

Stability of the depth function of good filtrations

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Abstract. Let A be a Noetherian local ring, and let $I \subset J$ be two ideals of A . Let M be a finitely generated A -module. Brodmann proved that the function $n \mapsto \text{depth}_J(\frac{M}{I^n M})$ is constant for large n . In this paper, we consider a filtration $\phi = (M_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of M and a filtration $f = (I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of A . Generalizing Brodmann's result, we first show that the function $n \mapsto \text{depth}_J(\frac{M}{M_n})$ is constant for large n of value $\text{depth}_J(f, M)$, provided that ϕ is f -good and f is strongly Noetherian. Secondly, we establish the inequality $\gamma_J(f, M) \leq \dim_A(M) - \text{depth}_J(f, M)$, where $\gamma_J(f, M)$ denotes the analytic spread of f at J with respect to M .

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1 Introduction

One of the first authors to have studied the asymptotic stability of the depth of the homogeneous pieces of a graded module is Burch [6], he proved that for an ideal I in a Noetherian local ring (A, \mathfrak{m}) the following inequality holds,

$$\ell(I) \leq \dim A - \min_{n \geq 1} \text{depth} \left(\frac{A}{I^n} \right),$$

where $\ell(I)$ is the analytic spread of I . Years later, Brodmann [3] replaced the minimum of these depths by the limit value of the depth function $n \mapsto \text{depth}(\frac{A}{I^n})$, a limit whose existence he proved. In fact he studied the application from \mathbb{N} into the subsets of $\text{Spec}(A)$ defined by

$$n \mapsto \text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{I^n M} \right),$$

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and he showed that it is stationnary [4]. Analogous investigations on the stability of associated primes, but in the context of semi-prime operations, where later carried out by Kamano, Essan, Abdoulaye and Akeke [8]. As consequence, $\text{depth}(\frac{M}{I^n M})$ is constant for large n and

$$\ell(I, M) \leq \dim M - \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \text{depth} \left(\frac{M}{I^n M} \right)$$

being $\ell(I, M) = \dim \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I^n M}{I^{n+1} M}$. Other authors such as Bandari, Herzog and Hibi [1], Nam and Verbaas [10] have also studied the depth function. The aim of this article is to extend Brodmann's results to a wider family of filtrations. Let $\phi = (M_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an I -good filtration of M . We will show that, for $n \gg 0$, $\text{Ass}(\frac{M}{M_n})$ is stable. Which makes it easy to prove that $\text{depth}(\frac{M}{M_n})$ is constant for large n . We also prove that, if $\phi = (M_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is f -good, where $f = (I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a strongly noetherian filtration of A , then $\text{depth}(\frac{M}{M_n})$ remains constant for $n \gg 0$. The existence of this asymptotic value allows us to obtain the following inequality.

$$\gamma_J(f, M) \leq \dim M - \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \text{depth} \left(\frac{M}{I_n M} \right),$$

with $\gamma_J(f, M) = \dim_{R(A, f)} \left(\bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_n M}{J I_n M} \right)$.

2 Generalities

In this section we give basic definitions and notations.

Definition 1 ([2]). (1) A filtration on a ring A is a family $f = (I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of ideals of A verifying

$$I_0 = A, I_{n+1} \subseteq I_n \text{ and } I_n I_m \subseteq I_{n+m}, \text{ for all } n, m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The set of filtrations of A is denoted by $\mathbb{F}(A)$. If I is an ideal of A then the family $f_I = (I^n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a filtration of A called I -adic filtration.

Let M be a A -module. A filtration of M is a family $\Phi = (M_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of sub-modules of M such as

$$M_0 = M, M_{n+1} \subseteq M_n, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Φ is said to be f -compatible if $I_n M_p \subseteq M_{n+p}$ for all $n, p \in \mathbb{N}$.

(2) A filtration $f = (I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of A is said to be strongly Noetherian if A is a Noetherian ring and there exists an integer $k > 1$ such that $I_{n+m} = I_n I_m$ for all $m, n \geq k$.

(3) Let I be an ideal of A , a filtration $\Phi = (M_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of M is said to be I -good if $IM_n \subseteq M_{n+1}$ and there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $IM_n = M_{n+1}$ for all $n \geq n_0$.

(4) Let M be an A -module, $f = (I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a filtration of A and $\Phi = (M_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a filtration of M compatible with f .

