### Quasi-locally Finite Polynomial Endomorphisms.

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# Abstract.

If F is a polynomial endomorphism of  $\mathbb{C}^N$ , let  $\mathbb{C}(X)^F$  denote the field of rational functions  $r \in \mathbb{C}(x_1, \ldots, x_N)$  such that  $r \circ F = r$ . We will say that F is quasi-locally finite if there exists a nonzero  $p \in \mathbb{C}(X)^F[T]$  such that p(F) = 0. This terminology comes out from the fact that this definition is less restrictive than the one of locally finite endomorphisms made in [7]. Indeed, F is called locally finite if there exists a nonzero  $p \in \mathbb{C}[T]$  such that p(F) = 0. In the present paper, we show that F is quasi-locally finite if and only if for each  $a \in \mathbb{C}^N$  the sequence  $n \mapsto F^n(a)$  is a linear recurrent sequence. Therefore, this notion is in some sense natural. We also give a few basic results on such endomorphisms. For example: they satisfy the Jacobian conjecture.

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## INTRODUCTION.

Let us denote by  $\mathbb{A}^N = \mathbb{C}^N$  the complex affine space of dimension N and by Endthe set of polynomial endomorphisms of  $\mathbb{A}^N$ . As usual, we identify an element F of End to the N-uple of its coordinate functions  $F = (F_1, \ldots, F_N)$  where each  $F_L$  belongs to the ring  $\mathbb{C}[X] := \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_N]$  of regular functions on  $\mathbb{A}^N$ . We will therefore write  $End = \mathbb{C}[X]^N$ . Let us set  $\mathbb{C}(X) := \mathbb{C}(x_1, \ldots, x_N)$ ,  $\mathbb{C}(X)^F := \{r \in \mathbb{C}(X), r \circ F = r\}$  and  $\mathbb{C}[X]^F := \mathbb{C}(X)^F \cap \mathbb{C}[X]$ . We recall that F is called dynamically trivial if its dynamical degree  $dd(F) := \lim_{n \to \infty} (\deg F^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$  is equal to one (see [5]). In the case where F is an automorphism, this is equivalent to saying that its topological entropy h(F) is zero (see [13]). A first subclass of dynamically trivial polynomial endomorphisms was introduced in [7]. It is the set of polynomial endomorphisms F which are locally finite (LF for short) in the following sense: the complex vector space generated by the  $r \circ F^n$ ,  $n \ge 0$ , is finite dimensional for each  $r \in \mathbb{C}[X]$ . In the last quoted paper, it is shown that this is equivalent to saying that the sequence  $n \mapsto \deg F^n$  is upper bounded or to saying that there exists a nonzero  $p \in \mathbb{C}[T]$  such that p(F) = 0. Using a deep result from number theory known as the theorem of Skolem-Mahler-Lech (see [9, 12]), one can show that this amounts to saying that the sequence  $n \mapsto \deg F^n$  is periodic for large n (in [6], the proof is given for N = 2, but it is easy to give a general proof).

Here, we are interested by the wider class of polynomial endomorphisms F which are quasi-locally finite (QLF for short) in the following sense: there exists a nonzero  $p \in \mathbb{C}(X)^F[T]$  such that p(F) = 0.

Section I is devoted to generalites. We introduce the minimal polynomial  $\nu_F \in \mathbb{C}(X)^F[T]$  of a QLF polynomial endomorphism F and show in prop. 1.3 that in fact  $\nu_F \in \mathbb{C}[X]^F[T]$ . In prop. 1.5 we show that for any QLF polynomial endomorphism F the sequence  $n \mapsto \deg F^n$  has at most linear growth. Therefore, as announced, any QLF polynomial endomorphism is dynamically trivial. In section II, we prove our main theorem asserting that F is QLF if and only if the sequence  $n \mapsto F^n(a)$  is a linear recurrent sequence for any  $a \in \mathbb{A}^N$ . In section III, we give two criteria for invertibility of QLF polynomial endomorphisms.

