



# On Some Diagram Assertions in Preabelian and $P$ -Semi-Abelian Categories

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As is well known, many important additive categories in functional analysis and algebra are not abelian. Many classical diagram assertions valid in abelian categories fail in more general additive categories without additional assumptions concerning the properties of the morphisms of the diagrams under consideration. This in particular applies to the so-called Snake Lemma, or the Ker-Coker-sequence. We obtain a theorem about a diagram generalizing the classical situation of the Snake Lemma in the context of categories semi-abelian in the sense of Palamodov. It is also known that, already in  $P$ -semi-abelian categories, not all kernels (respectively, cokernels) are semi-stable, that is, stable under pushouts (respectively, pullbacks). We prove a proposition showing how non-semi-stable kernels and cokernels can arise in general preabelian categories.

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## INTRODUCTION

As is well known, many classical diagram assertions valid in abelian categories fail in more general additive and nonadditive categories without additional assumptions concerning the properties of the morphisms of the diagrams under consideration. This in particular applies to the so-called Snake Lemma, or the Ker-Coker-sequence (see, for example, [1, 2] or [3]). It is natural to expect that possible generalizations of the Snake Lemma in the non-abelian setting would also require additional conditions on the morphisms of the diagram under consideration.

In the present article, we consider a diagram of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A_0 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_0} & B_0 & \xrightarrow{\psi_0} & C_0 \\
 \alpha \downarrow & & \beta \downarrow & & \gamma \downarrow \\
 A_1 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} & B_1 & \xrightarrow{\psi_1} & C_1,
 \end{array} \tag{1}$$

where  $\psi_0\varphi_0 = 0$  and  $\psi_1\varphi_1 = 0$ , in  $P$ -semi-abelian categories, a class of additive categories with kernels and cokernels which appeared under different names in the 1960s in the works of Romanian mathematicians (see [4]) and were studied in more detail by D. A. Raikov (under the name of “preabelian”) in [5] and V. P. Palamodov in [6].

In [7, Corollary A2], Nomura proved an assertion about the exactness of the Ker- and Coker-sequences corresponding to a diagram of the form (1) in a Puppe exact category, that is, informally speaking, in an “abelian category without additivity”. In [2], we proved a version of Nomura’s assertion for quasi-abelian categories. It turned out that



an analog of this assertion also holds for the larger class of  $P$ -semi-abelian categories. This is the main result of the present article.

The article is organized as follows.

In Section 1., we give the necessary definitions and recall some basic facts. In Section 2., we discuss one way for obtaining non-semi-stable kernels and cokernels in a preabelian category. In Section 4., we prove the above mentioned main result on the exactness of the Ker- and Coker-sequences (Theorem 1).

## 1. PREABELIAN AND $P$ -SEMI-ABELIAN CATEGORIES

We consider *preabelian* categories, i.e., additive categories satisfying the following axiom.

**Axiom 1.** *Each morphism has a kernel and a cokernel.*

We denote an arbitrary kernel (cokernel) of  $\alpha$  by  $\ker \alpha$  ( $\operatorname{coker} \alpha$ ) and the corresponding object by  $\operatorname{Ker} \alpha$  ( $\operatorname{Coker} \alpha$ ); the equality  $a = \ker b$  ( $a = \operatorname{coker} b$ ) means that  $a$  is a kernel of  $b$  ( $a$  is a cokernel of  $b$ ).

In a preabelian category, every morphism  $\alpha$  admits a canonical decomposition  $\alpha = (\operatorname{im} \alpha)\bar{\alpha}(\operatorname{coim} \alpha)$ , where  $\operatorname{im} \alpha = \ker \operatorname{coker} \alpha$ ,  $\operatorname{coim} \alpha = \operatorname{coker} \ker \alpha$ . A morphism  $\alpha$  is called *strict* if  $\bar{\alpha}$  is an isomorphism.

We write  $\alpha | \beta$  if  $\alpha = \ker \beta$  and  $\beta = \operatorname{coker} \alpha$ .

