

MODULES BEHAVING LIKE TORSION ABELIAN GROUPS

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Introduction. Recently H. Marubayashi [1, 2] and S. Singh [10, 11, 12] generalized some results of torsion abelian groups for modules over some restricted rings, like bounded Dedekind prime rings, bounded hereditary Noetherian prime rings. Singh [12] introduced the concept of h -purity for a module M_R satisfying the following conditions:

(I) Every finitely generated submodule of every 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 nonzero homomorphism $f: W \rightarrow V$ can be extended to a homomorphism $g: U \rightarrow V$ provided the composition length $d(U/W) \leq d(V/f(W))$.

We call a module M_R satisfying (I) and (II) an S_2 -module. Singh [12] generalized some of the results of [10] and has shown that a large number of decomposition theorems true for torsion abelian groups also hold for S_2 -modules. The purpose of this paper is to generalize some more results of torsion abelian groups for S_2 -modules. The results in Section (I) are all analogous to known results in abelian torsion group theory. Analogous to high subgroups as defined by Irwin [3], we define high submodules of S_2 -modules. Irwin [3, Theorem 7] proved that high submodules of primary modules over principal ideal domain are pure submodules. We prove here that high submodules are h -pure (Theorem 7). We have also obtained a necessary and sufficient condition for a submodule of an S_2 -module to be embeddable in a bounded direct summand (Theorem 9). Section (II) deals with the applications to torsion modules over bounded (hnp)-rings. It is proved that if N is any high submodule of a torsion module M over a bounded (hmp)-ring then M/N is divisible and if N is a direct sum of cyclic modules then all high submodules are isomorphic (Proposition 17, Th. 18). Lastly the concept of Σ -modules analogous to Σ -groups is introduced and the results of [4] have been generalized.

Some of the results have been announced by the author in [8].

Preliminaries. All rings considered here are associative, contain unity and modules are unital S_2 -modules. An element $x \in M$, $x \neq 0$ and M is an S_2 -

module, is called uniform if xR is a uniform module. For any uniform element $x \in M$, $d(xR)$ the composition length of xR is called exponent of x and is denoted as $e(x)$; $\sup\{d(U/xR)\}$ where U runs over all uniserial submodules of M , containing x is called height of x and is denoted as $H_M(x)$ (or simply $H(x)$). For any $k \geq 0$, $H_k(M)$ denotes the submodule generated by uniform elements of M of height at least k . A submodule N of M is called h -pure if $H_k(M) \cap N = H_k(N)$ for all $k \geq 0$. M is said to be bounded if $H(x) \leq k$ for every uniform element $x \in M$. We denote by M^1 the submodule generated by all the uniform elements of M of height infinity. Analogous to neat subgroups a submodule N of M is called h -neat if $N \cap H_1(M) = H_1(N)$. This concept is introduced in [8].

Section I. Results on S_2 -module. If M is an S_2 -module and N is a submodule of M then a submodule K of N is called complement of N if K is maximal with respect to $K \cap N = 0$. A complement of M^1 is called high submodule.

Now we prove the following:

LEMMA 1. *If M is an S_2 -module and N is h -neat submodule of M With same socle then $N = M$.*

Proof. We do this by induction. Let every uniform element of M of exponent n belong to N . Suppose x is a uniform element in M with $e(x) = n + 1$ then we can get a submodule $zR \subseteq xR$ such that $d(xR/zR) = 1$. By induction $z \in N$, hence by h -neatness of N there exists a uniform element $u \in N$ such that $z \in uR$ and $d(uR/zR) = 1$. Hence by (II) we get an isomorphism $f: xR \rightarrow uR$ which is identity on zR and can be chosen as $xr \leftrightarrow ur$. Define $g: xR \rightarrow (x - f(x))R$ given as $xr \rightarrow (x - f(x))r$. Then g is an R -epimorphism with $zR \subseteq \ker g$. Hence $e(x - f(x)) \leq d(xR/zR) = 1$ so $x - f(x) \in N$ and by induction we get $N = M$.

