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## dual space separates points

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**Theorem -** Let X be a normed vector space. Given a linearly independent set  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} \subset X$  there exist continuous linear functionals  $f_1, \ldots, f_n \in X'$  such that

$$f_j(x_k) = \delta_{jk} \quad , 1 \le j, k \le n$$

If 
$$x \in span\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$
, then  $x = \sum_{j=1}^n f_j(x)x_j$ .

The above theorem shows that if f(x) = f(y) for every continuous linear functional f then x = y, therefore the dual space X' separates the points of X.