

VECTORS

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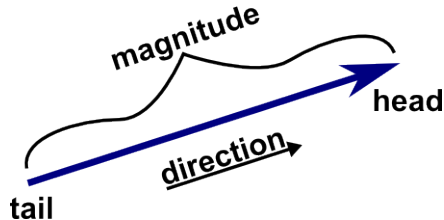
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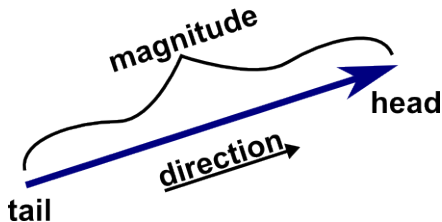
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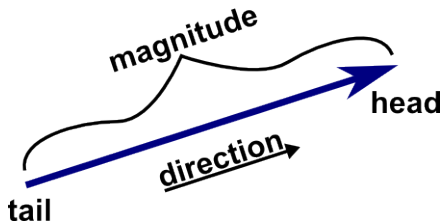


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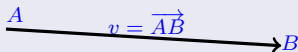


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A vector \mathbf{v} is represented by a directed line segment denoted by \overrightarrow{AB} .



- 1 A is the **initial point/origin/tail** and B is the **terminal point/endpoint/tip**.
- 2 The length of the segment is the **magnitude** of \mathbf{v} and is denoted by $|\mathbf{v}|$.
- 3 A and B are any points in space.

Vectors are represented with arrows on top (\vec{v} or \overrightarrow{OP}) or as boldface \mathbf{v} .

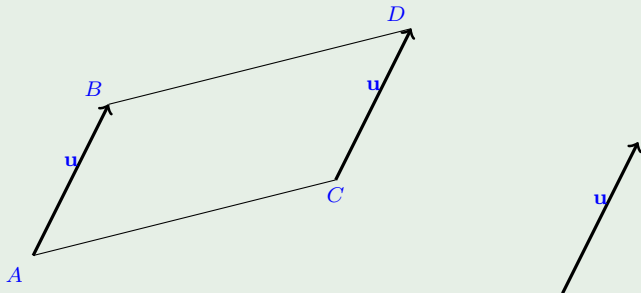
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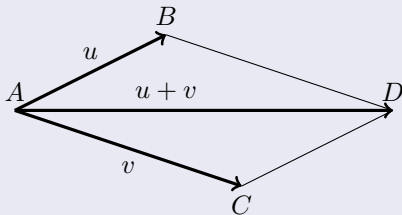
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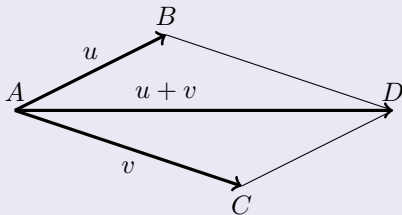
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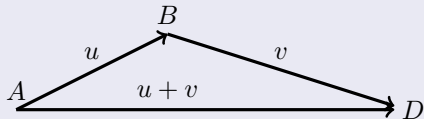
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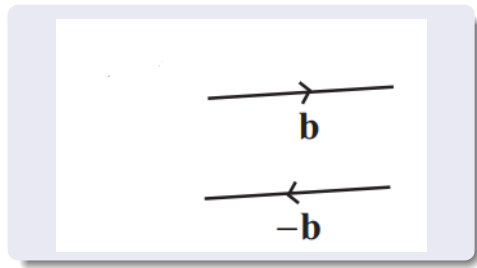
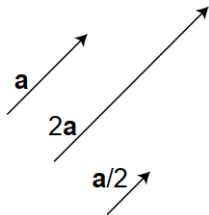
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\overrightarrow{BA} and \overrightarrow{AB} have the same magnitude but opposite directions and satisfy $\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BA} = \overrightarrow{AA} = \vec{0}$. \overrightarrow{BA} is the **negative** of \overrightarrow{AB} i.e. $\overrightarrow{BA} = -\overrightarrow{AB}$.

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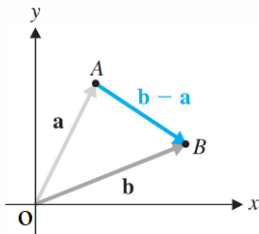
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- ② \mathbf{w} and $k\mathbf{w}$ are said to be **parallel**; they have the same direction if $k > 0$ and opposite direction if $k < 0$.



Position Vectors

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While vectors can exist anywhere in space, a point is always defined relative to the origin, O . Vectors defined from the origin are called **Position Vectors**

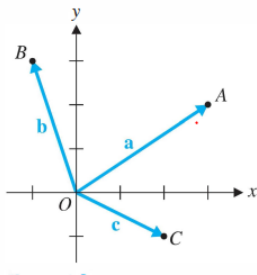


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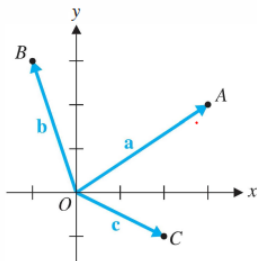
$$= [-\vec{a}] + \vec{b} \quad (3)$$

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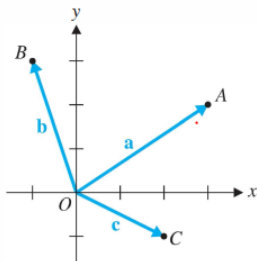


