

Let the following be an exact sequence of groups:

$$1 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{\phi} G \xrightarrow{\psi} H \rightarrow 1.$$

1. Prove that  $\psi$  is surjective.
2. Prove that  $\phi$  is injective. So replacing  $N$  by the image of  $N$ , we will consider  $N$  to be a subgroup of  $G$  and  $\phi$  to be the inclusion mapping, taking an element to itself.
3. Prove that  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
4. Prove that  $H \approx G/N$ .
5. Suppose that  $G$  is abelian and that there is a mapping (homomorphism)  $j: H \rightarrow G$  such that  $\psi \circ j = \text{id}_H$ , the identity mapping on  $H$ . In this case, prove that  $G \approx N \times H$  by describing an explicit isomorphism (with proof).

(The mapping  $j$  is called a *splitting* of the exact sequence. If there is a splitting, the short exact sequence is called *split exact*. The condition is equivalent to the existence of a splitting on the other end of the sequence: a mapping  $\iota: G \rightarrow N$  such that  $\iota \circ \phi = \text{id}_N$ . For fun, you can try to prove this equivalence.)