

## 2A: Introduction to Vectors

Arrows are used to illustrate vectors, arrows of same length and direction are the same vector (location doesn't matter)

vector can be written column  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  with mag  $\sqrt{x^2+y^2}$

$\vec{AB}$  is a vector then  $|\vec{AB}|$  is its magnitude.

Sample e.g. let  $\underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

find  $\underline{u} + \underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\underline{v} - \underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$

$|\underline{v}| = \sqrt{29}$

$-5\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -25 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$

If  $\underline{v}$  is parallel to  $\underline{u}$ , then  $\underline{v} = k\underline{u}$

A position vector  $\vec{OA}$  uses  $O$  as the origin and defines the point  $A$ .

In three dimensions use  $\underline{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\underline{a} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$

e.g.  $\triangle ABC$   $OA = a$   $OB = b$   $OC = c$

$M, N, P$  midpoints

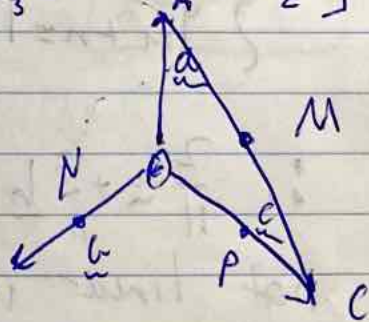
$AC = AO + OC = c - a$

$OM = OA + \frac{1}{2}AC = \frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{2}c$

$CN = \frac{1}{2}b + c$

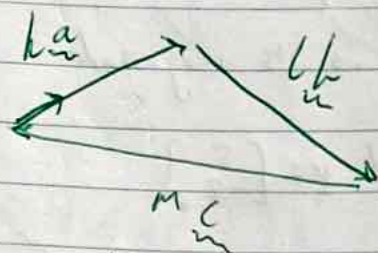
~~$MM$~~   $MP = MC + CN = \frac{1}{2}(c-a) + \frac{1}{2}b - c = \frac{1}{2}(b-a-c)$

$MP = \frac{1}{2}(b-a-c) - \frac{1}{2}c = \boxed{-\frac{1}{2}a}$



## 2A: Linear Independence

If a set of vectors are linearly dependent then one can be expressed as a linear combination of the others. This means there is a solution to  $k\underline{a} + l\underline{b} + m\underline{c} = \underline{0}$  other than  $k=l=m=0$ .



E.g.  $\underline{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\underline{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$  are linearly dependent since  $c = 2a + b$   $2\underline{a} + \underline{b} - \underline{c} = \underline{0}$  **DEPENDANT**

STEPS: First  $\rightarrow$  Find  $m, n$  s.t.

$$m\underline{a} + n\underline{b} = \underline{c}$$

e.g. Determine when linearly dependent

$$\underline{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{let } m\underline{a} + n\underline{b} = \underline{c}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3m - 2n = 0 \\ 4m + n = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \parallel m = 2 \quad n = \frac{3}{2} \\ \parallel m = \frac{2}{11} \quad n = \frac{1}{11} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2}{11}\underline{a} + \frac{3}{11}\underline{b} = \underline{c}$$

not linear independent.

HAVE TO DEFINE FOR  $m\underline{a} + n\underline{b} = \underline{c}$

$\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}$  non-parallel let there exist  $m, n \in \mathbb{K} \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $\underline{c} = m\underline{a} + n\underline{b}$ .

e.g. let  $a = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$   $b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$   $c = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Let  $ma + nb = c$

$$\begin{cases} 3m + 2n = -1 \\ 4m + n = 0 \\ -m + 3n = 1 \end{cases}$$

$5m = 1$

$m = \frac{1}{5}, n = -\frac{4}{5}$

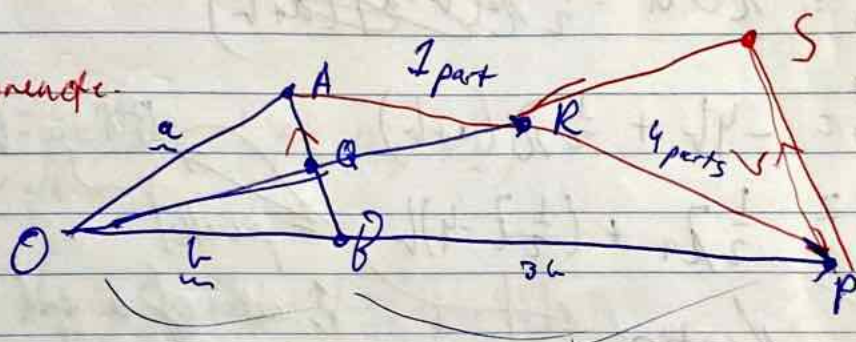
Sub into (3)

$-\frac{1}{5} + 3(-\frac{4}{5}) = -\frac{13}{5} \neq 1$

$\therefore$  No values of  $m, n$  can be found  $\therefore$  linearly independent.

If two work but doesn't sub into the third they are independent.

e.g. in one go



e.g. find in terms of  $a, b$

$\vec{OQ}$   $\vec{AB} = b - a$   $\vec{OQ} = \vec{OA} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{AB}$   $\frac{a + \frac{1}{2}(b-a)}{\frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{2}b}$

$\vec{OR}$   $\vec{OR} = \frac{8}{5}\vec{OQ}$   $\vec{OR} = \frac{8}{5}(\frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{2}b)$   $\vec{OR} = \frac{4}{5}a + \frac{4}{5}b$

$\vec{AR}$   $\vec{AR} = \vec{AO} + \vec{OR}$   $-a + \frac{4}{5}a + \frac{4}{5}b = -\frac{1}{5}a + \frac{4}{5}b$

$\vec{RP}$   $\vec{RP} = -\vec{OR} + \vec{OP}$   $-\frac{4}{5}a + \frac{4}{5}b + 4b = -\frac{4}{5}a + \frac{16}{5}b$