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## On Semi $h$ -Pure Submodules of QTAG-Modules

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**ABSTRACT.** The study of QTAG-modules was initiated by Singh [9]. The structure theory of such modules has been developed on similar lines as that of torsion abelian groups. Different concepts and decomposition theorems have been done for QTAG-modules by a number of authors. The purpose of this paper is to study the semi  $h$ -pure submodules of QTAG-modules and their characterizations. The concept of semi  $h$ -pure submodules is introduced by A. Mehdi [7]. A submodule  $N$  of a QTAG-module  $M$  is semi  $h$ -pure in  $M$  if it is not  $h$ -pure but it is contained in a  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ . It is well known that all submodules of  $M$  are semi  $h$ -pure if and only if  $M$  is a direct sum of a  $h$ -divisible and a bounded submodule. In [6], Khan introduced an invariant for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  and for every non-negative integer  $n$ , denoted by  $Q_n(M, N)$ . Here we obtain a necessary condition on a submodule  $N$  to be a semi  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ . This condition turns out to be also sufficient if  $N$  is an almost  $h$ -dense submodule of  $M$ . But, in general, this condition is not sufficient. For example, if  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . However, it is known that  $N$  is not necessarily a semi  $h$ -pure submodule.

In section 2, we introduce a new invariant for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  and every non-negative integer  $n$ , denoted by  $P_n(M, N)$ . This invariant gives a sufficient condition on a submodule to be a semi  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ . But, in general, this condition is not necessary. Here we also give some interesting properties of  $P_n(M, N)$  and the relation between  $Q_n(M, N)$  and  $P_n(M, N)$ .

In section 3, we give a new characterization of kernels of  $h$ -purity in terms of  $P_n(M, N)$ . In view of this characterization, it is clear that  $N$  satisfies the necessary condition that  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

In section 4, we establish a sufficient condition for a submodule to be a semi  $h$ -pure submodule i.e. If  $P_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq k$ , then  $N$  is semi  $h$ -pure submodule. Furthermore, we have  $N$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$  if  $k = 0$  and  $N$  is kernel of  $h$ -purity in  $M$  if  $k = 1$ .

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## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Following [9], a unital module  $M_R$  is called QTAG-module if it satisfies the following condition:

(1) Every finitely generated submodule of every homomorphic image of  $M$  is a direct sum of uniserial modules.

All rings considered in this paper contain unity and modules are unital QTAG-module. The structure theory of such modules has been developed by various authors. A module in which the lattice of its submodule is totally ordered with finite composition length is called a uniserial module. An element  $x \in M$  is called a uniform element if  $xR$  is a nonzero uniform (hence uniserial) submodule of  $M$ . For any module  $M_R$  with a composition series,  $d(M)$  denotes its length. If  $x \in M$  is uniform, then  $e(x) = d(xR)$  and  $H_M(x) = \sup\{d(yR/xR)/y \in M \text{ and } y \text{ is uniform with } x \in yR\}$  are called exponent of  $x$  and height of  $x$ , respectively. For any 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  $H_1(N) = N \cap H_1(M)$ . The module  $M$  is called  $h$ -divisible if  $H_1(M) = M$ . A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called  $h$ -dense if  $M/N$  is  $h$ -divisible, and  $N$  is called almost  $h$ -dense in  $M$  if for every  $h$ -pure submodule  $K$  of  $M$  containing  $N$ ,  $M/K$  is  $h$ -divisible. For any module  $M$ ,  $Soc(M)$  denotes the socle of  $M$ . A subsocle  $S$  of a QTAG-module  $M$  is said to be  $h$ -dense in  $Soc(M)$  if  $S + Soc(H_n(M)) = Soc(M)$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then  $h$ -neat hull of  $N$  is defined as the minimal  $h$ -neat submodule  $K$  of  $M$ , such that  $N \subseteq K$  and a submodule  $K$  of  $M$  is complement of  $N$  if it is maximal with the property  $K \cap N = 0$ . For other basic concepts of QTAG-modules one may see [3,4,5,8,9].

