

7. Given $\vec{x} = 2\vec{i} - \vec{j}$ and $\vec{y} = -\vec{i} + 5\vec{j}$, find a vector equivalent to each of the following:

a. $3\vec{x} - \vec{y}$

b. $-(\vec{x} + 2\vec{y}) + 3(-\vec{x} - 3\vec{y})$

c. $2(\vec{x} + 3\vec{y}) - 3(\vec{y} + 5\vec{x})$

8. Using \vec{x} and \vec{y} given in question 7, determine each of the following:

a. $|\vec{x} + \vec{y}|$

b. $|\vec{x} - \vec{y}|$

c. $|2\vec{x} - 3\vec{y}|$

d. $|3\vec{y} - 2\vec{x}|$

$$\begin{aligned} 8b) \quad |\vec{x} - \vec{y}| &= |(2\vec{i} - \vec{j}) - (-\vec{i} + 5\vec{j})| \\ &= |3\vec{i} - 6\vec{j}| = |(3, -6)| \\ &= \sqrt{3^2 + (-6)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{45} = 3\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

13. Determine the value of x and y in each of the following:

a. $3(x, 1) - 5(2, 3y) = (11, 33)$

b. $-2(x, x + y) - 3(6, y) = (6, 4)$

$$13a) \quad 3(x, 1) - 5(2, 3y) = (11, 33)$$

$$\Rightarrow (3x, 3) - (10, 15y) = (11, 33)$$

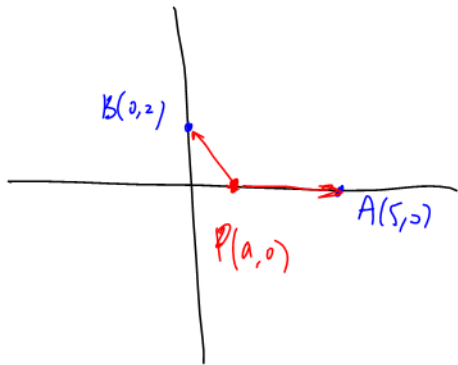
$$\Rightarrow (3x - 10, 3 - 15y) = (11, 33)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 3x - 10 &= 11 & 3 - 15y &= 33 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x &= 7 & y &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

15. $A(5, 0)$ and $B(0, 2)$ are points on the x - and y -axes, respectively.

- a. Find the coordinates of point $P(a, 0)$ on the x -axis such that $|\overrightarrow{PA}| = |\overrightarrow{PB}|$.
b. Find the coordinates of a point on the y -axis such that $|\overrightarrow{QB}| = |\overrightarrow{QA}|$.



$$\overrightarrow{PA} = (5-a, 0)$$

$$\overrightarrow{PB} = (-a, 2)$$

$$A(x_1, y_1)$$

$$B(x_2, y_2)$$

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

$$\text{We want } |\overrightarrow{PA}| = |\overrightarrow{PB}|$$

$$\Rightarrow |(5-a, 0)| = |(-a, 2)|$$

$$\sqrt{(5-a)^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{(-a)^2 + (2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (5-a)^2 = a^2 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 10a + 25 = a^2 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow -10a = -21$$

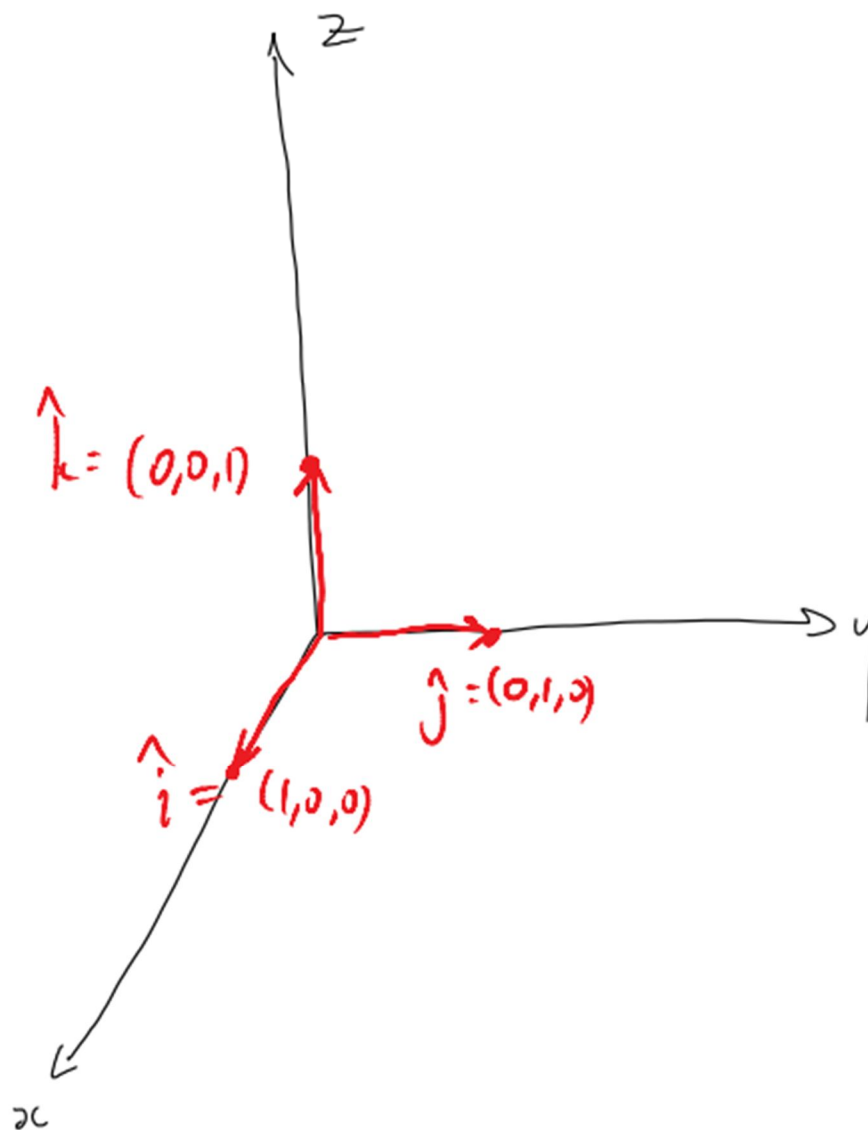
$$\Rightarrow a = 2.1$$

$\therefore P(2.1, 0)$ is our point.

6.7 Algebraic Operations with Vectors in \mathbb{R}^3

Today's lesson is an extension (into the third dimension...*ominous music plays*) of what we saw in section 6.6.

Consider the sketch:



We call the vectors \hat{i} , \hat{j} , and \hat{k} the STANDARD UNIT VECTORS for \mathbb{R}^3

Recall

$$\mathbb{R}^3 = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

As in \mathbb{R}^2 we have a **unique** association between points and position vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 . That is, given a point $P(a, b, c)$ we can uniquely define the position vector $\overrightarrow{OP} = (a, b, c)$. Furthermore, we can write \overrightarrow{OP} as a **linear combination** of the standard unit vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\overrightarrow{OP} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$$

Consider the **general** vector \overrightarrow{AB} in \mathbb{R}^3 where the points $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$, and $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ are the tail and tip of \overrightarrow{AB} respectively. We can write

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = (x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1)$$

Further, by Pythagorus,

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

Finally, for a general position vector $\vec{v} = (a, b, c)$

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

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