

**B2 Adding Vectors**

Where bearings are given, they are in degrees East of North (so North is  $000^\circ$ , East is  $090^\circ$ , South is  $180^\circ$  and West  $270^\circ$ ). For the purposes of this exercise, assume that the Earth is flat.

- B2.1** Work out how far I am from my starting point if I:
- a) walk 3.0 m East then 4.0 m North.
  - b) drive 10 km South from the starting point then drive 5.0 km West.
  - c) fly 80 km South-West from the starting point then fly 120 km North-West.
- B2.2** Work out how fast I am going (relative to a ground-based observer) if:
- a) I row at  $9.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (relative to the water) South in a river where the water is flowing  $1.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  South.
  - b) I swim at  $1.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (relative to the water) North in a river where the water is flowing  $0.30 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  East.
  - c) in what direction would a ground based observer think I was swimming in question B2.2b? Give your answer as a number of degrees East of North (a bearing).
  - d) I fly at  $100 \text{ km h}^{-1}$  North-West (relative to the air) when the wind is blowing from the North-East at a speed of  $20 \text{ km h}^{-1}$ .
- B2.3** Along which bearing would I have to travel in order to travel North (relative to a stationary observer) if:
- a) I am swimming in a river with a current running  $0.40 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  to the East, and I can swim at  $1.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  relative to the water?
  - b) I am flying in a  $15 \text{ km h}^{-1}$  wind coming from the West and can fly at  $90 \text{ km h}^{-1}$  relative to the air?
  - c) How fast do I move Northwards over the ground in question B2.3b?
- B2.4** A block is subject to two forces - a  $90 \text{ N}$  force downwards and a  $30 \text{ N}$  force horizontally to the right.
- a) What is the magnitude of the resultant force on the block?
  - b) At what angle, clockwise from the rightward force, does the resultant force on the block act?