

MATH 10C: Calculus III (Lecture B00)

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Today: Vectors in the plane.

Vectors in three dimensions

Next: Strang 2.3

Week 1:

- check the course website
- homework 1 (due Friday, September 30)
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Last time

Def. A **vector** is a quantity that has both **magnitude** (size, length) and **direction**

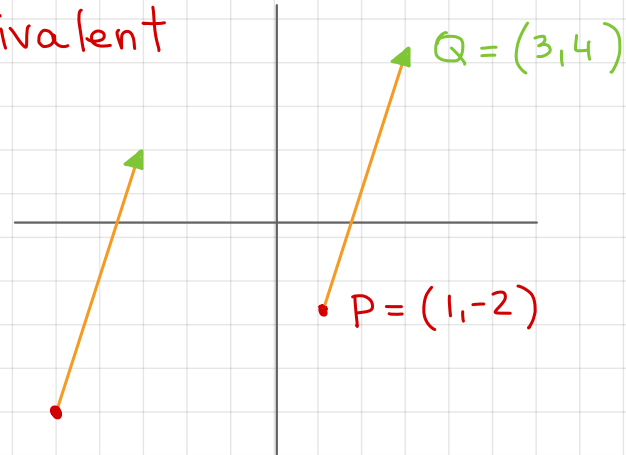
Forces, displacements, velocity are described by vectors.

A vector in a plane is represented by a directed line segment from the **initial point** to the **terminal point**.

We say that \vec{v} and \vec{w} are **equivalent**

if they have the same direction and magnitude (denoted $\vec{v} = \vec{w}$).

We treat equivalent vectors as **equal**.



