

1. **Vector and Scalar Quantities** - Look for explanations that differentiate between these two types of quantities, emphasizing how vectors have both magnitude and direction, while scalars only have magnitude.
2. **Rectangular Coordinates** - Search for tutorials explaining how vectors can be represented using x and y components in a Cartesian coordinate system.
3. **Polar Coordinates** - Find resources that demonstrate how vectors can be represented using magnitude and angle, often expressed as  $r$  and  $\theta$ .
4. **Engineering (i,j,k) Notation** - This notation represents vectors using unit vectors along the x, y, and z axes respectively. Search for tutorials explaining this notation and its application in representing vectors.
5. **Physical Diagrams and Verbal Descriptions** - Seek explanations that illustrate vectors using diagrams and verbal descriptions to understand their direction and magnitude.
6. **Position Vectors** - Look for explanations that delve into how position vectors denote the position of a point in a coordinate system relative to an origin.
7. **Resultant of Two Vectors** - Search for tutorials that demonstrate how to find the resultant vector when two vectors act together, both graphically and mathematically.
8. **Relative Velocity in 2-Dimensions** - Focus on resources explaining how to compute relative velocities when dealing with motions in two dimensions.

## TYPES OF QUANTITIES

Scalar Quantities	Vector Quantities
A physical quantity that only uses a value with a unit	A physical quantity that uses a value with a unit and direction
It has no direction	It has a direction
Mass – length – time – density – temperature	Displacement – velocity – acceleration
Mass = 50 kg	Displacement = 50 m, east

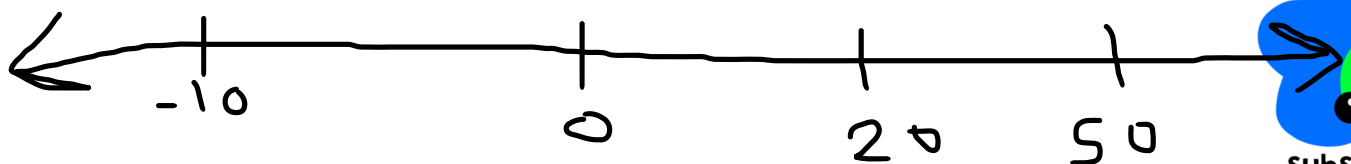
In vectors

If you see a value between two abs like this  $||x||$   
this value is the magnitude of a vector

## Coordinate systems

### One-dimensional coordinate system

It means moving in a line, we have talked about it in the previous 3 Los, it has a single axis which we call x you can designate it with a number

