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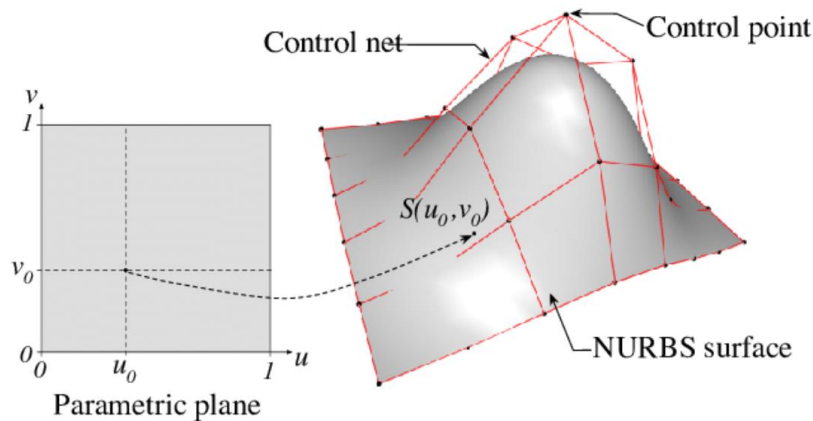
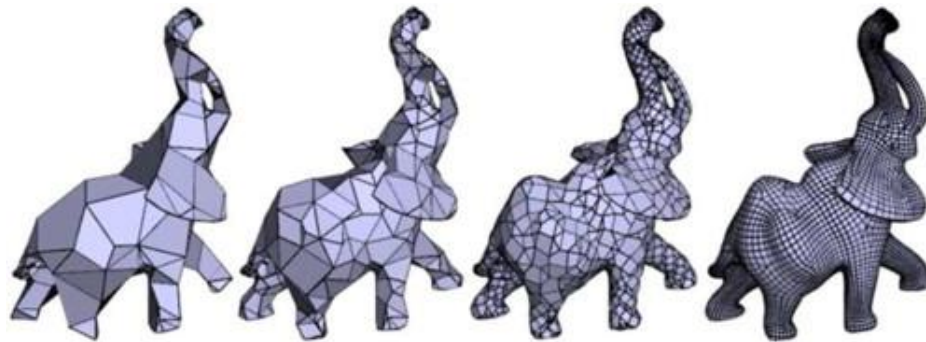
Lecture 02. Modeling

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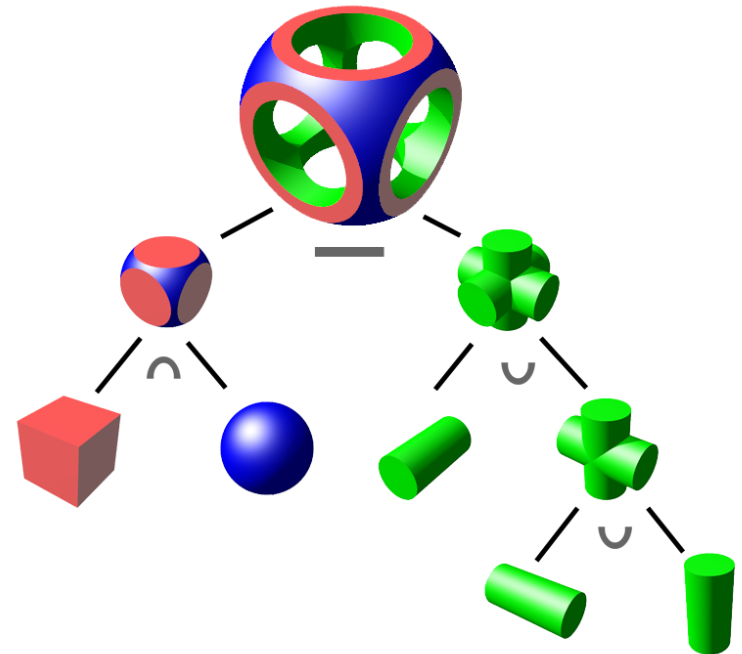
3D Models

- Numerical representations of visual appearances of objects in the 3D space



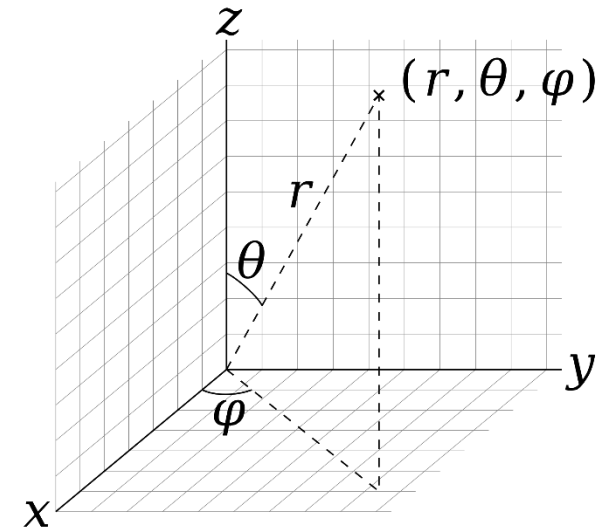
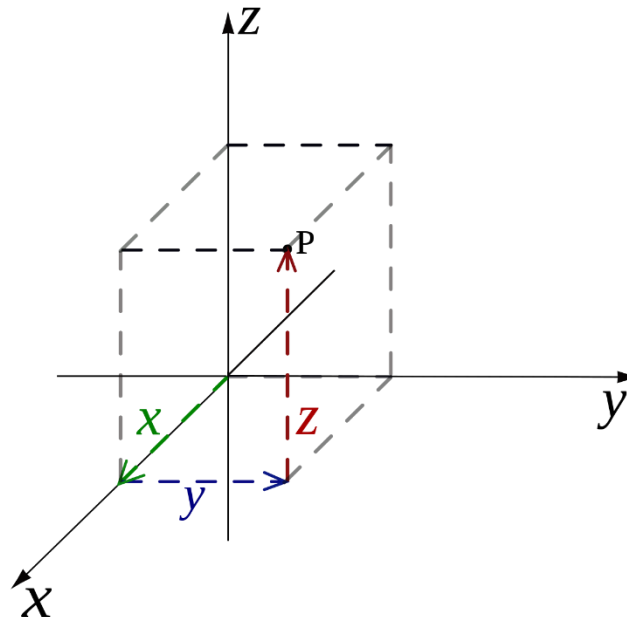
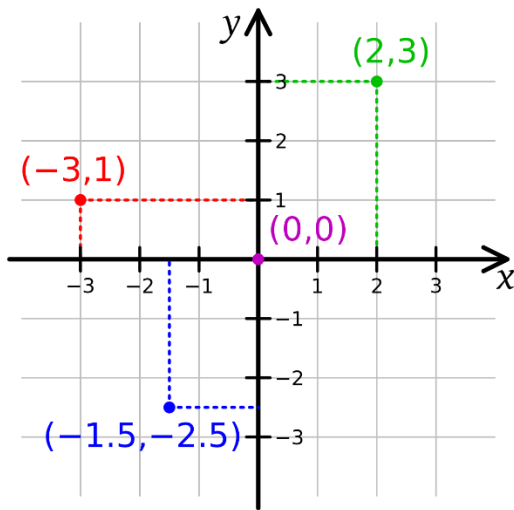
$$\mathbf{C}(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n N_{i,p}(t) w_i \mathbf{P}_i}{\sum_{i=0}^n N_{i,p}(t) w_i},$$

3D



Coordinate Systems

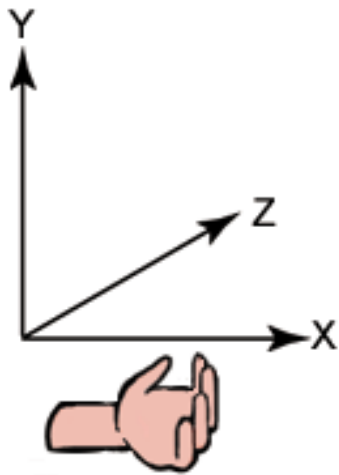
- Use one or more numbers, or coordinates, to uniquely determine the positions of the points



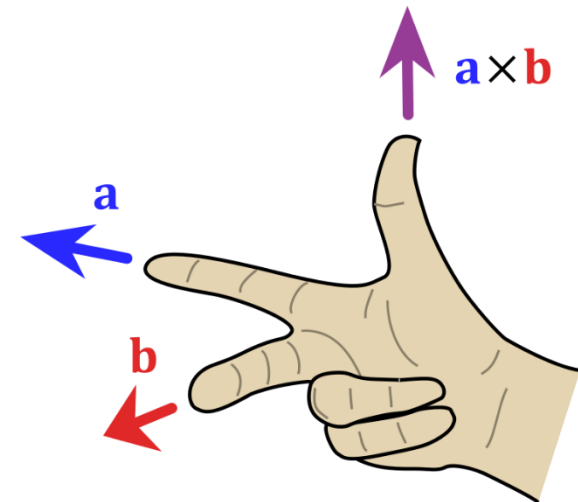
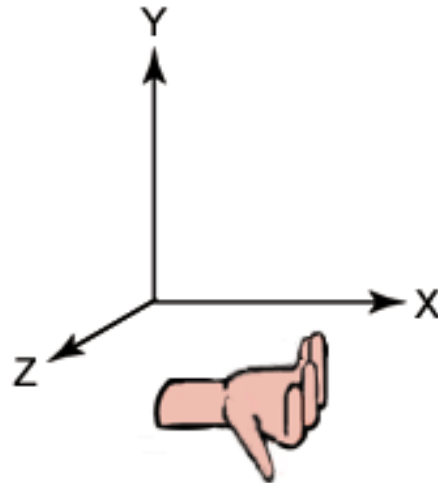
Coordinate Systems

□ Left-handed vs. Right-handed cartesian coordinates

Left-handed
Cartesian Coordinates

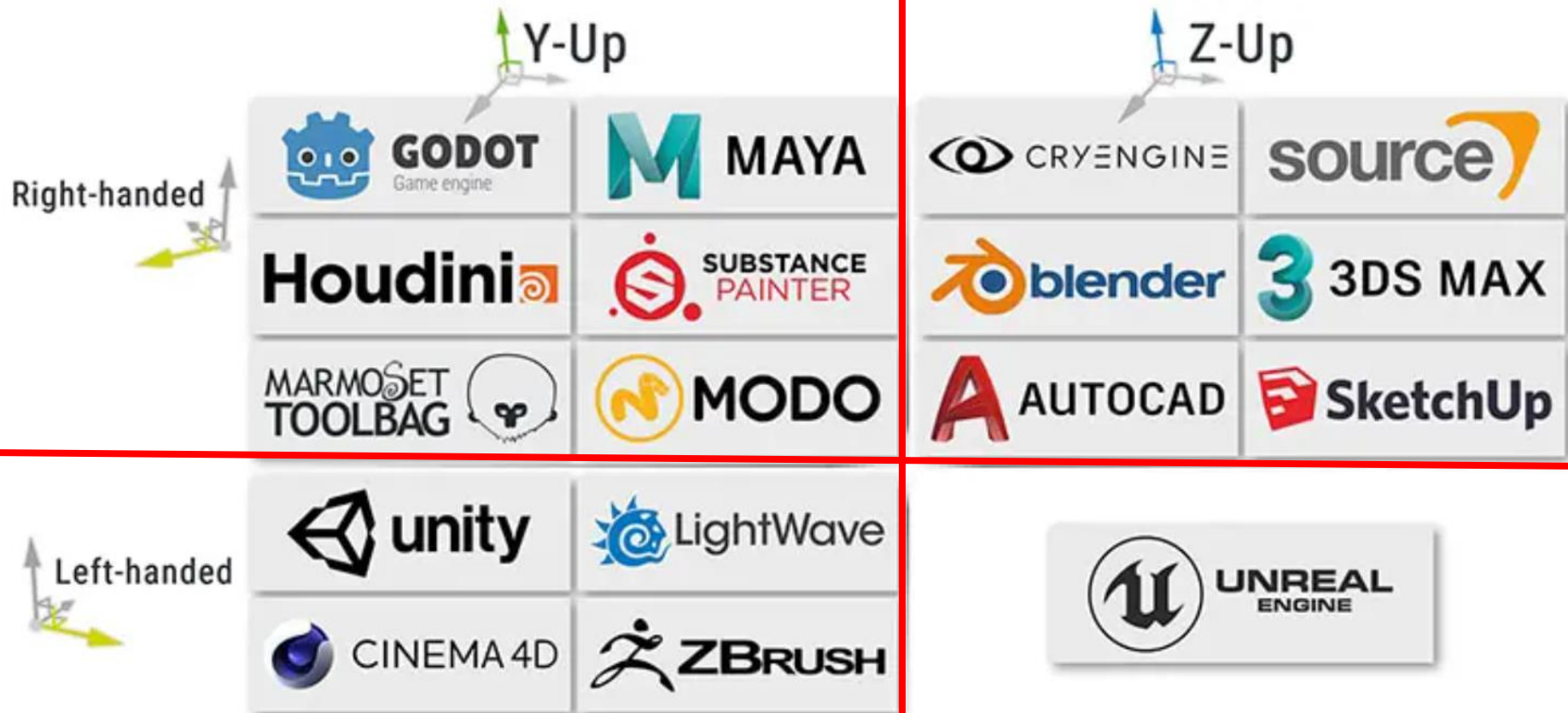


Right-handed
Cartesian Coordinates



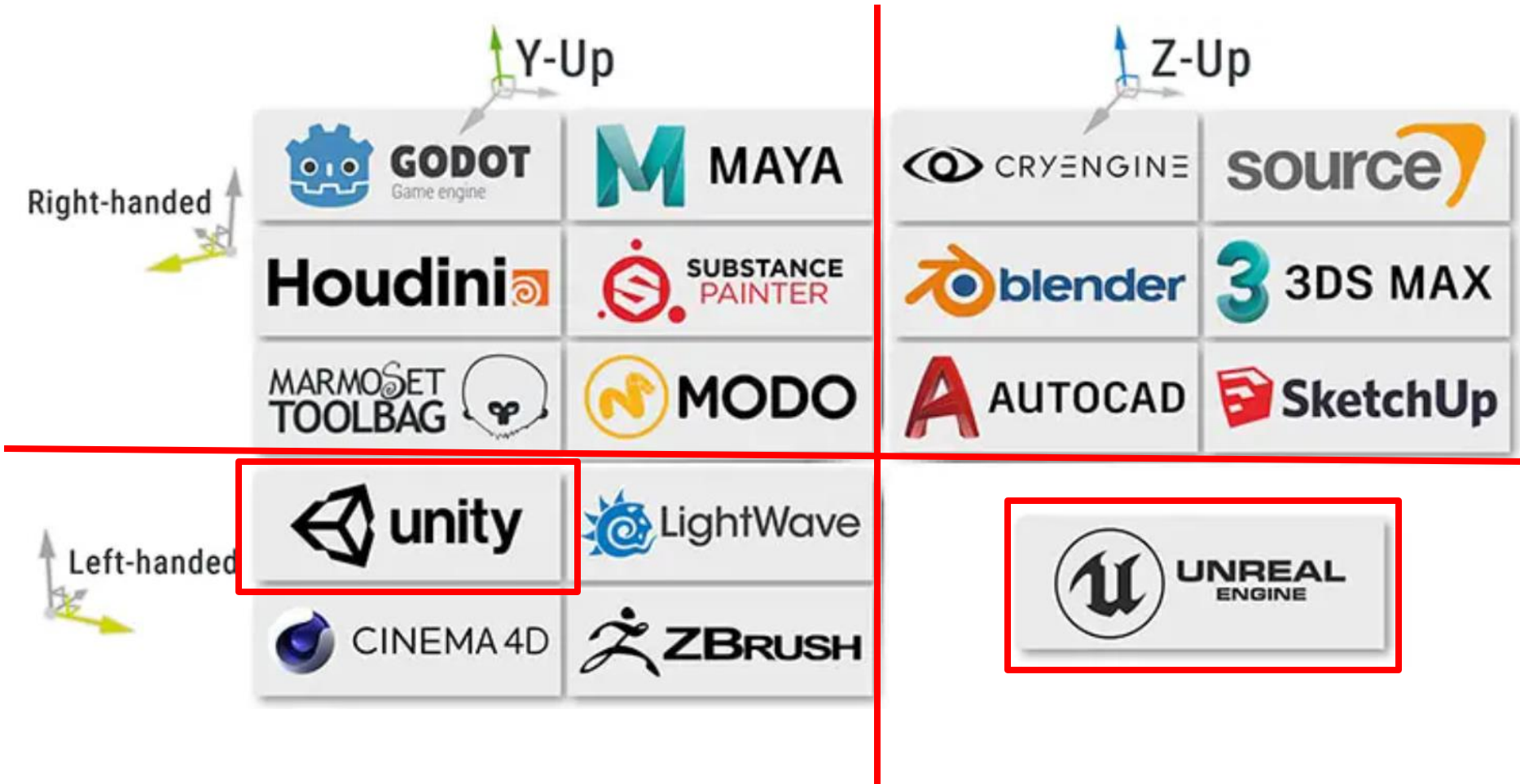
Coordinate Systems

- Coordinate systems used in popular game engines and 3D software packages including Unity and Unreal



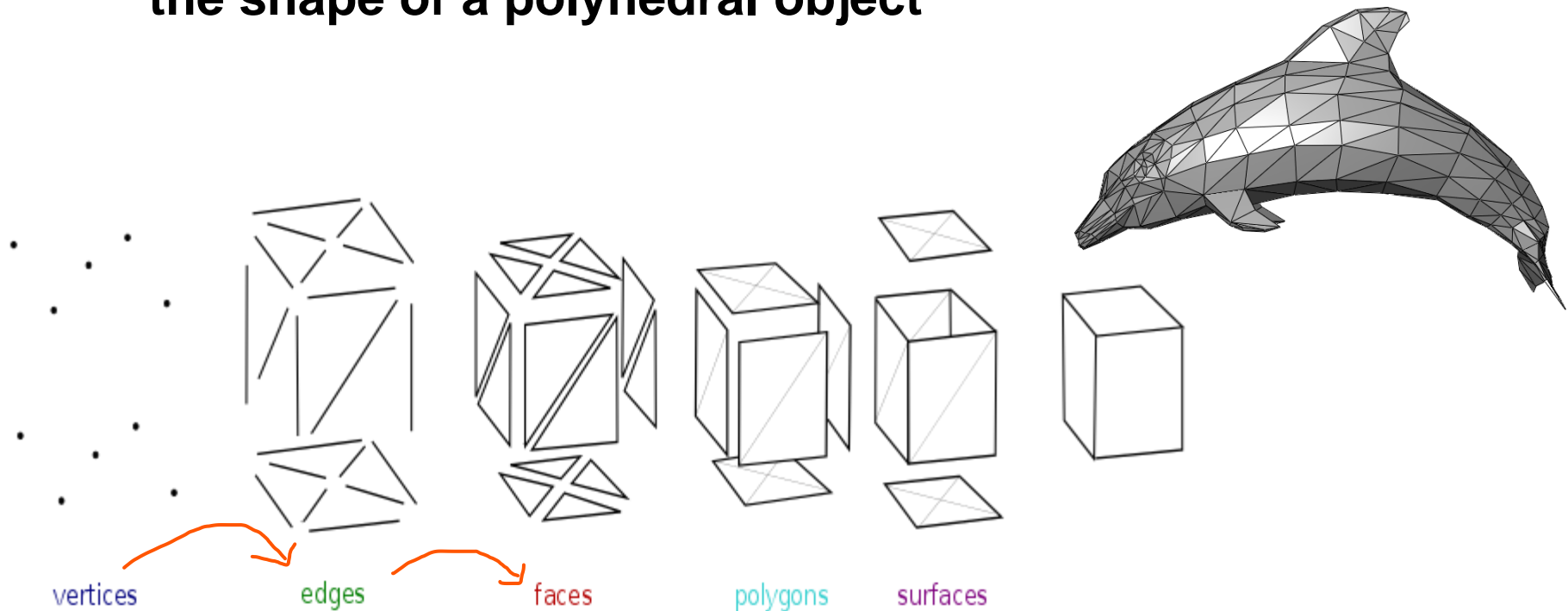
Coordinate Systems

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Polygonal Meshes

- A collection of vertices, edges and faces that defines the shape of a polyhedral object



