

$$T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$$

$$v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$$

$$Tv_1, \dots, Tv_m \text{ lin. independent in } W$$

$$v_1, \dots, v_m \text{ lin independent}$$

$$\text{Let } a_1, \dots, a_m \in F : 0 = a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m$$

$$\text{Apply } T : T(0) = T(a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_m v_m)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 = T(a_1 v_1) + T(a_2 v_2) + \dots + T(a_m v_m)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 = a_1 T v_1 + a_2 T v_2 + \dots + a_m T v_m$$

$$\text{Since } T v_1, \dots, T v_m \text{ are lin independent} \Rightarrow a_1 = \dots = a_m = 0.$$

$$\text{So, } 0 = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_m v_m \Leftrightarrow a_1 = \dots = a_m = 0.$$