

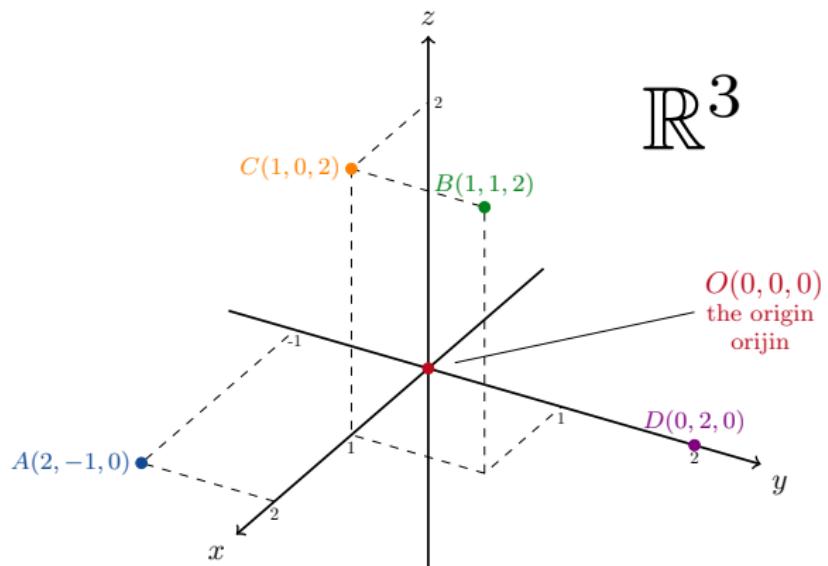
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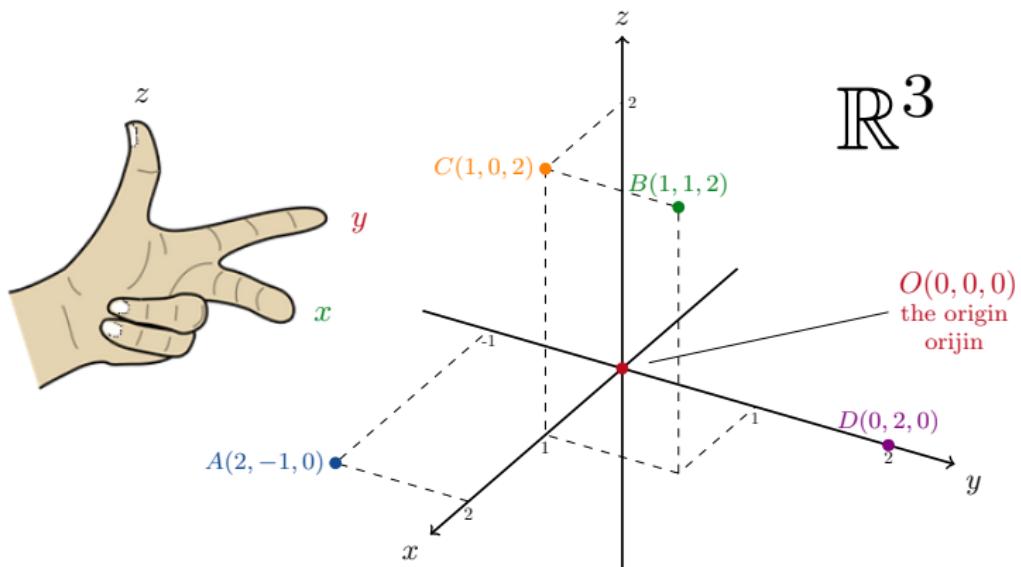


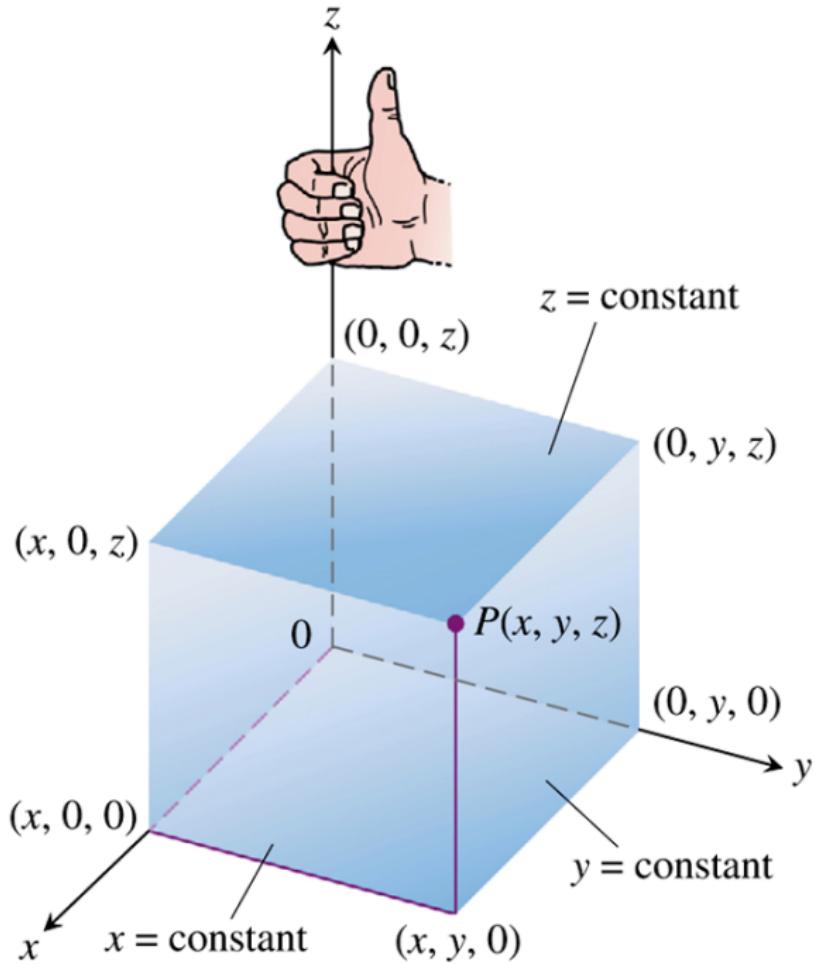
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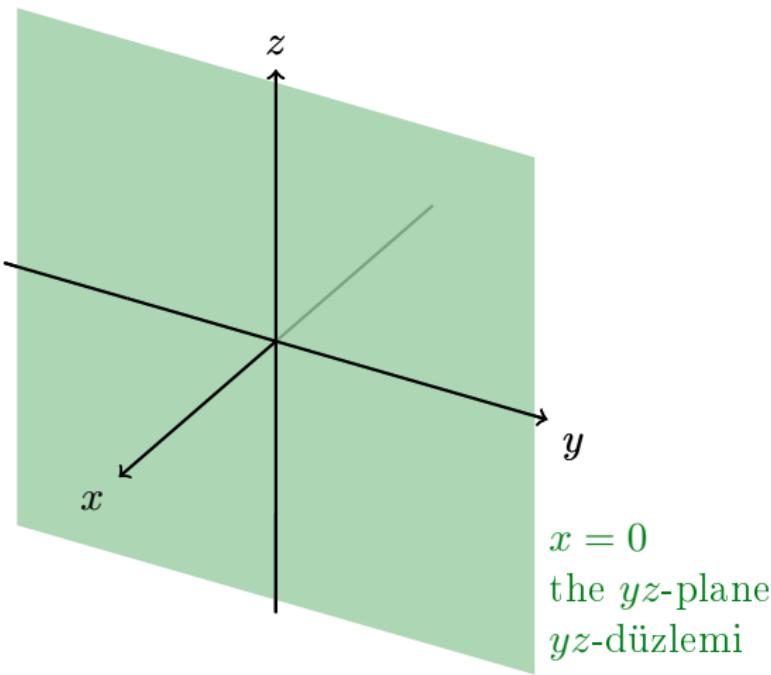


