

## THE PROJECTIVITY OF $\text{Ext}(T, A)$ AS A MODULE OVER $E(T)$

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**Let  $A$  and  $T$  be abelian groups. Then  $\text{Ext}(T, A)$  can be considered as a right module over  $E(T)$ , the ring of endomorphisms of  $T$ . In this paper necessary and sufficient conditions are developed for  $\text{Ext}(T, A)$  to be  $E(T)$ -projective whenever  $T$  is reduced torsion and  $A$  is reduced.**

In this paper  $A$  and  $T$  will be abelian groups and  $\text{Ext}(T, A)$  will be considered as a right  $E(T)$ -module. (See [5].) We consider the question of when  $\text{Ext}(T, A)$  is a projective  $E(T)$ -module. Theorems 1 and 2 provide necessary and sufficient conditions for  $\text{Ext}(T, A)$  to be  $E(T)$ -projective whenever  $T$  is reduced torsion and  $A$  is reduced. It is interesting to note (Theorem 3) that if  $B$  is any reduced group, a necessary condition for  $\text{Ext}(B, A)$  to be  $E(B)$ -projective is that  $\text{Ext}(B, A) \simeq \text{Ext}(T(B), A)$ . Hence if  $\text{Ext}(B, A)$  is  $E(B)$ -projective,  $\text{Ext}(B, A) \simeq \text{Ext}(T(B), A)$  and  $\text{Ext}(T(B), A)$  may be considered as an  $E(T(B))$ -module, where  $T(B)$  is, of course, reduced torsion.

We shall employ the following notations and conventions: The word "group" will always mean "abelian group." We reserve the letter  $T$  for a torsion group, and in this case,  $T_p$  will be the  $p$ -primary component of  $T$ . For an arbitrary group  $A$ ,  $T_p(A)$  is the  $p$ -primary component of the torsion part of  $A$ . For a ring  $R$  and a left  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $r_R(M)$  will refer to the rank of  $M$  as defined in [4],  $hd_R(M)$  and  $id_R(M)$  will refer, respectively, to the homological and injective dimensions of  $M$  as defined in [6]. An isomorphism of  $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$  will be denoted by:  $M \stackrel{R}{\simeq} N$ . Other notations will follow [2]. Importantly, whenever we speak of  $\text{Ext}(T, A)$  as a right  $E(T)$ -module we may assume without loss of generality that  $A$  is reduced as a group. Finally, if  $A \stackrel{Z}{\simeq} (v) \oplus A'$ , and if  $a \in A$ , we will write, conveniently, when defining an endomorphism  $\alpha$  of  $A$ :  $\alpha(v) = a$ ,  $\alpha = 0$  otherwise. We mean, more precisely, that:  $\alpha(v) = a$ ,  $\alpha|_{A'} = 0$ . We now state our main theorems:

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $T$  be a reduced  $p$ -primary group and let  $A$  be a reduced group. Then  $\text{Ext}(T, A)$  is a projective right  $E(T)$ -module if and only if either  $\text{Ext}(T, A) = 0$ , or all of the following conditions hold:*

- (i)  $T$  is bounded, with minimal annihilator  $p^k$ , say.

(ii)  $A[p^k]$  is either zero or is a direct sum of cyclic groups of order  $p^k$ .

(iii) If  $D$  is a divisible hull of  $T(A)$  and  $E$  is a divisible hull of  $A/T(A)$ , and if

$$\max \left\{ r_p \left( \frac{D}{T(A)} \right), r_p \left( \frac{E}{A/T(A)} \right) \right\} = m,$$

$m$  an infinite cardinal, then  $T$  is either finite, or in a decomposition of  $T$  into cyclic groups, there are at least  $m$  summands isomorphic to  $Z(p^k)$ .

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $T$  be a reduced torsion group and let  $A$  be a reduced group. Then  $\text{Ext}(T, A)$  is a projective  $E(T)$ -module if and only if for every  $p$ ,  $\text{Ext}(T_p, A)$  is a projective  $E(T_p)$ -module.

**THEOREM 3.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be reduced groups. Then a necessary condition for  $\text{Ext}(B, A)$  to be  $E(B)$ -projective is that  $\text{Ext}(B, A) \stackrel{Z}{\cong} \text{Ext}(T(B), A)$ .

