

Parallelogram rule for Addition

if u and v in \mathbb{R}^2 are represented as points in the plane, then $u+v$ corresponds to the fourth vertex of the parallelogram whose other vertices are $u, 0$, and v .

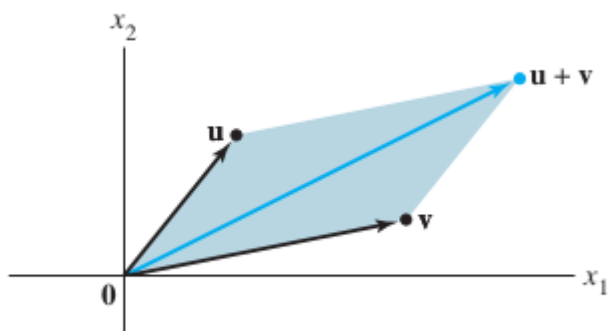
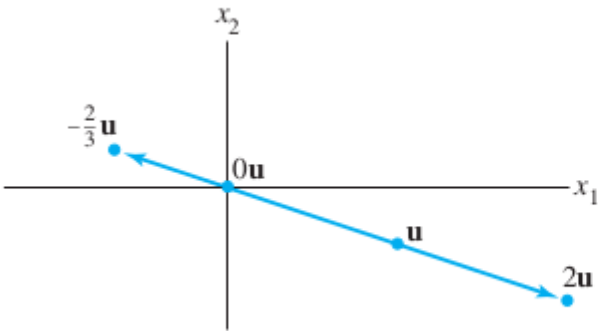
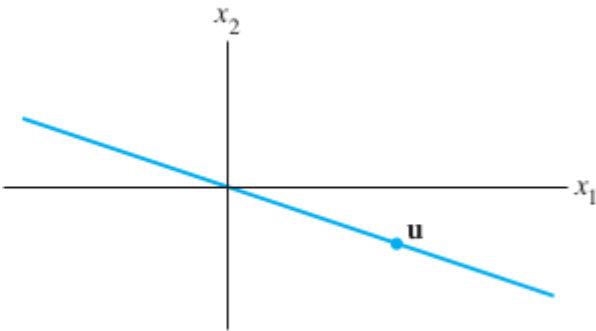


FIGURE 3 The parallelogram rule.

the set of all scalar multiples of one fixed nonzero vector is a line through the origin(0,0).



Typical multiples of \mathbf{u}



The set of all multiples of \mathbf{u}

Algebraic Properties of \mathbb{R}^n

For all $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ in \mathbb{R}^n and all scalars c and d :

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| (i) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$ | (v) $c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$ |
| (ii) $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ | (vi) $(c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u}$ |
| (iii) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$ | (vii) $c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)(\mathbf{u})$ |
| (iv) $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = -\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$,
where $-\mathbf{u}$ denotes $(-1)\mathbf{u}$ | (viii) $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$ |

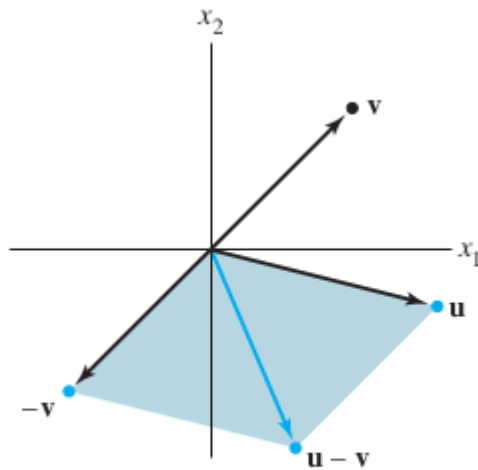


FIGURE 7

Vector subtraction.

Linear combinations

Given vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ in \mathbb{R}^n and given scalars c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p , the vector \mathbf{y} defined by

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p$$

is called a **linear combination** of $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ with weights c_1, \dots, c_p .

some linear combinations of vectors \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 are

$$\sqrt{3}\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2, \quad \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_1 (= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v}_1 + 0\mathbf{v}_2), \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{0} (= 0\mathbf{v}_1 + 0\mathbf{v}_2)$$

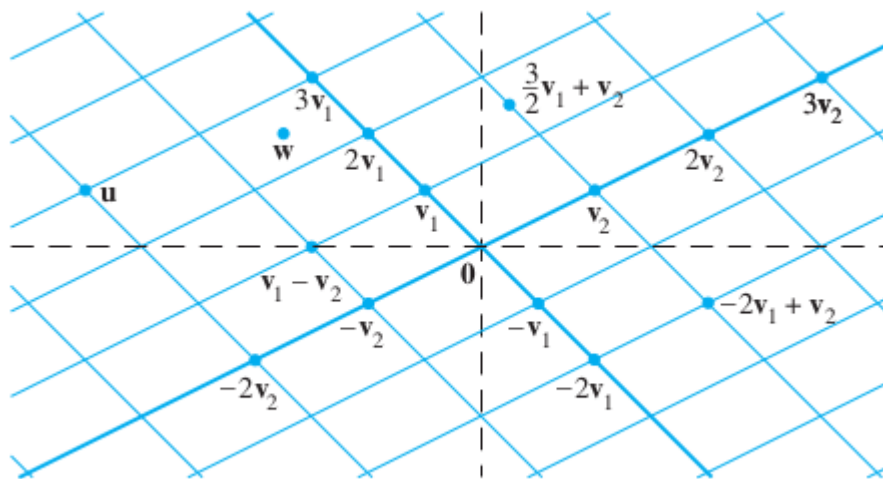


FIGURE 8 Linear combinations of \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 .

A vector equation

$$x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \cdots + x_n\mathbf{a}_n = \mathbf{b}$$

has the same solution set as the linear system whose augmented matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_n & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

In particular, \mathbf{b} can be generated by a linear combination of $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ if and only if there exists a solution to the linear system corresponding to the matrix (5).

