

Section 8.1: Geometric Vectors

Objectives:

- I can identify the magnitude and direction of a vector.
- I can add/subtract vectors using the parallelogram method.
- I can add/subtract vectors using the “tip to tail” (triangle) method.
- I can find the component form of a vector.

Definition:

A **vector** is a quantity that is defined by its _____ and _____.

Example 1:

Use a ruler and protractor to determine the **magnitude** and **direction** of the vector below:



Definition:

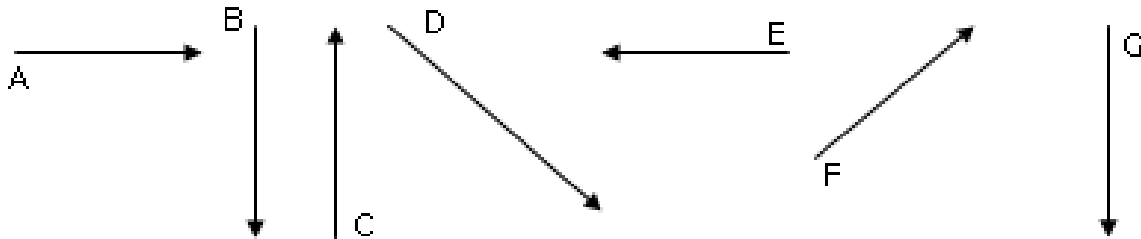
A **zero vector** has a magnitude of 0 and can go in any direction (a point at the origin).

Example 2:

Draw a “zero vector”.

Example 3:

Consider the vectors listed below. Use the vectors to solve the problems:



- Name 2 vectors that are equal.
- Name all of the parallel vectors.
- Find the sum of $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{f}$ using the parallelogram and triangle methods.

Example 4:

Use the triangle method to find $2\mathbf{c} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{d}$. (Use the pictures from example 3)

Example 5:

At a competition, a sailplane traveled forward at a rate of 8 m/s, and it descended at a rate of 4 m/s. Determine the magnitude of the resultant velocity of the sailplane.

Definition: Two or more vectors whose sum is a given vector are called **components** of the given vector.

Example 6:

A ship leaving port sails for 75 miles in a direction 35° north of due east. Find the magnitude of the vertical and horizontal components.

Example 7:

A piling for a high-rise building is pushed by two bulldozers at exactly the same time. One bulldozer exerts a force of 1550 pounds in a westerly direction. The other bulldozer pushes the piling with a force of 3050 pounds in a northerly direction.

- a. What is the magnitude of the resultant force upon the piling, to the nearest ten pounds?

- b. What is the direction of the resultant force upon the piling, to the nearest tenth?

Section 8.2: Algebraic Vectors

Objectives:

- I can find ordered pairs that represent vectors (component form).
- I can Add, subtract, multiply, and find the magnitude of vectors algebraically.

Vectors as ordered pairs: Vectors can be represented using ordered pairs. For example, $\langle 3, 5 \rangle$ can represent a vector in standard position. That means that the initial point is at (\quad , \quad) and the terminal point is at (\quad , \quad) .

Definition: Two or more vectors whose sum is a given vector are called **components** of the given vector.

Given initial point _____ and terminal point _____, find the magnitude:

Example 1:

A) Draw $\langle 3, 5 \rangle$ in standard position and as a Triangle.

B) Shift the vector $\langle 3, 5 \rangle$ over 6 units to the left, and 1 unit down. Where are the new initial and terminal points?

Example 2:

Write the ordered pair that represents the vector from $(-5, 6)$ to $(4, -2)$. Then find the magnitude of the vector.

Definitions:

Vector addition: $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} =$

Vector subtraction: $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} =$

Scalar multiplication: $k\mathbf{a} =$

Example 3:

Let $\mathbf{m} = \langle 5, -7 \rangle$, $\mathbf{n} = \langle 0, 4 \rangle$, and $\mathbf{p} = \langle -1, 3 \rangle$. Find each of the following:

a. $\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{p}$

b. $\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{n}$

c. $7\mathbf{p}$

d. $2\mathbf{m} + 3\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{p}$

Example 4:

Paramedics are moving a person on to a stretcher. Ms. Gonzalez is pushing the stretcher with a force of 135 newtons at 58° with the horizontal (from standard position). Mr. Howard is pulling the stretcher with a force of 214 newtons at 43° with the horizontal. What is the magnitude of the force exerted on the stretcher?

