

# Linear Algebra

## 1. Vector

- **Scalar Multiplication:** Multiplying the vector by a real number  
If the vector  $x$  is represented by an arrow, then  $\forall t \neq 0$ , the vector  $tx$  is represented by an arrow in the same direction if  $t > 0$ , and in the opposite direction if  $t < 0$ .  
The length of the arrow  $tx$  is  $|t|$  times the length of the arrow  $x$
- $x$  and  $y$  are parallel if  $y = tx$  for some  $t \neq 0$

## 2. Fields

### (a) Definition of a field

A field  $F$  is a set on which two operation addition and multiplication are defined so that  $\forall x, y \in F$ ,  $\exists$  unique elements  $x + y \in F$  and  $xy \in F$ . The following conditions hold for all elements  $a, b, c \in F$

- i. Commutativity of addition and multiplication
- ii. Associativity of addition and multiplication
- iii. Identity elements for addition and multiplication.  
 $\exists$  distinct elements 0 and 1 in  $F$  such that

$$0 + a = a$$

$$1 \cdot a = a$$

- iv. Additive Inverse:  $\forall a \in F$ ,  $\exists c \in F$  such that

$$a + c = 0$$

Multiplicative Inverse:  $\forall$  nonzero  $b \in F$ ,  $\exists d \in F$  such that

$$b \cdot d = 1$$

$$\text{v. } a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$$

### (b) Cancellation Law

$\forall a, b, c \in \text{field } F$ , the following statements hold

- (a) If  $a + b = c + b$ , then  $a = c$
- (b) If  $a \cdot b = c \cdot d$ , then  $a = b$