

3.106 Suppose V is finite-dimensional and U is a subspace of V . Then

$$\dim U + \dim U^\circ = \dim V.$$

Proof

▶ let u_1, \dots, u_m be basis of U

Extend the list to be basis of V , $u_1, \dots, u_m, u_{m+1}, \dots, u_n$

let $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_m, \ell_{m+1}, \dots, \ell_n$ be dual basis of V^* .

▶ we will show that $U^\circ = \text{span}(\ell_{m+1}, \dots, \ell_n)$

▶ $\text{span}(\ell_{m+1}, \dots, \ell_n) \subset U^\circ$

let $\ell \in \text{span}(\ell_{m+1}, \dots, \ell_n)$.

Then there exist c_{m+1}, \dots, c_n such that

$$\ell = c_{m+1} \ell_{m+1} + \dots + c_n \ell_n$$

let $u \in \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_m) = a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m$ for some

$$a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{F}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{thus } \ell(u) &= (c_{m+1} \ell_{m+1} + \dots + c_n \ell_n)(a_1 u_1 + \dots + a_m u_m) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell \in U^\circ$$