We start with the following definitions.

**Definition 1.1:** A submodule  $N$  of a QTAG-module  $M$  is said to be semi  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$  if it is not  $h$ -pure but it is contained in a  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ . The minimal  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ , containing  $N$  is said to be the  $h$ -pure hull of  $N$  in  $M$ . [7]

**Definition 1.2:** For every non-negative integer  $n$ , we denote by  $N^n(M)$  the submodule:  $N + H_{n+1}(M) \cap Soc(H_n(M))$  and by  $N_n(M)$  the submodule:  $N \cap Soc((H_n(M)) + Soc(H_{n+1}(M)))$  and by  $Q_n(M, N) = N^n(M)/N_n(M)$ . [6]

## 2. Some Properties of $P_n(M, N)$

In this section we introduce a new invariant  $P_n(M, N)$ , for every submodule  $N$  of  $M$  and every non-negative integer  $n$ . We present here some interesting properties of  $P_n(M, N)$  and the relation between  $Q_n(M, N)$  and  $P_n(M, N)$ .

**Notation 2.1:** For every non-negative integer  $n$ , we denote by  $P_N^M(n)$  the submodule:  $Soc(H_n(M/N)) = Soc((H_n(M)+N)/N)$  and  $P_M^N(n)$  the submodule:  $(Soc(H_n(M))+N)/N$ .

**Remark 2.2:** Evidently if  $Soc(N)$  is  $h$ -dense in  $Soc(M)$  then

$$P_M^N(n) = P_M^N(n+1)$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ .

**Definition 2.3:** For every non-negative integer  $n$ , we define

$$P_n(M, N) = \frac{P_N^M(n)}{P_M^N(n)}.$$

Next, we recall the definition of submodule  $H^k(N)$  of  $M$  which is established in [4].

**Definition 2.4:** For any submodule  $N$  of  $M$  and for any  $k \geq 0$ ,  $H^k(N)$  defined by the submodule generated by those uniform elements  $x \in M$  for which  $d(xR/(xR \cap N)) \leq k$ .

**Remark 2.5:** It is evident from the above definition that,

$$P_n(M, N) \simeq \left( H^1(N) \cap (H_n(M) + N) \right) / \left( Soc(H_n(M) + N) \right).$$

**Lemma 2.6:** Let  $T$  be a proper  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$  containing  $N$ . Then  $P_N^M(n) = P_N^T(n) + P_M^N(n)$  and  $P_N^T(n) \cap P_M^N(n) = P_T^N(n)$ , for all  $n \geq 0$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\bar{x} \in P_N^M(n)$ , where  $x \in H_n(M)$ . Therefore there exists  $y \in N$  such that  $d(xR/yR) = 1$ , then  $y \in N \cap T \cap H_{n+1}(M)$ . Since  $T$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ ,  $y \in H_{n+1}(T)$ . Therefore there exists  $z \in H_n(T)$  such that  $d(zR/yR) = 1$ . Appealing to Lemma 2.3 in [9], we get  $e(x-z) \leq 1$  and  $(x-z) \in Soc(H_n(M))$ . Next,  $\bar{x} = \bar{z} + \bar{u}$ , where  $u \in Soc(H_n(M))$  and  $\bar{x} \in P_N^T(n) + P_M^N(n)$ . Hence,  $P_N^M(n) = P_N^T(n) + P_M^N(n)$ . Now let  $\bar{x} \in P_N^T(n) \cap P_M^N(n)$ , then we have  $\bar{x} = \bar{y} = \bar{z}$ , where  $\bar{y} \in P_N^T(n)$  and  $\bar{z} \in P_M^N(n)$ . As  $y-z \in N$ , where  $y \in H_n(T)$  and  $z \in Soc(H_n(M))$  we have  $y-z \in T \cap H_n(M)$  and so,  $y-z = u \in H_n(T)$ . Next,  $z = y-u \in Soc(H_n(T))$ . Hence,  $\bar{x} = \bar{z} = y-u+N \in P_T^N(n)$  and  $P_N^T(n) \cap P_M^N(n) = P_T^N(n)$ .

