

# Course Logistics

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- **Lectures:** Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday; 1 pm to 3 pm Pacific Time on Zoom ([link](#))
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- **Textbooks:** [OpenStax Physics \(High School\)](#), [OpenStax Precalculus 2e](#). Recommended readings provided. Do not read everything!
- **Assignments:** Homework due 11:59 PM via email before the next lesson. Feedback available before the next lesson.

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# Angles <sup>1</sup>

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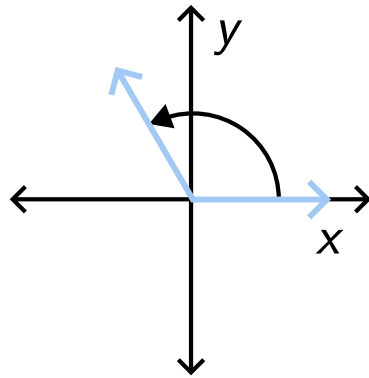
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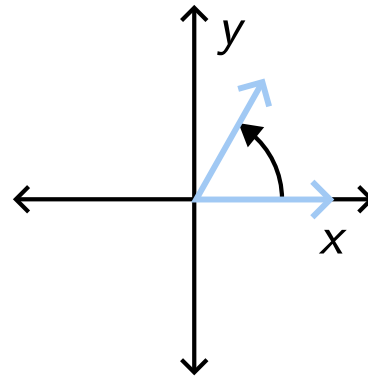
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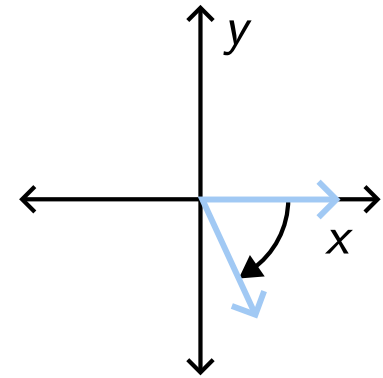
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standard position



*positive angle*



*negative angle*

## Definition

**Terminal angle** is the angle in standard position.

## Definition

**Radians** measure angle like degrees.  $2\pi \text{ rad} = 360^\circ$ .

## Example

Convert  $45^\circ$  to radians.

<sup>1</sup>OpenStax Precalculus 2e 5.1

# Arc Length <sup>2</sup>

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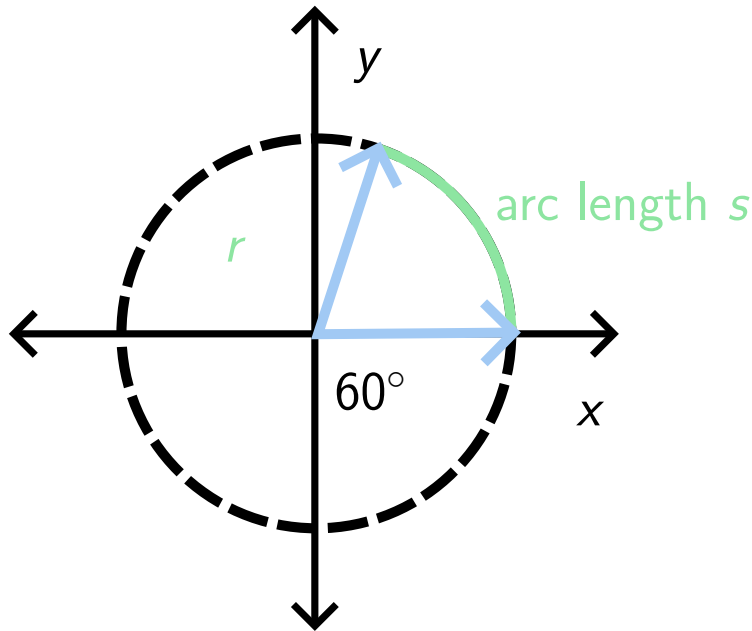
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■ Using degrees

$$\begin{aligned}s &= 2\pi r \left( \frac{60^\circ}{360^\circ} \right) \\&= r \left( \frac{2\pi \times 60}{360} \right) \\&= r\theta\end{aligned}$$

$\theta$  is the angle in radians!

