

Definitions. Let $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$.

- (1) If φ is one-to-one we say that φ is a **monomorphism** or **monic**.
- (2) If φ is **onto** (i.e. $N = \varphi(M)$) then we say that φ is a **surjection** or **surjective** or an **epimorphism** or **epic**.

1. Recall the fact from linear algebra that if φ is a linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space V then φ is a monomorphism if and only if φ is surjective. Now let K be a field and let A be a finite dimensional K -algebra (Hungerford, p. 227). Let $a \in A$. Prove that the following conditions are equivalent:
 - (1) a is not a left zero divisor in A , i.e. $ab = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$.
 - (2) a is right invertible in A , i.e. $(\exists b) ab = 1$.
 - (3) The principal right ideal generated by a is all of A .
 - (4) a is not a right zero divisor in A .
 - (5) a is left invertible in A .
 - (6) The principal left ideal generated by a is A .
 - (7) a has a (two-sided) inverse in A .

2. Let $N \subseteq M$ and let $\varphi: M \rightarrow M/N$ be the quotient map. (In Hungerford p. 172, this is called the canonical epimorphism.) Then N is a direct summand of M if and only if there exists a submodule $L \subseteq M$ such that φ maps L isomorphically onto M/N . In this case, $M = L \oplus N$.

3. Let $M = L \oplus N$. Define a map $\pi: M \rightarrow N$ as follows: If $m \in M$ then there exist $\ell \in L$ and $n \in N$ such that $m = \ell + n$. Define $\pi(m) = n$. Prove that π is a well-defined homomorphism of R -modules from M **onto** N .

4. Let N be a submodule of M . Prove that the following conditions are equivalent:
 - (1) N is a direct summand of M .
 - (2) There exists $\pi \in \text{End } M$ such that $\pi(M) = N$ and π restricts to the identity map on N .
 - (3) There exists $\pi \in \text{End } M$ such that $\pi(M) = N$ and $\pi^2 = \pi$.