Exercises for Module 8: Linear Algebra II

1. Let $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{P}_4(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R}))$ be the differentiation map, $Dp = p'$. Find bases of $\mathbb{P}_4(\mathbb{R})$ and $\mathbb{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$ such that the matrix representation of $\mathcal{M}(D)$ with respect to these basis is given by

$$\mathcal{M}(D) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Show that matrix multiplication of square matrices is not commutative, i.e find matrices $A, B \in M_2$ such that $AB \neq BA$.

3. A square matrix is called *nilpotent* if $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $A^k = 0$. Show that for a nilpotent matrix A, $|A| = 0$.

4. A real square matrix Q is called *orthogonal* if $Q^T Q = I$. Prove that if Q is orthogonal, then $|Q| = \pm 1$.

5. An $n \times n$ matrix is called *antisymmetric* if $A^T = -A$. Prove that if A is antisymmetric and n is odd, then $|A| = 0$.

6. Let V be an inner product space, U a vector space and $S\colon U \to V$, $T\colon U \to V$ be linear maps. Show that $\langle S\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\rangle = \langle T\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\rangle$ for all $\mathbf{u} \in U$ and $\mathbf{v} \in V$ implies $S = T$.