

Math 505 HW7

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1. Recall that an (eventually the) identity morphism is defined as the following: $\text{id}_A \in \text{Mor}(A, A)$ satisfies $\text{id}_A \circ f = f$ and $g \circ \text{id}_A = g$ for all $f \in \text{Mor}(B, A)$ and $g \in \text{Mor}(A, B)$ for every object B . Let i be another identity element. Then $i \circ \text{id}_A = i = \text{id}_A$, where in the first equality we used the right identity property for id_A and in the second we used the left identity property for i .
2. (a) We claim that $\varphi : M_2 \rightarrow M_1 \oplus M_3$ defined by $\varphi(m_2) = (\pi(m_2), g(m_2))$ is the desired isomorphism. By a similar argument from part (b) this is an R -module homomorphism, so we just need to show that φ is bijective. Assuming that $\pi(m_2) = 0$ and $g(m_2) = 0$, we would have $m_2 \in \text{Im } f$, so write $m_2 = f(m_1)$. Then $m_1 = \pi(f(m_1)) = \pi(0) = 0$, so $m_1 = 0$ and thus $m_2 = f(m_1) = 0$ as well, which shows injectivity. Let $(m_1, m_3) \in M_1 \oplus M_3$. Since g is surjective, find m_2 so that $g(m_2) = m_3$. Restricting the codomain of f to $\text{Im } f$ and the domain of π to $\text{Im } f$ will still have the property that $\pi \circ f = \text{id}_{M_1}$, so $\pi : \text{Im } f \rightarrow M_1$ is still surjective. This means we can find $m'_2 \in \text{Im } f$ so that $\pi(m'_2) = m_1 - \pi(m_2)$. Letting $m = m_2 + m'_2$, we see that $\pi(m) = \pi(m_2) + \pi(m'_2) = m_1$, and, since $m'_2 \in \text{Im } f = \ker g$, we have $g(m) = g(m_2) + g(m'_2) = m_3$, which shows that φ is surjective. The φ from this part is precisely the ψ^{-1} from part (b), so the exact same reasoning shows that the diagram commutes.
- (b) Suppose there exists an R -module homomorphism $\iota : M_3 \rightarrow M_2$ such that $g \circ \iota = \text{id}_{M_3}$. We claim that

$$\begin{aligned}\psi : M_1 \oplus M_3 &\rightarrow M_2 \\ \psi(m_1, m_3) &= f(m_1) + \iota(m_3)\end{aligned}$$

Is the desired R -module isomorphism. First,

$$\begin{aligned}\psi((m_1, m_3) + (m'_1, m'_3)) &= f(m_1) + \iota(m_3) + f(m'_1) + \iota(m'_3) = f(m_1 + m'_1) + \iota(m_3 + m'_3) \\ &= \psi(m_1 + m'_1, m_3 + m'_3) \\ r\psi(m_1, m_3) &= rf(m_1) + r\iota(m_3) + f(rm_1) + \iota(rm_3) = \psi(rm_1, rm_3) = \psi(r(m_1, m_3))\end{aligned}$$

So ψ is indeed an R -module homomorphism. If $\psi(m_1, m_3) = 0$, then $f(m_1) = -\iota(m_3)$. Applying g to both sides shows that $g(f(m_1)) = -m_3$. Since $\text{Im } f = \ker g$, $g(f(m_1)) = 0$ and $m_3 = 0$. Thus $f(m_1) = -\iota(0) = 0$. Since f is injective, $m_1 = 0$, which shows that ψ is injective.

Now let $m_2 \in M_2$ and consider $k = m_2 - \iota(g(m_2))$. By applying g , we see that $g(k) = g(m_2) - (g \circ \iota)(g(m_2)) = g(m_2) - g(m_2) = 0$, since $g \circ \iota = \text{id}_{M_3}$. Since $\ker g = \text{Im } f$, $k \in \text{Im } f$, so find m_1 so that $k = f(m_1)$. Then $m_2 = f(m_1) + \iota(g(m_2))$, so m_2 is the image of $(m_1, \iota(g(m_2)))$ which shows surjectivity. Now we claim the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & M_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & M_2 & \xrightarrow{g} & M_3 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \text{id}_{M_1} & & \downarrow \psi^{-1} & & \downarrow \text{id}_{M_3} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & M_1 & \longrightarrow & M_1 \oplus M_3 & \longrightarrow & M_3 \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

We see that $\psi^{-1}(f(m_1)) = \psi^{-1}(f(m_1) + \iota(0)) = (m_1, 0)$ as desired. Similarly, writing $m_2 = f(m_1) + \iota(m_3)$ uniquely as above, and letting $\pi : M_1 \oplus M_3 \rightarrow M_3$ be the canonical projection, we see that $\pi \circ \psi^{-1}(m_2) = \pi((m_1, m_3)) = m_3 = g(m_2)$, as desired.

- (c) We show that this part implies the last two parts, which will complete the equivalence. Let $\psi : M_2 \rightarrow M_1 \oplus M_3$ be the isomorphism, let $\pi : M_1 \oplus M_3 \rightarrow M_3$ be the natural projection, and consider the map $\iota : M_3 \rightarrow M_2$ by $\iota(m_3) = \psi^{-1}(0, m_3)$. It is clear that ψ is a R -module homomorphism, so we need only verify that $g \circ \iota(m_3) = m_3$. We know that $g(m_2) = \pi(\psi(m_2))$ holds for every m_2 , so $g(\iota(m_3)) = \pi(\psi(\psi^{-1}(0, m_3))) = \pi(0, m_3) = m_3$, as desired.

