

## ON QUASI $h$ -PURE SUBMODULES OF QTAG-MODULES

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**ABSTRACT.** Different concepts and decomposition theorems have been done for QTAG-modules by number of authors. We introduce quasi  $h$ -pure submodules for QTAG-modules and we obtain several characterizations for quasi  $h$ -pure submodules and as a consequence we deduce a result done by Fuchs 1973.

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**1. Introduction.** Following [4] a module  $M_R$  is called QTAG-module if it satisfies the following condition:

(I) Any finitely generated submodule of any homomorphic image of  $M$  is a direct sum of uniserial modules.

The structure theory of such modules has been developed by various authors. Recently Singh and Khan [5] have characterized the modules in which  $h$ -neat submodules are  $h$ -pure. The main purpose of this paper is to introduce the concept of quasi  $h$ -pure submodules, a weaker version of  $h$ -pure submodules. In Section 3, some characterization of  $h$ -pure submodules are obtained (Theorems 3.2 and 3.4) for the subsequent use. In general it is known that  $\text{soc}(A+B) \neq \text{soc}(A) + \text{soc}(B)$ . The equality for some submodules motivated to define the concept of quasi  $h$ -pure submodules. Several characterizations of quasi  $h$ -pure submodules are obtained (Theorems 4.6 and 4.7) and as a consequence we deduce [1, Theorem 66.3] as Corollary 4.9.

**2. Preliminaries.** Rings considered in this paper are with  $1 \neq 0$  and modules are unital QTAG-module. A module in which the lattice of its submodule is totally ordered is called a serial module; in addition if it has finite composition length it is called a uniserial module. An  $x \in M$  is called a uniform element if  $xR$  is a nonzero uniform (hence uniserial) submodule of  $M$ . For any module  $A_R$  with a composition series,  $d(A)$  denotes its length. If  $x \in M$  is uniform, then  $e(x) = d(xR)$ ,  $H_M(x) = \sup\{d(yR/xR) \mid y \in M \text{ and } y \text{ is uniform with } x \in yR\}$  are called exponent of  $x$  and height of  $x$ , respectively. For any  $n \geq 0$ ,  $H_n(M) = \{x \in M \mid H(x) \geq n\}$ . A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called  $h$ -pure in  $M$  if  $N \cap H_k(M) = H_k(N)$  for every  $k \geq 0$  and  $N$  is called  $h$ -neat if  $N \cap H_1(M) = H_1(N)$ . The module  $M$  is called  $h$ -divisible if  $H_1(M) = M$ . For any module  $K$ ,  $\text{soc}(K)$  denotes the socle of  $K$ . For other basic concepts of QTAG-module one may refer to [2, 3, 4, 5].

**3.  $h$ -pure submodules.** In this section, we have obtained some characterizations of  $h$ -neat and  $h$ -pure submodules which are used in Section 4.

First, we prove the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 3.1.** *A submodule  $N$  of a QTAG-module  $M$  is  $h$ -neat if and only if  $\text{soc}(M/N) = (\text{soc}(M) + N)/N$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $N$  is  $h$ -neat in  $M$ . Let  $\tilde{y}$  be a uniform element in  $\text{soc}(M/N)$ , where  $y$  may be chosen to be uniform in  $M$ . Then  $\tilde{y}R = (yR + N)/N \cong yR/(yR \cap N)$ . Hence  $d(yR/(yR \cap N)) = 1$ . Put  $yR \cap N = zR$ , then due to  $h$ -neatness of  $N$  there exist a uniform element  $w \in N$  such that  $y \in wR$  and  $d(wR/zR) = 1$ . Appealing to [4, Lemma 2.3] we get  $e(y - z) \leq 1$ , so  $y - z \in \text{soc}(M)$  and we get  $\tilde{y} \in (\text{soc}(M) + N)/N$ . Thus  $\text{soc}(M/N) = (\text{soc}(M) + N)/N$ . Conversely, let  $x$  be a uniform element in  $N \cap H_1(M)$ , then we can find a uniform element  $y \in M$  such that  $d(yR/xR) = 1$ . Hence  $e(\tilde{y}) = 1$  and so  $\tilde{y} \in \text{soc}(M/N)$ . Therefore,  $\tilde{y} = \tilde{z}$ , where  $z \in \text{soc}(M)$ . Now  $xR = H_1(yR) = H_1((y - z)R) \subseteq H_1(N)$ . Hence  $N$  is  $h$ -neat submodule of  $M$ .

