



Lecture 11: Duality (cont'd) and Rank

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Range and Column Rank

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$\mathcal{M} : \text{span}(Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n) \rightarrow \text{span}(\mathcal{M}(Tv_1), \dots, \mathcal{M}(Tv_n))$ is an isomorphism.

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