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§12.1 Vectors (2d)

scalar/number

size/magnitude only

examples: 7, -4.3, etc.

examples: length
 temperature
 time
 speed = length of velocity vector

notation: $7, \pi \in \mathbb{R}$
 $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$

vector

size and direction

examples: 

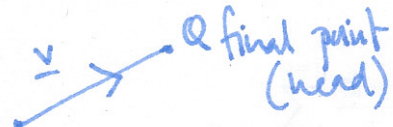
examples: free velocity

notation: $\underline{v} \quad \vec{v}$

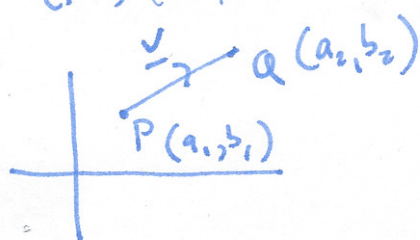
"length 4 in direction of y-axis"



a vector $\underline{v}$ is determined by its initial and final points.


 P initial point (tail) (basepoint)
 Q final point (head)

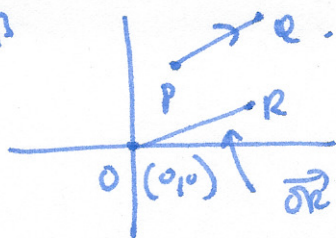
notation: $\underline{v} = \vec{v} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$



Q: how long is the vector?

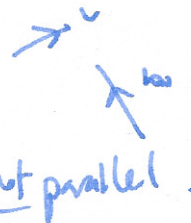
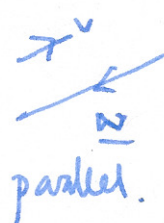
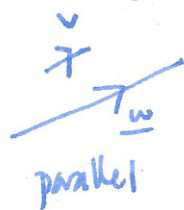
A: $\|\underline{v}\| = \|\overrightarrow{PQ}\| = \sqrt{(a_2 - a_1)^2 + (b_2 - b_1)^2}$

vectors vs points

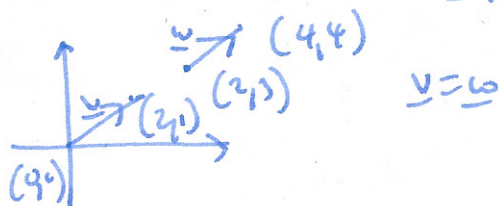


every point corresponds to a special position vector from $O = (0,0)$ to R (2)

• two vectors $\underline{v}, \underline{w}$ are parallel if the lines through $\underline{v}$ and $\underline{w}$ have the same slope (or same or opposite direction)



• two vectors $\underline{v}, \underline{w}$ are translated or equivalent or equal if they have the same length and direction.

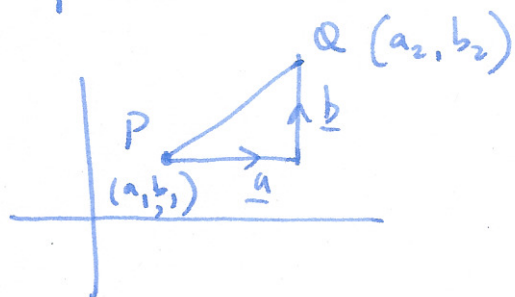


observation every vector $\underline{v}$ is equal to a unique position vector $\underline{v}_0$ based at the origin $O = (0,0)$

Defn components of a vector $\underline{v} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$

$P = (a_1, b_1)$ $Q = (a_2, b_2)$

are $\underline{v} = \langle a, b \rangle$ where $a = a_2 - a_1$ x-component
 $b = b_2 - b_1$ y-component



observation $\|\underline{v}\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

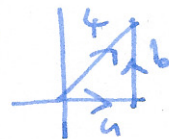
• the components $\langle a, b \rangle$ determine length and direction, so two vectors are equal if and only if they have the same components.

• $\underline{v} = \langle a, b \rangle$ does not determine the basepoint of the vector.

convention all vectors based at the origin $O = (0,0)$ unless otherwise stated.

special vector $\underline{0} = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$ zero vector (not the origin $(0,0)$!)
(no direction!)