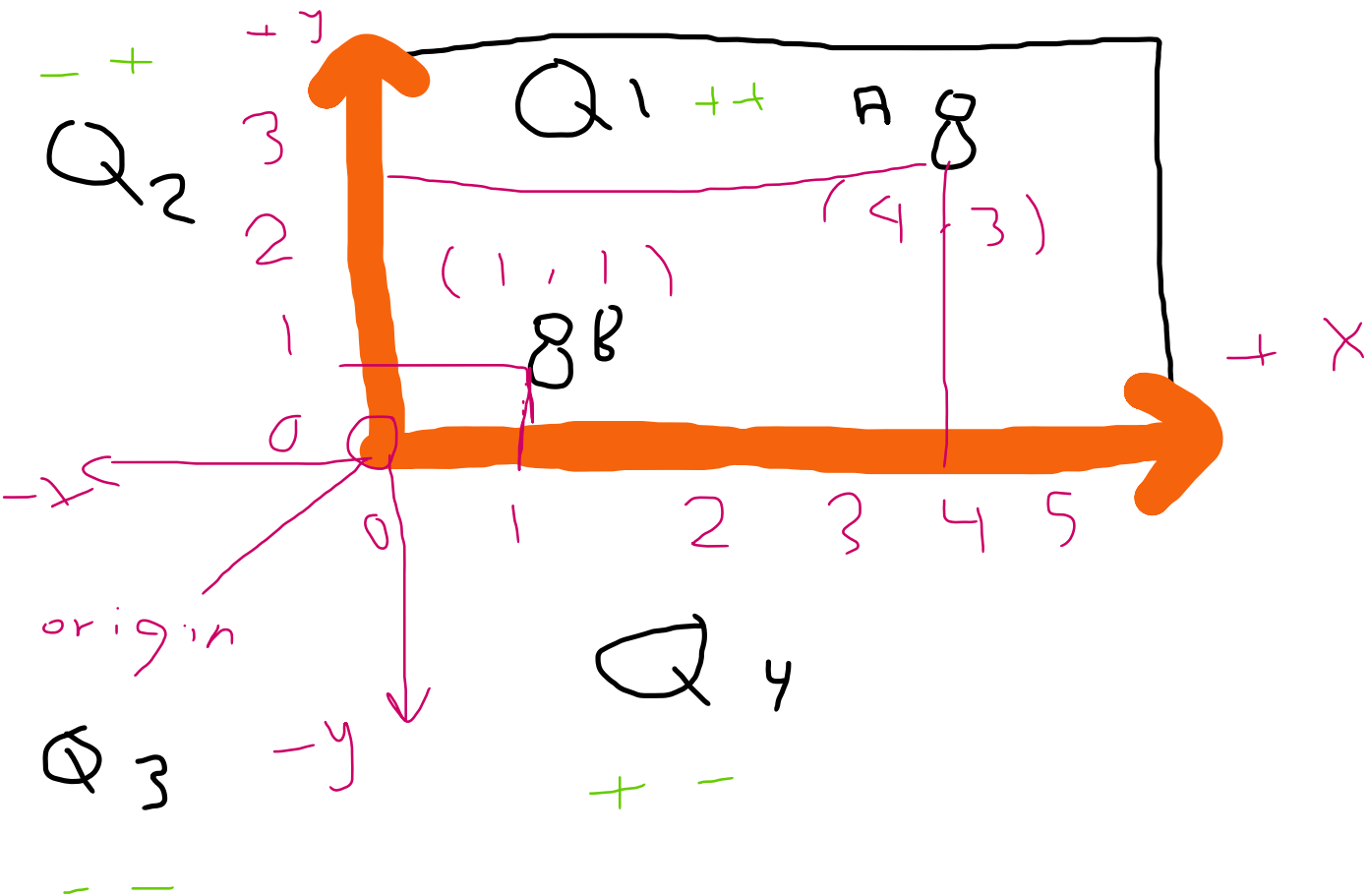


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## Rectangular Coordinate system

It's a system that has two axes, X & Y, you can't tell where something is just with a number, you would need a vector of  $(x, y)$

Imagine a soccer field or a 2D top-down game



It can be called

- X-y plane
- Coordinate plane
- Cartesian Coordinate system



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## Polar Coordinate system

It's an alternative way to describe points in 2D, unlike the rectangular coordinate system which uses perpendicular axes (x,y), it uses a different system involving

**Radial distance (r)** represents the distance from origin point to the point in question, it is always positive and it equals the magnitude of the vector from origin to the point

**Angle (θ)** is measured counterclockwise from a reference direction often the positive x axis in the rectangular system, if you got it in radian, convert it into degree, and if you saw  $\pi$  then multiply by 180

