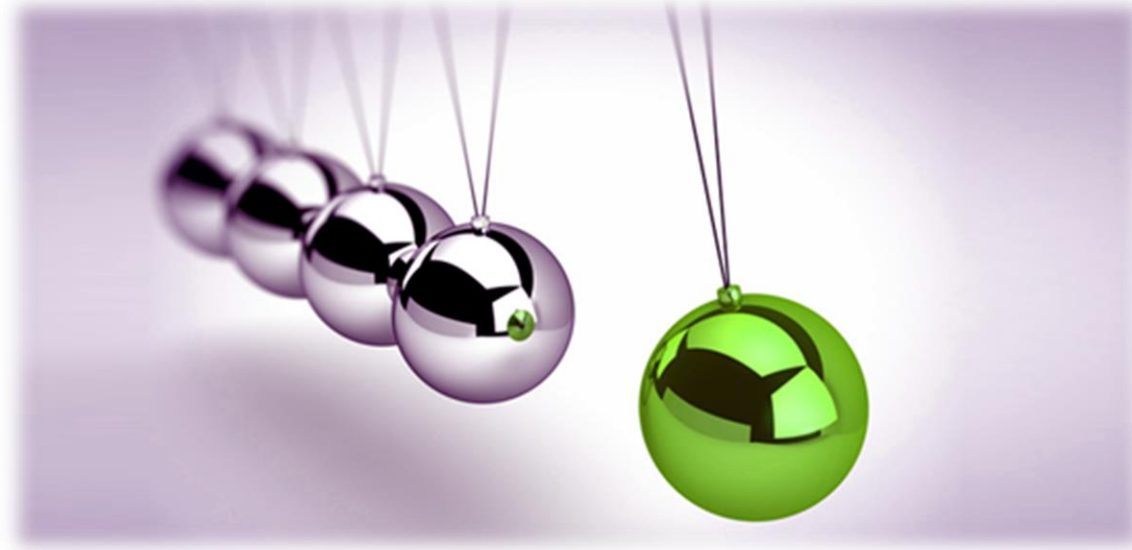




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VECTORS



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CHAPTER 2. VECTORS

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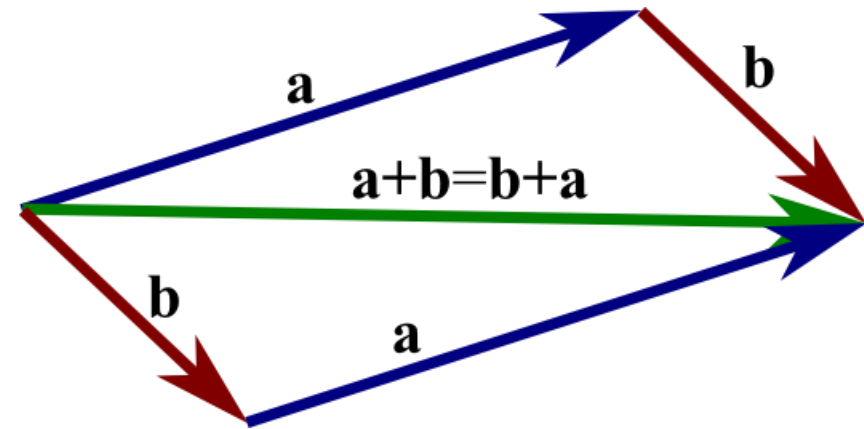
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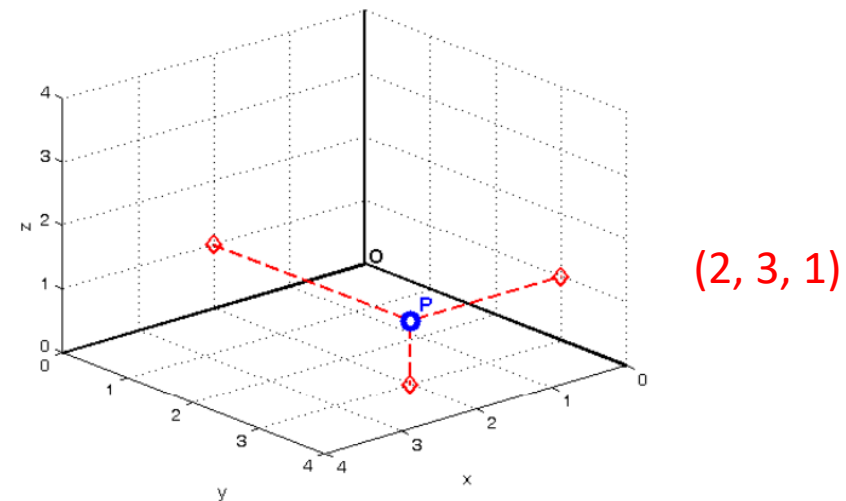
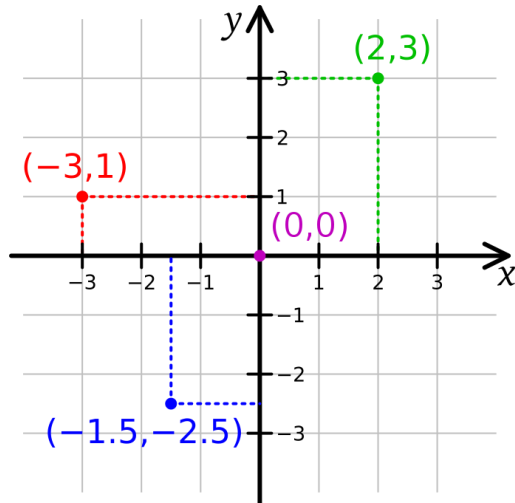
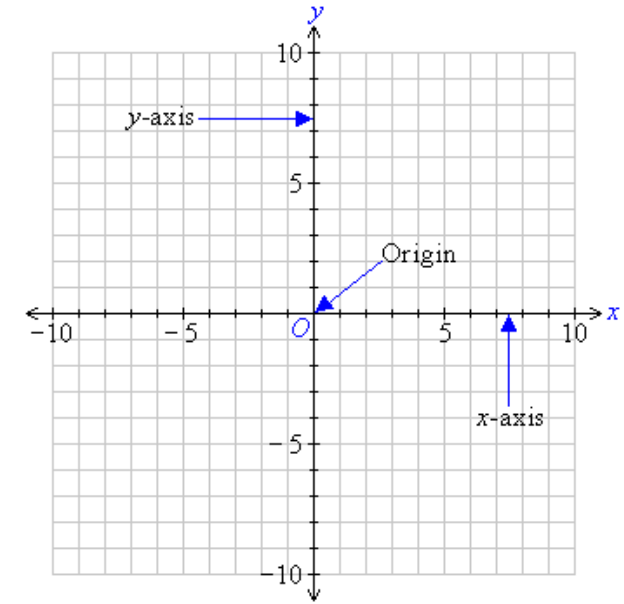
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2.1 Coordinate Systems

- Used to describe the position of a point in space
- Coordinate system consists of
 - A fixed reference point called the origin
 - Specific axes with scales and labels
 - Instructions on how to label a point relative to the origin and the axes

A point in the plane is denoted as (x,y) or (x,y,z)



