

# A note on Socle-regular *QTAG*-modules

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**Abstract:** A right module  $M$  over an associative ring with unity is a *QTAG*-module if every finitely generated submodule of any homomorphic image of  $M$  is a direct sum of uniserial modules. Recently the authors introduced the notions of socle regular and strongly socle-regular *QTAG*-modules and investigated their properties. Here we study those properties of these modules which are shared by their maximal  $h$ -divisible submodules and isometrically large submodules.

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## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, all rings will be associative with unity and modules  $M$  are unital *QTAG*-modules. An element  $x \in M$  is uniform, if  $xR$  is a non-zero uniform (hence uniserial) module and for any  $R$ -module  $M$  with a unique composition series,  $d(M)$  denotes its composition length. For a uniform element  $x \in M$ ,  $e(x) = d(xR)$  and  $H_M(x) = \sup \left\{ d \left( \frac{yR}{xR} \right) \mid y \in M, x \in yR \text{ and } y \text{ uniform} \right\}$  are the exponent and height of  $x$  in  $M$ , respectively.  $H_k(M)$  denotes the submodule of  $M$  generated by the elements of height at least  $k$  and  $H^k(M)$  is the submodule of  $M$  generated by the elements of exponents at most  $k$ .  $M$  is  $h$ -divisible if  $M = M^1 = \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} H_k(M)$  and it is  $h$ -reduced if it does not contain any  $h$ -divisible submodule. In other words it is free from the elements of infinite height.

A submodule  $N \subset M$  is nice [2, Definition 2.3] in  $M$ , if  $H_{\sigma}(M/N) = (H_{\sigma}(M) + N)/N$  for all ordinals  $\sigma$ , i.e. every coset of  $M$  modulo  $N$  may be represented by an element of the same height.

A fully invariant submodule  $L \subset M$  is a large submodule of  $M$ , if  $L + B = M$  for every basic submodule  $B$  of  $M$ . A submodule  $N$  of  $M$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$  if  $N \cap H_k(M) = H_k(N)$ , for every integer  $k \geq 0$ . For a limit ordinal  $\alpha$ ,  $H_{\alpha}(M) = \bigcap_{\rho < \alpha} H_{\rho}(M)$ , for all ordinals  $\rho < \alpha$  and it is  $\alpha$ -pure in  $M$  if  $H_{\sigma}(N) = H_{\sigma}(M) \cap N$  for all ordinals  $\sigma < \alpha$ . A submodule  $B \subseteq M$  is a basic submodule of  $M$ , if  $B$  is  $h$ -pure in  $M$ ,  $B = \bigoplus B_i$ , where each  $B_i$  is the direct sum of uniserial modules of length  $i$  and  $M/B$  is  $h$ -divisible. A characteristic submodule  $N$  of a *QTAG*-module  $M$  is a submodule that is invariant under each automorphism of  $M$ . For a submodule  $N$  of  $M$ , put  $\sigma = \min\{H(x) \mid x \in \text{Soc}(N)\}$  and denote  $\sigma = \text{inf}(\text{Soc}(N))$ . Here  $\text{Soc}(N) \subseteq \text{Soc}(H_{\sigma}(M))$ . If  $K$  is submodule of  $M$  containing  $N$ ,  $\text{inf}(\text{Soc}(N))$  may be calculated with respect to  $N$  and  $M$  respectively. To differentiate we write  $\text{inf}(\text{Soc}(N))_K$  and  $\text{inf}(\text{Soc}(N))_M$  respectively, but if  $K$  is an

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isotype submodule of  $M$ , then  $\text{inf}(\text{Soc}(N))_K = \text{inf}(\text{Soc}(N))_M$ . Several results which hold for TAG-modules also hold good for *QTAG*-modules [8]. Notations and terminology are follows from [6,7].

## 2 Main Results

First we recall some basic definitions:

**Definition 1.** A *h*-reduced *QTAG*-module  $M$  is said to be socle-regular if for all fully invariant submodules  $N$  of  $M$ , there exists an ordinal  $\sigma$  such that  $\text{Soc}(N) = \text{Soc}(H_\sigma(M))$ . Hence  $\sigma$  depends on  $N$ .

**Definition 2.** A *h*-reduced *QTAG*-module  $M$  is said to be strongly socle-regular if for all characteristic submodules  $N$  of  $M$ , there exists an ordinal  $\sigma$  such that  $\text{Soc}(N) = \text{Soc}(H_\sigma(M))$ . Hence  $\sigma$  depends on  $N$ .

A strongly socle-regular *QTAG*-module is socle-regular but the converse is not true, in general. Here we investigate the conditions under which socle-regular modules become strongly socle-regular.

**Proposition 1.** Let  $D$  be the maximal *h*-divisible submodule of a socle-regular (strongly socle-regular) *QTAG*-module  $M$ . Then  $M/D$  is also socle-regular (strongly socle-regular).

*Proof.* Let  $K$  be a fully invariant (characteristic) submodule of  $M$  such that  $N/K$  is also fully invariant (characteristic) submodule of  $M/K$ . For the endomorphism (automorphism)  $f : M \rightarrow M$  we may define  $\bar{f} : M/K \rightarrow M/K$  which is induced by  $f$ . Here  $\bar{f}$  is well defined endomorphism (automorphism) of  $M/K$ . Since  $\bar{f}(x + K) = f(x) + K$  and  $\bar{f}(N/K) \subseteq N/K$ ,  $f(N) \subseteq N$ . Therefore  $N$  is fully invariant (characteristic) in  $M$ .

