

## TAG-MODULES WITH COMPLEMENT SUBMODULES H-PURE

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### ABSTRACT

The concept of a QTAG-module  $M_R$  was given by Singh[8]. The structure theory of such modules has been developed on similar lines as that of torsion abelian groups. If a module  $M_R$  is such that  $M \oplus M$  is a QTAG-module, it is called a strongly TAG-module. This in turn leads to the concept of a primary TAG-module and its periodicity. In the present paper some decomposition theorems for those primary TAG-modules in which all h-neat submodules are h-pure are proved. Unlike torsion abelian groups, there exist primary TAG-modules of infinite periodicities. Such modules are studied in the last section. The results proved in this paper indicate that the structure theory of primary TAG-modules of infinite periodicity is not very similar to that of torsion abelian groups.

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### § 1 INTRODUCTION

A module  $M_R$  satisfying the following two conditions is called a TAG-module [2].

- (I) Every finitely generated submodule of any homomorphic image of  $M$  is a direct sum of uniserial modules.
- (II) Given any two uniserial submodules  $U$  and  $V$  of a homomorphic image of  $M$ , for any submodule  $W$  of  $U$ , any homomorphism  $f: W \rightarrow V$  can be extended to a homomorphism  $g: U \rightarrow V$  provided the composition length  $d(U/W) \leq d(V/f(W))$ .

If a module satisfies condition (I), it is called a QTAG-module [8]. The main purpose of this paper is to prove some decomposition theorems for a module  $M$ , such that  $M \oplus M$  is a QTAG-module and that is to prove some decomposition theorems for a module  $M$ , such that  $M \oplus M$  is a QTAG-module and that every h-neat (complement) submodule of  $M$  is h-pure. An example of such an h-reduced primary TAG -

module, which is not decomposable, is given at the end of the paper. However, it follows from the results in this paper that any torsion reduced module over a bounded (hnp)-ring, with every complement submodule pure, is decomposable. The main results are given in Theorems (5.5), (5.12) and (5.14). In section 3, a necessary and sufficient condition for a QTAG-module to admit only one basic submodule is given. In section 4 the concept of neat height of a uniform element in a QTAG-module is discussed. The concept of neat height is used to give, in Theorems (4.6) and (4.7), some criterians for a QTAGmodule, such that every h-neat module is  $l$ -embedded in the sense of Moore[5]. The results in sections 3 and 4 can be of independent interest.

## § 2 PRELIMINARIES

A module in which the lattice of its submodules is linearly ordered under inclusion is called a serial module; in addition if it has finite composition length, it is called a uniserial module. Let  $M_R$  be a QTAG-module. An  $x \in M$  is called a uniform element, if  $xR$  is a non-zero uniform (hence uniserial) submodule of  $M$ . For any module  $A_R$  with a composition series,  $d(A)$  denotes its composition length. Let  $x \in M$  be uniform. Then  $e(x) = d(xR)$  is called the exponent of  $x$ . The equation  $[x, y] = n$ , will give that  $y$  is a uniform element of  $M$ , such that  $x \in yR$  and  $d(yR/xR) = n$ . For basic definitions of height of an element of  $M$ , the submodule  $H_k(M)$  for  $k \geq 0$ , one may refer to [6] or [8]. For any submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , and any  $y \in N$ ,  $h_N(y)$  will denote the height of  $y$  in  $N$ ; however we write  $h(y)$  for  $h_M(y)$ . A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is said to be h-pure in  $M$ , if  $H_k(M) \cap N = H_k(N)$  for every  $k \geq 0$ . For any module  $K$ ,  $\text{soc}(K)$  denotes the socle of  $K$ .  $M_R$  is said to be decomposable, if it is a direct sum of uniserial modules.

By using [8, Lemma(2.3)], one can prove the following:

Proposition(2.1). A submodule  $N$  of a QTAG-module  $M$  is h-pure in  $M$  if and only if for any uniform  $x \in \text{soc}(N)$ ,  $h_N(x) = h(x)$ .

The following is of frequent use in this paper.

Proposition(2.2) [8, Lemma(3.9)]. Let  $N$  be any h-pure submodule of a QTAG-module  $M$ . Then for any uniform  $x \in M$ , there exists a uniform  $x' \in M$ , such that for  $\bar{x} = x + M \in M/N$ ,  $e(\bar{x}) = e(x')$ ,  $\bar{x} = \bar{x}'$  and  $M \cap x'R = 0$ .

By using the above proposition, we get that if  $M/N$  is decomposable for some h-pure submodule  $N$ , then  $M = T \oplus N$ , for some decomposable submodule  $T$  of  $M$ . Let  $K_R$  be any module. For the definitions of  $K$ -injective modules and  $K$ -projective modules one may refer to [1]. Lemmas (2.2) and (2.4) in [8] give the following:

Proposition(2.3). Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two uniserial submodules of a QTAG-modules  $M$ , such that  $A \cap B = 0$ .

- (i) If  $d(A) \leq d(B)$ , then  $B$  is  $A$ -injective.
- (ii) If  $d(A) \geq d(B)$ , then  $B$  is  $A$ -projective.
- (iii) If  $d(A) = d(B)$ , then  $A \cong B$  if and only if either  $\text{soc}(A) \cong \text{soc}(B)$ , or  $A/H_1(A) \cong B/H_1(B)$ .

$M$  is said to be bounded, if for some  $k$ ,  $H_k(M) = 0$ . Any h-pure bounded submodule of  $M$  is a summand of  $M$  [8, Remark(3.8)].  $M$  is said to be h-divisible, if  $h(x) = \infty$  for every  $x \in M$ . If a uniform

element  $x \in \text{soc}(M)$  has finite height, then for any uniform  $y \in M$ , with  $[x, y] = h(x)$ ,  $yR$  being an h-pure submodule of  $M$ , is a summand of  $M$ . For general properties of rings and modules one may refer to [3].

### §3 BASIC SUBMODULES

Throughout  $M_R$  is a QTAG-module. A submodule  $B$  of  $M$  is called a basic submodule of  $M$ , if  $B$  is a decomposable h-pure submodule of  $M$ , such that  $M/B$  is h-divisible [7]. As pointed out in [8, Remark(3.12)],  $M$  has a basic submodule and any two basic submodules of  $M$  are isomorphic.

Lemma(3.1). Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  be any finitely many uniserial summands of  $M$ , such that  $d(A_i) < d(A_{i+1})$  and  $N = \sum_{i=1}^k A_i = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k A_i$ . Then  $N$  is an h-pure submodule of  $M$ .

Proof. Consider a uniform element  $x \in \text{soc}(N)$ . Then  $x = \sum x_i, x_i \in A_i$ . If for any  $i < j, x_i \neq 0 \neq x_j$ , then by the hypothesis  $h(x_i) < h(x_j)$ . Thus  $h(x) = \{h(x_i) : x_i \neq 0\}$ . As each  $A_i$  is h-pure,  $h(x_i) = h_{A_i}(x_i) = h_N(x_i)$ . This gives  $h(x) = h_N(x)$ . Hence  $N$  is h-pure.

Lemma(3.2). Let  $M$  be such that  $\bigcap_k H_k(M) = 0$  and let  $M$  have a basic submodule  $B \neq M$ . Then for some simple submodule  $S$  of  $\text{soc}(M)$ , there exists an h-pure submodule  $N = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} y_i R$  such that every  $y_i R$  is uniserial,  $d(y_i R) < d(y_{i+1} R)$  and  $S \cong \text{soc}(y_i R)$ . The heights of the (non-zero) elements of the homogeneous components of  $\text{soc}(M)$ , determined by  $S$ , do not have an upper bound.

