

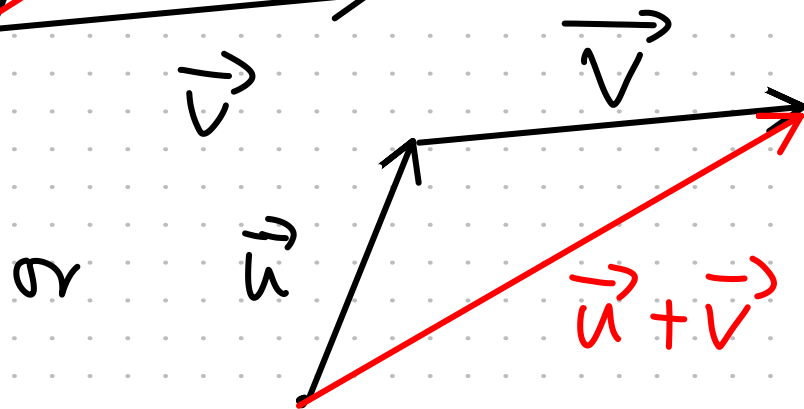
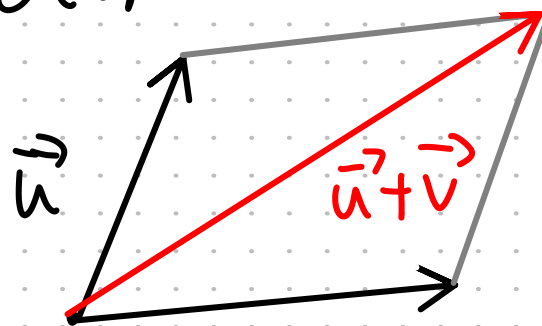
# MATH\_20C\_Lecture\_2

