

## On Centres Of $h$ -Purity in QTAG-Modules

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ABSTRACT. Different concepts and decomposition theorems have been done for QTAG-modules by a number of authors. The purpose of this paper is essentially to study centers of  $h$ -purity and their characterizations. We have further studied subsocles and their interesting properties about range and heights establishing various facts about the same.

### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Following [8], a unital module  $M_R$  is called QTAG-module if it satisfies the following condition:

(1) 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. Analogous to centres of purity we have defined centres of  $n$ - $h$ -purity and obtain a characterization (Theorem 4.4). For any uniform element  $x \in M$ , heights of  $x$  denoted as  $H_M(x)$  is defined as  $\sup\{d(yR/xR)/x \in yR \text{ and } y \text{ is a uniform element in } M\}$ . For any non-negative integer  $n \geq 0$ ,  $H_n(M) = \{x \in M/H_M(x) \geq n\}$ . A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called  $h$ -pure in  $M$  if  $H_n(N) = N \cap H_n(M)$  for all  $n \geq 0$ , and  $N$  is called  $h$ -neat if  $H_1(N) = N \cap H_1(M)$ . For any submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , the submodule  $H^n(N) = \{x \in M/d(xR/(xR \cap N)) \leq n\}$  has been introduced in [1] and various related properties have been studied. For any submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , we denote  $H_N^n(0)$  by  $\text{soc}^n(N)$ . For other basic concepts of QTAG-modules one may see [2,3,4,5,7,8].

### 2. Centre of $h$ -Purity

**Definition:** Let  $M$  be a QTAG-module and  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$  then  $N$  is called centre of  $h$ -purity in  $M$  if every complement of  $N$  in  $M$  is  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ .

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Theorem 7 in [4] shows that every submodule of  $M^1$  is centre of  $h$ -purity. Also Corollary 10 in [4] shows that for any  $k \geq 1$ ,  $H_k(M)$  is centre of  $h$ -purity in  $M$ .

Firstly we restate the following:

**Proposition 2.1 [2, Lemma 1]:**

- (i) For any uniform elements  $x$  and  $y \in M$  with  $x \in yR$ ,  $d(yR/xR) = m$  if and only if  $H_m(yR) = xR$ .
- (ii) If  $x$  and  $y$  are predecessors of a uniform element  $z$ , then there is an isomorphism  $\sigma : xR \rightarrow yR$  such that  $\sigma$  is identity on  $zR$ .
- (iii) For any uniform elements  $x$  and  $y \in M$ ,  $x - y \in \text{soc}(M)$  if and only if  $H_1(xR) = H_1(yR)$ .

Now using the similar technique we can easily prove the following:

**Proposition 2.2:** If  $M$  is a QTAG-module and  $x, y$  are uniform elements in  $M$  then following hold.

- (i)  $x - y \in \text{soc}^n(M)$  if and only if  $H_n(xR) = H_n(yR)$ .
- (ii) For every element  $t \in \text{soc}(M)$ ,  $H_1((x+t)R) = H_1(xR)$ .

Now we prove the following theorem which generalizes [6, Theorem 2.1]

**Theorem 2.3 :** If  $M$  is a QTAG-module and  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ . Then there exists a submodule  $K$  of  $M$  such that  $K$  is maximal with respect to  $K \cap N = 0$  and  $K$  is not  $h$ -pure in  $M$  if and only if the following condition is satisfied.

- ( $\star$ ) there exists uniform element  $u \in N$  and  $v \in M$  such that  $u + v$  is uniform and
  - (i)  $e(v) > e(u) = 1$
  - (ii)  $H(v) = H(u) < H(u + v)$
  - (iii)  $vR \cap N = 0$

