

# Vectors

## Definition

A vector is a quantity that has both magnitude and direction.

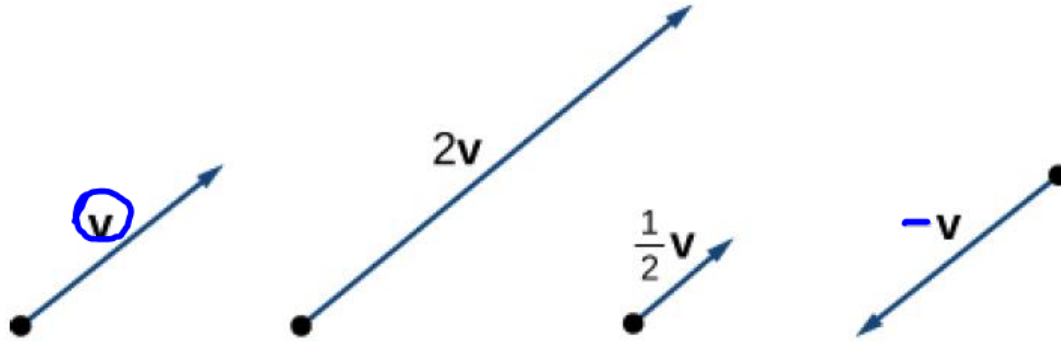
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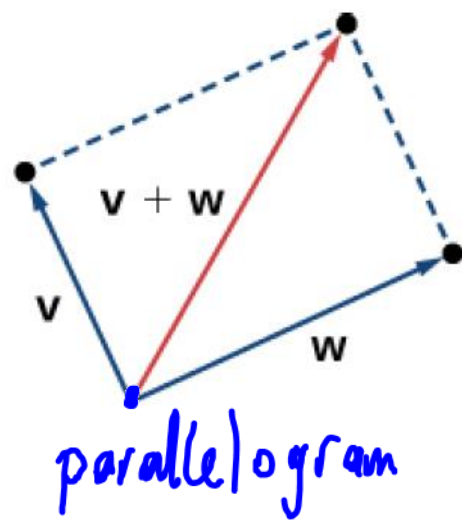
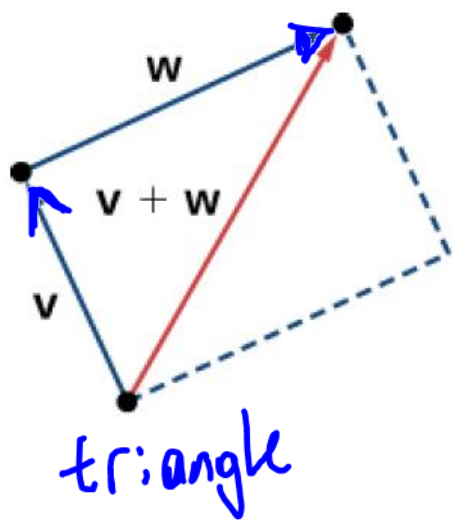
Vectors are said to be **equivalent vectors** if they have the same magnitude and direction.

## Definition

The product  $k\mathbf{v}$  of a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  and a scalar  $k$  is a vector with a magnitude that is  $|k|$  times the magnitude of  $\mathbf{v}$ , and with a direction that is the same as the direction of  $\mathbf{v}$  if  $k > 0$ , and opposite the direction of  $\mathbf{v}$  if  $k < 0$ . This is called scalar multiplication. If  $k = 0$  or  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $k\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ .

$\vec{v}$   
bold  $v$





$$v = \langle 2, 3 \rangle$$

$$w = \langle 1, 4 \rangle$$

$$v + w = \langle 2+1, 3+4 \rangle$$

**triangle inequality.**

$$\|v + w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\|$$

## Rule: Component Form of a Vector

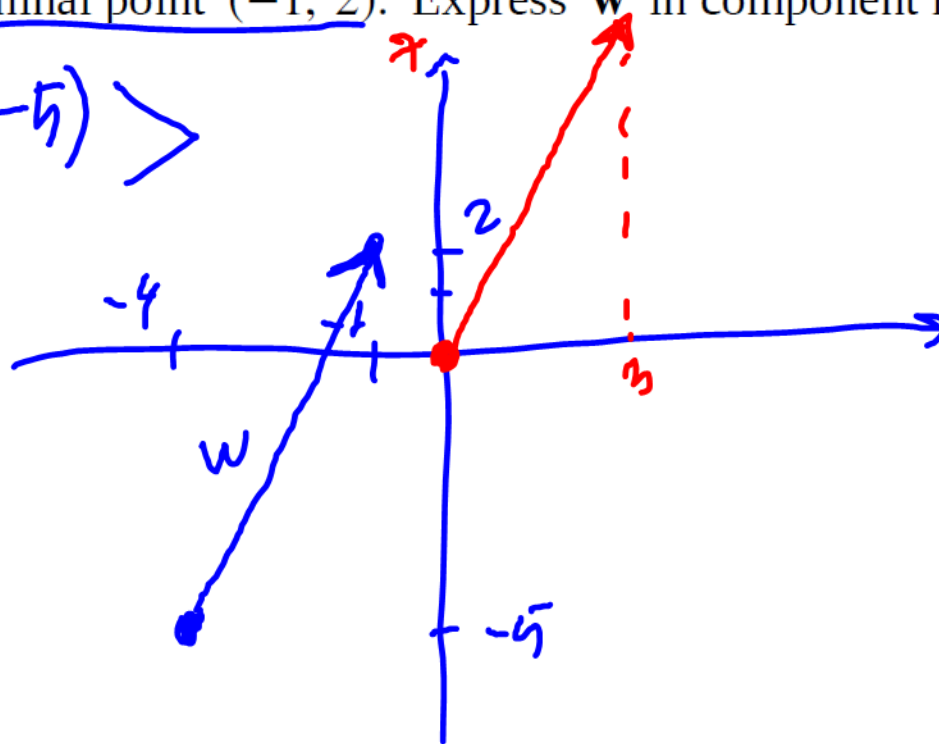
Let  $\mathbf{v}$  be a vector with initial point  $(x_i, y_i)$  and terminal point  $(x_t, y_t)$ . Then we can express  $\mathbf{v}$  in component form as

