

Webwork 9.1 parts 1 & 2 due tonight!

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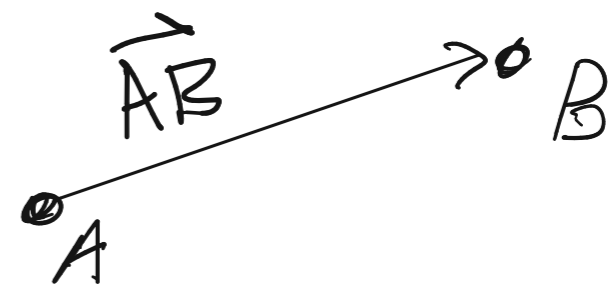
A Scalar is a single real #

↳ Ex: time, pressure, temperature, or # of atoms

Vector: quantities that carry both magnitude & direction info.

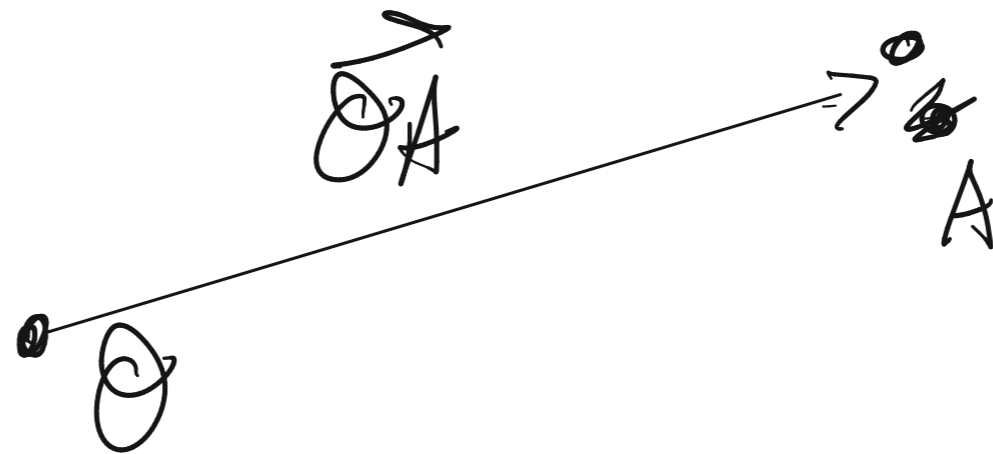
↳ Displacement / position: tells you where you are or

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how to get from Pt A to pt B



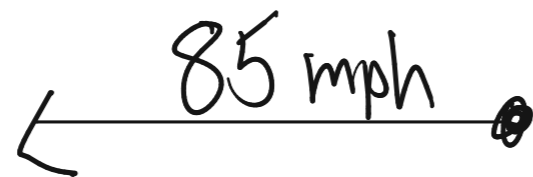
Position vector points from the origin  $O$

to your point  $A$ .



Velocity how fast you're going & in what direction

↳ 85 mph due west



# Representations of Vectors:

In 2D: Vectors are written in one of two ways

① List:  $\langle a, b \rangle$

Position vector points from origin  $(0,0)$  to the point  $(a, b)$

② Unit basis vectors:

$$a \hat{i} + b \hat{j}$$

$$\hat{i} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle \quad \xrightarrow{1}$$

$$\hat{j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle \quad \uparrow 1$$

In 3D:

$$\langle a, b, c \rangle$$

or

$$a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$$

$\hat{k}$  points in +z dir.

$$\hat{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

Given two objects of the same type

When are they equal?

$$\langle u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \rangle = \vec{u}$$

$$\langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle = \vec{v}$$

$$\vec{u} = \vec{v} \quad \text{if \& only if} \quad u_i = v_i \quad \text{for each } i$$

"Equal vectors have the same Components"

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"Slot" of a vector.

