



MODERN ALGEBRA 1
SPRING 2010

HOMEWORK 12.2
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Exercise 3. Let $f : G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism of abelian groups. We say that f *splits* if there is a homomorphism $g : H \rightarrow G$ so that $f \circ g = \text{Id}_H$. Show that if f splits then $G \cong \ker f \times \text{Im } f$. [*Hint:* Define $F : \ker f \times \text{Im } f \rightarrow G$ by $F(x, y) = x + g(y)$. Prove that F is an isomorphism.]

Exercise 4. Let G be a finite abelian group that is not cyclic. Show that there is a prime p that divides $|G|$ so that G contains a subgroup isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$.