

# Linear Algebra

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# 1 Brief Review

## Commonly Used Sets

- $\mathbb{N}$ : set of **natural numbers**  
could be *positive* integers  
could be *nonnegative* integers
- $\mathbb{Z}$ : set of **integers**
- $\mathbb{Q}$ : set of **rational numbers**
- $\mathbb{R}$ : set of **real numbers**

## Set Building

To denote sets too large to just list, we use **set builder** notation:

$$\{\text{candidate} : \text{condition}\}$$

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} &\{x \text{ is a fruit} : x \text{ is of yellow color}\} \\ &\{x \text{ is a human being} : x \text{ is a president of the U.S.}\} \\ &\{x \text{ is a city} : x \text{ is a capitol of a country}\} \end{aligned}$$

## Other Notations

- $\forall$ : for all
- $\exists$ : there exists
- s.t.: such that
- $\rightarrow\leftarrow$ : contradiction
- WTS: want to show