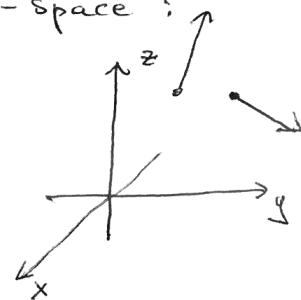
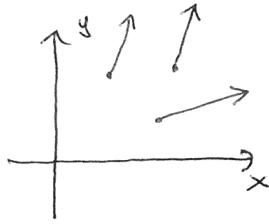


13.1 - 13.2 Review and Examples

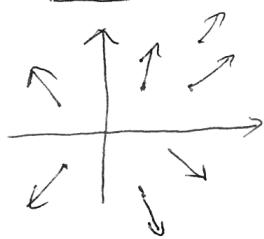
Vectors are objects that have magnitude as well as direction.
 Geometrically vectors are usually represented by arrows on
 the xy -plane or in the xyz -space:



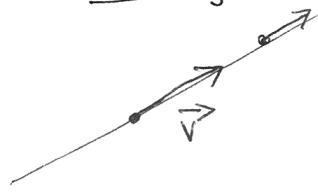
Two vectors that have the same magnitude and direction are considered the same — the tail of a vector does not matter.

Many objects in applications are vectors.

Force Field



Velocity

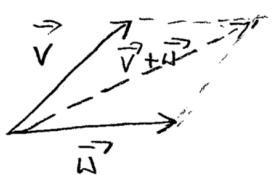


All operations and properties of vectors are usually defined in two ways: purely geometrically — in terms of arrows — and algebraically — in terms of components. What are components of a vector? We will discuss it soon.

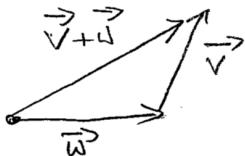
When you talk about vectors numerical quantities that do not have direction are usually called scalars.

We define operations on vectors : $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$, $\|\vec{v}\|$, $\alpha\vec{v}$, $\vec{v} - \vec{w}$ in purely geometric terms as follows. Let two vectors \vec{v} , \vec{w} and a scalar α be given. Then the sum $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$

is



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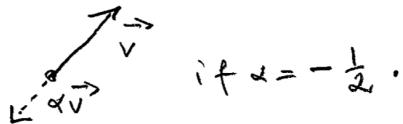
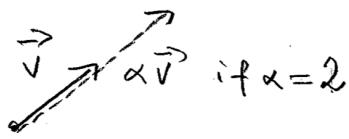


(Remember the tail of a vector doesn't matter; we can move it freely.)

The magnitude $\|\vec{v}\|$ is the length of the arrow representing \vec{v} . In other words, the distance between the tail and the endpoint of \vec{v} :

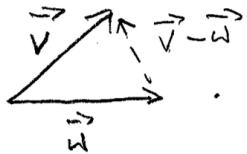


$\alpha\vec{v}$ is a vector parallel to \vec{v} with its length rescaled by the factor α . If $\alpha > 0$, $\alpha\vec{v}$ points in the same direction as \vec{v} , if $\alpha < 0$, $\alpha\vec{v}$ points in the opposite direction.



$$\vec{v} - \vec{\omega} = \vec{v} + (-\vec{\omega}) , \text{ where } -\vec{\omega} = -1 \cdot \vec{\omega}. \quad (2)$$

Geometrically:



Ex 1:

The vectors \vec{w} and \vec{u} are in Figure 12.16. Match the vectors $\vec{p}, \vec{q}, \vec{r}, \vec{s}, \vec{t}$ with five of the following vectors: $\vec{u} + \vec{w}, \vec{u} - \vec{w}, \vec{w} - \vec{u}, 2\vec{w} - \vec{u}, \vec{u} - 2\vec{w}, 2\vec{w}, -2\vec{w}, 2\vec{u}, -2\vec{u}, -\vec{w}, -\vec{u}$.

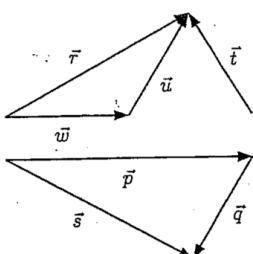
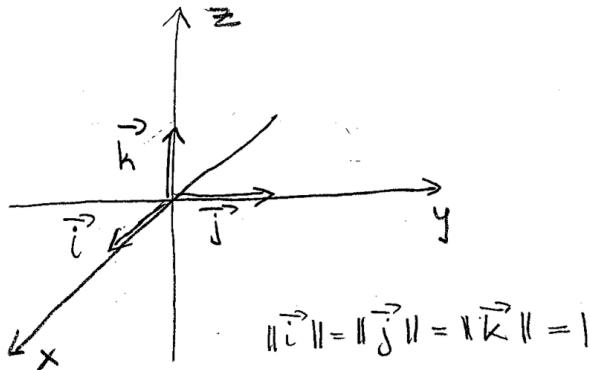


Figure 12.16

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r} &= \vec{w} + \vec{u}, \quad \vec{t} = \vec{u} - \vec{w} \\ \vec{p} &= 2\vec{w}, \quad \vec{q} = -\vec{u} \\ \vec{s} &= \vec{p} + \vec{q} = 2\vec{w} - \vec{u}\end{aligned}$$

We choose basic vectors $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$ in the xyz-space as follows:



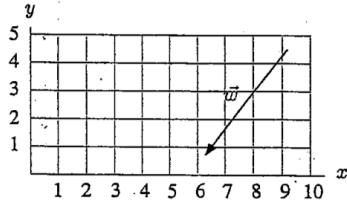
Every vector \vec{v} in the xyz-space can be uniquely represented as:

$$\vec{v} = v_1 \vec{i} + v_2 \vec{j} + v_3 \vec{k}.$$

The numbers v_1, v_2, v_3 are called components of \vec{v} .

