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# 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  $K \rightarrow X \rightarrow M$  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  $\mathcal{C}_Y$  is a full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}_L$ , for every submodule  $Y$  of  $L$ . Next, we show that if  $L$  is a uniserial module, then  $\mathcal{C}_L$  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  $\mathcal{C}_L$  does not have a cokernel. So,  $\mathcal{C}_L$  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  $(\text{Hom}_R(N, K), \text{Hom}_R(N, L), \text{Hom}_R(N, M))$  is a monic  $\text{Hom}_R(N, X)$ -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  $(\text{Hom}_R(M, N), \text{Hom}_R(L, N), \text{Hom}_R(K, N))$  is a monic  $\text{Hom}_R(X, N)$ -sub-exact, for all  $R$ -module  $N$ .

**Keywords** Sub-exact Sequences, Pre-additive Category, Uniserial Module

## 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.  $\text{Im } f = \text{Ker } g (= g^{-1}(0))$ . Davvaz and Parnian-Garamaleky [5] generalize this concept to be a quasi-exact 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  $\text{Im } f = g^{-1}(U)$ .

Davvaz and ShabaniSolt give new basic properties of the  $U$ -homological algebra [4]. In 2002, Anvariye and Davvaz introduced  $U$ -split sequences and provided several connections between  $U$ -split sequences, and projective modules [3]. Then, Anvariye 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  $K \rightarrow X \rightarrow M$  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  $\mathcal{U}_Y$ -generated module [10]. This concept is a generalization of the  $\mathcal{U}$ -generated module [13]. Furthermore, they introduce  $\mathcal{U}$ -basis and  $\mathcal{U}$ -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  $\mathcal{C}_L$ . In this paper, we will prove that  $\mathcal{C}_Y$  is a full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}_L$ , for every submodule  $Y$  of  $L$ . Furthermore, we will show that  $\mathcal{C}_L$  is a pre-additive category, and every morphism in  $\mathcal{C}_L$  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  $\sigma(K, L, M) = \{X \leq L \mid (K, L, M) \text{ } X\text{-sub-exact at } L\}$ . 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 an 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  $L$  is 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  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y)$  is an abelian group and the composition of morphisms

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(Y, Z) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Z)$$

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  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, 0)$  and  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(0, X)$  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  $X$ -sub-exact, for some submodule  $X$  of  $L$ . We define:

$$\sigma(K, L, M) = \{X \leq L \mid K \rightarrow X \rightarrow M \text{ exact}\}$$

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  $\mathcal{C}_L$  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  $(K_1, L, M_1), (K_2, L, M_2) \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C}_L)$ . 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  $\alpha : K_1 \rightarrow K_2$ ,  $\beta : X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  and  $\gamma : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  are  $R$ -module homomorphisms such that the following diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & X_1 & \xrightarrow{g_1} & M_1 \\ \downarrow \alpha_1 & & \downarrow \beta_1 & & \downarrow \gamma_1 \\ K_2 & \xrightarrow{f_2} & X_2 & \xrightarrow{g_2} & M_2 \end{array}$$

is commutative.

3. Composition of morphisms:

Let  $\bar{K}_1 = (K_1, L, M_1)$ ,  $\bar{K}_2 = (K_2, L, M_2)$ ,  $\bar{K}_3 = (K_3, L, M_3) \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C}_L)$ ,

$\theta_1 = (\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_1, \bar{K}_2)$ , and

$\theta_2 = (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_2, \bar{K}_3)$ .

Hence, we have the following commutative diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & X_1 & \xrightarrow{g_1} & M_1 \\ \downarrow \alpha_1 & & \downarrow \beta_1 & & \downarrow \gamma_1 \\ K_2 & \xrightarrow{f_2} & X_2 & \xrightarrow{g_2} & M_2 \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ K_2 & \xrightarrow{f_2} & X_2 & \xrightarrow{g_2} & M_2 \\ \downarrow \alpha_2 & & \downarrow \beta_2 & & \downarrow \gamma_2 \\ K_3 & \xrightarrow{f_3} & X_3 & \xrightarrow{g_3} & M_3 \end{array}$$

and

Then  $\theta_3 = (\alpha_2 \circ \alpha_1, \beta_2 \circ \beta_1, \gamma_2 \circ \gamma_1)$  is a morphism from  $\bar{K}_1$  to  $\bar{K}_3$ . We can see this in the following commutative

diagram with exact rows:

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

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  $\mathcal{C}_L$ ,  $\theta_1 \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_1, \bar{K}_2)$ ,  $\theta_2 \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_2, \bar{K}_3)$ ,  $\theta_3 \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_3, \bar{K}_4)$ . 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  $\mathcal{C}_L$  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  $\theta_1 \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}_X}(\bar{K}_1, \bar{K}_2)$ ,  $\theta_2 \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}_X}(\bar{K}_2, \bar{K}_3)$ ,  $\theta_3 \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}_X}(\bar{K}_3, \bar{K}_4)$ .

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

$$\theta \circ_c id_{\bar{K}} = id_{\bar{K}_1} \circ_c \theta = \theta,$$

for every  $\theta \in \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}_X}(\bar{K}, \bar{K}_1)$ ,  $\bar{K}_1 = (K_1, L, M_1) \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C}_L)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K & \xrightarrow{f} & X & \xrightarrow{g} & M \\ \downarrow id_K & & \downarrow id_X & & \downarrow id_M \\ K & \xrightarrow{f} & X & \xrightarrow{g} & M \end{array}$$

So, we can conclude that  $\mathcal{C}_L$  is a category.

In the following proposition, we will show that if  $L$  is a uniserial  $R$ -module, then a category  $\mathcal{C}_L$  is pre-additive.

