

Algebraic K -theory

Exercise Set 3

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1. Prove the **Horseshoe Lemma**: Let $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of R -modules. If

$$0 \rightarrow P'_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P'_0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow P''_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P''_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

are projective resolutions, then there is a projective resolution

$$0 \rightarrow P'_n \oplus P''_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P'_0 \oplus P''_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0.$$

2. Let R be a ring, and let $0 \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence in $\mathcal{P}(R)$. Prove that

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i r(P_i) = 0$$

for any generalized rank $r : \text{Ob } \mathcal{P}(R) \rightarrow (A, +, 0)$.

3. Let R be a commutative PID.

(a) Prove that if

$$0 \rightarrow R^{\oplus n} \rightarrow R^{\oplus m} \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } 0 \rightarrow R^{\oplus n'} \rightarrow R^{\oplus m'} \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

are both exact sequences of R -modules, then $m - n = m' - n'$. (Hint: Use Schanuel's Lemma and Exercise 4(a) of Exercise Set 2.)

(b) Conclude that $G_0(R) \cong (\mathbb{Z}, +, 0)$.