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**Exercise 1.** The following exercise is taken from the book “Introduction to Commutative algebra” by Atiyah-MacDonald.

Let  $I$  be a partially ordered set, that is, we have a relation  $\leq$  which is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive. We call  $I$  a *directed set* if for each pair  $i, j \in I$  there exists a  $k \in I$  such that  $i \leq k$  and  $j \leq k$ . Now let  $(M_i)_{i \in I}$  be a family of modules over a ring  $R$ , indexed by a directed set  $I$ . Assume that for each pair  $i, j \in I$ , there exists a homomorphism  $\mu_{ij}: M_i \rightarrow M_j$  such that (1)  $\mu_{ii} = \text{id}_{M_i}$  for all  $i$ ; (2)  $\mu_{ik} = \mu_{jk} \circ \mu_{ij}$  whenever  $i \leq j \leq k$ . We call the datum  $(M_i, \mu_{ij})$  a *direct system*.

Let  $C$  be the direct sum of all the  $M_i$  and identify every  $M_i$  with its image in  $C$ . Let  $D$  be the submodule of  $C$  generated by elements of the form  $x_i - \mu_{ij}(x_i)$  where  $i \leq j$  and  $x_i \in M_i$ . Set  $M := C/D$ , let  $\mu: C \rightarrow M$  be the projection and let  $\mu_i$  be the restriction of  $\mu$  to  $M_i$ . The module  $M$  with the homomorphisms  $\mu_i: M_i \rightarrow M$  is called the *direct limit* of the direct system and written  $\varinjlim M_i$ .

- (1) Show that  $\mu_i = \mu_j \circ \mu_{ij}$  whenever  $i \leq j$ .
- (2) Show that every element in  $M$  can be written as  $\mu_i(x_i)$  for some  $i \in I$  and some  $x_i \in M_i$ .
- (3) Prove that if  $N$  is any  $R$ -module such that for any  $i \in I$  there exists a homomorphism  $\alpha_i: M_i \rightarrow N$  satisfying  $\alpha_i = \alpha_j \circ \mu_{ij}$  for  $i \leq j$ , then there exists a unique homomorphism  $\alpha: M \rightarrow N$  such that  $\alpha_i = \alpha \circ \mu_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . In particular, the direct limit is unique.

**Exercise 2. (compare [2, Ex. 2.2.1])** Verify the cocycle descriptions given in Proposition 5.5(1)-(3) in the lecture.

**Exercise 3.** [2, Ex. 2.2.3] Show that for any holomorphic vector bundle  $E$  of rank  $r$  there exists a non-degenerate pairing

$$\bigwedge^k E \times \bigwedge^{r-k} E \rightarrow \det(E).$$

Deduce that there is a natural isomorphism of holomorphic vector bundles  $\bigwedge^k E \simeq \bigwedge^{r-k} E^* \otimes \det(E)$ .

**Exercise 4.** [2, Ex. 2.2.4] Show that any homomorphism  $f: E \rightarrow F$  of holomorphic vector bundles  $E$  and  $F$  induces a natural homomorphism  $f \otimes \text{id}_G: E \otimes G \rightarrow F \otimes G$  for any holomorphic vector bundle  $G$ . Show that if  $f$  is injective, then so is  $f \otimes \text{id}_G$ .

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