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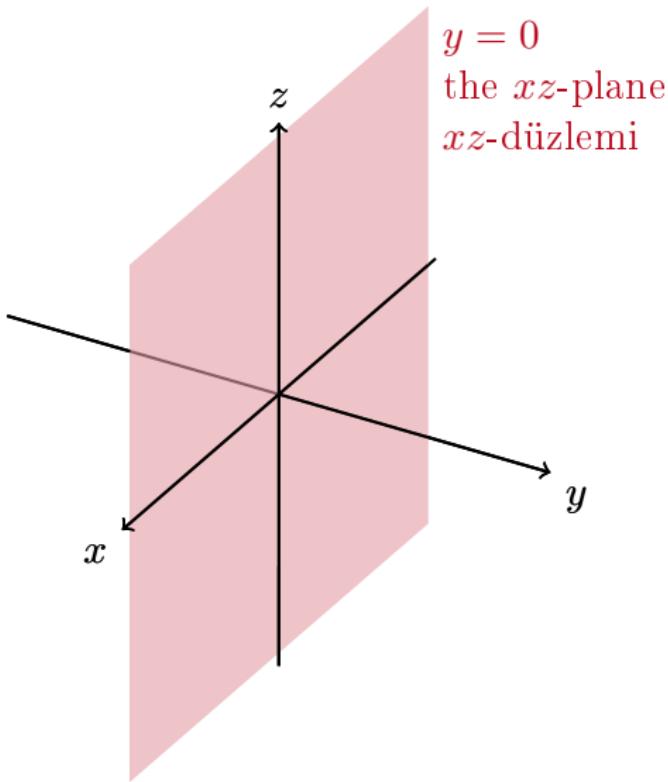




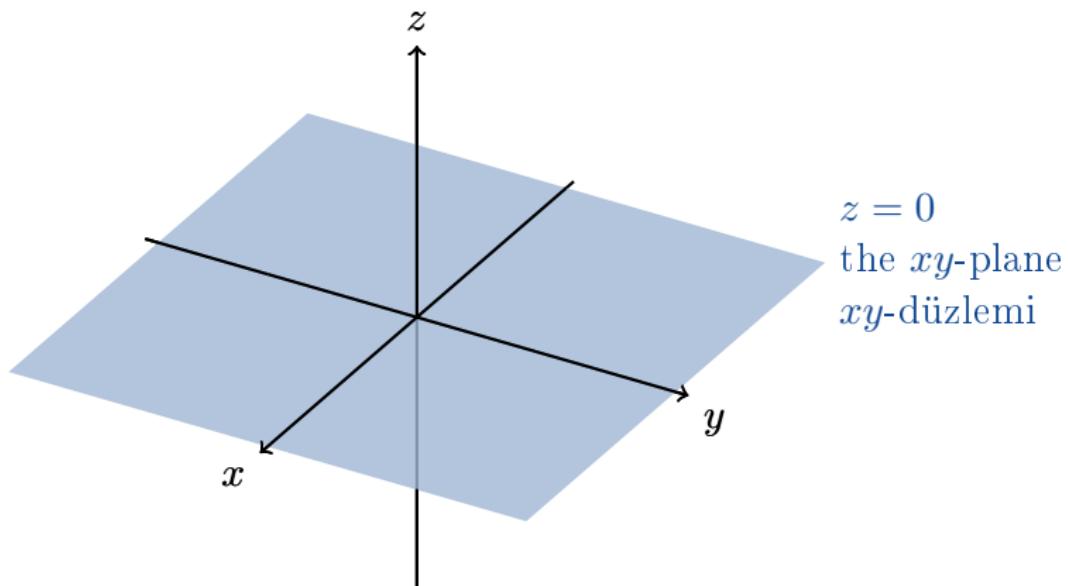
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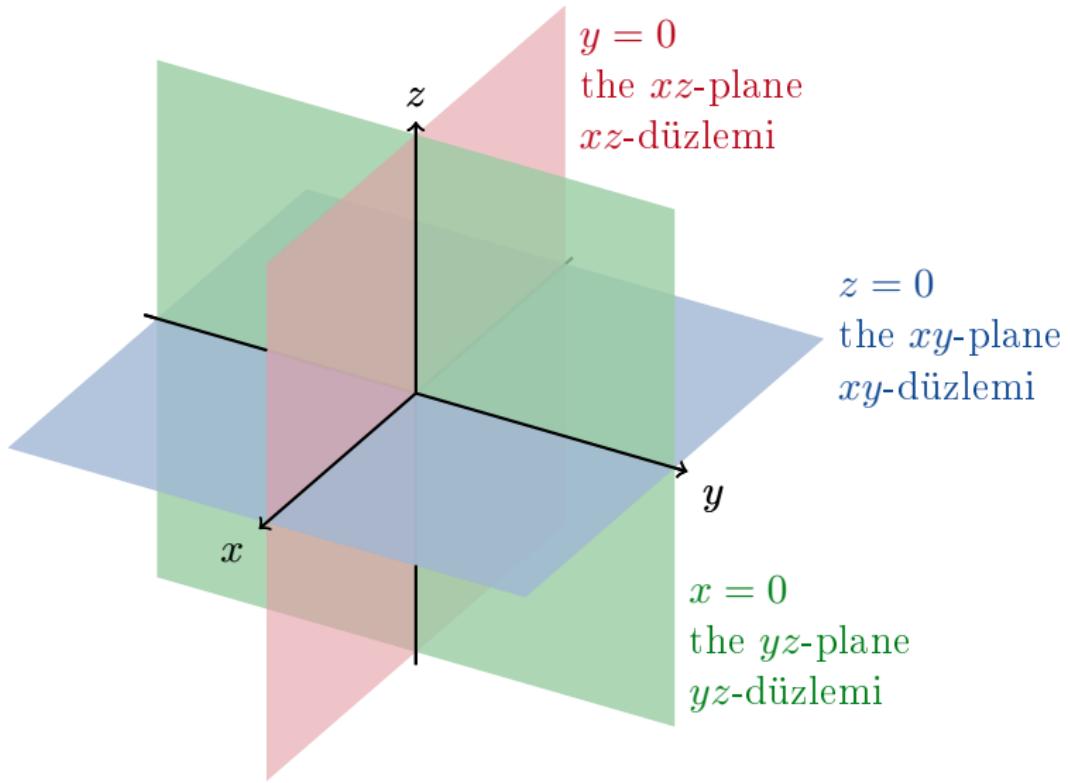
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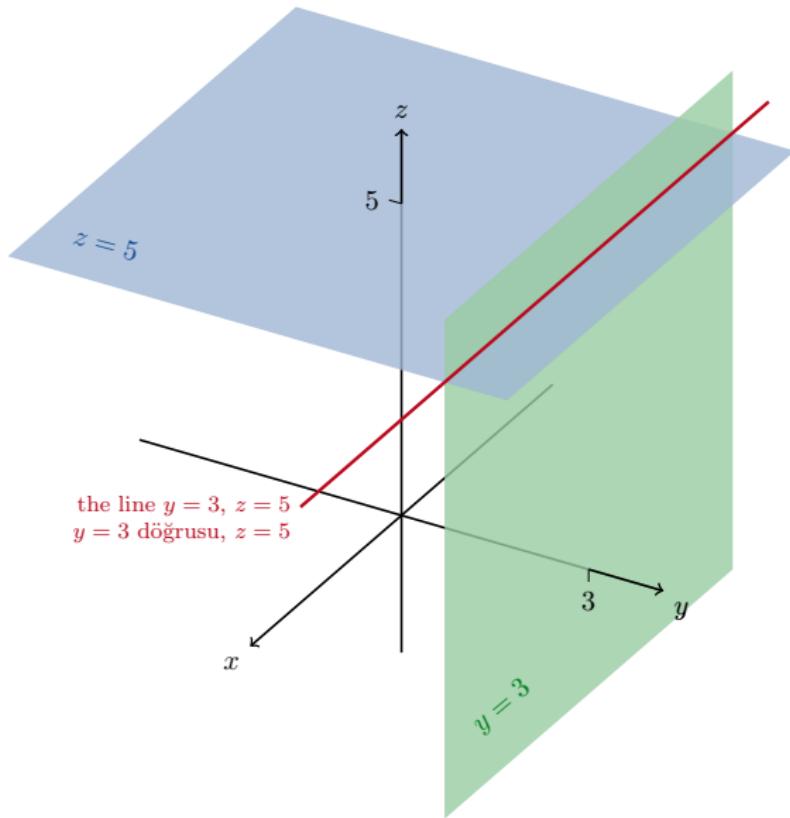
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EXAMPLE 1

