# **Category of Submodules of a Uniserial Module**

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**Abstract** Let R be a ring, K, M be R-modules, L a uniserial R-module, and X a submodule of L. The triple (K, L, M) is said to be X-sub-exact at L if the sequence  $K \to X \to M$  is exact. Let  $\sigma(K, L, M)$  is a set of all submodules Y of L such that (K, L, M) is Y-sub-exact. The sub-exact sequence is a generalization of an exact sequence. We collect all triple (K, L, M) such that (K, L, M) is an X-sub exact sequence, where X is a maximal element of  $\sigma(K, L, M)$ . In a uniserial module, all submodules can be compared under inclusion. So, we can find the maximal element of  $\sigma(K, L, M)$ . In this paper, we prove that the set  $\sigma(K, L, M)$  form a category, and we denoted it by  $\mathcal{C}_L$ . Furthermore, we prove that  $C_Y$  is a full subcategory of  $C_L$ , for every submodule Y of L. Next, we show that if L is a uniserial module, then  $C_L$  is a pre-additive category. Every morphism in  $\mathcal{C}_L$  has kernel under some conditions. Since a module factor of L is not a submodule of L, every morphism in a category  $C_L$  does not have a cokernel. So,  $C_L$  is not an abelian category. Moreover, we investigate a monic X-sub-exact and an epic X-sub-exact sequence. We prove that the triple (K, L, M) is a monic X-sub-exact if and only if the triple  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules  $(Hom_B(N, K), Hom_B(N, L), Hom_B(N, M))$ is a monic  $Hom_R(N, X)$ -sub-exact sequence, for all *R*-modules *N*. Furthermore, the triple (K, L, M) is an epic X-sub-exact if and only if the triple  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules  $(Hom_R(M, N), Hom_R(L, N), Hom_R(K, N))$  is a monic  $Hom_R(X, N)$ -sub-exact, for all *R*-module *N*.

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# **1** Introduction

Let R be a ring and let  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$  be an exact sequence of R-modules, i.e.  $Im \ f = Ker \ g(=g^{-1}(0))$ . Davvaz and Parnian-Garamaleky [5] generalize this concept to be a quasiexact sequence. A sequence of R-modules  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$  is quasi-exact in B or U-exact in B if there exists a submodule U in C such that  $Im \ f = g^{-1}(U)$ .

Davvaz and ShabaniSolt give new basic properties of the U-homological algebra [4]. In 2002, Anvariyeh and Davvaz introduced U-split sequences and provided several connections between U-split sequences, and projective modules [3]. Then, Anvariyeh dan Davvaz give a generalization of Schanuel Lemma and proved further results about quasi-exact sequences [2].

In 2016, Fitriani et al. [7] introduce an X-sub-exact sequence as a generalization of an exact sequence. Let K, L, M be R-modules and X a submodule of L. The triple (K, L, M) is said to be X-sub-exact at L if  $K \to X \to M$  is exact. The exact sequence is a special case of X-sub-exact sequence [7]. As an application of a sub-exact sequence, Fitriani et al. introduce an X-sub-linearly independent module [8]. Then, by using the concept of coexact sequence, Fitriani et al. establish a  $U_V$ -generated module [10]. This concept is a generalization of the U-generated module [13]. Furthermore, they introduce U-basis and U-free modules [9]. Besides that, the sub-exact sequences can be applied in determining the Noetherian property of the submodule of the generalized power series module [6].

Let  $\sigma(K, L, M)$  is a set of all submodules Y of L such that (K, L, M) is Y-sub-exact. In general, if  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are in  $\sigma(K, L, M)$ , we can not compare  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  by inclusion. However, if L is a uniserial module, then any two submodules are comparable concerning inclusion. So, we can find a maximal element of  $\sigma(K, L, M)$ .

Let L be a uniserial module. The collection of all triple (K, L, M) such that (K, L, M) is an X-sub exact sequence, where X is a maximal element of  $\sigma(K, L, M)$  form a category, and we denoted it by  $C_L$ . In this paper, we will prove that  $C_Y$  is a full subcategory of  $C_L$ , for every submodule Y of L. Furthermore, we will show that  $C_L$  is a pre-additive category, and every morphism in  $C_L$  has kernel under some conditions. We investigate about a monic X-sub-exact and an epic X-sub-exact sequences.