Scalar multiplication

Let \vec{v} be a vector and k be a real number

Then $k\vec{v}$, called
is a vector such that

$$\|k\vec{v}\| =$$

$k\|\vec{v}\|$ has the

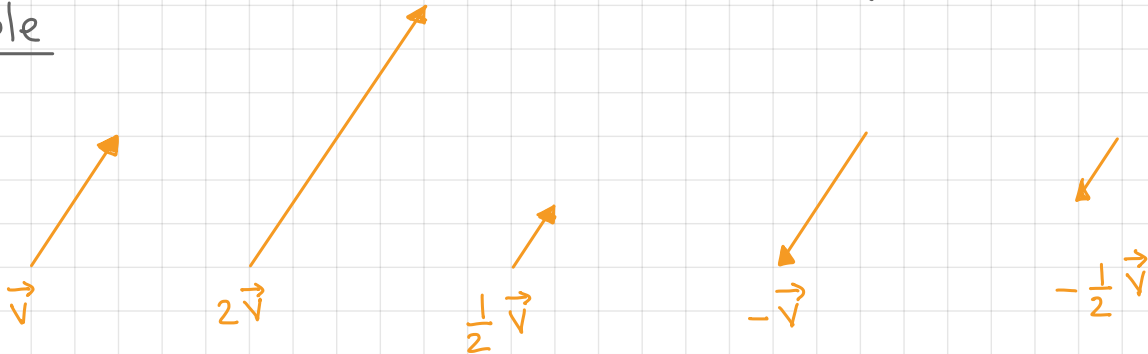
$k\vec{v}$ has the direction

as \vec{v} if

to the direction of \vec{v} if

if $k=0$ or $\vec{v}=\vec{0}$, then

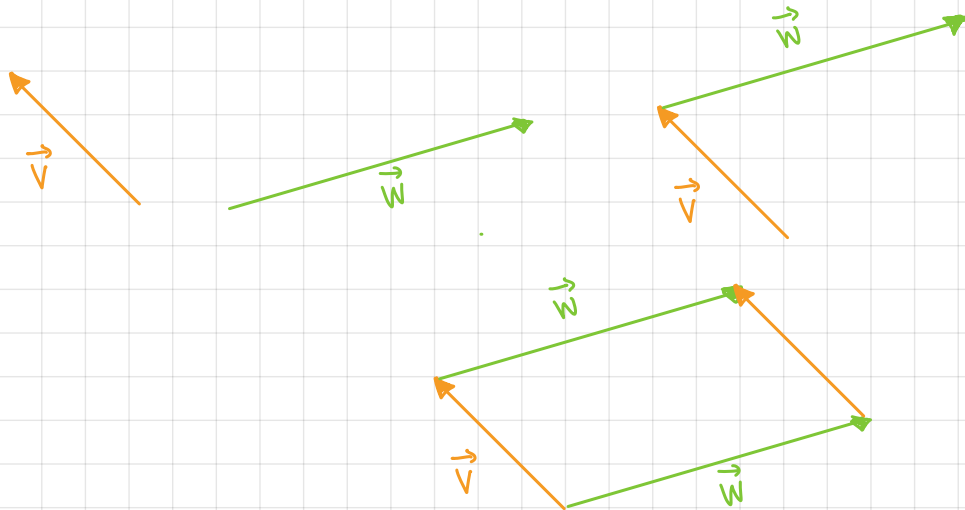
Example



Vector addition

Let \vec{v} and \vec{w} be two vectors. Place the initial point of \vec{w} at the terminal point of \vec{v} . Then the vector with initial point at the initial point of \vec{v} and the terminal point at the terminal point of \vec{w} is called the $\vec{v} + \vec{w}$.

Example

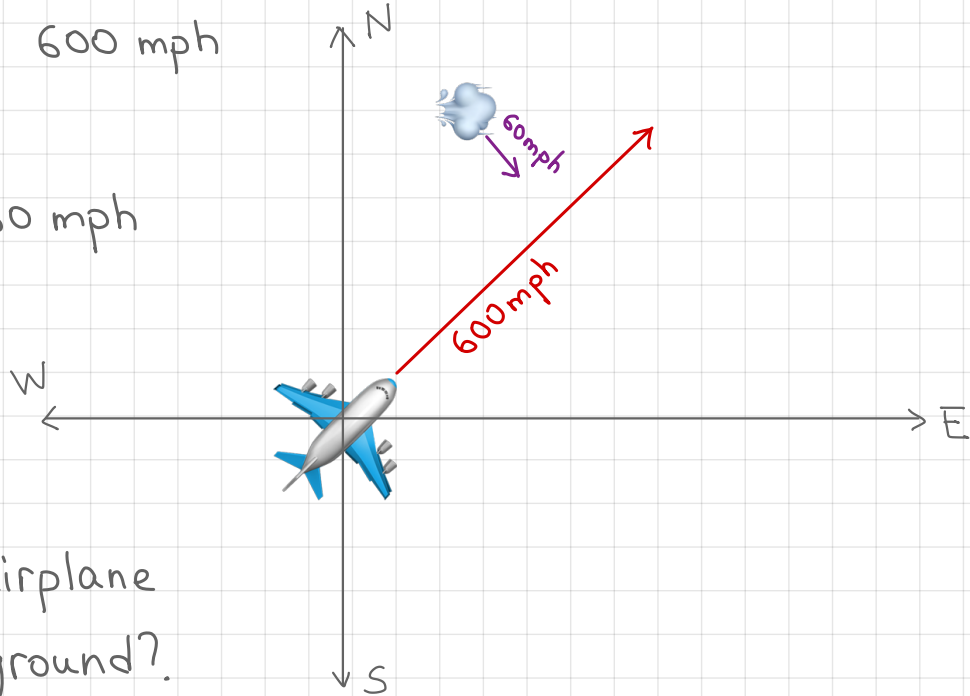


Notice that

Definition of a vector

Airplane flies NE at 600 mph
(relative to the air)

Wind blows SE at 60 mph



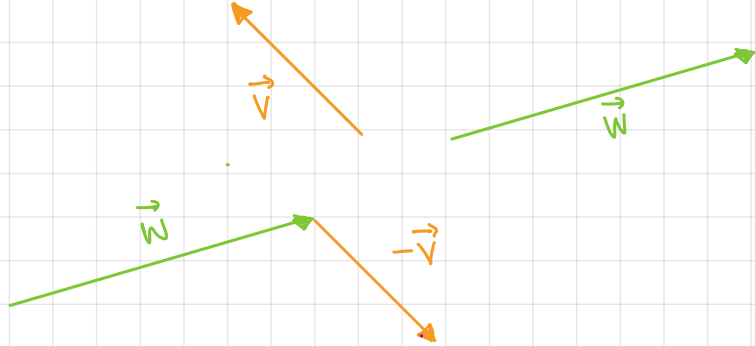
How fast does the airplane
fly relative to the ground?
In what direction?