Φ is said f -good if there exists $N > 1$ such that $M_n = \sum_{p=1}^N I_{n-p} M_p$ for all $n \geq N$.

Definition 2 ([9]). Let A be a noetherian ring and M be a A -module. A prime ideal P of A is said to be prime ideal associated with M if one of the following conditions is verified.

- (i) $\exists x \in M$ such that $\text{ann}(x) = P$.
- (ii) M contains a submodule isomorphic to $\frac{A}{P}$.

The set of prime ideals of A associated with M is denoted $\text{Ass}_A(M)$.

Definition 3 ([5]). (1) A sequence a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n of elements of A is called a regular sequence on a A -module M , or an M -regular sequence, if the following conditions hold.

- (i) a_1 is an M -regular element.
- (ii) a_i is an $\frac{M}{(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1})M}$ -regular element, for $i = 2, \dots, n$.
- (iii) $\frac{M}{(a_1, \dots, a_n)M} \neq 0$.

(2) Let A be a Noetherian ring, I be an ideal of A , and M be a finite A -module such that $IM \neq M$. We define the depth of M on I , $\text{depth}_I(M)$, as the length of all maximal M -sequence contained in I .

It is also called grade of M on I and is denoted $\text{grade}(I, M)$.

3 Stability of the depth function $n \mapsto \text{depth}_J(\frac{M}{M_n})$ with (M_n) an I -good filtration

We first recall this result of Brodmann.

Theorem 1 ([4]). Let A be a Noetherian ring, I be an ideal of A , and M be a finitely generated A -module. The map from \mathbb{N} into the subsets of $\text{Spec}(A)$ defined by $n \mapsto \text{Ass}_A(\frac{M}{I^n M})$ is independent of n , for n sufficiently large.

We establish the following result which generalizes Brodmann's theorem to I -good filtrations.

Theorem 2. Let A be a Noetherian ring, I be an ideal of A , M be a finitely generated A -module and $\Phi = (M_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a I -good filtration of M . Then the map $n \mapsto \text{Ass}_A(\frac{M}{M_n})$ is stationnary.

Proof. $\Phi = (M_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ a I -good filtration thus there exists $r \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n \geq r$, $IM_n = M_{n+1}$. Therefore for all $n \geq 0$, $M_{n+r} = I^n M_r$.

We have the following exact sequence,

$$(0) \rightarrow \frac{M_{k+r}}{M_{n+k+r}} \rightarrow \frac{M}{M_{n+k+r}} \rightarrow \frac{M}{M_{k+r}} \rightarrow (0).$$

Thus

$$\text{Ass}_A\left(\frac{M}{M_{n+k+r}}\right) \subset \text{Ass}_A\left(\frac{M_{k+r}}{M_{n+k+r}}\right) \cup \text{Ass}_A\left(\frac{M}{M_{k+r}}\right)$$

$$\subset \text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M_r}{I^{n+k}M_r} \right) \cup \text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{I^k M_r} \right), \text{ for all } k \gg 0.$$

As according Theorem 1, for all $k \gg 0$, $\text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M_r}{I^{n+k}M_r} \right) = \text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M_r}{I^k M_r} \right)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{M_{n+k+r}} \right) &\subset \text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M_r}{I^k M_r} \right) \cup \text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{I^k M_r} \right) \\ &\subset \text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{I^k M_r} \right) = \text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{M_{k+r}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

For $n = 1$, we have $\text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{M_{k+r+1}} \right) \subset \text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{M_{k+r}} \right)$, which shows that $\left(\text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{M_{n+k+r}} \right) \right)_n$ is decreasing. Therefore $\left(\text{Card} \left(\frac{M}{M_{n+k+r}} \right) \right)_n$ is decreasing. As $\text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{M_{n+k+r}} \right)$ is a finite set, then $\left(\text{Card} \left(\frac{M}{M_{n+k+r}} \right) \right)_n$ is a decreasing sequence of integers and therefore convergent. Hence $\left(\text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{M_{n+k+r}} \right) \right)_n$ is stationary. \square

Theorem 3. Let A be a Noetherian ring, I and J be ideals of A such that $I \subset J$, M be a finitely generated A -module and $\Phi = (M_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a I -good filtration of M . Then the function $n \mapsto \text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_n} \right)$ is stationnary.

Proof. Put $h_M = \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_n} \right)$. The proof is done by induction on $p = h_M$.

