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**PH 110 INTRODUCTORY PHYSICS**  
**TUTORIAL SHEET 2 2023: SCALARS AND VECTORS**

1. Use the (i) graphical method and (ii) analytical (component method) to fully describe the resultant of the coplanar vector combination acting at point  $O$  in the figure below:

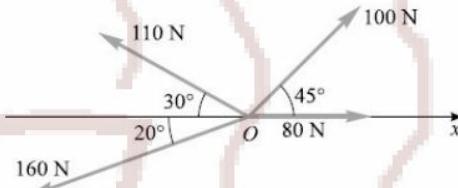


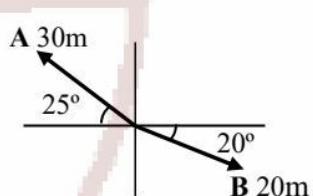
Figure 1.1

2. The resultant of three vectors is 60.0 N directed at  $45^\circ$  below the negative x-axis. One vector is along the positive x-axis and is of magnitude 20.0 N. The second vector has components -12.0 N in the x and 6.0 N in the y. Fully describe the third vector.

3. In Fig. 2.1 Find the direction and magnitude of:

- the vector sum  $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$
- the vector difference  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}$
- the vector difference  $\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}$

Fig. 1.2



4. A rectangular parallelepiped has dimensions  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  as shown in Fig. 1.3

- Obtain a vector expression for the face diagonal vector  $\mathbf{R}_1$ . What is the magnitude of this vector?
- Obtain a vector expression of the body diagonal vector  $\mathbf{R}_2$  and prove that the magnitude of  $\mathbf{R}_2$  is  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$

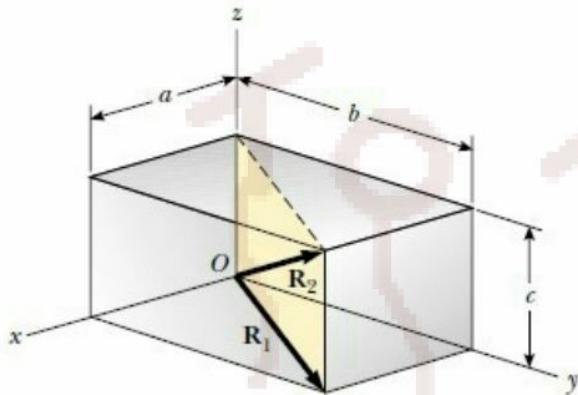
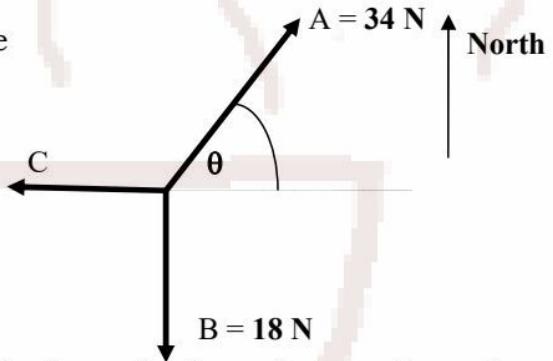


