

## PROBLEM 2, PROBLEM SET 7. GERARDO CON DIAZ

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This question is really close to some of my favorite things in math, so I'm quite excited about it :) First we will show that  $\bar{T}$  is well-defined. To do this, we need to show that, for any  $w$  equivalent to  $v$  under the equivalence relation we are given,  $\bar{T}[v] = \bar{T}[w]$ .

However, if  $w \sim v$  then  $w - v \in \text{Ker}T$ , so there is some  $k \in \text{Ker}T$  such that  $w = v + k$ . It follows that  $\bar{T}[w] = \bar{T}[v + k] = T(v + k) = T(v) + T(k) = T(v) = \bar{T}[v]$ . We just showed that the map is well-defined.

The map  $\bar{T}$  establishes an isomorphism between  $V/K$  and  $I$  by sending a given  $[v] \in V/K$  to  $T(v)$ . First note that for any  $v \in V$ , the element  $[v] \in V/K$  is mapped to  $T(v)$  by  $\bar{T}$ , so the map is certainly surjective.

Also note that if  $\bar{T}[v] = \bar{T}[w]$ , then  $T(v) = T(w)$ , so that  $T(v - w) = 0$ . But then  $v - w \in \text{Ker}T$ , so  $v \sim w$ . This means that  $[v] = [w]$ , so the map is injective.

Finally, to show that it is linear, it suffices to see that for vectors  $v$  and  $w$  and any scalar  $a$ ,  $\bar{T}[v + aw] = T(v + aw) = T(v) + T(aw) = T(v) + aT(w) = \bar{T}[v] + a\bar{T}[w]$ , so the map is linear.

This shows that we have an isomorphism  $V/K \cong I$ .