

3. F Duality

3.92 Definition:

A linear functional on V is a linear map

$$\varphi: V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}. \text{ In other words, } \varphi \in \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F})$$

3.93 Example

Define $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\varphi(x, y, z) = 4x - 5y + 2z$$

Then φ is a linear functional on \mathbb{R}^3 .

For some $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$, the map $\varphi: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ defined by

$$\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = c_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n x_n,$$

then φ is a linear functional on \mathbb{F}^n .

Define $\varphi: P(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\varphi(p) = \int_0^1 p(x) dx$$

Then φ is a linear functional on $P(\mathbb{R})$

3.94 Definition:

The dual space of V , denoted V' , is the vector space of all linear functionals on V . In other words,

$$V' = \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F})$$

3.95 $\dim V' = \dim V$

Suppose V is finite-dimensional. Then V' is also finite-dimensional and $\dim V' = \dim V$

Proof: $\dim V' = \dim \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F})$


$$\begin{aligned} &= (\dim V)(\dim \mathbb{F}) \text{ by 3.61 of Axler} \\ &= (\dim V) \cdot 1 \\ &= \dim V \end{aligned}$$



3.96 Definition

If v_1, \dots, v_n is a basis of V , then the dual basis of v_1, \dots, v_n is the list $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ of elements of V' , where each φ_j for any $j = 1, \dots, n$ is a linear functional on V that satisfies

$$\varphi_j(v_k) = \begin{cases} 1 & k=j \\ 0 & k \neq j \end{cases}$$

3.97 Example 

What is the dual basis of the standard basis e_1, \dots, e_n of \mathbb{F}^n ?

$$e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$e_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$$

Solution: For all $j = 1, \dots, n$ write
 $\varphi_j(x_1, \dots, x_n) = c_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n x_n$

Then $1 = \varphi_1(v_1) = \varphi_1(e_1) = \varphi_1(1, 0, \dots, 0) = c_1(1) + c_2(0) + \dots + c_n(0) = c_1$

$0 = \varphi_1(v_2) = \varphi_1(e_2) = \varphi_1(0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) = c_1(0) + c_2(1) + \dots + c_n(0) = c_2$

\vdots

$0 = \varphi_1(v_n) = \varphi_1(e_n) = \varphi_1(0, \dots, 0, 1) = c_1(0) + \dots + c_{n-1}(0) + c_n(1) = c_n$

So $\varphi_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + \dots + c_n x_n = x_1$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= 1 \\ c_2 &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ c_n &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $\varphi_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_2$
 $\varphi_3(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_3$
 \vdots
 $\varphi_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_n$

So $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ as defined above is the dual basis of v_1, \dots, v_n

Axiom

Define φ_j to be the linear functional on \mathbb{F}^n that selects the j -th coordinate of a vector in \mathbb{F}^n

In other words, $\varphi_j(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_j$
 for all $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$

3.98 Dual basis is a basis of the dual space

Suppose V is finite-dimensional.

Then the dual basis of a basis of V is a basis of V' .

Proof: let v_1, \dots, v_n be a basis of V ,

and let $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ be a dual basis of v_1, \dots, v_n

We will show that $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ is linearly independent.

Suppose $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}$ satisfy

$$a_1 \varphi_1 + \dots + a_n \varphi_n = 0$$

Then, for any $j=1, \dots, n$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} (a_1 \varphi_1 + \dots + a_n \varphi_n)(v_j) &= a_1 \varphi_1(v_j) + \dots + a_n \varphi_n(v_j) \\ &= a_1 \varphi_1(v_j) + \dots + a_j \varphi_j(v_j) + \dots + a_n \varphi_n(v_j) \\ &= a_1 \cdot 0 + \dots + a_j \cdot 1 + \dots + a_n \cdot 0 \\ &= a_j \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_j &= (a_1 \varphi_1 + \dots + a_n \varphi_n)(v_j) \\ &= 0(v_j) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

In other words,

$$a_1 = 0, \dots, a_n = 0$$

So $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ is linearly independent

By 3.95 of Axler, $\dim V' = \dim V$

By 2.34 of Axler, $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ is a basis of V'



3.99 Definition:

If $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$, then the dual map of T is the linear map $T' \in \mathcal{L}(W', V')$ defined by

$$T'(\varphi) = \varphi \circ T$$

↑
input a linear functional

↑
output a linear functional

Show: $T' \in \mathcal{L}(W', V')$

Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ and $\varphi, \psi \in W'$ be arbitrary

