

(a) Proof: Since $\text{nullity}(T) = 0$, it follows that T is one-to-one, and thus T has a left inverse $T^{-1} : W \rightarrow V$, such that $T^{-1}T = I_V$. Then, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{nullity}(T \circ S) &= \dim(\ker(T \circ S)) = \dim(\{u \in U : (T \circ S)(u) = 0_V\}) \\ &= \dim(\{u \in U : S(u) \in \ker T\}) = \dim(\ker S).\end{aligned}$$

Since the dimension of a subspace is invariant under bijective linear transformations, it follows that $\text{nullity}(T \circ S) = \text{nullity}(S)$.

(b) Proof: The rank-nullity theorem states that for any linear transformation $S: U \rightarrow V$, we have:

$$\text{rank } S + \text{nullity } S = \dim U.$$

Applying this to $T \circ S$ and S , we have:

$$\text{rank}(T \circ S) + \text{nullity}(T \circ S) = \dim U = \text{rank } S + \text{nullity } S.$$

Since $\text{nullity}(T \circ S) = \text{nullity}(S)$, it follows that $\text{rank}(T \circ S) = \text{rank}(S)$.