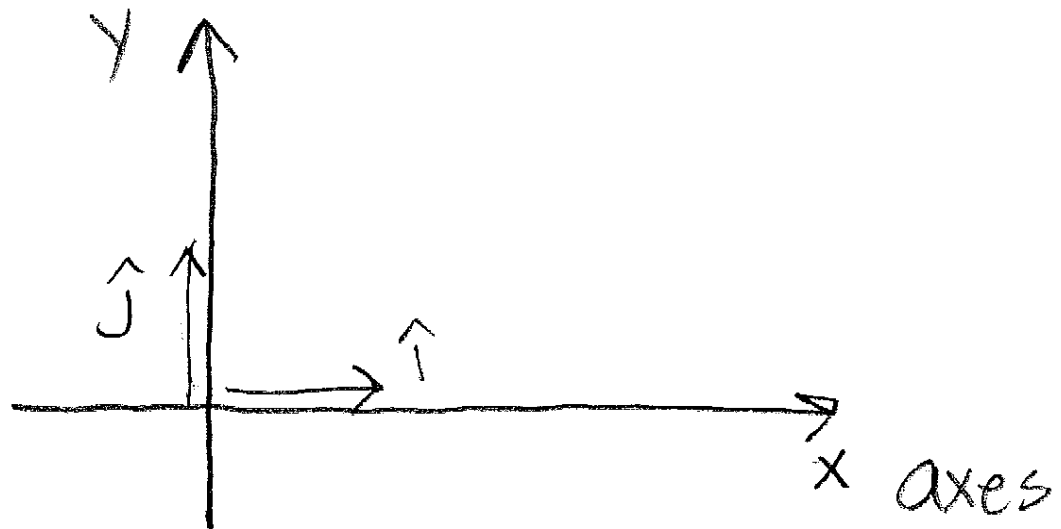


In 2-dimensions, we extend this concept to the \perp direction:



CAUTION + OPPORTUNITY

In any particular situation, one can choose x direction... need not be horizontal! Can also choose where origin is! Freedom = opportunity + danger

$\hat{i} \Rightarrow$ along $+x$ direction

$\hat{j} \Rightarrow$ along $+y$ direction. (\hat{y} too)

$$|\hat{i}| = |\hat{j}| = 1 \quad \text{no dimensions}$$

$$\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = |\hat{i}| |\hat{j}| \cos \theta = 0 = \hat{j} \cdot \hat{i}$$

$\theta = \pi/2$

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{j} = |\hat{i}| |\hat{j}| \sin \theta = +1$$

direction, right hand rule
out of page, +z

The base vector in the z direction
is called \hat{k}

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{j} \times \hat{i} = -\hat{k}$$

"normal order"
1 2 3

"flipped order"
2 1 3

also

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{array}$$

+ sign

$$\hat{k} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j}$$

$$\hat{j} \times \hat{k} = \hat{i}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{array}$$

- sign

$$\hat{k} \times \hat{j} = -\hat{i}$$

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{k} = -\hat{j}$$

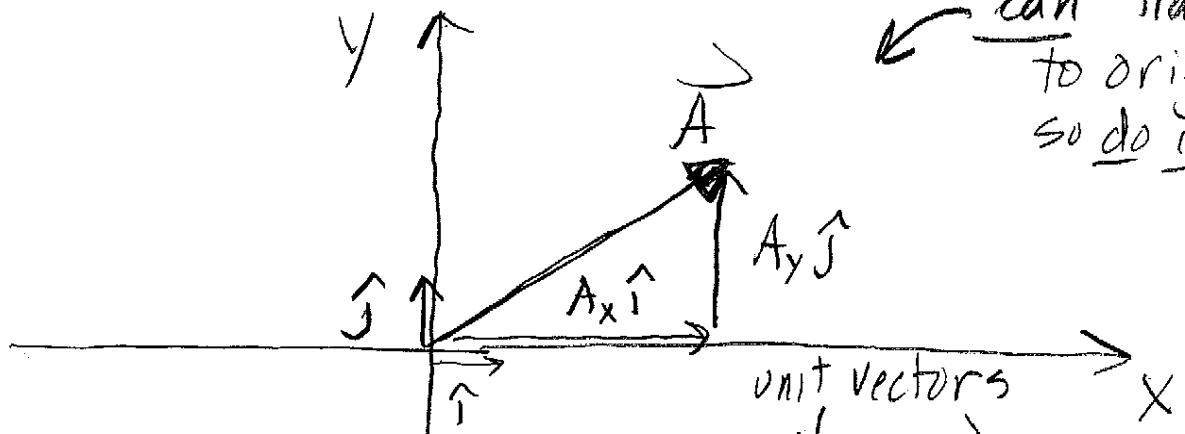
Vector Components

Geometric - • so far, this emphasized.

