

At the end of this worksheet you should be able to

- define a force and discuss the types responsible for most observable interactions
- add vectors graphically
- decompose vectors and recombine components
- discuss Newton's first and third law.

1. What is a force? *push or pull*

2. List the common forces. Which are non-contact? Which are contact?

*4 known forces* { *electromagnetic - noncontact*  
*weak force*  
*strong force*  
*gravity (weight) - noncontact* } *tension - support*  
*friction*  
*normal - support* } *Contact*

3. How much force is 250 lbs in newtons?  $1 \text{ lb} = 4.45 \text{ Newtons}$  or  $1 \text{ Newton} = 0.225 \text{ lb}$ .

$$250 \text{ lb} \left( \frac{4.45 \text{ N}}{1 \text{ lb}} \right) = 1,112.5 \text{ N}$$

4. A person has a weight of 1,110 N. What is his mass in kg?  $F_g = mg$  where  $g = 9.8 \text{ N/kg}$ .

$$1110 \text{ N} \left( \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{9.8 \text{ N}} \right) = 113 \text{ kg}$$

### Vector Math, Graphical

5. Two children are pulling a wagon. Sam pulls with a 5 N force and Ford pulls with a 10 N force.

a) What is the net force on the wagon when Sam and Ford pull in the same direction?



$$F_{\text{net}} = 15 \text{ N to the right}$$

b) What is the net force on the wagon when Sam and Ford pull in opposite directions?

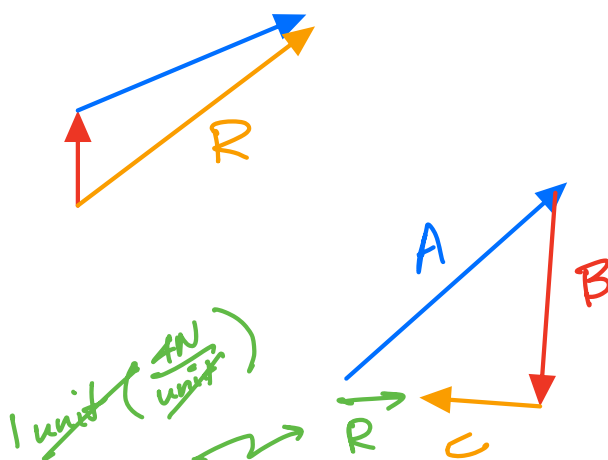


$$F_{\text{net}} = 10 - 5 = 5 \text{ N to the right}$$

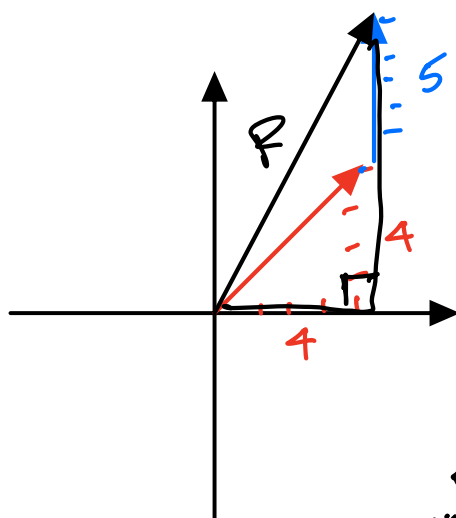
6. Draw two vectors represented as arrows, with one of them being approximately twice as big as the other and pointed in *different non-parallel* directions.



7. Graphically add these vectors up.

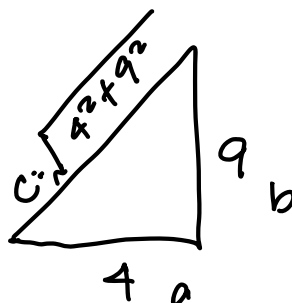


8. Show your results to someone else and look at their results. Draw their vector problem in the space below.

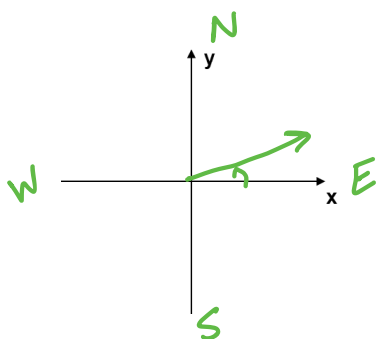
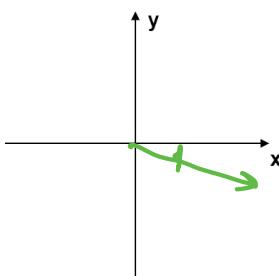
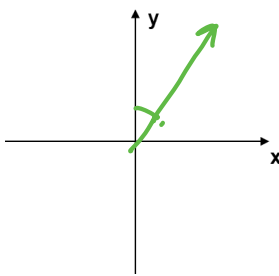
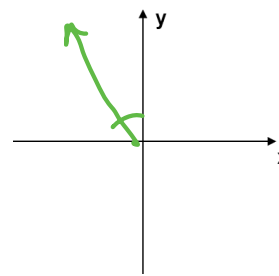