**Lemma 1.** [4, 8–10] *The following assertions hold in a preabelian category:*

(i) *a strict monomorphism is the same as a kernel; a strict epimorphism is the same as a cokernel;*

(ii)  $\alpha$  *is a kernel*  $\iff \alpha = \operatorname{im} \alpha$ ,  $\alpha$  *is a cokernel*  $\iff \alpha = \operatorname{coim} \alpha$ ;

(iii) *a morphism*  $\alpha$  *is strict if and only if it is representable in the form*  $\alpha = \alpha_1 \alpha_0$  *with*  $\alpha_0$  *a cokernel and*  $\alpha_1$  *a kernel; in every such representation,*  $\alpha_0 = \operatorname{coim} \alpha$  *and*  $\alpha_1 = \operatorname{im} \alpha$ ;

(iv) *the relations*  $\ker \alpha = \ker \operatorname{coim} \alpha$  *and*  $\operatorname{coker} \alpha = \operatorname{coker} \operatorname{im} \alpha$  *hold for every morphism*  $\alpha$ .

A preabelian category is abelian if and only if  $\bar{\alpha}$  is an isomorphism for every  $\alpha$ , that is, if and only if every morphism is strict.

We call a sequence  $\dots \xrightarrow{a} B \xrightarrow{b} \dots$  in an additive category *semi-exact at the term*  $B$  if  $ba = 0$ . A sequence  $\dots \xrightarrow{a} B \xrightarrow{b} \dots$  in a preabelian category is said to be *exact at the term*  $B$  if  $\operatorname{im} a = \ker b$ . Lemma 1(iv), which is Lemma 1 of [10], implies that the sequence is exact at the term  $B$  if and only if  $\operatorname{coker} a = \operatorname{coim} b$ .

A preabelian category is called  *$P$ -semi-abelian* or *semi-abelian* (in the sense of Palamodov) [6, 11] if it satisfies

**Axiom 2.** *For every morphism*  $\alpha$ ,  $\bar{\alpha}$  *is a bimorphism, that is, a monomorphism and an epimorphism.*

If the morphism  $\bar{\alpha}$  is a monomorphism (an epimorphism) for every  $\alpha$  then, following Rump [11, p. 167], we call the preabelian category *left semi-abelian* (*right semi-abelian*).

Note that a preabelian category is right (left) semi-abelian if and only if the composition of any two kernels (respectively, cokernels) in it is again a kernel (respectively, a cokernel), which is equivalent to the statement that if  $gf$  is a kernel then  $f$  is a kernel (if  $gf$  is a cokernel then  $g$  is a cokernel). For a detailed characterization of  $P$ -semi-abelianity, the reader is referred to [12].



A preabelian category  $\mathcal{A}$  is called *left quasi-abelian* (or *left almost abelian*, see [11]) if it satisfies

**Axiom 3.** *If a commutative square*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & D \\ g \downarrow & & f \downarrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{\beta} & B \end{array} \quad (2)$$

is a pullback then  $f$  is a cokernel  $\implies g$  is a cokernel.

Dually, a preabelian category  $\mathcal{A}$  is called *right quasi-abelian* (or *right almost abelian* [11]) if it satisfies

**Axiom 3\*.** *If (2) is a pushout then  $g$  is a kernel  $\implies f$  is a kernel.*

A left and right quasi-abelian category is referred to as *quasi-abelian* [13] (*semi-abelian in the sense of Raikov* [5], or *almost abelian* [11]).

As is well-known [5, 9, 11, 13], every quasi-abelian category is  $P$ -semi-abelian. Kuz'minov and Cherevikin [9, Theorem 2] and later Rump [11, Proposition 3] noticed that a  $P$ -semi-abelian category is quasi-abelian if and only if it is left or right quasi-abelian. In 2006, Bonnet and Dierolf [14] constructed an example of a pullback violating Axiom 3 in the category **Bor** of bornological locally convex spaces, thus proving that it is not quasi-abelian. Later Rump [15] gave an algebraic example of a  $P$ -semi-abelian but not quasi-abelian category. In [16], he carried out a thorough study of  $P$ -semi-abelian subcategories of quasi-abelian categories and proved that **Bor** and the category **Bar** of barreled locally convex spaces are  $P$ -semi-abelian but not quasi-abelian. Later in [17] Wengenroth explained that the non-semi-stability of cokernels in **Bor** is not rare.

## 2. SEMI-STABLE KERNELS AND COKERNELS IN A PREABELIAN CATEGORY

If, for a cokernel  $f$  in a preabelian category, in every pullback (2),  $g$  is a cokernel (for a kernel  $g$  in a preabelian category, in every pushout (2),  $f$  is a kernel) then  $f$  is called a *semi-stable cokernel* ( $g$  is called a *semi-stable kernel*).

We recall some basic properties of semi-stable kernels and cokernels (following from [18, Propositions 5.11 and 5.12]).