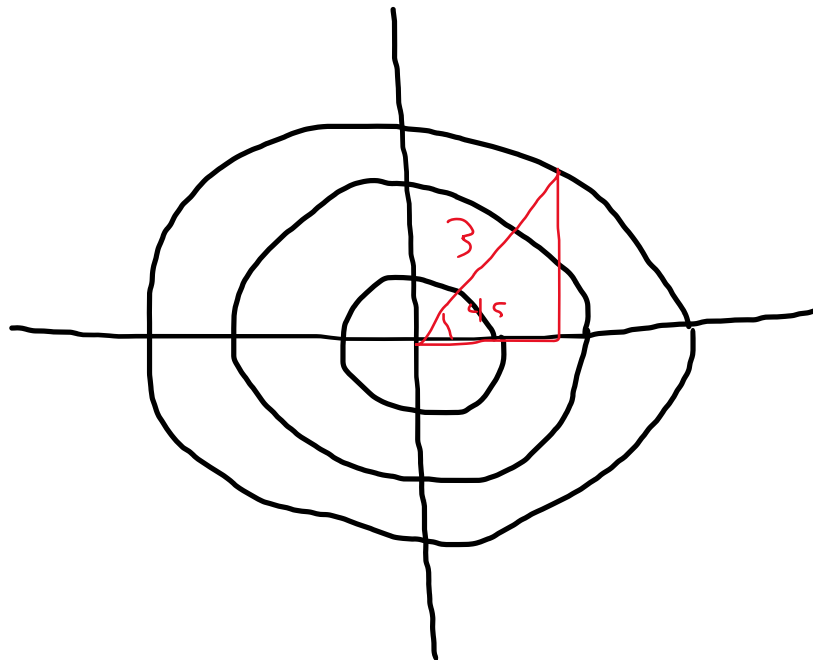
### How to convert polar coordinates to cartesian

- $x = r * \cos(\theta)$
- $y = r * \sin(\theta)$

### How to convert cartesian coordinates to polar

- $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
- $\theta = \arctan(y/x)$  or  $\tan^{-1}(y/x)$

so let's say we have the polar point of ( 3 , 45° )



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Well, what if  $r$  is negative

So let's say we have two points in polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$

A -  $(-2, 60)$

B -  $(2, 60)$

To convert a negative  $R$  into a positive  $r$ , just add 180 on the angle

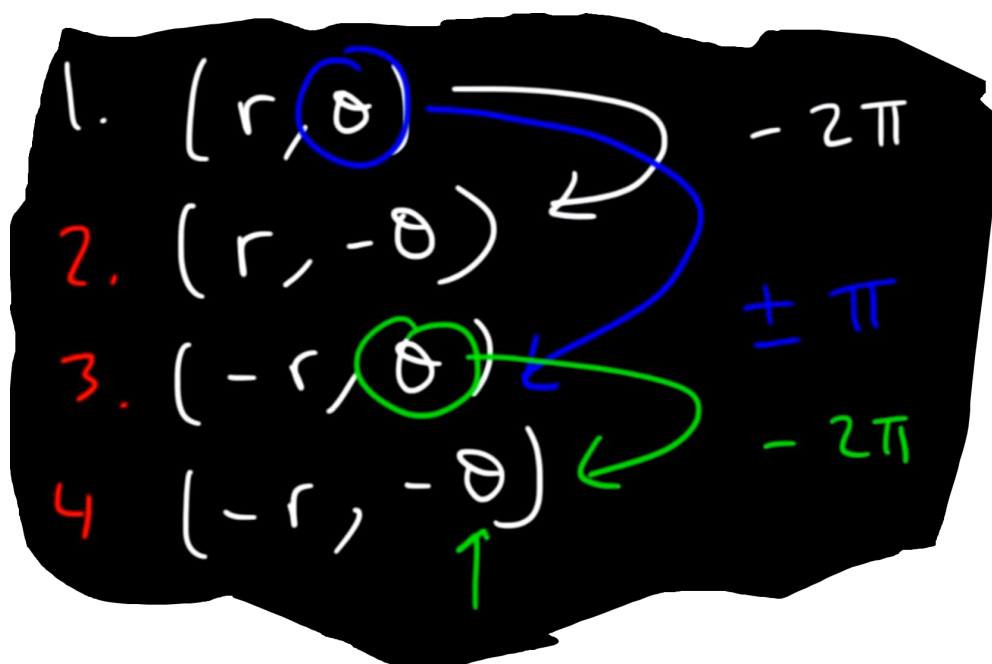
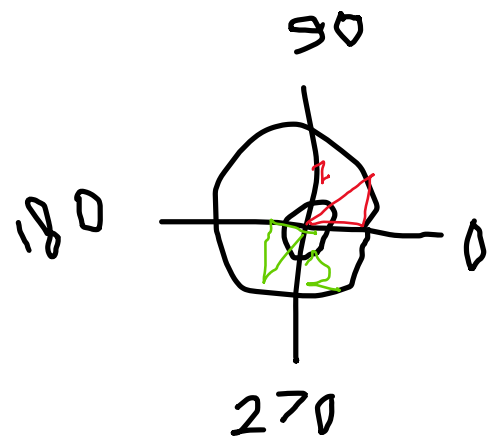
So instead of A  $(-2, 60)$  there is A  $(2, 240)$