Combining vectors

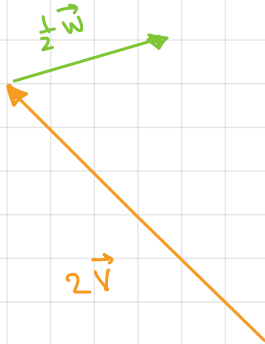
We know how to define (geometrically) $k_1 \vec{v}_1 + k_2 \vec{v}_2$
or $k_1 \vec{v}_1 + k_2 \vec{v}_2 + k_3 \vec{v}_3 \dots$

Example

- $\vec{w} - \vec{v}$

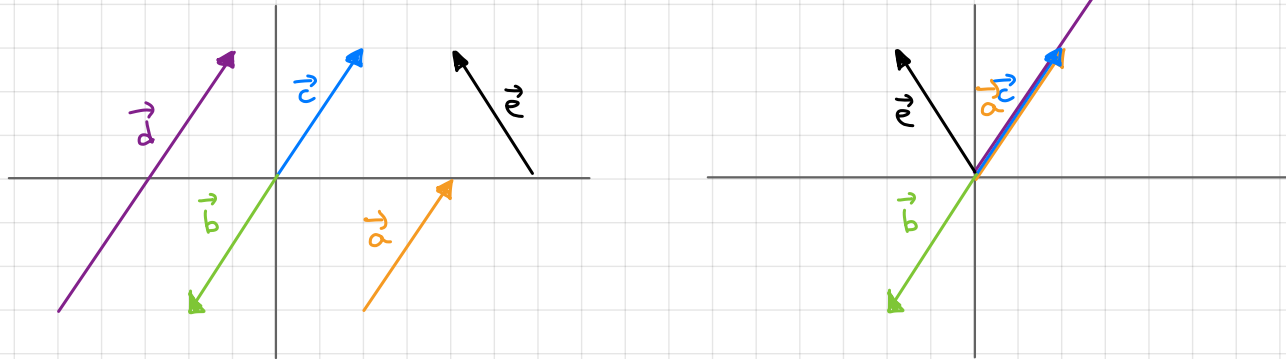


- $2\vec{v} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{w}$



Vector components

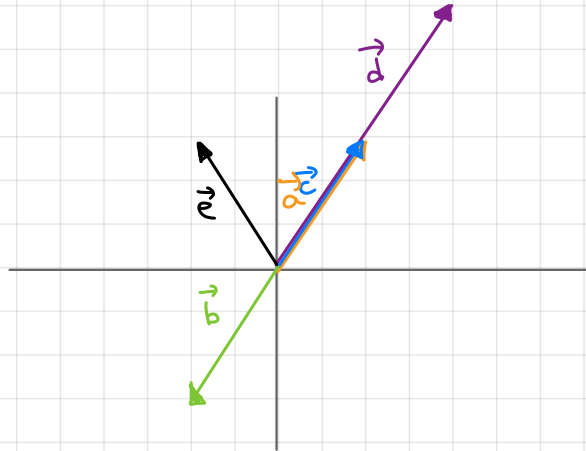
It is easier to work with vectors in a coordinate system. Since the location of the initial vector does not matter, let's place all vectors in the plane so that their initial points



We call such vectors \vec{a} , \vec{b} , and \vec{c} , and they can be described by the

Vector components

Def. The vector with initial point $(0,0)$ and the terminal point (x,y) can be written in component form as $\langle x, y \rangle$. The scalars x and y are called the components of the vector.



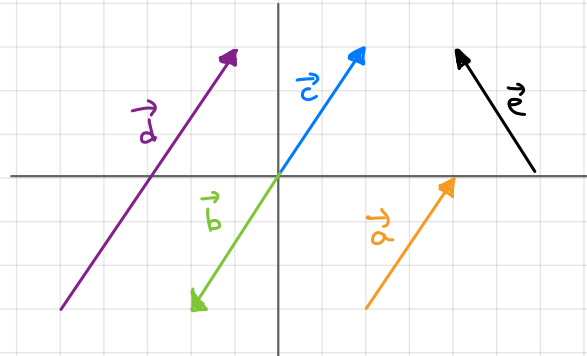
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Vector components

If the vector is not in standard position, but we know the coordinates of its initial and terminal points, then we can find the vector's coordinates using the following rule:

Let $P = (x_i, y_i)$ and $Q = (x_t, y_t)$. Then

\vec{a} :



Magnitude of the vector

Magnitude of the vector is the distance between its initial and terminal points.

