

**29.** Let  $L: V \rightarrow W$  be an isomorphism of vector space  $V$  onto vector space  $W$ .

(a) Prove that  $L(\mathbf{0}_V) = \mathbf{0}_W$ .

(b) Show that  $L(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) = L(\mathbf{v}) - L(\mathbf{w})$ .

(c) Show that

$$\begin{aligned} L(a_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + a_k \mathbf{v}_k) \\ = a_1 L(\mathbf{v}_1) + a_2 L(\mathbf{v}_2) + \cdots + a_k L(\mathbf{v}_k). \end{aligned}$$

(a). Let  $0_V$  be the zero scalar in  $V$ , and let  $0_W$  be the zero scalar in the field of  $W$ .

$L(0_V) = L(0_V + 0_V)$  (Since  $0_V$  is the additive identity of scalar multiplication in  $V$ ), then

$$L(0_V) = L(0_V + 0_V) = L(0_V) + L(0_V)$$

$\Rightarrow L(0_V) - L(0_V) = L(0_V) + L(0_V) - L(0_V) \Rightarrow 0_W = L(0_V)$ . We show that  $L$  satisfies the property of linearity, especially the property of homogeneity, for the scalar zero.

(b) To show that  $L(v-w) = L(v) - L(w)$ , we need to use the linearity property of the linear transformation  $L$ .

Let  $v$  and  $w$  be any two vectors in the domain of  $L$ , then

$$L(v-w) = L(v + (-1)w) = L(v) + L((-1)w) = L(v) - L(w).$$

↳ Since  $v-w = v + (-1)w$     ↳ Since  $L$  is linear

this shows that  $L$  satisfies the property of linearity, specifically the property of additivity, and hence the equation is true.

(c). To show that  $L(a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_k v_k) = L(v_1) \cdot a_1 + L(v_2) \cdot a_2 + \dots$ , we need to use the linearity property of the linearity transformation  $L$ . Let  $v_1 \dots v_k$  be  $k$  vectors in the domain of  $L$ , and  $a_1 \dots a_k$  be scalar. Then.

$$L(a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_k v_k) = L(a_1 v_1) + L(a_2 v_2) + \dots + L(a_k v_k) = a_1 L(v_1) + a_2 L(v_2) + \dots + a_k L(v_k)$$

therefore we have shown  $L(a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_k v_k) = a_1 L(v_1) + a_2 L(v_2) + \dots + a_k L(v_k)$ . This shows that  $L$  satisfies the property of linearity, specifically the property of homogeneity, and the equation is True.