

Chapter 12: Linear Maps

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1 General approach

1.1 Definition

Let E, F two $\mathbb{K} - VS$, and f a mapping from E to F . We say that f is a linear (or f is a linear map) if:

$$\forall(\alpha, X, Y) \in \mathbb{K} \times E \times E, f(\alpha \cdot X + Y) = \alpha \cdot f(X) + f(Y)$$

$$\Longleftrightarrow$$

$$\forall(\alpha, \beta, X, Y) \in \mathbb{K} \times \mathbb{K} \times E \times E, f(\alpha \cdot X + \beta \cdot Y) = \alpha \cdot f(X) + \beta \cdot f(Y)$$

1.2 Notation

We denote $L(E, F)$ the set of all linear maps from E to F .

1.3 Specific Linear Maps

1.3.1 Definition

1. Let $f \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$: we say f is an endomorphism if $E = F$ we then denote $\mathcal{L}(E)$ the set of all endomorphism of E .
2. Let $f \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$: we say f is an isomorphism if f is bijective.
3. Let $f \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$: we say f is an automorphism if f is an endomorphism and an isomorphism. ($E = F$ and bijective)

1.4 Necessary Condition

$$f \in \mathcal{L}(E, F) \implies f(0_E) = 0_F$$

1.4.1 Proof

<p>Let $X \in E$</p> $f(0_E) = f(0_E \times X)$ $f(0_E) = 0_F \times f(X)$ $f(0_E) = 0_F$	<p>Let $X \in E$</p> $f(0_E) = f(X - X)$ $f(0_E) = f(X) - f(X)$ $f(0_E) = 0_F$
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2 Kernel and Images

2.1 Definition

Let E and F two $\mathbb{K} - VS$ and $f \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$. Then:

1. We call kernel of f and denote $Ker(f)$ the subset of E defined as follows:

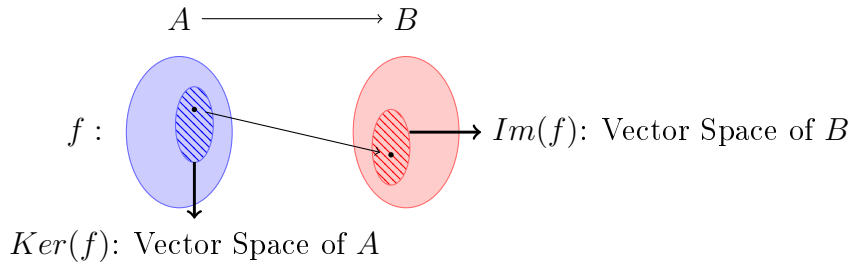
$$Ker(f) = \{X \in E, f(X) = 0_F\} = f^{-1}(\{0_F\})$$

Note: $f^{-1}()$ is NOT the inverse of f because f is not necessarily bijective.

2. We call image of f and denote $Im(f)$ the subset of F defined as follows:

$$Im(f) = \{f(X), X \in E\} = \{Y \in F, \exists X \in E, f(X) = Y\}$$

2.2 Graphics representation



2.3 Example

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \text{① } f \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3)?$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{② } Kerf = ?$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \text{③ } Imf = ?$$

① Necessary condition: $f(0_E) = 0_F : f(0_{\mathbb{R}^2}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} ?$

$$\forall (\alpha, X, Y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2, X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } Y = \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix}, x, y, x', y' \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(\alpha \cdot X + Y) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \cdot x + x' \\ \alpha \cdot y + y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \cdot x + x' \\ 0 \\ \alpha \cdot y + y' \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ 0 \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \cdot f(X) + f(Y)$$

so ① $f \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3) \checkmark$

② $Ker(f) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \text{Im}(f) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix}, (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \right\} = \left\{ x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \right\}$$

$$\text{Im}(f) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

2.4 Proposition

1. Let $f \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ and $g \in \mathcal{L}(F, G)$. Then:

$$g \circ f \in \mathcal{L}(E, G)$$

2. If f is bijective then f^{-1} is bijective and $f^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(F, E)$

3. $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$ is a $\mathbb{K} - VS$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(E, F): \quad E &\longrightarrow F \\ X &\mapsto B_F \in \mathcal{L}(F, E) \end{aligned} \quad \forall (\alpha, f, g) \in \mathbb{K} \times \mathcal{L}^2(E, F)$$

$$\alpha \cdot f + g \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$$

4. Let $f \in \mathcal{L}(A, B)$:

- f is injective $\iff \text{Ker}(f) = \{0_A\}$
- f is surjective $\iff \text{Im}(f) = B$

