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BASICS OF VECTOR ALGEBRA AND SOME APPLICATIONS



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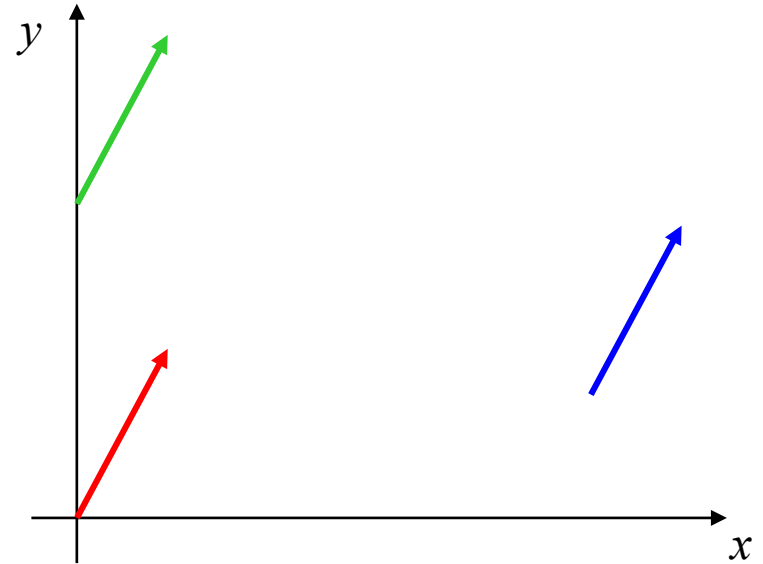
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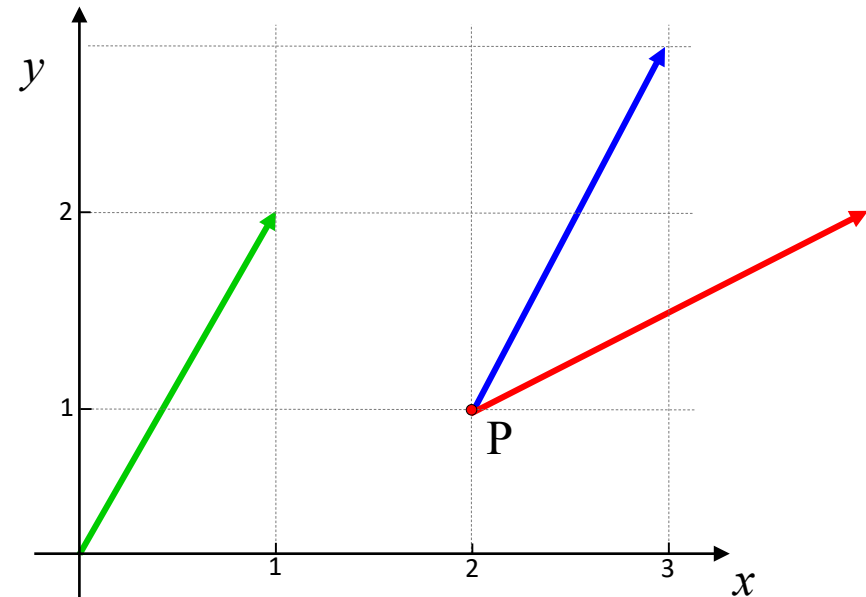
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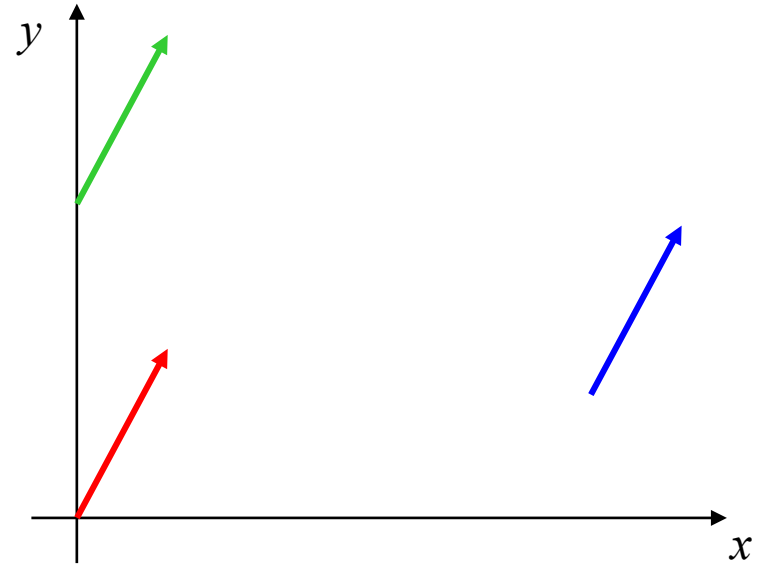
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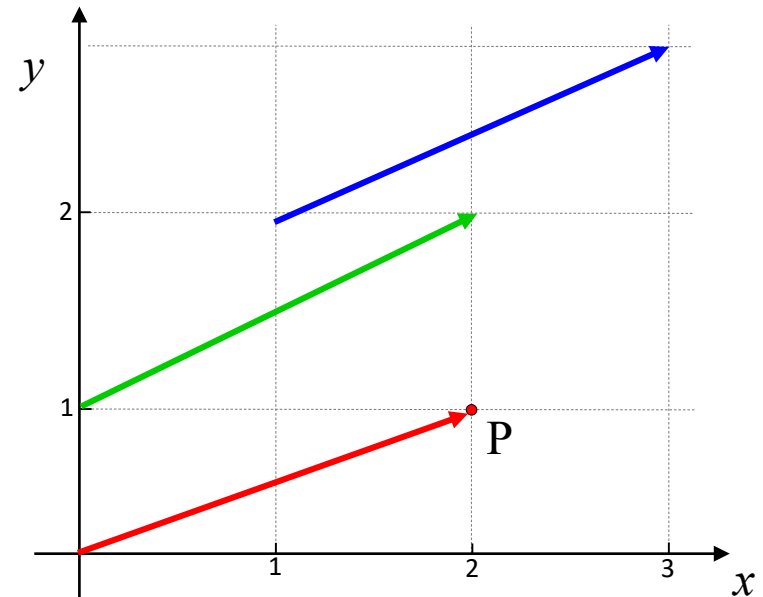
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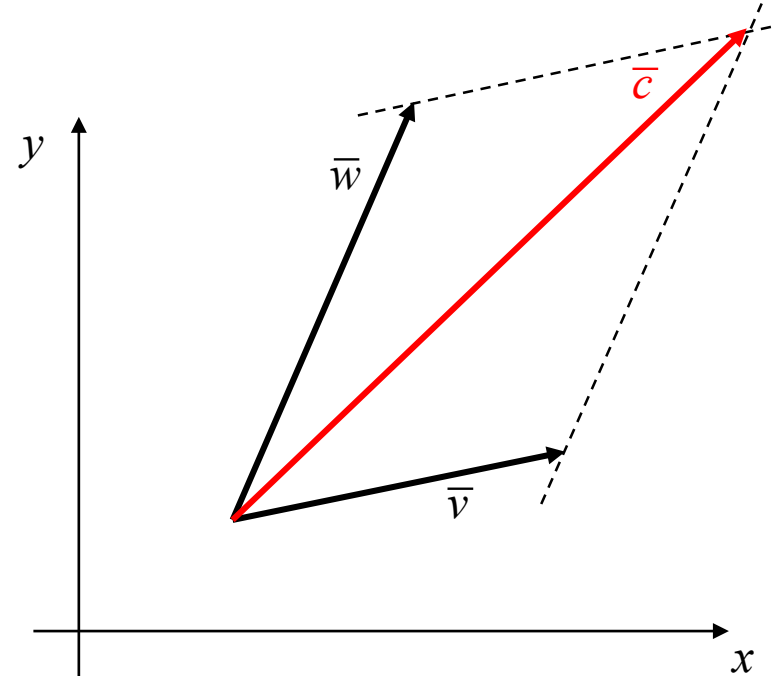
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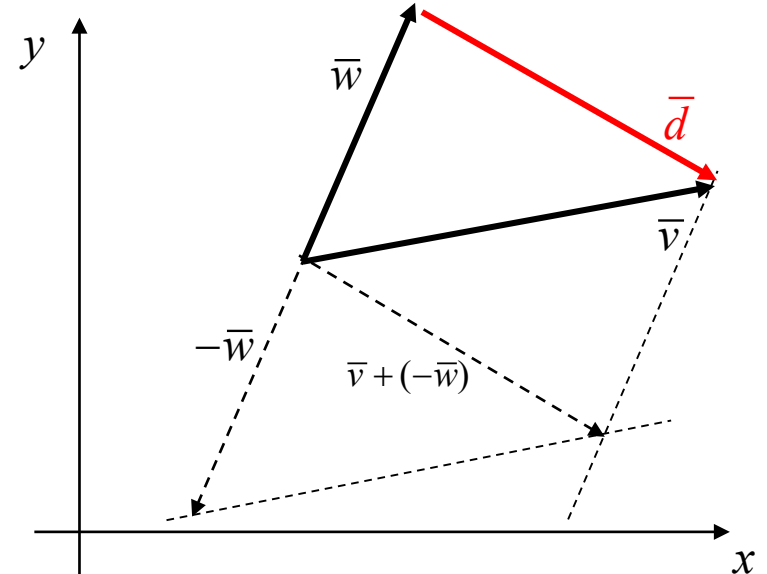
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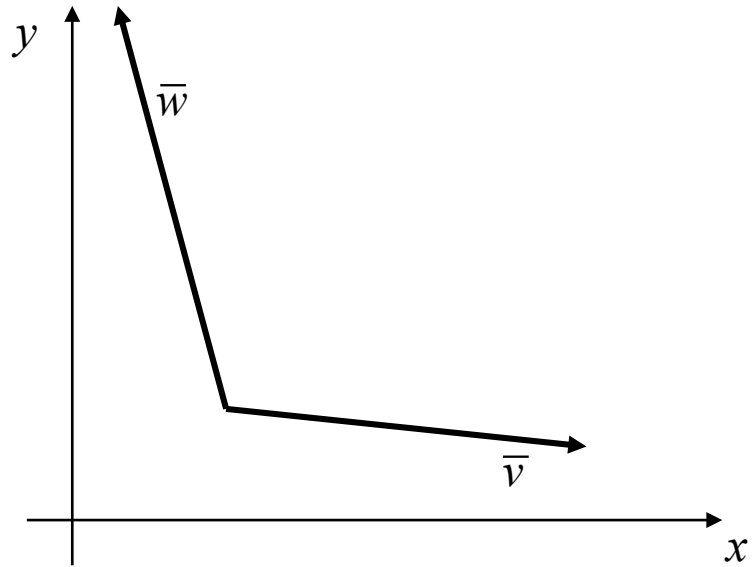
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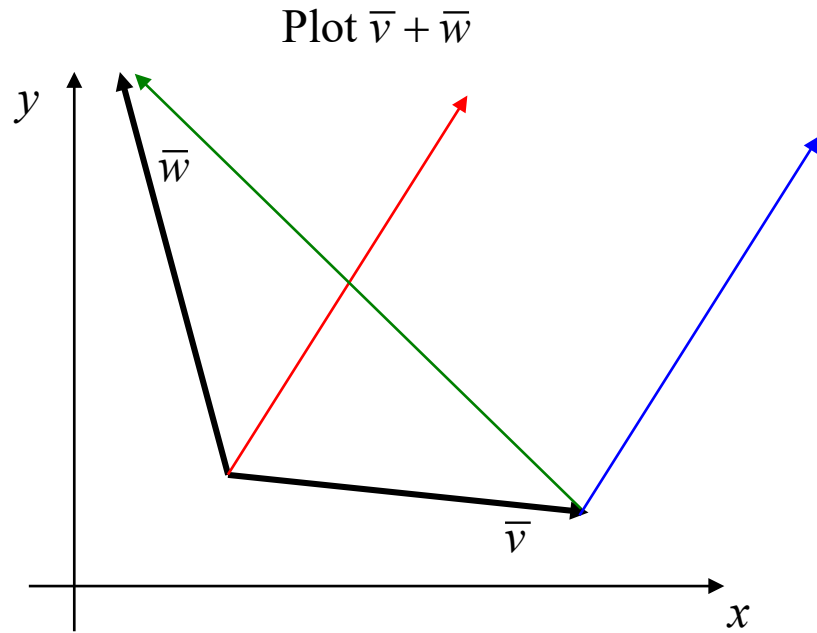