$$F_x = 4 + 0 = 4$$

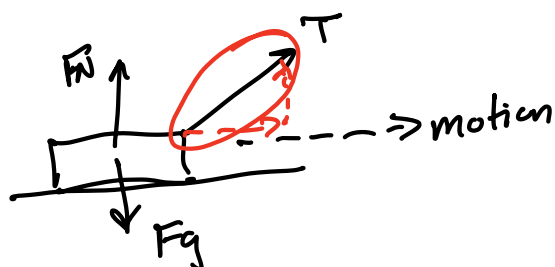
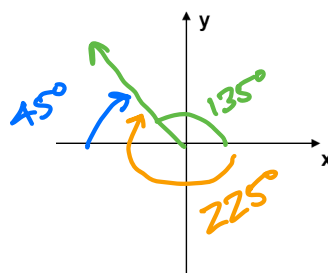
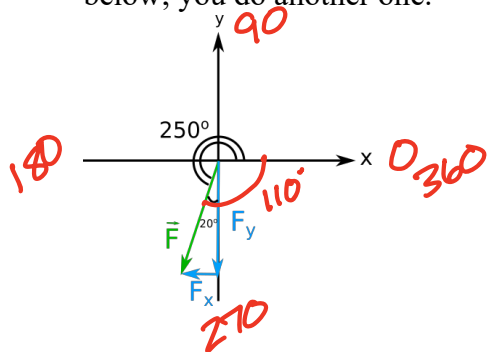
$$F_y = 4 + 5 = 9$$



9. Draw a sketch of the following vectors and their components on the coordinate planes.

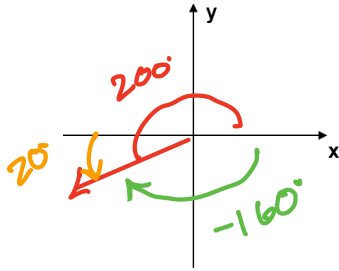
<p>A vector is described as <math>20^\circ</math> north of east.</p> 	<p>A vector is described as <math>20^\circ</math> south of east.</p> 
<p>A vector is described as <math>20^\circ</math> east of north.</p> 	<p>A vector is described as <math>20^\circ</math> west of north.</p> 

10. Draw out your own vector in any direction on the  $x$ - $y$  coordinate plane, and describe its coordinates from both the nearest axis, and from the positive  $x$ -axis. I have done an example of this in the space below; you do another one.

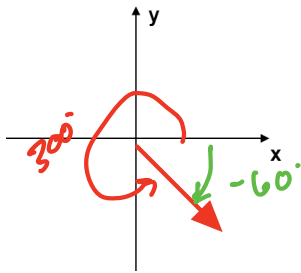


break Forces  $\parallel$  to motion  
 $\perp$  to motion

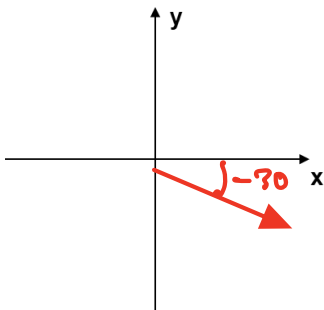
11. Draw a force that pulls  $200^\circ$  from the positive  $x$ -direction. Express this in three other equivalent ways.



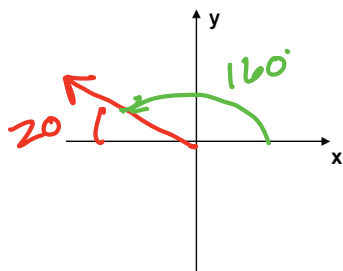
12. A force pulls  $300^\circ$  from the positive  $x$ -direction. Express this in three other equivalent ways.



13. A vector is  $-30^\circ$  from the positive  $x$ -direction. Express this in three other equivalent ways.



14. What are the  $x$ - and  $y$ -components of a 100 N force that is acting on an object at an angle that is  $20^\circ$  north of west?