**Proof :** Let  $K$  be a submodule of  $M$  maximal with respect to  $K \cap N = 0$  and  $K$  be not  $h$ -pure in  $M$ . Let  $n$  be the least positive integer such that  $K \cap H_n(M) \neq H_n(K)$  then appealing to [4, Proposition 4] we have  $n \geq 2$ . Let  $x$  be a uniform element in  $K \cap H_n(M)$ , then there exists a uniform element  $y \in M$  such that  $y \notin K$ ,  $x \in yR$  and  $d(yR/xR) = n$ . Let  $zR/xR$  be a submodule of  $yR/xR$  such that  $d(zR/xR) = 1$ , then  $d(yR/zR) = n - 1$ . By  $h$ -neatness of  $K$ , there exists a uniform element  $t \in K$  such that  $x \in tR$  and  $d(tR/xR) = 1$ . Hence, there exists an isomorphism  $\sigma : zR \rightarrow tR$  which is the identity on  $xR$ . Trivially  $e(z - \sigma(z)) \leq 1$ , so  $z - \sigma(z) = u + w$  where  $u \in \text{soc}(N)$  and  $w \in \text{soc}(K)$ . It is easy to see that  $u$  and  $w$  are uniform. Let  $H(u) \geq n - 1$  then we can find a uniform element  $s \in M$  such that  $d(sR/uR) = n - 1$ . Now  $z - u = w + \sigma(z) \in K$  and  $z - u \in H_{n-1}(M)$ , so  $z - u = w + \sigma(z) \in K \cap H_{n-1}(M) = H_{n-1}(K)$ . Since  $(w + \sigma(z))R$  is homomorphic image of  $zR$ ,  $w + \sigma(z)$  is a uniform element. Now we can find a uniform element  $w' \in K$  such that  $w + \sigma(z) \in w'R$  and  $d(w'R/(w + \sigma(z))R) = n - 1$  Trivially  $d(w + \sigma(z))R > 1$ , so we can find a submodule  $gR \subseteq (w + \sigma(z))R$  such that  $d((w + \sigma(z))R/gR) = 1$ . Now appealing to proposition (1.1) and (1.2) we

get  $H_1(zR) = xR, H_1((w + \sigma(z))R) = gR = H_1(\sigma(z)R) = H_1(zR) = xR$ , which in turn gives  $x \in H_n(K)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $H(u) < n - 1$ . Let  $v = w + \sigma(z)$  then  $e(v) > e(u) = 1$  and  $H(u) = H(v) < H(z) = H(u + v)$ , since  $v \in K, vR \cap N = 0$ . Therefore the conditions of the theorem are satisfied.