Fig. 1.3

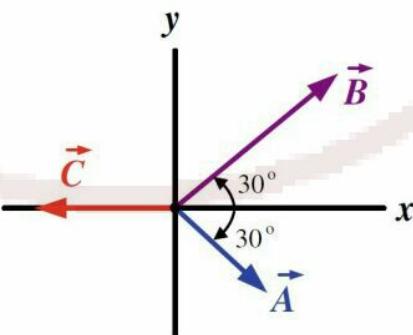
5. The three finalists in a contest are brought to the centre of a large, flat field. Each is given a metre stick, a compass, a calculator, a shovel and the following three displacements:  
 72.4 m,  $32.0^\circ$  east of north;  
 57.3 m,  $36.0^\circ$  south of west;  
 17.8 m straight south.  
 The three displacements lead to a point where the keys to a new building are buried. Two contestants start measuring immediately; the winner first calculates where to go. What does the winner calculate in terms of magnitude and direction?
6. A ship is steaming due east at a speed of  $12 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . A passenger runs across the deck at a speed of  $5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  toward north. What is the resultant velocity of the passenger relative to the sea?
7. The polar coordinates of a point are  $r = 5.5 \text{ m}$  and  $\theta = 240^\circ$ . What are the Cartesian coordinates of this point?
8. You find yourself pacing, in a deep thought about a physics problem. First you walk 12 meters due east. Then, you walk 6 meters due north. Then you doze off and find yourself 50 meters from your starting place,  $30^\circ$  north of east. How far did you walk while you were not paying attention?
9. Jelita walks 20 feet,  $20^\circ$  north of east. He then walks 32 feet,  $40^\circ$  north of west. Then 10 feet,  $5^\circ$  south of west. Then 65 feet,  $69^\circ$  south of east. What is the magnitude and direction of her resultant displacement?
10. Find the magnitude and angle of the resultant of the following displacement vectors:  
**A** = 5.0 m at E  $37^\circ$  N  
**B** = 6.0 m at W  $45^\circ$  N  
**C** = 4.0 m at W  $30^\circ$  S

**D** = 3.0 m at E 60° S

11. Find the cross product of  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$  where  $\mathbf{A} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$
12. Given a vector  $\mathbf{A} = 3\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ . Find another vector  $\mathbf{B}$  which is parallel to vector  $\mathbf{A}$  and has a magnitude of 17 units.
13. Given the  $\mathbf{A} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ 
  - a) determine a unit vector perpendicular to both  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$
  - b) find the angle between  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$
14. Find a vector whose length is 7 and which is perpendicular to each of the vectors  $\mathbf{B} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  and  $\mathbf{C} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$
15. If vector  $\mathbf{A} = 3\hat{j}$ ,  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = 3\hat{i}$  and  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 12$ . Find
  - a)  $\mathbf{B}$
  - b)  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}$
16. The vectors  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$  shown in the diagram alongside add together so that their resultant is zero.  
Use the method of components to find the
  - (i) the bearing of vector  $\mathbf{A}$ , and
  - (ii) the magnitude of vector  $\mathbf{C}$ .



17. Three forces are acting on a body as shown in figure in figure below where  $A = 10$  N,  $B = 20$  N, and  $C = 15$  N. Find the magnitude and the direction of the resultant force acting on the body.



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(ii)

# Graphical method you'll need a graph paper and a protractor to accurately measure your angles.  
Numba me i have none of the two... hkk.

(ii)

### # Component Method

	x-comp	y-comp
A	$80 \cos 50^\circ$	$80 \sin 50^\circ$
B	$100 \cos 45^\circ$	$100 \sin 45^\circ$
C	$110 \cos 150^\circ$	$110 \sin 150^\circ$
D	$160 \cos 203$	$160 \sin 203$
R	-94.9029	70.987

$$\begin{aligned}
 |R| &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(94.9029)^2 + (70.987)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{194045.714}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|R| = 118.5 N$$

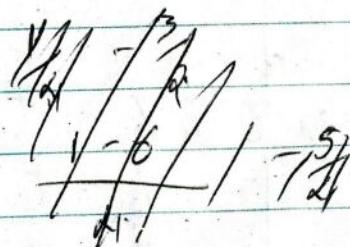
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{70.987}{94.9029}\right)$$

