

# Vector Moves

Add, subtract, and scale vectors component by component.

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CCSS.Math.Content.HSN-VM.B "Perform operations on vectors."

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## WORK WITH COMPONENTS

To add or subtract vectors, combine the matching components. To multiply a vector by a scalar, multiply each component by that scalar. Keep the components in the same order throughout your work.

## WORKED EXAMPLE

Find  $2u - v$  if  $u = \langle 11, -8 \rangle$  and  $v = \langle -5, 13 \rangle$ .

1. Multiply  $u$  by 2:  $2u = \langle 22, -16 \rangle$ .
2. Substitute:  $2u - v = \langle 22, -16 \rangle - \langle -5, 13 \rangle$ .
3. Subtract matching components:  $\langle 22 - (-5), -16 - 13 \rangle = \langle 27, -29 \rangle$ .

**Answer:  $\langle 27, -29 \rangle$**

## PRACTICE 6 problems

**1** Find  $\langle 4, -7 \rangle + \langle -1, 6 \rangle$ .

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Find  $\langle 9, 3 \rangle - \langle 6, -4 \rangle$ .

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Find  $-3\langle 1, -4 \rangle$ .

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Find  $4\langle -3, 7 \rangle$ .

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

**5** Find  $3\langle 4, -6 \rangle - \langle -7, 9 \rangle$ .

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

**6** Let  $r = \langle 6, 10 \rangle$ . Find  $-r$ .

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** A student walks  $\langle 7, -6 \rangle$  blocks, then walks  $\langle -4, 3 \rangle$  blocks. The first component shows east-west movement, and the second component shows north-south movement. What is the student's total displacement?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

- 2** In a video game, an avatar moves  $\langle 3, -7 \rangle$  tiles on each turn. What is the avatar's total displacement after 4 turns?

WORK SPACE

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## CHALLENGE One step up

### CHALLENGE

Solve for  $x$ :  $4x + \langle 3, -7 \rangle = \langle 31, 17 \rangle$ .

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## PART 1 · PRACTICE

| # | PROBLEM                                                 | ANSWER                    |
|---|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Find $\langle 4, -7 \rangle + \langle -1, 6 \rangle$ .  | $\langle 3, -1 \rangle$   |
| 2 | Find $\langle 9, 3 \rangle - \langle 6, -4 \rangle$ .   | $\langle 3, 7 \rangle$    |
| 3 | Find $-3\langle 1, -4 \rangle$ .                        | $\langle -3, 12 \rangle$  |
| 4 | Find $4\langle -3, 7 \rangle$ .                         | $\langle -12, 28 \rangle$ |
| 5 | Find $3\langle 4, -6 \rangle - \langle -7, 9 \rangle$ . | $\langle 19, -27 \rangle$ |
| 6 | Let $r = \langle 6, 10 \rangle$ . Find $-r$ .           | $\langle -6, -10 \rangle$ |

## PART 2 · APPLY IT

1.  **$\langle 3, -3 \rangle$  blocks** Add the matching components:  $\langle 7 + (-4), -6 + 3 \rangle = \langle 3, -3 \rangle$ . The student ends 3 blocks east and 3 blocks south of the starting point.
2.  **$\langle 12, -28 \rangle$  tiles** Multiply each component by 4:  $4\langle 3, -7 \rangle = \langle 12, -28 \rangle$ . The avatar moves 12 tiles in the positive first direction and 28 tiles in the negative second direction.

## CHALLENGE

$$\mathbf{x} = \langle 7, 6 \rangle$$

Accept vectors written with angle brackets or as ordered pairs when the component order is preserved. For the challenge, accept equivalent work that subtracts  $\langle 3, -7 \rangle$  first and then divides both components by 4.