It is well known that  $H_n(M/N) = (H_n(M) + N)/N$  for all nonnegative integer  $n$ . □

Similar to Proposition 3.1, we have the following.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$  if and only if  $\text{soc}(H_n(M/N)) = (\text{soc}(H_n(M)) + N)/N$ , for all nonnegative integers  $n$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $\text{soc}(H_n(M/N)) = (\text{soc}(H_n(M)) + N)/N$  holds for all  $n \geq 0$ . Then by Proposition 3.1  $N$  is  $h$ -neat in  $M$ . Now suppose  $N \cap H_n(M) = H_n(N)$  and  $x$  be a uniform element in  $N \cap H_{n+1}(M)$ , then there exists a uniform element  $t \in H_n(M)$  such that  $d(tR/xR) = 1$ , so  $e(\tilde{t}) = 1$ . Hence by assumption  $\tilde{t} = \tilde{z}$ , where  $z \in \text{soc}(H_n(M))$ . Trivially  $t - z \in N \cap H_n(M) = H_n(N)$ . Therefore,  $xR = H_1(tR) = H_1((t - z)R) \subseteq H_{n+1}(N)$ . Hence by induction,  $N$  is  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ . Conversely, suppose  $N$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ , then by, Proposition 3.1,  $\text{soc}(M/N) = (\text{soc}(M) + N)/N$ . Now for applying induction suppose  $\text{soc}(H_k(M/N)) = (\text{soc}(H_k(M)) + N)/N$ . Let  $\tilde{x}$  be a uniform element in  $\text{soc}(H_{k+1}(M/N)) = \text{soc}((H_{k+1}(M) + N)/N)$ , then  $x$  can be chosen to be a uniform element in  $H_{k+1}(M)$ . Now  $\tilde{x}R = (xR + N)/N \cong xR/(xR \cap N) = xR/yR$ . Then  $d(xR/yR) = 1$  which yields  $y \in N \cap H_{k+2}(M) = H_{k+2}(N)$ . Therefore we can find a uniform element  $t \in H_{k+1}(N)$  such that  $d(tR/yR) = 1$ . Hence appealing to [4, Lemma 2.3] we get  $e(x - t) \leq 1$ . Consequently,  $x - t \in \text{soc}(H_{k+1}(M))$  and  $\tilde{x} \in (\text{soc}(H_{k+1}(M) + N)/N)$ . Hence we get the equality. □

**NOTATION 3.3.** *For any nonnegative integer  $n$ , we denote by  $S^n(M)$  the submodule  $\text{soc}(H_n(M/N))$  and by  $S_n(M)$  the submodule  $(\text{soc}(H_n(M)) + N)/N$  and by  $S_n(M, N) = S^n(M)/S_n(M)$ .*

In terms of the above notation and Theorem 3.2, we have the following.

**THEOREM 3.4.** *A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is  $h$ -pure if and only if  $S_t(M, N) = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .*

Now we prove the following which is of independent interest.

**THEOREM 3.5.** *If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$  and  $K$  is a proper  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$  containing  $N$ , then the following holds*

- (i)  $S^t(M) = S^t(K) + S_t(M)$ ,
- (ii)  $S^t(K) \cap S_t(M) = S_t(K)$ .

**PROOF.** (i) Let  $\bar{x} \in S^t(M)$  be a uniform element where  $x$  is uniform in  $H_t(M)$ . Then we can get a uniform element  $y \in N$  such that  $d(xR/yR) = 1$ , then  $y \in N \cap K \cap H_{t+1}(M)$ . As  $K$  is  $h$ -pure,  $y \in H_{t+1}(K)$ . Therefore there is a uniform element  $z \in H_t(K)$  such that  $d(zR/yR) = 1$ . Hence  $e(x-z) \leq 1$  and we get  $x-z \in \text{soc}(H_t(M))$ . Consequently,  $\bar{x} = \bar{z} + \bar{w}$ , where  $w \in \text{soc}(H_t(M))$  and  $\bar{x} \in S^t(K) + S_t(M)$ . Hence  $S^t(M) = S^t(K) + S_t(M)$ .