The following lemma generalizes [1, Lemma 3.22]:

LEMMA 2. *If N is a submodule of an S_2 -module M and for every uniform element $x \in \text{soc}(N)$, $H_N(x) = H_M(x)$. Then N is h -pure submodule of M .*

Proof. Let y be a uniform element of N such that if $e(y) = n$ then $H_N(y) = H_M(y)$. Let x be a uniform element of N with $e(x) = n + 1$ and $H_M(x) = k$. There is a uniform element $t \in M$ such that $x \in tR$ and $d(tR/xR) = k$. Choose $z \in xR$ such that $d(xR/zR) = 1$ then $d(tR/zR) = k + 1$. Hence by supposition there exists a uniform element $u \in N$ such that $z \in uR$ and $d(uR/zR) = k + 1$. Let $u'R/zR = \text{soc}(uR/zR)$, then there exists an isomorphism $f: xR \rightarrow u'R$ which is identity on zR . Now the map $g: xR \rightarrow (x - f(x))R$ given as $xr \rightarrow (x - f(x))r$ is an R -epimorphism with $zR \subseteq \ker g$; so $e(x - f(x)) \leq d(xR/zR) = 1$ and we get $x - f(x) = u_1$ with $u_1 \in \text{soc}(N)$. Trivially $u_1 \in H_k(M)$. Hence by

hypothesis $u_1 \in H_k(N)$, consequently $x \in H_k(N)$. Therefore by induction the lemma follows.

PROPOSITION 3. *If M is an S_2 -module and $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$ and N is a submodule such that $\text{soc}(N) \subseteq \text{soc}(M_1)$ then any projection π of M onto M_1 restricted on N is an isomorphism and $\pi(N)$ is h -pure submodule of M provided N is h -pure in M .*

Proof. Let x be a uniform element of N and $zR = \text{soc}(xR)$ then $z = xr$ for some $r \in R$ and $\pi(z) = \pi(x)r$ but $\pi(z) = z$, hence $z = \pi(x)r$ consequently $\pi(x) \neq 0$ and therefore π , restricted on N , is an isomorphism. Now for h -purity of $\pi(N)$, let x be a uniform element in $\text{soc}(\pi(N))$ such that $H_M(x) = n$ then by h -purity of N there exists a uniform element $y \in N$ such that $x \in yR$ and $d(yR/xR) = n$. Now as π , restricted on N , is an isomorphism, $d(\pi(y)R/\pi(x)R) = d(\pi(y)R/xR) = n$. Hence by lemma 2, $\pi(N)$ is h -pure submodule of M .

Now we prove the complement submodules are h -neat.

PROPOSITION 4. *If M is an S_2 -module and N is a submodule of M then any complement T of N is h -neat.*

Proof. Let x be a uniform element in $T \cap H_1(M)$, then there exists a uniform element $y \in M$ such that $x \in yR$ and $d(yR/xR) = 1$. If $y \in T$ then we are done. Let $y \notin T$ and $K = (T + yR) \cap N$. Then $K \neq 0$ and so for some non-zero uniform element $u \in N$ we have $u = t + yr$, $t \in T$, $r \in R$. As yR is totally ordered either $yrR \subseteq xR$ or $xR \subseteq yrR$. If $yrR \subseteq xR$ then $yr \in T$ and so $u \in T \cap N$, a contradiction, therefore $xR \subseteq yrR$. Now as yR/xR is a simple module, $yrR = yR$ and hence without any loss we can assume $u = t + y$. Since $x \in yR$, $x = yr_0$ for some $r_0 \in R$, hence using $T \cap N = 0$ we get $x = yr_0 = -tr_0$. Consider the map $\mathfrak{N}: yR \rightarrow tR$ given as $yr \rightarrow tr$ then as $N \cap T = 0$, \mathfrak{N} is a well defined onto homomorphism. Hence tR is uniform. Now we assert that $tr_0R \neq tr$. Suppose $tr_0R = tR$ then $t \in yR$ and hence $u = yc$ for some $c \in R$. Now it is easy to see that $uR < yR$. Again as yR is totally ordered either $xR \subseteq uR$ or $uR \subseteq xR$, but $d(yR/xR) = 1$ and $N \cap T = 0$, therefore none is possible. Consequently $tR > tr_0R$ and $d(tR/xR) > 1$ which gives $x \in H_1(T)$. So T is h -neat in M .

Now the following proposition answers about the converse part of the Proposition 4.