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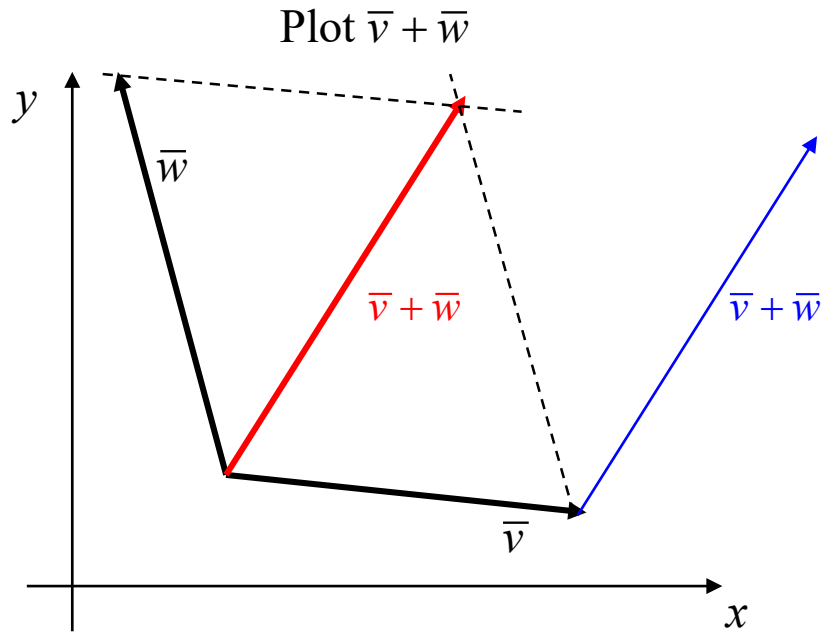
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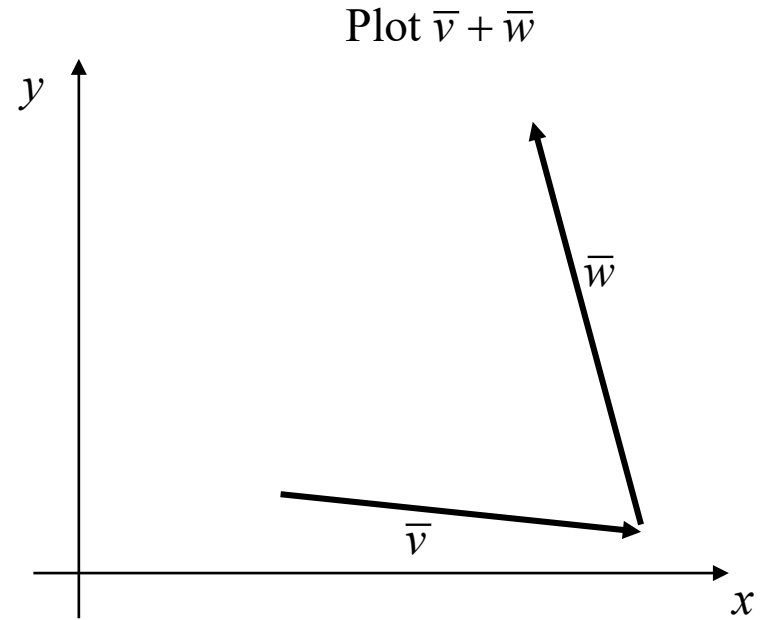
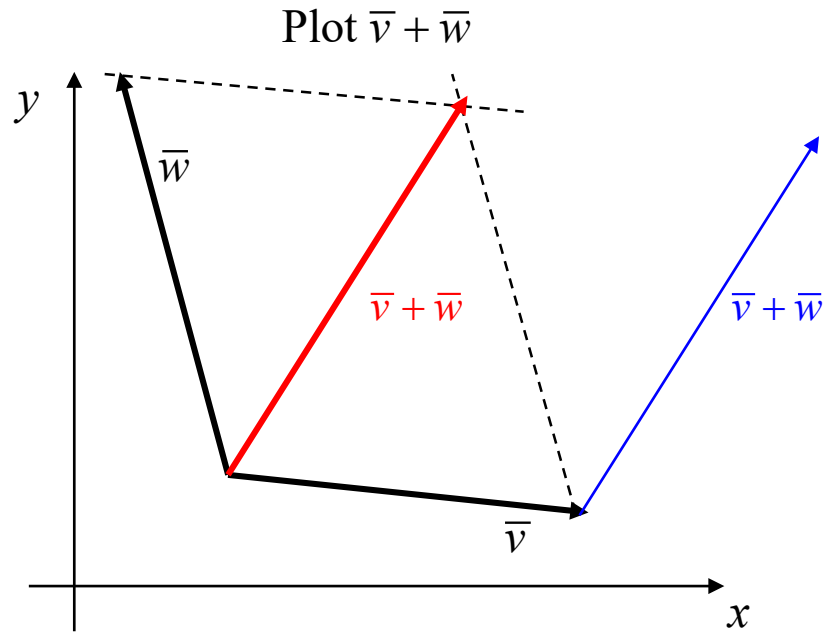
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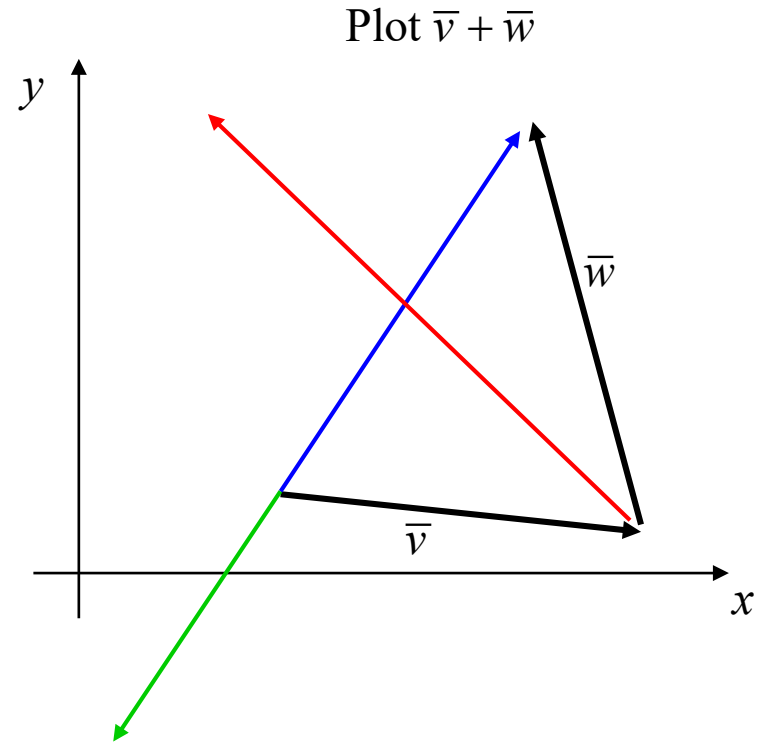
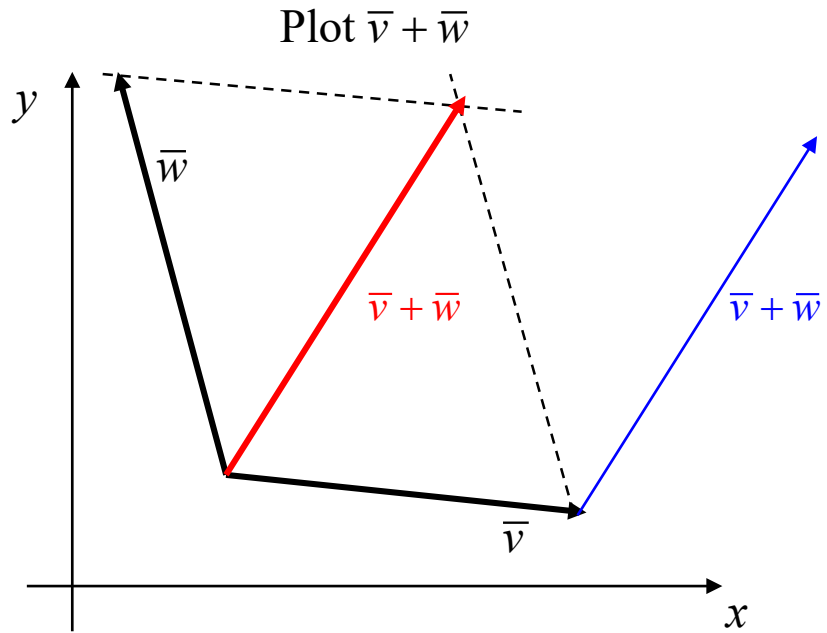
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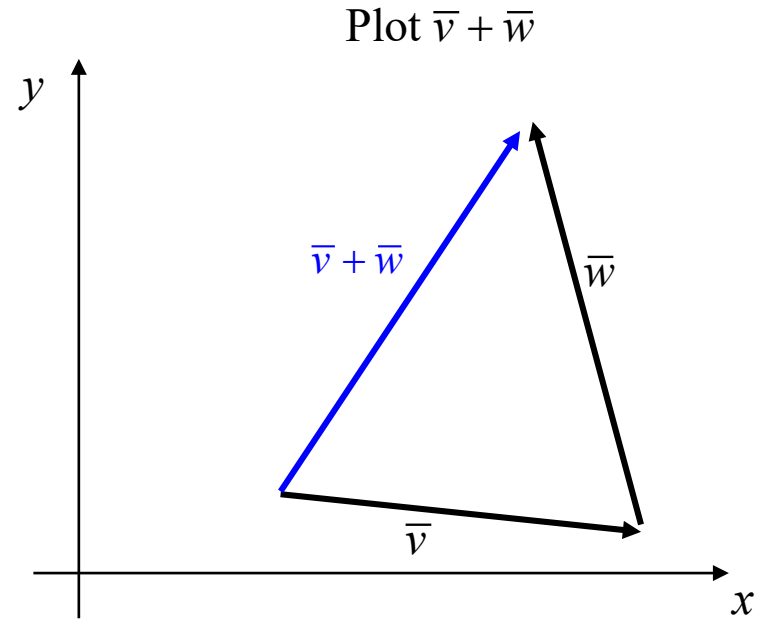
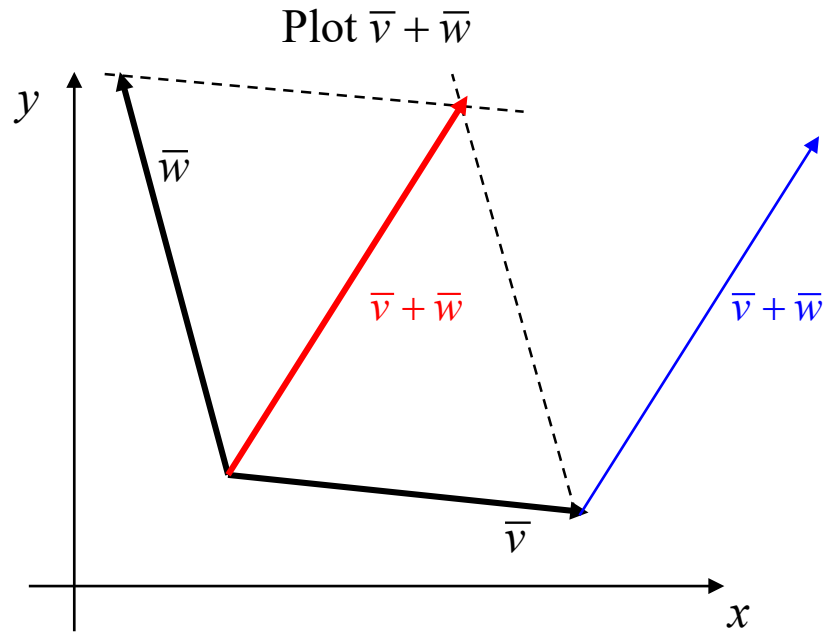
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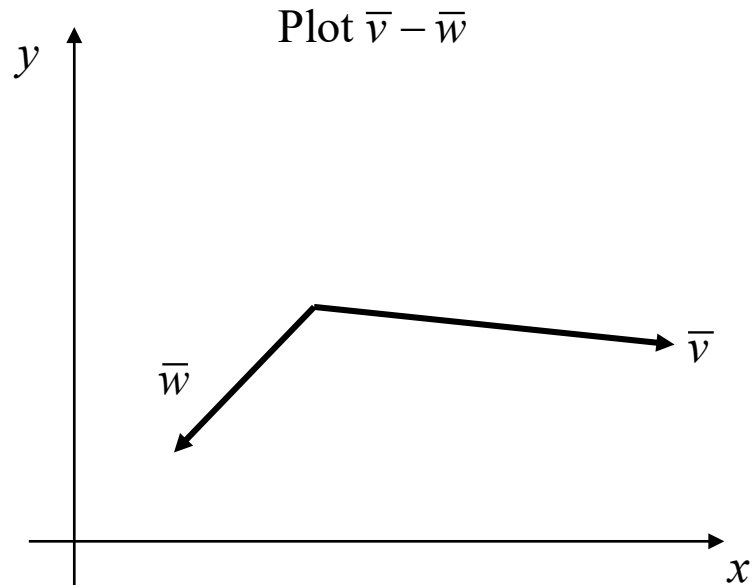
