

## Operations in the Field $R^n$

As in any field, we can define the mathematical operations of the field  $R^n$

These **operations** are:

- Addition
- Multiplication

We also need to define the **zero** and **one** element in the field.

Zero element:  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

One element:  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

The above operations satisfy the [field axioms](#):

- Associativity
- Commutativity
- Distributivity
- Identity (defining *zero addition* and *multiplication by one*)
- Inverse (defining *Subtraction-Additive Inverse* and *Division-Multiplicative Inverse*)

In this lesson we will focus on **vector addition** and **scalar by vector multiplication**.