Proof. Let  $\bar{M} = M/B$ . Consider a uniform  $\bar{z}$  in  $\text{soc}(\bar{M})$ . By (2.2) there exists a uniform  $z_1 \in \text{soc}(M)$  such that  $\bar{z} = \bar{z}_1$ . As  $\bigcap_k H_k(M) = 0$ ,  $h(z_1)$  is finite. Let  $h(z_1) = n_1$ . Then there exists  $y_1 \in M$ , such that  $[z_1, y_1] = n_1$ . Then  $y_1 R$  is an h-pure submodule of  $M$  and  $B \cap y_1 R = 0$ . However  $h(\bar{z}) = \infty$ . So there exists a uniform  $u_1 \in M$  with  $\text{soc}(\bar{u}_1) = \bar{z} R$  and  $e(\bar{u}_1) > n_1$ . By (2.2) we get uniform  $z_2 \in \text{soc}(M)$  with  $\bar{z}_2 = \bar{z}$ ,  $h(z_2) = n_2 > n_1$ . We get  $y_2 \in M$  such that  $[z_2, y_2] = n_2$ . By continuing this process, we get an infinite sequence of uniform elements  $\{y_i\}_{i \geq 1}$  of  $M$ , such that each  $y_i R$  is an h-pure uniserial submodule,  $\text{soc}(y_i R) = z_i R$  for some  $z_i \in M$  satisfying  $\bar{z} = \bar{z}_i, [z_i, y_i] = n_i = h(z_i)$  and  $n_i < n_{i+1}$ . If  $K = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} y_i R$  is not a direct sum, we get a smallest  $i \geq 2$ , such that  $z_i \in \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} z_k R$ . Then  $N = \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} y_k R = \bigoplus_{k=1}^{i-1} y_k R$ . By (3.1)  $N$  is an h-pure submodule of  $M$ . For any uniform  $v \in N$ , if  $v = \sum v_j$ , with  $v_j \in y_j R$ , then  $h(v) = \min\{h(v_j)\}$ . This gives  $h(z_i) \leq \max\{h(z_k) : 1 \leq k \leq i-1\}$ . This is a contradiction, as  $h(z_j) < h(z_i)$  for  $j < i$ . Hence  $K = \bigoplus y_i R$ . By using (3.1) we get that  $K$  is an h-pure submodule. Clearly  $\text{soc}(K)$  is homogeneous. The last part is obvious.

Lemma(3.3). Let  $M$  be a QTAG-module such that  $M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} y_i R, y_i R$  uniserial,  $\text{soc}(y_i R) \cong \text{soc}(y_{i+1} R)$  and  $d(y_i R) < d(y_{i+1} R)$ . Then  $M$  has a basic submodule  $B \neq M$ .

Proof. By (2.3)(i) we get monomorphisms  $\sigma_i : y_iR \rightarrow y_{i+1}R$ . Write  $\sigma_i(y_i) = w_i$ . Then  $w_i$  is uniform and  $e(w_i) = e(y_i)$ . Consider  $B = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w_iR$ , and  $\bar{M} = M/B$ . Let  $z \in B$ . Then  $z = \sum_{i=1}^s (y_i - \sigma_i(y_i))r_i = y_1R + \sum_{i=2}^s (y_i r_i - \sigma_{i-1}(y_{i-1})r_{i-1}) - \sigma_s(y_s)r_s$ , for some  $r_i \in R$  and a positive integer  $s$ . Here  $y_i r_i - \sigma_{i-1}(y_{i-1})r_{i-1} \in y_iR$  and  $-\sigma_s(y_s)r_s \in y_{s+1}R$ . Using this, it can be easily proved that  $B = \bigoplus w_iR$  and  $y_1R \cap B = 0$ . Now  $\bar{y}_1 = \overline{\sigma_1(y_1)}$ , and  $e(\sigma_1(y_1)) = e(\overline{\sigma_1(y_1)})$ . So that  $\sigma_1(y_1)R \cap B = 0$ . As  $\sigma_1(y_1)R \subseteq y_2R$ , we get  $y_2R \cap B = 0$ . By continuing this process, we get  $y_iR \cap B = 0$ . Clearly  $\bar{y}_1 R < \bar{y}_2 R < \dots$ , gives  $\bar{M}$  is a serial module of infinite length. It only remains to prove that  $B$  is h-pure. In view of (3.1) it is enough to prove that each  $w_iR$  is h-pure. Now  $y_iR \oplus y_{i+1}R$  being a summand of  $M$ , is h-pure. But  $y_iR \oplus y_{i+1}R = w_iR \oplus y_{i+1}R$ . So  $w_iR$  is h-pure in  $M$ . This completes the proof.

Theorem(3.4). A QTAG-module  $M_R$  has no basic submodule other than  $M$  if and only if  $M$  is h-reduced and for each homogeneous component  $K$  of  $\text{soc}(M)$ , there exists an upper bound on the heights of members of  $K$

Proof. Let  $M$  be its only basic submodule. Then by definition  $M$  is decomposable and h-reduced. For a simple submodule  $S$  of  $M$ , we get a summand  $M_S$  of  $M$ , such that  $\text{soc}(M_S)$  is the homogeneous component of  $\text{soc}(M)$  determined by  $S$ . If heights of members of  $\text{soc}(M_S)$  do not have an upper bound, we get a summand  $N = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} y_iR$  of  $M_S$  such that each  $y_iR$  is uniserial and  $d(y_iR) < d(y_{i+1}R)$ . By (3.3)  $N$  has a basic submodule  $B_1 \neq N$ . As  $N$  is a summand of  $M$ , we get a basic submodule  $B$  of  $M$  of which  $B_1$  is a summand and  $B \neq M$ . This is a contradiction. Conversely let the given conditions hold. Then  $\bigcap_k H_k(M) = 0$ . The rest follows from (3.3).

§ 4. H-NEAT HEIGHT

Throughout  $M_R$  is a QTAG-module. A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is called an h-neat submodule of  $M$  if  $H_1(M) \cap N = H_1(N)$ . As observed in [8], any submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is h-neat if and only if it is a complement submodule of  $M$ , any maximal essential extension  $K'$  of a submodule  $K$  of  $M$ , is an h-neat submodule of  $M$ . Any such  $K'$  is called an h-neat hull of  $K$ . For any uniform  $x \in M$ , the minimum of all  $d(K' / xR)$ , where  $K'$  runs over all h-neat hulls of  $xR$ , is called the h-neat height of  $x$ : it is denoted by  $h'(x)$ . If  $x \in N \subseteq M$ , then  $h'_N(x)$  will denote the neat height of  $x$  in  $N$ . If  $N$  is an h-neat submodule of  $M$ , then any h-neat submodule of  $N$  is h-neat in  $M$ , so that for any uniform  $x \in N$ ,  $h'(x) \leq h'_N(x)$ . We put  $h'(0) = \infty$ . In an h-divisible QTAG-module  $M$ , every uniform element is of infinite h-neat height.

For any two modules  $A_R$  and  $B_R$  any homomorphism from a submodule of  $A$  into  $B$  is called a subhomomorphism from  $A$  to  $B$ ; the set of all subhomomorphisms from  $A$  to  $B$  is denoted by  $SH(A, B)$ . An  $f \in SH(A, B)$  is said to be maximal, if it has no extension in  $SH(A, B)$ . Now (2.3) gives the following:

Lemma(4.1). Let  $xR$  and  $yR$  be any two uniserial submodules of  $M$ , such that  $xR \cap yR = 0$ . Then

- (a) For any maximal  $f \in SH(xR, yR)$ , either  $\text{domain}(f) = xR$  or  $\text{range}(f) = yR$ .
- (b) Let  $z \in xR \oplus yR$  be unifrom,  $z = x' + y'$ ,  $x' \in xR$ ,  $y' \in yR$  and  $d(x'R) \geq d(y'R)$ . The following

hold:

- (i).  $zR \cong xR$ .
- (ii) Given any  $u = v+w$ ,  $v \in xR$ ,  $w \in yR$  such that  $z \in uR$ ,
  - ( $\alpha$ ) if  $y' \neq 0$ , then  $[x', v] = [y', w]$ ;
  - ( $\beta$ ) if  $y' = 0$ , then  $e(w) \leq [x', v]$

Lemma (4.2). Let  $xR$  and  $yR$  be two uniserial submodules of  $M$  such that  $xR \cap yR = 0$ . Let  $z = x' + y'$ ,  $x' \in xR$ ,  $y' \in yR$ , be uniform such that  $d(y'R) \leq d(x'R)$ . For  $T = xR \oplus yR$ , the following hold:

- (i). For  $y' \neq 0$ ,  $h'_T(z)$  is the minimum of  $[x', x]$  and  $[y', y]$ .
- (ii). For  $y' = 0$ , let  $f \in SH(xR, yR)$  be maximal with  $s = d(\ker f)$ , minimal under the condition that  $x'R \subseteq \ker f$ . If  $\text{domain}(f) = uR$ , then  $h'_T(z) = [x', u] = \text{minimum of } [x', x] \text{ and } e(y) + s - e(x')$ .

