Axler 7.A exercise 3 May 31, 2021

Suppose $T\in\mathcal{L}(V)$ and U is a subspace of V. Prove that U is invariant under T iff U^\perp is invariant under T^* .

For all $u \in U$, $Tu = u' \in U$. Let $w = U^{\perp}$. Then, $T^*w =$

$$\langle u, T^*w \rangle = \langle Tu, w \rangle = \langle u', w \rangle$$

Let $u \in U$ and $w \in U^{\perp}$. Then,

$$\langle w, Tu \rangle = 0$$

This implies that both directions, since $U=U^{\perp^{\perp}}$ and $T=(T^*)^*$.