



Electromagnetic waves

Lecture 1

Vector Analysis and Vector Algebra

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1-Vector Analysis and Vector Algebra

1-1 Vector is a quantity having both magnitude and direction such as displacement, velocity, force and acceleration.

Example 1

Write the vector for each of the following:

- of the vector $(1, -3, -5)$ to $(2, -7, 0)$.
- of the vector $(2, -7, 0)$ to $(1, -3, -5)$.
- The location vector to $(4, 90)$.

solution

$$a \langle -1, 4, -5 \rangle \quad b \langle 1, -4, 5 \rangle$$

The two vectors in a and b are different in sign only, and this shows that they have the same magnitude, but they are opposite direction.

$$c \langle -90, 4 \rangle$$

1-2 Vector Algebra

Laws of vector algebra. If A, B and C are vectors and m and n are scalars, then

- $A + B = B + A$ Commutative Law for Addition
- $A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$ Associative Law for Addition
- $mA = Am$ Commutative Law for Multiplication
- $m(nA) = (mn)A$ Associative Law for Multiplication
- $(m + n)A = mA + nA$ Distributive Law
- $m(A + B) = mA + mB$ Distributive Law