

Defn A vector space is a nonempty set  $V$  of objects called vectors which can be added and multiplied by scalars (real numbers) subject to the following axioms.

- \* 1. If  $\bar{u}, \bar{v} \in V$ , then  $\bar{u} + \bar{v} \in V$ . (closure under addition)
- 2.  $\bar{u} + \bar{v} = \bar{v} + \bar{u}$  (commutative addition)
- 3.  $\bar{u} + (\bar{v} + \bar{w}) = (\bar{u} + \bar{v}) + \bar{w}$  (associative addition)
- \* 4. There is a zero vector  $\bar{0} \in V$  such that  $\bar{u} + \bar{0} = \bar{u}$  for all  $\bar{u} \in V$ . (additive identity)
- 5. For each  $\bar{u} \in V$  there is a vector  $-\bar{u} \in V$  such that  $\bar{u} + (-\bar{u}) = \bar{0}$ . (additive inverse)
- \* 6. If  $\bar{u} \in V$  and  $c$  is a scalar, then  $c\bar{u} \in V$ . (closure under scalar multiplication)
- 7.  $c(\bar{u} + \bar{v}) = c\bar{u} + c\bar{v}$  (distribution)
- 8.  $(c+d)\bar{u} = c\bar{u} + d\bar{u}$  (distribution)
- 9.  $c(d\bar{u}) = (cd)\bar{u}$  (associative scalar mult)
- 10.  $1\bar{u} = \bar{u}$  (multiplicative identity)