Ex (Finding a displacement vector)

$$P = (1, 3), \quad Q = (4, -7)$$

find the disp. vector  $\vec{PQ}$

$$\Delta x = 3$$

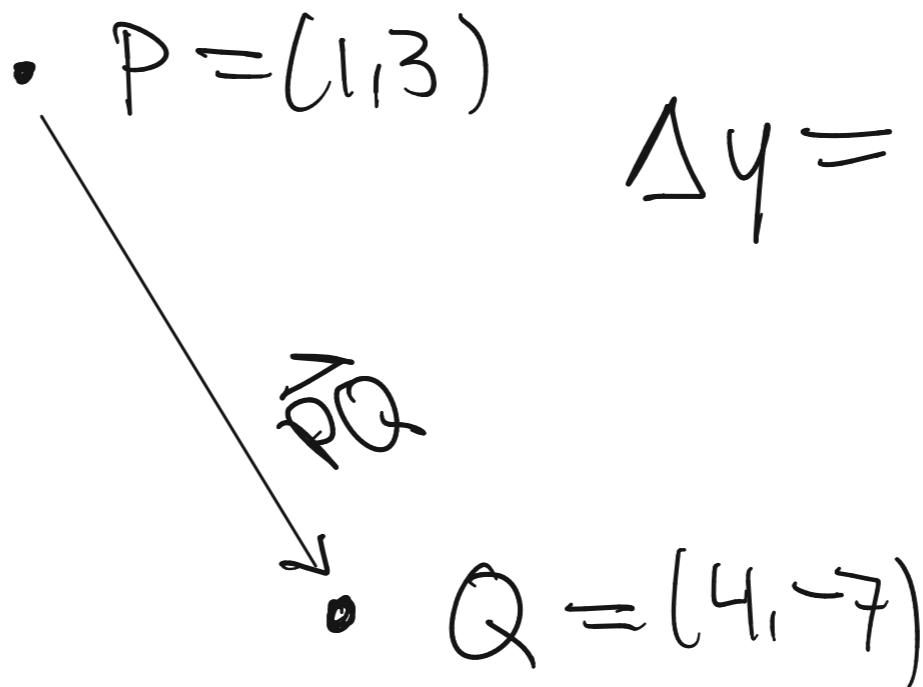
Formula:

$$\vec{PQ} = \text{"final"} - \text{"initial"}$$

$$\Delta y = -10$$

$$(4, -7) - (1, 3)$$

$$= \boxed{\langle 3, -10 \rangle}$$



$$P = (1, 2, 3)$$

$$Q = (4, -5, 6)$$

$$\vec{PQ} = Q - P = \langle 3, -7, 3 \rangle$$

## Using Vectors:

Setup:  $a, b, \lambda$  real #s,

$\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  be  $n$ -dim'd vectors

### ① Addition

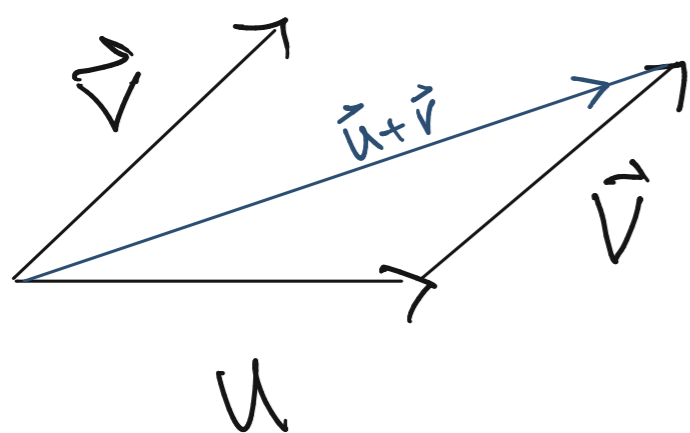
$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \langle u_1, \dots, u_n \rangle + \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle$$

$$= \langle u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n \rangle$$

In general  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$



"Tip-to-tail"  
or parallelogram  
method.