Example A vector $\underline{v}$ has length 4, lies in the first quadrant, and makes an angle of $\pi/4$ with the x -axis. Find the components of $\underline{v}$



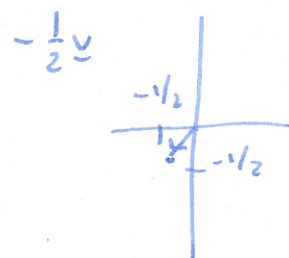
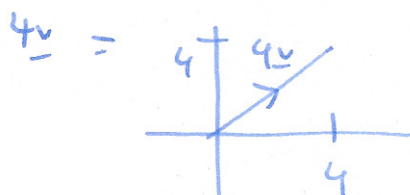
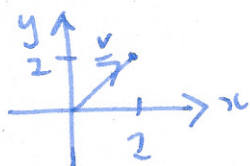
Vector addition and scalar multiplication

scalar multiplication

λ scalar/number
 $\underline{v}$ vector

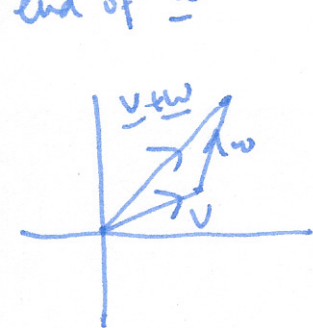
$\lambda \underline{v}$ is the vector with the same direction as $\underline{v}$ but length $\lambda \|\underline{v}\|$ if $\lambda > 0$
 $\lambda \underline{v}$ is the vector with the opposite direction to $\underline{v}$ but length $|\lambda| \|\underline{v}\|$ if $\lambda < 0$

Example $\underline{v} = \langle 1, 1 \rangle$

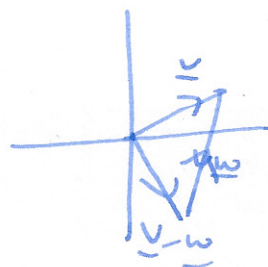


observation $\underline{v}$ is parallel to $\underline{w}$ iff $\underline{v} = \lambda \underline{w}$ for some λ .

vector addition • $\underline{v}, \underline{w}$ vectors. translate $\underline{w}$ so that the beginning of $\underline{w}$ is at the end of $\underline{v}$, then $\underline{v} + \underline{w}$ is the vector from the beginning of $\underline{v}$ to the end of $\underline{w}$



$$\underline{v} - \underline{w} = \underline{v} + (-1)\underline{w}$$



vector operations in components

If $\underline{v} = \langle a, b \rangle$ $\underline{w} = \langle c, d \rangle$

then: • $\lambda \underline{v} = \langle \lambda a, \lambda b \rangle$

$$\bullet \underline{v} + \underline{w} = \langle a+c, b+d \rangle = \langle a, b \rangle + \langle c, d \rangle = \underline{w} + \underline{v}$$

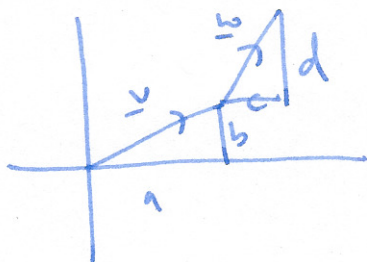
$$\bullet \underline{v} - \underline{w} = \langle a-c, b-d \rangle = \langle a, b \rangle - \langle c, d \rangle \neq \underline{w} - \underline{v} !$$

$$\bullet \underline{v} + \underline{0} = \langle a, b \rangle + \langle 0, 0 \rangle = \langle a, b \rangle = \underline{0} + \underline{v}$$

important $\underline{v} - \underline{v} = \underline{0} = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$ zero vector not zero number.

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check



useful properties: $\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w}$ vectors, λ scalar

- $\underline{u} + \underline{v} = \underline{v} + \underline{u}$ (commutative)
- $\underline{u} + (\underline{v} + \underline{w}) = (\underline{u} + \underline{v}) + \underline{w}$ (associative)
- $\lambda(\underline{v} + \underline{w}) = \lambda\underline{v} + \lambda\underline{w}$ (distributive)
- length $\|\lambda\underline{v}\| = |\lambda| \|\underline{v}\|$

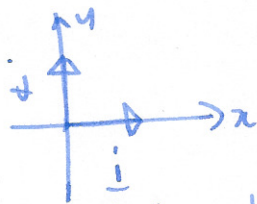
important: $\lambda + \underline{v}$ does not make sense!

unit vectors: a vector of length 1 is called a unit vector

if $\underline{v}$ is a (non-zero) vector then $\hat{\underline{v}} = \underline{e}_{\underline{v}} = \frac{1}{\|\underline{v}\|} \underline{v}$ is a unit vector in the direction of $\underline{v}$.

check: $\left\| \frac{1}{\|\underline{v}\|} \underline{v} \right\| = \left| \frac{1}{\|\underline{v}\|} \right| \|\underline{v}\| = \frac{\|\underline{v}\|}{\|\underline{v}\|} = 1$

special vectors



$\underline{i}$ unit vector in x-direction $\underline{i} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$
 $\underline{j}$ unit vector in y-direction $\underline{j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$

$\underline{i}, \underline{j}$ called standard basis vectors.

