

Homological algebra exercise sheet Week 2

1. Prove the following statements in an abelian category without using the Freyd-Mitchell embedding theorem:
 - (a) Assume $0 \rightarrow A$ is a kernel for $f : A \rightarrow B$. Then f is monic. Dually if $B \rightarrow 0$ is a cokernel of f , then f is epi.
 - (b) A morphism $f : A \rightarrow B$ that is both monic and epi is an isomorphism.
 - (c) For any morphism $f : A \rightarrow B$ the induced morphism $A \rightarrow \text{im}(f)$ is epi.
2. Given a category I and an abelian category $\mathcal{A}$, show that the functor category $\mathcal{A}^I$ is also an abelian category and that the kernel of $\eta : B \rightarrow C$ is the functor $i \mapsto \ker(\eta(i))$.
3. Let $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ and $R : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ be an adjoint pair of additive functors. That is, there is a natural isomorphism

$$\tau : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(L(A), B) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, R(B)).$$

Then L is right exact, and R is left exact.

4. (5-Lemma) Consider the following commutative diagram in an abelian category $\mathcal{A}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 A' & \longrightarrow & B' & \longrightarrow & C' & \longrightarrow & D' & \longrightarrow & E' \\
 \downarrow a & & \downarrow b & & \downarrow c & & \downarrow d & & \downarrow e \\
 A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & C & \longrightarrow & D & \longrightarrow & E.
 \end{array}$$

Show that if b and d are monic and a is an epi, then c is monic. Dually, show that if b and d are epis and e is monic, then c is an epi. In particular, if a, b, d and e are isomorphisms, then so is c .

Hint: You may use the Freyd-Mitchell embedding theorem