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If we consider a morphism  $\phi$  with kernel  $k$

$$K \xrightarrow{k} A \xrightarrow{\phi} B$$

For any morphisms  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 : C \rightarrow K$  where  $k \circ \varphi_1 = k \circ \varphi_2$  which we will call  $f$ . We have that

$$\phi \circ k \circ \varphi_1 = \phi \circ k \circ \varphi_2 = \phi \circ f = 0_{CB}$$

And thus from the universal property of the kernel there is a unique  $\varphi$  so that the diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A & \xrightarrow{\phi} B \\ f \nearrow & \uparrow k & \searrow 0 \\ C & \xrightarrow{\exists! \varphi} & K \end{array}$$

Thus since  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  both are morphisms in the place of  $\varphi$  that make the diagram commute, they must be equal. Therefore  $k$  is a monomorphism

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It is the case every monomorphism  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  is the kernel of  $\text{coker } \phi$ . To prove this, we will show that  $A$  is isomorphic to the image and thus by definition the kernel of the cokernel. As proven in problem 4 we know that the kernel of a monomorphism is the zero morphism. We have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\phi} & B & \xrightarrow{\text{coker } \phi} & \text{coker } \phi \\ & & \downarrow \text{coim } \phi & & \uparrow \text{im } \phi & & \\ & & \text{coim} & \xrightarrow{v} & \text{im } \phi & & \end{array}$$

From the axioms of Abelian Categories  $v$  is an isomorphism.  $\text{coim } \phi = \text{coker } \ker \phi$  and since  $\text{id} \circ 0 = 0$  from the universal property

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A \xrightarrow{\text{id}} A \\ & & \downarrow \text{coim } \phi \nearrow \exists! \alpha \end{array}$$

There is a unique  $\alpha$  such that  $\text{coim } \phi \circ \alpha = \text{id}$ . Thus  $\text{coim } \phi$  is an isomorphism and we have the isomorphism  $\text{coim } \phi \circ v : A \rightarrow \text{im } \phi$

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( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  is a monomorphism yet had nontrivial kernel  $K$  (not injective) then we would have the inclusion map  $\pi : K \rightarrow A$  and zero map  $0 : K \rightarrow A$  compose to the same zero map:

$$0 = \phi \circ \pi = \phi \circ 0$$

which contradicts  $\phi$  be a monomorphism since  $0 \neq \pi$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $\phi$  is injective then if we have

$$\phi \circ \varphi_1 = \phi \circ \varphi_2$$

Then for any element  $g$  in the domain of  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  we have

$$\phi(\varphi_1(g)) = \phi(\varphi_2(g))$$

Since  $\phi$  is injective this means that  $\varphi_1(g) = \varphi_2(g)$  and thus  $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2$  so  $\phi$  is a monomorphism

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The image of a zero morphism  $0 \rightarrow A$  is precisely the same morphism thus we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{\phi} & B \\ & \searrow & \uparrow & \swarrow k & \\ & & 0 & \longrightarrow & \ker \phi \end{array}$$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) If the mapping  $0 \rightarrow \ker \phi$  is an isomorphism then  $\ker \phi = 0$ .

If it is the case

$$\phi \circ \varphi_1 = \phi \circ \varphi_2$$

Then since we are in an additive category

$$0 = \phi \circ \varphi_1 - \phi \circ \varphi_2 = \phi \circ (\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)$$

Thus  $\varphi_1 - \varphi_2$  must factor through  $\ker \phi$  but since the only morphism to  $0 = \ker \phi$  is the zero morphism it must be the case  $\varphi_1 - \varphi_2 = 0$  which means  $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2$  so  $\phi$  is a monomorphism

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $\phi$  is a monomorphism then we have

$$\phi \circ 0_{\ker \phi, A} = \phi \circ k = 0_{\ker \phi, B}$$

Thus it must be the case  $k = 0$  which means  $\ker \phi = 0$  so  $0 \rightarrow \ker \phi$  is an isomorphism

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1. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a category with a zero object. The cokernel of a morphism, if it exists, is an epimorphism
2. In an abelian category every epimorphism is the cokernel of a morphism. Thus we can conclude in an abelian category a morphism  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  is an epimorphism if and only if  $\phi = \text{coim } \phi$

3. A morphism  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  in  $\mathcal{A}b$  is a epimorphism if and only if it is surjective  
4. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category and  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  a morphism in  $\mathcal{A}$ . We have that  $\phi$  is an epimorphism if and only if the sequence of morphisms  $A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \longrightarrow 0$  is exact

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$(i) \Leftrightarrow (ii) :$

If we consider the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \longrightarrow 0$$

From problem 4 we know the sequence is exact around  $A$  if and only if  $\phi$  is a monomorphism. From the dual statment of problem 4 we get that the sequence is exact around  $B$  if and only if  $\phi$  is an epimorphism

$(i) \Rightarrow (iii)$

From problem 2 we know that since  $\phi$  is a monomorphism  $\phi$  is the kernel of  $\text{coker } \phi$  thus is the equalizer of  $\text{coker } \phi$  and  $0$ . It is the case that any epimorphism that is an equalizer is an isomorphism and thus  $\phi$  is an isomorphism. The reason for this is as follows:

If  $\phi : K \rightarrow A$  is an equalizer of  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 : A \rightarrow B$ , then by the definition of equalizer and epimorphism

$$\phi \circ \varphi_1 = \phi \circ \varphi_2 \Rightarrow \varphi_1 = \varphi_2$$

Thus  $\phi$  trivially equalizes  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$ . Since the trivial equalizer is the identity  $\text{id}_A : A \rightarrow A$  and equalizers are unique up to isomorphism, it must be the case  $\phi$  is an isomorphism

$(iii) \Rightarrow (i)$

If  $\phi$  is an isomorphism then there exists a  $\phi^{-1}$ . Thus for some morphisms  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$

$$\varphi_1 \circ \phi = \varphi_2 \circ \phi$$

it must be the case

$$\varphi_1 \circ \phi \circ \phi^{-1} = \varphi_2 \circ \phi \circ \phi^{-1}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\varphi_1 = \varphi_2$$

and similarly if

$$\phi \circ \varphi_1 = \phi \circ \varphi_2$$

$$\phi^{-1} \circ \phi \circ \varphi_1 = \phi^{-1} \circ \phi \circ \varphi_2$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\varphi_1 = \varphi_2$$

And thus  $\phi$  is both a monomorphism and epimorphism