We interpret these equations and inequalities geometrically.

(a) $z \geq 0$

The half-space consisting of the points on and above the xy -plane.

(b) $x = -3$

The plane perpendicular to the x -axis at $x = -3$. This plane lies parallel to the yz -plane and 3 units behind it.

(c) $z = 0, x \leq 0, y \geq 0$

The second quadrant of the xy -plane.

(d) $x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z \geq 0$

The first octant.

(e) $-1 \leq y \leq 1$

The slab between the planes $y = -1$ and $y = 1$ (planes included).

(f) $y = -2, z = 2$

The line in which the planes $y = -2$ and $z = 2$ intersect. Alternatively, the line through the point $(0, -2, 2)$ parallel to the x -axis. ■

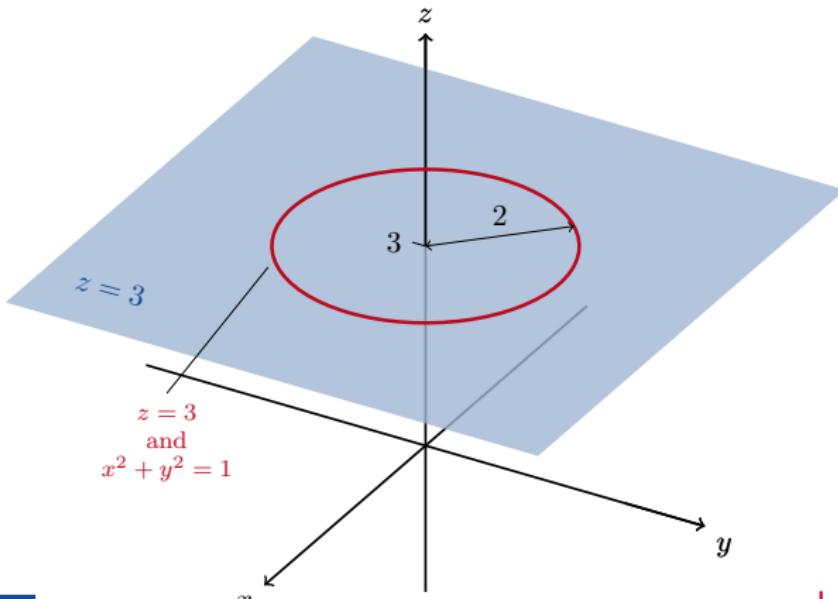
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Example

Which points $P(x, y, z)$ satisfy $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ and $z = 3$?

We know that $z = 3$ is a horizontal plane and we recognise that $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ is the equation of a circle of radius 2.



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Distance in \mathbb{R}^3

Definition

The set

$$\{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

is denoted by \mathbb{R}^3 .

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Definition

The *distance* between $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is

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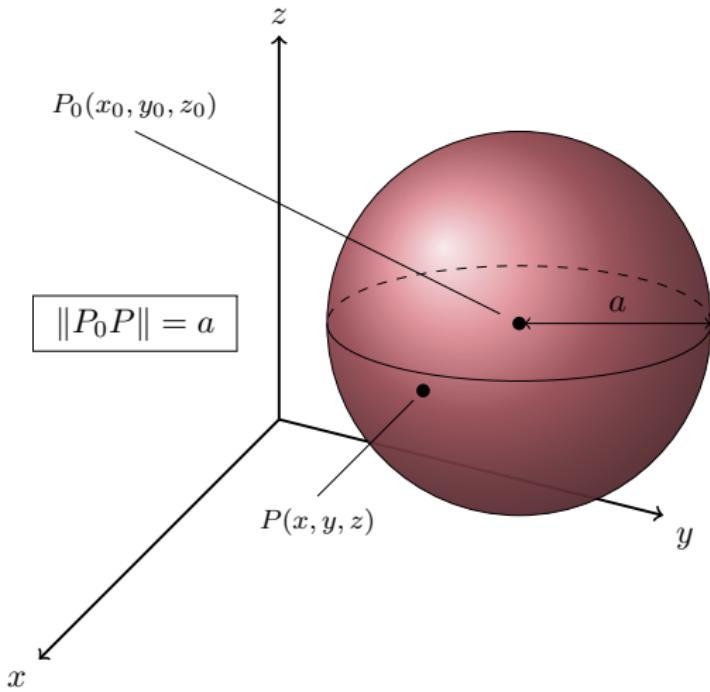


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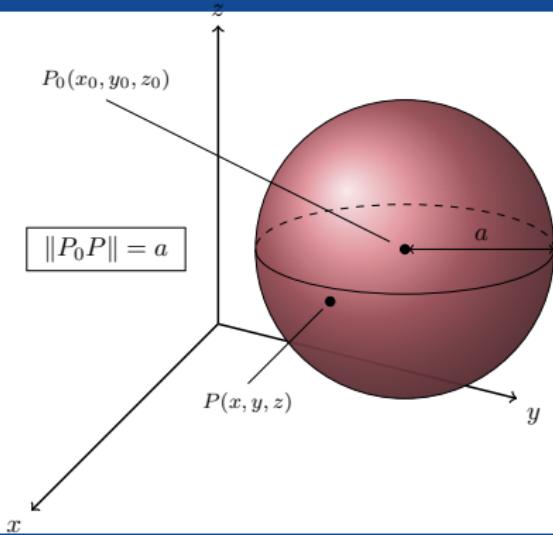
The distance between $A(2, 1, 5)$ and $B(-2, 3, 0)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\|AB\| &= \sqrt{((-2) - 2)^2 + (3 - 1)^2 + (0 - 5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16 + 4 + 25} = \sqrt{45} \\ &= 3\sqrt{5} \approx 6.7.\end{aligned}$$

Spheres



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Definition

The *standard equation for a sphere* of radius a centred at $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ is

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The centre is at $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0) = P_0(-\frac{3}{2}, 0, 2)$ and the radius is

$$a = \sqrt{\frac{21}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{7}}{2}.$$

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$$(x^2 + 6x + 9) - 9 + (y^2 - 6y + 9) - 9 + (z^2 + 6z + 9) - 9 = 7$$

$$(x^2 + 6x + 9) + (y^2 - 6y + 9) + (z^2 + 6z + 9) = 7 + 9$$

$$(x + 3)^2 + (y - 3)^2 + (z + 3)^2 = 16$$

The centre is at $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0) = P_0(-3, 3, -3)$ and the radius is $a = \sqrt{16} = 4$.