And now do your conversions easily

And if you want  $R$  positive to turn to negative, just check if the angle is  $> 180$

You can subtract by 180 and make  $r$  negative

If  $\theta$  was negative, just get its positive equivalent or add 360



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The **ijk notation** or **engineering notation** or **vector notation** is a way to represent vectors using unit vectors along the different axes

$\hat{i} \rightarrow$  represents the unit vector along the x axis (1, 0, 0)

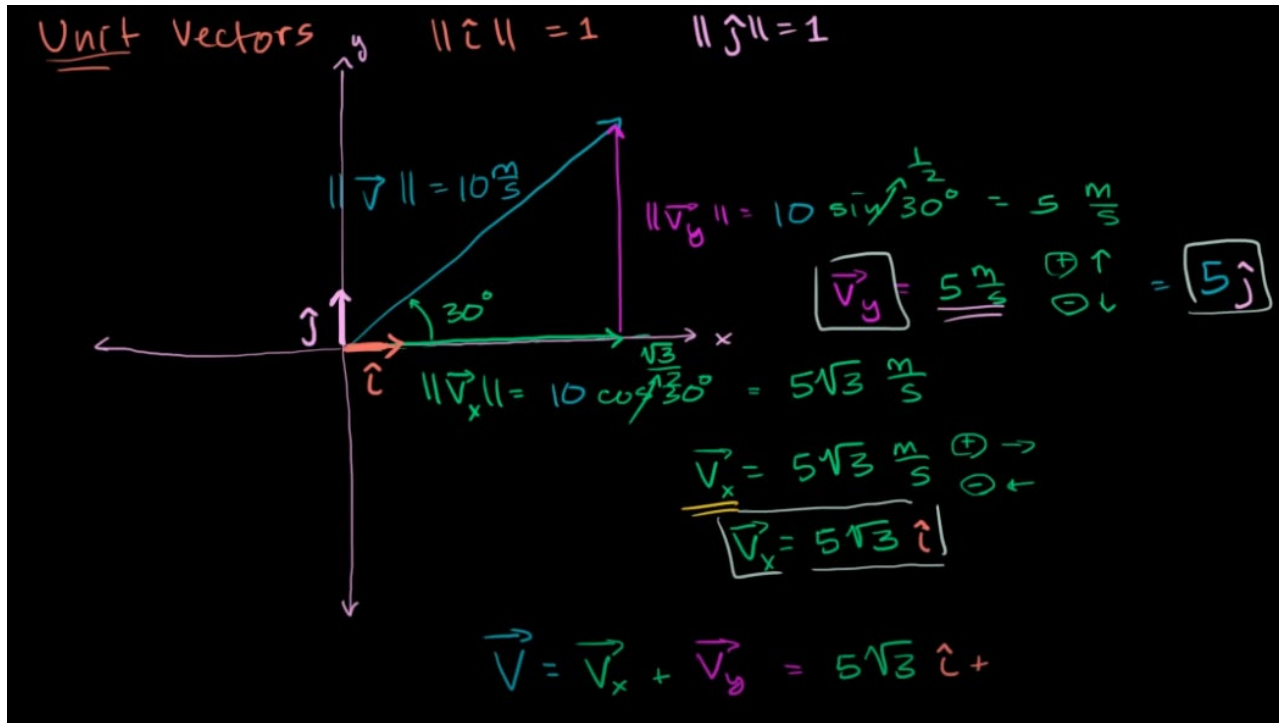
$\hat{j} \rightarrow$  represents the unit vector along the y axis (0, 1, 0)