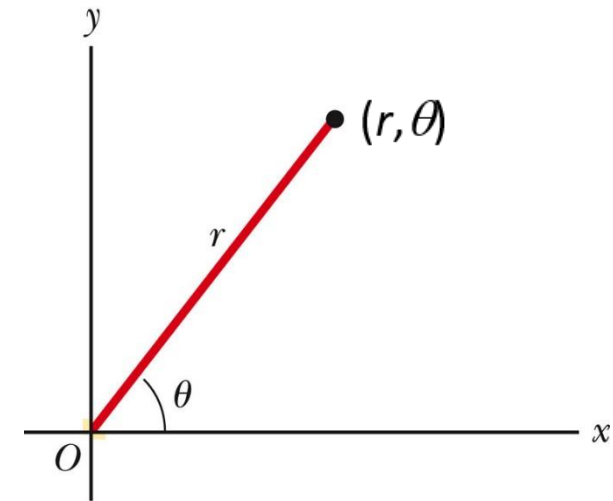
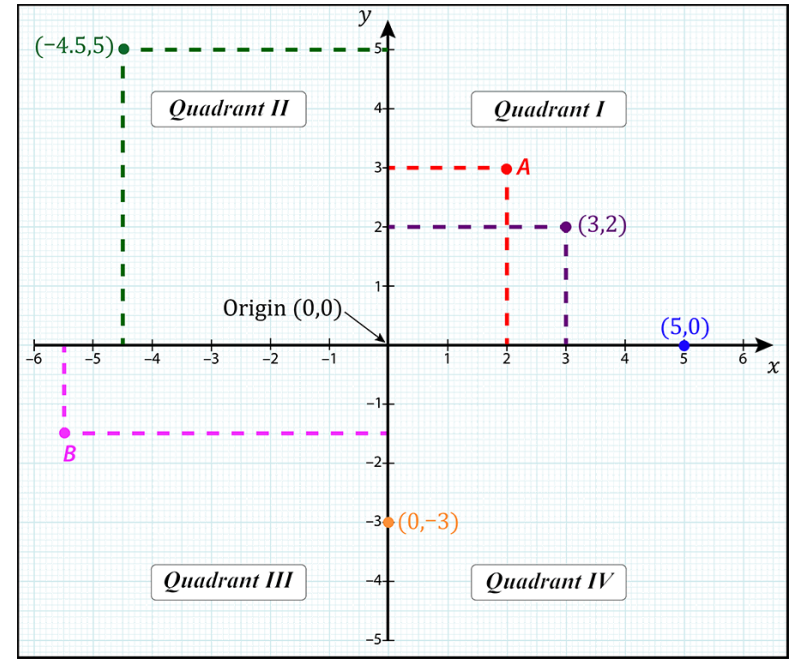
2.1 Coordinate Systems

- Cartesian Coordinate System

- Also called rectangular coordinate system
- x - and y - axes intersect at the origin
- Points are labeled (x,y)

- Polar Coordinate System

- Origin and reference line are noted
- Point is distance r from the origin in the direction of angle θ , ccw (counterclockwise) to reference line
- Points are labeled (r,θ)



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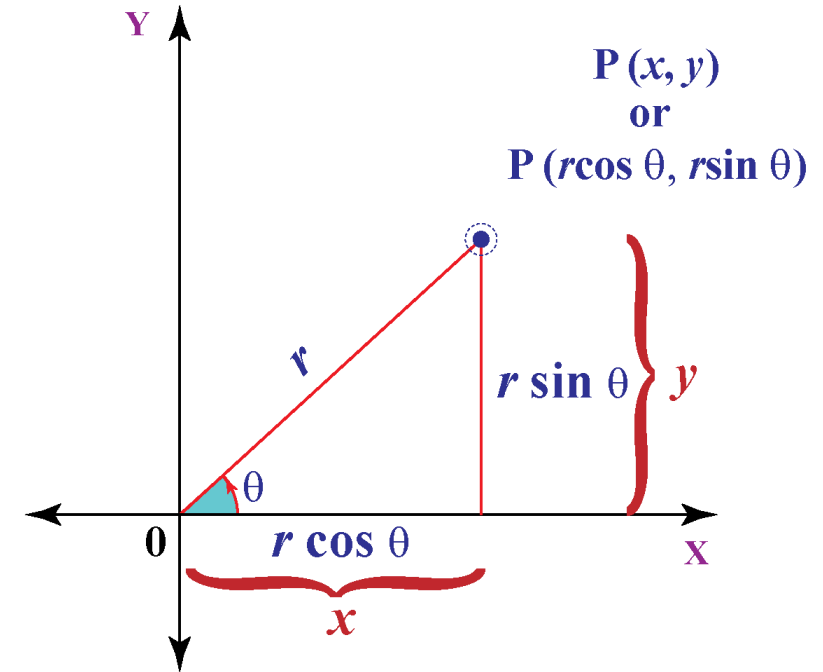
2.1 Coordinate Systems

Polar to Cartesian Coordinates

- Based on forming a right triangle from r and θ
- $x = r \cos \theta$
- $y = r \sin \theta$

Cartesian to Polar Coordinates

- r is the hypotenuse and θ an angle
$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$
$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$
- θ must be ccw from positive x axis for these equations to be valid

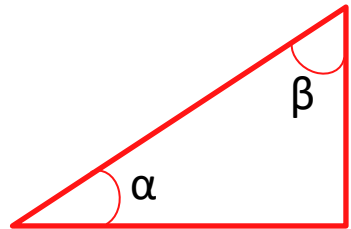


2.1 Coordinate Systems

Example:

The Cartesian coordinates of a point in the xy plane are $(x,y) = (-3.50, -2.50)$ m, as shown in the figure. Find the polar coordinates of this point.

Solution:



$$\theta + \beta = 270^\circ$$

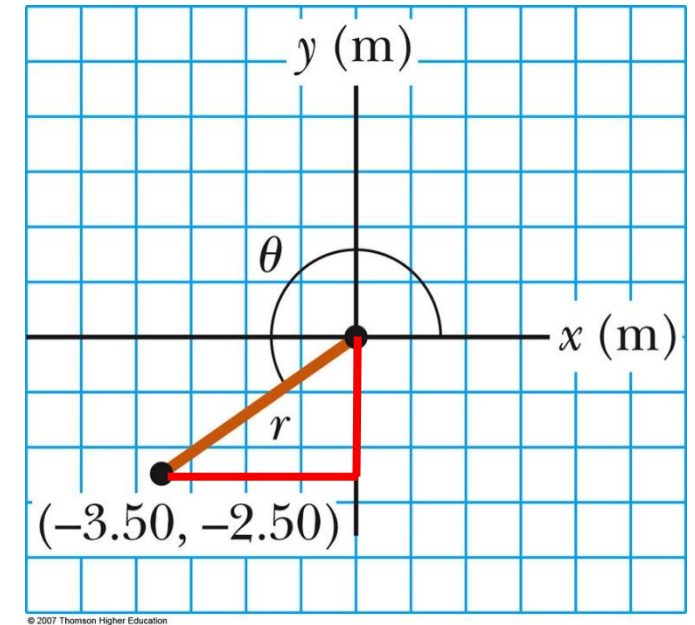
$$\alpha + \beta = 90^\circ$$

$$\theta + \beta = 270^\circ$$

$$-\alpha - \beta = -90^\circ$$

$$\theta - \alpha = 180^\circ \Rightarrow \alpha = \theta - 180^\circ$$

$$\tan(A - B) = \frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + \tan A \tan B} = \frac{\tan \theta - \tan 180^\circ}{1 + \tan \theta \cdot \tan 180^\circ} = \tan \theta = \tan \alpha$$



$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{(-3.50 \text{ m})^2 + (-2.50 \text{ m})^2} = 4.30 \text{ m}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{-2.50 \text{ m}}{-3.50 \text{ m}} = 0.714$$

$$\theta = 216^\circ$$

2.2 Vector and Scalar Quantities

A *scalar quantity* is completely specified by a single value with an appropriate unit and has no direction.

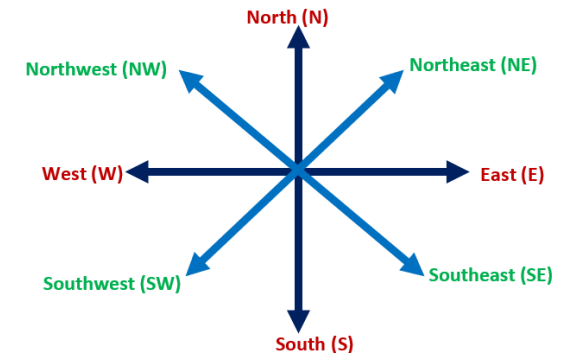
MAGNITUDE ONLY!!

Scalar Example	Magnitude
Speed	80 m/s
Distance	30 meters
Age	18 years

A *vector quantity* is completely described by a number and appropriate units plus a direction.

MAGNITUDE and DIRECTION!!

