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Note Title

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### Example

$$(A|B) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\approx \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$x_3$  - independent unknown

Let  $x_3 = \lambda$ . Then  $x_1 = \lambda$  &  $x_2 = 3 - 2\lambda$ .

Thus the solution set is  $\{(\lambda, 3 - 2\lambda, \lambda) : \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

- 1)  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$        $\text{rank}(A|B) = 3$
- 2)  $\text{rank}(A) = 3$        $\text{rank}(A|B) = 3$
- 3)  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$        $\text{rank}(A|B) = 2$

Theorem. Let  $Ax = B$  be a system of linear equations. Then

- the system has a solution  $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A|B)$
- the system has a unique solution  $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(A) = \text{no. of unknowns}$ .

### Motivation

$$Ax = 0 \longrightarrow (*)$$

- 0 is always a solution
- $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  - one solutions to (\*)

$(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n)$  is again a solution

- $\alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is again a solution

Definition.

Let  $V$  be a non empty set with a binary operation

$$+ : V \times V \longrightarrow V$$

& a scalar multiplication

$$\cdot : \mathbb{F} \times V \longrightarrow V$$

satisfying the following conditions:

- $u + v = v + u \quad \forall u, v \in V$  (commutativity)
- $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w \quad \forall u, v, w \in V$  (associativity)

- $\exists$  a vector denoted '0' such that  $v+0=v=0+v \forall v \in V$
- for every  $v \in V \exists w \in V$  such that  $v+w=0=w+v$
- $\alpha \cdot (u+v) = \alpha \cdot u + \alpha \cdot v \forall \alpha \in F \& \forall u, v \in V$
- $\alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot v) = (\alpha\beta) \cdot v \forall \alpha, \beta \in F \& \forall v \in V$
- $(\alpha+\beta) \cdot v = \alpha \cdot v + \beta \cdot v \forall \alpha, \beta \in F \& v \in V$
- $1 \cdot v = v \forall v \in V$

Then  $V$  is called a vector space over  $F$ .

$(V(F))$  on  $(V, F)$   
(on)  $(V_F)$

Example  $\mathbb{R}$  over  $\mathbb{R}$

Example  $\mathbb{C}$  over  $\mathbb{R}$

Example  $\mathbb{C}$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ . More generally,  $F$  over  $F$ .

$\mathbb{C}$  over  $\mathbb{C}$   
 $\mathbb{C}$  over  $\mathbb{R}$   
 $\mathbb{R}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  — all three are different vector spaces.

Example

$\mathbb{R}^n = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in \mathbb{R} \forall 1 \leq i \leq n\}$   
— vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Example

$\mathbb{F}^n = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in \mathbb{F} \forall 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  — vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

Example  $M_{n,n}(F)$  — set of all  $n \times n$  matrices over  $F$ .  
— vector space over  $F$ .

Remark. In the 4<sup>th</sup> axiom of the defn. vector space, it is stated that for each  $v \in V \exists w \in V$  s.t.  $v+w=w+v=0$ . We shall denote this  $w$  as  $-v$ .

- Suppose that  $\exists O_1$  &  $O_2$  such that  
 $O_1 + v = v + O_1 = v$   
&  $O_2 + v = v + O_2 = v \forall v \in V$ .

$$O_1 = O_1 + O_2 = O_2$$

- $\therefore$  one can show that the additive inverse is unique.  
Suppose that for a given  $v \in V \exists w_1, w_2$  s.t.

$$v + w_1 = 0 = w_1 + v$$

$$\& v + w_2 = 0 = w_2 + v.$$

$$w_1 = w_1 + 0 = w_1 + (v + w_2) = (w_1 + v) + w_2 = 0 + w_2 = w_2.$$

Exercise:  $0 \cdot v = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$