PROPOSITION 5. *If M is an S_2 -module and N is a h -neat submodule of M such that $\text{soc}(N) \oplus \text{soc}(T) = \text{soc}(M)$ then N is a complement of T .*

Proof. Trivially $N \cap T = 0$. We embed N into a complement K of T . Then $K \oplus T$ is an essential submodule of M and hence $\text{soc}(K) \oplus \text{soc}(T) = \text{soc}(M)$.

Therefore $\text{soc}(K) = \text{soc}(N)$ and by Lemma 1, $N = K$. Hence N is a complement of T .

Now the following theorem gives a characterization of complement submodules.

THEOREM 6. *If M is an S_2 -module such that M is essential in a module E . If N is a submodule of M such that $N \subseteq D \subseteq E$ and N is essential in D , then the set of complements of N in M is the set of intersections of M with complements of D in E .*

Proof. Let A be a complement of D in E then $A \oplus D$ is essential in E and hence $\text{soc}(A) \oplus \text{soc}(D) = \text{soc}(E)$. Let $T = A \cap M$, then trivially $\text{soc}(M) = \text{soc}(T) \oplus \text{soc}(N)$. 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 $x \in yR$ and $d(yR/xR) = 1$. Since by Proposition 4 A is h -neat, there exists a uniform element $z \in A$ such that $d(zR/xR) = 1$. Hence by (II) there exists an isomorphism $f: yR \rightarrow zR$, such that f is the identity on xR . The map $g: yR \rightarrow (y - f(y))R$ is trivially an R -epimorphism with $xR \subseteq \ker g$. Hence $e(y - f(y)) \leq d(yR/xR) = 1$ and $y - f(y) \in \text{soc}(M)$. Consequently $f(y) \in M$ and we get T to be h -neat in M . Now by Proposition 5, T is a complement of N . Conversely let B be a complement of N in M then $(B \cap D) \cap N = 0$, hence $B \cap D = 0$. We embed B into a complement C of D in E . Then $B \subseteq C \cap M$ but $(C \cap M) \cap N = C \cap N = 0$ and we get $B = C \cap M$.

We have proved that the complement submodules are h -neat. Now we prove that the complement submodules under some condition are h -pure. The following theorem generalizes [3, Theorem 7].

THEOREM 7. *If M is an S_2 -module and N is a submodule of M such that $N \subseteq M^1$. Then any complement T of N is h -pure submodule of M .*

Proof. Appealing to Proposition 4, we get $T \cap H_1(M) = H_1(T)$. Now suppose $H_n(T) = T \cap H_n(M)$. Then we prove $H_{n+1}(T) = T \cap H_{n+1}(M)$. Let x be a uniform element in $T \cap H_{n+1}(M)$ then there exists a uniform element $y \in M$ such that $x \in yR$ and $d(yR/xR) = n + 1$. Let $zR/xR = \text{soc}(yR/xR)$ then $d(yR/zR) = n$. If $z \in T$, then by induction $x \in H_{n+1}(T)$ and we get T to be h -pure. Now let $z \notin T$ then $(T + zR) \cap N \neq 0$ and so we can find a non-zero uniform element $w = t + zr$ for some $0 \neq r \in R$ and $t \in T$. As T is a complement of N and zR/xR is simple, $zrR = zR$ and hence without loss of generality we can suppose $w = t + z$. As $x \in zR$, $x = zr'$ for some $r' \in R$, so $wr' = tr' + zr'$, but $T \cap N = 0$, $x = zr' = -tr'$. As in Proposition 4 it is easy to see that t is uniform.

Now we have the following two cases:

CASE 1. Let $tr'R < tR$, then $d(tR/xR) \geq 1$. As $N \subseteq M^1$ and $z \in H_n(M)$ we get $t \in H_n(M) \cap T = H_n(T)$, so $x \in H_{n+1}(T)$ and T is h -pure by induction.

CASE 2. Let $tr'R = tR$, then we get $t = xa = zr'a$ for some $a \in R$ and $w = za'$, $a' \in R$. Trivially $wR \subseteq zR$, as zR is totally ordered either $wR \subseteq xR$ or $wR = zR$, but on account of $N \cap T = 0$ none is possible. Therefore $tr'R \neq tR$.

Hence T is h -pure submodule of M .