EXAMPLE 5 Here are some geometric interpretations of inequalities and equations involving spheres.

(a) $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 < 4$

The interior of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$.

(b) $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 4$

The solid ball bounded by the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$. Alternatively, the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ together with its interior.

(c) $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 > 4$

The exterior of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$.

(d) $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4, z \leq 0$

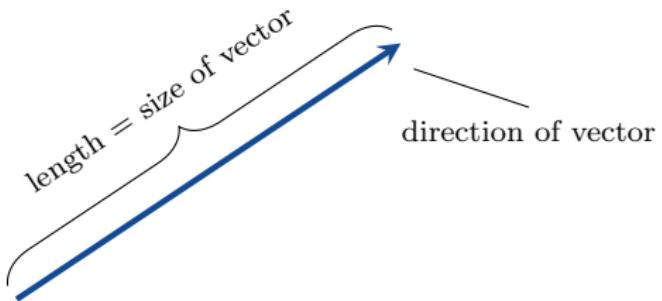
The lower hemisphere cut from the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ by the xy -plane (the plane $z = 0$). ■

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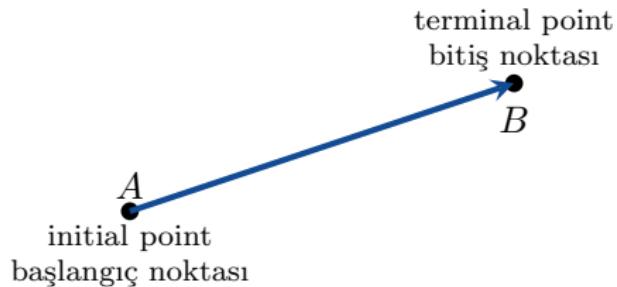


For some quantities (mass, time, distance, ...) we only need a number. For some quantities (velocity, force, ...) we need a number and a direction.



A *vector* is an object which has a size (length) and a direction.

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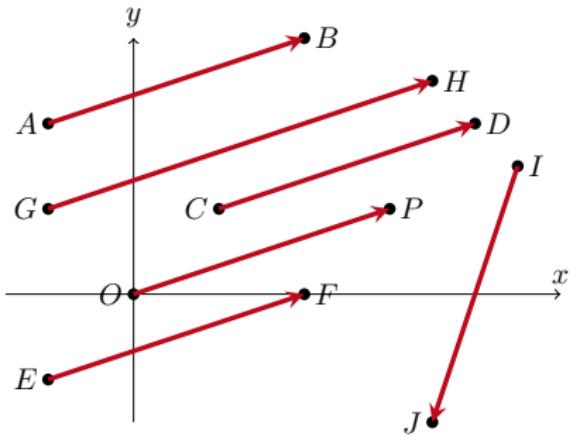


Definition

The vector \overrightarrow{AB} has *initial point* A and *terminal point* B .

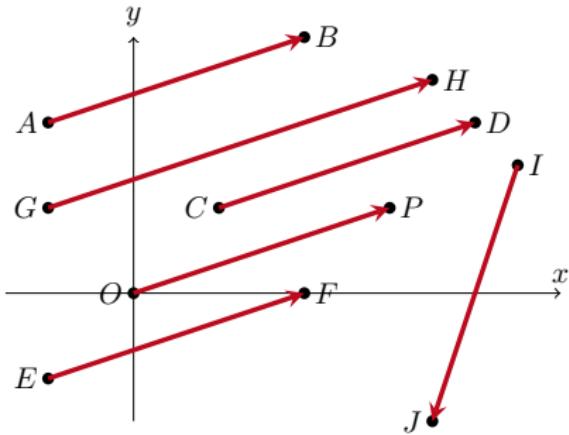
The *length* of \overrightarrow{AB} is written $\|\overrightarrow{AB}\|$ (or $|\overrightarrow{AB}|$).

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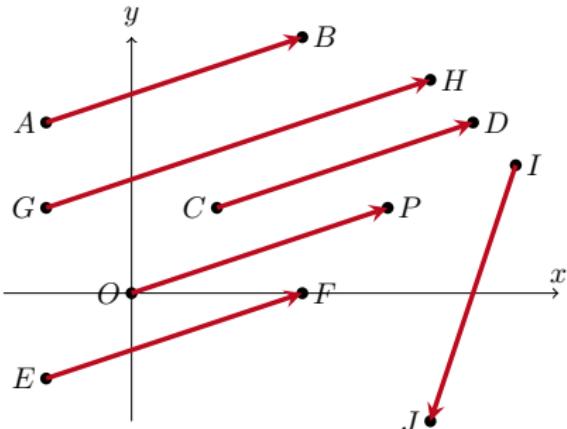


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Note that $\overrightarrow{AB} \neq \overrightarrow{GH}$ because the lengths are different, and $\overrightarrow{AB} \neq \overrightarrow{IJ}$ because the directions are different.

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If we type $a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}$ or write $a\underline{u} + b\underline{v}$, then

- a and b are numbers; and
- \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , \underline{u} and \underline{v} are vectors.

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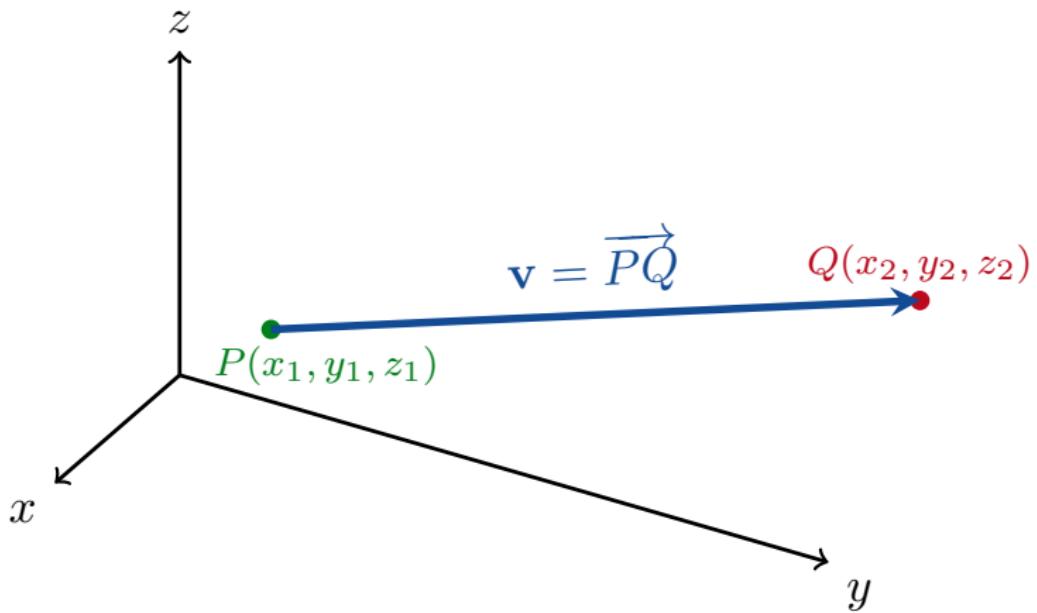


