

# 9-1/9-2 Vectors

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$\vec{AB} = B - A$

Ex1. Given A(4, -7) and B(2, -2).  
Find:  $\langle 2-4, -2-(-7) \rangle$

a.)  $\vec{AB} = \langle -2, 5 \rangle$

b.) The magnitude of  $\vec{AB}$   
 $\sqrt{(-2)^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{29}$

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Ex1. Given A(4, -7) and B(2, -2). Find:

c.) The direction with respect to the positive x-axis.  $\langle -2, 5 \rangle$   
 $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{-2}\right) = -68.2^\circ$   
 $+ 180^\circ$  111.8°

d.) The vector  $\vec{AB}$  in polar form.  
 $(\sqrt{29}; 111.8^\circ)$

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Converting Between Polar and Component Form

Component to Polar	Polar to Component
Given vector $(x, y)$ in component form, then  $ (x, y)  = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$	Given vector $(r; \theta)$ in polar form, then  $x = r \cos \theta$ $y = r \sin \theta$

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A unit vector is a vector which is 1 unit long. Reduced in length (or possibly lengthened) to a magnitude of 1 while preserving the direction of the vector.

Unit vector for  $\vec{v} = \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|}$

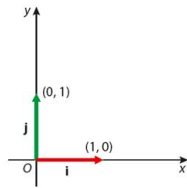
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Ex1. Given A(4, -7) and B(2, -2).  
Find:

e.) The unit vector for  $\vec{AB}$   
 $\frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} = \frac{\langle -2, 5 \rangle}{\sqrt{29}} = \left\langle \frac{-2}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{5}{\sqrt{29}} \right\rangle$

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### Base Vectors in the Coordinate Plane



$i$  = unit vector in the direction of the positive x-axis

$j$  = unit vector in the direction of the positive y-axis.

Hence the vector  $\langle -2, 5 \rangle$  can also be written  $-2i + 5j$

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### Vector Format

Row Vector  $\langle 3, -2 \rangle$  or  $(3, -2)$

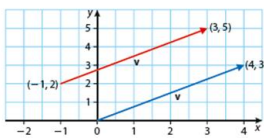
Column Vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

Unit Vector notation  $3i - 2j$

Polar Form  $(\sqrt{13}; 146^\circ)$

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Two vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are equal if they have the same magnitude and direction.



The negative of vector  $\vec{u}$  denoted  $-\vec{u}$ , is a vector with the same magnitude but the opposite direction.

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### Vector Addition – Geometric Representation

#### Tip-to-Tail Method      Parallelogram Method

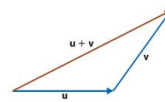


Figure 9.7

Using this method, you place the tail of the second vector against the tip of the first vector. The vector sum is the vector that connects the tail of the first vector to the tip of the second vector.

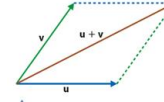


Figure 9.8

Using this method, you place both tails at the same location and the vector sum is the diagonal of the parallelogram.

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### Vector Subtraction

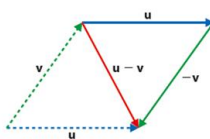


Figure 9.9

The difference of two vectors is the other diagonal of the parallelogram. Think of it this way:

$$u - v$$

$$\vec{u} - \vec{v} \Rightarrow \vec{u} + (-\vec{v})$$

What would  $\vec{v} - \vec{u}$     $-\vec{v} - \vec{u}$     $-\vec{u} - \vec{v}$  be      ?      ?      ?

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### Vector Addition – Algebraic Representation

Ex2. Let  $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find:

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \langle -2, -11 \rangle \quad \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u} - \vec{v} = \langle 4, -1 \rangle \quad \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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### Scalar Multiplication

Changes the length of a vector while preserving the direction.

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Ex3. Let  $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$ . Find:

a.)  $7\vec{u}$  b.)  $-2\vec{u}$

c.)  $4\vec{v}$  d.)  $2\vec{u} + 3\vec{v}$

e.)  $-\frac{1}{2}\vec{v}$   $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -\frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

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 a.)  $\begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 42 \end{pmatrix}$       b.)  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$   
 c.)  $\begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$       d.)  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$

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Ex4. ABCD is a quadrilateral with vertices that have position vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ , and  $\vec{d}$  respectively.

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a.) Express each of the following in terms of  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{d}$ . Find:

a.)  $\overline{AB} = \vec{b} - \vec{a}$

b.)  $\overline{CD} = \vec{d} - \vec{c}$

c.)  $\overline{BC} = \vec{c} - \vec{b}$

d.)  $\overline{AD} = \vec{d} - \vec{a}$

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b.) P, Q, R, S are the midpoints of each side. Express each of the following in terms of  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{d}$ .

a.)  $\overline{OP} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{b} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{a}$

b.)  $\overline{OS} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{d} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{c}$

c.)  $\overline{OR} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{d} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{a}$

d.)  $\overline{OQ} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{c} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{b}$

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c.) Prove PQRS is a parallelogram.

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 Prove PQRS is a parallelogram.  
 $\vec{QP} = \vec{PB} + \vec{BQ} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) + \frac{1}{2}(\vec{c} - \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{2}\vec{c} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{a}$   
 $\vec{RS} = \vec{SD} + \vec{DR} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{d} - \vec{c}) + \frac{1}{2}(\vec{a} - \vec{c}) = \frac{1}{2}\vec{a} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{c}$   
 $\vec{RQ} = \vec{RC} + \vec{CQ} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{c} - \vec{b}) + \frac{1}{2}(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{2}\vec{a} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{b}$   
 $\vec{SP} = \vec{SA} + \vec{AP} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) + \frac{1}{2}(\vec{d} - \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{2}\vec{d} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{b}$   
 Since  $\vec{RS} = \vec{QP}$  and  $\vec{RQ} = \vec{SP}$ , PQRS is a parallelogram.

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