*Proofs of the theorems.* The proof of Theorem 1 will require numerous preliminary results. We postpone its proof. Theorem 2 follows easily from Lemmas 1 and 2 below. We now prove Theorem 3:

*Proof of Theorem 3.* Since  $B$  is reduced, it is easily verified that  $E(B)$  is reduced. Now, from the  $Z$ -exact sequence:  $0 \rightarrow T(B) \xrightarrow{i} B \rightarrow B/T(B) \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain the  $Z$ -exact sequence:  $0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } i^* \rightarrow \text{Ext}(B, A) \xrightarrow{i^*} \text{Ext}(T(B), A) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $\text{Ker } i^*$  is a subgroup of  $\text{Ext}(B/T(B), A)$ , and since  $B/T(B)$  is torsionfree,  $\text{Ker } i^*$  is divisible. (See [2].) Since  $\text{Ext}(T(B), A)$  is reduced (see [2]), it follows that  $\text{Ker } i^*$  is the maximal divisible subgroup of  $\text{Ext}(B, A)$ . Now, since  $E(B)$  is reduced as a group, any free  $E(B)$ -module is reduced as a group. So if  $\text{Ext}(B, A)$  is to be  $E(B)$ -projective, we must have  $\text{Ker } i^* = 0$ .

We will now aim at proving Theorem 1.

**LEMMA 1.** Let  $M = \prod_{i \in I} M_i$  where each  $M_i$  is an  $R_i$ -module,  $R = \prod_{i \in I} R_i$ , and  $M$  is an  $R$ -module via the coordinatewise action of  $\prod_{i \in I} R_i$ . Then  $M$  is  $R$ -projective (resp. injective) if and only if  $M_i$  is  $R_i$ -projective (resp. injective) for all  $i \in I$ .

*Proof.* The proof is easy and is omitted.

**LEMMA 2.** *Let  $F: Ab \times Ab \rightarrow Ab$  be either of the functors  $\text{Hom}$  or  $\text{Ext}$ . Then:*

- (i) *If  $A = \bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i$  where the  $A_i$  are fully invariant subgroups of  $A$ , then  $F(A, B) \stackrel{E(A)}{\simeq} \prod_{i \in I} F(A_i, B)$ .*
- (ii) *If  $B = \prod_{i \in I} B_i$  where the  $B_i$  are fully invariant subgroups of  $B$ , then  $F(A, B) \stackrel{E(B)}{\simeq} \prod_{i \in I} F(A, B_i)$ .*

*Proof.* The isomorphism in (i) is given by:  $F(A, B) \stackrel{\psi}{\simeq} \prod_{i \in I} F(A_i, B)$  where, for  $f \in F(A, B)$ ,  $\psi(f) = [f\alpha_i]_{i \in I}$  where  $\alpha_i \in E(A)$  is defined by:  $\alpha_i|_{A_i} = 1_{A_i}$ ,  $\alpha_i = 0$  otherwise. It is easily verified that  $\psi$  is an  $E(A)$ -homomorphism.

The isomorphism for (ii) is similar.

Lemma 3 computes the injective dimension over  $E(T)$  of  $\text{Ext}(T, A)$  when  $T$  is torsion and  $A$  is torsionfree:

**LEMMA 3.** *Let  $T$  be torsion and let  $A$  be torsionfree. Suppose  $S$  is the set of primes for which  $A$  is  $p$ -divisible. Then:*

- (i)  *$\text{id}_{E(T)}(\text{Ext}(T, A)) = 0$  if and only if for every prime  $p \notin S$ ,  $T_p$  is either bounded or has an unbounded basic subgroup.*
- (ii) *Otherwise,  $\text{id}_{E(T)}(\text{Ext}(T, A)) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* If  $D$  is a divisible hull of  $A$ , then  $D/A$  is torsion and  $\text{Hom}(T, D/A) \stackrel{E(T)}{\simeq} \text{Ext}(T, A)$ . By Lemma 2, it suffices to prove the result in the case in which  $T$  is a  $p$ -group, and we may assume  $(D/A)_p \neq 0$ , since otherwise  $\text{Ext}(T, A) = 0$ . Assuming this, we note that by [8, Lemma 2],  $\text{Hom}(T, D/A)$  is  $E(T)$ -injective if and only if  $T$  is  $E(T)$ -flat. From [9] we know that this holds if and only if the condition (i) of the lemma holds (where  $T$  is a  $p$ -group, and  $p \notin S$ .) Otherwise, from [1], we know  $T$  has dimension one as an  $E(T)$ -module, and if we take a projective resolution of  $T$  and dualize it, applying [8, Lemma 2] again, we obtain an injective resolution for  $\text{Hom}(T, D/A)$ , establishing part (ii) of the lemma.