Proof.  $g : xR \rightarrow yR$  such that  $g(x'r) = y'r$  is an  $R$ -epimorphism. If  $w = a+b$ ,  $a \in xR$ ,  $b \in yR$ , is uniform and  $z \in wR$ , then  $f : aR \rightarrow bR$  such that  $f(ar) = br$ , is an extension of  $g$ ; further  $[z, w] = [x', a]$ . Any extension  $h : aR \rightarrow yR$ ,  $a' \in xR$ , of  $g$  gives uniform  $w' = a' + h(a')$  such that  $z \in w'R$ . Consequently  $wR$  is an  $h$ -neat hull of  $zR$  if and only if  $f$  is maximal. In that case by (4.1) either  $\text{domain}(f) = xR$  or  $\text{range}(f) = yR$ . Thus for  $\text{domain}(f) = aR$ , and  $uR = \ker f$ ,  $e(a)$  is the minimum of  $e(x)$  and  $e(y)+e(u)$ . To minimize  $e(a)$ , we need to minimize  $s = e(u)$ . So that  $f$  is minimal  $e(u)$ ,  $h'_T(z) = [x', a] = e(a) - e(x') = \min\{e(x), e(y)+e(u)\} - e(x') = \min\{[x', x], e(y)+e(u) - e(x')\}$ , as  $e(x) - e(x') = [x', x]$ . If  $y' \neq 0$ , then  $e(x') = e(u)+e(y')$ , so that  $e(y)+e(u) - e(x') = e(y) - e(y') = [y', y]$ . For  $y' = 0$ , it is obvious that  $x'R \subseteq \ker f$ . This proves the result.

Lemma(4.3). Let  $M = A \oplus B$  and  $x \in M$  be uniform. If  $x = a+b$ ,  $a \in A$ ,  $b \in B$  and  $d(aR) \geq d(bR)$ , then the following hold:

- (i). For  $b \neq 0$ ,  $h'(x) = \min\{h'_A(a), h'_B(b)\}$ .
- (ii). If  $b = 0$ , and  $B$  is  $h$ -divisible, then  $h'(x) = h'_A(a)$

Proof. Now  $g : aR \rightarrow bR$  given by  $g(ar) = br$ , is an epimorphism. Let  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  be the projections  $A \oplus B \rightarrow A$ , and  $A \oplus B \rightarrow B$  respectively. Consider an  $h$ -neat hull  $K$  of  $xR$ . Then  $K$  is serial. Let  $K_i = \pi_i(K)$ . As  $d(bR) \leq d(aR)$ , we get an epimorphism  $\sigma : K_1 \rightarrow K_2$  such that for any  $x_1 \in K_1$ ,  $\sigma(x_1) = x_2$  if and only if  $x_1+x_2 \in K$ . Further  $aR \subseteq K_1$ ,  $bR \subseteq K_2$  and  $d(K/xR) = d(K_1/aR)$ . By using (2.3) we get that either  $K_1$  is  $h$ -neat or  $K_2$  is  $h$ -neat in  $M$ .

Case I :  $b \neq 0$ . Then either  $K_1$  is an  $h$ -neat hull of  $aR$  or  $K_2$  is an  $h$ -neat hull of  $bR$ . So that  $h'(x) \geq \min\{h'_A(a), h'_B(b)\}$ . Let  $t = \min\{h'_A(a), h'_B(b)\} < h'(x)$ . To be definite let  $t = h'_A(a)$ . Then we get an  $h$ -neat hull  $a_1R$  of  $aR$  with  $[a, a_1] = t$ , and a uniform  $b_1$  in  $M$  with  $[b, b_1] \geq t$ . By (2.3)  $g$  extends to a homomorphism  $f : a_1R \rightarrow b_1R$ . Then  $(a_1+f(a_1))R$  is an  $h$ -neat hull of  $xR$  with  $[x, a_1+f(a_1)] < h'(x)$ . This is a contradiction. Similar arguments hold if  $t = h'_B(b)$ . This proves (i).

Case II :  $b = 0$  and  $B$  is  $h$ -divisible. Any  $h$ -neat serial submodule of  $B$  is either zero or of infinite length. Thus for  $K$  to be an  $h$ -neat hull of  $xR$  it is necessary and sufficient that  $K_1$  is an  $h$ -neat hull of  $aR$ .

Thus for  $x = a$ ,  $h'(x) = h'_A(a)$

Lemma(4.4). Let  $K_R = \bigoplus_{i=1}^t x_i R$  be a QTAG-module with each  $x_i R$  uniserial. Let  $z = \sum z_i$ ,  $z_i \in x_i R$ , be uniform. Let  $z_u$  be such that  $e(z) = e(z_u)$ . Then  $h'(z)$  is the minimum of the following numbers :

- (i). All  $[z_i, x_i]$ , with  $z_i \neq 0$ .
- (ii). The neat heights of  $z_u$  in various  $x_u R \oplus x_j R$ , with  $z_j = 0$ .

Proof. The hypothesis on  $z_u$  gives that for any  $i$ ,  $\sigma_i : z_u R \rightarrow z_i R$  such that  $\sigma_i(z_u r) = z_i r$  is an epimorphisms. Let  $y = \sum y_i$ ,  $y_i \in x_i R$ , be any uniform element in  $K$  such that  $z \in yR$ . Then  $\eta_i : y_u R \rightarrow y_i R$  given by  $\eta_i(y_u r) = y_i r$  is an extension of  $\sigma_i$ . Clearly if a  $z_i \neq 0$ , then  $[z_u, y_u] = [z_i, y_i]$ . So that  $e(y)$  is not more than  $s$ , the minimum of all those  $[z_i, x_i]$  for which  $z_i \neq 0$ . Thus  $h'(z) \leq s$ . However, if every  $z_i \neq 0$ , then by (2.3), it is immediate that for  $yR$  to be an h-neat hull of  $zR$ , it is necessary that  $[z, y] = s$ , i.e  $h'(z) = s$ . Suppose that for some  $j$ ,  $z_j = 0$  and that for  $T = x_u R \oplus x_j R$ ,  $h'_T(z_u) < s$ . We have a maximal  $f \in SH(x_u R, x_j R)$  with  $\ker f$  of smallest length among those containing  $z_u R$ . Let  $w_u R = \text{domain}(f)$ , then  $s' = h'_T(z_u) = [z_u, w_u]$ . By using (2.3), we obtain a uniform  $y = \sum y_i$ , with  $z \in yR$ ,  $y_u = w_u$  and  $y_j = f(w_u)$ . Then  $yR$  is an h-neat hull of  $zR$  such that  $[z, y] = s'$ . Thus  $h'(z) \leq s_0$ , the minimum of the numbers listed in (i) and (ii). Suppose  $h'(z) < s_0$ . We get a uniform  $w = \sum w_i$ ,  $w_i \in x_i R$  such that  $wR$  is an h-neat hull of  $zR$  and  $[z, w] = h'(z)$ . Then for some  $j$ ,  $w_j R = x_j R$ . For this  $j$ ,  $z_j = 0$  and  $(w_u + w_j)R$  is an h-neat hull of  $z_u R$ . Consequently for  $T = x_u R \oplus x_u R$ ,  $h'_T(z_u) \leq h'(z)$ . This is a contradiction. This completes the proof.

