

1. Show the morphism $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q}$ is epi in the category of (associative) rings. (Rings are not assumed to have multiplicative identity).
2. Construct an example in the category of abelian groups to show $\text{Hom}(A, -)$ is not in general exact.
3. Assume R is a ring. Which of the following additive categories are abelian? (You may use that $\text{mod}R$ is known to be abelian.) If not abelian in general, give an assumption to guarantee abelian. (a) $\text{Proj}R$ (the category of projective R -modules) (b) $\text{fgmod}R$ (the category of finitely generated R modules) (c) abelian p -groups (d) \mathcal{A}^C (the category of functors $C \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$, where \mathcal{A} is abelian and C any category).
4. Let Vect denote the category of vector spaces. Define $\text{shift}[1] : \text{Vect} \rightarrow \text{Vect}$ to be the identity functor, and call a sequence $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow X[1]$ distinguished if it is exact at X, Y , and Z . Show this gives Vect the structure of a triangulated category.
5. Let \mathcal{A} be an abelian category. Try the same approach as in the previous exercise to put a triangulated structure on \mathcal{A} . Show this works (i.e. all triangulated category axioms hold) if and only if \mathcal{A} is semisimple.
6. Let \mathcal{A} denote an abelian category. (You're welcome to work directly in the category of abelian groups.) Show a homotopy equivalence in $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{A})$ is a quasi-isomorphism.
7. Show that quasi-isomorphisms are not necessarily homotopy equivalences by considering an example in $\text{Ch}(\text{mod}\mathbb{C}[x])$. That is, show $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[x] \xrightarrow{x} \mathbb{C}[x] \rightarrow 0$ vs $0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \rightarrow 0$ are quasi-isomorphic, but not homotopy equivalent. (Here: \mathbb{C} is understood to be the $\mathbb{C}[x]$ module with x acting by 0.)