Abelian groups whose subgroups are endomorphic kernels

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In [1], the Abelian groups whose subgroups are endomorphic images were determined and in [2] the dual problem was solved: the groups G whose factor groups can be embedded in G were found (property denoted Q).

A natural question would be to find the groups whose subgroups are endomorphic kernels.

However, these are exactly the groups with the property Q above.

Proof. One way is obvious: if every subgroup is a kernel of endomorphism, let $H = \ker(f)$ with $f \in \operatorname{End}(G)$. Then by Noether isomorphism theorem $G/H = G/\ker(f) \cong f(G)$ which is a subgroup of G.

Conversely, for a subgroup H, denote by $p_H : G \longrightarrow G/H$ the canonic projection. If G has the property Q, there is an embedding $\mu : G/H \longrightarrow G$. Then $H = \ker(p_H) = \ker(\mu \circ p_H)$ as desired.

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