We now give a criterion in terms of h-neat heights, for a QTAG-module, in which every h-neat submodule is h-pure. We shall give a more general result. Analogous to the definition of an  $l$ -embedded subgroup of an abelian  $p$ -group given by Moore [5], we define an  $l$ -embedded submodule of a QTAG-module. Let  $Z^+$  be the set of all non-negative integers and  $l : Z^+ \rightarrow Z^+$  be any function such that  $n \leq l(n)$ ,  $n \in Z^+$ . A submodule  $N$  of a QTAG-module  $M$  is said to be  $l$ -embedded if  $H_{l(n)}(M) \cap N \subseteq H_n(N)$  for every  $n \in Z^+$ . Thus if  $I$  is the identity map on  $Z^+$ , a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is h-pure in  $M$  if and only if  $N$  is  $I$ -embedded. Given  $l : Z^+ \rightarrow Z^+$  satisfying  $l(n) \geq n$ , we define  $l_1 : Z^+ \rightarrow Z^+$  such that for any  $n \in Z^+$ ,  $l_1(n)$  is the minimum of all  $l(k)$ ,  $k \geq n$ . Then  $l_1$  is monotonic. Further any submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is  $l$ -embedded if and only if it is  $l_1$ -embedded. So without loss of generality we assume that  $l$  is monotonic. Further define  $l(\infty) = \infty$ .

Proposition 4.5. Let  $M$  be an h-reduced QTAG-module and  $l : Z^+ \rightarrow Z^+$  be a monotonic function such that  $n \leq l(n)$ ,  $n \in Z^+$ . Then every h-neat submodule of  $M$  is  $l$ -embedded if and only if  $h(y) \leq l(h'(y) + 1) - 1$  for every uniform  $y \in M$ .

Proof. Let every h-neat submodule of  $M$  be  $l$ -embedded. Consider a uniform  $y \in M$ . As  $M$  is h-reduced, every h-neat hull of  $yR$  is of finite length. Let  $zR$  be an h-neat hull of  $yR$  such that  $[y, z] = h'(y) = t$ . Then  $H_t(zR) = yR$  and  $H_{t+1}(zR) < yR$ . Then by the hypothesis,  $H_{l(t)}(M) \cap zR \subseteq H_t(zR) = yR$ , but  $H_{l(t+1)}(M) \cap zR < yR$ . Consequently  $h(y) \leq l(t+1) - 1 = l(h'(y) + 1) - 1$ . Conversely let the inequality hold. So every uniform  $y \in M$  has finite height. Let there exist an h-neat submodule  $N$  of  $M$  that is not  $l$ -

embedded. We get smallest positive integer  $n$  such that  $H_{l(n)}(M) \cap N \subset H_n(N)$ . Then  $H_{l(n-1)}(M) \cap N \subset H_{n-1}(N)$ . There exists a uniform  $y \in H_{l(n)}(M) \cap N$  such that  $y \notin H_n(N)$ . As  $l(n) \geq l(n-1)$ ,  $y \in H_{n-1}(N)$ . So that  $h_N(y) = n-1$ . Consequently  $h'(y) \leq n-1$ . By the hypothesis  $h(y) \leq l(h'(y) + 1) - 1 \leq l(n) - 1$ . However as  $y \in H_{l(n)}(M)$ ,  $h(y) \geq l(n)$ . This is a contradiction. This proves the result.

**Theorem(4.6).** Let  $M$  be any QTAG-module and  $l : Z^+ \rightarrow Z^+$  be a monotonic function such that  $n \leq l(n)$ ,  $n \in Z^+$ . Then every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $M$  is  $l$ -embedded if and only if for any uniform  $y \in M$ ,  $h(y) \leq l(h'(y) + 1) - 1$ .

**Proof.** Let every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $M$  be  $l$ -embedded. Write  $M = L \oplus D$ , where  $D$  is the largest  $h$ -divisible submodule of  $M$ . Now  $L$  is  $h$ -reduced and every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $L$  is  $l$ -embedded in  $L$ . Consider a uniform  $y \in M$ . Write  $y = y_1 + y_2$ ,  $y_1 \in L$ ,  $y_2 \in D$ . Suppose  $y_1 \neq 0$ . Then  $h(y) = h(y_1)$ . By (4.3),  $h'(y) = h'_L(y_1)$ . By using (4.5), we get  $h(y) = h(y_1) \leq l(h'(y) + 1) - 1$ . Suppose  $y_1 = 0$ . then  $y = y_2 \in D$ , hence and  $h(y) = \infty$ . Let  $K$  be any  $h$ -neat hull of  $yR$ . Consider any  $n \geq 0$ . Then  $H_{l(n)}(M) = H_{l(n)}(L) \oplus D$ . As  $K \cap D \neq 0$ ,  $H_{l(n)}(M) \cap K \subseteq H_n(K)$ , we get  $H_n(K) \neq 0$ . So that  $d(K) = \infty$ ,  $h'(y) = \infty = h(y)$ . Once again  $h(y) = l(h'(y) + 1) - 1$ . Conversely let the given condition be satisfied. By essentially following the arguments in (4.5), we complete the proof.

**Theorem(4.7).** Let  $M = L \oplus D$  be a QTAG-module such that  $L$  is  $h$ -reduced and  $D$  is  $h$ -divisible. For a monotonic function  $l : Z^+ \rightarrow Z^+$  satisfying  $n \leq l(n)$ , every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $M$  is  $l$ -embedded if and only if

- (i) every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $L$  is  $l$ -embedded in  $L$ ; and
- (ii) for any serial submodule  $W$  of  $D$ , any non-zero homomorphism  $f : W \rightarrow L$  is a monomorphism.

**Proof.** Let every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $M$  be  $l$ -embedded. Then obviously (i) hold. Consider a non-zero homomorphism  $f : W \rightarrow L$  with  $\ker f \neq 0$ . then  $bR = \text{soc}(W) \subseteq \ker f$ . Consider  $\text{soc}(f(W)) = b_1R$ . As  $h(b_1) < \infty$ , by using (2.3) we can choose  $W$  to be such that  $f(W)$  is  $h$ -neat in  $L$ . Then  $L_1 = \{x + f(x) : x \in W\}$  is an  $h$ -neat hull of  $bR$ . So that  $h'(b) < \infty$ . By (4.6)  $h'(b) = \infty$ . This gives a contradiction.

Conversely, let the conditions be satisfied. Consider a uniform  $y \in M$ . Let  $y = y_1 + y_2$ ,  $y_1 \in L$ ,  $y_2 \in D$ . Suppose  $y_1 \neq 0$ . Then by (4.3)  $h(y) = h_L(y_1) \leq l(h'_L(y_1) + 1) - 1$ . Suppose  $y_1 = 0$ . Then  $y = y_2 \in D$ . Let  $K$  be any  $h$ -neat hull of  $yR$ . Let  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  be projections of  $K$  in  $L$  and  $D$  respectively. Then  $K \cong K_2$  and we get an epimorphism  $f : K_2 \rightarrow K_1$  with  $y \in \ker f$ . By (ii),  $f = 0$ . Consequently  $K \subseteq D$  and hence  $d(K) = \infty$ . So once again  $h(y) = l(h'(y) + 1) - 1$ . Hence (4.6) completes the proof.

By taking  $l = I$ , we get the following:

**Corollary (4.8).** Let  $M = L \oplus D$  be a QTAG-module such that  $L$  is  $h$ -reduced and  $D$  is  $h$ -divisible

Then the following are equivalent:

- (i) Every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $M$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .
- (ii) For any uniform  $y \in M$ ,  $h(y) = h'(y)$ .

- (iii) Every h-neat submodule of  $L$  is h-pure and for any uniserial submodule  $W$  of  $D$  any non-zero homomorphism  $f : W \rightarrow L$  is a monomorphism

§ 5. H-NEAT SUBMODULES

A module  $M_R$  is called a strongly TAG-module, if  $M \oplus M$  is a OTAG-module. We start with the following:

Lemma(5.1). Let  $M_R$  be a strongly TAG-module,  $A$  and  $B$  be two uniserial submodules of some homomorphic images of  $M$ . Then the following hold:

- (i) If  $d(A) \leq d(B)$ , then  $B$  is  $A$ -injective.
- (ii) If  $d(A) \geq d(B)$ , then  $B$  is  $A$ -projective.
- (iii) If  $d(A) = d(B)$ , then  $A \cong B$ , whenever  $\text{soc}(A) \cong \text{soc}(B)$  or  $A/H_1(A) \cong B/H_1(B)$ .
- (iv)  $M$  is a TAG-module.

