

Vectors

What qualifies as a vector?

You need to be familiar with two things: **vector quantities** and **scalar quantities**

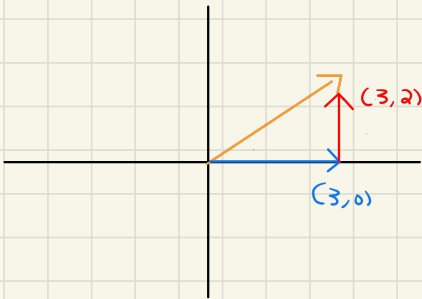
a **scalar quantity** has magnitude but no direction

example of scalar quantity is temperature it has magnitude (80°F) but it does not have direction
you cannot say the temperature is 80°F north

a **vector quantity** has magnitude and direction

example of a vector quantity is force it has magnitude (10N) and it also has direction (left)
you can say a force of 10N is being applied to the right side of the car

Vectors on graph



- there are many ways to represent a vector you can write it like this $[3,2]$, $[3,0]$

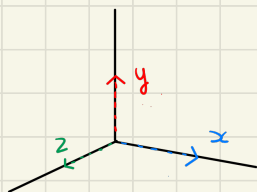
or you can use \hat{i} and \hat{j} the
 \hat{i} represents movement in the x -direction
 \hat{j} represents movement in the y -direction

So you can write it as:

$$(3,2) = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$$

$$(3,0) = 3\hat{i} + 0\hat{j}$$

We can also do this in three dimensions (3d) imagine it like the corners of your room



$$[3, 4, 2]$$



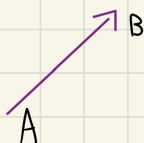
• in Vector Form

$$3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

to indicate something is a vector we place "→" on top of it

$$\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

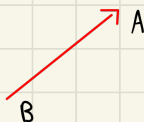
lets say we had this vector we label its head "B" and its tail "A"



We name it:

$$\vec{AB}$$

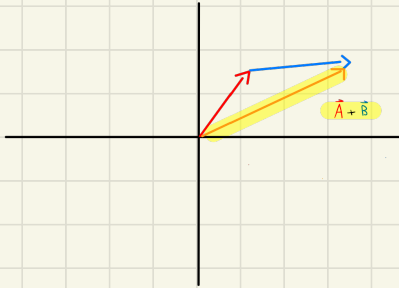
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Basic Vector Operations



$$\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = (2\hat{i} + 4\hat{i}) + (3\hat{j} + 3\hat{j})$$

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = 6\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$$

What is Scaling a Vector? Scaling a vector means to double it

example:

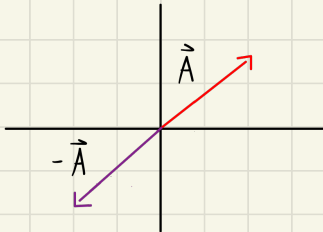
$$\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} \Rightarrow 2 \cdot \vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$$

$$\text{the answer: } \vec{A} = 4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$$

- a big number Stretches a Vector
- a small number Shrinks it

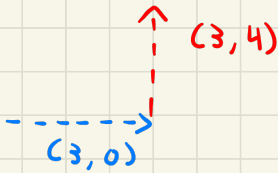
if you multiply a vector by a negative number the vector flips in the opposite direction

example:



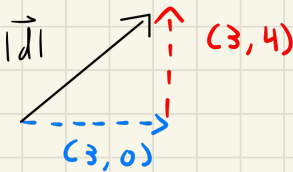
$$-1 \cdot \vec{A} = -2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$$

Calculating the Magnitude



to find the magnitude you
use the Pythagorean Formula
with the distance Formula

$$|\vec{d}| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$



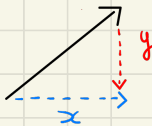
or you can use the regular
Pythagorean Formula if you are
given the amount of x and y

$$|\vec{d}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

We represent the magnitude vector with $|\vec{d}|$ can be any letter

breaking vectors into components

you can break a vector into x and y components

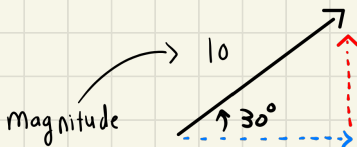


$$x = \cos(\theta) |\vec{F}|$$

$$y = \sin(\theta) |\vec{F}|$$

} equations for breaking
vector into its x and
 y components

• examples:



$$x = \cos(30^\circ) \cdot 10$$

$$y = \sin(30^\circ) \cdot 10$$

Dot Product

the dot product is scalar its just a number
but has no direction

to find their dot product

$$\vec{A} = 10\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$$
$$\vec{B} = 5\hat{i} + 10\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (\text{multiply all } \hat{i}) + (\text{multiply } \hat{j})$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (10 \cdot 5)\hat{i} + (2 \cdot 10)\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 70$$

if we extend this to three dimensions

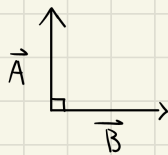
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$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (10 \cdot 5)\hat{i} + (2 \cdot 10)\hat{j} + (2 \cdot 2)\hat{k}$$

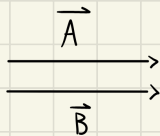
$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 74$$

the dot product for perpendicular vectors is zero



$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

the dot product for parallel vectors is the product of their magnitude



$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| \cdot |\vec{B}|$$

Properties of dot vectors

- Commutativity

- Which means the order of multiplication does not matter

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$$

- Distributivity

- Which means you can distribute

$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} + \vec{C}) = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} + \vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}$$

- Dot Product with itself

- multiplying a vector with itself we are squaring it

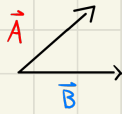
$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{A} = |\vec{A}|^2$$

- Perpendicular Vectors

- if the vectors are perpendicular meaning they form a right angle the dot product is always zero

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

Finding the angle between two Vectors



$$\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (3 \cdot 2)\hat{i} + (3 \cdot 2)\hat{j}$$

You do not need to include " \hat{i} " and " \hat{j} "
I did that to show how to do it but you
would just add them

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 12$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| \cdot |\vec{B}| \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (\text{multiply all } \hat{i}) + (\text{multiply } \hat{j})$$

} \rightarrow these two are the same

$$|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{(2\hat{i})^2 + (3\hat{j})^2} = \sqrt{13}$$

$$|\vec{B}| = \sqrt{(3\hat{i})^2 + (2\hat{j})^2} = \sqrt{13}$$

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$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| \cdot |\vec{B}| \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{|\vec{A}| \cdot |\vec{B}|}$$

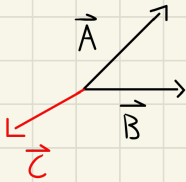
\rightarrow get the angle
or what the
 $\cos \theta$ is equal to

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{12}{\sqrt{13} \cdot \sqrt{13}} = \boxed{\frac{12}{13}}$$

Cross Product

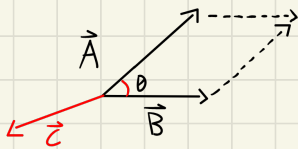
the Cross Product is a Vector it has Magnitude and direction

$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} \times \vec{B}$$



- the Cross Product of two Vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} Results in another Vector that is Perpendicular to both of the originals

the magnitude or length of this Vector is equal to the area of the Parallelogram



$$|\vec{C}| = |\vec{A}| \cdot |\vec{B}| \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

Note:

the Cross Product itself is a Vector
Not an area but its Magnitude gives the area

the direction of the resulting Vector \vec{C} Can be by using the right hand rule