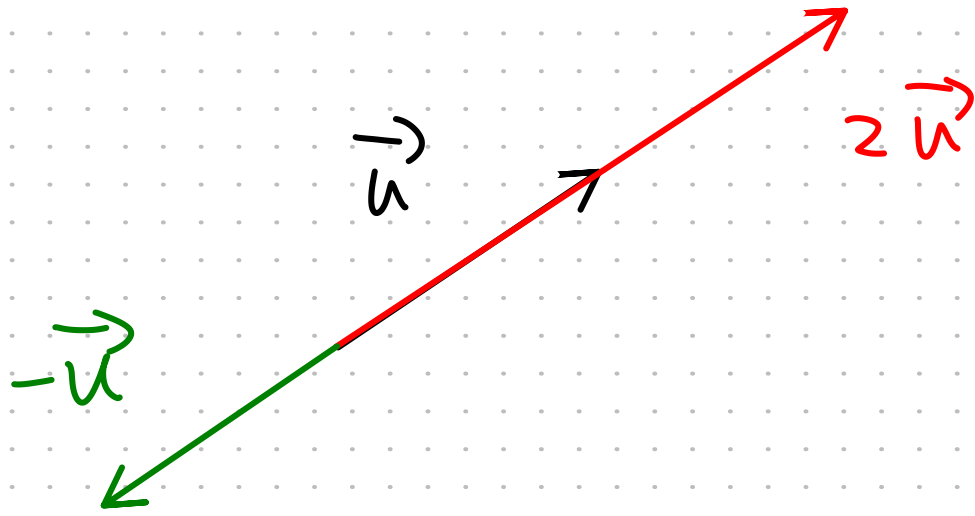
Goal: finish 12.1: 2D vectors

Start 12.2: 3D space

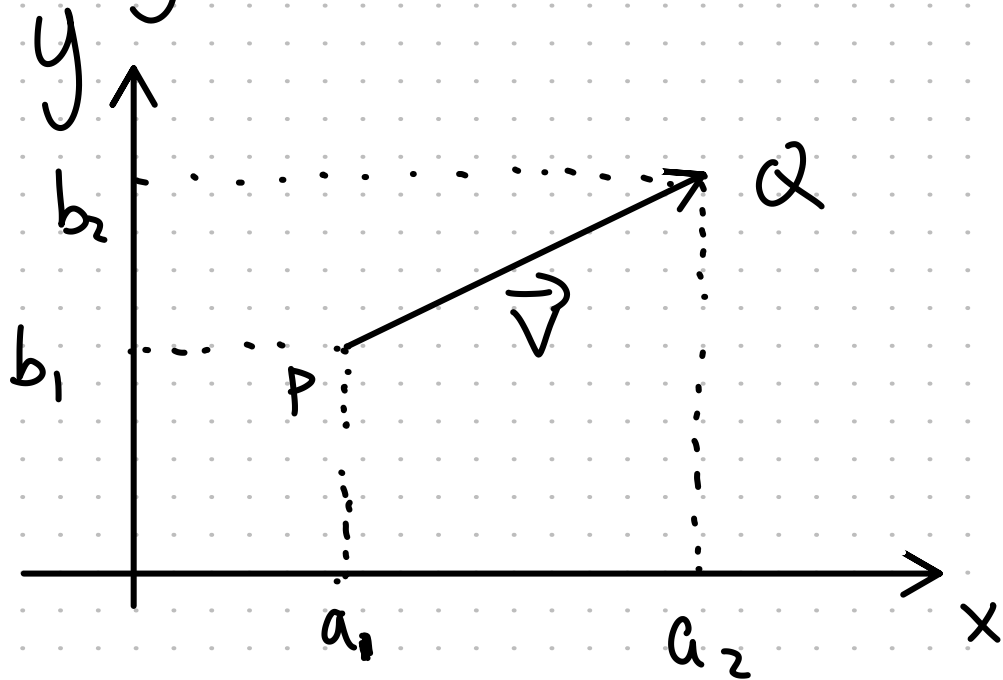
Last time: 2D vector

Geometry:





Algebraic description:

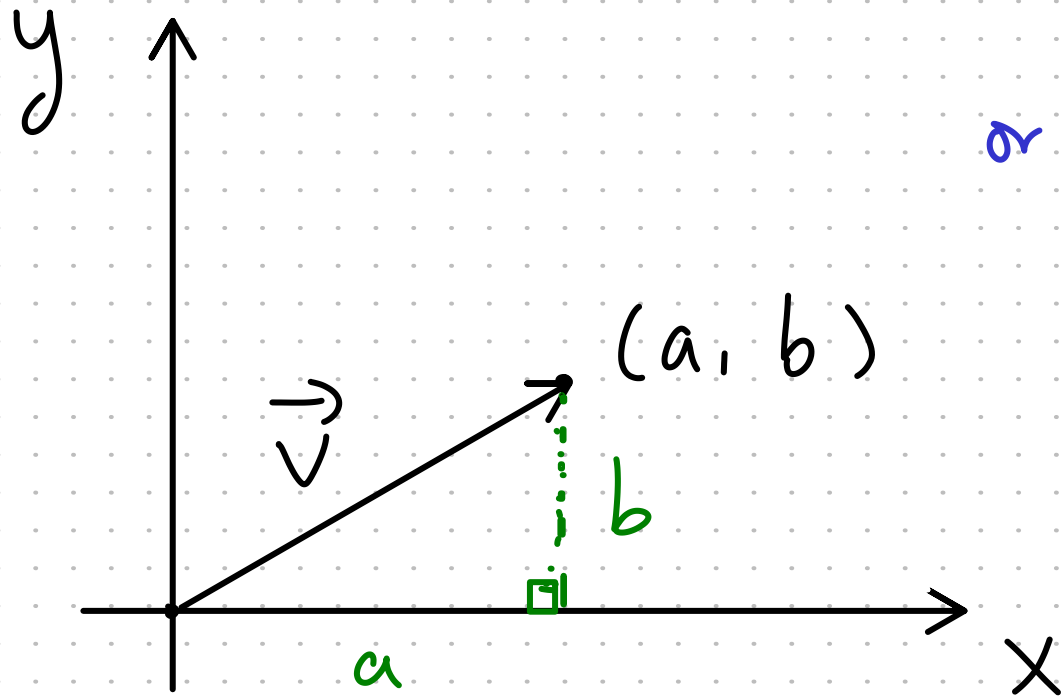


$$P = (a_1, b_1)$$

$$Q = (a_2, b_2)$$

$$\vec{V} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$$

$$= \langle a_2 - a_1, b_2 - b_1 \rangle$$



X-coordinate  
or X-component

Y-coordinate  
or  
Y-component

$$\vec{V} = \langle a, b \rangle$$

$\vec{V} = \langle a, b \rangle$  is the position vector  
of  $(a, b)$

length / magnitude / norm of

$\vec{v} = \langle a, b \rangle$  is defined by

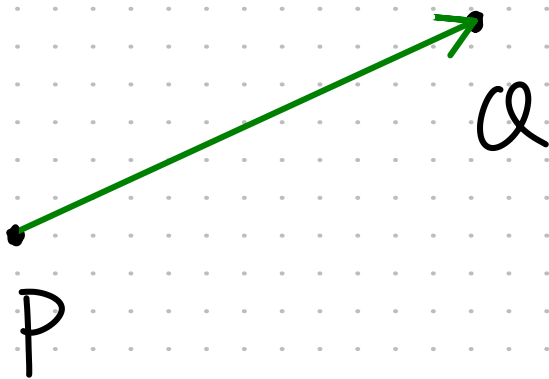
$$\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

Ex:  $P = (3, 7)$ ,  $Q = (6, 5)$

compute the distance from P to Q

sol: distance =  $\|\vec{PQ}\|$

$$\vec{PQ} = \langle 6 - 3, 5 - 7 \rangle$$



$$= \langle 3, -2 \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{PQ}\| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{9+4} = \sqrt{13}$$

Exercise: use  $\vec{QP}$  to compute the distance.

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vector operations

$$\vec{v} = \langle a, b \rangle, \quad \vec{w} = \langle c, d \rangle$$

$$(1) \quad \vec{v} + \vec{w} = \langle a+c, b+d \rangle$$

$$(2) \quad \vec{v} - \vec{w} = \langle a-c, b-d \rangle$$

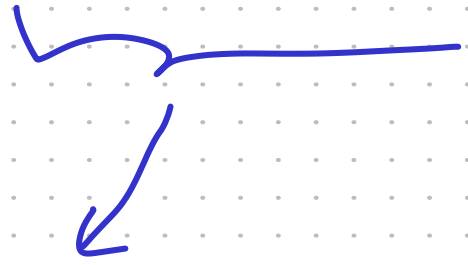
$$(3) \quad \lambda \vec{v} = \langle \lambda a, \lambda b \rangle \quad \lambda \text{ scalar}$$

$$(4) \quad \vec{v} + \vec{0} = \vec{0} + \vec{v} = \vec{v}$$

$$\vec{0} = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\text{Ex: } \vec{v} = \langle 1, 4 \rangle, \quad \vec{w} = \langle 2, 3 \rangle$$

$$3\vec{v} - 2\vec{w} = 3\langle 1, 4 \rangle - 2\langle 2, 3 \rangle$$



$$= \langle 3, 12 \rangle - \langle 4, 6 \rangle$$

linear

combination

of  $\vec{v}$ ,  $\vec{w}$

$$= \langle 3-4, 12-6 \rangle$$

$$= \langle -1, 6 \rangle$$

properties

$\vec{u}$ ,  $\vec{v}$ ,  $\vec{w}$

vectors

Commutative:

$$\vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{w} + \vec{v}$$

associative

$$(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$$

distributive

$$\lambda(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \lambda\vec{v} + \lambda\vec{w}$$

for scalar mult.