Conversely, suppose that the conditions are satisfied. Let for some natural number  $n, H(v) < n \leq H(u + v)$  and  $T_n = \text{soc}(H_n(M))$ . Since  $e(v) > e(u) = 1, e(v) \geq 2$ . Let  $zR = \text{soc}(vR)$ , then  $d(vR/zR) \geq 1$  and we get  $zR \subseteq H_1(vR)$ . Also  $H_1((u + v)R) = H_1(vR) \supseteq zR$ , consequently  $z \in T_n$ . Since  $vR \cap N = 0, z \notin N$ . Let  $T_n = S \oplus T_n \cap \text{soc}(N), z \in S$ . Also (ii) gives  $u \notin T_n \cap \text{soc}(N)$ , so  $\text{soc}(N) = T \oplus (T_n \cap \text{soc}(N)), u \in T$ . Now  $T_n + \text{soc}(N) = S \oplus T \oplus (T_n \cap \text{soc}(N))$ . Similarly we get  $\text{soc}(M) = L \oplus (T_n + \text{soc}(N))$  for some subsocle  $L$ . Let  $T_0 = L \oplus S$  then  $\text{soc}(M) = T_0 \oplus \text{soc}(N)$ , with  $z \in T_0$ . Let  $\pi$  be the projection of  $\text{soc}(M)$  onto  $\text{soc}(N)$  then  $\pi(T_n) = (T_n \cap \text{soc}(N))$ . Let  $U = T_0 + vR$  then  $\text{soc}(U) = T_0 + \text{soc}(vR) = T_0 + zR = T_0$ . Therefore  $\text{soc}(U) \cap \text{soc}(N) = 0$  and we get  $U \cap N = 0$ . Now we embed  $U$  into a complement  $K$  of  $N$ . Let  $tR$  be a submodule of  $vR$  such that  $d(vR/tR) = 1$ . As  $H_1((v + u)R) = H_1(vR) = tR$  we get  $H(t) \geq n + 1$ . Now we show that  $H_K(t) \leq n$ . Let  $H_K(t) \geq n + 1$  then there exists a uniform element  $y \in K$  such that  $t \in yR$  and  $d(yR/tR) = n + 1$ . Let  $wR/tR$  be a submodule of  $yR/tR$  such that  $d(wR/tR) = 1$  and  $d(yR/wR) = n$ . Hence there exists an isomorphism  $\sigma : vR \rightarrow wR$  which is the identity on  $tR$ . The map  $\eta : vR \rightarrow (v - \sigma(v))R$  is an  $R$ -epimorphism with  $tR \leq \text{Ker} \eta$ . Hence  $e(v - \sigma(v)) \leq 1$  and we get  $v - \sigma(v) \in \text{soc}(M)$ . Since,  $H(u + v) \geq n, u + v \in H_n(M)$ . Therefore,  $u + v - \sigma(v) \in H_n(M)$ , consequently  $u + v - \sigma(v) \in \text{soc}(M) \cap H_n(M) = T_n$ . Also  $v - \sigma(v) \in K$ , so  $v - \sigma(v) \in K \cap \text{soc}(M) = K \cap (T_0 + \text{soc}(N)) = T_0$ . Therefore,  $u = \pi(u + v - \sigma(v)) \in \pi(T_n) = T_n \cap \text{soc}(N)$  and we get  $H(u) \geq n$  but  $H(u) = H(v) < n$ . Therefore, we reach at a contradiction. This shows that  $H_K(t) \leq n$ . Therefore,  $K$  is not  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .

Using the above theorem we prove the following, a generalization of [5, Theorem 1]. It may be noticed that the proof given below has similarity with the corresponding proof in [5, Theorem 1].

**Theorem 2.4:** Let  $M$  be a QTAG-module and  $T_n = \text{soc}(H_n(M)), T_\infty = \text{soc}(M^1)$  and  $T_{\infty+1} = T_{\infty+2} = 0$ . Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$  then  $N$  is center of  $h$ -purity in  $M$ , if and only if there exists  $k$  with  $0 \leq k \leq \infty$  such that  $T_k \supseteq \text{soc}(N) \supseteq T_{k+2}$ .

**Proof:** Let for some  $n, T_n \supseteq \text{soc}(N) \supseteq T_{n+2}$ . Suppose  $N$  is not center of  $h$ -purity in  $M$ . Now if  $n = \infty$  then there does not exist any uniform element in  $\text{soc}(N)$  satisfying condition (ii) of Theorem 2.3. Suppose  $n$  is finite. Let  $u \in \text{soc}(N), v \in M$  be uniform elements satisfying conditions of Theorem 2.3. Let  $H(u) = k$  then as  $u \in T_n, n \leq k < H(u + v)$ . Since  $e(v) > e(u) = 1$  we can find a submodule  $tR$  of  $vR$  such that  $d(vR/tR) = 1$ . Let  $w = u + v$  then  $H_1((u + v)R) = H_1(vR) = tR$ . Let  $zR = \text{soc}(vR)$  then as  $vR$  is totally ordered  $zR \leq tR$ . Hence  $H(z) \geq n + 2$ . This shows that  $z \in T_{n+2} \supseteq \text{soc}(N)$  and we get a contradiction to the fact that  $vR \cap N = 0$ . Therefore,  $N$  is centre of  $h$ -purity in  $M$ .