**Proposition 1** Let  $L$  be a uniserial module. The category  $\mathcal{C}_L$  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  $\mathcal{C}_L$ .

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  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1), (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_X}(\bar{K}_1, \bar{K}_2)$ .

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

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_2, \bar{K}_3) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_1, \bar{K}_2) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_L}(\bar{K}_1, \bar{K}_3)$$

is bilinear, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} ((\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) +_c (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)) \circ_c (f, g, h) \\ = ((\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) \circ_c (f, g, h)) +_c \\ ((\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) \circ_c (f, g, h)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (f', g', h') \circ_c ((\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) +_c (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)) \\ = ((f', g', h') \circ_c (\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)) +_c \\ ((f', g', h') \circ_c (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)) \end{aligned}$$

2. The zero object in  $\mathcal{C}_L$  is triple  $(0, 0, 0)$ .

Hence, the category  $\mathcal{C}_L$  is a pre-additive category.

Let  $L$  be a uniserial module, and  $Y$  be a submodule of  $L$ . Then we can construct the category  $\mathcal{C}_L$  and  $\mathcal{C}_Y$ . Since every object in  $\mathcal{C}_Y$  is an object in  $\mathcal{C}_L$ , we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 2** Let  $L$  be a uniserial module, and  $Y$  be a submodule of  $L$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}_Y$  is a full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}_L$ .

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

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M_2, N) \xrightarrow{\psi^*} \text{Hom}_R(M, N) \xrightarrow{\phi^*} \text{Hom}_R(M_1, N)$$

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  $\text{Hom}_R(N, X)$ -sub-exactness of  $(\text{Hom}_R(N, K), \text{Hom}_R(N, L), \text{Hom}_R(N, M))$ , 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 :

$$(\text{Hom}_R(N, K), \text{Hom}_R(N, L), \text{Hom}_R(N, M))$$

is a monic  $\text{Hom}_R(N, X)$ -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:

$$\text{Hom}_R(N, K) \xrightarrow{f_*} \text{Hom}_R(N, X) \xrightarrow{g_*} \text{Hom}_R(N, M)$$

is exact at  $\text{Hom}_R(N, X)$  and  $f_*$  is a monomorphism.

Furthermore, for any  $h \in \text{Hom}_R(N, X)$ ,  $h \in \text{Hom}_R(N, L)$ . Hence,  $\text{Hom}_R(N, X) \subseteq \text{Hom}_R(N, L)$ . 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 :

$$(\text{Hom}_R(N, K), \text{Hom}_R(N, L), \text{Hom}_R(N, M))$$

is a monic  $\text{Hom}_R(N, X)$ -sub-exact, for all  $R$ -modules  $N$ .  $\square$  and

On the other hand, we will investigate whether the triple:

$$(\text{Hom}_R(M, N), (\text{Hom}_R(L, N), (\text{Hom}_R(K, N)))$$

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

In the following proposition, we provide a necessary condition to a submodule  $X$  of  $L$  so that the triple  $(\text{Hom}_R(M, N), (\text{Hom}_R(L, N), (\text{Hom}_R(K, N)))$  is a  $(\text{Hom}_R(X, N))$ -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 :

$$(\text{Hom}_R(M, N), \text{Hom}_R(L, N), \text{Hom}_R(K, N))$$

is a monic  $\text{Hom}_R(X, N)$ -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:

$$\text{Hom}_R(M, N) \xrightarrow{g^*} \text{Hom}_R(X, N) \xrightarrow{f_*} \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$$

is a monic  $\text{Hom}_R(X, N)$ -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  $h \in \text{Hom}_R(X, N)$ . We can define a homomorphism

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

where:

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

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:

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

$$\begin{aligned} f'(ra) &= f'(r(x + y)) \\ &= f'(rx + ry) \\ &= f(rx) = rf(x) \\ &= rf'(a). \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\theta : \text{Hom}_R(X, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(L, N),$$

where  $\theta(h) = h'$ . We have  $\text{Hom}_R(X, N)$  is isomorphic to a submodule of  $\text{Hom}_R(L, N)$ . Consequently, the triple  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules:

$$(\text{Hom}_R(M, N), \text{Hom}_R(L, N), \text{Hom}_R(K, N))$$

is a monic  $\text{Hom}_R(X, N)$ -sub-exact, for all  $R$ -modules  $N$ .  $\square$



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

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

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

In Proposition 1, we proved that  $\mathcal{C}_L$  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  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , the natural morphism  $coim f \rightarrow im f$  is an isomorphism. We will show that every morphism in  $\mathcal{C}_L^*$  has a kernel.

**Proposition 5** *Let  $L$  be a uniserial module. Then every morphism in  $\mathcal{C}_L^*$  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:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Ker \alpha & & Ker \beta & & Ker \gamma \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ K_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & X_1 & \xrightarrow{g_1} & M_1 \\ \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \beta & & \downarrow \gamma \\ K_1 & \xrightarrow{f_2} & X_2 & \xrightarrow{g_2} & M_2 \end{array}$$

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

Since a module factor of  $L$  is not a submodule of  $L$ , every morphism in a category  $\mathcal{C}_L$  does not have a cokernel. So,  $\mathcal{C}_L$  is not an abelian category.

### 3 Conclusions

For any uniserial  $R$ -module  $L$ , we can construct a category  $\mathcal{C}_L$ . The object of a category  $\mathcal{C}_L$  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  $\mathcal{C}_L$  is a pre-additive category, a category  $\mathcal{C}_Y$  is a full subcategory of  $\mathcal{C}_L$ , for any submodule  $Y$  of  $L$ . Every morphism in  $\mathcal{C}_L^*$  has a kernel.

Furthermore, we proved that a monic  $X$ -sub-exactness 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  $X$ -sub-exactness 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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