

# Higher Algebraic $K$ -theory

## Exercise Set 11

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1. Apply Dévissage to proving that if  $p$  is any prime number and  $r$  is any positive integer, then

$$K_n(\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{Z}/p^r\mathbb{Z}), \mathcal{E}) \cong K_n(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ , where  $\mathcal{E}$  is the usual class of exact sequences of finitely generated modules.

2. Let  $m$  be any positive integer. Prove that if  $m = p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} \cdots p_k^{r_k}$ , where  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  are distinct primes and  $r_i \geq 1$  for all  $i$ , then

$$K_n(\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}), \mathcal{E}) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n K_n(\mathbb{Z}/p_i\mathbb{Z})$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ .

3. Let  $\mathcal{T}$  denote the category of finitely generated abelian groups that have no free part, i.e., the category of finitely generated torsion abelian groups. Prove that

$$K_n(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{E}) \cong \bigoplus_{p \text{ prime}} K_n(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ .

**Hint:** Observe that  $\mathcal{T} = \bigcup_{m \geq 2} \mathcal{T}_m$ , where  $\mathcal{T}_m$  denotes the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{T}$  determined by the finitely generated, abelian  $m$ -torsion groups. Deduce that

$$K_n(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{E}) \cong \sum_{m \geq 2} K_n(\mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{E}),$$

then apply exercise 2.