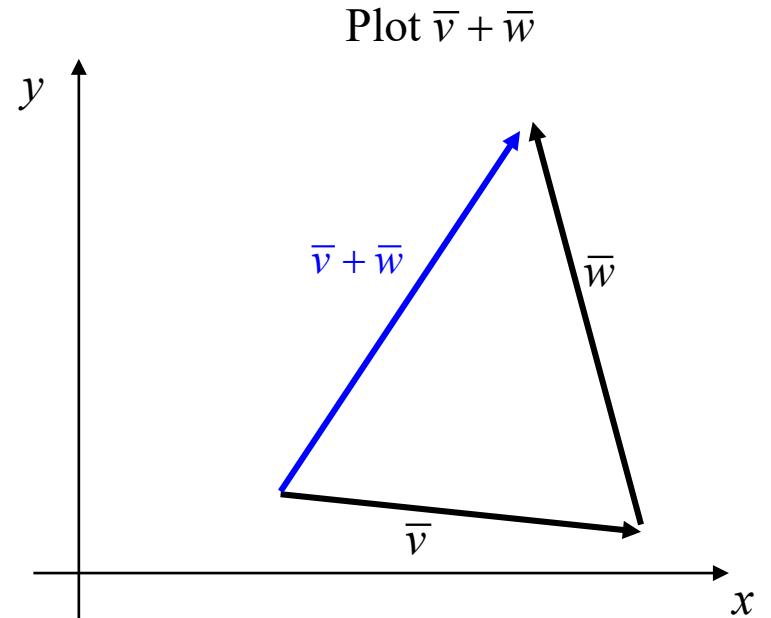
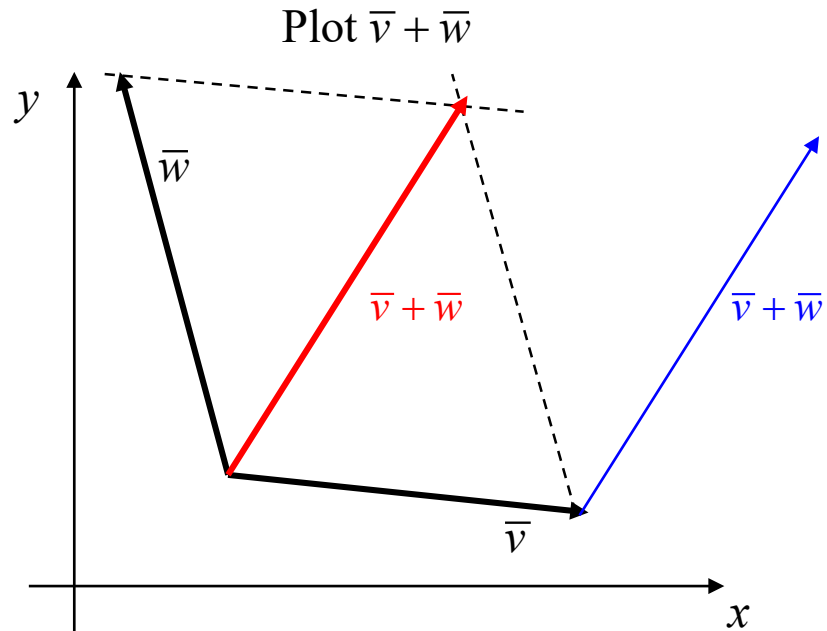
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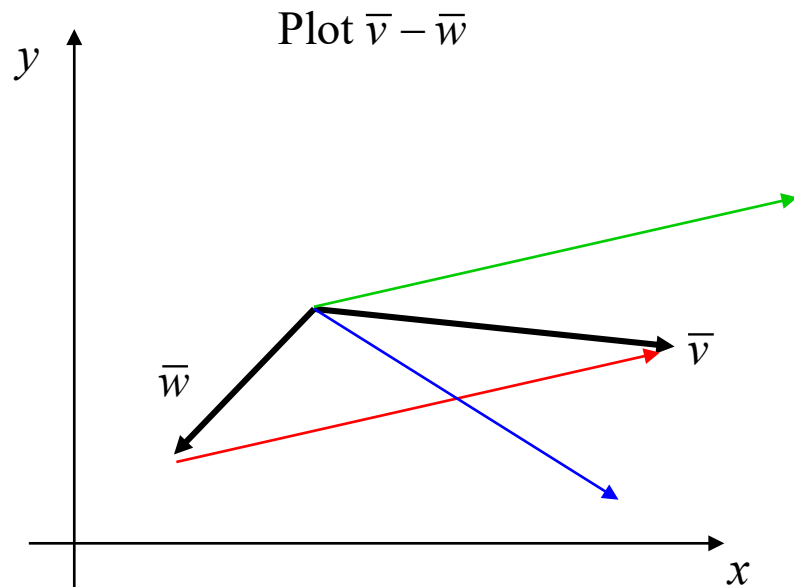
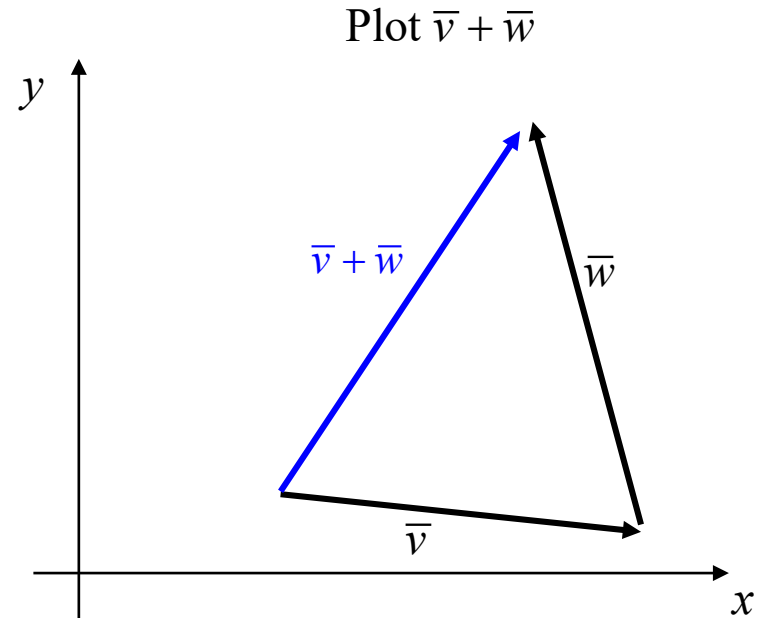
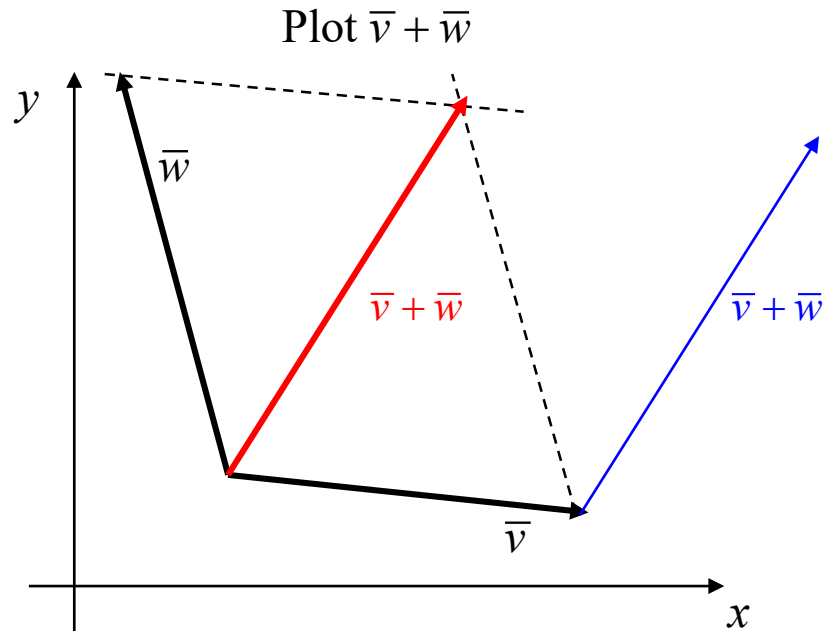
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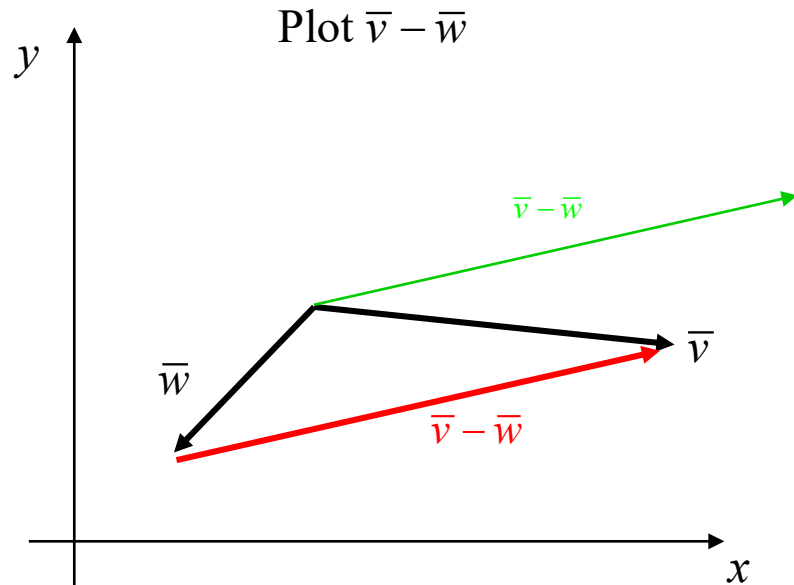
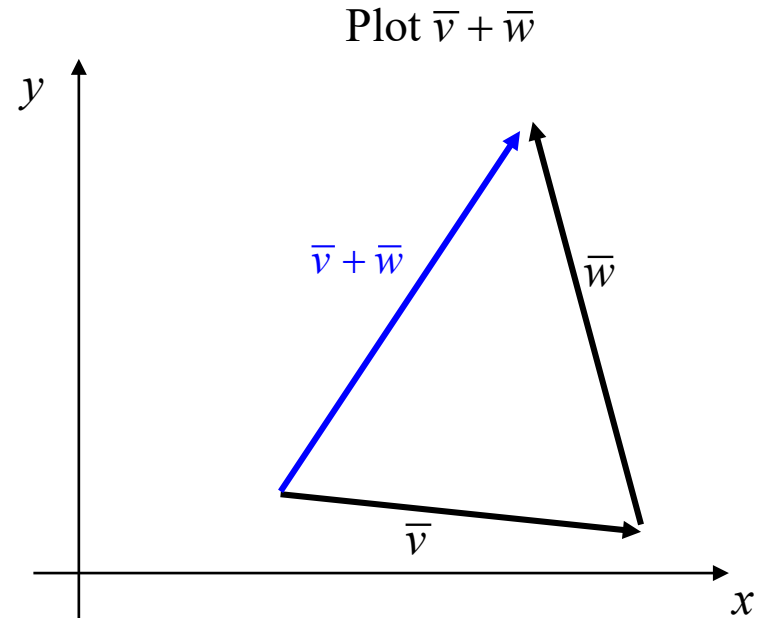
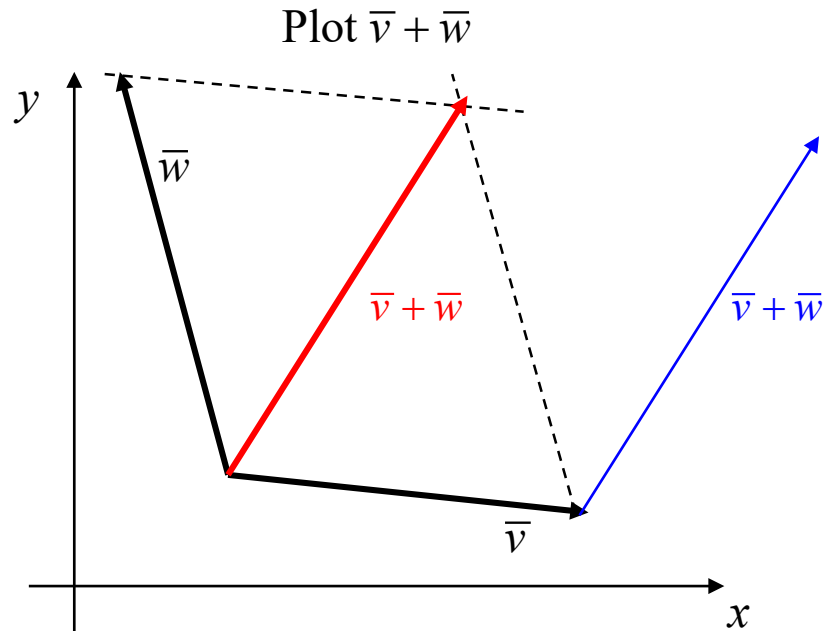
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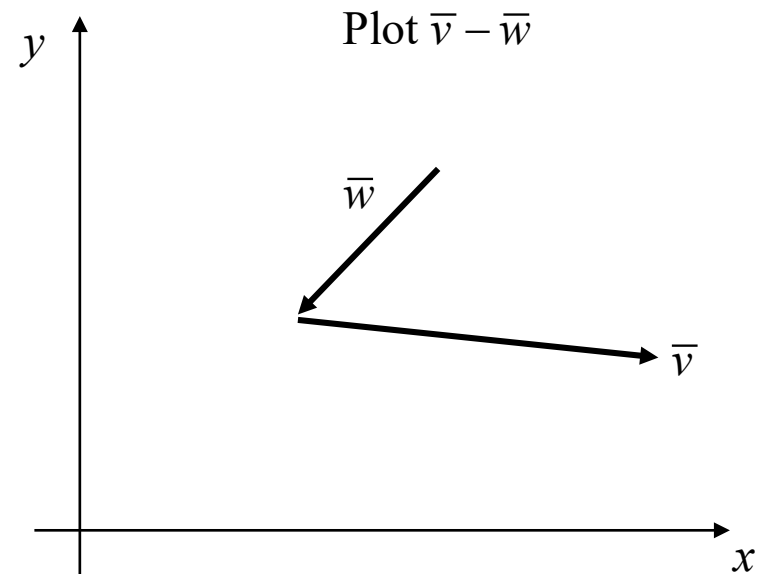
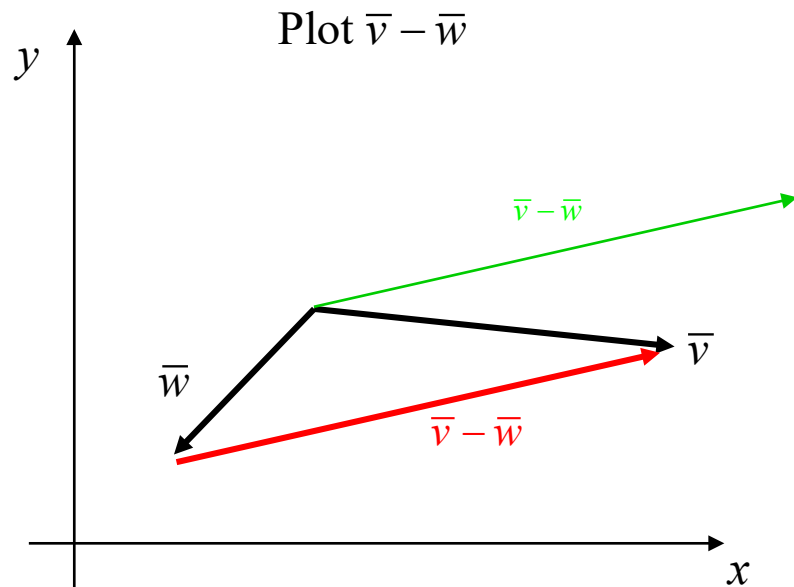
