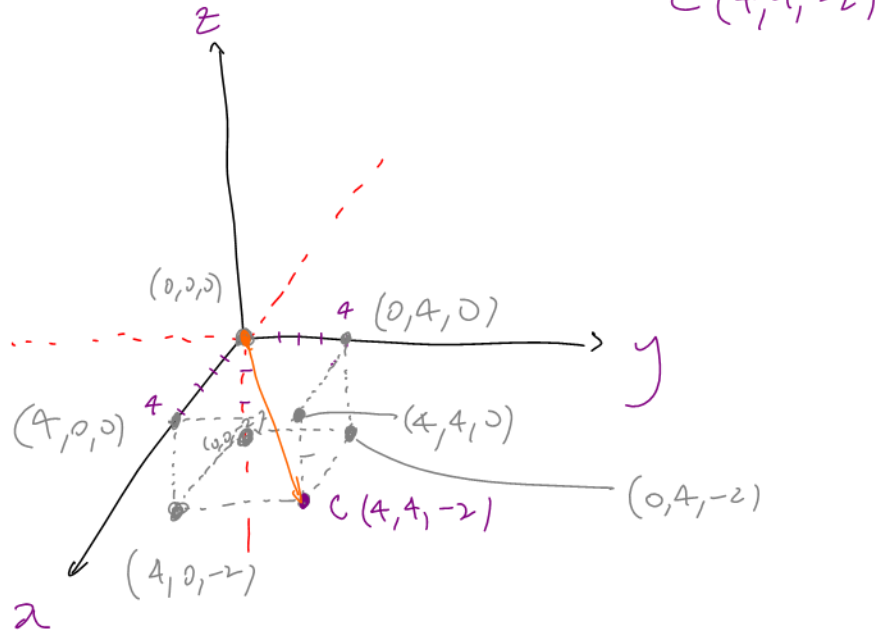
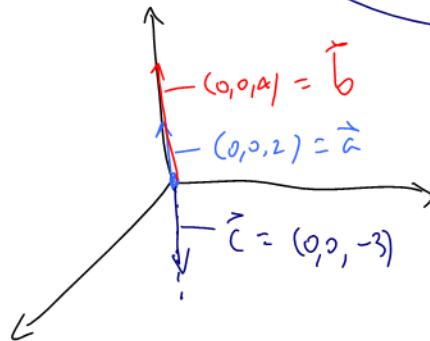


5. Locate the points  $A(4, -4, -2)$ ,  $B(-4, 4, 2)$ , and  $C(4, 4, -2)$  using coordinate axes that you construct yourself. Draw the corresponding rectangular box (prism) for each, and label the coordinates of its vertices.



7. a. Name three vectors with their tails at the origin and their heads on the  $z$ -axis.  
 b. Are the vectors you named in part a. collinear? Explain.



same "direction" (line)