## Theorem (Arc Length using Radians)

*For an arc of radius  $r$  subtending an angle  $\theta$  in radians, the arc length is  $s = r\theta$ .*

# Sine and Cosine <sup>3</sup>

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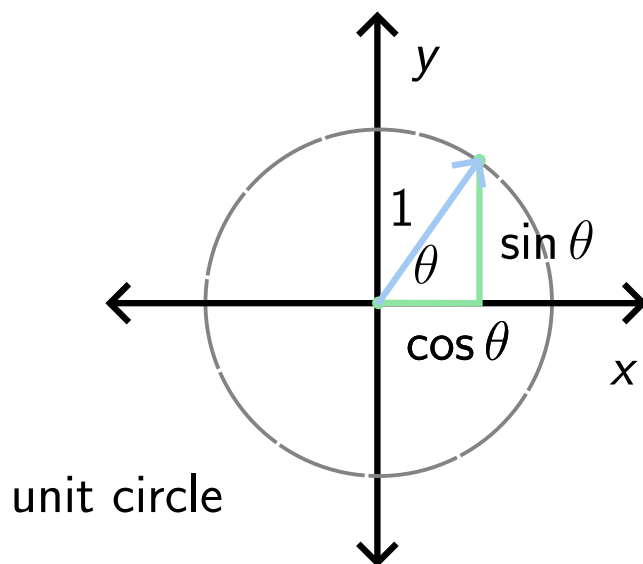
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## Definition

For a point on the unit circle at angle  $\theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$  is the  $x$ -coordinate and  $\sin \theta$  is the  $y$ -coordinate.

## Example

Find  $\sin 45^\circ$  and  $\cos 45^\circ$ .

<sup>1</sup>OpenStax Precalculus 2e 5.2

# Common Values for Sine and Cosine <sup>4</sup>

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$\theta$	$\sin \theta$	$\cos \theta$
$0^\circ (0)$	0	1
$30^\circ (\pi / 6)$	$1/2$	$\sqrt{3}/2$
$45^\circ (\pi / 4)$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$
$60^\circ (\pi / 3)$	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$1/2$
$90^\circ (\pi / 2)$	1	0

See textbook for derivation.

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# Reference Angles <sup>5</sup>

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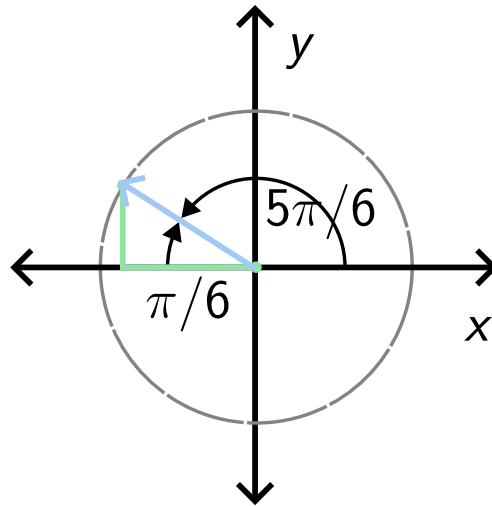
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$$\sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 1/2$$
$$\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) = -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = -\sqrt{3}/2$$

## Reference Angles

Use reference angles to find values of  $\sin$ ,  $\cos$  for angles outside of  $0$  to  $\pi/2$ .

## Example

Find  $\sin(5\pi/3)$ .

