

Building blocks

1. Vectors (Ch 1.1)

NT 1.1 definition of vectors

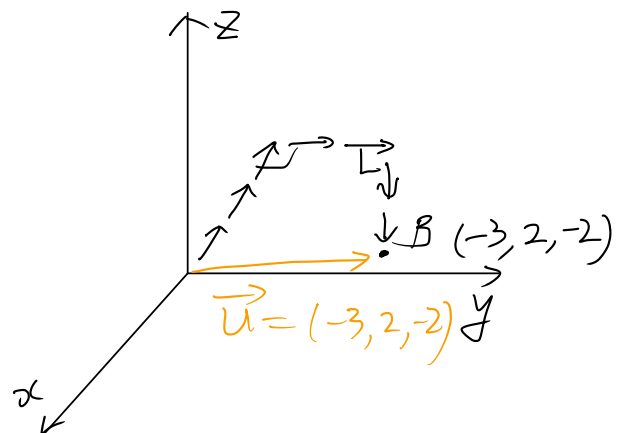
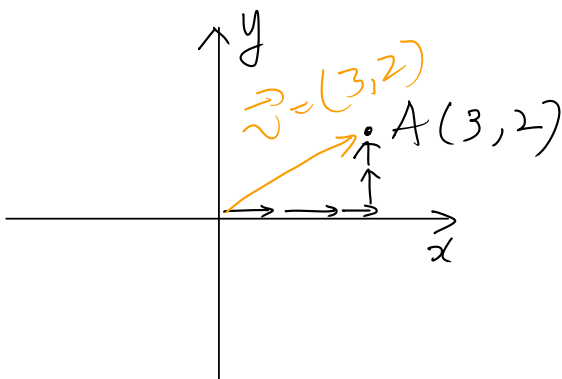
⑥ 2D vector is a **tuple** of two real numbers, called

similarly, 3D vector (or n -dim vector) is a **tuple** of 3 (or n) real numbers.

ex) $(1, -3)$, $(-1.5, \underline{0}, 3, 14)$, ...
1st component 2nd component

⑥ Recall :

We need 2 numbers to locate a position in 2D and 3 numbers in 3D.



⑥ Naturally, we can identify each point in space with a vector.

⑦ We often visualize a vector as an arrow (directed segment).

⑧ Although we can conceive of (and actually need in some situations) arrows starting at different points, we usually assume it starts at the origin, and call it **position vector**. Other (floating) arrows are called a **representative** of the position vector or **free vector**.

