3.1 – Vectors in 2-Space, 3-Space, and n-Space

Definition: If n is a positive integer, then an **ordered n-tuple** is a sequence of n real numbers $(v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n)$. The set of all ordered n-tuples is called **real n-space**, denoted by R^n.

If a vector **v** in 2-space or 3-space is positioned with its initial point at the origin of a rectangular coordinate system, then the coordinates of its terminal point are **components** of **v** relative to the coordinate system. The numbers in an n-tuple can be considered coordinates of a point or components of a vector.

#5 a. Find the terminal point of the vector that is equivalent to $\mathbf{u} = (1,\ 2)$ and whose initial point is $A(1,\ 1)$.
b. Find the initial point of the vector that is equivalent to $\mathbf{u} = (1,\ 1,\ 3)$ and whose terminal point is $B(-1,\ -1,\ 2)$.

#7 Find the initial point P of a nonzero vector $\mathbf{u} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$ with terminal point $Q(3,\ 0,\ -5)$ and such that

a. $\mathbf{u}$ has the same direction as $\mathbf{v} = (4,\ -2,\ -1)$.

b. $\mathbf{u}$ is oppositely directed to $\mathbf{v} = (4,\ -2,\ -1)$.

Definition: If $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \ldots,\ v_n)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, \ldots,\ w_n)$ are vectors in R^n, and if k is any scalar, then we define

- $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = (v_1 + w_1, v_2 + w_2, \ldots,\ v_n + w_n)$ [this is **vector addition**]
- $k\mathbf{v} = (kv_1, kv_2, \ldots,\ kv_n)$ [this is **scalar multiplication**]
- $-\mathbf{v} = (-v_1, -v_2, \ldots, -v_n)$
- $\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w} + (-\mathbf{v}) = (w_1 - v_1, w_2 - v_2, \ldots,\ w_n - v_n)$

#**12** Let $\mathbf{u} = (1,\ 2,\ -3,\ 5,\ 0)$, $\mathbf{v} = (0,\ 4,\ -1,\ 1,\ 2)$, and $\mathbf{w} = (7,\ 1,\ -4,\ -2,\ 3)$. Find the components of

a. $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$

b. $3(2\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v})$

c. $(3\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) - (2\mathbf{u} + 4\mathbf{w})$

d. $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{w} - 5\mathbf{v} + 2\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{v}$

The **zero vector**, $\mathbf{0} = (0,\ 0,\ \ldots,\ 0)$, has length zero.

Theorem 3.1.1 If **u**, **v**, and **w** are vectors in R^n, and if k and m are scalars, then:

a) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$

b) $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$

c) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$

d) $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$

e) $k(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = k\mathbf{u} + k\mathbf{v}$

f) $(k + m)\mathbf{u} = k\mathbf{u} + m\mathbf{u}$

g) $k(m\mathbf{u}) = (km)\mathbf{u}$

h) $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$

Theorem 3.1.2 If $\mathbf{v}$ is a vector in R^n and k is a scalar, then:
a) $0\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$
b) $k\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$
c) $(-1)\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v}$

Definition: if $\mathbf{w}$ is a vector in R^n, then $\mathbf{w}$ is said to be a **linear combination** of the vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$ in R^n if it can be expressed in the form $\mathbf{w} = k_1\mathbf{v}_1 + k_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + k_r\mathbf{v}_r$, where each k_i is a scalar. The scalars are called the **coefficients** of the linear combination. In the case where $r = 1$, we have $\mathbf{w} = k_1\mathbf{v}_1$, in which case the linear combination is a scalar multiple of the vector.

#17 Let $\mathbf{u} = (1, -1, 3, 5)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (2, 1, 0, -3)$. Find scalars a and b so that $a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v} = (1, -4, 9, 18)$.