**LEMMA 4.** *Let  $A$  be a reduced group with  $T_p(A)$  unbounded. Then if  $M$  is a right  $E(A)$ -module with  $\text{Hom}_Z(A, Z(p^\infty)) \subseteq M$ , then  $M$  is not  $E(A)$ -projective.*

*Proof.* We will show that there is no  $E(A)$ -monic map  $\psi$ :

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(A, Z(p^\infty)) \xrightarrow{\psi} \bigoplus_{b \in B} E(A)_b$$

for any indexing set  $B$ . This will complete the proof. Consider

$I = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ . Since  $T_p(A)$  is reduced and unbounded, for each  $i \in I$ , we may choose  $\nu_i \in T_p(A)$  with the property that  $(\nu_i)$  is a cyclic summand of  $T_p(A)$  and such that  $O(\nu_i) < O(\nu_{i+1})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Say  $(\nu_i) = Z(p^{n_i})$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Now, let  $h_i \in \text{Hom}(A, Z(p^\infty))$  be defined by:

$$h_i(\nu_i) = \frac{1}{p^{n_i}}, \quad h_i = 0 \text{ otherwise .}$$

Let:

$$\psi(h_i) = \alpha_{b_{1i}} + \alpha_{b_{2i}} + \dots + \alpha_{b_{k_i i}}$$

where  $\alpha_{b_{ji}} \in E(A)_{b_{ji}}$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k_i$ . Define  $\beta_i \in E(A)$  by:

$$\beta_i(\nu_i) = 0, \quad \beta_i = 1 \text{ otherwise .}$$

Then the computation:

$$0 = \psi(0) = \psi(h_i \beta_i) = \alpha_{b_{1i}} \beta_i + \alpha_{b_{2i}} \beta_i + \dots + \alpha_{b_{k_i i}} \beta_i$$

shows that  $\alpha_{b_{ji}} \beta_i = 0$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k_i$ , and hence that  $\alpha_{b_{ji}} = 0$ , except possibly on  $\nu_i$ , for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k_i$  and for all  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Suppose  $\alpha_{b_{ji}}(\nu_i) = t_{ji}$ . Then  $t_{ji} \in T_p(A)$ , and not all  $t_{ji}$  are zero for a fixed  $i$ , where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k_i$ . By defining  $\delta_i \in E(A)$  by:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_i(\nu_{i-1}) &= p^{n_i - n_{i-1}} \nu_i \\ \delta_i &= 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

for  $i = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ , the computation:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(h_i \delta_i) &= \psi(h_{i-1}) = \alpha_{b_{1i-1}} + \alpha_{b_{2i-1}} + \dots + \alpha_{b_{k_{i-1} i-1}} \\ &= \psi(h_i) \delta_i = \alpha_{b_{1i}} \delta_i + \alpha_{b_{2i}} \delta_i + \dots + \alpha_{b_{k_i i}} \delta_i \end{aligned}$$

shows that we may assume  $k_1 = k_2 = \dots = k$ , say, and that:

$$\alpha_{b_{ji-1}} = \alpha_{b_{ji}} \delta_i \text{ for all } j = 1, 2, \dots, k .$$

Now, since not all  $t_{ji}$  are zero for a fixed  $i$ , where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , assume that:

$$\alpha_{b_{s1}}(\nu_1) = t_{s1} \neq 0 \text{ where } s \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\} .$$

From this, we easily obtain the relations:

$$\begin{aligned} t_{s1} &= p^{n_2 - n_1} t_{s2} \\ t_{s2} &= p^{n_3 - n_2} t_{s3} \\ t_{s3} &= p^{n_4 - n_3} t_{s4} \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

However, this is a contradiction, since the subgroup of  $A$  generated by the  $t_{si}, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is isomorphic to  $Z(p^\infty)$ , and  $A$  was assumed to be a reduced group.

