u-1}} \to 0, \quad (u)
$$
  

$$
0 \to \overline{N_{u-1}} \to E_{u-1} \to N_u \to 0 \quad (u')
$$

where  $\overline{N_{u-1}} = N_{u-1}/\Gamma_{I,J}(N_{u-1}), E_{u-1} = E_R(\overline{N_{u-1}})$  the injective envelope of  $\overline{N_{u-1}}$  and  $N_u =$  $E_{u-1}/\overline{N_{u-1}}$ . By the sequence (1'), we get an isomorphism

$$
Ext_R^{\nu-2}(R/I,N_1) \cong Ext_R^{\nu-1}(R/I,\overline{N}).
$$

Moreover, by the sequence (u) with  $u = 2$ , we obtain the following exact sequence

$$
Ext^{v-2}_R(R/I, \; \Gamma_{I,J}(N_1)) \to Ext^{v-2}_R(R/I, N_1) \to Ext^{v-2}_R(R/I, \overline{N_1}) .
$$

Therefore, it is enough to show that the modules  $Ext^{v-2}_R(R/I, \Gamma_{I,J}(N_1))$  and  $Ext^{v-2}_R(R/I, \overline{N_1})$  are finitely generated. Note that  $\Gamma_{I,J}(N_1) \cong H^1_{I,J}(\overline{N}) \cong H^1_{I,J}(N)$ . Thus, the *R*-module

$$
Ext^{v-2}_R(R/I,\Gamma_{I,J}(N_1)) \cong Ext^{v-2}_R(R/I,H^1_{I,J}(N))
$$

is finitely generated by the hypothesis (for  $t = v - 1$ ,  $\ell = v - 2$ ,  $i = 0$ ). By the sequence (u') with  $u = 2$ , we have an isomorphism

$$
Ext_R^{v-2}(R/I, \overline{N_1}) \cong Ext_R^{v-3}(R/I, N_2)
$$

By the sequence (u) with  $u = 3$ , we have the following exact sequence

$$
Ext_R^{v-3}(R/I, \Gamma_{I,J}(N_2)) \to Ext_R^{v-3}(R/I, N_2) \to Ext_R^{v-3}(R/I, \overline{N_2})
$$

Thus, it suffices to show that  $Ext_R^{v-3}(R/I, \Gamma_{I,J}(N_2))$  and  $Ext_R^{v-3}(R/I, \overline{N_2})$  are finitely generated. We have the following isomorphisms

$$
Ext_R^{v-3}(R/I, \Gamma_{I,J}(N_2)) \cong Ext_R^{v-3}(R/I, H_{I,J}^1(\overline{N_1}))
$$
  
\n
$$
\cong Ext_R^{v-3}(R/I, H_{I,J}^1(N_1))
$$
  
\n
$$
\cong Ext_R^{v-3}(R/I, H_{I,J}^2(\overline{N}))
$$
  
\n
$$
\cong Ext_R^{v-3}(R/I, H_{I,J}^2(N))
$$

and the last module is finitely generated by the hypothesis (for  $t = v - 1$ ,  $\ell = v - 3$ ,  $i = 0$ ). Continuing the same arguments as above, after finitely many steps, we need only to show that  $R$ -the modules  $Ext^1_R(R/I, \Gamma_{I,J}(N_{\nu-2}))$  and  $Ext^1_R(R/I, \overline{N_{\nu-2}})$  are finitely generated. We also have the following isomorphisms

$$
Ext_R^1(R/I, \Gamma_{I,J}(N_{v-2})) \cong Ext_R^1(R/I, H_{I,J}^1(\overline{N_{v-3}})) \cong Ext_R^1(R/I, H_{I,J}^1(N_{v-3}))
$$
  
\n
$$
\cong Ext_R^1(R/I, H_{I,J}^2(\overline{N_{v-4}})) \cong Ext_R^1(R/I, H_{I,J}^2(N_{v-4}))
$$
  
\n...  
\n
$$
\cong Ext_R^1(R/I, H_{I,J}^{v-3}(\overline{N_1})) \cong Ext_R^1(R/I, H_{I,J}^{v-3}(N_1))
$$
  
\n
$$
\cong Ext_R^1(R/I, H_{I,J}^{v-2}(\overline{N})) \cong Ext_R^1(R/I, H_{I,J}^{v-2}(N))
$$

and the last module is finitely generated by the hypothesis (for  $t = v - 1$ ,  $\ell = 1$ ,  $i = 0$ ). Moreover, by the sequences (u) and (u') for  $u = v - 1$ ,  $v - 2$ ,..., 1 we obtain the following isomorphisms  $Ext^1_R(R/I, \overline{N_{v-2}}) \cong Hom_R(R/I, N_{v-1}) \cong Hom_R(R/I, \Gamma_{I,I}(N_{v-1}))$ 