# Sine and Cosine from Right Triangles

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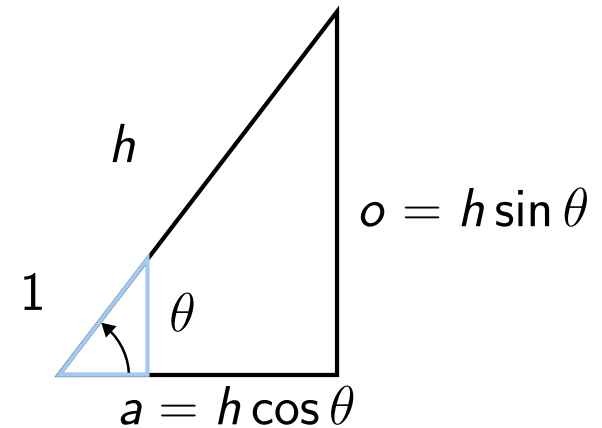
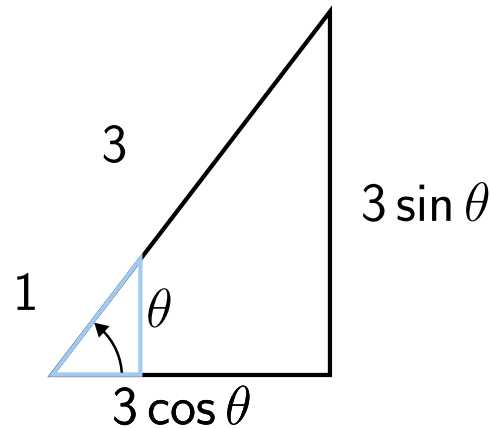
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## Theorem (sin, cos from a Right Triangle)

*Let  $h$  be the hypotenuse of a right triangle. Let  $o$ ,  $a$  be the opposite and adjacent sides to angle  $\theta$ . Then,*

$$\sin \theta = \frac{o}{h} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{a}{h}$$



# Vectors as Arrows

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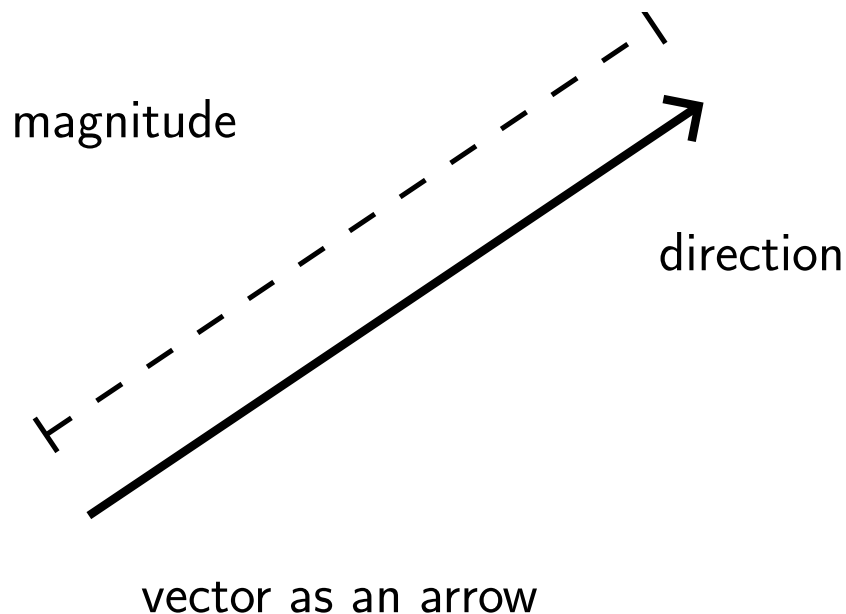
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## Definition

A **vector** is an arrow (1D, 2D, or 3D), denote  $\mathbf{v}$  or  $\vec{v}$ .  $||\mathbf{v}||$  is the magnitude (length) of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

# Writing Vectors

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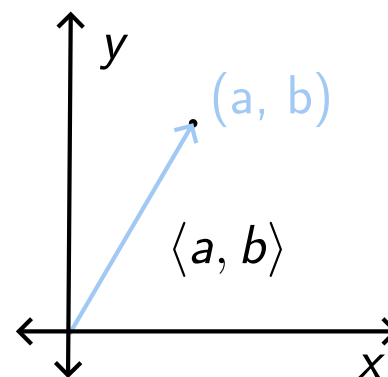
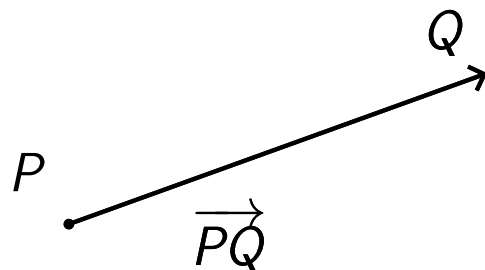
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## Definition

A vector joining points  $P$  and  $Q$  is denoted  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ .

