

Say  $M \subseteq P$  are right  $k$ -modules. Clearly, it suffices to handle the case where  $P$  is free with a *finite* basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n$ . In this new situation, we carry out the proof by induction on  $n$ , the case  $n = 1$  is obvious.

For  $n \geq 2$ , let  $P_0 = e_1k \oplus \dots \oplus e_{n-1}k$ , and  $M_0 = M \cap P_0$ . By taking the projection  $\pi : P \rightarrow e_nk$ , we get a short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow I \rightarrow 0$ , where  $I = \pi(M)$ . By the beginning case of the induction (applied to the finitely generated submodule  $I \subseteq e_nk$ ), we have  $e_nk = I \oplus J$  for some  $k$ -submodule  $J \subseteq e_nk$ . Thus,  $I$  is projective. Hence short exact sequence splits, and  $M_0$  is finitely generated. By the inductive hypothesis,  $P_0 = M_0 \oplus N$  for some  $k$ -module  $N$ . Since  $P_0 + M = P_0 + I$ , we have now  $P = P_0 \oplus I \oplus J = (P_0 + M) \oplus J = M \oplus (N \oplus J)$ , as desired.