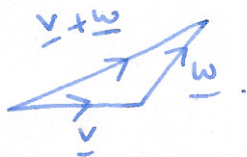
Linear combinations

$\underline{v}, \underline{w}$ vectors, r, s scalars, then $r\underline{v} + s\underline{w}$ is a linear combination of $\underline{v}$ and $\underline{w}$.

Every vector can be written as a linear combination of $\underline{i}$ and $\underline{j}$.
(2d)

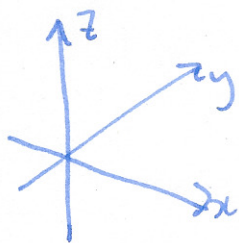
$$\underline{v} = \langle a, b \rangle = a\langle 1, 0 \rangle + b\langle 0, 1 \rangle = a\underline{i} + b\underline{j}.$$

triangle inequality

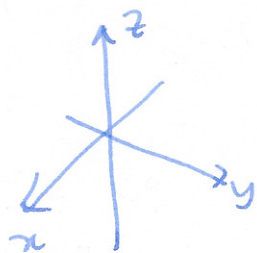


$$\|\underline{v} + \underline{w}\| \leq \|\underline{v}\| + \|\underline{w}\|.$$

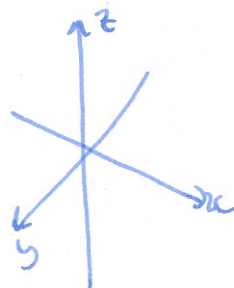
§ 12.2 Vectors (3d)



good



bad

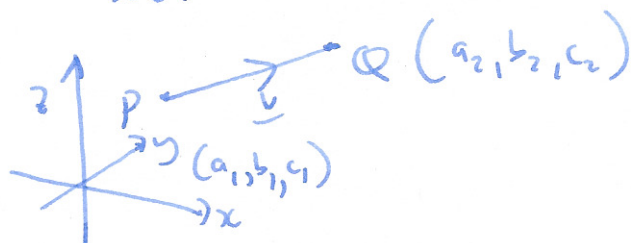


right hand rule



A vector $\underline{v}$ has length and direction

$\underline{v}$ is determined by initial and final points $\underline{v} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$

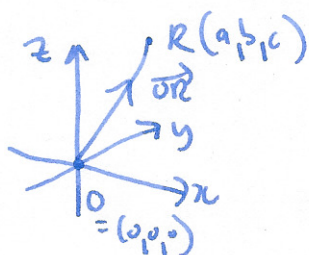


length: $\|\underline{v}\| = \|\overrightarrow{PQ}\| = \sqrt{(a_2 - a_1)^2 + (b_2 - b_1)^2 + (c_2 - c_1)^2}$

translation: move $\underline{v}$ without changing length or direction

equal: $\underline{v}, \underline{w}$ are equal if they have same length and direction
i.e. they are translates of each other.

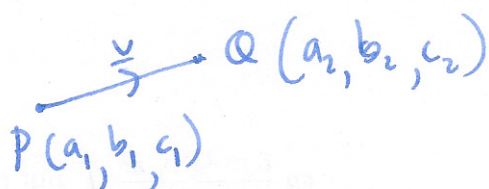
position vectors:



$$\overrightarrow{OR} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

position vector

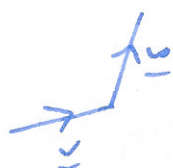
components



$$\underline{v} = \langle a_2 - a_1, b_2 - b_1, c_2 - c_1 \rangle = \overrightarrow{PQ}$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{x-component}} \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow$
 $\text{y-component} \quad \quad \quad \text{z-component}$

vector addition



$$\underline{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle \quad \underline{w} = \langle w_1, w_2, w_3 \rangle$$

$$\underline{v} + \underline{w} = \langle v_1 + w_1, v_2 + w_2, v_3 + w_3 \rangle$$