

the scalar product. These operations have to satisfy the following properties.

Associativity:	$(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$
Commutativity:	$\vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{w} + \vec{v}$
Zero element:	there is a vector \vec{o} such that $\vec{o} + \vec{v} = \vec{v}$ and $\vec{v} + \vec{o} = \vec{v}$ for every vector \vec{v}
Negative element:	for every \vec{v} there is a vector $-\vec{v}$ such that $\vec{v} + (-\vec{v}) = \vec{o}$ and $(-\vec{v}) + \vec{v} = \vec{o}$
Distributivity (1):	$r \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = r \cdot \vec{v} + r \cdot \vec{w}$
Distributivity (2):	$(r + s) \cdot \vec{v} = r \cdot \vec{v} + s \cdot \vec{v}$
Scalar compatibility:	$(r \cdot s) \cdot \vec{v} = r \cdot (s \cdot \vec{v})$
Identity:	$1 \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v}$

An important example of a vector space is the 2-dimensional plane $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ as it was discussed in this chapter. A thorough introduction to this topic will be provided in a course in linear algebra.

22.3 Exercises

Exercise 22.1

Graph the vectors in the plane.

- ~~a) \vec{PQ} with $P(2, 1)$ and $Q(4, 7)$~~
 ~~b) \vec{PQ} with $P(-3, 3)$ and $Q(-5, -4)$~~
 c) \vec{PQ} with $P(0, -4)$ and $Q(6, 0)$
 d) $\langle -2, 4 \rangle$
 e) $\langle -3, -3 \rangle$
 f) $\langle 5, 5\sqrt{2} \rangle$

Exercise 22.2

Find the magnitude and direction angle of the vector.

- a) $\langle 6, 8 \rangle$
 b) $\langle -2, 5 \rangle$
 c) $\langle -4, -4 \rangle$
 d) $\langle 3, -3 \rangle$
 e) $\langle 2, -2 \rangle$
 f) $\langle 4\sqrt{3}, 4 \rangle$
 g) $\langle -\sqrt{3}, -1 \rangle$
 h) $\langle -4, 4\sqrt{3} \rangle$
 i) $\langle -2\sqrt{3}, -2 \rangle$
 j) \vec{PQ} , where $P(3, 1)$ and $Q(7, 4)$
 k) \vec{PQ} , where $P(4, -2)$ and $Q(-5, 7)$

