

Remark: problem sheet 3, ex. 11:  $\text{Mat}_n(R) \rightarrow \text{Mat}_n(K)$ .

proof (Butterfly Lemma).

$$U, V \leq M$$

$$\text{Isom. Thm.} \Rightarrow V/(U \cap V) \xrightarrow{\sim} (U+V)/U$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U+V & & \\ | & \searrow & V \\ U & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U \cup V \end{array} \quad (U = P + (P' \cap Q), V = P' \cap Q').$$

It suffices to show that

$$(P + (P' \cap Q)) + P' \cap Q' = P + (P' \cap Q') \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } (P + (P' \cap Q)) \cap (P' \cap Q') = (P \cap Q') + (P' \cap Q) \cap Q'$$

Then the isom. Thm. will give the first isom., the second is obtained by symmetry.

In (1), both inclusions are clear.

In (2), the inclusion  $\supseteq$  is clear. To prove  $\subseteq$ , note that an element of the LHS is of the form  $p+x$ ,  $p \in P$ ,  $x \in P' \cap Q$  s.t.  $p+x \in P' \cap Q'$ .

Thus  $p \in P$ ,  $p = (p+x) - x \in P' \cap Q' \Rightarrow p \in P \cap Q'$ .

Then  $p+x \in (P \cap Q') + (P' \cap Q)$ . □

proof (of Schreier's refinement Thm.)

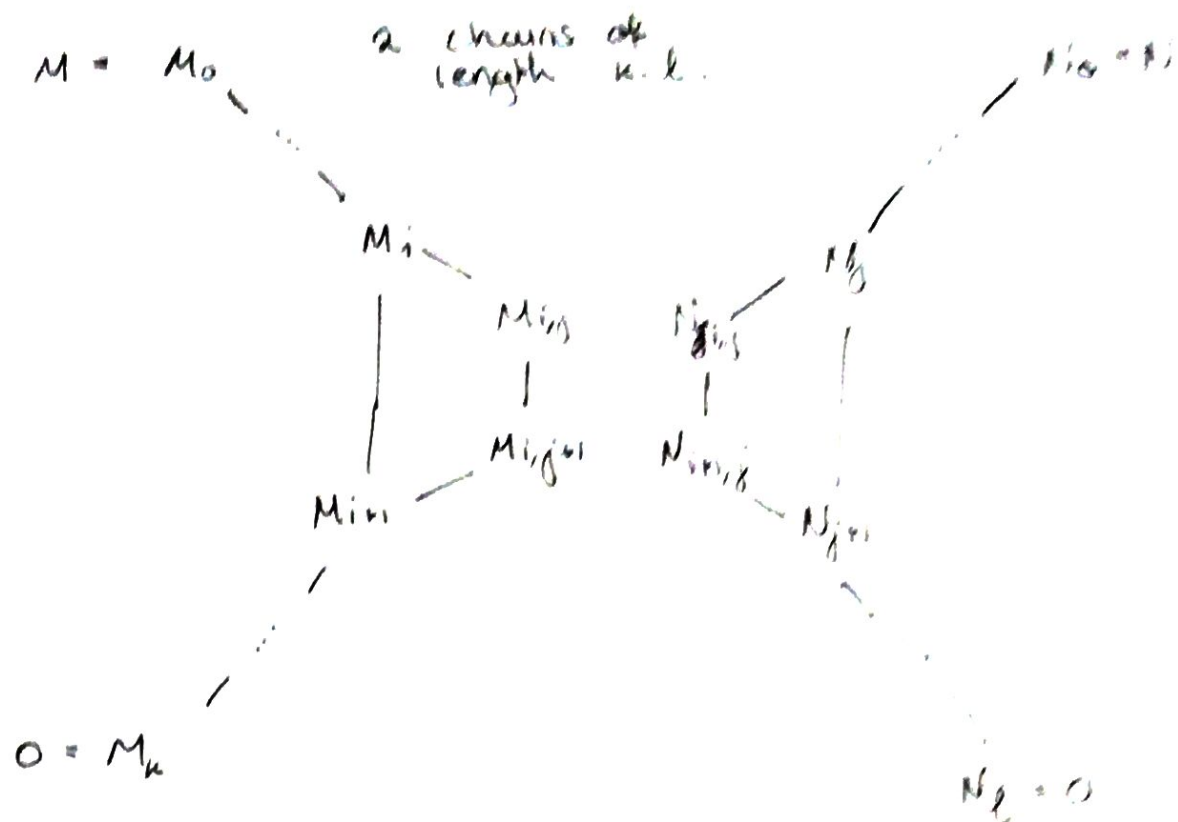
Given two chains  $M = M_0 \supset M_1 \supset \dots \supset M_k = 0$

$N = N_0 \supset \dots \supset N_\ell = 0$

We will construct refinements of these chains that are equivalent to each other.

$$\text{put } M_{ij} = M_{i+1} + (M_i \cap N_j) \quad (0 \leq i \leq k-1)$$

$$N_{ji} = (M_i \cap N_j) + N_{j+1} \quad (0 \leq j \leq \ell-1).$$



$$\rightarrow M_{i,j} / M_{i,j+1} \cong N_{j,i} / N_{j+1,i} \text{ by butterfly Lemma.}$$

□

We have already seen that this implies the Jordan-Hölder Thm, so a module of finite length has a well-defined length and semi-simplification.