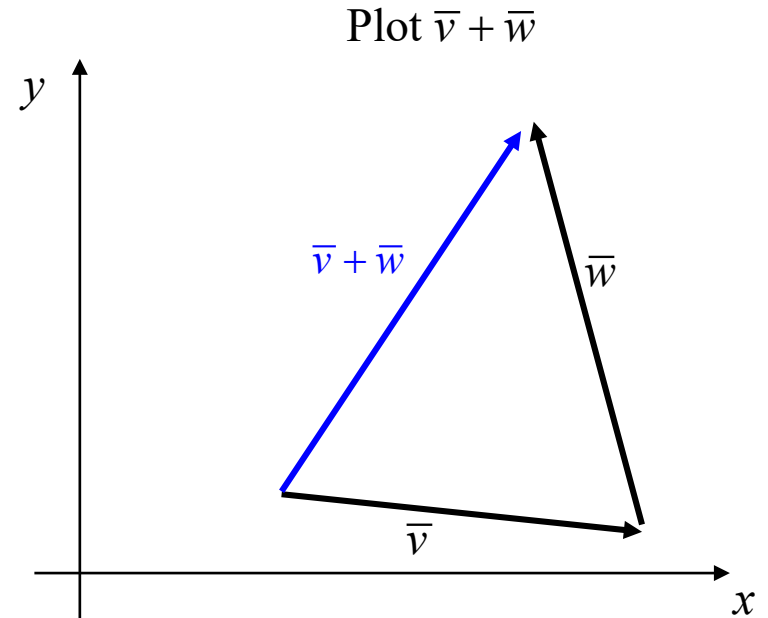
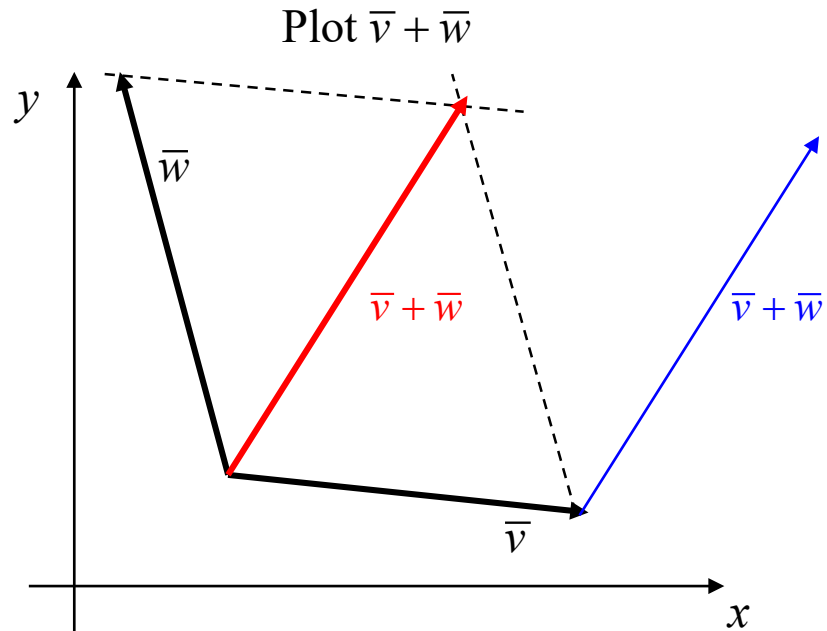
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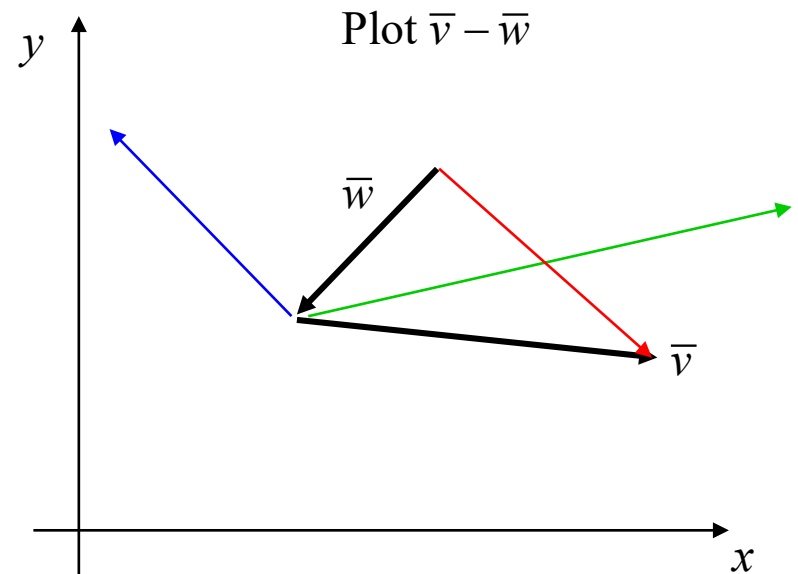
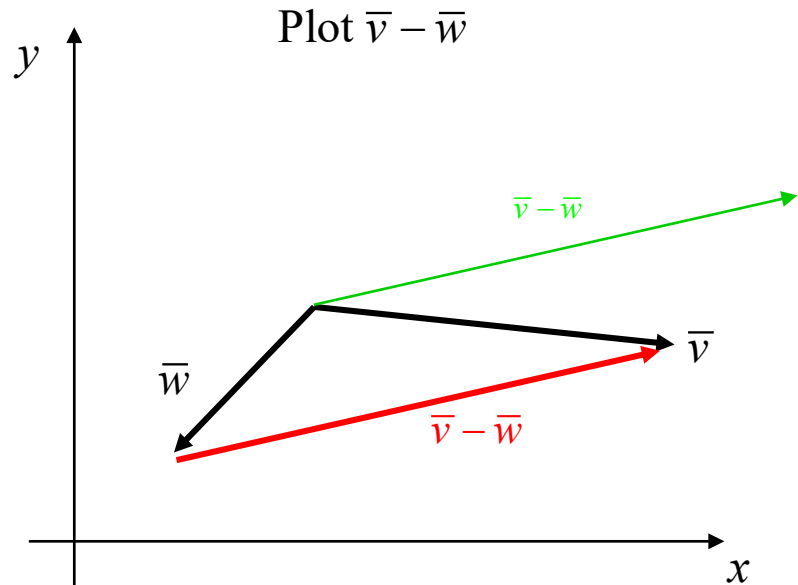
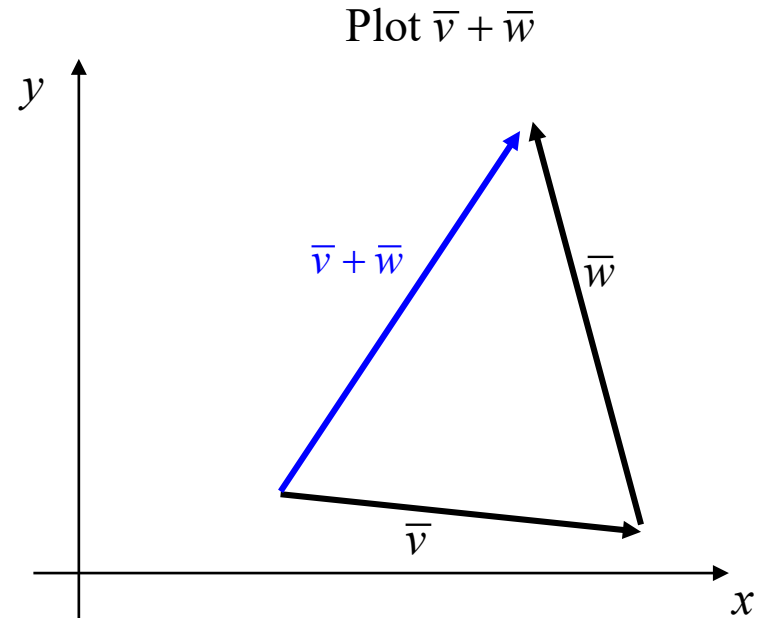
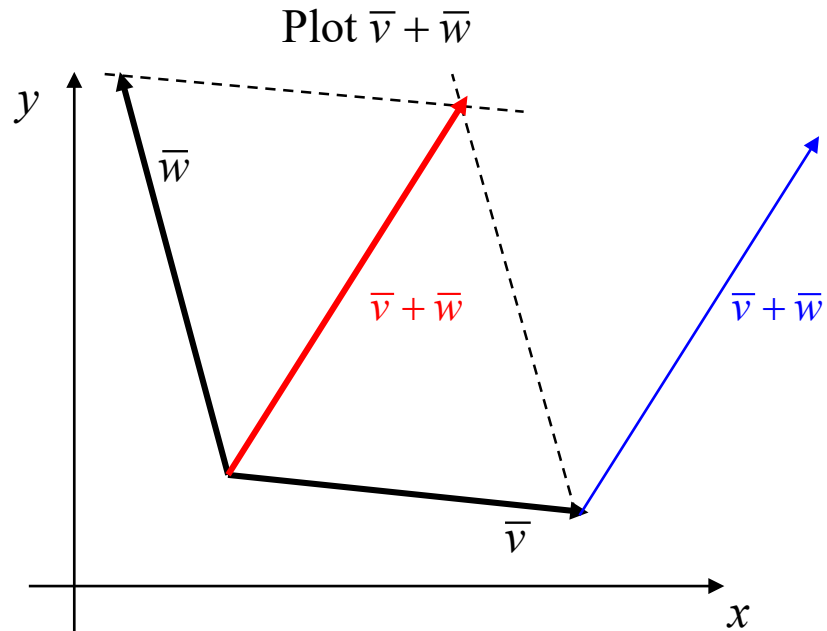
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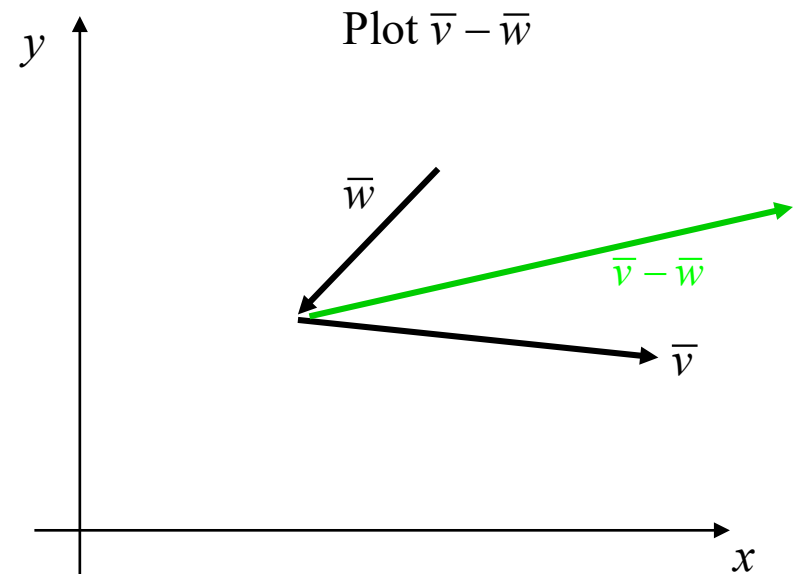
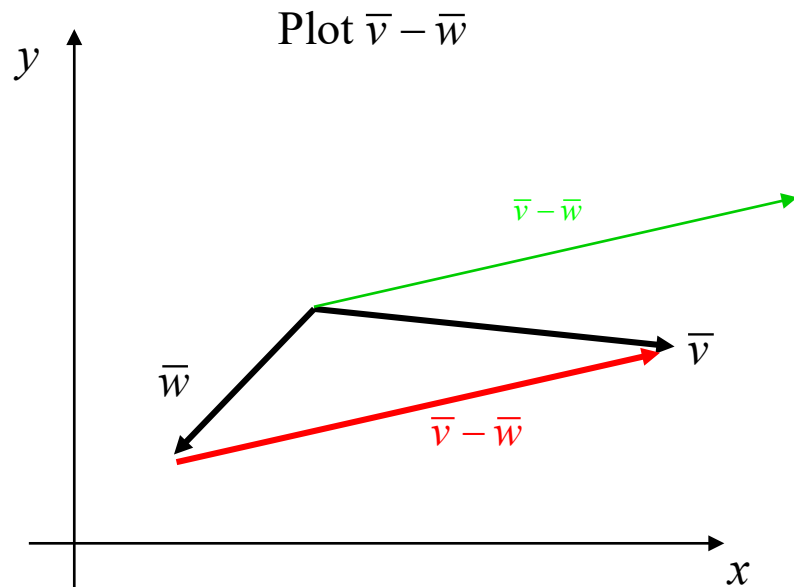
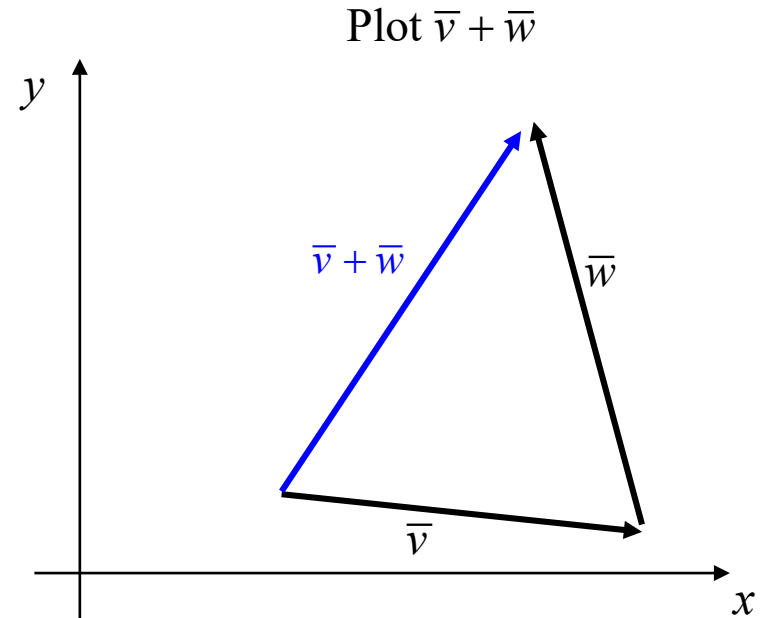
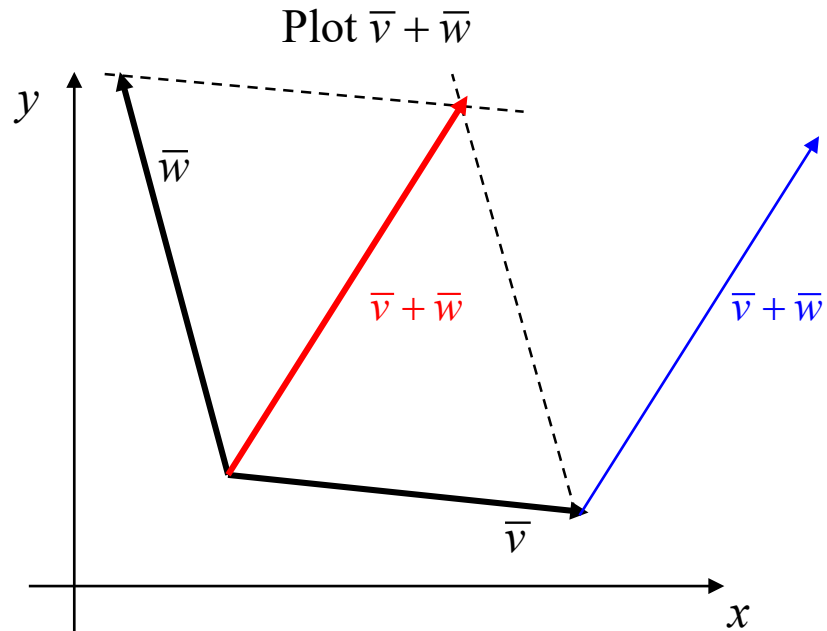
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BASIS VECTORS IN CARTESIAN COORDINATES