$$\mathbf{v} = \langle x_t - x_i, y_t - y_i \rangle.$$



**2.4** Vector  $\mathbf{w}$  has initial point  $(-4, -5)$  and terminal point  $(-1, 2)$ . Express  $\mathbf{w}$  in component form.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w} &= \langle -1 - (-4), 2 - (-5) \rangle \\ &= \langle 3, 7 \rangle \end{aligned}$$



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**Scalar multiplication:**  $k\mathbf{v} = \langle kx_1, ky_1 \rangle$        $2\langle 1, 3 \rangle = \langle 2, 6 \rangle$

**Vector addition:**  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = \langle x_1, y_1 \rangle + \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle = \langle x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2 \rangle$



2.5 Let  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 7, 1 \rangle$  and let  $\mathbf{b}$  be the vector with initial point  $(3, 2)$  and terminal point  $(-1, -1)$ .

a. Find  $\|\mathbf{a}\| = \sqrt{7^2 + 1^2} = 5\sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} &= \langle -1 - 3, -1 - 2 \rangle \\ &= \langle -4, -3 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

b. Express  $\mathbf{b}$  in component form.

c. Find  $3\mathbf{a} - 4\mathbf{b}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 3\mathbf{a} - 4\mathbf{b} &= 3\langle 7, 1 \rangle - 4\langle -4, -3 \rangle \\ &= \langle 21, 3 \rangle - \langle -16, -12 \rangle = \langle 21 + 16, 3 + 12 \rangle \\ &= \langle 37, 15 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem 2.1: Properties of Vector Operations

Let  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  be vectors in a plane. Let  $r$  and  $s$  be scalars.

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|-------|---|--|
| i.    | $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$                               | Commutative property                   |
| ii.   | $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ | Associative property                   |
| iii.  | $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$  | Additive identity property             |
| iv.   | $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$   | Additive inverse property              |
| v.    | $r(s\mathbf{u}) = (rs)\mathbf{u}$   | Associativity of scalar multiplication |
| vi.   | $(r + s)\mathbf{u} = r\mathbf{u} + s\mathbf{u}$                                   | Distributive property                  |
| vii.  | $r(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = r\mathbf{u} + r\mathbf{v}$                          | Distributive property                  |
| viii. | $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}, 0\mathbf{u} = \vec{\mathbf{0}}$                        | Identity and zero properties           |

$$\vec{\mathbf{0}} = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$$

A **unit vector** is a vector with magnitude 1.

$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v}$ . We say that  $\mathbf{u}$  is the unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{v}$

$$\frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$$

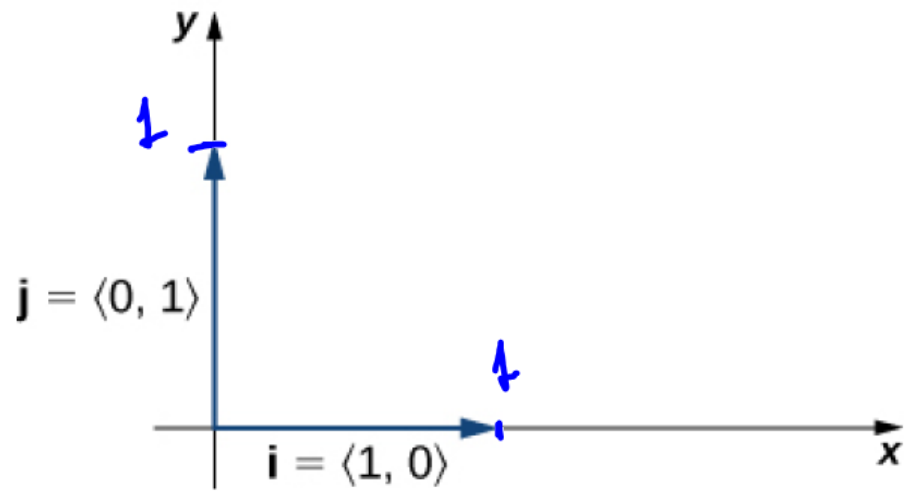


**2.8** Let  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 9, 2 \rangle$ . Find a vector with magnitude 5 in the opposite direction as  $\mathbf{v}$ .

$$\frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{\langle 9, 2 \rangle}{\sqrt{9^2 + 2^2}} = \frac{\langle 9, 2 \rangle}{\sqrt{85}}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = 5 \left( -\frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \right) = \frac{-5}{\sqrt{85}} \langle 9, 2 \rangle = \left\langle -\frac{9\sqrt{85}}{17}, -\frac{2\sqrt{85}}{17} \right\rangle$$

unit vector  
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**Figure 2.18** The standard unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ .

