

short exact sequence:  $1 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{\varphi} G \xrightarrow{\psi} H \rightarrow 1$

1.  $\psi$  is surjective. Pf/ Being exact at  $H$  means  $\text{Im } \psi = \ker(H \rightarrow 1) = H$ .  $\square$
2.  $\varphi$  is injective Pf/ Being exact at  $N$  means  $\ker \varphi = \text{im}(1 \rightarrow N) = 1$ , and we've seen that  $\ker \varphi = \{1\} \Rightarrow \varphi$  injective.  $\square$
3.  $N \triangleleft G$ . Pf/ Here, we've replaced  $N$  by  $\varphi(N)$  and  $\varphi$  by the inclusion mapping to assume  $N < G$ . Let  $g \in G$  and  $n \in N$ . Since  $\ker \psi = N$ , we have  $\psi(gng^{-1}) = \psi(g)\psi(n)\psi(g^{-1}) = \psi(g)\psi(g^{-1}) = \psi(g)\psi(g)^{-1} = 1 \Rightarrow gng^{-1} \in N$ .  $\square$
4.  $H \cong G/N$ . Pf/ This is the first isomorphism theorem.
5. If  $G$  is abelian and there exists a homomorphism  $j: H \rightarrow G$  s.t.  $\psi \circ j = \text{id}_H$ , then  $G \cong N \times H$ .

Pf/ Define  $f: N \times H \rightarrow G$   
 $(n, h) \mapsto n \cdot j(h)$

\*  $f$  is a homomorphism.

$$f((n, h)(n', h')) = f(nn', hh') = nn'j(hh') = [nj(h)][n'j(h')] = f(n, h)f(n', h'),$$

using the fact that  $j$  is a homomorphism and  $G$  is abelian.  $\square$

\*  $f$  is injective.

$1 = f(n, h) = nj(h) \Rightarrow j(h) = n^{-1} \in N = \ker \Psi \Rightarrow h = (\Psi \circ j)(h) = 1$ , and  
 then  $1 = nj(h) \Rightarrow 1 = nj(1) = n$ . So  $(n, h) = (1, 1)$ , the identity of  $N \times H$ .  $\square$

\*  $f$  is surjective.

Given  $g \in G$ , note that  $g \cdot j(\Psi(g))^{-1} \in \ker \Psi$  since  $\Psi(g \cdot j(\Psi(g))^{-1}) = \Psi(g) [(\Psi \circ j)(\Psi(g))]^{-1} = \Psi(g) \Psi(g)^{-1} = 1$ . Thus,  $(g \cdot j(\Psi(g))^{-1}, \Psi(g)) \in N \times H$  and  
 $f(g \cdot j(\Psi(g))^{-1}, \Psi(g)) = g \cdot j(\Psi(g))^{-1} j(\Psi(g)) = g$ .  $\square$