If $P = (x_i, y_i)$, $Q = (x_t, y_t)$, then

If $\vec{v} = \langle x, y \rangle$, then

Example • $P = (2, -3)$, $Q = (4, 0)$

• $\vec{a} = \langle 2, 3 \rangle$

Vector operations in component form

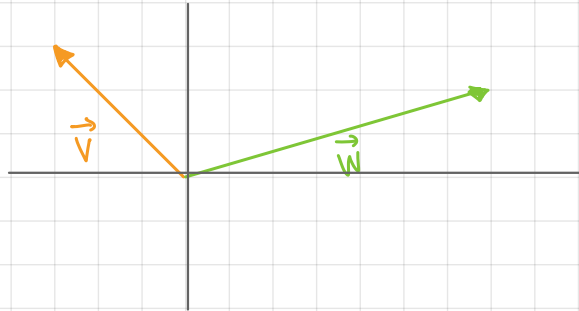
Def. Let $\vec{v} = \langle x_1, y_1 \rangle$, $\vec{w} = \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle$, $k \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then

- $k\vec{v} =$ (scalar multiplication)

- $\vec{v} + \vec{w} =$ (vector addition)

Example



$$\vec{v} = \langle -3, 3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{w} = \langle 7, 2 \rangle$$

- $\vec{v} + \vec{w} =$

- $\vec{w} - \vec{v} =$

- $2\vec{v} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{w} =$

Properties of vector operations

Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$ be vectors in the plane. Let r, s be scalars.

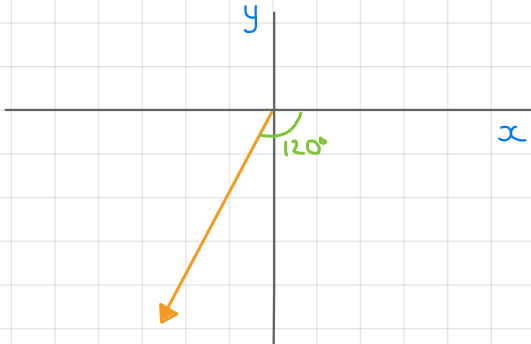
Then

- (i) $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$ (commutative property)
- (ii) $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$ (associative property)
- (iii) $\vec{u} + \vec{0} = \vec{u}$ (additive identity property)
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- (v) $r(s\vec{u}) = (rs)\vec{u}$ (associativity of scalar mult.)
- (vi) $(r+s)\vec{u} = r\vec{u} + s\vec{u}$ (distributive property)
- (vii) $r(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = r\vec{u} + r\vec{v}$ (distributive property)
- (viii) $1 \cdot \vec{u} = \vec{u}$, $0 \cdot \vec{u} = \vec{0}$ (identity and zero properties)

Vector components and trigonometry

We can describe the direction of the vector in different ways. For example, using the angle that the vector forms with the axes. We can switch between this representation and the component form using trigonometry.

Example Find the component form of a vector with magnitude 4 that forms an angle -120° with the x-axis.



Unit vectors . Standard unit vectors

A unit vector is a vector with magnitude 1.

For any nonzero vector \vec{v} we can find a unit vector \vec{u} that has the same direction as \vec{v}

Take $\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \vec{v}$, then \vec{u} has the same direction as \vec{v}

$$\text{and } \|\vec{u}\| = \left\| \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \vec{v} \right\| = 1$$

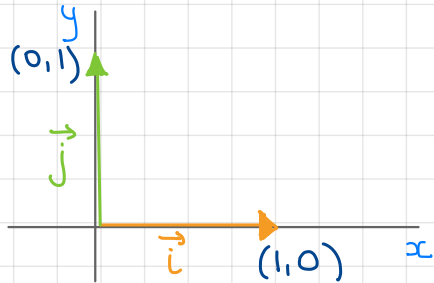
Example $\vec{v} = \langle -1, 4 \rangle$, $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{17}$

Consider the vectors $\vec{i} := \langle 1, 0 \rangle$, $\vec{j} := \langle 0, 1 \rangle$