- Suppose $p = 0$.

$h_M = 0$ then, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n \geq n_0$, $\inf_{k \geq n} \text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_k} \right) = 0$. Therefore, there exists $N \geq n_0$ such that $\text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_N} \right) = 0$. For all $a \in J$, a is not regular in $\frac{M}{M_N}$, then $a \in Z \left(\frac{M}{M_N} \right)$ where $Z \left(\frac{M}{M_N} \right)$ denote the set of zero-divisor of a module $\left(\frac{M}{M_N} \right)$; thus $J \subseteq \bigcup_{P \in \text{Ass} \frac{M}{M_N}} P = Z \left(\frac{M}{M_N} \right)$. As $\left(\text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{M_n} \right) \right)_n$ is stationnary by Theorem 2, then we can assume that for all $n > N$, $\text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{M_n} \right) = \text{Ass}_A \left(\frac{M}{M_N} \right)$. Thus $J \subseteq \bigcup_{P \in \text{Ass} \left(\frac{M}{M_n} \right)} P$, hence

$$\text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_n} \right) = 0 \text{ for all } n \gg 0.$$

- Let $p > 0$.

Suppose the property is true at order p and $h_M = p + 1 = \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_n} \right)$, then for all n_0 , there exists $N > n_0$ such that $\inf_{k \geq N} \text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_k} \right) \neq 0$. For all $k > N$, $\text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_k} \right) \neq 0$ thus there exists $a \in J$ such that $a \notin \bigcup_{P \in \text{Ass} \frac{M}{M_k}} P$. Put $\overline{M} = \frac{M}{aM}$ and $\overline{M}_k = \frac{M_k + aM}{aM}$. $(\overline{M}_k)_k$

is then a I -good filtration on \overline{M} .

Let a_1, \dots, a_r be an $\frac{\overline{M}}{M_k}$ -regular sequence in J . Let us show that a, a_1, \dots, a_r is an $\frac{M}{M_k}$ -regular sequence in J . Since $a \notin \bigcup_{P \in \text{Ass} \frac{M}{M_k}} P$ then a is an $\frac{M}{M_k}$ -regular element. By

hypothesis a_1 is regular on $\frac{\overline{M}}{M_k}$ which is isomorphic to $\frac{M}{aM + M_k}$. However, $\frac{\frac{M}{M_k}}{a\frac{M}{M_k}}$ is also isomorphic to $\frac{M}{aM + M_k}$. Thus, a_1 is regular on $\frac{\frac{M}{M_k}}{a\frac{M}{M_k}}$. Therefore, a, a_1 is an $\frac{M}{M_k}$ -regular sequence in J . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\frac{\overline{M}}{M_k}}{(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1})\frac{\overline{M}}{M_k}} &\cong \frac{\frac{M}{M_k + aM}}{(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1})\frac{M}{M_k + aM}} = \frac{\frac{M}{M_k + aM}}{\frac{(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1})M + M_k + aM}{M_k + aM}} \\ &\cong \frac{M}{(a, a_1, \dots, a_{i-1})M + M_k} \cong \frac{\frac{M}{M_k}}{(a, a_1, \dots, a_{i-1})\frac{M}{M_k}}. \end{aligned}$$

Given that a_1, \dots, a_r is an $\frac{\overline{M}}{M_k}$ -regular sequence in J , we have that a_i is regular on $\frac{\frac{M}{M_k}}{(a, a_1, \dots, a_{i-1})\frac{M}{M_k}}$. Therefore a, a_1, \dots, a_r is an $\frac{M}{M_k}$ -regular sequence in J . We deduce that $\text{depth}_J(\frac{M}{M_k}) \geq \text{depth}_J(\frac{\overline{M}}{M_k}) + 1$.

