

# Multivariable Calculus

(Lecture-1)

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What is vector space? (**You will learn in the next semester course.**)

Roughly for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ : for any  $\vec{A}, \vec{B} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\vec{A} + \lambda \vec{B} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

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- **Higher Dimension  $n > 3$ :** Idea how to generalize the Riemann Integration in higher dimensional space.

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$$\langle U, V \rangle = U \cdot V = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n.$$