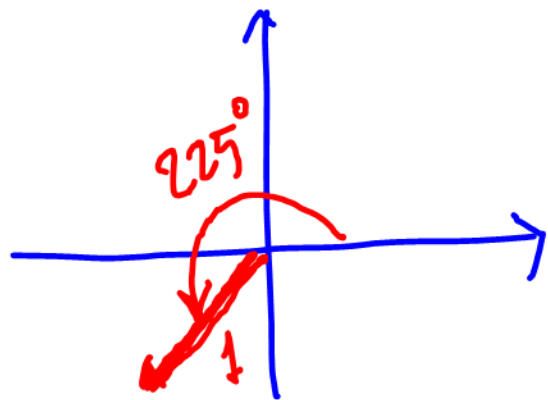
$$\mathbf{v} = \underline{\langle x, y \rangle} = \langle x, 0 \rangle + \langle 0, y \rangle = x \langle 1, 0 \rangle + y \langle 0, 1 \rangle = \underline{\underline{x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j}}}.$$





2.9 Let  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 16, -11 \rangle$  and let  $\mathbf{b}$  be a unit vector that forms an angle of  $225^\circ$  with the positive x-axis. Express  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  in terms of the standard unit vectors.

$$\mathbf{a} = 16\mathbf{i} - 11\mathbf{j}$$



$$\langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta \rangle$$

is the unit vector in the direction of  $\theta$ .

$$\mathbf{b} = \langle \cos 225^\circ, \sin 225^\circ \rangle$$

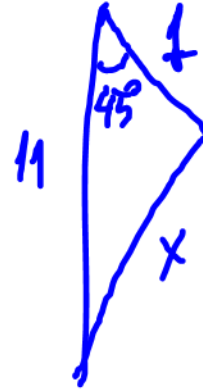
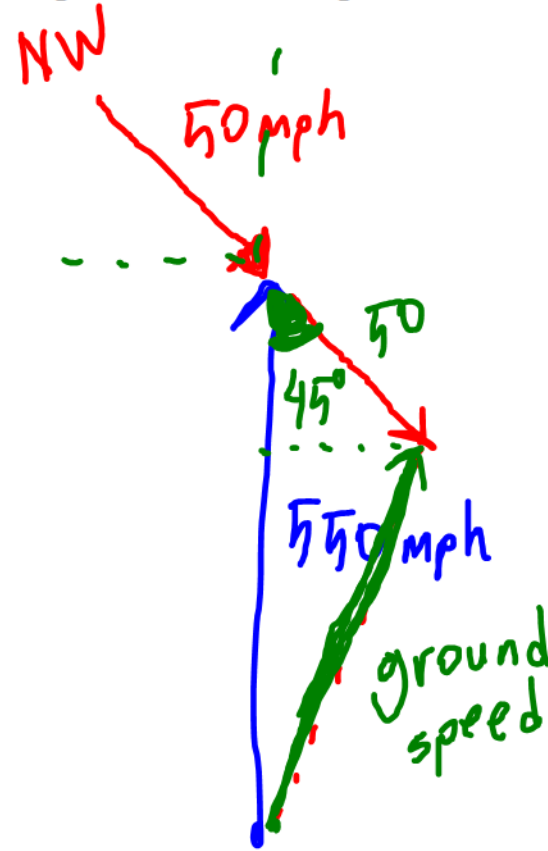
$$= \langle -\cos 45^\circ, -\sin 45^\circ \rangle = \left\langle -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right\rangle$$





2.10 An airplane flies due north at an airspeed of 550 mph. The wind is blowing from the northwest at 50 mph. What is the ground speed of the airplane?

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$



cosine rule

$$x^2 = 11^2 + 11^2 - 2 \times 11 \times 11 \times \cos 45^\circ$$

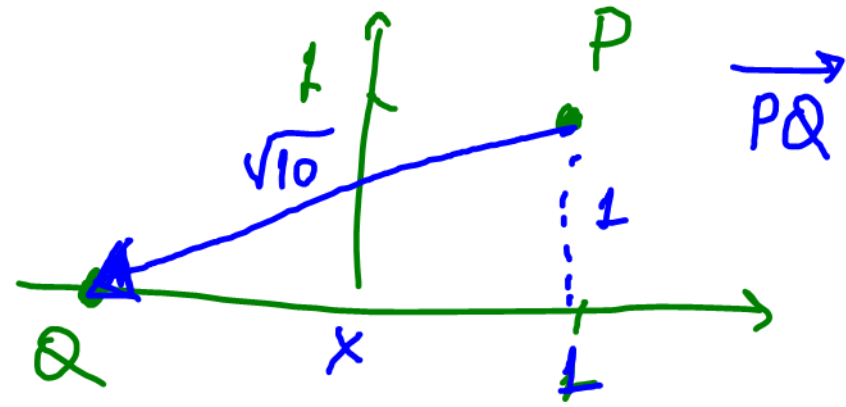
$$x^2 = 122 - 11\sqrt{2}$$

$$x = \sqrt{122 - 11\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{ground speed is } 550x = 550 \sqrt{122 - 11\sqrt{2}}$$

