

Proof: We take a fixed ordered basis  $\alpha = \{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_n\}$  for  $V$ , and a fixed ordered basis  $\beta = \{\bar{w}_1, \dots, \bar{w}_m\}$  for  $W$ .

Let  $T$  be any linear transformation in  $L(V, W)$ . Then we can find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the bases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , let us call it  $[T]_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta}$ .

The mapping  $\phi : L(V, W) \rightarrow F^{m \times n}$  which takes a linear transformation  $T$  to its matrix  $[T]_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta}$  is an isomorphism.