- conceptual
- independent of coordinate system

Algebraic - • depends on choice of coordinate system

Algebraic - practical



← can translate to origin so do it

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j}$$

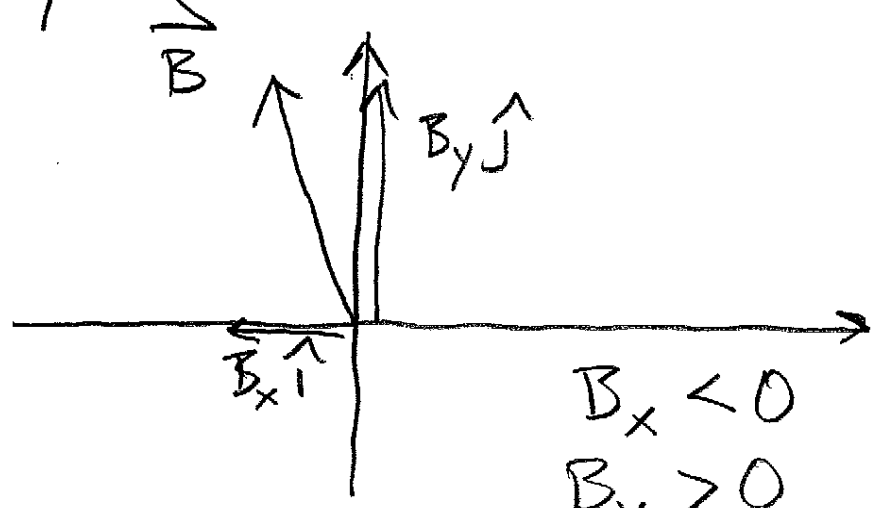
might have dimensions like length, etc

unit vectors

components with dimensions

As drawn, components are both > 0

They can be < 0 !



$$B_x < 0$$

$$B_y > 0$$

Sometimes, we make a row n-tuple or row vector

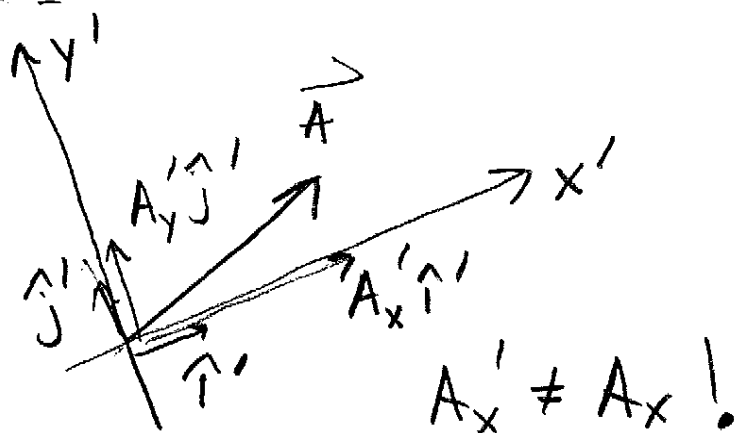
$$\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y) \quad \vec{B} = (B_x, B_y)$$

or, if you are in 3-dim...

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z) \text{ etc.}$$

Note, if a rotated coordinate system is used, a vector will have different coordinates + different base vectors



Components facilitate calculation:

Addition:
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} + \vec{B} &= A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k} \\ &\quad + B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} + B_z \hat{k} \\ &= (A_x + B_x) \hat{i} + (A_y + B_y) \hat{j} + (A_z + B_z) \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} + \vec{B} &= (A_x, A_y, A_z) + (B_x, B_y, B_z) \\ &= (A_x + B_x, A_y + B_y, A_z + B_z) \end{aligned}$$

Example: $\vec{A} = (3, 5, -7)$

p. 9, 1.5

$$\vec{B} = (2, 7, 1)$$

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = (3+2, 5+7, -7+1)$$

$$= (5, 12, -6)$$

$$\vec{A} - \vec{B} = (3-2, 5-7, -7-1)$$

$$= (1, -2, -8)$$

Dot Product: (revert back to components)

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}) \cdot (B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} + B_z \hat{k})$$

9 terms but

$$\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} = \hat{j} \cdot \hat{k} = \hat{j} \cdot \hat{i} = 0$$

et. cetera

3 remaining

6 terms 0

$$= A_x B_x \underbrace{\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}}_1 + A_y B_y \underbrace{\hat{j} \cdot \hat{j}}_1 + A_z B_z \underbrace{\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}}_1$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z \quad (\text{algebraic dot product})$$

Let's get the angle between $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$ using the fact that

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta = \text{angle between}$$

geometric dot product

First

$$|\vec{A}|^2 = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{A} = A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2$$

$$|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{3^2 + 5^2 + (-7)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{83} \approx 9.11$$

$$|\vec{B}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 7^2 + 1^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{54}$$

$$= 7.35$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 3 \cdot 2 + 5 \cdot 7 - 7 \cdot 1 = 34$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta$$

$$34 = 9.11 \cdot 7.35 \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{|\vec{A}| |\vec{B}|} = \frac{34}{9.11 \cdot 7.35}$$

$$\cos \theta = 0.507$$

$$\theta = 59.5^\circ = 1.04 \text{ radians}$$

Algebraic Cross Product

Stick with 2-d for \vec{A}, \vec{B}

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} \quad \vec{B} = B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j}) \times (B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j})$$

JUST ALGEBRA!

$$= A_x B_x (\hat{i} \times \hat{i}) + A_x B_y (\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) + (A_y B_x) \hat{j} \times \hat{i} + A_y B_y (\hat{j} \times \hat{j})$$

$$= 0 + A_x B_y (\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) + A_y B_x (\hat{j} \times \hat{i}) + 0$$

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{j} = +\hat{k}$$

$$\hat{j} \times \hat{i} = -\hat{k}$$

2-d:

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \hat{k} \quad \left\langle \begin{array}{l} \text{third dim} \\ \text{pops} \\ \text{out} \end{array} \right.$$

Suppose: $\vec{A} = (3, 5)$ $\vec{B} = (2, 7)$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (3 \cdot 7 - 5 \cdot 2) \hat{k}$$

$$= (21 - 10) \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = 11 \hat{k}$$