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(\Rightarrow) If an R -module M has no nontrivial essential extensions then we know we can embed M into an injective module I . If we consider the set S of submodules N of I where $N \cap M = 0$ we can apply Zorns Lemma to get a maximal module $D \in S$. To check Zorns Hypothesis: $0 \in S$ (so $S \neq \emptyset$). For any chain

$$N_1 \subset N_2 \subset N_3 \subset \dots$$

there is a largest element $N = \bigcup N_i$ which still has the property $N \cap M = \bigcup N_i \cap M = 0$

We have that I/D is an essential extension of M as follows.

For any $N \subset I/D$, if it were the case that $N \cap M = 0$ then the pre image of N from the mapping $I \rightarrow I/D$ is a module in S containing D which contradicts maximality of D

Therefore we can conclude $M = I/D$. This along with the fact $M \cap D = 0$ implies $I = M \oplus D$.

We know that the summand of an injective module is injective and thus M is injective.

(\Leftarrow) If an R -module I is injective suppose for contradiction I has a nontrivial essential extension M . We have from injectivity that the mapping

$$0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow M$$

splits. Thus there is some submodule $N \subset M$ where $M = I \oplus N$ so $I \cap N = 0$ which is a contradiction of M essential

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We can use Zorns Lemma. If we consider the set \mathcal{C} of essential extensions of M , for any chain $M_1 \subset M_2 \subset \dots$ of essential extensions there is a maximal element $\mathcal{M} = \bigcup M_i$. We have that \mathcal{M} is an essential extension since if $L \subset \mathcal{M}$ then $L = \bigcup L \cap M_i$ and so one $L \cap M_i \neq 0$ so $0 \neq (L \cap M_i) \cap M \subseteq L \cap M$. Thus from Zorns Lemma there is a maximal element $E(M)$

We have that if $E(M) \subset I$ has a nontrivial essential extension then I is essential extension of M which is a contradiction of maximality. This is the case since for any $L \subset I$, $L \cap E(M)$ is a submodule of $E(M)$ and thus $0 \neq (L \cap E(M)) \cap M \subseteq L \cap M$. Therefore $E(M)$ has no nontrivial extensions and so from problem 1 is injective.

$E(M)$ is minimal among the injective modules containing M since for any injection $f : M \rightarrow I$, the natural inclusion $i : M \rightarrow E(M)$ and injectivity of $E(M)$ yields mapping $\phi : E(M) \rightarrow I$ such that $f = \phi \circ i = \phi|_M$. We have that $\ker \phi|_M = \ker \phi \cap M = 0$ since f is an injection and thus from being an essential extension $\ker \phi = 0$ so ϕ is an injection

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We have the projective resolution

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow m} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow 1} \mathbb{Z}/(m) \longrightarrow 0$$

Applying the Hom functor yields

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/(m), \mathbb{Z}/(n)) \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow 1} \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/(n)) \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow m} \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/(n)) \longrightarrow 0$$

It is the case $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/(n)) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/(n)$ and $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/(m), \mathbb{Z}/(n)) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/(d)$ where $d = \gcd(m, n)$. Thus the Hom sequence is isomorphic to

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/(d) \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow n/d} \mathbb{Z}/(n) \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow m} \mathbb{Z}/(n) \longrightarrow 0$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}}^0(\mathbb{Z}/(m), \mathbb{Z}/(n)) &\cong \mathbb{Z}/(d) \\ \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}}^1(\mathbb{Z}/(m), \mathbb{Z}/(n)) &\cong \mathbb{Z}/(d) \\ \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}}^n(\mathbb{Z}/(m), \mathbb{Z}/(n)) &\cong 0, \forall n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

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We have the same projective resolution

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow n} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow 1} \mathbb{Z}/(n) \longrightarrow 0$$

Applying the $\mathbb{Z}/(m) \otimes -$ functor yields

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/(m) \otimes \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{1 \otimes n} \mathbb{Z}/(m) \otimes \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{1 \otimes 1} \mathbb{Z}/(m) \otimes \mathbb{Z}/(n) \longrightarrow 0$$

We have $\mathbb{Z}/(m) \otimes \mathbb{Z} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/(m)$ and $\mathbb{Z}/(m) \otimes \mathbb{Z}/(n) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/(d)$ where $d = \gcd(m, n)$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tor}_{\mathbb{Z}}^0(\mathbb{Z}/(m), \mathbb{Z}/(n)) &\cong \mathbb{Z}/(d) \\ \text{Tor}_{\mathbb{Z}}^1(\mathbb{Z}/(m), \mathbb{Z}/(n)) &\cong \ker(1 \otimes n) \cong \mathbb{Z}/(d) \\ \text{Tor}_{\mathbb{Z}}^n(\mathbb{Z}/(m), \mathbb{Z}/(n)) &\cong 0, \forall n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

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Let $R = \mathbb{Z}/(4)$. We have the R module $\mathbb{Z}/(2)$. We have the projective resolution

$$\dots \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/(4) \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow 2} \mathbb{Z}/(4) \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow 2} \mathbb{Z}/(4) \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow 2} \mathbb{Z}/(4) \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow 1} \mathbb{Z}/(2) \longrightarrow 0$$

Taking the Hom Functor

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/(2), \mathbb{Z}/(2)) \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow 1} \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/(4), \mathbb{Z}/(2)) \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow 2} \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/(4), \mathbb{Z}/(2)) \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow 2} \dots$$

We have that $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/(2), \mathbb{Z}/(2)) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/(2)$ and $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/(4), \mathbb{Z}/(2)) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/(2)$. Thus we have the isomorphic sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/(2) \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow 1} \mathbb{Z}/(2) \xrightarrow{0} \mathbb{Z}/(2) \xrightarrow{0} \mathbb{Z}/(2) \xrightarrow{0} \dots$$

Thus we have that

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}/(4)\mathbb{Z}}^n(\mathbb{Z}/(2), \mathbb{Z}/(2)) \cong \mathbb{Z}/(2)$$

for all $n \geq 0$

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Notice that the example in 5 shows that the statment is not true