

3. Where the unit is not specified, the unit meter is understood. We use Eq. 4-2 and Eq. 4-3.

(a) With the initial position vector as \vec{r}_1 and the later vector as \vec{r}_2 , Eq. 4-3 yields

$$\Delta r = ((-2) - 5)\hat{i} + (6 - (-6))\hat{j} + (2 - 2)\hat{k} = -7.0\hat{i} + 12\hat{j}$$

for the displacement vector in unit-vector notation (in meters).

(b) Since there is no z component (that is, the coefficient of \hat{k} is zero), the displacement vector is in the xy plane.