**Theorem 2.7:** Let  $K$  be a  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$  containing  $N$ . Then  $P_n(M, N) \simeq P_n(K, N)$ , for all  $n \geq 0$ .

**Proof:** Let  $T = P_N^M(n)$ ,  $U = P_M^N(n)$  and  $V = K/N$ . We find that

$$\begin{aligned} T \cap V &= \text{Soc}((H_n(M) + N)/N) \cap K/N \\ &= \text{Soc}(((H_n(M) + N) \cap K)/N) \\ &= \text{Soc}(((H_n(M) \cap K) + N)/N) \\ &= \text{Soc}((H_n(K) + N)/N) \\ &= P_N^K(n) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} U \cap V &= ((\text{Soc}(H_n(M)) + N)/N) \cap K/N \\ &= ((\text{Soc}(H_n(M)) + N) \cap K)/N \\ &= ((\text{Soc}(H_n(M)) \cap K) + N)/N \\ &= (\text{Soc}(H_n(K)) + N)/N \\ &= P_K^N(n) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $P_n(M, N) = T/U$  and  $P_n(K, N) = (T \cap V)/(U \cap V)$ . By Dedekind short exact sequence and Theorem 3.5 in [6], we have  $P_n(M, N) \simeq P_n(K, N)$ , for all  $n \geq 0$ .

An immediate consequence of the above theorem is stated below.

**Corollary 2.8:**  $N$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$  if and only if  $P_n(M, N) = 0$ , for all  $n \geq 0$ .

**Remark 2.9:**  $P_M^N(n) \cap P_N^M(n+1) = \left( ((N + H_{n+1}(M)) \cap \text{Soc}(H_n(M))) + N \right) / N$ .

Now we establish the relation between  $Q_n(M, N)$  and  $P_n(M, N)$ .

**Proposition 2.10:** For some non-negative integer  $n$ ,  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  if and only if  $P_M^N(n) \cap P_N^M(n+1) = P_M^N(n+1)$ .

**Proof:** Necessity is an immediate consequence of Remark 2.9. Since

$$\left( (N + H_{n+1}(M)) \cap \text{Soc}(H_n(M)) \right) \subset \left( \text{Soc}(H_{n+1}(M)) + N \right),$$

then by Remark 2.9, the converse is also trivial.

Next, we give a necessary condition on a submodule  $N$  to be a semi  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ .

**Proposition 2.11:** Let  $N$  be a semi  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ , then there exists a non-negative integer  $k$  such that  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq k$ .

**Proof:** Since  $N$  is semi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ , then from Theorem 3 in [2], there exists a  $h$ -pure submodule  $K$  of  $M$  and a non-negative integer  $k$  such that  $Soc(H_k(K)) \subset N \subset K$ . Then

$$N^n(K) = (N + H_{n+1}(K)) \cap Soc(H_n(K)) = Soc(H_n(K)) = N_n(K)$$

for  $n \geq k$ . Therefore  $Q_n(K, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq m$ , and from Theorem 4.2 in [6],  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq k$ .

Using  $P_n(M, N)$  we can characterize  $h$ -neat submodules of  $M$  as follows:

**Proposition 2.12:** A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is  $h$ -neat if and only if  $P_0(M, N) = 0$ .

