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LARSON—MATH 610—CLASSROOM WORKSHEET 24 Linear Functionals.
Concepts & Notation

- (Sec. 3.5) linear functional, trace, dual space, V^* , dual basis, annihilator.
- (Sec. 4.1) linear algebra, \mathbb{F}^{∞} , algebra of formal power series.

Review

- 1. What is the dual space V^* .
- 2. If $\mathcal{B} = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ is a basis for a vector space V, what is the dual basis \mathcal{B}^* ? New
- 3. (Claim:) If V is finite-dimensional then dim $V = \dim V^*$.

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over a field \mathbb{F} with basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ and dual basis $\mathcal{B}^* = \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$.

4. (Claim:) For every linear functional f on V:

$$f = \sum_{1}^{n} f(\alpha_i) f_i.$$

5. (Claim:) For every vector $\alpha \in V$:

$$\alpha = \sum_{1}^{n} f_i(\alpha) \alpha_i.$$