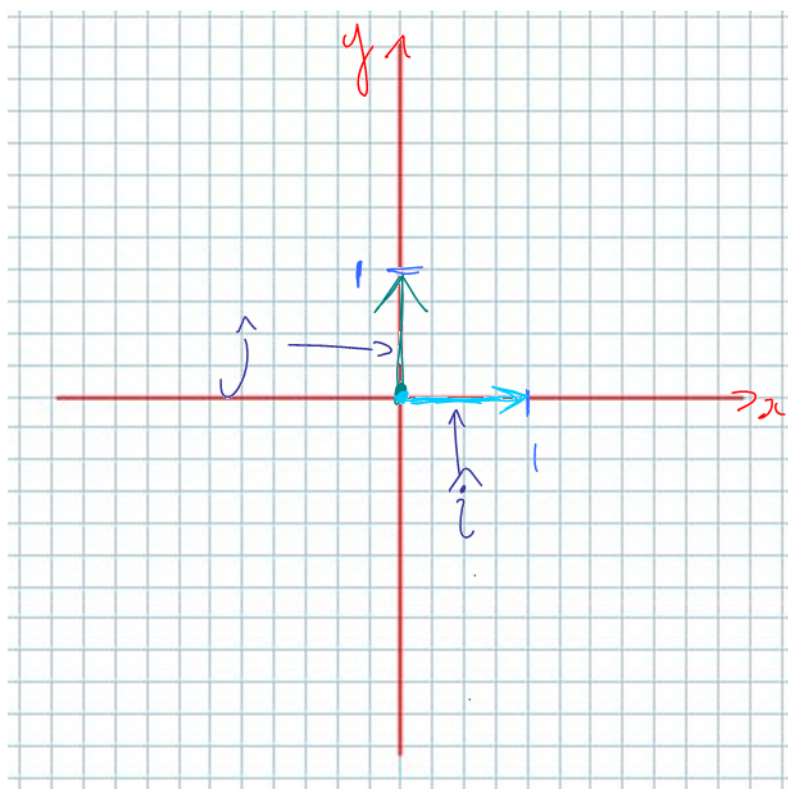
yes

$$\vec{b} = 2\vec{a}$$

$$\vec{c} = -\frac{3}{2}\vec{a}$$

## 6.6 Algebraic Operations with Vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$

We will begin by considering two **Very Special** vectors.



UNIT VECTORS

have a magnitude of 1

$$|\hat{i}| = 1$$

$$|\hat{j}| = 1$$

$$\hat{i} = (1, 0)$$

$$\hat{j} = (0, 1)$$

The Standard Unit Vectors are **beautiful** because they are so easy to “scale”. For example, consider the vector  $\vec{a} = (7, 0)$ . We can write

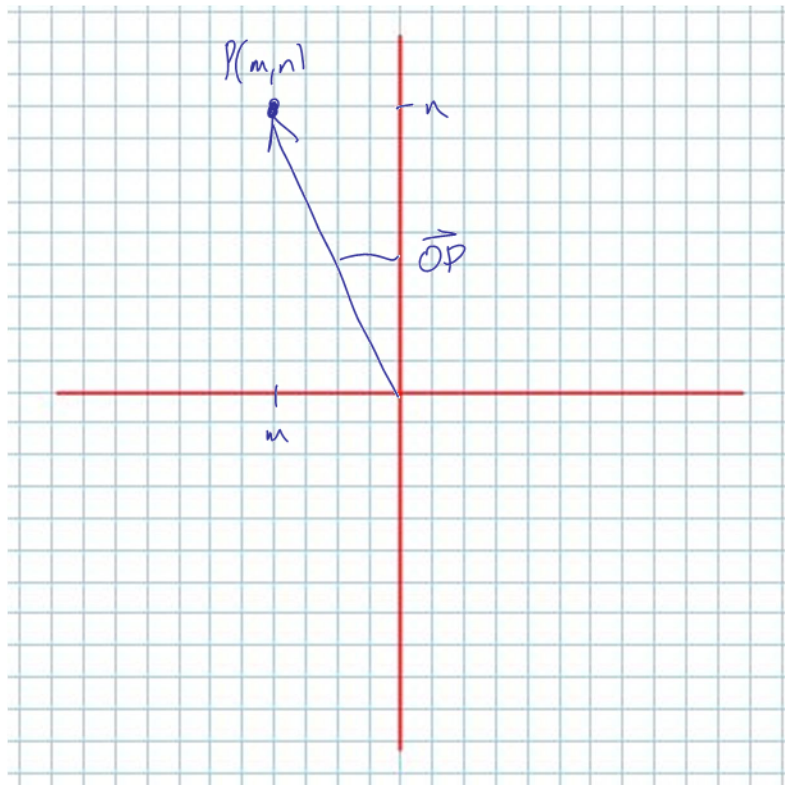
$$\vec{a} = 7\hat{i}$$

Another example would be rewriting  $\vec{b} = (0, -3)$  as

$$\vec{b} = -3\hat{j}$$

Consider the general position vector for  $\mathbb{R}^2$   $\vec{OP} = (m, n)$ , (where  $m, n \in \mathbb{R}$ ).

