

Section 8.2:

Given the magnitude and direction angle of a vector, find its components.

For each of these, use $a = |v| \cdot \cos \theta$
and $b = |v| \cdot \sin \theta$

Write the answer as a vector in component form $\langle a, b \rangle$

5. $|K| = 40$ and $\theta = 78.5^\circ$

$$a = |k| \cdot \cos \theta = 40 \cdot \cos(78.5^\circ)$$

$$a \approx 7.9747$$

$$a \approx 8.0$$

$$b = |k| \cdot \sin \theta = 40 \cdot \sin(78.5^\circ)$$

$$b = 39.1969$$

$$b \approx 39.2$$

$$K = \langle 8.0, 39.2 \rangle$$

7. $|M| = 15$ and $\theta = 199^\circ$

$$a = 15 \cdot \cos(199^\circ) = -14.1828$$

$$a \approx -14.2$$

$$b = 15 \cdot \sin(199^\circ) = -4.8835$$

$$b \approx -4.9$$

$$M = \langle -14.2, -4.9 \rangle$$

6. $|L| = 8$ and $\theta = 164^\circ$

$$a = 8 \cdot \cos(164^\circ) = -7.6901$$

$$a \approx -7.7$$

$$b = 8 \cdot \sin(164^\circ) = 2.2051$$

$$b \approx 2.2$$

$$L = \langle -7.7, 2.2 \rangle$$

8. $|N| = 56$ and $\theta = 333^\circ$

$$a = 56 \cdot \cos(333^\circ) = 49.8964$$

$$a \approx 49.9$$

$$b = 56 \cdot \sin(333^\circ) = -25.4235$$

$$b \approx -25.4$$

$$N = \langle 49.9, -25.4 \rangle$$

Find the direction angle, θ , of the given vector. Round θ to the nearest tenth of a degree.

- Identify the quadrant in which the vector lies in standard position.
- Find the magnitude of the vector: $|V| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$
- Find $\hat{\theta}$ using either $\cos \hat{\theta} = \frac{|a|}{|V|}$ or $\sin \hat{\theta} = \frac{|b|}{|V|}$
- Find θ (the direction angle) by adding or subtracting $\hat{\theta}$ with either 180° or 360° , depending on the quadrant:

(i) If V is in QI, then $\theta = \hat{\theta}$; (ii) if V is in QII, then $\theta = 180^\circ - \hat{\theta}$;
 (iii) if V is in QIII, then $\theta = 180^\circ + \hat{\theta}$; (iv) if V is in QIV, $\theta = 360^\circ - \hat{\theta}$.

9. $A = \langle 9, 2 \rangle$ Q I

$$|A| = \sqrt{9^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{81 + 4} = \sqrt{85} = 9.2195$$

$$\cos \hat{\theta} = \frac{|9|}{9.2195} = .9762$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \cos^{-1}(.9762) = 12.5288^\circ$$

$$\hat{\theta} \approx 12.5^\circ$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 12.5^\circ}$$

In QI
 $\theta = \hat{\theta}$

10. $B = \langle -6, 7 \rangle$ Q II

$$|B| = \sqrt{36 + 49} = \sqrt{85} = 9.2195$$

$$\cos \hat{\theta} = \frac{|-6|}{9.2195} = .6508$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \cos^{-1}(.6508) = 49.3985^\circ$$

$$\hat{\theta} \approx 49.4^\circ$$

$$\theta = 180^\circ - 49.4^\circ$$

In Q II
 $\theta = 180^\circ - \hat{\theta}$

$$\boxed{\theta = 130.6^\circ}$$

11. $C = \langle -3, -2 \rangle$ Q III

$$|C| = \sqrt{9 + 4} = \sqrt{13} = 3.60555$$

$$\cos \hat{\theta} = \frac{|-3|}{3.60555} = .83205$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \cos^{-1}(.83205) = 33.69007^\circ$$

$$\hat{\theta} \approx 33.7^\circ$$

$$\theta = 180^\circ + 33.7^\circ$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 213.7^\circ}$$

12. $D = \langle 6, -11 \rangle$ Q IV

$$|D| = \sqrt{6^2 + 11^2} = \sqrt{157} = 12.53$$

$$\cos \hat{\theta} = \frac{|6|}{12.53} = .47885$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \cos^{-1}(.47885) = 61.3895^\circ$$

$$\hat{\theta} \approx 61.4^\circ$$

$$\theta = 360^\circ - 61.4^\circ$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 298.6^\circ}$$