$\hat{k} \rightarrow$  represents the unit vector along the z axis (0, 0, 1)

imagine a vector  $V$  (1, 1, 1)

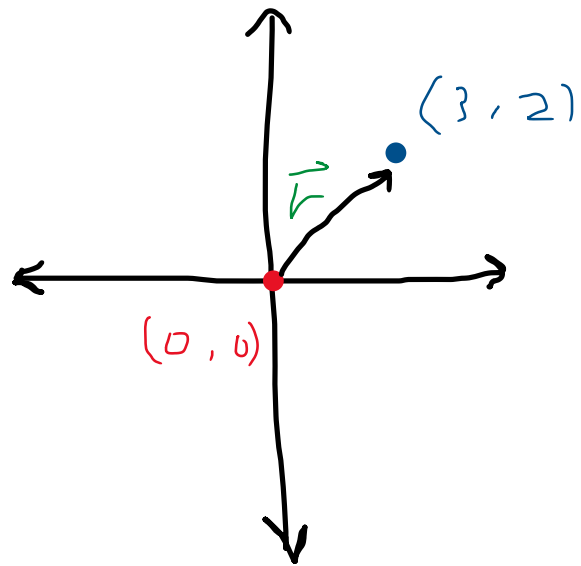
then  $V = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} = (1,0,0) + (0,1,0) + (0,0,1) = (1,1,1)$

when multiple  $\hat{i}$  by something, we are changing the x value, same with  $\hat{j}$ ,  $\hat{k}$



## Position Vectors

It's a vector that starts from the origin point and points to a point in space, it is represented by  $\vec{r}$



$$\vec{r} = (x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2) \quad \text{OR} \\ (x_1 - x_2)i + (y_1 - y_2)j$$

So  $\vec{r}$  in this scenario is  $(3-0)i + (2-0)j = (3, 0) + (0, 2) = (3, 2)$

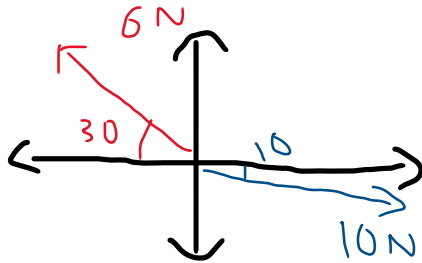
So the magnitude or  $|\vec{r}|$  is  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{13}$



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How to find the resultant of two vectors?

If the vector is in polar



1-determine the x,y vector of each

$$(-3\sqrt{3}, 3)$$

$$(9.8, -1.7)$$

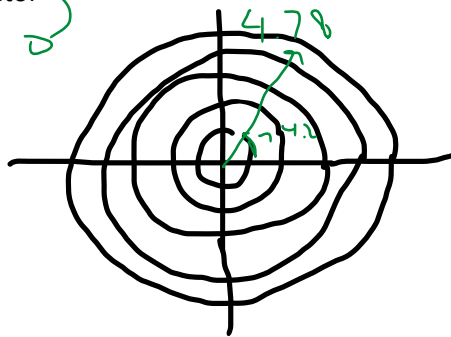
2-now add the two vectors

$$(4.6, 1.3)$$

3-get the result

$$(4.78, 4.2)$$

4-turn it into a polar vector



If the vector is in cartesian

1-add the two vectors

2-get the result



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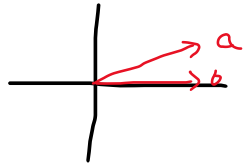
## MULTIPLYING TWO VECTORS ( $a \cdot b$ )

You have two ways, the **dot product** and the **cross product**

### THE DOT PRODUCT

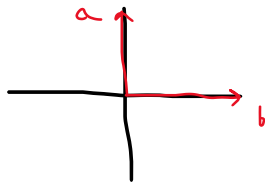
It explains how much the two vectors align, when it's