Conversely, suppose  $T_n \supseteq \text{soc}(N) \supseteq T_{n+2}$  is not true for any  $n$ . Then  $\text{soc}(N) \not\subseteq M^1$ , so  $\text{soc}(N) \not\subseteq T_m$  for some  $m$ . Let  $k$  be the greatest natural number such that  $\text{soc}(N) \subset T_k$ . Then the maximality of  $k$  and the assumption yield  $\text{soc}(N) \not\subseteq T_{k+1}$  and  $T_{k+2} \not\subseteq \text{soc}(N)$ . Hence there exist uniform elements  $u \in \text{soc}(N)$  and  $s \in T_{k+2}$  such that  $H(u) = k$  and  $s \notin \text{soc}(N)$ . Now we can find a uniform element  $y \in M$  such that  $s \in yR$  and  $d(yR/sR) = k + 2$ . Let  $xR/sR$  be a submodule of  $yR/sR$  such that  $d(xR/sR) = 1$ , then  $d(yR/xR) = k + 1, e(x) = 2$  and we get  $H(x) \geq k + 1$ . Let  $v = x - u$ , then  $H_1((x - u)R) = H_1(vR) = H_1(xR) = sR$ , consequently  $s \in (x - u)R$ . Hence  $s = (x - u)r$  for some  $r \in R$ . If  $xr = 0$  then  $ur = 0$  otherwise  $s \in \text{soc}(N)$ . Define  $\eta : xR \rightarrow (x - u)R$  given as  $xr \rightarrow (x - u)r$  then  $\eta$  is a well defined onto homomorphism, consequently  $v = x - u$  is a uniform element. Trivially  $H(v) = k$  and  $H(u + v) = H(x) \geq k + 1$ . Since  $e(x) = 2$  and  $e(u) = 1, e(v) = 2 > e(u)$ . Now suppose  $vR \cap N \neq 0$  then there exists a uniform element  $x' \in vR \cap N$  and  $x' = vr$  for some  $r \in R$ . Now  $x' = vr = xr - ur$ . Trivially  $xr \neq 0$ , so either  $xrR = xR$  or  $xrR = sR$  and in each case we get  $s \in N$  which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $vR \cap N = 0$ . Hence, by Theorem 2.3,  $N$  is not a center of  $h$ -purity in  $M$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

### 3. Height of Subsocles

Firstly we give the following definitions:

**Definition:** Let  $S$  be a subsocle of a QTAG-module  $M$ , then height of  $S$  is defined as a non-negative integer  $k$  such that  $S \subseteq H_k(M)$  but  $S \not\subseteq H_{k+1}(M)$  and we write  $h(S) = k$ .

If no such  $k$  is possible then we write  $h(S) = \infty$ , so  $S \subseteq M^1$ .

**Definition:** A subsocle  $S$  of a QTAG-module  $M$  is called open if  $\text{soc}(H_n(M)) \subseteq S$  for some non-negative integer  $n$ .

**Definition:** If  $S$  is open subsocle of a QTAG-module  $M$  with  $h(S) = k$  then the range of  $S$  is the least non-negative integer  $n$  such that  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n}(M)) \subseteq S$  and we write  $\text{range}(S) = n$ .

Now from Theorem 2.4, it is evident that a subsocle  $S$  of finite height is center of  $h$ -purity if and only if  $\text{range}(S) \leq 2$ .

**Proposition 3.1:** Let  $S$  be a subsocle of a QTAG-module  $M$  and  $n$  be any non-negative integer then

- (1)  $S \cap H_{n+1}(M) = 0$  if and only if  $\text{soc}(H_n(M/S)) \subseteq \text{soc}(M)/S$ .
- (2)  $S + \text{soc}(H_n(M)) = \text{soc}(M)$  if and only if  $\text{soc}(M)/S \subseteq H_n(M/S)$ .

**Proof:** (1) Let  $S \cap H_{n+1}(M) = 0$  and  $\bar{x} \in \text{soc}(H_n(M/S)) = \text{soc}((H_n(M) + S)/S)$ , then  $x \in H_n(M)$  and  $H_1(\bar{x}R) = 0$  which in turn implies  $H_1(xR) \subseteq S$ , so

$H_1(xR) \subseteq S \cap H_{n+1}(M) = 0$ . Therefore,  $x \in \text{soc}(M)$  and we get  $\text{soc}(H_n(M/S)) \subseteq \text{soc}(M)/S$ .

