

To show part (c) implies part (a) in Question 2 you can do the following: Let  $\alpha : M' \rightarrow M$  be an injective  $R$ -homomorphism and  $f : M' \rightarrow Q$  a  $R$ -homomorphism. Define a  $R$ -homomorphism  $\beta : M' \rightarrow Q \oplus M$  by  $\beta(x) = (-f(x), \alpha(x))$ . The image of  $\beta$  is a submodule of  $Q \oplus M$ . Let  $N = (Q \oplus M)/\text{Im}(\beta)$ . There are two  $R$ -homomorphisms  $\tilde{\alpha} : Q \rightarrow N$ , sending  $q$  to  $(q, 0) + \text{Im}(\beta)$  and  $\tilde{f} : M \rightarrow N$  sending  $m$  to  $(0, m) + \text{Im}(\beta)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M' & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & M \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow \tilde{f} \\ Q & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\alpha}} & N \end{array}$$

Show that

- $\tilde{f} \circ \alpha = \tilde{\alpha} \circ f$
- $\tilde{\alpha}$  is injective
- by part (c) there is a  $R$ -homomorphism  $\gamma : N \rightarrow Q$  such that  $q \circ \tilde{\alpha} = id_Q$
- $\gamma \circ \tilde{f} : M \rightarrow Q$  is the extension of  $f$  to  $M$ . (i.e.  $f = (\gamma \circ \tilde{f}) \circ \alpha$ )