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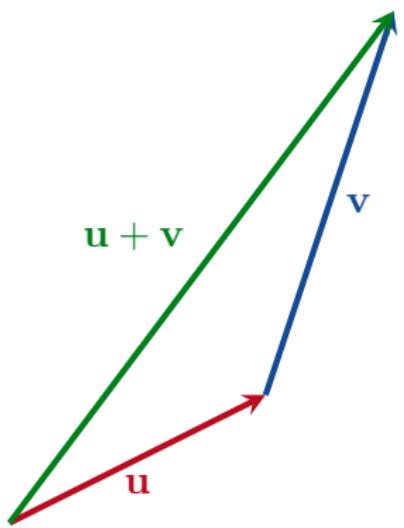
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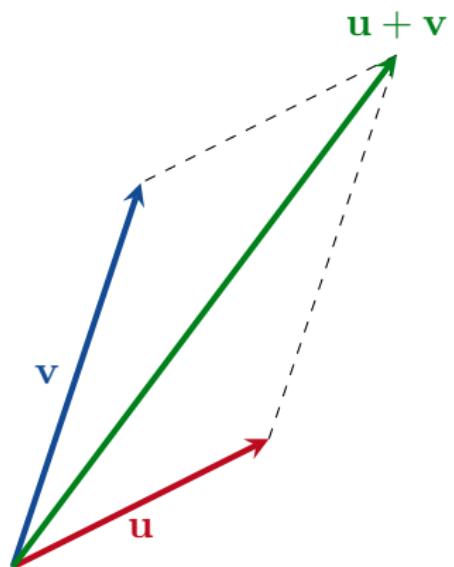
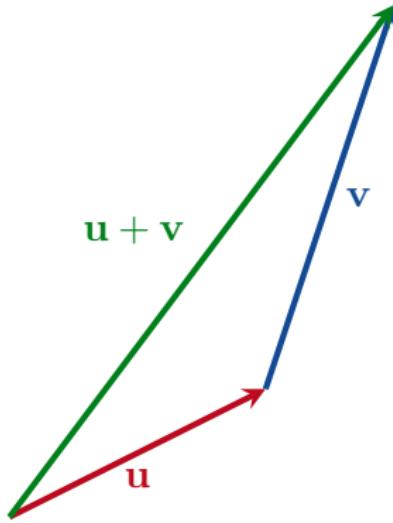
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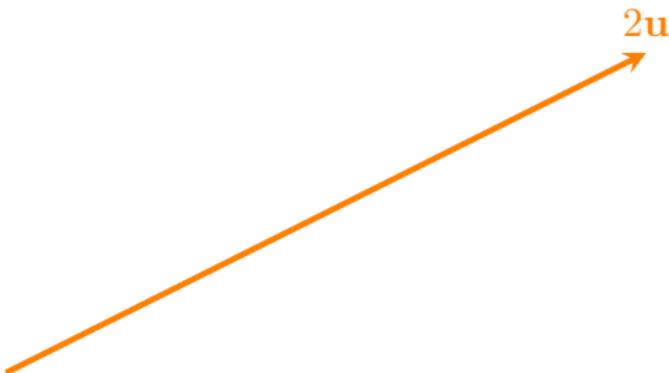
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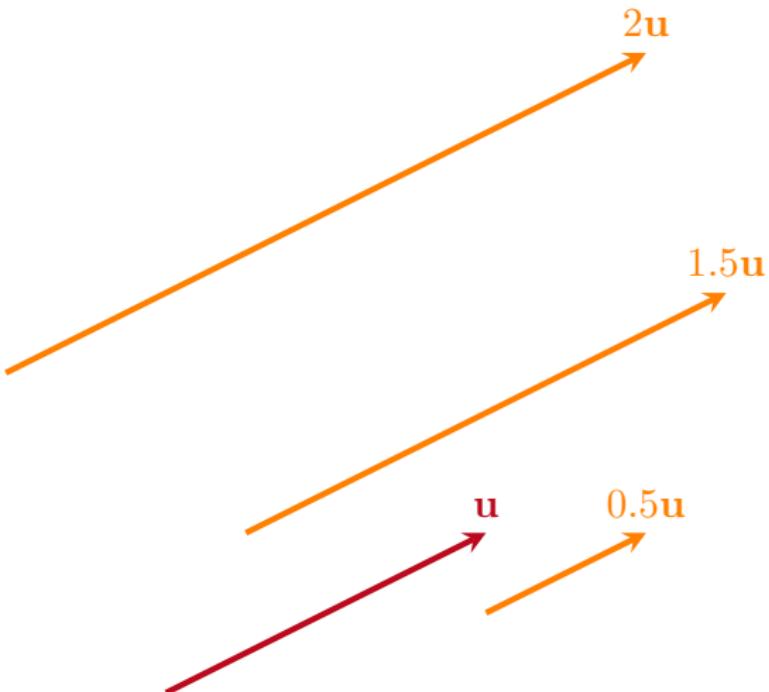
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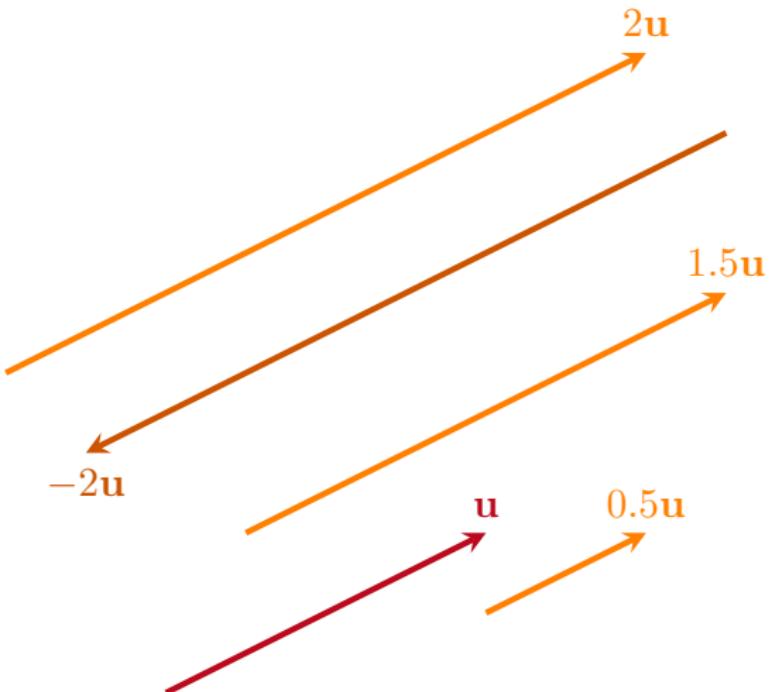
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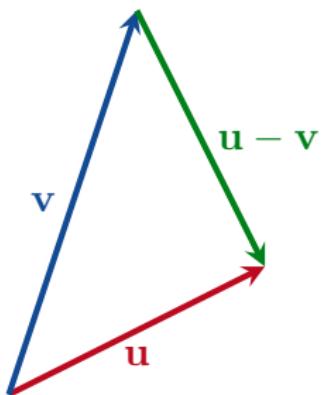


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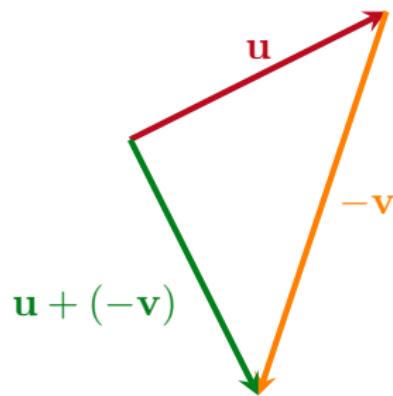
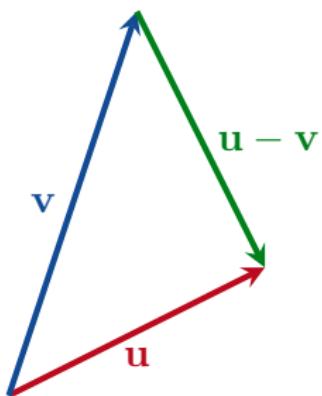
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The vector $-\mathbf{u} = (-1)\mathbf{u}$ has the same length as \mathbf{u} , but points in the opposite direction.

