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ADDING VECTORS IN 2-D (At an Angle)

Learning Goals

- B2.5** - Solve problems involving distance, position, and displacement using a vector diagram.
- B3.2** - Distinguish between scalar and vector quantities as they relate to uniform and non-uniform motion.

Success Criteria

- What is a displacement vector?
- What is the rule for adding Vectors?
- When solving algebraically, why is it important to define which direction is positive?
- Can you draw a vector diagram to illustrate solving vectors in 2D
- Are you able to use Pythagorean Theorem and Primary Trig Ratios to calculate Resultant Displacement?
- Are you able to use Sine Law and Cosine Law to calculate Resultant Displacement?

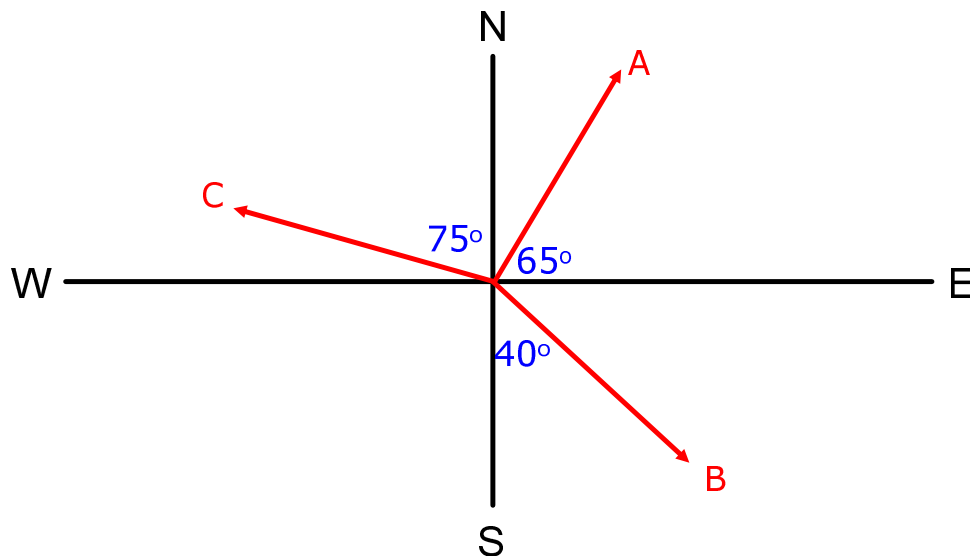
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Not all vectors lie along the N,S,E,W lines. Some vectors are at an angle between these compass lines. *Ex [N20°E]*



NOTE: North and South are the "Primary Directions". All directions should start with either North or South.

Ex: [N20°E] is preferred to [E70°N]



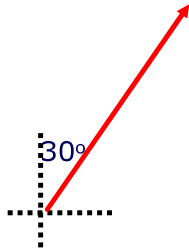
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Reducing an Angled Vector into its Components

In order to add angled vectors we will break them down into their more familiar components with trigonometry.

Ex: Reduce the vector **10 km [N30°E]** into its components.



Now that the vector has been reduced, we can add them up like we did in previous lessons.

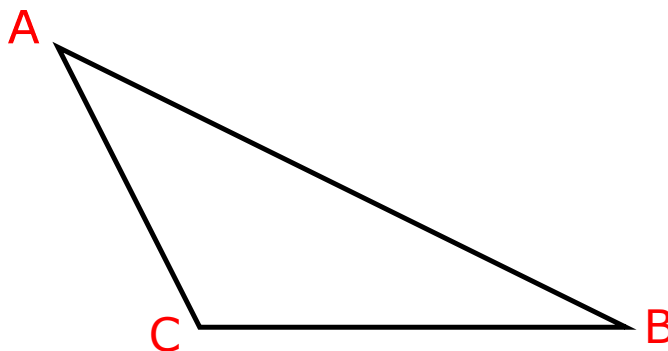


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Sine and Cosine Law

In order to add angled vectors that will produce a non-right angled triangle, we can use Sine and Cosine Law

Recall:



Find c and A in the above triangle given the following conditions:

$a = 10$

$b = 20$

$C = 120^\circ$

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Ex: A person walks 5 km [E] then turns to walk 15 km [N40°E].
Find the resultant displacement.

