

# LA5 Linear Operator Equations

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# Overview

## Ch3. Linear Operators

3.4 Linear Operator Equations

3.5 Existence and Uniqueness of Solutions

The First Isomorphism Theorem

## Observe

- ▶ Every linear operator  $L : F^n \rightarrow F^m$ , there is  $A \in F^{m \times n}$  such that  $L(x) = Ax$ .
- ▶ What is A? Let  $\{e_i\}$  be the standard basis for  $F^n$ . Define

$$A_i = L(e_i),$$

and then

$$L\left(\sum x_i e_i\right) = \sum x_i L(e_i) = \sum x_i A_i = Ax.$$

### Ex 3.2.4

Fix  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $L : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $L(x, y) = (x + ry, y)$ . Then  $L$  is linear. Find the matrix representing of  $L$ .

### Ex 3.2.6

Let  $w = \alpha + i\beta$  be a fixed complex number and define  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $f(z) = wz$ .

- (a) Regarding  $\mathbb{C}$  as a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ , prove that  $f$  is linear.
- (b) Regard the set  $\mathbb{C}$  as identical with  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , writing  $(x, y)$  for  $x + iy$ . Represent the function  $f$  by multiplication by a  $2 \times 2$  matrix.

## Definition

Let  $X, Y$  be any sets, and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function.

1.  $f$  is injective if  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  implies  $x_1 = x_2$ .
2.  $f$  is surjective if for each  $y \in Y$ , there is  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .
3.  $f$  is bijective if  $f$  is both injective and surjective.

## Theorem

*Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Then  $f$  is bijective if and only if there is  $g : Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $f \circ g(y) = y$  and  $g \circ f(x) = x$ . Furthermore, such  $g$  is unique.*

### Ex 3.3.4

Let  $X, Y, Z$  be sets, and  $f : X \rightarrow Y, g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be bijective functions. Show that  $g \circ f$  is bijective and find  $(g \circ f)^{-1}$ .



### Ex 3.3.5

Let  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  be sets, and suppose  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are given functions.

(a)  $f$  and  $g \circ f$  invertible  $\implies g$  invertible?

Injective:

Surjective:

(b)  $g$  and  $g \circ f$  invertible  $\implies f$  invertible?

Injective:

Surjective:

(c)  $g \circ f$  invertible  $\implies f, g$  invertible?

## Definition

A linear map  $L : X \rightarrow Y$  is called an isomorphism if  $L$  is bijective.

## Check

$L^{-1}$  is linear.

## Definition

Let  $X, Y$  be vector spaces.  $X$  and  $Y$  are isomorphic if there is an isomorphism  $L : X \rightarrow Y$ .

## Theorem

*Let  $X, Y, Z$  be vector spaces over  $F$ . Suppose  $X \cong Y$  and  $Y \cong Z$ . Then  $X \cong Z$ .*

## Theorem

*Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are both  $n$ -dimensional. Then  $X \cong Y$ .*

## Remark

Let  $X$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space with basis  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ . Define  $E_{\mathcal{X}} : X \rightarrow F^n$  by  $E_{\mathcal{X}}(x_i) = e_i$  and  $E_{\mathcal{X}}(\sum \alpha_i x_i) = \sum \alpha_i e_i$ . Then  $E_{\mathcal{X}}$  is an isomorphism. Note that  $E_{\mathcal{X}}$  depends on a basis.

## Notation

$E_{\mathcal{X}}(x) = [x]_{\mathcal{X}}$ , i.e.,  $[\cdot]_{\mathcal{X}} : X \rightarrow F^n$ .

## Observe

Suppose  $L : (X, \mathcal{X}) \rightarrow (U, \mathcal{U})$  be linear map where  $\dim X = n$ ,  $\dim U = m$ .