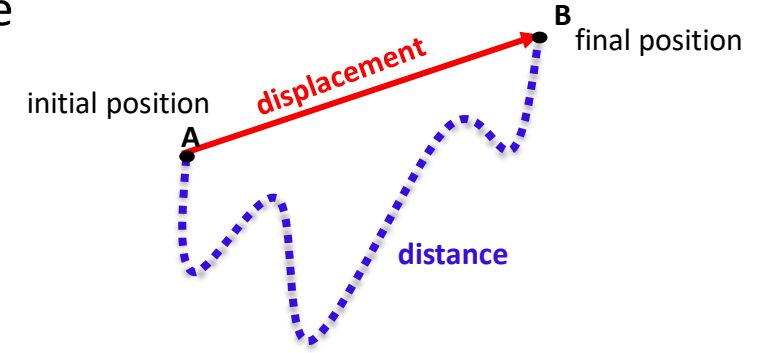
Vector Example	Magnitude and Direction
Velocity	35 m/s, North
Acceleration	10 m/s ² , South
Displacement	20 m, East



2.2 Vector and Scalar Quantities

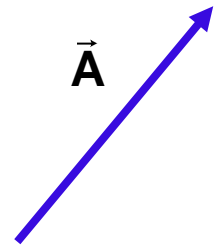
Vector Example

- A particle travels from A to B along the path shown by the dotted blue line
 - This is the **distance** traveled and is a scalar
- The **displacement** is the solid line from A to B
 - The displacement is independent of the path taken between the two points
 - Displacement is a vector



Vector Notation

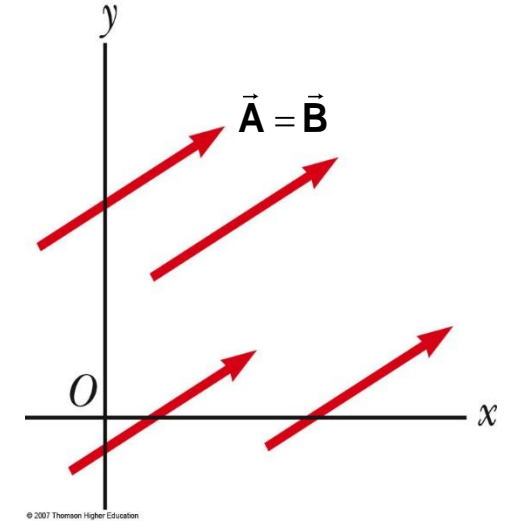
- Text uses bold with arrow to denote a vector: \vec{A}
- Also used for printing is simple bold print: **A**
- When dealing with just the magnitude of a vector in print, an italic letter will be used: *A* or $|\vec{A}|$
 - The magnitude of the vector has physical units
 - The magnitude of a vector is always a positive number
- When handwritten, use an arrow: \vec{A}



2.3 Some Properties of Vectors

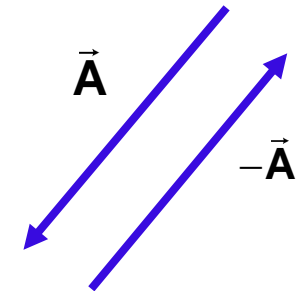
Equality of Two Vectors

- Two vectors are **equal** if they have the same magnitude and the same direction
- $\vec{A} = \vec{B}$ if $A = B$ and they point along parallel lines
- All of the vectors shown are equal



Negativity of a vector

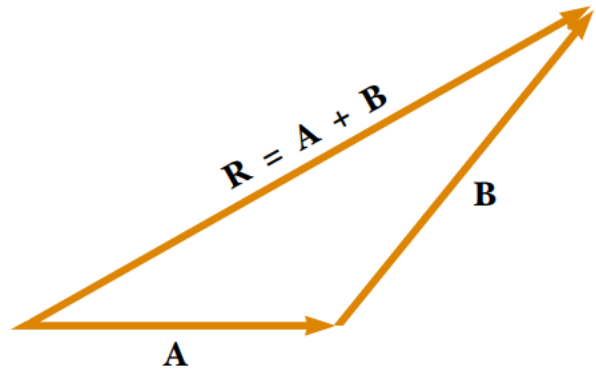
- The negative of the vector will have the same magnitude, but point in the opposite direction
 - Represented as $-\vec{A}$
 - $\vec{A} = -(-\vec{A})$
- The negative of a vector is defined as the vector that, when added to the original vector, gives a resultant of zero
 - $\vec{A} + (-\vec{A}) = 0$



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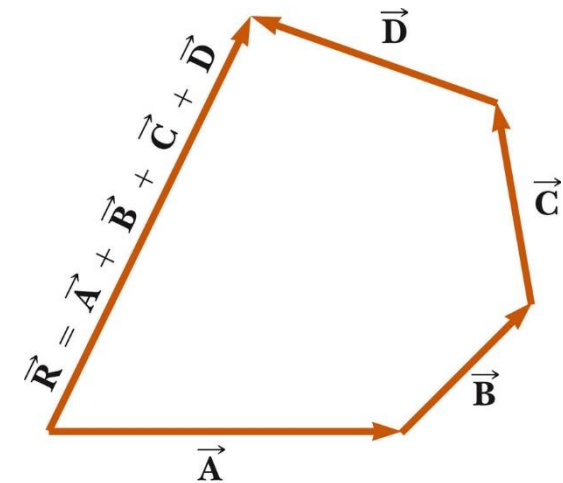
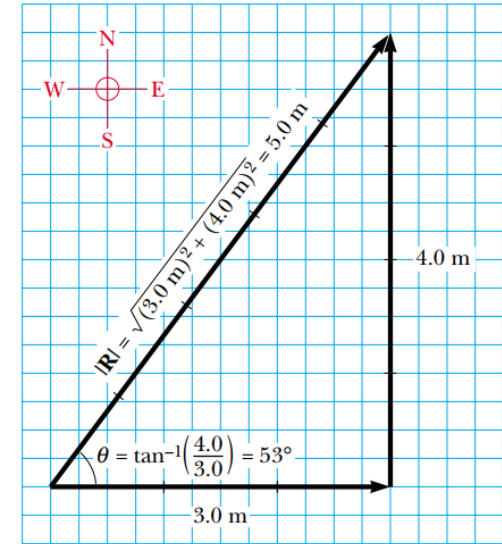
Adding Vectors Graphically

- Choose a scale
- Draw the first vector, \vec{A} , with the appropriate length and in the direction specified, with respect to a coordinate system
- draw vector \vec{B} to the same scale with its tail starting from the tip of \vec{A} .



To add more than two vectors:

- Continue drawing the vectors “tip-to-tail”
- The resultant is drawn from the origin of \vec{A} to the end of the last vector \vec{D}



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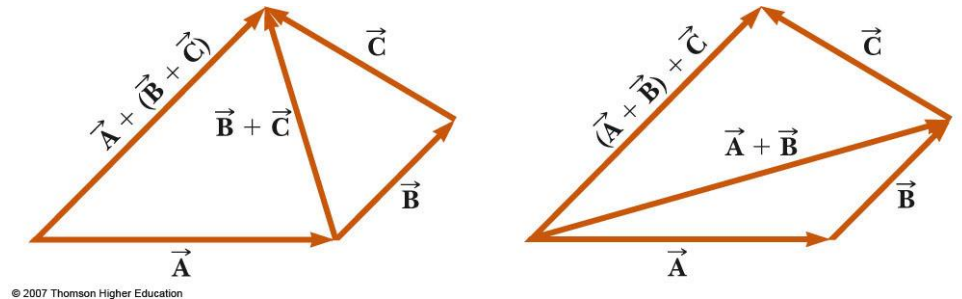
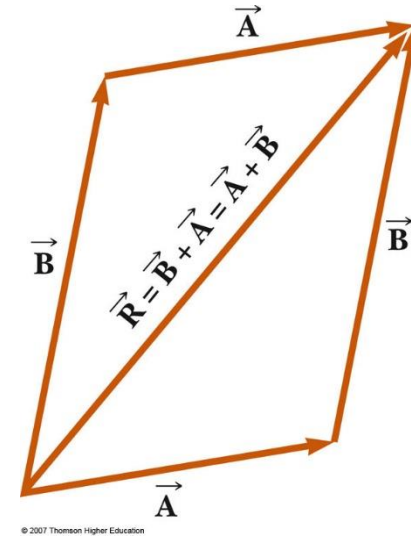
Adding Vectors Rules

- When two vectors are added, the sum is independent of the order of the addition.
 - This is the **Commutative Law of Addition**

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

- When adding three or more vectors, their sum is independent of the way in which the individual vectors are grouped
 - This is called the **Associative Property of Addition**

