

## On generalization of exact sequences in modules

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**Abstract** The notion of  $U$ -exact sequence in modules over rings was introduced in [20] as a generalization of  $\{0\}$ -exact sequence. In this paper, we prove further results on  $U$ -exact and  $V$ -coexact sequences where  $V$  is induced by  $U$ . As shown in the commutative diagram fig. 1, wherein if row-1 is  $U$ -exact and row-2 is  $U'$ -exact, then we prove that the sequence  $(0) \rightarrow \ker f' \rightarrow \ker f \rightarrow \ker f''$  is  $(\ker f'' \cap U)$ -exact, and the sequence  $(0) \rightarrow \operatorname{coker} f' \rightarrow \operatorname{coker} f \rightarrow \operatorname{coker} f''$  is  $(\frac{U'+\operatorname{Im} f''}{\operatorname{Im} f''})$ -exact. We provide explicit examples of the existence of  $U$ -exact and  $U'$ -coexactness.

### 1 Introduction

Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$  be an exact sequence of  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -homomorphisms where  $f(A) = g^{-1}(\{0\})$ . In [20], the authors introduced  $U$ -exact sequence (or quasi-exact sequence), as an answer to a natural question that what if one substitutes an arbitrary submodule  $U$  of  $C$  in place of  $\{0\}$  submodule in the above. The authors [20] proved a classical five lemma, in terms of  $U$ -exact sequences, and in [14], the authors studied  $U$ -split sequences and found relationships between  $U$ -split sequences and projective modules. Further in [15], the authors obtained some relationship between the quasi-exact sequence and superfluous (or essential) submodule. In case of module over nearrings, the essential ideals [24] and superfluous ideals [22] were studied. The notions studied in this paper lead to the generalization of some important aspects in homological algebra [21].

In this paper, we prove some extension results on  $U$ -exact and  $V$ -coexact sequences, those are different from the results proved by the authors in [14, 20]. In particular, we prove that if  $K' \rightarrow K \rightarrow K'' \rightarrow (0)$  is  $U$ -exact at  $K$ , then the corresponding  $U'$ -coexactness of

$$(0) \rightarrow \operatorname{Hom}(K'', N) \rightarrow \operatorname{Hom}(K, N) \rightarrow \operatorname{Hom}(K', N)$$

can be obtained, where

$$U' = \{h \in \operatorname{Hom}(K'', N) : h(U) = 0_N\}.$$

Further, as shown in the commutative diagram of fig. 1, wherein row-1 is  $U$ -exact and row-2 is  $U'$ -exact, we prove that the sequence

$$(0) \rightarrow \ker f' \rightarrow \ker f \rightarrow \ker f''$$

is  $(\ker f'' \cap U)$ -exact, and the sequence

$$(0) \rightarrow \operatorname{coker} f' \rightarrow \operatorname{coker} f \rightarrow \operatorname{coker} f''$$

is  $(\frac{U'+\operatorname{Im} f''}{\operatorname{Im} f''})$ -exact.

We provide detailed proofs whenever the sequence is either  $U$ -exact or  $V$ -coexact plays an important role, however we skip the verification if the proof is similar to that of  $\{0\}$ -exact sequences. We assume  $\{0\}$ -exactness in the sequences whenever it is not specified. We denote set of all homomorphisms from  $R$ -module  $M$  to an  $R$ -module  $N$  by  $\mathcal{H}(M, N)$ .

We refer to [13, 16, 17] for standard definitions and notions on modules over rings (or commutative rings).

## 2 $U$ -exact and $U'$ -coexact sequences

We start this section with the necessary definitions from [20].

**Definition 2.1.** [20] A sequence of  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -homomorphisms

$$\cdots \rightarrow K_{i-1} \xrightarrow{f_i} K_i \xrightarrow{f_{i+1}} K_{i+1} \rightarrow \cdots$$

is  $U_{i+1}$ -exact (where  $U_{i+1}$  is a submodule of  $K_{i+1}$ ) at  $K_i$  if  $\text{Im } f_i = f_{i+1}^{-1}(U_{i+1})$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [20] A sequence  $(0) \rightarrow P \xrightarrow{f} Q \xrightarrow{g} S \rightarrow (0)$  which is  $\{0\}$ -exact at  $P$ ,  $U$ -exact at  $Q$  and  $\{0\}$ -exact at  $S$  is called  $U$ -exact, where  $U$  is a submodule of  $S$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A sequence  $(0) \rightarrow P \xrightarrow{f} Q \xrightarrow{g} S \rightarrow (0)$  is  $V$ -coexact ( $V$  is a submodule of  $P$ ) if  $f$  is one-one,  $g$  is onto and  $\ker g = f(V)$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *The sequence*

