

## 2 Modules

### 2.3 Projective modules and injective modules

1. Let  ${}_D M$  be a vector space over a division ring  $D$ , since  ${}_D M$  has a basis,  ${}_D M$  is free, therefore  ${}_D M$  is projective. Considering the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & S \xrightarrow{\lambda} T \\ & & \downarrow f \swarrow \\ & & M \end{array}$$

where  $\lambda$  is injective, then  $T = \text{Im } \lambda \oplus T'$  by Lemma

2.2.1. Define  $\psi : T \rightarrow M$ ,  $\psi(\lambda(a) + b) = f(a)$ , thus  $\psi \circ \lambda = f$ , hence  ${}_D M$  is injective.

2.  $\Rightarrow$ : Suppose  $P$  is projective, then there is an index set  $I$  such that  $f : R^{(I)} \cong P \oplus P'$ . Define  $f_i = \pi_i \circ f^{-1} \circ \lambda_1 : P \rightarrow R$  for each  $i \in I$  where  $\lambda_1 : P \rightarrow P \oplus P'$ ,  $\lambda_1(a) = (a, 0)$ ,  $\pi_i : R^{(I)} \rightarrow R$  the  $i$ th projection. Define  $x_i = \pi_P f(e_i) \in P$  where  $e_i = (\delta_{ij})_{j \in I}$ ,  $\pi_P : P \oplus P' \rightarrow P$ ,  $\pi_P((a, b)) = a$ . Suppose  $f^{-1}\lambda_1(m) = \sum r_i e_i = \pi_j(f^{-1}\lambda_1(m)) = \sum_i r_i \pi_j(e_i) = r_j$  for any  $m \in P$ ,  $\pi_P(f^{-1}\lambda_1(m)) = \pi_P \lambda_1(m) = m = \sum_i r_i \pi_P f(e_i) = \sum_i r_i x_i$ , thus  $f^{-1}\lambda_1(m) = \sum r_i e_i = \sum f_i(m) e_i$ , hence  $m = \pi_P f(f^{-1}\lambda_1(m)) = \sum f_i(m) \pi_P f(e_i) = \sum f_i(m) x_i$ .  $\Leftarrow$ : Define  $\pi : R^{(I)} \rightarrow P$ ,  $\pi(e_i) = x_i (i \in I)$ . Since for any  $\subset i \in I \sum a_i x_i \in P$ , there exist  $(a_i)_{i \in I} \in R^{(I)}$  such that  $\pi((a_i)_{i \in I}) = \subset i \in I \sum a_i x_i$ ,  $\pi$  is epimorphic. Define  $h : P \rightarrow R^{(I)}$ ,  $h(m) = (f_i(m))_{i \in I}$ , then  $\pi \circ h = \text{id}_P$ , thus  $R^{(I)} \cong P \oplus P'$ , where  $P' = \text{Ker } \pi$ . In fact, for any  $a \in R^{(I)}$ , then  $h(\pi(a)) \in R^{(I)}$  and  $a - h\pi(a)$  satisfies  $\pi(h\pi(a)) = 0$ , thus  $a = h\pi(a) + (a - h\pi(a))$ , hence  $R^{(I)} = \text{Im } h + \text{Ker } \pi$ . For any  $h(a) \in \text{Im } h \cap \text{Ker } \pi$ , then  $\pi h(a) = a = 0$ , thus  $h(a) = 0$ . Hence  $R^{(I)} = \text{Im } h \oplus \text{Ker } \pi$  and  $h(P) = h\pi(R^{(I)}) = \text{Im } h$ . For any  $a \in P$ ,  $\pi h(a) = a$ , then  $\pi : \text{Im } h \rightarrow P$  is surjective. For any  $\pi(x) = 0$ , there is  $y \in P$  such that  $x = h(y)$ , then  $y = \pi h(y) = \pi(x) = 0$ , thus  $x = 0$ , therefore  $\pi$  is injective. Hence  $\pi : \text{Im } h \rightarrow P$  is isomorphism. Therefore  $R^{(I)} \cong P \oplus P'$ , then  $P$  is projective.
3. Since  $P$  is a finitely generated projective left  $R$ -module, there is  $P'$  such that  $P \oplus P' = R^n$ , then  $(P \oplus P')^* \cong P^* \oplus P'^* = \text{Hom}_R(R^n, R) \cong R_R^n$ . Hence  $P^*$  is a projective right  $R$ -module.
4. Suppose every submodule of a projective left  $R$ -module is projective,  $N$  is a submodule of injective module  $E$ . For any left ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , embedding homomorphism  $\lambda : I \rightarrow R$  and any  $f : I \rightarrow E/N$ , canonical homomorphism  $\pi : E \rightarrow E/N$ . Since  $I$  is projective, there is  $\varphi : I \rightarrow E$  such that  $f = \varphi \circ \pi$ . Since  $E$  is injective, there is  $\psi : R \rightarrow E$  such that  $\psi \circ \lambda = \varphi$ , then  $(\pi \circ \psi) \circ \lambda = \pi \circ \varphi = f$ , i.e.  $\pi \circ \psi$  is an extension of  $f$ . According to Theorem 2.3.2,  $E/N$  is injective. Conversely, for any submodule  $L$  of projective module  $P$ , any epimorphism  $\pi_1 : M \rightarrow N$  and any homomorphism  $\varphi : L \rightarrow N$ . Let  $\lambda : M \rightarrow E$  is injective and  $E$  is an injective module,