COROLLARY 8. *If M is an S_2 -module and T is a high submodule of M then T is h -pure in M .*

The following theorem generalizes Erdeyli's theorem for primary groups [5, Corollary 27.8]. The proof of the theorem is very much similar to that of Theorem 7.

THEOREM 9. *If M is an S_2 -module and N is a submodule of M , then N can be embedded in a bounded summand of M if and only if the heights of the uniform elements of N in M are bounded.*

Proof. If N is embeddable in a bounded summand of M then trivially for every uniform element $x \in N$, $H_M(x) \leq k$. For the converse let $m = \sup\{H(x)\}$ for every uniform element $x \in N$. Then trivially $N \cap H_{m+1}(M) = 0$. Now we embed N into a complement K of $H_{m+1}(M)$. Obviously K is bounded. Now we prove that $K \cap H_n(M) = H_n(K)$ for all $n \geq 0$. The result is trivially true for $n = 0$ and $n \geq m + 1$. Now let $0 < n < m$ and $K \cap H_n(M) = H_n(K)$. Now we prove that $K \cap H_{n+1}(M) = H_{n+1}(K)$. Suppose x is a uniform element in $K \cap H_{n+1}(M)$, then there exists a uniform element $y \in M$ such that $x \in yR$ and $d(yR/xR) = n + 1$. Let $zR/xR = \text{soc}(yR/xR)$ then $d(yR/zR) = n$. If $z \in K$ then by supposition $z \in H_n(K)$ and hence $x \in H_{n+1}(K)$ and we get the assertion. Let $z \notin K$ then $(K + zR) \cap H_{m+1}(M) \neq 0$. Hence for some uniform element $u \in H_{m+1}(M)$ we have $u = t + zr$ where $t \in K$, $r \in R$. As zR is totally ordered either $zrR \subseteq xR$ or $xR < zrR$, but due to the simplicity of zR/xR and $K \cap H_{m+1}(M) = 0$, none is possible, consequently $zrR = zR$. Hence without any loss of generality we can assume $u = t + z$. As in Theorem 7, it is easy to see that t is uniform. Now $x = zr'$ for some $r' \in R$ and $x = zr' = -tr'$. Now we have the following two cases:

CASE 1. If $tr'R < tR$ then $d(tR/zR) \geq 1$. As $n < m$ and $z \in H_n(M)$ we get $t \in K \cap H_n(M) = H_n(K)$. Hence $x \in H_{n+1}(K)$. Consequently by induction K is h -pure submodule of M .

CASE 2. If $tr'R = tR$ then $tR = xR$ and $t = xa$ for some $a \in R$. Now $u = t + z = xa + z = zr'a + z = zb$ for some $b \in R$. As done earlier it is easy to see that $uR = zbR = zR$. Hence $z \in H_{m+1}(M)$ and we get $t = 0$ which is a contradiction. Therefore this case is not possible.

Consequently K is a bounded h -pure submodule of M . Appealing to [12,

Theorem 3] we get K to be a direct summand of M . Hence the theorem follows:

The following corollary generalizes a theorem of Khabbaz [5, Theorem 27.7]:

COROLLARY 10. *If M is an S_2 -module then every complement of $H_k(M)$ is a direct summand of M .*

P. Hill [9] has shown that two pure subgroups with the same socle are not necessarily isomorphic. The following theorem which generalizes a result of E. Enoch [6, Lemma 66.1], shows that under some conditions two h -pure submodules with same socle are isomorphic.

THEOREM 11. *If M is an S_2 -module and N, K are h -pure submodules of M with $\text{soc}(N) = \text{soc}(K)$. If $M = K \oplus T$ then $M = N \oplus T$ and $N \cong K$.*