Let K, L, M be *R*-modules and  $\sigma(K, L, M) = \{X \leq L | (K, L, M) X$ -sub-exact at  $L\}$ . Since  $0 \in \sigma(K, L, M)$ ,  $\sigma(K, L, M) \neq \emptyset$ . The set  $\sigma(K, L, M)$  is not closed under submodules. If a submodule N of L is a direct summand of any element of  $\sigma(K, L, M)$ , N is contained in  $\sigma(K, L, M)$ .

Let K, L, M be *R*-modules and  $X_1, X_2$  submodules of L, where  $X_2 \subset X_1$ . If  $X_1 \in \sigma(K, L, M)$  and  $X_2$  is a direct summand of  $X_1$ , then  $X_2 \in \sigma(K, L, M)$  [7]. Therefore, if Lis semisimple and  $L \in \sigma(K, L, M)$ , then any submodule of L is contained in  $\sigma(K, L, M)$ . Moreover,  $\sigma(K, L, M)$  is not closed under extensions.

If there are R-module homomorphisms f and g such that the sequence

$$K \xrightarrow{f} L \xrightarrow{g} M$$

is exact, then  $\sigma(K, L, M)$  has a maximal element. If not, the set  $\sigma(K, L, M)$  has a maximal element if L is Noetherian. Furthermore,  $\sigma(K, L, M)$  may has more than one maximal element. But, any two elements of  $\sigma(K, L, M)$  are not necessarily unique up to isomorphism [7].

We recall definition of an additive category and an uniserial module as follow: A category  $\mathcal{A}$  is called an additive category if the following conditions hold:

(A1) For every pair of objects X, Y the set of morphisms  $Hom_{\mathcal{A}}(X,Y)$  is an abelian group and the composition of morphisms

$$Hom_{\mathcal{A}}(Y,Z) \times Hom_{\mathcal{A}}(X,Y) \to Hom_{\mathcal{A}}(X,Z)$$

is bilinear over the integers.

- (A2)  $\mathcal{A}$  contains a zero object 0(i.e. for every object  $X \in \mathcal{A}$  each morphism set  $Hom_{\mathcal{A}}(X, 0)$  and  $Hom_{\mathcal{A}}(0, X)$  has precisely one element).
- (A3) For every pair of objects X, Y in  $\mathcal{A}$  there exists a coproduct  $X \oplus Y$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

A category satisfying (A1) and (A2) is called a preadditive category [11].

A module M over any ring R is uniserial if  $M \neq 0$  and the submodules of M form a chain (that is, any two of them are comparable under inclusion) [12].

### 2 Main Result

Let K, L, M be R-modules, where L be a uniserial module. We collect all triples (K, L, M) such that (K, L, M) is X-subexact, for some submodule X of L. We define:

$$\sigma(K, L, M) = \{X \le L | K \to X \to M \text{ exact}\}$$

Let  $X_1, X_2 \in \sigma(K, L, M)$ . Since L is a uniserial module, we have  $X_1 \subseteq X_2$  or  $X_2 \subseteq X_1$ . So, we have a maximal element in  $\sigma(K, L, M)$ .

We will show that all triples (K, L, M) such that (K, L, M)is X-sub-exact at L, where X is a maximal element of  $\sigma(K, L, M)$ , form a category, we denote it by  $\mathcal{C}_L$ . A maximal element of  $\sigma(K, L, M)$  will represent (K, L, M) to be an object in category  $\mathcal{C}_L$ .

Category of  $C_L$  is given by:

- 1. Objects: Class of all triples (K, L, M) such that (K, L, M) is X-sub-exact, where X is a maximal element of  $\sigma(K, L, M)$ .
- 2. Morphisms:

Let  $(K_1, L, M_1), (K_2, L, M_2) \in Obj(\mathcal{C}_L)$ . Then, there exist submodules  $X_1, X_2$  of L and R-homomorphisms  $f_1, g_1, f_2, g_2$  such that the sequences:

$$K_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} X_1 \xrightarrow{g_1} M_1$$

and

$$K_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} X_2 \xrightarrow{g_2} M_2$$

are exact, where  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are maximal element of  $\sigma(K_1, L, M_1)$  and  $\sigma(K_2, L, M_2)$ , respectively.

