

Let V and W be vector spaces and $T \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation
a) Prove T is one to one if and if T carries linearly independent sets of V into linearly independent subsets of W

Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ linearly independent in V then $T(S) =$

$\{T(v_1), T(v_2), \dots, T(v_k)\}$ is subset of W

then equation $c_1 T(v_1) + c_2 T(v_2) + \dots + c_k T(v_k) = 0$

first assume T is one to one, then $T(x) = 0$ implies $x = 0$

hence $T(c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k) = c_1 T(v_1) + c_2 T(v_2) + \dots + c_k T(v_k) = 0$
implies $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0$

Then $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0$.

b) Suppose S is linearly independent. since T is one to one, from part (a) we can see that $T(S)$ is linearly independent.

c) First, from β is a basis for V , we have β is linearly independent. And T is one to one we can conclude that $T(\beta)$ generates W . For arbitrary vector w in W , we can find v in V such that $T(v) = w$ because T is onto. since β is basis for V , there exist c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n such that $v = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$. then $w = T(v) = T(c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n) = c_1 T(v_1) + c_2 T(v_2) + \dots + c_n T(v_n)$. since w is arbitrary vector in W , we conclude that W is generated by $T(\beta)$.

Therefore $T(\beta)$ is a basis for W .