$$\theta = 36^\circ$$

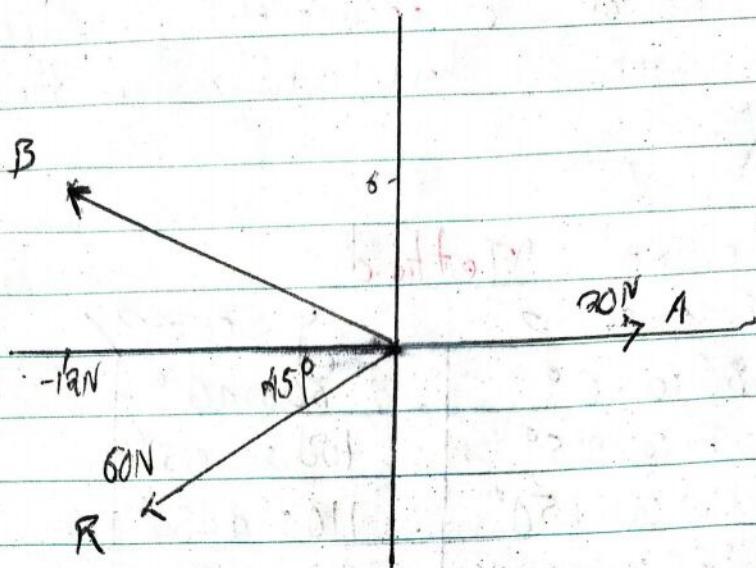
$$\theta = 180^\circ - 36^\circ$$

$$\theta = 144^\circ$$



∴ The resultant vector of magnitude 118.5 N lies in the direction  $144^\circ$  from the (+) x-axis.

# Given the resultant and the two vectors we can plot them as follows



# note that for B they have already given us the components.

	x-comp	y-comp
A	$20 \cos 0^\circ$	$20 \sin 0^\circ$
B	-18	6
C	$C_x$	$C_y$
R	$60 \cos 225^\circ$	$60 \sin 225^\circ$

# x-comp

$$20 \cos 0^\circ + (-18) + C_x = 60 \cos 225^\circ$$

$$8 + C_x = -42.426$$

$$C_x = -50.426$$

# Y-comp

$$20 \sin 0^\circ + 6 + C_y = 60 \sin 225^\circ$$

$$6 + C_y = -42.426$$

$$C_y = -48.426$$

$$|C| = \sqrt{C_x^2 + C_y^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-50.426)^2 + (-18.426)^2}$$

$$|C| = 69.9 \text{ N}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{C_y}{C_x}\right)$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-18.426}{-50.426}\right)$$

$$\theta = -13.8^\circ$$

$$\theta = 180 + 13.8^\circ$$

$$\theta = 223.8^\circ$$

The third vector has magnitude of 69.9 N and is in the direction  $223.8^\circ$  from the (+) x-axis

3 # Pick your angles starting from the (+)-x-axis,

(a)  $A + B$

	x-comp	y-comp	
A	$30 \cos 155^\circ$	-27.18	$30 \sin 155^\circ$
B	$20 \cos 340^\circ$	18.798	$20 \sin 340^\circ$
R	-8.395	38.119	5.838144983

$$|R| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$|R| = \sqrt{(8.395)^2 + (5.83814)^2}$$

$$|R| = \underline{\underline{10.23m}}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{5.838}{8.395} \right)$$

$$\theta = 34.8^\circ$$

<sup>Q3</sup> But according to the coordinates the correct  $\theta$  must be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quadrant since x is (-) and y is (+)

$$\theta = 180^\circ - 34.8^\circ$$

$$\underline{\underline{\theta = 145.2^\circ}}$$

(b)  $A - B$

	x-comp	y-comp
A	$30 \cos 155^\circ$	$30 \sin 155^\circ$
B	$-20 \cos 340^\circ$	$-20 \sin 340^\circ$
R	-45.9830	19.5189

$$|R| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$|R| = \sqrt{(-15.983)^2 + (19.5189)^2}$$

$$|R| = 24.95 \text{ m}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{19.5189}{-15.98} \right)$$