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**Def**

A linear combination of  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$

is a vector of the form

$$r\vec{v} + s\vec{w} \quad \text{where } r, s \text{ are}$$

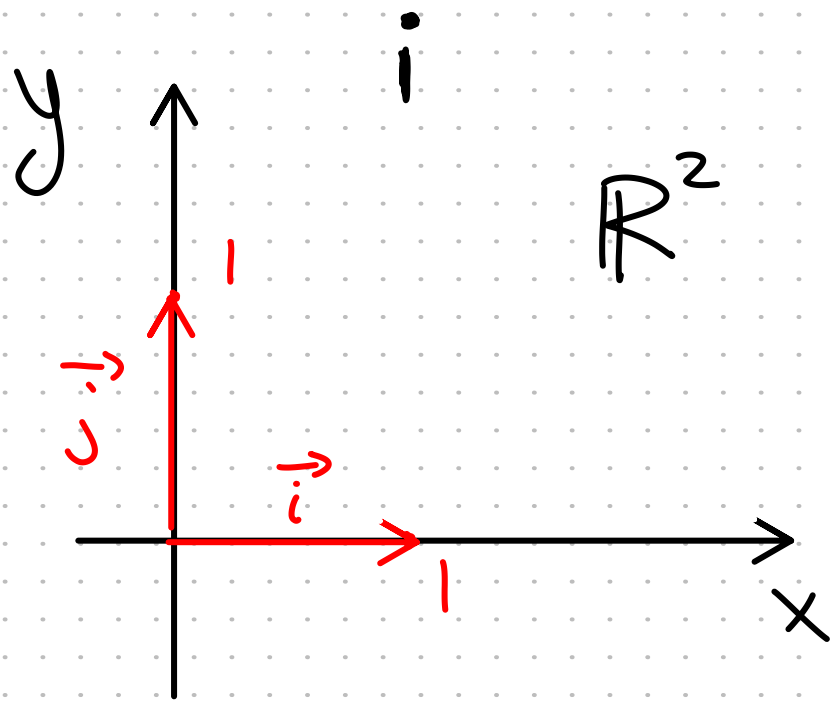
scalars.

e.g.  $2\vec{v} + 3\vec{w}$ ,  $5\vec{v} - \vec{w}$



or  $\vec{v}$ , or  $-\vec{v} + 3\vec{w}$

Ex:  $\vec{i} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$



$\vec{i}$ ,  $\vec{j}$  are called  
Standard basis  
vectors.

Fact: Any vector on the 2D  
plane (i.e.  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) is a unique

linear comb. of  $\vec{i}$  and  $\vec{j}$

$$\vec{v} = \langle a, b \rangle = a\vec{i} + b\vec{j}$$

check:  $a\vec{i} + b\vec{j}$

$$= a\langle 1, 0 \rangle + b\langle 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$= \langle a, 0 \rangle + \langle 0, b \rangle$$

$$= \langle a+0, 0+b \rangle$$

$$= \langle a, b \rangle$$

e.g.  $\langle 1, 2 \rangle = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$

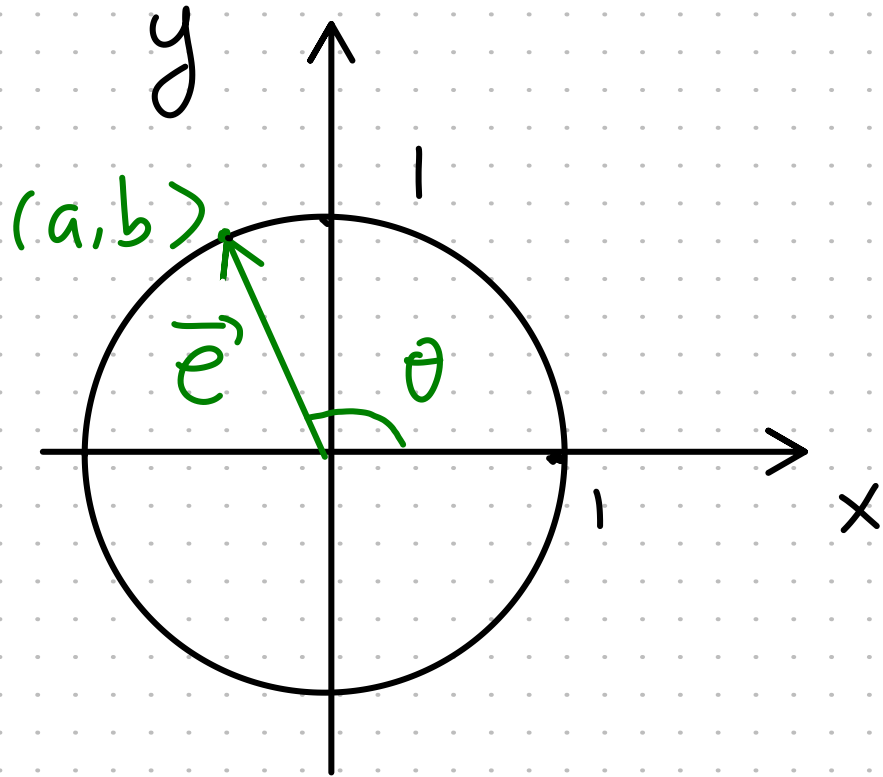
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**[Def]** A vector of length 1 is called a unit vector

