



Definition 8 A (non-zero) vector is a directed line segment drawn from a point p_1 (called its initial point) to a point p_2 (called its terminal point), where p_1 and p_2 are distinct points. The vector that starts with p_1 and ends with p_2 is denoted by $\vec{p_1 p_2}$. Its magnitude (value) is the length of the line segment, denoted by $\|\vec{p_1 p_2}\|$ and its direction is the same as that of the directed line segment.

The zero vector is a vector that starts and ends at the same point i.e. its initial and terminal points are coincide, and it is denoted by $\vec{0}$.

Note 8 There is a difference between 0 and $\vec{0}$.
 0 ← number
 $\vec{0}$ ← vector

The magnitude (value) of each vector $\vec{p_1 p_2}$ is defined by the distance between p_1 and p_2 .