

Algebraic Vectors

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Component Form of a Vector Given Initial & Terminal Points

$P_1(x_1, y_1)$ initial point

$P_2(x_2, y_2)$ terminal point

$$\langle x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1 \rangle$$

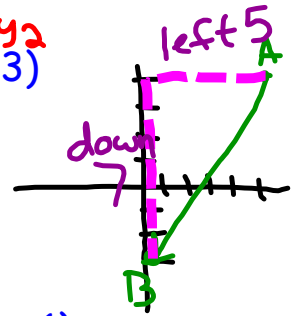
★ can be written as ordered pairs or sum of unit vectors

Write the component form of \vec{AB}

1. A (x_1, y_1) (5, 4) & B (x_2, y_2) (0, -3)

$$\langle 0 - 5, -3 - 4 \rangle$$

$$\langle -5, -7 \rangle$$



2. A (7, -3) & B (-2, -1)

$$\langle -2 - 7, -1 - (-3) \rangle$$

$$\langle -9, 2 \rangle$$

Magnitude of a Vector Given Component Form

$P_1(x_1, y_1)$ initial point

$P_2(x_2, y_2)$ terminal point

distance formula:

$$|\vec{P_1P_2}| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

or pythagorean theorem if you know components

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$|v| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Write the magnitude of \vec{AB}

1. A (5, 4) & B (0, -3)

$$|v| = \sqrt{(0 - 5)^2 + (-3 - 4)^2} = \sqrt{(-5)^2 + (-7)^2} = \sqrt{25 + 49} = \sqrt{74} \text{ or } 8.6$$

2. A (7, -3) & B (-2, -1)

components: $\langle -9, 2 \rangle$

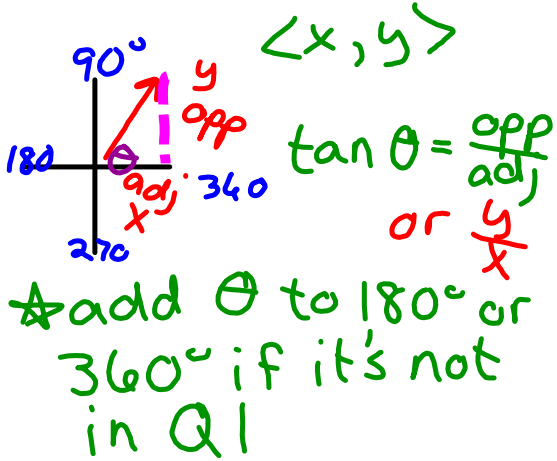
$$|v| = \sqrt{(-9)^2 + (2)^2}$$

$$|v| = \sqrt{81 + 4}$$

$$|v| = \sqrt{85} \text{ or } 9.2$$

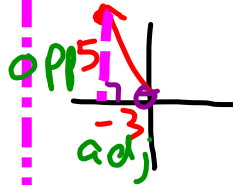
Find Amplitude (Direction) of a Vector Given Components

Sketch the vector (no protractor) on an xy axis
 Create a right triangle with the reference angle

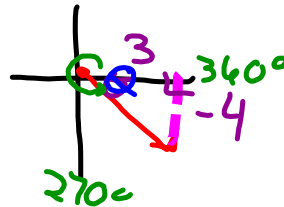


Find the direction angle of each:

1. $(-3, 5)$ $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{5}{-3}$
 $\theta = \tan^{-1}(\frac{5}{-3})$
 $\theta = -59^\circ$
 $+180^\circ$ bc Q2
 $\theta = 121^\circ$

