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Scalar and Vector Quantities

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Outline



- **Coordinate systems**
 - Cartesian coordinate systems (2D)
 - Plane polar coordinate system (2D)
 - Conversion between the two systems

- **Math review**
 - Trigonometry
 - Pythagorean theorem
 - Cosine law
 - Sines law

- **Scalar and vector quantities**
 - Scalar quantities
 - Vector quantities
 - Components of a vector
 - Unit vectors

- **Vector applications**
 - Adding vectors
 - Subtracting vectors
 - Vector multiplication

Objectives



- Learning to apply Cartesian and Plane polar coordinate systems.
- Acquiring the capability to employ Pythagorean's Theorem, the Law of Sines, and the Law of Cosines to solve mathematical challenges.
- Gaining a thorough understanding of scalar and vector quantities, including the skill to decompose vectors into their respective components.
- Exploring the mathematical applications of vector quantities, including multiplication of vector quantities.

Coordinating systems

COORDINATE SYSTEMS

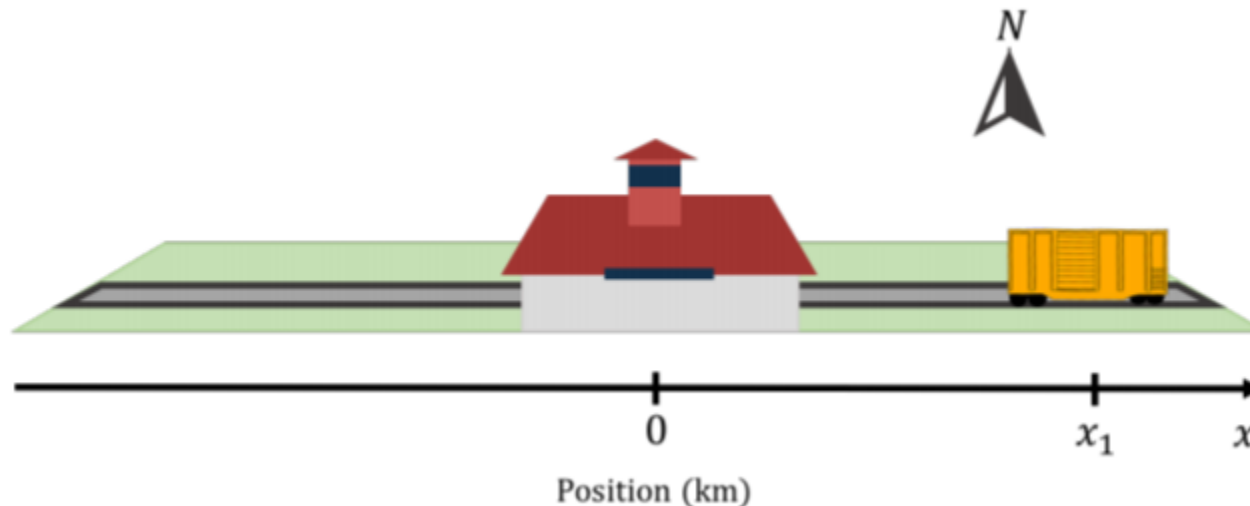


- A coordinate system is **used to determine** each point uniquely in a **plane**.
- A coordinate system is an artificial mathematical tool that we construct in order to describe the **position of a real object**.
- Coordinate system (**frame**) consists of:
 - a fixed **reference** point called the origin.
 - specific axes with scales and **labels**.
 - instructions on how to label a point relative to the origin and the axes.
- **Coordinating system can be:**
 - **1D Coordinate systems**
 - **2D Coordinate systems**
 - **3D Coordinate systems**



1D Coordinate systems

- The easiest coordinate system to construct is one that we can use to describe the location of objects in one dimensional space.
- For example, we may wish to describe the location of a train along a straight section of track that runs in the East-West direction.
- First define an “origin”, ($x=0$) which is the reference point of our coordinate system.
- We can describe the position of the train by specifying how far it is from the train station (the origin), using a single real number, say x -direction.



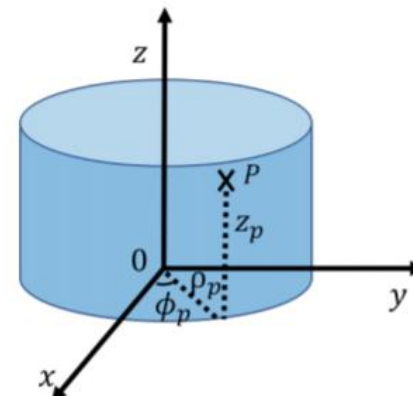
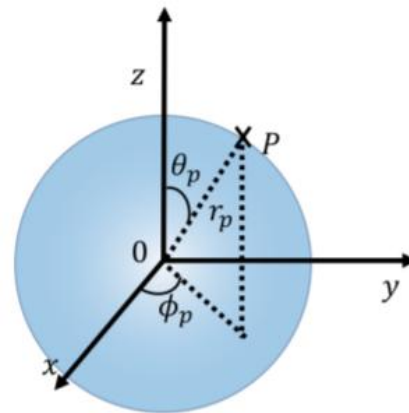
2D Coordinate systems

- To **describe** the **position** of an object in **two dimensions**
- We need to specify two numbers to define two axes, x and y, whose origin and direction we must define.
- **Examples of 2D coordinating system:**
 - **“Cartesian” coordinate system, and**
 - **“Polar” coordinate system**



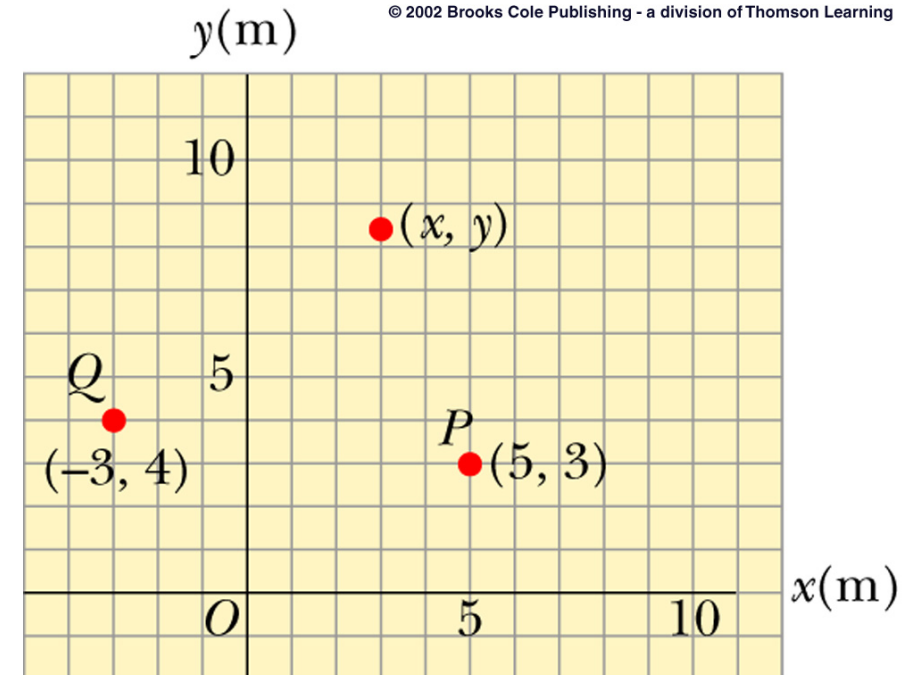
3D Coordinate systems

- In three dimensions, we need to specify three numbers to describe the position of an object (e.g. a **bird flying** in the air).
- In a three dimensional Cartesian coordinate system, we simply add a third axis, **z**, that is mutually perpendicular to both **x** and **y**.
- **Examples of three dimensions:**
 - “cylindrical” coordinates system and,
 - “spherical” coordinates system



Cartesian Coordinate Systems (2D)