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Example

Let $\mathbf{u} = (-1, 3, 1)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (4, 7, 0)$.

Find $2\mathbf{u} + 3\mathbf{v}$, $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$, and $\left\| \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \right\|$.

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Remark

We **can not** multiply vectors. Never never never never write "**uv**".

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\mathbf{u} is called a *unit vector* $\iff \|\mathbf{u}\| = 1$.

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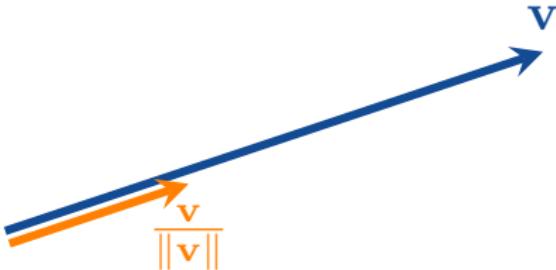
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EXAMPLE 5 If $\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$ is a velocity vector, express \mathbf{v} as a product of its speed times its direction of motion.

Solution Speed is the magnitude (length) of \mathbf{v} :

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 16} = 5.$$

The unit vector $\mathbf{v}/|\mathbf{v}|$ is the direction of \mathbf{v} :

$$\frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}}{5} = \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{i} - \frac{4}{5}\mathbf{j}.$$

So

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EXAMPLE 6 A force of 6 newtons is applied in the direction of the vector $\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$. Express the force \mathbf{F} as a product of its magnitude and direction.

Solution The force vector has magnitude 6 and direction $\frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|}$, so

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F} &= 6 \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} = 6 \frac{2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2}} = 6 \frac{2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}}{3} \\ &= 6 \left(\frac{2}{3}\mathbf{i} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{j} - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{k} \right).\end{aligned}$$



Midpoint of a Line Segment

Vectors are often useful in geometry. For example, the coordinates of the midpoint of a line segment are found by averaging.

The **midpoint** M of the line segment joining points $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is the point

$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}, \frac{z_1 + z_2}{2} \right).$$

To see why, observe (Figure 12.16) that

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{OM} &= \overrightarrow{OP}_1 + \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{P_1P_2}) = \overrightarrow{OP}_1 + \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OP}_2 - \overrightarrow{OP}_1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OP}_1 + \overrightarrow{OP}_2) \\ &= \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}\mathbf{i} + \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\mathbf{j} + \frac{z_1 + z_2}{2}\mathbf{k}.\end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 7 The midpoint of the segment joining $P_1(3, -2, 0)$ and $P_2(7, 4, 4)$ is

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Break

We will continue at 3pm



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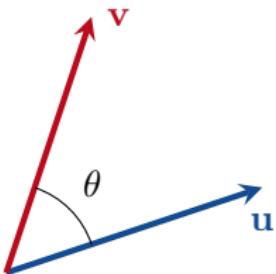
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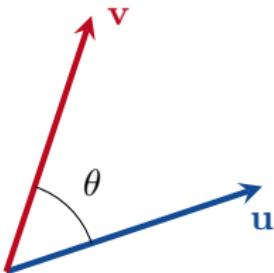


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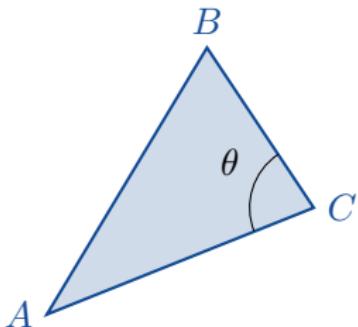
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$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = (3 \times 0) + (-2 \times 2) + (1 \times 4) = 0 - 4 + 4 = 0.$$

Example

$\mathbf{0}$ is orthogonal to every vector \mathbf{u} because

$$\mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{u} = (0, 0, 0) \cdot (u_1, u_2, u_3) = 0u_1 + 0u_2 + 0u_3 = 0.$$

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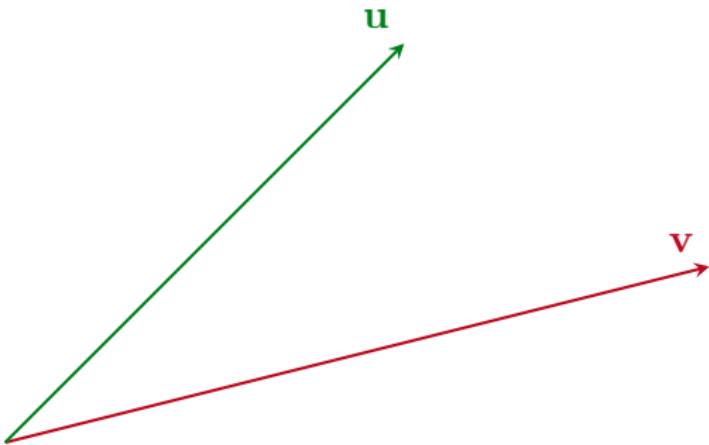


