

Chapter 12 Vectors and the Geometry of Space

Section 12.1 Three-Dimensional Coordinate Systems

- a three dimensional rectangular coordinate system

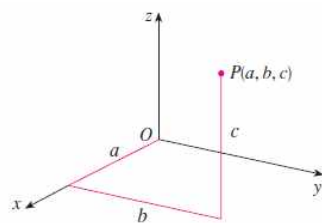


FIGURE 4

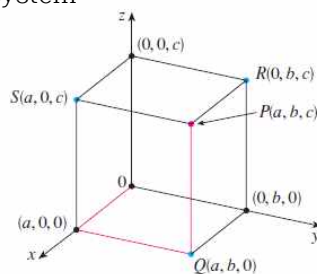


FIGURE 5

- Plot the points $(-4, 3, -5)$ and $(3, -2, -6)$.

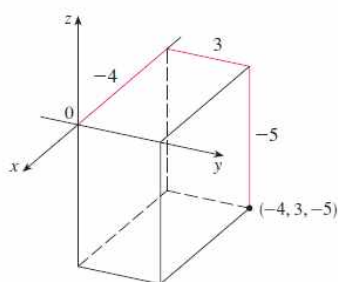
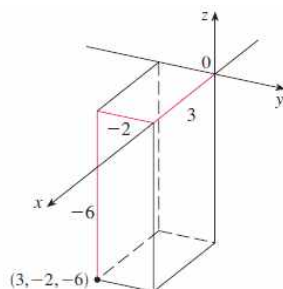


FIGURE 6



Example 1 What surface in \mathbb{R}^3 are represented by the following equations?

(a) $z = 3$

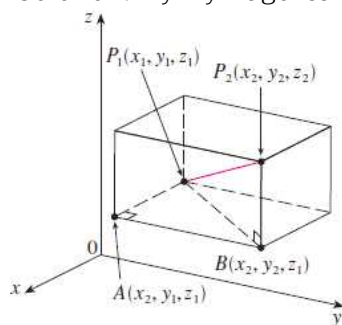
(b) $y = 5$

- **Distance Formula in \mathbb{R}^3**

The distance $|P_1 P_2|$ between the points $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is

$$|P_1 P_2| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

Solution. By Pythagorean Theorem, we obtain



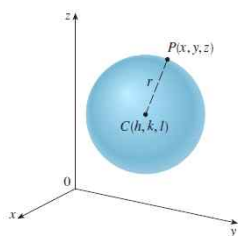
$$\begin{aligned} |P_1 P_2|^2 &= |P_1 B|^2 + |BP_2|^2 \\ &= (|P_1 A|^2 + |AB|^2) + |BP_2|^2 \\ &= |x_2 - x_1|^2 + |y_2 - y_1|^2 + |z_2 - z_1|^2 \\ &= (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $|P_1 P_2| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$

Example 4 The distance from the point $P(2, -1, 7)$ to the point $Q(1, -3, 5)$ is

$|PQ| =$ _____

- **Equation of a Sphere**



An equation of a sphere with center $C(h, k, l)$ and radius r is

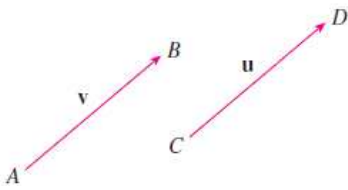
$$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 + (z - l)^2 = r^2$$

In particular, the center is the **origin**, then an equation of the sphere is

Example 6 Show that $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 4x - 6y + 2z + 6 = 0$ is the equation of a sphere, and find its center and radius.

Section 12.2 Vectors

- The term **vector** is used by scientists to indicate a quantity that has both magnitude and direction.
(ex.) displacement, velocity or force



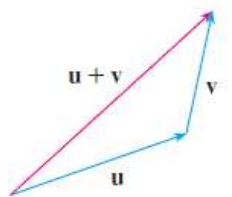
- A vector is represented by an **arrow** (or a directed line segment):
the length of the arrow = the magnitude of the vector
the direction of the arrow = the direction of the vector

- we denote a vector by a letter in boldface (**v**) or the letter \vec{v} .

