

5.7 Component Vectors

1. Answers:

a. $2\vec{b} = 2\langle 5, 4 \rangle = \langle 10, 8 \rangle = 10\hat{i} + 8\hat{j}$

b. $-\frac{1}{2}\vec{c} = -\frac{1}{2}\langle -3, 7 \rangle = \langle 1.5, -3.5 \rangle = 1.5\hat{i} - 3.5\hat{j}$

c. $0.6\vec{b} = 0.6\langle 5, 4 \rangle = \langle 3, 2.4 \rangle = 3\hat{i} + 2.4\hat{j}$

d. $-3\vec{b} = -3\langle 5, 4 \rangle = \langle -15, -12 \rangle = -15\hat{i} - 12\hat{j}$

2. All of these need to be translated to (0,0). Also, recall that magnitudes are always positive.

• (a) $\langle -3, 8 \rangle + \langle 3, -8 \rangle = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$ $\langle 2, -1 \rangle + \langle 3, -8 \rangle = \langle 5, -9 \rangle$

horizontal = 5, vertical = 9

• (b) $\langle 7, 13 \rangle + \langle -7, -13 \rangle = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$ $\langle 11, 19 \rangle + \langle -7, -13 \rangle = \langle 4, 6 \rangle$

horizontal = 4, vertical = 6

• (c) $\langle 4.2, -6.8 \rangle + \langle -4.2, 6.8 \rangle = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$ $\langle -1.3, -9.4 \rangle + \langle -4.2, 6.8 \rangle = \langle -5.5, -2.6 \rangle$

horizontal = 5.5, vertical = 2.6