• Additivity: $T'(\varphi + \psi) = (\varphi + \psi) \circ T$
 $= \varphi \circ T + \psi \circ T$
 $= T'(\varphi) + T'(\psi)$

• Homogeneity: $T'(\lambda\varphi) = (\lambda\varphi) \circ T$
 $= \lambda(\varphi \circ T)$
 $= \lambda T'(\varphi).$

3.100 Example 1

Define $D: \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ by $Dp = p'$

• Define $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{F})$ by $\varphi(p) = p(3).$

Then $D'(\varphi)$ is the linear functional on $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ that

satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} D'(\varphi)(p) &= (\varphi \circ D)(p) \\ &= \varphi(Dp) \\ &= \varphi(p') \\ &= p'(3) \end{aligned}$$

• Define $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(P(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{F})$ by

$$\varphi(p) = \int_0^1 p(x) dx$$

Then $D'(\varphi)$ is the linear functional on $P(\mathbb{R})$ given by

$$(D'(\varphi))(p) = (\varphi \circ D)(p)$$

$$= \varphi(Dp)$$

$$= \varphi(p')$$

$$= \int_0^1 p'(x) dx$$

$$= p(1) - p(0)$$

3.10 Algebraic Properties of Dual Maps

(a) $(S+T)' = S' + T'$ for all $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$

(b) $(\lambda T)' = \lambda T'$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ and for all $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$

(c) $(ST)' = T'S'$ for all $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ and for all $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$

Proof: (a): For all $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F})$, we have

$$(S+T)'(\varphi) = \varphi \circ (S+T)$$

$$= \varphi \circ S + \varphi \circ T$$

$$= S'(\varphi) + T'(\varphi)$$

(b): For all $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F})$,

$$(\lambda T)'(\varphi) = \varphi \circ (\lambda T)$$

$$= \lambda \varphi \circ T$$

$$= \lambda T'(\varphi)$$

(c) For all $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (ST)'(\varphi) &= \varphi \circ (ST) \\ &= (\varphi \circ S) \circ T \\ &= T'(\varphi \circ S)' \\ &= T'(S'(\varphi)) \\ &= (T'S')(\varphi) \end{aligned}$$

So $(ST)'(\varphi) = T'S'$

3.102 Definition:

If U is a subspace of V , then the annihilator of U , denoted U° , is defined by

$$U^\circ = \{ \varphi \in V' : \varphi(u) = 0 \text{ for all } u \in U \}$$

3.103 Example

Let U be the subspace of $P(\mathbb{R})$, multiples consisting of all polynomials of x^2 , such as $x^2 p(x)$.

If $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(P(\mathbb{R}), \mathbb{F})$ is defined by

$$\varphi(p) = p'(0),$$

then $\varphi \in U^\circ$

$x^2 p(x) \in U$, if $p \in P(\mathbb{R})$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x^2 p(x)) &= (x^2 p(x))' \Big|_{x=0} \\ &= (2x p(x) + x^2 p'(x)) \Big|_{x=0} \\ &= 2(0) p(0) + 0^2 p'(0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

3.104 Example 1

Let e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5 denote the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^5 , and let $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3, \varphi_4, \varphi_5$ denote the dual basis of $(\mathbb{R}^5)^*$.

Suppose

$$U = \text{span}(e_1, e_2) \\ = \{ (x_1, x_2, 0, 0, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^5 : x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

Show $U^\circ = \text{span}(\varphi_3, \varphi_4, \varphi_5)$.

Solution: Recall from Example 3.97 that

$$\varphi_j(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = x_j$$

For any $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$.

Suppose we have $\varphi \in \text{span}(\varphi_3, \varphi_4, \varphi_5)$.

Then
$$\varphi = c_3 \varphi_3 + c_4 \varphi_4 + c_5 \varphi_5$$

for some $c_3, c_4, c_5 \in \mathbb{R}$. For all $(x_1, x_2, 0, 0, 0) \in U$,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x_1, x_2, 0, 0, 0) &= (c_3 \varphi_3 + c_4 \varphi_4 + c_5 \varphi_5)(x_1, x_2, 0, 0, 0) \\ &= c_3 \varphi_3(x_1, x_2, 0, 0, 0) + c_4 \varphi_4(x_1, x_2, 0, 0, 0) \\ &\quad + c_5 \varphi_5(x_1, x_2, 0, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$= c_3 \cdot 0 + c_4 \cdot 0 + c_5 \cdot 0$$

