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Recall: In order to calculate Acceleration ...

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1}{t}$$

Using this formula we can calculate acceleration when the velocities are in multiple directions. All one has to do is to find the *resultant velocity* and divide it by the amount of time that passes.

To this point, we have only **ADDED** vectors, In the formula above, vectors are being **SUBTRACTED**. To avoid the subtraction and convert back to an addition question we will ...

Ex: What is the opposite vector to: 80 km/h [N 30° E]?

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A bus moving at 80 km/h [N30°E] goes around a gentle curve and 30.0s later, he is moving at 80 km/h [E]. Find acceleration in km/h/s.

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Homework

- **25.** A car with a velocity of 25 m/s [E] changes its velocity to 25 m/s [S] in 15 s. Calculate the car's average acceleration.
- 26. A watercraft with an initial velocity of 6.4 m/s [E] undergoes an average acceleration of 2.0 m/s² [S] for 2.5 s. What is the final velocity of the watercraft?
- 27. A hockey puck rebounds from a board as shown in Figure 16. The puck is in contact with the board for 2.5 ms. Determine the average acceleration of the puck over the interval.

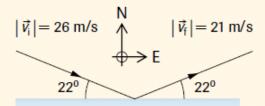


Figure 16 Motion of the puck

28. A passenger in a hot-air balloon throws a ball with an initial unknown velocity. The ball accelerates at 9.8 m/s² [down] for 2.0 s, at which time its instantaneous velocity is 24 m/s [45° below the horizontal]. Determine the ball's initial velocity.

Answers

- 25. 2.4 m/s² [45° S of W]
- 26. 8.1 m/s [38° S of E]
- 27. $7.3 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}^2 [7.5^{\circ} \text{ N of W}]$
- 28. 17 m/s [10° above the horizontal]