A picture:



$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OP} = (m, n) &= (m, 0) + (0, n) \quad \left( m(1, 0) + n(0, 1) \right) \\ &= m\hat{i} + n\hat{j} \quad \leftarrow\end{aligned}$$

## Huge Insight

All of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  can be obtained,  
constructed using the two standard unit  
vectors

We say **ANY** vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  can be uniquely written as a **Linear Combination** of the standard unit vectors.

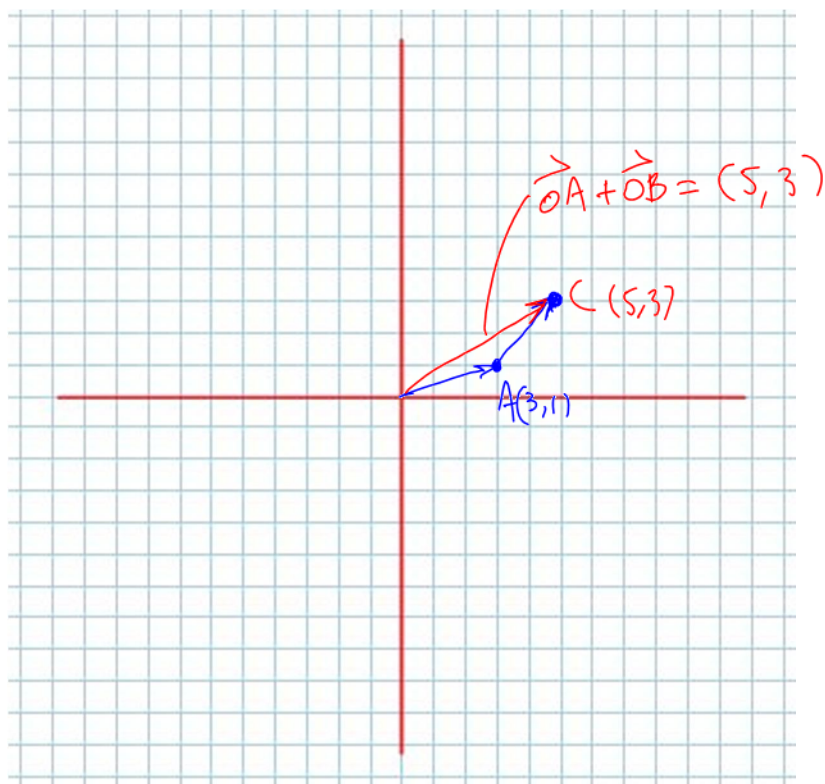
**Definition 6.6.1** Given vectors  $\vec{a} \div \vec{b}$  and scalars  $m, n$  we call the vector  $\vec{v} = m\vec{a} + n\vec{b}$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{a} \div \vec{b}$ . (Linear combos are constructed through scalar multiplication and addition)

### Adding Vectors Algebraically

#### Example 6.6.1

Given  $\vec{OA} = (3,1)$ , and  $\vec{OB} = (2,2)$ , determine  $\vec{OA} + \vec{OB}$

Picture



Algebraically

$$\vec{OA} + \vec{OB}$$

$$= (3,1) + (2,2)$$

$$= (5,3)$$

Note:

We add vectors **component-wise**

$\rightarrow (x \text{ component} + x \text{ component}, y \text{ component} + y \text{ component})$

