

We note one final version:

If  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  is a homomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules such that  $\varphi_0: M_0 \rightarrow N_0$  is surjective, then  $\varphi$  is surjective.

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & N \\ \downarrow & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \\ M/mM & \xrightarrow{\varphi_0} & N/mN \end{array} \quad \text{since } \varphi_0(mM) = m \varphi(M) \subset mN$$

Suppose  $m_1, \dots, m_k$  generate  $M$ .  $\Rightarrow m_1 + mM, \dots, m_k + mM$  generate  $M_0 = M/mM$ .  $\Rightarrow$  Since  $\varphi_0$  is surjective,  $\varphi_0(m_1 + mM), \dots, \varphi_0(m_k + mM)$  generate  $N/mN = N_0$ .  $\Rightarrow$  By the Nakayama lemma,  $\varphi(m_1), \dots, \varphi(m_k)$  generate  $N$ .  $\Rightarrow \varphi$  is surjective.  $\square$

Now we come to a main standard definition. An  $\mathcal{O}$ -module  $M$  is projective if the following diagram holds:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} M & & & & \\ \downarrow r & \searrow \beta & & & \\ K & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & L & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

This diagram is to be interpreted as follows:  $K$  and  $L$  are given  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules, and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are given  $\mathcal{O}$ -module homomorphisms with  $\alpha$  being surjective. Then there exists  $r$  s.t. the diagram is commutative. Briefly, the solid arrows are given and the dotted arrows can be filled in. This notation will be consistently used.