The basis vectors are vectors of length 1 and direction along the axes.

In a Cartesian coordinate system, the basis vectors are:

$$\hat{e}_x = (1, 0, 0) \quad \hat{e}_y = (0, 1, 0) \quad \hat{e}_z = (0, 0, 1)$$

Let's consider the vector $\bar{v} = (2, 4, 3)$ in Cartesian coordinates:

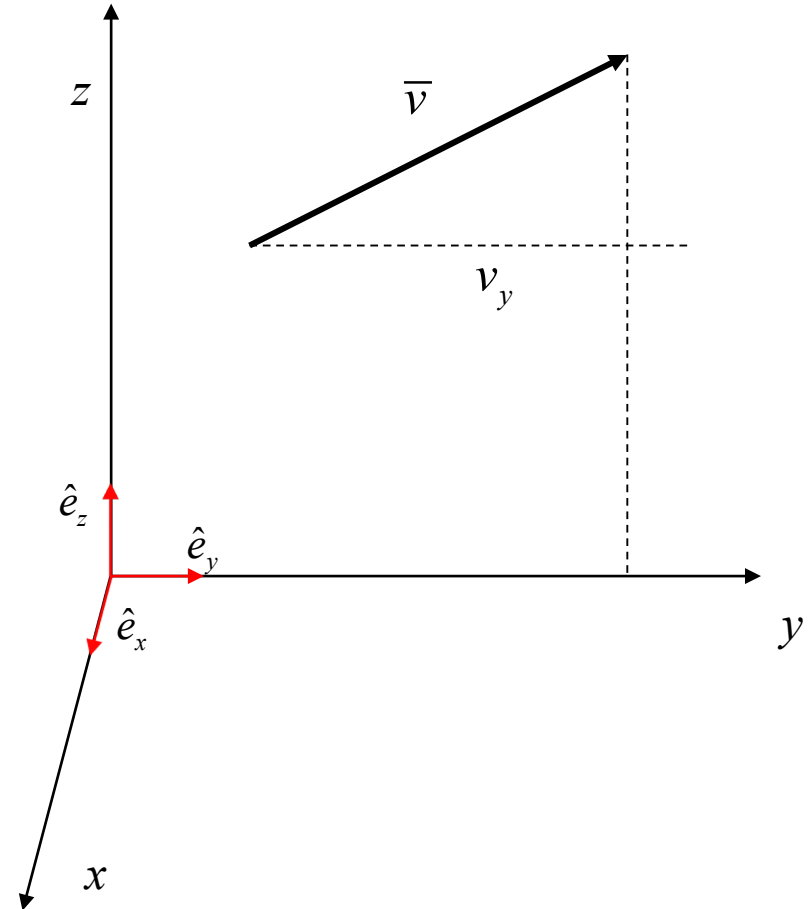
$$\begin{aligned} \bar{v} = (2, 4, 3) &= (2, 0, 0) + (0, 4, 0) + (0, 0, 3) = \\ &= 2(1, 0, 0) + (0, 4, 0) + 3(0, 0, 1) = 2\hat{e}_x + 4\hat{e}_y + 3\hat{e}_z \end{aligned}$$

In general, **any vector can be represented using the basis vectors of the coordinate system:**

$$\bar{w} = (a, b, c) = a\hat{e}_x + b\hat{e}_y + c\hat{e}_z$$

Exercise:

Use the scalar product and the basis vectors to express the y-component v_y of a vector $\bar{v}$:



$$v_y =$$

VECTORS: absolute value, scalar product, and cross product

Let's consider two vectors in Cartesian coordinates:

$$\bar{v} = v_x \hat{e}_x + v_y \hat{e}_y + v_z \hat{e}_z \quad \bar{w} = w_x \hat{e}_x + w_y \hat{e}_y + w_z \hat{e}_z$$

Absolute value: $|\bar{v}| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2}$

Scalar product:

$$c = \bar{v} \cdot \bar{w} = v_x w_x + v_y w_y + v_z w_z$$

$$c = |\bar{v}| |\bar{w}| \cos \alpha$$

therefore,

- the angle between two vectors can be calculated from:

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{w}}{|\bar{v}| |\bar{w}|}$$

- the absolute value can be calculated as: $|\bar{v}| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2} = \sqrt{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{v}}$

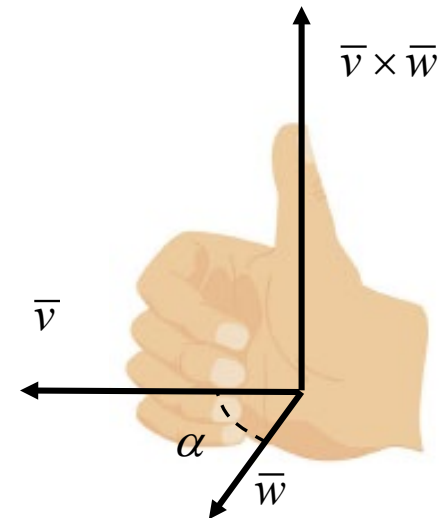
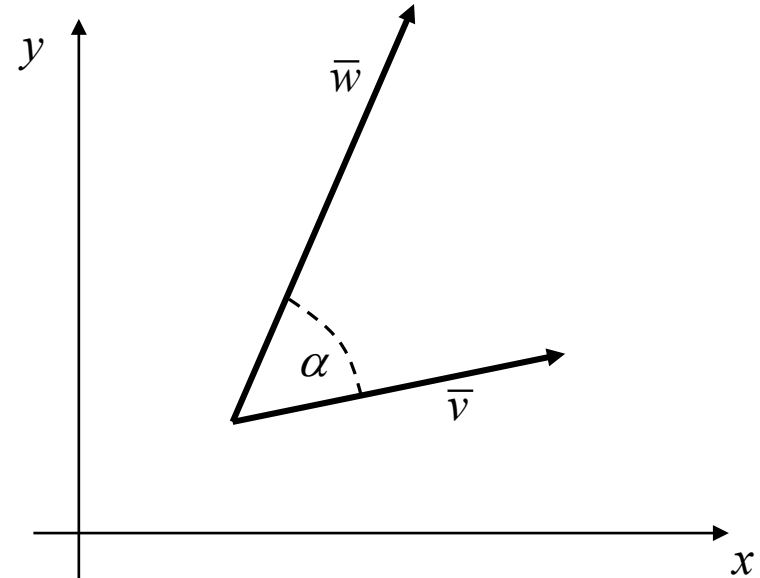
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Cross product:

$$\bar{v} \times \bar{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{e}_x & \hat{e}_y & \hat{e}_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \\ w_x & w_y & w_z \end{vmatrix} = (v_y w_z - v_z w_y) \hat{e}_x + (v_z w_x - v_x w_z) \hat{e}_y + (v_x w_y - v_y w_x) \hat{e}_z$$

$$|\bar{v} \times \bar{w}| = |\bar{v}| |\bar{w}| \sin \alpha$$

the direction is perpendicular to both $\bar{v}$ and $\bar{w}$
and the orientation is determined with the right hand rule



VECTORS: projections in the direction of another vector

Let's consider two vectors in Cartesian coordinates:

$$\bar{v} = v_x \hat{e}_x + v_y \hat{e}_y + v_z \hat{e}_z \quad \bar{w} = w_x \hat{e}_x + w_y \hat{e}_y + w_z \hat{e}_z$$

The scalar projection of $\bar{w}$ in the direction of $\bar{v}$ is the scalar:

$$w_v = |\bar{w}| \cos \alpha = \frac{\bar{w} \cdot \bar{v}}{|\bar{v}|}$$

The vector projection of $\bar{w}$ in the direction of $\bar{v}$ is the vector:

$$\bar{w}_v = |\bar{w}| \cos \alpha \hat{e}_v$$

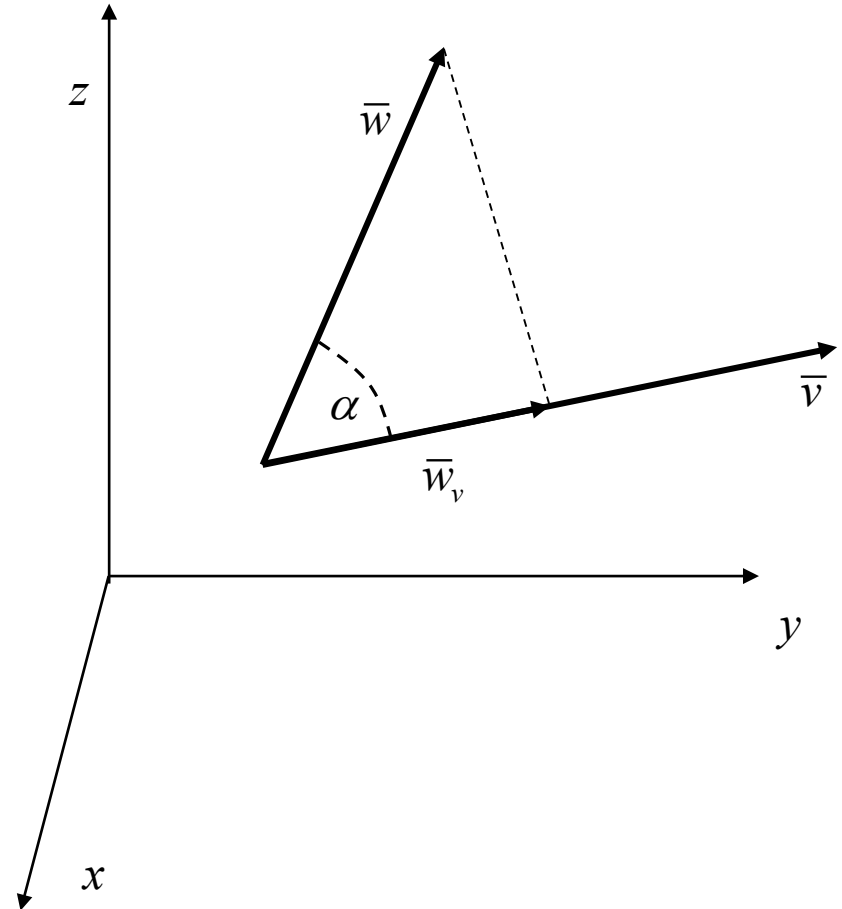
Exercise:

Prove that

$$\bar{w}_v = \frac{\bar{w} \cdot \bar{v}}{|\bar{v}|^2} \bar{v}$$

You can use the expression above to prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} a_x &= \bar{a} \cdot \hat{e}_x \\ a_y &= \bar{a} \cdot \hat{e}_y \\ a_z &= \bar{a} \cdot \hat{e}_z \end{aligned}$$



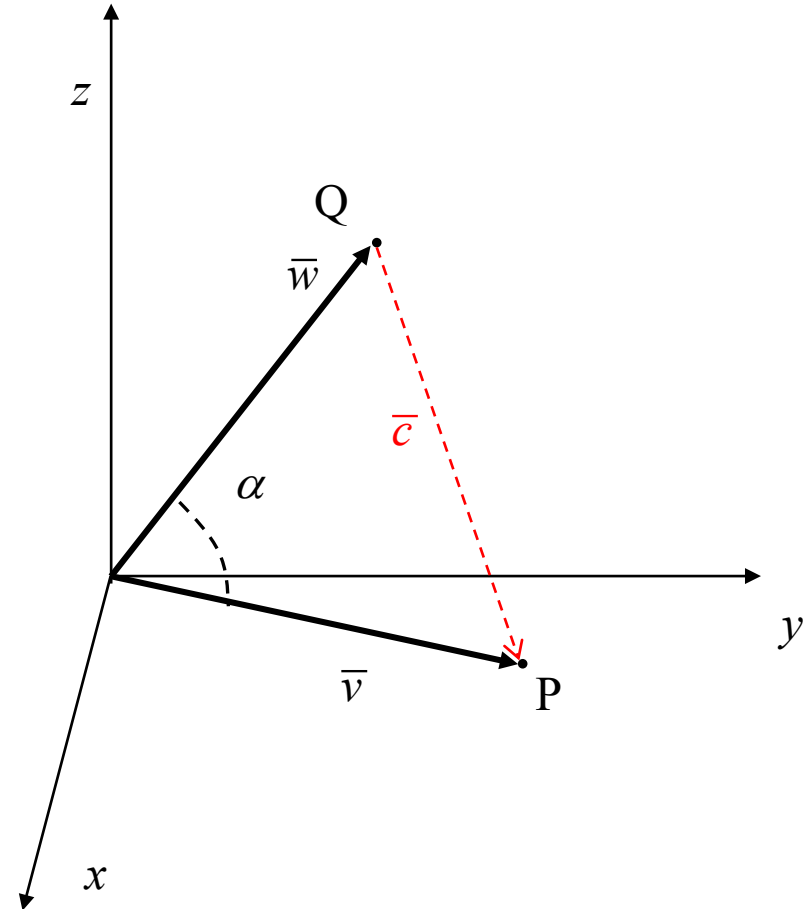
VECTORS: distance between two points

Let's consider two position vectors $\bar{v}, \bar{w}$ that identify two points, P and Q.