Data Structures

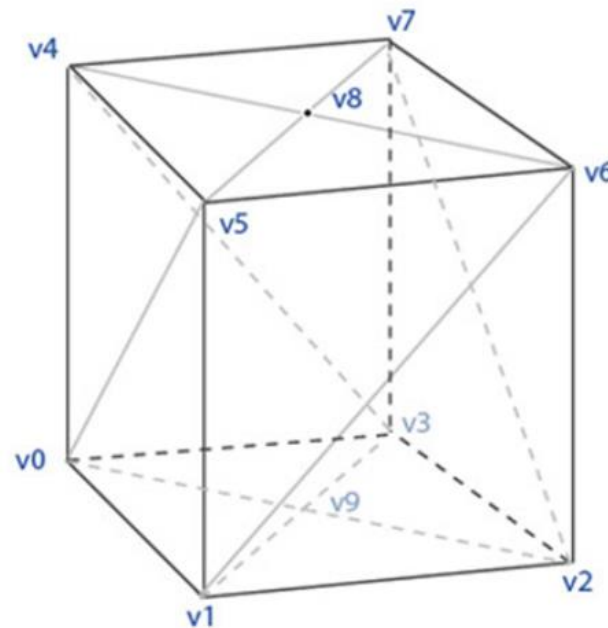
- **Vertex-vertex**
 - The simplest representation
 - **Face-vertex**
 - The most widely used representation
 - **Winged edge**
 - The most flexible representation
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Vertex-Vertex Meshes

- A set of vertices connected to other vertices
 - The simplest representation, but not widely used since the face and edge information is implicit

Vertex List

v0	0,0,0	v1 v5 v4 v3 v9
v1	1,0,0	v2 v6 v5 v0 v9
v2	1,1,0	v3 v7 v6 v1 v9
v3	0,1,0	v2 v6 v7 v4 v9
v4	0,0,1	v5 v0 v3 v7 v8
v5	1,0,1	v6 v1 v0 v4 v8
v6	1,1,1	v7 v2 v1 v5 v8
v7	0,1,1	v4 v3 v2 v6 v8
v8	.5,.5,1	v4 v5 v6 v7
v9	.5,.5,0	v0 v1 v2 v3



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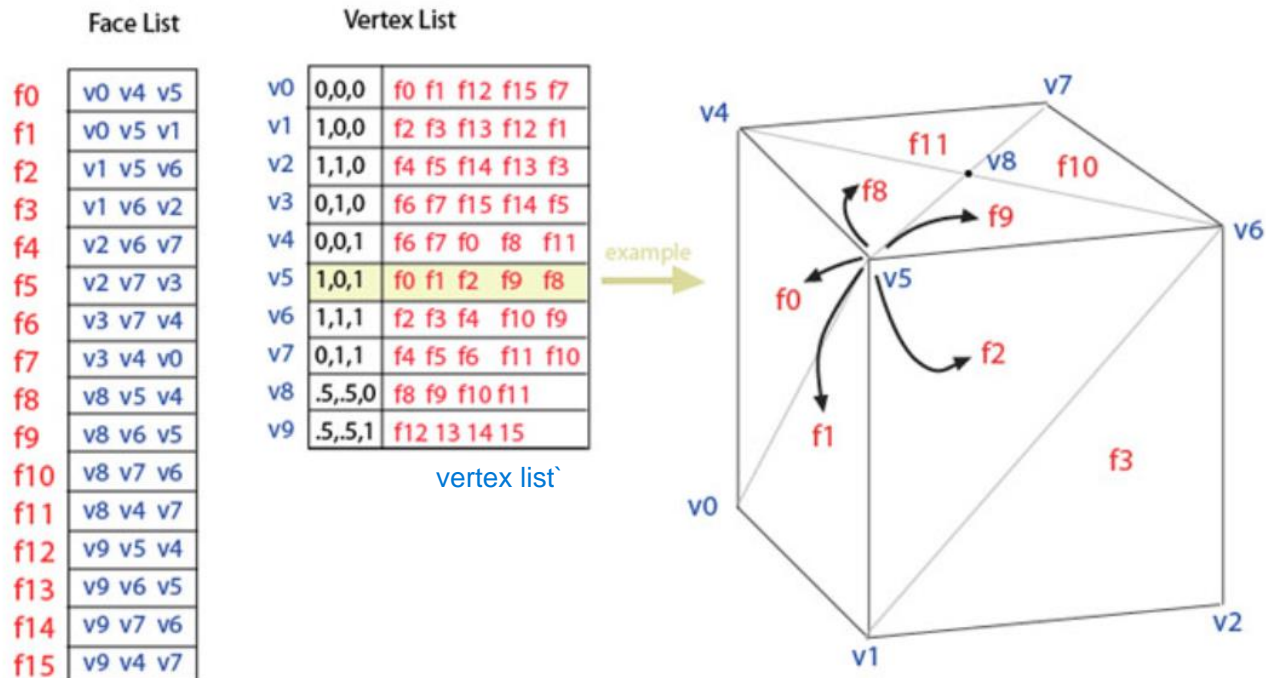
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Face-Vertex

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- A set of faces and a set of vertices
 - Most widely used representation, being the input typically accepted by modern graphics hardware

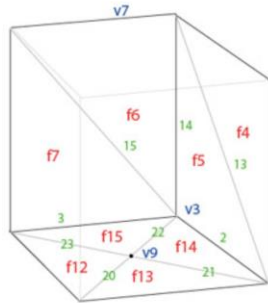
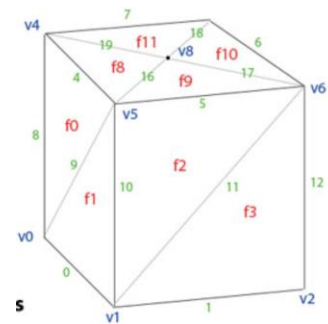


face
= face

vertex list
vertex list

Winged Edge

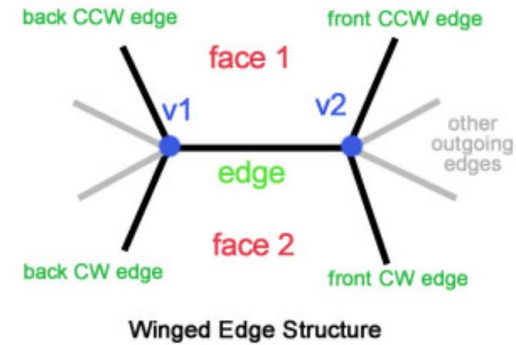
- Explicitly represent the vertices, faces and edges
 - Widely used in modeling programs to provide the greatest flexibility in dynamically changing the mesh geometry



	Face List
f0	4 8 9
f1	0 10 9
f2	5 10 11
f3	1 12 11
f4	6 12 13
f5	2 14 13
f6	7 14 15
f7	3 8 15
f8	4 16 19
f9	5 17 16
f10	6 18 17
f11	7 19 18
f12	0 23 20
f13	1 20 21
f14	2 21 22
f15	3 22 23

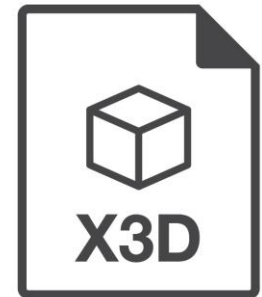
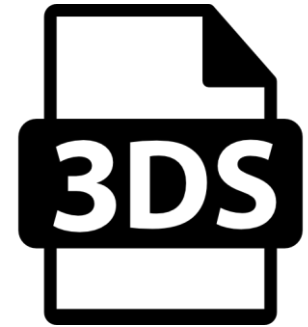
	Edge List
e0	v0 v1 f1 f12 9 23 10 20
e1	v1 v2 f3 f13 11 20 12 21
e2	v2 v3 f5 f14 13 21 14 22
e3	v3 v0 f7 f15 15 22 8 23
e4	v4 v5 f0 f8 19 8 16 9
e5	v5 v6 f2 f9 16 10 17 11
e6	v6 v7 f4 f10 17 12 18 13
e7	v7 v4 f6 f11 18 14 19 15
e8	v0 v4 f7 f0 3 9 7 4
e9	v0 v5 f0 f1 8 0 4 10
e10	v1 v5 f1 f2 0 11 9 5
e11	v1 v6 f2 f3 10 1 5 12
e12	v2 v6 f3 f4 1 13 11 6
e13	v2 v7 f4 f5 12 2 6 14
e14	v3 v7 f5 f6 2 15 13 7
e15	v3 v4 f6 f7 14 3 7 15
e16	v5 v8 f8 f9 4 5 19 17
e17	v6 v8 f9 f10 5 6 16 18
e18	v7 v8 f10 f11 6 7 17 19
e19	v4 v8 f11 f8 7 4 18 16
e20	v1 v9 f12 f13 0 1 23 21
e21	v2 v9 f13 f14 1 2 20 22
e22	v3 v9 f14 f15 2 3 21 23
e23	v0 v9 f15 f12 3 0 22 20

	Vertex List
v0	0,0,0 8 9 0 23 3
v1	1,0,0 10 11 1 20 0
v2	1,1,0 12 13 2 21 1
v3	0,1,0 14 15 3 22 2
v4	0,0,1 8 15 7 19 4
v5	1,0,1 10 9 4 16 5
v6	1,1,1 12 11 5 17 6
v7	0,1,1 14 13 6 18 7
v8	.5,.5,0 16 17 18 19
v9	.5,.5,1 20 21 22 23



File Formats for Polygonal Meshes

- ☐ OBJ
- ☐ FBX
- ☐ STL
- ☐ DAE
- ☐ 3DS
- ☐ POV
- ☐ X3D
- ☐ VRML
- ☐ ...





E.g. OBJ File Formats

- ❑ **Geometry definition file formats first developed by Wavefront Technologies**