A morphism  $\theta = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  from  $(K_1, L, M_1)$  to  $(K_2, L, M_2)$ , where  $\alpha : K_1 \to K_2, \beta : X_1 \to X_2$  and  $\gamma : M_1 \to M_2$  are *R*-module homomorphisms such that the following diagram with exact rows:

$$K_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} X_1 \xrightarrow{g_1} M_1$$
$$\downarrow^{\alpha_1} \qquad \downarrow^{\beta_1} \qquad \downarrow^{\gamma_1}$$
$$K_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} X_2 \xrightarrow{g_2} M_2$$

is commutative.

#### 3. Composition of morphisms:

Let  $\bar{K}_1 = (K_1, L, M_1)$ ,  $\bar{K}_2 = (K_2, L, M_2)$ ,  $\bar{K}_3 = (K_3, L, M_3) \in Obj(\mathcal{C}_L)$ ,  $\theta_1 = (\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) \in Mor_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_1, \bar{K}_2)$ , and  $\theta_2 = (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) \in Mor_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_2, \bar{K}_3)$ . Hence, we have the following commutative diagrams:

$$K_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} X_1 \xrightarrow{g_1} M_1$$
$$\downarrow^{\alpha_1} \qquad \downarrow^{\beta_1} \qquad \downarrow^{\gamma_1}$$
$$K_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} X_2 \xrightarrow{g_2} M_2$$

and

$$K_{2} \xrightarrow{J_{2}} X_{2} \xrightarrow{g_{2}} M_{2}$$
$$\downarrow^{\alpha_{2}} \qquad \downarrow^{\beta_{2}} \qquad \downarrow^{\gamma_{2}}$$
$$K_{3} \xrightarrow{f_{3}} X_{3} \xrightarrow{g_{3}} M_{3}$$

Then  $\theta_3 = (\alpha_2 \circ \alpha_1, \beta_2 \circ \beta_1, \gamma_2 \circ \gamma_1)$  is a morphism from  $\bar{K}_2$  to  $\bar{K}_3$ . We can see this in the following commutative

diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} K_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & X_1 & \xrightarrow{g_1} & M_1 \\ & & \downarrow^{\alpha_2 \circ \alpha_1} & & \downarrow^{\beta_2 \circ \beta_1} & & \downarrow^{\gamma_2 \circ \gamma_1} \\ K_3 & \xrightarrow{f_3} & X_3 & \xrightarrow{g_3} & M_3 \end{array}$$

Then, we will check whether the morphisms hold associative law.

Let  $\bar{K}_1 = (K_1, L, M_1), \bar{K}_2 = (K_2, L, M_2), \bar{K}_3 = (K_3, L, M_3)$  and  $\bar{K}_4 = (K_4, L, M_4)$  are objects in  $\mathcal{C}_L$ ,  $\theta_1 \in Mor_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_1, \bar{K}_2), \ \theta_2 \in Mor_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_2, \bar{K}_3), \ \theta_3 \in Mor_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_3, \bar{K}_4)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_3 \circ_c (\theta_2 \circ_c \theta_1) &= (\alpha_3, \beta_3, \gamma_3) \circ_c ((\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) \circ_c (\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)) \\ &= (\alpha_3, \beta_3, \gamma_3) \circ_c (\alpha_2 \circ \alpha_1, \beta_2 \circ \beta_1, \gamma_2 \circ \gamma_1) \\ &= (\alpha_3 \circ \alpha_2 \circ \alpha_1, \beta_3 \circ \beta_2 \circ \beta_1, \gamma_3 \circ \gamma_2 \circ \gamma_1) \\ &= (\alpha_3 \circ \alpha_2, \beta_3 \circ \beta_2, \gamma_3 \circ \gamma_2) \circ_c (\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) \\ &= ((\alpha_3, \beta_3, \gamma_3) \circ_c (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)) \circ_c (\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) \\ &= (\theta_3 \circ_c \theta_2) \circ_c \theta_1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, morphisms of category of  $C_L$  hold associative law, i.e

$$\theta_3 \circ_c (\theta_2 \circ_c \theta_1) = (\theta_3 \circ_c \theta_2) \circ_c \theta_1,$$

for every  $\theta_1 \in Mor_{\mathcal{C}_X}(\bar{K_1}, \bar{K_2}), \ \theta_2 \in Mor_{\mathcal{C}_X}(\bar{K_2}, \bar{K_3}), \\ \theta_3 \in Mor_{\mathcal{C}_X}(\bar{K_3}, \bar{K_4}).$ 