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$



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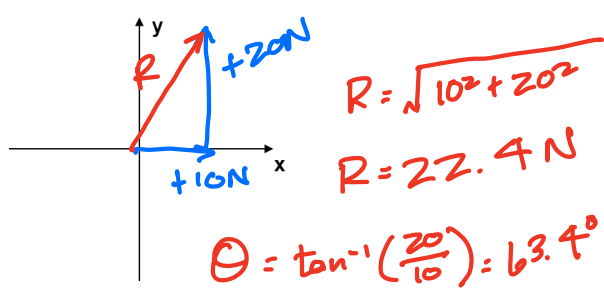
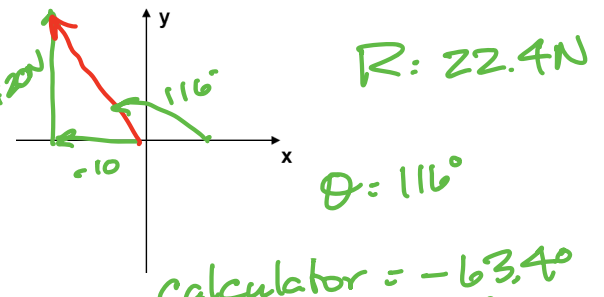
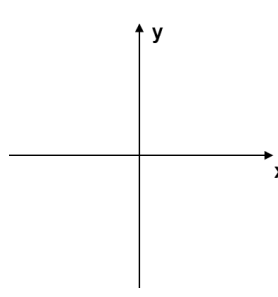
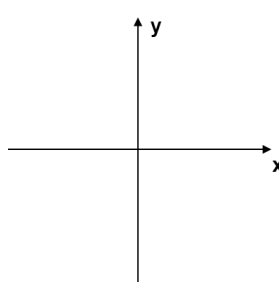
$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\text{opp} = \text{hyp} \cdot \sin \theta$$

$$\text{adj} = \text{hyp} \cdot \cos \theta$$

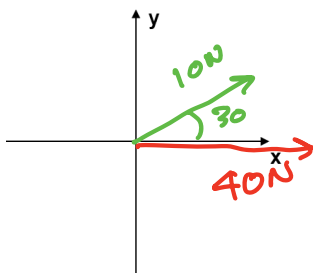
$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} \right)$$

15. Determine the magnitude and direction of the following vectors.

<p>A vector with an x-component of +10 N, and a y-component of +20 N</p>  <p> <math>R = \sqrt{10^2 + 20^2}</math>  <math>R = 22.4 \text{ N}</math>  <math>\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{20}{10}\right) = 63.4^\circ</math> </p>	<p>A vector with an x-component of -10 N, and a y-component of +20 N</p>  <p> <math>R = 22.4 \text{ N}</math>  <math>\theta = 116^\circ</math>  <math>\text{calculator} = -63.4 + 180</math> </p>
<p>A vector with an x-component of +10 N, and a y-component of -20 N</p> 	<p>A vector with an x-component of -10 N, and a y-component of -20 N</p> 

### Adding Vectors using Components

16. Vector  $\vec{A}$  is 10 N  $30^\circ$  north of east and vector  $\vec{B}$  is 40 N east. What is the vector sum of  $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$ ?



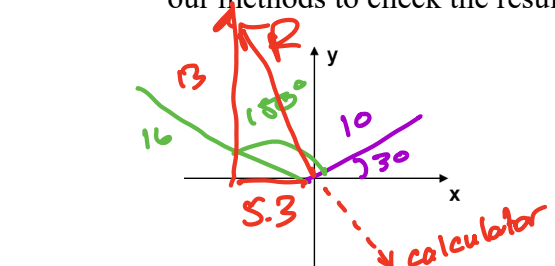
$10 \text{ N}$   
 $30^\circ$   
 $10 \cos \theta = 8.7 \text{ N}$   
 $5 \text{ N} = 10 \sin \theta$

	x (N)	y (N)
10N	8.7	5
40N	40	0
	48.7	5

$R = \sqrt{48.7^2 + 5^2} = 49 \text{ N}$

$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{48.7}\right) = 5.9^\circ$  east of North  
 North of east

17. Use the simulation at [https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/vector-addition/latest/vector-addition\\_all.html](https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/vector-addition/latest/vector-addition_all.html) (Tab Explore 2D) to create a vector addition problem, and work through it with our methods to check the results.



$$R = \sqrt{(-5.3)^2 + (13)^2} = 14\text{N}$$

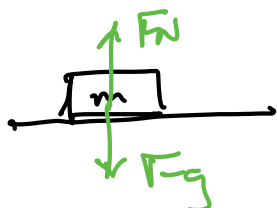
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{13}{-5.3}\right) = -68^\circ$$