Proof. Now  $A$  and  $B$  are submodules of  $M/K$  and  $M/L$  for some submodules  $K$  and  $L$  of  $M$ . As  $N = M/K \oplus M/L$  is a homomorphic image of  $M \oplus M$ ,  $A \times 0, 0 \times B$  are submodules of  $N$  with zero intersection, (i), (ii), and (iii) follow from (2.3). Finally (iv) follows from (i).

Let  $M_R$  be a strongly TAG-module. Let  $\text{spec}(M)$  be the set of all simple  $R$ -modules which occur as composition factors of some finitely generated submodules of  $M$ . Let  $S, S' \in \text{spec}(M)$ . Then  $S'$  is called an immediate predecessor of  $S$  (and  $S$  is called an immediate successor of  $S'$ ) if for some uniserial submodule  $A$  of  $M$ ,  $A/H_1(A) \cong S'$  and  $H_1(A)/H_2(A) \cong S$ . By using (5.1) we get that any  $S \in \text{spec}(M)$  does not have more than one immediate successor and more than one immediate predecessor. (see also [9]). Let  $S, S' \in \text{spec}(M)$ ,  $S'$  is called a  $k$ -th successor of  $S$ , if there exists a sequence  $S = S_0, S_1, \dots, S_k = S'$  of  $k+1$  distinct members  $S_i$  of  $\text{spec}(M)$ , such that for  $i < k$ ,  $S_{i+1}$  is an immediate successor of  $S_i$ ; in this situation  $S$  is called a  $k$ -th predecessor of  $S'$ .  $S$  is called its own 0-th successor (0-th predecessor).  $S'$  is called a successor of  $S$ , if  $S'$  is a  $k$ -th successor of  $S$  for some positive integer  $k$ . Define  $S \sim S'$  if for some  $k \geq 0$ ,  $S'$  is a  $k$ -th successor or  $k$ -th predecessor of  $S$ . This is an equivalence relation. Any equivalence class  $C$  determined by this relation is called a primary class. For a torsion abelian group, each such  $C$  is a singleton. However for a torsion module over a bounded (hnp)-ring, each  $C$  is finite. For any primary class  $C$  in  $\text{spec}(M)$ , the submodule  $M_C$  of all those  $x \in M$  such that every composition factor of  $xR$  is in  $C$ , is called the  $C$ -primary submodule of  $M$ . By using (5.1) one can easily see that  $M$  is a direct sum of its  $C$ -primary submodules. A module  $M$  is called a primary TAG-module if  $M \oplus M$  is a TAG-module such that  $\text{spec}(M)$  is a primary class. Consider a primary TAG-module  $M$ . Let  $\text{spec}(M)$  have  $k$  members, then either  $k$  is finite or countable. This  $k$  is called the periodicity of  $M$ . In this section we study primary TAG-modules.

Lemma(5.2). Let  $M_R$  be an h-reduced primary TAG-module of finite periodicity. If there exists a function  $f : Z^+ \rightarrow Z^+$  such that for any uniform  $x \in M$ ,  $h(x) \leq f(h'(x))$ , then  $M$  is bounded.

Proof. Let  $M$  be of periodicity  $k$ . For any uniform  $x \in M$ ,  $h'(x) < \infty$ . This gives  $h(x) \leq f(h'(x)) < \infty$ . Suppose  $M$  is not bounded. Then  $M$  has uniserial summands of arbitrarily large lengths. So we can



write  $M = x_1R \oplus x_2R \oplus M'$ , with  $x_iR$  non-zero uniserial,  $z_iR = \text{soc}(x_iR)$ ,  $h(z_2) > \max\{f(j) : 1 \leq j \leq k+d(x_1R)\}$  and  $e(x_2) > k$ . Now  $h(z_2) = [z_2, x_2]$ . As  $M$  is of periodicity  $k$  and  $e(x_2) > k$ , we get  $y_2 \in x_2R$  such that  $[z_2, y_2] \leq k-1$  and  $\text{soc}(x_2R/y_2R) \cong \text{soc}(x_1R)$ . This gives a maximal  $g \in \text{SH}(x_2R, x_1R)$  with  $d(\ker g) \leq k$  and  $z_2R \subseteq \ker g$ . Consequently  $d(\text{domain}(g)) \leq k+d(x_1R)$ ,  $h'(z_2) \leq k+d(x_1R)$ . As  $h(z_2) \leq f(h'(z_2))$ , we get  $h(z_2) \leq \max\{f(j) : 0 \leq j \leq k+d(x_1R)\}$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $M$  is bounded.

**Lemma(5.3).** Let  $M_R$  be any primary TAG-module of finite periodicity. If every h-neat submodule of  $M$  is h-pure, then either  $M$  is h-divisible or h-reduced.

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be neither h-reduced nor h-divisible. Then  $M = xR \oplus A \oplus M_1$  for some uniform element  $x$  and a serial module  $A$  of infinite length. Let  $zR = \text{soc}(A)$ . Then  $h(z) = \infty$ . If the periodicity of  $M$  is  $k$ , then for some  $u$ ,  $1 \leq u \leq k$ , we get a submodule of  $A$  of length  $u$  satisfying  $\text{soc}(A/yR) \cong \text{soc}(xR)$ . By (2.3), we get a maximal  $f \in \text{SH}(A, xR)$  with  $d(\text{domain}(f)) \leq e(x)+u$ . This gives an h-neat hull  $K$  of  $zR$  length  $e(x)+u$ . As  $K$  is h-pure, we get  $h(z) = d(K)-1 < \infty$ . This is contradiction. Hence the result follows.

**Lemma(5.4).** Let  $M_R$  be a primary TAG-module of finite periodicity  $k$ . Let  $T = xR \oplus A$  be a submodule of  $M$ , with  $xR$  uniserial, such that every h-neat submodule of  $T$  is h-pure in  $T$ . Then the following hold:

- (i) If  $\text{soc}(xR) \cong \text{soc}(A)$ , then  $d(A) \leq d(xR)+k$ .
- (ii) If  $\text{soc}(xR)$  is the  $u$ -th predecessor of  $\text{soc}(A)$  for some  $u \geq 1$ , then  $d(A) \leq d(xR)+u$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\text{soc}(A) = zR$ . Let  $\text{soc}(xR) \cong zR$ . For a maximal  $f \neq 0$  in  $\text{SH}(A, xR)$  with  $zR \subseteq \ker f$  and  $d(\ker f)$  minimal, we have  $d(\ker f) = k$ ,  $\text{domain}(f) = yR \subseteq A$ ; further  $h'(z) = e(y)-1 = [z, y] \leq e(x)+k-1$ . However by (4.8),  $h'(z) = h(z)$ . So  $yR = A$ . Consequently  $e(y) = d(A) \leq d(xR)+k$ . Similarly (ii) follows.

We now prove the first decomposition theorem.

**Theorem(5.5).** Let  $M_R$  be a primary TAG-module of periodicity  $k < \infty$ . Then every h-neat submodule of  $M$  is h-pure if and only if either  $M$  is h-divisible or  $M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} x_\alpha R$  such that :

- (i) each  $x_\alpha R$  is uniserial; and
- (ii) for any two distinct  $\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$  the following hold :
  - (a) if  $\text{soc}(x_\alpha R) \cong \text{soc}(x_\beta R)$ , then  $d(x_\beta R) \leq d(x_\alpha R)+k$ ,
  - (b) if  $\text{soc}(x_\beta R)$  is a  $u$ -th predecessor of  $\text{soc}(x_\alpha R)$ ,  $1 \leq u \leq k-1$ , then  $d(x_\alpha R) \leq d(x_\beta R)+u$ .