For every  $\overline{K} = (K, L, M) \in Obj(\mathcal{C}_L)$ , there is a morphism  $id_{\overline{K}} = (id_K, id_X, id_M)$  in  $Mor_{C_L}(\overline{K}, \overline{K})$ , the identity of  $\overline{K}$ , with

$$\theta \circ_c id_{\bar{K}} = id_{\bar{K_1}} \circ_c \theta = \theta,$$

for every  $\theta \in Mor_{C_X}(\bar{K}, \bar{K_1}), \ \bar{K_1} = (K_1, L, M_1) \in Obj(\mathcal{C}_L).$ 

$$K \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} M$$

$$\downarrow id_K \qquad \downarrow id_X \qquad \downarrow id_M$$

$$K \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} M$$

So, we can conclude that  $C_L$  is a category.

In the following proposition, we will show that if L is a uniserial R-module, then a category  $C_L$  is pre-additive.

**Proposition 1** Let L be a uniserial module. The category  $C_L$  is a pre-additive category.

#### Proof.

1. Let the triples  $\bar{K}_1 = (K_1, L, M_1)$  and  $\bar{K}_2 = (K_2, L, M_2)$ are objects in  $C_L$ .

Then, there are submodules  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  of L, where  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are maximal element of  $\sigma(K_1, L, M_1)$  and  $\sigma(K_2, L, M_2)$ , respectively, such that the sequences

$$K_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} X_1 \xrightarrow{g_1} M_1$$

and

$$K_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} X_2 \xrightarrow{g_2} M_2$$

are exact.

We define:

$$(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) +_c (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \beta_1 + \beta_2, \gamma_1 + \gamma_2),$$
  
for all  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1), (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) \in Hom_{\mathcal{C}_X}(\bar{K}_1, \bar{K}_2).$ 

It is easy to see that  $(Hom_{\mathcal{C}_X}(\bar{K}_1, \bar{K}_2), +_c)$  is an Abelian group and the composition of morphisms

 $Hom_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_2, \bar{K}_3) \times Hom_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_1, \bar{K}_2) \to Hom_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_1, \bar{K}_3)$ is bilinear, i.e.

$$((\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) +_c (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)) \circ_c (f, g, h)$$
  
=  $((\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) \circ_c (f, g, h)) +_c$   
 $((\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) \circ_c (f, g, h))$ 

and

2. The zero object in  $C_L$  is triple (0, 0, 0).

Hence, the category  $C_L$  is a pre-additive category.

Let L be a uniserial module, and Y be a submodule of L. Then we can construct the category  $C_L$  and  $C_Y$ . Since every object in  $C_Y$  is an object in  $C_L$ , we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 2** Let L be a uniserial module, and Y be a submodule of L. Then  $C_Y$  is a full subcategory of  $C_L$ .

We recall that the sequence  $0 \to M_1 \xrightarrow{\phi} M \xrightarrow{\psi} M_2$  is exact if and only if the sequence:  $0 \to Hom_R(N, M_1) \xrightarrow{\phi_*} Hom_R(N, M) \xrightarrow{\psi_*} Hom_R(N, M_2)$  is an exact sequence of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules for all *R*-modules *N*. The sequence  $M_1 \xrightarrow{\phi} M \xrightarrow{\psi} M_2 \to 0$  is exact if and only if the sequence:

$$0 \to Hom_R(M_2, N) \xrightarrow{\psi^{\star}} Hom_R(M, N) \xrightarrow{\phi^{\star}} Hom_R(M_1, N)$$

is an exact sequence of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules for all *R*-modules *N* [1]. Next, we will investigate whether the Hom-functor preserves the sub-exactness. Now, we define a *monic X*-sub-exact and epic *X*-sub-exact as follow:

**Definition 1** Let K, L, M be R-modules and X be a submodule of L. Then the triple (K, L, M) is said to be a monic X-sub-exact at L if there exist R-homomorphisms f and g such that the sequence:

$$K \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} M$$

is an exact sequence and f is a monomorphism. The triple (K, L, M) is said to be an epic X-sub-exact at L if there exist R-homomorphisms f and g such that the sequence of R-modules and R-homomorphisms:

$$K \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} M$$

is an exact sequence and g is an epimorphism.

