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Quiz # 1A

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Q.1: The rectangle shown in Figure.1 has sides parallel to the x and y-axes. The position vectors of two corners are $A = 10.0 \text{ m}$ at 50.0° and $B = 12.0 \text{ m}$ at 30.0° . (a) Find the perimeter of the rectangle. (b) Find the magnitude and direction of the vector from the origin to the upper right corner of the rectangle. (7M)

Solution:

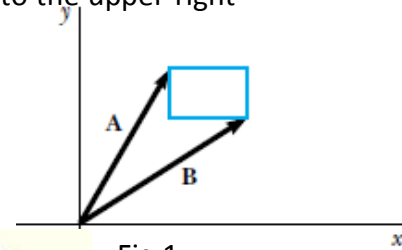


Fig.1

(a) Consider the rectangle in the figure to have height H and width W . The vectors

\vec{A} and \vec{B} are related by $\vec{A} + \vec{ab} + \vec{bc} = \vec{B}$, where

$$\vec{A} = (10.0\text{m})(\cos 50.0^\circ)\hat{i} + (10.0\text{m})(\sin 50.0^\circ)\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{A} = (6.42\hat{i} + 7.66\hat{j})\text{m}$$

$$\vec{B} = (12.0\text{m})(\cos 30.0^\circ)\hat{i} + (12.0\text{m})(\sin 30.0^\circ)\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B} = (10.4\hat{i} + 6.00\hat{j})\text{m}$$

$$\vec{ab} = -H\hat{j} \text{ and } \vec{bc} = W\hat{i}$$

Therefore,

$$\vec{B} - \vec{A} = \vec{ab} + \vec{bc}$$

$$(3.96\hat{i} - 1.66\hat{j})\text{m} = W\hat{i} - H\hat{j} \rightarrow W = 3.96\text{m} \text{ and } H = 1.66\text{m}$$

The perimeter measures $2(H + W) = 11.24\text{m}$.

(b) The vector from the origin to the upper-right corner of the rectangle (point d) is

$$\vec{B} + H\hat{j} = 10.4\text{m}\hat{i} + (6.00\text{m} + 1.66\text{m})\hat{j} = 10.4\text{m}\hat{i} + 7.66\text{m}\hat{j}$$

$$\text{magnitude: } \sqrt{(10.4\text{m})^2 + (7.66\text{m})^2} = 12.9\text{m}$$

$$\text{direction: } \tan^{-1}(7.66/10.4) = 36.4^\circ \text{ above } +x \text{ axis (first quadrant).}$$