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The category of Abelian groups has enough injectives.

Proof. First, note that \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} is an injective Abelian group, since it is divisible. For any Abelian group A , let $A^* = \text{Hom}(A, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$.

We define

$$f : A \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A^*, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}), a \mapsto f_a,$$

where f_a is defined as

$$f_a : A^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}, \varphi \mapsto \varphi(a).$$

f is one-to-one, for if $f_a = 0$, i.e. $\varphi(a) = 0$ for all $\varphi \in A^*$, it follows $a = 0$. Indeed, if $a \neq 0$, let the order of a be denoted by n , and for any $q \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ with order n , the homomorphism defined by $a \mapsto q$ is well-defined on the subgroup generated by a , and since \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} is injective, it induces a homomorphism $A \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ which is different from zero.

Now, if we chose a presentation $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z} \twoheadrightarrow A^*$, we get an embedding $\text{Hom}(A^*, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}(\bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$, where the latter is clearly isomorphic to the direct product $\prod_{i \in I} \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$. This last group is injective as a direct product of injectives. \square