

Assignment 8:
Invertibility (Section 3D)
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Problem 1 (Axler 3D1) If $L \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow W)$ and $M \in \mathcal{L}(W \rightarrow Z)$ with L and M both invertible, then $ML = M \circ L$ is invertible.

(a) Find the function $T \in \mathcal{L}(Z \rightarrow V)$ for which

$$ML \circ T = \text{id}_Z \quad \text{and} \quad T \circ ML = \text{id}_V \quad (1)$$

(b) Verify the conditions in (1).

Problem 2 (Axler 3D2) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space with $\dim(V) > 1$.

(a) If $L \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V)$ is **not** invertible, then show cL is not invertible for every $c \in F$.

(b) Find noninvertible operators $L, M \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V)$ with $L + M$ invertible.

(c) Find invertible operators $L, M \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V)$ with $L + M$ not invertible.

(d) In part (c) can you find an example with $\dim \mathcal{N}(L + M) = 1$?

Problem 3 (Axler 3D3, extension) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space and W a subspace of V . Show the following:

(a) If $M \in \mathcal{L}(W \rightarrow V)$ is injective, there exists some $L \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V)$ with

- (i) L is invertible and
- (ii) $Lv = Mv$ for all $v \in W$.

(b) If $L \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V)$ with L is invertible, then $M : W \rightarrow V$ by $Mv = Lv$ satisfies

- (i) $M \in \mathcal{L}(W \rightarrow V)$ and
- (ii) M is injective.

Problem 4 (Axler 3D5) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space and $L, M \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow W)$. Show the following:

(a) If $\text{Im}(L) = \text{Im}(M)$, then there exists an invertible operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V)$ with $L = MT$.

(b) there exists an invertible operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V)$ with $L = MT$, then $\text{Im}(L) = \text{Im}(M)$.

Problem 5 (Axler 3D6) Let V and W be finite dimensional vector spaces and $L, M \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow W)$. Show the following:

(a) If $\dim \mathcal{N}(L) = \dim \mathcal{N}(M)$, then there are invertible operators $T \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V)$ and $S \in \mathcal{L}(W \rightarrow W)$ for which

$$L = SMT.$$

(b) If there are invertible operators $T \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V)$ and $S \in \mathcal{L}(W \rightarrow W)$ for which

$$L = SMT,$$

then $\dim \mathcal{N}(L) = \dim \mathcal{N}(M)$.

Problem 6 (Axler 3C14) Given a basis $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ of a vector space V , show that $L \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow F^n)$ by

$$Lv = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \quad \text{where} \quad v = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j v_j$$

is a linear isomorphism.

Problem 7 (Axler 3D16) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space and $L \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V)$. Show the following: If

$$LM = ML \quad \text{for every } M \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V),$$

then there exists some $c \in F$ such that L has the form

$$Lv = c \operatorname{id}_V(v).$$

Problem 8 (Axler 3D17) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space and \mathcal{W} a subspace of $\mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V)$. Show the following: If

$$LM = ML \in \mathcal{W} \quad \text{for every } L \in \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V) \text{ and } M \in \mathcal{W},$$

then either $\mathcal{W} = \{0\}$ contains only the zero map or $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{L}(V \rightarrow V)$ is the entire collection of linear operators on V .

Problem 9 (Axler 3D19) If $L \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P})$, where $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}(F)$ denotes the vector space of polynomials with coefficients in a field F , and

- (i) L is injective and
- (ii) $\deg(Lp) \leq \deg p$ for every $p \in \mathcal{P}$,

then show

- (a) L is onto and
- (b) $\deg(Lp) = \deg p$ for every $p \in \mathcal{P}$.

Problem 10 (Axler 3D20) Let $A = (a_{ij})$ be an $n \times n$ matrix with entries in a field F . Show that if $x_1 = x_2 = \cdots = x_n = 0$ is the **only solution** of the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}x_j &= 0 \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{2j}x_j &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{nj}x_j &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

then the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}x_j &= c_1 \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{2j}x_j &= c_2 \\ &\vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{nj}x_j &= c_n \end{aligned}$$

has a (unique) solution for each $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \in F^n$.