$K = \text{Ker}\pi_1$ , then  $\lambda(K)$  is a submodule of  $E$ , thus  $\pi_2 : E \rightarrow E/\lambda(K)$  is a canonical homomorphism. Define  $\eta : N \rightarrow E/\lambda(K)$ ,  $\eta(\pi_1(m)) = \pi_2\lambda(m)$ . If  $\pi_1(m_1) = \pi_2(m_2)$ , then  $m_1 - m_2 \in K$ , thus  $\lambda(m_1 - m_2) \in \lambda(K)$ , hence  $\pi_2(\lambda(m_1) - \lambda(m_2)) = 0$ , therefore  $\eta$  is well-defined. Since  $E/\lambda(K)$  is injective, there is  $\psi : D \rightarrow E/\lambda(K)$  such that  $\psi \circ \tau = \eta\varphi$  where  $\tau : L \rightarrow P$  is an embedding homomorphism. Since  $P$  is projective, there is  $\xi : P \rightarrow E$  such that  $\pi_2 \circ \xi = \psi$ . Suppose canonical homomorphism  $\pi_3 : E \rightarrow E/\lambda(M)$ ,  $\lambda(K) \subset \lambda(M)$ , then  $\pi_4 : (a + \lambda(K)) \mapsto a + \lambda(M)$  is a  $R$ -module homomorphism and  $\pi_4 \circ \pi_2 = \pi_3$ , then  $\pi_3 \circ \xi \circ \tau = \pi_4\pi_2\xi\tau = \pi_4\psi\tau = \pi_4\eta\varphi$ , while  $\pi_4\eta\pi_1 = \pi_4\pi_2\lambda = \pi_3\lambda = 0$ , while  $\pi_1$  is surjective,  $\pi_4\eta = 0$ , then  $\pi_3\xi = \pi_4\pi_2\xi = \pi_4\eta\varphi = 0$ , thus  $\text{Im}\xi \subset \text{Ker}\pi_3 = \lambda(M)$ . Let  $\zeta = \lambda^{-1}\xi$ , then  $\zeta : P \rightarrow M$  satisfies  $\zeta\tau = \varphi$ , this means that  $L$  is projective.

5. Example:  $I = \mathbb{R}[x]x \leq \mathbb{R}[x]$  is free, but there is not idempotent element  $e$  such that  $\mathbb{R}[x]x = \mathbb{R}[x]e$ .