We call \vec{i} and \vec{j} the
standard unit vectors
in the plane

We can write any vector in the plane
as a combination on \vec{i} and \vec{j}

$$\vec{v} = \langle a, b \rangle, \text{ then } \vec{v} = a\vec{i} + b\vec{j}$$



Vectors in the plane. Summary

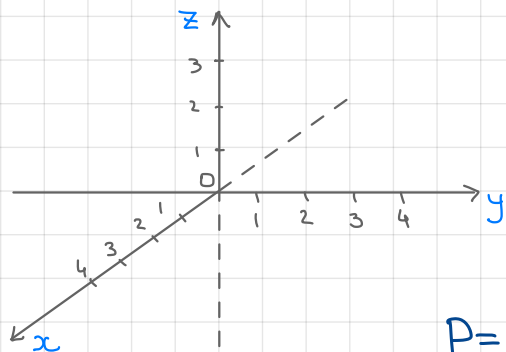
- geometrically/physically vectors describe displacement, velocity, force; in plane they represented by arrows
- two vector operations: scalar product and vector sum
- coordinates make vector operations easy to perform
- component form of a vector $\vec{v} = \langle x_1, y_1 \rangle$, $\vec{w} = \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle$
- scalar multiplication and vector addition become componentwise: $k\vec{v} = \langle kx_1, ky_1 \rangle$, $\vec{v} + \vec{w} = \langle x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2 \rangle$
 $k_1\vec{v} + k_2\vec{w} = \langle k_1x_1 + k_2x_2, k_1y_1 + k_2y_2 \rangle$
- $\vec{i} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ and $\vec{j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ are called standard unit vectors
- $\vec{v} = \langle x, y \rangle$ can be written as a combination of \vec{i} and \vec{j}
 $\langle x, y \rangle = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j}$

Points in three dimensions

Life happens in three dimensions!

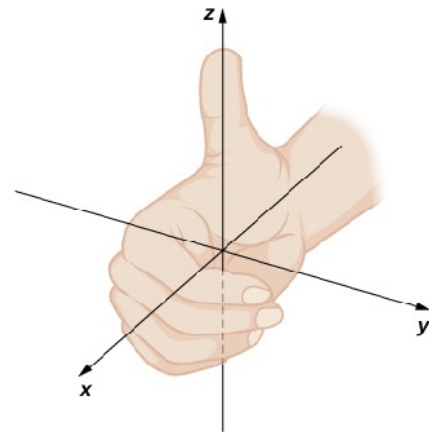
The mathematical model of the three-dimensional space is the three-dimensional rectangular coordinate system \mathbb{R}^3 . \mathbb{R}^3 consists of points (x, y, z) , where x, y, z are real numbers

1D: \mathbb{R} , 2D: \mathbb{R}^2 , 3D: \mathbb{R}^3



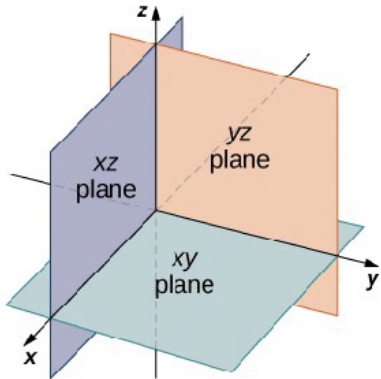
We arrange the axes using the "right hand rule"

$$P = (2, 3, -1)$$



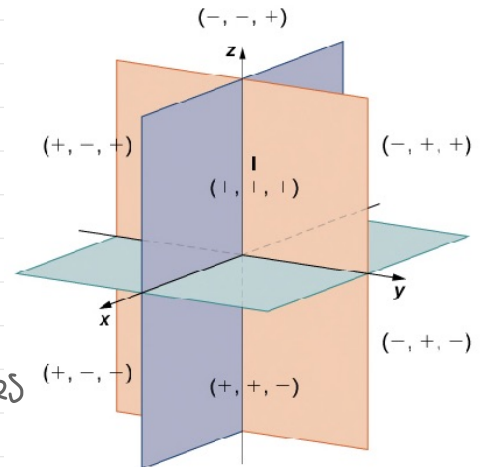
Coordinate planes . Octants

There are three axes in \mathbb{R}^3 (orthogonal to each other).
If we fix any two axes we get a coordinate plane



xy plane: { } setting
xz plane: { } setting
yz plane: { } setting

Three coordinate planes split \mathbb{R}^3
into eight octants consisting of
points with three nonzero coordinates