**Proof:** Let us suppose that  $N$  is  $h$ -neat in  $M$ . Let  $\bar{y} \in P_N^M(0)$ , where  $y \in M$ . Then  $\bar{y}R = (yR + N)/N \simeq yR/(yR \cap N)$ . Hence  $d(yR/(yR \cap N)) = 1$ . Put  $yR \cap N = zR$ . Since  $N$  is  $h$ -neat, therefore there exists a uniform element  $w \in N$  such that  $y \in wR$  and  $d(wR/zR) = 1$ . Appealing to Lemma 2.3 in [9], we get  $e(y-z) \leq 1$ , so  $y-z \in Soc(M)$  and we get  $\bar{y} \in P_M^N(0)$ . Thus  $P_N^M(0) = P_M^N(0)$ . Hence  $P_0(M, N) = 0$ . 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  $e(\bar{y}) = 1$  and so  $\bar{y} \in Soc(M/N)$ . Therefore,  $\bar{y} = \bar{z}$ , where  $z \in Soc(M)$ . Now  $xR = H_1(yR) = H_1((y-z)R) \subseteq H_1(N)$ . Hence  $N$  is  $h$ -neat submodule of  $M$ .

**Proposition 2.13:** If  $Soc(N)$  is  $h$ -dense in  $Soc(M)$ , then every  $h$ -neat submodule containing  $Soc(N)$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ . In particular  $N$  has a  $h$ -pure hull whose socle is  $Soc(N)$ .

**Proof:** Since  $Soc(N)$  is  $h$ -dense in  $Soc(M)$ , so  $Soc(M) \subset Soc(N) + H_n(M)$ . Let  $K$  be a  $h$ -neat submodule of  $M$  containing  $Soc(N)$ . Then,

$$K^n(M) = (K \cap H_{n+1}(M)) \cap Soc(H_n(M)) = Soc(H_n(M)) = K_n(M).$$

Therefore,  $Q_n(M, K) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Now appealing to Theorem 4.3 in [6],  $K$  is  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ . Thus every  $h$ -neat hull of  $N$  is a  $h$ -pure hull of  $N$ .

### 3. Kernel of $h$ -purity

Firstly we recall the definition of kernel of  $h$ -purity.

**Definition 3.1:** If  $N$  is a submodule of a QTAG-module  $M$ , then  $N$  is called kernel of  $h$ -purity if all  $h$ -neat hulls of  $N$  are  $h$ -pure submodules of  $M$ . [3]

In [3], Khan has characterized kernel of  $h$ -purity. But, since kernel of  $h$ -purity are semi  $h$ -pure submodules, so here arise a case to give another characterization, which is given by using the concept of  $P_n(M, N)$ .

In view of the above discussion, it is trivial that if  $N$  is a kernel of  $h$ -purity, then  $N$  satisfies  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for almost all  $n$ .

First, we need the following useful Lemmas.

**Lemma 3.2:** If  $P_M^N(0) = P_M^N(k) \neq P_M^N(k+1)$  and  $P_{k+1}(M, N) \neq 0$  for some non-negative integer  $k$ , then there exists a  $h$ -neat hull of  $N$  in  $M$  which is not  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .

**Proof:** Since  $P_M^N(0) = P_M^N(k) \neq P_M^N(k+1)$ , then there exists  $x \in Soc(M)$  such that  $x \notin Soc(H_{k+1}(M)) + Soc(N)$ . Since  $P_{k+1}(M, N) \neq 0$ , then we get an element  $\bar{y} \in P_M^N(k+1)$  such that  $\bar{y} \notin P_M^N(k+1)$ , where  $y \in H_{k+1}(M)$  and there exists an element  $z \in M$  such that  $d(zR/yR) = k+1$ . Let us define  $K = (x+y)R + N$ . Now we have to show that  $Soc(K) = Soc(N)$ . Suppose on contrary  $Soc(K) \neq Soc(N)$ . For any  $(x+y)r + a \in Soc(K)$ , where  $r \in R$  and  $a \in N$ , either  $xrR = xR$  or  $xr = 0$ . If  $xr = 0$ , then  $yr + a \in Soc(M)$ . Now by hypothesis,  $\bar{y} \in P_M^N(0) = P_M^N(k)$ . Appealing to Theorem 4.3 in [6], we know that all  $h$ -neat hulls of  $N$  are not  $h$ -pure in  $M$  if  $Q_k(M, N) \neq 0$ . Therefore, we assume that  $Q_k(M, N) = 0$ . Using Proposition 2.10, we get  $\bar{y} \in P_M^N(k+1)$ , which shows a contradiction. Hence,  $Soc(K) = Soc(N)$ .