6. Since  $\varphi : Re \rightarrow Rf$  is a left  $R$ -module isomorphism,  $\varphi(e) = rf$ ,  $\varphi^{-1}(f) = se$ , then  $e = \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(e)) = rse$ ,  $f = \varphi\varphi^{-1}(f) = srf$ , and
- $$\begin{cases} erf = rf \\ fse = se \\ erse = e \\ fsrf = f \end{cases}$$

Define right  $R$ -module homomorphism  $\psi : eR \rightarrow fR$ ,  $\psi(ea) = fsea$  and right  $R$ -module homomorphism  $\psi^{-1} : fR \rightarrow eR$ ,  $\psi^{-1}(fa) = erf a$ , then  $\psi^{-1}\psi(ea) = erf sea = er(fse)a = (erse)a = ea$  and  $\psi\psi^{-1}(fa) = fserfa = fs(erf)a = (fsrf)a = fa$ , thus  $\psi$  is a right  $R$ -module isomorphism. Similarly, if  $\psi : eR \rightarrow fR$  is right  $R$ -module isomorphism, then  $\varphi : Re \rightarrow Rf$  is a left  $R$ -module isomorphism.

7. Suppose  ${}_R R^n = {}_R P \oplus {}_R P'$  where  ${}_R P$  is a finitely generated projective module. Suppose  $P' \neq 0$  (otherwise  $P = R^n$  is free), assume that  $e \in \text{End}_R R^n$  satisfies  $e^2 = e$ ,  $P = R^n e$ ,  $P' = R^n(1 - e)$ , let  $e_i \in \text{End}_R R^n$  satisfy  $\{(0, \dots, 0, \subseteq_{i\text{th}} 1, 0, \dots, 0) | r \in R\} = R^n e_i$  (i.e.  $e_i = \lambda_i \pi_i$  where  $\pi_i : R^n \rightarrow R$  and  $\lambda_i : R \rightarrow R^n$ ), then  $e_1 \text{End}_R R^n e_1 \cong R$ ,  $e_1 = e_1 e e_1 + e_1(1 - e)e_1 \in R$  where  $R$  is a local ring, then  $e_1$  is identity of  $e_1 \text{End}_R R^n e_1$ . If  $e_1 e e_1$  and  $e_1(1 - e)e_1$  are not invertible and  $M$  is the unique ideal of  $R$ , then  $\langle e_1 e e_1 \rangle \neq R$  and  $\langle e_1(1 - e)e_1 \rangle \neq R$ , thus  $\langle e_1 e e_1 \rangle \subseteq M$  and  $\langle e_1(1 - e)e_1 \rangle \subseteq M$ , then  $e_1 \in M$ , thus  $M = R$ , it is contradiction. Let  $e_1 f e_1$  represent invertible element of  $\{e_1 e e_1, e_1(1 - e)e_1\}$  and  $K_1 = \text{Im}(e_1 f)$ , since  $e f e_1$  and  $e_1$  are isomorphism  ${}_R R \rightarrow {}_R R$ , then  $f : R \rightarrow K_1$  and  $e_1 : K_1 \rightarrow R$  are isomorphism, thus  $R^n = K_1 \oplus R^{n-1}$  (When  $f = e$ ,  $K_1 = R^n e_1 e \subseteq P$ , then  $R^n = K_1 \oplus P_1 \oplus P'$  where  $P = K_1 \oplus P_1$ , when  $f = (1 - e)$ ,  $K_1 = R^n e_1(1 - e) \subseteq P'$ , then  $R^n = P \oplus K_1 \oplus P''$  where  $P' = K_1 \oplus P''$ ), then by introduction,  $P \cong K_1 \oplus \dots \oplus K_m$  where  $K_i \cong {}_R R$ , thus  $P$  is free.

8. Suppose  ${}_R P$  is projective and  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$  is exact. If

$f_*(\alpha) = f \circ \alpha = 0$ , since  $f$  is injective,  $\alpha = 0$ . Since  $g_* \circ f_* = (g \circ f)_* = 0$ ,  $Im f_* \subset Ker g_*$ , if  $\beta \in Ker g_*$ , i.e.  $g \circ \beta = 0, \beta \in Hom_R(P, B)$ , then  $Im \beta \subset Ker g = Im f$ , let  $f^{-1} : Im f \rightarrow A$ ,  $\alpha = f^{-1}\beta \in Hom_R(P, A)$  and  $f_*(\alpha) = f(f^{-1} \circ \beta) = \beta \in Im f_*$ , then  $Im f_* = Ker g_*$ . For any  $\xi \in Hom_R(P, C)$ , since  $P$  is projective and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  is epimorphism, there is  $\zeta : P \rightarrow B$  such that  $g \circ \zeta = \xi = g_*(\zeta)$ , thus  $g_*$  is epimorphic. Hence  $0 \rightarrow Hom_R(P, A) \xrightarrow{f_*} Hom_R(P, B) \xrightarrow{g_*} Hom_R(P, C) \rightarrow 0$

