

Phys 11C – Eiteneer  
**Worksheet for Lab 02 - Vectors**

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**PURPOSE**

Vectors are powerful mathematical tools that can be used to solve a variety of problems in the physical sciences. In this worksheet, you will practice solving typical vector problems graphically and using vector components.

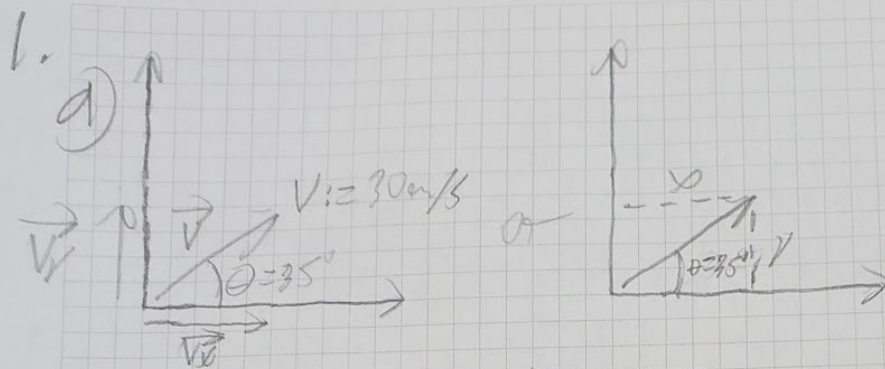
**PROBLEMS**

All work should be neatly done on separate pieces of paper that will be turned in with this handout. Be sure to show all work for full credit.

- 1) An arrow is launched with an initial speed of 70m/s at an angle  $35^\circ$  above the horizontal. Find the x and y components of the velocity vector:
  - a) Graphically (i.e., drawing **to scale** on the supplied graph paper).
  - b) Using trigonometry. Write your final answer in vector component form (i.e., using **i**'s and **j**'s).
- 2) An airplane flies at a bearing of  $N57^\circ W$  at a speed of 500mph. Assume the y-axis points north and the x-axis points east. Find the x and y components of the velocity vector.
  - a) Graphically.
  - b) Using trigonometry. Write your final answer in vector component form.
- 3) A box sits on a plane that is tilted  $25^\circ$  above the horizontal. A horizontal force of 30N acts on the box. Use trigonometry to write the force in vector component form using (a) a standard coordinate system, and (b) a coordinate system tilted to align itself with the plane.
- 4) A ship has a top speed of 3m/s in calm water. The current of the ocean tends to push the boat at 2m/s on a bearing of  $S70^\circ W$ . What will be the net velocity of the ship if the captain points his ship on a bearing of  $N55^\circ W$  and applies full power?
  - a) Do the problem graphically. Be sure to clearly indicate the vector heads and tails.
  - b) Repeat the problem using vector components.
- 5) For  $\mathbf{A} = \langle 2, -3 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \langle 4, 5 \rangle$ , and  $\mathbf{C} = \langle 3, -1 \rangle$  find the following graphically and algebraically (**i**'s and **j**'s).
  - a)  $\mathbf{A} + 2\mathbf{B}$
  - b)  $\mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})$
  - c)  $5\mathbf{A} - 3\mathbf{C}$
- 6) For the vectors given in Problem 5, determine:
  - a)  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$
  - b)  $\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})$
  - c)  $\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C})$
  - d)  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$
  - e) Find the angle between **B** and **C**, using any method.

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b)

$$V_x = |V| \cos \theta \quad \vec{V} = V_x + V_y$$

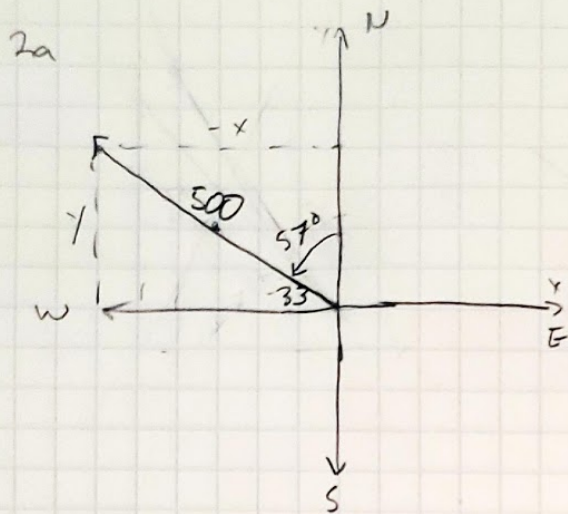
$$V_y = |V| \sin \theta \quad \vec{V} = V_x \hat{i} + V_y \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{V} = (70 \text{ m/s}, 35^\circ \text{ north of east})$$