## Categories, homomorphisms & tensor products

Def category.

Ex.  ${}_R \text{Mod}$  : left- $R$ -modules with  $R$ -linear maps.

Def given two categories  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ , a functor  $F$  consists of

- for every  $x \in \text{Ob } \mathcal{C}$ , an object  $F(x) \in \text{Ob } \mathcal{D}$
- for every  $f: x \rightarrow y$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , a morphism

$$F(x) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(y) \text{ in } \mathcal{D}, \text{ such that}$$

$$\forall x \xrightarrow{f} y \xrightarrow{g} z : F(g \circ f) = F(g) \circ F(f)$$

and  $\forall x : F(\text{id}) = \text{id}.$

Ex. • Groups  $\rightarrow$  Ab

$$G \mapsto G_{\text{ab}} = G / [G, G]$$

$$(G \xrightarrow{f} H) \mapsto (G_{\text{ab}} \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} H_{\text{ab}}).$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{f} & H \\ \downarrow q & \searrow & \downarrow q \\ G_{\text{ab}} & \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} & H_{\text{ab}} \end{array}$$

(hom. Thm)

• Top.  $\rightarrow$  Groups

$$(X, x_0) \mapsto \pi_1(X, x_0)$$

$$((x, x_0) \xrightarrow{f} (y, y_0)) \mapsto (\pi_1(x, x_0) \xrightarrow{f_*} \pi_1(y, y_0))$$

Top. :  $(X, x_0)$  with  
 $X$  top. space,  $x_0 \in X$ ,  
 $(x, x_0) \xrightarrow{f} (y, y_0)$  ct.  
 map s.t.  $f(x_0) = y_0$ .

• Vec<sub>k</sub>  $\rightarrow$  Vec<sub>k</sub>

$$V \mapsto V^* = \text{Hom}_k(V, k) \text{ dual}$$

$$(V \xrightarrow{f} W) \mapsto (W^* \rightarrow V^*)$$

contravariant functor.

This is the same as a normal functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Contr. } F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D} & \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} & \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \\ \downarrow & \text{opposite cat.} & \end{array}$$

where  $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}) = \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  and

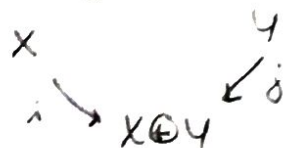
$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}(x, y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, x)$$

and  $(g \circ_{\text{op}} f) = (f \circ g).$

In the context of  $R$ -modules, we have seen a number of notions that make sense "categorically":

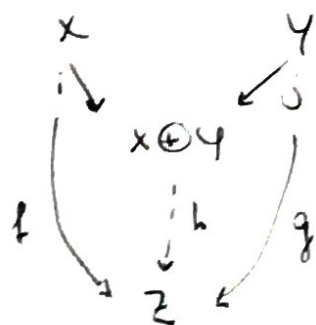
- ${}_R \text{Hom}(M, N)$  is an abelian group for all  $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$ .
- For all  $R$ -modules  $L, M, N$  the composition map  ${}_R \text{Hom}(M, N) \times {}_R \text{Hom}(L, M) \rightarrow {}_R \text{Hom}(L, N)$  is a bilinear map.
- we have sums and products:

a sum of  $x, y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  is an object  $x \oplus y$  together with morphisms



with the following property: for any  $z \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  and morphisms  $f: x \rightarrow z$ ,  $g: y \rightarrow z$ , there exists a unique  $h: x \oplus y \rightarrow z$  s.t.

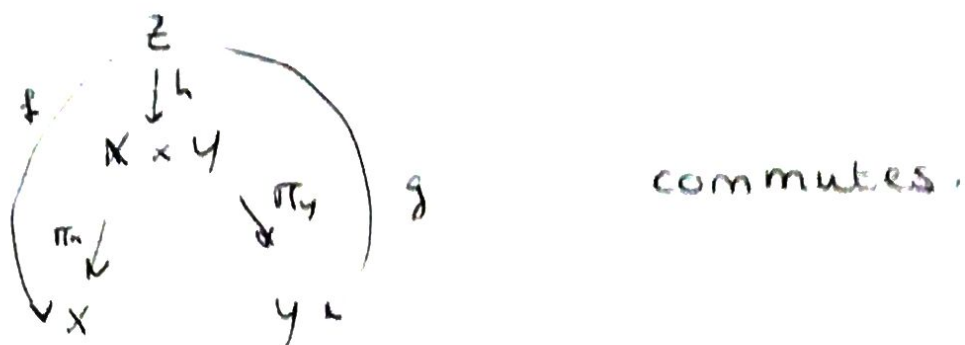
is commutative.



a product of  $x$  and  $y$  is an  $x \times y$  with morphisms  $\pi_x: x \times y \rightarrow x$  and  $\pi_y: x \times y \rightarrow y$  such that for any



$z \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $f: z \rightarrow x$ ,  $g: z \rightarrow y$   $\exists h: z \rightarrow x \times y$  s.t.



