

The main property of the Ext functor is:

Short exact sequences of  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules

$$\begin{cases} 0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow N' \rightarrow N \rightarrow N'' \rightarrow 0, \end{cases}$$

induce long exact sequences

$$\begin{cases} \cdots \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^n(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^n(M', N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^{n+1}(M'', N) \rightarrow \cdots \\ \cdots \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^n(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^n(M, N'') \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^{n+1}(M, N') \rightarrow \cdots, \end{cases}$$

of Ext's.

Proof. First we note that a short exact sequence of free  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules splits, as indicated by the dotted arrow in the diagram

$$0 \rightarrow E' \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{\quad \cdot \quad} E'' \rightarrow 0.$$

By the projectiveness of  $E''$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & E'' & \\ & \downarrow \text{id} & \\ E & \xrightarrow{\quad \cdot \quad} & E'' \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Thus  $E \cong E' \oplus E''$ , and consequently

$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}}(E'', N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}}(E, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}}(E', N) \rightarrow 0$  is exact for any  $\mathcal{O}$  module  $N$ . Choose projective resolutions so that

$$0 \rightarrow E.(M') \rightarrow E.(M) \rightarrow E.(M'') \rightarrow 0$$

is exact, it follows that

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}}(E.(M''), N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}}(E.(M), N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}}(E.(M'), N) \rightarrow 0$$