

# 11) Vectors

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# 11.1) Vectors

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## Worked example

$PQRS$  is a parallelogram.

$N$  is the point on  $SQ$  such that  $SN:NQ = 3:4$

$\overrightarrow{PQ} = \mathbf{b}$  and  $\overrightarrow{PS} = \mathbf{a}$

Express  $\overrightarrow{NR}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$

## Your turn

$PQRS$  is a parallelogram.

$N$  is the point on  $SQ$  such that  $SN:NQ = 3:2$

$\overrightarrow{PQ} = \mathbf{a}$  and  $\overrightarrow{PS} = \mathbf{b}$

Express  $\overrightarrow{NR}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$

$$\frac{2}{5}\mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{b}$$

## Worked example

$OAB$  is a triangle.

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{b} \text{ and } \overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{a}$$

$P$  is the point on  $AB$  such that  $AP:PB = 2:3$ .

Find  $\overrightarrow{OP}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$

## Your turn

$OAB$  is a triangle.

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a} \text{ and } \overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$$

$P$  is the point on  $AB$  such that  $AP:PB = 3:1$ .

Find  $\overrightarrow{OP}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$

$$\frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{b}$$

## Worked example

Show that the vectors are parallel:

$$3\mathbf{a} + 4\mathbf{b} \text{ and } 15\mathbf{a} + 20\mathbf{b}$$

$$3\mathbf{a} + 4\mathbf{b} \text{ and } -0.75\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$$

## Your turn

Show that the vectors are parallel:

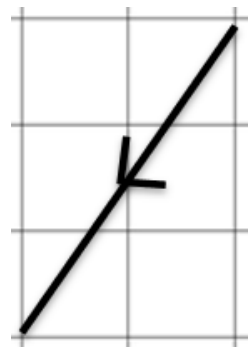
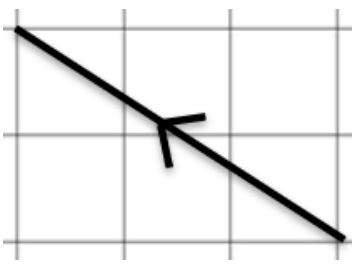
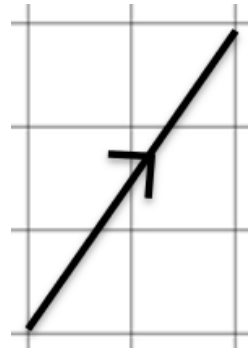
$$6\mathbf{a} + 8\mathbf{b} \text{ and } 9\mathbf{a} + 12\mathbf{b}$$

$$9\mathbf{a} + 12\mathbf{b} = \frac{3}{2}(6\mathbf{a} + 8\mathbf{b})$$

## 11.2) Representing vectors

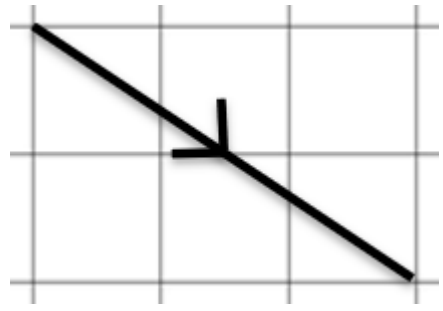
# Worked example

Represent in column vector form:



# Your turn

Represent in column vector form:



$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Worked example

Draw a diagram to represent the vector:

$$2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$$

$$-3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$$

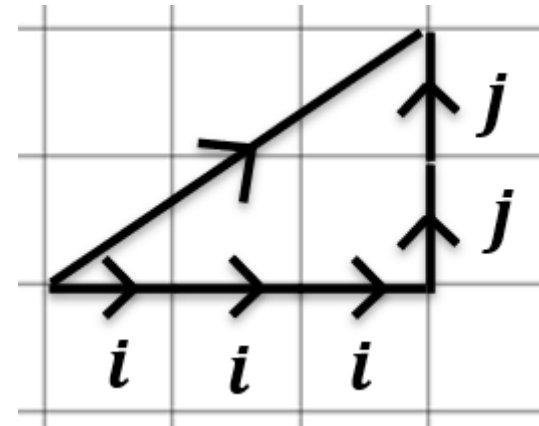
$$2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$$

$$-2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$$

## Your turn

Draw a diagram to represent the vector:

$$3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$$





## Worked example

Given  $\mathbf{a} = 8\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 9\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}$ , find:

- $4\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{a}$
- $-\mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}$

## Your turn

Given  $\mathbf{a} = 5\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$ , find:

- $2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$
- $-\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}$
- $7\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}$
- $-\frac{7}{2}\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$

## 11.3) Magnitude and direction

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## Worked example

Find the magnitude of the vector:

$$3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$$

$$-5\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j}$$

$$7\mathbf{i} - 24\mathbf{j}$$

## Your turn

Find the magnitude of the vector:

$$-6\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j}$$

$$10$$

## Worked example

Find a unit vector in the direction of:

$$\mathbf{a} = 8\mathbf{i} + 15\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = -9\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j}$$

## Your turn

Find a unit vector in the direction of:

$$\mathbf{c} = 3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{c}} = \frac{1}{5}(3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}) \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} 0.6 \\ -0.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Worked example

Given  $\mathbf{a} = 8\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 9\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}$ , find  
 $|2\mathbf{b} - 3\mathbf{a}|$

## Your turn

Given  $\mathbf{a} = 5\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$ , find:  
 $|4\mathbf{a} - 5\mathbf{b}|$

$$\sqrt{809}$$

## Worked example

Find the angle between the vector  $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$  and the positive  $y$ -axis.

## Your turn

Find the angle between the vector  $4\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}$  and the positive  $x$ -axis.

51.3° (3 sf)

## Worked example

Vector  $\mathbf{a}$  has magnitude 5 and make an angle of  $60^\circ$  with  $\mathbf{i}$ .

Find  $\mathbf{a}$  in  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}$  and column vector format.

## Your turn

Vector  $\mathbf{b}$  has magnitude 10 and make an angle of  $30^\circ$  with  $\mathbf{j}$ .

Find  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}$  and column vector format.

$$\mathbf{b} = 5\mathbf{i} + 5\sqrt{3}\mathbf{j} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 5\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Worked example

A vector  $\mathbf{a} = p\mathbf{i} + q\mathbf{j}$  has magnitude 68 and makes an angle  $\theta$  with the positive  $x$ -axis where  $\sin \theta = \frac{8}{17}$ . Find all the possible vectors

## Your turn

A vector  $\mathbf{a} = p\mathbf{i} + q\mathbf{j}$  has magnitude 26 and makes an angle  $\theta$  with the positive  $x$ -axis where  $\sin \theta = \frac{5}{13}$ . Find all the possible vectors

$$p = 10, q = 24$$

$$p = 10, q = -24$$

$$p = -10, q = 24$$

$$p = -10, q = -24$$



## Worked example

In triangle  $PQR$ ,  $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$  and  $\overrightarrow{PR} = 8\mathbf{i} - 15\mathbf{j}$ .

Find the area of triangle  $PQR$

## Your turn

In triangle  $PQR$ ,  $\overrightarrow{PQ} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$  and  $\overrightarrow{PR} = 9\mathbf{i} - 12\mathbf{j}$ .

Find the area of triangle  $PQR$

16.5

## 11.4) Position vectors

## Worked example

The points  $A$  and  $B$  have coordinates  $(2,5)$  and  $(6,13)$  respectively.

Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ :

- The position vector of  $A$
- The position vector of  $B$
- The vector  $\overrightarrow{AB}$

## Your turn

The points  $A$  and  $B$  have coordinates  $(3,4)$  and  $(11,2)$  respectively.

Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ :

- The position vector of  $A$
- The position vector of  $B$
- The vector  $\overrightarrow{AB}$

a)  $\overrightarrow{OA} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$

b)  $\overrightarrow{OB} = 11\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$

c)  $\overrightarrow{AB} = 8\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$

## Worked example

$\vec{OA} = 4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$  and  $\vec{AB} = 2\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$ . Find:

- The position vector of  $B$ .
- The exact value of  $|\vec{OB}|$  in simplified surd form.

## Your turn

$\vec{OA} = 5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$  and  $\vec{AB} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$ . Find:

- The position vector of  $B$ .
- The exact value of  $|\vec{OB}|$  in simplified surd form.

a)  $\vec{OB} = 8\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

b)  $2\sqrt{17}$

## 11.5) Solving geometric problems

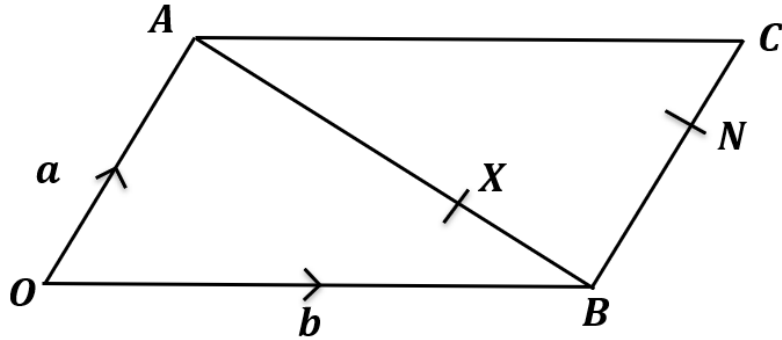
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## Worked example

$OACB$  is a parallelogram.