 - ❑ **Simple data format that represents 3D geometry alone**
 - The position of each vertex
 - The texture coordinate of each vertex ():
 - The normal of each vertex
 - The faces that make each polygon defined as a list of vertices, optionally with texture coordinates and normals
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E.g. OBJ File Formats

```
# List of geometric vertices, with (x, y, z, [w]) coordinates, w is optional and defaults to 1.0.
v 0.123 0.234 0.345 1.0
v ...
...
# List of texture coordinates, in (u, [v, w]) coordinates, these will vary between 0 and 1. v, w are optional and
default to 0.
vt 0.500 1 [0]
vt ...
...
# List of vertex normals in (x,y,z) form; normals might not be unit vectors.
vn 0.707 0.000 0.707
vn ...
...
# Parameter space vertices in (u, [v, w]) form; free form geometry statement (see below)
vp 0.310000 3.210000 2.100000
vp ...
...
# Polygonal face element (see below)
f 1 2 3
f 3/1 4/2 5/3
f 6/4/1 3/5/3 7/6/5
f 7//1 8//2 9//3
f ...
...
# Line element (see below)
l 5 8 1 2 4 9
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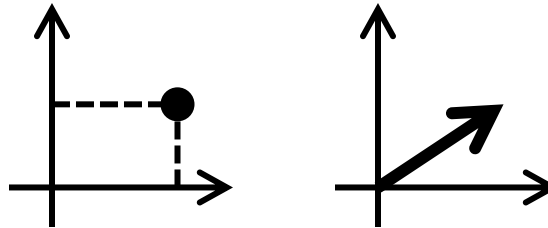
Points vs. Vectors

□ Similarity

- Both can be numerically encoded as coordinates

- $p = (1.5, 1)$

- $v = (1.5, 1)$



□ Difference

- Points represent **location** in the space
- Vectors represent **direction** and **magnitude** (without location)

□ Questions

- Points can be added?
- Points can be multiplied with a scalar?
- How about vectors?

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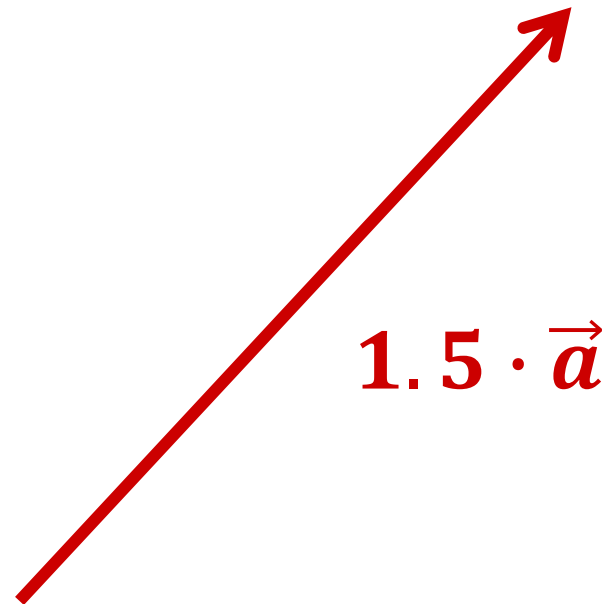
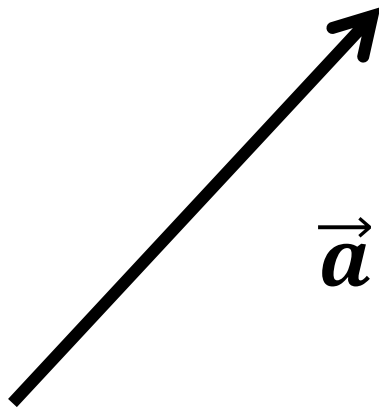
Vector Algebra

- ☐ **Scalar Multiplication**
 - ☐ **Addition**
 - ☐ **Subtraction**
 - ☐ **Dot Product**
 - ☐ **Cross Product**
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Scalar Multiplication

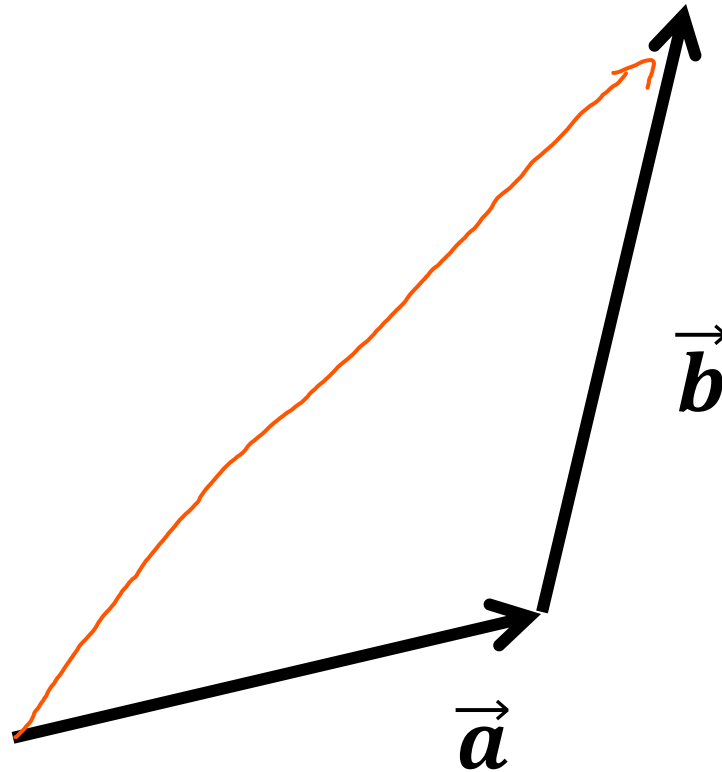
- Change only magnitude without modifying direction

$$c \cdot \vec{a} \ (c \in \mathbb{R})$$



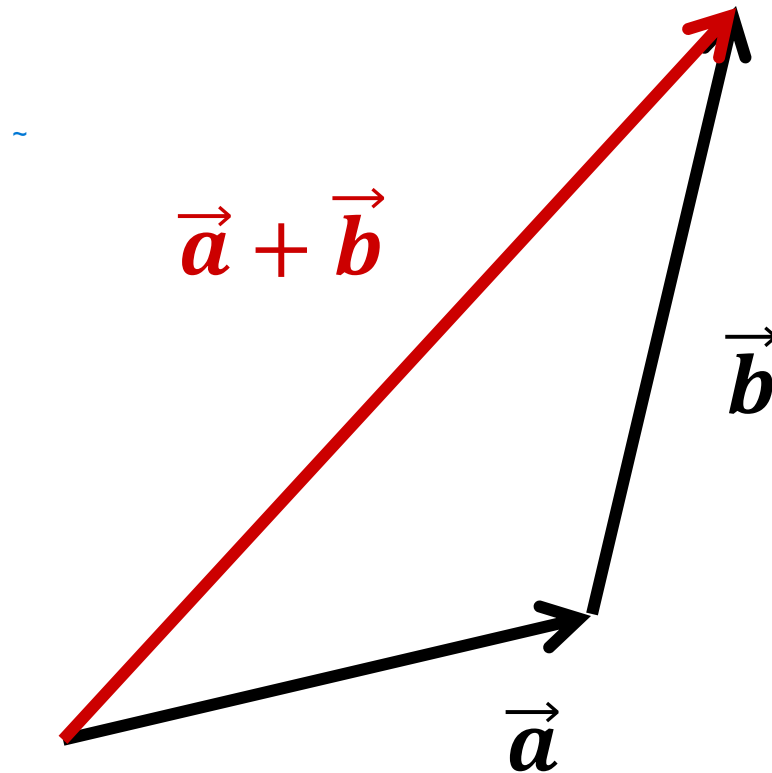
Addition

- Translate two vectors such that the head of one vector coincides with the tail of the other vector



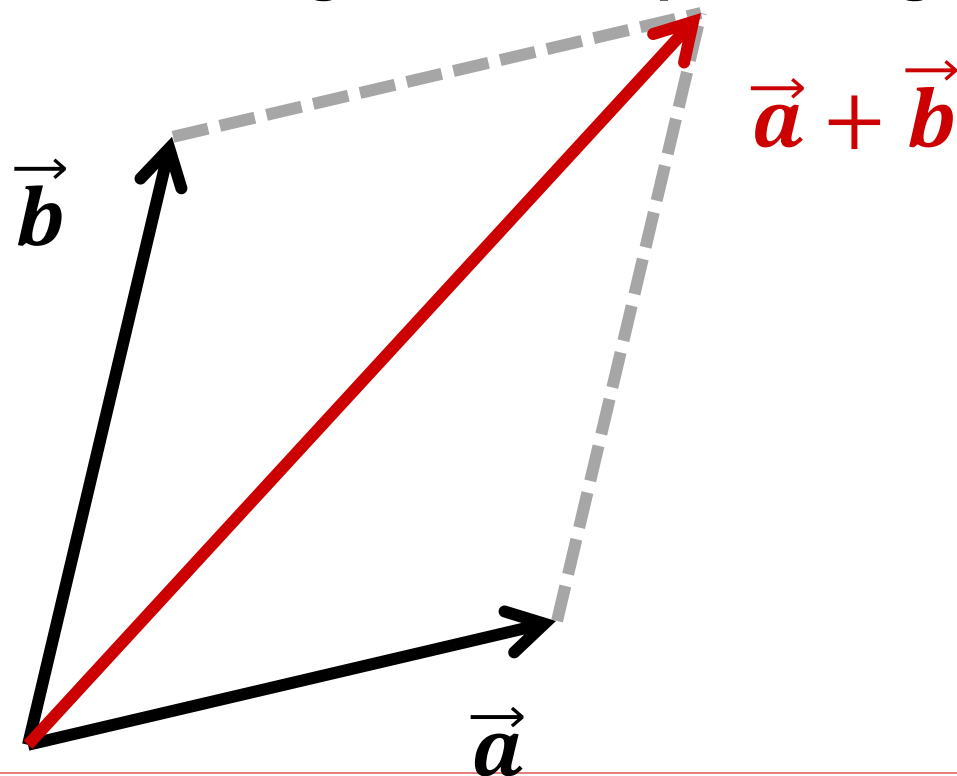
Addition

- Then, the addition corresponds to the vector from the tail of the former vector to the head of the latter one



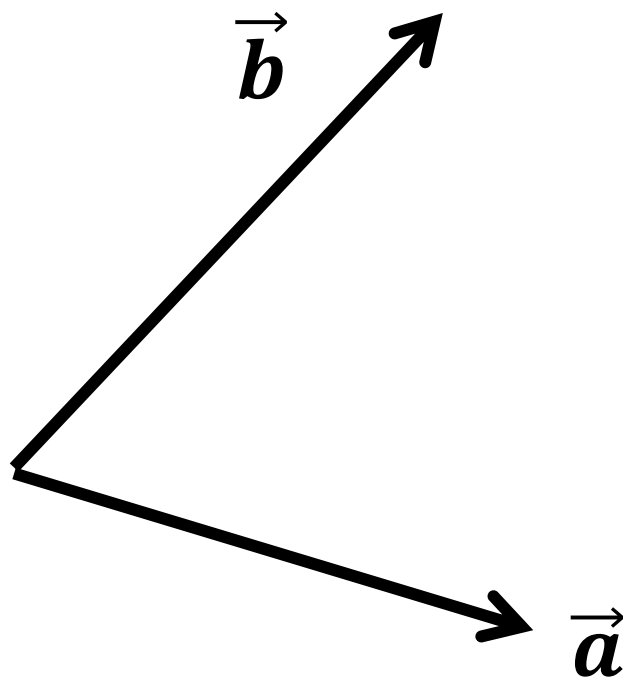
Addition

- Create a parallelogram such that given two vectors form its two adjacent sides, then the addition corresponds to the diagonal of the parallelogram



Subtraction

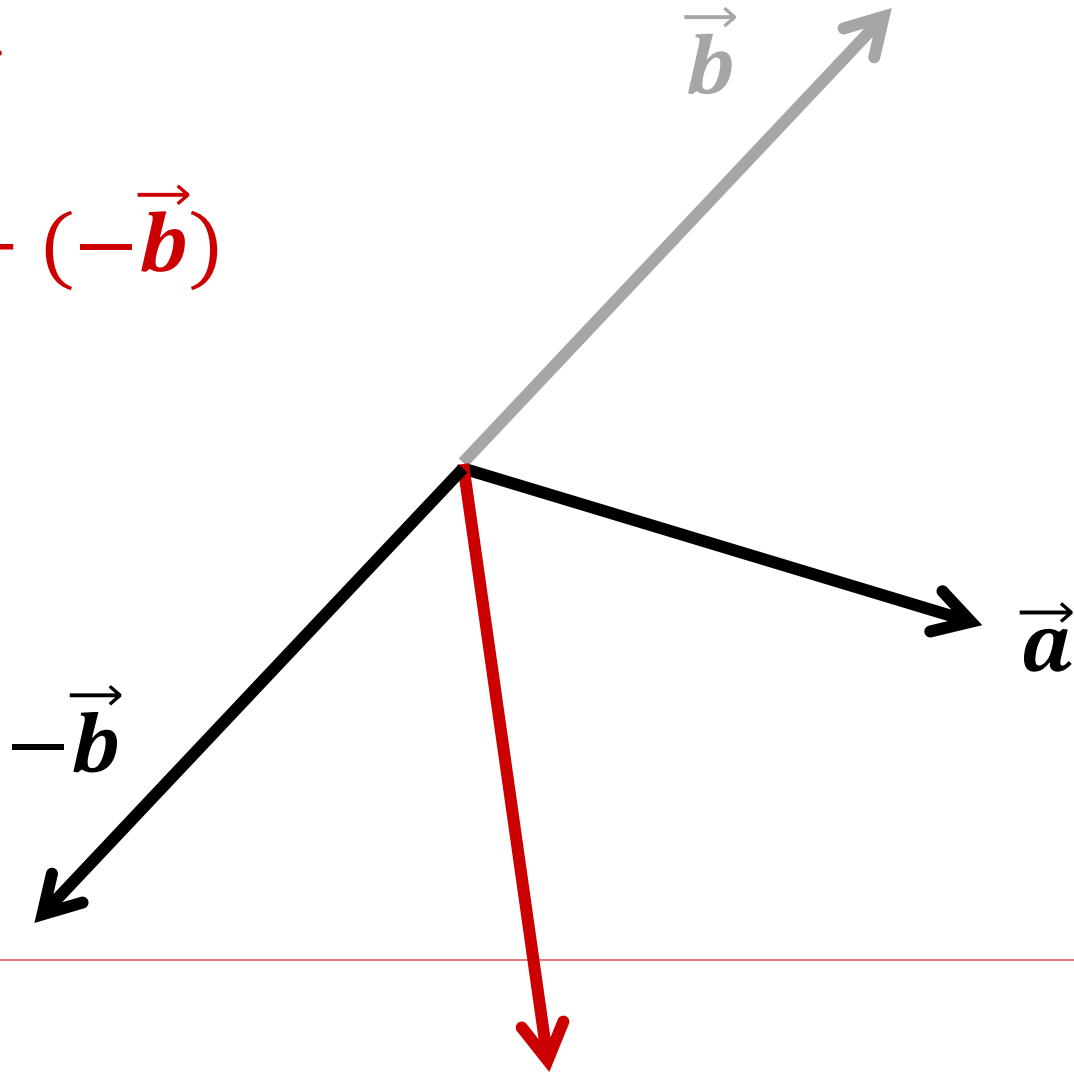
$$\vec{a} - \vec{b}$$



Subtraction

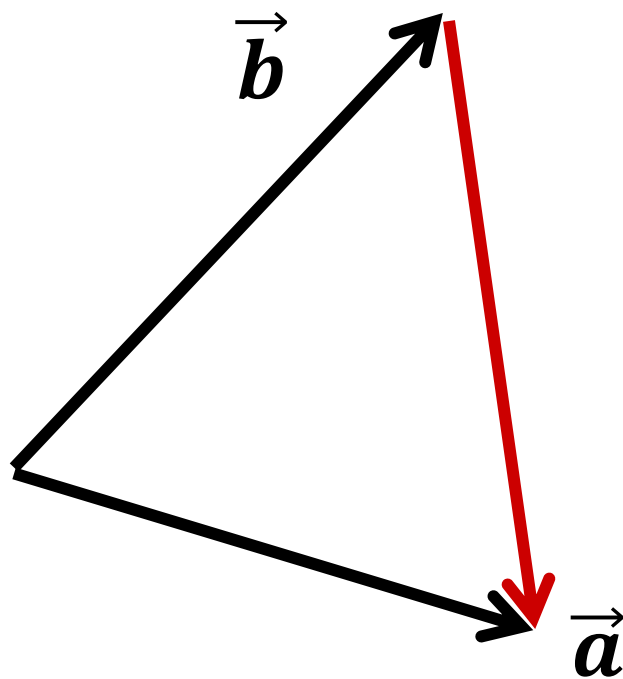
$$\vec{a} - \vec{b}$$

$$= \vec{a} + (-\vec{b})$$



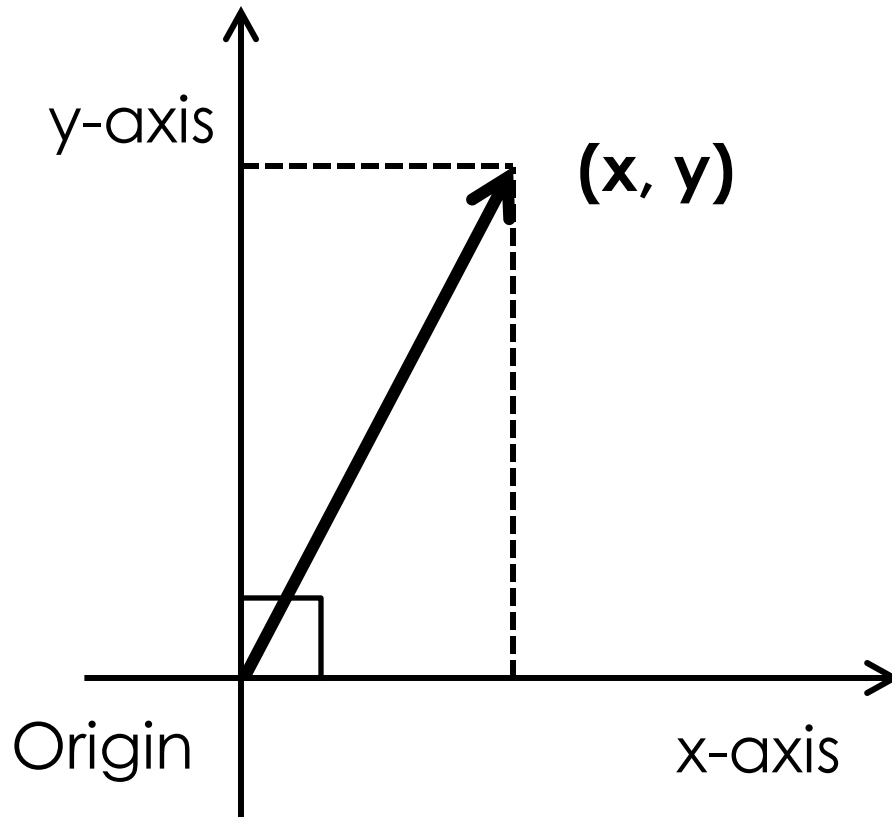
Subtraction

$$\vec{a} - \vec{b}$$



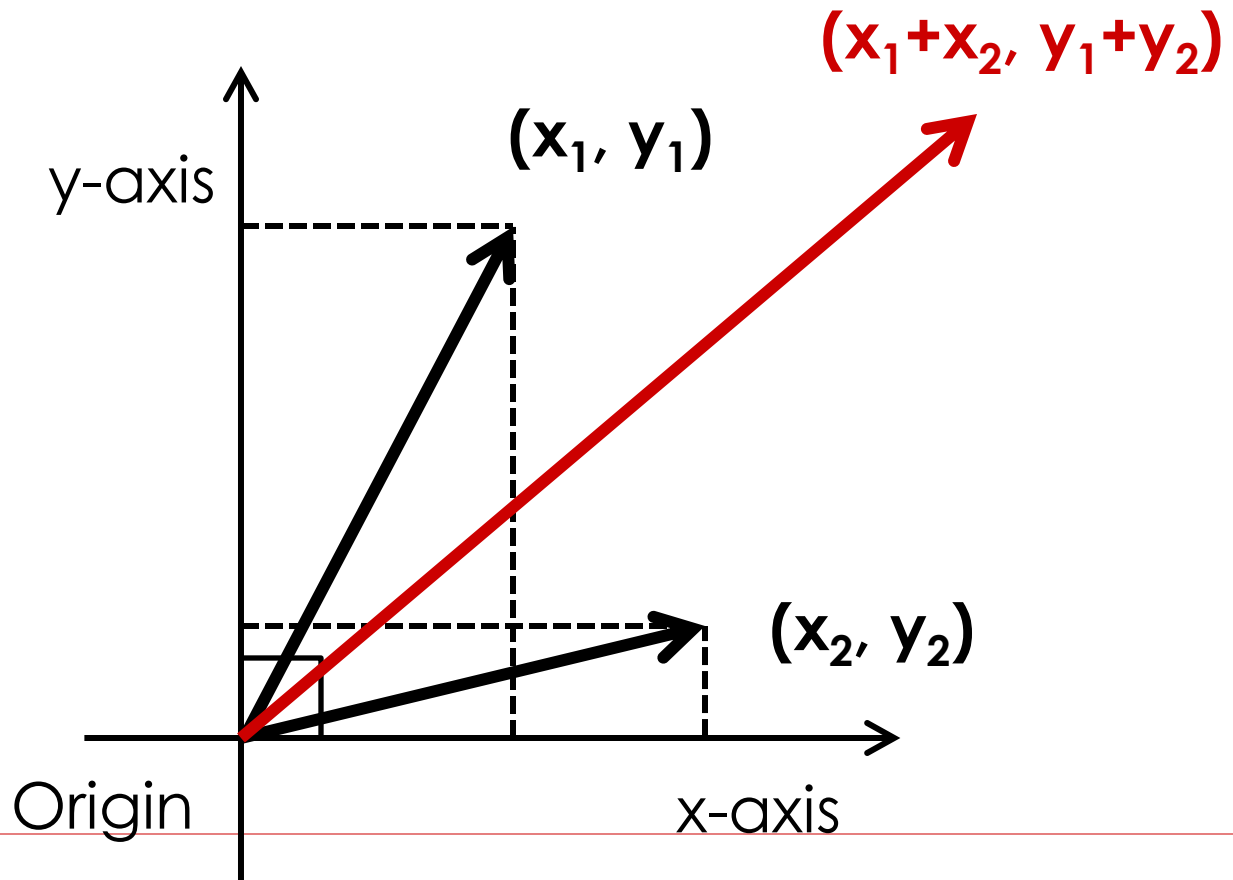
Coordinates of Vectors

- Location of the head of a vector when its tail coincides with the origin of the coordinate system