**Lemma 2.** *The following hold in a preabelian category:*

(i) *if  $gf$  is a semi-stable kernel then so is  $f$ , if  $gf$  is a semi-stable cokernel then so is  $g$ ;*

(ii) *if  $f$  and  $g$  are semi-stable kernels and  $gf$  is defined then  $gf$  is a semi-stable kernel; if  $f$  and  $g$  are semi-stable cokernels and  $gf$  is defined then  $gf$  is a semi-stable cokernel;*

(iii) *a pushout of a semi-stable kernel is a semi-stable kernel; a pullback of a semi-stable cokernel is a semi-stable cokernel.*

The following Lemma is due to Kuz'minov and Cherevikin [9, Lemma 2].

**Lemma 3.** *Let*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} E & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & C & \xrightarrow{f} & A \\ \parallel & & g \downarrow & & \psi \downarrow \\ E & \xrightarrow{\beta} & B & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & D \end{array}$$



be a commutative diagram in a preabelian category. Assume that  $f\alpha = 0$ ,  $f$  is an epimorphism, and  $\varphi = \text{coker } \beta$ . Then the  $\varphi g = \psi f$  is a pushout.

The dual assertion also holds.

The idea of the following assertion, allowing to construct examples of non-semi-stable kernels and cokernels, comes from the proof of [9, Theorem 1(3)].

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $\alpha$  be a morphism in a preabelian category for which  $\bar{\alpha}$  is not an epimorphism. Then  $\text{im } \alpha$  is a non-semi-stable kernel.*

*By duality, if a morphism  $\alpha$  is such that  $\bar{\alpha}$  is not a monomorphism then  $\text{coim } \alpha$  is a non-semi-stable cokernel.*

**Proof.** Let  $\alpha : A \rightarrow B$  be a morphism such that  $\bar{\alpha}$  is not epic and  $\beta$  is the morphism of the cokernels of the rows in the commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\bar{\alpha} \text{ coim } \alpha} & C \\ \parallel & & \text{im } \alpha \downarrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & B \end{array}$$

Then the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\bar{\alpha} \text{ coim } \alpha} & C & \xrightarrow{\text{coker } \bar{\alpha}} & \text{Coker } \bar{\alpha} \\ \parallel & & \text{im } \alpha \downarrow & & \beta \downarrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & B & \xrightarrow{\text{coker } \alpha} & \text{Coker } \alpha \end{array}$$

satisfies the hypothesis of Lemma 3. Thus,  $\beta \text{ coker } \bar{\alpha} = (\text{coker } \alpha) \text{ im } \alpha (= 0)$  is a pushout. Since  $\text{coker } \bar{\alpha}$  is epic, the equality  $\beta \text{ coker } \bar{\alpha} = 0$  implies that  $\beta = 0$ . In particular, since  $\text{coker } \bar{\alpha} \neq 0$ , we infer that  $\beta$  is not a monomorphism and, thus,  $\text{im } \alpha$  is a non-semi-stable kernel.

The second assertion of the lemma is obtained from the first by duality. □

### 3. THE LEFT AND RIGHT HOMOLOGY OBJECTS

Suppose first that the ambient category is preabelian.

Given a sequence of the form

$$A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C \tag{3}$$

such that  $\psi\varphi = 0$ , there are a natural morphism  $\sigma : A \rightarrow \text{Ker } \psi$  such that  $\varphi = (\text{ker } \psi)\sigma$  and a natural morphism  $\tau : \text{Coker } \varphi \rightarrow C$  such that  $\psi = \tau \text{ coker } \varphi$ .

**Definition 1.** Call  $H_-(B) = H_-(B, \varphi, \psi) = \text{Coker } \sigma$  and  $H_+(B) = H_+(B, \varphi, \psi) = \text{Ker } \tau$  the *left* and *right homology objects* of (3) at the term  $B$ .

It is classical that these two notions coincide for abelian categories (see, for example, [19]). This remains valid for quasi-abelian categories [20] and even in the nonadditive setting of homological categories in the sense of Grandis [3].

If the ambient category is  $P$ -semi-abelian then there is an equivalent description of the left and right homology objects. Consider the natural morphisms  $r : \text{Im } \varphi \rightarrow \text{Ker } \psi$



and  $r' : \text{Coker } \varphi \rightarrow \text{Coim } \psi$ . Then  $\text{coker } r = \text{coker } \sigma$  and  $\text{ker } r' = \text{ker } \tau$ , and hence  $H_-(B, \varphi, \psi) = \text{Coker } r$  and  $H_+(B, \varphi, \psi) = \text{Ker } r'$ .