14. The vector  $\mathbf{v}$  has initial point  $P(1, 1)$  and terminal point  $Q$  that is on the  $x$ -axis and left of the initial point. Find the coordinates of terminal point  $Q$  such that the magnitude of the vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is  $\sqrt{10}$ .

$$\sqrt{10}^2 = 1^2 + x^2$$
$$x = 3$$



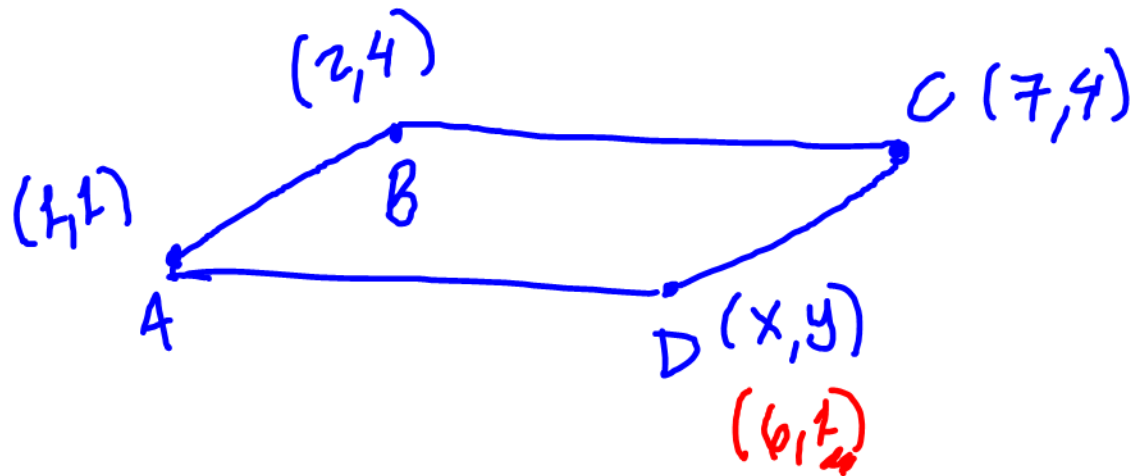
$$Q(-2, 0)$$

43. Calculate the coordinates of point  $D$  such that  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram, with  $A(1, 1)$ ,  $B(2, 4)$ , and  $C(7, 4)$ .

$\vec{AB}$  is equivalent to  $\vec{DC}$   
 $\vec{AD}$  "  $\vec{BC}$

$$\vec{AD} = \langle x-1, y-1 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{BC} &= \vec{C} - \vec{B} = \langle 7-2, 4-4 \rangle \\ &= \langle 5, 0 \rangle\end{aligned}$$



$$\vec{AD} = \langle x-1, y-1 \rangle = \langle 5, 0 \rangle$$

$$x-1=5$$

$$y-1=0$$

$$x=6$$

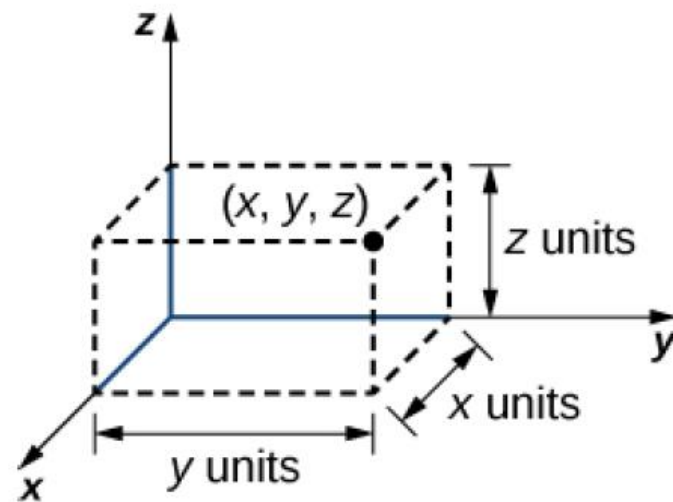
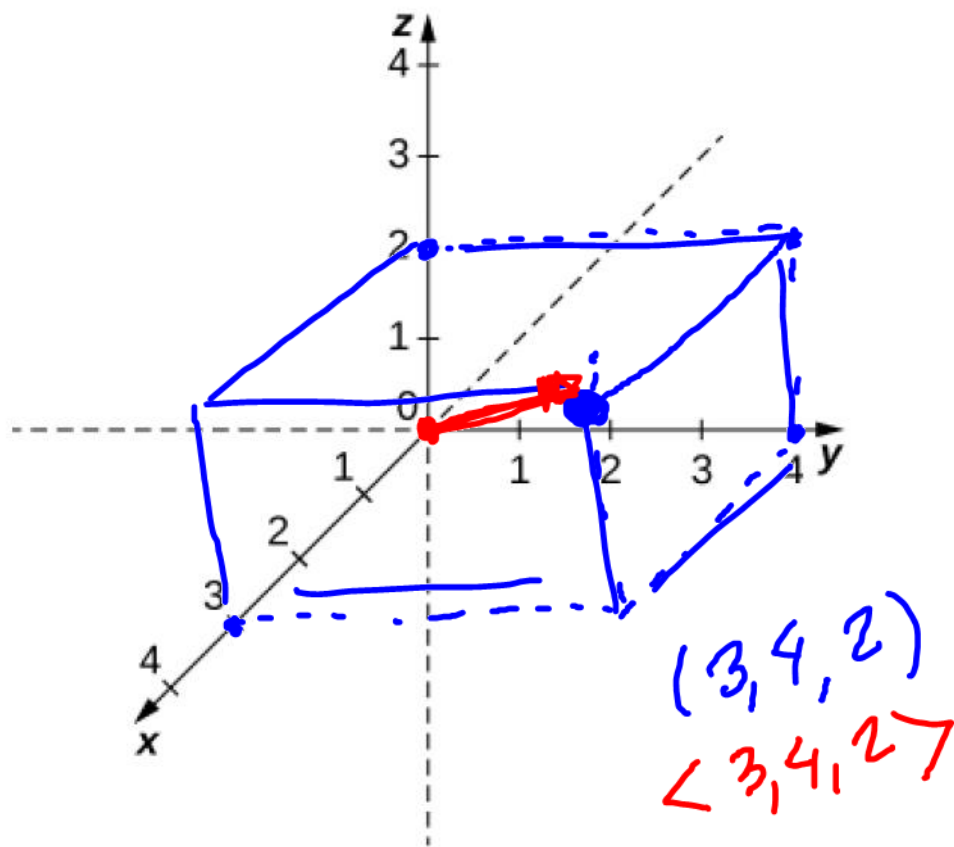
$$y=1$$