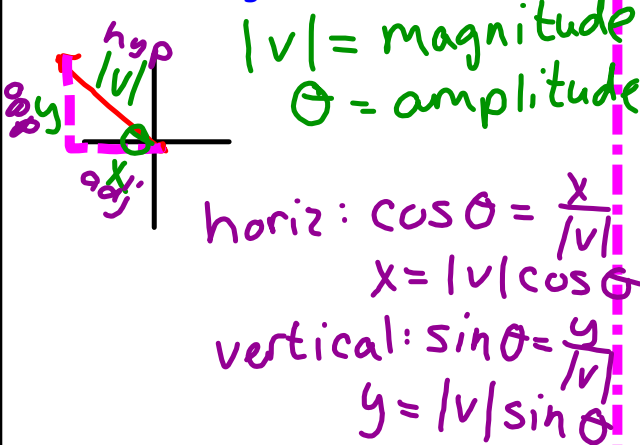


2. $3i - 4j$
 $\langle 3, -4 \rangle$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{-4}{3}$
 $\theta = \tan^{-1}(4/3)$
 $\theta = -53.1^\circ$
 $+360^\circ$
 $\theta = 306.9^\circ$



Find Component Form Given Magnitude & Amplitude (Direction)

Sketch the vector (no protractor) on an xy axis
 Create a right triangle with the reference angle



Find the component form given the magnitude & direction.

1. $|v|=10 \theta=120^\circ$
 $\cos \theta = \frac{x}{|v|}$
 $x = 10 \cos 120^\circ$
 $x = -5$
 $\sin \theta = \frac{y}{|v|}$
 $y = 10 \sin 120^\circ$
 $y = 8.7$
 $\langle -5, 8.7 \rangle$

2. $|v|=6 \theta=250^\circ$
 $\langle 6 \cos 250^\circ, 6 \sin 250^\circ \rangle$
 $\langle -2.1, -5.6 \rangle$



$\langle |v| \cos \theta, |v| \sin \theta \rangle$

Add, Subtract, & Scalar Multiplication with Vectors

If $\vec{a} = (x_1, y_1)$ and $\vec{b} = (x_2, y_2)$

Add: $\vec{a} + \vec{b} =$

$$\langle x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2 \rangle$$

Subtract: $\vec{a} - \vec{b} =$

$$\langle x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2 \rangle$$

Scalar Multiplication: $k\vec{a} =$

$$\langle k \cdot x_1, k \cdot y_1 \rangle$$

Given $\vec{q} = (3, 9)$ and $\vec{r} = (-1, 6)$, find:

1. $\vec{q} + \vec{r} =$

$$\langle 3 + (-1), 9 + 6 \rangle$$

$$\langle 2, 15 \rangle$$

2. $\vec{q} - \vec{r} =$

$$\langle 3 - (-1), 9 - 6 \rangle$$

$$\langle 4, 3 \rangle$$

3. $5\vec{q} =$

$$5 \langle 3, 9 \rangle = \langle 5 \cdot 3, 5 \cdot 9 \rangle$$

$$\langle 15, 45 \rangle$$

4. $3\vec{r} - 2\vec{q} =$

$$3 \langle -1, 6 \rangle + 2 \langle 3, 9 \rangle$$

$$\langle -3, 18 \rangle + \langle 6, 18 \rangle$$

$$\langle -9, 0 \rangle$$

Unit Vectors

Any vector can be represented by an ordered pair or a sum of vectors.

$$\text{If } \vec{a} = (a_1, a_2)$$

$$a_1 \cdot i + a_2 \cdot j$$

\uparrow \uparrow
 horiz. vert.

Write as the sum of unit vectors:

1. (2, -5) $2i - 5j$

2. (-1, 2) $-1i + 2j$
or $-i + 2j$

3. (0, -7) $0i - 7j$ or $-7j$

Orthogonal Vectors (Dot Product)

If 2 vectors have a dot product = 0, then they are orthogonal (meaning perpendicular) \perp

$$\langle x_1, y_1 \rangle \cdot \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle$$

dot product:

$$x_1 \cdot x_2 + y_1 \cdot y_2$$

Are the vectors orthogonal?
Show why.

1. (2, -5) and (-2, 5)
 $2(-2) + (-5)(5)$
 $-4 + -25 = -29$

2. (4, -2) and (-5, -10) not \perp
 $(4)(-5) + (-2)(-10)$

$$-20 + 20 = 0$$

yes \perp
(orthogonal)