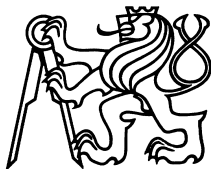
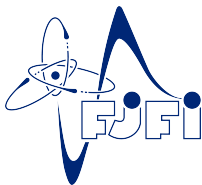


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Then  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{E}^*}$  defines a graded vector bundle  $\mathcal{E}^*$  called **the dual to**  $\mathcal{E}$ . If  $(r_j)_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} = \text{grk}(\mathcal{E})$ , the  $\text{grk}(\mathcal{E}^*) = (r_{-j})_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$ .  $(\mathcal{E}^*)^* \cong \mathcal{E}$ .

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**Thank you for your attention!**

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