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HOMEWORK 3

PROBLEMS

PROBLEM 1: Show that AB1 and AB2 imply that the 0 object is initial and final.

PROBLEM 2: Fix an Abelian category \mathcal{C} and let $\phi \in \text{Hom}(X, Y)$.

a) Show that $\ker(\ker(\phi)) = 0 = \text{coker}(\text{coker}(\phi))$.

b) Show that $\ker(0 : X \rightarrow 0) = (X, id_x)$ and $\text{coker}(0 : 0 \rightarrow X) = (X, id_x)$.

c) Show that if ϕ is a monomorphism and an epimorphism then ϕ is an isomorphism. (Hint use the fact that $\phi = \ker(\text{coker}(\phi))$ and $\phi = \text{coker}(\ker(\phi))$ together with the fact that canonical decompositions are unique up to unique isomorphisms. Why is the last fact true?)