

and thus, $\text{Im}(\psi) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\sigma)$. It remains to prove that $\text{Ker}(\sigma) \subseteq \text{Im}(\psi)$.

Since the monomials X^k form a basis of $A[X]$, by Proposition 35.13 (with the roles of M and N exchanged), every $z \in E[X] = A[X] \otimes_A E$ has a unique expression as

$$z = \sum_k X^k \otimes u_k,$$

for a family (u_k) of finite support of $u_k \in E$. If $z \in \text{Ker}(\sigma)$, then

$$0 = \sigma(z) = \sum_k f^k(u_k),$$

which allows us to write

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \sum_k X^k \otimes u_k - 1 \otimes 0 \\ &= \sum_k X^k \otimes u_k - 1 \otimes \left(\sum_k f^k(u_k) \right) \\ &= \sum_k (X^k \otimes u_k - 1 \otimes f^k(u_k)) \\ &= \sum_k (X^k(1 \otimes u_k) - \bar{f}^k(1 \otimes u_k)) \\ &= \sum_k (X^k 1 - \bar{f}^k)(1 \otimes u_k). \end{aligned}$$

Now, $X1$ and \bar{f} commute, since

$$\begin{aligned} (X1 \circ \bar{f})(p \otimes u) &= (X1)(p \otimes f(u)) \\ &= (Xp) \otimes f(u) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{f} \circ X1)(p \otimes u) &= \bar{f}((Xp) \otimes u) \\ &= (Xp) \otimes f(u), \end{aligned}$$

so we can write

$$X^k 1 - \bar{f}^k = (X1 - \bar{f}) \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (X1)^j \bar{f}^{k-j-1} \right),$$

and

$$z = (X1 - \bar{f}) \left(\sum_k \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (X1)^j \bar{f}^{k-j-1} \right) (1 \otimes u_k) \right),$$