■ The two vectors **u** and **v** **equal** ($\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$) if the vector **u** has the same length and the same direction as **v** even though it is in a different position.

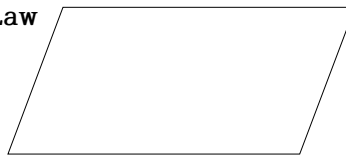
- The **zero vector**, denoted by **0** (or $\vec{0}$), has length 0.
(It is the only vector with no specific direction.)

Definition of Vector Addition $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$



If **u** and **v** are vectors positioned so the initial point of **v** is at the terminal point of **u**, then the **sum** $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is the vector from the initial point of **u** to the terminal point of **v**.
(This is called the **Triangle Law**.)

ex) the **Parallelogram Law**

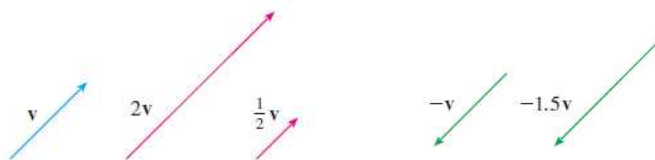


Definition of Scalar Multiplication

If c is a scalar (real number) and **v** is a vector, then the scalar multiple $c\mathbf{v}$ is a vector whose length = _____ and whose direction = _____

- the **negative** of **v**: $-\mathbf{v} = (-1)\mathbf{v}$

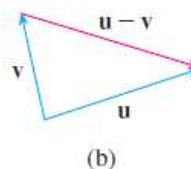
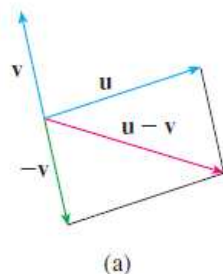
ex)



Note: Two nonzero vectors are **parallel** if they are scalar multiples of one another.

(that is, **u** and **v** are parallel if $\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{v}$ for some c)

- the vector **difference**: $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{v})$



Example 2 If **a** and **b** are the vectors in shown in **Figure 9**, draw $\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b}$.

Solution.



FIGURE 9

■ Components

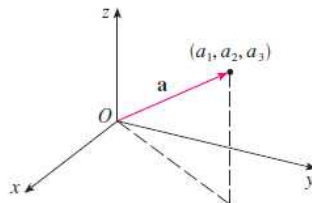
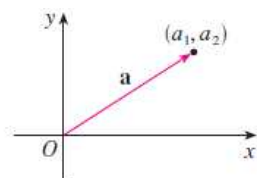
If we place the **initial point** of a vector \mathbf{a} at the **origin** of a rectangular coordinate system, then the **terminal point** of \mathbf{a} has **coordinates** of the form (a_1, a_2) or (a_1, a_2, a_3) .

These coordinates are called the **components** of \mathbf{a} and we write

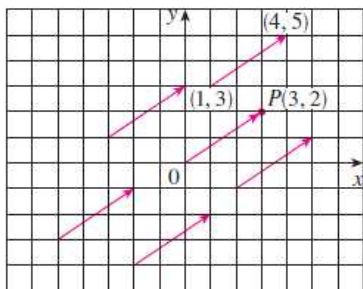
$$\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle$$

or

$$\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$$



ex.1) The vectors shown in Figure are all equivalent to the vector $\mathbf{a} = \langle 3, 2 \rangle$.



■ If the vector \mathbf{a} has the **initial point** $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and the **terminal point** $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$, then $\mathbf{a} = \langle x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1 \rangle$.

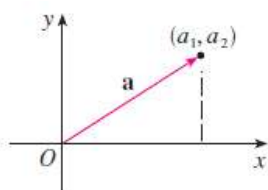
Example 3 Find the vector represented by the directed line segment with initial point $A(2, -3, 4)$ and terminal point $B(-2, 1, 1)$.

Answer. $\overrightarrow{AB} =$ _____

■ The **magnitude** or **length** of the vector \mathbf{v} is denoted by the symbol $|\mathbf{v}|$ or $\|\mathbf{v}\|$.

