



### Definition

The *dual vector space* (or *dual space*, *algebraic dual space*) of a vector space  $V$  over a field  $\mathbf{F}$  is the space  $\mathcal{L}(V, \mathbf{F})$ . In other words, the dual space is the set of linear functionals on  $V$ .

### Notation

There are many notations in use. We will use  $V'$ . Another common notation is  $V^*$  (however we reserve this notation for adjoints, to come).