Proof. It is trivial to see that $N \cap T = 0$ and $\text{soc}(M) = \text{soc}K \oplus \text{soc}T = \text{soc}(N) \oplus \text{soc}(T)$. Now we apply induction. Suppose every uniform element $y \in M$ with $e(y) = n$ belongs to $N \oplus T$. Since for every projection π of M onto K and uniform element $x \in M$, $x = \pi(x) + (I - \pi)(x)$ and $e(\pi(x)) \leq n$, hence for completing the proof it is sufficient to show that if u is any uniform element of K with $e(u) = n + 1$ then $u \in N \oplus T$. Let $zR = \text{soc}(uR)$ then $d(uR/zR) = n$. As $\text{soc}(N) = \text{soc}(K)$, $z \in N$ and by h -purity of N , there exists a uniform element $v \in N$ such that $z \in vR$ and $d(vR/zR) = n$. Appealing to (II) there exists an isomorphism $\sigma: uR \rightarrow vR$ such that σ is the identity on zR . The map $\mathfrak{N}: uR \rightarrow (u - \sigma(u))R$ is trivially an R -epimorphism with $zR \subseteq \ker \mathfrak{N}$. Therefore $e(u - \sigma(u)) \leq d(uR/zR) = n$ which yields by induction $u - \sigma(u) \in N \oplus T$ and so $u \in N \oplus T$. Therefore $M = N \oplus T$ and we have $N \cong K$.

COROLLARY 12. *If M is an S_2 -module and $M = N_1 \oplus N_2 = T_1 \oplus T_2$ with $\text{soc}(N_1) = \text{soc}(T_1)$ then $M = N_1 \oplus T_2 = T_1 \oplus N_2$.*

In Section II we shall prove that high submodules under some conditions are isomorphic. For proving this fact we need the following:

PROPOSITION 13. *If M is an S_2 -module and $N \subseteq M^1 \neq 0$ then for any complement T of N in M , M/T is direct sum of infinite length uniform submodules.*

Proof. If every uniform element of $\text{soc}(M/T)$ is of infinite height then by [12, Theorem 4] the assertion follows. If it is not so, then by [12, Theorem 5] $M/T = L/T \oplus K/T$ where L/T is of finite length. Hence $(M/K)^1 = 0$ and we get $M^1 \subseteq K$, so $0 = T \cap N = (L \cap K) \cap N = L \cap N$ which is a contradiction. Hence the assertion follows

LEMMA 14. *If N is a submodule of an S_2 -module M and T_1, T_2 are complements of N then $\text{soc}((T_1 \oplus N)/N) = \text{soc}((N_2 \oplus T)/N)$.*

Proof. For any uniform element $x \in T_1$ we assert that $e(x) = 1$ if and only if $e(\bar{x}) = 1$ where $\bar{x} = x + N$. If $e(x) = 1$, then trivially $e(\bar{x}) = 1$. Let $e(\bar{x}) = 1$ and $e(x) > 1$ then there exists a submodule $yR \subseteq xR$ such that $d(xR/yR) = 1$.

Trivially $y \notin N$ and so $d(\bar{x}R/\bar{y}R) = 1$ which gives $e(\bar{x}) > 1$, a contradiction and hence the assertion follows. Let \bar{x} be a uniform element in $\text{soc}((T_1 \oplus N)/N)$ then by above argument x can be taken to be a uniform element in $\text{soc}(T_1)$. As $\text{soc}(T_2) \oplus \text{soc}(N) = \text{soc}(M)$, we get $x \in \text{soc}(T_2) \oplus \text{soc}(N)$ and consequently $\bar{x} \in \text{soc}((T_2 \oplus N)/N)$. Similarly the other inclusion follows.

LEMMA 15. *If N is a submodule of an S_2 -module M with $N \subseteq M^1 \neq 0$ then for any complement T of N , $(T \oplus N)/N$ is h -pure in M/N .*

Proof. Let \bar{x} be a uniform element in $((T \oplus N)/N) \cap H_k(M/N)$ then x can be chosen to be uniform in T . As $N \subseteq M^1$, $x \in T \cap H_k(M)$, hence by Theorem 7, $x \in H_k(T)$. Therefore there exists a uniform element $y \in T$ such that $x \in yR$ and $d(yR/xR) = k$. As $x \notin N$, $d(\bar{y}R/\bar{x}R) = k$ and so $\bar{x} \in H_k((T \oplus N)/N)$. Hence $(T \oplus N)/N$ is h -pure in M/N .

Section II. Applications to torsion modules over bounded (hnp)-rings. Proceeding on similar lines as in Theorem 6, we have the following proposition which generalizes [4, Theorem 3].

PROPOSITION 16. *Let N be a submodule of a torsion module M over a bounded (hnp)-ring R and E be divisible hull of M and D be divisible hull of N in E , then the set of complements of N in M is the set of intersections of M with complementary summands of D in E .*

PROPOSITION 17. *If M is a torsion module over a bounded (hnp)-ring R and $N \subseteq M^1 \neq 0$ then for any complement T of N , M/T is divisible.*

Proof. It runs on similar lines as in Proposition 13.