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

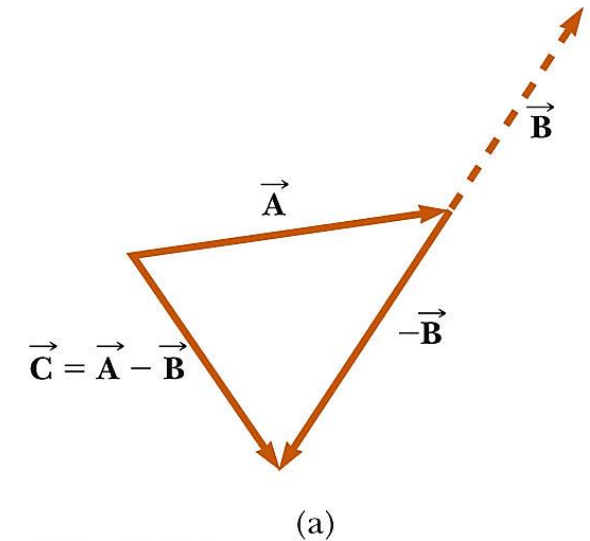


- When adding vectors, all of the vectors must have the same units
- All of the vectors must be of the same type of quantity
 - For example, you cannot add a displacement to a velocity

2.3 Some Properties of Vectors

Subtracting Vectors

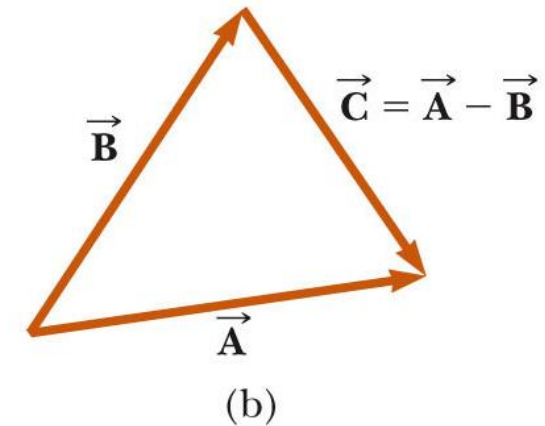
- If $\vec{A} - \vec{B}$, then use $\vec{A} + (-\vec{B})$
- Continue with standard vector addition procedure



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- Another way to look at subtraction is to find the vector that, added to the second vector gives you the first
 - As shown, the resultant vector points from the tip of the second to the tip of the first

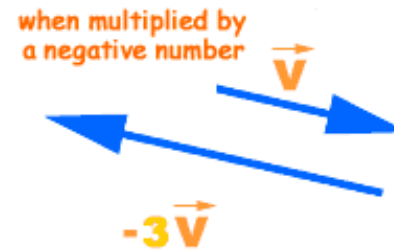
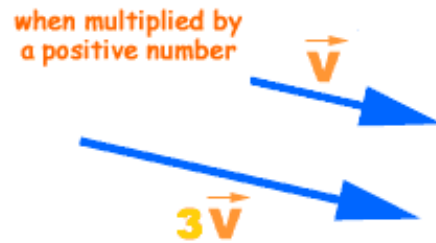
$$\vec{A} + (-\vec{B}) = \vec{C}$$



2.3 Some Properties of Vectors

Multiplying or Dividing a Vector by a Scalar

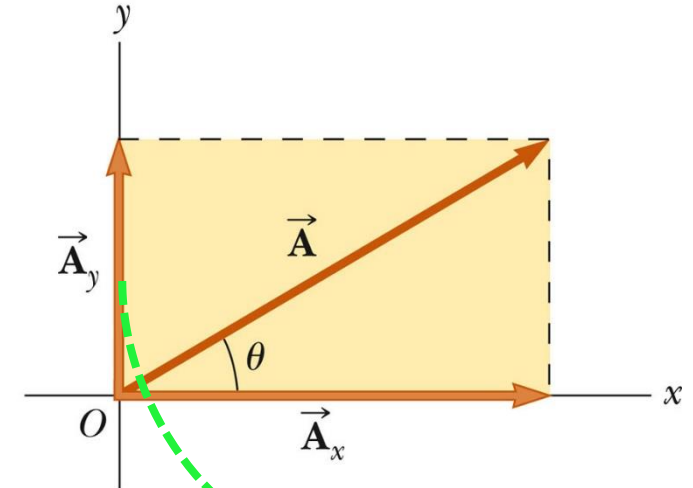
- The result of the multiplication or division of a vector by a scalar is a vector
- The magnitude of the vector is multiplied or divided by the scalar
- If the scalar is positive, the direction of the result is the same as of the original vector
- If the scalar is negative, the direction of the result is opposite that of the original vector



2.4 Components of a Vector and Unit Vectors

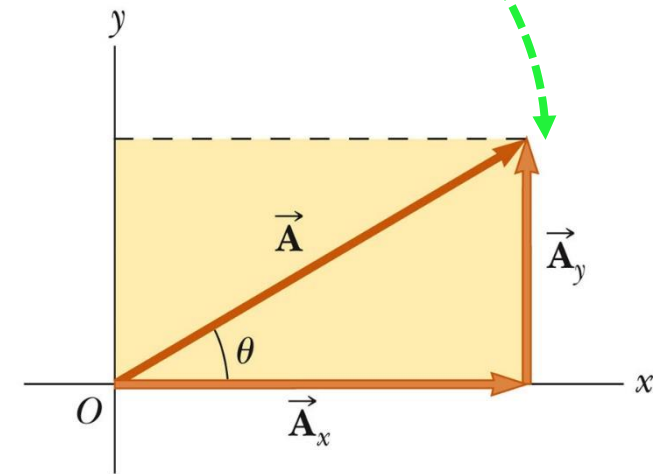
Components of a Vector

- Graphical addition is not recommended when
 - High accuracy is required
 - If you have a three-dimensional problem
 - Component method is an alternative method
 - It uses projections of vectors along coordinate axes
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- \vec{A}_x and \vec{A}_y are the **component vectors** of \vec{A}
 - They are vectors and follow all the rules for vectors
 - The y-component is moved to the end of the x-component
 - These three vectors form a right triangle
 - $\vec{A} = \vec{A}_x + \vec{A}_y$



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Components of a Vector

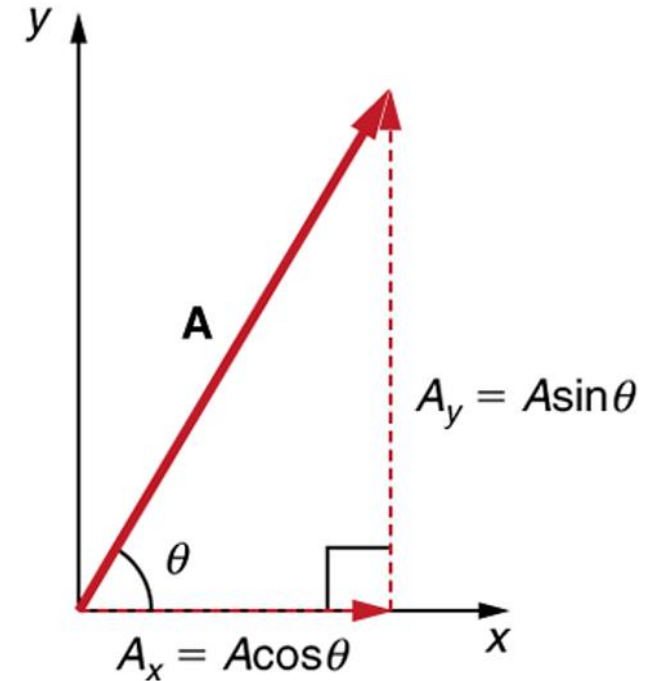
- The x-component of a vector is the projection along the x-axis

$$A_x = A \cos \theta$$

- The y-component of a vector is the projection along the y-axis

$$A_y = A \sin \theta$$

- This assumes the angle θ is measured with respect to the x-axis
 - If not, do not use these equations, use the sides of the triangle directly
- The components are the legs of the right triangle whose hypotenuse is the length of A



$$A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{A_y}{A_x}$$

2.4 Components of a Vector and Unit Vectors

Components of a Vector

- The components can be positive or negative and will have the same units as the original vector
- The signs of the components will depend on the angle

	y	
A_x negative		A_x positive
A_y positive		A_y positive
<hr/>		x
A_x negative		A_x positive
A_y negative		A_y negative