is exact. Conversely, let  $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{f} F \xrightarrow{g} P \rightarrow 0$  is exact where  $F$  is free, then  $0 \rightarrow Hom_R(P, L) \xrightarrow{f_*} Hom_R(P, F) \xrightarrow{g_*} Hom_R(P, P) \rightarrow 0$  is exact, thus there is  $h \in Hom_R(P, F)$  such that  $g_*(h) = gh = id_P$ , hence  $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{f} F \xrightarrow{g} P \rightarrow 0$  is splitting, therefore  $P$  is projective.

9. Suppose  ${}_R P$  is injective and  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$  is exact. If  $g^*(\alpha) = \alpha \circ g = 0$ , since  $f$  is surjective,  $\alpha = 0$ . Since  $f^* \circ g^* = (g \circ f)^* = 0$ ,  $Img^* \subset Ker f^*$ , if  $\beta \in Ker f^*$ , i.e.  $\beta \circ f = 0, \beta \in Hom_R(B, E)$ , then  $Ker g = Im f \subset Ker \beta$ , let  $g^{-1} : C \rightarrow C/Ker g$ ,  $\alpha = \beta g^{-1} \in Hom_R(C, E)$  and  $g^*(\alpha) = \beta \circ g \circ g^{-1} = \beta \in Img^*$ , then  $Img^* = Ker f^*$ . For any  $\xi \in Hom_R(A, E)$ , since  $E$  is injective and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is monomorphism, there is  $\zeta : B \rightarrow E$  such that  $\zeta \circ f = \xi = f^*(\zeta)$ , thus  $f^*$  is epimorphic. Hence  $0 \rightarrow Hom_R(C, E) \xrightarrow{g^*} Hom_R(B, E) \xrightarrow{f^*} Hom_R(A, E) \rightarrow 0$  is exact. Conversely, let  $0 \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{f} J \xrightarrow{g} K \rightarrow 0$  is exact where  $F$  is injective, then  $0 \rightarrow Hom_R(K, E) \xrightarrow{g^*} Hom_R(J, E) \xrightarrow{f^*} Hom_R(E, E) \rightarrow 0$  is exact, thus there is  $h \in Hom_R(J, E)$  such that  $f^*(h) = hf = id_E$ , hence  $0 \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{f} J \xrightarrow{g} K \rightarrow 0$  is splitting, therefore  $E$  is injective.

10. If  ${}_R A$  is injective,  $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{\lambda} R$ , then  $g(r) = \bar{g}\lambda(r) = \bar{g}(r \cdot 1) = r\bar{g}(1)$ , let
- $$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \nearrow \bar{g} \\ g \downarrow & & \\ & A & \end{array}$$

$a = \bar{g}(1)$ , then  $g(r) = ra$  for every  $r \in R$ . Conversely,  $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{\lambda} R$ , let

$$\begin{array}{c} \forall g \downarrow \\ A \end{array}$$

$\bar{g} : R \rightarrow A$ ,  $\bar{g}(r) = ra$  for any  $r \in R$ , then  $\bar{g}$  is a  $R$ -module homomorphism, and  $\bar{g} \circ \lambda = g$ , according to Theorem 2.3.2,  $A$  is injective.

