

The four fundamental spaces of a lin. map f are:

$\ker f, \operatorname{im} f, \ker f^*, \operatorname{im} f^*$ (f^* the dual map)

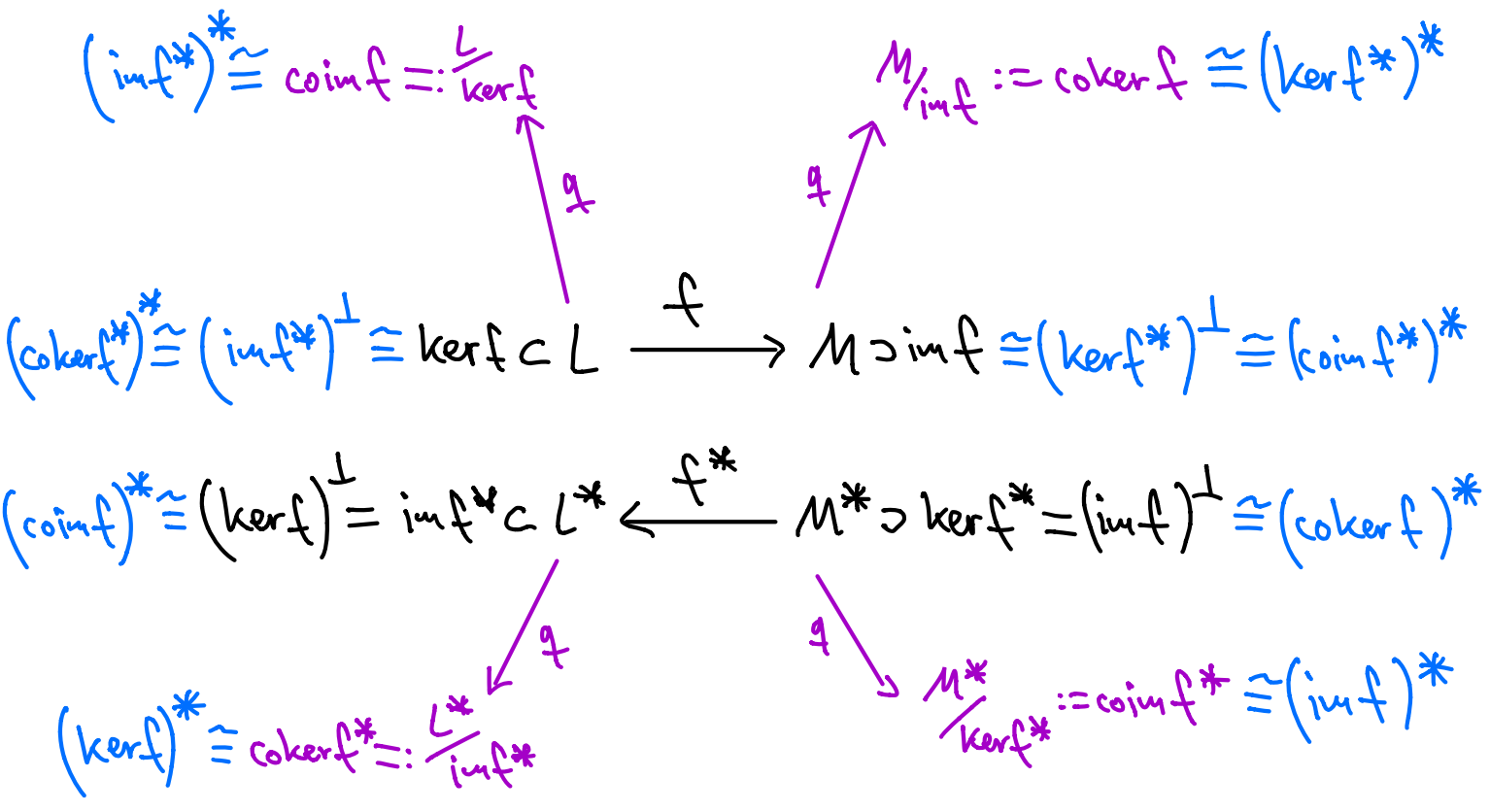
$\ker f \subset L \xrightarrow{f} M \supset \operatorname{im} f$

$\operatorname{im} f^* \subset L^* \xleftarrow{f^*} M^* \supset \ker f^*$

Def.: Let $M \subset L$ be a subspace. Then $M^\perp \subset L^*$, the orthogonal complement of M (Axler: "annihilator of M "), is def. as $\{m^* \in L^* : m^*(m) = 0 \forall m \in M\}$.

note: M^\perp is a subspace

big diagram relating all involved spaces ($\dim L < \infty, \dim M < \infty$)
(\cong means canonically isomorphic)



for the proof we need two lemmas:

Lemma 1: For M a subspace of L , $\frac{L^*}{M^\perp} \cong M^*$ (can. isom.)

Lemma 2: For M a subspace of L , $\left(\frac{L}{M}\right)^* \cong M^\perp$ (can. isom.)

Proof of lemma 1:

def. $i: \frac{L^*}{M^\perp} \rightarrow M^*$, $f + M^\perp \mapsto f|_M$ (restriction of f to M)

$\hookrightarrow i$ is linear

$\hookrightarrow i$ is surjective, clear

$\hookrightarrow i$ is injective, since $\ker i = \{0\}$ ($f|_M = 0 \Rightarrow f \in M^\perp$ and $f + M^\perp = M^\perp$ is the zero element of $\frac{L^*}{M^\perp}$) \square

Proof of lemma 2:

first, note that $\dim \left(\frac{L}{M}\right)^* = \dim \frac{L}{M} = \dim L - \dim M \stackrel{\text{see HW}}{=} \dim M^\perp$

construct canonical isomorphism

quotient map $q: L \rightarrow \frac{L}{M}$, dual map $q^*: \left(\frac{L}{M}\right)^* \rightarrow L^*$

we show $\ker q^* = \{0\}$ and $\text{im } q^* = M^\perp$

$\bullet q^*: \left(\frac{L}{M}\right)^* \rightarrow L^*$, $g \mapsto q^*(g)$ i.e., $q^*(g)(l) = g(q(l)) = g(l+M)$

so $q^*(g) = 0$ means $q^*(g)(l) = 0 \forall l \in L$, i.e. $g(l+M) = 0 \forall l \in L$

$\Rightarrow \ker q^* = \{0\}$

so $g = 0$

• let $l' \in \text{img } f^*$, then for $u \in M$ then $l'(u) = f^*(g)(u)$ for some $g \in (\frac{L}{M})^*$
 $= g(u+M)$
 $= g(M) = 0$

so $\text{img } f^* \subset M^\perp$

let $u' \in M^\perp$, just def. $\tilde{u} \in (\frac{L}{M})^*$ by

$$\tilde{u}: \frac{L}{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, l+M \mapsto \tilde{u}(l+M) := u'(l+M) = u'(l)$$

$$\Rightarrow f^*(\tilde{u}) = u', \text{ so } M^\perp \subset \text{img } f^* \Rightarrow \text{img } f^* = M^\perp$$

$\Rightarrow f^*: (\frac{L}{M})^* \rightarrow M^\perp$ is a (canonical) isomorphism □