2.4 Components of a Vector and Unit Vectors

Unit Vectors

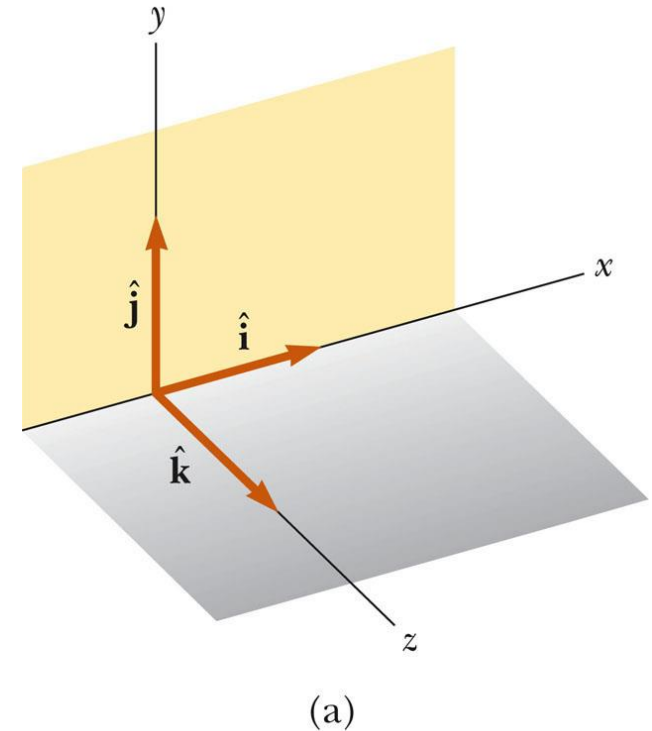
- Vector quantities often are expressed in terms of unit vectors.
- A **unit vector** is a dimensionless vector with a magnitude of exactly 1.
- Unit vectors are used to specify a direction and have no other physical significance
- The symbols

$$\hat{\mathbf{i}}, \hat{\mathbf{j}}, \text{ and } \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

represent unit vectors

- They form a set of mutually perpendicular vectors in a right-handed coordinate system
- Remember,

$$|\hat{\mathbf{i}}| = |\hat{\mathbf{j}}| = |\hat{\mathbf{k}}| = 1$$



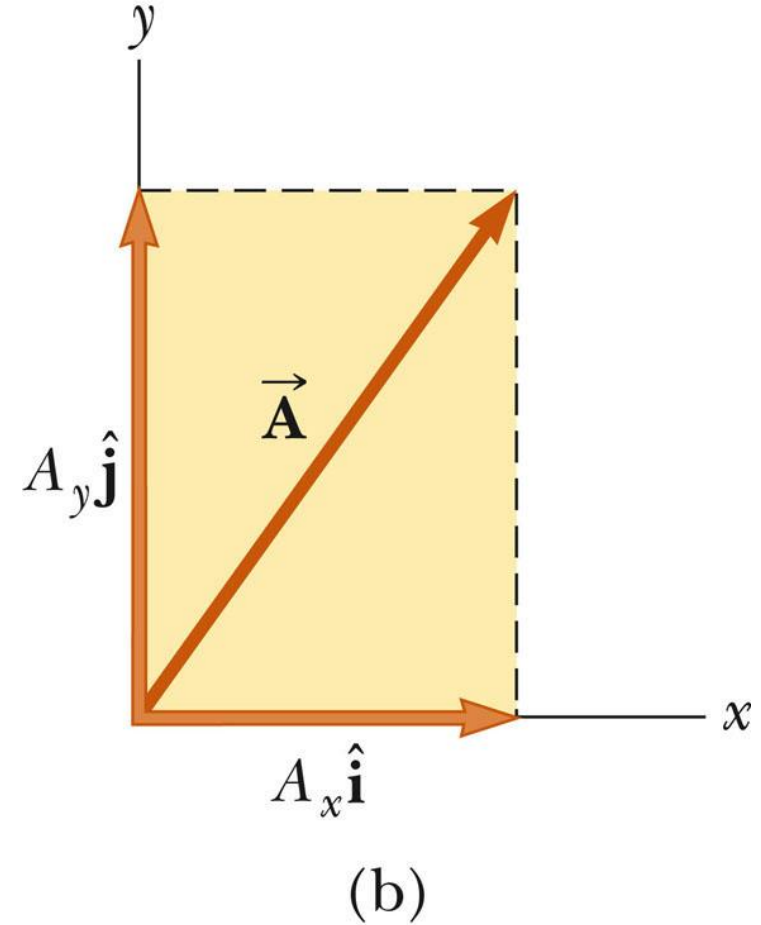
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2.4 Components of a Vector and Unit Vectors

Unit Vectors Vector Notation

- \vec{A}_x is the same as $A_x \hat{i}$ and \vec{A}_y is the same as $A_y \hat{j}$ etc.
- The complete vector can be expressed as

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



2.4 Components of a Vector and Unit Vectors

Adding Vectors with Unit Vectors

- Note the relationships among the components of the resultant and the components of the original vectors

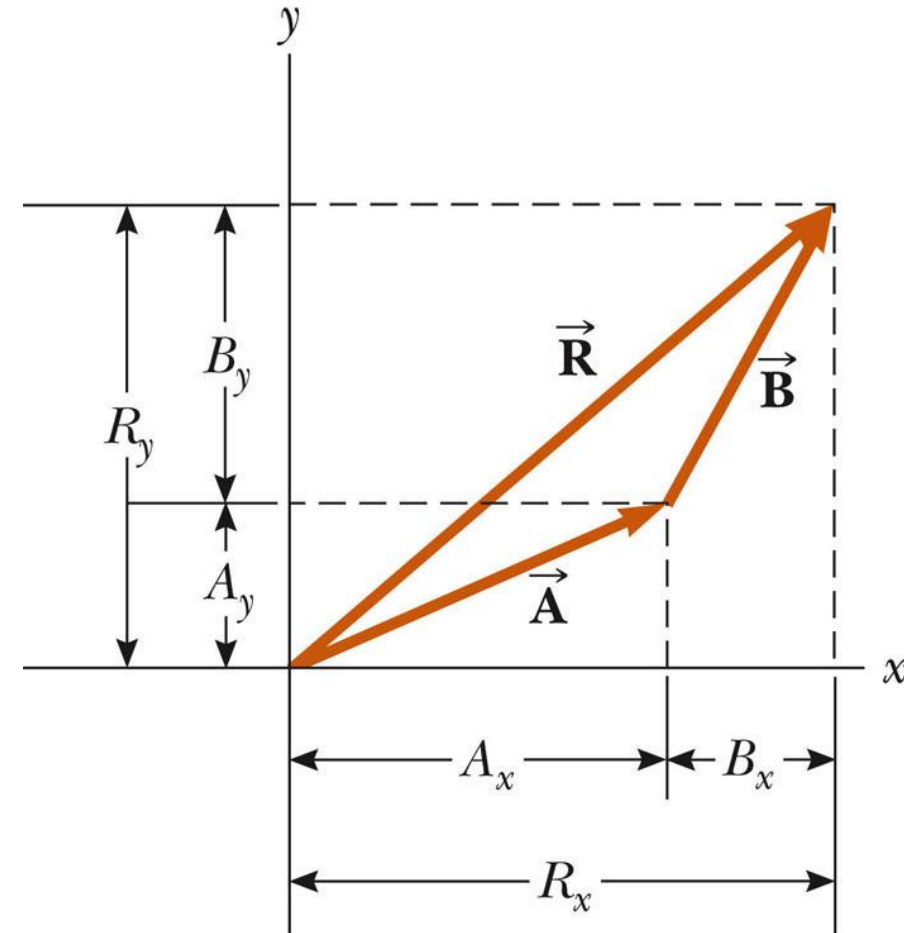
- Using $\vec{R} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$
- Then $\vec{R} = (A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j}) + (B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j})$

$$\vec{R} = (A_x + B_x) \hat{i} + (A_y + B_y) \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{R} = R_x \hat{i} + R_y \hat{j}$$

