

• Let $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} H \xrightarrow{p} G \rightarrow 0$ be seq of groups with A abelian.

• We want to give an action of G on A (ie. G -module structure) which is equally to give a homomorphism $G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A)$.

• Now H acts on itself by conjugation

$$h * a = h \cdot a \cdot h^{-1} \text{ \& if } a \in A$$

then $h * a \in A$ since $A = \ker(p)$ &

$$p(h * a) = p(h \cdot a \cdot (ph)^{-1}) = p(h) \cdot 1 \cdot (p(h))^{-1} = 1.$$

• Therefore H acts on A

• Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i} & H & \xrightarrow{p} & \text{Aut}(A) \\ & & h & \longmapsto & h * - \end{array}$$

sends everything to the identity $1: A \rightarrow A$ since if $b \in A$, $b * a = b \cdot a \cdot b^{-1} = b \cdot b^{-1} \cdot a = a$.

Now G is cokernel of i

(ie as p surj., by first iso thm, $G \cong H/A$)

so

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i} & H & \xrightarrow{p} & \text{Aut}(A) \\ & & & \searrow p & \\ & & & & G \end{array}$$

giving the required action. \square