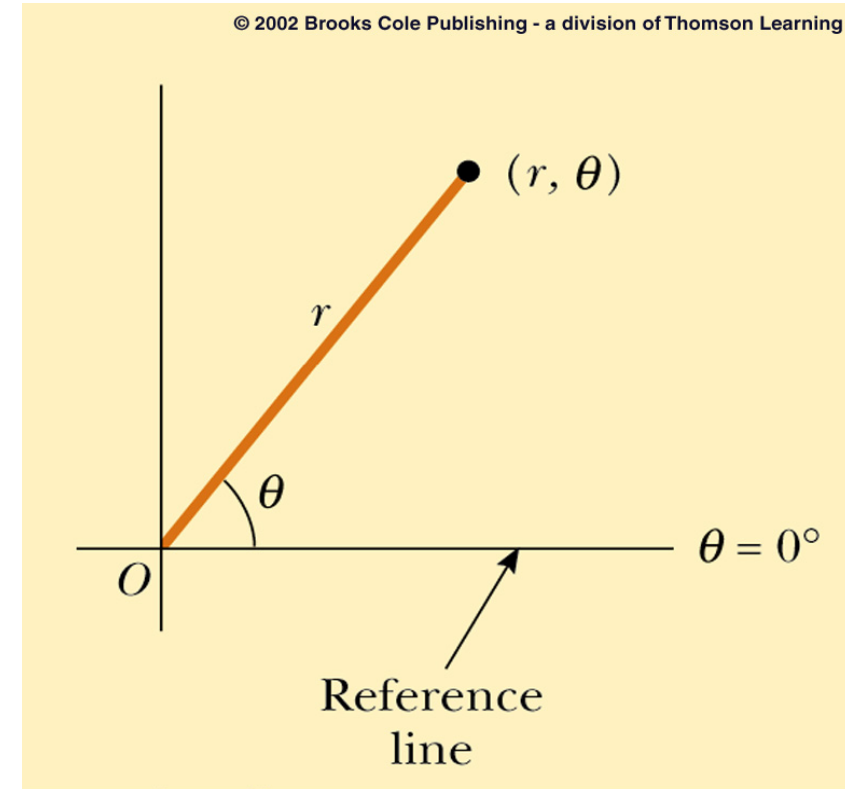
- It is also called rectangular coordinate system
- x- and y- axes
- Points are labeled as (x,y)



Plane polar coordinate system (2D)

Here:

- The origin and reference line are noted.
- The point (r, θ) is a distance (r) from the origin in the direction of angle θ .
- The points are labeled as (r, θ)



Conversion between the two systems

- On a polar coordinating system, the values of r of which corresponded to the x and y-axis can be measured as following:

$$x = r \cos(\theta)$$

$$y = r \sin(\theta)$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

- If x, and y given, the value of r is determined as :
- The **angle** which the vector r makes with an original axis is measured as below:

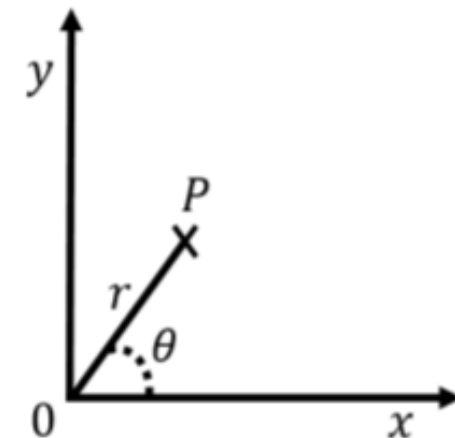
$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{y}{x}$$

- Other approaches can contribute to find out one of the four parameters (x, y, r, and θ) on the below diagram.

- These approaches are:

- Sine, cosine and tan function or**
- Pythagorean Theorem**

- Note:** These principles are mostly applied to solve mathematical problems of physics.



Math Review

I. Trigonometry

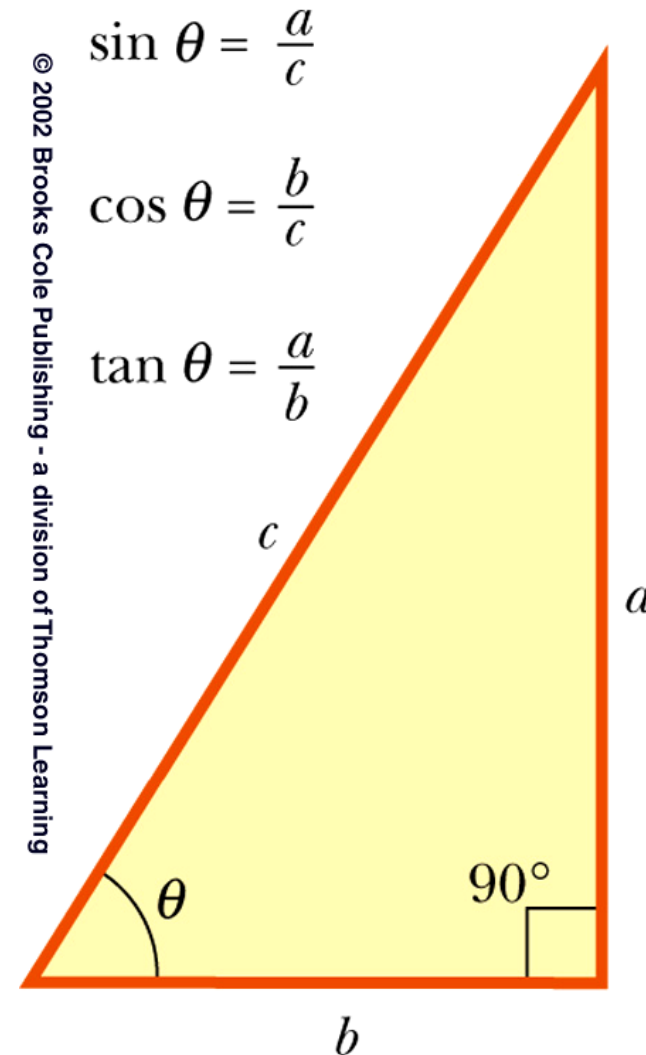
$$\sin \theta = \frac{\textit{opposite side}}{\textit{hypotenuse}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\textit{adjacent side}}{\textit{hypotenuse}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\textit{opposite side}}{\textit{adjacent side}}$$

□ Pythagorean Theorem

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

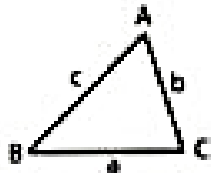


II. Cosine law

The Law of Cosines is useful for finding:

- The third side of a triangle when we know **two sides and the angle between** them (like the example above)
- The angles of a triangle when we know **all three sides**

Law of Cosines



$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos(C)$$

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos(A)$$

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos(B)$$

The formula can be rearranged to:

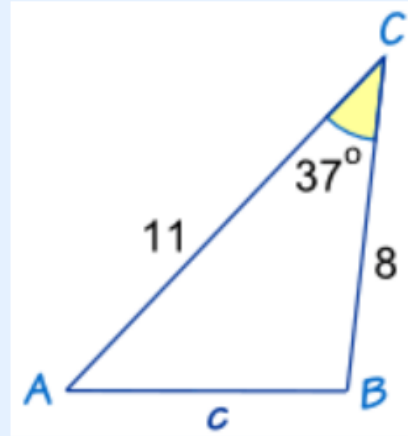
$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

$$\cos B = \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac}$$

$$\cos C = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$$



Example 1: determine the value of C between AB



We know angle $C = 37^\circ$, and sides $a = 8$ and $b = 11$

The Law of Cosines says: $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos(C)$

Put in the values we know: $c^2 = 8^2 + 11^2 - 2 \times 8 \times 11 \times \cos(37^\circ)$

Do some calculations: $c^2 = 64 + 121 - 176 \times 0.798...$

More calculations: $c^2 = 44.44...$

Take the square root: $c = \sqrt{44.44} = \mathbf{6.67}$ to 2 decimal places



EXAMPLE 2

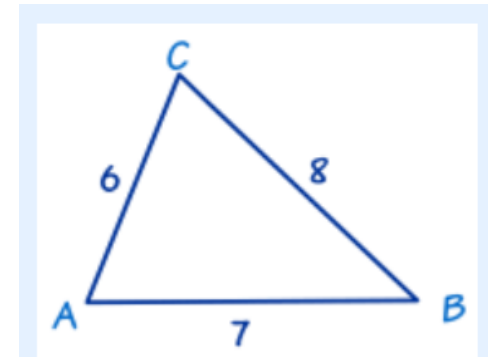
Find Angle "C" Using The Law of Cosines.