- and so $R_x = A_x + B_x$ and $R_y = A_y + B_y$

$$R = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{R_y}{R_x}$$



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2.4 Components of a Vector and Unit Vectors

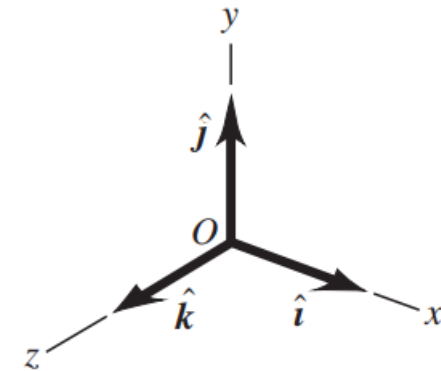
Adding Vectors with Unit Vectors

If the vectors do not all lie in the xy -plane, then we need a third component. We introduce a third unit vector \hat{k} that points in the direction of the positive z -axis

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{R} &= (A_x + B_x) \hat{i} + (A_y + B_y) \hat{j} + (A_z + B_z) \hat{k} \\ &= R_x \hat{i} + R_y \hat{j} + R_z \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$



2.5 Products of Vectors

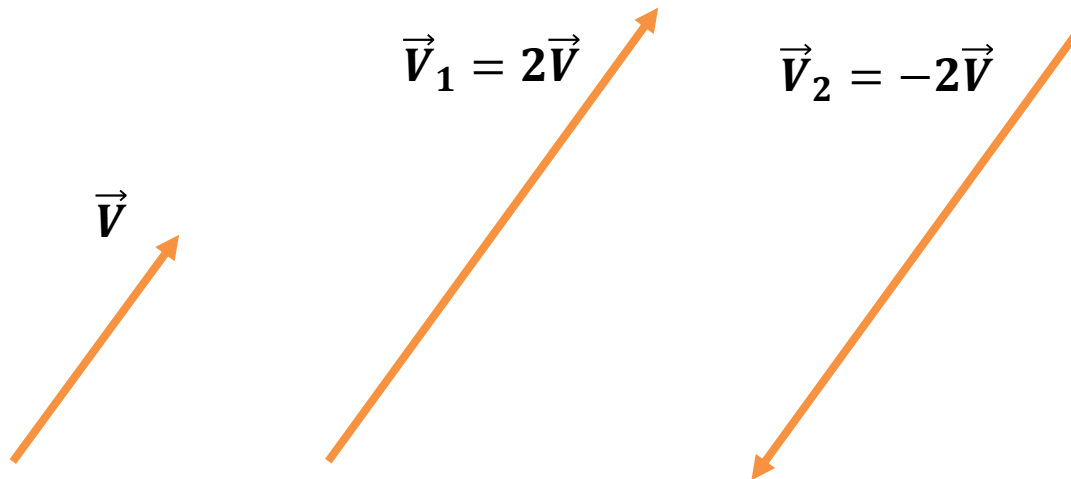
Multiplication by a scalar

A vector \vec{V} can be multiplied by a scalar c

$$\vec{V}_1 = c \vec{V}$$

\vec{V}_1 = vector with magnitude cV the same direction as \vec{V} . $\vec{V}_1 = c\vec{V}$

If c is negative, the result is in the opposite direction $\vec{V}_2 = -c\vec{V}$



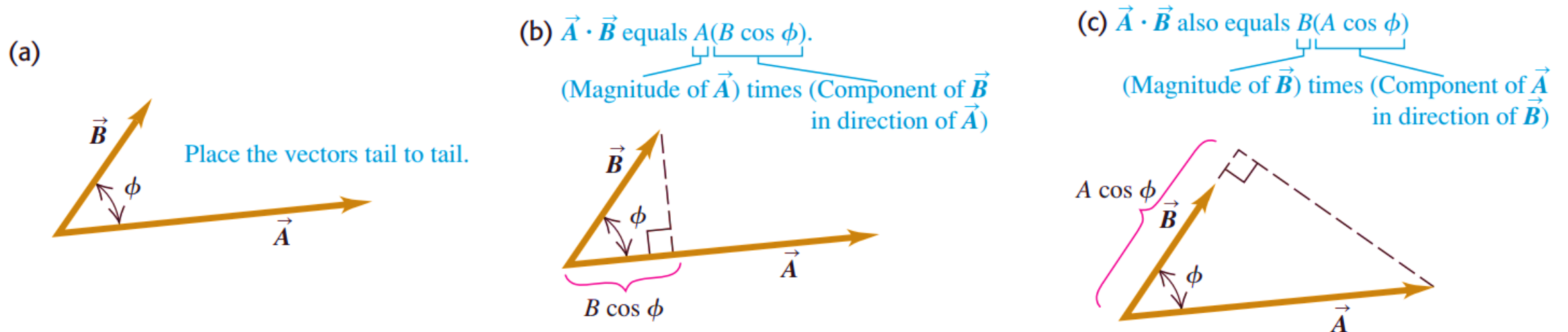
2.5 Products of Vectors

i) Scalar Product

The **scalar product** of two vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} is denoted by $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$. Because of this notation, the scalar product is also called the **dot product**.

Although \vec{A} and \vec{B} are vectors, the quantity $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$ is a scalar.

To define a scalar product $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$ we draw the two vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} with their tails at the same point.



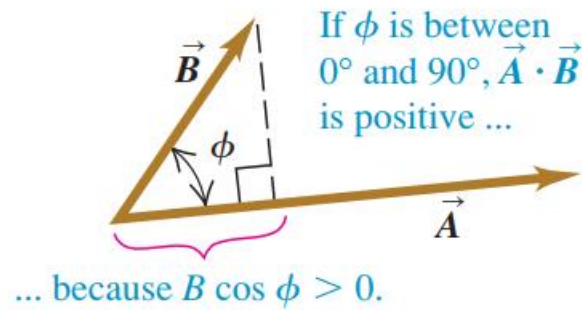
$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \phi = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \phi \quad \text{(definition of the scalar (dot) product)}$$

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i) Scalar Product

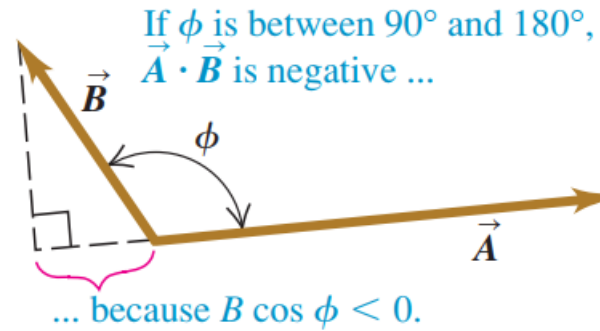
The scalar product is a scalar quantity, not a vector, and it may be positive, negative, or zero.

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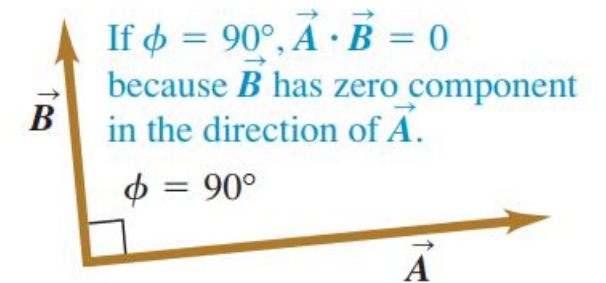
When ϕ is between 0° and 90° , $\cos \phi > 0$ and the scalar product is positive

(b)



When ϕ is between 90° and 180° , $\cos \phi < 0$ and the scalar product is negative

(c)



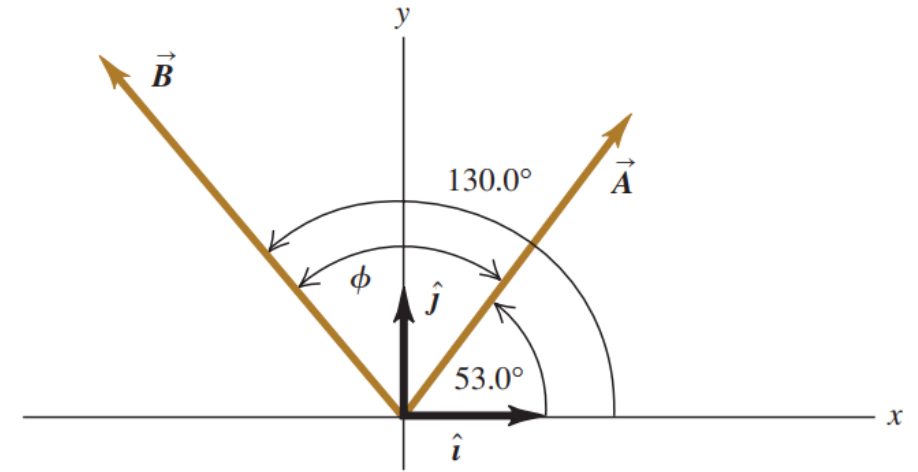
When $\phi = 90^\circ$ $\cos \phi = 0$ and the scalar product is zero

2.5 Products of Vectors

i) Scalar Product

Example

Find the scalar product of the two vectors in Figure.
The magnitudes of the vectors are $A=4.00$ and $B=5.00$.



