

# Warm Up: Unit analysis and vectors

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## 1 Memory Bank

1.  $\vec{v} = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j}$  ... Definition of a vector in terms of  $\hat{i}$  and  $\hat{j}$  components (representing the x-direction and y-direction).
2.  $\vec{v} + \vec{w} = (v_x + w_x)\hat{i} + (v_y + w_y)\hat{j}$  ... Vector addition: the  $\hat{i}$ -components add with each other, and the  $\hat{j}$ -components add with each other.
3.  $|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$  ... The magnitude of the vector
4.  $v_x = |\vec{v}| \cos \phi$ ,  $v_y = |\vec{v}| \sin \phi$  ... The x and y-components of the vector

## 2 Chapter 1 - Estimation

1. Using whatever techniques seem appropriate, *estimate* the following:
  - A: The number of people in class.
  - B: The number of people on this floor of the SLC.
  - C: The number of people in the SLC.
  - D: The number of books in Wardman Library.

## 3 Chapter 2 - Algebra of Vectors

1. Calculate the following:
  - A: If we have a velocity  $\vec{v} = -3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$  km/hr, what is the *magnitude* of the velocity?
  - B: If we have a velocity  $\vec{v} = -3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$  km/hr, draw a picture of the velocity in a 2D coordinate system.
  - C: If we have a velocity  $\vec{v} = -3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$  km/hr, what is the angle the velocity makes with the positive x-axis?