## Definition

The **three-dimensional rectangular coordinate system** consists of three perpendicular axes: the  $x$ -axis, the  $y$ -axis, and the  $z$ -axis. Because each axis is a number line representing all real numbers in  $\mathbb{R}$ , the three-dimensional system

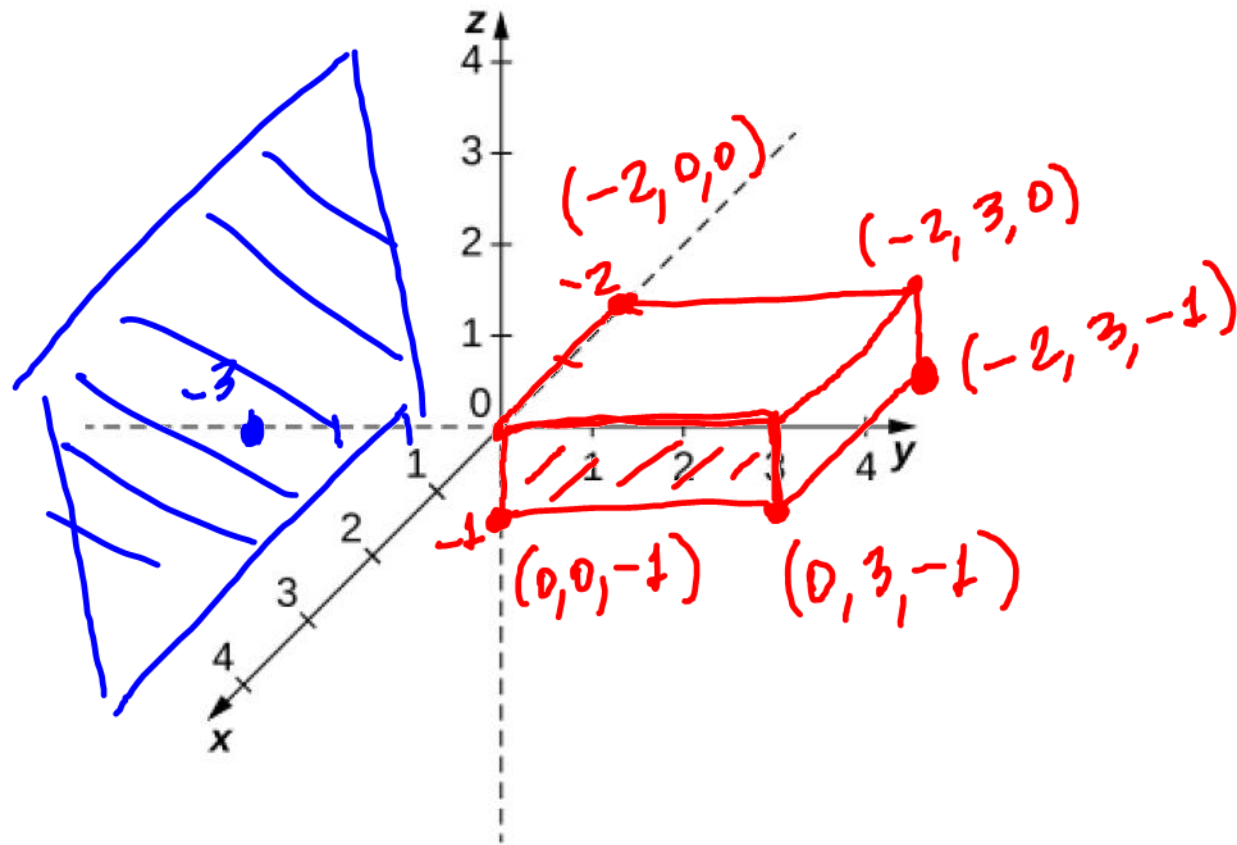
is often denoted by  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . *3-space*

*$\mathbb{R}^2$  plane*





2.11 Sketch the point  $(-2, 3, -1)$  in three-dimensional space.



$y = -3$  is a point in 2-dimension  
 $y = -3$  is a plane in 3-dimension  
( $x$  and  $z$  are free)  
( $x, -3, z$ )  
parallel to  $xz$  plane.