3 Projects and Symmetries

3.1 Reminder:

3.1.1 Definition of supplementary subspaces

Let E a $\mathbb{K} - VS$. Let F and G two supplementary $\mathbb{K} - VSS$ of E :

$$E = F \oplus G \iff \forall X \in E, \exists! (X_F, X_G) \in F \times G, X = X_F + X_G$$

3.2 Proposition

Let us consider:

$$p: \quad \begin{array}{ccc} E & \longrightarrow & F \subset E \\ & & \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}} \\ X & \xrightarrow{p} & X_F \xrightarrow{p} X_F \end{array}$$

1. $p \in \mathcal{L}(E)$
2. $p \circ p (= p^2) = p$
3.
 - $\text{Ker}(p) = G$
 - $\text{Im}(p) = F$

3.3 Definition

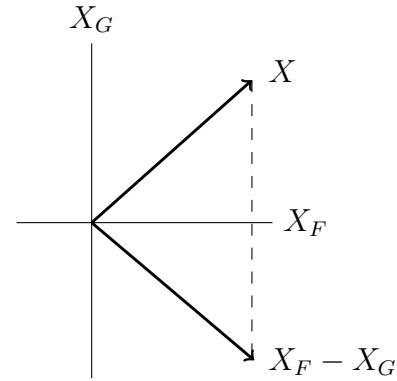
We call projector from \mathbb{K} - VS E over \mathbb{K} - VS F , any endomorphism p of E such that $p \circ p = p$. (We often say that p is a projector over F parallel of/alongside G .)

$$\text{Im}(p) \oplus \text{Ker}(p) = E$$

Let us consider:

$$\begin{aligned} S : \quad E &\longrightarrow E \\ X &\longmapsto (2P - \text{Id}_E)(X) = 2p(x) - X \end{aligned}$$

1. $S \in \mathcal{L}(E)$
2. $\forall X \in E, S(X) = X_E - X_G$
3. $S \circ S = \text{Id}_E$



4 Rank Nullity Theorem (RNT)

4.1 Definition of Rank

Let E and F two finite dimensional vector spaces. We call rank of any mapping f from $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$ and denote $\text{rank}(f)$ the dimension of $\text{Im}(f)$:

$$\text{rank}(f) = \dim(\text{Im}(f))$$

4.2 Proposition

Let E a finite dimensional \mathbb{K} - VS such that $B = (U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n)$ a basis of E . Let F a \mathbb{K} - VS. Then let $f \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$. We have:

$$\text{Im}(f) = \text{sp}(\{f(U_1), f(U_2), \dots, f(U_n)\})$$

We then deduce the following theorem:

4.3 Theorem (Rank Nullity Theorem)

Let E a finite dimensional VS and $f \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$. Then:

$$\dim(\mathbf{E}) = \dim(\text{Ker}(\mathbf{f})) + \overbrace{\text{rank}(\mathbf{f})}^{\dim(\text{Im}(\mathbf{f}))}$$

4.4 Corollary

Let $f \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ where E and F two finite dimensional vector spaces.

$$\text{If } \dim(E) = \dim(F) (\iff \dim(\text{Ker}(f)) = 0 \text{ or } \dim(\text{Im}(f)) = 0)$$

$$\implies$$

$$f \text{ injective} \iff f \text{ surjective} \iff f \text{ bijective}$$

4.5 Involvement

$$f \text{ injective} \iff \text{Ker}(f) = \{0_E\}$$

$$[f \text{ injective} \implies \dim(E) \leq \dim(F)] \iff [\dim(E) > \dim(F) \implies f \text{ not injective}]$$

$$f \text{ surjective} \iff \text{Im}(f) = F$$

$$[f \text{ surjective} \implies \dim(E) \geq \dim(F)] \iff [\dim(E) < \dim(F) \implies f \text{ not surjective}]$$

