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1i)If one **vector** is equal to the sum of scalar multiples of other **vectors**, it is said to be a **linear combination** of the other **vectors** 

ii) In the theory of vector spaces,
a set of vectors is said to be
linearly dependent if at least
one of the vectors in the set can
be defined as a linear
combination of the others; if no
vector in the set can be written
in this way, then the vectors are
said to be linearly independent

3) A *real vector space* is a set X with a special element 0, and three operations:

- Addition: Given two elements x, y in X, one can form the sum x+y, which is also an element of X.
- Inverse: Given an element x in X, one can form the inverse x, which is also an element of X.
- Scalar multiplication: Given an element x in X and a real number c, one can form the product cx, which is also an element of X.

These operations must satisfy the following axioms:

 Additive axioms. For every x,y,z in X, we have

$$\circ \quad x+y = y+x.$$

• (x+y)+z = x+(y+z).

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$$0+x = x+0 = x$$
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- (-x) + x = x + (-x) = 0.
- Multiplicative axioms. For every x in X and real numbers c,d, we have

- 1x = x
- $\circ (cd)x = c(dx)$

 Distributive axioms. For every x,y in X and real numbers c,d, we have

- $\circ \quad c(x+y) = cx + cy.$
- $\circ \quad (c+d)x = cx + dx.$