#### I. GENERALITIES.

Let  $F \in End$ . In [7], we noticed that  $\mathcal{I}_F := \{p \in \mathbb{C}[T], p(F) = 0\}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{C}[T]$ . Indeed, it is a complex vector subspace of  $\mathbb{C}[T]$  which is stable by multiplication by T. In the case where F is LF, i.e. when  $\mathcal{I}_F \neq \{0\}$ , we denote by  $\mu_F$  the (unique) monic polynomial generating this ideal. By the same way,  $\mathcal{I}'_F := \{p \in \mathbb{C}(X)^F[T], p(F) = 0\}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{C}(X)^F[T]$ . In the case where F is QLF, i.e. when  $\mathcal{I}'_F \neq \{0\}$ , we denote by  $\nu_F$  the (unique) monic polynomial generating this ideal.

**Proposition 1.1.** If  $F \in End$  is QLF, the following assertions are equivalent:

(i) F is LF; (ii)  $\nu_F \in \mathbb{C}[T]$ .

Furthermore, if these assertions are satisfied, we have  $\mu_F = \nu_F$ .

**Proof.** If F is LF, it is clear that  $\nu_F$  divides  $\mu_F$  in  $\mathbb{C}(X)^F[T]$ . Since  $\mu_F \in \mathbb{C}[T]$ , we clearly have  $\nu_F \in \mathbb{C}[T]$ . Conversely, if  $\nu_F \in \mathbb{C}[T]$ , then F is obviously LF.

We introduce the language of linear recurrent sequences (LRS for short) and we refer to [3] for a nice overview of this subject. Let K be any field and let V be any vector space over K. The set of sequences  $u : \mathbb{N} \to V$  will be denoted by  $V^{\mathbb{N}}$ . If  $p = \sum_{k} p_k T^k \in K[T]$ , we define  $p(u) \in V^{\mathbb{N}}$  by the formula  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(p(u))(n) = \sum_{k} p_k u(n+k)$  and we set  $\mathcal{I}_u := \{p \in K[T], p(u) = 0\}$ . It is easy to show that  $\mathcal{I}_u$  is an ideal of K[T]. We say that  $u \in V^{\mathbb{N}}$  is a LRS if  $\mathcal{I}_u \neq \{0\}$ . In this case, the minimal polynomial of u is defined as the (unique) monic polynomial  $\mu_u$  generating the ideal  $\mathcal{I}_u$ . If a LRS of (the vector space) K takes values in a subfield K', it is well known that its minimal polynomial belongs to K'[T]. More generally, we have the following result.

**Lemma.** If u is a LRS of a field K taking values in a subring A which is noetherian and

factorial, then  $\mu_u \in A[T]$ .

**Proof.** We may assume that K is the field of fractions of A. Since A is factorial, it is sufficient to prove that  $\mathcal{I}_u = \{p \in K[T], p(u) = 0\}$  contains a monic polynomial in A[T]. If  $v = (v_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in A^{\mathbb{N}}$ , let us denote by E(v) the sequence  $(v_{n+1})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . Let M be the A-module generated by the  $E^k(u), k \in \mathbb{N}$ . If p is a nonzero element of  $\mathcal{I}_u$ , it is clear that  $\forall v \in M, p(v) = 0$ . Therefore, if  $d := \deg p$ , the map  $M \to A^d, v \mapsto (v_k)_{0 \leq k \leq d-1}$  is injective. Since A is noetherian, this shows that M is a finite A-module. Let  $m \geq 0$  be such that the  $E^k(u), 0 \leq k \leq m$ , generate M. There exist  $\lambda_k \in A, 0 \leq k \leq m$ , such that  $E^{m+1}(u) = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} \lambda_k E^k(u)$ . In other words,  $T^{m+1} - \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m} \lambda_k T^k \in \mathcal{I}_u$ .

**Example.** Any LRS with values in  $\mathbb{Z}$  admits a minimal polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}[T]$ .

The next trivial result relates QLF polynomial endomorphisms and LRS.

**Proposition 1.2.** If  $F \in End$ , the following assertions are equivalent:

(i) F is QLF;

(ii) the sequence  $n \mapsto F^n$  is a LRS of  $\mathbb{C}(X)^N$  considered as a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}(X)^F$ . Furthermore, if these assertions are satisfied, the associated minimal polynomials are equal.