Definition:

A vector that has a magnitude of one unit is called a **unit vector**. A unit vector in the direction of the positive x -axis is represented by \mathbf{i} , and the unit vector in the direction of the positive y -axis is represented by \mathbf{j} .

So, $\mathbf{i} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$. The zero vector, therefore, would be represented as $\mathbf{0} = 0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j}$.

Example 5:

Write \mathbf{AB} as the sum of unit vectors for $\mathbf{A} = \langle 4, -1 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{B} = \langle 6, 2 \rangle$.

You try it!!

1. Write the ordered pair that represents the vector from $(7, -3)$ to $(-2, -1)$. Then find the magnitude of the vector.

2. Let $\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, -4 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle 0, 8 \rangle$. Find each of the following:
 - a. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$

 - b. $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$

 - c. $\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}$

 - d. $2\mathbf{u} + 3\mathbf{v}$

3. Radiology technicians are moving a patient on an MRI machine cot. Ms. Jones is pushing the cot with a force of 120 newtons at 55° with the horizontal, while Mr. Michaels is pulling the cot with a force of 200 newtons at 40° with the horizontal. What is the magnitude of the force exerted on the cot?

Definition Review: What is the Law of Sines formula?

What is the Law of Cosines formula?

3. A lighting system for a theater is supported equally by two cables suspended from the ceiling of the theater. The cables form a 140° angle with each other. If the lighting system weighs 950 pounds, what is the force exerted by each of the cables on the lighting system?
4. A Boeing 727 airplane, flying due east at 500 mph in still air, encounters a 70 mph tail wind acting in the direction 60° north of east. The airplane holds its compass heading due east but, because of the wind, acquires a new ground speed and direction. What are they?

Section 8.4: Perpendicular (Orthogonal) Vectors

Objectives:

- I can find the inner (dot) product of two vectors.
- I can find the cross products of two vectors.
- I can determine whether two vectors are perpendicular (orthogonal).

The **dot product** of $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ is: $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2$.

Note the answer is a number, not a vector.

Example 1:

Calculate the dot product of the vectors below:

a. $\mathbf{u} = (2, 3)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (7, -1)$.

b. $\mathbf{u} = (-5, 7)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (3, 5)$.

Example 2:

Let $\mathbf{u} = (3, -5)$, $\mathbf{v} = (-2, 4)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (6, 7)$. Find the following answers. (Be careful when deciding if the answer will be a *number* or a *vector*.)

a. $(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})\vec{w} =$

b. $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} =$

The **Angle in Between** two vectors is: $\cos x = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{u}||\vec{v}|}$

Example 3:

Find the angle between the pairs of vectors in *Example 1*.

Orthogonal (perpendicular) Vectors:

Activity:

Work together to find a simple equation to determine if two vectors are perpendicular.

1. If two vectors are orthogonal (perpendicular), what is the measure of the angle, x , between the two vectors?

$$x = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\cos x = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

1. What is the $\cos x$?

$$\cos x = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{u}||\vec{v}|}$$

2. Use the “ $\cos x$ ” you just found in #2, and the formula for the angle between to determine a NEW formula for perpendicular vectors.

Example 4:

Verify that the following vectors are perpendicular: $\langle 4, 2 \rangle$ $\langle 5, -10 \rangle$

Parallel Vectors:

Example 5:

Verify that the following vectors are parallel: $\langle -3, 6 \rangle$ $\langle 5, -10 \rangle$

Example 6:

Determine whether the following vectors are parallel, orthogonal, or neither.

#	Vectors	Work	Parallel, Orthogonal, or neither?
A	$\mathbf{u} = (8, 10)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (5, 4)$		
B	$\mathbf{u} = (8, 10)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (1, 1.25)$		
C	$\mathbf{u} = (8, 10)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (-4, -5)$		
D	$\mathbf{u} = (8, 10)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (-20, 16)$		
E	$\mathbf{u} = (8, 10)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (30, -24)$		
F	$\mathbf{u} = (-2, 4, 8)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (16, 4, 2)$		

Example 7:

Recall that perpendicular lines have opposite reciprocal slopes. Suppose that vector $\mathbf{u} = (3, 4)$.

a. Find two vectors that are orthogonal (perpendicular) to \mathbf{u} .

b. “Scale-change” your answers from part (a) so that the vectors have a length of 10.

Section 8.6: Vectors and Parametric Equations

Objectives:

- Write parametric equations of lines.
- Graph parametric equations.