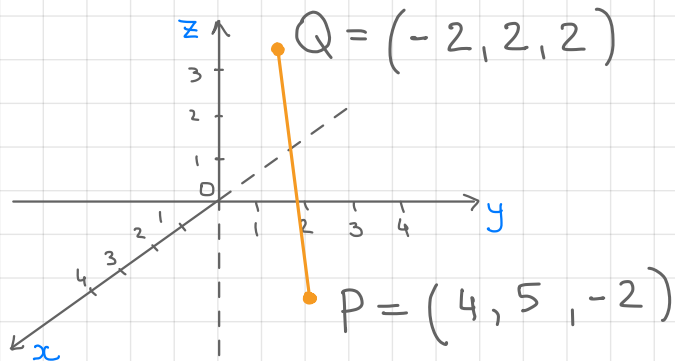


Distance in \mathbb{R}^3

Theorem 2.2. Distance between two points in space

The distance d between points $P = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $Q = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is given by the formula

Example

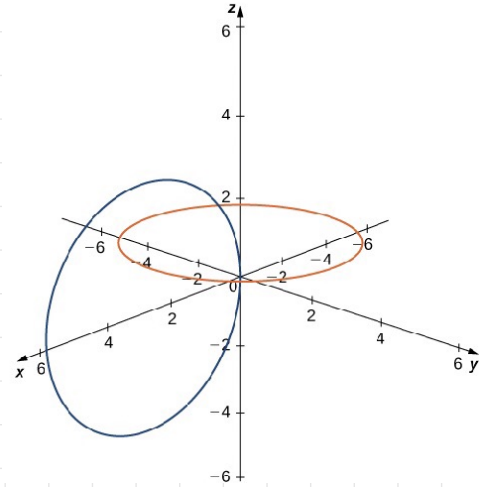
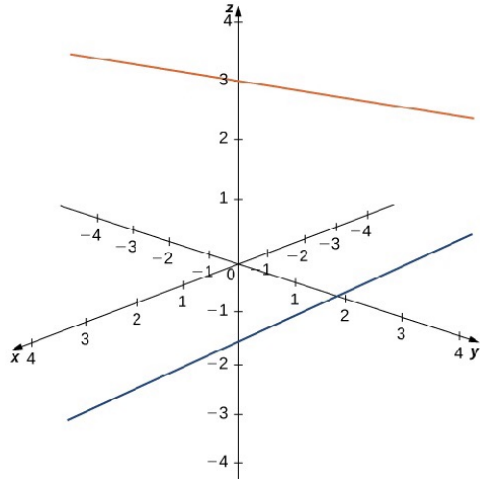


$$d(P, Q) =$$

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Equations in \mathbb{R}^3

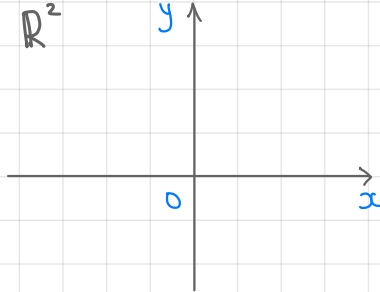


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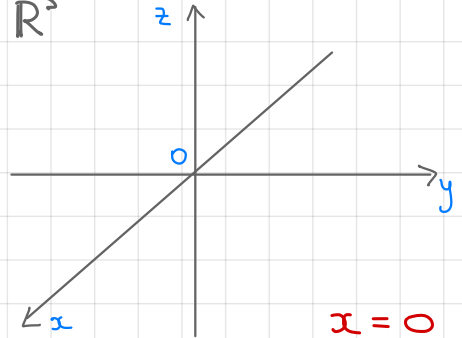
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$x=0$

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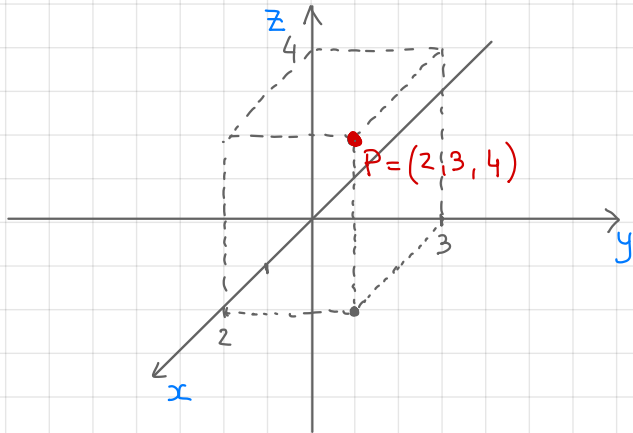
$x=0$