$$\vec{e} = \langle a, b \rangle$$

$\vec{e}$  is unit if and only if  $\|\vec{e}\| = 1$   
iff  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{e}$  is unit iff  $a^2 + b^2 = 1$

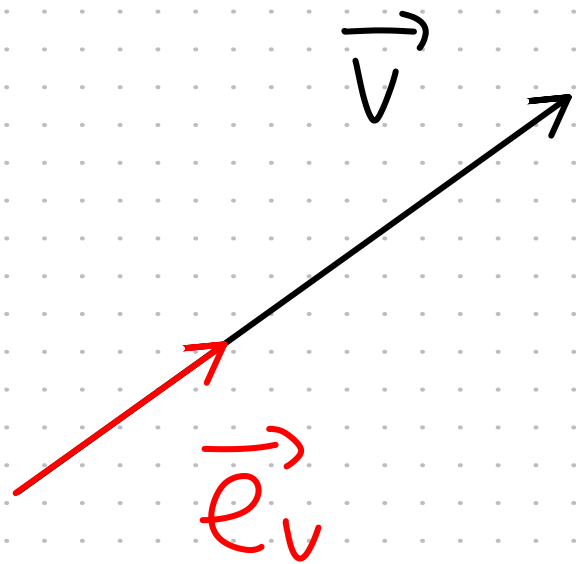


$$\begin{aligned}\vec{e} &= \langle a, b \rangle \\ &= \langle \cos \theta, \sin \theta \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$\theta$  is radians

$$\left( x \text{ degrees} = \frac{x}{180} \pi \text{ radians} \right)$$

For any  $\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$ , we can obtain a unique unit vector in the same direction.



$$\vec{e}_v = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} \left( = \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \vec{v} \right)$$

check:

$$\|\vec{e}_v\| = \left\| \frac{1}{\|\vec{v}\|} \vec{v} \right\|$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cancel{\|\vec{v}\|}} \cancel{\|\vec{v}\|}$$