11. Let  $e_i \in R$  satisfy  $e_i(\sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k) = a_i x^i$  and  $S = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e_i R$ , for any right ideal  $I$  of  $R_R$ , then there is  $I'$  such that  $I \oplus I'$  is an essential submodule of  $R_R$ , while  $e_i R$  is simple and  $e_i R \cap (I \oplus I') \neq 0$ , then  $e_i R \subseteq I \oplus I'$ , thus



$(x + f_1(m), 0) + (-f_1(m), f_2(m)) + N = (x + f_1(m), 0) + N \in \lambda_1$  for some  $m \in M$ , while  $\pi_2 \lambda_1(x) = \pi_2((x, 0) + N) = 0$ , then  $\text{Ker} \pi_2 = \text{Im} \lambda_1$ . Similarly,  $\text{Ker} \pi_1 = \text{Im} \lambda_2$ , since  $E$  and  $E'$  are injective,  $E \oplus L' \cong Q \cong E' \oplus L$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & 0 & & 0 & & \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & K' & \xrightarrow{\cong} & K' & & \\
& & \downarrow \lambda_2 & & \downarrow f_2 & & \\
0 \longrightarrow & K & \xrightarrow{\lambda_1} & Q & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & P' & \longrightarrow 0 \\
& \parallel \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_1 & & \downarrow g_2 & \\
0 \longrightarrow & K & \xrightarrow{f_1} & P & \xrightarrow{g_1} & M & \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
& & & 0 & & 0 & 
\end{array}$$

Figure 1: Exercise 2.3.13

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & 0 & & 0 & & \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
0 \longrightarrow & M & \xrightarrow{f_1} & E & \xrightarrow{g_1} & L & \longrightarrow 0 \\
& \downarrow f_2 & & \downarrow \lambda_1 & & & \\
0 \longrightarrow & E' & \xrightarrow{\lambda_2} & Q & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & L & \longrightarrow 0 \\
& \downarrow g_2 & & \downarrow \pi_2 & & & \\
& L' & & L' & & & \\
& \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & \\
& 0 & & 0 & & & 
\end{array}$$

Figure 2: Exercise 2.3.14

15. Let  $\varphi : P \oplus P \rightarrow R \oplus R$ ,  $\varphi((f_1, f_2)) = (f_1, f_2) \begin{pmatrix} \cos x & -\sin x \\ \sin x & \cos x \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $F_1 = f_1 \cos x + f_2 \sin x$  and  $F_2 = -f_1 \sin x + f_2 \cos x$ . When  $f_1, f_2 \in P$ , then  $F_1, F_2 \in R$ , it is obvious that  $\varphi$  is a  $R$ -module homomorphism.  $\varphi^{-1}(F_1, F_2) = (F_1, F_2) \begin{pmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{pmatrix}$  is invertible homomorphism of  $\varphi$ . Hence  $P \oplus P \cong R \oplus R$ .
16. If  $x \in \text{Ker} \psi$ , then  $g'\psi(x) = \phi g(x) = 0$ , thus  $g(x) \in \text{Ker} \phi = 0$ , then there is  $y \in A$  such that  $x = f(y)$ , thus  $\psi(x) = \psi f(y) = f'\eta(y) = 0$ , since  $f'$  is injective,  $\eta(y) = 0$ . While  $\eta$  is injective,  $y = 0$ , then  $x = f(y) = 0$ . Hence  $\psi$  is injective. For any  $x \in B'$ , there is  $y \in C$  such that  $\phi(y) = g'(x)$ , thus there is  $z \in B$  such that  $g(z) = y$ , then  $\phi(y) = \phi g(z) = g'(x)$ , thus  $x - \psi(z) \in \text{Ker} g' = \text{Im} f'$ . Hence there is  $u \in A'$  such that  $x - \psi(z) = f'(u)$ , while  $\eta$  is surjective, there is  $v \in A$  such that  $\eta(v) = u$ , then  $f'(u) = f'\eta(v) = \psi f(v) = x - \psi(z)$ , thus  $x = \psi(f(v) + z)$ . Hence  $\psi$  is surjective.
17. Let  $\Omega = \{L \leq E \mid N \text{ is an essential submodule of } L\}$ , it is obvious that  $\Omega \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $L_1 \leq L_2$  if  $L_1 \subseteq L_2$ , if  $\cdots \subseteq L_n \subseteq L_{n+1} \subseteq \cdots$  is an ascending chain of element in  $\Omega$ , then  $L = \cup L_i \leq E$ , for any  $0 \neq x \in L$ , there is  $i$  such that  $x \in L_i$  and  $N \cap Rx \neq \emptyset$ , thus  $N$  is an essential submodule of  $L$ . According to Zorn's Lemma, there is a maximal element  $E(N) \in \Omega$ . Suppose  $N' \leq E$  is maximal and  $E' \cap E(N) = 0$ , then  $E(N) \oplus N'$  is an essential submodule of  $E$ . For any  $N' \subsetneq L \leq E$ , if  $(E(N) + N') \cap$