- (1) What is  $A$ ?
- (2) What if bases change?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F^n & \xrightarrow{A} & F^m \\ E_{\mathcal{X}} \uparrow & & \uparrow E_{\mathcal{U}} \\ X & \xrightarrow{L} & Y \end{array}$$

Notation

$$A = [L]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}}.$$

## Observe

(1) What is  $[L]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}}$ ?

Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be the standard basis for  $F^n$ .

1.  $e_i^n = [x_i]_{\mathcal{X}} = E_{\mathcal{X}}(x_i)$
2.  $([L]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}})_i = [L]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}} e_i^n = [L]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}} [x_i]_{\mathcal{X}} = [L(x_i)]_{\mathcal{U}}$ . Hence,

$$[L]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}} = [[L(x_1)]_{\mathcal{U}} | \dots | [L(x_n)]_{\mathcal{U}}]$$

## Observe

- (2) What if bases change? Then  $[L]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}}$  will be changed.  
 Idea)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (X, \mathcal{X}_1) & \xrightarrow{E_{\mathcal{X}_1}} & F^n \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow M_{1,2}^X \\ (X, \mathcal{X}_2) & \xrightarrow{E_{\mathcal{X}_2}} & F^n \end{array}$$

Similarly, we can find  $M_{1,2}^U$ . Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F^n & \xrightarrow{[L]_{\mathcal{X}_2, \mathcal{U}_2}} & F^m \\ E_{\mathcal{X}_2} \uparrow & & \uparrow E_{\mathcal{U}_2} \\ X & \xrightarrow{L} & U \\ E_{\mathcal{X}_1} \downarrow & & \downarrow E_{\mathcal{U}_1} \\ F^n & \xrightarrow{[L]_{\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{U}_1}} & F^m \end{array}$$

Hence,  $[L]_{\mathcal{X}_2, \mathcal{U}_2} = (M_{1,2}^Y)[L]_{\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{U}_1}(M_{1,2}^X)^{-1}$ .



### Ex 3.3.7

Let  $L : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $L(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$ . Let  $\mathcal{X} = \{(1, 1), (1, 2)\}$ .

(1)  $[L]_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(2) Find  $[L]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}}$ .

►  $[L]_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}}$ .

$$(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{S}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{S})$$

$$e_i \mapsto L(e_i) = \square e_1 + \triangle e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \square \\ \triangle \end{bmatrix}$$

►  $[L]_{x,x}$

$$[L]_{x,x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = (1, 1) \mapsto (2, 2) = \textcolor{red}{2}(1, 1) + \textcolor{red}{0}(1, 2)$$

$$x_2 = (1, 2) \mapsto (3, 3) = 3(1, 1) + 0(1, 2)$$



## Ex 3.3.8

Let  $I : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  by  $I(x) = x$ . Let

$$\mathcal{S} = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}, \mathcal{X} = \{(1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1), (0, 0, 1)\}.$$

Then

$$[I]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{S}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(1, 1, 1) \mapsto 1 \cdot (1, 0, 0) + 1 \cdot (0, 1, 0) + 1 \cdot (0, 0, 1)$$

$$(0, 1, 1) \mapsto 0 \cdot (1, 0, 0) + 1 \cdot (0, 1, 0) + 1 \cdot (0, 0, 1)$$

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$$[I]_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(1, 0, 0) \mapsto 1 \cdot (1, 0, 0) + (-1) \cdot (0, 1, 0) + 0 \cdot (0, 0, 1)$$

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### Ex 3.3.17

$F^{m \times n} \cong F^{mn}$  as follows: Map  $A \in F^{m \times n}$  to  $a \in F^{mn}$  by

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & \cdots & A_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & \cdots & A_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \mapsto (A_{11}, \dots, A_{1n}, A_{21}, \dots, A_{mn})$$

$a_k = A_{ij}$  where  $k = n(i - 1) + j$ .