(ii) Let  $\bar{x} \in S^t(K) \cap S_t(M)$ , then  $\bar{x} = \bar{y} + \bar{z}$ ,  $\bar{y} \in S^t(K)$  and  $\bar{z} \in S_t(M)$ . As  $y-z \in N$ , where  $y \in H_t(K)$  and  $z \in \text{soc}(H_t(M))$  we have  $y-z \in K \cap H_t(M) = H_t(K)$  and so  $y-z = w \in H_t(K)$ . Consequently,  $z = y-w \in \text{soc}(H_t(K))$ . Hence  $\bar{x} = \bar{z} = y-w + N \in (\text{soc}(H_t(K)) + N)/N = S_t(K)$  and we get  $S^t(K) \cap S_t(M) = S_t(K)$ . □

**4. Quasi  $h$ -pure submodules.** In this section, we introduce quasi  $h$ -pure submodule weakening the concept of  $h$ -pure submodules. As in Theorem 3.2, one can think of the equality of  $\text{soc}(N + H_n(M))$  and  $\text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_n(M))$ . It is well known that the equality, in general does not hold. Here we examine, the consequences of the equality of the two expressions.

**NOTATION 4.1.** For any nonnegative integer  $t$ , we denote by  $N^t(M)$  the submodule  $(N + H_{t+1}(M)) \cap \text{soc}(H_t(M))$  and by  $N_t(M)$  the submodule  $N \cap \text{soc}(H_t(M)) + \text{soc}(H_{t+1}(M))$  and by  $Q_t(M, N) = N^t(M)/N_t(M)$ .

**THEOREM 4.2.** If  $N$  and  $K$  are submodules of QTAG-module  $M$  such that  $N \subseteq K$  and  $K$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ , then the module  $Q_n(M, N)$  and  $Q_n(K, N)$  are isomorphic.

**PROOF.** Define a map  $\sigma : N^n(K)/N_n(K) \rightarrow N^n(M)/N_n(M)$  such that  $\sigma(x + N_n(K)) = x + N_n(M)$ . Obviously  $\sigma$  is an  $R$ -homomorphism. Now if for some  $x \in N^n(K)$ ,  $x \in N_n(M)$ , then  $x = y + z$ ,  $y \in N \cap \text{soc}(H_n(M))$  and  $z \in \text{soc}(H_{n+1}(M))$ , then  $y \in K \cap \text{soc}(H_n(M)) \subseteq H_n(K)$  gives  $y \in N \cap \text{soc}(H_n(K))$ . Also  $z = x - y \in K \cap \text{soc}(H_{n+1}(M))$  yields  $z \in \text{soc}(H_{n+1}(K))$ . Hence  $x \in N_n(K)$  and we get  $\sigma$ , a monomorphism. We now prove that  $\sigma$  is an epimorphism. Consider  $s \in N^n(M)$  such that  $s$  is uniform and  $s \notin N_n(M)$  then  $s = a + b$ , where  $a \in N$ ,  $b \in H_{n+1}(M)$ . If  $s \in N$  or  $s \in H_{n+1}(M)$  we get  $s \in N_n(M)$ . Hence  $aR \cap sR = 0 = bR \cap sR$ . Consequently,  $aR \subseteq bR \oplus sR$  with  $a = -b + s$  gives  $aR \cong bR$  under the correspondence  $ar \leftrightarrow -br$ . Then  $H_1(aR) = H_1(bR)$  and the above correspondence is identity on  $H_1(aR)$ . Now  $a = s - b \in K \cap H_n(M) = H_n(K)$ , so that  $H_1(aR) = H_1(bR) \subseteq H_{n+2}(M) \cap K = H_{n+2}(K)$  and we get  $y \in H_{n+1}(K)$  such that  $H_1(aR) = H_1(yR)$  and  $\lambda : aR \rightarrow yR$  given by  $\lambda(ar) = yr$  is identity on  $H_1(aR)$ . Consequently,  $e(a-y) \leq 1$ . So that  $a-y \in \text{soc}(H_n(K))$ . Then the mapping  $\mu : bR \rightarrow yR$  such that  $\mu(br) = -yr$  is also identity on  $H_1(bR)$  and hence  $b+y \in \text{soc}(H_{n+1}(M))$ . Therefore,  $b+y \in N_n(M)$ . Also  $a-y \in (N + H_{n+1}(K)) \cap \text{soc}(H_n(K))$ . Hence

