

homalg – Constructive Homological Algebra

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A commutative diagram showing the relationship between the kernel of a morphism φ and the object L . The top row consists of three nodes: $\ker \varphi$, M , and N . There is a curved arrow from $\ker \varphi$ to N labeled 0 above it and κ below it. There is also a curved arrow from M to N labeled φ above it. The bottom row consists of two nodes: L and 0 . There is a curved arrow from L to 0 labeled 0 above it and τ below it.

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- 7 For all objects A_1, A_2 there exists a **direct sum** $A_1 \oplus A_2$ and projections $\pi_i : A_1 \oplus A_2 \rightarrow A_i$ such that
- 8 for all pairs of morphisms $\varphi_i : M \rightarrow A_i, i = 1, 2$ there exists a **unique product morphism** $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2\} : M \rightarrow A_1 \oplus A_2$ satisfying $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2\}\pi_i = \varphi_i$.
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^afollows from the above axioms [HS97, Prop. II.9.1].

\mathcal{A} is a pre-ABELian category:

- ⑩ For any morphism $\varphi : M \rightarrow N$ there exists a **kernel** $\ker \varphi \xrightarrow{\kappa} M$, such that
- ⑪ for any morphism $\tau : L \rightarrow M$ with $\tau \varphi = 0$ there exists a **unique lift** $\tau_0 : L \rightarrow \ker \varphi$ of τ along κ , i.e., $\tau_0 \kappa = \tau$.
- ⑫ For any morphism $\varphi : M \rightarrow N$ there exists a **cokernel** $N \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \text{coker } \varphi$, such that
- ⑬ for any morphism $\eta : N \rightarrow L$ with $\varphi \eta = 0$ there exists a **unique colift** $\eta_0 : \text{coker } \varphi \rightarrow L$ of η along ε , i.e., $\varepsilon \eta_0 = \eta$.

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Theorem ([BLH11])

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Some ring constructions in the homalg project

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It is an easy exercise¹ to check that X represents a *morphism*.

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Thank you

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