

# VECTORS

Let's assume a car is moving with a speed and towards North.

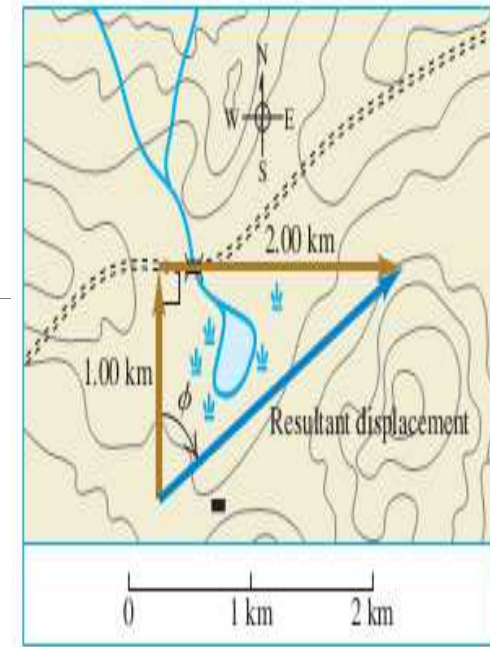
Magnitude and Direction are used to describe the **vector** quantity.

The motion of an airplane moving from Lagos to Aba is best described in terms of its magnitude (469km/h) and direction (towards east).

Examples of vector quantity: Velocity, Acceleration, Momentum, Force e.t.c

**What is a Force?**

**Answer:** It is a pull or a push. It is also the agency that tends to change the momentum of a body.



# Vector and Scalar Quantities

## Scalar Quantities

They are quantities that do not have direction and can be merely described by a single number.

They can be performed with the aid of normal arithmetic, multiplication or subtraction

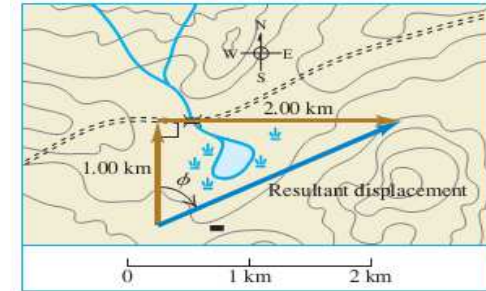
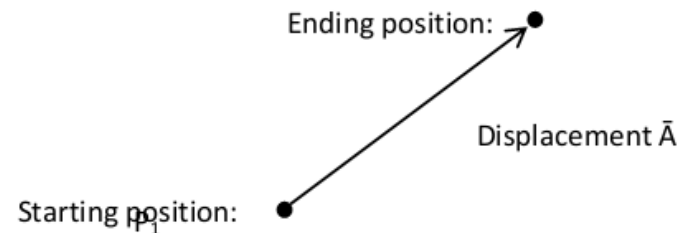
Examples: Mass, Length and Time

## Vector Quantities

They are defined by both magnitude and directions.

Operations are performed geometrically with certain rules.

Example: Displacement



# Vector and Scalar Quantities

Displacement is represented as  $\vec{A}$

If two vectors are in the same direction, they are called **parallel vectors**.

Vector  $\vec{A} = \vec{A}^1$  because they same magnitude and direction.

