

10.2 Vectors

Vector names:

 \mathbf{v} bold print \vec{v} \overline{v} \hat{v}

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component form: shows the components of the vector (Δx and Δy) from standard position
(sometimes called the position vector)

$$\begin{array}{ll} (x_1, y_1) \text{ tail} & \langle (x_2 - x_1), (y_2 - y_1) \rangle \\ (x_2, y_2) \text{ head} & \langle \Delta x, \Delta y \rangle \end{array}$$

Magnitude: length of the vector (use distance formula)

$$|\mathbf{u}| \longleftarrow \bullet \text{ magnitude of vector } u$$

Zero vector: has 0 length and no direction

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Operations with Vectors #232

vector addition and subtraction: add or subtract the components

scalars: distribute to both the x and y components

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Example: $u = \langle 1, 4 \rangle$ $v = \langle -4, 5 \rangle$

$3v =$ $2u - 3v =$

$u + v =$

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Unit Vector: vector with magnitude of 1

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to change to a unit vector
in the direction of u :

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}}{|\mathbf{u}|}$$

direction vector

Standard Unit Vectors: $i = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ $j = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$

all vectors can be written using a linear combination
of the standard unit vectors

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

$$\mathbf{v} = ai + bj$$

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$$\langle \Delta x, \Delta y \rangle$$

direction: θ

Find the magnitude and direction of v : $v = \langle 5, 4 \rangle$

Write a unit vector for v :

Find the component form of the vector with magnitude 5 and
direction 200° .

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A ship is heading 20° west of south at 15mph. A current is flowing southeast at 3 mph. Find the new speed and direction of the ship.

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Vectors and Calculus

$r(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$ is the position vector at any time t .

$v(t) = \langle x'(t), y'(t) \rangle$ is the velocity vector at any time t .

$a(t) = \langle x''(t), y''(t) \rangle$ is the acceleration vector at any time t .

speed is: $|v(t)| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}$ or the magnitude of the velocity vector

direction vector: $\frac{\mathbf{u}}{|\mathbf{u}|}$ or $\left\langle \frac{x}{|\mathbf{u}|}, \frac{y}{|\mathbf{u}|} \right\rangle$ or $\frac{x}{|\mathbf{u}|}i + \frac{y}{|\mathbf{u}|}j$

distance traveled: $\int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$

final position: $\left(x_o + \int_a^b \frac{dx}{dt}, y_o + \int_a^b \frac{dy}{dt} \right)$

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Given the position vector, find the velocity vector, acceleration vector, speed, and the direction vector.

$$r(t) = \langle 2t^3 + 1, 4t^2 \rangle$$

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A particle moves in the xy -plane so that at any time t , the position of the particle is given by

$$x(t) = 2t^3 - 15t^2 + 36t + 5, \quad y(t) = t^3 - 3t^2 + 1, \quad \text{where } t \geq 0.$$

For what value(s) of t is the particle at rest?

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A particle moves in the xy -plane in such a way that its velocity vector is $\langle 3t^2 - 4t, 8t^3 + 5 \rangle$.

If the position vector at $t = 0$ is $\langle 7, -4 \rangle$, find the position of the particle at $t = 1$. Find the distance the particle moves from $t = 0$ to 3.

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