Ex: A person walks 20 km [S35°W] then turns to walk
10 km [N15°W]. Find the resultant displacement.

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1. One day, Erica and her sister leave from the dock in front of their cottage and travel 0.65 km [E] and then 0.45 km [S] where they stop by a big rock surrounded by water. What was their resultant displacement?
2. Mr. Caslick's physics class is going to Cedar Point for a day of physics fun. To get there, they travelled 205 km [S] to the 401 and then 56 km [W] and finally, 22 km [N]. What was their resultant displacement?
3. One day, the Vice Principal was walking around the school looking for potential troublemakers. She walks 30 m [W] down the math hallway, 40 m [N] and passes by the office on her way towards the library. Then she makes a right and walks 20 m [E] towards the gym. What is her resultant displacement?
4. Shawn and Aliesha are hiking with their geography class. They hike, 550 m [W], then 630 m [W 40° N]. What is their resultant displacement?
5. An airplane, on its way to Mexico for March break, flies 2000 km due South and then turns and flies another 1750 km [S 30° W] in 4 hours.
 - a. What is the distance travelled?
 - b. What is the resultant displacement?
 - c. What is the speed of the plane?
 - d. What is the velocity of the plane?

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Vector Addition Worksheet

Consider the following vectors

$\vec{A} = 7.0 \text{ m [E]}$, $\vec{B} = 15.0 \text{ m [N]}$, $\vec{C} = 11.0 \text{ m [E]}$, $\vec{D} = 10.0 \text{ m [S]}$, $\vec{E} = 6.0 \text{ m [W]}$,
 $\vec{F} = 8.0 \text{ m [N}30.0^\circ\text{E]}$

1. What is $\vec{A} + \vec{C}$?
2. What is $\vec{B} + \vec{D}$?
3. What is $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$?
4. What is $|\vec{A} + \vec{B}|$?
5. What is $\vec{D} + \vec{E}$?
6. What is $\vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C} + \vec{D} + \vec{E}$?
7. What is $\vec{B} + \vec{F}$?
8. A plane is flying from Physicsville airport to Kinematics town which is located 81 km due south of Physicsville. While flying over Kinematics town the pilot receives a message instructing her to land at an airport in "Newtonville" which is 42 km [W] of Kinematics town. Her average ground speed is $1.5 \times 10^2 \text{ km/h}$
 - i) What is the total distance for her entire trip?
 - ii) How long did the trip take?
 - iii) What is her total displacement for the entire trip?
 - iv) What is her average velocity for the entire trip?

Answers

1. 18.0 m [E]
2. 5.0 m [N]
3. 16.6 m [E 65.0°N]
4. 16.6 m
5. 11.7 m [W 59°S]
6. 13.0 km [E 22.6°N]
7. 20.2 m [N 23.3° E]
8. 123 km
ii) 0.82 h or 49 min
iii) 91 km [W 62.6° S]
iv) $1.1 \times 10^2 \text{ km/h}$ [W 62.6° S]



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1. An ant travels 2.78 cm [W] and then turns and travels 6.25 cm [S 40° E]. What is the ant's total displacement? **T/I** [ans: 4.94 cm [E 76° S]]

2. A paper airplane flies 2.64 m [W 26° N] and then is caught by the wind, which causes it to travel 3.21 m [S 12° E]. What is the paper airplane's total displacement? **T/I** [ans: 2.62 m [W 49° S]]

3. A football player runs 11 m [N 20° E]. He then changes direction and runs 9.0 m [E]. What is his total displacement? **T/I**

- 3. 16 m [N 51° E]
- 4. 52.23 m [S 11° W]
- 5. 1.0×10 m [S 3° E]

4. What is the total displacement for a boat that sails 200.0 m [S 25° W] and then tacks (changes course) and sails 150.0 m [N 30° E]? **T/I**