**Proof.** Let every h-neat submodule of  $M$  be h-pure. By (5.2)  $M$  is either h-divisible or h-reduced. Let  $M$  be h-reduced. By (5.2)  $M$  is bounded. So that  $M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} x_\alpha R$ , for some uniserial submodules  $x_\alpha R$ . By applying (5.4) we complete the necessity. Conversely let the given conditions be satisfied. If  $M$  is h-divisible, then every h-neat submodule  $N$  of  $M$  being h-divisible, is a summand of  $M$ , consequently  $N$  is h-pure. Let  $M$  be h-reduced. Consider a uniform  $z = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda} z_\alpha \in M$  with  $z_\alpha \in x_\alpha R$ . Then  $h(z) = \min\{h(z_\alpha) : z_\alpha \neq 0\} = \min\{[z_\alpha, x_\alpha] : z_\alpha \neq 0\}$ . Consider  $T = x_\alpha R \oplus x_\beta R$  with  $z_\alpha \neq 0$ ,  $z_\beta \neq 0$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . Let  $f \in \text{SH}(x_\alpha R, x_\beta R)$  be maximal with the property that  $z_\beta R \subseteq \ker f$  and  $d(\ker f)$  is minimal. Either  $\text{domain}(f) = x_\alpha R$  or  $\text{range}(f)$

$= x_p R$ . If  $f = 0$ , obviously  $\text{domain}(f) = x_p R$ . Let  $f \neq 0$ . If  $\text{soc}(x_p R) \cong \text{soc}(x_q R)$ , then  $d(\ker f) = \lambda k$  for some  $\lambda > 0$ . If  $\text{soc}(x_p R) \not\cong \text{soc}(x_q R)$ , then for some  $u \geq 1$   $\text{soc}(x_p R)$  is the  $u$ -th predecessor of  $\text{soc}(x_q R)$  and  $d(\ker f) = u + \mu k$  for some  $\mu \geq 0$ . Thus (a) and (b) yield  $\text{domain}(f) = x_q R$ . Consequently  $h'_1(z_\alpha) = [z_\alpha, x_q] = h(z_\alpha)$  By (4.4),  $h'(z) = h(z)$ . This proves the result.

The periodicity of a torsion abelian  $p$ -group is one. We get the following:

**Corollary(5.6).** Every neat subgroup of an abelian  $p$ -group  $G$ ,  $p$  a prime number, is pure subgroup if and only if either  $G$  is a divisible group or  $G = A \oplus B$ , such that for some positive integer  $n$ ,  $A$  is a direct sum of copies of  $Z/(p^n)$  and  $B$  is a direct sum of copies of  $Z/(p^{n+1})$ .

We now discuss the case of a primary TAG-module of infinite periodicity. Henceforth  $M_R$  will be a primary TAG-module of infinite periodicity.

**Lemma(5.7).** Let  $xR$  and  $yR$  be two  $h$ -neat uniserial submodules of  $M$  such that  $\text{soc}(xR) \not\cong \text{soc}(yR)$  and  $\text{soc}(yR)$  is a predecessor of  $\text{soc}(xR)$ . Then :

- (i)  $\text{SH}(yR, xR) = 0$ .
- (ii) For any  $h$ -neat hull  $K$  of  $xR \oplus yR$  in  $M$ ,  $yR$  is a summand of  $K$ ; if in addition  $xR$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ , then  $K = xR \oplus yR$ .
- (iii) If  $xR$  and  $yR$  both are  $h$ -pure, then  $xR \oplus yR$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .

*Proof.* As  $M$  is of infinite periodicity and  $\text{soc}(yR)$  is a predecessor of  $\text{soc}(xR)$ ,  $\text{soc}(xR)$  is not a predecessor of  $\text{soc}(yR)$ . Consequently  $\text{SH}(yR, xR) = 0$ . Let  $K$  be an  $h$ -neat hull of  $xR \oplus yR$ . As  $\text{rank}(K) = 2$ ,  $K = A_1 \oplus A_2$  with  $A_i$  serial. Consider the projections  $f_i : A_1 \oplus A_2 \rightarrow A_i$ . The restriction of one of  $f_i$ , say of  $f_1$  to  $xR$  is a monomorphism. Then  $\text{soc}(xR) \cong \text{soc}(A_1)$  and  $\text{soc}(yR) \cong \text{soc}(A_2)$ . Further  $f_2$  embeds  $yR$  in  $A_2$ . By (i)  $\text{SH}(A_2, A_1) = 0$ . This yields  $yR \subseteq A_2$ . As  $yR \subset' A_2$  and  $yR$  is  $h$ -neat, we get  $yR = A_2$ . Let  $xR$  be  $h$ -pure in  $M$ . So that  $xR$  is  $h$ -pure in  $K$ . Consequently  $xR$  is a summand of  $K$ . As  $xR \neq yR$ , we get  $K = xR \oplus yR$ . This proves (ii). Finally let both  $xR$  and  $yR$  be  $h$ -pure in  $M$ . Then  $M = xR \oplus M_1$  for some submodule  $M_1$ . Then  $K = xR \oplus (K \cap M_1)$ . This gives  $yR = K \cap M_1$ . So  $K \cap M_1$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M_1$ . Thus  $K \cap M_1$  is a summand of  $M_1$ . Hence  $K$  is a summand of  $M$ . This gives (iii).

**Lemma(5.8).** Let  $K$  be any submodule of  $M$  with  $\text{soc}(K)$  homogeneous. Then :

- (i) Given any two uniserial submodules  $A$  and  $B$  of  $M$ , either  $A \cap B = 0$  or  $A, B$  are comparable under inclusion,
- (ii) for any uniform  $x \in K$ ,  $h_K(x) = h'_K(x)$ , and
- (iii) any  $h$ -neat submodule of  $K$  is  $h$ -pure in  $K$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $A \cap B \neq 0$  and  $d(A) \geq d(B)$ . Then  $A+B = A \oplus C$ , with  $C$  a proper homomorphic image of  $B$ . Suppose  $C \neq 0$ , then  $\text{soc}(A) = \text{soc}(B) \not\cong \text{soc}(C)$ . This contradicts the hypothesis that  $\text{soc}(K)$  is homogeneous. Thus  $C = 0$ , so  $B \subseteq A$ . This proves (i). Consider a uniform  $x \in K$ . Then by (i)  $xR$  has unique  $h$ -neat hull  $D$  in  $K$ . Then  $h'_K(x) = d(D)-1$ . The uniqueness of  $D$  gives  $D$  is  $h$ -pure. Consequently  $h_K(x) = d(D)-1$ . This proves (ii). The last part is immediate from (ii)

**Corollary(5.9).** Let  $xR$  and  $yR$  be two uniserial submodules of  $M$  with  $xR \cap yR = 0$ . Every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $T = xR \oplus yR$  is  $h$ -pure in  $T$  if and only if

- (i)  $\text{soc}(xR) \cong \text{soc}(yR)$ , or  
 (ii)  $\text{soc}(xR) \not\cong \text{soc}(yR)$ , one of them say  $\text{soc}(xR)$  is a  $u$ -th predecessor of  $\text{soc}(yR)$  for some  $u \geq 1$  and  $d(yR) \leq d(xR) + u$ .

*Proof.* Let every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $T$  be  $h$ -pure. Let  $\text{soc}(xR) \not\cong \text{soc}(yR)$ , and  $\text{soc}(xR)$  be a  $u$ -th predecessor of  $\text{soc}(yR)$ . Then as in (5.4), we get  $d(yR) \leq d(xR) + u$ .

