

Question #22435 Let U and V be vector spaces over a field F . Let $T: U \rightarrow V$ is one-one if and only if ...

- (A) $\text{rank}(T) = 0$
- (B) $\text{rank}(T) = 1$
- (C) $\ker(T) = 0$
- (D) $\ker(T) = 1$

Please explain

Solution. Let us prove that the right answer is C. Really, assume that $\ker T = 0$, then if one has $T(u_1) = T(u_2)$, when $u_1 \neq u_2$, then $T(u_1 - u_2) = 0$, since T is linear, so $u_1 - u_2 \in \ker T$, which contradicts the assumption that $\ker T = 0$. Now assume that T is 1-1 mapping. Since T is linear that $T(0) = 0$, and since T is 1-1, then $T(u) = 0, u \neq 0$, thus $\ker T = 0$. Hence

Answer C.