Next, we will prove that a monic X-sub-exactness of (K, L, M) implies a monic  $Hom_R(N, X)$ -sub-exactness of  $(Hom_R(N, K), Hom_R(N, L), Hom_R(N, M))$ , for any R-module N.

**Proposition 3** Let K, L, M be R-modules and X be a submodule of L. The triple (K, L, M) is a monic X-sub-exact, i. e. the sequence

$$K \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} M$$

is exact at X and f is a monomorphism, if and only if the triple  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules :

$$(Hom_R(N, K), Hom_R(N, L), Hom_R(N, M))$$

is a monic  $Hom_R(N, X)$ -sub-exact, for all R-modules N.

**Proof.** The triple (K, L, M) is a monic X-sub-exact, i.e the sequence  $K \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} M$  is exact at X and f is a monomorphism, for any R-module N, if and only if the sequence of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules:

$$Hom_R(N,K) \xrightarrow{f_{\star}} Hom_R(N,X) \xrightarrow{g_{\star}} Hom_R(N,M)$$

is exact at  $Hom_R(N, X)$  and  $f_{\star}$  is a monomorphism.

Furthermore, for any  $h \in Hom_R(N, X)$ ,  $h \in Hom_R(N, L)$ . Hence,

 $Hom_R(N, X) \subseteq Hom_R(N, L)$ . So, we can conclude that the triple (K, L, M) is a monic X-sub-exact, i. e. the sequence  $K \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} M$  is exact at X and f is a monomorphism, if and only if the triple  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules :

$$(Hom_R(N, K), Hom_R(N, L), Hom_R(N, M))$$

is a monic  $Hom_R(N, X)$ -sub-exact, for all R-modules N. On the other hand, we will investigate whether the triple:

$$(Hom_R(M, N), (Hom_R(L, N), (Hom_R(K, N)))$$

is also a  $(Hom_R(X, N))$ -sub-exact, for all R-modules N. If  $h \in Hom_R(X, N)$ , then h is not necessary an element of  $Hom_R(L, N)$ . For example, the inclusion  $i \in Hom_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z})$ , but  $i \notin Hom_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Z})$ .

In the following proposition, we provide a necessary condition to a submodule X of L so that the triple  $(Hom_R(M, N), (Hom_R(L, N), (Hom_R(K, N)))$  is a  $(Hom_R(X, N)$ -sub-exact, for all R-module N.

**Proposition 4** Let K, L, M be R-modules and X be a direct summand of L. The triple (K, L, M) is an epic X-sub-exact, *i. e. the sequence* 

$$K \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} M$$

is exact at X and g is an epimorphism, if and only if the triple  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules :

$$(Hom_R(M, N), Hom_R(L, N), Hom_R(K, N))$$

is a monic  $Hom_R(X, N)$ -sub-exact, for all R-module N.

**Proof.** The triple (K, L, M) is an epic X-sub-exact, i.e the sequence

$$K \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} M$$

is exact at X and g is an epimorphism, if and only if the sequence of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules:

$$Hom_R(M, N) \xrightarrow{g^{\star}} Hom_R(X, N) \xrightarrow{f_{\star}} Hom_R(M, N)$$

is a monic  $Hom_R(X, N)$ -sub-exact.