## Ex 3.3.20

Let  $X, U$  be finite dimensional vector spaces over  $F$  with bases

$$\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, \mathcal{U} = \{u_1, \dots, u_m\}.$$

Let  $A \in F^{m \times n}$ . Prove that there is a unique linear map  $L : X \rightarrow U$  such that  $[L]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}} = A$ .

### Proof

(1) Existence: Let  $\{e_1^n, \dots, e_n^n\}, \{e_1^m, \dots, e_m^m\}$  be the standard bases for  $F^n$  and  $F^m$ , respectively. Define  $L : X \rightarrow U$  as follows:

- ▶  $L(x_i) = Ae_i^m$
- ▶ For  $x = \sum_1^n \alpha_i x_i$ ,  $L(x) = \sum_1^n \alpha_i L(x_i)$ .

Since  $\mathcal{X}$  is a basis,  $L$  is well defined. Check that  $L$  is a linear map. Then  $[L]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}} = A$ .

### Ex 3.3.20

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#### Proof

(2) Uniqueness: Let  $T : X \rightarrow U$  be linear such that  $[T]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}} = A$ . Then

$$[T(x_i)]_{\mathcal{U}} = [T]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}}[x_i]_{\mathcal{X}} = Ae_i = [L]_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}}[x_i]_{\mathcal{X}} = [L(x_i)]_{\mathcal{U}}$$

Thus  $T(x_i) = L(x_i)$  for all  $i$ . Now let  $x = \sum \alpha_i x_i$ . Then

$$T(x) = T\left(\sum \alpha_i x_i\right) = \sum \alpha_i T(x_i) = \sum \alpha_i L(x_i) = L\left(\sum \alpha_i x_i\right) = L(x).$$

Hence,  $T = L$ .

## Definition

Let  $X, U$  be vector spaces over a field  $F$ , and let  $L : X \rightarrow U$  be linear.

- ▶  $\ker(L) = \{x \in X : L(x) = 0\}$ .
- ▶  $\mathcal{R}(L) = \{L(x) : x \in X\} = \{u \in U : L(x) = u \text{ for some } x \in X\}$ .

## Theorem

$\ker(L)$  is a subspace of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{R}(L)$  is a subspace of  $U$ .



## Goal

Find a solution of  $L(x) = b$ .

## Example

ODE: Consider  $u(t)x'' + v(t)x' + w(t)x = f(t)$  where

- ▶  $u, v, w, f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are continuous
- ▶  $x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $t \mapsto x(t)$  belongs to  $C^2(\mathbb{R})$ .

Let  $L = u \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + v \frac{d}{dt} + w$ . Then  $L : C^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C(\mathbb{R})$  is a linear operator. We want to solve  $L(x) = f$ .

## Lemma

*Let  $L : X \rightarrow U$  be linear. Suppose  $u \in U$ . If  $\hat{x}$  solves to  $L(x) = u$ , then for all  $y \in \ker L$ ,  $\hat{x} + y$  solve to  $L(x) = u$ . In this case,  $\hat{x} + y$  is called a general solution to  $L(x) = u$ .*

## Lemma

*If  $x_1, x_2$  are solutions to  $L(x) = u$ , then  $x_1 - x_2 \in \ker L$ .*

## Definition

For two subsets  $S, T$  of a vector space  $U$  and  $x \in U$ ,

- ▶  $S + T = \{s + t : s \in S, t \in T\}$
- ▶  $x + T = \{x + t : t \in T\}.$

## Ex 3.4.2

Let  $L : C^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C(\mathbb{R})$  be a linear differential operator, and let  $f$  in  $C(\mathbb{R})$  be defined by  $f(t) = 2(1 - t)e^t$ . Suppose  $x_1(t) = t^2e^t$  and  $x_2(t) = (t^2 + 1)e^t$  are solutions of  $L(x) = f$ . Find two more solutions of  $L(x) = f$ .

