1. Let X_1, X_2 be vector spaces over a field K. Show that $\dim(X_1 \times X_2) = \dim X_1 + \dim X_2$.
2. Let Y be a subspace of a vector space X. Show that $Y \times X/Y$ is isomorphic to X.
3. Let K be a finite field. The *characteristic* of K, denoted $\operatorname{char} K$, is the smallest positive integer n for which $n1 := \underbrace{1 + 1 + \cdots + 1}_{n \text{ times}} = 0$.
   (a) Prove that the characteristic of K is prime.
   (b) Show that K is a vector space over $\mathbb{Z}_p$, where $p = \operatorname{char} K$.
   (c) Show that the order $|K|$ of K (the number of elements it contains) is a prime power.
   (d) Show that if K and L are finite fields with $K \subset L$ and $|K| = p^m$ and $|L| = p^n$, then m divides n.
4. Let X be a vector space over a field K and let X' be the the set of linear functions from X to K, also known as the *dual space* of X.
   (a) Let $v_1, \dots, v_n$ be a basis for X. For each i, show there exists a unique linear map $f_i \colon X \to K$ such that $f_i(v_i) = 1$ and $f_i(v_j) = 0$ for $j \neq i$.
   (b) Show that $f_1, \dots, f_n$ is a basis for X' (called the *dual basis* of $v_1, \dots, v_n$).
   (c) Consider the basis $v_1 = (1, -1, 3)$, $v_2 = (0, 1, -1)$, and $v_3 = (0, 3, -2)$ of $X = \mathbb{R}^3$. Find a formula for each element of the dual basis.
   (d) Express the linear map $f \in X'$, where $f(x, y, z) = 2x - y + 3z$ as a linear combination of the dual basis, f_1, f_2, f_3.
5. Let S be a subset of X. The *annihilator* of S is the set

$$S^\perp = \{\ell \in X' \mid \ell(s) = 0 \text{ for all } s \in S\}.$$

   (a) Show that if S is a subspace of X, then $S^\perp$ is a subspace of X'.
   (b) Let Y be the smallest subspace of X that contains S. Show that $S^\perp = Y^\perp$.