$$\theta = 23^\circ$$

$$\theta = 180^\circ - 23^\circ$$

$$\theta = 157^\circ$$

(c.) B - A

	x-comp	y-comp
B	$20 \cos 3410^\circ$	$20 \sin 3410^\circ$
A	$-30 \cos 155^\circ$	$-30 \sin 155^\circ$
R	15.98308	19.518958

$$|R| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$|R| = \sqrt{(15.983)^2 + (19.5189)^2}$$

$$|R| = 24.95 \text{ m}$$

# same as (b)

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{19.5189}{15.983} \right)$$

$$\theta = 23^\circ$$

$$\theta = 360^\circ - 23^\circ$$

$$\theta = 337^\circ$$

∴ Here  $\theta$  is in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quadrant.

Q. 4

(i)

# Referring from the kah dig diagram, using your spiritual eyes !!

$$\mathbf{R}_1 = ai + bj + ck \text{, but } c=0$$

$$\mathbf{R}_1 = ai + bj + 0k$$

$$\mathbf{R}_1 = ai + bj$$

$$|\mathbf{R}_1| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

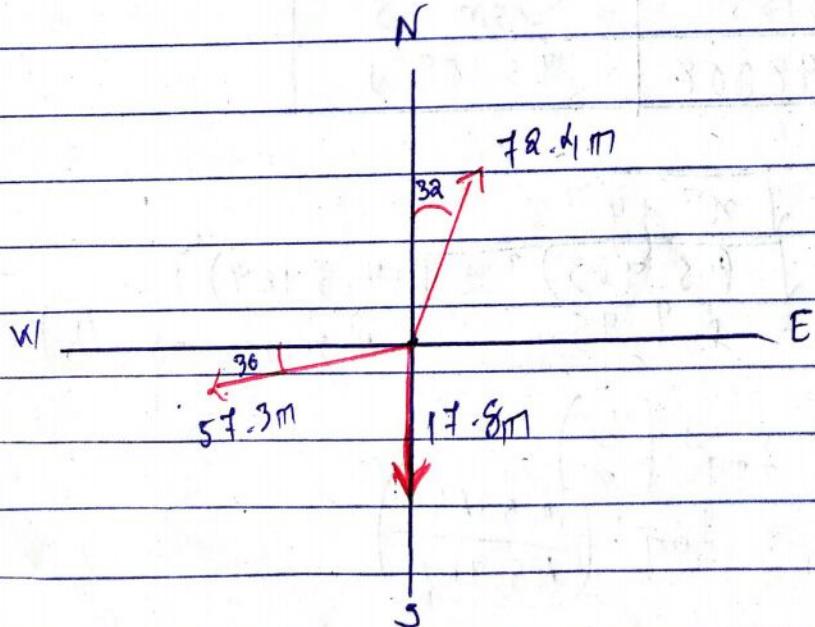
$$|\mathbf{R}_1| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

(ii)

$$\mathbf{R}_2 = ai + bj + ck$$

$$|\mathbf{R}_2| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \text{ hence shown}$$

5.



	x-comp	y-comp
A	$72.4 \cos 58^\circ$	$72.4 \sin 58^\circ$
B	$57.3 \cos 216^\circ$	$57.3 \sin 216^\circ$
C	$17.8 \cos 270^\circ$	$17.8 \sin 270^\circ$
R	-7.99051905	9.9185872

$$|R| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$|R| = \sqrt{(-7.99)^2 + (9.91)^2}$$

$$\underline{|R| = 19.74 \text{ m}}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{9.918}{-7.990} \right)$$

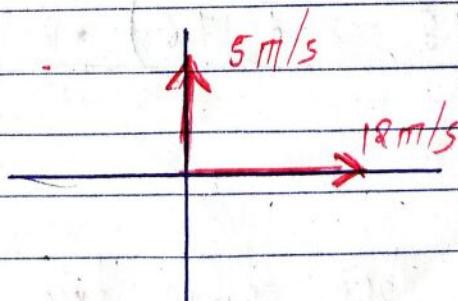
$$\theta = 51.1^\circ$$

$$\theta = 180 - 51.1^\circ$$

$$\underline{\theta = 128.9^\circ}$$

$\therefore$  The runner needs to cover 19.74 m  $128.9^\circ$  from the (+) x-axis.