## Ex 3.4.6

- (a) Let  $X$  and  $U$  be vector spaces over a field  $F$ , and let  $L : X \rightarrow U$  be linear. Suppose that  $b, c \in U$ ,  $y \in X$  is a solution to  $L(x) = b$ , and  $z \in X$  is a solution to  $L(x) = c$ . Find a solution to  $L(x) = \beta b + \gamma c$ , where  $\beta, \gamma \in F$ .

### Ex 3.4.7

Let  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{3 \times 3}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_2^3$  be defined by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

List all solutions to  $Ax = 0$  and  $Ax = b$ . Check  $\hat{x} + \ker L$ .

## Ex 3.4.7

(1) Find  $\hat{x}$  such that  $L(\hat{x}) = b$ .

Proof.

$$\hat{x} = (1, 0, 1).$$



(2) Find  $\ker L$ .

Proof.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3$ . Thus  $\ker L = \{(0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1)\}$ . Hence

$$\hat{x} + \ker L = \{(1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0)\}.$$



## Definition

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any sets.

- ▶ A relation  $R$  of  $A$  and  $B$  is a subset of  $A \times B$ .
- ▶ If  $(a, b) \in R$ , we write  $aRb$ .

## Example

$=, <$  (for  $A = B$ ), a function  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , etc.



## Observe

Consider '=' on a set  $X$ .

- (1) For all  $x \in X$ ,  $x = x$  (Reflexive)
- (2) If  $x = y$ , then  $y = x$  (Symmetric)
- (3) If  $x = y$  and  $y = z$ , then  $x = z$  (Transitive)

We want to generalize "=", say "equivalence relation".

## Definition

Let  $\sim$  be a relation on  $X$  such that

- (1) For all  $x \in X$ ,  $x \sim x$  (Reflexive)
- (2) If  $x \sim y$ , then  $y \sim x$  (Symmetric)
- (3) If  $x \sim y$  and  $y \sim z$ , then  $x \sim z$  (Transitive)

Then  $\sim$  is called an equivalence relation.

## Example

For  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , define a relation  $\sim$  as follows:

$$a \sim b \iff n \mid b - a \iff \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } b - a = kn.$$

- (1) For all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a - a = 0 \cdot n$ . So  $a \sim a$ .
- (2) If  $a \sim b$  with  $b - a = kn$ , then  $a - b = (-k)n$ . So  $b \sim a$ .
- (3) If  $a \sim b$  with  $b - a = kn$  and  $b \sim c$  with  $c - b = ln$ , then  $c - a = (l + k)n$ . So  $a \sim c$ .

## Definition

For an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $X$  and  $x \in X$ , define a set  $[x]$  by

$$[x] = \{y \in X : y \sim x\}.$$

$[x]$  is called a equivalence class of  $x$ .

## Properties of Equivalence Class

(1)  $X = \bigcup_{x \in X} [x].$

(2) If  $[x] \cap [y] \neq \emptyset$ , then  $[x] = [y]$ . (need not  $x = y$ .)

## Proof.

(1) Clearly,  $\bigcup_{x \in X} [x] \subset X$ . Let  $y \in X$ . Since  $y \sim y$ ,  $y \in [y]$ . So  $\bigcup_{x \in X} [x] \supset X$ .

(2) Suppose  $[x] \cap [y] \neq \emptyset$ . Then there is  $z \in [x] \cap [y]$ . So  $z \sim x$  and  $z \sim y$ . Then  $x \sim z$  and  $z \sim y$  implies  $x \sim y$ . Thus  $x \in [y]$ . If  $w \in [x]$ ,  $w \sim x$  and  $x \sim y$  implies,  $w \sim y$ . So  $[x] \subset [y]$ . In the same reason,  $[y] \subset [x]$ . Hence  $[x] = [y]$ .