In this triangle we know the three sides:

- $a = 8$,
- $b = 6$ and
- $c = 7$.

Use The Law of Cosines (angle version) to find angle **C** :

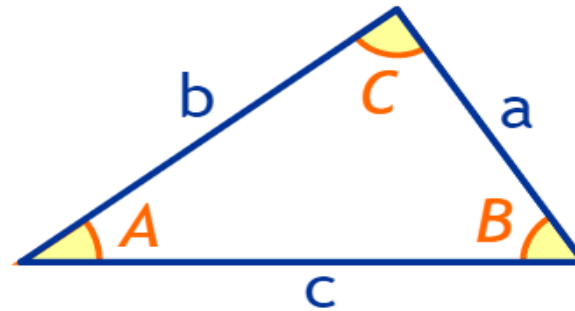
$$\begin{aligned}\cos C &= (a^2 + b^2 - c^2)/2ab \\ &= (8^2 + 6^2 - 7^2)/2 \times 8 \times 6 \\ &= (64 + 36 - 49)/96 \\ &= 51/96 \\ &= 0.53125 \\ C &= \cos^{-1}(0.53125) \\ &= \mathbf{57.9^\circ} \text{ to one decimal place}\end{aligned}$$



III. Sines Law

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

It works for any triangle:



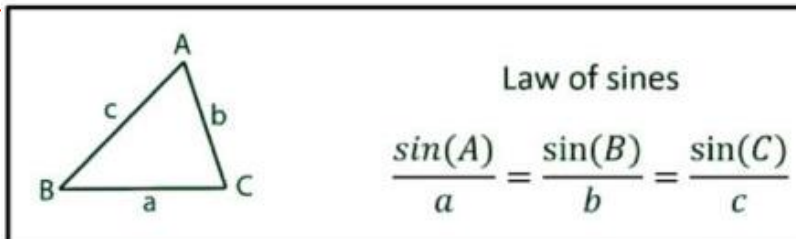
a, **b** and **c** are sides.

A, **B** and **C** are angles.

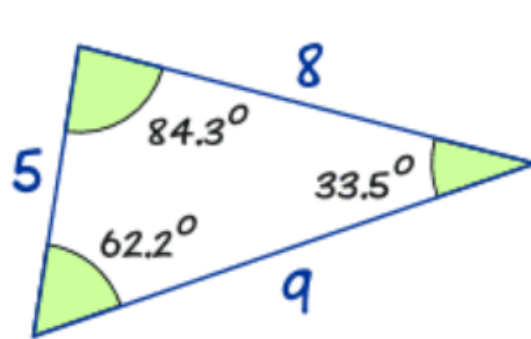
*(Side a faces angle A,
side b faces angle B and
side c faces angle C).*

And it says that:

When we **divide side a by the sine of angle A**
it is equal to **side b divided by the sine of angle B**,
and also equal to **side c divided by the sine of angle C**



Example 3: Prove sines law from the below diagram



$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{8}{\sin(62.2^\circ)} = \frac{8}{0.885...} = \mathbf{9.04...}$$

$$\frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{5}{\sin(33.5^\circ)} = \frac{5}{0.552...} = \mathbf{9.06...}$$

$$\frac{c}{\sin C} = \frac{9}{\sin(84.3^\circ)} = \frac{9}{0.995...} = \mathbf{9.04...}$$

The answers are **almost the same!**
*(They would be **exactly** the same if we used perfect accuracy).*

So now you can see that:

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$



Example 4: Calculate side "c"

Law of Sines: $a/\sin A = b/\sin B = c/\sin C$

Put in the values we know: $a/\sin A = 7/\sin(35^\circ) = c/\sin(105^\circ)$

Ignore $a/\sin A$ (not useful to us): $7/\sin(35^\circ) = c/\sin(105^\circ)$

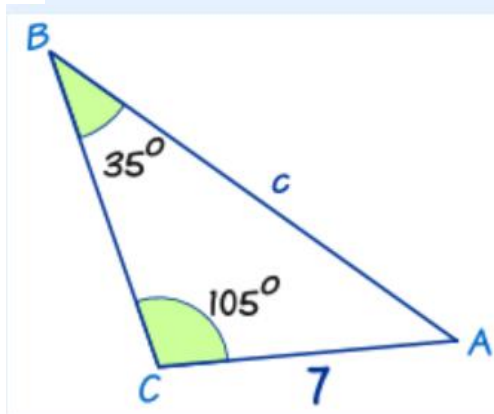
Now we use our algebra skills to rearrange and solve:

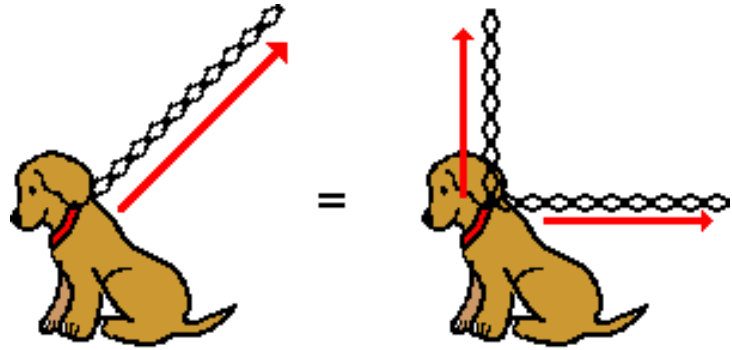
Swap sides: $c/\sin(105^\circ) = 7/\sin(35^\circ)$

Multiply both sides by $\sin(105^\circ)$: $c = (7 / \sin(35^\circ)) \times \sin(105^\circ)$

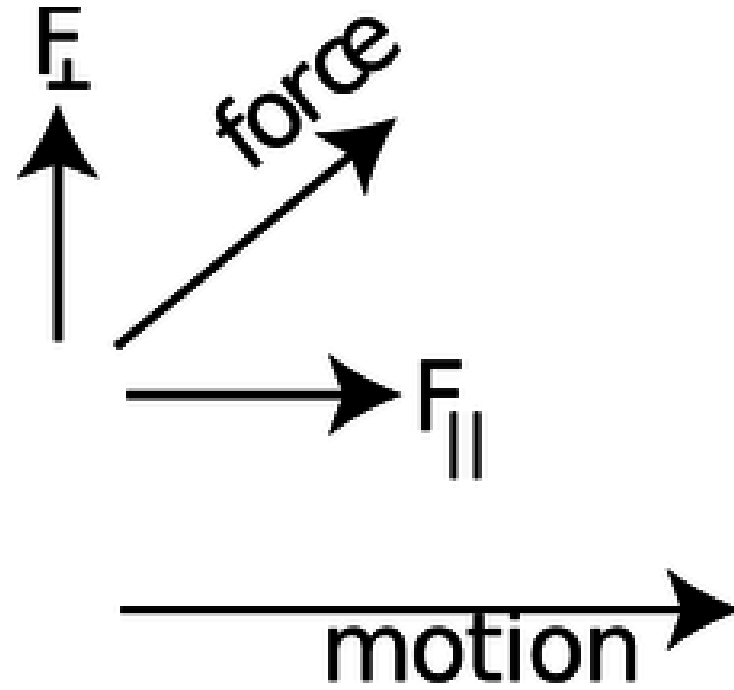
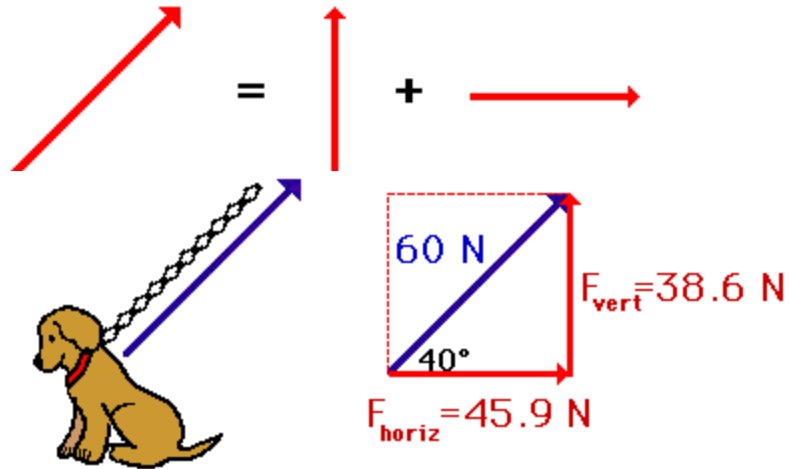
Calculate: $c = (7 / 0.574...) \times 0.966...$