Equations of planes parallel to coordinate planes

Rule $z=c$: equation of a plane parallel to the xy -plane containing point $P=(a, b, c)$

$y=b$: equation of a plane parallel to the xz -plane containing point $P=(a, b, c)$

$x=a$: equation of a plane parallel to the yz -plane containing point $P=(a, b, c)$



Write an equation of the plane parallel to xy -plane passing through the point $P=(2, 3, 4)$

Equation of a sphere

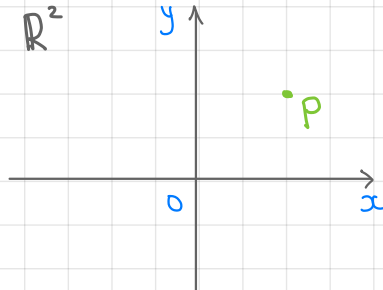
Given point P , describe all points that are at distance $r > 0$ from P .

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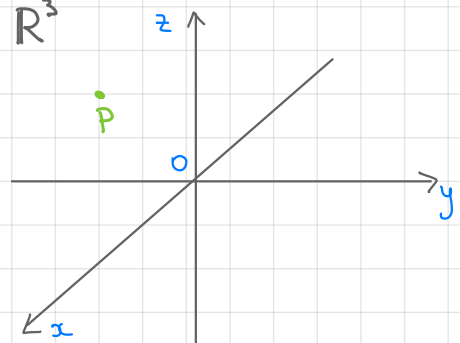
$$P = a,$$

\mathbb{R}^2



$$P = (a, b)$$

\mathbb{R}^3



$$P = (a, b, c)$$

Equation of a sphere

Example Find the standard equation of the sphere with center $(2, 3, 4)$ and point $(0, 11, -1)$

In order to write the equation of a sphere we need to know the center (given) and the radius (unknown).

Radius is the distance from the center of the sphere to any point of the sphere (in particular to $(0, 11, -1)$)

Therefore, $r =$

$=$

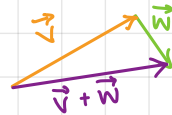
$=$

Equation of the sphere :

Vectors in \mathbb{R}^3

Complete analogy with vectors in the plane

- vectors are quantities with both **magnitude** and **direction**
- vectors are represented by directed line segments (**arrows**)
- vector is in the **standard position** if its initial point is $(0,0,0)$
- vectors admit the component representation $\vec{v} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$
- $\vec{0} = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$
- **vector addition** and **scalar multiplication** are defined analogously to plane vectors:



- in the component form:

$$k_1 \langle x_1, y_1, z_1 \rangle + k_2 \langle x_2, y_2, z_2 \rangle = \langle k_1 x_1 + k_2 x_2, k_1 y_1 + k_2 y_2, k_1 z_1 + k_2 z_2 \rangle$$

- $\vec{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$, $\vec{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$, $\vec{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$ are **standard unit vectors** in \mathbb{R}^3

Vectors in \mathbb{R}^3

- if $\vec{v} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$, then $\vec{v} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$ (standard unit form)
- if $P = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$, $Q = (x_t, y_t, z_t)$, then $\vec{PQ} = \langle x_t - x_i, y_t - y_i, z_t - z_i \rangle$
- if $\vec{v} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$, then $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$
- to find the **unit vector** in the direction $\vec{v} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$, multiply \vec{v} by $\frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|}$: $\vec{u} = \left\langle \frac{x}{\|\vec{v}\|}, \frac{y}{\|\vec{v}\|}, \frac{z}{\|\vec{v}\|} \right\rangle$

Example Let $P = (0, 3, -2)$, $Q = (2, 2, 2)$. Express \vec{PQ} in component form and in standard unit form.

$$\vec{PQ} =$$

Example Let $\vec{v} = \langle 2, 0, 6 \rangle$, $\vec{w} = \langle 1, -1, -2 \rangle$. Then

$$\vec{v} + 3\vec{w} =$$

$$\|\vec{v} + 3\vec{w}\| =$$

Properties of vector operations

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