

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:

$f: T \times K \rightarrow \frac{T \otimes N}{Im(1_T \otimes \varphi)}$  by  $f(x, y) = \pi(x \otimes z) : y = \psi(z)$  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

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

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  $\varphi_2$  is well defined (This is where I don't understand) and therefore  $\varphi_2$  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  $\varphi_2$  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.