Conversely, suppose  $S \cap H_{n+1}(M) \neq 0$ . Let  $x$  be a uniform element in  $S \cap H_{n+1}(M)$ , then there is a uniform element  $y \in M$  such that  $d(yR/xR) = n + 1$ . Let  $zR/xR = \text{soc}(yR/xR)$ , then  $d(yR/zR) = n$  and  $d(zR/xR) = 1$ , so  $z \in H_n(M)$  and  $H_1(zR) = xR \subseteq S$ . Now  $H_1(\bar{z}R) = \bar{0}$ , so we get  $\bar{z} \in \text{soc}(H_n(M/S)) \subseteq \text{soc}(M)/S$ , which gives  $z \in \text{soc}(M)$  but this is not possible. Therefore,  $S \cap H_{n+1}(M) = 0$ .

(2) Let  $\text{soc}(M) = S + \text{soc}(H_n(M))$  and  $\bar{x} \in \text{soc}(M)/S$ , then  $\bar{x} = y + S, y \in \text{soc}(H_n(M))$ , consequently  $\bar{x} \in H_n(M/S)$ .

Conversely if we take  $x \in \text{soc}(M)$  then  $x + S = z + S$  where  $z \in H_n(M)$ . Hence,  $x = z + s, s \in S$  and we get  $\text{soc}(M) = S + \text{soc}(H_n(M))$ .

**Proposition 3.2:** Let  $S$  be a subsocle of a QTAG-module  $M$  such that  $h(S) = k$  and  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n+1}(M)) \not\subseteq S$  for some integer  $n \geq 0$ . Then there exists a complementary subsocle  $T$  of  $S$  in  $\text{soc}(M)$  such that  $h(\text{soc}(M)/T) = k$  and  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n}(M/T)) \not\subseteq \text{soc}(M)/T$ .

**Proof:** Trivially  $S \cap \text{soc}(H_{k+n+1}(M)) \subsetneq \text{soc}(H_{k+n+1}(M))$ . Since  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n+1}(M))$  is bounded, we shall have  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n+1}(M)) = T_0 \oplus S \cap \text{soc}(H_{k+n+1}(M))$ . It is easy to see that  $T_0 \cap S = 0$  and  $T_0 \subseteq H_{k+1}(M)$ . As  $S \cap H_{k+1}(M) \oplus T_0 \subseteq \text{soc}(H_{k+1}(M))$ , we can find a subsocle  $T_1$  such that  $\text{soc}(H_{k+1}(M)) = S \cap H_{k+1}(M) \oplus T_0 \oplus T_1$ . Now using the definition of height of  $S$ , we will have  $S \cap H_{k+1}(M) \subsetneq S$ . Hence,  $S = S \cap H_{k+1}(M) \oplus S'$  for some subsocle  $S'$ . Trivially  $S' \subseteq H_k(M)$  and  $S' \cap H_{k+1}(M) = 0$ , since  $\text{soc}(H_{k+1}(M)) \oplus S' \subseteq \text{soc}(H_k(M))$ , we get a subsocle  $T_2$  such that  $\text{soc}(H_k(M)) = \text{soc}(H_{k+1}(M)) \oplus S' \oplus T_2$ . Trivially  $S \cap (T_0 \oplus T_1 \oplus T_2) = 0$ . Let  $\text{soc}(M) = \text{soc}(H_k(M)) \oplus T_3$  and  $T = T_0 \oplus T_1 \oplus T_2 \oplus T_3$  then  $\text{soc}(M) = \text{soc}(H_k(M)) \oplus T_3 = \text{soc}(H_{k+1}(M)) + S' + T_2 + T_3 = S \cap \text{soc}(H_{k+1}(M)) \oplus T_0 \oplus T_1 \oplus S' \oplus T_2 \oplus T_3 = S \oplus T$ . Hence,  $(S + T)/T = \text{soc}(M)/T \subseteq H_k(M)/T$ . Now, since  $T_0 \neq 0$ ,  $T \cap H_{k+n+1}(M) \neq 0$  and consequently by Proposition 3.1,  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n}(M/T)) \not\subseteq \text{soc}(M)/T$ . Also as  $\text{soc}(M) \neq T + \text{soc}(H_{k+1}(M))$ , appealing to Proposition 3.1, we get  $\text{soc}(M)/T \not\subseteq H_{k+1}(M/T)$ . Hence  $h(\text{soc}(M)/T) = k$ .