$$\sigma(a - y + N_n(K)) = a - y + N_n(M) = s - (b + y) + N_n(M) = s + N_n(M). \tag{4.1}$$

This proves that  $\sigma$  is an epimorphism. Hence the result follows. □

**THEOREM 4.3.** *If  $N$  is  $h$ -neat submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$  if and only if  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for every  $n \geq 0$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $N$  be  $h$ -pure in  $M$  then by, Theorem 4.2,  $N^t(N)/N_t(N) \cong N^t(M)/N_t(M)$  for all  $t > 0$ , but  $N^t(N) = N_t(N)$ . Therefore,  $N^t(M) = N_t(M)$  and we get  $Q_t(M, N) = 0$ . Conversely, suppose  $N \cap H_n(M) = H_n(N)$ . Let  $x$  be a uniform element in  $N \cap H_{n+1}(M)$  then there is a uniform element  $y \in H_n(M)$  such that  $d(yR/xR) = 1$  and also as  $x \in N \cap H_{n+1}(M) \subseteq N \cap H_n(M) = H_n(N)$  we can find a uniform element  $z \in H_{n-1}(N)$  such that  $d(zR/xR) = 1$ . Hence  $e(y - z) \leq 1$  and so  $y - z \in \text{soc}(M)$  but  $y - z \in N + H_n(M)$  and  $y - z \in \text{soc}(H_{n-1}(M))$ . Therefore,  $y - z \in (N + H_n(M)) \cap \text{soc}(H_{n-1}(M))$  but  $N^{t-1}(M) = N_{t-1}(M)$ , we get  $y - z \in N \cap \text{soc}(H_{n-1}(M)) + \text{soc}(H_n(M))$ . So  $y - z = a + b$ ,  $a \in N \cap \text{soc}(H_{n-1}(M))$ ,  $b \in \text{soc}(H_n(M))$ , which gives  $y - b = a + z \in N \cap H_n(M) = H_n(N)$ . Hence  $xR = H_1(yR) = H_1((y - b)R) \subseteq H_{n+1}(N)$ . Therefore,  $N$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ . □

The question: what are the submodules for which  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ ? Gave the motivation to define the following.

**DEFINITION 4.4.** A submodule  $N$  of a QTAG-module  $M$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$  if  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.5.** *If  $N$  is  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$  or if  $N$  is a subsocle of  $M$ , then  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure.*

**PROOF.** If  $N$  is  $h$ -pure, then appealing to Theorem 4.3, we get  $N$  to be quasi  $h$ -pure. Now if  $N \subseteq \text{soc}(M)$ , then trivially  $N^t(M) = N_t(M)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Hence  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ . □

Now we give the following nice characterization of quasi  $h$ -pure submodule.

**THEOREM 4.6.** *If  $N$  is a submodule of a QTAG-module  $M$ , then the following are equivalent:*

- (a)  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .
- (b)  $\text{soc}(N + H_n(M)) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_n(M))$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .
- (c)  $H_1(N \cap H_n(M)) = H_1(N) \cap H_{n+1}(M)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**PROOF.** (a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (b). Suppose  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$  then  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Therefore,  $N^t(M) = N_t(M)$  gives  $\text{soc}(N + H_1(M)) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_1(M))$  for  $t = 0$ . Now suppose (b) holds for all  $t \leq m$ , then  $\text{soc}(N + H_{m+1}(M)) \subseteq \text{soc}(N + H_m(M)) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_m(M))$ . Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{soc}(N + H_{m+1}(M)) &= (N + H_{m+1}(M)) \cap [\text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_m(M))] \\ &= \text{soc}(N) + (N + H_{m+1}(M)) \cap \text{soc}(H_m(M)) \\ &= \text{soc}(N) + N \cap \text{soc}(H_m(M)) + \text{soc}(H_{m+1}(M)) \\ &= \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_{m+1}(M)). \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