$$K' \xrightarrow{u} K \xrightarrow{v} K'' \rightarrow (0) \quad (1)$$

of  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -homomorphisms is a  $U$ -exact sequence at  $K$  if and only if

$$(0) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(K'', N) \xrightarrow{\bar{v}} \mathcal{H}(K, N) \xrightarrow{\bar{u}} \mathcal{H}(K', N) \quad (2)$$

is  $U'$ -coexact at  $\mathcal{H}(K, N)$  where  $U' = \{h \in \mathcal{H}(K'', N) : h(U) = 0_N\}$  for every  $R$ -module  $N$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $K' \xrightarrow{u} K \xrightarrow{v} K'' \rightarrow (0)$  is  $U$ -exact at  $K$  and  $\{0\}$ -exact at  $K''$ . Then  $\text{Im } u = v^{-1}(U)$  and  $v(K) = K''$ .

To prove  $\bar{v}$  is a monomorphism, let  $f'' \in \ker \bar{v}$ . Then  $\bar{v}(f'') = f_0$  where

$f_0 : K \rightarrow N$  is a trivial homomorphism, implying  $f'' \circ v = f_0$ . Since  $v(K) = K''$ , it follows that  $f''(K'') = 0_N$ . Therefore,  $\bar{v}$  is a monomorphism.

Next to prove  $\bar{v}(U') = \ker \bar{u}$ , let  $f \in \ker \bar{u}$ . Then  $\bar{u}(f) = f_0'$  where  $f_0'$  is a zero mapping in  $\mathcal{H}(K', N)$ , implying  $f \circ u = f_0'$ .

Now  $(f \circ u)(K') = f_0'(K') = 0_N$ . Since the sequence-1 is  $U$ -exact, it follows that  $0_N = f(u(K')) = f(v^{-1}(U))$ , which implies  $(v^{-1}(U)) \subseteq \ker f$ .

Let  $k'' \in K''$ . As  $v$  is a surjective map, there exists  $k \in K$  such that  $v(k) = k''$ . Now define  $g : K'' \rightarrow N$  as  $g(k'') = g(v(k)) = f(k)$ . To see  $g$  is well defined, let  $k_1'', k_2'' \in K''$  be such that  $k_1'' = k_2''$ . Then there exist  $k_1, k_2 \in K$  such that  $v(k_1) = k_1''$  and  $v(k_2) = k_2''$ . Then  $k_1 - k_2 \in \ker v \subseteq v^{-1}(U) = \ker f$ , we get  $g(k_1'') = g(k_2'')$ . Let  $x \in U$ . Then, there exists  $y \in K$  such that  $x = v(y)$  implies  $y \in v^{-1}(x) \subseteq v^{-1}(U)$ . Now,  $g(x) = g(v(y)) = f(y) \in f(v^{-1}(x)) \subseteq f(v^{-1}(U)) = 0_N$ . Hence  $g(U) = 0_N$  and so  $g \in U'$ .

Now,  $\bar{v}(x) = (g \circ v)(x) = g(v(x)) = f(x)$ , for every  $x \in K$ . That is,  $\bar{v}(g) = f$  implies  $f = \bar{v}(g) \in \bar{v}(U')$ . Therefore,  $\ker \bar{u} \subseteq \bar{v}(U')$ .

To prove  $\bar{v}(U') \subseteq \ker \bar{u}$ , let  $f \in \bar{v}(U')$ . Then there exists  $h \in U'$  such that  $f = \bar{v}(h)$ .

Now  $\bar{u}(f)(K') = \bar{u}(\bar{v}(h))(K') = \bar{u}(h \circ v)(K') = (h \circ v \circ u)(K') = (h \circ v)(u(K')) = (h \circ v)(v^{-1}(U)) = h(v \circ v^{-1})(U) = h(U) = 0_N$ , since  $h \in U'$ . Therefore,  $\bar{v}(U') \subseteq \ker \bar{u}$ . Hence the sequence is  $U'$ -coexact at  $\mathcal{H}(K, N)$ .