As was shown in [20], in a preabelian category, there is a unique morphism  $m : H_-(B) \rightarrow H_+(B)$  such that

$$(\text{ker } \tau)m \text{coker } \sigma = (\text{coker } \varphi)(\text{ker } \psi). \tag{4}$$

The following assertion holds ([21, Lemma 7], [22, Proposition 1]).

**Lemma 4.** (i) *Let the ambient category be P-semi-abelian. The morphism  $m : H_-(B) \rightarrow H_+(B)$  is a bimorphism. If  $\text{ker } \psi$  is a semi-stable kernel or  $\text{coker } \varphi$  is a semi-stable cokernel then  $m$  is an isomorphism.*

(ii) *Let the ambient category be preabelian. If  $\text{ker } \psi$  is a semi-stable kernel then  $m$  is a semi-stable kernel and if  $\text{coker } \varphi$  is a semi-stable cokernel then  $m$  is a semi-stable cokernel. Thus, if both conditions are fulfilled then  $m$  is an isomorphism.*

Examples of situations when the left and right homology objects do not coincide can be obtained from the following observation [22, Lemma 4]:

Let

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{u'} & F \\ v' \downarrow & & v \downarrow \\ E & \xrightarrow[u]{} & G \end{array}$$

be a pullback in a P-semi-abelian category such that  $v$  is a kernel,  $u$  is a cokernel, and  $u'$  is not a cokernel. Let  $H_-(E)$  and  $H_+(E)$  be the left and right homology objects of the sequence

$$K \xrightarrow{\text{ker } u} E \xrightarrow{\text{coker } v'} L$$

at the term  $E$ . Then the canonical morphism  $m : H_-(E) \rightarrow H_+(E)$  is not an isomorphism.

As was shown by Wengenroth (see [17]), such pullbacks are not unusual, for example, in the P-semi-abelian category of bornological locally convex spaces and arise when non- $\alpha$ -regular inductive limits in the sense of Makarov [23] are considered.

#### 4. A GENERALIZATION OF THE SNAKE LEMMA

Consider a diagram of the form (1) in a P-semi-abelian category.

As in the case of the classical diagram of the Snake Lemma, diagram (1) gives rise to a Ker-sequence

$$\text{Ker } \alpha \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \text{Ker } \beta \xrightarrow{\zeta} \text{Ker } \gamma \tag{5}$$

with  $\zeta\varepsilon = 0$  and a Coker-sequence

$$\text{Coker } \alpha \xrightarrow{\tau} \text{Coker } \beta \xrightarrow{\theta} \text{Coker } \gamma \tag{6}$$

with  $\theta\tau = 0$ .

For diagram (1), we have a commutative diagram of natural morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_0 & \xrightarrow{\rho_0} & \text{Ker } \psi_0 \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \widehat{\beta} \downarrow \\ A_1 & \xrightarrow[\rho_1]{} & \text{Ker } \psi_1. \end{array} \tag{7}$$



Here  $\widehat{\beta} : \text{Ker } \psi_0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \psi_1$  is the natural morphism of the kernels of the rows of the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_0 & \xrightarrow{\psi_0} & C_0 \\ \beta \downarrow & & \gamma \downarrow \\ B_1 & \xrightarrow[\psi_1]{} & C_1, \end{array}$$

and  $\rho_0$  and  $\rho_1$  are uniquely defined by  $\varphi_0 = (\text{ker } \psi_0)\rho_0$  and  $\varphi_1 = (\text{ker } \psi_1)\rho_1$ . We thus have a natural morphism  $\chi_- : H_-(B_0) \rightarrow H_-(B_1)$  of the cokernels of the rows in (7) such that

$$\chi_- \text{ coker } \rho_0 = (\text{coker } \rho_1)\widehat{\beta}.$$

In the dual manner, we have a commutative diagram of natural morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Coker } \varphi_0 & \xrightarrow{\eta_0} & C_0 \\ \widehat{\beta} \downarrow & & \gamma \downarrow \\ \text{Coker } \varphi_1 & \xrightarrow[\eta_1]{} & C_1, \end{array} \tag{8}$$

where  $\widehat{\beta}$  is the morphism of the cokernels of the rows of the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_0 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_0} & B_0 \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \beta \downarrow \\ A_1 & \xrightarrow[\varphi_1]{} & B_1 \end{array}$$

and  $\eta_0$  and  $\eta_1$  are uniquely defined by  $\psi_0 = \eta_0 \text{ coker } \varphi_0$  and  $\psi_1 = \eta_1 \text{ coker } \varphi_1$ . This gives a natural morphism  $\chi_+ : H_+(B_0) \rightarrow H_+(B_1)$  of the kernels of the rows in (8) such that

$$\widehat{\beta} \text{ ker } \eta_0 = (\text{ker } \eta_1)\chi_+.$$

In [2], we proved the following assertion (Lemma 10):