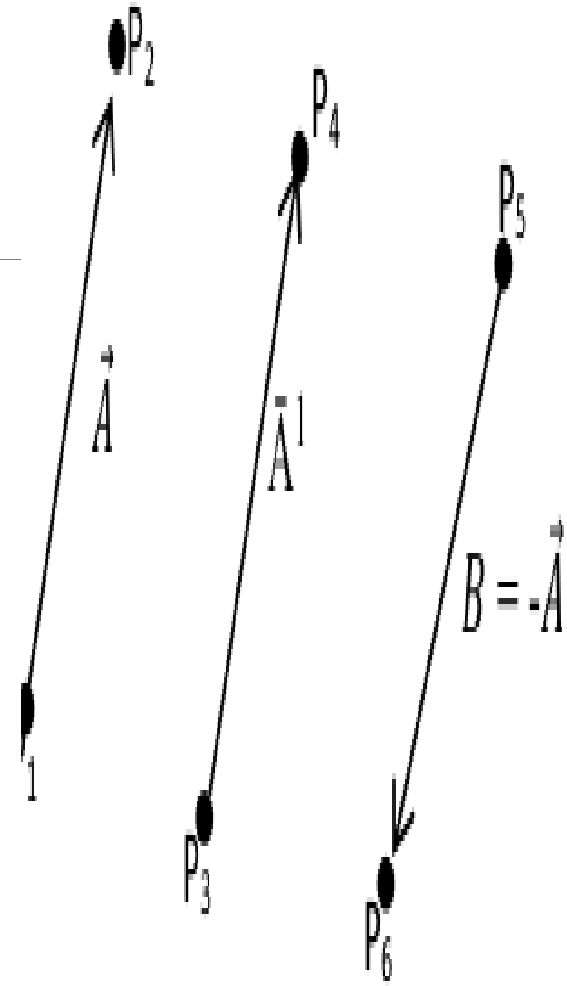
Vector  $\vec{B} \neq \vec{A}$ , hence it is a negative of vector  $\vec{A}$

When vector  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{A}$  the same magnitude both opposite direction,  $\vec{B} = -\vec{A}$

Therefore, when two vectors  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{A}$  have opposite directions, irrespective of whether they have the same magnitude or not, they are called **antiparallel vectors**.

The magnitude of a vector is represented as:

$$(\text{Magnitude of } \vec{A}) = A = |\vec{A}|$$

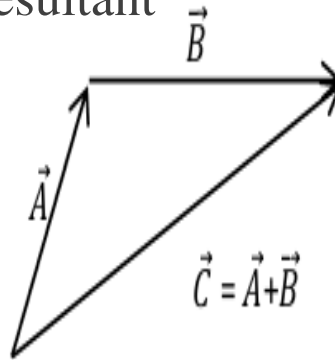


# Vector Addition

Addition of vectors obey certain geometric rules:

- 1) The vector sum or resultant
- 2) Commutative law
- 3) Associative law
- 4) Vector subtraction

1) The vector sum or resultant



$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$$

2) Commutative Law

When vectors are added in reverse orders, they give the same results.

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{B} + \vec{A}$$

3) Associative Law

$$(\vec{A} + \vec{B}) + \vec{C} = \vec{A} + (\vec{B} + \vec{C})$$

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## 4) Vector Subtraction

$$\vec{A} - \vec{B} = \vec{A} + \overrightarrow{(-B)}$$

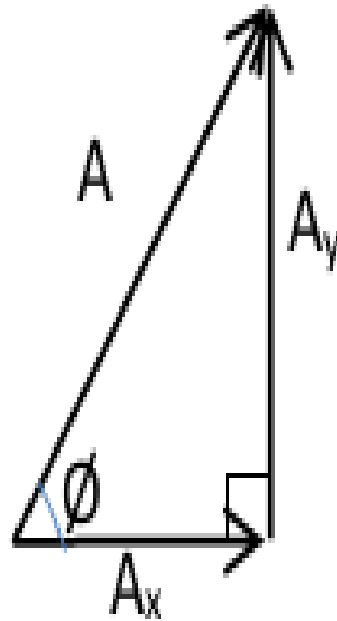
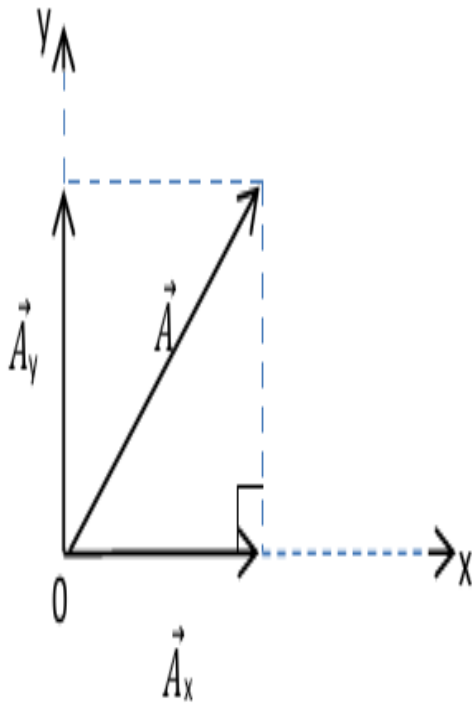
## #ThursdayTrivia

1) An airplane flies 1.00km north and then 2.00km east on a fair weather. How far and in what direction is the airplane from the starting point?

