

LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS

Section 6.1

PROPERTIES OF LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS

Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be linear with $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$. Then

$$(1) \quad T(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$(2) \quad T(-\mathbf{v}) = -T(\mathbf{v})$$

$$(3) \quad T(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) - T(\mathbf{v})$$

$$(4) \quad T(c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n) \\ = c_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}_2) + \cdots + c_nT(\mathbf{v}_n)$$

EXAMPLE

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be linear with

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and}$$

$$T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{What is } T \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} ?$$