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	x-comp	y-comp
A	$12 \cos 0^\circ$	$12 \sin 0^\circ$
B	$5 \cos 90^\circ$	$5 \sin 90^\circ$
R	12	5

$$|R| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(12)^2 + (5)^2}$$

$$|R| = 13 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{5}{12} \right)$$

$$\theta = 22.6^\circ$$

# The passenger has a velocity of 13 m/s at an angle  $22.6^\circ$  from the (+x-axis)

7  $r = 5.5 \text{ m}$   $\theta = 246^\circ$

# Polar coordinates are in the form  $(r, \theta)$   
Cartesian coordinates are expressed as  $(x, y)$

$$x = R \cos \theta$$

$$= 5.5 \cos 246^\circ$$

$$x = -2.75$$

$$y = R \sin \theta$$

$$= 5.5 \sin 246^\circ$$

$$y = -4.76$$

$$(-2.75, -4.76)$$

8 # You have been given two vectors and the resultant vector we need to find the third vector, the one while you were not paying attention.

⑦ Data given

$$\vec{A} = 50 \text{ m, } 30^\circ \text{ N.E}$$

$$\vec{B} = 12 \text{ m East } (0^\circ)$$

$$\vec{C} = 6 \text{ m North } (90^\circ)$$

Solution

Here vector  $\vec{D}$  is the resultant vector showing the total movement. And the summation of  $x$  and  $y$  components make a vector that describes the full movement. So the vector required is  $\vec{C}$  which we don't know i.e.  $\vec{D} = \vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C}$ .

A

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{D} &= \vec{A}_x + \vec{A}_y + \vec{B}_x + \vec{B}_y + \vec{C}_x + \vec{C}_y \\ &= 12 \cos 30^\circ \hat{i} + 12 \sin 30^\circ \hat{j} + 6 \cos 90^\circ \hat{i} + 6 \sin 90^\circ \hat{j} \\ &\quad + \vec{C} \cos \alpha + \vec{C} \sin \alpha\end{aligned}$$

so  $\sin \alpha \vec{C} = \vec{C}_x + \vec{C}_y$  we now write

$$\vec{C} = \vec{D} - (\vec{A} + \vec{B}), \quad \vec{D} = \vec{D}_x + \vec{D}_y$$

$$\vec{C} = (50 \cos 30^\circ \hat{i} + 50 \sin 30^\circ \hat{j}) - (\vec{A} + \vec{B})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{C} &= [50 \cos 30^\circ - (12 \cos 30^\circ + 6 \cos 90^\circ)] \hat{i} + [50 \sin 30^\circ - \\ &\quad (12 \sin 30^\circ + 6 \sin 90^\circ)] \hat{j} \\ &= 50 \cdot \hat{i}\end{aligned}$$

$$= 43.30127019 \hat{i} - 12 \hat{j}$$

$$(43.30127019 - 12) \hat{i} + (25 - 6) \hat{j}$$

$$= 31.30127019 \hat{i} + 19 \hat{j}$$

$$= 31.3 \hat{i} + 19 \hat{j}$$

the magnitude of  $\vec{C}$  will be

$$C = \sqrt{31.3^2 + 19^2}$$

$$= 36.61651971 \text{ m}$$

$$= 36.62 \text{ m}$$

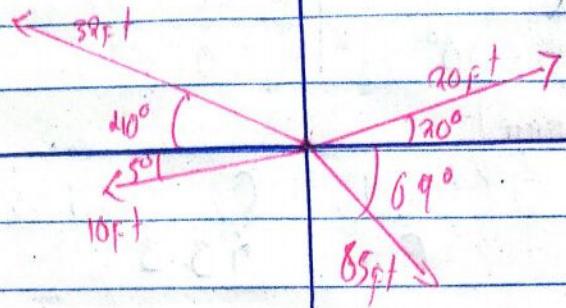
And the direction is

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{c_y}{c_x}$$
$$= \frac{19m}{31.30127019m}$$

$$\alpha = 31.257923310$$
$$= \underline{\underline{31.3^\circ}}$$

; The distance moved while not paying attention was 36.62m at an angle of  $31.3^\circ$  in the first quadrant.