Ans: Distance = 2.24km and Direction = 63.4°

# Components of Vectors

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$A_x$  and  $A_y$  are called components of vectors.

The vector sum is represented as:

$$\vec{A} = A_x + A_y$$

Applying trigonometry rule:

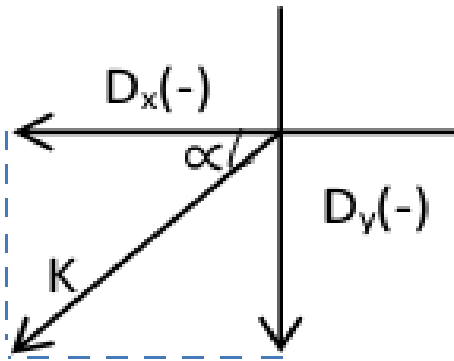
$$A_x = A \cos \phi$$

$$A_y = A \sin \phi$$

# Components of Vectors

## #ThursdayTrivia

2) What are the x and y components of vector  $\vec{K}$  in the figure below. The magnitude of  $\vec{K}$  in the figure below is 4.0m and the angle is  $\alpha = 45^\circ$



### Answer

$$K_x = -2.83m$$

$$K_y = -2.83m$$

The magnitude of  $\vec{K} = 4.0m$

# UNIT VECTORS

A unit vector is a vector that has a magnitude of 1, with no units.

It is used to describe the directions of vectors in space.

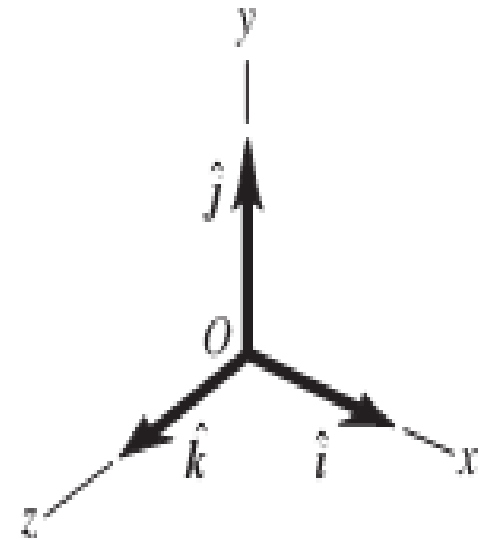
Unit vectors for x, y and z axes are denoted by:  $\hat{i}$ ,  $\hat{j}$  and  $\hat{k}$  respectively.

$$\vec{A}_x = A_x \hat{i}$$

$$\vec{A}_y = A_y \hat{j}$$

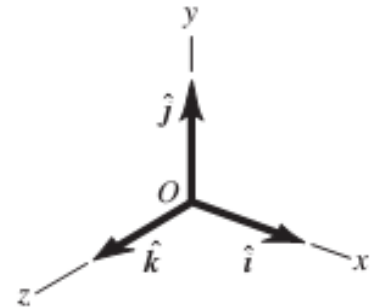
$$\vec{A}_z = A_z \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k} \quad (\text{same for vector } \vec{B})$$





# UNIT VECTORS



## #ThursdayTrivia

3) Given the vector notation of  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$ , add the two vectors together.

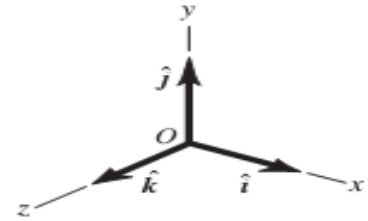
$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = (A_x + B_x) \hat{i} + (A_y + B_y) \hat{j} + (A_z + B_z) \hat{k}.$$

4) Given two vectors,  $\vec{x} = (7\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$  and  $\vec{y} = (5\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 9\hat{k})$ . Find the magnitude for the vector  $3\vec{x} - \vec{y}$ .