$$V_x = (70 \text{ m/s}) \cos(35^\circ) = 57.34 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_y = (70 \text{ m/s}) \sin(35^\circ) = 40.15 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{V} = V_x \hat{i} + V_y \hat{j} = (57.34 \hat{i} + 40.15 \hat{j}) \text{ m/s}$$



$$\cos 33 = \frac{y}{500} \quad \sin 33 = \frac{x}{500}$$

$$x = 419 \quad y = 272$$

$$\vec{x} = -419\hat{i} + 272\hat{j}$$

b

$$\vec{v} = 500 \text{ mph}$$

$$\theta = N 57^\circ W$$

$$\hookrightarrow \theta = 147^\circ$$

$$v_x = 500 \cos 147$$

$$v_y = 500 \sin 147$$

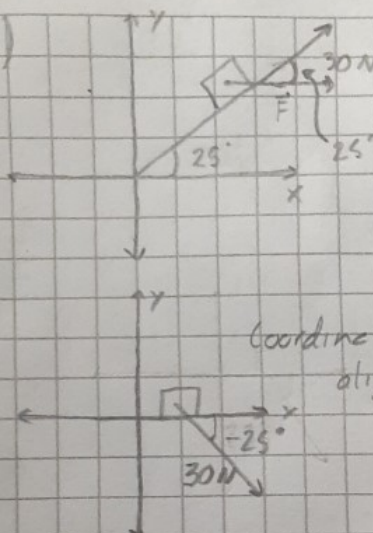
$$v_x = -419$$

$$v_y = 272$$

$$\vec{v} = -419\hat{i} + 272\hat{j}$$



3)



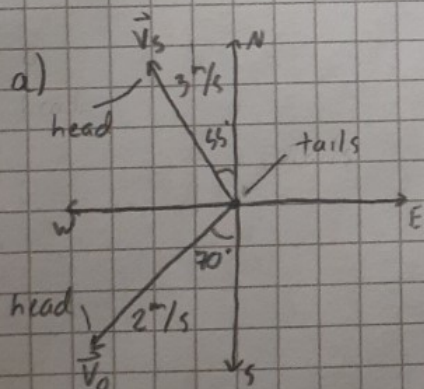
$$a) \vec{F} = 30\hat{i} [N]$$

$$b) \vec{F} = F\hat{i} + F\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{F} = (30\cos(360-25)) + (30\sin(360-25))$$

$$\vec{F} = -12.24\hat{i} + 27.39\hat{j} [N]$$

4) a)



$$\vec{V} = \vec{V}_s + \vec{V}_o$$

$$\vec{V}_s = V_{xs} + V_{ys} = 3\cos(90+55) + 3\sin(90+55)$$

$$\vec{V}_o = V_{xo} + V_{yo} = 2\cos(270-70) + 2\sin(270-70)$$

$$\vec{V} = 4.05 \text{ m/s} + (-0.77 \text{ m/s})$$

$$\vec{V} = 3.28 \text{ m/s}$$

$$b) \vec{V} = \vec{V}_s + \vec{V}_o$$

$$\vec{V}_s = 3\cos(90+55)\hat{i} + 3\sin(90+55)\hat{j} = 2.65\hat{i} + 1.40\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{V}_o = 2\cos(270-70)\hat{i} + 2\sin(270-70)\hat{j} = 0.94\hat{i} + (-1.75)\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{V} = 3.59\hat{i} + (-0.35)\hat{j} [m/s]$$

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5)  $\vec{A} = (2\hat{i}, -3\hat{j})$  b)  $\vec{A} - (\vec{B} + \vec{C}) = \vec{0}$

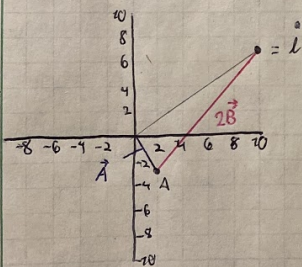
a)  $\vec{B} = (4\hat{i}, 5\hat{j})$

$\vec{C} = (3\hat{i}, -1\hat{j})$

a)  $\vec{A} + 2\vec{B} = \vec{L}$

$(2\hat{i} + 2(4\hat{i})) + (-3\hat{j} + 2(5\hat{j}))$   
 $10\hat{i} + 7\hat{j}$

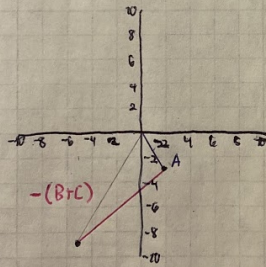
$\vec{L} = (10\hat{i}, 7\hat{j})$



$\vec{A} - (\underbrace{4\hat{i} + 3\hat{i}}_{7\hat{i}}) + (\underbrace{5\hat{j} + (-1\hat{j})}_{4\hat{j}})$