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $T$  be a reduced torsion group. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $T$  is a projective left  $E(T)$ -module.
- (ii)  $\text{Hom}(T, Q/Z)$  is a projective right  $E(T)$ -module.
- (iii) Every  $p$ -primary component of  $T$  is bounded.

*Proof.* In [7] it is shown that a torsion group  $T$  is a projective left  $E(T)$ -module  $\langle = \rangle T_p$  is bounded for all  $p$ .

Now, to prove the equivalence of (i) and (ii), we note first that by Lemma 1 we may assume that  $T$  is  $p$ -primary. Let  $T$  be bounded with minimal annihilator  $p^k$  and let  $\nu$  generate a cyclic summand of  $T$  of order  $p^k$ . Then  $T \cong \langle \nu \rangle \oplus T'$ , the isomorphism being one of abelian groups. Hence:

$$\text{Hom}(T, \langle \nu \rangle) \cong^{E(T)} \text{Hom}(T, Z(p^\infty)),$$

is seen to be an  $E(T)$  direct summand in  $E(T)_{E(T)}$ . If  $T$  is not bounded, then Lemma 4 completes the proof.

**COROLLARY 2.** *Let  $T$  be a torsion group. Then  $\text{Hom}(T, Q/Z)$  is a projective right  $E(T)$ -module if and only if for every prime  $p, T_p$  is either bounded or has an abelian group summand isomorphic to  $Z(p^\infty)$ .*

*Proof.* We may assume that  $T$  is  $p$ -primary. If  $T$  is reduced, the result follows from Corollary 1. If  $T$  is not reduced, then  $T = Z(p^\infty) \oplus T'$  for some group  $T'$ , and it is clear that  $\text{Hom}(T, Z(p^\infty))$  is an  $E(T)$ -direct summand in  $E(T)_{E(T)}$ .

**COROLLARY 3.** *Let  $A$  be a torsionfree group of finite rank, and let  $T$  be a torsion group. Further, let  $S$  be the set of primes for which  $A$  is  $p$ -divisible. Then  $\text{Ext}(T, A)$  is a projective right  $E(T)$ -module if and only if for every prime  $p \notin S, T_p$  is either bounded or has an abelian group summand isomorphic to  $Z(p^\infty)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $D$  be a divisible hull of  $A$ . Then:  $D/A \cong \bigoplus_{p \in P'} D_p$ , where  $D_p$  is a divisible torsion group of finite rank, and where  $P' = P - S$ . Then:

$$\text{Ext}(T, A) \cong^{E(T)} \text{Hom}\left(T, \frac{D}{A}\right) \cong^{E(T)} \prod_{p \in P'} \text{Hom}(T_p, D_p).$$

The proof is completed by Lemma 1 and Corollary 2, recalling also that a direct sum of projective modules is projective.

**LEMMA 5.** *Let  $T$  be a bounded  $p$ -primary group with minimal annihilator  $p^k$  and let  $n$  be any cardinal. Further assume that in a decomposition of  $T$  into cyclic groups, there are at least  $n$  summands isomorphic to  $Z(p^k)$ . Then for any indexing set  $I$  with  $|I| \leq n$ ,  $\text{Hom}(T, \bigoplus_{i \in I} Z(p^\infty)_i)$  is a cyclic projective  $E(T)$ -module.*

*Proof.* There is a set  $\{v_j\}_{j \in J}$  where  $v_j$  generates a cyclic abelian group summand of  $T$  of order  $p^k$ , and where  $|J| = |I|$ . Then  $T \stackrel{Z}{\cong} \bigoplus_{j \in J} \langle v_j \rangle \oplus T'$ , where the isomorphism is one of abelian groups. Thus,  $\text{Hom}(T, \bigoplus_{j \in J} \langle v_j \rangle) \stackrel{E(T)}{\cong} \text{Hom}(T, \bigoplus_{i \in I} Z(p^\infty)_i)$  is seen to be an  $E(T)$ -direct summand in  $E(T)_{E(T)}$ .