Suppose in (1) that  $\varphi_0 = \text{ker } \psi_0$  ( $\psi_1 = \text{coker } \varphi_1$ ). Then  $\varepsilon = \text{ker } \zeta$  (respectively,  $\theta = \text{coker } \tau$ ).

We will prove the following generalization of this assertion, which is a  $P$ -semi-abelian version of [7, Corollary A2] and [2, Theorem 4].

**Theorem 1.** *The following hold:*

(1) *if, in a diagram of the form (1) in a  $P$ -semi-abelian category, the morphism  $\varphi_0$  is strict and  $\varphi_1$  and  $\chi_- : H_-(B_0) \rightarrow H_-(B_1)$  are monomorphisms then sequence (5) is exact at the term  $\text{Ker } \beta$ ;*

(2) *if, in a diagram of the form (1) in a  $P$ -semi-abelian category, the morphism  $\psi_1$  is strict and  $\psi_0$  and  $\chi_+ : H_+(B_0) \rightarrow H_+(B_1)$  are epimorphisms then sequence (6) is exact at the term  $\text{Coker } \beta$ .*

**Proof.** 1. Take a morphism  $x : X \rightarrow \text{Ker } \beta$  with  $\zeta x = 0$ . Show that  $x = (\text{im } \varepsilon)\tilde{x}$  for some unique  $\tilde{x}$ . We may assume without loss of generality that  $x = \text{im } x$ .



Since  $0 = (\ker \gamma)\zeta x = \psi_0(\ker \beta)x$ , there is a morphism  $z : X \rightarrow \text{Ker } \psi_0$  such that  $(\ker \beta)x = (\ker \psi_0)z$ . Further,  $(\ker \psi_1)\widehat{\beta}z = \beta(\ker \psi_0)z = \beta(\ker \beta)x = 0$  and  $\ker \psi_1$  is a monomorphism; therefore,  $\widehat{\beta}z = 0$ . Let  $r_0$  be the natural morphism  $\text{Im } \varphi_0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \psi_0$  such that  $\text{im } \varphi_0 = (\ker \psi_0)r_0$ . Since  $\chi(\text{coker } \rho_0)z = (\text{coker } \rho_1)\widehat{\beta}z = 0$  and  $\chi$  is a monomorphism, we get  $(\text{coker } \rho_0)z = 0$ . Note that  $r_0 = \ker(\text{coker } \rho_0) = \text{im } \rho_0$ . Hence,  $z = r_0\mu$  for some  $\mu$ .

Let  $r_1$  be the natural morphism  $\text{Im } \varphi_1 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \psi_1$  such that  $\text{im } \varphi_1 = (\ker \psi_1)r_1$ . As was observed in Section 3.,  $\text{coker } \rho_0 = \text{coker } r_0$  and  $\text{coker } \rho_1 = \text{coker } r_1$ . Let  $s : \text{Im } \varphi_0 \rightarrow \text{Im } \varphi_1$  be the natural morphism of the kernels of the rows of the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_0 & \xrightarrow{\text{coker } \varphi_0} & \text{Coker } \varphi_0 \\ \beta \downarrow & & \widehat{\beta} \downarrow \\ B_1 & \xrightarrow{\text{coker } \varphi_1} & \text{Coker } \varphi_1. \end{array}$$

We have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Im } \varphi_0 & \xrightarrow{r_0} & \text{Ker } \psi_0 & \xrightarrow{\text{coker } r_0} & H_-(B_0) = \text{Coker } r_0 \\ s \downarrow & & \widehat{\beta} \downarrow & & x \downarrow \\ \text{Im } \varphi_1 & \xrightarrow{r_1} & \text{Ker } \psi_1 & \xrightarrow{\text{coker } r_1} & H_-(B_1) = \text{Coker } r_1. \end{array}$$

We infer

$$r_1 s \mu = \widehat{\beta} r_0 \mu = \widehat{\beta} \mu = 0.$$

Since  $r_1$  is a monomorphism, this gives  $s\mu = 0$ .