Ans =  $16\hat{i} + 12\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}$  and 23.32

# Products of Vectors

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Note: Addition of vectors follows certain rules, so is vector multiplication too:

Vectors can be multiplied in three different ways:

- 1) Multiplication of a vector by a scalar.
- 2) Scalar Product
- 3) Vector Product

## **A) Multiplication of a vector by a scalar.**

If we multiply a vector  $\vec{A}$  by a scalar  $c$ , the product becomes  $\vec{D} = c\vec{A}$

Let:  $c = 2$  and  $\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}$ . Find  $\vec{D}$ ?

# Products of Vectors

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## SCALAR PRODUCT

The scalar product of two vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  is given as  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$ .

It is also known as the **dot product**.

The dot product of  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$  is expressed as:

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos\theta = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos\theta$$

$$\vec{B} \cdot \vec{A} = BA \cos\theta = |\vec{B}| |\vec{A}| \cos\theta$$

Scalar product obeys commutative law:

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$$

# Products of Vectors

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$$\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = (1)(1) \cos 0^\circ = 1$$
$$\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} = \hat{j} \cdot \hat{k} = (1)(1) \cos 90^\circ = 0$$

## SCALAR PRODUCT

The scalar product is a scalar quantity.

It can be +ve, -ve or zero. It is always zero when the vectors are perpendicular.

If  $\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{B} = B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} + B_z \hat{k}$ . Determine  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$

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

**Hence, the scalar product of two vectors is the sum of the products of their respective components.**

# Products of Vectors

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## Class Exercise:

1) Using dot product, find the angle between the two vectors below.

$$\vec{A} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\vec{B} = (-4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

**ANSWER:  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = -3$   $A = 3.74$   $B = 4.58$   $\theta = 100.07^\circ$**

# Products of Vectors

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## VECTOR PRODUCT

The vector product of two vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  is also called the **cross product**.

Denoted as:  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$

It is a vector quantity.

For cross product:  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = AB \sin\theta$

Vector product is not commutative, hence  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$

When the angle is either  $0^\circ$  or  $180^\circ$ , vector product is always zero.

# Products of Vectors:

## Calculating vector products

### 1) Distributive Law (long multiplication)

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} + B_z \hat{k}$$

Find  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{i} = 0, \hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}, \hat{i} \times \hat{k} = -\hat{j}, \hat{j} \times \hat{i} = -\hat{k}, \hat{j} \times \hat{j} = 0$$

$$\hat{j} \times \hat{k} = \hat{i}, \hat{k} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j}, \hat{k} \times \hat{j} = -\hat{i}, \hat{k} \times \hat{k} = 0$$

### 2) Determinant method

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

## Products of Vectors: Calculating vector products

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### Class Exercise:

2) The angular momentum  $\vec{L}$  of a particle is given by the vector product of its linear momentum  $p$  and position vector  $v$ .

$$\text{If } \vec{P} = (9\hat{i} + 10\hat{j} + 15\hat{k})$$

$$\text{If } \vec{V} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$$

Find  $\vec{L}$

$$\text{Answer: } \vec{L} = (5\hat{i} - 15\hat{j} + 7\hat{k})$$



# ASSIGNMENT

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1) An airplane leaves the airport in Lagos and flies 170 km at  $68^\circ$  east of north and then changes direction to fly 230 km at  $48^\circ$  south of east, after which it makes an immediate emergency landing in a form. When the airport sends out a rescue crew, in which direction and how far should this crew fly to go directly to this plane?

2) Given two vectors:  $\vec{A} = (4.0\hat{i} + 3.0\hat{j})$  and  $\vec{B} = (5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j})$ .

A) find the magnitude of each vector?

B) write an expression for the vector difference A-B

C) find the magnitude and direction of the vector difference  $\vec{A} - \vec{B}$

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