

Question #22433 Let U and V be vector spaces over a field F , a function $T: U \rightarrow F$, such that $T(\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2) = \alpha_1 T(u_1) + \alpha_2 T(u_2)$, for $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in F$ and $u_1, u_2 \in U$

is called a ... if (A) Vector space

(B) Transformation

(C) Linear transformation

(D) Nullity

Please explain

Solution. By definition the property of function $T: T(\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2) = \alpha_1 T(u_1) + \alpha_2 T(u_2)$, for $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in F$ and $u_1, u_2 \in U$ is **linearity property**. Vector space is not a function, as well as nullity, which is dimension of kernel of T . Transformation is synonym to “function”, however this does not describe the property in question Hence

Answer C.