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- We have kernels, cokernels and exact sequences.

For  $M, N$   $R$ -modules,  ${}_R\text{Hom}(M, N)$  is an abelian group. Take  $M$  fixed.

For every object  $N$  of  ${}_R\text{Mod}$  we have an abelian group  ${}_R\text{Hom}(M, N)$ , so for every morphism  $f: N \rightarrow N'$  in  ${}_R\text{Mod}$ , we have a map  ${}_R\text{Hom}(M, N) \rightarrow {}_R\text{Hom}(M, N')$  by composing with  $f$ . We denote this by  $f_*$ , or  ${}_R\text{Hom}(M, f)$  ( $g \mapsto fg$ ).  
(Think  $F = {}_R\text{Hom}(M, -)$ ).

This gives a functor  ${}_R\text{Hom}(M, -): {}_R\text{Mod} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ab}}$ .

Similarly, take  $N$  fixed. We get:

- for every obj.  $M$  of  ${}_R\text{Mod}$  an obj.  ${}_R\text{Hom}(M, N) \in \underline{\text{Ab}}$ ,

- for every morphism  $f: M \rightarrow M'$  in  ${}_R\text{Mod}$ , a morphism  ${}_R\text{Hom}(M', N) \rightarrow {}_R\text{Hom}(M, N)$

$${}_R\text{Hom}(M', N) \xrightarrow{f^*} {}_R\text{Hom}(M, N)$$

$g \mapsto gf$

also denoted by  ${}_R\text{Hom}(f, N)$ . We get a contravariant functor

$${}_R\text{Hom}(-, N) \rightsquigarrow : {}_R\text{Mod} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ab}}$$

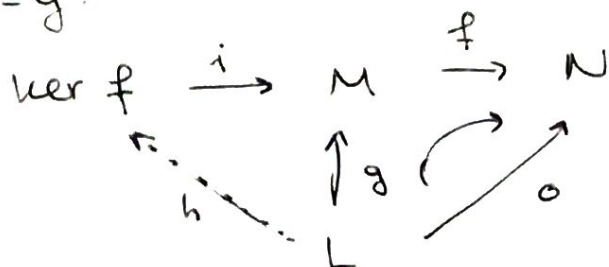
(or a functor  ${}_R\text{Mod}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ab}}$ .)



## Categorical notion of kernels & cokernels:

Let  $f: M \rightarrow N$  be an  $R$ -linear map and  
 $i: \ker f \rightarrow M$  the canonical map.

Universal property:  $f \circ i = 0$ , and for every  
 $R$ -linear map  $g: L \rightarrow M$  with  $fg = 0$ ,  
 there is a unique  $R$ -linear map  $h: L \rightarrow \ker f$   
 with  $ih = g$ .

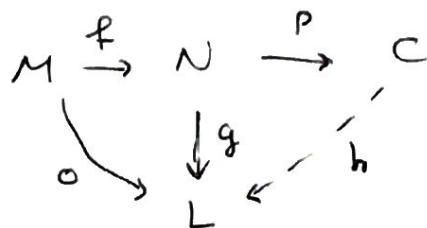


In other words: for every exact sequence  
 in  $R\text{Mod}$  of the form  $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{i} M \xrightarrow{f} N$  the  
 sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 {}^R\text{Hom}(L, M) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & {}^R\text{Hom}(L, N) \\
 \uparrow i_* & & \\
 {}^R\text{Hom}(L, K) & & \\
 \uparrow & & \\
 0 & & 
 \end{array}$$

is exact (in  $\underline{Ab}$ ).

Similar:  $f: M \rightarrow N$   $R$ -linear,  $C = N/\text{im } f$ .  
 $p: N \rightarrow C$  canonical projection.  
 For every  $R$ -linear map  $g: N \rightarrow L$  with  $gf = 0$ , there is  
 a unique  $R$ -linear map  $h: C \rightarrow L$  s.t.  $hp = g$ .



In other words, for every exact sequence  
 $M \rightarrow N \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  in  $R\text{Mod}$   
 the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow {}_R \text{Hom}(C, L) \xrightarrow{p^*} {}_R \text{Hom}(N, L) \xrightarrow{f^*} {}_R \text{Hom}(M, L)$$

is exact in Ab.