Linear relations and quotient morphisms

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Multivalued linear operators, also called linear relations when identified with linear submanifolds of a Cartesian products of two vector spaces, can be associated with linear maps from a vector space, with values in an appropriate quotient space. This remark naturally leads to the concept of quotient morphism, which is a linear map defined between pairs of quotient spaces. In this framework, a generalized composition of quotient morphisms may be defined and (algebraic) Fredholm phenomena may be studied.