

[3] Let  $V$  be a  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space. Show that if  $T, S \in \text{End}(V)$  such that  $ST - TS$  commutes with  $S$ , then for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$S^k T - T S^k = k S^{k-1} (ST - TS)$$

*Proof.* Base case where  $k = 1$

$$S^1 T - T S^1 = 1 S^0 (S^1 T - T S^1)$$

we see is true.

Now assume it holds for  $k = n$

Now for  $k = n + 1$

$$S^{n+1} T - T S^{n+1}$$

$$S^n ST - T S^n S$$

Recall though  $ST - TS$  commutes with  $S$

$$(n + 1) S^n (ST - TS)$$

We know it holds for  $k = n$  and thus by induction it holds for  $k = n + 1$

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