

MATH 1350,
Exercise Set 4

1. Sketch the following vectors on a set of axes with the initial points located at the origin (i.e. in standard position).

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_4 &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{v}_5 &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_6 &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_7 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 9 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_8 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

2. Write the vector \overrightarrow{PQ} , in column matrix form, for the following points P and Q .

(a) $P(4, 8), Q(3, 7)$

(b) $P(-5, 0), Q(-3, 1)$

(c) $P(3, -7, 2), Q(-2, 5, -4)$

(d) $P(a, b, c), Q(0, 0, 0)$

(e) $P(0, 0, 0), Q(a, b, c)$

3. Find a point Q that creates a nonzero vector \overrightarrow{PQ} , with initial point $P(-1, 3, -5)$, which points in the same direction as the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$.

4. Let

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Write the vector (i.e. the column matrix) representing the following:

(a) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$

(b) $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$

(c) $3\mathbf{u} + 4\mathbf{w}$

(d) $5(\mathbf{v} - 4\mathbf{u})$

(e) $(2\mathbf{u} - 7\mathbf{w}) - (8\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u})$

(f) The vector \mathbf{x} such that $2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{x} = 7\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}$.

5. Draw a picture that shows four nonzero vectors whose sum is the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

6. Find the lengths of the following vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_4 &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{v}_5 &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_6 &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_7 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 9 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_8 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

7. Show that if $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ is a nonzero vector, then $\frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v}$ is a unit vector.

8. Show that the vectors

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix},$$

satisfy the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, $|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|$.

9. Show that the vectors

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix},$$

satisfy the triangle inequality, $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| + \|\mathbf{v}\|$.

10. Find the angle between vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} for the following.

(a) $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(c) $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$