Hence (b) holds for all  $n \geq 1$ . Now suppose (b) holds then trivially

$$(N + H_{n+1}(M)) \cap \text{soc}(H_n(M)) \subseteq N \cap \text{soc}(H_n(M)) + \text{soc}(H_{n+1}(M)). \tag{4.3}$$

Hence  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Therefore  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .

(b) $\Leftrightarrow$ (c). Suppose (b) holds. Trivially  $H_1(N \cap H_n(M)) \subseteq H_1(N) \cap H_{n+1}(M)$ . Let  $x$  be a uniform element in  $H_1(N) \cap H_{n+1}(M)$ , then we get uniform elements  $y \in N$  and  $z \in H_n(M)$  such that  $d(yR/xR) = 1$  and  $d(zR/xR) = 1$ . Hence appealing to [4, Lemma 2.3] we get  $e(y - z) \leq 1$ , so  $y - z \in \text{soc}(N + H_n(M)) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_n(M))$ . Hence  $y - z = u + v$ ,  $u \in \text{soc}(N)$  and  $v \in \text{soc}(H_n(M))$ . Thus  $y - u = v + z \in N \cap H_n(M)$ , consequently  $xR = H_1((y - u)R) = H_1((v + z)R) \subseteq H_1(N \cap H_n(M))$ . Hence (c) follows. Now suppose (c) holds. Let  $x$  be a uniform element in  $\text{soc}(N + H_n(M))$  then  $x = w + t$ , where  $w \in N$  and  $t \in H_n(M)$ . Now  $H_1(wR) = H_1((w - x)R) = H_1(-tR) \subseteq H_1(N) \cap H_{n+1}(M) = H_1(N \cap H_n(M))$ . Hence, as done in the proof of Theorem 4.2, we get an element  $s \in N \cap H_n(M)$  such that  $H_1(wR) = H_1(-tR) = H_1(sR)$  and  $e(w - s) \leq 1$  and  $e(s + t) \leq 1$ . Thus  $x = w - s + s + t \in \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_n(M))$  and we get (b).  $\square$

Although the following result follows from Theorem 4.3, but using the above characterization we get a new proof.

**THEOREM 4.7.** *If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then  $N$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$  if and only if  $N$  is  $h$ -neat and quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .*

**PROOF.** If  $N$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ , then Theorem 4.3 implies that  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ . Now suppose  $N$  is  $h$ -neat and quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$  and  $N \cap H_n(M) = H_n(N)$ , then  $H_{n+1}(N) = H_1(N \cap H_n(M)) = H_1(N) \cap H_{n+1}(M)$  by above Theorem 4.6. But  $H_1(N) \cap H_{n+1}(M) = (N \cap H_1(M)) \cap H_{n+1}(M) = N \cap H_{n+1}(M)$ . Hence by induction  $N$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .  $\square$

Now as an application of Theorem 4.6(b), we have the following.

**THEOREM 4.8.** *If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then the following hold:*

- (i) *If  $\text{soc}(N)$  is  $h$ -dense in  $\text{soc}M$ , then  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .*
- (ii) *If  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ , then every essential submodule of  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .*

**PROOF.** (i) Since  $\text{soc}(M) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_n(M))$  for all  $n \geq 0$ , so  $\text{soc}(N + H_n(M)) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_n(M))$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Therefore  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .

(ii) Let  $K$  be an essential submodule of  $N$ , then  $\text{soc}(K + H_n(M)) \subseteq \text{soc}(N + H_n(M)) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_n(M))$ . Hence  $\text{soc}(K + H_n(M)) = \text{soc}(K) + \text{soc}(H_n(M))$ , consequently  $K$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 4.9** (see [1, Theorem 66.3]). *If  $S$  is a  $h$ -dense subsocle of  $M$ , then any submodule  $N$  with  $\text{soc}(N) \subseteq S$  can be extended to an  $h$ -pure submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $\text{soc}(K) = S$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $K$  be an  $h$ -neat submodule such that  $N \subseteq K$  and  $S = \text{soc}(K)$ . Then by Theorem 4.8,  $K$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ . Hence by Theorem 4.7,  $K$  is  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ .  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 4.10.** *If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then the following hold:*

- (i)  $Q_{m+n}(M, N) = Q_m(H_n(M), N \cap H_n(M))$  for all  $n, m \geq 0$ .
- (ii)  $Q_j(M, N) = 0$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$  if and only if  $\text{soc}(N + H_t(M)) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_t(M))$  for  $t = 1, \dots, n + 1$ .

(iii) If  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ , then  $N \cap H_n(M)$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $H_n(M)$  for all  $n$ . Also if for some  $n \geq 1$ ,  $N \cap H_n(M)$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $H_n(M)$  and  $\text{soc}(N + H_t(M)) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_t(M))$  for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .

**PROOF.** (i) Is straightforward.

(ii) If  $\text{soc}(N + H_t(M)) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_t(M))$  for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, n + 1$ , then trivially  $Q_j(M, N) = 0$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . Conversely, as  $Q_0(M, N) = 0$  we get  $\text{soc}(N + H_1(M)) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_1(M))$ . Now suppose  $\text{soc}(N + H_t(M)) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_t(M))$  for  $t < n + 1$ . Then  $\text{soc}(N + H_{t+1}(M)) \subseteq \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_t(M))$ . As done in Theorem 4.6 we get  $\text{soc}(N + H_{t+1}(M)) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_{t+1}(M))$ .

(iii) Due to (i),  $N \cap H_n(M)$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $H_n(M)$ . Conversely, if  $N \cap H_n(M)$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $H_n(M)$ ,  $Q_{m+n}(M, N) = 0$  for all  $m \geq 0$ . But from (ii) we have  $Q_j(M, N) = 0$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ . Hence  $Q_t(M, N) = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . So that  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .  $\square$

Now we prove the following interesting result.

**PROPOSITION 4.11.** *If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$  and  $K$  is  $h$ -neat submodule of  $N$ . Then any submodule  $T$  of  $M$  maximal with respect to  $T \cap N = K$ , is  $h$ -neat and  $\text{soc}(M) \subseteq T + \text{soc}(N)$ .*

**PROOF.** Trivially  $T/K$  is complement of  $N/K$  in  $M/K$ . Hence  $T/K$  is  $h$ -neat in  $M/K$  and  $\text{soc}(M/K) = \text{soc}(T/K) = \text{soc}(N/K)$ . Using Proposition 3.1 we have  $\text{soc}(N/K) = (\text{soc}(N) + K)/K$ . Hence  $\text{soc}(M) \subseteq T + \text{soc}(N)$ . Let  $x$  be a uniform element in  $T \cap H_1(M)$ , then there exists a uniform element  $y \in M$  such that  $d(\gamma R/xR = 1)$  if  $y \in T$  we are done, otherwise  $h$ -neatness of  $T/K$  in  $M/K$  will result a uniform element  $\bar{t} \in T/K$  such that  $d(\bar{t}R/\bar{x}R) = 1$ . Hence  $e(\bar{y} - \bar{t}) \leq 1$ . Therefore,  $\bar{y} - \bar{t} \in \text{soc}(M/K)$ . Hence we can find  $u \in \text{soc}(N)$  and  $v \in T$  such that  $y - t - u - v \in K$ . So  $y = t + u + v + w$ ,  $w \in K$ . Hence  $xR = H_1((t + u + v + w)R) = H_1((t + v + w)R) \subseteq H_1(T)$ . Therefore  $T$  is  $h$ -neat in  $M$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 4.12.** *If  $K$  is  $h$ -pure submodule of  $H_n(M)$ , where  $n \geq 0$ . Then every submodule  $T$  of  $M$  maximal with respect to  $T \cap H_n(M) = K$ , is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .*