**Proof.** If 
$$p = \sum_{k} p_k T^k \in \mathbb{C}(X)^F[T], \quad \sum_{k} p_k F^k = 0 \iff \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{k} p_k F^{k+n} = 0.$$

**Remark.** If  $F \in End$ , it is clear that the set of polynomials  $p \in \mathbb{C}(X)[T]$  satisfying p(F) = 0 is a nonzero ideal of  $\mathbb{C}(X)[T]$ . However, it seems that there is in general no connection with LRS. Indeed, if  $p = \sum_{k} p_k T^k \in \mathbb{C}(X)[T]$  satisfies  $\sum_{k} p_k F^k = 0$ , it is not necessarily true that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\sum_{k} p_k F^{k+n} = 0$ .

**Proposition 1.3.** If  $F \in End$  is QLF, then  $\nu_F \in \mathbb{C}[X]^F[T]$ .

**Proof.** It follows from prop. 1.2 that the sequence  $n \mapsto F^n$  is a LRS of the vector space  $\mathbb{C}(X)^N$  over  $\mathbb{C}(X)$ . If  $1 \leq L \leq N$ , let us denote by  $\Pi_L : \mathbb{C}(X)^N \to \mathbb{C}(X)$  the *L*-th projection. Each sequence  $n \mapsto \Pi_L(F^n)$  being a LRS of the field  $\mathbb{C}(X)$  with values in  $\mathbb{C}[X]$ , its minimal polynomial  $\mu_{L,F}$  has coefficients in  $\mathbb{C}[X]$ . Since  $\nu_F = \lim_{1 \leq L \leq N} \mu_{L,F}$ , we are done.

**Proposition 1.4.** If  $F \in End$ , the following assertions are equivalent: (i) F is QLF;

(ii) the sequence  $n \mapsto F^n$  is a LRS of  $\mathbb{C}(X)^N$  considered as a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}(X)$ . Furthermore, if these assertions are satisfied, the associated minimal polynomials are equal.

**Proof.** (i)  $\implies$  (ii) is a direct consequence of prop. 1.2. Let us show (ii)  $\implies$  (i). Let  $p \in \mathbb{C}(X)[T]$  be the minimal polynomial of the sequence  $n \mapsto F^n$  considered as a LRS of the vector space  $\mathbb{C}(X)^N$  over  $\mathbb{C}(X)$ . The proof of prop. 1.3 shows that  $p \in \mathbb{C}[X][T]$ . It is sufficient to show that  $p \in \mathbb{C}[X]^F[T]$ . If  $q = \sum_k q_k T^k \in \mathbb{C}[X][T]$ , where the  $q_k \in \mathbb{C}[X]$ , let us set  $\tilde{q} := \sum_{k} \tilde{q}_{k} T^{k}$ , where  $\tilde{q}_{k} := q_{k} \circ F$ . Since p is a vanishing polynomial of the sequence  $n \mapsto F^{n}$ , we have  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\sum_{k} p_{k}(X)F^{k+n}(X) = 0$ . By substituting F(X) to X, we get  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\sum_{k} \tilde{p}_{k}F^{k+1+n} = 0$  which shows that  $T\tilde{p}(T)$  is a vanishing polynomial of the sequence  $n \mapsto F^n$ . If  $a \mid b$  means that a divides b, we get  $p \mid T\widetilde{p}$  in  $\mathbb{C}(X)[T]$ . Writing  $p(T) = T^m q(T)$  with  $q(0) \neq 0$ , we get  $T^m q | T^{m+1} \tilde{q}$ , so that  $q | T\tilde{q}$  and finally  $q \mid \tilde{q}$ . Therefore, we have  $p \mid \tilde{p}$  and since p and  $\tilde{p}$  are monic polynomials of the same degre, we have  $p = \widetilde{p}$ . 

**Remark.** In the last proof, we need to show that each coefficient  $p_k$  of p belongs to  $\mathbb{C}[X]$  in order to justify the fact that the composition  $p_k \circ F$  is well defined.

**Proposition 1.5.** If  $F \in End$  is QLF, there exist  $A, B \ge 0$  such that:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \deg F^n < An + B.$ 

**Proof.** Let  $a_0, \ldots, a_{d-1} \in \mathbb{C}[X]^F$  be such that  $F^d = a_{d-1}F^{d-1} + \cdots + a_0F^0$ . Since  $F^{n+d} = a_{d-1}F^{n+d-1} + \cdots + a_0F^n$ , we have deg  $F^{n+d} \leq \max_{0 \leq k \leq d-1} \deg a_kF^{n+k}$ . If we set  $d_n := \max_{0 \leq k \leq d-1} \deg F^{n+k}$ ,  $A := \max_{0 \leq k \leq d-1} \deg a_k$  and  $B := d_0$ , we get deg  $F^{n+d} \leq A + d_n$ , so that  $d_{n+1} \leq A + d_n$  and deg  $F^n \leq d_n \leq A n + B$ .