Let a, a_1, \dots, a_r be an $\frac{M}{M_k}$ -regular sequence in J . Then, a_1, \dots, a_r is also an $\frac{\overline{M}}{M_k}$ -regular sequence in J . We obtain $\text{depth}_J(\frac{\overline{M}}{M_k}) \geq \text{depth}_J(\frac{M}{M_k}) - 1$. Thus $\text{depth}_J(\frac{\overline{M}}{M_k}) = \text{depth}_J(\frac{M}{M_k}) - 1$. It follows that $h_{\overline{M}} < h_M$. As $h_M = p + 1$ then $h_{\overline{M}} \leq p$. According to the recurrence hypothesis $\left(\text{depth}_J(\frac{\overline{M}}{M_k})\right)_k$ is stable. Therefore the sentence $\left(\text{depth}_J(\frac{M}{M_k})\right)_k$ is stationary. \square

4 Stability of the depth function $n \mapsto \text{depth}_J\left(\frac{M}{M_n}\right)$ with (M_n) a f -good filtration

Let $f = (I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a strongly Noetherian filtration of A and $\Phi = (M_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a f -good filtration of M . We have

$$M_{n+m} = I_n M_m = I_m M_n \text{ for all } m, n \gg 0.$$

This result will allow us to extend Theorem 3 to f -good filtrations where f is strongly Noetherian.

Lemma 1. *Let k_1 and k_2 be two coprime positive integers. Then for any sufficiently large integers s there exists $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $s = nk_1 + mk_2$.*

Proof. Since $\gcd(k_1, k_2) = 1$, there exist two integers u, v such that $uk_1 + vk_2 = 1$. Put $N = |u|k_1 + |v|k_2$. Let s be an integer such that $s > N^2$. From the Euclidean division of s by N , we have $s = Nq + j$, where $0 \leq j < N$ and $\lfloor \frac{s}{N} \rfloor = q$. As $uk_1 + vk_2 = 1$, it follows that

$$s = (|u|k_1 + |v|k_2)q + (uk_1 + vk_2)j = k_1(|u|q + uj) + k_2(|v|q + vj).$$

We observe that $j < N < q$, therefore, $0 \leq uj + |u|j < |u|q + uj$. Similarly, we also show that $|v|q + vj \geq 0$. Therefore, s can be written in the form $s = nk_1 + mk_2$ where $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$. \square

Theorem 4. *Let A be a Noetherian ring, I and J be ideals of A such that $I \subset J$, M be a finitely generated A -module, $f = (I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a strongly Noetherian filtration and $\Phi = (M_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a f -good filtration of M . Then the function $n \mapsto \text{depht}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_n} \right)$ is stationnary.*

Proof. Let $s \gg 0$, k_1 and k_2 sufficiently large integers such that $\gcd(k_1, k_2) = 1$. s can be written (see Lemma 1) as $s = nk_1 + mk_2$ with $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$. As $(k_1, k_2) = 1$, there exist two integers u and v such that $uk_1 + vk_2 = 1$. We have $(M_{nk_1 + mk_2})_n$ is I_{k_1} -good. Similary, $(M_{nk_1 + mk_2})_m$ is I_{k_2} -good. According to Theorem 3, $\left(\text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_{nk_1 + mk_2}} \right) \right)_n$ is constant for large n . For all $n \gg 0$, we have $\text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_{nk_1 + mk_2}} \right) = \text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_{(n+u)k_1 + mk_2}} \right)$. Hence $\left(\text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_{(n+u)k_1 + mk_2}} \right) \right)_m$ is stationary. Then $\text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_{(n+u)k_1 + mk_2}} \right) = \text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_{(n+u)k_1 + (m+v)k_2}} \right)$, for all $m \gg 0$. Therefore,

$$\text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_{nk_1 + mk_2}} \right) = \text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_{(n+u)k_1 + (m+v)k_2}} \right) = \text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_{k_1n + k_2m + k_1u + k_2v}} \right).$$

Thus, $\text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_s} \right) = \text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_{s+1}} \right)$. Hence, $\left(\text{depth}_J \left(\frac{M}{M_n} \right) \right)_n$ is stationary. \square

5 Depth and analytic spread

Following [7] we now introduce the following definition.

Definition 4. *Let A be a ring, M be a finitely generated A -module, J be an ideal of A , and $f = (I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a filtration of A . The analytic spread of f in J relative to M as the integer*

$$\gamma_J(f, M) = \dim_{R(A, f)} \frac{R(M, f)}{JR(M, f)} = \dim_{R(A, f)} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_n M}{JI_n M},$$

where $R(A, f) = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} I_n$ and $R(M, f) = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} I_n M$.