Now, let  $T$  be a  $h$ -neat hull of  $N$  in  $M$  such that  $K \subseteq T$ , and so  $\bar{y} \in P_T^M(k+1)$ . If we suppose that  $\bar{y} \in P_T^M(k+1)$ , then  $y = u + v$ , for some  $u \in Soc(H_{k+1}(M))$  and  $v \in T$ . Therefore,  $x = y + x - (u + v)$  and  $y + x - v \in Soc(T) = Soc(N)$ . Hence,  $x \in Soc(H_{k+1}(M)) + Soc(N)$ , which shows a contradiction. Hence,  $\bar{y} \notin P_T^M(k+1)$  and  $P_{k+1}(M, T) \neq 0$ . Appealing to Corollary 2.8,  $T$  is not  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .

**Lemma 3.3:** For non-negative integer  $k$  and  $t$ , we have

$$P_{k+t}(M, N) \simeq P_t(H_k(M), H_k(M) \cap N).$$

**Proof:** We know that

$$P_{k+t}(M, N) \simeq \frac{(I_M(N) \cap (H_{k+t}(M) + N))}{(Soc(H_{k+t}(M)) + N)}$$

and

$$P_t(H_k(M), H_k(M) \cap N) \simeq \frac{(I_M(N) \cap (H_{k+t}(M) + N) \cap H_k(M))}{((Soc(H_{k+t}(M)) + N) \cap H_k(M))}$$

Put  $T = I_M(N) \cap (H_{k+t}(M) + N)$ ,  $U = Soc(H_{k+t}(M)) + N$  and  $V = H_k(M)$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (T \cap V) + U &= ((I_M(N) \cap (H_{k+t}(M) + N)) \cap H_k(M)) + (Soc(H_{k+t}(M)) + N) \\ &= I_M(N) \cap (H_{k+t}(M) + (H_k(M) \cap N) + Soc(H_{k+t}(M)) + N) \\ &= I_M(N) \cap (H_{k+t}(M) + H_k(N) + Soc(H_{k+t}(M)) + N) \\ &= I_M(N) \cap (H_{k+t}(M) + N) \\ &= T \end{aligned}$$

By Dedekind short exact sequence, we get  $P_{k+t}(M, N) \simeq P_t(H_k(M), H_k(M) \cap N)$ .

Using Corollary 2.8 and Lemma 3.3, we establish a theorem which gives the relation between  $P_n(M, N)$  and  $P_n(M, T)$ , where  $T$  is  $h$ -neat hull of  $N$  in  $M$ .

**Lemma 3.4:** Let  $T$  be a  $h$ -neat hull of  $N$  in  $M$ . If  $P_{k+n}(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , then  $P_{k+n}(M, T) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**Proof:** By Corollary 2.8 and Lemma 3.3,  $H_k(M) \cap N$  is  $h$ -pure in  $H_k(M)$ . Since  $Soc(H_k(M) \cap N) = Soc(H_k(M) \cap T)$ , therefore  $H_k(M) \cap N = H_k(M) \cap T$ . Hence  $P_{k+n}(M, T) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

Now we give a new characterization for kernel of  $h$ -purity.

**Theorem 3.5:**  $N$  is a kernel of  $h$ -purity in  $M$  if and only if  $Soc(N)$  is  $h$ -dense in  $M$  or there exists a non-negative integer  $k$  such that  $P_M^N(0) = P_M^N(k) \neq P_M^N(k+1)$  and  $P_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n > k$ .

**Proof:** Let us suppose that  $N$  be a kernel of  $h$ -purity in  $M$ . If  $Soc(N)$  is not  $h$ -dense in  $Soc(M)$ , then there exists a smallest non-negative integer  $k$  such that  $Soc(M) = Soc(N) + Soc(H_k(M))$  and  $Soc(M) \neq Soc(N) + Soc(H_t(M))$  for  $t \geq k$ . Therefore,  $P_M^N(0) = P_M^N(k) \neq P_M^N(k+1)$ . By Lemma 3.2, we get  $P_{k+1}(M, N) = 0$ . Furthermore, by Theorem 4.3 in [6],  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ , and by Proposition 2.10,  $P_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n > k$ .