 $\cong Hom_R(R/I, H^1_{I, J}(\overline{N_{v-2}})) \cong Hom_R(R/I, H^1_{I, J}(N_{v-2}))$ 

$$
\cong Hom_R(R/I,H^2_{I,J}(\overline{N_{\nu-3}})) \cong Hom_R(R/I,H^2_{I,J}(N_{\nu-3}))
$$

...  
\n
$$
\cong Hom_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^{v-2}(\overline{N_1})) \cong Hom_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^{v-2}(N_1))
$$
  
\n $\cong Hom_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^{v-1}(\overline{N})) \cong Hom_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^{v-1}(N)).$ 

Note that the last module in the above isomorphisms is finitely generated by the hypothesis (for  $t =$  $v - 1, \ell = 0, i = 0$ ). Hence  $Ext_R^1(R/I, \overline{N_{v-2}})$  is finitely generated. Hence the statement (\*\*) is proved, and so that the Claim also is proved. Thus, we have proved the theorem in the case  $m = 0$ .

Assume that  $m > 0$  and the theorem is true for all values  $< m$ . By the inductive assumption,  $H_{1,J}^0(N) = \Gamma_{I,J}(N)$  is  $(I,J)$ -cofinite, and so the module  $Ext_R^j(R/I, \overline{N})$  is finitely generated for all  $j \leq$  $m + n$  by the sequence (1) and by the hypothesis. Hence, we obtain by (1), (1') and the hypothesis that  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N_1) \cong Ext_R^{j+1}(R/I, \overline{N})$  is finitely generated for all  $j \leq n+m-1$ . Moreover, we have by  $(1')$  and  $(1)$  that

$$
H_{I,J}^i(N_1) \cong H_{I,J}^{i+1}(\overline{N}) \cong H_{I,J}^{i+1}(N) \in S_n(I,J)
$$

for all 
$$
i \leq m-1
$$
 by the hypothesis. On the other hand, by (1) and (1'), we have  

$$
Ext^{\ell}_R(R/I, H^{t+i-\ell}_{I,J}(N_1)) \cong Ext^{\ell}_R(R/I, H^{t+i+1-\ell}_{I,J}(\overline{N}))
$$

 $\cong Ext^{\ell}_R(R/I, H^{t+i+1-\ell}_{I,J}(N))$ 

for all  $1 \le t \le n - 1, 0 \le \ell \le t - 1$  and  $i \le m - 1$ . Moreover, we get by the hypothesis of N that the last module in the above isomorphism is finitely generated for all  $1 \le t \le n - 1, 0 \le \ell \le$  $t-1$  and  $i \leq m-1$ . Hence the R-module  $Ext^{\ell}_R(R/I, H^{t+i-\ell}_{I,J}(N_1))$  is finitely generated for all 1 ≤  $t \leq n-1, 0 \leq \ell \leq t-1$  and  $i \leq m-1$ . Therefore, by the inductive assumption for R-module  $N_1$ , we obtain that the module  $H_{IJ}^i(N_1)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \leq m-1$ . Hence,  $H_{I, J}^i(N) \cong$  $H_{i,j}^{i-1}(N_1)$  is  $(I, J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \leq m$ , and so the proof of our theorem is completed.

Note that Theorem 1.2 is an extension of a theorem of Khazaei-Sazeedeh in [10, Thm 2.11]. Moreover, by replacing  $n = 2$  in Theorem 1.2 we get an immediate result as the following consequence.

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $m$  be a non-negative integer such that  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \leq m + 2$  and  $H_{l,j}^i(N) \in S_2(I,j)$  for all  $i \leq m$ . If  $Hom_R(R/I, H_{l,j}^{1+i}(N))$  is finitely generated for *all*  $i \leq m$ , then  $H_{I,J}^i(N)$  is  $(I,J)$ -cofinite for all  $i \leq m$ .

For the last of this section, before proving Theorem 1.3 we need to recall the following lemma on the class  $S_n(I, J)$  and the modules  $H_{I, J}^i(N)$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** (see [14, Thm 3.1]) *Let be a non-negative integer. Let be an -module such that*   $Ext^j_R(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all *j*. Let t be a non-negative integer such that  $H^i_{I,J}(N) = 0$  for *all*  $i \neq t, t + 1$ *. Then*  $H_{i,j}^{t+1}(N) \in S_n(I, J)$  *if and only if*  $H_{i,j}^t(N) \in S_{n+2}(I, J)$ *.* 

We now are ready to prove the last theorem in this note.

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* By the hypothesis we have that  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all j and  $H_{I,J}^0(N)$  is in dimension < 2. From this we obtain by [16, Thm 1.1, (i)] that  $H_{I,J}^0(N)$  is an  $(I,J)$ cofinite module over R. It yields that  $Ext_R^j(R/I, H_{I,J}^0(N))$  is finitely generated for all  $j \ge 0$ . Hence  $H_{l,J}^0(N)$  belongs to the class of modules  $S_2(l,J)$ .