Question. Is the converse true?

**Example.** Let  $\mathbb{C}[Y] := \mathbb{C}[y_1, \ldots, y_m]$  and  $\mathbb{C}[Z] := \mathbb{C}[z_1, \ldots, z_n]$  for  $m, n \ge 1$ . Let  $P := T^m - \sum_{0 \le k \le m-1} a_k T^k \in \mathbb{C}[Z][T]$ , where the  $a_k \in \mathbb{C}[Z]$ . We now give a QLF

endomorphism F whose minimal polynomial  $\nu_F$  is equal to the least common multiple Q of P and T-1.

Let 
$$C_P := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & a_0 \\ 1 & & 0 & a_1 \\ & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & & 1 & a_{m-1} \end{bmatrix} \in M_m(\mathbb{C}[Z])$$
 be the Companion matrix to  $P$ .

It is well known that the minimal polynomial of  $C_P$  is equal to P. Therefore, if  $F_1, \ldots, F_m \in \mathbb{C}[Y, Z]$  are defined by  ${}^t[F_1, \ldots, F_m] = C_P {}^t[y_1, \ldots, y_m]$ , it is easy to check that  $F : (Y, Z) \mapsto (F_1(Y, Z), \ldots, F_m(Y, Z), Z)$  is a QLF polynomial endomorphism of  $\mathbb{A}^{m+n}$  satisfying  $\nu_F = Q$ .

**Remark.** Let us recall that a polynomial endomorphism  $F = (F_1, \ldots, F_N)$  of  $\mathbb{A}^N$  is triangular if each  $F_L$  is of the form  $ax_L + b$  where  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{C}[x_{L+1}, \ldots, x_N]$ . Furthermore, F is triangularisable if it is conjugate (by a polynomial automorphism) to a triangular endomorphism.

It is clear that (i)  $\implies$  (ii)  $\implies$  (iii)  $\implies$  (iv) in the following assertions (see [7] for (i)  $\implies$  (ii) and prop. 1.5 for (iii)  $\implies$  (iv)):

(i) F is triangularisable; (ii) F is LF; (iii) F is QLF; (iv) F is dynamically trivial.

If F is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{A}^2$ , it is proved in [5] that (i) and (iv) are equivalent so that the last four assertions are equivalent. However, for large values of N, these notions (applied to automorphisms) are different:

The Nagata automorphism  $(x - 2y(xz + y^2) - z(xz + y^2)^2, y + z(xz + y^2), z)$  (see [10]) is LF (see [7]) but not triangularisable (see [2]).

Using the construction explained in the last example and prop. 1.1, it is clear that the automorphism (y, x + yz, z) is QLF but not LF.

If  $F : \mathbb{A}^5 \to \mathbb{A}^5$ ,  $(x, y, z, t, u) \mapsto (y, x + yz, t, z + tu, u)$ , one would easily check that deg  $F^n = (n^2 - n + 4)/2$  for  $n \ge 1$  so that F is dynamically trivial but not QLF by prop. 1.5.

## II. MAIN THEOREM.

Here is our main result.

**Theorem.** Let  $F \in End$ . The following assertions are equivalent:

(i) for any  $a \in \mathbb{A}^N$  the sequence  $n \mapsto F^n(a)$  is a LRS (of the complex vector space  $\mathbb{C}^N$ ); (ii) there exists a non empty Zariski open subset U of  $\mathbb{A}^N$  such that for any  $a \in U$  the sequence  $n \mapsto F^n(a)$  is a LRS;

(iii) there exists a non empty open subset U of  $\mathbb{A}^N$  (for the transcendental topology) such that for any  $a \in U$  the sequence  $n \mapsto F^n(a)$  is a LRS;

(iv) F is QLF.