Q. 9



	$x - \text{COMP}$	$y - \text{COMP}$
A	$80 \cos 20^\circ$	$80 \sin 20^\circ$
B	$32 \cos 140^\circ$	$32 \sin 140^\circ$
C	$10 \cos 185^\circ$	$10 \sin 185^\circ$
D	$65 \cos 291^\circ$	$65 \sin 291^\circ$
R	$-61.23$	$-34.14167877$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |R| &= \sqrt{R^2 + y^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(-61.23)^2 + (-34.14167877)^2} \\
 |R| &= 74.98 \text{ ft}
 \end{aligned}$$

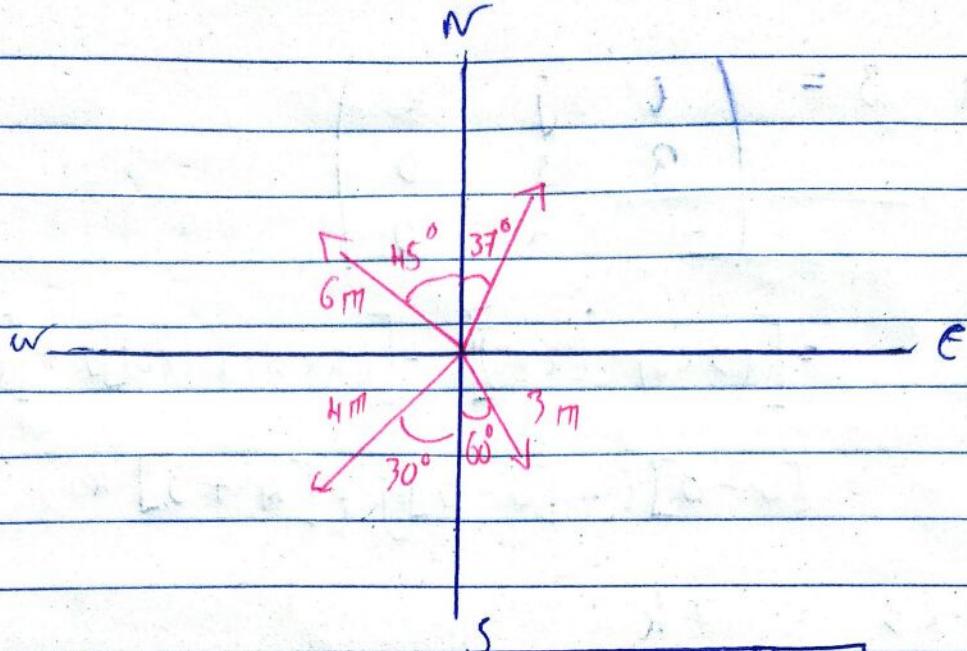
$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \\
 Q &= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-34.14167877}{-61.23} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Q = 77.4^\circ$$

$$Q = 360^\circ - 77.4^\circ$$

$$\underline{Q = 282.6^\circ}$$

Q.10



	x-comp	y-comp
A	$5 \cos 53^\circ$	$5 \sin 53^\circ$
B	$6 \cos 135^\circ$	$6 \sin 135^\circ$
C	$4 \cos 240^\circ$	$4 \sin 240^\circ$
D	$3 \cos 330^\circ$	$3 \sin 330^\circ$
R	-0.642	3.27

$$|R| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-0.642)^2 + (3.27)^2}$$