It is proved in [7] that torsion modules over bounded (hnp)-ring contain basic submodules and any two basic submodules are isomorphic. Now appealing to Theorem 7, Proposition 17, Lemma's 14, 15 and the fact mentioned above and [10, Corollary 1] we have the following theorem which generalizes [4, Theorem 7]. Since the proof is on similar lines, it is omitted.

THEOREM 18. *If M is a torsion module over a bounded (hnp)-ring R and N, T are high submodules of M . If N is direct sum of cyclic modules then T is also direct sum of cyclic modules and $T \cong N$.*

Analogous to Σ -groups [4], now we define Σ -module.

DEFINITION. If M is a torsion module over a bounded (hnp)-ring R then M is called Σ -module if all of its high submodules are direct sum of cyclic modules.

Now in view of the results proved we have the following theorem which generalizes [4, Theorems 10, 11]. Since the proof is almost similar it is omitted.

THEOREM 19. *If M is a torsion module over a bounded (hnp)-ring R then the following hold:*

- (a) M contains a Σ -submodule T such that T is h -pure in M and $T^1 = M^1$.
- (b) If M is a Σ -module then any submodule T with $T^1 = T \cap M^1$ is also a Σ -module.

(c) If M is a Σ -module and T is h -pure submodule of M then T is a Σ -module.

PROPOSITION 20. If M is a torsion module over a bounded (hnp)-ring R and $M^1 \neq 0$. If N and T are high submodules of M then the following hold:

- (a) $H_k(T)$ is high submodule of $H_k(M)$ for all $k \geq 0$.
- (b) $\text{soc}(H_k((T \oplus M^1)/M^1)) = \text{soc}(H_k((N \oplus M^1)/M^1))$, $k \geq 0$.
- (c) M/N is divisible hull of $(M^1 \oplus N)/N$.
- (d) $M/N \cong M/T$.
- (e) $M = N + H_k(M)$ for all $k \geq 0$.
- (f) $H_k(M)/H_{k+n}(M) \cong H_k(N)/H_{k+n}(N)$ for all $n, k \geq 0$.
- (g) $M/H_k(N) = N/H_k(N) \oplus H_k(M)/H_k(N)$, $k \geq 0$.
- (h) M is minimal h -pure module containing $T \oplus M^1$.

Proof. In view of the results proved, the proofs of the above can be well adopted from that of groups, hence we prove only (e) by Proposition 17, M/N is divisible hence for every positive integer k , and uniform element $\bar{x} \in M/N$ we can find a uniform element $\bar{y}_k \in M/N$ such that $d(\bar{y}_k R / \bar{x} R) = k$ then $d(y_k R / t_k R) = k$ where $t_k = y_k r$, $r \in R$ and $\bar{x} = \bar{t}_k$. Consequently $x - t_k \in N$ but $t_k \in H_k(M)$, so $x \in N + H_k(M)$ and we get (e).

COROLLARY 21. If M is a torsion module over a bounded (hnp)-ring R then M is a Σ -module if and only if $H_k(M)$ is a Σ -module for $k \geq 0$.

Proof. If M is a Σ -module then by Theorem 19, $H_k(M)$ is a Σ -module. Conversely suppose $H_k(M)$ is a Σ -module. Let N be any high submodule of M then $H_k(N)$ is a high submodule of $H_k(M)$ (Proposition 20). Hence $H_k(N)$ is a direct sum of cyclic modules. Appealing to [7, Theorem 2.2.13] we get N to be direct sum of cyclic modules and so by Theorem 18, the assertion follows.

COROLLARY 22. If M is a torsion module over a bounded (hnp)-ring R and N is a submodule such that $N \supseteq H_k(M)$ then N is a Σ -module provided M is a Σ -module.

PROPOSITION 23. If M is a reduced torsion module over a bounded (hnp)-ring R and $M^1 \neq 0$. If N is a high submodule of M then the following hold:

- (a) $N \oplus M^1 < M$
- (b) N cannot be bounded.

Proof. It can be well adopted from that of groups and the results proved so far.

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