The angle between the two vectors is $\phi = 130.0^\circ - 53.0^\circ = 77.0^\circ$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \phi = (4.00)(5.00) \cos 77.0^\circ = 4.50$$

$$A_x = (4.00) \cos 53.0^\circ = 2.407$$

$$A_y = (4.00) \sin 53.0^\circ = 3.195$$

$$B_x = (5.00) \cos 130.0^\circ = -3.214$$

$$B_y = (5.00) \sin 130.0^\circ = 3.830$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} &= A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z \\ &= (2.407)(-3.214) + (3.195)(3.830) + (0)(0) = 4.50 \end{aligned}$$

2.5 Products of Vectors

ii) Vector Product

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

We define the vector product to be a vector quantity with a direction perpendicular to a plane and a magnitude equal to $AB \sin \phi$.

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

magnitude of the vector (cross) product \vec{A} and \vec{B}

$$C = AB \sin \phi$$

When \vec{A} and \vec{B} are parallel or antiparallel, $\phi = 0$ or 180° and $C=0$. That is, *the vector product of two parallel or antiparallel vectors is always zero*. In particular, *the vector product of any vector with itself is zero*.

The magnitude of $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$, which can be written as $|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|$, is **maximum** when \vec{A} and \vec{B} are **perpendicular** to each other.

2.5 Products of Vectors

ii) Vector Product

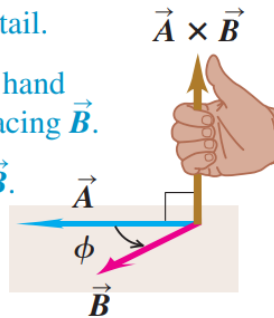
(a) Using the right-hand rule to find the direction of $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$

① Place \vec{A} and \vec{B} tail to tail.

② Point fingers of right hand along \vec{A} , with palm facing \vec{B} .

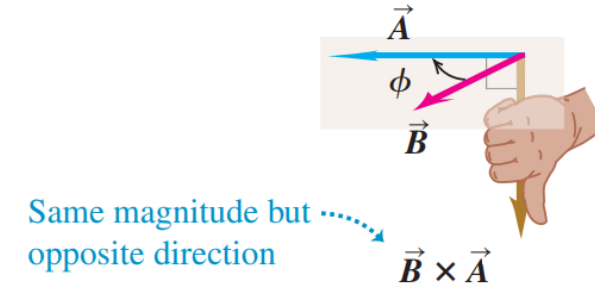
③ Curl fingers toward \vec{B} .

④ Thumb points in direction of $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$.



$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$$

(b) $\vec{B} \times \vec{A} = -\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ (the vector product is anticommutative)



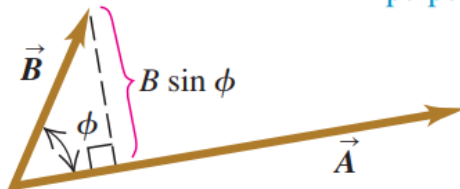
$$\vec{B} \times \vec{A} = -\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$$

A geometrical interpretation of the magnitude of the vector product:

(a)

(Magnitude of $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$) equals $A(B \sin \phi)$.

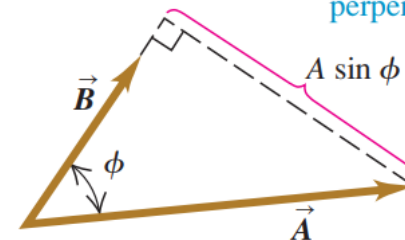
(Magnitude of \vec{A}) times (Component of \vec{B} perpendicular to \vec{A})



(b)

(Magnitude of $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$) also equals $B(A \sin \phi)$.

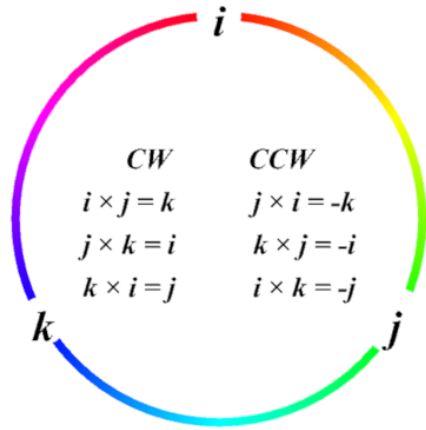
(Magnitude of \vec{B}) times (Component of \vec{A} perpendicular to \vec{B})



2.5 Products of Vectors

ii) Vector Product - Calculating the Vector Product Using Components

The vector product of any vector with itself is zero, so

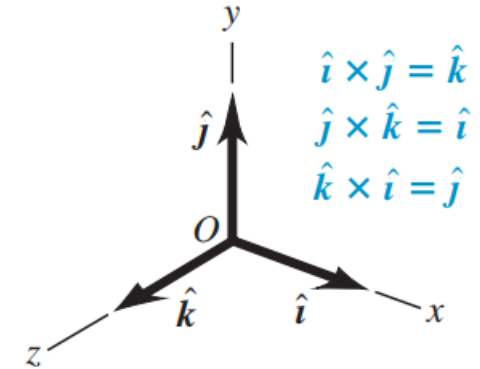


$$\hat{i} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k} \times \hat{k} = \mathbf{0}$$

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

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

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



Next we express \vec{A} and \vec{B} in terms of their components and the corresponding unit vectors, and we expand the expression for the vector product:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A} \times \vec{B} &= (A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}) \times (B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} + B_z \hat{k}) \\ &= A_x \hat{i} \times B_x \hat{i} + A_x \hat{i} \times B_y \hat{j} + A_x \hat{i} \times B_z \hat{k} \\ &\quad + A_y \hat{j} \times B_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} \times B_y \hat{j} + A_y \hat{j} \times B_z \hat{k} \\ &\quad + A_z \hat{k} \times B_x \hat{i} + A_z \hat{k} \times B_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k} \times B_z \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

2.5 Products of Vectors

ii) Vector Product - Calculating the Vector Product Using Components (cont.)

Evaluating these by using the multiplication table for the unit vectors and then grouping the terms, we get

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

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

$$C_x = A_y B_z - A_z B_y \quad C_y = A_z B_x - A_x B_z \quad C_z = A_x B_y - A_y B_x$$

(components of $\vec{C} = \vec{A} \times \vec{B}$)

The vector product can also be expressed in determinant form as

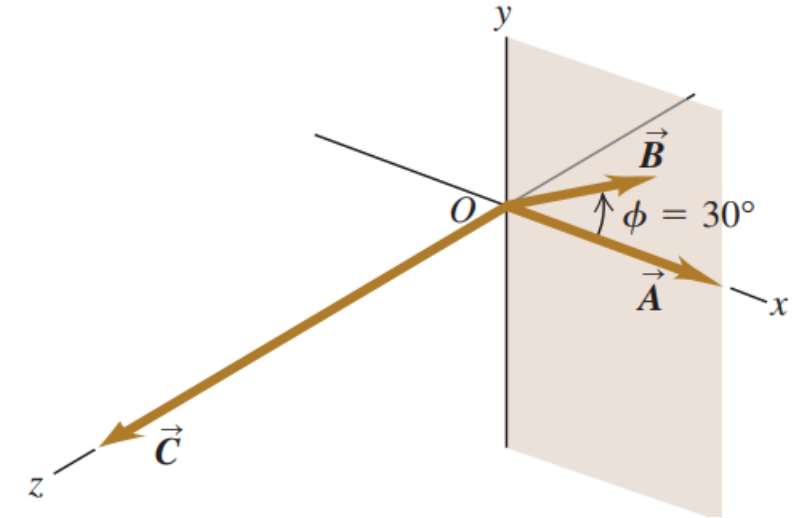
$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

2.5 Products of Vectors

ii) Vector Product - Calculating the Vector Product Using Components

Example

Vector \vec{A} has magnitude 6 units and is in the direction of the $+x$ axis. Vector \vec{B} has magnitude 4 units and lies in the xy -plane, making an angle of 30° with the $+x$ axis. Find the vector product $\vec{C} = \vec{A} \times \vec{B}$.