Represent  $\varphi_0$  in the form  $\varphi_0 = (\text{im } \varphi_0)\varphi'_0$ . Since  $\varphi_0$  is strict,  $\varphi'_0$  is a cokernel. Consider the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{y_2} & X \\ y_1 \downarrow & & \mu \downarrow \\ A_0 & \xrightarrow{\varphi'_0} & \text{Im } \varphi_0. \end{array}$$

Then  $y_2$  is an epimorphism. Observe that  $\beta \text{im } \varphi_0 = (\text{im } \varphi_1)s$ . We infer

$$\varphi_1 \alpha y_1 = \beta \varphi_0 y_1 = \beta(\text{im } \varphi_0)\varphi'_0 y_1 = \beta(\text{im } \varphi_0)\mu y_2 = (\text{im } \varphi_1)s \mu y_2 = 0.$$

But  $\varphi_1$  is a monomorphism; therefore,  $\alpha y_1 = 0$ . Hence, there exists a morphism  $y : Y \rightarrow \text{Ker } \alpha$  with the property  $y_1 = (\ker \alpha)y$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\ker \beta)xy_2 &= (\ker \psi_0)zy_2 = (\ker \psi_0)r_0\mu y_2 = \\ &= (\text{im } \varphi_0)\mu y_2 = (\text{im } \varphi_0)\varphi'_0 y_1 = \varphi_0 y_1 = \varphi_0(\ker \alpha)y = (\ker \beta)\varepsilon y. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\ker \beta$  is a monomorphism, this yields

$$xy_2 = \varepsilon y. \tag{9}$$

Let  $\varepsilon = (\text{im } \varepsilon)\varepsilon'$ . In (9),  $x$  is a kernel,  $y_2$  is an epimorphism; therefore,  $x = \text{im}(xy_2) = (\text{im } \varepsilon)(\text{im}(\varepsilon'y))$ . We can take  $\tilde{x} = \text{im}(\varepsilon'y)$ . The condition  $x = (\text{im } \varepsilon)\tilde{x}$  defines  $\tilde{x}$  uniquely because  $\text{im } \varepsilon$  is a monomorphism.



Assertion 1 of the theorem is proved. Assertion 2 results from it by duality.

The theorem is proved.  $\square$

Let us formulate explicitly what Theorem 1 means for the categories **Bor** and **Bar** of bornological and barreled locally convex spaces respectively.

We say that a sequence  $A \xrightarrow{\varphi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C$  in either of these categories such that  $\psi\varphi = 0$  is *approximately exact at the term B* whenever the closure of the range of the operator  $\varphi$  coincides with the kernel of  $\psi$ . It is not hard to see that our categorical exactness is in fact approximate exactness in this sense. Moreover, a continuous linear operator between bornological or barreled spaces is strict if and only if it has closed range and is an open mapping onto its range.

**Corollary.** Consider a commutative diagram of the form (1) constituted by bornological or barreled locally convex spaces and continuous linear operators. The following hold:

(1) if in (1) the operator  $\varphi_0$  has closed range and is open onto its range  $\varphi_1$  and  $\chi_- : H_-(B_0) \rightarrow H_-(B_1)$  are injective then the corresponding left sequence (5) is approximately exact at the term  $\text{Ker } \beta$ ;

(2) if in (1) the operator  $\psi_1$  has closed range and is open onto its range and  $\psi_0$  and  $\chi_+ : H_+(B_0) \rightarrow H_+(B_1)$  have dense range then the corresponding sequence (6) is approximately exact at the term  $\text{Coker } \beta$ .

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## **О некоторых диаграммных утверждениях в предабелевых и $P$ -полуабелевых категориях**

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Как известно, многие важные аддитивные категории функционального анализа и алгебры неабелевы. Многие классические диаграммные утверждения, справедливые в абелевых категориях, оказываются неверны в более общих аддитивных категориях без дополнительных предположений о свойствах морфизмов рассматриваемых диаграмм. Это, в частности, относится к так называемой лемме о змее, или Кер-Сокер-последовательности.



В статье получена теорема о диаграмме, обобщающей классическую ситуацию леммы о змее в контексте категорий, полуабелевых в смысле Паламодова. Известно также, что уже в  $P$ -полуабелевых категориях не все ядра (соответственно, коядра) полустабильны, т. е. стабильны относительно универсальных (соответственно, коуниверсальных) квадратов. Мы доказываем предложение, показывающее, как неполустабильные ядра и коядра могут возникнуть в общих преабелевых категориях.

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