A vector from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(a, b)$  on the coordinate plane is denoted  $\langle a, b \rangle$ , which is the **component form**.

# Adding Vectors

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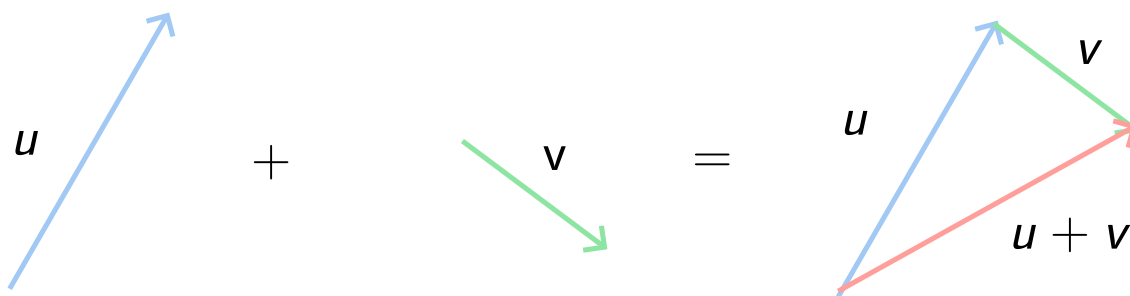
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## Definition

To add vectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , place them tip to tail.  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  starts from the tail of  $\mathbf{u}$  and ends on the tip of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

# Adding Vector in Component Form

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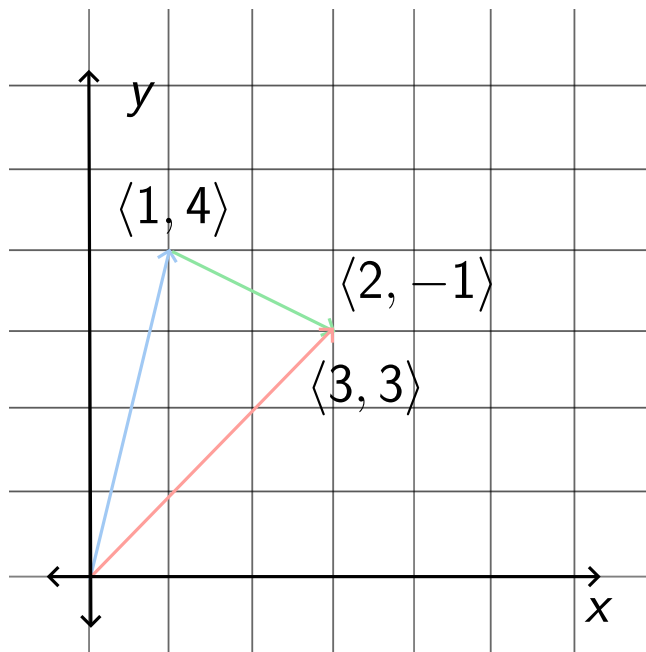
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## Definition

To add vectors in component form,

$$\langle a, b \rangle + \langle c, d \rangle = \langle a + c, b + d \rangle.$$

# Scaling Vectors

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## Definition

A **scalar** is a number like  $2$ ,  $7/2$ ,  $\sqrt{2}$ , or  $\pi$ .