**Theorem 3.3:** Let  $S$  be an open subsocle of a QTAG-module  $M$  such that  $h(S) = k$  and  $n$  be a non-negative integer. Then  $\text{range}(S) \leq n + 1$  if and only if  $\text{range}(\text{soc}(M)/T) \leq n$ , for every subsocle  $T$  of  $M$  such that  $\text{soc}(M) = T \oplus S$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\text{range}(S) \leq n + 1$  then  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n+1}(M)) \subseteq S \subseteq (H_k(M))$ . Trivially  $T \cap H_{k+n+1}(M) = 0$ . Hence, by Proposition 3.1,  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n}(M/T)) \subseteq \text{soc}(M)/T$ . It is trivial to see that  $\text{soc}(M) = \text{soc}(H_k(M)) + T$ , so by Proposition 3.1, we get  $\text{soc}(M)/T \subseteq H_k(M/T)$ . Therefore,  $\text{range}(\text{soc}(M)/T) \leq n$ .

Conversely, let  $\text{range}(\text{soc}(M)/T) \leq n$ . Now we show that  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n+1}(M)) \subseteq S$ . Let  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n+1}(M)) \not\subseteq S$ , then by Proposition 3.2, we find a subsocle  $T$  such that

$\text{soc}(M) = T \oplus S$  such that  $h(\text{soc}(M)/T) = k$  and  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n}(M/T)) \not\subseteq \text{soc}(M)/T$  and hence  $\text{range}(\text{soc}(M)/T) \not\subseteq n$ . Which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n+1}(M)) \subseteq S$  and we get  $\text{range}(S) \leq n + 1$ .

#### 4. Centre of $n$ - $h$ -Purity

In this section we define a new concept of  $n$ - $h$ -purity which generalizes the concept of  $h$ -purity and obtain a characterization of center of  $n$ - $h$ -purity.

**Definition:** A submodule  $N$  of a QTAG-module  $M$  is called  $n$ - $h$ -pure in  $M$  if  $N/\text{soc}^n(N)$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M/\text{soc}^n(N)$ , where  $n$  is a non-negative integer. It is evident that if  $n = 0$  then  $n$ - $h$ -purity is simply  $h$ -purity.

**Definition:** A subsocle  $S$  of a QTAG-module  $M$  is centre of  $n$ - $h$ -purity if all complements of  $S$  in  $M$  are  $n$ - $h$ -pure submodules of  $M$ .

Firstly we prove the following:

**Theorem 4.1:** If  $N$  is a submodule of a QTAG-module  $M$ , then there is a complement of  $N$  which is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .

**Proof:** It is sufficient to consider  $\text{soc}(N) \neq \text{soc}(M)$ . Suppose every uniform element of  $\text{soc}(M)$  is of infinite height then trivially  $N \subseteq M^1$ . Now appealing to [3, Corollary 8] we get a complement  $K$  of  $N$ , which is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ . Now on the other hand if there is a uniform element  $x \in \text{soc}(M)$  such that  $x \notin \text{soc}(N)$  and  $H(x) < \infty$ . As if  $y \in \text{soc}(M)$  such that  $y \notin \text{soc}(N)$  and  $H(y) = \infty$ , then  $H(x+y) = H(x) < \infty$ . Hence, appealing to [7, Lemma 1] we shall get a summand  $K$  such that  $\text{soc}(K) = (x+y)R$  and  $K \cap N = 0$ . Hence,  $K$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .

**Theorem 4.2:**  $S \subseteq \text{soc}(M)$  then there exists a  $h$ -neat submodule  $K$  of  $M$  which is 1- $h$ -pure with  $\text{soc}(K) = S$ .