$$= 0$$

So $\varphi \in U^\circ$, and so

$$\text{span}(\varphi_3, \varphi_4, \varphi_5) \subset U^\circ$$

Suppose $\varphi \in U^0$. Since $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3, \varphi_4, \varphi_5$ is the dual basis of $(\mathbb{R}^5)'$, we can write uniquely as

$$\varphi = c_1 \varphi_1 + c_2 \varphi_2 + c_3 \varphi_3 + c_4 \varphi_4 + c_5 \varphi_5$$

for some $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5 \in \mathbb{R}$

Since $e_1 \in U$, we have

$$0 = \varphi(e_1)$$

$$= (c_1 \varphi_1 + c_2 \varphi_2 + c_3 \varphi_3 + c_4 \varphi_4 + c_5 \varphi_5)(e_1)$$

$$= c_1 \varphi_1(e_1) + c_2 \varphi_2(e_1) + c_3 \varphi_3(e_1) + c_4 \varphi_4(e_1) + c_5 \varphi_5(e_1)$$

$$= c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 \cdot 0 + c_3 \cdot 0 + c_4 \cdot 0 + c_5 \cdot 0$$

$$= c_1$$

Since $e_2 \in U$,

$$0 = \varphi(e_2)$$

$$= (c_1 \varphi_1 + c_2 \varphi_2 + c_3 \varphi_3 + c_4 \varphi_4 + c_5 \varphi_5)(e_2)$$

$$= c_1 \varphi_1(e_2) + c_2 \varphi_2(e_2) + c_3 \varphi_3(e_2) + c_4 \varphi_4(e_2) + c_5 \varphi_5(e_2)$$

$$= c_1 \cdot 0 + c_2 \cdot 1 + c_3 \cdot 0 + c_4 \cdot 0 + c_5 \cdot 0$$

$$= c_2$$

Therefore,

$$\varphi = c_1 \varphi_1 + c_2 \varphi_2 + c_3 \varphi_3 + c_4 \varphi_4 + c_5 \varphi_5$$

$$= 0 \varphi_1 + 0 \varphi_2 + c_3 \varphi_3 + c_4 \varphi_4 + c_5 \varphi_5$$

$$= c_3 \varphi_3 + c_4 \varphi_4 + c_5 \varphi_5$$

$$\in \text{span}(\varphi_3, \varphi_4, \varphi_5)$$

So $U^0 \subset \text{span}(\varphi_3, \varphi_4, \varphi_5)$

Therefore, $U^0 = \text{span}(\varphi_3, \varphi_4, \varphi_5)$.

3.105 The annihilator is a subspace

Suppose U is a subspace of V .

Then U° is a subspace of V' .

$$(V' = \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F}))$$

Proof:

• Additive identity: Since $0(u) = 0$ for all $u \in U$,
we have $0 \in U^\circ$

• Closed under addition: Suppose $\varphi, \psi \in U^\circ$, For all $u \in U$,
we have

$$\begin{aligned}(\varphi + \psi)(u) &= \varphi(u) + \psi(u) \\ &= 0 + 0 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

So $\varphi + \psi \in U^\circ$.

• Closed under scalar multiplication:

Suppose $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ and $\varphi \in U^\circ$, For all $u \in U$,
we have

$$\begin{aligned}(\lambda\varphi)(u) &= \lambda\varphi(u) \\ &= \lambda \cdot 0 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

So $\lambda\varphi \in U^\circ$



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3.111 Def:

The transpose of a matrix A , denoted A^t , is the matrix obtained from A by interchanging the rows and columns.

More specifically, if

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{1m} \\ A_{m1} & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \text{ then } A^t = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{m1} \\ A_{1n} & A_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

3.112 Ex

$$\text{If } A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -7 \\ 8 & 2 \\ -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then } A^t = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 & -4 \\ -7 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

3.113 The transpose of the product of matrices

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and
 B be an $n \times p$ matrix. Then
 $(AC)^t = C^t A^t$

