

## Subject § 4.1

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces,  $L: V \rightarrow W$  be a mapping.

Def.:  $L: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear (mapping) operator if

$$L(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha L(x) + \beta L(y)$$

for any  $x, y \in V$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(two "·"  
two "+"  
in  $V$ , in  $W$ )

i.e., linear relation is preserved under a linear operator  $L$ .

Equivalent definition:  $\begin{cases} L(x+y) = L(x) + L(y) \\ L(\alpha x) = \alpha L(x) \end{cases}$

Remarks:

1)  $L(0_V) = 0_W$ ; If  $L(0_V) \neq 0_W$ , then  $L$  is not linear;

2)  $L(-x) = -L(x)$ ;

3)  $L(c_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n x_n) = c_1 L(x_1) + \dots + c_n L(x_n)$ .

Linear operator from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

THM.: An operator  $L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is linear if and only if there is  $A_{m \times n}$  such that  $L(x) = Ax \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Proof: ( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $L(x) = Ax$ , then  $L(\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2) = A(\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2)$   
 $= \alpha Ax_1 + \beta Ax_2 = \alpha L(x_1) + \beta L(x_2)$ .

So  $L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is linear.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Next assume that  $L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is given linear, try to find  $A_{m \times n}$  such that  $L(x) = Ax, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

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

denote 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1i} \\ a_{2i} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mi} \end{bmatrix} = L(e_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

set

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be any given vector, we have

$$x = x_1 e_1 + \dots + x_n e_n.$$

Since  $L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is linear, we have

$$L(x) = L(x_1 e_1 + \dots + x_n e_n) = x_1 L(e_1) + \dots + x_n L(e_n)$$

$$= x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = Ax;$$

Linear combination of columns of  $A$ .

such  $A_{m \times n}$  is called the representation matrix

of  $L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ .

Ex. a)  $L(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ -x_2 \end{bmatrix}$  is linear. Find RM  $A$ .

$$L(e_1) = L\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad L(e_2) = L\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad L(x) = Ax$$

b)  $L(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix}$  is linear.

$$L(e_1) = L\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1+0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad L(e_2) = L\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L(x) = Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ex: Given any  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $R_\theta$  is the operator that rotates the vector  $x$  counterclockwise for an angle  $\theta$ .

1) Show  $R_\theta$  is linear.

2) Find  $A$  such that  $R_\theta(x) = Ax$ .

Do 2). Write  $\begin{cases} x_0 = r \cos \alpha \\ y_0 = r \sin \alpha \end{cases}; R_\theta(x) = R_\theta \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r \cos(\alpha + \theta) \\ r \sin(\alpha + \theta) \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \begin{cases} r(\cos \alpha \cos \theta - \sin \alpha \sin \theta) = r \cos \alpha \cos \theta - r \sin \alpha \sin \theta \\ r(\sin \alpha \cos \theta + \cos \alpha \sin \theta) = r \sin \alpha \cos \theta + r \cos \alpha \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} x_0 \cos \theta - y_0 \sin \theta \\ y_0 \cos \theta + x_0 \sin \theta \end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix} = Ax.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_\theta(x) = Ax \text{ linear}$$

consider the physical meaning of  $R_\theta$ .

we have  $R_\theta(x) = A^{-1}x = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(-\theta) & -\sin(-\theta) \\ \sin(-\theta) & \cos(-\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = A^T.$$

Ex: Given  $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  linear such that

$$L \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad L \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad L \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

1) Find  $L \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

2) Find  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ , s.t.  $L \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

3) Find  $A$  s.t.  $Lx = Ax$ .

Do 3) first, we have  $L \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Do 1)  $L \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $x=t, z=2t-2$

Do 2)  $L \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $[A|b] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow y = \frac{3t + (2t-2) - 6}{2} = \frac{5t-4}{2}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5/2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear operator  $L$  from  $V$  to  $W$

Ex: a)  $L: C[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $L(f) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$  is linear.

(Integral operator is linear)

b)  $D: C^1[a, b] \rightarrow C[a, b]$  defined by  $D(f) = \frac{df(x)}{dx}$  is linear.

(Differential operator is linear)

c)  $D^k: C^k[a, b] \rightarrow C[a, b]$  defined by  $D^k(f)(x) = \frac{d^k f(x)}{dx^k}$

is linear.

Def: Let  $L: V \rightarrow W$  be linear.

The kernel of  $L$  is defined by  $\ker(L) = \{v \in V : L(v) = \theta_w\}$ .

Let  $S$  be a subset of  $V$ , the image of  $S$  under  $L$

is defined by  $L(S) = \{w \in W : w = L(v), v \in S\}$ .

The image of  $L(V)$  is called the range of  $L$  denoted by  $\mathcal{R}(L)$  = the set of all possible values that the operator  $L$  can take.

