

An introduction to the Jacobian conjecture

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Instead of \mathbb{C} , we can consider any algebraically closed field k with characteristic 0.

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Theorem (Linear Algebra)

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