

- 1 (a) The distance between the Sun and the Earth is 1.5×10^{11} m. State this distance in Gm.

distance = Gm [1]

- (b) The distance from the centre of the Earth to a satellite above the equator is 42.3 Mm. The radius of the Earth is 6380 km.

A microwave signal is sent from a point on the Earth directly below the satellite.

Calculate the time taken for the microwave signal to travel to the satellite and back.

time = s [2]

- (c) The speed v of a sound wave through a gas of density ρ and pressure P is given by

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{CP}{\rho}}$$

where C is a constant.

Show that C has no unit.

[3]

- (d) Underline all the scalar quantities in the list below.

acceleration

energy

momentum

power

weight

[1]

- (e) A boat travels across a river in which the water is moving at a speed of 1.8 m s^{-1} . The velocity vectors for the boat and the river water are shown to scale in Fig. 1.1.

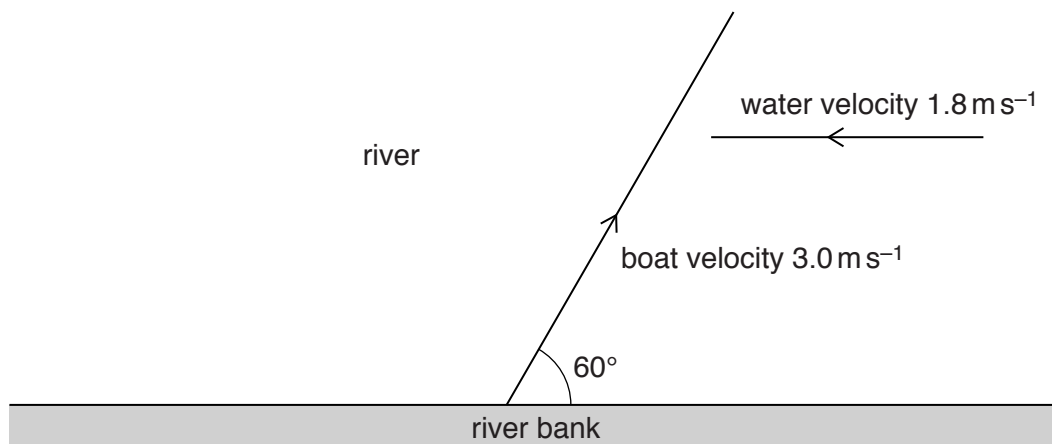


Fig. 1.1 (shown to scale)

In still water the speed of the boat is 3.0 m s^{-1} . The boat is directed at an angle of 60° to the river bank.

- (i) On Fig. 1.1, draw a vector triangle or a scale diagram to show the resultant velocity of the boat. [2]
- (ii) Determine the magnitude of the resultant velocity of the boat.

resultant velocity = m s^{-1} [2]