4.6 Proof of corollary

Hypothesis: $\dim(E) = \dim(F)$

$$f \text{ injective} \iff \text{Ker}(f) = \{0_E\}$$

$$\iff \dim(\text{Ker}(f)) = 0$$

$$\iff \dim(E) = \dim(\text{Ker}(f)) + \dim(\text{Im}(f))$$

$$\iff \dim(E) = \dim(\text{Im}(f))$$

$$\iff \dim(F) = \dim(\text{Im}(f))$$

$$f \text{ surjective} \iff \text{Im}(f) = F$$

5 Important Proof

5.1 Proposition (Kernel and image).

Let E and F be two vector spaces over \mathbb{R} and $f \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$.

1. $\text{Ker}(f)$ is a linear subspace of E .
2. $\text{Im}(f)$ is a linear subspace of F .

5.1.1 Proof:

1. $\text{Ker}(f)$ is a linear subspace of E .

- By definition, $\text{Ker}(f) \subset E$. Since f is a linear map from E to F , we know that $f(0_E) = 0_F$, that is, $0_E \in \text{Ker}(f)$.

- Let $(u, v) \in (Ker(f))^2$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha u + v) &= \alpha f(u) + f(v) \text{ because } f \text{ is a linear map} \\ &= \alpha(0_F) + (0_F) \\ &= 0_F \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\alpha u + v \in Ker(f)$. $Ker(f)$ is hence a linear subspace of E .

2. $Im(f)$ is a linear subspace of F .

- By definition, $Im(f) \subset F$. Since f is a linear map from E to F , we know that $0_F = f(0_E)$. Thus, $0_F \in Im(f)$.
- Let $(v, v') \in (Im(f))^2$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Then:

$$v \in Im(f) \Leftrightarrow \exists w \in E, v = f(w) \quad \text{and} \quad v' \in Im(f) \Leftrightarrow \exists w' \in E, v' = f(w')$$

We hence get:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha v + v' &= \alpha f(w) + f(w') \\ &= f(\alpha w + w') \text{ since } f \text{ is a linear map} \end{aligned}$$

This proves that $\alpha v + v' \in Im(f)$. $Im(f)$ is hence a linear subspace of F .

5.2 Proposition (Characterizing injective and surjective linear maps).

Let E and F be two vector spaces over \mathbb{R} and $f \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$.

1. f is injective if and only if $Ker(f) = \{0_E\}$.
2. f is surjective if and only if $Im(f) = F$.

5.2.1 Proof:

1. \Rightarrow Assume that f is injective. We hence know that

$$\forall (u, u') \in E^2, f(u) = f(u') \Rightarrow u = u'$$

- Let $u \in Ker(f)$.
 $f(u) = 0_F$ and $0_F = f(0_E)$. (because f is a linear map) $\Rightarrow f(u) = f(0_E) \Rightarrow u = 0_E$ using the injectivity definition. This proves that $Ker(f) \subset \{0_E\}$.
- Since $\{0_E\} \subset Ker(f)$, we get $Ker(f) = \{0_E\}$.

\Leftarrow Assume that $Ker(f) = \{0_E\}$.

Let $(u, u') \in E^2$ such that $f(u) = f(u')$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) &= f(u') \Rightarrow f(u) - f(u') = 0_F \\ &\Rightarrow f(u - u') = 0_F \text{ because } f \text{ is a linear map} \\ &\Rightarrow u - u' \in Ker(f) \\ &\Rightarrow u - u' = \{0_E\} \text{ because } Ker(f) = \{0_E\} \\ &\Rightarrow u - u' = 0_E \\ &\Rightarrow u = u' \end{aligned}$$

f is hence injective.

2. For the surjectivity, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} f \text{ surjective} &\iff \forall v \in F, \exists u \in E, v = f(u) \\ &\iff \forall v \in F, v \in \text{Im}(f) \\ &\iff F \subset \text{Im}(f) \\ &\iff \text{Im}(f) = F \text{ since the inclusion } \text{Im}(f) \subset F \text{ is always true} \end{aligned}$$