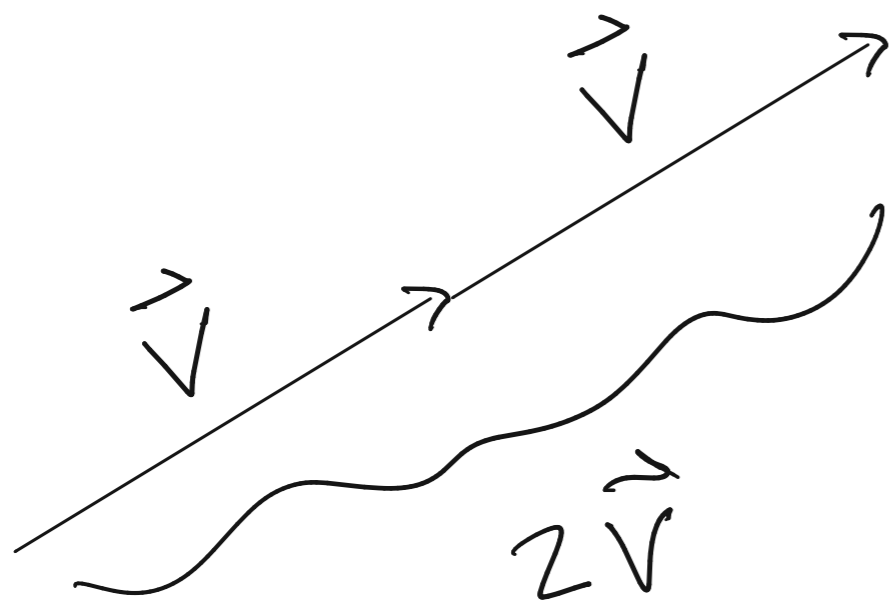
$$\vec{0} = \langle 0, 0, \dots, 0 \rangle$$

Zero vector.

$$\vec{a} + \vec{0} = \vec{0} + \vec{a} = \vec{a}$$

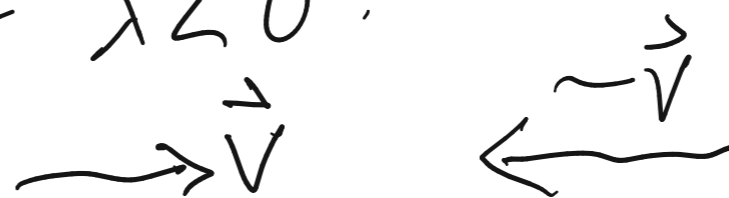
## ② Scalar multiplication

$$\lambda \vec{v} = \lambda \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle = \langle \lambda v_1, \dots, \lambda v_n \rangle$$



Note:  $\lambda \vec{v}$  is parallel to  $\vec{v}$ .

if  $\lambda < 0$ :



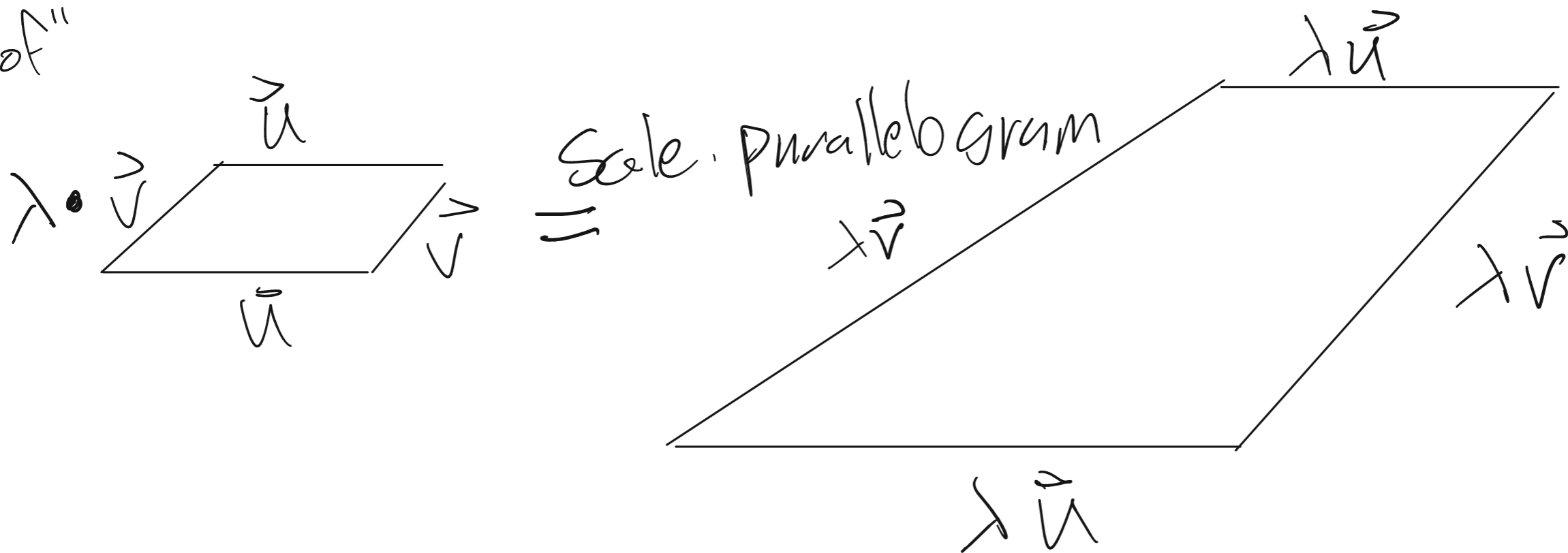
Same line,  
diff. directions.

