

**Lemma 0.1.** Let  $H_1, H_2 \triangleleft G$  be normal subgroups with quotient maps  $\pi_i : G \rightarrow G/H_i$  and consider the maps,

$$\varphi_{i,j} : H_i \hookrightarrow G \xrightarrow{\pi_j} G/H_j$$

Then  $\varphi_{1,2}$  is surjective iff  $\varphi_{2,1}$  is surjective.

*Proof.* Consider the commutative diagram with exact rows and columns,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & H_1 \cap H_2 & \hookrightarrow & H_1 & \twoheadrightarrow & K_1 \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \searrow \varphi_{1,2} & \downarrow \bar{\varphi}_{1,2} \\
0 & \longrightarrow & H_2 & \hookrightarrow & G & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & G/H_2 \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & \searrow \varphi_{2,1} & \downarrow \pi_1 & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & K_2 & \xrightarrow{\bar{\varphi}_{2,1}} & G/H_1 & \twoheadrightarrow & C \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & 0 & & 0 & & 0
\end{array}$$

where  $K_i = H_i/(H_1 \cap H_2)$  and the maps  $\bar{\varphi}_{i,j} : K_i \rightarrow G/H_j$  are induced by the maps  $\varphi_{i,j}$  and are injective by the first isomorphism theorem. Exactness and commutativity are obvious except at  $C$  which I have yet to define! By commutativity and surjectivity,  $\text{Im } \bar{\varphi}_{i,j} = \pi_j(H_i) \triangleleft \text{Im } \pi_j = G/H_j$  so  $\text{Im } \bar{\varphi}_{i,j}$  is a normal subgroup and thus  $\text{coker } \bar{\varphi}_{i,j} = (G/H_j)/\text{Im } \bar{\varphi}_{i,j}$  exists. Take  $C = \text{coker } \bar{\varphi}_{1,2}$ . Furthermore, the exactness of columns gives a surjective map  $G/H_1 \rightarrow C$  which makes the bottom right square commute (see Lemma ??). By the nine lemma, the bottom row is exact proving that  $C = \text{coker } \bar{\varphi}_{2,1}$ . Finally, by exactness,

$$\bar{\varphi}_{1,2} \text{ is an isomorphism} \iff C = 0 \iff \bar{\varphi}_{2,1} \text{ is an isomorphism}$$

But  $\varphi_{i,j}$  is a surjection iff  $\bar{\varphi}_{i,j}$  is an isomorphism so  $\varphi_{1,2}$  is surjective iff  $\varphi_{2,1}$  is surjective.  $\square$

**Lemma 0.2.** Consider the commutative diagram with exact rows,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
A & \xrightarrow{r} & B & \xrightarrow{s} & C & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow f & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow h & & \\
A' & \xrightarrow{r'} & B' & \xrightarrow{s'} & C' & \longrightarrow & 0
\end{array}$$

If  $f$  and  $g$  are defined then there exists a map  $h$  making the diagram commute. Furthermore, if  $g$  is surjective then  $h$  is surjective.

*Proof.* Take  $c \in C$  then lift to  $b \in B$  then define  $h(c) = s'(g(b))$ . Since  $c = s(b)$  clearly this makes the diagram commute. This map is defined up to an element of  $\ker s = \text{Im } r$  since if  $b' \in B$  maps  $s(b') = c = s(b)$  then  $b^{-1}b' \in \ker s = \text{Im } r$  so  $b^{-1}b' = r(a)$  for some  $a \in A$  and thus, by commutativity,  $s'(g(b^{-1}b')) = s'(g(r(a))) = s'(r'(f(a))) = 0$  since  $\ker s' = \text{Im } r'$ . Thus,  $s'(g(b)) = s'(g(b'))$  so  $h$  is well-defined. If  $g$  is surjective then  $s' \circ g = h \circ s$  is surjective (since  $s'$  is) so  $h$  is surjective.  $\square$

This can probably be proven this with some variant of the four or five lemma but I needed diagram chasing practice anyway. For fun, I will consider the other case I did not end up needing.

**Lemma 0.3.** Consider the commutative diagram with exact rows,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{r} & B & \xrightarrow{s} & C \\
& & \downarrow f & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow h \\
0 & \longrightarrow & A' & \xrightarrow{r'} & B' & \xrightarrow{s'} & C'
\end{array}$$

If  $g$  and  $h$  are defined then there exists a map  $f$  making the diagram commute. Furthermore, if  $g$  is injective then  $h$  is injective.

*Proof.* Take some  $a \in A$  then by commutativity,  $s'(g(r(a))) = h(s(r(a))) = 0$  since  $\ker s = \text{Im } r$ . Thus,  $g(r(a)) \in \ker s' = \text{Im } r'$  so  $g(r(a)) = r'(a')$  for some  $a'$ . Define  $f(a) = a'$  which is well-defined because  $r'(a') = g(r(a))$  and  $r'$  is injective. Furthermore, if  $g$  is injective then  $g \circ r = r' \circ f$  is injective (since  $r$  is) so  $f$  is injective.  $\square$

Now for the main result.

**Proposition 0.4.** *Let  $p : G \rightarrow G'$  be surjective and  $H \triangleleft G$  a normal subgroup. Then there exist coset representatives for  $G/H$  with fixed image in  $G'$  if and only if  $p(H) = G'$ . Furthermore, we if this holds, we may take the coset representatives to be trivial in  $G'$ .*

*Proof.* A set  $S \subset G$  contains a full set of coset representatives for  $G/H$  if  $\pi(S) = G/H$ . Therefore, we require that  $\pi(p^{-1}(x)) = G/H$  for some  $x \in G'$ . Since we must hit the identity,  $H \cap p^{-1}(x) \neq \emptyset$  so there exists  $h \in H$  such that  $p(h) = x$ . Thus,  $p^{-1}(x) = h \ker p$  so  $\pi(p^{-1}(h)) = \pi(h)\pi(\ker p) = \pi(\ker p)$  so we may take  $h = e$ . The conclusion holds if and only if  $\pi(\ker p) = G/H$ .

Take  $H_1 = H$  and  $H_2 = \ker p$  in Lemma 0.1 and thus,

$$\text{Im } \varphi_{2,1} = \pi(\ker p) = G/H \iff \text{Im } \varphi_{1,2} = \pi_2(H) = G/\ker p$$

but the map  $p$  naturally factors through  $G/\ker p$  as,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
H & \hookrightarrow & G & \xrightarrow{p} & G' \\
& & \searrow \pi_2 & & \nearrow \sim \\
& & G/\ker p & & 
\end{array}$$

so  $p(H) = G' \iff \pi_2(H) = G/\ker p$ .  $\square$