

CATEGORIES, ABELIAN CATEGORIES AND COHOMOLOGIES.

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Injective and projective objects

DEFINITION 5.1. (1) A morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in a category is said to be **monic** if for any object Z of \mathcal{C} and for any morphism $g_1, g_2 : Z \rightarrow X$, we have

$$f \circ g_1 = f \circ g_2 \implies g_1 = g_2$$

(2) A morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in a category is said to be **epic** if for any object Z of \mathcal{C} and for any morphism $g_1, g_2 : Y \rightarrow Z$, we have

$$g_1 \circ f = g_2 \circ f \implies g_1 = g_2$$

PROPOSITION 5.2. *Let \mathcal{C} be an abelian category. Then for any morphism f in \mathcal{C} , we have:*

- (1) f :monic $\iff \text{Ker}(f) = 0$.
- (2) f :epic $\iff \text{Coker}(f) = 0$.

DEFINITION 5.3. Let \mathcal{C} be an abelian category.

(1) An object I in \mathcal{C} is said to be **injective** if it satisfies the following condition: For any morphism $f : M \rightarrow I$ and for any monic morphism $\iota : N \rightarrow M$, f “extends” to a morphism $\hat{f} : M \rightarrow I$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\hat{f}} & I \\ \iota \uparrow & & \parallel \\ N & \xrightarrow{f} & I \end{array}$$

(2) An object P in \mathcal{C} is said to be **projective** if it satisfies the following condition: For any morphism $f : P \rightarrow N$ and for any epic morphism $\pi : M \rightarrow N$, f “lifts” to a morphism $\hat{f} : M \rightarrow P$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{\hat{f}} & M \\ \parallel & & \pi \downarrow \\ P & \xrightarrow{f} & N \end{array}$$

LEMMA 5.4. *Let R be a (unital associative but not necessarily commutative) ring. Then for any R -module M , the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) M is a direct summand of free modules.
- (2) M is projective

COROLLARY 5.5. *For any ring R , the category (R -modules) of R -modules **have enough projectives**. That means, for any object $M \in$ (R -modules), there exists a projective object P and an epic morphism $f : P \rightarrow M$.*

DEFINITION 5.6. Let R be a commutative ring. We assume R is a domain (that means, R has no zero-divisors except for 0.) An R -module M is said to be **divisible** if for any $r \in R \setminus \{0\}$, the multiplication map

$$M \xrightarrow{r \times} M$$

is epic.

LEMMA 5.7. *Let R be a (commutative) principal ideal domain (PID). Then an R -module I is injective if and only if it is divisible.*

PROPOSITION 5.8. *For any (not necessarily commutative) ring R , the category (R -modules) of R -modules **has enough injectives**. That means, for any object $M \in (R\text{-modules})$, there exists an injective object I and an monic morphism $f : M \rightarrow I$.*