

**Exercise.** Prove the “Parallelogram Rule for Addition” of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . In other words:

Consider Figure 1 where  $O$  is the origin of the coordinate system,  $A$  has coordinates  $(a_1, a_2)$ ,  $B$  has coordinates  $(b_1, b_2)$  and  $OACB$  is a parallelogram. Prove that  $C$  has coordinates  $(a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2)$ .

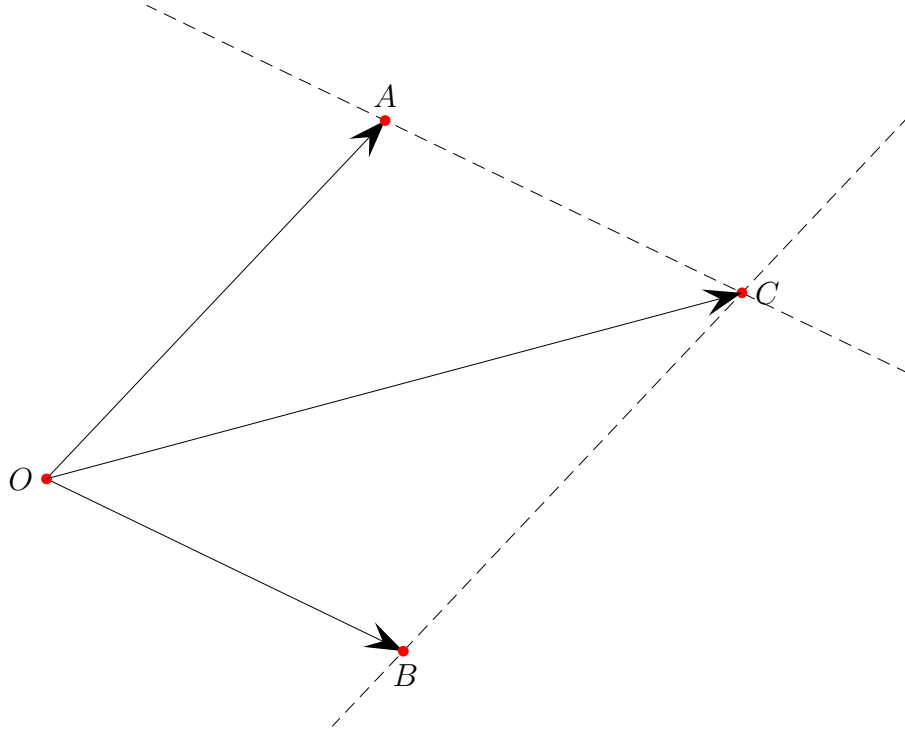


FIGURE 1. The parallelogram rule

**Hint.** Find equations for the lines  $AC$  and  $BC$  and then solve the resulting  $2 \times 2$  system.