**Proof:** Applying Theorem 4.1 for  $M/S$ , we get a  $h$ -pure submodule  $K/S$  in  $M/S$ , which is a complement of  $\text{soc}(M)/S$ . Since  $(K/S) \cap (\text{soc}(M)/S) = 0$ , for every uniform element  $x \in \text{soc}(K)$ ,  $x + S = S$ , so  $x \in S$  and hence,  $\text{soc}(K) = S$ . Therefore,  $K$  is 1- $h$ -pure in  $M$ . Now we show that  $K$  is  $h$ -neat. Let  $x$  be a uniform element in  $K \cap H_1(M)$ , then we get a uniform element  $y \in M$  such that  $d(yR/xR) = 1$ . Now if  $y \in K$  we get  $K$  to be  $h$ -neat submodule. Let  $y \notin K$  then  $((K+yR)/S) \cap (\text{soc}(M)/S) \neq 0$  implies  $k + y + S = z + S$  for some  $z \in \text{soc}(M)$ ,  $k \in K$ . Hence,  $0 = H_1(zR) = H_1((k+y)R) = 0$ , so  $k + y \in \text{soc}(M)$ . Therefore,  $H_1(kR) = H_1(yR) = xR$  and  $x \in H_1(K)$ . Hence,  $K$  is  $h$ -neat.

**Proposition 4.3:** Let  $S$  be a subsocle of a QTAG-module  $M$  such that  $S$  is centre of  $n$ - $h$ -purity for  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $\text{soc}(M)/T$  is centre of  $(n-1)$ - $h$ -purity in  $M/T$  for every complementary subsocle  $T$  of  $S$  in  $\text{soc}(M)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $K/T$  be a complement of  $\text{soc}(M)/T$  in  $M/T$ . Then trivially  $K \cap S = 0$ . Now we show that  $N \cap S \neq 0$  for  $K \subseteq N$ . Let  $N \cap S = 0$  then we show that  $N/T \cap (S \oplus T)/T = 0$ . Let on contrary  $N/T \cap (S \oplus T)/T \neq 0$ , then  $x + T = s + T$  where  $x \in N, s \in S$  and we get  $x - s \in T \subseteq K \subseteq N$ , consequently  $s \in N \cap S = 0$  and  $x + T = T$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $K$  is a complement of  $S$ . Hence,  $K/\text{soc}^n(K)$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M/\text{soc}^n(K)$ . Now we show that  $K/T/\text{soc}^{(n-1)}(K/T)$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M/T/\text{soc}^{(n-1)}(K/T)$ . It is easy to see that  $\text{soc}(K) = T$  and  $\text{soc}^{(n-1)}(K/T) \subseteq \text{soc}^n(K)/T$ . Now for any uniform element  $x \in \text{soc}^n(K)$ , let  $yR = \text{soc}(xR)$  then  $H_{n-1}(xR) = yR$ . Hence,

$$H_{n-1}(\bar{x}R) = H_{n-1}((xR + T)/T) = (H_{n-1}(xR) + T)/T = \bar{0}.$$

Therefore,  $\text{soc}^{(n-1)}(K/T) = \text{soc}^n(K)/T$ . Further, under the canonical isomorphism  $M/T/\text{soc}^{(n-1)}(K/T) = M/T/\text{soc}^n(K)/T \cong M/\text{soc}^n(K)$ ,  $K/T/\text{soc}^{(n-1)}(K/T)$  is mapped onto  $K/\text{soc}^n(K)$ . Hence  $K/T$  is  $(n-1)$ - $h$ -pure in  $M/T$  and we get the result.