Conversely, let  $T$  be a  $h$ -neat hull of  $N$  in  $M$ . Then by Lemma 3.4,  $P_n(M, T) = 0$  for all  $n > k$ . Hence, by Proposition 2.10,  $Q_n(M, T) = 0$  for all  $n \geq k$ . Since  $Soc(N) = Soc(T)$ ,  $P_M^T(0) = P_M^T(k) \neq P_M^T(k+1)$ . By Remark 2.2,  $Q_n(M, T) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Hence by Theorem 4.3 in [6],  $T$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ . If  $Soc(N)$  is  $h$ -dense, then  $N$  is a kernel of  $h$ -purity.

#### 4. Some Sufficiency Conditions for semi $h$ -pure Submodules

In this section we proved a necessary condition that a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is semi  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$  if there exists a non-negative integer  $k$  such that  $Q_N(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq k$ . Furthermore, we show that this condition becomes sufficient if  $N$  is almost  $h$ -dense in  $M$ .

**Theorem 4.1:** Let  $N$  be almost  $h$ -dense in  $M$ . Then  $N$  is semi  $h$ -pure in  $M$  if and only if there exists a non-negative integer  $k$  such that  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq k$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq k$ . Since  $N$  is almost  $h$ -dense in  $M$ , then from Theorem 5 in [1],  $Soc(H_n(M)) \subset N + H_{n+1}(M)$ . Hence, we have

$$Soc(H_n(M)) = N^n(M) = N_n(M) = Soc(N \cap H_n(M)) + Soc(H_{n+1}(M))$$

for all  $n \geq k$ . Therefore,  $Soc(N \cap H_k(M))$  is a  $h$ -dense in  $H_k(M)$ . Let  $K$  be a  $h$ -neat submodule of  $H_k(M)$  containing  $Soc(N \cap H_k(M))$ . Now from Proposition 2.12,  $K$  is  $h$ -pure in  $H_k(M)$  such that  $Soc(K) \subset N \cap H_k(M) \subset K$ . Furthermore,  $H_k(M)/K$  is  $h$ -divisible. We can easily see that  $(N + K)/K$  is disjoint from  $H_k(M)/K$ . Thus  $(N + K)/K$  can be extended to  $T/K$  such that  $(T/K) \oplus (H_k(M)/K) = (M/K)$ . Since  $K$  is  $h$ -pure in  $H_k(M)$ , then appealing to Proposition 2.5 in [5],  $T$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ . Now clearly  $H_k(T) = K$ . Therefore,  $Soc(H_k(T)) \subset Soc(K) \subset N$ . Hence,  $N$  is semi  $h$ -pure.

Now using the proof of above theorem and our notation, we obtain the following result. This is a sufficient condition for semi  $h$ -pure submodules.

**Theorem 4.2:** Let  $k$  be a non-negative integer. If  $P_M^N(n) = P_M^N(n+1)$  for all  $n \geq k$ , then  $N$  is a semi  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ .



**Proof:** By Remark 2.9 and Proposition 2.10,  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  and  $(H_{n+1}(M) + N) \cap \text{Soc}(H_n(M)) = \text{Soc}(H_n(M))$  for all  $n \geq k$ . From the above Theorem,  $N$  is a semi  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ .

Let  $k$  be a non-negative integer. Suppose that  $P_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq k$ . Then by Proposition 2.10,  $N$  satisfies the necessary condition for semi  $h$ -pure submodule, namely  $Q_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq k - 1$ . Furthermore, if  $k = 0$ , then by Corollary 2.8,  $N$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ , and if  $k = 1$ , then by Theorem 3.5,  $N$  is a kernel of  $h$ -purity in  $M$ .