Conversely, let  $T$  satisfy the given conditions. If  $\text{soc}(xR) \cong \text{soc}(yR)$ , then  $\text{soc}(T)$  is homogeneous, so by (5.8) every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $T$  is  $h$ -pure in  $T$ . Let (ii) hold,  $\text{soc}(yR)$  be a  $u$ -th predecessor of  $\text{soc}(xR)$ . As  $M$  is of infinite periodicity,  $\text{soc}(xR)$  is not a predecessor of  $yR$ . So  $\text{SH}(yR, xR) = 0$ , and for any  $0 \neq f \in \text{SH}(xR, yR)$ ,  $d(\ker f) = u$ . Consider a uniform  $z = x_1 + y_1$ ,  $x_1 \in xR$ ,  $y_1 \in yR$ . Let  $e(x_1) \geq e(y_1)$ . If  $y_1 \neq 0$ , then  $e(x_1) = e(y_1) + u$ . So  $[x_1, x] \leq [y_1, y]$ , and hence  $h'_\tau(z) = [x_1, x] = h_\tau(z)$ . Suppose  $y_1 = 0$ . Consider a maximal  $f \in \text{SH}(xR, yR)$  with  $z \in \ker f$ . Then either  $f = 0$  or  $d(\ker f) = u$ . As  $d(xR) \leq d(yR) + u$ ,  $\text{domain}(f) = xR$ . Once again  $h'_\tau(z) = [x_1, x] = h_\tau(z)$ . Let  $e(y_1) > e(x_1)$ , then  $x_1 = 0$ , as  $\text{SH}(yR, xR) = 0$ . Then for any uniform  $v \in T$ , with  $z \in z_1R$ , we have  $z_1 \in yR$ . So  $yR$  is the only  $h$ -neat hull of  $zR$  in  $T$ . Thus in all cases  $h'_\tau(z) = h_\tau(z)$ . By (4.8), the result follows.

**Lemma(5.10).** Let  $N$  be the submodule of  $M$  generated by those uniform elements  $x \in M$  such that  $\text{soc}(xR)$  has no predecessor in  $\text{soc}(M)$ . Then:

- (i)  $\text{Soc}(N)$  is homogeneous.  
 (ii).  $N$  is an  $h$ -pure submodule of  $M$ .  
 (iii) Any  $h$ -neat submodule of  $N$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be the set of those uniform  $x \in M$  such that  $\text{soc}(xR)$  has no predecessor in  $\text{soc}(M)$ . For any  $x, y \in A$ , if  $\text{soc}(xR) \not\cong \text{soc}(yR)$ , then one of them being a successor of the other, contradicts the hypothesis. So that  $\text{soc}(xR) \cong \text{soc}(yR)$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . Consider a uniform  $z \in \text{soc}(N)$ . For some  $y_i \in A$ ,  $z \in \sum y_i R = \bigoplus B_j$ ,  $B_j$ 's uniserial. For some  $j$ ,  $zR \cong \text{soc}(B_j)$ . But  $B_j$  is a homomorphic image of some  $y_i R$ . As  $\text{soc}(y_i R)$  has no predecessor in  $\text{soc}(M)$ , we get  $y_i R \cong B_j$ . Hence  $\text{soc}(N)$  is homogeneous. It is now immediate that if for any uniform  $x \in M$ ,  $\text{soc}(xR) \subseteq N$ , then  $x \in N$ . This fact gives (ii). By using (4.8) we get (iii).

The submodule  $N$  of  $M$  generated by those uniform elements  $x \in M$ , such that  $\text{soc}(xR)$  has no predecessor in  $\text{soc}(M)$  is called a terminal submodule of  $M$ . We denote this submodule by  $\text{Ter}(M)$ .

**Proposition(5.11).** Let  $M_R$  be a primary TAG-module of infinite periodicity and  $N = \text{Ter}(M)$ .

Then :

- (i) Any submodule  $K$  of  $N$  has unique  $h$ -neat hull in  $M$ ,  
 (ii) for any uniform  $x \in N$ ,  $h(x) = h'(x)$ ; and  
 (iii) for any decomposition  $M = \bigoplus_{i \in \Lambda} A_i$ ,  $N = \sum (A_i \cap N)$ .

*Proof.* By (5.10)  $\text{soc}(N)$  is homogeneous. So given a uniform  $x \in N$ , by (5.8) any two uniform submodules of  $N$  containing  $x$  are comparable under inclusion. Thus there is unique  $h$ -neat hull  $A_x$  of  $xR$  in  $M$ , and by (5.10)  $A_x \subseteq N$ . For  $K$ , the sum  $L$  of those  $A_x$  for which  $x \in K$ , is the unique  $h$ -neat hull of  $K$ . (ii) is immediate from (i). Consider any uniform  $x \in N$ . Then  $x = \sum x_i$ ,  $x_i \in A_i$ . If some  $x_i \neq 0$ , and the

mapping  $xR \rightarrow x_iR, xr \rightarrow x_i r$  is not one-to-one, then  $\text{soc}(xR)$  will have a predecessor in  $\text{soc}(M)$ . This gives a contradiction. Hence  $xR \cong x_iR$ , whenever  $x_i \neq 0$ . Thus  $x_i \in N$  and (iii) follows.

Theorem(5.12). Let  $M_R$  be an  $h$ -reduced primary TAG-module of infinite periodicity. Then every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $M$  is  $h$ -pure if and only if  $M = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\infty} K_j \oplus \text{Ter}(M)$  satisfying the following

conditions :

- (i) for each  $j, K_j$  is decomposable and  $\text{soc}(K_j)$  is homogeneous,
- (ii) for  $j_1 < j_2$ , with  $K_{j_1} \neq 0 \neq K_{j_2}$ , if  $z_1R$  and  $z_2R$  are uniserial summands of  $K_{j_1}$  and  $K_{j_2}$  respectively, then  $\text{soc}(z_2R)$  is a  $u$ -th predecessor of  $\text{soc}(z_1R)$  for some positive integer  $u$  depending upon  $j_1$  and  $j_2$ , and  $d(z_1R) \leq d(z_2R) + u$ ; and
- (iii) if  $t$  is the length of a smallest length uniserial summand of  $N$ , and  $S$  is the simple module determining  $\text{soc}(N)$ , then for any  $K_j \neq 0$ , if  $S$  is a  $v_j$ -th predecessor of the simple module  $S_j$  determining  $\text{soc}(K_j)$ , we have  $d(zR) \leq t + v_j$  for any uniserial summand  $zR$  of  $K_j$ .

Proof. Let every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $M$  be  $h$ -pure. Now  $N = \text{Ter}(M)$ . As  $N$  is  $h$ -reduced, it has a uniserial summand  $xR$  of smallest length, say  $t$ . Consider  $\bar{M} = M/N$ . Let  $S$  be a simple submodule of  $\bar{M}$ . Consider any uniform  $\bar{y} \in \bar{M}$  such that  $S \cong \text{soc}(\bar{y}R)$ . By (2.2), we choose  $y$  to be uniform such that  $yR \cap N = 0$ . Then  $\text{soc}(xR) \not\cong \text{soc}(yR)$ . As  $\text{soc}(xR)$  has no predecessor in  $\text{soc}(M)$ , it is a  $v$ -th predecessor of  $\text{soc}(yR) = zR$  for some  $v \geq 1$ . Now  $h(z) = h'(z) < \infty$ . We get  $y_1 \in M$  such that  $[z, y_1] = h(z)$ . Then in  $xR \oplus y_1R$ , both the summands are  $h$ -pure in  $M$ . By (5.7)  $xR \oplus y_1R$  is  $h$ -pure. By (5.9),  $d(y_1R) \leq d(xR) + v$ . So there is an upper bound on the heights of elements of a particular homogeneous component of  $\text{soc}(\bar{M})$ . Hence by (3.4)  $\bar{M}$  is its only basic submodule, so it is decomposable. As  $N$  is  $h$ -pure, by the observation following (2.2), we get  $M = K \oplus N$ , with  $K$  its only basic submodule. As  $M$  is primary,  $\text{spec}(M)$  is countable. We get  $K = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\infty} K_j$  satisfying (i). Finally (ii) and (iii) follow from (5.9).