## Theorem 2.2: The Distance between Two Points in Space

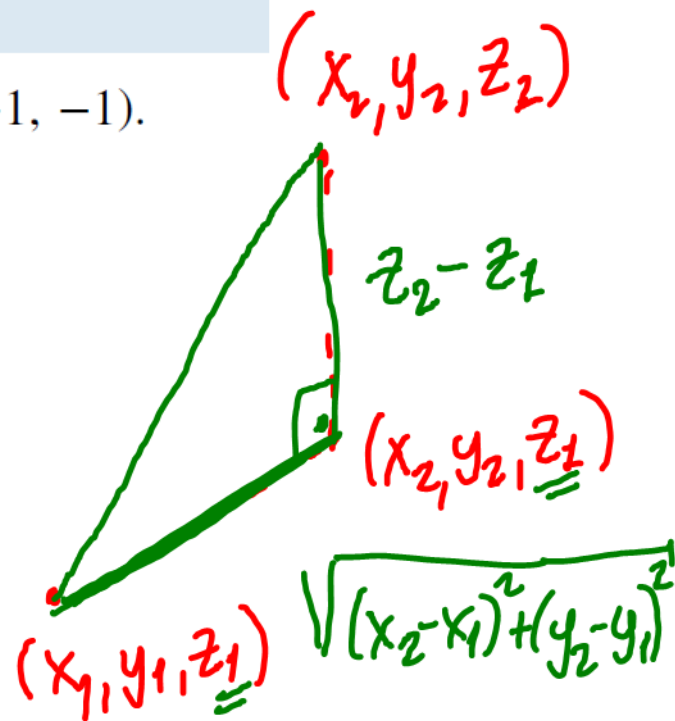
The distance  $d$  between points  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  is given by the formula

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}.$$



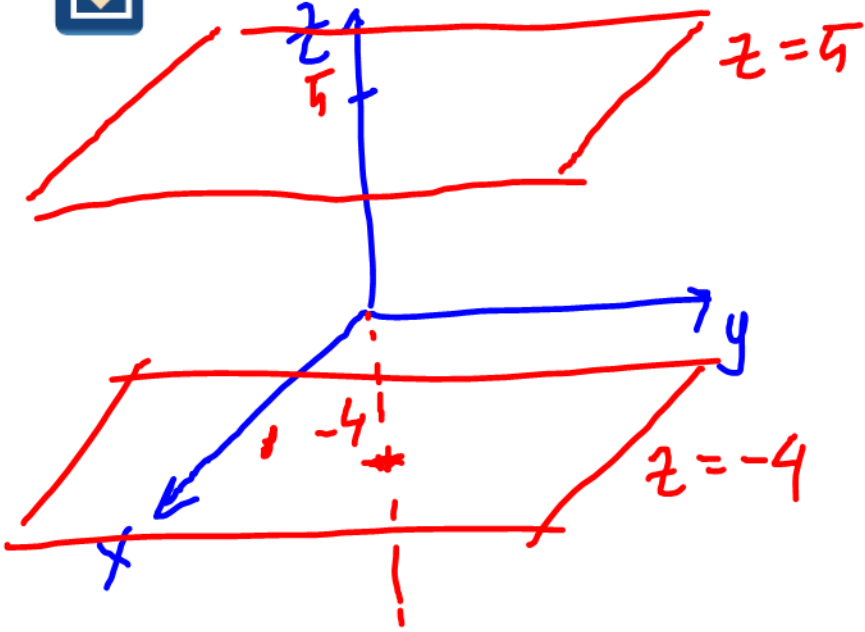
**2.12** Find the distance between points  $P_1 = (1, -5, 4)$  and  $P_2 = (4, -1, -1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(4-1)^2 + (-1-(-5))^2 + (-1-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 9^2} = \sqrt{90} = 9\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$





2.13 Write an equation of the plane passing through point  $(1, -6, -4)$  that is parallel to the  $xy$ -plane.



$z = a$  is a plane parallel to  $xy$ -plane.

$z = -4$  is the plane parallel to  $xy$ -plane  
it passes through  $(1, -6, -4)$

### Rule: Equation of a Sphere

The sphere with center  $(a, b, c)$  and radius  $r$  can be represented by the equation

