



Math 201

Section F03

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The function g is called the *inverse of f* and denoted f^{-1} .

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$$\phi: F[x]_{\leq 3} \rightarrow F^4$$
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- (b) The image of an independent set is independent *provided* f is injective.

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Proposition 3. A linear mapping $f: V \rightarrow W$ is an isomorphism if and only if $\ker(f) = \{0_V\}$ and $\text{im}(f) = W$, (i.e., if and only if its kernel is trivial and it is surjective).

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Theorem 4. Let V be a vector space over F . Then V is isomorphic to F^n if and only if $\dim V = n$.

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Corollary 5. Let V and W be finite-dimensional vectors spaces. Then V and W are isomorphic if and only if they have the same dimension.

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Proposition 6. Let $f: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear function, and let $\dim V = \dim W < \infty$. Then the following are equivalent:

- (a) f is injective (1-1),
- (b) f is surjective (onto),
- (c) f is an isomorphism.

Weekend assignment

- ▶ Learn the statement and proof of the rank-nullity theorem.
- ▶ Learn the proof that $f: V \rightarrow W$ is injective if and only if $\ker(f) = \{0_V\}$.