Conversely, let  $M$  satisfy the given conditions.. Then  $K$  satisfies conditions analogous to those given in (5.5). So on the similar lines as in (5.5), every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $K$  is  $h$ -pure. Consider any uniform  $y \in M$ . Now  $y = y_1 + y_2, y_1 \in K, y_2 \in N$ . If  $y_1 = 0, y \in N$  and by (5.11),  $yR$  has unique  $h$ -neat hull in  $M$ ; obviously then  $h(y) = h'(y)$ . Let  $y_1 \neq 0$ . Suppose  $y_2 \neq 0$ . then by using (4.3)  $h'(y) = h(y)$ . Suppose  $y_2 = 0$  and  $h'(y) < h(y)$ . We get an  $h$ -neat hull  $zR$  of  $yR$  with  $[y, z] = h'(y)$ . Let  $z = z_1 + z_2, z_1 \in K, z_2 \in N$ . As  $h'_K(y) = h(y), z_2 \neq 0$ . One of  $z_1R$  and  $z_2R$  is  $h$ -neat. As  $yR \subseteq z_1R$  and  $[y, z_1] < h(y) = h_K(y), z_1R$  is not  $h$ -neat in  $K$  and so in  $M$ . Consequently  $z_2R$  is  $h$ -neat in  $N$ , and by (5.10) it is  $h$ -pure. For some  $v, \text{soc}(z_1R)$  is a  $v$ -th predecessor of  $\text{soc}(z_2R)$ . So that  $d(z_1R) = d(z_2R) + v$ . Write  $\text{soc}(z_1R) = gR$ . Then by using condition (iii), we get  $[g, z_1] \leq h(g) \leq d(z_2R) + v - 1 = [g, z_1]$ . Consequently  $d(z_1R) - 1 = h(g)$ . So  $z_1R$  is  $h$ -pure. This is a contradiction. This completes the proof.

We now discuss the case of  $M$  being not necessarily  $h$ -reduced. Write  $M = M_1 \oplus D$ , where  $D$  is the largest  $h$ -divisible submodule of  $M$ .

Lemma(5.13). If every  $h$ -neat submodule of  $M$  is  $h$ -pure and  $D \neq 0$ , then  $\text{Ter}(M) \subseteq D$ ; further  $\text{Ter}(M)$  is  $h$ -divisible.

Proof. Suppose  $N = \text{Ter}(M) \not\subseteq D$ . We get a uniform  $x \in \text{soc}(iJ)$ , such that  $h(x) < \infty$ . Then  $x = y + z$ . Now  $0 \neq y \in M_1$ ,  $z \in D$ . By (5.11)  $y \in N$ . Consider any simple submodule  $S$  of  $D$ . By the definition of  $S$ , it is not a predecessor of  $\text{soc}(yR)$ . So that  $\text{soc}(yR)$  is a predecessor of  $S$ . As  $D$  is h-divisible, there exists a uniserial submodule  $A$  of  $D$  and a homomorphism  $f: A \rightarrow M_1$  with  $\text{range}(f) = yR$  and  $S \subseteq \ker f$ . This contradicts (4.8). Hence  $N \subseteq D$ . As  $N$  is h-pure, it must be h-divisible.

Theorem(5.14) Let  $M_R$  be a primary TAG-module of infinite periodicity such that  $M$  is not h-divisible and let  $N = \text{Ter}(M)$ . Then every h-neat submodule of  $M$  is h-pure if and only if the following hold:

(a)  $N$  is h-divisible, and

(b)  $M = N \oplus \sum_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} K_j$ , where  $K_j$  satisfy the following conditions:

(i) if some  $K_j \neq 0$ , then  $\text{soc}(K_j)$  is a homogeneous component of  $\text{soc}(M)$ ,

(ii) each  $K_j$  is a direct sum of serial modules,

(iii) if for some  $i < j$ ,  $K_i \neq 0 \neq K_j$  and  $K_i$  is not h-divisible, then the simple submodule  $S_i$  determining  $\text{soc}(K_i)$  is a  $v$ -th predecessor of the simple submodule determining  $\text{soc}(K_j)$  for some positive integer  $v$  depending on  $i$  and  $j$ , and for any uniserial submodule  $A$  of  $K_j$ ,  $d(A) \leq t + v$ , where  $t$  is the length of the smallest length uniserial summand of  $K_i$ , and

(iv) if for some  $j$ ,  $K_j \neq 0$  and is not h-reduced, then for any  $i < j$ ,  $K_i$  is h-divisible.

Proof. Let  $D$  be the largest h-divisible submodule of  $M$ . Then  $D \neq 0$ . Let every h-neat submodule of  $M$  be h-pure. By (5.13)  $N$  is h-divisible. Thus  $M = N \oplus M_1 \oplus M_2$  such that  $D = N \oplus M_1$  and  $M_2$  is h-reduced. By applying (5.12) to  $M_2$  and using the fact that  $M_1$  is a direct sum of serial modules, we get  $M_1 \oplus M_2 = \oplus \sum_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} K_j$ , satisfying (i), (ii), and (iii). Finally (iv) is an immediate consequence of (iii).

Conversely let the given conditions be satisfied. By comparing these conditions with those in (5.12), we get  $M = D \oplus L$  such that  $N \subseteq D$ . Then  $\text{SH}(N, L) = 0$ . Consider a uniserial submodule  $W$  of  $D$  and let  $f: W \rightarrow L$  be a non-zero homomorphism. Then  $W \not\subseteq N$ . For some  $j$ ,  $W$  is isomorphic to a submodule of  $K_j$ . This  $K_j$  is not h-reduced,  $f(W) \subseteq L$ , and for some  $t$ ,  $f(W)$  is isomorphic to a submodule of  $K_t$ . If  $j = t$ , obviously  $f$  is a monomorphism. Suppose  $t < j$ . Then  $K_t$  is h-divisible. Let  $xR = \text{soc}(f(W))$ . As  $xR \subseteq L$ ,  $h(x) < \infty$ . On the other hand  $x \in \text{soc}(K_t)$  yields  $h(x) = \infty$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $j < t$ . So  $\text{SH}(K_j, K_t) = 0$ . This once again contradicts the fact that  $f \neq 0$ . Thus  $j = t$ . Hence  $f$  is a monomorphism. So by (4.8) the result follows.

We end this paper by giving an example of an h-reduced primary TAG-module  $M$  of which every h-neat submodule is h-pure, but it is not decomposable. Such a module has to be of infinite periodicity.

Example. Let  $F$  be a Galois field and  $R$  be the ring of infinite lower triangular matrices  $[a_{ij}]$  over  $F$ , where  $i, j$  are indexed over the set  $P$  of all positive integers. Let  $\{e_i : i \in P\}$  be the usual set of matrix units in  $R$ . Then  $M_{kk} = e_k R$  is a uniserial  $R$ -module with  $d(M_k) = k$ ; it is annihilated by the ideal  $A_k$  of  $R$  consisting of those  $[a_{ij}] \in R$ , such that  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \leq k$ . Observe that each  $R/A_k$  is isomorphic to the ring of  $k \times k$  lower triangular matrices over  $F$ . So that any  $R/A_k$ -module is a TAG-module. Each  $M_k$  embeds in

$M_{k+1}$  under the mapping  $e_{kr} \rightarrow e_{k+1,kr}$ ,  $r \in R$ . Let  $T = \prod_k M_k$ . Then  $M_R = \{x \in T : xA_k = 0 \text{ for some } k\}$  is a primary TAG-module of infinite periodicity. Its socle is homogeneous. By (5.8) every h-neat submodule of  $M$  is h-pure.  $M$  is h-reduced. Consider a uniform  $x \in \text{soc}(M)$ . then  $x = (x_k)$ ,  $x_k \in M_k$ . Let  $u$  be the smallest integer such that  $x_u \neq 0$ . Then  $xR \cong x_u R$ . As  $d(M_u) = u$ , by using (2.3) it can be easily seen that  $h(x) = u-1$ . So that for any  $i > 1$ ,  $\text{soc}(H_{i-1}(M))/\text{soc}(H_i) \cong \text{soc}(M_i)$ . Suppose that  $M$  is decomposable,

Then  $M = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\infty} N_j$ , where  $N_j$  is a direct sum of uniserial modules of length  $j$ . Then

$\text{soc}(H_{i-1}(M))/\text{soc}(H_i(M)) \cong \text{soc}(N_i)$ . Thus  $\text{soc}(N_i) \cong \text{soc}(M_i)$ , a simple module. Consequently each  $N_i$  is a uniserial module. As  $F$  is finite,  $N_i$  is a finite set. Consequently  $M$  is countable. But by construction  $M$  is uncountable. This is a contradiction. Hence  $M$  is not decomposable.

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