

LINEAR MAPS

Objectifs

- Define linear maps.
- understand image and kernel of a linear map.
- work on linear maps in finite dimension.

In this chapter we use \mathbb{K} which represents either \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} .

1 Generalities

Definition 1.

Let E and E' be two K vector spaces. Let f be a map from E to E' . f is a linear map (or a module homomorphism) if and only if it checks those properties :

- (i) $\forall x, y \in E, f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$
- (ii) $\forall x \in E, \forall \lambda \in K, f(\lambda \cdot x) = \lambda \cdot f(x)$

This means that f matches the structure of K vector space of E to E' .

Example 1.

Are the following maps linear ?

1. Let E be \mathbb{K} vector space and $k \in \mathbb{K}$. The mapping from E into $E : x \mapsto k \cdot x$ is called homothety of factor k .
2. The mapping from \mathbb{R} into \mathbb{R} such that $x \mapsto x^2$.

Property 1.

If f is a linear mapping from E into E' then $f(0_E) = 0_{E'}$.

Example 2.

1. Prove that property.
2. Is the converse true ?

Remark 1.

To show that a mapping is not linear, we can use the contraposition of the previous property, namely, if we have $f(0_E) \neq 0_{E'}$ then f is not linear.

Theorem 1 (Practical Theorem).

Let f be a map from E to E' , two K vector spaces.

f is a linear map if and only if $\forall x, y \in E, \forall \alpha \in K :$

$$f(\alpha x + y) = \alpha f(x) + f(y)$$

Example 3.

1. Is the mapping from \mathbb{R}^2 into \mathbb{R}^3 , defined by $(x, y) \mapsto (x - y, 0, y)$ a linear mapping?
2. Prove the previous theorem.

Definition 2.

Let E be a vector space of K . A linear form on E is a linear map from the vector space E to its field of scalars K .

Example 4.

Are those maps linear forms?

1. The map from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R}^2 which maps (x, y) to $2(x, y)$.
2. The map from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R} which maps (x, y) to $x^2 + y^2$.
3. $f \mapsto \int_0^1 f(t)dt$ where $f \in \mathcal{C}^0([0, 1])$

2 Operations on linear maps

Definition 3.

We denote $\mathcal{L}(E, E')$ the set of linear maps of the vector-space E over K in the dans vector space E' over K .

Theorem 2.

Let f, g be two linear maps from E into E' and $k \in \mathbb{K}$. Then $f + g$ and kf are linear maps from E into E' .

Proposition 3. $\mathcal{L}(E, E')$ is a vector space over K , as a sub-space of the vectoriel space of maps between E to E' .

Proposition 4. The composition of two linear maps is a linear map.

Example 5.

Prove the following theorem.

3 Endomorphisms

Definition 4.

Let E be a vector space over K . An endomorphism of E is a linear map from E to itself. We denote by $\mathcal{L}(E)$ the set of endomorphisms of E

Remark 2.

For endomorphisms, we use this noation : $f \circ f \circ f = f^3$.

Example 6.

Why f^2 has no meaning if f is the linear map from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R} defined by $f(x, y) = x$?

4 Isomorphisms and automorphisms

Definition 5.

Let f be a linear map from E to E' two vector spaces over \mathbb{K} .

1. f is an isomorphism if and only if f is bijective.
2. f is an automorphism if and only if f is an endomorphism and is bijective, so is both an endomorphism and an isomorphism.

Theorem 5.

The inverse of an isomorphism is an isomorphism.

Example 7.

- Is the vectoriel homothety of E of factor k an automorphism? If yes, give its inverse.
- Is this map $(x, y) \mapsto x + iy$ an isomorphism between \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{C} ? An automorphism?
- Prove the previous theorem.

5 Kernel and image (or range)

5.1 Kernel

Example 8.

Let f be a linear map.

We already know that $f(0_E) = 0_{E'}$.

1. Is it possible to find other vectors u such that $f(u) = 0_{E'}$?
2. Prove that f is injective if and only if 0_E is the only vector u of E satisfying $f(u) = 0_{E'}$.

Definition 6.

Let E and E' be two vector spaces over K and let f be a linear map from E to E' . The **kernel** of f is the set :

$$\text{Ker } f = f^{-1}(\{0_{E'}\}) = \{x \in E / f(x) = 0_{E'}\}$$

Example 9.

1. Let's consider $u : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, (x, y, z) \mapsto (y, x + y + z)$. Find the kernel of u .
2. Let's consider $u : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, (x, y) \mapsto (2x - y, x + 2y, x + y)$. Find the kernel of u .