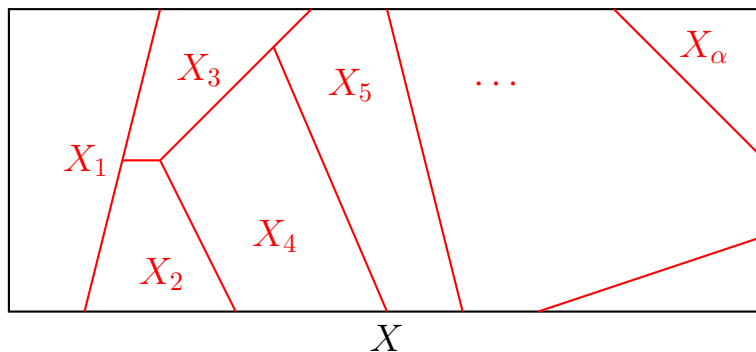


## Definition

Let  $X$  be a set. For some index set  $J$  and  $\{X_\alpha : X_\alpha \subset X, \alpha \in J\}$ . We call  $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  a partition of  $X$  if

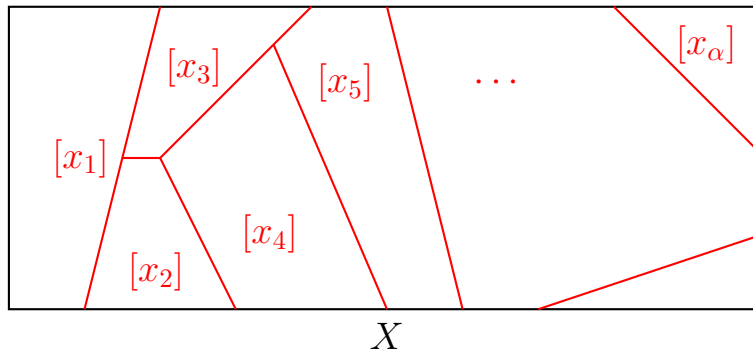
(1) 
$$X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$$

(2) If  $X_\alpha \cap X_\beta \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\alpha = \beta$ .



## Equivalence Relation and Partition

Suppose  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$ . We can choose  $\{x_\alpha : x_\alpha \in X\}$  such that  $\{[x_\alpha] : \alpha \in J\}$  is a partition of  $X$ . Note that for each equivalence relation, there is a corresponding partition, and vice versa.



## Definition

Suppose  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$ . A quotient set of  $X$  by  $\sim$  is a set  $X/\sim$  of all equivalence class of  $X$ ,

$$X/\sim = \{[x] : x \in X\}.$$

## Remark

Suppose  $x \sim y$ . It may not  $x = y$ , but  $[x] = [y]$ . In this sense, an equivalence relation is a generalization of equality.

## Example

Consider  $\mathbb{Z}, \sim, n = 3$ .

- ▶  $[0] = \{3k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . So  $[0] = [3k]$ .
- ▶  $[1] = \{3k + 1 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . So  $[1] = [3k + 1]$ .
- ▶  $[2] = \{3k + 2 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . So  $[0] = [3k + 2]$ .

Write  $[0] = 3\mathbb{Z}$ , or  $0 + 3\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $[1] = 1 + 3\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $[2] = 2 + 3\mathbb{Z}$ .

In general, we can write  $\mathbb{Z}/\sim = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$ .

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{[0], [1], \dots, [n-1]\} = \{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \dots, \overline{n-1}\}$$



## The First Isomorphism Theorem

Let  $L : X \rightarrow U$  be linear. Define a relation  $\sim$  by

$$x_1 \sim x_2 \iff x_1 - x_2 \in \ker L.$$

Then  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation and define  $X/\ker L = X/\sim$ . Write  $[\hat{x}] = \hat{x} + \ker L$ . Suppose  $\hat{x}$  is a solution to  $L(x) = b$ . Then every vector in  $\hat{x} + \ker L$  also solves  $L(x) = b$ . Thus we can define  $\tilde{L} : X/\ker L \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(L)$  by  $\tilde{L}([x]) = L(x)$ . Then  $\tilde{L}$  is an isomorphism.

# The End