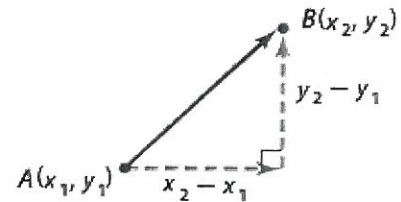


8.2 Vectors in the Coordinate Plane

KeyConcept Component Form of a Vector

The component form of a vector \overrightarrow{AB} with initial point $A(x_1, y_1)$ and terminal point $B(x_2, y_2)$ is given by

$$\langle x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1 \rangle$$



Express Vectors in Component Form:

Examples: Find the component form of \overrightarrow{AB} with the given initial and terminal points.

1. $A(-2, -7), B(6, 1)$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \langle 6 - (-2), 1 - (-7) \rangle$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \langle 8, 8 \rangle$$

2. $A(0, 8), B(-9, -3)$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \langle -9 - 0, -3 - 8 \rangle$$

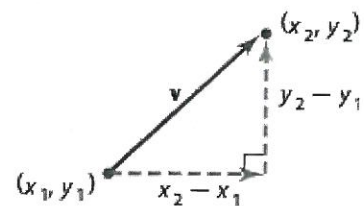
$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \langle -9, -11 \rangle$$

KeyConcept Magnitude of a Vector in the Coordinate Plane

If v is a vector with initial point (x_1, y_1) and terminal point (x_2, y_2) , then the magnitude of v is given by

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

If v has a component form of $\langle a, b \rangle$, then $|v| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$.



Find the Magnitude of a Vector:

Examples: Find the magnitude of \overrightarrow{AB} with the given initial and terminal points.

1. $A(-2, -7), B(6, 1)$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{(6 - (-2))^2 + (1 - (-7))^2}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{8^2 + 8^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{128}$$

$$= 11.31$$

2. $A(0, 8), B(-9, -3)$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{(-9 - 0)^2 + (-3 - 8)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-9)^2 + (-11)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{202}$$

$$= 14.21$$

KeyConcept Vector Operations

If $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, a_2 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle b_1, b_2 \rangle$ are vectors and k is a scalar, then the following are true.

Vector Addition $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \langle a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2 \rangle$

Vector Subtraction $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = \langle a_1 - b_1, a_2 - b_2 \rangle$

Scalar Multiplication $k\mathbf{a} = \langle ka_1, ka_2 \rangle$

Operations with Vectors:

Examples: Find each of the following for $w = \langle -4, 1 \rangle$, $y = \langle 2, 5 \rangle$, $z = \langle -3, 0 \rangle$.

1. $w + y$

$$\langle -4, 1 \rangle + \langle 2, 5 \rangle$$

$$\langle -4 + 2, 1 + 5 \rangle$$

$$\langle -2, 6 \rangle$$

2. $z - 2y$

$$\langle -3, 0 \rangle - 2\langle 2, 5 \rangle$$

$$\langle -3, 0 \rangle + \langle -4, -10 \rangle$$

$$\langle -3 + (-4), 0 + (-10) \rangle$$

$$\langle -7, -10 \rangle$$

3. $2w + 4y - z$

$$2\langle -4, 1 \rangle + 4\langle 2, 5 \rangle - \langle -3, 0 \rangle$$

$$\langle -8, 2 \rangle + \langle 8, 20 \rangle + \langle 3, 0 \rangle$$

$$\langle 0, 22 \rangle + \langle 3, 0 \rangle$$

$$\langle 3, 22 \rangle$$

Unit Vectors: A vector that has a magnitude of 1 unit. It is sometimes useful to describe a nonzero vector \mathbf{v} as a scalar multiple of a unit vector \mathbf{u} with the same direction as \mathbf{v} . To find \mathbf{u} , divide \mathbf{v} by its magnitude $|\mathbf{v}|$. $\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|}$ or $\frac{1}{|\mathbf{v}|}\mathbf{v}$

Examples: Find a unit vector with the same direction as the given vector.