**LEMMA 6.** *Let  $V$  be a vector space of infinite dimension over a field  $k$ , and  $E = \text{End}(V)$ . Let  $H = \text{Hom}(V, \bigoplus_{i \in I} V)$ . Then  $H$  is not projective as an  $E$ -module if  $|I| > \dim(V)$ .*

*Proof.* We first note that if  $F$  is a countable subset of  $H$ , then  $F$  is contained in a cyclic submodule of  $H$ . To see this, let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} V$  containing  $f(V)$  for all  $f \in F$ , and such that  $\dim(W) = \dim(V)$ . We may regard  $\text{Hom}(V, W)$  as an  $E$ -submodule of  $H$  and this submodule certainly contains  $F$ . Since  $W \simeq V$ ,  $\text{Hom}(V, W) \simeq E$ .

We next note that any module with the above property cannot have an infinite direct sum decomposition (clearly). Now if  $H$  were projective, it would be a direct sum of countably generated submodules (by Kaplansky's theorem in [3]). Since  $H$  is clearly not countably generated, this would mean that it had an infinite direct sum decomposition, which, as we have just seen, it does not.

**COROLLARY 4.** *Let  $T$  be a bounded  $p$ -group, of exponent  $p^k$ , and such that in a direct sum decomposition of  $T$  there are  $n$  summands of order  $p^k$  where  $n$  is an infinite cardinal (i.e.,  $n = \dim(T/T[p^{k-1}])$ , where  $T/T[p^{k-1}]$  is viewed as a vector-space over  $Z/pZ$ ). Let  $H = \text{Hom}(T, U)$ , regarded as an  $E(T)$ -module, where  $U$  is a direct sum of  $m$  copies of  $Z(p^\infty)$ , for some  $m$ ,  $m > n$ . Then  $H$  is not a projective  $E(T)$ -module.*

*Proof.* Let  $E = \text{End}(T/T[p^{k-1}])$ . There is a natural map  $\text{End}(T) \rightarrow E$  (since  $T[p^{k-1}]$  is a fully invariant submodule of  $T$ ) which is clearly surjective. If  $I$  is the kernel of this map of rings,

(so  $I = \{f \in \text{End}(T) : f(T) \leq T[p^{k-1}]\}$ ), then one easily identifies  $H/HI$  with  $\text{Hom}(T/T[p^{k-1}], U[p^k]/U[p^{k-1}])$ . If  $H$  is projective as an  $\text{End}(T)$ -module, then  $H/HI$  must be projective as an  $E$ -module, which, according to the previous lemma, it is not.

**LEMMA 7.** *Let  $T$  be a bounded  $p$ -group which is infinite, but such that its highest nonzero Ulm invariant is finite. Let  $U$  be the direct sum of a countable number of copies of  $Z(p^\infty)$ , and let  $E = \text{End}(T)$ . Then  $H = \text{Hom}(T, U)$  is not a projective  $E$ -module.*

*Proof.* If there is a split mono  $\mu: H \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I} E$ , then it induces a split mono  $H/H[p^{k-1}] \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I} E/E[p^{k-1}]$ , where we choose  $k$  such that  $p^k T = 0$ ,  $p^{k-1} T \neq 0$  (i.e.,  $p^k$  is the exponent of  $T$ ). We note that  $H/H[p^{k-1}]$  is infinite dimensional and all of the terms on the right above are finite dimensional over  $Z/pZ$ . We now let  $f: T/pT \rightarrow U[p]$  be a surjective homomorphism. If  $g: T \rightarrow U[p]$  is any homomorphism with  $T[p^{k-1}]$  in its kernel, then there is an endomorphism  $\varepsilon_g: T \rightarrow T$  such that  $g = f\varepsilon_g$ . It follows that if  $h \in H$ , then for some endomorphism  $\phi$  of  $E$ ,  $p^{k-1}h = f\phi$ . Now if  $\pi_i$  is the projection onto the  $i$ th summand in the above free  $E$ -module, then  $\pi_i \mu(f) \neq 0$  for only a finite number of indices  $i$ . Let this finite subset of  $I$  be  $J$ . It follows that  $p^{k-1} \pi_i \mu(h) = 0$  unless  $i \in J$ , for all  $h \in H$ . Hence the image of the induced map

$$H/H[p^{k-1}] \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I} E/E[p^{k-1}]$$

is actually in the submodule  $\bigoplus_{i \in J} E/E[p^{k-1}]$ . This is a contradiction, since this is finite dimensional, and  $H/H[p^{k-1}]$  is not.