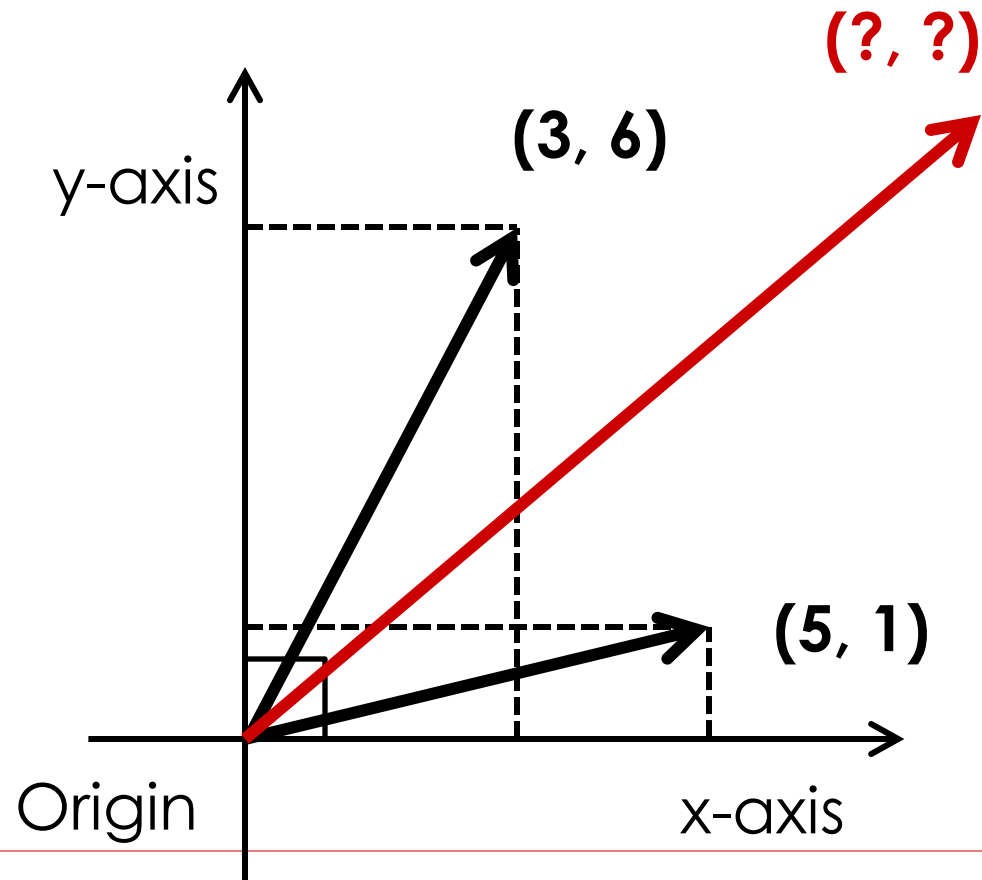
Numerical Computation

- Addition/subtraction of vectors can be obtained by adding/subtracting their associated coordinates



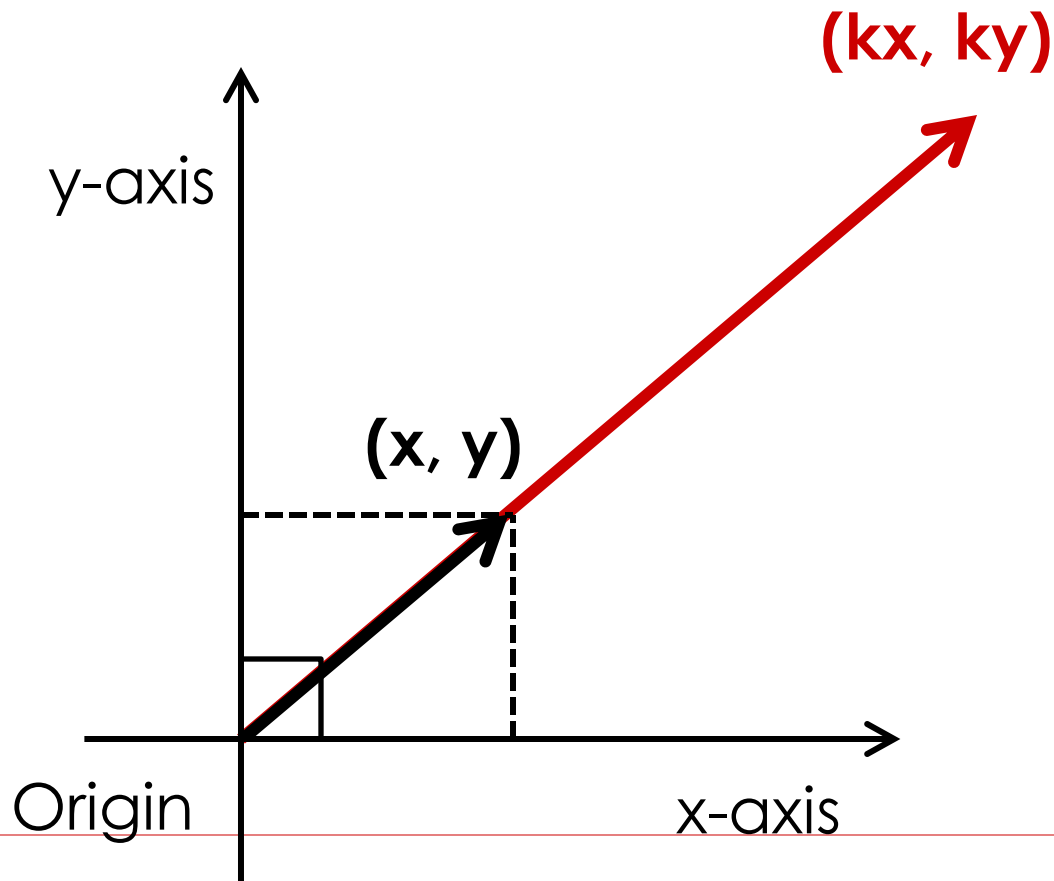
Numerical Computation

□ Component-wise add/sub



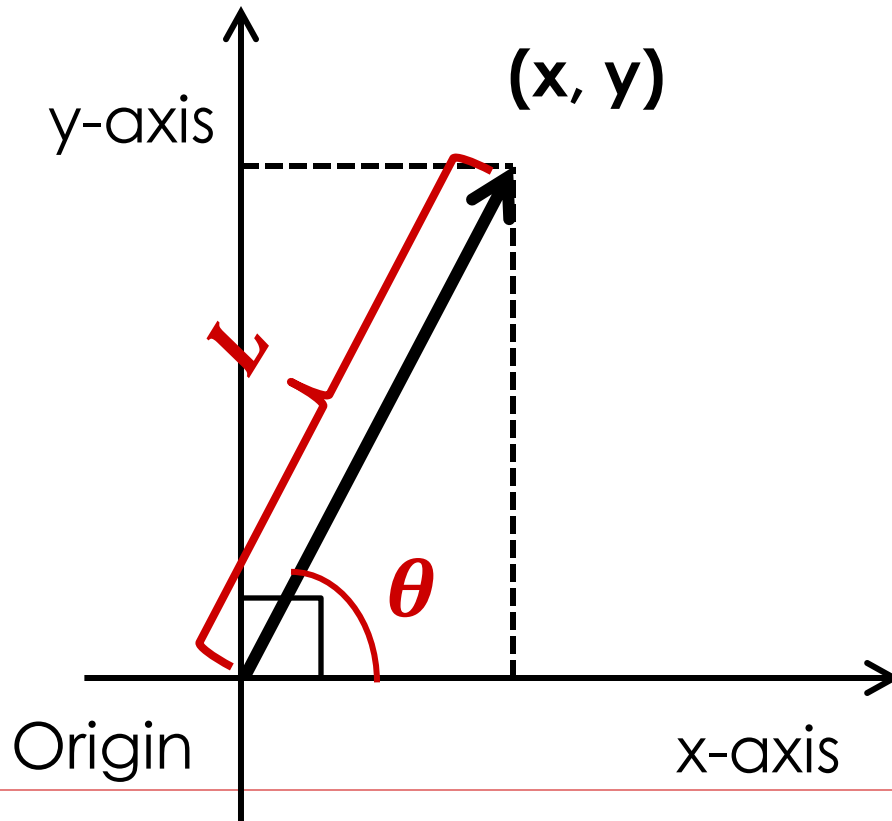
Numerical Computation

- Scalar multiplication of a vector can also be obtained by multiplying its associated coordinates



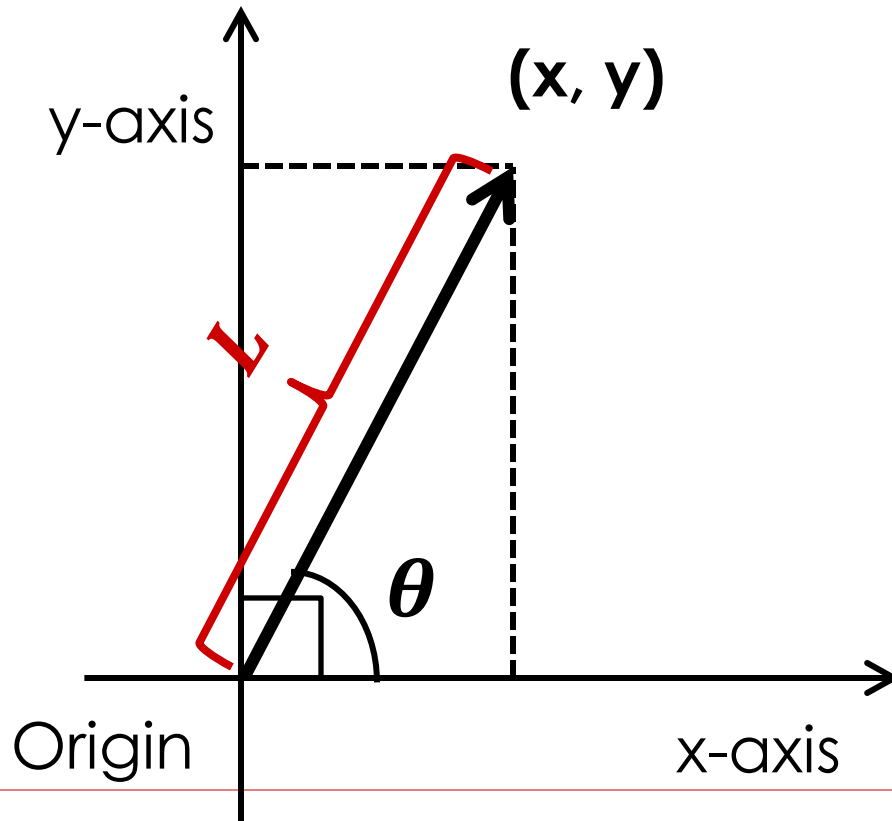
Length and Direction

- Given a vector, calculate its **length** and **direction**?



Length by Pythagorean Theorem

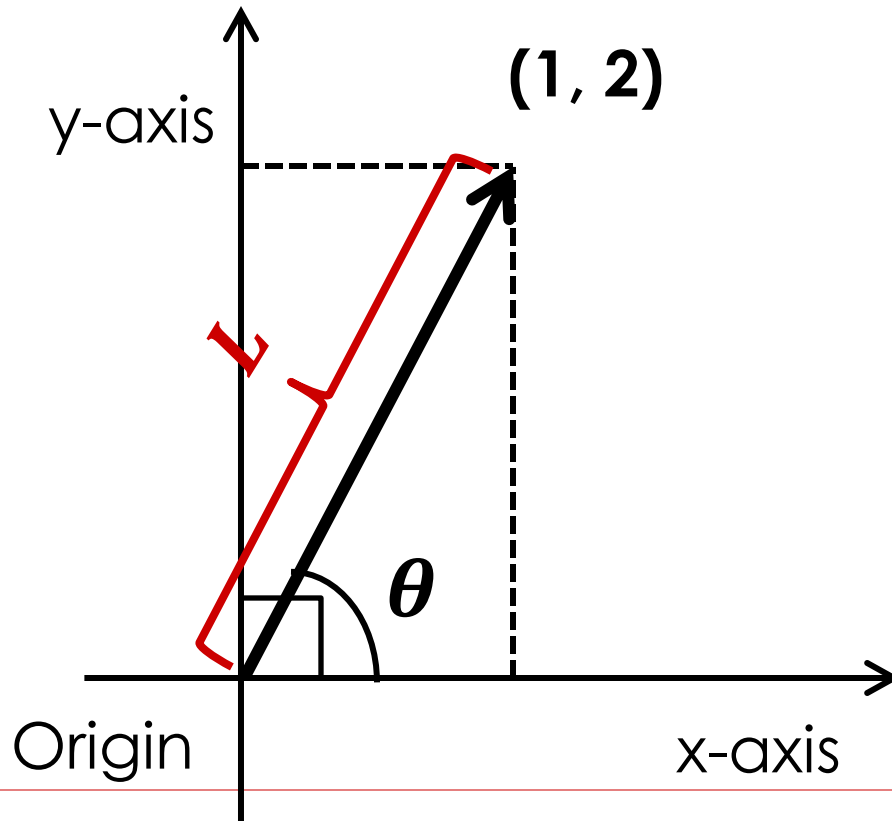
□ $x^2 + y^2 = L^2$



Length by Pythagorean Theorem

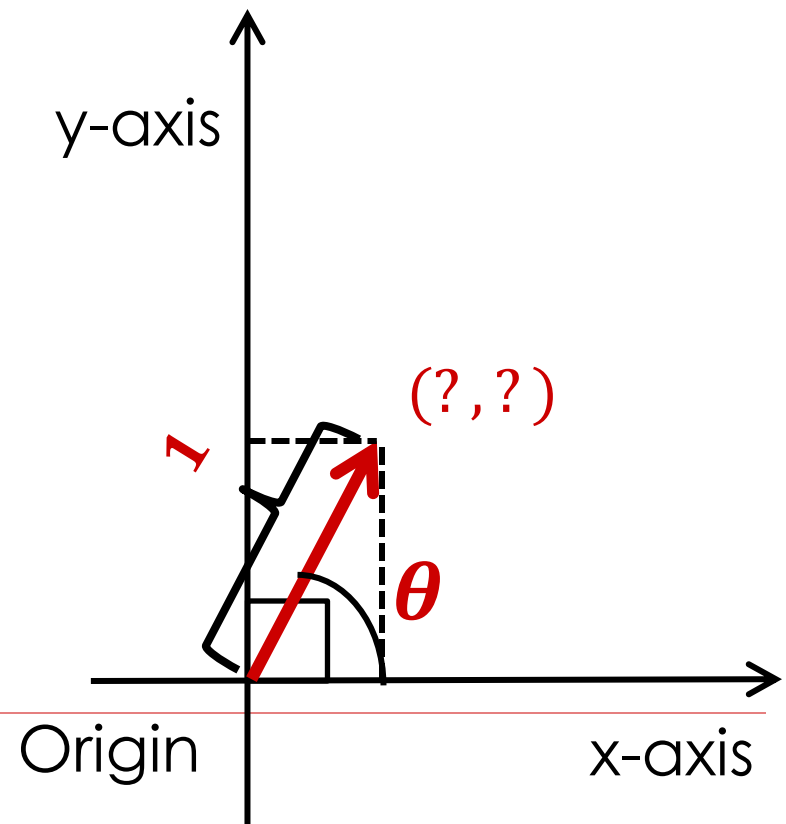
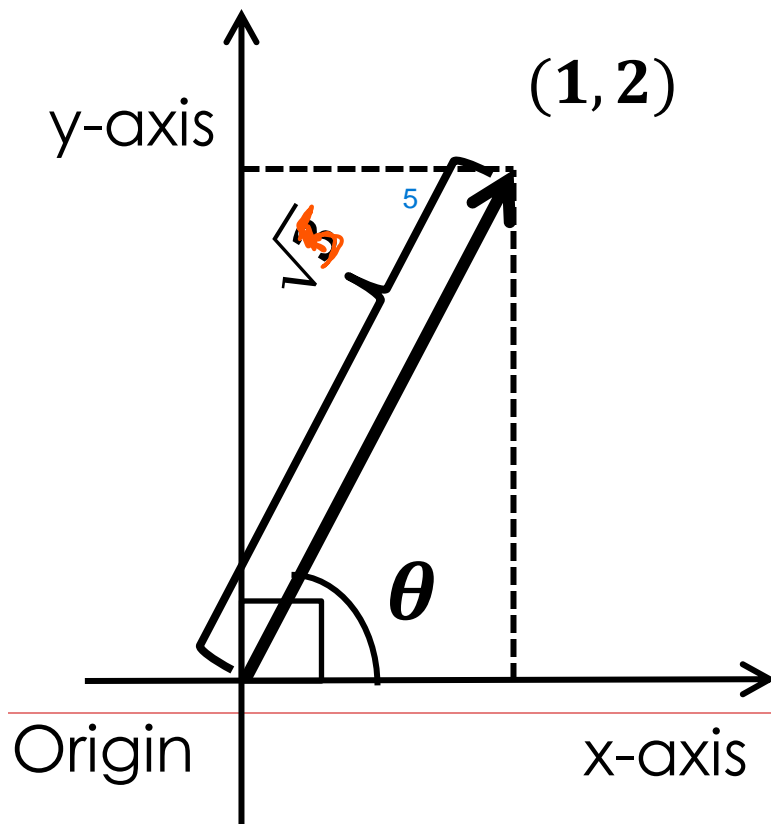
□ $x^2 + y^2 = L^2$

Ex) length of $\vec{v} = (1, 2)$?



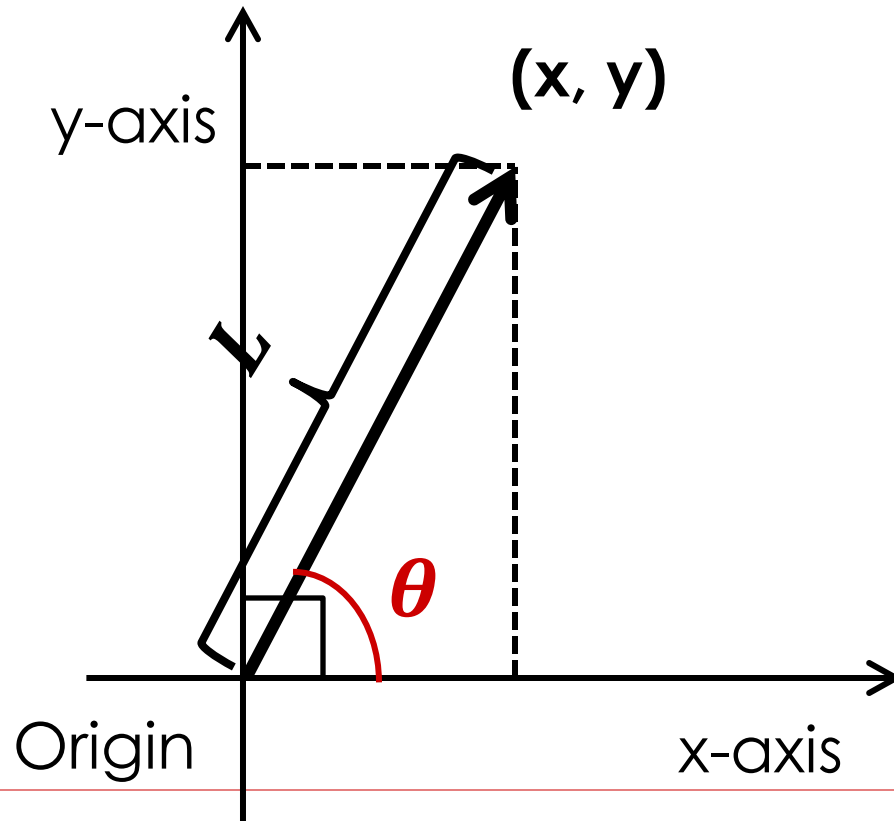
Normalization into Unit Vector

- Scale a vector such that its length becomes one while keeping its direction



Direction by Trigonometry

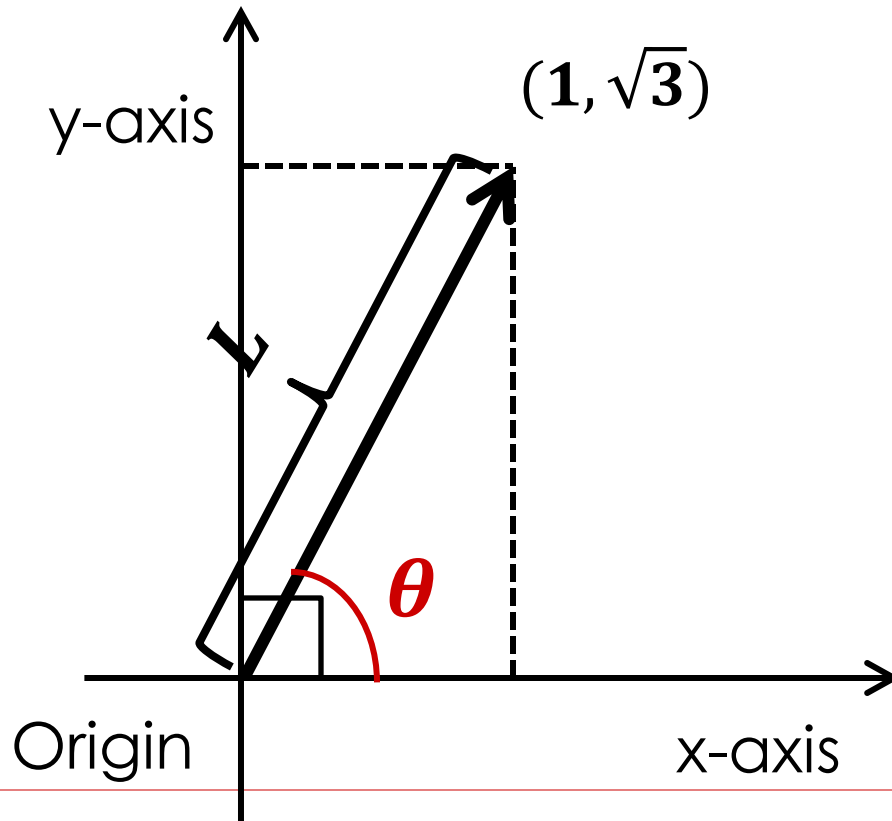
□ $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$



Direction by Trigonometry

□ $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$

Ex) length and angle of $\vec{v} = (1, \sqrt{3})$?

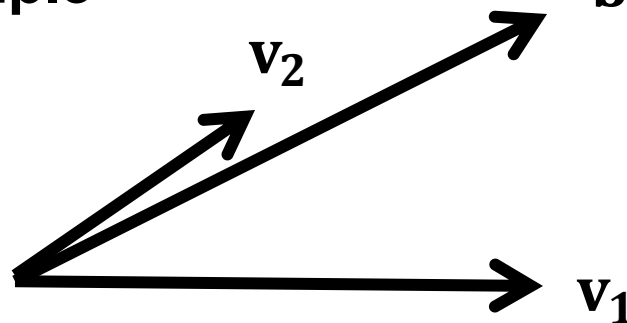


Linear Combination

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- Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n
- Let c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k be scalars
- Then, the vector $b = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k$ is called a linear combination of v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k
 - c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k are commonly called the “weights”

- Example



$$b = 0.5v_1 + 2v_2$$

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Affine Combination

- Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n
- Let c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k be scalars such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k c_i = 1$$

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Affine

- Then, the vector $b = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k$ is called an **affine** combination of v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k
 - c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k are commonly called the “weights”

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weight
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affine

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Convex Combination

- Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k be vectors in \mathbb{R}^n
- Let c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k be scalars such that

$$c_i \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^k c_i = 1$$

가 Convex