Theorem 6.

The kernel of a linear map from E to E' is a vector sub-space of E .

Example 10.

Prove the previoud theorem.

From the previous example, we deduce the following theorem :

Theorem 7.

Let f be a linear map from E to E' then f is injective if and only if : $\text{Ker } f = \{0_E\}$

5.2 Image

Definition 7.

Let E and E' be two vector spaces over K and f a linear map from E to E' . The **image** (or range) is the set :

$$\text{Im}f = f(E) = \{f(x)/x \in E\}$$

Example 11.

Find the image of the following linear maps :

1. Soit $u : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, (x, y, z) \mapsto (y, x + y + z)$.
2. Soit $u : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, (x, y) \mapsto (2x - y, x + 2y, x + y)$.

Theorem 8.

The image of a linear map from E to E' is a vector sub-space of E' .

Example 12.

Prove the previous theorem.

Theorem 9.

Let E and E' be two vector spaces over K and $f : E \rightarrow E'$ a linear map.

If $S = (e_1, \dots, e_p)$ is a spanning set of E , which means $E = \text{Vect}(e_1, \dots, e_p)$ then $S' = (f(e_1), \dots, f(e_p))$ is a spanning set of $\text{Im}f$.

Remark 3.

This theorem allows to find the image of f $\text{Im}f$ using only a spanning set of E .

Example 13.

1. With the previous theorem, find the image of the following linear maps :
 - (a) Soit $u : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, (x, y, z) \mapsto (y, x + y + z)$.
 - (b) Soit $u : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, (x, y) \mapsto (2x - y, x + 2y, x + y)$.
2. Prove the previous theorem.

6 Linear maps in finite dimension

6.1 Linear maps and family of vectors

Theorem 10.

Let E and E' be two vector spaces over K and $f : E \rightarrow E'$ a linear map.

1. f is injective \Leftrightarrow the image under f of any linearly independent family of vectors of E is a linearly independent family of E' : let $B = (e_1, \dots, e_p)$ be a linearly independent family of vectors of E , f is injective $\Leftrightarrow (f(e_1), \dots, f(e_p))$ is also a linearly independent family of vectors of E' .
2. f is surjective \Leftrightarrow the image under f of all spanning set of E is a spanning set of E' which means : let $B = (e_1, \dots, e_p)$ be any spanning set of E , f is surjective $\Leftrightarrow (f(e_1), \dots, f(e_p))$ is a spanning set of E' .
3. f is bijective \Leftrightarrow the image under f of any basis of E is a basis of E' which means : let $B = (e_1, \dots, e_p)$ be a basis of E , f is bijective $\Leftrightarrow (f(e_1), \dots, f(e_p))$ is also a basis of E' .

6.2 Rank nullity theorem

Theorem 11.

Let f be a linear map from E to E' , then :

$$\dim \text{Ker } f + \dim \text{Im } f = \dim E$$

Remark 4.

1. Let's denote that $\dim \text{Im } f \leq \dim E$
2. Due to the rank nullity theorem the dimension of the codomain has no influence

Example 14.

Write the rank nullity theorem for this map $u : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, (x, y) \mapsto (0, x + y)$.

Example 15.

Prove the rank nullity theorem.

6.3 Rank for a linear map

Definition 8.

Let E and E' be two finite dimensional \mathbb{K} vector spaces and f a linear map from E to E' . We call rank of f the dimension of $\text{Im } f$.

Remark 5.

Thus, the theorem of rank is also written : $\text{rg}(f) = \dim E - \dim \text{Ker } f$

Theorem 12.

Let (e_1, \dots, e_n) be a basis of E . Then for all linear map f from E to E' we have : $\text{rg}(f) = \text{rg}(f(e_1), \dots, f(e_n))$

Example 16.

Let f the function defined on \mathbb{R}^3 by $f(x, y, z) = (x + y, y + z, 2x + y - z)$

Determine the rank of this functions using two methods $(f(\vec{i}), f(\vec{j}), f(\vec{k}))$ where $(\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k})$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Theorem 13.

Let E and E' be two \mathbb{K} vector spaces of finite dimensions and f A linear mapping of E into E' then we have the following equivalences :

- f is injective $\Leftrightarrow \text{rg}(f) = \dim E$
- f is surjective $\Leftrightarrow \text{rg}(f) = \dim E'$
- f is bijective $\Leftrightarrow \dim E = \text{rg}(f) = \dim E'$

6.4 How to characterize isomorphisms

Theorem 14.

