

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{O}^{(k)} & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & M \\
 \downarrow & \searrow \gamma & \downarrow \\
 \mathcal{O}^{(k)} / m \mathcal{O}^{(k)} & \xrightarrow{\alpha_0} & M / mM \\
 & \searrow \gamma_0 &
 \end{array}$$

Given $y \in \mathcal{O}^{(k)} / m \mathcal{O}^{(k)}$, $\alpha_0(y) = x \in M / mM$. Since $\alpha \circ \gamma =$ identity, $\alpha_0 \circ \gamma_0 = \text{identity} \Rightarrow \alpha_0 \circ \gamma_0(x) = x$.
 \Rightarrow Since $\alpha_0(\gamma_0(x)) = x$ & $\alpha_0(y) = x$, by the injectiveness of α_0 , $y = \gamma_0(x) \Rightarrow \gamma_0$ is surjective. \Rightarrow By Nakayama lemma, γ is surjective. From $\alpha \circ \gamma = \text{id}$, γ is injective, and so γ is isomorphic. $\Rightarrow \alpha$ is isomorphic.

Clearly, k is not minimal $\Rightarrow \alpha_0: \mathcal{O}^{(k)} / m \mathcal{O}^{(k)} \xrightarrow{\gamma_0} M / mM$

is not isomorphic. \Rightarrow

By Nakayama's lemma (third form) γ is surjective and α is an isomorphism.

Note that the definition of projective may be rephrased as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 K & \xrightarrow{f} & L & \rightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \\
 \text{Hom}_R(M, K) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \text{Hom}_R(M, L) & \rightarrow & 0.
 \end{array}$$

Γ Given $\alpha \in \text{Hom}_R(M, L)$, $\exists \beta \in \text{Hom}_R(M, K)$ s.t. $f \circ \beta = \alpha \Rightarrow f_* \beta = \alpha \Rightarrow f_*$ is onto. Conversely, easy to prove. \Rightarrow