$c = \mathbf{11.8}$ (to 1 decimal place)





The upward and rightward force of the chain is equivalent to an upward force and a rightward force by two chains.



$$\sin 40^\circ = \frac{F_{\text{vert}}}{60 \text{ N}}$$

$$\cos 40^\circ = \frac{F_{\text{horiz}}}{60 \text{ N}}$$

$$F_{\text{vert}} = 60 \text{ N} \times \sin 40^\circ$$

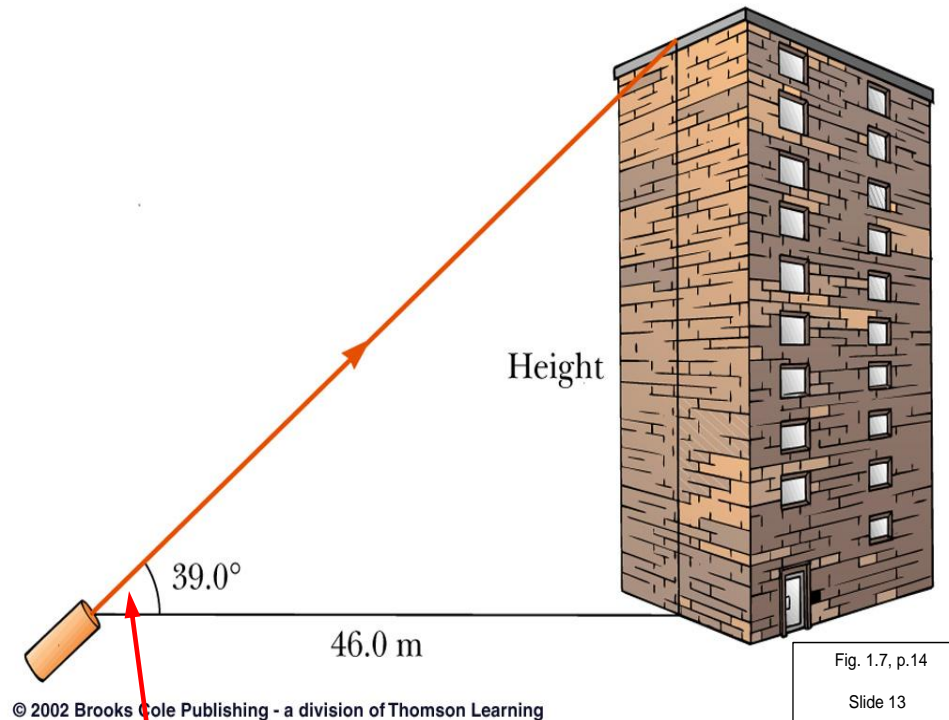
$$F_{\text{horiz}} = 60 \text{ N} \times \cos 40^\circ$$

$$F_{\text{vert}} = 38.6 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{\text{horiz}} = 45.9 \text{ N}$$



Example 5: How high is the building?



Known: angle and one side

Find: another side

Key: tangent is defined via two sides!

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\text{height of building}}{\text{dist.}}$$

$$\text{height} = \text{dist.} \times \tan \alpha = (\tan 39.0^\circ)(46.0 \text{ m}) = 37.3 \text{ m}$$



Example 6: Finding Polar Coordinates

If the rectangular coordinates of a point are given by $(3, y)$ and its polar coordinates are $(r, 60^\circ)$, determine y and r .

Note : $\sin 30 = \cos 60 = 1/2$ $\sin 60 = \cos 30 = \sqrt{3} / 2$

Solution:

$$Y = r \sin \theta, \quad x = r \cos \theta, \quad x = 3$$

$$\text{Thus: } 3 = r \cos 60, \quad r = 3 / \cos 60 = 3 * 2 = 6 \text{ m}$$

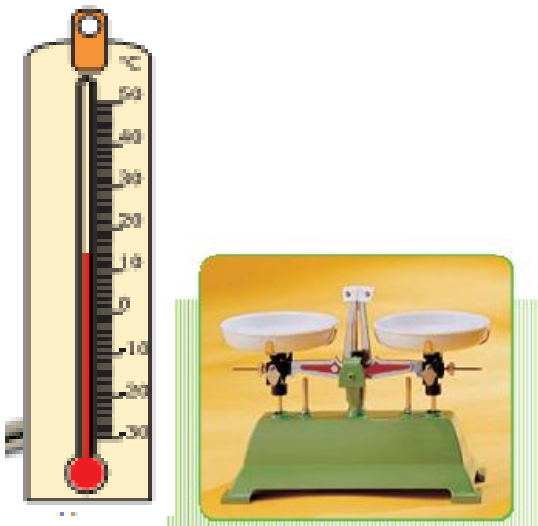
$$Y = r \sin 60 = 6 * \sqrt{3} / 2 = 3 \sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$



Scalar and vector quantities

I. SCALAR QUANTITIES

- A **SCALAR** is a quantity of physics that has MAGNITUDE only, however, direction is not associated with it.
- Magnitude – A numerical value with units.
- Some examples of scalar quantities



Scalar Example	Magnitude
Speed	20 m/s
Distance	10 m
Age	15 years
Heat	1000 calories

II. VECTOR QUANTITIES

- A **VECTOR** is a quantity which has both **MAGNITUDE** and **DIRECTION**.
- Examples: force, displacement, velocity....

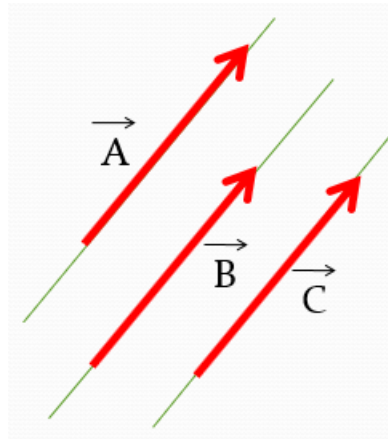
Vector	Magnitude & Direction
Velocity	20 m/s, North
Acceleration	10 m/s/s, East
Force	5 N, West

Vectors are typically illustrated by drawing an ARROW above the symbol. The arrow is used to convey direction and magnitude.

