

1.  $g$  is well-defined:

suppose  $m_1 + k = m_2 + K$  iff  $m_1 - m_2 \in K \leq N$  iff  $m_1 + N = m_2 + N$

$\therefore g$  is well defined

2.  $g$  is a homomorphism (prove)

3.  $g$  is an epimorphism (prove)

4.  $\ker g = \{m+K \mid g(m+k) = N\}$

$$= \{m+K \mid m+N = N\}$$

$$= \{m+K \mid m \in N\}$$

$$= \frac{N}{K} \quad (\text{where } K \leq N \text{ and } m \in N)$$

$$\therefore \ker g = \frac{N}{K}$$

Then by the first isomorphism theorem,  $\frac{M}{\frac{N}{K}} \approx \frac{M}{N}$ .

**Exercise.** Let  $M$  be a cyclic  $R$ -module, say  $M=Rx$ . Prove that  $M \approx R/\text{ann}(x)$ , where  $\text{ann}(x) = \{r \in R \mid rx = 0\}$ .

[ Hint: Define the mapping  $f: R \rightarrow M$  by  $f(r) = rx$  ]

## Chapter three (Sequence)

### Short exact sequence

**Definition.** A sequence  $M_1 \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M_2$  of  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -module homomorphisms is said to be **exact at**  $M$  if  $\text{Im } f = \ker g$  while a sequence of the form

$$\partial: \quad \dots \rightarrow M_{n-1} \xrightarrow{f_{n-1}} M_n \xrightarrow{f_{n+1}} M_{n+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

$n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , is said to be an **exact sequence** if it is exact at  $M_n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

A sequence such as

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M_2 \rightarrow 0$$

that is exact at  $M_1$ , at  $M$  and at  $M_2$  is called a **short exact sequence**.

Remarks.

1. If an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} M_2 \rightarrow 0$  is short exact then
  - i.  $f$  is a monomorphism
  - ii.  $g$  is an epimorphism
2. A sequence  $0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{f} M$  is exact iff  $f$  is monomorphism
3. A sequence  $M \xrightarrow{g} M_2 \rightarrow 0$  is exact iff  $g$  is epimorphism
4. If the composition (between two homomorphisms  $f$  and  $g$ )  $g \circ f = 0$ , then  $\text{Im} f \leq \text{ker} g$ .

Examples.

1. If  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then  $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{i} M \xrightarrow{\pi} \frac{M}{N} \rightarrow 0$  is a short exact sequence, where  $i$  is the canonical injection and  $\pi$  is the natural epimorphism. for example : since  $\text{ker} f$  is a submodule of  $M$ , then  $0 \rightarrow \text{ker} f \xrightarrow{i} M \xrightarrow{\pi} \frac{M}{\text{ker} f} \rightarrow 0$  is a short exact sequence.

2. Consider the sequence

$$\mu: 0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{J_1} M_1 \oplus M_2 \xrightarrow{\rho_2} M_2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{Im} J_1 = M_1 \oplus \{0\} \quad ; \quad J_1(x) = (x, 0)$$

$$\text{ker} \rho_2 = M_1 \oplus \{0\} \quad ; \quad \rho_2(x, y) = (0, y)$$

for any  $x \in M_1$ ,  $y \in M_2$  and  $(x, y) \in M_1 \oplus M_2$

$J_1$  is a monomorphism and  $\rho_2$  is an epimorphism

$\therefore \mu$  is short exact sequence

3. The sequence  $0 \rightarrow 2\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{i} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\pi} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow 0$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules is a short exact sequence

Remark. **Commutative Diagrams**

The following diagram



To show that  $\beta$  is a monomorphism, must prove  $\ker \beta = 0$ .