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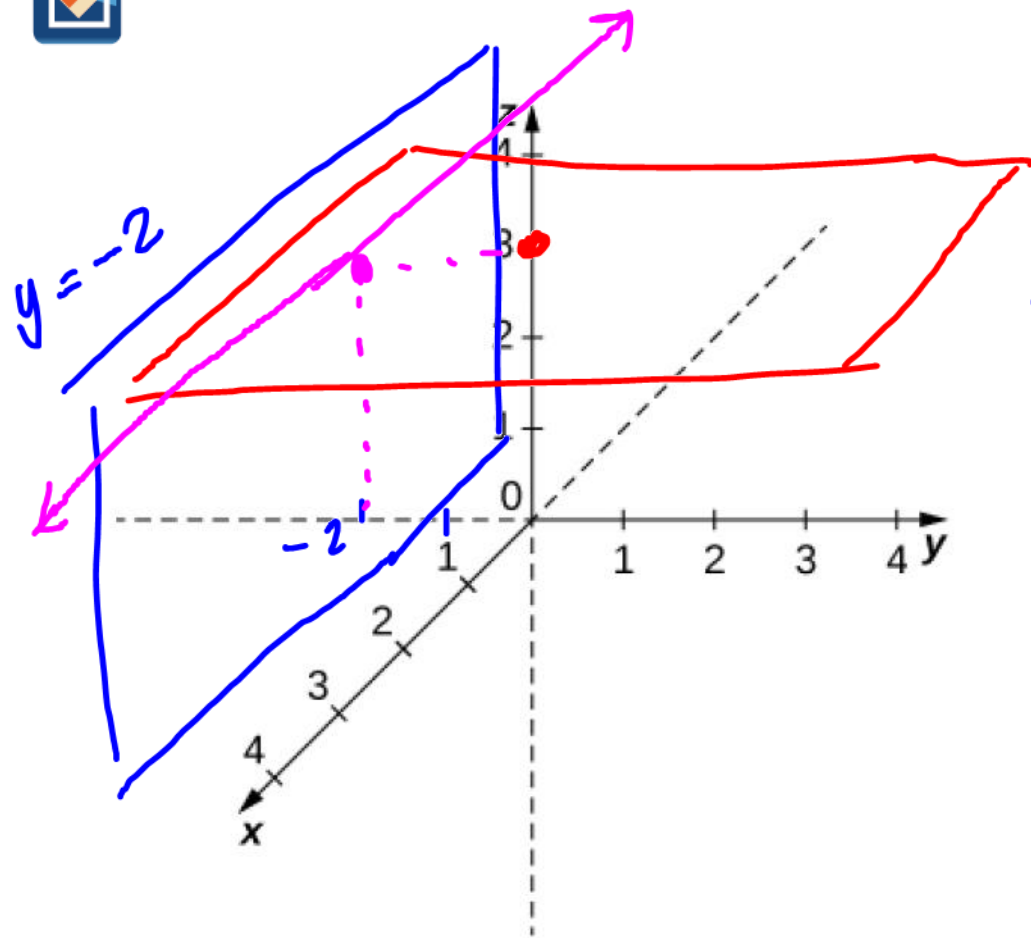
**2.14** Find the standard equation of the sphere with center  $(-2, 4, -5)$  containing point  $(4, 4, -1)$ .

$$r = |CP| = \sqrt{(4 - (-2))^2 + (4 - 4)^2 + (-1 - (-5))^2} = \sqrt{36 + 0 + 16} = \sqrt{52}$$

$$(x + 2)^2 + (y - 4)^2 + (z + 5)^2 = r^2 = 52$$



2.16 Describe the set of points that satisfies  $(y + 2)(z - 3) = 0$ , and graph the set.



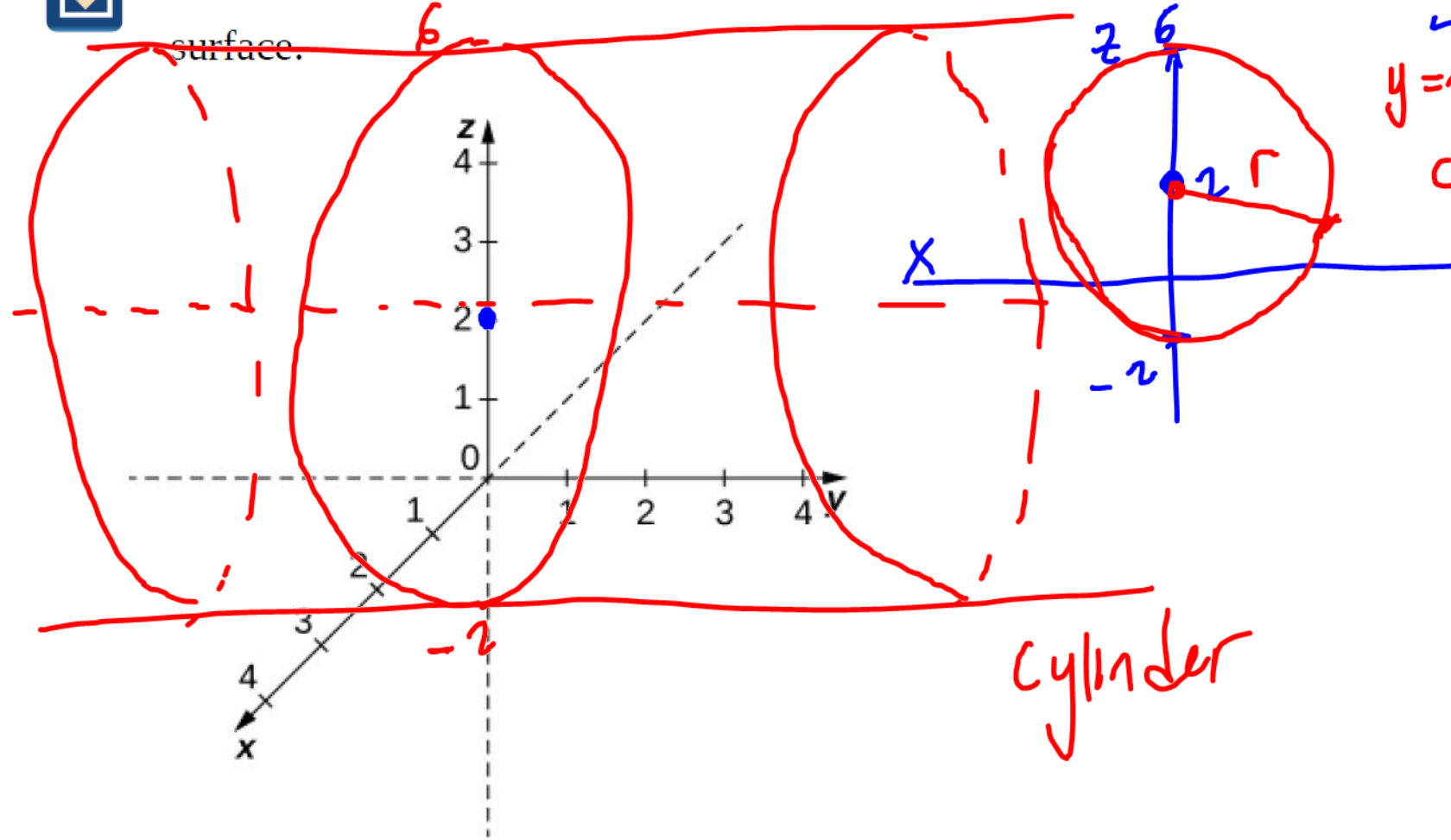
$$y + 2 = 0 \quad \text{OR} \quad z - 3 = 0$$