Now we prove the main result of this section:

**Theorem 4.4:** A subsocle  $S$  of a QTAG-module  $M$  is centre of  $n$ - $h$ -purity for some  $n \geq 0$  if and only if either  $h(S) = \infty$ , or  $S$  is open subsocle of  $M$  such that  $\text{range}(S) \leq n + 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a centre of  $n$ - $h$ -purity and  $h(S) < \infty$ . Suppose  $h(S) = k$ , then we show that  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n+2}(M)) \subseteq S$ , which in turn will imply  $\text{range}(S) \leq n + 2$ . Let  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n+2}(M)) \not\subseteq S$ , then appealing to Proposition 3.2, we will find a subsocle  $T$  such that  $\text{soc}(M) = S \oplus T$ ,  $h(\text{soc}(M)/T) = k$  and  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n+1}(M/T)) \not\subseteq \text{soc}(M)/T$ . As remarked in section 3, for  $n = 0$ ,  $\text{range}(S) \leq 2$ , so we use induction. However, appealing to Proposition 4.3, we get  $\text{soc}(M)/T$  as centre of  $(n-1)$ - $h$ -purity. Therefore,  $\text{range}(\text{soc}(M)/T) \leq n - 1 + 2 = n + 1$ , consequently,  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n+1}(M/T)) \subseteq \text{soc}(M)/T$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $\text{range}(S) \leq n + 2$ .

Conversely, if  $h(S) = \infty$ , then by [3, Corollary 8],  $S$  is centre of  $h$ -purity and hence for  $n = 0$ ,  $S$  is centre of  $n$ - $h$ -purity. Suppose  $\text{range}(S) \leq n + 2$  and  $\text{soc}(H_{k+n+2}(M)) \subseteq S \subseteq H_k(M)$ . Let  $K$  be a complement of  $S$  in  $M$ . Now we prove that

$$\text{soc}(H_{k+2}(M/\text{soc}^n(K))) \subseteq (\text{soc}(M) + \text{soc}^n(K))/\text{soc}^n(K) \subseteq H_k(M/\text{soc}^n(K)).$$

For any uniform element  $x \in H_{k+2}(M)$ , Let  $\bar{x} \in \text{soc}(H_{k+2}(M/\text{soc}^n(K)))$ . Then  $H_1(\bar{x}R) = 0$ , hence,  $H_1(xR) \subseteq K$ , but due to [4, Proposition 4],  $K$  is  $h$ -neat and so there is a uniform element  $t \in K$  such that  $H_1(xR) = H_1(tR) = zR$ . Now as  $x \in H_{k+2}(M)$ , there is a uniform element  $y \in M$  such that  $d(yR/xR) = k + 2$ , consequently  $H_{k+3}(yR) = H_1(tR) = zR$  and we get  $H_{k+3+n-1}(yR) = H_n(tR) = H_{n-1}(zR)$ , but  $H_{k+n+2}(yR) = H_n(tR) \subseteq K \cap H_{k+n+2}(M) = 0$ . Hence,  $t \in \text{soc}^n(K)$ . Further, as  $H_1(xR) = H_1(tR)$ , we get  $x - t \in \text{soc}(M)$ . Therefore,

$$x - t + \text{soc}^n(K) = x + \text{soc}^n(K) = \bar{x} \in (\text{soc}(M) + \text{soc}^n(K))/\text{soc}^n(K)$$

and we get the first inclusion. Trivially  $H_k(M/\text{soc}^n(K)) = (H_k(M) + \text{soc}^n(K))/\text{soc}^n(K)$  and as  $K$  is complement of  $S$ ,  $\text{soc}(M) = S + \text{soc}(K)$ . Therefore, the second inclusion also follows. Hence,  $\text{range}((\text{soc}(M) + \text{soc}^n(K))/\text{soc}^n(K)) \leq 2$  and we get  $(\text{soc}(M) + \text{soc}^n(K))/\text{soc}^n(K)$  as centre of  $h$ -purity in  $M/\text{soc}^n(K)$ . Further it is easy to see that  $K/\text{soc}^n(K)$  is complement of  $(\text{soc}(M) + \text{soc}^n(K))/\text{soc}^n(K)$  in  $M/\text{soc}^n(K)$  and hence  $K/\text{soc}^n(K)$  is  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M/\text{soc}^n(K)$ . Therefore,  $S$  is centre of  $n$ - $h$ -purity.

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