

When you are done with your homework you should be able to...

- π Understand the three-dimensional rectangular coordinate system
- π Analyze vectors in space
- π Use three-dimensional vectors to solve real-life problems

Warm-up: Find the vector \mathbf{v} with magnitude 4 and the same direction as $\mathbf{u} = \langle -1, 1 \rangle$.

Constructing a three-dimensional coordinate system:

- Taken as pairs, the axes determine three coordinate planes: the xy -plane, the xz -plane, and the yz -plane
 - These planes separate the three-space into _____ octants
- In this three-dimensional system, a point P in space is determined by and ordered _____, denoted _____
 - x = directed distance from yz -plane to P
 - y = directed distance from xz -plane to P
 - z = directed distance from xy -plane to P

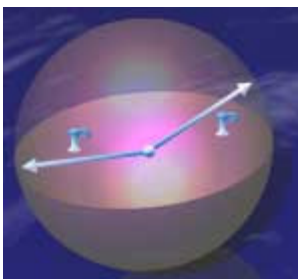
- A three-dimensional coordinate system can either have a **left-handed** or **right-handed** orientation
 - The right-handed system has the right hand pointing along the x -axis
 - Our text uses the right-handed system

Example 1: Draw a three-dimensional coordinate system and plot the following points: $A(1, 0, 4)$, $B(-2, 3, 1)$ and $C(-2, -1, -4)$

THE DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO POINTS IN SPACE

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

Example 2: Find the standard equation of the sphere that has the points $(0, 1, 3)$ and $(-2, 4, 2)$ as endpoints of a diameter.



DEFINITIONS OF VECTOR ADDITION AND SCALAR MULTIPLICATION

Let $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ be vectors in space and let c be a scalar.

1. *Equality of Vectors.* $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$ if and only if $u_1 = v_1$, $u_2 = v_2$, and $u_3 = v_3$.
2. *Component Form.* If \mathbf{v} is represented by the directed line segment from $P(p_1, p_2, p_3)$ to $Q(q_1, q_2, q_3)$, then $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle = \langle q_1 - p_1, q_2 - p_2, q_3 - p_3 \rangle$
3. *Length.* $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2}$ is the length of the vector $-\mathbf{v} = (-1)\mathbf{v} = \langle -v_1, -v_2 \rangle$.
4. *Unit Vector in the Direction of \mathbf{v} .* $\frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$, $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$
5. *Vector Addition.* $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} = \langle v_1 + u_1, v_2 + u_2, v_3 + u_3 \rangle$
6. *Scalar Multiplication.* $c\mathbf{v} = \langle cv_1, cv_2, cv_3 \rangle$

Example 3: Find the component form of the vector \mathbf{v} that has initial point $(-1, 6, 4)$ and terminal point $(0, -5, 3)$. Find a unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{v} .

DEFINITION: PARALLEL VECTORS

Two nonzero vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are parallel if there is some scalar c such that

$$\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{v}.$$

Example 4: Vector \mathbf{z} has initial point $(5, 4, 1)$ and terminal point $(-2, -4, 4)$. Determine which of the vectors is parallel to \mathbf{z} .

a) $\langle 7, 6, 2 \rangle$

b) $\langle 14, 16, -6 \rangle$

Example 5: Find the component form of the unit vector \mathbf{v} in the direction of the diagonal of the cube shown in the figure.