The magnitude of the vector product is $A B \sin\phi = (6)(4)(\sin 30^\circ) = 12$

$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = 12\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} A_x = 6 & A_y = 0 & A_z = 0 \\ B_x = 4 \cos 30^\circ = 2\sqrt{3} & B_y = 4 \sin 30^\circ = 2 & B_z = 0 \end{array}$$

$$C_x = (0)(0) - (0)(2) = 0$$

$$C_y = (0)(2\sqrt{3}) - (6)(0) = 0$$

$$C_z = (6)(2) - (0)(2\sqrt{3}) = 12$$

$$\vec{C} = 12\hat{k}$$

Homework-I



A hiker begins a trip by first walking 25.0 km southeast from her car. She stops and sets up her tent for the night. On the second day, she walks 40.0 km in a direction 60.0° north of east, at which point she discovers a forest ranger's tower.

(A) Determine the components of the hiker's displacement for each day.

(B) Determine the components of the hiker's resultant displacement \vec{R} for the trip. Find an expression for \vec{R} in terms of unit vectors.

$$A_x = A \cos(-45.0^\circ) = (25.0 \text{ km})(0.707) = 17.7 \text{ km}$$

$$A_y = A \sin(-45.0^\circ) = (25.0 \text{ km})(-0.707) = -17.7 \text{ km}$$

$$B_x = B \cos 60.0^\circ = (40.0 \text{ km})(0.500) = 20.0 \text{ km}$$

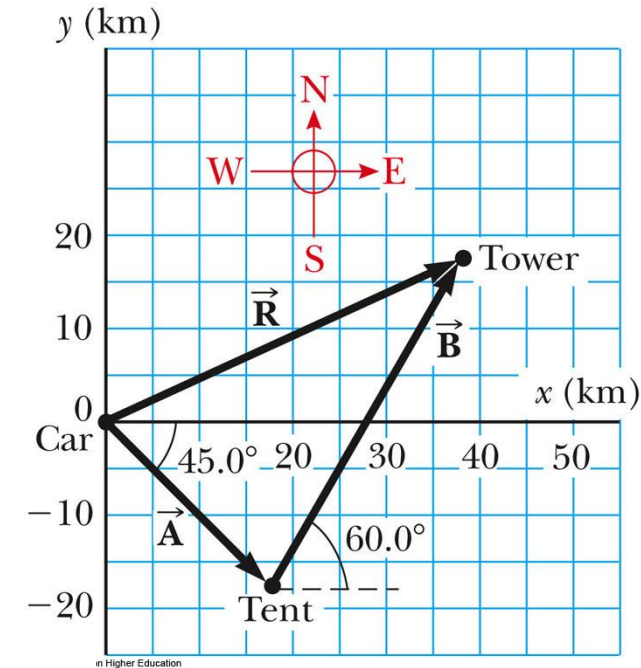
$$B_y = B \sin 60.0^\circ = (40.0 \text{ km})(0.866) = 34.6 \text{ km}$$

$$R_x = A_x + B_x = 17.7 \text{ km} + 20.0 \text{ km} = 37.7 \text{ km}$$

$$R_y = A_y + B_y = -17.7 \text{ km} + 34.6 \text{ km} = 16.9 \text{ km}$$

In unit-vector form, we can write the total displacement as

$$\mathbf{R} = (37.7\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 16.9\hat{\mathbf{j}}) \text{ km}$$



Homework-II

Three horizontal ropes pull on a large stone stuck in the ground, producing the vector forces \vec{A} , \vec{B} and \vec{C} shown in figure. Find the magnitude and direction of a fourth force on the stone that will make the vector sum of the four forces zero.

IDENTIFY: Let \vec{D} be the fourth force. Find \vec{D} such that $\vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C} + \vec{D} = 0$, so $\vec{D} = -(\vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C})$.

SET UP: Use components and solve for the components D_x and D_y of \vec{D} .

EXECUTE: $A_x = +A \cos 30.0^\circ = +86.6 \text{ N}$, $A_y = +A \sin 30.0^\circ = +50.00 \text{ N}$.

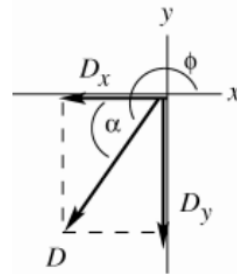
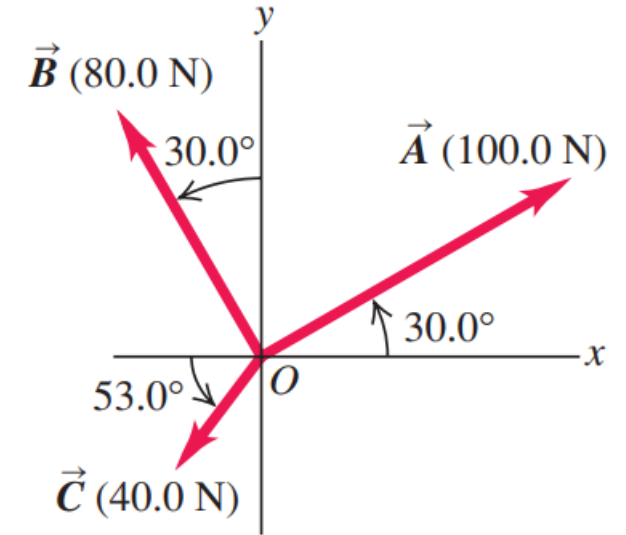
$B_x = -B \sin 30.0^\circ = -40.00 \text{ N}$, $B_y = +B \cos 30.0^\circ = +69.28 \text{ N}$.

$C_x = +C \cos 53.0^\circ = -24.07 \text{ N}$, $C_y = -C \sin 53.0^\circ = -31.90 \text{ N}$.

Then $D_x = -22.53 \text{ N}$, $D_y = -87.34 \text{ N}$ and $D = \sqrt{D_x^2 + D_y^2} = 90.2 \text{ N}$. $\tan \alpha = |D_y / D_x| = 87.34 / 22.53$. $\alpha = 75.54^\circ$.

$\phi = 180^\circ + \alpha = 256^\circ$, counterclockwise from the $+x$ -axis.

EVALUATE: As shown in Figure 1.68, since D_x and D_y are both negative, \vec{D} must lie in the third quadrant.



Homework-III

Vector \vec{A} has magnitude 6.00 m and Vector \vec{B} has magnitude 3.00 m. The vector product between these two vectors has Magnitude 12.0 m^2 . What are the two possible values for the scalar product of these two vectors? For each value of $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$, draw a sketch that shows \vec{A} and \vec{B} and explain why the vector products in the two sketches are the same but the scalar products differ.

$$A \times B = ||A|| ||B|| \sin \theta.$$

Let's find the angle θ between the two vectors:

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{A \times B}{||A|| ||B||}\right) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{12 \text{ m}^2}{6 \text{ m} \cdot 3 \text{ m}}\right) = 41.8^\circ.$$

If our vectors located in the second quadrant, for example, the angle between them will be:

$$\theta = 180^\circ - 41.8^\circ = 138.2^\circ.$$

Then, we can find the two possible values for the scalar product of these two vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} A \cdot B &= ||6 \text{ m}|| ||3 \text{ m}|| \cos 41.8^\circ = 13.42 \text{ m}^2, \\ A \cdot B &= ||6 \text{ m}|| ||3 \text{ m}|| \cos 138.2^\circ = -13.42 \text{ m}^2. \end{aligned}$$