Let  $b \in \ker \beta \rightarrow \beta(b) = 0 \rightarrow g_2(\beta(b)) = g_2(0) = 0$ . Since the diagram is commutative, then:

$\gamma \circ g_1(b) = \gamma(g_1(b)) = 0 \rightarrow g_1(b) \in \ker \gamma = \{0\}$  ( $\gamma$  is a monomorphism)  
 $\rightarrow g_1(b) = 0 \rightarrow b \in \ker g_1 = \text{Im} f_1 = f_1(A)$ . There is  $a \in A$  such that

$$f_1(a) = b \rightarrow \beta(f_1(a)) = \beta(b).$$

Since

$\beta \circ f_1 = f_2 \circ \alpha \rightarrow f_2 \circ \alpha(a) = \beta(b) \rightarrow f_2(\alpha(a)) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha(a) \in \ker f_2 = \{0\}$  ( $f_2$  is a monomorphism), so

$$\alpha(a) = 0 \rightarrow a \in \ker \alpha = \{0\} \text{ (}\alpha \text{ is a monomorphism)} \rightarrow a = 0.$$

But  $f_1(a) = b$  and  $a = 0 \rightarrow b = f_1(a) = f_1(0) = 0 \rightarrow b = 0$ .

$$\ker \beta = \{0\} \rightarrow \beta \text{ is a monomorphism}$$

Proof 2.

Let  $\acute{b} \in \acute{B} \rightarrow g_2(\acute{b}) \in \acute{C} \rightarrow g_2(\acute{b}) = \acute{c}$ . Since  $\gamma$  is an epimorphism, there is  $c \in C$  such that

$$\gamma(c) = \acute{c} \rightarrow g_2(\acute{b}) = \gamma(c).$$

But  $g_1$  is an epimorphism, then there is  $b \in B$  such that

$$g_1(b) = c \rightarrow g_2(\acute{b}) = \gamma(c) = \gamma(g_1(b)) = \gamma \circ g_1(b) = g_2 \circ \beta(b)$$

so

$$g_2(\acute{b}) = g_2(\beta(b)) \rightarrow g_2(\beta(b) - \acute{b}) = 0 \text{ (}g_2 \text{ is homomorphism).}$$

and

$$\beta(b) - \acute{b} \in \ker g_2 = \text{Im} f_2 \rightarrow \beta(b) - \acute{b} \in \text{Im} f_2.$$

There is  $\acute{a} \in \acute{A}$  such that  $f_2(\acute{a}) = \beta(b) - \acute{b}$ . But  $\alpha$  is an epimorphism, there is  $a \in A$  such that  $\alpha(a) = \acute{a}$ . Since  $\beta \circ f_1 = f_2 \circ \alpha$  (the diagram is commutative).

Then

$$\beta(f_1(a)) = f_2(\alpha(a)) = f_2(\acute{a}) = \beta(b) - \acute{b}$$

so

$$\acute{b} = \beta(b) - \beta(f_1(a)) = \beta(b - f_1(a)) \quad (\beta \text{ is homomorphism})$$

i.e there is  $b - f_1(a) \in B$  such that  $\beta(b - f_1(a)) = \acute{b}$

Hence  $\beta$  is an epimorphism.

Proof 3. is an immediate consequence of (1) and (2).

**Exercise.** Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{g} & C & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & h \downarrow & & & & \\ & & & & D & & \end{array}$$

where the row is exact and  $h \circ f = 0$ . Prove that, there exist a unique homomorphism  $k: C \rightarrow D$  such that  $k \circ g = h$ .

**Definition.** Let  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$  be a short exact sequence. This sequence is said to be **split** if  $\text{Im} f$  is a direct summand of  $B$ .

(i.e there is  $D \leq B$  such that  $B = \text{Im} f \oplus D$ ).

**Example.** The sequence  $0 \rightarrow 2\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{i} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\pi} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow 0$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules and  $\mathbb{Z}$ -homomorphism is a short exact sequence which is not split (where  $\text{Im} i = 2\mathbb{Z}$  is not direct summand of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ).

**Theorem.** Let  $R$  be a ring and

$$\mathcal{F}: \quad 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$$

a short exact sequence of  $R$ -module homomorphisms. Then the following conditions are equivalent

1.  $\mathcal{F}$  splits.
2.  $f$  has a left inverse (i.e  $\exists h: B \rightarrow A$  homomorphism with  $hof = I_A$ ).
3.  $g$  has a right inverse (i.e  $\exists k: C \rightarrow B$  a homomorphism with  $gok = I_C$ ).

