

Let  $f: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map. The **kernel** of  $f$ , denoted by  $\ker f$ , is defined to be the inverse image of  $0 \in W$  under  $f$  and is a subspace of the domain  $V$ . The **image** of  $f$ , denoted by  $\operatorname{im} f$ , is defined to be the linear subspace  $\{f(v) \mid v \in V\}$  of the codomain. The **cokernel** of  $f$ , denoted by  $\operatorname{coker} f$ , is defined to be the quotient space  $W/\operatorname{im} f$  of the codomain by the image. The **coimage** of  $f$ , denoted by  $\operatorname{coim} f$ , is defined to be the quotient space  $V/\ker f$  of the domain by the kernel.

1. Let  $f: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map. Show that

- (a)  $f$  is injective  $\iff$  the kernel of  $f$  is trivial (i.e.,  $\{0\}$ ).
- (b)  $f$  is surjective  $\iff$  the cokernel of  $f$  is trivial.
- (c)  $f$  is isomorphism  $\iff$  both kernel and cokernel of  $f$  are trivial.
- (d)  $f$  is surjective  $\iff$  for any linear map  $g: W \rightarrow Z$ ,  $gf = 0 \implies g = 0$ .
- (e)  $f$  is injective  $\iff$  for any linear map  $h: U \rightarrow V$ ,  $fh = 0 \implies h = 0$ .

Now we assume that  $V$  and  $W$  are finite dimensional, say  $V = \mathbb{F}^n$  and  $W = \mathbb{F}^m$ , then  $f$  is the multiplication by an  $m \times n$ -matrix  $A$ .

- (f) Please translate the five statements above into the corresponding statements about matrix  $A$ .

2. Let  $f: V \rightarrow W$  be a set map between linear spaces. Show that

- (a) its graph  $\Gamma_f := \{(v, f(v)) \mid v \in V\}$  is a linear subspace of the product linear space  $V \times W \iff f$  is a linear map.
- (b) in case  $f$  is linear, its domain is naturally linearly equivalent to its graph:  $\operatorname{domain} f \equiv \Gamma_f$ .

3. We say a linear map  $f: V \rightarrow W$  is an imbedding if the map  $\bar{f}: V \rightarrow \operatorname{image} f$  that sends  $v$  to  $f(v)$  is a linear equivalence. Show that  $f$  is an imbedding  $\iff f$  is one-to-one.

An optional exercise: We say a topological map (i.e., continuous map)  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is an imbedding if the map  $\bar{f}: X \rightarrow \operatorname{image} f$  that sends  $x$  to  $f(x)$  is a topological equivalence (i.e., homeomorphism). Show that  $f$  is an imbedding implies that  $f$  is one-to-one, but the converse is not true.

4. Let  $V$  be a linear subspace of  $W$  and  $\sim$  be this equivalence relation on  $W$ :

$$w \sim w' \text{ if and only if } w - w' \in V.$$

We let  $W/V$  denote the set of equivalence classes.

- (a) Show that there is a unique linear structure on  $W/V$  such that the quotient map  $q: W \rightarrow W/V$  is a linear map.

- (b) Show that, for any linear map  $\phi: W \rightarrow Z$  such that  $\phi(v) = 0$  for any  $v \in V$ , there is a *unique* linear map  $\bar{\phi}: W/V \rightarrow Z$  such that

$$\bar{\phi} \circ q = \phi.$$

(This statement is called the *universal property* for the quotient  $q$ . ) Schematically we write

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W & \xrightarrow{\forall \phi} & Z \\ q \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! \bar{\phi} & \\ W/V & & \end{array}$$

**Remark:**  $W/V$  is called the quotient space of  $W$  by the subspace  $V$  and is also called algebraic normal space of  $V$  in  $W$ . It is a fact that  $\dim W/V = \dim W - \dim V$ .

- (c) Let  $V$  be a linear subspace of  $W$ . Then the inclusion map  $\iota: V \hookrightarrow W$  is a linear map with image inside  $V$ . Please formulate and prove the universal property for the inclusion map  $\iota$ . Hint: One way to get it is to dualize the universal property for the quotient map  $W \rightarrow W/V$ . Note that  $V = \ker q$ .
5. Let  $V$  be a linear space and  $S$  be a spanning set for  $V$ . Show that  $S$  is a minimal spanning set for  $V \iff S$  is a linearly independent set. Note that  $S$  here is not required to be finite.