

Vector addition is **commutative**.

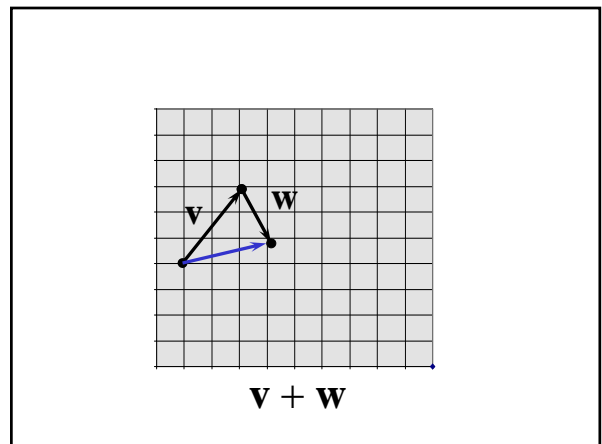
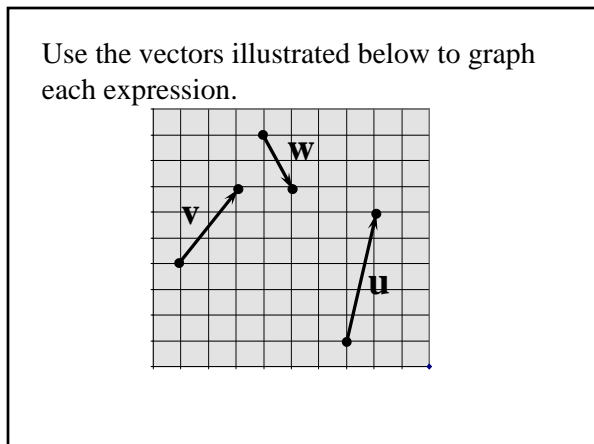
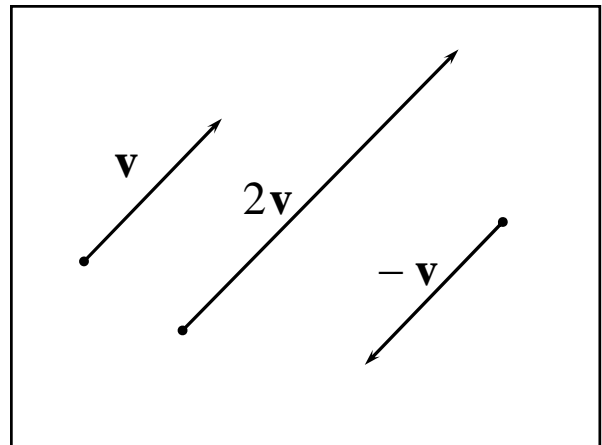
$v + w = w + v$

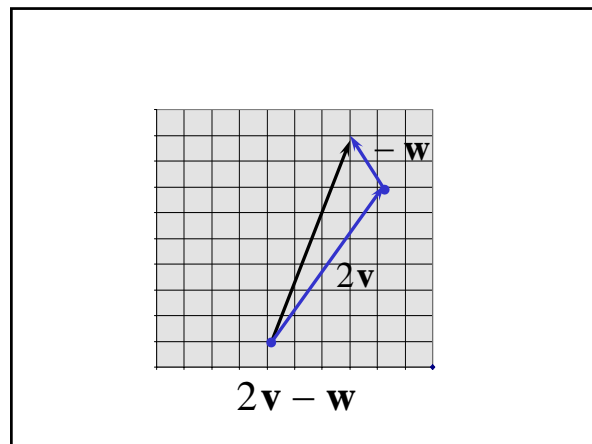
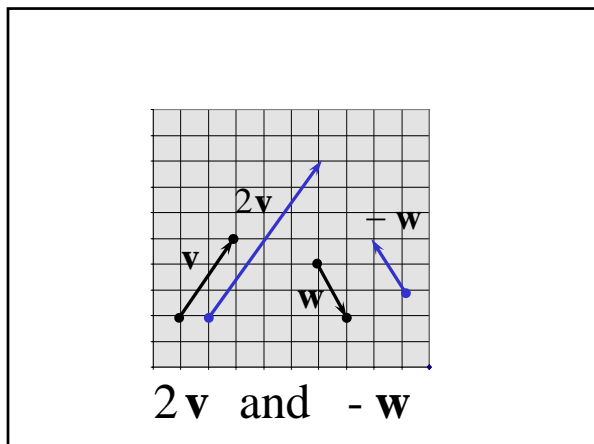
Vector addition is **associative**.

$u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$

$v + 0 = 0 + v = v$

$v + (-v) = 0$



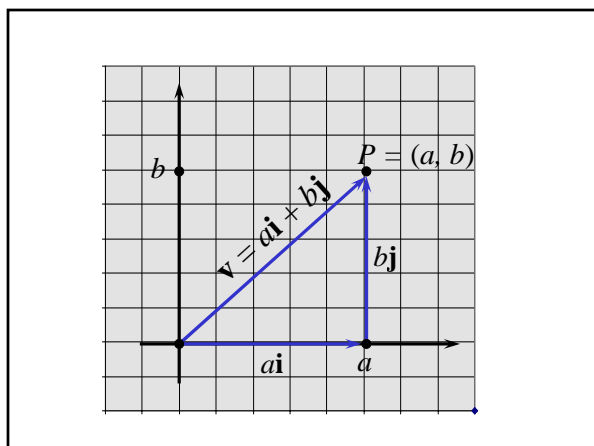


If  $\mathbf{v}$  is a vector, we use the symbol  $\|\mathbf{v}\|$  to represent the **magnitude** of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

A vector  $\mathbf{u}$  for which  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 1$  is called a **unit vector**.

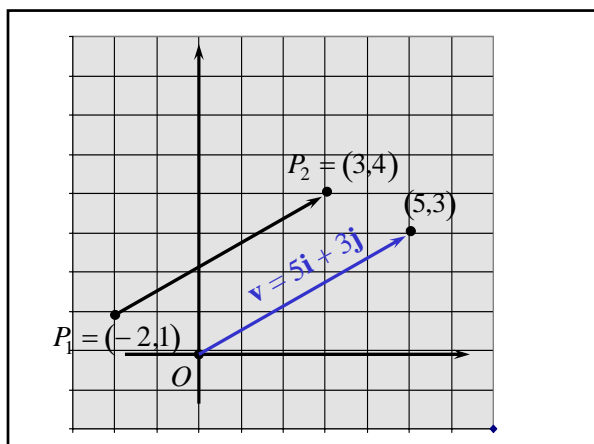
Let  $\mathbf{i}$  denote a unit vector whose direction is along the positive  $x$ -axis; let  $\mathbf{j}$  denote a unit vector whose direction is along the positive  $y$ -axis. If  $\mathbf{v}$  is a vector with initial point at the origin  $O$  and terminal point at  $P = (a, b)$ , then

$$\mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j}$$



Find the position vector of the vector  $\vec{P_1P_2}$  if  $P_1 = (-2, 1)$  and  $P_2 = (3, 4)$ .

$$\mathbf{v} = (x_2 - x_1)\mathbf{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\mathbf{j}$$



If  $\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = -4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ , find  
 (a)  $2\mathbf{v} + 3\mathbf{w}$       (b)  $\|\mathbf{v}\|$

**Theorem Unit Vector in Direction of  $\mathbf{v}$**   
 For any nonzero vector  $\mathbf{v}$ , the vector

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$$

is a unit vector that has the same direction as  $\mathbf{v}$ .

Find a unit vector in the same direction as  $\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$ .