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Let F be the vector space of functions $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

For each of the following functions $T: F \rightarrow F$

1. Determine whether or not T is linear.
 2. If it is linear,
 - (a) describe $\text{Ker}(T)$, and
 - (b) determine whether or not T is invertible.
1. $T(f) = f - 1$, regarding 1 as the constant function $1(x) = 1$.
 2. $T(f) = f - f(0)$, regarding $f(0)$ as a constant function.

1. $T(f) = f - 1$ is not linear

$$T(2f) = 2f - 1, \text{ not } 2T(f), \text{ which is } 2f - 2.$$

2. $T(f) = f - f(0)$ is linear.

$$\begin{aligned} T(f+g) &= f+g - (f+g)(0) = f+g - f(0) - g(0) = f - f(0) + g - g(0) \\ &= Tf + Tg, \end{aligned}$$

and $T(rf) = rf - (rf)(0) = r(f - f(0)) = rT(f).$

(a) $\text{Ker}(T) =$ functions f such that $f - f(0) = 0$, i.e.,
 $f = f(0)$, or $f(x) = f(0)$ for all x . Hence,
 $\text{Ker}(T) =$ constant functions.

(b) No, $\text{Ker}(T) \neq 0$, so T is not invertible.