1. $\mathbf{v} = \langle -2, 3 \rangle$

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 3^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 + 9}$$

$$= \sqrt{13}$$

$$\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|}$$

$$\vec{u} = \frac{\langle -2, 3 \rangle}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{-2}{\sqrt{13}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{-2}{\sqrt{13}} \frac{\sqrt{13}}{\sqrt{13}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \frac{\sqrt{13}}{\sqrt{13}} \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{-2\sqrt{13}}{13}, \frac{3\sqrt{13}}{13} \right\rangle$$

2. $v = \langle -4, -8 \rangle$

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-8)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 64}$$

$$= \sqrt{80}$$

$$\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|}$$

$$\vec{u} = \frac{\langle -4, -8 \rangle}{\sqrt{80}}$$

$$\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{-4}{\sqrt{80}}, \frac{-8}{\sqrt{80}} \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{-4 \sqrt{80}}{\sqrt{80} \sqrt{80}}, \frac{-8 \sqrt{80}}{\sqrt{80} \sqrt{80}} \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{-4\sqrt{80}}{80}, \frac{-8\sqrt{80}}{80} \right\rangle$$

$$\sqrt{80} = 4\sqrt{5}$$

$$\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{-4\sqrt{5}}{20}, \frac{-8\sqrt{5}}{20} \right\rangle$$

$$\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{-\sqrt{5}}{5}, \frac{-2\sqrt{5}}{5} \right\rangle$$

Linear Combinations of Unit Vectors: The sum of $a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j}$ is called a linear combination of the vectors \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} . Note that $\mathbf{i} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ $\langle a, b \rangle = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j}$

Examples: Let \overline{DE} be the vector with the given initial and terminal points. Write \overline{DE} as a linear combination of \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} .

1. $D(-2, 3), E(4, 5)$

a. Find component form
 $\overline{DE} = \langle 4 - (-2), 5 - 3 \rangle = \langle 6, 2 \rangle$

b. Rewrite the vector as linear combination.

$$\overline{DE} = \langle 6, 2 \rangle$$

$$\overline{DE} = 6\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$$

2. $D(-3, -8), E(-7, 1)$

$$\overline{DE} = \langle -7 - (-3), 1 - (-8) \rangle$$

$$\overline{DE} = \langle -4, 9 \rangle$$

$$\overline{DE} = -4\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j}$$

Direction Angle: A way to specify the direction of vector $\mathbf{v} = \langle a, b \rangle$ is to state the direction angle θ that \mathbf{v} makes with the positive x-axis.

$$\mathbf{v} = \langle a, b \rangle = \langle |\mathbf{v}| \cos \theta, |\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta \rangle = |\mathbf{v}|(\cos \theta)\mathbf{i} + |\mathbf{v}|(\sin \theta)\mathbf{j}$$

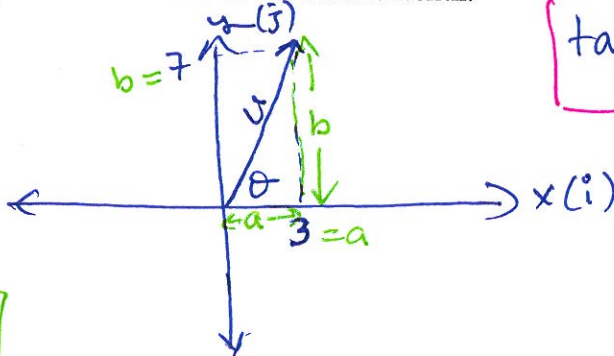
Examples: Find the direction of each angle of each vector to the nearest tenth.

1. $\mathbf{p} = 3\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{7}{3}\right) = 66.8^\circ$$



$$\mathbf{v} = \langle a, b \rangle$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{|\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta}{|\mathbf{v}| \cos \theta} = \frac{b}{a}$$

$$2. \mathbf{r} = (4, -5)$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{-5}{4}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{4}\right)$$

$$\theta = -51.3^\circ$$

Component Form Examples: Find the component form of the vector \mathbf{v} with the given magnitude and direction angle.

$$1. |\mathbf{v}| = 10, \theta = 120^\circ$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \langle |\mathbf{v}| \cos \theta, |\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta \rangle$$
$$= \langle 10 \cos 120^\circ, 10 \sin 120^\circ \rangle$$

$$= \langle 10\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right), 10\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \rangle$$

$$= \langle -5, 5\sqrt{3} \rangle$$

$$2. |\mathbf{v}| = 8, \theta = 45^\circ$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \langle 8 \cos 45^\circ, 8 \sin 45^\circ \rangle$$

$$= \langle 8\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), 8\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \rangle$$

$$= \langle 4\sqrt{2}, 4\sqrt{2} \rangle$$