- **positive** -> the vectors point in similar directions



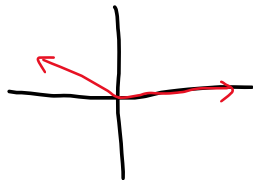
$$a \cdot b > 0$$

- **zero** -> the vectors are perpendicular



$$a \cdot b = 0$$

- **negative** -> the vectors point in opposite directions



$$a \cdot b < 0$$

let's imagine that you have vector **a** ( $a_1, a_2, a_3$ ) and vector **b** ( $b_1, b_2, b_3$ )

then  $(a \cdot b) = (a_1 * b_1) + (a_2 * b_2) + (a_3 * b_3)$

if it's a 2 axis vector, just remove  $a_3$  and  $b_3$

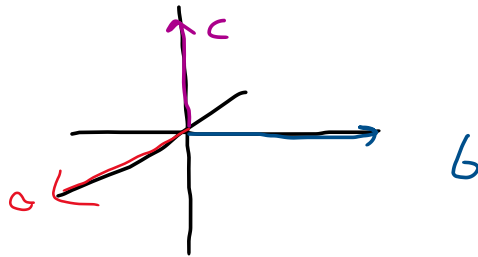


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## THE CROSS PRODUCT

It's gives a new vector that is **perpendicular** to the plane formed by the original two vectors



$$\mathbf{A} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$$
$$\mathbf{B} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$$

The cross product  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$  is a new vector with components:

$$c_1 = (a_2 \cdot b_3) - (a_3 \cdot b_2)$$

$$c_2 = (a_3 \cdot b_1) - (a_1 \cdot b_3)$$

$$c_3 = (a_1 \cdot b_2) - (a_2 \cdot b_1)$$

So, the resulting vector  $\mathbf{C}$  is given by:

$$\mathbf{C} = \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle$$

If x -> cross multiply y and z

If y -> cross multiply x and z

If z -> cross multiply x and y

## RELATIVE VELOCITY IN 2D

If the velocities are in cartesian

1-new X = object X – observer X

2-new Y = object Y – observer Y

3-and you have the new vector which is the relative velocity

So let's say we have an observer moving at (5,0)m/s

$$(5, 0) \rightarrow$$



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And an object moving at  $(0,6)\text{m/s}$

The relative velocity is

$$(0-5, 6-0) = (-5,6)\text{m/s}$$

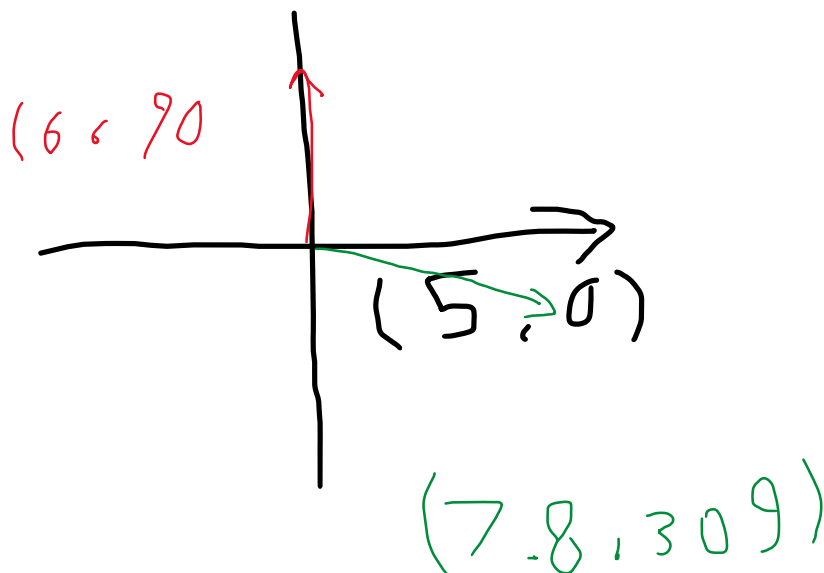
If it gave you the polar vectors

1-turn each polar into its respective vector coordination

2-do the calculations like "vectors"

3-turn the result into polar

4-you have the relative velocity in polar



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