III. Some properties of Vectors

- Equality of Two Vectors

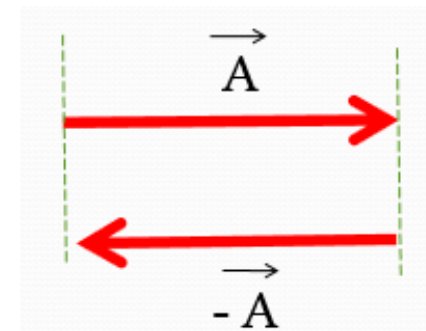
- Two vectors are **equal** if they have **the same magnitude and the same direction**.



$$\vec{A} = \vec{B} = \vec{C}$$

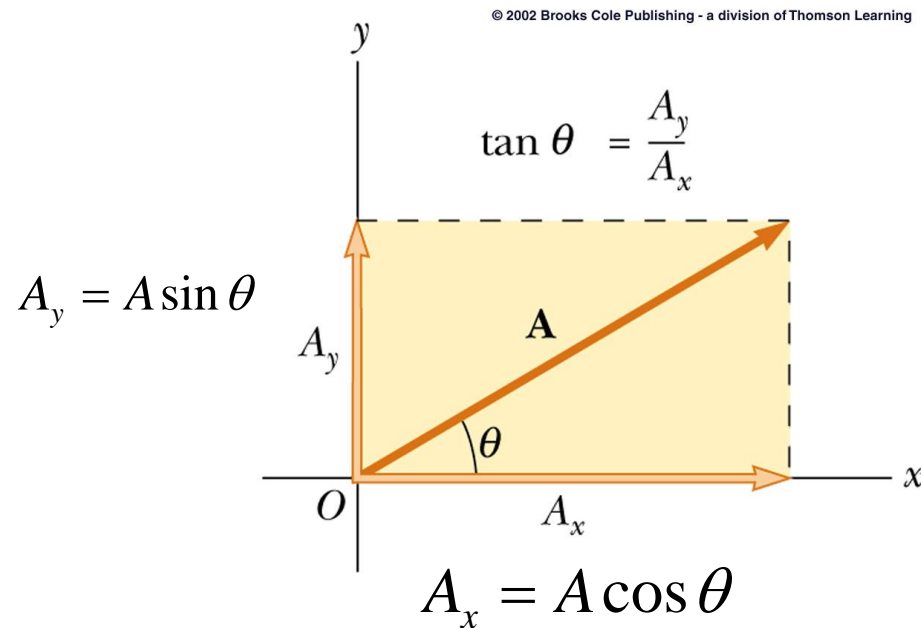
- Negative Vectors

- Two vectors are **negative** if they have the same magnitude but are 180° apart (opposite directions)



IV. COMPONENTS OF A VECTOR

- The projections of a vector on the x and y axis are called the components of the vector.



- *The y-component of a vector is the projection along the y-axis.*
- *The x-component of a vector is the projection along the x-axis.*

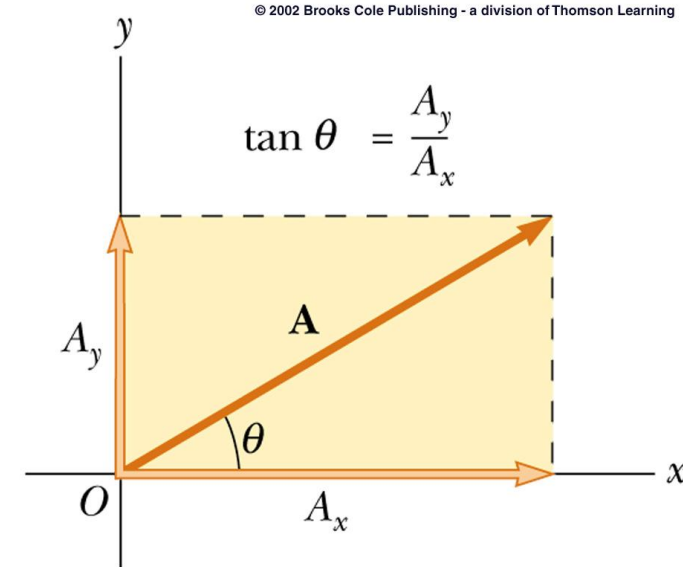
$$A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{A_y}{A_x}$$

Vectors with two and three components

- Vectors with two components

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j}$$

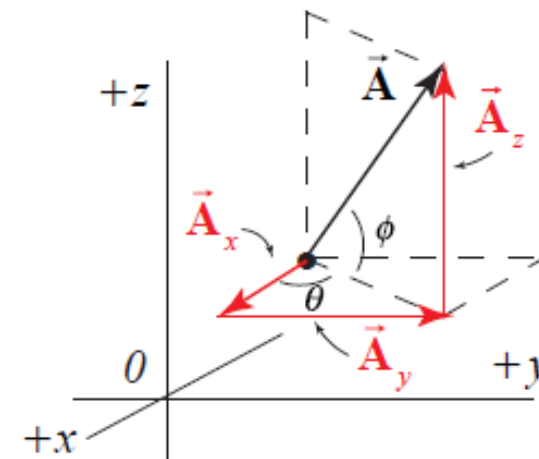
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- Vectors with three components

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}$$

$$A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$



TWO-DIMENSIONAL SYSTEMS

Rectangular Components

- Perpendicular projections are also called *orthogonal* projections.

$$\mathbf{F} = F_x \mathbf{i} + F_y \mathbf{j} \quad (2/2)$$

where the scalars F_x and F_y are the x and y *scalar components* of the vector \mathbf{F} .

The scalar components can be positive or negative, depending on the quadrant into which \mathbf{F} points. For the force vector of Fig. 2/5, the x and y scalar components are both positive and are related to the magnitude and direction of \mathbf{F} by

$$\begin{aligned} F_x &= F \cos \theta & F &= \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2} \\ F_y &= F \sin \theta & \theta &= \tan^{-1} \frac{F_y}{F_x} \end{aligned} \quad (2/3)$$

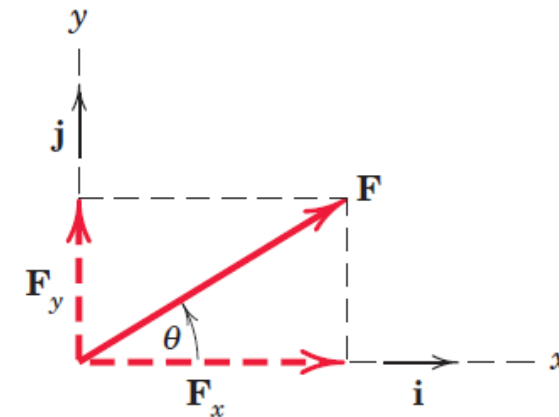


Figure 2/5



THREE-DIMENSIONAL SYSTEMS

Many problems in mechanics require analysis in three dimensions, and for such problems it is often necessary to resolve a force into its three mutually perpendicular components. The force \mathbf{F} acting at point O in Fig. 2/16 has the *rectangular components* F_x , F_y , F_z , where

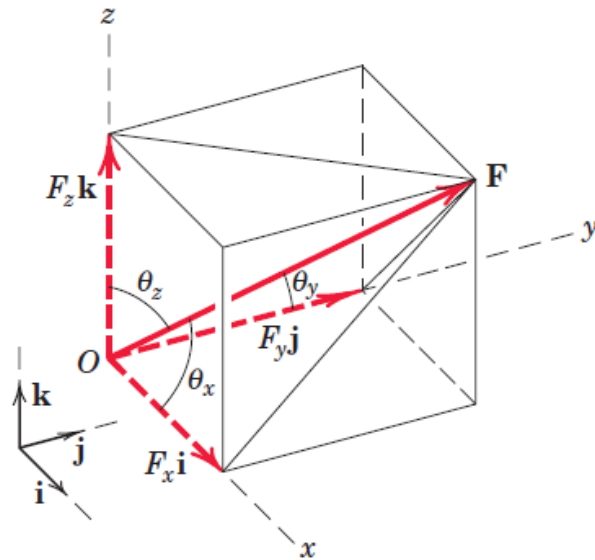


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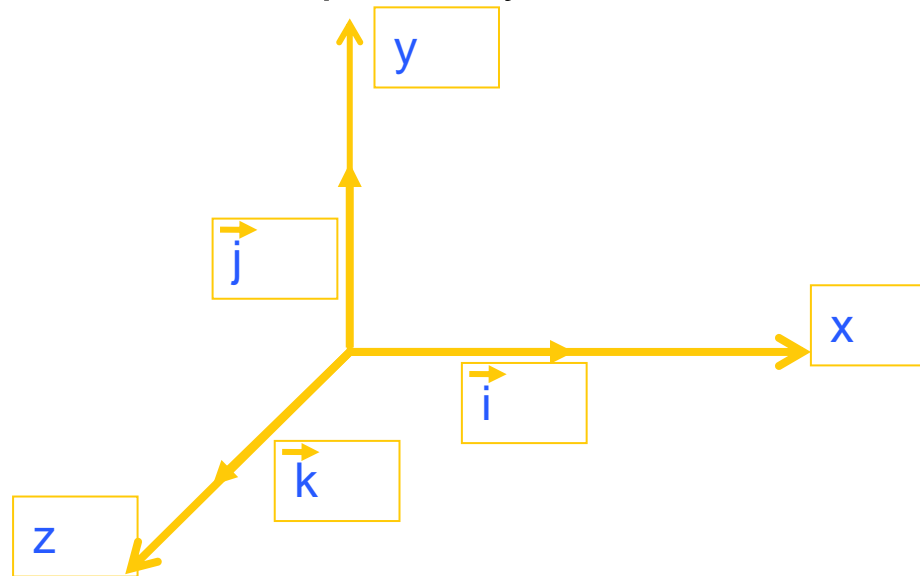
$$\begin{aligned} F_x &= F \cos \theta_x & F &= \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2} \\ F_y &= F \cos \theta_y & \mathbf{F} &= F_x \mathbf{i} + F_y \mathbf{j} + F_z \mathbf{k} \\ F_z &= F \cos \theta_z & \mathbf{F} &= F(\mathbf{i} \cos \theta_x + \mathbf{j} \cos \theta_y + \mathbf{k} \cos \theta_z) \end{aligned} \quad (2/11)$$