$y = -2$  OR  $z = 3$   
is a plane parallel  
to  $xy$ .  
plane  
parallel to  $xz$

$(x, -2, 3)$  is the intersection  
which is a line



2.17 Describe the set of points in three dimensional space that satisfies  $x^2 + (z - 2)^2 = 16$ , and graph the surface.



$y=0$  then it is a circle on xz-plane.



2.18 Let  $S = (3, 8, 2)$  and  $T = (2, -1, 3)$ . Express  $\vec{ST}$  in component form and in standard unit form.

$$\vec{ST} = \vec{T} - \vec{S} = \langle 2-3, -1-8, 3-2 \rangle$$

$$= \langle -1, -9, 1 \rangle$$

$$= -i - 9j + k$$

$$i = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$j = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$$

$$k = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

## Rule: Properties of Vectors in Space

Let  $\mathbf{v} = \langle x_1, y_1, z_1 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \langle x_2, y_2, z_2 \rangle$  be vectors, and let  $k$  be a scalar.

**Scalar multiplication:**  $k\mathbf{v} = \langle kx_1, ky_1, kz_1 \rangle$

**Vector addition:**  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = \langle x_1, y_1, z_1 \rangle + \langle x_2, y_2, z_2 \rangle = \langle x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2 \rangle$

**Vector subtraction:**  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w} = \langle x_1, y_1, z_1 \rangle - \langle x_2, y_2, z_2 \rangle = \langle x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2, z_1 - z_2 \rangle$

**Vector magnitude:**  $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2 + z_1^2}$

**Unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{v}$ :**  $\frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \langle x_1, y_1, z_1 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{x_1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}, \frac{y_1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}, \frac{z_1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \right\rangle$ , if  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$



2.19 Let  $\mathbf{v} = \langle -1, -1, 1 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle$ . Find a unit vector in the direction of  $5\mathbf{v} + 3\mathbf{w}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}5\mathbf{v} + 3\mathbf{w} &= 5\langle -1, -1, 1 \rangle + 3\langle 2, 0, 1 \rangle \\ &= \langle -5, -5, 5 \rangle + \langle 6, 0, 3 \rangle = \langle 1, -5, 8 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Unit vector  
in that  
direction.

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{\langle 1, -5, 8 \rangle}{\sqrt{1^2 + 5^2 + 8^2}} = \frac{\langle 1, -5, 8 \rangle}{\sqrt{1 + 25 + 64}} = \frac{\langle 1, -5, 8 \rangle}{3\sqrt{10}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{10}}{30} \langle 1, -5, 8 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{\sqrt{10}}{30}, -\frac{\sqrt{10}}{6}, \frac{4\sqrt{10}}{15} \right\end{aligned}$$

80.  $Q(0, 7, -6)$  and  $M(-1, 3, 2)$ , where  $M$  is the midpoint of the line segment  $PQ$

$P = ?$

$P(x, y, z)$

$$-1 = \frac{0+x}{2}$$

$$x = -2$$

$$3 = \frac{7+y}{2}$$

$$y = -1$$

$$2 = \frac{-6+z}{2}$$

$$z = 10$$

$$P(-2, -1, 10)$$

82. Find initial point  $P$  of vector  $\vec{PQ} = \langle -9, 1, 2 \rangle$  with the terminal point at  $Q(10, 0, -1)$ .

$$\vec{PQ} = \vec{Q} - \vec{P} = \langle 10, 0, -1 \rangle - \langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle -9, 1, 2 \rangle$$

$$\langle 10-x, -y, -1-z \rangle = \langle -9, 1, 2 \rangle$$

$$x = 19, y = -1, z = -3$$

109. The points  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are collinear (in this order) if the relation  $\|\vec{AB}\| + \|\vec{BC}\| = \|\vec{AC}\|$  is satisfied. Show that  $A(5, 3, -1)$ ,  $B(-5, -3, 1)$ , and  $C(-15, -9, 3)$  are collinear points.



110. Show that points  $A(1, 0, 1)$ ,  $B(0, 1, 1)$ , and  $C(1, 1, 1)$  are not collinear.