Diagram showing Kernel (ker) and Image (Im) of a linear mapping.

Let the set of vectors $E \subseteq U$ be a vector space with (E, +, .).

Consider any linear mapping $f: E \to F$, then f, $\ker(f)$ and $\operatorname{Im}(f)$ can be represented by this diagram.

But do not take it literally – it is just a metaphor! Please use it to help you understand the mathematical notation in the lecture notes.

