

Throughout, X is assumed to be a vector space of dimension $n < \infty$.

1. Show that whenever meaningful,

(a) $(ST)' = T'S'$

(b) $(T + R)' = T' + R'$

(c) $(T^{-1})' = (T')^{-1}$.

Here, S' denotes the transpose of S . Carefully describe what you mean by “whenever meaningful” in each case.

2. Give a direct algebraic proof of $N_{T'}^\perp = (R_T^\perp)^\perp$. (That is, don't just use the fact that $N_{T'} = R_T^\perp$ and take the annihilator of both sides.)

3. Let $A, B: X \rightarrow X$ be linear maps.

(a) Show that if A is invertible and similar to B , then B is also invertible, and B^{-1} is similar to A^{-1} .

(b) Show that if either A or B is invertible, then AB and BA are similar.

4. Suppose $T: X \rightarrow X$ is a linear map of rank 1.

(a) Show that there exists $c \in K$ such that $T^2 = cT$.

(b) Show that if $c \neq 1$, then $I - T$ has an inverse.

5. Suppose that $S, T: X \rightarrow X$ are linear maps.

(a) Show that $\text{rank}(S + T) \leq \text{rank}(S) + \text{rank}(T)$.

(b) Show that $\text{rank}(ST) \leq \text{rank}(S)$.

(c) Show that $\dim(N_{ST}) \leq \dim N_S + \dim N_T$.

For each of these, give an explicit example showing how equality need not hold.

6. Let $T: X \rightarrow X$ be linear.

(a) Prove that if $T^2 = T$, then $X = R_T \oplus N_T$.

(b) Show by example that if $T^2 \neq T$, then $X = R_T \oplus N_T$ need not hold.

(c) Prove that $N_{T^n} = N_{T^{n+1}}$ and $R_{T^n} = R_{T^{n+1}}$. Deduce that $X = R_{T^n} \oplus N_{T^n}$.

(d) Show there exists a linear map $S: X \rightarrow X$ such that $ST = TS$ and $ST^{n+1} = T^n$.