

Exercise 1 Suppose that $\vec{u} = \langle -1, 2, 2 \rangle$ and $\vec{v} = \langle -2, 0, 1 \rangle$. Find a vector \vec{w} of magnitude 4 that is parallel to $2\vec{u} - 3\vec{v}$.

$$\vec{w} = \left\langle \boxed{\frac{16}{\sqrt{33}}}, \boxed{\frac{16}{\sqrt{33}}}, \boxed{\frac{4}{\sqrt{33}}} \right\rangle$$

Hint: To begin, let's find a vector in the same direction as $2\vec{u} - 3\vec{v}$. Using the rules of addition and scalar multiplication, we find:

$$2\vec{u} - 3\vec{v} = \langle \boxed{4}, \boxed{4}, \boxed{1} \rangle$$

How should we proceed?

Multiple Choice:

- (a) Multiply this result by 4; that is, $\vec{w} = \langle 16, 16, 4 \rangle$.
- (b) Find the magnitude of $\langle 4, 4, 1 \rangle$ and scale it appropriately if necessary. ✓

We compute:

$$|2\vec{u} - 3\vec{v}| = \sqrt{\left(\boxed{4}\right)^2 + \left(\boxed{4}\right)^2 + \left(\boxed{1}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\boxed{33}}$$

(type the components in the order of $2\vec{u} - 3\vec{v}$)

A unit vector in the direction of \vec{w} is thus $\frac{2\vec{u} - 3\vec{v}}{|2\vec{u} - 3\vec{v}|}$, so:

$$\hat{w} = \left\langle \boxed{\frac{4}{\sqrt{33}}}, \boxed{\frac{4}{\sqrt{33}}}, \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{33}}} \right\rangle$$

and $\vec{w} = \boxed{4}\hat{w}$.