

Proof :

Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(V, \mathbb{F})$.

Then $\text{range } \varphi$ is a subspace of \mathbb{F} . (3.19
Axler)

Thus $\dim(\text{range } \varphi) \leq \dim \mathbb{F} = 1$ (2.38
Axler)

ie. $\dim \text{range } \varphi = 1$ or 0

ie $\text{range } \varphi = \mathbb{F}$ or $\text{range } \varphi = \{0\}$.