Newton's Laws

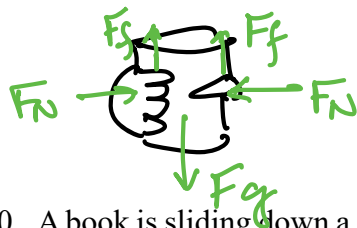
$$\frac{+180}{112^\circ}$$

	X	Y
10N @ 30°	$10 \cos 30 = 8.7$	$10 \sin 30 = 5.0$
16N @ 150°	$16 \cos 150 = -14$	$16 \sin 150 = 8$
Sum	<u>-5.3</u>	<u>13</u>

18. A book is resting on a table. What forces are acting on the book? What forces are acting on the table?



19. You are holding a glass in your hand. What forces are acting on the glass?

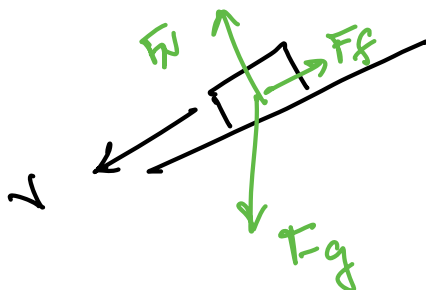


if an object is at rest, all forces must cancel (sum to zero)

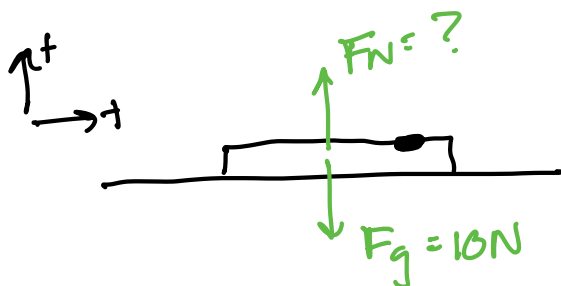
$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

20. A book is sliding down a rough table that is inclined on one side. What forces are acting on the book?



21. A phone rests on a horizontal table. The phone has a weight (Force of gravity) of 10 N. What must the normal force from the table be? (Rest = 0 N net force on the phone)



$$F_{\text{net}} = ma \rightarrow 0$$

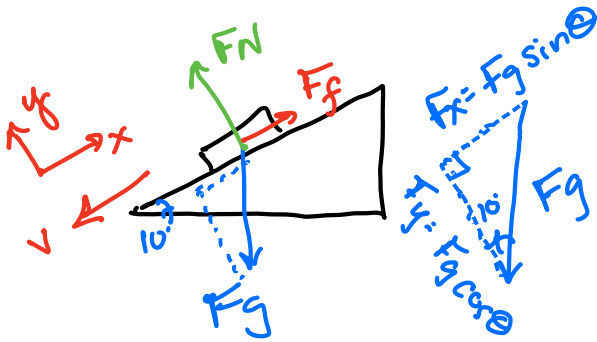
$$F_N - F_g = 0$$

$$F_N = F_g = 10\text{N}$$

up

22. One side of the table that the 10-N phone is resting on is raised so that the surface is at a  $10^\circ$  angle with respect to the horizontal. For this problem, make your coordinate system so that the  $x$ -axis is parallel to the surface of the table, and the  $y$ -axis is perpendicular to the table.

- With this coordinate system, what are the  $x$ - and  $y$ - components of the weight of the phone?
- What would the normal force need to be so that the net force in the  $y$ -direction is 0 N?
- What would the force of friction need to be so that the net force in the  $x$ -direction is 0 N?



Fg components  
 $\sin \theta \rightarrow$  slides  $x$   
 $\cos \theta \rightarrow$  contact  $y$

	$x$	$y$
$F_g$	$F_g \sin \theta$ 1.7	$F_g \cos \theta$ 9.8
$F_f$	$F_f$	0
$F_N$	0	$F_N$
	0 at rest	0 at rest

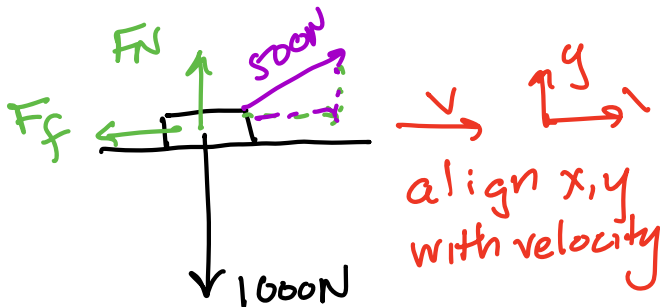
$$F_{net} = ma$$

$$y: 9.8 - F_N = ma = 0 \text{ so } F_N = 9.8 \text{ N}$$

$$x: F_f - 1.7 = ma = 0 \text{ so } F_f = 1.7 \text{ N}$$

23. A person pulls a sled with a rope across a level icy ground (~~frictionless~~). The sled has a weight of 1000N, and the person pulls with a force of 500 N at an angle  $37^\circ$  above the horizontal. at constant speed (velocity)

