MAT 67 Homework 8

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1. Let V and W be vector spaces over $\mathbb{F}$ and suppose that $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ is injective.

   Given a linearly independent list $(v_1, \ldots, v_n)$ of vectors in V, prove that the list $(T(v_1), \ldots, T(v_n))$ is linearly independent in W.

   Proof. Suppose $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}$ and $a_1T(v_1) + a_2T(v_2) + \cdots + a_nT(v_n) = 0$.

   Now since T is a linear map,

   $$0 = a_1T(v_1) + a_2T(v_2) + \cdots + a_nT(v_n) \qquad = T(a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \cdots + a_nv_n)$$

   And since T is injective we have that there is one vector, namely 0, in its kernel by proposition 6.2.6.

   That is:

   $$a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \cdots + a_nv_n = 0$$

   Now since $(v_1, \ldots, v_n)$ is linearly independent, $a_1 = a_2 = \cdots = a_n = 0$.

   From this, we see that $a_1T(v_1) + a_2T(v_2) + \cdots + a_nT(v_n) = 0$ must be linearly independent. □