Intro to Vectors and Vector Operations

What is a vector?

•A vector, \vec{v} or \vec{v} is a directed line segment that has both magnitude (size/length) and direction (angle).



a Vector in Standard Position ...

has its initial point (tail) at the origin.
 (same magnitude and direction)



Component Form of a Vector ...

•in standard form: $\vec{v} = \langle x, y \rangle$

$$\vec{v} = \langle x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1 \rangle$$

$$(x_1, y_1)$$

$$(x_1, y_2)$$

Example 1 ... initial point: (-3, -4) terminal point: (5, -1)

a) Find component form.

b) Sketch in standard position.



Example 2 ... initial point: (3, 5) terminal point: (-1, -1)

a) Find component form.

b) Sketch in standard position.



Vector Operations

- •Given $\vec{u} = \langle 2, -9 \rangle$ and $\vec{v} = \langle -6, 8 \rangle$.
- ·Find:
 - a) $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$
 - b) $\vec{v} \vec{u}$
 - c) $-2\vec{u} 3\vec{v}$
- d) $\vec{u} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{v}$