The distance between P and Q is the length L of the vector $\bar{c} = \bar{v} - \bar{w}$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= |\bar{c}| = \sqrt{\bar{c} \cdot \bar{c}} = \sqrt{(\bar{v} - \bar{w}) \cdot (\bar{v} - \bar{w})} = \\ &= \sqrt{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{v} - \bar{v} \cdot \bar{w} - \bar{w} \cdot \bar{v} + \bar{w} \cdot \bar{w}} = \\ &= \sqrt{|\bar{v}|^2 + |\bar{w}|^2 - 2\bar{v} \cdot \bar{w}} \end{aligned}$$

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CYLINDRICAL COORDINATE SYSTEMS

A point P can be identified by the coordinates:

x, y, z (Cartesian coordinates)

ρ, ϕ, z (cylindrical coordinates)

$$\begin{cases} x = \rho \cos \phi \\ y = \rho \sin \phi \\ z = z \end{cases}$$

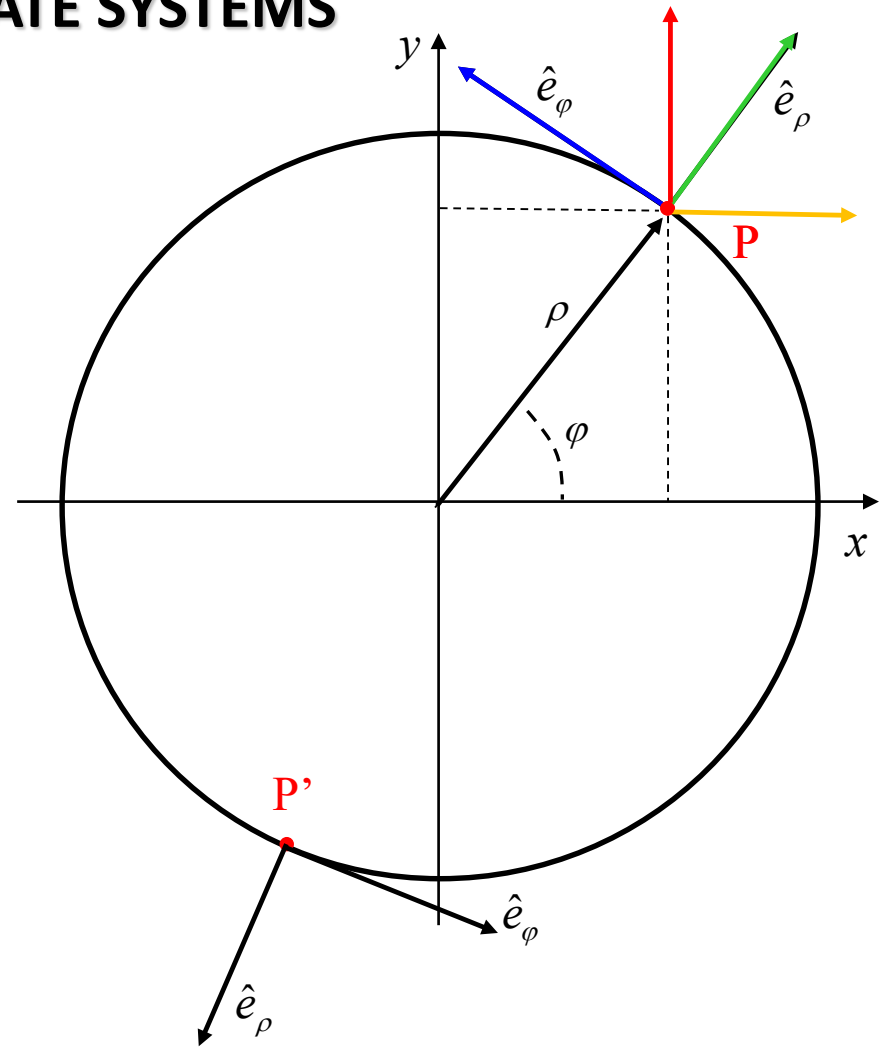
The basis vectors are:

$\hat{e}_x, \hat{e}_y, \hat{e}_z$ in the Cartesian coordinate system

$\hat{e}_\rho, \hat{e}_\phi, \hat{e}_z$ in the cylindrical coordinate system

The direction of the basis vectors in a cylindrical coordinate system depends on the position.

$$\begin{cases} \hat{e}_\rho = \cos \phi \hat{e}_x + \sin \phi \hat{e}_y \\ \hat{e}_\phi = -\sin \phi \hat{e}_x + \cos \phi \hat{e}_y \\ \hat{e}_z = \hat{e}_z \end{cases}$$



IMPORTANT: The basis vectors in a cylindrical coordinate system are orthonormal:

$$\begin{cases} \hat{e}_\rho \cdot \hat{e}_\phi = (\cos \phi \hat{e}_x + \sin \phi \hat{e}_y) \cdot (-\sin \phi \hat{e}_x + \cos \phi \hat{e}_y) = -\sin \phi \cos \phi + \sin \phi \cos \phi = 0 \\ \hat{e}_\rho \cdot \hat{e}_z = (\cos \phi \hat{e}_x + \sin \phi \hat{e}_y) \cdot \hat{e}_z = 0 \\ \hat{e}_\phi \cdot \hat{e}_z = (-\sin \phi \hat{e}_x + \cos \phi \hat{e}_y) \cdot \hat{e}_z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{e}_\rho \cdot \hat{e}_\rho = 1 \\ \hat{e}_\phi \cdot \hat{e}_\phi = 1 \\ \hat{e}_z \cdot \hat{e}_z = 1 \end{cases}$$

Example: THE MAGNETIC FIELD AROUND A STRAIGHT WIRE

The magnetic field $\bar{B}$ around a straight wire which carries an electric current I depends on the distance from the wire. The amplitude of the magnetic field is:

$$|\bar{B}| = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi\rho}$$

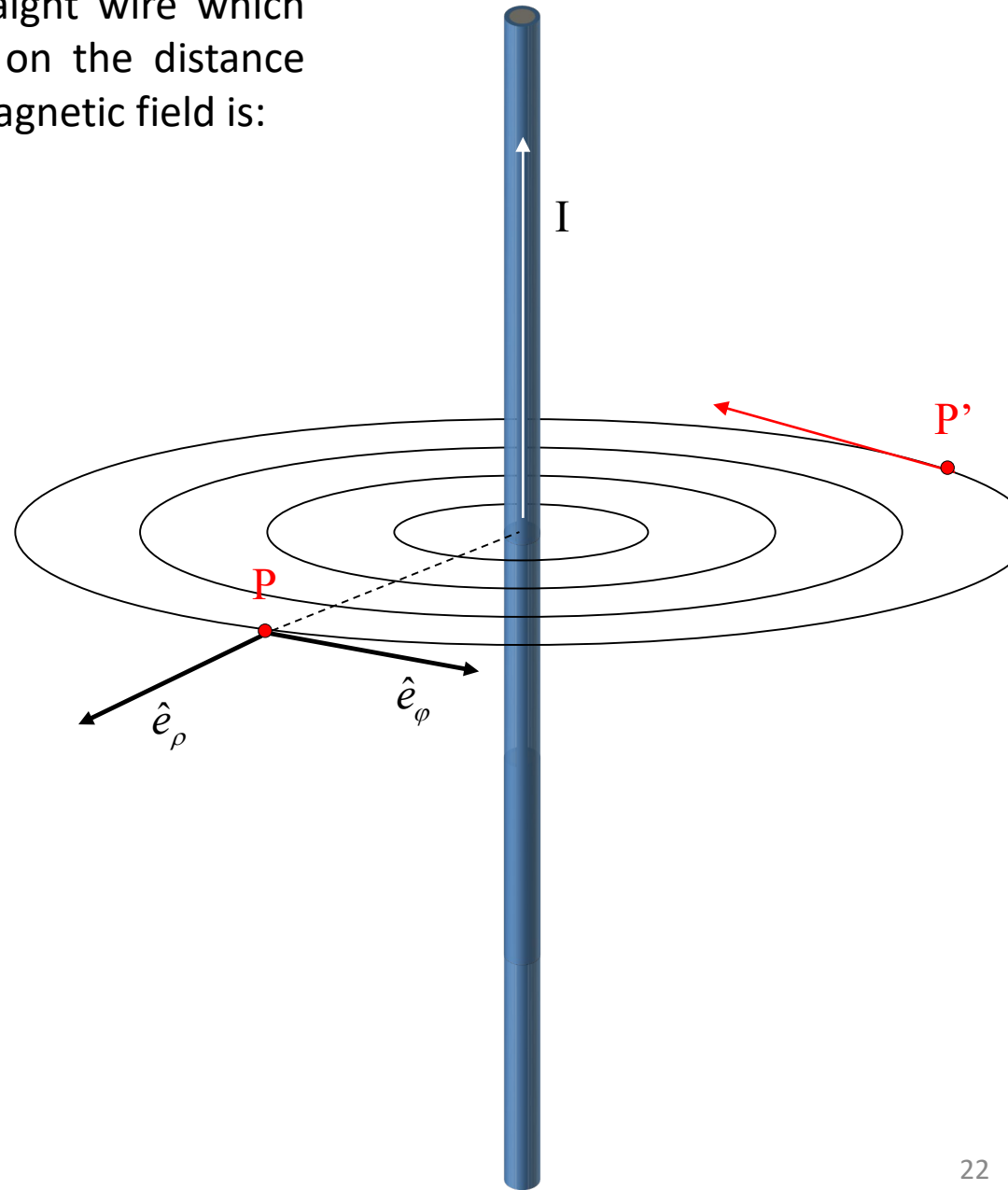
The direction is perpendicular to the wire, in the azimuthal direction. So, it is more convenient to express the field using cylindrical coordinates:

$$\bar{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi\rho} \hat{e}_\varphi$$

Note that: $\hat{e}_\varphi$ **depends on the position**. The direction of $\bar{B}$ in P is different from the direction in P'.

In cartesian coordinates, the expression of the field looks more complicated:

$$\bar{B} = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi\rho} \left(\frac{-y\hat{e}_x + x\hat{e}_y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)$$



ADDITION OF VECTORS DEFINED IN DIFFERENT COORDINATE SYSTEMS

Consider two vectors:

$$\bar{v} = (2, 1, 0) \quad \text{in the Cartesian coordinate system}$$

$$\bar{w} = (2, 0, 0) \quad \text{in the cylindrical coordinate system}$$

Is this correct: ~~$\bar{v} + \bar{w} = (2, 1, 0) + (2, 0, 0) = (4, 1, 0)$~~ ? **NO**

Let's rewrite the vectors using the basis of the coordinate systems:

$$\bar{v} = (2, 1, 0) = 2\hat{e}_x + \hat{e}_y$$

$$\bar{w} = (2, 0, 0) = 2\hat{e}_\rho$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{v} + \bar{w} &= 2\hat{e}_x + \hat{e}_y + 2\hat{e}_\rho = 2\hat{e}_x + \hat{e}_y + 2(\cos \varphi \hat{e}_x + \sin \varphi \hat{e}_y) = \\ &= (2 + 2\cos \varphi)\hat{e}_x + (1 + 2\sin \varphi)\hat{e}_y\end{aligned}$$

It is always convenient to express a vector using the basis of the coordinate system.

It will avoid major misunderstandings and errors!

CYLINDRICAL COORDINATE SYSTEMS: the position vector

The position vector $\vec{r}$ of a point P is a vector from the origin to the point P.

In general, the position vector in Cartesian coordinates x, y, z is expressed as:

$$\vec{r} = (x, y, z) = x\hat{e}_x + y\hat{e}_y + z\hat{e}_z$$

Now, consider a cylindrical coordinate system ρ, ϕ, z .

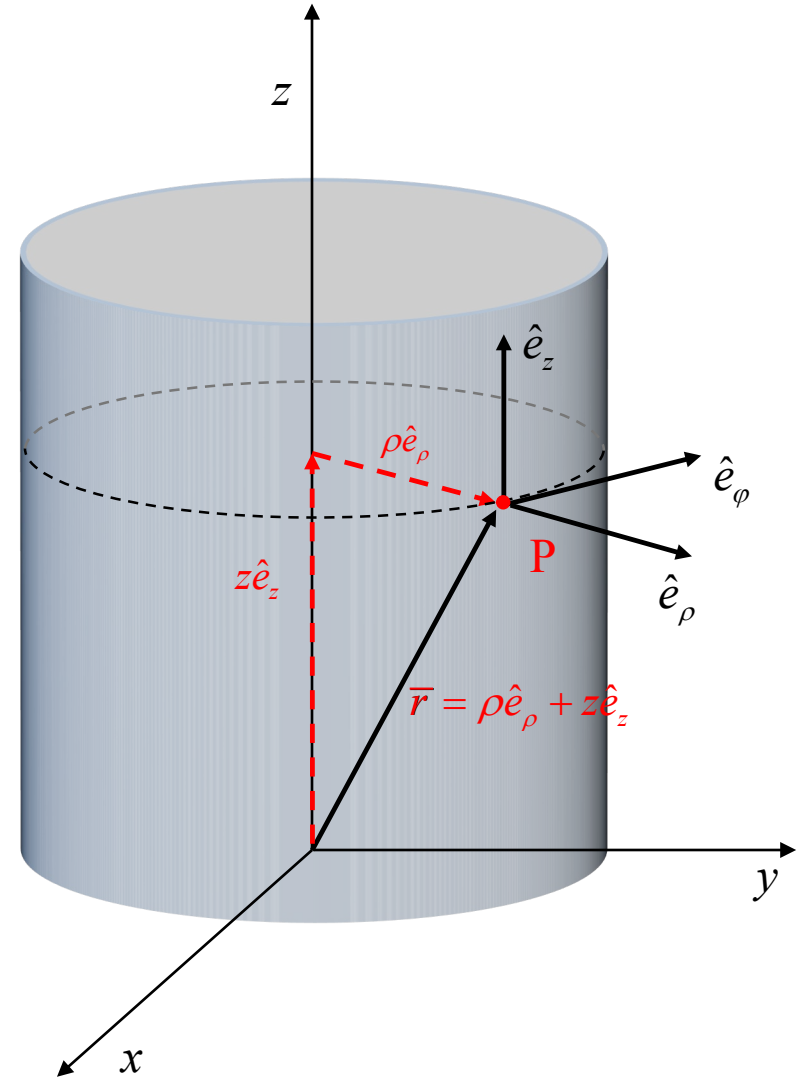
Is it correct to say that the position vector in a cylindrical coordinate system can be expressed as:

$$\text{--}\vec{r} = (\rho, \phi, z) = \rho\hat{e}_\rho + \phi\hat{e}_\phi + z\hat{e}_z \text{--} ?$$

No!

