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:

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

$$\iff$$

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

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

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

1.4.1 Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Let } X \in E & \text{and} & X \in E. \\
f(0_E) = f(0_R \times X) & \text{and} & f(0_E) = f(X - X) \\
f(0_E) = 0_R \times f(X) & \text{and} & f(0_E) = f(X) - f(X) \\
f(0_E) = 0_F & \text{and} & f(0_E) = 0_F
\end{array}$$

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:

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

Note: $f^{-1}()$ is NOT the inverse of f beacause 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 Example

$$f: \quad R^2 \longrightarrow R^3$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

1. $f \in \mathcal{L}(R^2, R^3)$?
2. Kerf = ?
3. Imf = ?

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

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