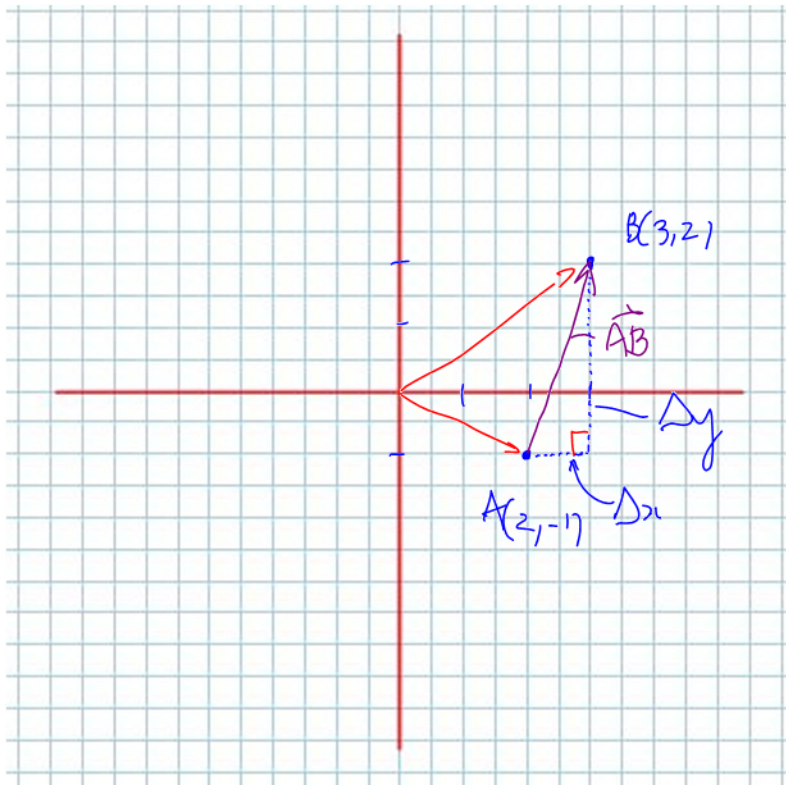
### Example 6.6.2

Given  $\vec{a} = (3, -5)$ , and  $\vec{b} = (-8, -2)$ , determine:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i) } \vec{a} + \vec{b} &= (3-8, -5-2) = (-5, -7) \\ \text{ii) } \vec{b} - \vec{a} &= (-8-3, -2+5) = (-11, +3) \end{aligned}$$

### Example 6.6.3 (this is an important one...well they all are, but this one especially)

Given the **points**  $A(2, -1)$  and  $B(3, 2)$ , draw vector  $\vec{AB}$  and determine its **components**.



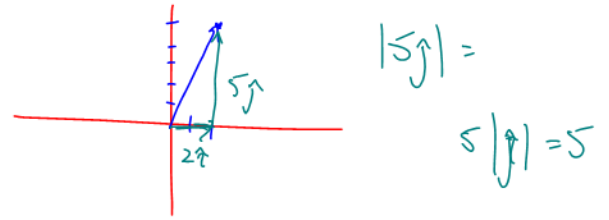
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AB} &= (1, 3) \\ &= (3-2, 2-(-1)) \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$  change in  $x$        $\uparrow$  change in  $y$

(head minus tail)

## Magnitude of a vector algebraically

Consider the position vector  $\vec{OA} = (2, 5)$ .



$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{OA}| &= \sqrt{2^2 + 5^2} \\ &= \sqrt{29} \approx 5.4 \end{aligned}$$

In general, for some vector  $\vec{AB}$  with endpoints  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$

$$\vec{AB} = (x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1)$$

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

Consider now a position vector  $\vec{a} = (x, y)$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

### Example 6.6.4

Given  $\vec{a} = (3, -1)$  and  $\vec{b} = (-2, 4)$  find  $|\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}|$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} - 2\vec{b} &= (3, -1) - 2(-2, 4) \\ &= (3, -1) - (-4, 8) \\ &= (7, -9) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}| = \sqrt{7^2 + (-9)^2} = \sqrt{130}$$

*Class/Homework for Section 6.6*

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