Recall:

Slope Intercept Form: $y = mx + b$

Point-Slope Form: $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

Definition (Parametric equation of a line):

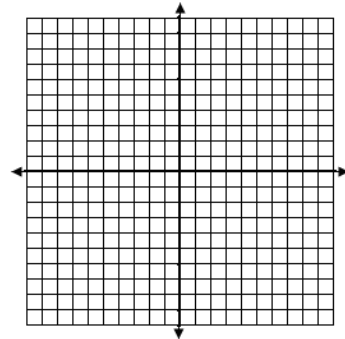
A line through $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ that is parallel to the vector $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2)$

$$x = x_1 + tv_1$$

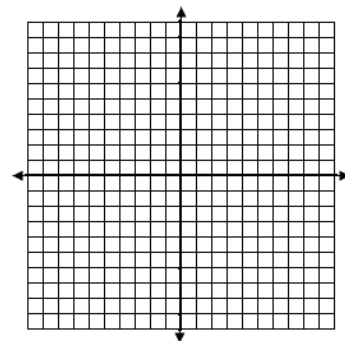
$$y = y_1 + tv_2$$

1. Consider the vector \mathbf{v} .
 - a. Sketch the vector that is represented by the vector from $(-2, 5)$ to $(7, -3)$.
 - b. Give the component representation of the standard position vector.

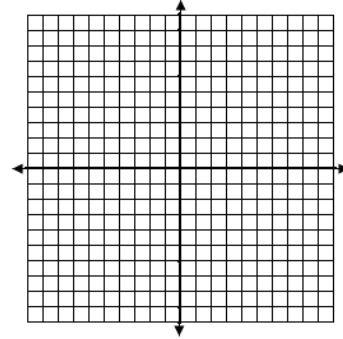
- c. Sketch the vector in standard position.
 - d. Find the magnitude and direction of \mathbf{v} .



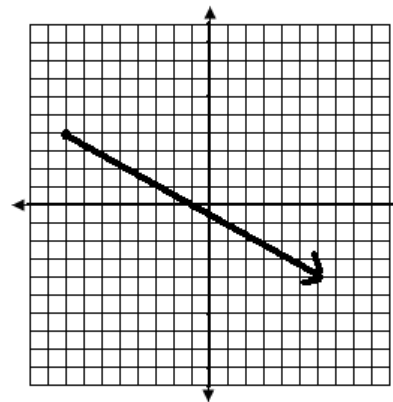
2. Consider $\mathbf{v} = (3, 7)$.
 - a. Sketch \mathbf{v} .
 - b. Sketch \mathbf{u} such that \mathbf{u} starts at $(-5, 8)$ and is parallel to vector \mathbf{v} .



3. Vector \mathbf{v} has a length of 6 and is in the direction of 45° west of north.
- Give the component representation of the vector.
 - Sketch \mathbf{v} with an initial point of $(5, -3)$.
 - Identify the endpoint of the vector drawn in part b.



4. Consider the vector drawn below:
- Give the initial point.
 - Give the terminal point.
 - Give the component representation of the vector in standard form.

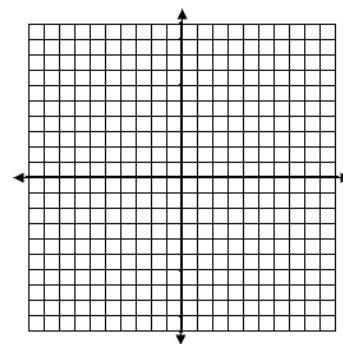


5. Consider the line given by the parametric equations below. Graph the line.

$$x = -8 + 12t$$

$$y = -3 + 7t$$

- Sketch a new line that contains the point $(-4, 1)$ and is parallel to the line above.
- Write the equation for this line in **parametric form**.
- Write the equation of the line in **point-slope form**.



6. A vector $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2)$ in standard position is parallel to $\mathbf{u} = (3, 1)$ and twice as long. Find two sets of values for (w_1, w_2) .

7. Find a vector $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2)$ in standard position that is parallel to $\mathbf{v} = (3, -4)$ and has a length of 30.

8. Find a vector $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2)$ in standard position that is parallel to $\mathbf{u} = (-5, -12)$ and has a length of 32.5.

9. Write a vector that is perpendicular (orthogonal) to the vector $(6, -5)$.

10. Write a vector that is perpendicular (orthogonal) to the line with parametric equations:

$$x = -5 + 8t$$

$$y = 9 - 3t$$

11. Graph
$$\begin{aligned} x &= 8 - 10t \\ y &= 4 + 3t \end{aligned}$$