**Proof.** (i)  $\Longrightarrow$  (ii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (iii) is obvious and (iv)  $\Longrightarrow$  (i) is a direct consequence of prop. 1.3. Let us show that (iii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (iv). If  $1 \le L \le N$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^N$ , let  $\Pi_{L,\alpha}(F)$  be the coefficient of  $x^{\alpha}$  of the polynomial  $F_L$ . Let  $\mathcal{C} := {\Pi_{L,\alpha}(F), L \in {1, ..., N}, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^N}$  be the set of coefficients of F and let  $K := \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{C})$  be the field extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  generated by  $\mathcal{C}$ . <u>First claim</u>. There exists  $a = (a_1, \ldots, a_N) \in U$  such that  $a_1, \ldots, a_N \in \mathbb{C}$  are algebraically independent over K.

Let R > 0 and  $u = (u_1, \ldots, u_N) \in U$  be such that:

 $D := \{ (z_1, \dots, z_N) \in \mathbb{C}^N, 1 \le L \le N \Longrightarrow |z_L - u_L| < R \} \subset U.$ 

If we set  $D_L := \{z \in \mathbb{C}, |z - u_L| < R\}$ , we have  $D = D_1 \times \ldots \times D_N$ . Let us construct, by finite induction on L, a complex sequence  $(a_L)_{1 \leq L \leq N}$  such that for each L:  $a_L \in D_L$  and  $a_L$  is transcendental over  $K(a_1, \ldots, a_{L-1})$ . Let us assume that  $a_1, \ldots, a_{L-1}$ are already constructed and that they satisfy the wanted hypothesis. Let us note that the algebraic closure  $K_L$  of  $K(a_1, \ldots, a_{L-1})$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  is countable (since  $K(a_1, \ldots, a_{L-1})$  is countable). Since  $D_L$  is uncountable, there exists  $a_L \in D_L \setminus K_L$ .

Using prop. 1.4, it is sufficient to show our

<u>Second claim.</u> There exists a positive integer d and rational functions  $\alpha_0, \ldots, \alpha_{d-1} \in \mathbb{C}(X)$  such that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, F^{n+d} = \alpha_{d-1}F^{n+d-1} + \cdots + \alpha_0F^n$ .

We begin to note that for each n the coefficients of  $F^n$  belong to the field K. Let us set  $K' := K(a_1, \ldots, a_N)$ . The sequence  $(F^n(a))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a LRS of  $(K')^N$  considered as a vector space over K'. If  $1 \leq L \leq N$ , let  $\Pi_L : (K')^N \to K'$  be the L-th projection. The sequence  $n \mapsto \Pi_L(F^n(a))$  being a LRS of K', its minimal polynomial  $\mu_L$  belongs to K'[T]. Since the minimal polynomial  $\mu$  of the sequence  $n \mapsto F^n(a)$  satisfies  $\mu = \lim_L \mu_L$ , we have  $\mu \in K'[T]$ . Let us write  $\mu = T^d - (\beta_{d-1}T^{d-1} + \cdots + \beta_0)$ , where the  $\beta_k \in K'$ . Let  $\alpha_k \in K(x_1, \ldots, x_N)$  be such that  $\beta_k = \alpha_k(a_1, \ldots, a_N)$ . We have:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \ F^{n+d}(a_1, \ldots, a_N) = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq d-1} \alpha_k(a_1, \ldots, a_N) F^{n+k}(a_1, \ldots, a_N)$ 

and since  $a_1, \ldots, a_N$  are algebraically independent over K, we obtain:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \ F^{n+d}(X) = \sum_{0 \le k \le d-1} \alpha_k(X) \ F^{n+k}(X).$$

**Remarks.** 1. Let us recall that the rank of a LRS u is the degree of its minimal polynomial. If u is a complex sequence, its Hankel matrix is defined by

$$H(u) := \begin{bmatrix} u_0 & u_1 & \dots & u_n & \dots \\ u_1 & u_2 & \dots & u_{n+1} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ u_n & u_{n+1} & \dots & u_{2n} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ \end{bmatrix} \text{ and we have:}$$

 $\operatorname{rk} u \leq m \iff \operatorname{all the} k \times k \operatorname{minors of} H(u) \operatorname{are zero for} k \geq m+1.$ 

If  $F \in End$  is QLF, let  $\varphi_F : \mathbb{A}^N \to \mathbb{N}$  be the map associating to  $a \in \mathbb{A}^N$  the rank of the LRS  $n \mapsto F^n(a)$ . Using the previous point, is is easy to show that  $\varphi_F$  is lower semicontinuous. This means that for each  $m \ge 0$ , the set  $F_m := \{a \in \mathbb{A}^N, \varphi_F(a) \le m\}$ is a (Zariski) closed subset of  $\mathbb{A}^N$ .