Let E and E' be two finite dimensional vector spaces over K with **the same** dimension and f a linear map from E to E' . The following sentences are equivalent :

- i) f is injective.

ii) f is surjective.

iii) f is bijective.

And therefore its corollary :

Corollary 15.

Let E be a vector space over K of finite dimension, f an endomorphism of E dans E .

We get : f is an automorphism of E $E \Leftrightarrow \text{Ker} f = \{0_E\} \Leftrightarrow \text{Im} f = E$

Example 17.

Prove that the map f from \mathbb{R}^2 to itself defined by : $f(1,0) = (2,2)$ et $f(0,1) = (1,3)$ is an automorphism of \mathbb{R}^2 .

Example 18.

Let

$$f : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ (x, y) \mapsto (x, x + y, y) \end{cases}$$

Show that f is injective but not surjective.

7 Exercises

Exercise 1.

Which of the following mappings are linear ?

$$f_1 : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ (x, y, z) \mapsto (x - z, x + y) \end{cases}$$

$$f_2 : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ (x, y, z) \mapsto (xz, x, x + z) \end{cases}$$

$$f_3 : \begin{cases} C^1(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C^0(\mathbb{R}) \\ f \mapsto f + f' \end{cases}$$

$$f_4 : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ (x, y) \mapsto (x + y, x, y) \end{cases}$$

$$f_5 : \begin{cases} C^0(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C^0(\mathbb{R}) \\ f \mapsto \int_a^x f(t) dt \end{cases}$$

$$f_6 : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ (x, y) \mapsto (x + 1, y) \end{cases}$$

$$f_7 : \begin{cases} \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}) \\ f \mapsto 2f \end{cases}$$

Exercise 2.

Are the following linear forms ?

1. The null mapping of E in \mathbb{K} .
2. $(x, y) \mapsto ax + by$ where $(x, y, a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^4$.
3. Let u_0 be a vector of \mathbb{R}^2 . The mapping which for all u of \mathbb{R}^2 associates it's scalar product with u_0 .

Exercise 3.

For linear maps in exercise 1, determine their kernel and image. Specify whether the functions are injective and / or surjective.

Exercise 4.

Let p be the map defined by : $p : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ (x, y) \mapsto (4x - 6y, 2x - 3y) \end{cases}$

1. Show that p is linear
2. Show that p is a projection ie $p \circ p = p$.
3. Determine $\text{Ker } p$ et $\text{Im } p$.
4. Is p injective, surjective ?

Exercise 5.

Let \mathbb{R}^2 have it's canonical basis (\vec{i}, \vec{j}) and \mathbb{R}^4 have it's canonical basis $(\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3, \vec{e}_4)$. Let $\phi : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be defined by :

$$\phi(x\vec{e}_1 + y\vec{e}_2 + z\vec{e}_3 + t\vec{e}_4) = (x + y + 2z + t)\vec{i} + (2x - y + 2z - 7t)\vec{j}$$

Assuming ϕ is a linear mapping, determine $\text{Ker } \phi$ and $\text{Im } \phi$.

Exercise 6.

Let f be a linear mapping from \mathbb{R}^2 into \mathbb{R}^5 , defined by $x = (\alpha, \beta)$ of \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$f(x) = (\alpha + 2\beta, -2\alpha + 3\beta, \alpha + \beta, 3\alpha + 5\beta, -\alpha + 2\beta)$$

. We admit that f is a linear map.

1. Determine $\text{Ker}(f)$ and its dimension.
2. Determine $\mathfrak{S}m(f)$ and its dimension.

Exercise 7.

Considering the vector space $E = C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$, let $f_1(x) = e^x$, $f_2(x) = e^{2x}$, $f_3(x) = e^{3x}$.

1. Determine the dimension of the vector subspace F of E defined by $F = \text{Vect}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$
2. Let $\phi : F \rightarrow F$, be defined by $\forall f \in F, \phi(f) = f'' + f' - 3f$. show that ϕ is an endomorphism of F .
3. Is ϕ an automorphism?

Exercise 8.

Let f be a function from \mathbb{R}^2 into \mathbb{R}^2 defined by $f : (x, y) \mapsto (x + y, x - y)$.

1. Show that f is an automorphism of \mathbb{R}^2 .
2. determine its inverse.

Exercise 9.

Let E and E' be two finite-dimensional vector spaces, and f be a linear mapping of E into E' . Are the following statements true or false?