Proof: Suppose we have

$$k=1, \dots, p \text{ and } j=1, \dots, m$$

Then

$$(AC)^t)_{k,j} = (AC)_{j,k}$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^n A_{j,r} C_{r,k}$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^n (A^t)_{r,j} (C^t)_{k,r}$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^n (C^t)_{k,r} (A^t)_{r,j}$$

$$= (C^t A^t)_{k,j}$$

Therefore, we have

$$(AC)^t = C^t A^t \quad \square$$

3.114 The matrix of T' is the transpose of the matrix of T

Suppose $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then

$$M(T') = (M(T))^t$$

Proof: Let $A = M(T)$ and $C = M(T')$

Suppose we have $j=1, \dots, m$ and $k=1, \dots, n$

By definition 3.32 of Axler, we have

$$T_{jk} = \sum_{r=1}^m A_{r,k} w_r$$

and so $M(T') = C$
 $= A^b$
 $= (M(T))^b$

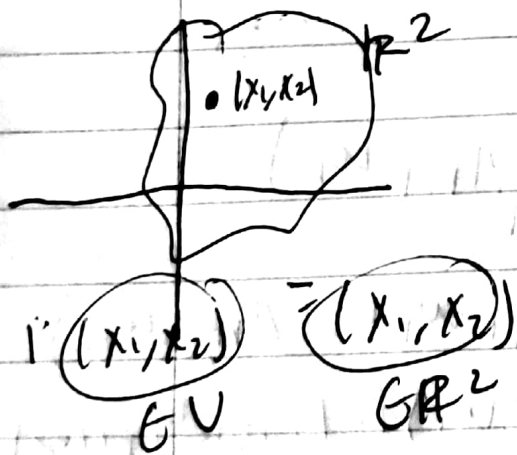


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3.106 Dimension of the annihilator

Suppose V is a finite-dimensional vector space and U is a subspace of V . Then
 $\dim U + \dim U^\circ = \dim V$

Proof: Let $i \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ be the inclusion map defined by $i(u) = u$ for all $u \in U$.



First, we will show that i is linear. Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ and $\psi, \varphi \in U$

• Additivity: For all $u \in U$, we have

$$(i^{-1}(\psi + \varphi))(u) = ((\psi + \varphi) \circ i)(u)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (\varphi + \psi)(i(u)) \\
&= (\varphi + \psi)(u) \\
&= \varphi(u) + \psi(u) \\
&= \varphi(i(u)) + \psi(i(u)) \\
&= (\varphi \circ i)(u) + (\psi \circ i)(u) \\
&= (i'(\varphi))(u) + (i'(\psi))(u) \\
&= (i'(\varphi) + i'(\psi))(u)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$i'(\varphi + \psi) = i'(\varphi) + i'(\psi)$$

Homogeneity: For all $u \in U$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(i'(\lambda\varphi))(u) &= ((\lambda\varphi) \circ i)(u) \\
&= (\lambda\varphi)(i(u)) \\
&= (\lambda\varphi)(u) \\
&= \lambda\varphi(u) \\
&= \lambda\varphi(i(u)) \\
&= \lambda((\varphi \circ i)(u)) \\
&= (\lambda(i'(\varphi)))(u)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $i'(\lambda\varphi) = \lambda i'(\varphi)$

Next, we will show $\text{null } i' = U^0$.

We have

$$\text{null } i' = \{ \varphi \in V' : i'(\varphi) = 0 \}$$

$$= \{ \varphi \in V' : \varphi \circ i = 0 \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{ \varphi \in V' : (\varphi \circ i)(u) = 0 \text{ for all } u \in U \}$$

$$= \{ \varphi \in V' : \varphi(i(u)) = 0 \text{ for all } u \in U \}$$

$$= \{ \varphi \in V' : \varphi(u) = 0 \text{ for all } u \in U \}$$

$$= U^0$$

By the Fund. Thm of Linear Maps (3.22 of Axler), we have

$$\dim V = \dim V' \quad \text{by 3.95 of Axler}$$

$$= \dim \text{range } i' + \dim \text{null } i'$$

$$= \dim \text{range } i' + \dim U^0$$

$$= \dim U' + \dim U^0$$

$$= \dim U + \dim U^0$$

once we show $\text{range } i' = U'$

Show $\text{range } i' = U'$

Suppose we have $\varphi \in U'$. By exercise 3.A.11 of Axler, we can extend to a linear functional ψ on V .

And by definition of i' we have $i'(\psi) = \varphi$.

So $\varphi \in \text{range } i'$, and so we have $U' \subseteq \text{range } i'$.

But 3.19 of Axler says that $\text{range } i'$ is a subspace of U' , therefore, $\text{range } i' = U'$, as desired. \square

3.107 The nullspace of T'

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional vector spaces and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then

$$(a) \text{ null } T' = (\text{range } T)^\circ$$

$$(b) \dim \text{null } T' = \dim \text{null } T + \dim W - \dim V.$$

Proof: (a) Suppose $\varphi \in \text{null } T'$. Then we have $T'(\varphi) = 0$. So for all $v \in V$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 0(v) \\ &= (T'(\varphi))(v) \\ &= (\varphi \circ T)(v) \\ &= \varphi(Tv) \end{aligned}$$

So $\varphi \in (\text{range } T)^\circ$, and so we have

$$\text{null } T' \subset (\text{range } T)^\circ$$

Suppose $\varphi \in (\text{range } T)^\circ$. Then $\varphi(Tv) = 0$ for all $v \in V$.