Ex 2 : Resolve the vector \vec{w} below into its \vec{i}, \vec{j} components : $\vec{w} = w_1 \vec{i} + w_2 \vec{j}$:

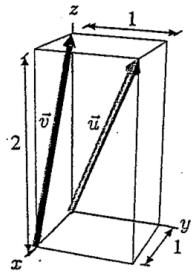
(3)



\vec{w} displaces its tail about 2.5 units in the negative \vec{i} direction and about 3.5 units in the negative \vec{j} direction.

$$\text{Hence: } \vec{w} = -2.5 \vec{i} - 3.5 \vec{j}$$

Ex 3 : Resolve \vec{u} and \vec{v} into their $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$ components :



Looking at how many units \vec{u} displaces in the $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$ directions, we see that:

$$\vec{u} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$$

Similarly,

$$\vec{v} = -\vec{i} + 2\vec{k}$$

All operations can easily be expressed in terms of components.

Let $\vec{v} = v_1 \vec{i} + v_2 \vec{j} + v_3 \vec{k}$, $\vec{w} = w_1 \vec{i} + w_2 \vec{j} + w_3 \vec{k}$ be given. Then:

$$\vec{v} + \vec{w} = (v_1 + w_1) \vec{i} + (v_2 + w_2) \vec{j} + (v_3 + w_3) \vec{k},$$

$$\vec{v} - \vec{w} = (v_1 - w_1) \vec{i} + (v_2 - w_2) \vec{j} + (v_3 - w_3) \vec{k},$$

$$\alpha \vec{v} = (\alpha v_1) \vec{i} + (\alpha v_2) \vec{j} + (\alpha v_3) \vec{k} \text{ for any scalar } \alpha,$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2}.$$

We define the zero vector $\vec{0}$ as:

(4)

$$\vec{0} = \vec{0i} + \vec{0j} + \vec{0k}.$$

A vector \vec{u} is called a unit vector if $\|\vec{u}\| = 1$.

Observe the following:

$$\|\alpha \vec{v}\| = |\alpha| \|\vec{v}\|$$

for every vector $\vec{v} = v_1 \vec{i} + v_2 \vec{j} + v_3 \vec{k}$ and scalar α . Of course:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha \vec{v}\| &= \|\alpha v_1 \vec{i} + \alpha v_2 \vec{j} + \alpha v_3 \vec{k}\| = \sqrt{\alpha^2 v_1^2 + \alpha^2 v_2^2 + \alpha^2 v_3^2} = \\ &= \sqrt{\alpha^2} \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2} = |\alpha| \|\vec{v}\|. \end{aligned}$$

Ex 4: Let $\vec{v} = \vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$. Find the unit vector \vec{u} in the direction of \vec{v} .

Note the $\frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \vec{v}$ points in the direction of \vec{v} . Also,

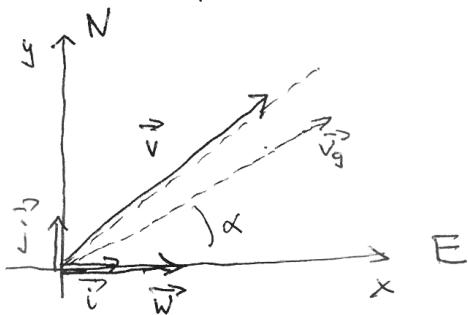
$$\left\| \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \vec{v} \right\| = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \|\vec{v}\| = 1. \text{ So we can take}$$

$$\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}.$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{6}. \text{ Hence } \vec{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \vec{i} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \vec{j} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \vec{k}.$$

(5)

Ex 5: An airplane is heading northeast at an airspeed of 700 km/hr, but there is a wind blowing from the west at 60 km/hr. In what direction does the plane end up flying? What is its speed and velocity relative to the ground?



$$\vec{v} = \frac{700}{\sqrt{2}} \vec{i} + \frac{700}{\sqrt{2}} \vec{j}$$

$$\vec{w} = 60 \vec{i}$$

$$\vec{v}_g = \left(\frac{700}{\sqrt{2}} + 60 \right) \vec{i} + \frac{700}{\sqrt{2}} \vec{j} \approx 555 \vec{i} + 495 \vec{j}$$

$$\text{Ground speed} = \|\vec{v}_g\| = \sqrt{555^2 + 495^2} \approx 744 \text{ km/hr.}$$

$$\alpha = \arctan \left(\frac{495}{555} \right) \approx 42^\circ.$$