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full families of Hopfian (co-Hopfian) groups

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**Proposition.** Let  $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a full family of groups. Then each  $G_i$  is Hopfian (co-Hopfian) if and only if  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} G_i$  is Hopfian (co-Hopfian).

*Proof.* „ $\Rightarrow$ ” Let

$$f : \bigoplus_{i \in I} G_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I} G_i$$

be a surjective (injective) homomorphism. Since  $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  is full, then there exists family of homomorphisms  $\{f_i : G_i \rightarrow G_i\}_{i \in I}$  such that

$$f = \bigoplus_{i \in I} f_i.$$

Of course since  $f$  is surjective (injective), then each  $f_i$  is surjective (injective). Thus each  $f_i$  is an isomorphism, because each  $G_i$  is Hopfian (co-Hopfian). Therefore  $f$  is an isomorphism, because

$$f^{-1} = \bigoplus_{i \in I} f_i^{-1}. \quad \square$$

„ $\Leftarrow$ ” Fix  $j \in I$  and assume that  $f_j : G_j \rightarrow G_j$  is a surjective (injective) homomorphism. For  $i \in I$  such that  $i \neq j$  define  $f_i : G_i \rightarrow G_i$  to be any automorphism of  $G_i$ . Then

$$\bigoplus_{i \in I} f_i : \bigoplus_{i \in I} G_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I} G_i$$

is a surjective (injective) group homomorphism. Since  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} G_i$  is Hopfian (co-Hopfian) then  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} f_i$  is an isomorphism. Thus each  $f_i$  is an isomorphism. In particular  $f_j$  is an isomorphism, which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Example.** Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{p \in \mathbb{N} \mid p \text{ is prime}\}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_0$  be any subset of  $\mathcal{P}$ . Then

$$\bigoplus_{p \in \mathcal{P}_0} \mathbb{Z}_p$$

is both Hopfian and co-Hopfian.

*Proof.* It is easy to see that  $\{\mathbb{Z}_p\}_{p \in \mathcal{P}}$  is full, so  $\{\mathbb{Z}_p\}_{p \in \mathcal{P}_0}$  is also full. Moreover for any  $p \in \mathcal{P}_0$  the group  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is finite, so both Hopfian and co-Hopfian. Therefore (due to proposition)

$$\bigoplus_{p \in \mathcal{P}_0} \mathbb{Z}_p$$

is both Hopfian and co-Hopfian.  $\square$