## Definition (Scalar Multiplication)

To multiply vector  $\mathbf{u}$  by scalar  $c$ , multiply the magnitude of  $\mathbf{u}$  by  $c$  and maintain the direction. In component form, multiply each component by  $c$

$$c\langle a, b \rangle = \langle ca, cb \rangle.$$

## Example (Vector Subtraction)

Find  $\langle 3, 5 \rangle - \langle -2, 3 \rangle$ .

# Finding the Vector Magnitude and Direction

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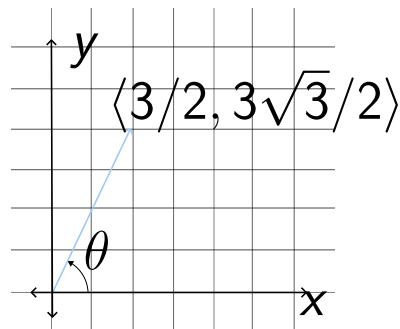
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## Example

Find the magnitude and direction (by finding  $\theta$ ).

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + \frac{27}{4}} = 3.$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{3\sqrt{3}/2}{3} = \sqrt{3}/2$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \pi/3.$$

Remember sin, cos for common angles!

# Unit Vectors

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## Definition

In 2D, the unit vectors are.

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

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

$\hat{\mathbf{i}}$  is one unit along the  $x$ -axis, and  $\hat{\mathbf{j}}$  is one unit along the  $y$ -axis.

## Theorem (Component Form to Unit Vectors)

*Consider  $\langle a, b \rangle$ . Then, note*

$$\langle a, b \rangle = a\langle 1, 0 \rangle + b\langle 0, 1 \rangle = a\hat{\mathbf{i}} + b\hat{\mathbf{j}}.$$

## Example

In terms of unit vectors,

$$\langle 3, 5 \rangle = 3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 5\hat{\mathbf{j}}.$$

# Doing Math with Vector

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## Theorem (Order Does Not Matter)

*Consider  $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_x, u_y \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_x, v_y \rangle$ . Then,*

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \langle u_x + v_x, u_y + v_y \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} = \langle v_x + u_x, v_y + u_y \rangle$$

*so  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$ .*

## Theorem (Distributive Property for Vectors)

*We can distribute scalar multiplication.*

$$c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$$

$$(a + b)\mathbf{u} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{u}$$

## Example

Let  $\mathbf{u} = 3\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 8\hat{\mathbf{j}}$ . Find  $2\mathbf{u}$  in terms of  $\hat{\mathbf{i}}, \hat{\mathbf{j}}$ .



# Units

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- Everyone needs to make measurements! (How *long* is my arm? How *fast* is the cell moving? What is the *mass* of chemical?)
- **Physical quantities** need standard **units**, so scientists can communicate with each other.

## Definition (SI Unit System)

We (like many scientists) will SI unit system. There are many **base units**, but we will use three:

- *length*: meter (m)
- *mass*: kilogram (kg)
- *second*: second (s)

Units for other quantities are **derived units**. For example, the area of a rectangle is *length*  $\times$  *width*, so we express it in meter  $\times$  meter, or  $\text{m}^2$ .

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Prefixes describe the relative size of a unit.

- *giga* 1, 000, 000, 000
- *mega* 1, 000, 000
- *kilo* 1000
- *centi*  $1/100$
- *milli*  $1/1000$
- *micro*  $1/1, 000, 000$
- *nano*  $1/1, 000, 000, 000$

## Example

A *centimeter* is  $1/100$  of a *meter*.

# Unit Conversion

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To convert between units, multiply by 1. (just like from degrees to radians!)

## Example

Convert 35 km to cm.

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- Label what problem you are solving
- Show your work
- Organize your work
- Mark your answer
- Try your best if you're stuck
  - Send me an email if you're really stuck

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- OpenStax Precalculus 2e Chapter 8 Exercises 52, 54, 58, 64
- OpenStax Physics (High School) Chapter 1 Problem 34
- We can model a leaning person as two segments at an angle. If the person's head is 0.4 m from their legs, their legs are 1.0 m long, and they are 1.8 m tall when standing up straight, find the leaning angle  $\theta$ .

