

Suppose M, N, K are left R -modules and

$$M \xrightarrow{\varphi} N \xrightarrow{\psi} K \rightarrow 0$$

is an exact sequence of R -homomorphisms, Then for any right R -module T the following sequence

$$T \otimes M \xrightarrow{1_T \otimes \varphi} T \otimes N \xrightarrow{1_T \otimes \psi} T \otimes K \rightarrow 0$$

is an exact sequence of \mathbb{Z} -homomorphisms. Moreover, if R is commutative, then it becomes an exact sequence of R -homomorphisms.

Proof:

Well, I omit writing the proof completely. I just write down the parts that I can't understand. First it proves that $Im(1_T \otimes \psi) = T \otimes K$ and then it shows that $Im(1_T \otimes \varphi) \subseteq Ker(1_T \otimes \psi)$. Now it wants to show that $Im(1_T \otimes \varphi) \supseteq Ker(1_T \otimes \psi)$ to conclude that the given sequence is exact.

Well, first it defines $\pi: T \otimes N \rightarrow \frac{T \otimes N}{Im(1_T \otimes \varphi)}$ by $\pi(x \otimes z) = \overline{x \otimes z}$ where $x \in T$ and $z \in N$, then it defines:

$f: T \otimes K \rightarrow \frac{T \otimes N}{Im(1_T \otimes \varphi)}$ by $f(x \otimes y) = \pi(x \otimes z) : y = \psi(z)$ and it shows that f is well-defined.

It could be verified easily that f is linear in each argument, so there exists a unique \mathbb{Z} -homomorphism $\varphi_1: T \otimes K \rightarrow \frac{T \otimes N}{Im(1_T \otimes \varphi)}$ such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
T \times K & \xrightarrow{\otimes} & T \otimes K \\
\downarrow f & & \swarrow \varphi_1 \\
T \otimes N & & \\
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& & \text{Im}(1_T \otimes \varphi)
\end{array}$$

commutes. Hence, $\varphi_1 \otimes = f$ and we conclude that:

$$\varphi_1(x \otimes y) = \pi(x \otimes z) \text{ where } y = \psi(z) \text{ and } z \in N.$$

On the other hand, if we define $\varphi_2: \frac{T \otimes N}{\text{Im}(1_T \otimes \varphi)} \rightarrow T \otimes K$ by:

$$\varphi_2 \left(\pi \left(\sum_{i=1}^t x_i \otimes y_i \right) \right) = \sum_{i=1}^t x_i \otimes \psi(y_i)$$

Then $\text{Im}(1_T \otimes \varphi) \subseteq \text{Ker}(1_T \otimes \psi)$ shows that φ_2 is well defined (**This is where I don't understand**) and therefore φ_2 turns into a \mathbb{Z} -homeomorphism. Now, It's easy to verify that $\varphi_1 \varphi_2$ and $\varphi_2 \varphi_1$ are both identity; hence φ_2 is a \mathbb{Z} -isomorphism. (**I checked this part and I understand this one**) and therefore it tells us that:

$$\text{Ker}(1_T \otimes \psi) \subseteq \text{Im}(1_T \otimes \varphi) \text{ (I don't understand this one too)}$$

The rest of the proof is easy to understand. I just don't understand the parts that I highlighted in red.

Thanks in advance.