**COROLLARY 5.** *Let  $A$  be torsionfree, and let  $D$  be a divisible hull of  $A$ . Let  $S$  be the set of primes for which  $A$  is  $p$ -divisible, and let  $T$  be a reduced torsion group. Then  $\text{Ext}(T, A)$  is a projective  $E(T)$ -module if and only if for every  $p \in S$  the following two conditions hold:*

- (i) *Whenever  $r_p(D/A)$  is finite,  $T_p$  is bounded.*
- (ii) *Whenever  $r_p(D/A) = m$ ,  $m$  being an infinite cardinal,  $T_p$  is either finite, or  $T_p$  is bounded of exponent  $p^k$  and in a decomposition of  $T_p$  into cyclic groups, there are at least  $m$  summands isomorphic to  $Z(p^k)$ .*

*Proof.* We note first that for any finite group  $T$ , and any index set  $I$ , and groups  $A_i (i \in I)$ , there is a natural isomorphism:  $\text{Hom}(T, \bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i) \simeq \bigoplus_{i \in I} \text{Hom}(T, A_i)$ . Hence if  $T$  is finite and  $p$ -primary,  $\text{Hom}(T, \bigoplus_{i \in I} Z(p^\infty)_i)$  is a projective  $E(T)$ -module. The

proof follows from this fact and from Lemma 7 and Corollary 4.

**LEMMA 8.** *Let  $T$  be a reduced primary group. Then  $\text{Hom}(T, Z(p^\infty))$  is an indecomposable  $E(T)$ -module.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\text{Hom}(T, Z(p^\infty)) \stackrel{E(T)}{\cong} M_1 \oplus M_2$  where  $M_1 \neq 0$  and  $M_2 \neq 0$ . Now let  $\nu$  and  $\omega$  generate cyclic summands of  $T$ , where  $o(\nu) \leq o(\omega)$ , say, and where  $\nu$  and  $w$  need not be distinct. Suppose there exists  $h_1 \in M_1, h_2 \in M_2$  with  $h_1 \neq 0, h_2 \neq 0$ , and having:

$$h_1(\nu) = \frac{r}{p^s}, h_2(\omega) = \frac{u}{p^z}$$

where

$$(r, p) = (u, p) = 1.$$

We consider the case where  $s \leq z, z - s = d \geq 0$ . The case  $s > z$  is similar. Define  $\alpha, \beta \in E(T)$  by:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\omega) &= x\nu & \beta(\omega) &= p^d y\omega \\ \alpha &= 0 \text{ otherwise} & \beta &= 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

where  $x$  and  $y$  are nonzero solutions of the linear congruence:

$$rx - uy \equiv 0 \pmod{p^s}.$$

Then  $h_1\alpha = h_2\beta \neq 0$ , a contradiction. Thus we may suppose that for any  $h \in M_1$ , say, and any generator  $\nu$  of a cyclic summand of  $T$ , that  $h(\nu) = 0$ . Since, if  $T$  is bounded this implies that  $h = 0$ , the proof is complete in the case of  $T$  bounded. For  $T$  not bounded, let  $h \in M_1, h \neq 0$ . Say  $h(t) \neq 0$ , for some  $t \in T$ , where  $o(t) = p^k$ . Choose  $\nu$  to be a generator of a cyclic summand of  $T$  of order  $p^r \geq p^s$ , and define  $\alpha \in E(T)$  by:  $\alpha(\nu) = t, \alpha = 0$  otherwise. Then  $(h\alpha)(\nu) \neq 0 - a$  contradiction.

