

Bi-conditional Statement Pre-class assignment
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Complete the following proof. Print your compiled document and bring it to class.

1. Let A be an invertible matrix. Prove that $A^2 = A$ if and only if $A = I$.

Proof. Let A be an invertible matrix.

(\Rightarrow) Assume that $A^2 = A$. Theorem 2.4 says that $AI = A$. Moreover by definition of matrix powers, $A^2 = AA$. Rewriting the original equality using this information, we see

$$AA = AI.$$

Since A is invertible, we can use left cancellation, Theorem 2.10, to conclude $A = I$.

(\Leftarrow) Assume that $A = I$

(Yes this direction will be very straightforward.)

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Some information about using L^AT_EX (pronounced “Lah-Tech” or “Lay-Tech” depending on who you ask).

- Any mathematical symbols will go between $\$ \dots \$$.
- To display an equation on its own line use $\$\$ \dots \$\$$.
- To get a newline, use either `\` or skip two lines in the editor. The first option will simply skip to the next line, the second option will create a new paragraph.
- To get superscripts, use a caret: $\$A^{\{123\}}\$$, and for subscripts, an underscore: $\$x_{\{ij\}}\$$.
- Many standard functions and characters exist as commands, for example $\cos(2\pi)$ is produced using $\$\cos(2\pi)\$$.
- To make a matrix, such as $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, use
 $\$A=\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}\$$.
Here the `&` indicates an alignment and `\` gives a new line.
- You will be required to learn how to use this text editor for homework. It will make proof-writing much easier and your future-selves much happier.
- Don’t hesitate to ask if you have any questions.