

Using Images and Kernels

$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a linear mapping $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ an $m \times n$ matrix A such that $f(x) = Ax$

Can write $\text{Im}(f)$ as $\text{Im}(A)$ and $\text{Ker}(f)$ as $\text{Ker}(A)$

$\text{Im}(A) = \text{Im}(f) = \text{span of linearly independent columns of } A$

$\text{Ker}(A) = \text{solutions of } Ax = 0$

$\dim(\text{Im}(A)) + \dim(\text{Ker}(A)) = n$