$$|R| = 3.33 \text{ m}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$\therefore \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{3.27}{-0.642} \right)$$

$$\theta = 78.9^\circ$$

$$\theta = 180 - 78.9^\circ$$

$$\theta = 101.1^\circ$$

$$A = 2i + 3j \quad B = -i + 2j$$

(ii)  $A \times B = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= [(3 \times 0) - (2 \times 0)]i - [(2 \times 0) - (-1 \times 0)]j + [(2 \times 0) - (-1 \times 3)]k$$

$$= [0 - 0]i - [0 - 0]j + [0 + 3]k$$

$$A \times B = 7k$$

12  $|A| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (6)^2 + (-2)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{49}$

$$|A| = 7$$

# To find the vector parallel to A we say

$$\frac{|A|}{|B|} \times \vec{A}$$

$$\frac{7}{7} (3i + 6j - 2k)$$

13 (a) ~~find~~ The vector perpendicular to the two vectors is  $j \times t$  finding cross product

$$A \times B = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= [(2 \times 5) - (4 \times 3)]i - [(1 \times 5) - (3 \times 3)]j + [(1 \times 4) - (3 \times 2)]k$$

$$A \times B = -2i + 4j - 2k$$

$$1 + 10 + 1$$

Now finding the unit vector of this vector.

$$A \times B$$

$$|A \times B|$$

$$|A \times B| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (4)^2 + (-2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{24}$$

$$= \sqrt{24}$$

$$|A \times B| = \sqrt{24}$$

$$-2i + 4j - 2k$$

$$\sqrt{24}$$

(b) # find  $A \cdot B$

$$A \cdot B = (i + 2j + 3k) \cdot (3i + 4j + 5k)$$

$$= 3 + 8 + 15$$

$$A \cdot B = 26$$

# find also  $|A|$  and  $|B|$

$$|A| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (3)^2}$$

$$|A| = \sqrt{14}$$

$$|A| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (4)^2 + (5)^2}$$

$$|A| = \sqrt{50}$$

$$A \cdot B = |A||B| \cos \theta$$

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

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{A \cdot B}{|A||B|} \right)$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{26}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{50}} \right)$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(0.988707629)$$

$$\theta = 10.7^\circ$$

(14.)

 Here we first find the cross product of  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{C}$ , then its magnitude. Then use the formula

$$A = \frac{\vec{F} \cdot \vec{B} \times \vec{C}}{|\vec{B} \times \vec{C}|}$$

$$\vec{B} \times \vec{C} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= [(-3 \times 1) - (1 \times 5)] \vec{i} - [(2 \times 1) - (1 \times 5)] \vec{j} + [(2 \times 1) - (1 \times -1)] \vec{k}$$

$$= [-8] \vec{i} - [-7] \vec{j} + [5] \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{B} \times \vec{C} = -8\vec{i} + 7\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$$

$$|\vec{B} \times \vec{C}| = \sqrt{(-8)^2 + (7)^2 + (5)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{148}$$

$$\hat{A} = \frac{-8(-8\vec{i} + 7\vec{j} + 5\vec{k})}{\sqrt{148}}$$

$$(15) \quad A = 3j, \quad A \times B = 3i \quad A \cdot B = 12$$

$$(a) \quad A \cdot B = 12$$

# Vector  $A$  in full can be written as:

$$A = 0i + 3j + 0k$$

# Then  $B$ :

$$B = xi + yj + zk$$

$$A \cdot B = (0i + 3j + 0k) \cdot (xi + yj + zk)$$

$$0 + 3y + 0 = 12$$

$$3y = 12$$

$$y = 4$$

$$A = 0i + 3j + 0k$$

$$B = xi + 4j + zk$$

$$A \times B = \begin{pmatrix} i & j & k \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ x & 4 & z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cancel{[(0 \times 4) - (x \times 3)]i} \quad [(3 \times z) - (x \times 0)]j$$

$$\cancel{(0 + 3x)i} \quad \cancel{- 3xi} = 3j$$

$$[3z - 0]j = 30$$

$$3zj = 30$$

$$3z = 3$$

$$z = 1$$

$$\therefore B = 0i + 4j + k$$

$$\underline{B = 4j + k}$$

(b)  $\hat{B}$  [this is unit vector]

