Assignment 1 MAT 257

Q3:

We first show that T is a linear mapping.

$$\phi_{\alpha x+y}$$

$$= T(\alpha x + y)$$

$$= \langle \alpha x + y, z \rangle$$

$$= \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$$

$$= \alpha \phi_x + \phi_y$$

Therefore T is a linear map from \mathbb{R}^n to $(\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ We now claim that T is injective. Suppose that $\phi_x = \phi_y$.

$$\implies T(x) = T(y)$$

$$\implies \langle x, z \rangle = \langle y, z \rangle \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\implies \langle x, z \rangle - \langle y, z \rangle = 0 \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\implies \langle x - y, z \rangle = 0 \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\implies x - y = 0$$

$$\implies x = y$$

Thus $T(y) = T(x) \implies y = x$. We can conclude that T is an injective mapping and so the dimension of the null space of T is 0. The dual space is $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$ it will have a dimension of n. It follows from the rank-nullity theorem that the image of T is also n dimensional. Equivalently, T is a surjective mapping. Therefore T is a bijection between \mathbb{R}^n and $(\mathbb{R}^n)^*$. So for each $\phi \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ there exists a unique $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $T(x) = \phi_x = \phi$