

# . Injective modules

# Definition

An R-module N is called injective if and only if for any monomorphism f:  $A \rightarrow B$  (where A and B are any two modules) and any homomorphism g:  $A \rightarrow N$ , there exists a homomorphism h:  $B \rightarrow N$  such that  $h \circ f = g$ :

### Remark

Every R-module can be embedded in an injective R-module. That is for every R-module M, there exists an injective R-module N and a monomorphism  $\beta:M\rightarrow N$ .

### " Theorem

Let N be an R-module. Then the following statements are equivalent:

1) N is injective module.

2) Every exact sequence of the form  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow f \rightarrow M$  split where M is any R-module.

3)N is isomorphism to direct summand of an injective R-module M.

### Proof.

 $1 \Longrightarrow 2$ 

Let  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow f \rightarrow M$  be an exact sequence and let  $I_N: N \rightarrow N$  be the identity homomorphism on N. Consider the following diagram:

By (1) N is injective. So there exists a homomorphism h:  $M \rightarrow N$  such that  $h \circ f = I_N$ . Hence h is a left inverse of the homomorphism f. Then the sequence is split.

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Let N be an R-module. Then there exists an injective module M over the ring R and let f: N $\rightarrow$ M be a monomorphism. So  $0\rightarrow$ N $\rightarrow$ M is an exact. Hence by (2), this sequence is split. Then Im(f) is a direct summand of M. But Im(f)  $\simeq$ N. Then N is a direct

summand of M and this means N is an isomorphism to direct summand of an injective R-module.

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From (3), there exists an injective R-module X such that  $X \cong N \bigoplus Y$  for some submodule Y of X. Now we need to prove that N is injective module. Let f: A $\rightarrow$ N be a monomorphism mapping and g: A $\rightarrow$ N be a homomorphism. Consider the following commutative diagram:

X is an injective R-module, so there exists a homomorphism h:  $B \rightarrow X$  such that Since

 $h^\circ f=j^\circ g.\ldots\ldots(1)$ 

where j: N $\rightarrow$ X is the injective homomorphism. Define h': B $\rightarrow$ N such that

So, h' is a homomorphism where  $\rho: X \rightarrow N$  is the projection homomorphism. Now we must prove that h'of=g.

$$h^{\prime \circ} f = (\rho \circ h) \circ f \qquad by (2)$$
$$= \rho \circ (h \circ f)$$
$$= \rho \circ (j \circ g) \qquad by (1)$$
$$= (\rho \circ j) \circ g.$$
$$= I_N \circ g$$

So, N is injective module.

### " Remarks

1.An R-module J is an injective module if J satisfies one of the equivalent conditions above theorem

2.An R-module m is injective if and only if for every ideal I of R and for every homomorphism f:  $I \rightarrow M$ , there exists a homomorphism g:  $R \rightarrow M$  such that  $g \circ i = f$  where i:  $I \rightarrow R$ .

#### Theorem.

If R is an integral domain, then every injective R-module is divisible.

**Proof.** Let M be an injective R-module. We must prove that M is divisible module. Let x an element belongs to M and let a be a non-zero element belong to R. Suppose that I=(a) the ideal of R generated by a. Define a homomorphism f:  $I \rightarrow M$  such that f(ra)=rx for all r in R. Now to prove f is well define:

 $r_1a = r_2a$ 

(r<sub>1</sub>-r<sub>2</sub>) a=0

Since R is an integral domain,  $a \neq 0$ , so  $r_1 - r_2 = 0$ . Hence  $r_1 = r_2$  and then  $r_1 x = r_2 x$  and finally  $f(r_1a) - f(r_2a)$ . It is clear that f is a homomorphism. Since M is injective module, then there exists g: R $\rightarrow$ M is a homomorphism such that  $g \circ i = f$  where i: I $\rightarrow$ R is the inclusion homomorphism. Let y = g(1). So, y in M. To prove that x = ay:

 $X=1.x=f(1-a) = a.f(1)=a((g \circ i)(1))=ag(1)=ay$ . Then x is a divisible element. Thus, M is a divisible module.

As a result, from above Theorem, we present the following.

# " Corollary

If R is an integral domain, then every torsion free divisible R-module is injective.

**Proof.** Let M be a divisible torsion free module over the integral domain R. To prove that M is injective. Let I be a non-trivial ideal of R and let f:  $I \rightarrow M$  be any homomorphism. Suppose that  $0 \neq a$  belong to I. So, f(a) belong to M. Since M is divisible module, then there exists x belong to M such that f(a)=ax. Now let r belong to I. So rf(a)=f(ra)=af(r)=arx.