The position vector in cylindrical coordinate is:

$$\vec{r} = \rho\hat{e}_\rho + z\hat{e}_z$$



CYLINDRICAL COORDINATE SYSTEMS: differential elements

Assume that the radius of the cylinder is ρ_0 and the height z_0 . The arc l defined by the angle ϕ on the circumference C has length: $l = \phi\rho$.

The differential elements are:

$$dl = \rho d\phi$$

$$dS_z = \rho d\phi d\rho$$

$$dS_\rho = \rho d\phi dz$$

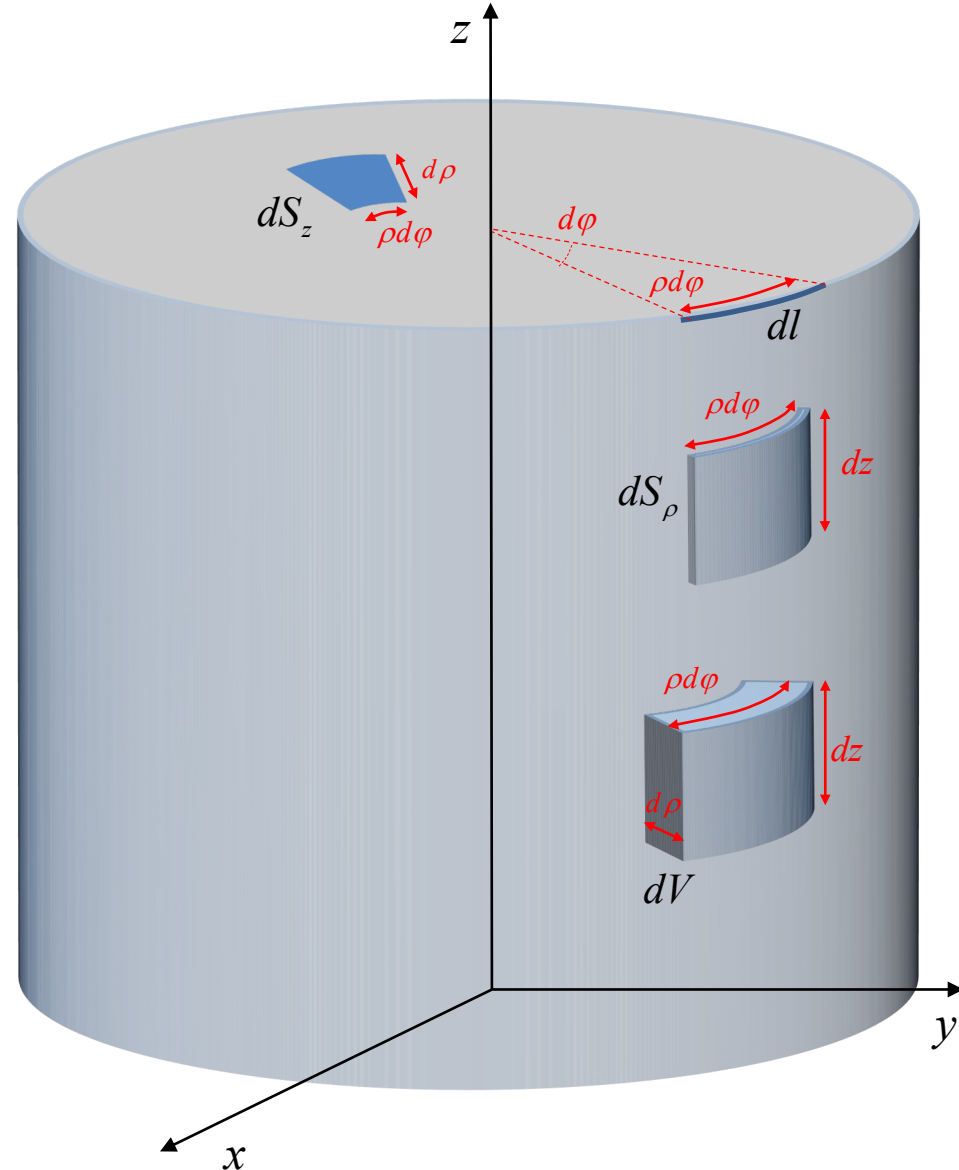
$$dV = \rho d\phi d\rho dz$$

$$C = \int dl = \int_0^{2\pi} \rho_0 d\phi = 2\pi\rho_0$$

$$S_z = \int dS_z = \int_0^{\rho_0} \int_0^{2\pi} \rho d\phi d\rho = \pi\rho_0^2$$

$$S_\rho = \int dS_\rho = \int_0^{z_0} \int_0^{2\pi} \rho_0 d\phi dz = 2\pi\rho_0 z_0$$

$$V = \int dV = \int_0^{z_0} \int_0^{\rho_0} \int_0^{2\pi} \rho d\phi d\rho dz = \pi z_0 \rho_0^2$$



SPHERICAL COORDINATE SYSTEMS

A point P can be identified by the coordinates:

x, y, z (Cartesian coordinate system)

r, θ, ϕ (spherical coordinate system)

$$0 \leq r \leq \infty$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

$$0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$$

$$\begin{cases} x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ z = r \cos \theta \end{cases}$$

The basis vectors are:

$\hat{e}_x, \hat{e}_y, \hat{e}_z$ in the Cartesian coordinate system

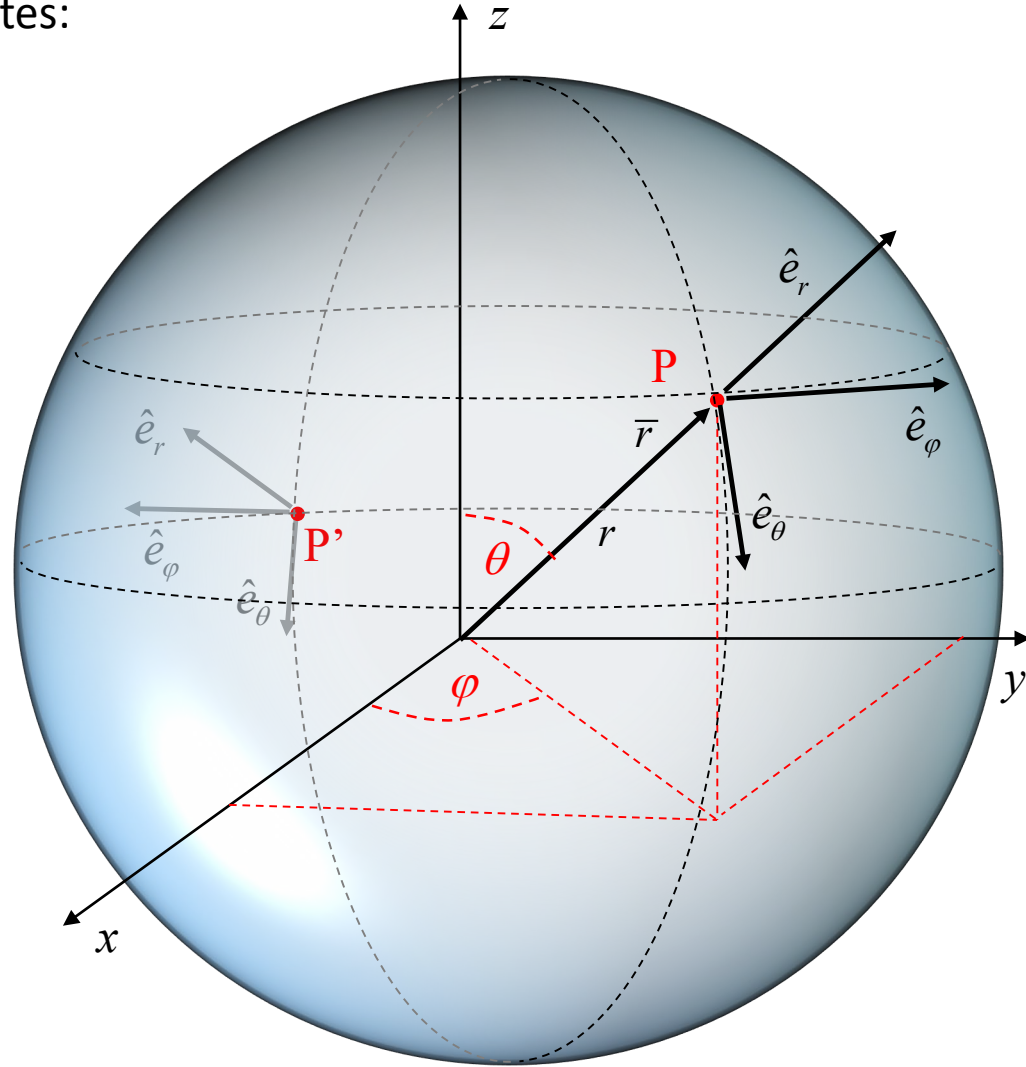
$\hat{e}_r, \hat{e}_\theta, \hat{e}_\phi$ in the spherical coordinate system

The direction of the basis vectors in a cylindrical coordinate system depends on the position.

$$\begin{cases} \hat{e}_r = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{e}_x + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{e}_y + \cos \theta \hat{e}_z \\ \hat{e}_\theta = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{e}_x + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{e}_y - \sin \theta \hat{e}_z \\ \hat{e}_\phi = -\sin \phi \hat{e}_x + \cos \phi \hat{e}_y \end{cases}$$

IMPORTANT. The basis vectors in a spherical coord. sys. are orthonormal:

$$\hat{e}_r \cdot \hat{e}_\theta = 0, \quad \hat{e}_r \cdot \hat{e}_\phi = 0, \quad \hat{e}_\theta \cdot \hat{e}_\phi = 0 \quad \hat{e}_r \cdot \hat{e}_r = 1, \quad \hat{e}_\theta \cdot \hat{e}_\theta = 1, \quad \hat{e}_\phi \cdot \hat{e}_\phi = 1$$



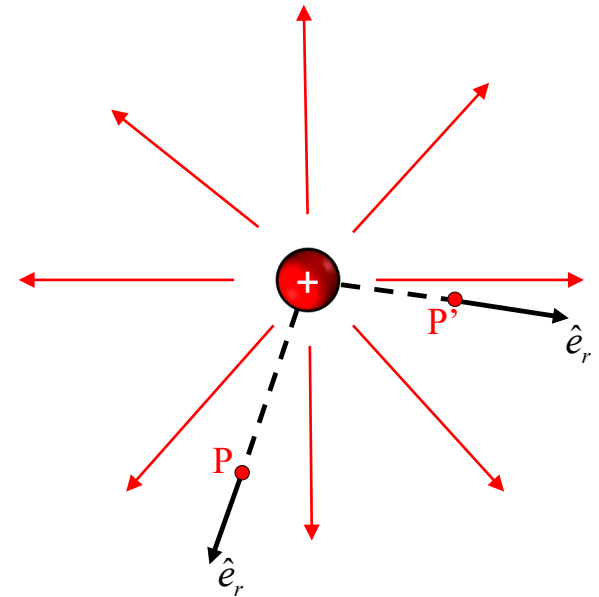
Example: THE ELECTRIC FIELD PRODUCED BY A POINT CHARGE

The electric field $\vec{E}$ produced by a point charge with electric charge Q has amplitude:

$$|\vec{E}| = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2}$$

and, if the charge is located in the origin, its direction is radial. So, it is convenient to use a spherical coordinate system to express the electric field:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2} \hat{e}_r$$



Note: $\hat{e}_r$ **depends on the position!** The direction of $\vec{E}$ in P is different from the direction in P'.

In cartesian coordinates, the expression of the electric field looks more complicated:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{x\hat{e}_x + y\hat{e}_y + z\hat{e}_z}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \quad \Rightarrow \text{It is much more convenient to use spherical coordinates}$$

SPHERICAL COORDINATE SYSTEMS: the position vector

Consider a spherical coordinate system r, θ, ϕ

Is the position vector in a spherical coordinate system:

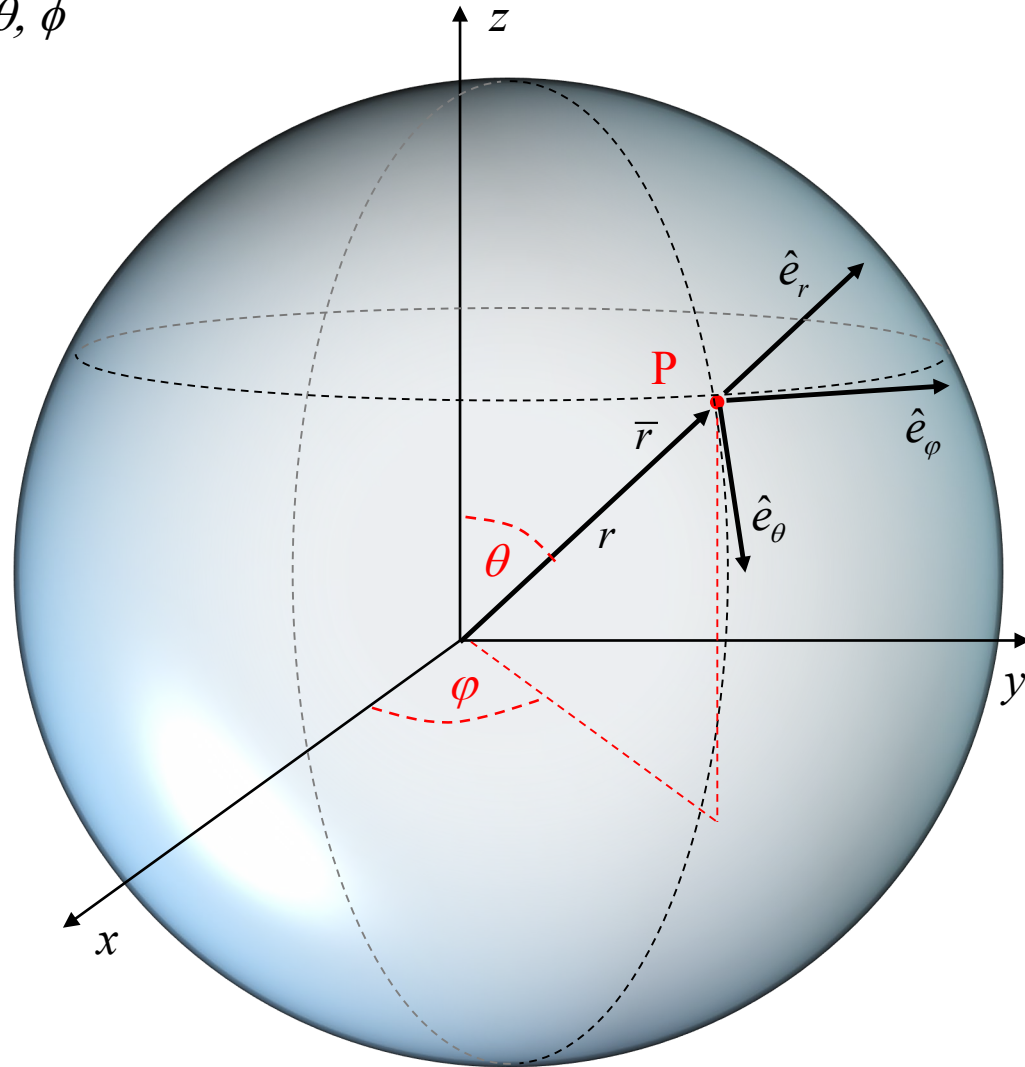
$$\text{--}\bar{\mathbf{r}} = (r, \theta, \phi) \text{--} = r\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r + \theta\hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta + \phi\hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \text{ ?}$$

No!