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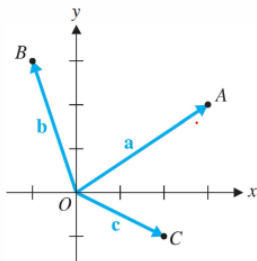
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- 3 Vectors can be represented either as row vector $[a, b, c]$ of a column

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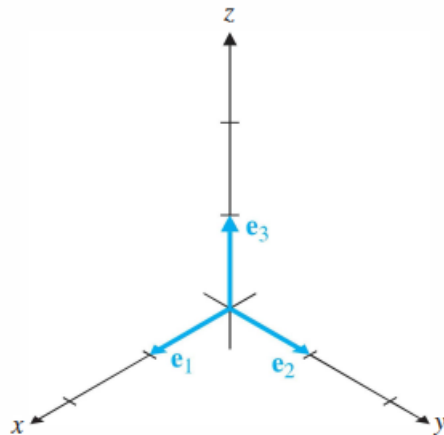
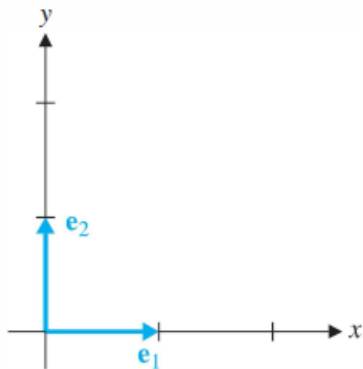
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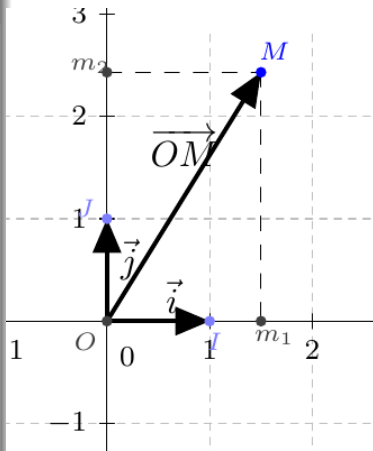
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Unit Vector

Definition

- 1 A vector of magnitude 1 is called a **unit vector**. In the **Cartesian coordinate system**, \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} are reserved for the unit vector along the positive x -axis and y -axis respectively.
- 2 The Cartesian coordinate system is therefore defined by three reference points (O, I, J) such that the **origin** O has coordinates $(0,0)$, $\mathbf{i} = \overrightarrow{OI}$ and $\mathbf{j} = \overrightarrow{OJ}$, and any vector $\mathbf{w} = \overrightarrow{OM}$ can be expressed as $\mathbf{w} = w_1\mathbf{i} + w_2\mathbf{j}$. w_1 and w_2 are the coordinates of \mathbf{w} .



Example

Given the points $E = (2, 7)$ and $F = (3, -1)$, then the vector \overrightarrow{EF} is given as

$$\overrightarrow{EF} = \overrightarrow{OF} - \overrightarrow{OE} \quad (11)$$

$$= [(3, -1) - (2, 7)] \quad (12)$$

$$= [1, -8] \quad (13)$$

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$$= [90, 10] \quad (21)$$

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$$\mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{\mathbf{u}}{|\mathbf{u}|} = \left(\frac{u_1}{|\mathbf{u}|}, \frac{u_2}{|\mathbf{u}|}, \dots, \frac{u_n}{|\mathbf{u}|} \right) \quad (26)$$

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$$\vec{a} - \vec{b} = [4, 0, 3] - [-2, 1, 5] \quad (27)$$

$$= [6, -1, -2] \quad (28)$$

and

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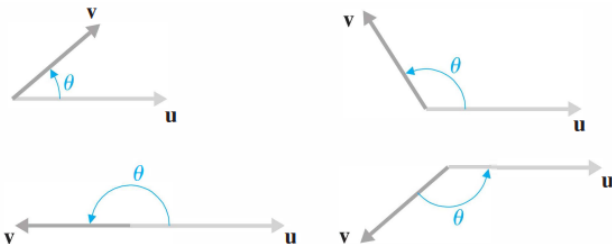
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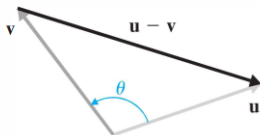
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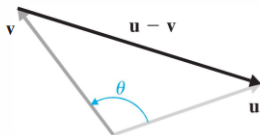
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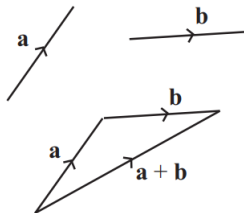
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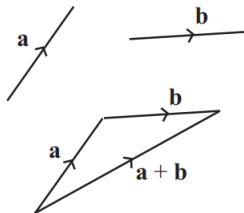
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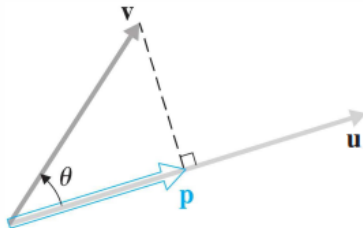
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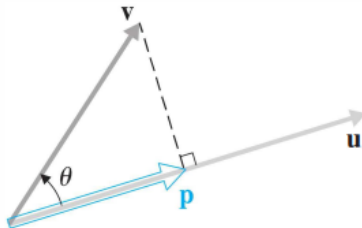
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Exercise

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③ $\mathbf{u} = [1/2, -1/4, / -1/2], \quad \mathbf{v} = [2, 2, / -2]$

END OF LECTURE
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