Now  $D$  is the maximal *h*-divisible submodule of  $M$ , it is fully invariant (characteristic),  $N$  is fully invariant (characteristic) in  $M$  whenever  $N/D$  is fully invariant (characteristic) in  $M/D$ . Therefore for some ordinal  $\alpha$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Soc}(N/D) &= \frac{\text{Soc}(N) + D}{D} = \frac{\text{Soc}(H_\alpha(M)) + D}{D} = \frac{\text{Soc}(H_\alpha(M) + D) + D}{D} \\ &= \text{Soc}\left(\frac{H_\alpha(M) + D}{D}\right) = \text{Soc}(H_\alpha(M/D)). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $M/D$  is socle-regular (strongly socle-regular).

*Remark.* If  $M$  is socle-regular (strongly socle-regular), then the maximal *h*-divisible submodule  $D \subseteq M$ , is also socle-regular (strongly socle-regular). Conversely, if  $M = D \oplus A$ , where  $A$  is *h*-reduced then for any fully invariant submodule  $C$  of  $M$ ,  $C = (C \cap D) \oplus (C \cap A)$  where  $C \cap D$  is fully invariant in  $D$  and  $C \cap A$  is fully invariant in  $A$ . If  $D$  and  $M/D$  are socle-regular, then  $M$  is also socle-regular as  $M/D \cong A$ .

**Proposition 2.** Suppose that  $M = N \oplus K$  with  $H_\sigma(N) = H_\sigma(K)$  for some  $\sigma \geq 0$ .

(i) Then  $M$  is socle-regular if and only if  $M$  is strongly socle-regular, provided that  $\sigma = n$  is an integer.

(ii) If  $M$  is fully transitive, then  $M$  is strongly socle-regular provided that  $\sigma = \omega$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $M = N \oplus K$  with  $H_n(N) = H_n(K)$ , for some non-negative integer  $n$ . Then  $M$  is socle-regular if and only if  $M$  is strongly socle-regular [3]. Therefore (i) holds.

(ii) Let  $M$  be a *QTAG*-module with a decomposition  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  such that  $H_\omega(M_1)$  and  $H_\omega(M_2)$  have the same *Ulm* supports. Then  $M$  is fully transitive if and only if  $M$  is transitive [3], therefore  $M$  should be transitive and we are done as every transitive *QTAG*-module is strongly socle-regular.

**Definition 3.** A large submodule  $L$  of a *QTAG*-module  $M$  is said to be isometrically large if its every automorphism preserves heights, i.e.,  $H_M(x) \leq H_M(f(x))$ ,  $\forall x \in L$ .

It was proved in [4] and [5] that if  $L$  is a large submodule of the socle-regular (strongly socle-regular) *QTAG*-module  $M$ , then  $L$  is socle-regular (strongly socle-regular) as well.

For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $H_n(M)$  is isometrically large in  $M$ , but there may be isometrically large submodules which are not of the form  $H_n(M)$ . Also, a large submodule need not be isometrically large. Therefore we investigate these situations.

**Proposition 3.** If  $L$  is isometrically large strongly socle-regular submodule of the *QTAG*-module  $M$ , then  $M$  is a strongly socle-regular *QTAG*-module.

*Proof.* Let  $N$  be a characteristic submodule of  $M$ . If  $\text{Soc}(N) \not\subseteq H_\omega(M)$ , then  $\text{inf}(\text{Soc}(N))$  is finite and by [5, Proposition 2.1], we have

$$\text{Soc}(N) = \text{Soc}(H_n(M))$$

for some non-negative  $n$ .

If  $\text{Soc}(N) \subseteq H_\omega(M) = H_\omega(L)$ , where the equality is well known, then  $\text{Soc}(N)$  is a characteristic submodule of  $L$  by virtue of [3]. Thus there exists an ordinal  $\sigma \geq 0$  with  $\text{Soc}(N) = \text{Soc}(H_\sigma(L)) \subseteq \text{Soc}(H_\omega(L))$ . So we may assume that  $\sigma \geq \omega$  and as  $H_\sigma(M) = H_\sigma(L)$ , we have that  $\text{Soc}(N) = \text{Soc}(H_\sigma(M))$  and we are done.

As an immediate consequence of the above, we have

**Corollary 1.** If  $L$  is an isometrically large submodule of a *QTAG*-module  $M$ , then  $M$  is strongly socle-regular if and only if  $L$  is strongly socle-regular.

We define fully nice complete and globally nice complete *QTAG*-modules as follows:

**Definition 4.** A *QTAG*-module  $M$  is said to be fully nice-complete if for every fully invariant submodule  $K$  of  $M$ , there exists a nice submodule  $N$  of  $M$  (eventually depending on  $K$ ) such that  $\text{Soc}(K) = \text{Soc}(N)$ .

which states that each socle-regular *QTAG*-module is fully nice-complete. There is an immediate relation between socle-regular and fully nice-complete *QTAG*-modules

**Definition 5.** A *QTAG*-module  $M$  is said to be globally nice-complete if for every characteristic submodule  $Q$  of  $M$ , there exists a nice submodule  $N$  of  $M$  (eventually depending on  $Q$ ) such that  $\text{Soc}(Q) = \text{Soc}(N)$ .

Similarly, strongly socle-regular *QTAG*-modules are globally nice-complete.

Evidently, strongly socle-regular *QTAG*-modules are globally nice-complete as well as globally nice-complete *QTAG*-modules are fully nice-complete.

We end this note with the following open problems:

**Problem 1.** If  $M = L \oplus K$  with  $H_\omega(L) = H_\omega(K)$  and  $M$  is socle-regular, does it follow that  $M$  is strongly socle-regular.

**Problem 2.** Characterize the classes of fully nice-complete *QTAG*-modules and globally nice-complete *QTAG*-modules.

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