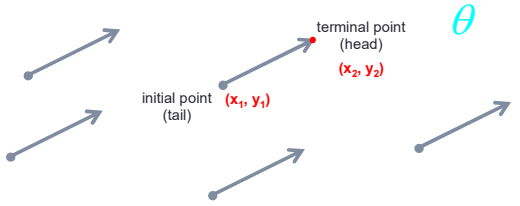
What is a vector?

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



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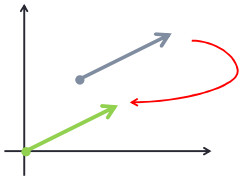
a Vector in Standard Position …

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



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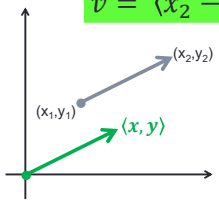
Component Form of a Vector …

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

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



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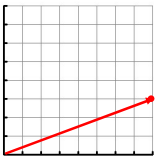
Example 1 … initial point: (-3, -4) terminal point: (5, -1)

a) Find component form.

$$\vec{v} = \langle 5-(-3), -1-(-4) \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} = \langle 8, 3 \rangle$$

b) Sketch in standard position.



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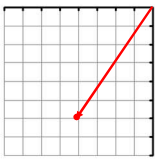
Example 2 … initial point: (3, 5) terminal point: (-1, -1)

a) Find component form.

$$\vec{v} = \langle -1-3, -1-5 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} = \langle -4, -6 \rangle$$

b) Sketch in standard position.



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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) $\vec{u} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{v}$

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