- Then, the vector $b = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k$ is called an **convex** combination of v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k
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Vector Space

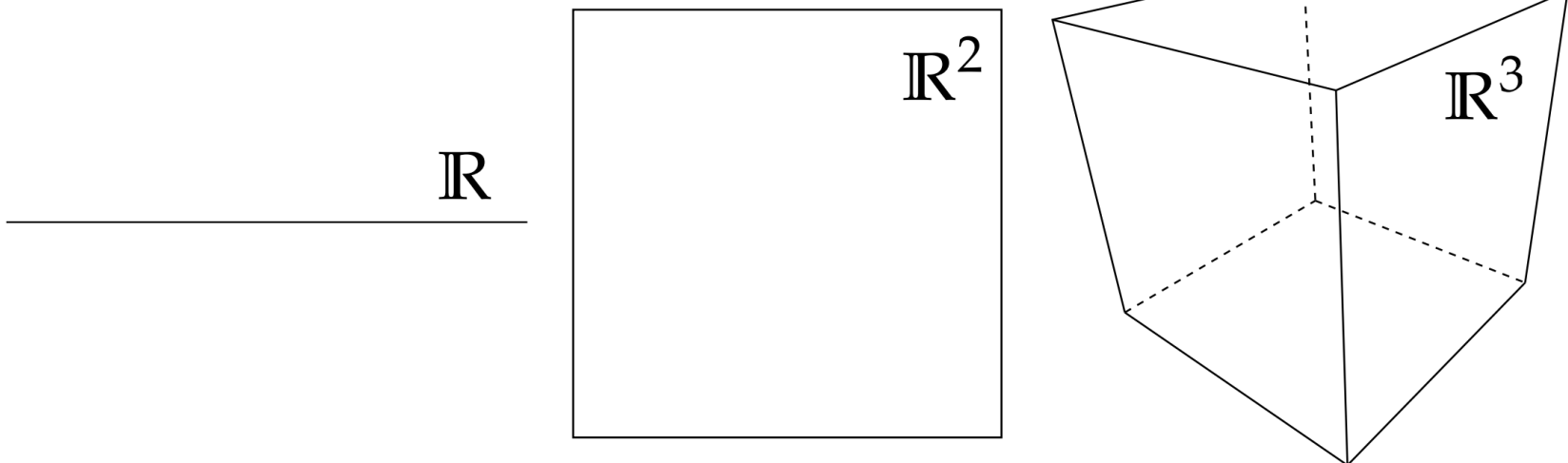
□ For all vectors \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , \mathbf{w} and scalars a , b :

- $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$
- $\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w}$
- There exists a *zero vector* “ $\mathbf{0}$ ” such that $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$
- For every \mathbf{v} there is a vector “ $-\mathbf{v}$ ” such that $\mathbf{v} + (-\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$
- $1\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$
- $a(b\mathbf{v}) = (ab)\mathbf{v}$
- $a(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = a\mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}$
- $(a + b)\mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{v}$

□ Any collection of objects satisfying all of these properties is a **vector space** (e.g. polynomials, functions, etc.)

Euclidean Vector Space

- ❑ Most common example: Euclidean n-dimensional space
- ❑ Typically denoted by \mathbb{R}^n , meaning “n real numbers”
- ❑ E.g., (1.23, 4.56, 1.57) is a point in \mathbb{R}^3
- ❑ Why such a common example?
 - Looks a lot like the space we live in!
 - That's what we can easily encode on a computer (a list of floating-point numbers)



Span

- Q: Geometrically, what is the *span* of two vectors u, v ?
- A: The *span* is the set of all vectors that can be written as a linear combination of u and v , i.e., vectors of the form:

$$a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}$$

for any two numbers a, b

- More generally:

$$\text{span}(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k) = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in V \mid \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \mathbf{u}_i, a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathbf{R} \right\}$$

Basis

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span

- Span is closely related to the idea of a basis
- In particular, if we have exactly n vectors $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$ such that

$$\text{span}(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n) = \mathbb{R}^n$$

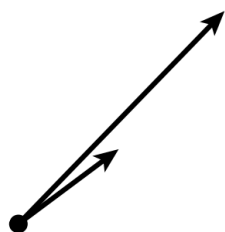
- Then we say that these vectors are a basis for \mathbb{R}^n
- Note: many different choices of basis!
- Q: Which of the following are bases for the 2D plane ($n=2$)?

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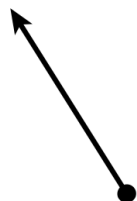
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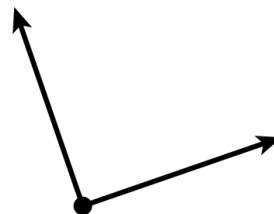
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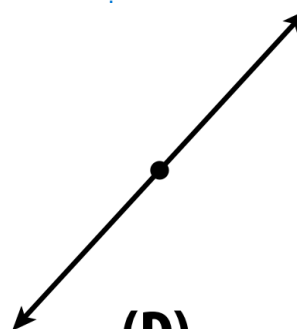