1. It is possible to have non-bijective f and $\dim E = \dim E'$.
2. It is possible to have non-bijective f and $\dim E = \dim \text{Im } f$.
3. It is possible to have f non bijective and $\dim E' = \dim \text{Im } f$.
4. If $\text{rg } f = 5$ and $\dim E' = 3$, then we don't know $\dim \text{Ker } f$.
5. If $\dim E=5$, and f surjective then $\dim E'=5$.
6. If $\mathcal{F} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ is a linearly dependant set of E , then $f(\mathcal{F})$ is a linearly dependant set of E' .
7. If $\mathcal{F} = (u_1, u_2)$ is a linearly independant set of E , then $f(\mathcal{F})$ is a linearly independant set of E' .

Exercise 10.

Let a, b, c real numbers with $c \neq 0$. We consider in \mathbb{R}^3 , the vector $w = (a, b, c)$.

Let $\mathcal{B}_c = (\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k})$ be a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Let f be an endomorphism of \mathbb{R}^3 such that for all vectors $t = (x, y, z)$ of \mathbb{R}^3 $f(t) = (cy - bz, az - cx, bx - ay)$.

1. Show that $w \in \text{Ker}(f)$.
2. Show that the set $(f(\vec{i}), f(\vec{j}))$ is linearly independant.
3. Deduce that $\text{Ker}(f) = \text{Vect}(w)$ and determine a basis of $\mathfrak{S}m(f)$.
4. Is f injective? Futhermore (\vec{i}, \vec{j}) and $(f(\vec{i}), f(\vec{j}))$ are not collinear. Is this in contradiction with 1) of theorem 8?

Exercise 11.

Let $(\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k})$ a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 and f a mapping of \mathbb{R}^3 into \mathbb{R}^3 defined by :

$$f(x, y, z) = (y - x, y + z, x).$$

1. Show that f is an automorphism of \mathbb{R}^3 .
2. Give the rank of f .
3. Let $F = \mathcal{Vect}(f(\vec{i}), f(\vec{j}))$ and $G = \mathcal{Vect}(f(\vec{i}), f(\vec{k}))$.
Without any calculation determine $F \cap G$.

Exercise 12.

In \mathbb{R}^2 , we define an endomorphism u by :

$$\forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad u(x, y) = (2x - y, x + y).$$

1. What is the rank of u ? Deduce that u is an automorphism.
2. Let $X = (x, y)$ be a vector of \mathbb{R}^2 .
 - (a) Determine the image of X by $u \circ u$.
 - (b) What can be said of the set $(X, u(X), u \circ u(X))$? Deduce three non zero reals $\alpha, \beta, \varepsilon$ independent of x and y such that : $\alpha u \circ u(X) + \beta u(X) + \varepsilon X = 0$.
 - (c) Deduce that the endomorphism $v = \alpha u \circ u + \beta u + \varepsilon Id$ is the null endomorphism.
 - (d) Composing v by u^{-1} , deduce u^{-1} as function of u and Id . Determine the coordinates of $u^{-1}(X)$ as a function of x and y .

Exercise 13. (optional)

Let f and g be two endomorphisms of \mathbb{K} vector space E .

Show that $\mathfrak{Im}(g \circ f) \subset \mathfrak{Im}(g)$ and $\text{Ker}(f) \subset \text{Ker}(g \circ f)$.

Exercise 14. (optional)

Let E be a \mathbb{K} vector space of dimension 3. Let g be an endomorphism of E satisfying $g^2 \neq 0$ and $g^3 = 0$.

1. Check the following inclusions : $0_E \subset \text{Ker } g \subset \text{Ker } g^2 \subset E$.
2. Show that $1 \leq \dim \text{Ker } g \leq 2$

Exercise 15. (optional)

Let F and G be two vector subspaces of a vector space E of finite dimension.

1. Considering $\phi : \begin{cases} F \times G \rightarrow E \\ (x, y) \mapsto x + y \end{cases}$ et $\psi : \begin{cases} F \cap G \rightarrow F \times G \\ x \mapsto (x, -x) \end{cases}$.
 - (a) Show that ϕ and ψ are linear mappings
 - (b) On what conditions on F and G , is ϕ an isomorphism ?
 - (c) Compare $\text{Ker } \phi$ and $\text{Im } \psi$.
 - (d) Justify $\dim \text{Im } \psi = \dim F \cap G$.
2. Show that $\dim F \times G = \dim F + \dim G$.
3. Deduce, using the rank formula, a proof of the Grassmann formula :

$$\dim F + G = \dim F + \dim G - \dim F \cap G$$