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Question:

Rain is falling vertically with a speed of $30ms^{-1}$. A woman rides a bicycle with a speed of $10ms^{-1}$ in the north to south direction. What is the direction in which she should hold her umbrella?

Solution::

Variable	Description	value
v _{rain}	velocity vector of rain in vertical downwards direction	$30ms^{-1}$
V _{woman}	velocity vector of women in north to south (Horizontal) direction	$10ms^{-1}$
V _{relative}	velocity of rain with respect to woman	
θ	angle with vertical in which she should hold her umbrella	

TABLE 0: Variables Used

$$\mathbf{v}_{rain} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -30 \end{pmatrix} \text{m/s}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{woman}} = \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{m/s}$$

velocity of rain with respect to woman:

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{relative}} = \mathbf{v}_{\text{rain}} - \mathbf{v}_{\text{woman}}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{relative}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -30 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{relative}} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -30 \end{pmatrix}$$

So, the relative velocity of the rain with respect to the woman is:

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{relative}} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -30 \end{pmatrix}, \text{m/s}$$

The direction in which she should hold the umbrella is the direction of the relative velocity vector.

since θ is the angle with the vertical

so,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{10}{-30} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

Thus, the angle θ is:

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(-\frac{1}{3})$$

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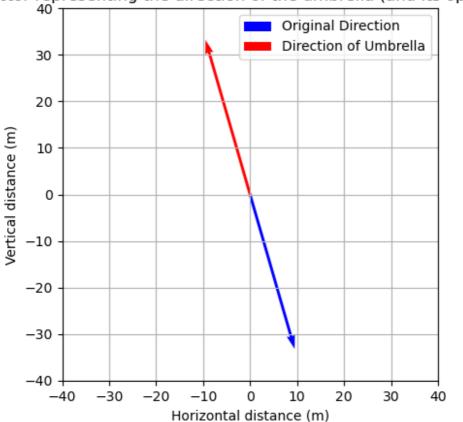


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