Exercise:

express the position vector in a spherical coordinate system.

The position vector in a spherical coordinate system is: $\boxed{\bar{\mathbf{r}} = r\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r}$



SPHERICAL COORDINATE SYSTEMS: differential elements

Assume that the radius of the sphere is r_0

- The arc l_θ parallel to the x-z plane has length: $l_\theta = \theta r$.
- The arc l_ϕ parallel to the x-y plane has length: $l_\phi = \phi r \sin \theta$.

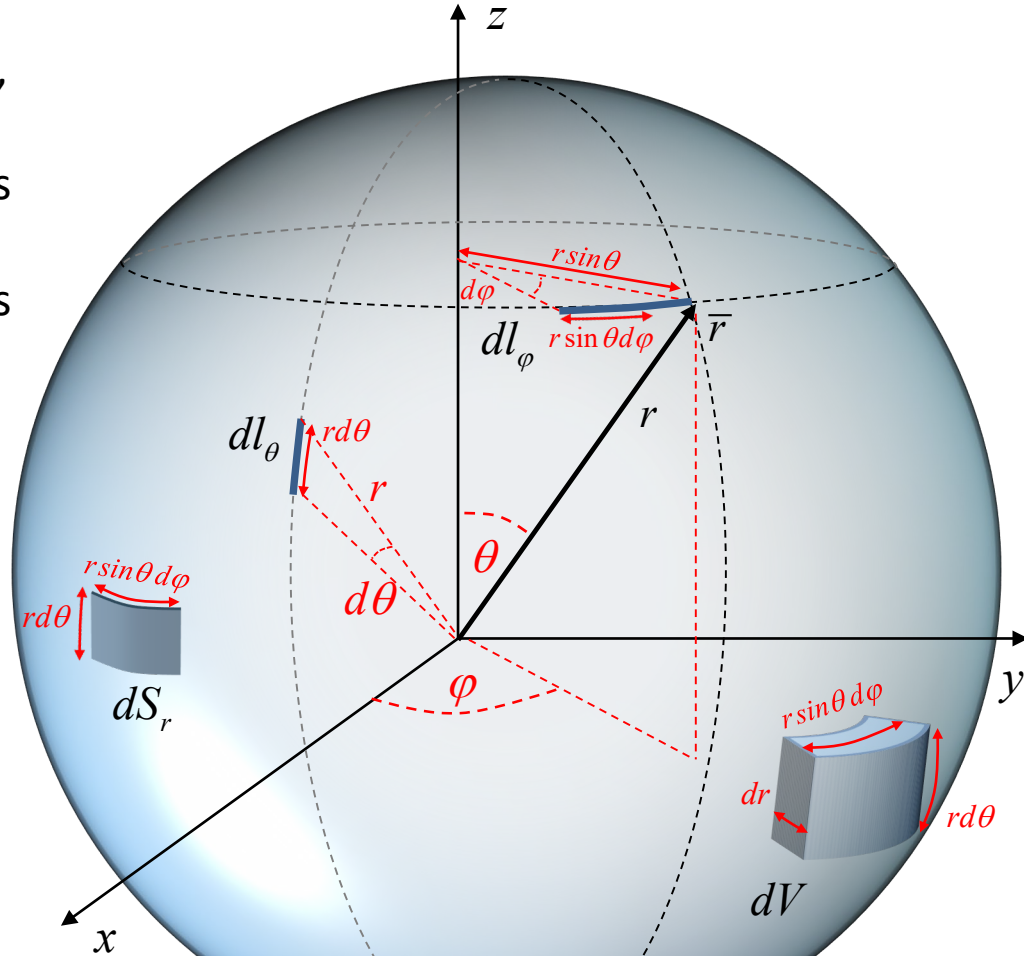
The differential elements are:

$$dl_\theta = r d\theta$$

$$dl_\phi = r \sin \theta d\phi$$

$$dS_r = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$dV = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi dr$$



$$S_r = \int dS_r = \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} r_0^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = 4\pi r_0^2$$

$$V = \int dV = \int_0^{r_0} \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi dr = \frac{4}{3} \pi r_0^3$$

SCALAR PRODUCT IN CYLINDRICAL AND SPHERICAL COORDINATE SYSTEMS

The scalar product in cylindrical and spherical coordinate systems can be calculated in a way similar to the Cartesian. This is because the basis vectors are orthonormal.

cartesian coordinate system:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{v} &= v_x \hat{e}_x + v_y \hat{e}_y + v_z \hat{e}_z \\ \bar{w} &= w_x \hat{e}_x + w_y \hat{e}_y + w_z \hat{e}_z \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{w} = v_x w_x + v_y w_y + v_z w_z}$$

cylindrical coordinate system:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{v} &= v_\rho \hat{e}_\rho + v_\varphi \hat{e}_\varphi + v_z \hat{e}_z \\ \bar{w} &= w_\rho \hat{e}_\rho + w_\varphi \hat{e}_\varphi + w_z \hat{e}_z \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \bar{v} \cdot \bar{w} = (v_\rho \hat{e}_\rho + v_\varphi \hat{e}_\varphi + v_z \hat{e}_z) \cdot (w_\rho \hat{e}_\rho + w_\varphi \hat{e}_\varphi + w_z \hat{e}_z) =$$

$$= \underbrace{v_\rho \hat{e}_\rho \cdot w_\rho \hat{e}_\rho}_{=1} + \underbrace{v_\rho \hat{e}_\rho \cdot w_\varphi \hat{e}_\varphi}_{=0} + \underbrace{v_\rho \hat{e}_\rho \cdot w_z \hat{e}_z}_{=0} +$$

$$\underbrace{v_\varphi \hat{e}_\varphi \cdot w_\rho \hat{e}_\rho}_{=0} + \underbrace{v_\varphi \hat{e}_\varphi \cdot w_\varphi \hat{e}_\varphi}_{=1} + \underbrace{v_\varphi \hat{e}_\varphi \cdot w_z \hat{e}_z}_{=0} +$$

$$\underbrace{v_z \hat{e}_z \cdot w_\rho \hat{e}_\rho}_{=0} + \underbrace{v_z \hat{e}_z \cdot w_\varphi \hat{e}_\varphi}_{=0} + \underbrace{v_z \hat{e}_z \cdot w_z \hat{e}_z}_{=1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{w} = v_\rho w_\rho + v_\varphi w_\varphi + v_z w_z}$$

Remember that:

$$\begin{cases} \hat{e}_\rho \cdot \hat{e}_\varphi = 0 \\ \hat{e}_\rho \cdot \hat{e}_z = 0 \\ \hat{e}_\varphi \cdot \hat{e}_z = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \hat{e}_\rho \cdot \hat{e}_\rho = 1 \\ \hat{e}_\varphi \cdot \hat{e}_\varphi = 1 \\ \hat{e}_z \cdot \hat{e}_z = 1 \end{cases}$$

spherical coordinate system:

(in a way similar to the cylindrical, one can prove that:)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{v} &= v_r \hat{e}_r + v_\theta \hat{e}_\theta + v_\varphi \hat{e}_\varphi \\ \bar{w} &= w_r \hat{e}_r + w_\theta \hat{e}_\theta + w_\varphi \hat{e}_\varphi \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{\bar{v} \cdot \bar{w} = v_r w_r + v_\theta w_\theta + v_\varphi w_\varphi}$$

CROSS PRODUCT IN CYLINDRICAL AND SPHERICAL COORDINATE SYSTEMS

The cross product in cylindrical and spherical coordinate systems can be calculated in a way similar to the Cartesian. This is because the basis vectors are orthonormal.

cartesian coordinate system:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{v} &= v_x \hat{e}_x + v_y \hat{e}_y + v_z \hat{e}_z \\ \bar{w} &= w_x \hat{e}_x + w_y \hat{e}_y + w_z \hat{e}_z \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \bar{v} \times \bar{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{e}_x & \hat{e}_y & \hat{e}_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \\ w_x & w_y & w_z \end{vmatrix} = (v_y w_z - v_z w_y) \hat{e}_x + (v_z w_x - v_x w_z) \hat{e}_y + (v_x w_y - v_y w_x) \hat{e}_z$$

cylindrical coordinate system:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{v} &= v_\rho \hat{e}_\rho + v_\phi \hat{e}_\phi + v_z \hat{e}_z \\ \bar{w} &= w_\rho \hat{e}_\rho + w_\phi \hat{e}_\phi + w_z \hat{e}_z \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \bar{v} \times \bar{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{e}_\rho & \hat{e}_\phi & \hat{e}_z \\ v_\rho & v_\phi & v_z \\ w_\rho & w_\phi & w_z \end{vmatrix} = (v_\phi w_z - v_z w_\phi) \hat{e}_\rho + (v_z w_\rho - v_\rho w_z) \hat{e}_\phi + (v_\rho w_\phi - v_\phi w_\rho) \hat{e}_z$$

spherical coordinate system:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{v} &= v_r \hat{e}_r + v_\theta \hat{e}_\theta + v_\phi \hat{e}_\phi \\ \bar{w} &= w_r \hat{e}_r + w_\theta \hat{e}_\theta + w_\phi \hat{e}_\phi \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \bar{v} \times \bar{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{e}_r & \hat{e}_\theta & \hat{e}_\phi \\ v_r & v_\theta & v_\phi \\ w_r & w_\theta & w_\phi \end{vmatrix} = (v_\theta w_\phi - v_\phi w_\theta) \hat{e}_r + (v_\phi w_r - v_r w_\phi) \hat{e}_\theta + (v_r w_\theta - v_\theta w_r) \hat{e}_\phi$$

INTEGRALS OF EXPRESSIONS CONTAINING VECTORS

In practical application, you will find often integrals of vectors.

- If the vector is expressed in a Cartesian coordinate system, this is not a problem
- If the vector is not expressed in a Cartesian coordinate system, we must be very careful

(1) Vector expressed in a Cartesian coordinate system

- The basis of a Cartesian coordinate system, $\hat{e}_x, \hat{e}_y, \hat{e}_z$ are constant: they always point in the same direction and their absolute value is 1 $\rightarrow$ we can move them out of the integral.
- Example: $\int_0^2 \bar{v} dx$ with $\bar{v} = zx\hat{e}_x + y\hat{e}_y + xy\hat{e}_z$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^2 (zx\hat{e}_x + y\hat{e}_y + xy\hat{e}_z) dx &= \int_0^2 zx\hat{e}_x dx + \int_0^2 y\hat{e}_y dx + \int_0^2 xy\hat{e}_z dx = z\hat{e}_x \int_0^2 x dx + y\hat{e}_y \int_0^2 dx + y\hat{e}_z \int_0^2 x dx \\ &= z\hat{e}_x \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^2 + y\hat{e}_y [x]_0^2 + y\hat{e}_z \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^2 = 2z\hat{e}_x + 2y\hat{e}_y + 2y\hat{e}_z \end{aligned}$$

INTEGRALS OF EXPRESSIONS CONTAINING VECTORS

(2) Vector expressed in a non-Cartesian coordinate system

- The basis might not be constant in space: the direction could depend on the position.
 - we can NOT move them out of the integral.
 - we need to express the basis vectors using the Cartesian basis (that are constant)
- Example in a cylindrical coordinate system:

$$\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \bar{v} d\varphi \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{v} = \rho \hat{e}_\varphi$$

- $\hat{e}_\varphi$ depends on the angle φ , so it depends on the variable of integration.
- So, we cannot move the vector outside the integral.
- We need to express the vector in a Cartesian coordinate system:

$$\hat{e}_\varphi = -\sin \varphi \hat{e}_x + \cos \varphi \hat{e}_y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \rho \hat{e}_\varphi d\varphi &= \rho \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (-\sin \varphi \hat{e}_x + \cos \varphi \hat{e}_y) d\varphi = \rho \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (-\sin \varphi) \hat{e}_x d\varphi + \rho \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos \varphi \hat{e}_y d\varphi = \\ &= \rho \hat{e}_x \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (-\sin \varphi) d\varphi + \rho \hat{e}_y \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos \varphi d\varphi = \rho \hat{e}_x [\cos \varphi]_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} + \rho \hat{e}_y [\sin \varphi]_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} = 2\rho \hat{e}_y \end{aligned}$$