THM: If  $L: V \rightarrow W$  is linear and  $S$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then

a)  $\text{Ker}(L)$  is a subspace of  $V$ ;

b)  $L(S)$  is a subspace of  $W$ .

Ex:  $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ ,  $L(x) = (x_1 + x_2, x_2 + x_3)^T$ .

1) To find  $\text{Ker}(L)$ , solve for all  $x$  s.t.  $L(x) = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \text{ set } x_2 = t, x_1 = -t, x_3 = -t.$$

$$\text{Ker}(L) = \text{span}\{(-1, 1, -1)\}$$

2).  $L(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2 + x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $N(A) = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   
=  $\text{Ker}(L)$ .

Ex Determine if the following operators are linear for each  $p \in V = \mathcal{P}_3 = \text{span}\{1, x, x^2\}$ .

1)  $L(p(x)) = x p(x)$  yes

2)  $L(p(x)) = x^2 + p(x)$  No

3)  $L(p(x)) = p(x) + x p(x) + x^2 p'(x)$  yes

$$1) L(\alpha p_1(x) + \beta p_2(x)) = x(\alpha p_1(x) + \beta p_2(x)) \\ = \alpha(x p_1(x)) + \beta(x p_2(x)) = \alpha L(p_1(x)) + \beta L(p_2(x)). \text{ Yes}$$

$$2) L(0) = x^2 + 0 \neq 0 \quad \text{No.}$$

$$3) L(\alpha p_1(x) + \beta p_2(x)) = (\alpha p_1(x) + \beta p_2(x)) + x(\alpha p_1(x) + \beta p_2(x)) \\ + x^2(\alpha p_1'(x) + \beta p_2'(x)) = \alpha(p_1(x) + x p_1(x) + x^2 p_1'(x)) \\ + \beta(p_2(x) + x p_2(x) + x^2 p_2'(x)) = \alpha L(p_1(x)) + \beta L(p_2(x)) \quad \text{Yes.}$$

Ex. Let  $L_1: U \rightarrow V$ ,  $L_2: V \rightarrow W$  be linear. Then

$L = L_2 \circ L_1: U \rightarrow W$  defined by

$$L(u) = L_2(L_1(u))$$

is linear

Proof:  $L(\alpha u_1 + \beta u_2) = L_2(L_1(\alpha u_1 + \beta u_2)) = L_2(\alpha L_1(u_1) + \beta L_1(u_2)) \\ = \alpha L_2(L_1(u_1)) + \beta L_2(L_1(u_2)) = \alpha L(u_1) + \beta L(u_2). \text{ yes.}$

Ex. Find  $\text{Ker}(L)$  and  $\text{R}(L)$ , if  $L: V \rightarrow W$ ,  $V = P_3$

$$1) L(p(x)) = x p'(x)$$

$$2) L(p(x)) = p(x) - p'(x)$$

$$3) L(p(x)) = p(0)x + p(1).$$

Let  $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  be any vector in  $P_3$

$$1) L(ax^2+bx+c) = x(2ax+b) = 2ax^2+bx.$$

$$\mathcal{R}(L) = \text{span}\{x^2, x\}.$$

$$\text{For Ker}(L), \text{ solve } L(ax^2+bx+c) = 2ax^2+bx = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a=b=0 \Rightarrow \text{Ker}(L) = \text{span}\{1\}.$$

$$2) L(ax^2+bx+c) = ax^2+bx+c - (2ax+b) = ax^2+(b-2a)x+c-b.$$

$$\mathcal{R}(L) = \text{span}\{x^2, x, 1\} = \mathcal{P}_3.$$

$$\text{For Ker}(L), \text{ solve } ax^2+(b-2a)x+c-b=0$$

$$\Rightarrow a=0 \Rightarrow b=0 \Rightarrow c=0. \text{ Ker}(L) = \{0\},$$

$$3) L(ax^2+bx+c) = cx+a+b+c$$

$$\mathcal{R}(L) = \text{span}\{x, 1\}$$

$$\text{For Ker}(L), \text{ solve } cx+a+b+c=0.$$

$$\Rightarrow c=0, a+b=0. \text{ Ker}(L) = \text{span}\{x^2-x, ax^2-ax+0\}$$

$$\text{Note } n=3 = \dim(\mathcal{R}(L)) + \dim(\text{Ker}(L))$$

$$\text{Ex: 1) } D: C^1[a,b] \rightarrow C[a,b]. D(f)(x) = \frac{df(x)}{dx}. \text{ Ker}(D) = \{f = C \text{ on } [a,b]\}.$$

$$2) L: C^2[a,b] \rightarrow C[a,b] \text{ by } L(f) = a(x)f''(x) + b(x)f'(x) + c(x)f(x).$$

$$\text{Ker}(L) = \{f : a(x)f''(x) + b(x)f'(x) + c(x)f(x) = 0. \text{ diff. equation}\}.$$