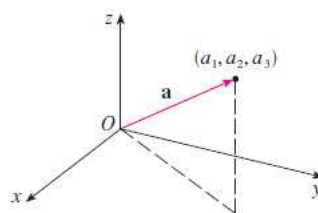
1) The length of $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle$ is

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$



2) The length of $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ is

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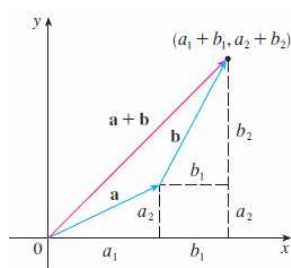


ex.2) (1) If $\mathbf{a} = \langle 2, -3 \rangle$, the length of \mathbf{a} is $|\mathbf{a}| =$ _____.

(2) If $\mathbf{a} = \langle 2, -3, 1 \rangle$, the length of \mathbf{a} is $|\mathbf{a}| =$ _____.

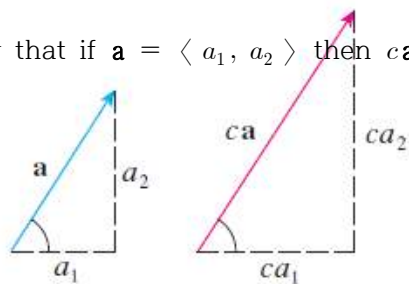
ex.3) Show that if $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle b_1, b_2 \rangle$, then $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \langle a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2 \rangle$.

Solution.



ex.4) Show that if $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle$ then $c\mathbf{a} = \langle ca_1, ca_2 \rangle$.

Solution.



■ Sum $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ and Scalar Multiple $c\mathbf{a}$

If $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$,

then, $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \langle a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, a_3 + b_3 \rangle$

$\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = \langle a_1 - b_1, a_2 - b_2, a_3 - b_3 \rangle$

$c\mathbf{a} = \langle ca_1, ca_2, ca_3 \rangle$

Example 4 If $\mathbf{a} = \langle 4, 0, 3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle -2, 1, 5 \rangle$, then

(1) $|\mathbf{a}| =$ _____

(2) $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} =$ _____

(3) $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} =$ _____

(4) $3\mathbf{b} =$ _____

(3) $2\mathbf{a} + 5\mathbf{b} =$ _____

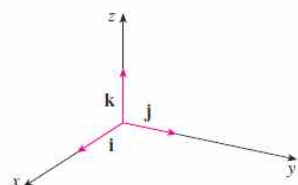
■ the standard basis vectors in V_3 are

$\mathbf{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$

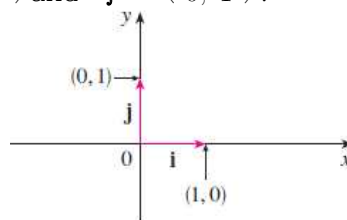
$\mathbf{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$

$\mathbf{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$

Similarly, in two-dimensional we define $\mathbf{i} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$.



Standard basis vectors in V_3

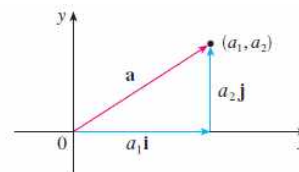


Standard basis vectors in V_2

■ Any vector in V_3 can be expressed in terms of \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k} .

and if $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$, then $\mathbf{a} = a_1\mathbf{i} + a_2\mathbf{j} + a_3\mathbf{k}$.

Similarly, in V_2 , $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle = a_1\mathbf{i} + a_2\mathbf{j}$



Example 5 Let $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k} = \langle$

$\mathbf{b} = 4\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{k} = \langle$

\rangle

\rangle

Then, $2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b} =$ _____

■ A unit vector is a vector whose length is 1.

ex.) \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k} are *all* unit vectors.

■ Theorem. If $\mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{0}$. then the **unit vector** that has the **same direction** as \mathbf{a} is

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{a}|} \mathbf{a} = \frac{\mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a}|}$$

Example 6 Find the unit vector in the direction of the vector $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$.

Answer. $\mathbf{u} = \left\langle \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{2}{3} \right\rangle$