Note that since *I* is a principal ideal, there exists an element  $a \in I$  such that  $I = (a)$ . Hence  $H_{i,j}^i(N) \cong H^i(C_{\underline{a},j}^{\bullet} \otimes_R N)$  for all  $i \geq 0$ , where  $C_{\underline{a},j}^{\bullet} = (0 \to R \to R_{a,j} \to 0)$  is a complex (see [1, Def 2.1, Def 2.2 and Thm 2.4]). Thus, we obtain that  $H_{i,j}^i(N) = 0$  for all  $i \neq 0, 1$ . Hence, the conditions

in the hypothesis of Lemma 2.7 are satisfied for number  $t = 0$ . Keep in mind that  $H_{l,J}^0(N) \in S_2(I,J)$ by the above paragraph, and hence the module  $H_{I,J}^1(N)$  belongs to the class of modules  $S_0(I,J)$  by again Lemma 2.7.

On the other hand, by again the hypothesis that  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \geq 0$  and  $H_{I,J}^0(N)$  is in dimension < 2, we obtain by [16, Thm 1.1, (ii)] that  $Hom_R(R/I, H_{I,J}^1(N))$  is finitely generated. Therefore, since  $H^1_{I,J}(N) \in S_0(I,J)$ , we get by the definition of class  $S_0(I,J)$  that the Rmodule  $Ext_R^j(R/I, H_{I,J}^1(N))$  is finitely generated for all  $j \ge 0$ , that is, the R-module  $H_{I,J}^1(N)$  is  $(I,J)$ cofinite, as required.  $\Box$ 

By replacing  $I = 0$  in Theorem 1.3, we obtain the following corollary on the cofiniteness of local cohomology modules in [14, Thm 3.4].

**Corollary 2.8.** Let I be a principal ideal of R and N an R-module such that  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \geq 0$ . Assume that the module  $H^0_I(N)$  is in dimension  $< 2$ . Then the R-module  $H^i_I(N)$ *is I* $-$ *cofinite for all i* ≥ 0.

As a consequence of Corollary 2.8 we obtain a theorem of K. I. Kawasaki in the paper [13] as the following result.

**Corollary 2.9.** (see [13, Thm 1]) *Let be a principal ideal of and a finitely generated -module. Then*  $H^i_I(N)$  *is I-cofinite for all i*  $\geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Since *N* is finitely generated, we obtain that the *R*-module  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \geq 0$ , and  $H_l^0(N)$  is in dimension  $\lt 2$ . Therefore, the conclusion of the corollary follows from Corollary 2.8.  $\Box$ 

Finally, we give an example on a non-finitely generated *-module*  $*N*$  *satisfying the assumption of* Theorem 1.3.

**Example 2.10.** Let  $R = k[X]$  be the ring of polynomials in one variable X with coefficients in field k. Let  $I = (X)$  be a pricipal ideal of R. Note that since R is a PID, any divisible module is injective. The injective hull of R is the fraction field  $K = k(X)$ . Since  $K/R$  is divisible, it is injective. Hence, an injective resolution of R-module R is given by  $0 \to R \to K \to K/R \to 0$ . We apply functor  $\Gamma_I(-)$ and calculate the local cohomology as the cohomology of the complex  $0 \to \Gamma_l(K) \to \Gamma_l(K/R) \to 0$ . We then obtain that  $H_I^0(R) = 0$  and  $H_I^j(R) = 0$  for all  $j > 1$ . We also have

$$
H_I^1(R) = \Gamma_I(K/R) = R_X/R = k[X, X^{-1}]/k[X].
$$

We set  $N = H_I^1(R)$ . We obtain by [17, Exercise 4.2.4 (i)] that the R-module N is not finitely generated. Moreover, since *I* is a principal ideal, we get that  $N = H_I^1(R)$  is *I*-cofinite by [13, Thm 1]. Hence  $Ext_R^j(R/I, N)$  is finitely generated for all  $j \geq 0$ . On the other hand,

 $Supp_R(N) = Supp_R(H_I^1(R)) \subseteq Supp_R(R) \cap V(I) = V(I) \subseteq Max(R).$ 

It yields that  $dim Supp_R(N) < 2$ . Thus, N is an in dimension  $< 2$  module. We then have  $H^0_{l,j}(N) =$  $\Gamma_{I, I}(N)$  is in dimension < 2 for any ideal *J* of *R* (since the class of in dimension < 2 module is a Serre subcategory (cf. [18, Section 4]) and  $\Gamma_{l,l}(N)$  is a submodule of N). Therefore, we have shown that N is a non-finitely generated  $R$ -module satisfying the hypothesis of Theorem 1.3.

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