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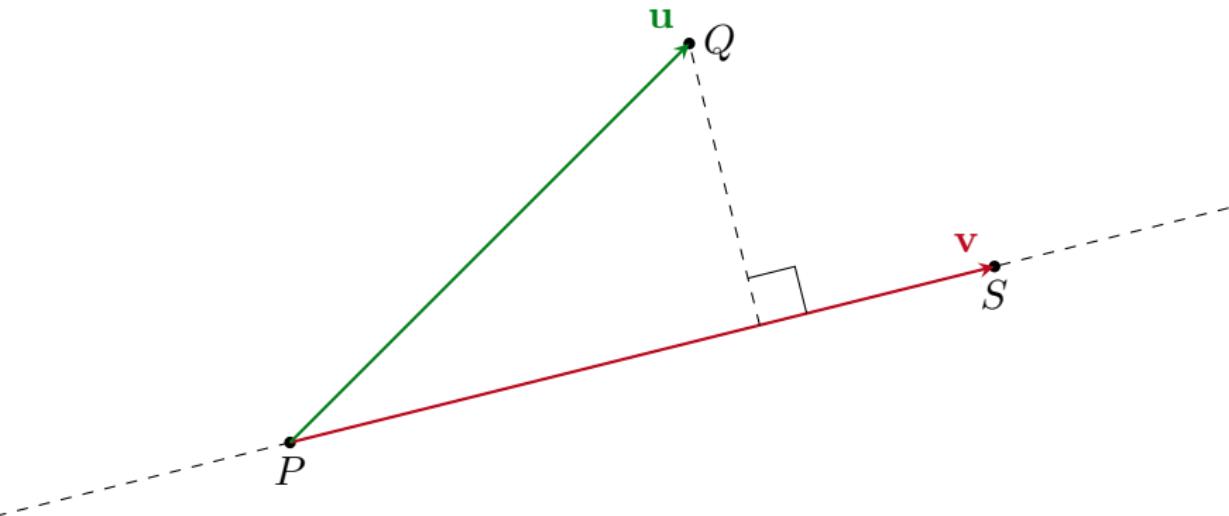
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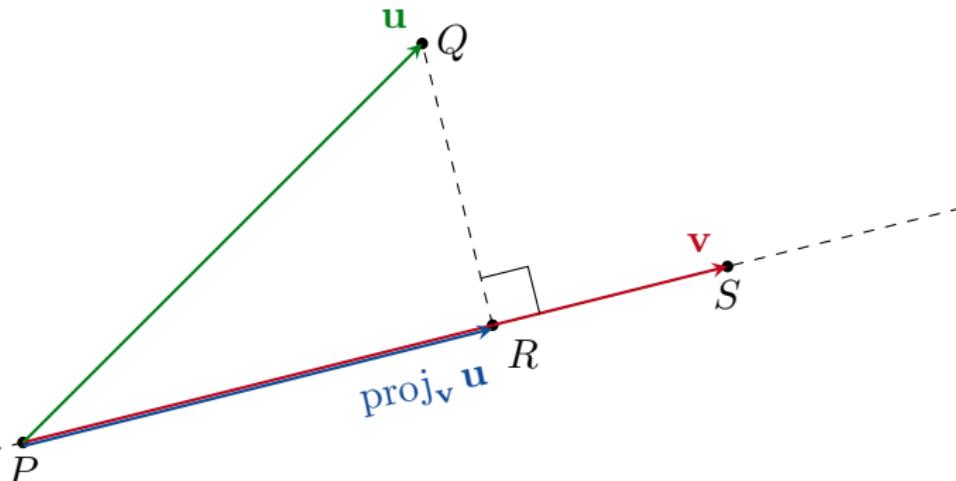
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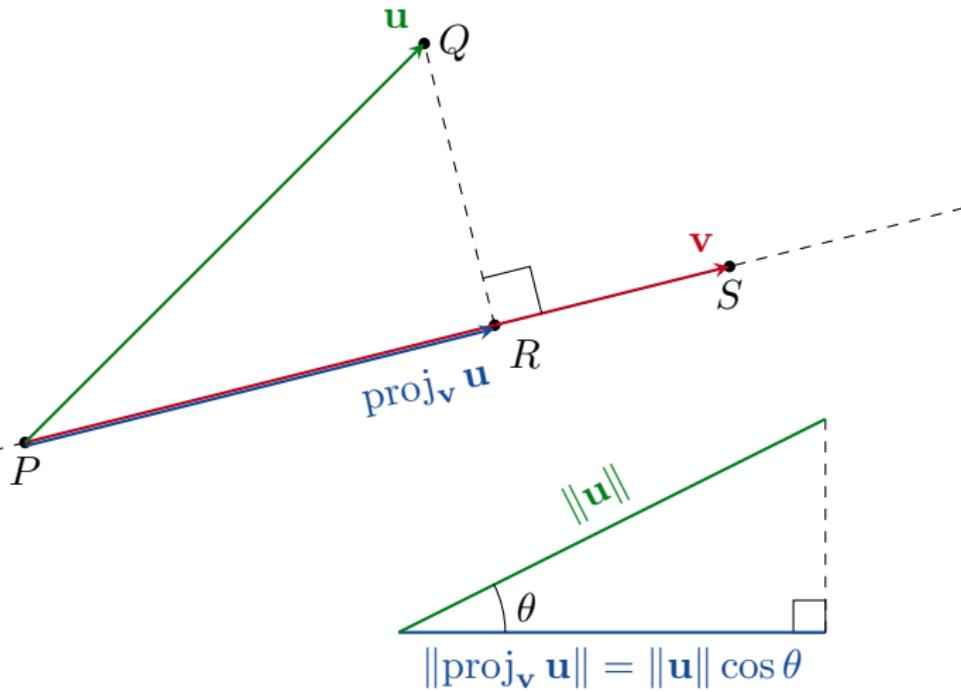
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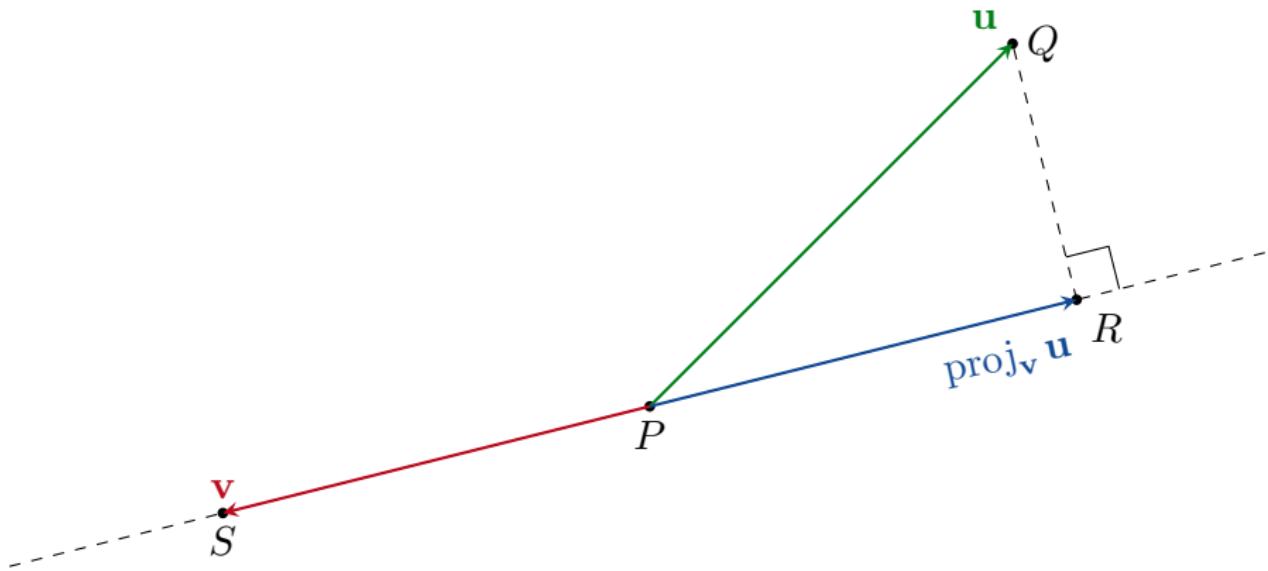
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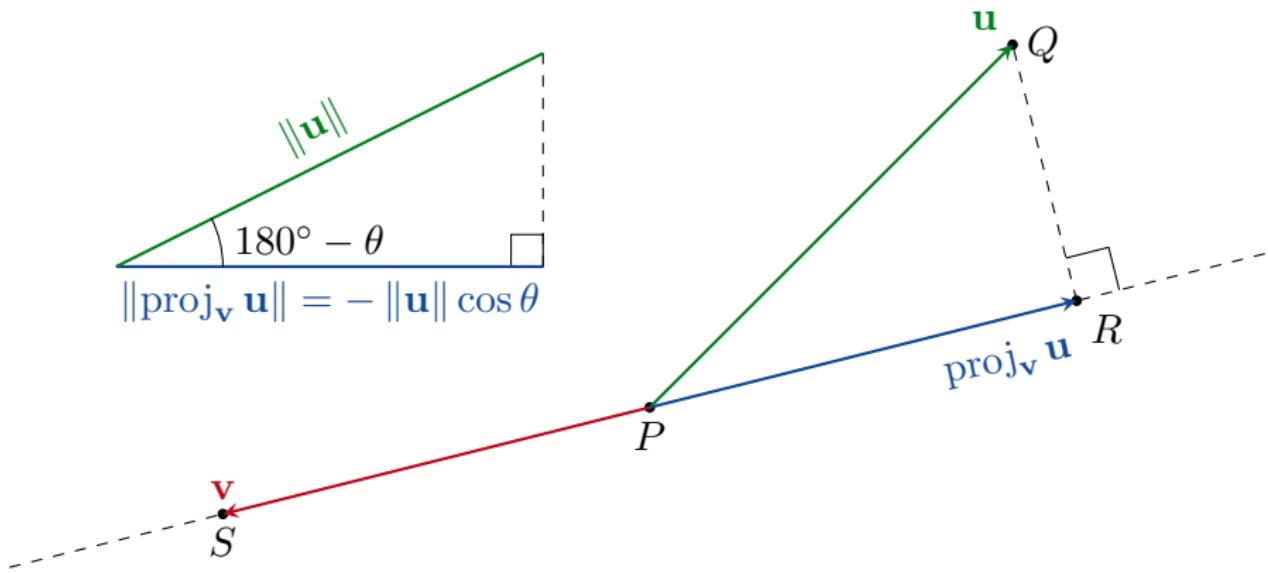
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Definition