Proof. (1  $\rightarrow$  2) since  $\mathcal{F}$  splits, then  $\text{Im}f$  is a direct summand of  $B$ .

(i.e.  $\exists B_1 \leq B$  such that  $B = \text{Im}f \oplus B_1$ ).

Define  $h: B \rightarrow A$  by  $h(x) = h(a_1 + b_1) = a$  for  $x = a_1 + b_1 \in \text{Im}f \oplus B_1$ .

where  $a_1 \in \text{Im}f$  (i.e  $\exists a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = a_1$ ) and  $b_1 \in B_1$ .

- a. Since  $f$  is one-to-one, then  $h$  is well-define.
- b.  $h$  is a homomorphism
- c. let  $w \in A$ ,  $hof(w) = h(f(w)) = h(f(w) + 0) = w$  (by definition of  $h$ )

$\therefore h$  is a left inverse of  $f$ .

(2  $\rightarrow$  3) suppose  $f$  has a left inverse say  $h$  (i.e.  $hof = I_A$ ).

Define  $k: C \rightarrow B$  by:  $k(y) = b - foh(b)$  where  $g(b) = y$  with  $b \in B_1$ .

- a.  $k$  is well define:

let  $y, y_1 \in C$  such that  $y = y_1$  with  $g(b) = y$  and  $g(b_1) = y_1$  for  $b, b_1 \in B_1$ .

Now,

$$g(b) = g(b_1) \rightarrow b_1 - b \in \ker g = \text{Im}f$$

so,  $b_1 - b \in \text{Im}f \rightarrow \exists a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = b_1 - b$ .

Then  $h(f(a)) = h(b_1 - b)$ . But  $hof = I_A$ ,

so  $a = hof(a) = h(f(a)) = h(b_1 - b) = h(b_1) - h(b)$

$$\therefore a = h(b_1) - h(b) \rightarrow f(a) = f(h(b_1)) - f(h(b)) = b_1 - b$$

$$\therefore b - f(h(b)) = b_1 - f(h(b_1)) \rightarrow k(y) = k(y_1) \rightarrow k \text{ is well define.}$$

b.  $k$  is homomorphism ( why?)

c.  $gok = I_C$ . for that

let  $y \in C$ ,  $gok(y) = g(k(y)) = g(b-foh(b))$  where  $g(b) = y$ .

$\rightarrow gok(y) = g(b) + gofoh(b)$  . But  $Im f = kerg$ . So,  $gof = 0$ .

$\rightarrow gok(y) = g(b) + 0 = y$

$\therefore gok = I_C$

(3  $\rightarrow$  1) suppose that  $g$  has a right inverse say  $k: C \rightarrow B$  such that  $gok = I_C$

Let  $B_1 = \{b \in B \mid kog(b) = b\}$

a.  $B_1 \neq \varnothing$  ( $0 \in B_1$  where  $g(0) = k(g(0)) = k(0) = 0$ )

b.  $B_1$  is a submodule of  $B$ . (prove?)

c.  $B = Imf \oplus B_1$ , for that:

i. Let  $w = Imf \cap B_1 \rightarrow w = f(a) \in B_1$  for some  $a \in A$  with  
 $kog(w) = w \rightarrow k(g(f(a))) = k(0) = 0$ . But  $k(g(f(a))) = k(g(w)) = w$ .

Thus  $w = 0$  and so  $Imf \cap B_1 = 0$ .

ii. Let  $b \in B \rightarrow b = b - kog(b) + kog(b)$ .

Since  $kog(kog(b)) = kog(b)$ , then  $kog(b) \in B_1$  and  $g(b - kog(b)) = g(b) - gokog(b) = g(b) - Iog(b) = g(b) - g(b) = 0$  (where  $gok = I_C$ ).

$\rightarrow b - kog(b) \in kerg = Imf$

$\therefore b = b - kog(b) + kog(b) \in Imf + B_1$

$\therefore B = Imf \oplus B_1 \rightarrow Imf$  is a direct summand of  $B$  which implies  $\mathcal{F}$  splits.

**Exercise** If the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$$

splits, then  $B \approx Imf \oplus Img$