Conversely, suppose that the sequence-2 is  $U'$ -exact at  $\mathcal{H}(K, N)$  for every  $R$ -module  $N$ .

To prove sequence-1 is  $U$ -exact, write  $N = \frac{K''}{\text{Im}(v)}$ . By converse hypothesis, the sequence,

$$(0) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(K'', \frac{K''}{\text{Im}(v)}) \xrightarrow{\bar{v}} \mathcal{H}(K, \frac{K''}{\text{Im}(v)}) \xrightarrow{\bar{u}} \mathcal{H}(K', \frac{K''}{\text{Im}(v)})$$

is  $U'$ -coexact, where  $U' = \{h \in \mathcal{H}(K'', \frac{K''}{\text{Im}(v)}) : h(U) \subseteq \text{Im}(v)\}$ .

Consider the map  $\pi : K'' \rightarrow \frac{K''}{\text{Im}(v)}$  defined as  $\pi(k'') = k'' + \text{Im}(v)$ . Then  $\pi \in \mathcal{H}(K'', \frac{K''}{\text{Im}(v)})$ .

Let  $x \in K$ . Now  $(\bar{v}(\pi))(x) = (\pi \circ v)(x) = \pi(v(x)) = v(x) + \text{Im}(v) = v(x) + v(K)$ , a zero element in  $\frac{K''}{\text{Im}(v)}$ , as  $v(x) \in v(K)$ . Therefore,  $\bar{v}(\pi) = 0$ , so  $\pi \in \ker \bar{v} = \{0\}$ , since sequence-2 is  $U'$ -coexact. Now let  $k'' \in K''$ . Since  $\pi$  is a zero mapping in  $\mathcal{H}(K'', \frac{K''}{\text{Im}(v)})$ , we get  $\pi(k'') = 0 + \text{Im}(v)$ , implies  $k'' \in \text{Im}(v)$  and we get  $K'' \subseteq v(K)$ . Therefore,  $v$  is onto. To prove  $v^{-1}(U) \subseteq \text{Im}(u)$ , put  $N = \frac{K}{\text{Im}(u)}$ . Clearly,  $N$  is an  $R$ -module, and by the converse hypothesis, the sequence,

$$(0) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(K'', \frac{K}{\text{Im}(u)}) \xrightarrow{\bar{v}} \mathcal{H}(K, \frac{K}{\text{Im}(u)}) \xrightarrow{\bar{u}} \mathcal{H}(K', \frac{K}{\text{Im}(u)})$$

is  $U'$ -coexact, where  $U' = \{h \in \mathcal{H}(K'', \frac{K}{\text{Im}(u)}) | h(U) \subseteq \text{Im}(u)\}$ .

Consider the natural map  $\pi : K \rightarrow \frac{K}{\text{Im}(u)}$  defined by  $\pi(k) = k + \text{Im}(u)$ . Let  $k' \in K'$ . Then  $(\bar{u}(\pi))(k') = (\pi \circ u)(k') = \pi(u(k')) = u(k') + \text{Im}(u) = 0 + \text{Im}(u)$ , as  $u(k') \in \text{Im}(u)$ . Now,  $\bar{u}(\pi) = 0$  and since sequence-2 is  $U'$ -coexact, we have  $\pi \in \bar{v}(U')$ . Then  $\pi = \bar{v}(h) = h \circ v$ , for some  $h \in U'$ . For any  $x \in v^{-1}(U)$ ,  $\pi(x) = h(v(x)) \in h(U) \subseteq \text{Im}(u)$ , since  $h \in U'$ . So  $x + \text{Im}(u) = 0 + \text{Im}(u)$ , and hence  $x \in \text{Im}(u)$ .

To prove  $\text{Im}(u) \subseteq v^{-1}(U)$ , put  $N = \frac{K''}{U}$ . Then the sequence

$$(0) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(K'', \frac{K''}{U}) \xrightarrow{\bar{v}} \mathcal{H}(K, \frac{K''}{U}) \xrightarrow{\bar{u}} \mathcal{H}(K', \frac{K''}{U})$$

is  $U'$ -coexact, where  $U' = \{h \in \mathcal{H}(K'', \frac{K''}{U}) | h(U) \subseteq U\}$ .

Define  $g : K'' \rightarrow \frac{K''}{U}$  by  $g(k'') = k'' + U$  for every  $k'' \in K''$ .

Clearly  $g \in \mathcal{H}(K'', \frac{K''}{U})$ .