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

$(-5\hat{i} - 9\hat{j}) \quad (-5\hat{i}, -9\hat{j}) = \vec{0}$

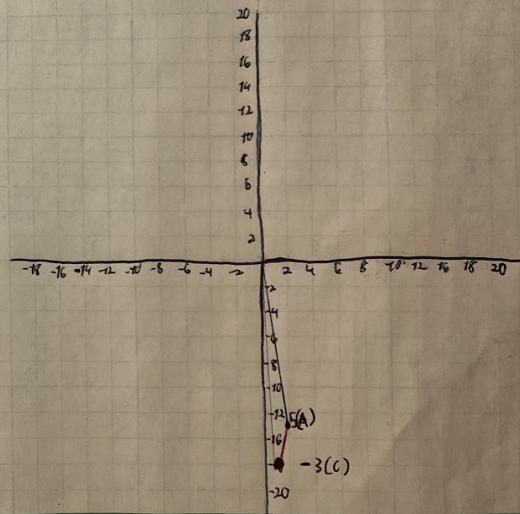


c)  $5\vec{A} - 3\vec{C} = \vec{\Gamma}$

$(5(2\hat{i}) - 3(3\hat{i})) + (5(-3\hat{j}) + 3(-1\hat{j}))$

$1\hat{i} \quad -18\hat{j}$

$\vec{\Gamma} = (1\hat{i}, -18\hat{j})$





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6. a)  $A \times B$   $A < 2, -3 >$   $B < 4, 5 >$

$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(A_y B_z - A_z B_y) - \hat{j}(A_x B_z - A_z B_x) + \hat{k}(A_x B_y - A_y B_x)$$

$C_x \qquad \qquad \qquad -C_y \qquad \qquad \qquad C_z$

$$= C_x \hat{i} + C_y \hat{j} + C_z \hat{k}$$

$$= \hat{i}(-3(0) - 0(5)) - \hat{j}(1(0) - 0(4)) + \hat{k}(1(5) - (2)(4))$$

$+12$   
 $10 \quad -(-12)$

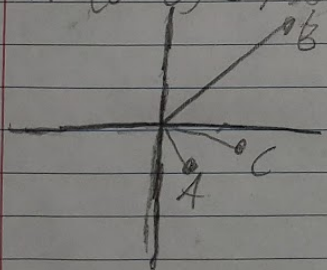
$$\vec{C} = 22\hat{k} \text{ or } \langle 0, 0, 22 \rangle$$

b)  $A \cdot (B \times C)$   $B < 4, 5 >$   $C < 3, -1 >$

$$A < 2, -3 > \quad B \times C = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(0) - \hat{j}(0) + \hat{k}(-16)$$

$-16$   
 $-16$

$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = A_x(B_y C_z - B_z C_y) + A_y(B_z C_x - B_x C_z) + A_z(B_x C_y - B_y C_x)$$



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

$$A \cdot (0) + A_y(0) + A_z(22) = 0$$

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$(A \cdot B) \times (A \cdot C)$

$$A \cdot B = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

$$2(4) + (-3)(5) + 0 = 8 - 15 = -7$$

$$A \cdot C = A_x C_x + A_y C_y + A_z C_z$$

$$2(3) + (-3)(-1) + 0 = 6 + 3 = 9$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 8 & -15 & 0 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1(A_1 B_2 - A_2 B_1) - 1(A_1 B_2 - A_2 B_1) + 1(A_1 B_2 - A_2 B_1)$$

$$\begin{matrix} 0 & -0 \\ -20 & \\ 24 & + 90 = 114 \end{matrix} \quad \boxed{A \cdot (B \times C) = 114}$$

c)  $A \times (B \cdot C)$   
 $A \times B \cdot A \times C$

$A \times C = \langle 22, -37, \langle 3, 1 \rangle \rangle$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ A_1 \times A_2 & A_2 \times A_3 & A_3 \times A_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$0 - 0 + 1(A_1 B_2 - A_2 B_1) = 2(-1) + 3(-3) = -2 - 9 = -11$$

$$0 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0 + (-11)22 = -242$$

$$\boxed{A \times (B \cdot C) = -242}$$

d)  $A \cdot B = A_1 B_1 + A_2 B_2 + A_3 B_3$   
 $2 \cdot 4 + (-3) \cdot 5 + 0 \cdot 0$   
 $8 - 15 = -7$

e) Angle between B and C  $B = \langle 4, 5 \rangle$   $C = \langle 3, -1 \rangle$   
 $L_1 B, 4$   $L_1 C, 1$

$$B \cdot C = 4 \cdot 3 + 5 \cdot (-1) + 0 \cdot 0$$

$$12 - 5 = 7$$

$$\boxed{\cos^{-1}(0.34) = 69.7^\circ}$$

$$\cos(\text{angle}) = \frac{B \cdot C}{|B| \cdot |C|} = \frac{7}{6.4(3.16)} \approx 0.34$$