Proposition 1. *Let A be a ring, J be an ideal of A , M be a finitely generated A -module, $f = (I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a filtration of A . Then $\gamma_J(f^{(q)}, M) = \gamma_J(f, M)$, where $f^{(q)} = (I_{qn})_{n \geq 0}$ for all $q \geq 1$.*

Proof. We have

$$\frac{R(M, f^{(q)})}{JR(M, f^{(q)})} \cong \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_{qn} M}{JI_{qn} M} \subseteq \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_n M}{JI_n M}.$$

Therefore,

$$\text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_n M}{JI_n M} \subseteq \text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_{qn} M}{JI_{qn} M}.$$

Let a be an homogeneous element of degree r in $R(A, f^{(q)})$ such that $a \in \text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_{qn}M}{JI_{qn}M}$.

We have $aI_{qn}M \subset JI_{rq+nq}M$. So,

$$a^2I_nM = aaI_nM \subseteq aI_{rq}I_nM \subseteq I_n(aI_{rq}M) \subseteq I_n(JI_{2qr}M) \subseteq JI_{2rq+n},$$

thus, $a^2 \in \text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_nM}{JI_nM}$. Then,

$$\text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_{qn}M}{JI_{qn}M} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_nM}{JI_nM}}.$$

Hence,

$$\sqrt{\text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_{qn}M}{JI_{qn}M}} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_nM}{JI_nM}}.$$

As $\text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_nM}{JI_nM} \subseteq \text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_{qn}M}{JI_{qn}M}$,

then,

$$\sqrt{\text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_nM}{JI_nM}} \subseteq \sqrt{\text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_{qn}M}{JI_{qn}M}}.$$

Hence,

$$\sqrt{\text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_{qn}M}{JI_{qn}M}} = \sqrt{\text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_nM}{JI_nM}}.$$

Therefore,

$$\dim \frac{R(A, f^{(q)})}{\text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \frac{R(M, f^{(q)})}{JR(M, f^{(q)})}} = \dim \frac{R(A, f^{(q)})}{\text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \frac{R(M, f)}{JR(M, f)}}.$$

We have $\dim_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \frac{R(M, f)}{JR(M, f)} = \dim_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \frac{R(M, f^{(q)})}{JR(M, f^{(q)})}$.

Moreover, let $x \in R(A, f)$ homogeneous of degree n , we have $x^q \in I_{nq} \subseteq R(A, f^{(q)})$ thus $R(A, f)$ is integral over $R(A, f^{(q)})$.

Then $\frac{R(A, f)}{\text{ann}_{R(A, f)} \frac{R(M, f)}{JR(M, f)}}$ is integral over $\frac{R(A, f^{(q)})}{\text{ann}_{R(A, f)} \frac{R(M, f)}{JR(M, f)} \cap R(A, f^{(q)})}$.

Consequently,

$$\dim_{R(A, f)} \frac{R(A, f)}{\text{ann}_{R(A, f)} \frac{R(M, f)}{JR(M, f)}} = \dim_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \frac{R(A, f^{(q)})}{\text{ann}_{R(A, f)} \frac{R(M, f)}{JR(M, f)} \cap R(A, f^{(q)})}.$$

As $\text{ann}_{R(A, f)} \frac{R(M, f)}{JR(M, f)} \cap R(A, f^{(q)}) = \text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \frac{R(M, f)}{JR(M, f)}$, therefore

$$\dim_{R(A, f)} \frac{R(M, f)}{JR(M, f)} = \dim_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \frac{R(A, f^{(q)})}{\text{ann}_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \frac{R(M, f)}{JR(M, f)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \dim_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \frac{R(M, f)}{JR(M, f)} \\
&= \dim_{R(A, f^{(q)})} \frac{R(M, f^{(q)})}{JR(M, f^{(q)})}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\gamma_J(f, M) = \gamma_J(f^{(q)}, M)$.

□

Theorem 5. Let M be a finitely generated A -module, $f = (I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a strongly noetherian filtration of A and J be an ideal of A . If $I_1 \subseteq J$, we have the inequality

$$\gamma_J(f, M) \leq \dim_A(M) - \text{depth}_J(f, M),$$

where $\text{depth}_J(f, M) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \text{depth}_J(\frac{M}{I_n M})$.