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{~~NA~~ } (T'(\varphi))(v) &= (\varphi \circ T)(v) \\ &= \varphi(Tv) \\ &= \varphi(0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and so $\varphi \in \text{null } T'$. So $(\text{range } T)^\circ \subset \text{null } T'$.

Therefore, $(\text{range } T)^\circ = \text{null } T'$.

(b). We have

$$\dim \text{null } T' = \dim (\text{range } T)^\circ \text{ by part (a)}$$

$$= \dim W - \dim \text{range } T \text{ by 3.106 of Axler}$$

$$= \dim W - (\dim V - \dim \text{null } T)$$

by Fund. Thm of Lin. Maps
(3.22)

$$= \dim \text{null } T + \dim W - \dim V$$

QED

3.108 T surjective is equivalent to T' injective

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional vector spaces and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then

T is surjective if and only if T' is injective

Proof: $\Leftrightarrow =$ "if and only if"

$T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ is surjective $\Leftrightarrow \text{range } T = W$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\text{range } T)^\circ = \{0\}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{null } T' = \{0\} \text{ by 3.107(a) of Axler}$$

$\Leftrightarrow T'$ is injective

Prove $(\text{range } T)^\circ = \{0\}$

We have

$$\dim (\text{range } T)^\circ = \dim W - \dim \text{range } T \text{ by 3.106 of Axler}$$

$$= \dim W - \dim W$$

$$= 0$$

$$= \dim \{0\}$$

if and only if $(\text{range } T)^\circ = \{0\}$, by Exercise 2.c.1 of Axler,
(\Leftarrow)

3.109 The range of T'

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional vector spaces and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then

(a) $\dim \text{range } T' = \dim \text{range } T$,

(b) $\text{range } T' = (\text{null } T)^\circ$.

Prove: (a) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \text{range } T' &= \dim W' - \dim \text{null } T' \text{ by Fund. Thm of Lin. Alg (3.22)} \\ &= \dim W - \dim \text{null } T' \text{ by 3.95 of Axler} \\ &= \dim W - \dim (\text{range } T)^\circ \text{ by 3.107(a)} \\ &= \dim \text{range } T \text{ by 3.106} \end{aligned}$$

(b): Suppose $\psi \in \text{range } T'$. Then there exists $\psi \in W'$ that satisfies $\psi = T'(\psi)$. For all $v \in \text{null } T$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(v) &= (T'(\psi))(v) \\ &= (\psi \circ T)(v) \\ &= \psi(Tv) \\ &= \psi(0) \text{ since } v \in \text{null } T \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

So $\psi \in (\text{null } T)^\circ$. Therefore, $\text{range } T' \subset (\text{null } T)^\circ$.

Show $\dim \text{range } T' = \dim (\text{null } T)^\circ$

We have

$$\dim \text{range } T' = \dim \text{range } T \text{ by 3.109(a)}$$

$$= \dim V - \dim \text{null } T \text{ by Fund. Thm of Lin Maps (3.22)}$$

$$= \dim (\text{null } T)^\circ \text{ by 3.106}$$

Therefore, we have in fact $\text{range } T' = (\text{null } T)^\circ$ \square

3.110 T injective is equivalent to T' surjective

Suppose V and W are finite-dimensional vector spaces and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then T is injective if and only if T' is surjective.

Proof: $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ is injective $\Leftrightarrow \text{null } T = \{0\}$ by 3.16 of Axler

$$\Leftrightarrow (\text{null } T)^\circ = V'$$

$\Leftrightarrow \text{range } T' = V'$ by 3.109(b) of Axler

$\Leftrightarrow T'$ is surjective

Prove $(\text{null } T)^\circ = V'$

We have

$$\dim (\text{null } T)^\circ = \dim V - \dim \text{null } T \text{ by 3.106 of Axler}$$

$$= \dim V - \dim \{0\}$$

$$= \dim V - 0$$

$$= \dim V$$

$$= \dim V' \text{ by 3.95 of Axler}$$

and only if $(\text{null } T)^\circ = V'$, by Exercise 2.C.1 of Axler