The unit vectors \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , and \mathbf{k} are in the x -, y -, and z -directions, respectively. Using the direction cosines of \mathbf{F} , which are $l = \cos \theta_x$, $m = \cos \theta_y$, and $n = \cos \theta_z$, where $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$, we may write the force as

$$\mathbf{F} = F(l\mathbf{i} + m\mathbf{j} + n\mathbf{k}) \quad (2/12)$$

V. Unit Vectors

- ❑ Vector quantities are often expressed in terms of unit vector.
- ❑ A unit vector is a dimensionless vector having a magnitude of exactly one.
- ❑ Unit vectors are used to specify a given direction and have no other physical significance.
- ❑ Symbols **i**, **j** and **k** are used for unit vectors and pointing in the positive x, y and z direction respectively.



VECTOR APPLICATIONS



VECTOR APPLICATIONS



You will study:

1. Adding vectors
2. Subtracting vectors
3. Vector multiplication

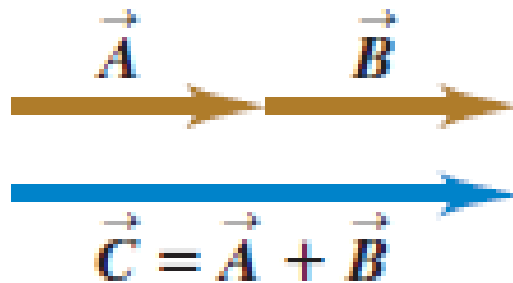
Note: There are two approaches of vector applications:

1. Graphical Methods: the vectors are plotted.
 - Use scale drawings.
2. Algebraic Methods: mathematics is used.
 - More convenient

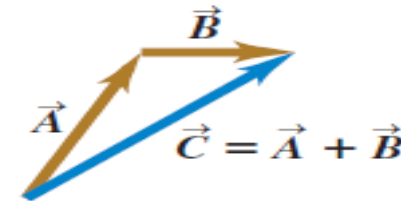
Vectors application graphically

I. Adding Vectors graphically

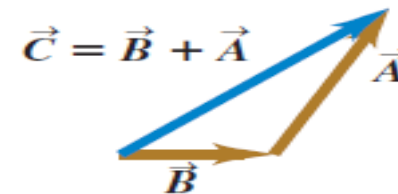
- When adding vectors, their **directions must be taken into consideration.**
- Units must be the same.



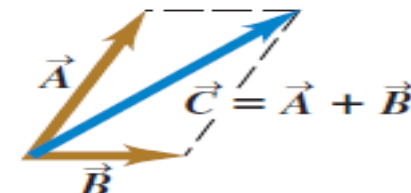
(a) We can add two vectors by placing them head to tail.



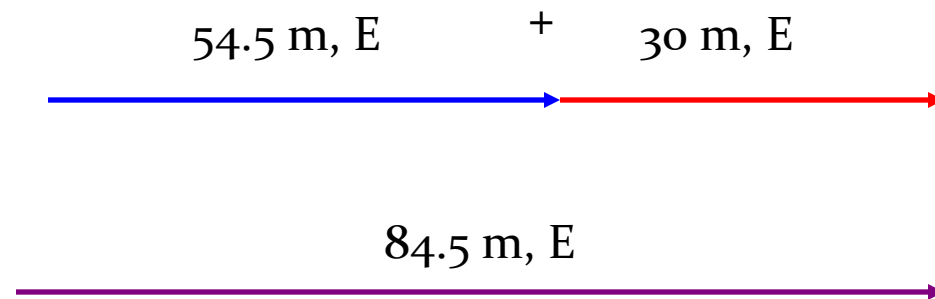
(b) Adding them in reverse order gives the same result.



(c) We can also add them by constructing a parallelogram.



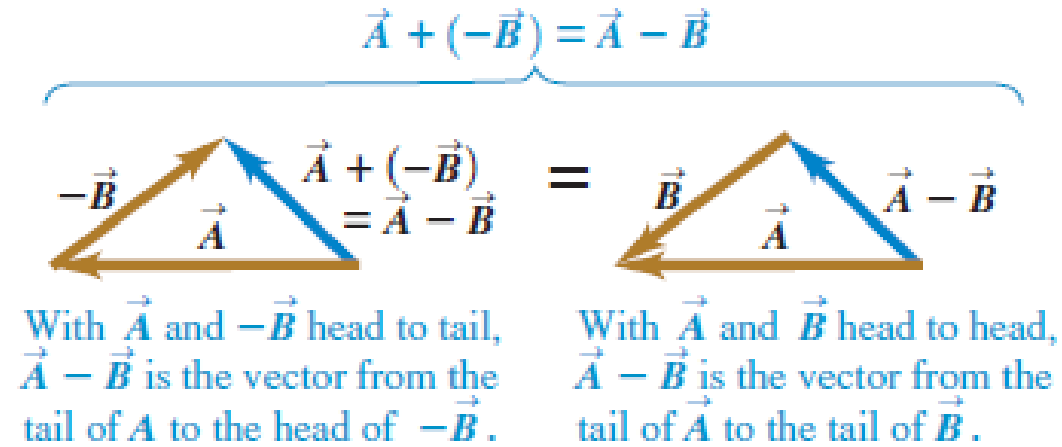
- **Example 7:** A man walks 54.5 meters east, then another 30 meters east. Calculate his displacement relative to where he started?



Notice that the SIZE of the arrow conveys **MAGNITUDE** and the way it was drawn conveys **DIRECTION**.

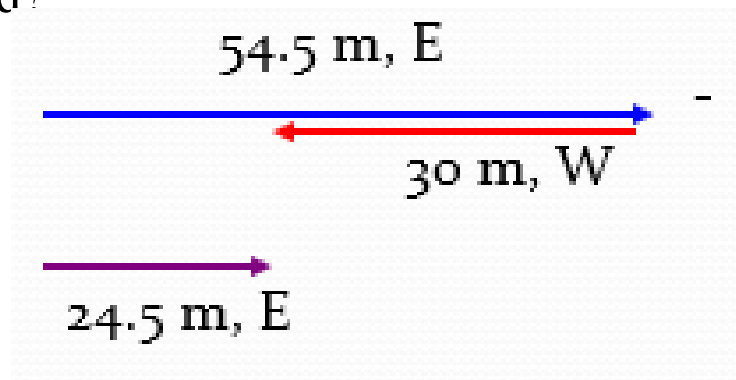
II. Subtracting vectors graphically

- The vectors \mathbf{A} & $-\mathbf{A}$ have the same magnitude but point in opposite directions. Therefore when we add negative vectors we get zero.



- **Example 8:** A man walks 54.5 meters east, then 30 meters west. Calculate his displacement relative to where he started?