2. The proof of the last theorem shows us that deg  $\nu_F = \max_{a \in \mathbb{A}^N} \varphi_F(a)$ . However, let us

show that  $\varphi_F$  is upper bounded by using the semicontinuity. The equality  $\mathbb{A}^N = \bigcup_{n\geq 0} F_n$ implies that  $\mathbb{A}^N = F_n$  for some  $n \geq 0$ . Otherwise, the  $U_n := \mathbb{A}^N \setminus F_n$  would be dense open subsets of  $\mathbb{A}^N$  satisfying  $\bigcap_{n\geq 0} U_n = \emptyset$  and this would contradict the Baire property.

## III. CRITERIA FOR INVERTIBILITY.

Let us denote by  $I := (x_1, \ldots, x_N)$  the identity morphism of  $\mathbb{A}^N$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** If  $F \in End$  is QLF, then F is an automorphism if and only if  $\nu_F(0) \in \mathbb{C}^*$ .

**Proof.** Let us write  $\nu_F = \sum_{0 \le k \le n} a_k T^k$ , where the  $a_k \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  and  $a_n = 1$ . If F is an

automorphism, we cannot have  $a_0 = 0$ , because otherwise  $p(T) := \nu_F(T) T^{-1} \in \mathbb{C}[X]^F[T]$ and  $p(F) \circ F = 0$ . Since F is onto, this would imply p(F) = 0 contradicting the definition of  $\nu_F$ . One would easily check that  $\nu_{F^{-1}} = a_0^{-1} T^n \nu_F(T^{-1})$ . By prop. 1.3, each coefficient of  $\nu_{F^{-1}}$  belongs to  $\mathbb{C}[X]$ . In particular, the constant coefficient  $a_0^{-1}$ . Since  $a_0$  and  $a_0^{-1} \in \mathbb{C}[X]$ ,  $a_0$  is an invertible element of  $\mathbb{C}[X]$  so that  $a_0 \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . Conversely, if  $a_0 \in \mathbb{C}^*$ , then  $q(T) := \frac{a_0 - \nu_F(T)}{a_0 T} \in \mathbb{C}[X]^F[T]$  satisfies  $q(T)T \equiv 1 \mod \nu_F(T)$ , so that  $q(F) \circ F = I$  and F is an automorphism.  $\Box$ 

The Jacobian determinant of an endomorphism F will be denoted by Jac F.

**Proposition 3.2.** If  $F \in End$  is QLF, then the Jacobian conjecture holds for F, i.e. F is an automorphism if and only if  $\operatorname{Jac} F \in \mathbb{C}^*$ .

**Proof.** If F is an automorphism it is well known and obvious that  $\operatorname{Jac} F \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . Conversely, if  $F \in End$  is QLF and satisfies  $\operatorname{Jac} F \in \mathbb{C}^*$ , let us show that F is an automorphism. If we write  $\nu_F = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n} a_k T^k$ , where the  $a_k \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  and  $a_n = 1$ , it is sufficient to show that  $a_0 \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . First and foremost, we cannot have  $a_0 = 0$ . Indeed, otherwise, we would have  $p(F) \circ F = 0$ , where  $p := \nu_F(T) T^{-1} \in \mathbb{C}[X]^F[T]$ . If  $r \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  denotes a nonzero coordinate of p(F), we would get r(F) = 0, showing that  $F_1, \ldots, F_N$  are algebraically dependant over  $\mathbb{C}$ . This is well known to be equivalent to  $\operatorname{Jac} F = 0$  (see [11]) which is impossible. If we set  $q(T) := \frac{a_0 - \nu_F(T)}{a_0 T} \in \mathbb{C}(X)^F[T]$ , then  $q(T)T \equiv 1 \mod \nu_F(T)$ , so that  $q(F) \circ F = I$ . This shows that F is a birational automorphism. Since  $\operatorname{Jac} F \in \mathbb{C}^*$ , this is well known to imply that F is an automorphism (see th. 2.1 of [1], cor. 1.1.35 of [4] or [8]).

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