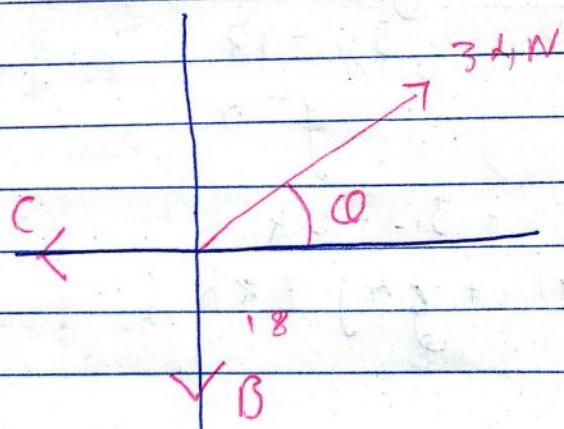
$$|B| = \sqrt{(4)^2 + (1)^2}$$

$$|B| = \sqrt{17}$$

$$\therefore \hat{B} = \frac{B}{|B|}$$

$$\hat{B} = \frac{4i + k}{\sqrt{17}}$$

(16(i))



(i) Since resultant is zero  
Using the x-comp

$$A_x + B_x + C_x = 0 \quad \text{Applying eqn 00}$$

$$34 \cos \theta + 18 \cos 270^\circ + C \cos 180^\circ = 0$$

$$34 \cos \theta + C(-1) = 0$$

$$34 \cos \theta = C \dots (i)$$

# This will be useful later,  
# using the y-comp

$$A_y + B_y + C_y = 0$$

$$34 \sin \theta + 18 \sin 270 + C \sin 180 = 0$$

$$34 \sin \theta - 18 = 0$$

$$\frac{34 \sin \theta}{34} = \frac{18}{34}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{18}{34}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{18}{34} \right)$$

$$\theta = 32^\circ$$

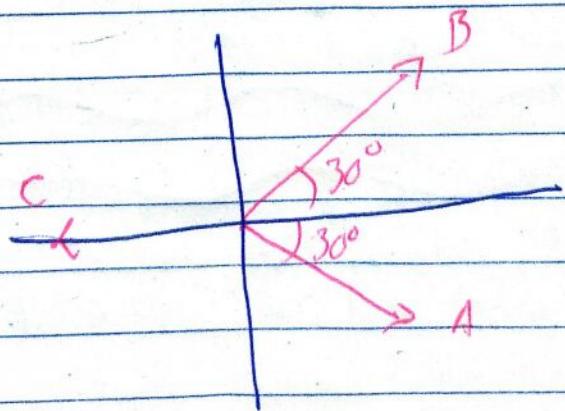
(ii) Finding the magnitude of C. Let's use the x-comp equation we made:

$$34 \cos \theta = C$$

$$C = 34 \cos 32^\circ$$

$$C = 28.8 \text{ N}$$

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	x-comp	y-comp
A	$10 \cos 30^\circ$	$10 \sin 30^\circ$
B	$20 \cos 330^\circ$	$20 \sin 330^\circ$
C	$15 \cos 180^\circ$	$15 \sin 180^\circ$
R	10.98	-5

$$|R| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(10.98)^2 + (-5)^2}$$

$$|R| = 12.07 \text{ N}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{10.98}\right)$$

$$\theta = 24.5^\circ$$

$$\theta = 360^\circ - 24.5^\circ$$

~~$$\theta = 335.5^\circ$$~~

45°

Love everyone. No matter what.

What if they are gay?