③ Distributive rule:

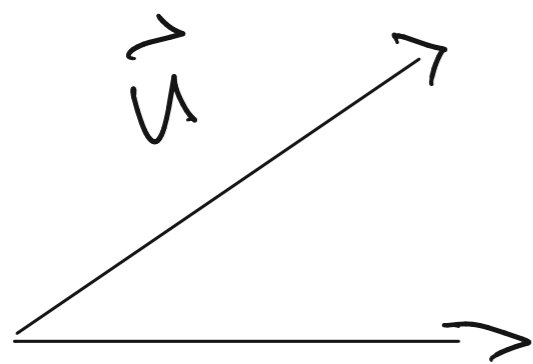
$$\lambda (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = \lambda \vec{u} + \lambda \vec{v}$$

Scalars distribute over vector addition.

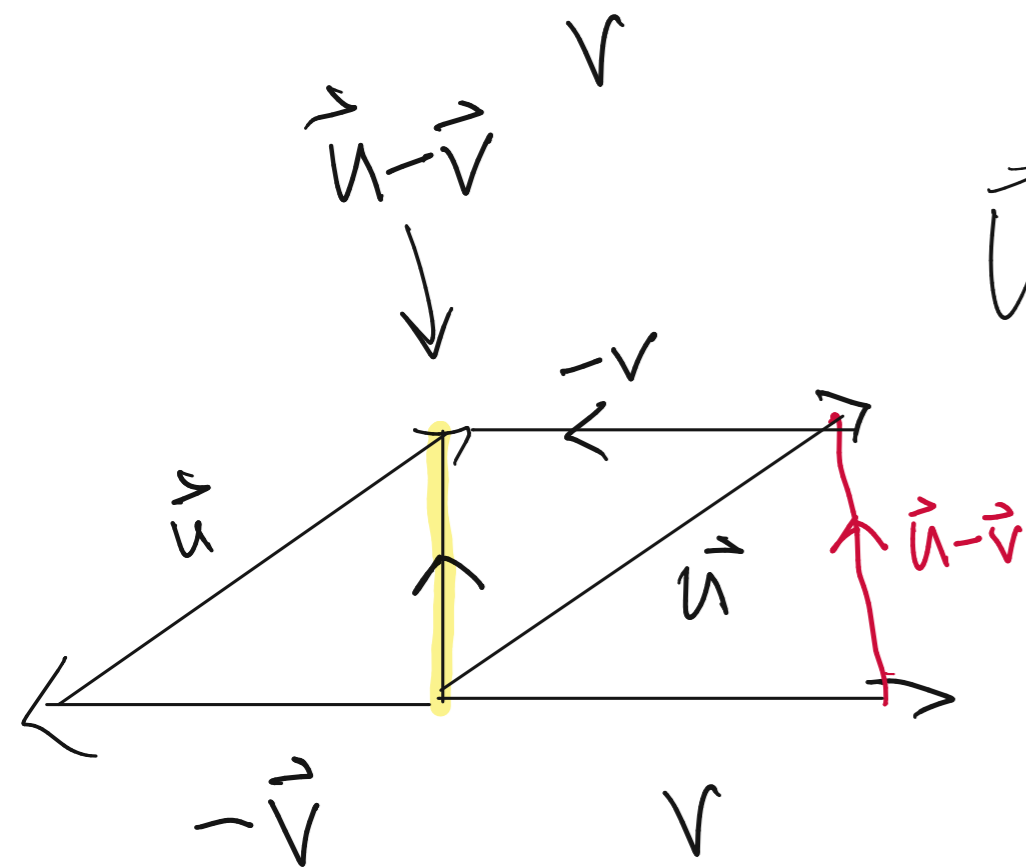
"proof"



rules 1 & 2 tell us how to do Subtraction:



$$\vec{u} - \vec{v} = \vec{u} + (-1)\vec{v}$$



$\vec{u} - \vec{v}$  points from  
head of  $\vec{v}$  to  
head of  $\vec{u}$

Norm of a vector aka magnitude or length

$$\vec{V} = \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{V}\| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 \right)^{1/2} = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2 + \dots + v_n^2}$$