Now  $g(U) = 0$  in  $\frac{K''}{U}$ , so that  $g \in U'$ . Since sequence-2 is  $U'$ -coexact,  $\bar{u}(g) \in \bar{v}(U') = \ker(\bar{u})$ , implies that  $\bar{u}(\bar{v}(g)) = 0$  in  $\frac{K''}{U}$ . That is,  $g \circ v \circ u = 0$ . Now,  $0 + U = (g \circ v \circ u)(K') = (g \circ v)(u(K'))$ .

This implies  $g(v(u(K'))) = v(u(K')) + U$ , and so  $v(u(K')) \subseteq U$ . Therefore,  $u(K') \subseteq v^{-1}(U)$ , which shows that the sequence-1 is  $U$ -exact at  $K$ .  $\square$

In view of this theorem, we conclude that from the following corollary, an injective module [23] can be characterized in terms of  $U$ -exact and  $U'$ -coexact sequences.

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $L$  be an  $R$ -module. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

(i)  $L$  is injective.

(ii) Given an  $U$ -exact sequence,

$$(0) \rightarrow K' \xrightarrow{u} K \xrightarrow{v} K'' \rightarrow (0), \text{ then}$$

the sequence

$$(0) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(K'', L) \xrightarrow{\bar{v}} \mathcal{H}(K, L) \xrightarrow{\bar{u}} \mathcal{H}(K', L) \rightarrow (0)$$

is  $U'$ -coexact.

The following examples explicitly illustrate the existence of  $U$ -exact and the corresponding  $U'$ -coexactness stated in the theorem 2.4.

**Example 2.6.** The sequence  $2\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{u} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{v} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow (0)$  is  $\frac{2\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}$ -exact at  $\mathbb{Z}$ , where  $u$  is the inclusion map and  $v$  is the canonical map. Let  $N = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}$ . Then the sequence,

$$(0) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}) \xrightarrow{\bar{v}} \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{Z}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}) \xrightarrow{\bar{u}} \mathcal{H}(2\mathbb{Z}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}})$$

is  $U'$ -coexact at  $\mathcal{H}(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}})$  where  $U' = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}) : f(\frac{2\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}) = 0 \text{ in } \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}\}$ .

Clearly,  $\bar{v}$  is one-one.

$\mathcal{H}(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}) = \{id, f_0, f_1\}$  where  $id$  is an identity map,  $f_0$  is a zero map and  $f_1$  is defined by  $f_1\{0, 2\} = \bar{0}$  and  $f_1\{1, 3\} = \bar{2}$ . Clearly,  $U' = \{f_0, f_1\}$ , and  $\bar{v}(U') = \{h_0, h_1\}$  where  $h_0$  is a zero mapping and  $h_1$  is defined by

$$h(a) = \begin{cases} \bar{0} & \text{if } a = 2x, x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \bar{2} & \text{if } a = 2x + 1, x \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$

Now,  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{Z}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}) = \{h', h_0, h_1\}$  where  $h'$  is the canonical map. Now  $ker \bar{u} = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{Z}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}) : \bar{u}(f) = 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{H}(2\mathbb{Z}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}})\}$ . Clearly,  $h' \notin ker \bar{u}$  and  $ker \bar{u} = \{h_0, h_1\}$ . Therefore,  $ker \bar{u} = \bar{v}(U')$  and hence the sequence is  $U'$ -coexact.

**Example 2.7.** Consider the sequence of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \xrightarrow{u} \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \xrightarrow{v} \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow (0),$$

which is  $((0) \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$ -exact at  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ , where  $u(l, m) = (0, l, m)$  for all  $(l, m) \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $v(l, m, n) = (l, m)$  for all  $(l, m, n) \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ .

Let  $N = \mathbb{Z}_2$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module. Then the sequence

$$(0) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2) \xrightarrow{\bar{v}} \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3, \mathbb{Z}_2) \xrightarrow{\bar{u}} (\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3, \mathbb{Z}_2)$$

is  $U'$ -exact at  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3, \mathbb{Z}_2)$  where

$$U' = \{f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2) : f((0) \times \mathbb{Z}_2) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_2\}.$$

Clearly,  $\bar{v}$  is one-one.