With these statements, we assume that, if  $k$  is an integer and  $P_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq k$ , then  $N$  is a semi  $h$ -pure submodule. Now we prove a theorem which shows that this assumption is true. This is also a sufficient condition for semi  $h$ -pure submodules.

**Theorem 4.3:** Let  $k$  be a non-negative integer. If  $P_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq k$ , then  $N$  is a semi  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ .

**Proof:** Let us consider the family  $F = \left\{ K / K \supseteq N \text{ and } K \cap H_k(M) = N \cap H_k(M) \right\}$  of submodules of  $M$ . By Zorn's Lemma,  $F$  will contain a maximal element, say  $T$ , then  $T / (N \cap H_k(M))$  is a complement of  $(H_k(M)) / (N \cap H_k(M))$  in  $M / (N \cap H_k(M))$ . Therefore,

$$\text{Soc}\left(T / (N \cap H_k(M))\right) \oplus \text{Soc}\left((H_k(M)) / (N \cap H_k(M))\right) = \text{Soc}\left(M / (N \cap H_k(M))\right).$$

Since  $N \cap H_k(M)$  is  $h$ -pure in  $H_k(M)$ , by Corollary 2.8 and Lemma 3.3, we get

$$\text{Soc}\left((H_k(M)) / (N \cap H_k(M))\right) = \left(\text{Soc}(H_k(M)) + (N \cap H_k(M))\right) / (N \cap H_k(M)).$$

Now we prove that  $T$  is  $h$ -neat in  $M$ . Let  $x$  be a uniform element in  $T \cap H_1(M)$ , then there exists a uniform element  $y \in M$  such that  $d(yR/xR) = 1$ . Due to  $h$ -neatness of  $T / (N \cap H_k(M))$  in  $M / (N \cap H_k(M))$  there exists an element  $\bar{z} \in T / (N \cap H_k(M))$  such that  $\bar{z} \in \bar{y}R$  and  $d(\bar{y}R/\bar{z}R) = 1$ . Appealing to Lemma 2.3 in [9], we get  $e(\bar{y} - \bar{z}) \leq 1$ , so  $\bar{y} - \bar{z} \in \text{Soc}\left(M / (N \cap H_k(M))\right)$ . Hence,  $y - z = u + v + a$ , where  $u \in T$ ,  $v \in \text{Soc}(H_k(M))$  and  $a \in (N \cap H_k(M))$ . This implies that  $xR = H_1(yR) = H_1((z + u + v + a)R) \subseteq H_1(T)$ . Therefore,  $T$  is  $h$ -neat in  $M$ . Now for  $x' \in \text{Soc}(M) \setminus (N \cap H_k(M))$ ,  $x' = u' + v' + a'$  where  $u' \in T$ ,  $v' \in \text{Soc}(H_k(M))$  and  $a' \in N \cap H_k(M)$ . Since  $T \supset N$  and  $\text{Soc}(M) = \text{Soc}(T) + \text{Soc}(H_k(M))$ . Hence,  $P_M^T(0) = P_M^T(k)$ . Now by Lemma 3.3, we have

$$P_{k+n}(M, T) \simeq P_n\left(H_k(M), H_k(M) \cap T\right) = P_n\left(H_k(M), H_k(M) \cap N\right) = P_{k+n}(M, N) = 0,$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ . By Theorem 3.5,  $T$  is a kernel of  $h$ -purity in  $M$ . Since  $T$  is  $h$ -neat in  $M$ ,  $T$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ . Also  $\text{Soc}(H_k(T)) = T \cap H_k(M) = N \cap H_k(M) \subset N$ ,  $N$  is semi  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .

**Corollary 4.4:** Let  $k$  be a non-negative integer. Suppose that  $P_n(M, N) = 0$  for all  $n \geq k$ . Then  $N$  is a semi  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ .

Moreover,

- (1) If  $k = 0$ , then  $N$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ , and
- (2) If  $k = 1$ , then  $N$  is a kernel of  $h$ -purity in  $M$ .

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