

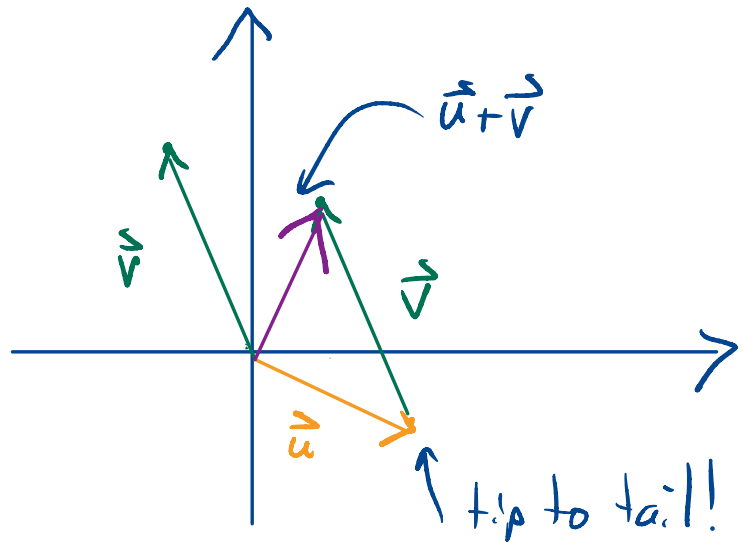
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1. Find the sum of the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, -1 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle -1, 3 \rangle$  and illustrate this operation geometrically.

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \langle 2, -1 \rangle + \langle -1, 3 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 1, 2 \rangle$$



2. A model rocket experiences a force due to gravity  $\mathbf{W} = \langle 0, -1 \rangle$  pounds and a force from its engine  $\mathbf{F} = \langle 1, 5 \rangle$  pounds. Find the total force vector  $\mathbf{T}$  acting on the rocket and the total scalar amount of force as well. Units please.

$$\vec{T} = \vec{W} + \vec{F} = \langle 0, -1 \rangle + \langle 1, 5 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 1, 4 \rangle \text{ lb}$$

$$\|\vec{T}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{17} \text{ lb}$$

3. Find the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, 2, 3 \rangle$ . You are welcome to leave your answer in terms of an inverse trig function.

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 2 + 4 + 3 = 9$$

$$\|\vec{a}\|^2 = 1 + 4 + 1 = 6$$

$$\|\vec{b}\|^2 = 4 + 4 + 9 = 17$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\|}$$

$$\theta = \arccos \left( \frac{9}{\sqrt{6} \sqrt{17}} \right)$$

4. For the same vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, 2, 3 \rangle$  as in the previous problem, compute the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{a}$  onto  $\mathbf{b}$ . Using your book's notation, this projection is  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{a}$ . You do not need to simplify your work, but your answer must be in a form where a person with a calculator could easily compute the numerical values of the components of the vector. Note that you may have already done some of the computations needed to solve this problem...

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{b}} \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{\|\vec{b}\|^2} \vec{b} = \frac{9}{17} \vec{b} \quad (\text{from above!})$$

$$= \frac{9}{17} \langle 2, 2, 3 \rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{18}{17}, \frac{18}{17}, \frac{27}{17} \right\rangle$$