$$= 1$$

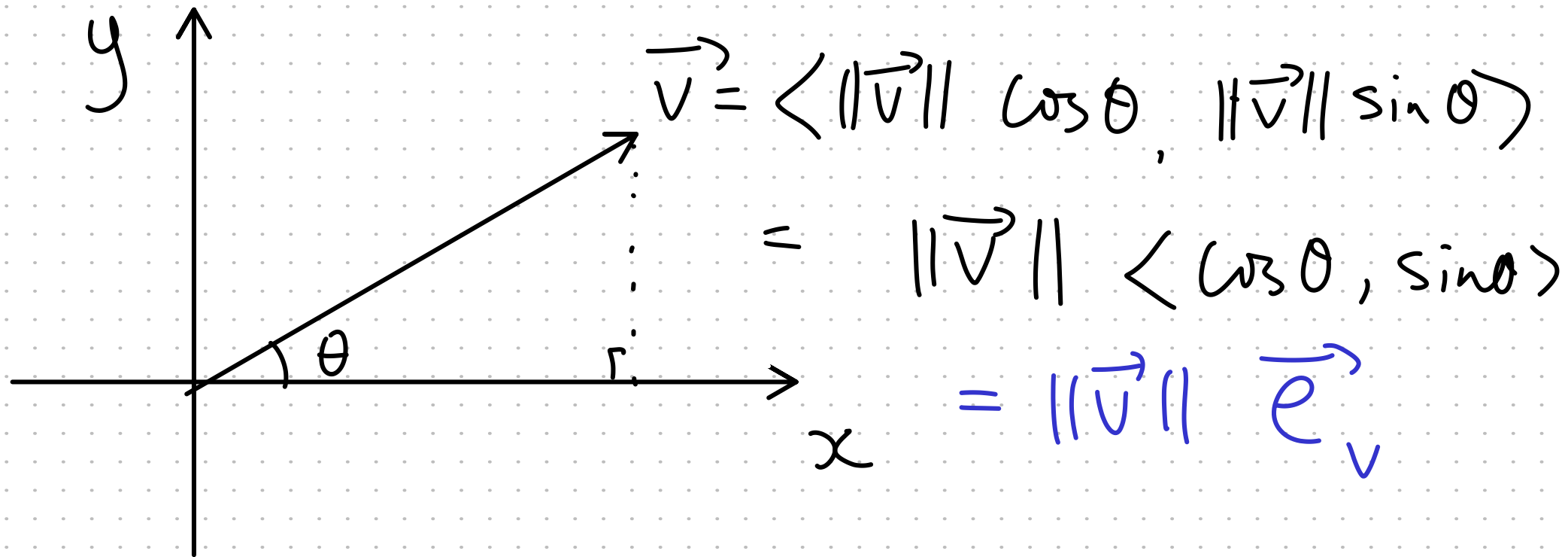
$\Rightarrow \vec{e}_v = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|}$  is a unique.

$\Rightarrow$  "polar form of a vector"

$$\vec{v} = \underbrace{\|\vec{v}\|}_{\text{length}} \vec{e}_v \underbrace{\uparrow}_{\text{direction}}$$

length

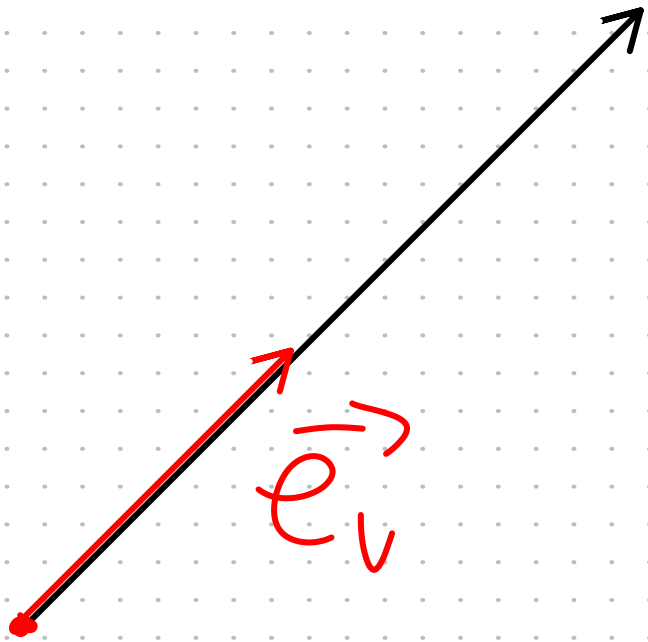
direction.



Ex:  $\vec{v} = \langle 2, 4 \rangle$ . Compute  $\vec{e}_v$

$$\vec{e}_v = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{\langle 2, 4 \rangle}{\sqrt{2^2 + 4^2}} = \frac{\langle 2, 4 \rangle}{\sqrt{20}}$$

"normalize  $\vec{v}$ "



$$= \left\langle \frac{2}{\sqrt{20}}, \frac{4}{\sqrt{20}} \right\rangle$$
$$= \left\langle \frac{2}{2\sqrt{5}}, \frac{4}{2\sqrt{5}} \right\rangle$$
$$= \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \right\rangle$$