

LINEAR ALGEBRA HOMEWORK 4

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Assume U, V, W are F -vector spaces. Put $\text{End } V = \text{Hom}(V, V)$.

Exercise 0.1. Let $f, g : V \rightarrow V$ be two given maps such that $f \circ g = \text{id}_V$.

(a) Show that g is injective and f is surjective.

(b) Assume in addition that $\dim V < +\infty$ and f is linear. Show that f is injective, hence g is surjective. (Hint: Use COD.)

(c) Conclude that g is bijective, and that $f = g^{-1}$ and $g \circ f = \text{id}_V$.

(d) Let $A, B \in M_{n,n}$. Show that if $AB = I$, then $BA = I$.

(e) Second proof. Show that if $\ker(BA) = (0)$ then $\ker A = (0)$, hence A is an isomorphism. Conclude that $B = A^{-1}$.

(Hint: COD.)

Exercise 0.2. *WRITE UP* Let $V = F[t]$. In 3 lines show that there is a unique linear map $g : V \rightarrow V$ such that $g : t^n \mapsto t^{n+1}$ for $n \geq 0$. Likewise there is a unique linear map $f : V \rightarrow V$ such that $f : t^{n+1} \mapsto t^n$ for $n \geq 0$, and $1 \mapsto 0$. Compute $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$.

Exercise 0.3. *WRITE UP* Prove that for $A \in M_{n,n}$, $\det A^t = \det A$. You will need the fact that $\text{sgn } \sigma^{-1} = \text{sgn } \sigma$ for any bijection of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

Exercise 0.4. Decide if $A = [e_3, e_1 + e_2, e_2] \in M_{3,3}$ is invertible. If so, compute A^{-1} . Here e_i are the standard unit vectors in F^3 .

Exercise 0.5. Let $U \subset V$ be a subspace and $x \in \text{End } V$ such that $xU \subset U$. In 5 lines, prove that there is a canonical map

$$\bar{x} : V/U \rightarrow V/U, \quad v + U \mapsto xv + U.$$

That is check that this is well-defined. Show it satisfies the following: if $p(t) \in F[t]$, and $p(x) = 0$ in $\text{End } V$ then $p(\bar{x}) = 0$ in $\text{End } V/U$.