$\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2) = \{f_0, f_1, f_2\}$  where  $f_0$  is a zero mapping and  $f_1(l, m) = l$  and  $f_2(l, m) = m$  for all  $(l, m) \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ . It can be seen that  $U' = \{f_0, f_1\}$ , and  $\bar{v}(U') = \{h_0, h_1\}$  where  $h_0$  is a zero mapping and  $h_1(l, m, n) = l$  for all  $(l, m, n) \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ .

Now,  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3, \mathbb{Z}_2) = \{h_0, h_1, h_2\}$ , where  $h_2(l, m, n) = m$  for all  $(l, m, n) \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ .

Now  $ker \bar{u} = \{h \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3, \mathbb{Z}_2) : \bar{u}(h) = 0 \text{ in } (\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3, \mathbb{Z}_2)\}$ . It can be verified that  $h_2 \notin ker \bar{u}$  and  $ker \bar{u} = \{h_0, h_1\}$ . Therefore,  $ker \bar{u} = \bar{v}(U')$  and hence the sequence is  $U'$ -coexact.

**Note 2.8.** [16] Let  $\begin{array}{ccc} K & \xrightarrow{u} & K' \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow f' \\ N & \xrightarrow{v} & N' \end{array}$  be a commutative diagram of  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -homomorphisms.

Then

- (i)  $u(ker f) \subseteq ker f'$
- (ii)  $v(Im f) \subseteq Im f'$

**Note 2.9.** [16] The above  $u$  and  $v$  give rise to the  $R$ -homomorphisms:

$\bar{u} : ker f \rightarrow ker f'$  defined by  $\bar{u}(k) = u(k)$  for every  $k \in ker f$   
 $\bar{v} : coker f \rightarrow coker f'$  defined by  $\bar{v}(n + Im f) = v(n) + Im f'$ . Then

- (i) If  $u$  is one-one, then  $\bar{u}$  is one-one.
- (ii) If  $v$  is onto, then  $\bar{v}$  is onto.

**Theorem 2.10.** Let

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 (0) & \longrightarrow & K' & \xrightarrow{u} & K & \xrightarrow{v} & K'' \longrightarrow (0), & (U - \text{exact}) \\
 & & \downarrow f' & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow f'' & \\
 (0) & \longrightarrow & N' & \xrightarrow{u'} & N & \xrightarrow{v'} & N'' \longrightarrow (0), & (U' - \text{exact})
 \end{array}$$

fig.1

be a commutative diagram of  $R$ -modules and  $R$ -homomorphisms with row-1 is  $U$ -exact and row-2 is  $U'$ -exact. Then the sequences,

$$(0) \rightarrow \ker f' \xrightarrow{\bar{u}} \ker f \xrightarrow{\bar{v}} \ker f''$$

is  $(\ker f'' \cap U)$ -exact at  $\ker f$ , and

$$\operatorname{coker} f' \xrightarrow{\tilde{u}'} \operatorname{coker} f \xrightarrow{\tilde{v}'} \operatorname{coker} f'' \rightarrow (0)$$

is  $(\frac{U'+\operatorname{Im} f''}{\operatorname{Im} f''})$ -exact at  $\operatorname{coker} f$ .

*Proof.* By hypothesis,  $\operatorname{Im} u = v^{-1}(U)$ ,  $v$  is onto and  $u$  is one-one.

Consider the sequence  $(0) \rightarrow \ker f' \rightarrow \ker f \rightarrow \ker f''$ . Since  $u$  is injective, we have  $\bar{u}$  is injective (by note 2.9). It remains to show that  $\operatorname{Im}(\bar{u}) = \bar{v}^{-1}(U \cap \ker f'')$ .

To prove  $\operatorname{Im}(\bar{u}) \subseteq \bar{v}^{-1}(U \cap \ker f'')$ . Let  $k \in \operatorname{Im}(\bar{u})$ . Then there exists  $k' \in \ker f'$  such that  $\bar{u}(k') = k$ . By 2.8 and from the fact that row-1 is  $U$ -exact, it follows that  $\bar{v}(k) \in U$ . That is,  $k \in \bar{v}^{-1}(U)$ . Now since  $k \in \operatorname{Im}(\bar{u}) \subseteq \ker f$ , we have  $v(k) \in \ker f''$ , and by note 2.9.  $\bar{v}(k) = v(k) \in \ker f''$ , shows that  $k \in \bar{v}^{-1}(\ker f'')$  and concludes  $\operatorname{Im}(\bar{u}) \subseteq \bar{v}^{-1}(U \cap \ker f'')$ . On the other hand, let  $k \in \bar{v}^{-1}(U \cap \ker f'')$ . Then  $\bar{v}(k) \in U \cap \ker f''$ . Since  $k \in v^{-1}(U \cap \ker f'') \subseteq v^{-1}(\ker f'') \subseteq \ker f$ , we have  $v(k) \in U \cap \ker f''$ . Now  $k \in v^{-1}(U \cap \ker f'') \subseteq v^{-1}(U) = \operatorname{Im}(u)$ , there exists  $k' \in K'$  such that  $u(k') = k$ .