The *vector projection* of \mathbf{u} onto \mathbf{v} is the vector

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = \overrightarrow{PR}.$$

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Now

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = (\text{length of } \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}) \begin{pmatrix} \text{a unit vector in} \\ \text{the same} \\ \text{direction as } \mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix}$$

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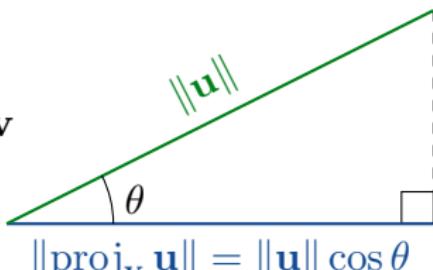


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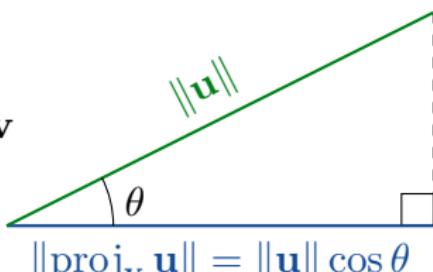
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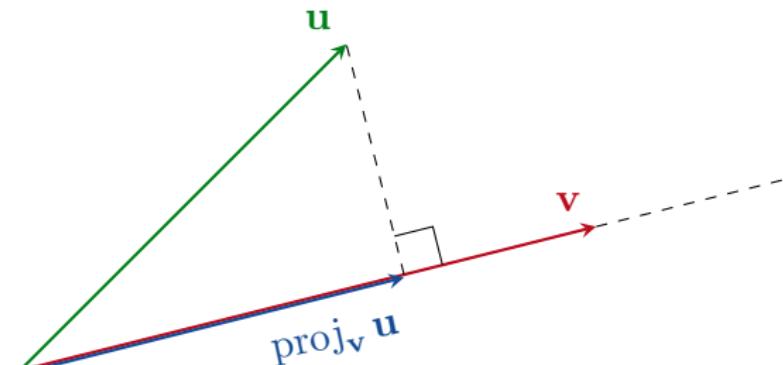
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Since this is an important formula, we write it as a theorem.

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Theorem

The vector projection of \mathbf{u} onto \mathbf{v} is

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \right) \mathbf{v}.$$

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Example

Find the vector projection of $\mathbf{u} = 6\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ onto $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$.

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} &= \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \right) \mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{6 - 6 - 4}{1 + 4 + 4} \right) (\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) \\ &= -\frac{4}{9}\mathbf{i} + \frac{8}{9}\mathbf{j} + \frac{8}{9}\mathbf{k}.\end{aligned}$$

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Find the vector projection of $\mathbf{F} = 5\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$ onto $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{F} &= \left(\frac{\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \right) \mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{5 - 6}{1 + 9} \right) (\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{10}\mathbf{i} + \frac{3}{10}\mathbf{j}.\end{aligned}$$

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Verify that the vector $\mathbf{u} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$ is orthogonal to $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$.

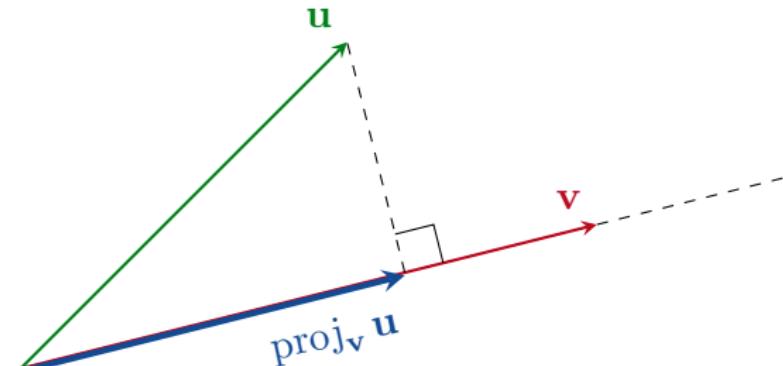
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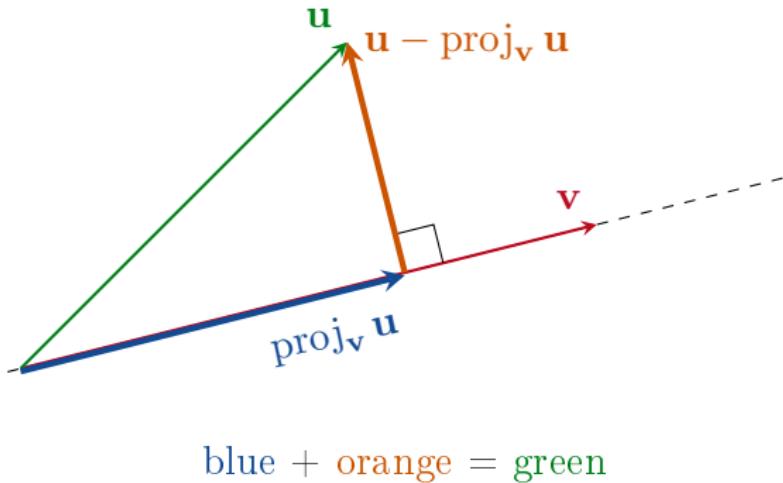
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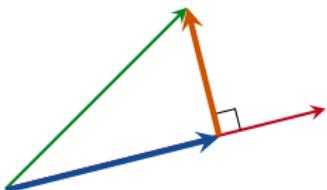
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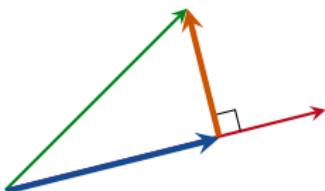
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$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{u} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} &= \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \right) \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v} \\ &= \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2} \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \\ &= \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



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