$X$  is a point on  $AB$  such that  $AX:XB = 2:1$ .  $N$  is the point such that  $NC$  is half of  $BN$ .

Show that  $\overrightarrow{XN}$  is parallel to  $\overrightarrow{OC}$ .

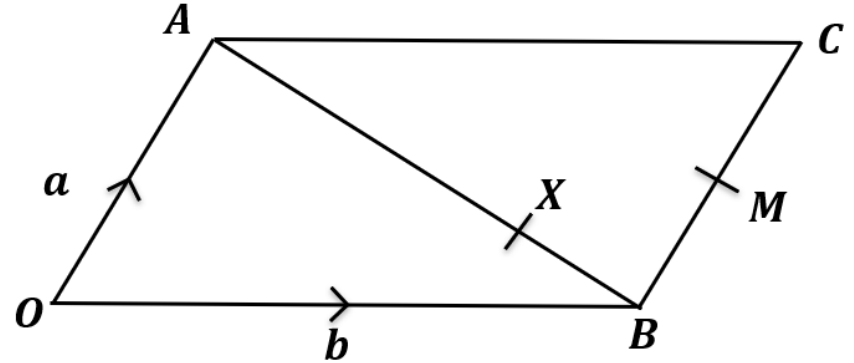


## Your turn

$OACB$  is a parallelogram.

$X$  is a point on  $AB$  such that  $AX:XB = 3:1$ .  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ .

Show that  $\overrightarrow{XM}$  is parallel to  $\overrightarrow{OC}$ .



Shown

## Worked example

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = 2\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} \text{ and } \overrightarrow{AC} = 3\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j}.$$

Determine  $\angle BAC$ .

## Your turn

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = 3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} \text{ and } \overrightarrow{AC} = \mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}.$$

Determine  $\angle BAC$ .

$45^\circ$

## 11.6) Modelling with vectors

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## Worked example

A girl walks 6 km due east from a fixed point  $O$  to  $A$ , and then 4 km due south from  $A$  to  $B$ . Find:

- the total distance travelled
- the position vector of  $B$  relative to  $O$
- $|\overrightarrow{OB}|$
- The bearing of  $B$  from  $O$ .

## Your turn

A girl walks 2 km due east from a fixed point  $O$  to  $A$ , and then 3 km due south from  $A$  to  $B$ . Find:

- the total distance travelled
- the position vector of  $B$  relative to  $O$
- $|\overrightarrow{OB}|$
- The bearing of  $B$  from  $O$ .

- 5 km*
- $(2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})$  km*
- 3.61 km (3 sf)*
- $146^\circ$  (3 sf)*

## Worked example

In an orienteering exercise, a cadet leaves the starting point  $O$  and walks 30 km on a bearing of  $150^\circ$  to reach  $A$ , the first checkpoint.

From  $A$  she walks 18 km on a bearing of  $210^\circ$  to the second checkpoint, at  $B$ .

From  $B$  she returns directly to  $O$ .

Find:

- the position vector of  $A$  relative to  $O$
- $|\overrightarrow{OB}|$
- the bearing of  $B$  from  $O$
- the position vector of  $B$  relative to  $O$ .

## Your turn

In an orienteering exercise, a cadet leaves the starting point  $O$  and walks 15 km on a bearing of  $120^\circ$  to reach  $A$ , the first checkpoint.

From  $A$  he walks 9 km on a bearing of  $240^\circ$  to the second checkpoint, at  $B$ .

From  $B$  he returns directly to  $O$ .

Find:

- the position vector of  $A$  relative to  $O$
- $|\overrightarrow{OB}|$
- the bearing of  $B$  from  $O$
- the position vector of  $B$  relative to  $O$ .

a)  $(13.0\mathbf{i} - 7.5\mathbf{j})$  km (1 dp)

b) 13.1 km (3 sf)

c)  $157^\circ$  (3 sf)

d)  $(5.2\mathbf{i} - 12.0\mathbf{j})$  km