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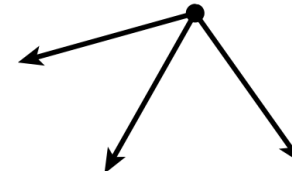
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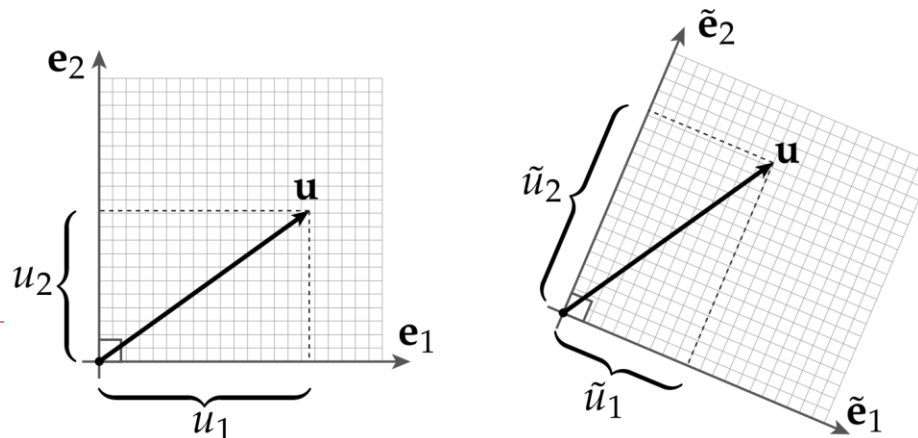
(E)

Orthonormal Basis [?] : \Rightarrow

- Most often, it is convenient to have basis vectors that are (i) unit length and (ii) mutually orthogonal.
- In other words, if $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$ are our basis vectors then

$$\langle \mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- This way, the geometric meaning of the sum $u_1^2 + \dots + u_n^2$ is maintained: it is the length of the vector \mathbf{u}

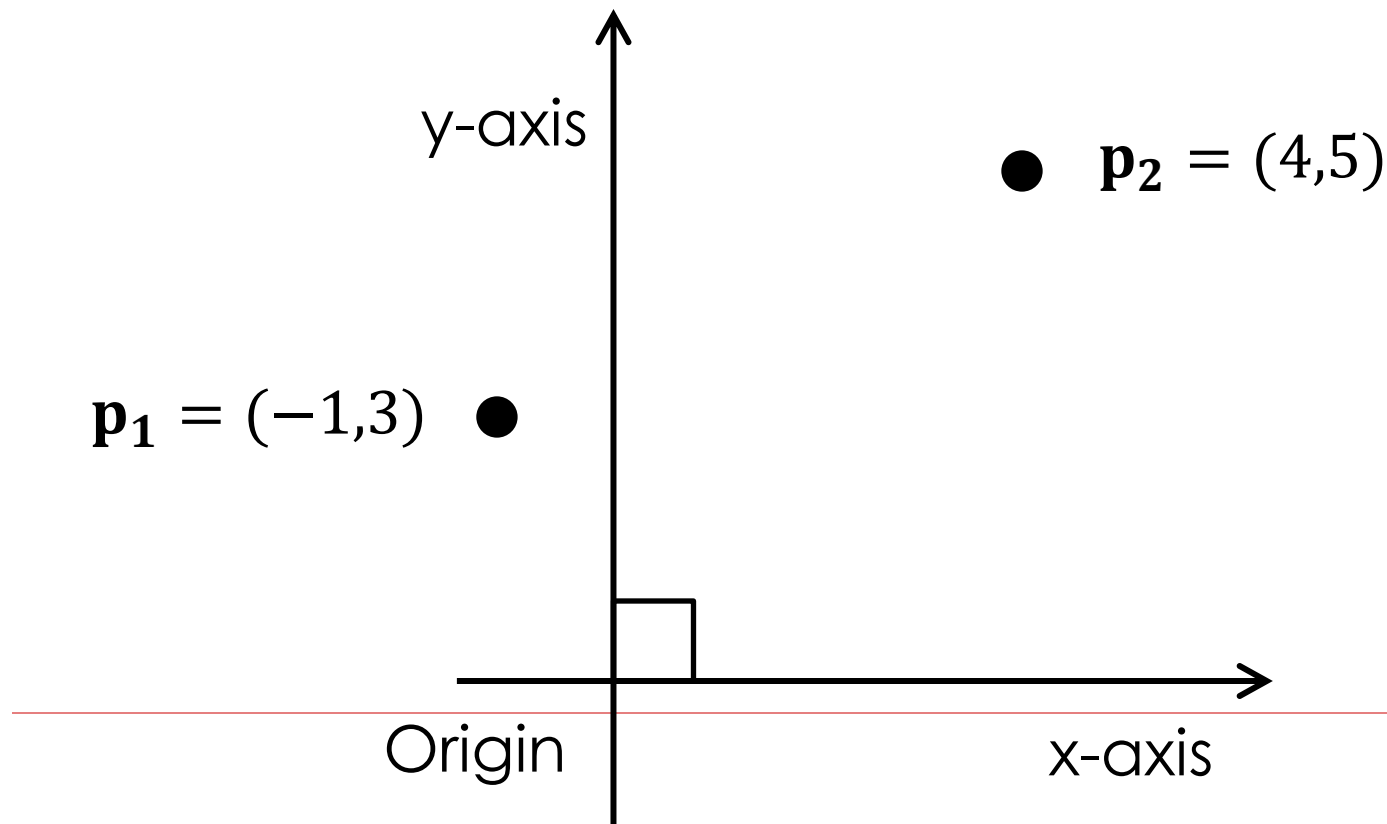


Revisiting Operations on Points

- ☐ Points can be added?
 - ☐ Points can be subtracted?
 - ☐ Points can be multiplied with scalars?
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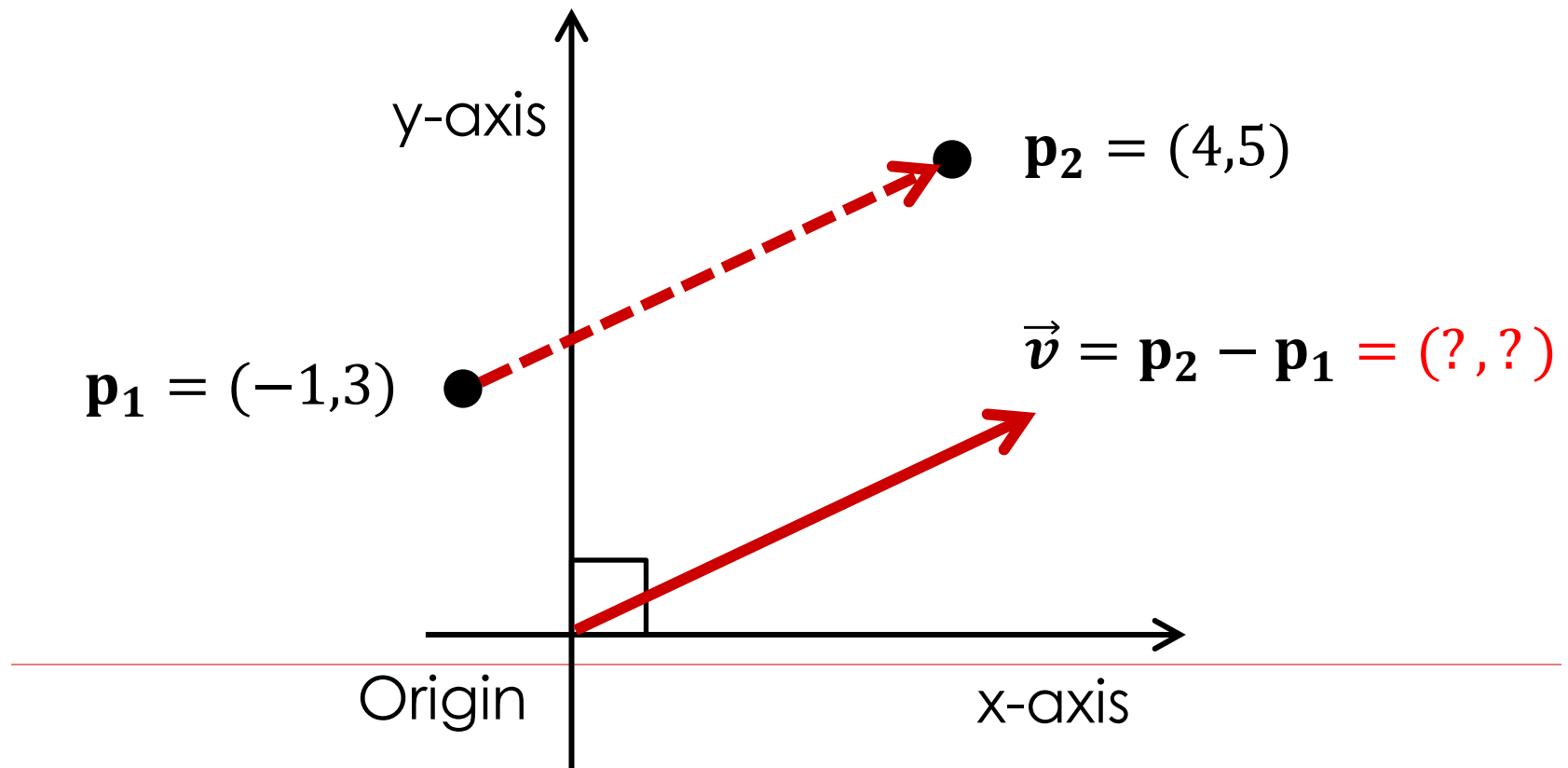
Point – Point = Vector

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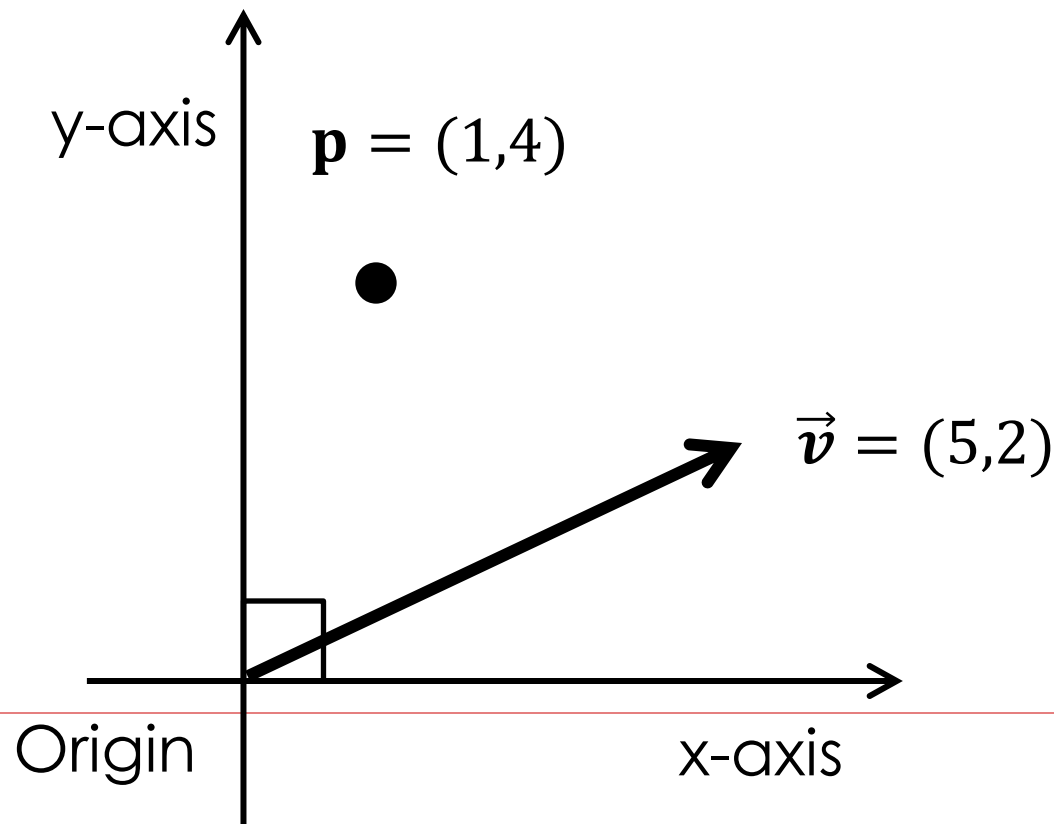
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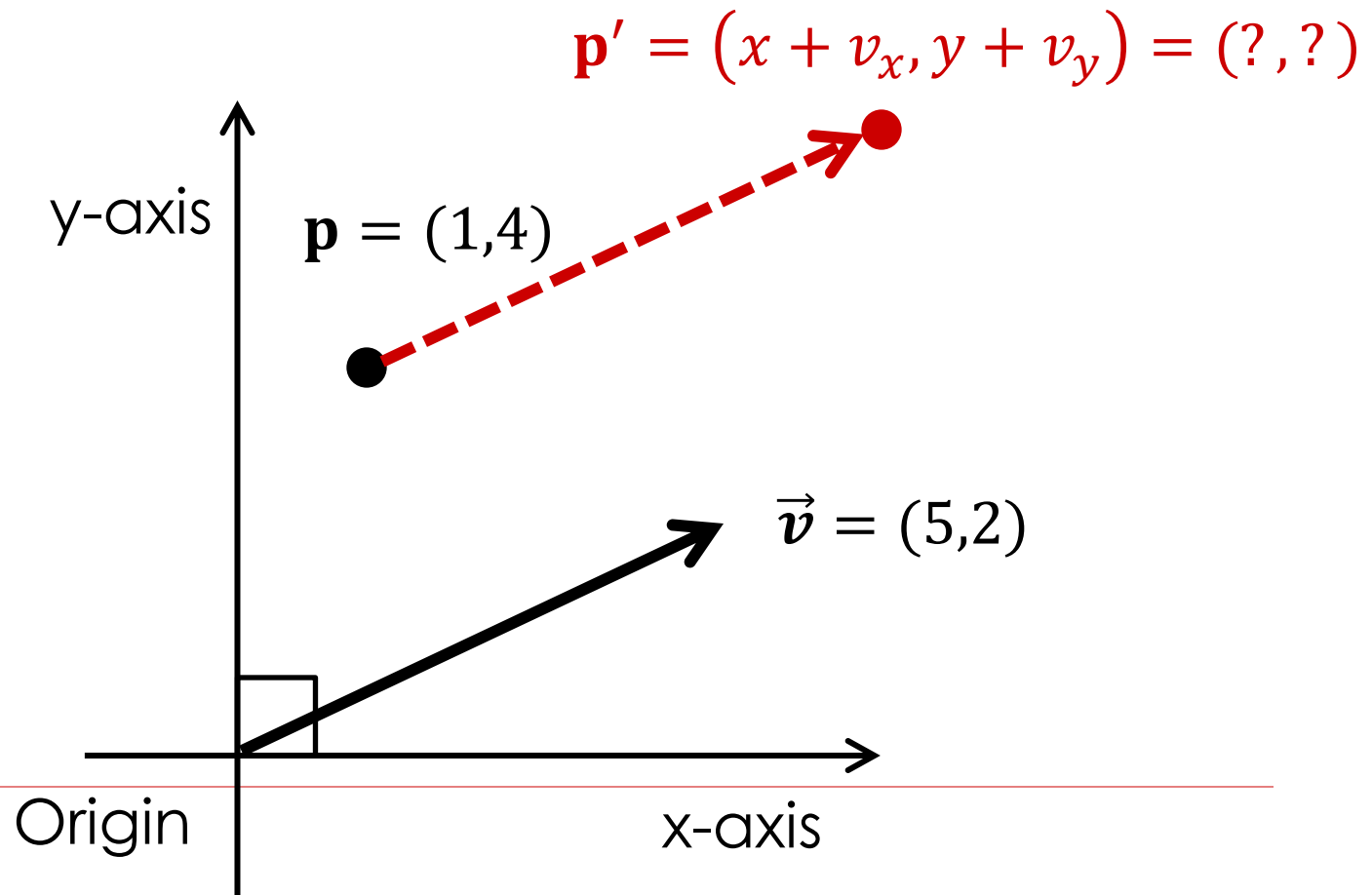
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- Translate a point toward a direction by a magnitude



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Point \cdot t ? Point $+$ Point?

☐ What is $10 \cdot p_1$?

☐ What is $p_1 + p_2$?

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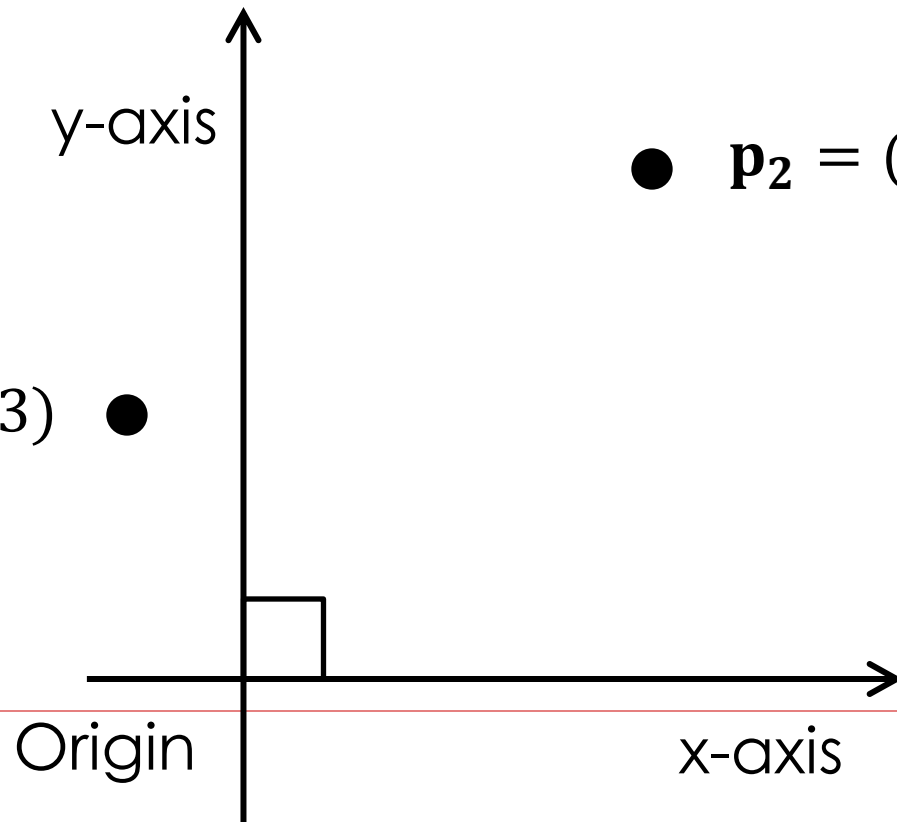
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$p_1 = (-1, 3)$ ●

● $p_2 = (4, 5)$



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Point $\cdot t$ + Point $\cdot (1-t)$ = Point

□ What is $p_1 \cdot 0.5 + p_2 \cdot 0.5$?

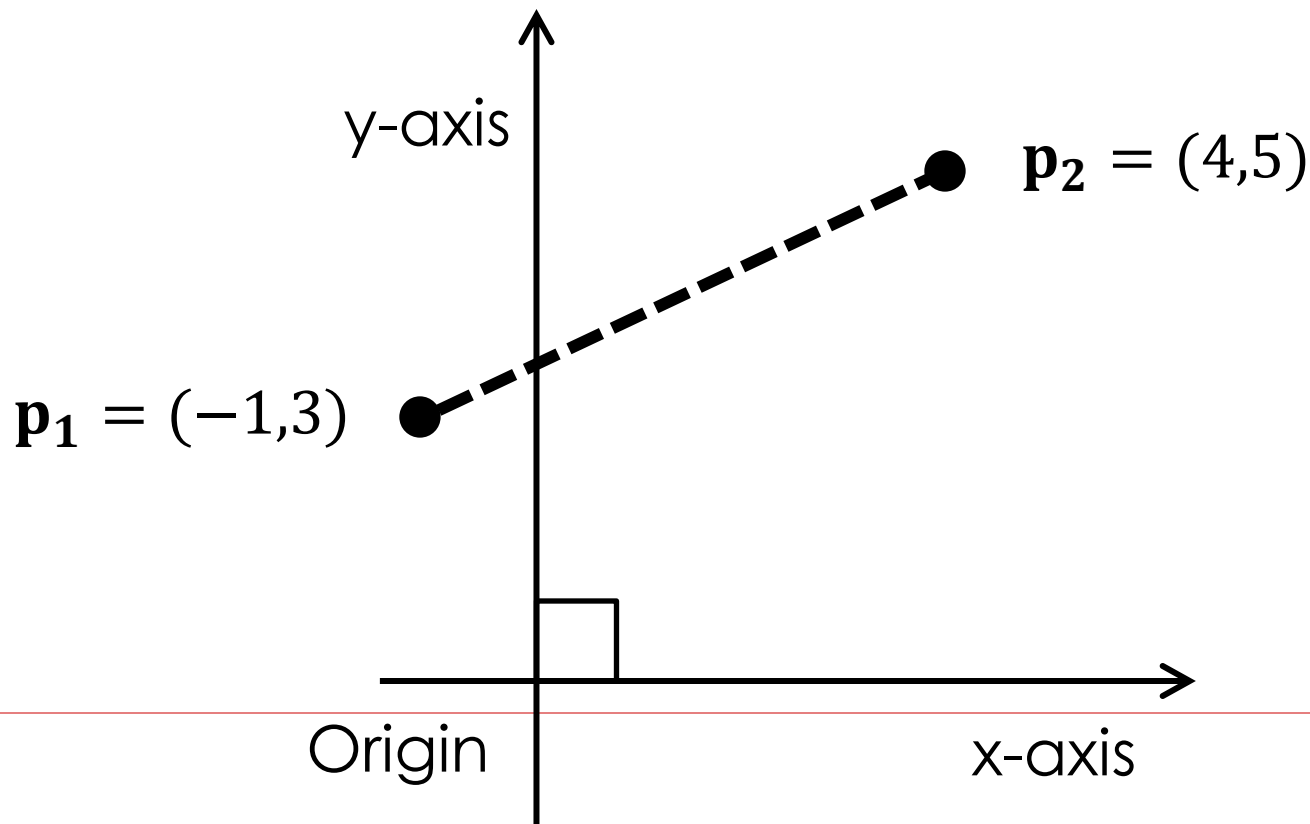
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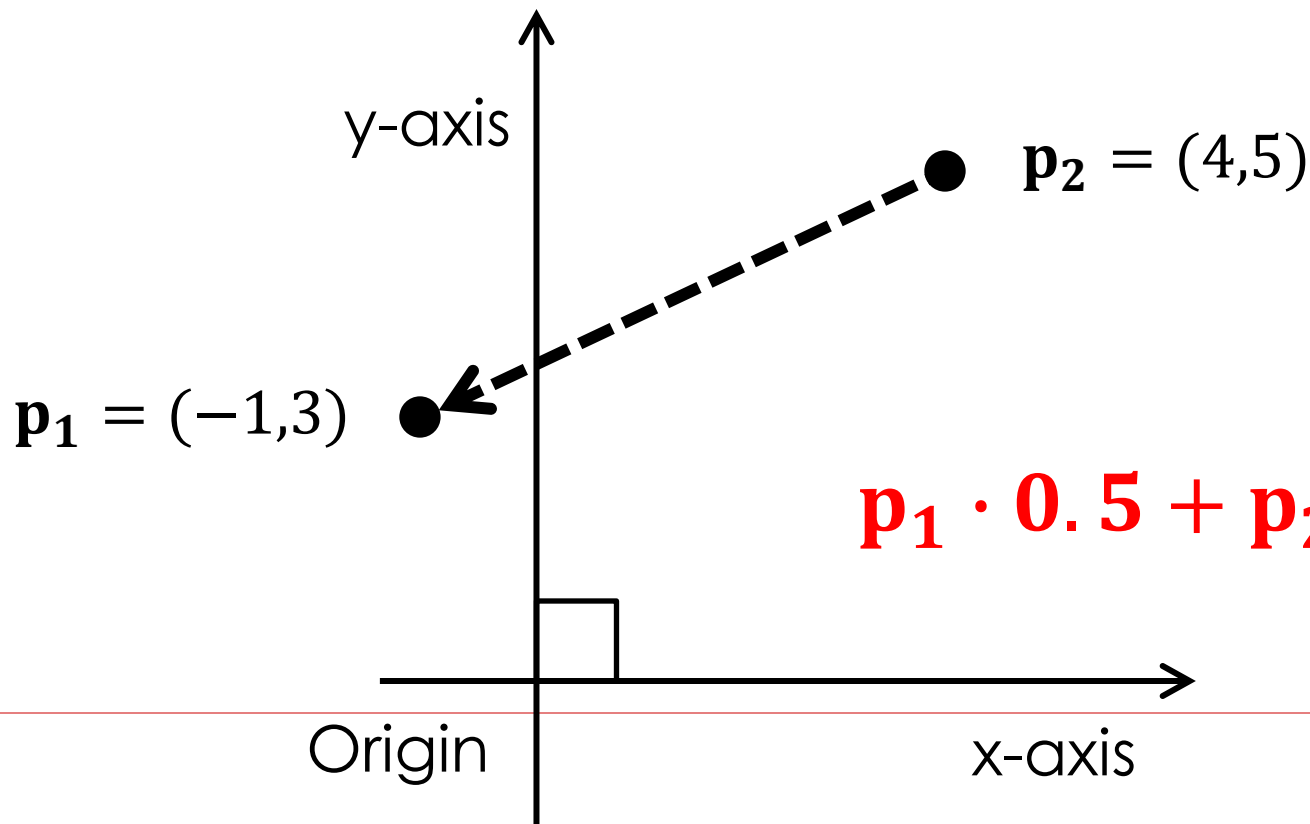
Point $\cdot t$ + Point $\cdot (1-t)$ = Point

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$$\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot t + \mathbf{p}_2 \cdot (1 - t) = \mathbf{p}_2 + (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2) \cdot t$$



$$\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot 0.5 + \mathbf{p}_2 \cdot 0.5 = ?$$

Additional Vector Operations

□ Dot product

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- Also called **scalar** product

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□ Cross product

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- Also called **vector** product

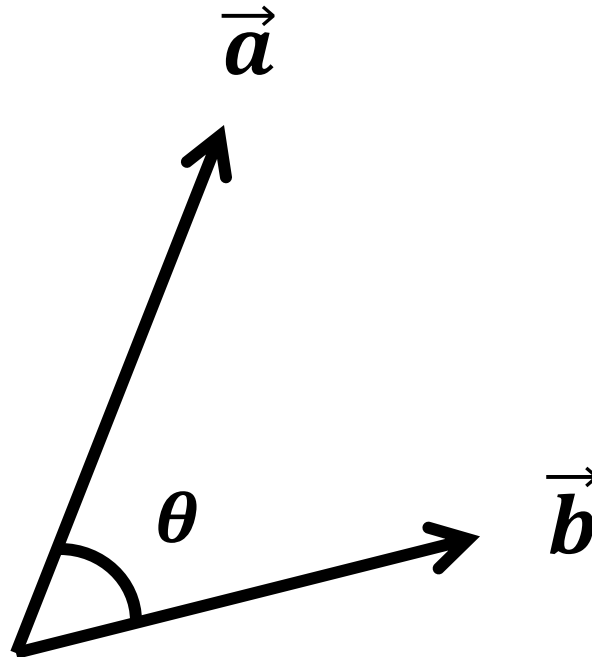
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Dot Product

$$\square \quad \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta$$

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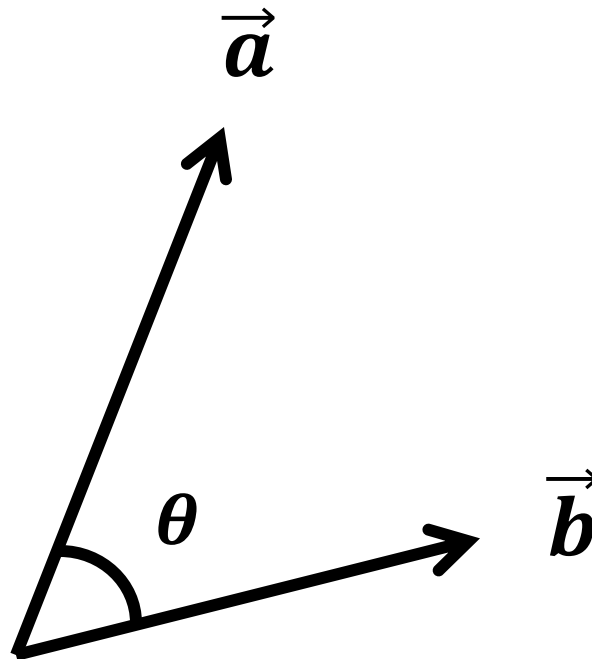
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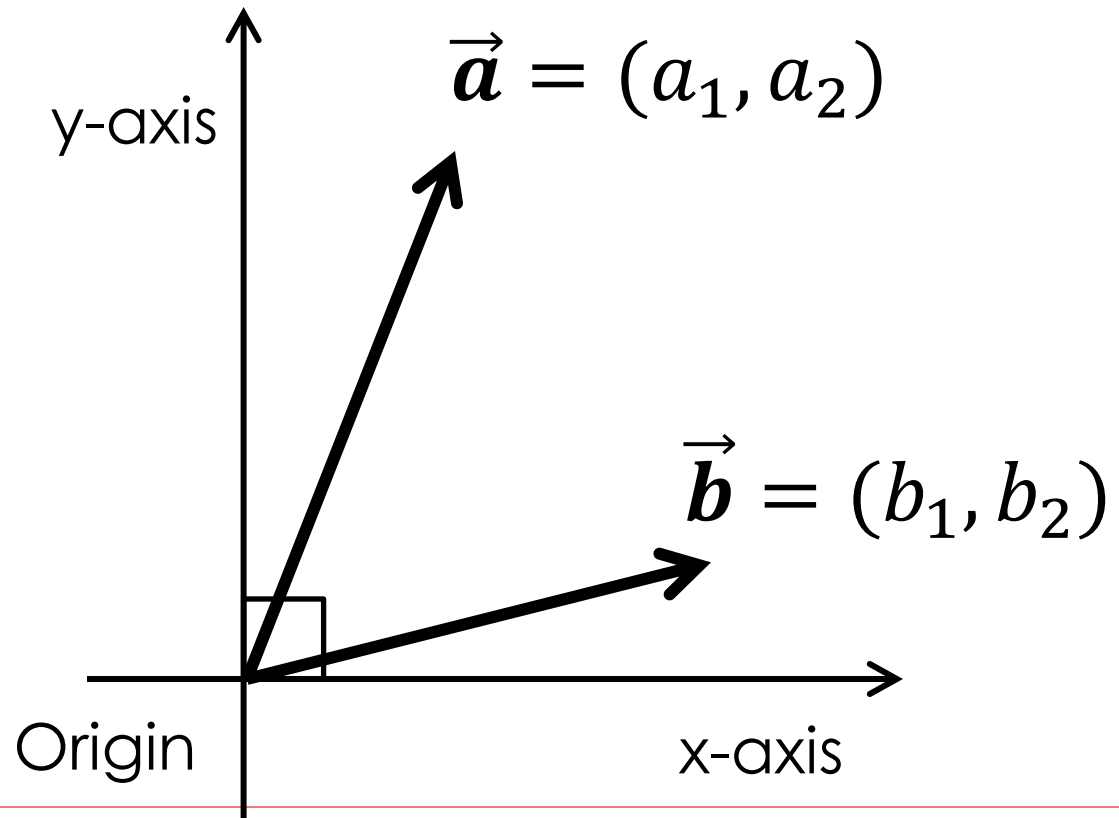
□ $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta$

