

# 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 <math>X \in E</math></p> $f(0_E) = f(0_E \times X)$ $f(0_E) = 0_F \times f(X)$ $f(0_E) = 0_F$	<p>Let <math>X \in E</math></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:

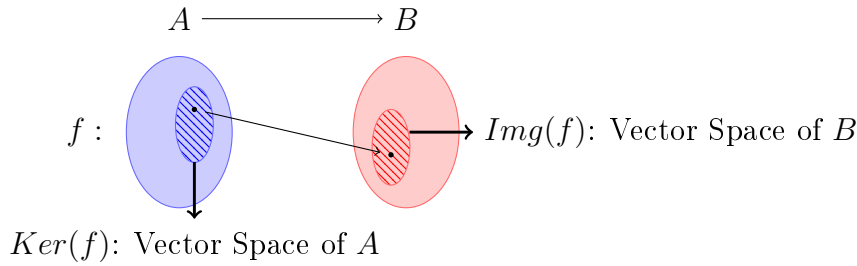
$$Ker(f) = \{X \in E, f(X) = 0_F\} = f^{-1}(\{0_F\})$$

*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

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

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

$$\text{③ } Imf = ?$$

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  $G$ .)

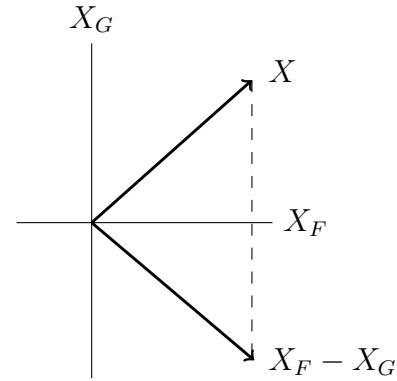
$$\text{Im}(p) \oplus \text{Ker}(p) = E$$

Let us consider:

$$S : \quad E \longrightarrow E$$

$$X \longmapsto (2P - \text{Id}_E)(X) = 2p(x) - X$$

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:

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

#### 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:

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