**LEMMA 9.** *Let  $T$  be a reduced unbounded  $p$ -primary group, and let  $A$  be a reduced group. Then  $\text{Ext}(T, A)$  is a projective  $E(T)$ -module if and only if  $\text{Ext}(T, A) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* We show first that if  $k \geq 1$ , and  $k$  is finite,  $\text{Ext}(T, Z(p^k))$  is not  $E(T)$ -projective. For this, consider an injective resolution of  $Z(p^k)$ :  $0 \rightarrow Z(p^k) \xrightarrow{i} Z(p^\infty) \xrightarrow{\beta} Z(p^\infty) \rightarrow 0$ . This induces:  $\text{Hom}(T, Z(p^\infty)) \xrightarrow{\beta^*} \text{Ext}(T, Z(p^k)) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $T$  is unbounded,  $\beta_*$  is not an  $E(T)$ -isomorphism, and hence it follows from Lemma 8 that  $\text{Ext}(T, Z(p^k))$  is not  $E(T)$ -projective. Now, if  $T_p(A) \neq 0$ ,  $A$  has a cyclic

abelian group summand isomorphic to  $Z(p^k)$  for some  $k \geq 1$ , and the lemma follows. Hence, suppose that  $T_p(A) = 0$ . Then the sequence of abelian groups:  $0 \rightarrow T(A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A/T(A) \rightarrow 0$  yields the  $E(T)$ -isomorphism:  $\text{Ext}(T, A) \stackrel{E(T)}{\simeq} \text{Ext}(T, A/T(A))$ . Since  $A/T(A)$  is torsionfree, Corollary 5 completes the proof.

**LEMMA 10.** *Let  $T$  be a reduced torsion group. Then  $\text{Ext}(T, Z(p^r))$  is a projective  $E(T)$ -module if and only if  $T_p$  is bounded with minimal annihilator  $p^k$  where  $k \leq r$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 9, it is necessary that  $T_p$  be bounded in order that  $\text{Ext}(T, Z(p^r))$  be  $E(T)$ -projective. Consider the injective resolution of  $Z(p^r)$ :

$$0 \longrightarrow Z(p^r) \xrightarrow{i} Z(p^\infty) \xrightarrow{\pi} \frac{Z(p^\infty)}{Z(p^r)} \longrightarrow 0 .$$

This induces:

$$\text{Hom}(T, Z(p^\infty)) \xrightarrow{\pi_*} \text{Hom}\left(T, \frac{Z(p^\infty)}{Z(p^r)}\right) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{Ext}(T, Z(p^r)) \longrightarrow 0 .$$

Now if  $k > r$ , let  $\nu$  generate a cyclic summand of  $T$  of order  $p^k$ . Define  $h \in \text{Hom}(T, Z(p^\infty))$  by:  $h(\nu) = 1/p^k$ ,  $h = 0$  otherwise. Then  $\pi_* h \neq 0$ , and so  $\ker \Delta \neq 0$ . Lemma 8 completes the proof in this case, since

$$\text{Hom}\left(T, \frac{Z(p^\infty)}{Z(p^r)}\right) \stackrel{E(T)}{\simeq} \text{Hom}(T, Z(p^\infty)) .$$

If  $k \leq r$ , we have:  $\text{Hom}(T, Z(p^\infty)) \stackrel{E(T)}{\simeq} \text{Ext}(T, Z(p^r))$ , and Corollary 1 completes the proof of the lemma.

We are now in a position to complete the proof of Theorem 1.

*Proof of Theorem 1.* If  $A[p^k]$  is homogeneous (i.e., if  $A[p^k] \simeq \bigoplus_{i \in I} Z(p^k)_i$  for some indexing set  $I$ ), and  $D$  is a divisible hull for  $A$ , then it is clear that  $D[p^k] \leq A$ , whence, it is also clear that if  $p^k T = 0$ , that the map  $\text{Hom}(T, D) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(T, D/T(A))$  is the zero map. Since  $\text{Ext}(T, D/T(A)) = 0$ , this means that  $\text{Hom}(T, D/T(A)) \stackrel{E(T)}{\simeq} \text{Ext}(T, T(A))$ . Since  $T$  is bounded, an earlier result immediately says

$$\text{Ext}(T, T(A)) \oplus \text{Ext}(T, A/T(A)) \stackrel{E(T)}{\simeq} \text{Ext}(T, A) .$$

The statement of the theorem for such  $A$  follows immediately from Corollaries 4 and 5 and from Lemmas 5 and 7.

If  $A[p^k]$  is not homogeneous, it is routine that  $A$  has a cyclic

summand of order  $p^r$  for some  $r < k$ , and the result follows from Lemma 10.

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