- What are the  $x$ - and  $y$ - components of the tension force?
- What is the normal force acting on the sled?
- What is the net force in the  $x$ -direction?



$$a) F_x = F \cos \theta = 500 \text{ N} \cos 37^\circ$$

$$F_x = 500 \text{ N} \left( \frac{4}{5} \right) = 400 \text{ N}$$

$$F_y = F \sin \theta = 500 \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) = 300 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{net} = ma$$

$$y: +300 - 1000 + F_N = ma = 0 \text{ at rest vertically}$$

$$F_N = 1000 - 300 = 700 \text{ N}$$

$$x: +400 - F_f = ma \text{ constant velocity}$$

$$F_f = 400 \text{ N to left}$$

	$x \text{ (N)}$	$y \text{ (N)}$
$F_T$	+400	+300
$F_g$	0	-1000
$F_N$	0	$F_N$
$F_f$	$F_f$	0
	constant velocity ( $a = 0$ )	0 at rest vertically

# Common Forces (Newtons)

## Gravity, Weight $F_g$

Force between object & planet  
always to center of planet  
depends on density, size of planet  
and object's mass

$$F_g = m g$$

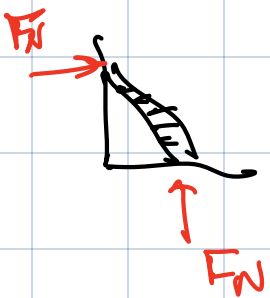
←  $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$  on earth  
 $9.8 \text{ N/kg}$

↑ mass (Kg)

depends on atoms

on moon (same mass, same clothes  
different weight)

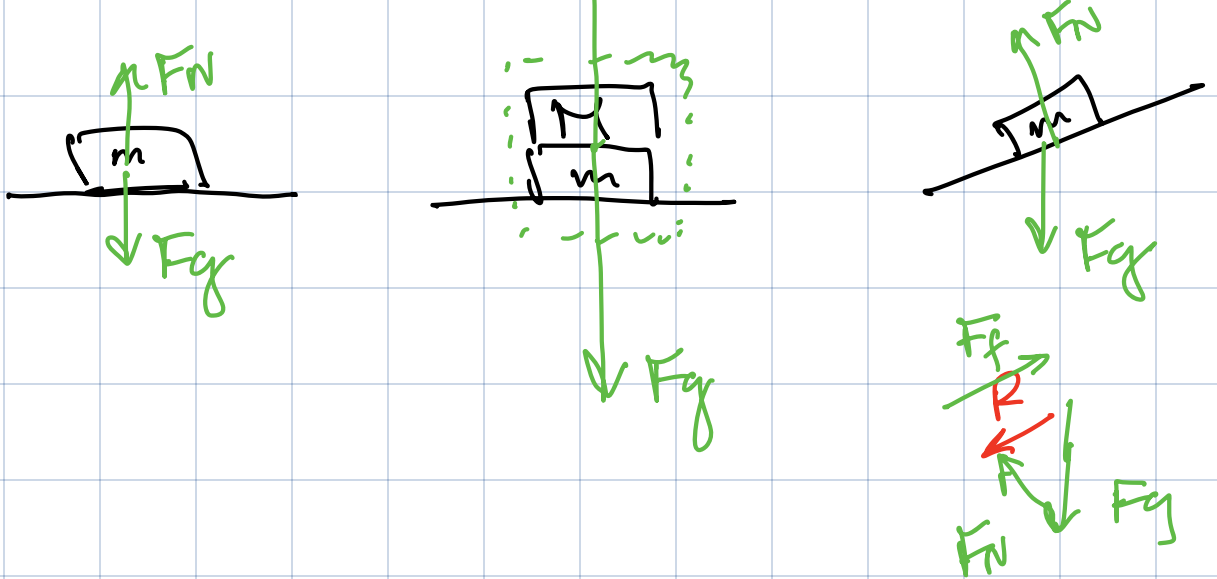
## Normal Force, $F_N$



- perpendicular  $\perp$  to surface
- support
- changes with load

↑  $F_N$





Tension,  $F_T$

- Support force
- changes with load
- directed along string



Friction,  $F_f$

- Slows down, opposes velocity
- Keeps something stationary