**PROOF.** Proposition 4.11 yields that  $T$  is  $h$ -neat in  $M$  and  $\text{soc}(M) \subseteq T + \text{soc}(H_n(M))$ . Hence  $\text{soc}(T + H_t(M)) = \text{soc}(T) + \text{soc}(H_t(M))$  for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Trivially  $T \cap H_n(M)$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $H_n(M)$ . Hence by Proposition 4.10(iii),  $T$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ . Therefore by Theorem 4.7,  $T$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .  $\square$

As in [3] a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called  $h$ -dense if  $M/N$  is  $h$ -divisible. From the notation of  $N^t(M)$  and  $N_t(M)$  it is easy to see that  $N^t(M) = \text{soc}(N \cap H_t(M) + H_{t+1}(M))$  and  $N_t(M) = \text{soc}(\text{soc}(N) \cap H_t(M) + H_{t+1}(M))$ . Now using Theorem 4.6 we establish the following results.

**PROPOSITION 4.13.** *If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$  and  $K$  is a quasi  $h$ -pure  $h$ -dense submodule of  $N$ , then  $Q_t(M, K) = Q_t(M, N)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .*

**PROOF.** Due to  $h$ -divisibility of  $N/K$ , we have  $N = K + H_t(N)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Hence  $N^t(M) = K^t(M)$  for all  $t$ . Since  $K$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $N$ , so by Theorem 4.6,  $\text{soc}(N) =$

$\text{soc}(K) = + \text{soc}(H_t(N))$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} N_t(M) &= \text{soc}(\text{soc}(N) \cap H_t(M) + H_{t+1}(M)) = (\text{soc}(N))^t(M) \\ &= (\text{soc}(N) + H_{t+1}(M)) \cap \text{soc}(H_t(M)) \\ &= (\text{soc}(K) + \text{soc}(H_{t+1}(N) + H_{t+1}(M)) \cap \text{soc}(H_t(M))) \\ &= (\text{soc}(K) + H_{t+1}(M)) \cap \text{soc}(H_t(M)) = (\text{soc}(K))^t(M) = K_t(M). \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

Therefore,  $Q_t(M, K) = Q_t(M, N)$ .  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 4.14.** *If  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$  and  $\text{soc}(N) \subseteq \cap_1^\infty H_n(M)$ , then  $N \subseteq \cap_1^\infty H_n(M)$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose every uniform element of  $N$  of exponent  $t$  lies inside  $\cap H_n(M)$ . Let  $x$  be a uniform element in  $N$  such that  $e(x) = t + 1$ . Then we can find a uniform element  $y \in xR$  such that  $d(xR/yR) = 1$ . Hence  $y \in \cap H_n(M)$  and we get  $y \in H_n(M)$  for every  $n$ . Consequently, there is a uniform element  $z_i \in H_i(M)$  such that  $d(z_iR/yR) = 1$  which in turn will give  $e(x - z_i) \leq 1$ . So  $x - z_i \in \text{soc}(N + H_i(M)) = \text{soc}(N) + \text{soc}(H_i(M))$ . Let  $x - z_i = u + v$ ,  $u \in \text{soc}(N)$  and  $v \in \text{soc}(H_i(M))$ . Since  $\text{soc}(N) \subset \cap H_n(M)$ , so  $x \in \cap H_n(M)$  and we get  $N \subseteq \cap_1^\infty H_n(M)$ .  $\square$

Finally appealing to Theorem 4.2 and Proposition 4.13 we have the following.

**THEOREM 4.15.** *If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then the following hold:*

- (a) *If  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$  and  $K$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$  such that  $N \subseteq K$ , then  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $K$ .*
- (b) *If  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in an  $h$ -pure submodule  $K$  of  $M$ , then  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .*
- (c) *If  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ , then every quasi  $h$ -pure and  $h$ -dense submodule  $K$  of  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .*
- (d) *If  $N$  has a quasi  $h$ -pure and  $h$ -dense submodule  $K$  such that  $K$  is also quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ , then  $N$  is quasi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .*

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