Now we show that  $k' \in \ker f'$ , so that  $k \in \operatorname{Im}(\bar{u})$ . For this, since  $k \in \ker f$ , it follows that  $u'(f'(k')) = (u' \circ f')(k') = (f \circ u)(k') = f(k) = 0$ . Since  $u'$  is one-one,  $f'(k') \in \ker u' = 0$ . Therefore,  $k' \in \ker f'$  and hence  $\bar{u}(k') = u(k') = k$ , proves  $v^{-1}(U \cap \ker f'') \subseteq \operatorname{Im}(\bar{u})$ .

Consider the sequence:  $\operatorname{coker} f' \xrightarrow{\tilde{u}'} \operatorname{coker} f \xrightarrow{\tilde{v}'} \operatorname{coker} f'' \rightarrow (0)$ . Since  $v$  is onto, by the note 2.9, we have  $\tilde{v}'$  is onto. Therefore, it remains to show that  $\operatorname{Im}(\tilde{u}') = \tilde{v}'^{-1}(\frac{U'+\operatorname{Im} f''}{\operatorname{Im} f''})$ .

Let  $n + \operatorname{Im} f \in \operatorname{Im}(\tilde{u}')$ . Then there exists  $n' + \operatorname{Im} f' \in \operatorname{coker} f'$  such that  $\tilde{u}'(n' + \operatorname{Im} f') = n + \operatorname{Im} f$ . Now,  $\tilde{v}'(n + \operatorname{Im} f) = \tilde{v}'(\tilde{u}'(n' + \operatorname{Im} f')) = \tilde{v}'(u'(n') + \operatorname{Im} f) = v'(u'(n')) + \operatorname{Im} f''$  (note 2.9)  $\in v'(\operatorname{Im}(u')) + \operatorname{Im} f''$ . Since row-2 is  $U'$ -exact, it follows that  $\tilde{v}'(n + \operatorname{Im} f) = v'(v'^{-1}(U')) + \operatorname{Im} f'' = U' + \operatorname{Im} f''$ . Therefore,  $\tilde{v}'(n + \operatorname{Im} f) = x + \operatorname{Im} f'$  for some  $x \in U'$ , which shows that  $\tilde{v}'(n + \operatorname{Im} f) \in (\frac{U'+\operatorname{Im} f''}{\operatorname{Im} f''})$ .

On the other hand, let  $n + \operatorname{Im} f \in \tilde{v}'^{-1}(\frac{U'+\operatorname{Im} f''}{\operatorname{Im} f''})$ , implying that  $v'(n) + \operatorname{Im} f' = x + \operatorname{Im} f'$  for some  $x \in U'$ . Now  $v'(n) - x \in \operatorname{Im} f'$  and so  $v'(n) - x = f''(k'')$  for some  $k'' \in K''$ . Since  $v$  is onto, there exists  $k \in K$  such that  $v(k) = k''$ . Now we have,  $v'(n) - x = f''(v(k)) = v'(f(k))$  since  $f'' \circ v = v' \circ f$ . Therefore,  $n - f(k) \in v'^{-1}(U') = \operatorname{Im}(u')$ , and hence  $n - f(k) = u'(n')$  for some  $n' \in N'$ . Now  $(n - f(k)) + \operatorname{Im} f = u'(n') + \operatorname{Im} f$ , implying  $n + \operatorname{Im} f \in \operatorname{Im}(\tilde{u}')$ , as desired.

□

### 3 Conclusion

In this paper, we have continued the notions  $U$ -exact,  $V$ -coexact sequences which was introduced in [20]. We have proved further results on these notions. The study can be extended to flat modules and tensor products of modules in terms of  $U$ -exact sequences. One can also study similar exactness of sequences of ideals of modules over nearrings (for comprehensive literature on module over nearrings, one may refer to [18, 19]).

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