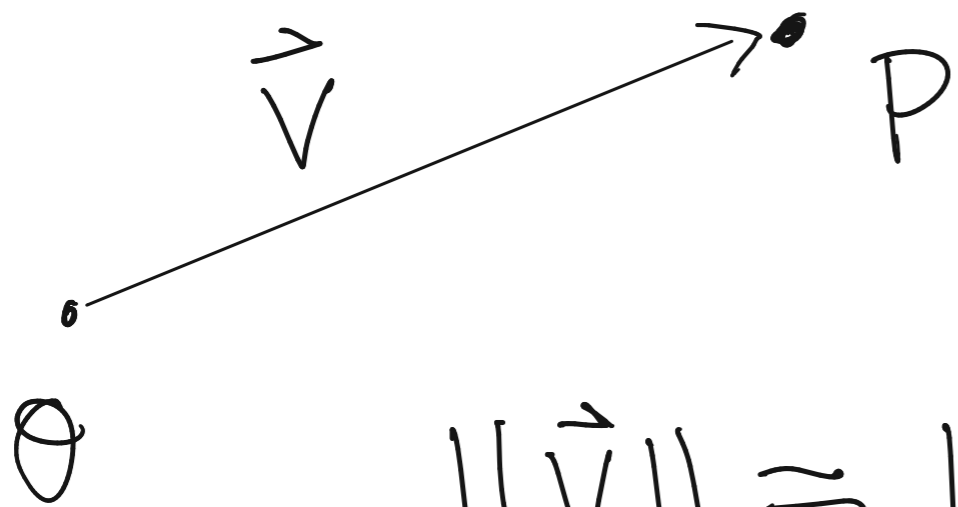
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$\vec{V}$  displacement vector from the origin  $O = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$

to  $P = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$

∴  $\|\vec{V}\|$  is length of line segment from  $O$  to  $P$ .

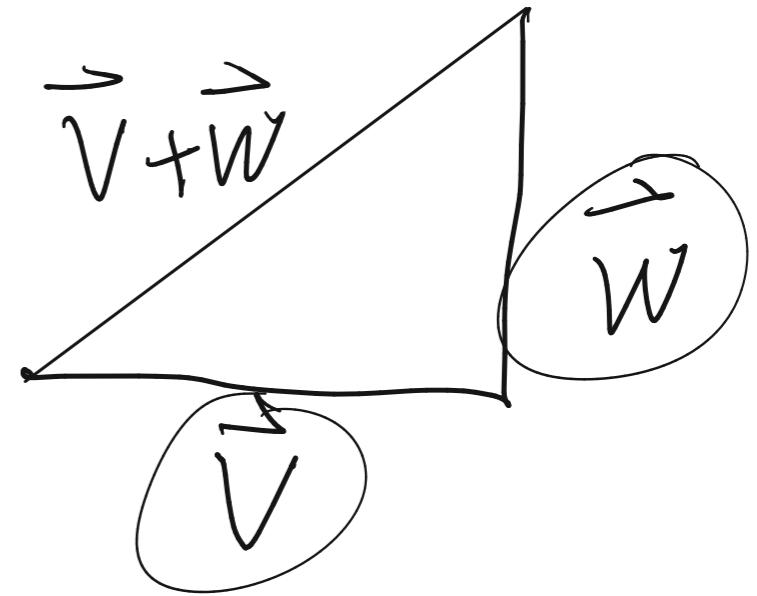


$$\|\vec{v}\| = \text{length}(\overrightarrow{OP})$$

### Triangle inequality

$\vec{v}, \vec{w}$  two  $n$ -dim'l vectors

$$\|\vec{v} + \vec{w}\| \leq \|\vec{v}\| + \|\vec{w}\|$$



Unit vectors: a vector  $\vec{w}$  is a unit vector

$$\text{if } \|\vec{w}\| = 1.$$

Notation: that  $\hat{w}$  means that  $\hat{w}$  is a unit vector.

Method: if  $\vec{w} \neq \vec{0}$  then we can form a unit vector along  $\vec{w}$  by setting

$$\hat{w} = \frac{\vec{w}}{\|\vec{w}\|}$$