$L = N' + (E(N) \cap L) \subseteq N'$ , then  $E(N) \cap L' = 0$ , it is contradiction for  $N'$  is maximal. Hence  $(E(N) + N')/N'$  is an essential submodule of  $E/N'$ . Since  $(E(N) \oplus N')/N' \cong E(N) \hookrightarrow E$ , there is monomorphism  $g : (E(N) \oplus N')/N' \hookrightarrow E$ . Since  $E$  is injective, there is  $h$  such that  $h \circ \lambda = g$ . Since  $\text{Ker } g = 0$ ,  $\text{Im } \lambda \cap \text{Ker } h = 0$ , while  $\text{Im } \lambda$  is an essential submodule of  $E/N'$ ,  $\text{Ker } h = 0$ , i.e.  $h$  is injective. While  $N$  is an essential submodule of  $E(N)$ , and  $E(N) = \text{Im } g = h((E(N) + N')/N')$  is an essential submodule of  $h(E/N')$ , then  $N$  is an essential submodule of  $h(E/N')$ . Since  $E(N)$  is maximal,  $E(N) = h(E/N') = h((E(N) + N')/N')$ , while  $h$  is injective,  $E/N' = E(N) + N'/N'$ , then  $E = E(N) + N' = E(N) \oplus N'$ . Hence  $E(N)$  is injective.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & 0 & & \\
& & \downarrow & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & (E(N) \oplus N')/N' & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & E/N' \\
& & \downarrow g & \nearrow h & \\
& & E & & 
\end{array}$$

18. Suppose  $\mathbb{Z}a + K = \mathbb{Q}$ . If  $a \in K$ , then  $\mathbb{Z}a \subseteq K$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}a + K = K = \mathbb{Q}$ . If  $a = \frac{m}{n}$ ,  $(m, n) = 1$ ,  $m, n > 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{n^k} \notin K$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .  $\frac{1}{n^k} = \frac{x_k m}{n} + y_k$  where  $x_k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $y_k \in K$ , then  $\frac{1}{n^{k-1}} = x_k m + n y_k$ , thus  $y_k = \frac{1}{n^k} - \frac{x_k n^{k-1} m}{n^k} = \frac{1 - x_k n^{k-1} m}{n^k}$ , hence  $1 = u \frac{m}{n} + v = \frac{um + nv}{n}$  where  $u \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n = um + nv$ ,  $nv \in K \cap \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $1 \in K$ , then  $\frac{1}{n^{k-1}} \in K$  for  $\frac{1}{n^{k-1}} = x_k m + n y_k$ , it is contradiction. If  $1 \notin K$ , then for any  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} \notin K$ , thus  $\frac{1}{p} \in \mathbb{Z} \frac{1}{n}$ , it is impossible. Hence submodule  $\mathbb{Z}a \leq \mathbb{Q}$  is superfluous for any  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ .
19.  $\text{Ker } \pi = N = Re_{13}$ . If  $Re_{13} + M = R$ , then  $e_{22} = ke_{13} + a$  where  $k \in R$ ,  $a \in M$ , thus  $e_{22} = e_{22}^2 = e_{22}a \in M$ . Similarly,  $e_{33} \in M$ , then  $e_{12} = e_{12}e_{22} \in M$ ,  $e_{13} = e_{13}e_{33} \in M$  and  $e_{23} = e_{23}e_{33} \in M$ , thus  $Re_{13} \subseteq M$ , hence  $Re_{13}$  is a superfluous submodule of  ${}_R R$ . Therefore  $\pi : R \rightarrow R/N$  is a projective cover of  $R/N$ .