Proof. The filtration $(I_n M)_{n \geq 0}$ of M is f -good where f is strongly noetherian, hence $\text{depth}_J(f, M)$ exists. There exists an integer N such that for all $n, m \geq N$, $I_{m+n} = I_m I_n$. In particular, for each $q \geq N$, $f^{(q)} = (I_{nq})_{n \geq 0} = (I_q^n)_{n \geq 0} = f_{I_q}$. We have $\bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_{qn} M}{JI_{qn} M} = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{I_q^n M}{JI_q^n M}$. Therefore, according to Brodmann [3], $\gamma_J(I_q, M) \leq \dim_A(M) - \text{depth}_J(I_q, M)$. We know that $\gamma_J(I_q, M) = \gamma_J(f_{I_q}, M) = \gamma_J(f, M)$. Also, $\text{depth}_J(I_q, M) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \text{depth}_J(\frac{M}{I_q^n M}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \text{depth}_J(\frac{M}{I_{qn} M}) = \text{depth}_J(f, M)$. Hence, $\gamma_J(f, M) \leq \dim_A(M) - \text{depth}_J(f, M)$. □

Example 1. Let $A = K[[X, Y, Z]]$ denote the ring of formal power series over a field K . Consider the ideals $J = (X, Y, Z)$, $I = (XY, XZ, X^2)$, and for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define

$$I_n = (XY, XZ, X^2, Y^n Z^n).$$

Each I_n is an ideal of A . Let $B = \frac{A}{I}$, $\mathfrak{J} = \frac{J}{I}$, and $\mathfrak{g} = (J_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (\frac{I_n}{I})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$. Then \mathfrak{J} is an ideal of B , and \mathfrak{g} defines a strongly Noetherian filtration on B . We consider B as a B -module and set $M = B$. We now verify the inequality given in Theorem 5.

Computation of $\text{depth}_{\mathfrak{J}}(\mathfrak{g}, M)$. By definition, $\text{depth}_{\mathfrak{J}}(\mathfrak{g}, M) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{depth}_{\mathfrak{J}}(\frac{M}{J_n M})$.

According to [5], we have $\text{depth}_{\mathfrak{J}}(\frac{M}{J_n M}) \leq \dim(\frac{B}{\mathfrak{P}})$, for some $\mathfrak{P} \in \text{Ass}_B(\frac{M}{J_n M})$. Note that $\frac{M}{J_n M} \cong \frac{A}{I_n}$, hence $\text{Ass}_B(\frac{M}{J_n M}) = \text{Ass}_A(\frac{A}{I_n})$. Let $P = \text{Ann}_A(X + I_n)$. Since $X, Y, Z \in P$, we have $(X, Y, Z) \subseteq P$, and thus $P = (X, Y, Z) \in \text{Ass}_A(\frac{A}{I_n})$. Setting $\mathfrak{P} = \frac{P}{I}$, we obtain $\mathfrak{P} \in \text{Ass}_B(\frac{M}{J_n M})$, and $\dim(\frac{B}{\mathfrak{P}}) = \dim(\frac{A}{P}) = 0$. Therefore,

$$\text{depth}_{\mathfrak{J}}(\frac{M}{J_n M}) = 0 \quad \text{for all } n,$$

and consequently, $\text{depth}_{\mathfrak{J}}(\mathfrak{g}, M) = 0$.

Computation of $\dim_B(M)$. We have $\dim_B(M) = \dim(M) = \dim(\frac{A}{I}) = \sup \{ \dim \frac{A}{P} \mid P \in \min(I) \}$, where $\min(I)$ is the set of prime ideals minimal over I . Since $\min(I) = \{(X)\}$, we obtain

$$\dim(M) = \dim \frac{A}{(X)} = \dim K[[Y, Z]] = 2.$$

Computation of $\gamma_{\mathfrak{J}}(\mathfrak{g}, M)$. We compute the associated graded components.

$$\frac{J_n M}{\mathfrak{J} J_n M} \cong \frac{J_n}{J(Y^n Z^n) + I} \cong \frac{I + (Y^n Z^n)}{I + J(Y^n Z^n)} \cong \frac{(Y^n Z^n)}{J(Y^n Z^n)}.$$

Therefore,

$$\gamma_{\mathfrak{J}}(\mathfrak{g}, M) = \dim \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{J^n M}{\mathfrak{J} J^n M} = \dim \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \frac{(Y^n Z^n)}{J(Y^n Z^n)} = 1.$$

Conclusion. We conclude that the inequality in Theorem 5 is satisfied

$$\gamma_{\mathfrak{J}}(\mathfrak{g}, M) \leq \dim_B(M) - \text{depth}_{\mathfrak{J}}(\mathfrak{g}, M) = 2 - 0 = 2.$$

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