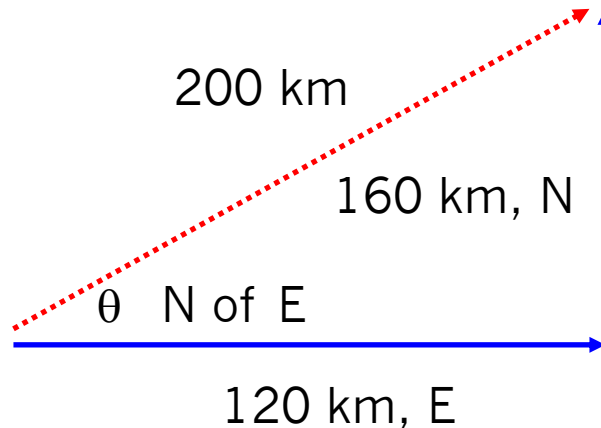
Solution



Perpendicular vectors graphically

- When two vectors are **perpendicular**, you can use the **Pythagorean theorem** if the angle is not given.
- Just putting N of E is not good enough (how far north of east ?).
- We need to find a numeric value for the direction.
- To find the value of the angle we use a Trig function called TANGENT.

Example 9: From the below diagram, find the angle between the resultant and east components.



$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{adjacent side}} = \frac{160}{120} = 1.333$$

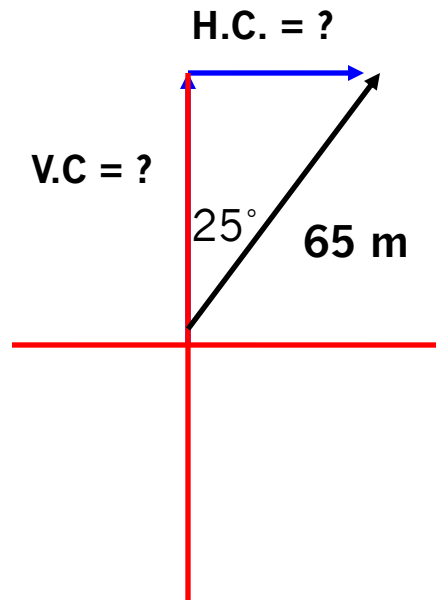
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(1.333) = 53.1^\circ$$

So the COMPLETE final answer is : **200 km, 53.1 degrees North of East**

Perpendicular vectors graphically



Example 10: Suppose a person walked 65 m, 25 degrees East of North. What were his horizontal and vertical components?



The goal: **ALWAYS MAKE A RIGHT TRIANGLE!**

To solve for components, we often use the trig functions sine and cosine.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} \quad \sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

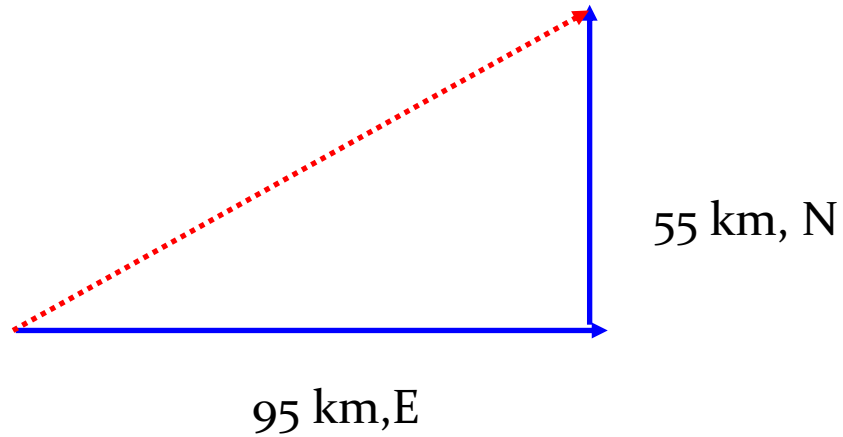
$$\text{adj} = \text{hyp} \cos \theta \quad \text{opp} = \text{hyp} \sin \theta$$

$$\text{adj} = \text{V.C.} = 65 \cos 25 = 58.91\text{m}, N$$

$$\text{opp} = \text{H.C.} = 65 \sin 25 = 27.47\text{m}, E$$



Example 11: A man walks 95 km East then 55 km north. Calculate his resultant displacement.

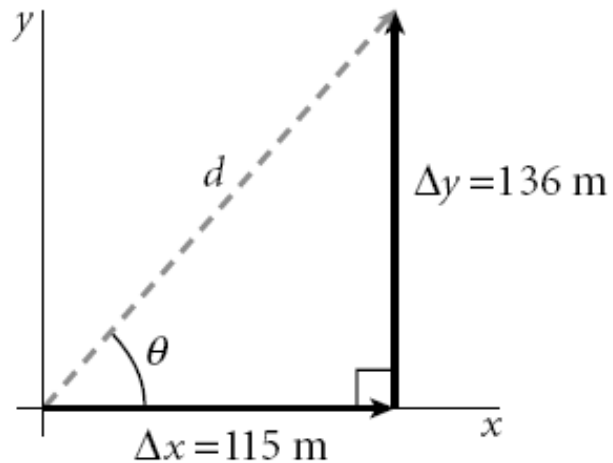


$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 \rightarrow c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$c = \text{Resultant} = \sqrt{95^2 + 55^2}$$

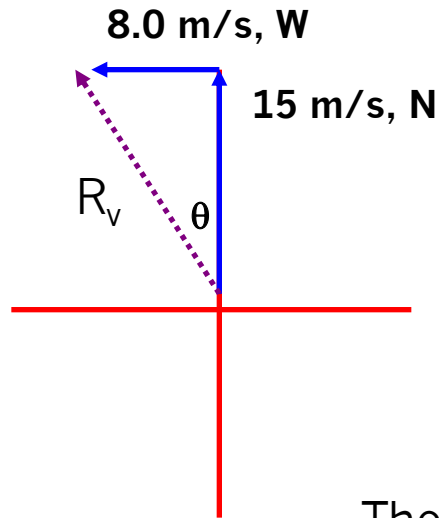
$$c = \sqrt{12050} = 109.8 \text{ km}$$

Example 12: (HW) From the diagram below, determine the value of d .



Example 13

A boat moves with a velocity of 15 m/s, N in a river which flows with a velocity of 8.0 m/s, west. Calculate the boat's resultant velocity with respect to due north.



$$R_v = \sqrt{8^2 + 15^2} = 17 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{8}{15} = 0.5333$$

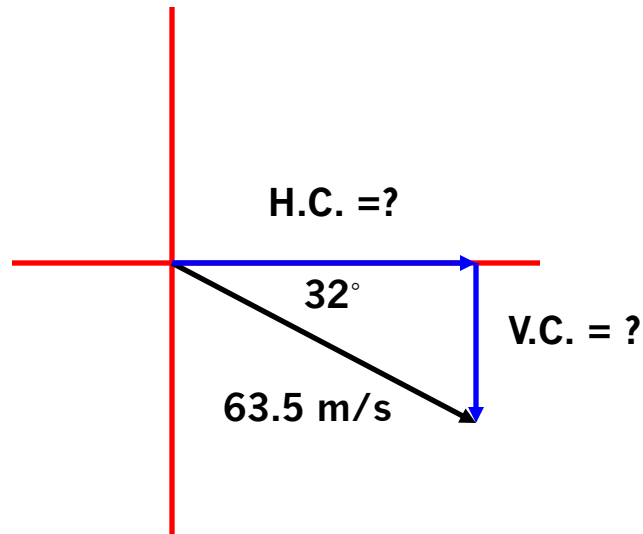
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(0.5333) = 28.1^\circ$$

The Final Answer : **17 m/s, @ 28.1 degrees West of North**



Example 14

A plane moves with a velocity of 63.5 m/s at 32 degrees South of East. Calculate the plane's horizontal and vertical velocity components.



