

# A Class of Rings for which the Lattice of Preradicals is not a Set

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$$\alpha_N^M(K) = \sum \{f(N) \mid f \in \text{Hom}_R(M, K)\},$$

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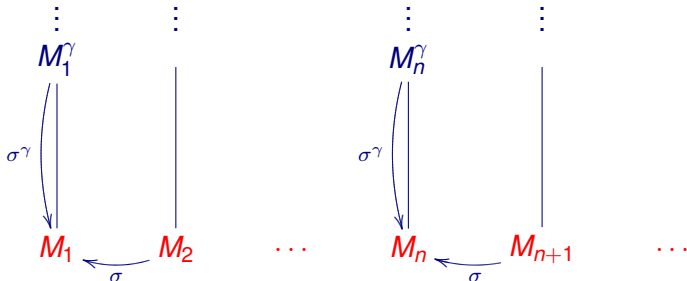
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Thus, there exists a chain of radicals  $\{\sigma^\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \mathcal{OR}}$  such that  $\sigma^\gamma \neq \sigma^{\gamma+1}$  for all  $\gamma \in \mathcal{OR}$ . **This chain is not a set.**

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Let  $E : 0 \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{i} M \rightarrow M/R \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence.

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The following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $[E] \in \text{Ext}_R(M/R, R)$  is  $Z$ -torsionfree.
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- All countable maximal  $\mathbb{Z}$ -orders for some Dedekind domain  $Z$ . For example,  $R = \Lambda \oplus \mathbb{Z}a$ , where  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}i \oplus \mathbb{Z}j \oplus \mathbb{Z}k$  and  $a = \frac{1+i+j+k}{2}$ .

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