- $\|\vec{a}\| = 4$
- $\|\vec{b}\| = 3$
- $\theta = 45^\circ$
- $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = ?$



Dot Product

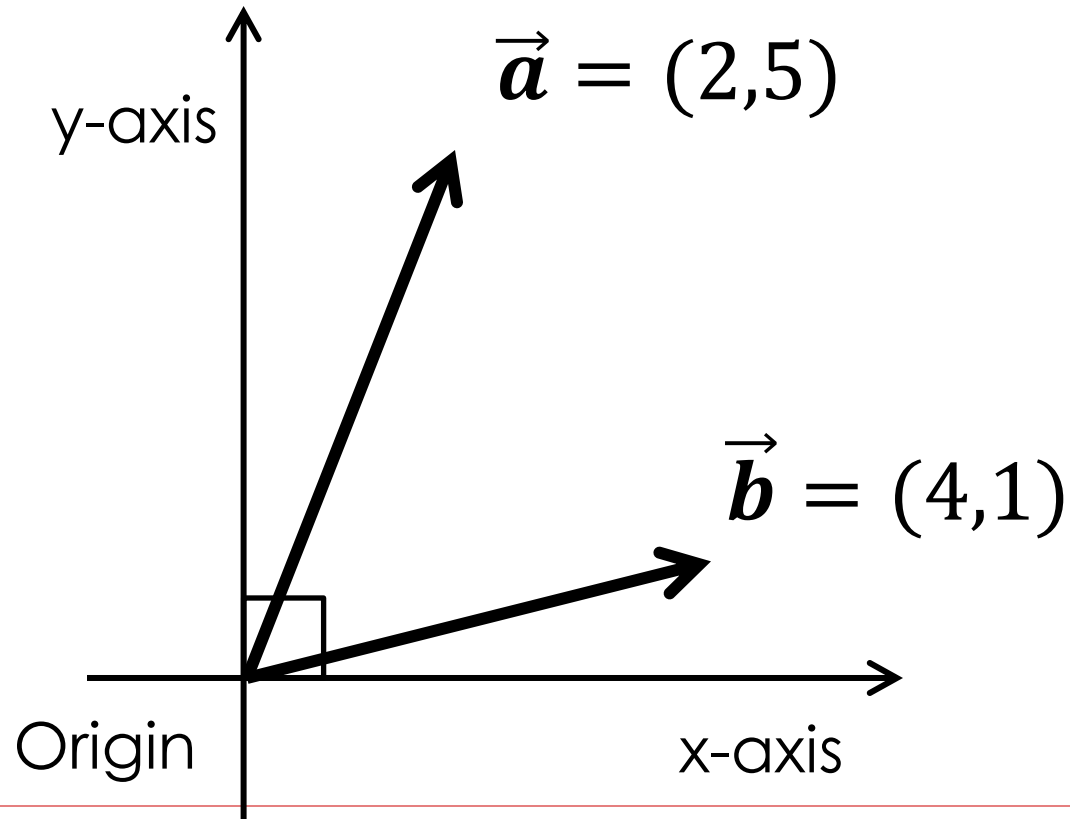
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Dot Product

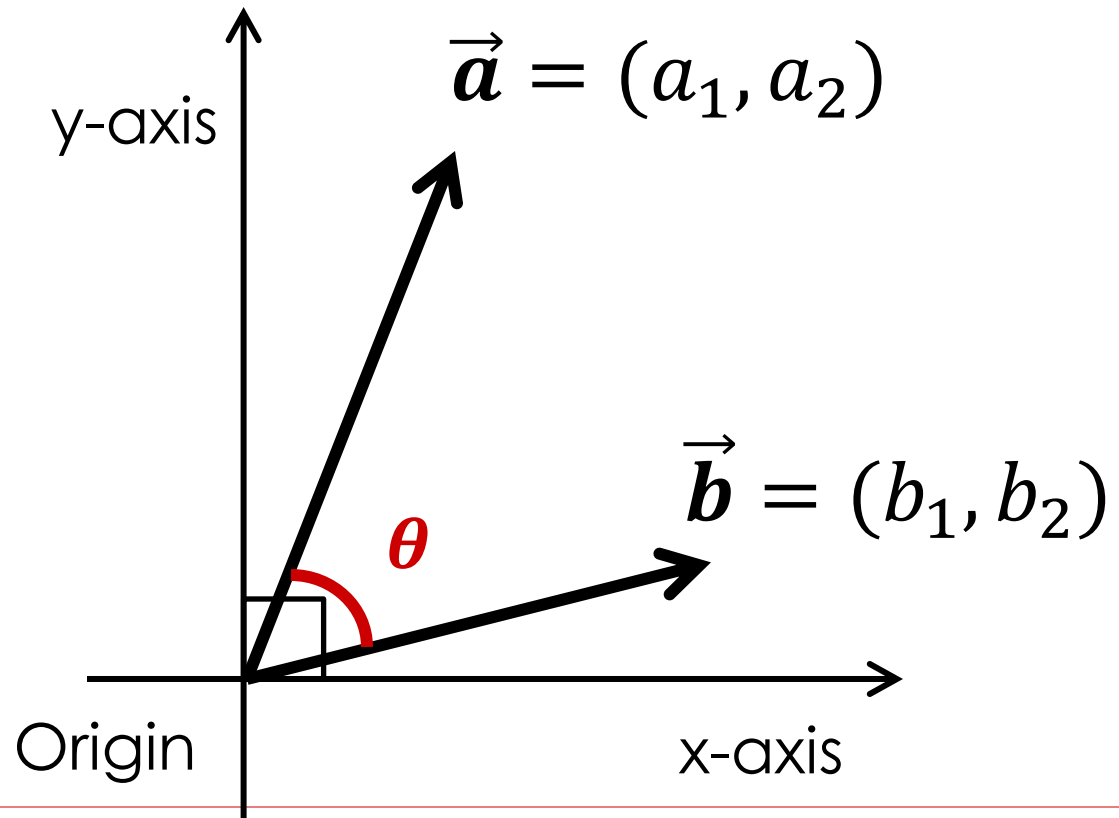
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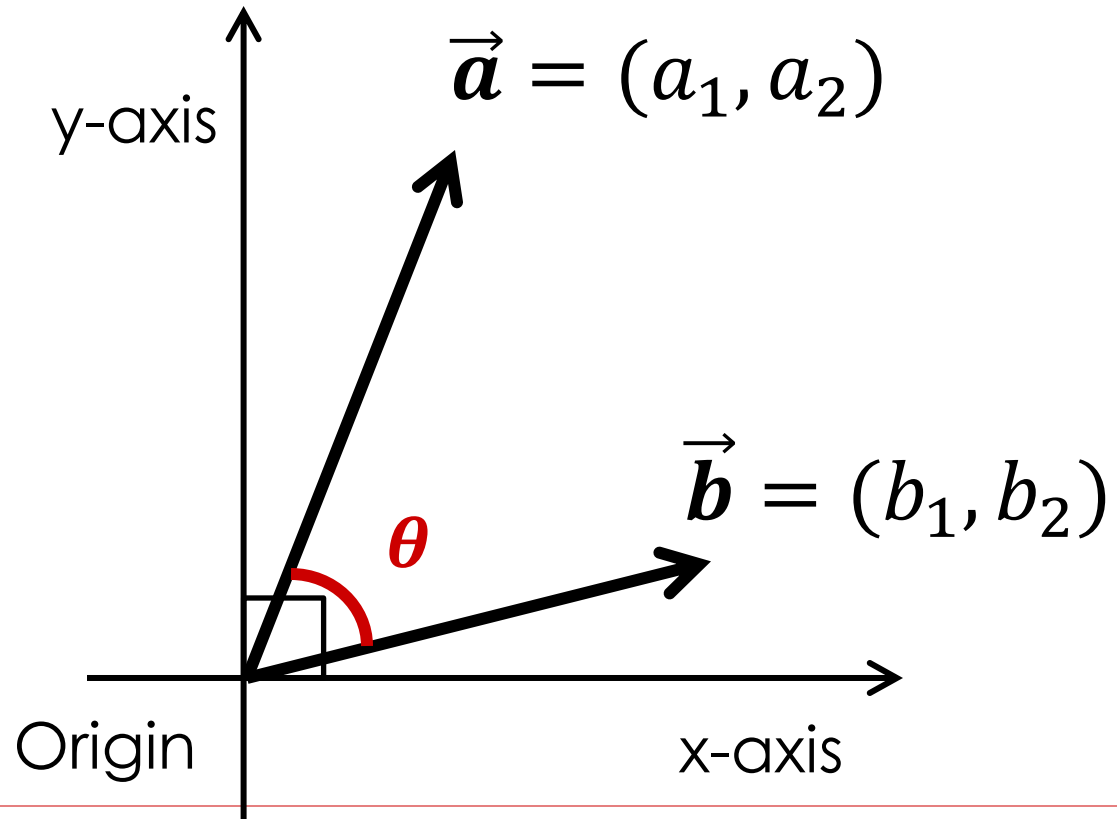
Dot Product

□ How can we get the angle?



Angle between Two Vectors

□ $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta$



Angle between Two Vectors

$$\square \quad \cos\theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|}$$

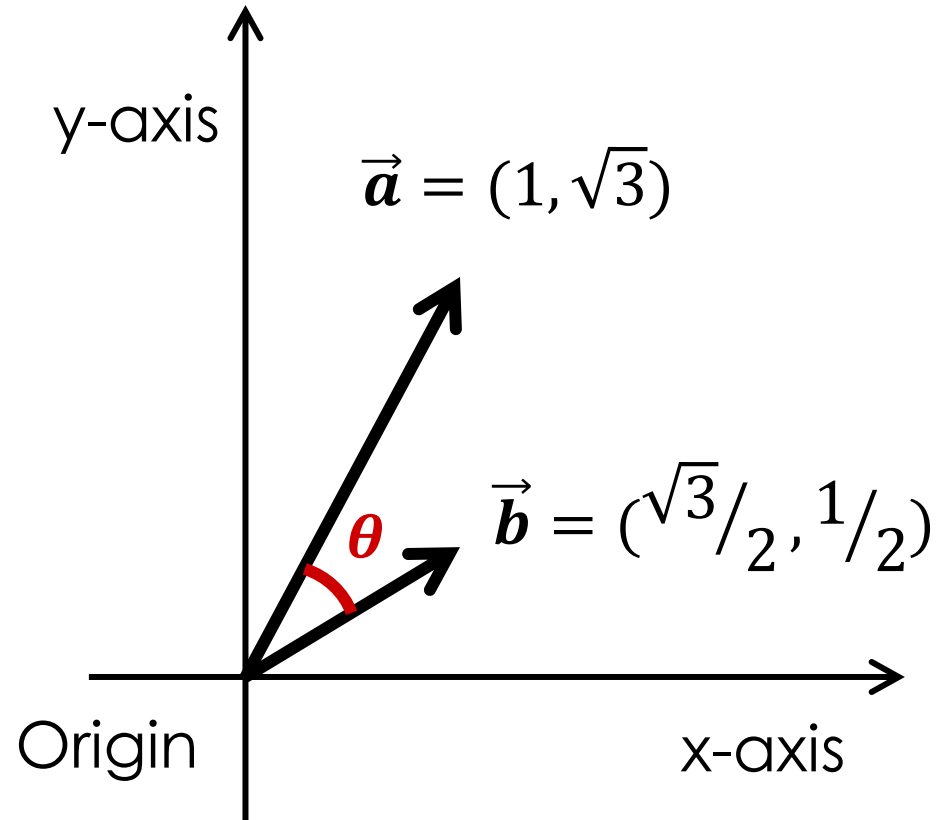
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Angle between Two Vectors

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$\theta = ?$

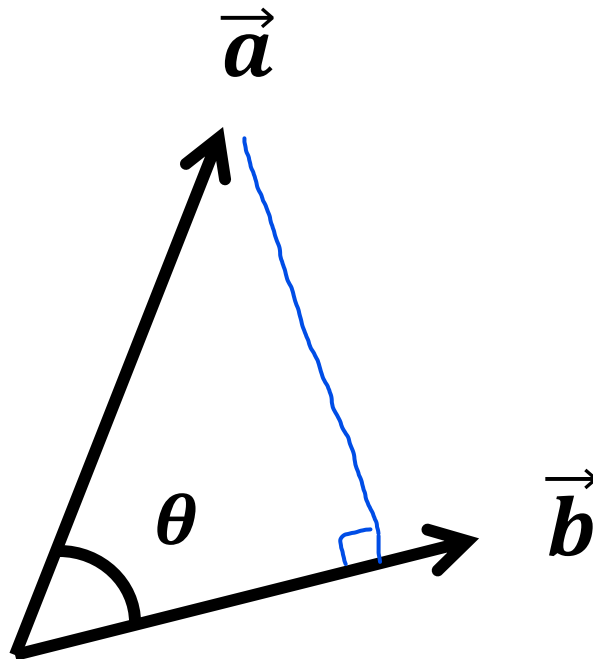
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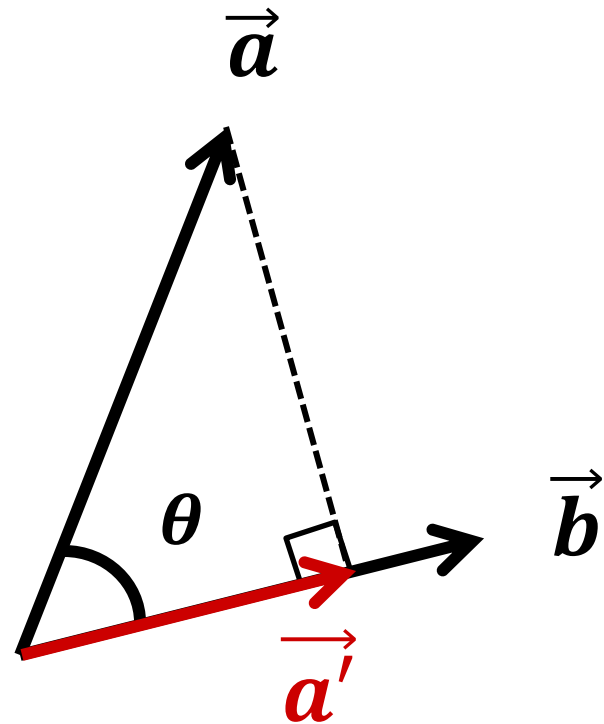
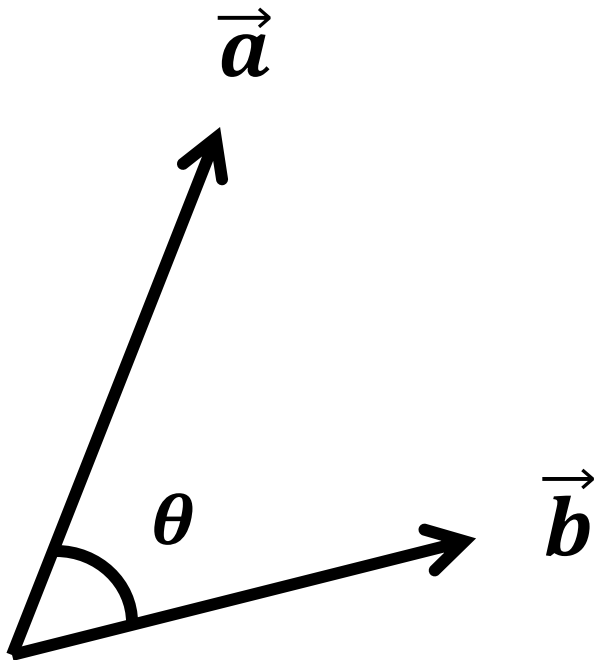
Project One Vector onto Another

□ $\vec{a}' = \text{projection of } \vec{a} \text{ onto } \vec{b}$



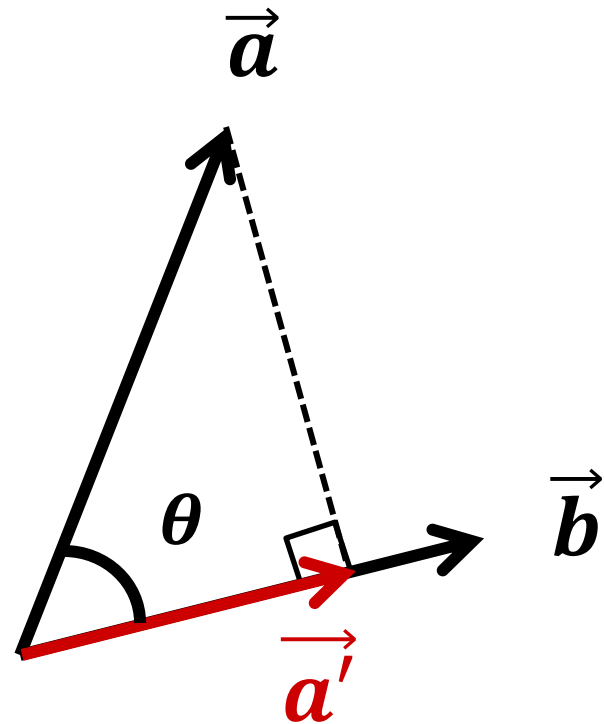
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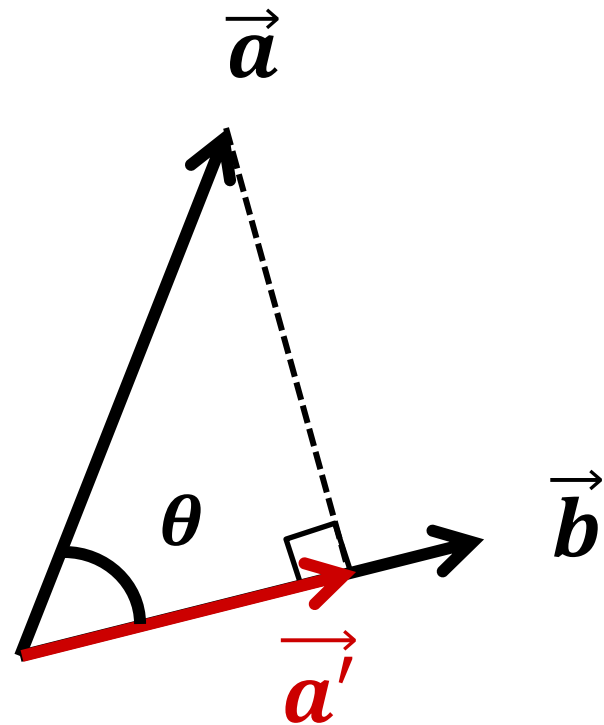


Project One Vector onto Another

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$$= \|\vec{a}\| \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{b}\|}$$

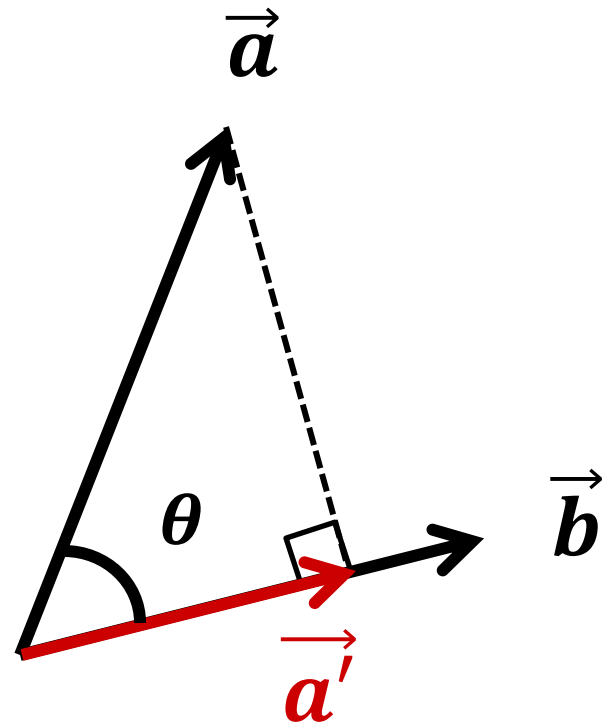


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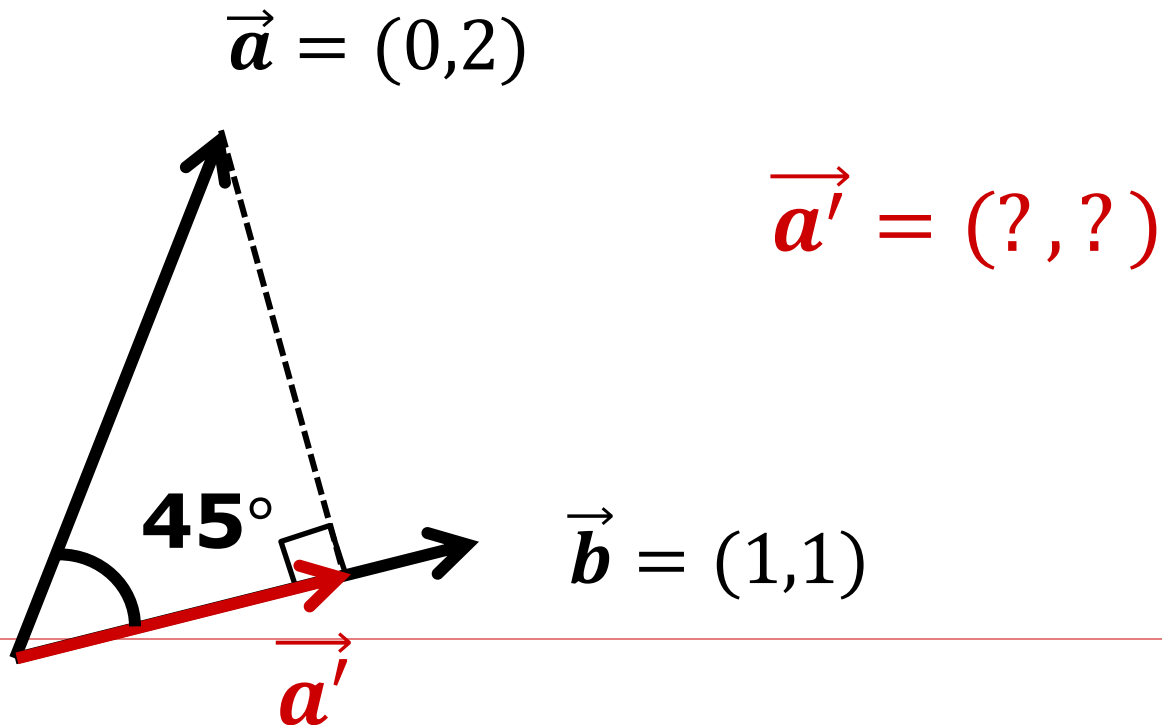
■ Length of $\vec{a}' = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{b}\|}$

■ Direction of $\vec{a}' = \frac{\vec{b}}{\|\vec{b}\|}$



Project One Vector onto Another

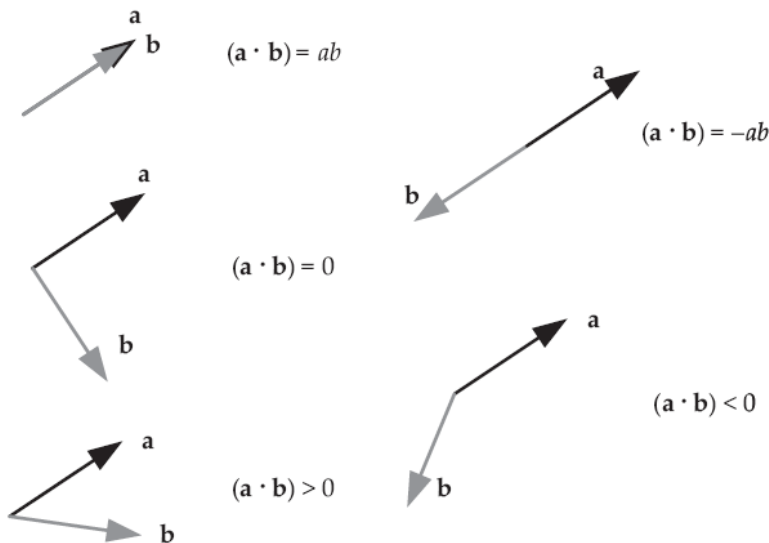
$$\square \quad \vec{a}' = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{b}\|} \cdot \frac{\vec{b}}{\|\vec{b}\|} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{b}\|^2} \cdot \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b}} \cdot \vec{b}$$



Dot Product in Practice

□ Given two unit vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} , they are:

- Collinear, if $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 1$
- Collinear but opposite, if $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -1$
- Perpendicular, if $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$
- In the same direction, if $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} > 0$
- In the opposite direction, if $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} < 0$



Dot Product in Practice

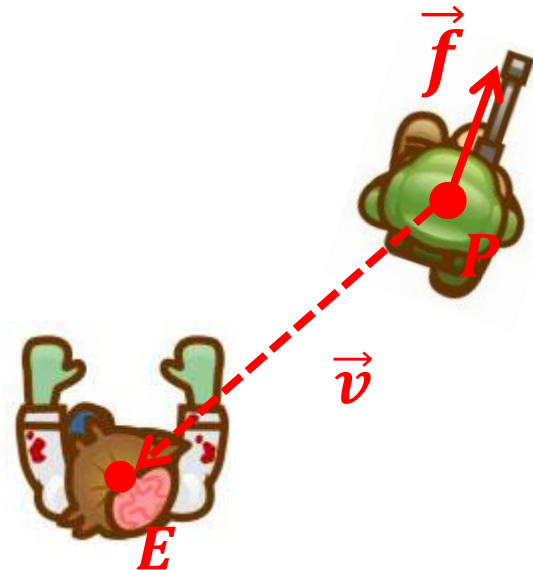
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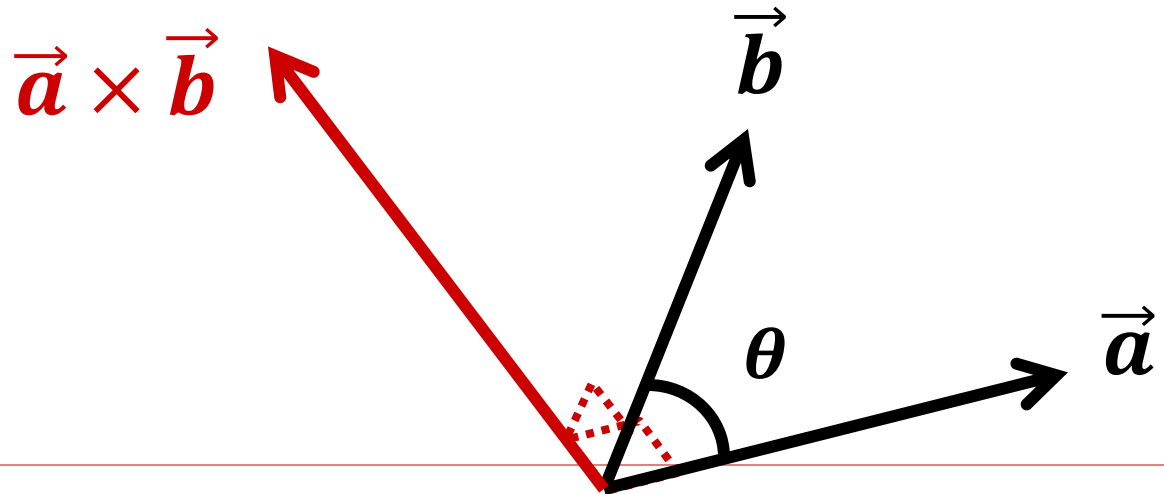
$$d = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{f} \quad (\vec{v} = E - P)$$



Cross Product

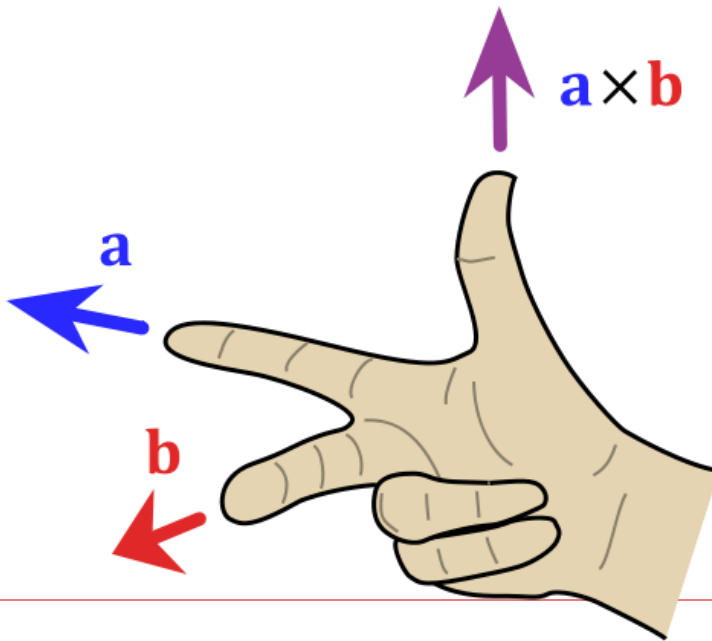
□ $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \sin\theta \cdot \vec{n}$