Similarly, let $\iota : M_1 \rightarrow M_1 \oplus M_3$ be the canonical embedding, $\eta : M_1 \oplus M_3 \rightarrow M_1$ the canonical projection, and define $\pi(m_2) = \eta(\psi(m_2))$. Most importantly notice that $(\eta \circ \iota)(m_1) = m_1$. Then $\pi \circ f(m_1) = \eta(\psi(f(m_1))) = \eta(\iota(m_1)) = m_1$, as desired.

3. (a) We shall show that projective \implies (1) \implies (2) \implies projective. Suppose that P

is projective, and let

$$0 \longrightarrow N \xrightarrow{g} M \xrightarrow{f} P \longrightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence. Then,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & P & & \\ & & & \swarrow \exists \iota & \downarrow \text{id}_P & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & N & \xrightarrow{g} & M & \xrightarrow{f} & P \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

By the projective property. This precisely says that $f \circ \iota = \text{id}_P$, so the exact sequence splits by question 2.

Now suppose that any exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow N \xrightarrow{g} M \xrightarrow{f} P \longrightarrow 0$$

splits. Let $F = \bigoplus_{p \in P} R$ be the free module indexed by P , and let $\{x_p\}_{p \in P}$ be a basis. Let ψ be the unique R -module homomorphism sending x_p to p , as per the universal property. ψ is clearly surjective, so the following sequence is exact:

$$0 \longrightarrow \ker \psi \longrightarrow F \xrightarrow{\psi} P \longrightarrow 0$$

By hypothesis this sequence is split, so $P \oplus \ker \psi \cong F$, as desired.

Suppose we are given maps $\varphi : P \rightarrow N$ and $f : M \twoheadrightarrow N$. Let Q be so that $P \oplus Q$ is free, let $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a basis, and define $\psi(p, q) = (\varphi \circ \pi)(p, q) = \varphi(p)$. Then the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \hookrightarrow & P \oplus Q \\ \varphi \downarrow & \swarrow \psi & \\ M & \xrightarrow{f} \twoheadrightarrow & N \end{array}$$

Since f is surjective, for each x_i let m_i be any element of M satisfying $f(m_i) = \psi(x_i)$. In particular, m_i need not be unique. Extend the map sending each x_i to m_i to an R -module homomorphism $\bar{\psi} : P \oplus Q \rightarrow M$, as per the universal property of free

modules. We now have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & P \oplus Q \\
 & \nearrow \bar{\psi} & \\
 M & & \\
 \searrow f & & \nearrow \psi \\
 & P & \\
 & \downarrow \varphi & \\
 & N &
 \end{array}$$

This diagram commutes precisely because if $m = \sum_{i \in I} r_i x_i$, with only finitely many $r_i \neq 0$, then

$$f(\bar{\psi}(m)) = f\left(\bar{\psi}\left(\sum_{i \in I} r_i x_i\right)\right) = \sum_{i \in I} r_i f(\bar{\psi}(x_i)) = \sum_{i \in I} r_i f(m_i) = \sum_{i \in I} r_i \psi(x_i) = \psi(m)$$

By construction, and if we let $\iota : P \rightarrow P \oplus Q$ be the canonical inclusion, $f \circ \bar{\psi} \circ \iota(p) = f \circ \bar{\psi}(p, 0) = \psi(p, 0) = \varphi(p)$ as desired, which completes the proof.

(b) Added this part before the deadline but forgot to submit... Oops.

Let R be a ring and $I \subset R$ an ideal. We claim there is a natural bijection

$$\{ R/I\text{-modules} \} \leftrightarrow \{ R\text{-modules } M \text{ annihilated by } I \}$$

Let M be an R -module annihilated by I , i.e. $i \cdot m = 0$ for every $m \in M$ and $i \in I$. We seek to define $\bar{r} \cdot m = r \cdot m$. We need to show that this is well-defined: suppose that $\bar{r}_1 = \bar{r}_2$. Then $r_2 = r_1 + i$ for some $i \in I$, and we see that $r_2 \cdot m = (r_1 + i) \cdot m = r_1 \cdot m + 0$. Thus M can be made into an R/I -module. Similarly, if M is an R/I -module, simply define $r \cdot m := \bar{r} \cdot m$. Since M is an R/I module this shows that this action makes M into an R -module. Lastly notice that under this definition, I annihilates M , so we have verified the above correspondence.

This in particular shows that the \mathbb{Z} -module $\mathbb{Z}/2$ can be made into a $\mathbb{Z}/6$ module since (6) annihilates $\mathbb{Z}/2$. Similarly $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is a $\mathbb{Z}/6$ module. The inclusion map $\iota : \mathbb{Z}/3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/6$ by $\iota(1) = 2$ and extending linearly, and the map $f : \mathbb{Z}/6 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2$ by $1 \mapsto 3$ form the following exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/3 \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathbb{Z}/6 \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{Z}/2 \longrightarrow 0$$

The ring isomorphism $\mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3 \cong \mathbb{Z}/6$ forgets to a module isomorphism, so $\mathbb{Z}/2$ is projective by the previous part. However, $\mathbb{Z}/2$ cannot be free since if it

was, since it is obviously finitely generated it would be of the form $(\mathbb{Z}/6)^{\oplus n}$, but the latter has order $6^n \neq 2$ for any n .