Since X is a direct summand of L, there is a submodule Y of L such that  $L \simeq X \oplus Y$ . Let  $h \in Hom_R(X, N)$ . We can define a homomorphism

$$h': L \to N,$$

$$h^{'}(a) = egin{cases} h(a) & ; ext{if } a \in X, \\ 0 & ; ext{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We will show that h' is an *R*-homomorphism from *L* to *N*. Let  $a, b \in L$  and  $r \in R$ . We have  $a = x_1 + y_1$  and  $b = x_2 + y_2$ , where  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  and  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ . Therefore, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(a+b) &= f'((x_1+y_1)+(x_2+y_2)) \\ &= f'((x_1+x_2)+(y_1+y_2)) \\ &= f(x_1+x_2) \\ &= f(x_1)+f(x_2) \\ &= f'(x_1+y_1)+f'(x_2+y_2) \\ &= f^{'}(a)+f^{'}(b). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$f'(ra) = f'(r(x + y)) = f'(rx + ry) = f(rx) = rf(x) = rf'(a).$$

We can conclude that h' is an *R*-homomorphism from *L* to *N*.

So, for every  $h \in Hom_R(X, N)$ , we can define an R-homomorphism  $h' \in Hom_R(L, N)$ . Therefore, there exists a monomorphism

$$\theta: Hom_R(X, N) \to Hom_R(L, N),$$

where  $\theta(h) = h'$ . We have  $Hom_R(X, N)$  is isomorphic to a submodule of  $Hom_R(L, N)$ . Consequently, the triple Zmodules:

$$(Hom_R(M, N), Hom_R(L, N), Hom_R(K, N))$$

is a monic  $Hom_R(X, N)$ -sub-exact, for all R-modules N.  $\Box$ 

Consider now the family of monic X-sub-exact sequences, where X is a submodule of a uniserial module L, as follow:

$$Obj(\mathcal{C}_L^{\star}) = \{(K, L, M) | (K, L, M) \text{ is a monic } X \text{- sub-exact} \}$$

It is clear that  $Obj(\mathcal{C}_L^{\star}) \subseteq Obj(\mathcal{C}_L)$ .

In Proposition 1, we proved that  $C_L$  is a pre-additive category. According to [11], an Abelian category is an additive category in which every morphism has kernel and cokernel, and for every morphism  $f : X \to Y$ , the natural morphism  $coim f \to im f$  is an isomorphism. We will show that every morphism in  $C_L^*$  has a kernel.

**Proposition 5** Let L be a uniserial module. Then every morphism in  $C_L^*$  has a kernel.

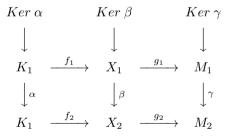
**Proof.** Let  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in Hom((K_1, L, M_1), (K_2, L, M_2))$ . Then, there are submodules  $X_1, X_2$  of L, where  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are maximal element of  $\sigma(K_1, L, M_1)$  and  $\sigma(K_2, L, M_2)$ , respectively, such that the following sequences:

$$K_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} X_1 \xrightarrow{g_1} M_1$$

and

$$K_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} X_2 \xrightarrow{g_2} M_2$$

are exact, where  $f_1, f_2$  are monomorphisms. We have the following diagram:



Since  $f_1, f_2$  are monomorphisms, then by Snake Lemma, the first row, i.e.  $Ker \ \alpha \to Ker \ \beta \to Ker \ \gamma$  is exact. So,  $(Ker \ \alpha, L, Ker \ \gamma)$  is in  $\mathcal{C}_L^*$  and it is kernel of  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ .  $\Box$ 

Since a module factor of L is not a submodule of L, every morphism in a category  $C_L$  does not have a cokernel. So,  $C_L$  is not an abelian category.

# **3** Conclusions

For any uniserial *R*-module *L*, we can construct a category  $C_L$ . The object of a category  $C_L$  is triple (K, L, M) such that (K, L, M) is an *X*-sub-exact sequence, where *X* is the maximal element of the set of all submodules *Y* of *L* such that (K, L, M) is a *Y*-sub-exact. We proved that  $C_L$  is a preadditive category, a category  $C_Y$  is a full subcategory of  $C_L$ , for any submodule *Y* of *L*. Every morphism in  $C_L^*$  has a kernel.

Furthermore, we proved that a monic X-subexactness of (K, L, M) implies a monic sub-exactness of  $(Hom_R(N, K), Hom_R(N, L), Hom_R(N, M))$ . If X is a direct summand of L, then an epic X-subexactness of (K, L, M) implies a monic sub-exactness of  $(Hom_R(M, N), Hom_R(L, N), Hom_R(K, N))$ , for any R-module N.

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