■ \vec{n} is a unit vector that is perpendicular to both \vec{a} and \vec{b}
(Only defined in 3D Euclidean space)



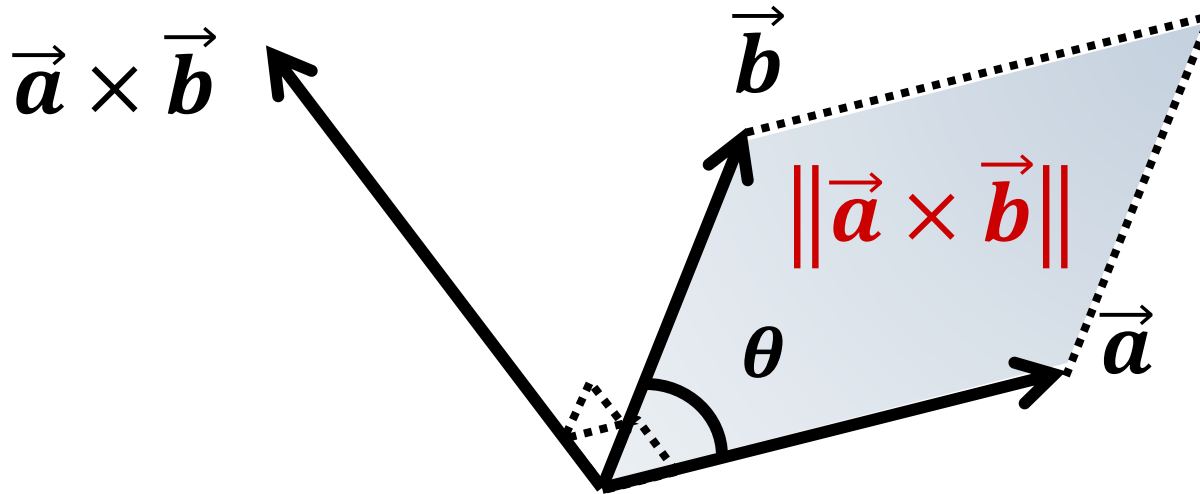
Direction: Handedness

- Under right-hand rule, the direction of $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ is the direction of thumb of right hand when index and middle fingers coincide with \vec{a} and \vec{b}



Magnitude: Area of Parallelogram

$$\square \quad \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \underbrace{\|\vec{a}\|}_{?} \underbrace{\|\vec{b}\|}_{가} \sin\theta \cdot \vec{n} =$$



Computation

□ Coordinate notation

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \\ a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

□ Matrix determinant

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \overset{\text{Det (}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}} \mathbf{i} - \overset{?)}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}} \mathbf{j} + \overset{\text{B+}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}} \mathbf{k}$$

Computation

□ **Ex 1)** $\vec{a} = (1,0,0), \vec{b} = (0,1,0), \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = ?$

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Computation

□ **Ex 2)** $\vec{a} = (3, -3, 1), \vec{b} = (4, 9, 2), \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = ?$

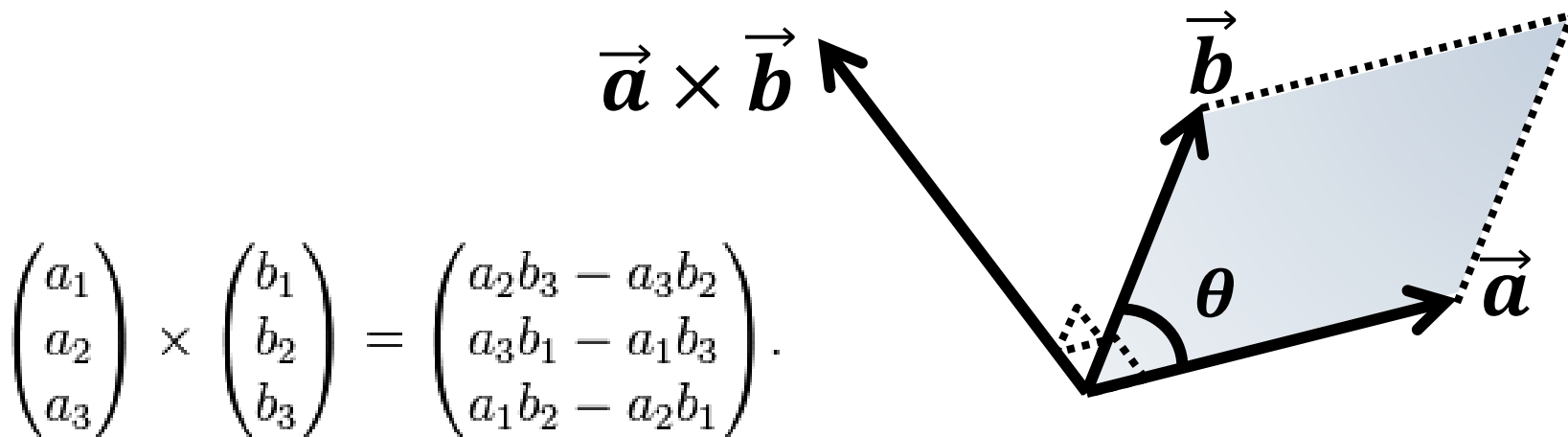
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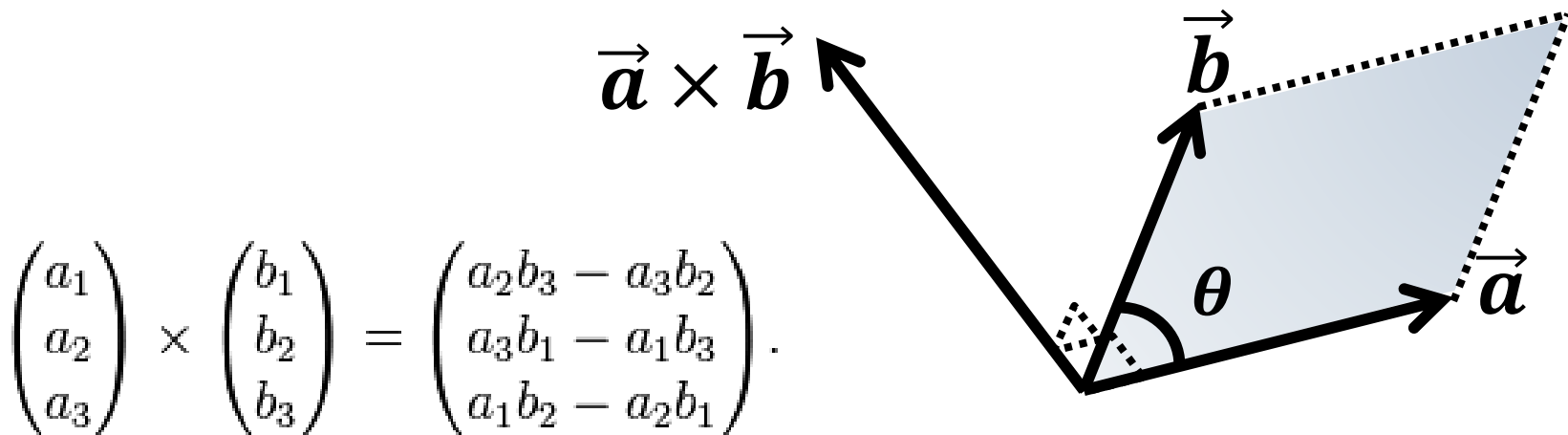
- Ex 3) Given $\vec{a} = (3, -3, 1)$ and $\vec{b} = (4, 9, 2)$, calculate the area of the parallelogram spanned by the vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} ?

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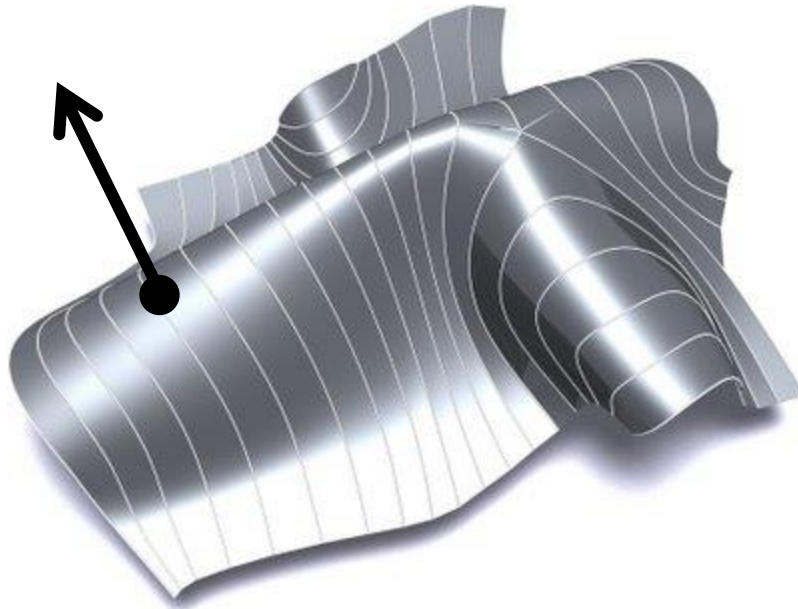
Computation

- Ex 4) Given $\vec{a} = (3, -3, 1)$ and $\vec{b} = (-12, 12, -4)$, calculate the area of the parallelogram spanned by the vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} ? 2 가 가 0 ?



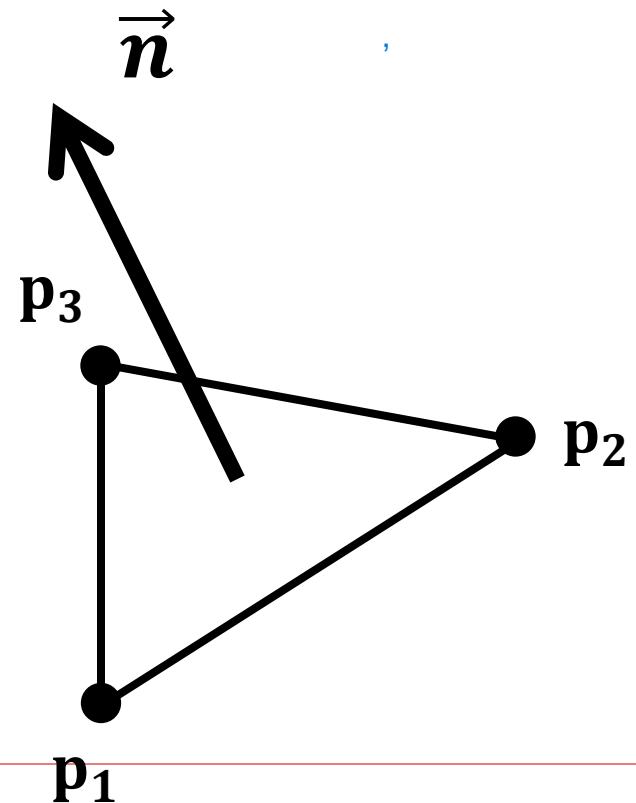
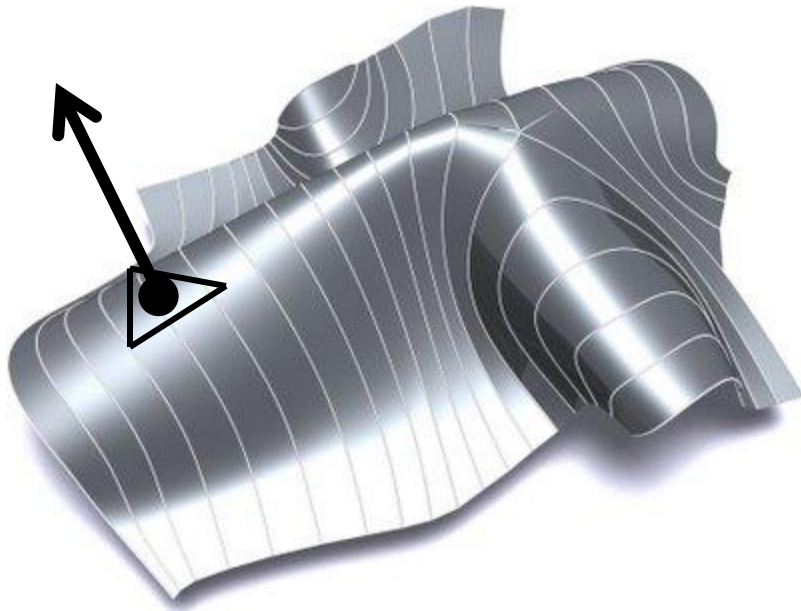
Normal Vector

- In computer graphics, we often need to get a unit vector that is perpendicular to a curved surface at a point



Normal Vector

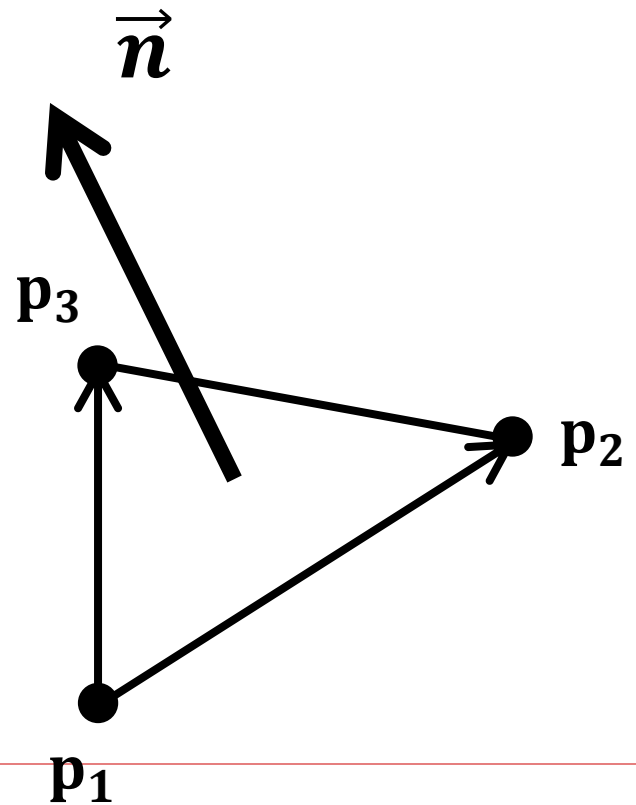
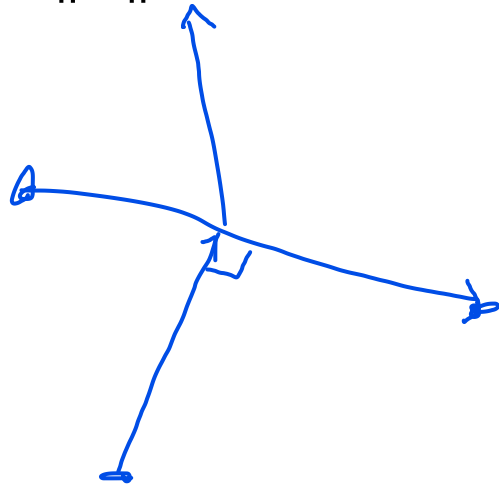
- In polygonal model, it can be approximated as a plane normal



Normal Vector

□ $\vec{N} = (\vec{p_2} - \vec{p_1}) \times (\vec{p_3} - \vec{p_1})$

□ $\vec{n} = \vec{N} / \|\vec{N}\|$



Normal Vector

$$\square \vec{N} = \overrightarrow{(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1)} \times \overrightarrow{(\mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_1)}$$

$$\square \vec{n} = \vec{N} / \|\vec{N}\|$$

- $\mathbf{p}_1 = (0, 0, 0)$
- $\mathbf{p}_2 = (1, 1, 1)$
- $\mathbf{p}_3 = (0, 0, 1)$

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