5. Determine the total displacement of an object that travels 25 m [N 20° W] and then 35 m [S 15° E]. **T/I**

7. Add the following displacement vectors.

$$\Delta \vec{d}_1 = 25 \text{ m [N } 30^\circ \text{ W]}, \Delta \vec{d}_2 = 30.0 \text{ m [N } 40^\circ \text{ E]},$$

$$\Delta \vec{d}_3 = 35 \text{ m [S } 25^\circ \text{ W]}$$

- 7. 15 m [N 32° W]

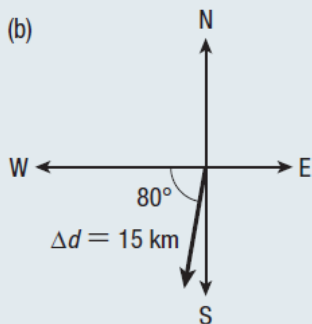
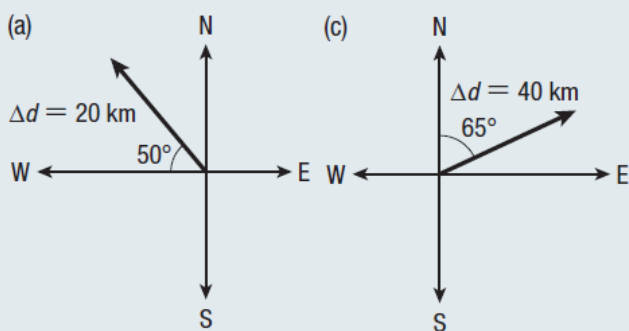
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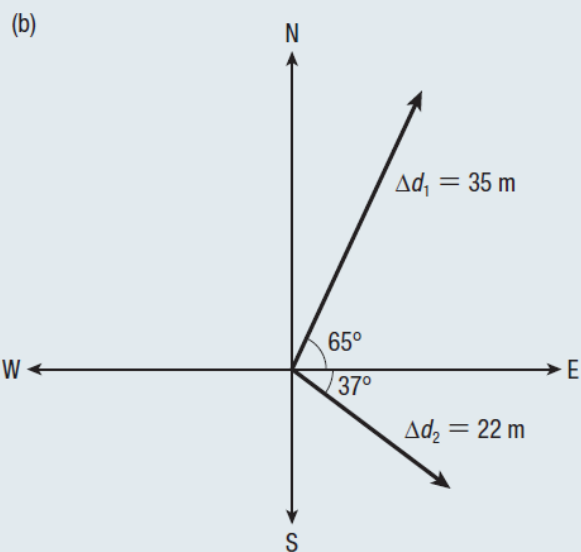
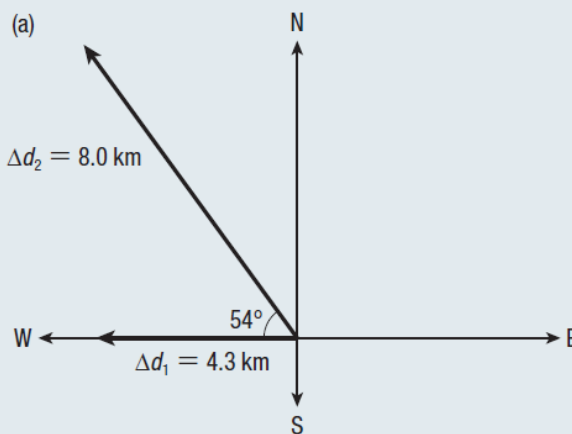
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1. Break each vector down into an x -component and a y -component. T/L



6. Use the component method to determine the total displacement given by the two vectors shown in each diagram.



7. Use the component method to add the following displacement vectors. T/L

$$\vec{\Delta d}_1 = 25 \text{ m [N } 30^\circ \text{ W]}, \vec{\Delta d}_2 = 30.0 \text{ m [N } 40^\circ \text{ E]},$$

$$\vec{\Delta d}_3 = 35 \text{ m [S } 25^\circ \text{ W]}$$

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. (a) 13 km [W], 15 km [N] | 6. (a) 11 km [W 36° N] |
| (b) 2.6 km [W], 15 km [S] | (b) 37 m [E 30° N] |
| (c) 36 km [E], 17 km [N] | 7. 15 m [N 32° W] |