$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} \quad \sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

$$\text{adj} = \text{hyp} \cos \theta$$

$$\text{opp} = \text{hyp} \sin \theta$$

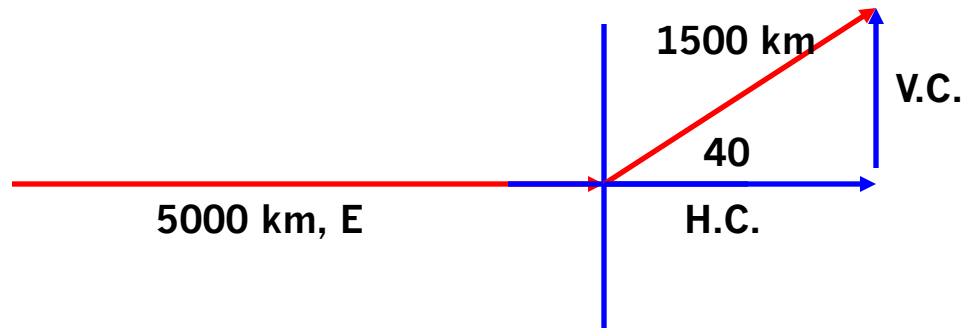
$$\text{adj} = \text{H.C.} = 63.5 \cos 32 = 53.85 \text{ m/s, E}$$

$$\text{opp} = \text{V.C.} = 63.5 \sin 32 = 33.64 \text{ m/s, S}$$



Example 15

A storm system moves 5000 km due east, then shifts course at 40 degrees North of East for 1500 km. Calculate the storm's resultant displacement.

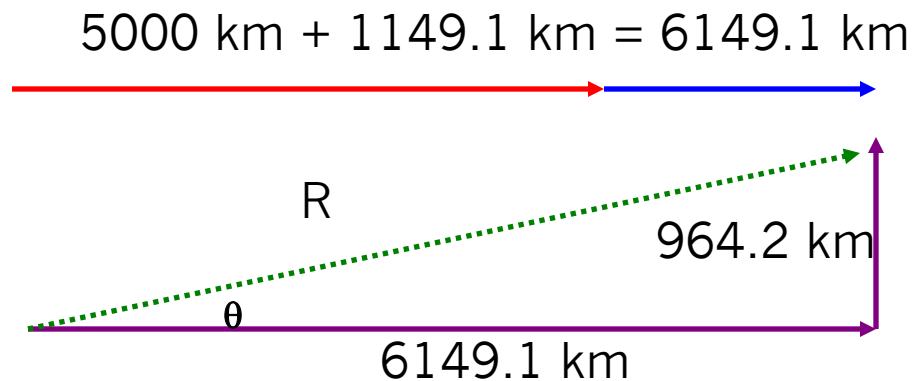


$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent side}}{\text{hypotenuse}} \quad \sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

$$\text{adj} = \text{hyp} \cos \theta \quad \text{opp} = \text{hyp} \sin \theta$$

$$\text{adj} = \text{H.C.} = 1500 \cos 40 = 1149.1 \text{ km, E}$$

$$\text{opp} = \text{V.C.} = 1500 \sin 40 = 964.2 \text{ km, N}$$



$$R = \sqrt{6149.1^2 + 964.2^2} = 6224.2 \text{ km}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{964.2}{6149.1} = 0.157$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(0.157) = 8.92^\circ$$



Vector application (algebraic method)

I. Add and subtracts vectors

Example 16: Using the two vectors below, determine: $A+B$ and $B+A$, $A-B$ and $B-A$.

$$\text{Let } A = (3i - 4j - 5k)$$

$$\text{Let } B = (2i + 7j + 3k)$$

II. Vector multiplication (algebraic method)

- Vector multiplications can be:

1. Dot product

2. Cross product

- Notes:

- Dot product ($\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$) multiplication results a **scalar quantity**.
- Cross product ($\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$) multiplication results a **vector quantity**.
- When vectors are added, subtracted or multiplied, the unit vectors have to be considered.
- As **two vectors added or subtracted**, the similar components (**i with i, j with j and k with k**) are combined or subtracted together, only.
- When two vectors multiplied with dot (\cdot), non-similar components multiplications are equal to zero.
- We can also **measure the angle between the two vectors** using the below formular:

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = |\mathbf{A}| |\mathbf{B}| \cos \theta$$

SCALAR DOT PRODUCT

- Multiplying two vectors (for example A and B) sometimes gives you a SCALAR quantity which we call it the **SCALAR DOT PRODUCT**.

$$\mathbf{A} = A_x\mathbf{i} + A_y\mathbf{j} + A_z\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = B_x\mathbf{i} + B_y\mathbf{j} + B_z\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \bullet \mathbf{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

Example 17: Let $\mathbf{A} = (3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k})$ calculate A.B.

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{B} = (2\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$$

$$\text{Therefore, A "dot" B} = (3)(2) + (-4)(7) + (-5)(3) = -37$$

Cross product

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = (AB \sin \theta) \mathbf{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} &= (A_x \mathbf{i} + A_y \mathbf{j} + A_z \mathbf{k}) \times (B_x \mathbf{i} + B_y \mathbf{j} + B_z \mathbf{k}) \\ &= A_x B_x (\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{i}) + A_x B_y (\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j}) + A_x B_z (\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k}) \\ &\quad + A_y B_x (\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i}) + A_y B_y (\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{j}) + A_y B_z (\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k}) \\ &\quad + A_z B_x (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i}) + A_z B_y (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j}) + A_z B_z (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k}) \end{aligned}$$

Carrying out the cross-product operations and combining terms yields

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \mathbf{i} - (A_x B_z - A_z B_x) \mathbf{j} + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \mathbf{k} \quad (4-4)$$

This equation may also be written in a more compact determinant form as

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} \quad (4-5)$$

$$\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{k} \quad \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k} = -\mathbf{j} \quad \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{i} \quad \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i} = -\mathbf{k} \quad \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{j} \quad \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{i} \quad \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}$$

III. Multiplying or Dividing a Vector by a Scalar quantity

- A vector can be multiplied or divided by a quantity (such as a number).
- If the scalar is positive, the direction of the resultant is the same as of the original vector.

$$\vec{A}$$

$$5 \times \vec{A} = 5\vec{A}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \vec{A}$$

- If the scalar is negative, the direction of the resultant is opposite that of the original vector.

$$\vec{A}$$

$$-2 \times \vec{A} = -2\vec{A}$$

Resultants



Parallel Forces. For a system of parallel forces not all in the same plane, the magnitude of the parallel resultant force **R** is simply the magnitude of the algebraic sum of the given forces.

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{F}_3 + \dots = \Sigma \mathbf{F}$$

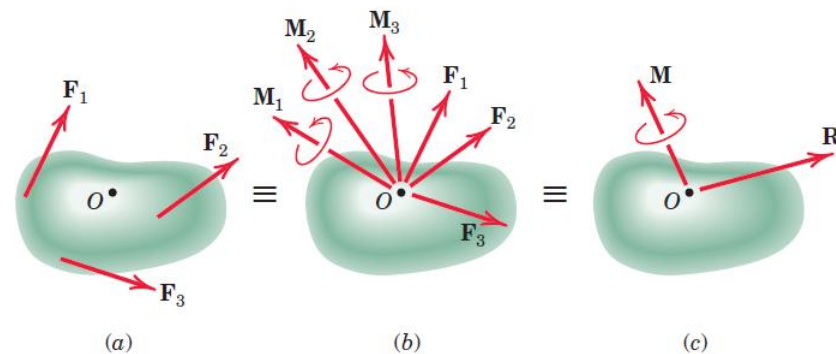
$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_1 + \mathbf{M}_2 + \mathbf{M}_3 + \dots = \Sigma(\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F})$$

$$R_x = \Sigma F_x \quad R_y = \Sigma F_y \quad R_z = \Sigma F_z$$

$$R = \sqrt{(\Sigma F_x)^2 + (\Sigma F_y)^2 + (\Sigma F_z)^2}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_x = \Sigma(\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F})_x \quad \mathbf{M}_y = \Sigma(\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F})_y \quad \mathbf{M}_z = \Sigma(\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F})_z$$

$$M = \sqrt{M_x^2 + M_y^2 + M_z^2}$$



Conclusion

- Coordinating systems are useful tools to find out the dimensions of vector quantities.
- Sine and cosine rules are mathematical approaches to find out dimensions of a regular shape.
- In physics, two different quantities are available, scalar and vector quantities.
- Vector quantities are added, subtracted and multiplies to find out the resultant vectors or unknown parameters.



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