

6.11 Applications of Vectors: Notes

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Formulas:  $|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$   $\left( \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \right)$   $\cos \theta = \frac{u \cdot v}{|u| \cdot |v|}$

$\langle |\vec{v}| \cos \theta, |\vec{v}| \sin \theta \rangle$

Ex 1: Train A and Train B depart from the same station. The path that train A takes can be represented by  $\langle 33, 12 \rangle$ . If the path that train B takes can be represented by  $\langle 55, 4 \rangle$ , find the angle between the pair of vectors.

$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}|}$   $\left| \cos \theta = \frac{33(55) + 12(4)}{\sqrt{33^2 + 12^2} \cdot \sqrt{55^2 + 4^2}} \right.$   $\left. \cos \theta = \frac{1863}{\sqrt{1233} \cdot \sqrt{3041}} \right.$

$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1863}{\sqrt{1233} \cdot \sqrt{3041}}\right)$   $\left. \theta = 15.823^\circ \right.$

Ex 2: An airplane is flying at a direction of  $115^\circ$  at 530 mph. Find the component form of the velocity of the airplane.

$\theta = 115^\circ$   $\left| \langle 530 \cos 115, 530 \sin 115 \rangle \right.$

$|\vec{v}| = 530$   $\left| \langle -223.988, 480.343 \rangle \right.$

Ex 3: A captain sails a boat for 200 kilometers at a bearing of  $150^\circ$ . Find the component form of the velocity of the boat.

$450 - 150^\circ$   $\left| \langle 200 \cos 300, 200 \sin 300 \rangle \right.$

$\theta = 300^\circ$   $\left| \langle 100, -173.205 \rangle \right.$

Ex 4: Jordan is riding the bus to school. The bus travels north for 4.5 miles, east for 2 miles, and then N60°E for 1.5 miles. Find the component form of the resultant.

$\vec{v}_1 \langle 0, 4.5 \rangle$   $\vec{v}_2 \langle 2, 0 \rangle$   $\vec{v}_3 \langle 1.299, 0.75 \rangle$

$\vec{r} = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3$   $\left. \vec{r} = \langle 3.299, 5.25 \rangle \right.$

Diagram:  $90^\circ$   $90 - 60 = 30^\circ$   $\vec{v}_3 \langle 1.5 \cos 30, 1.5 \sin 30 \rangle$   $\left. \langle 1.299, 0.75 \rangle \right.$

Ex 5: An airplane is flying with an airspeed of 500 miles per hour on a heading due north. If a 50-mile per hour wind is blowing at a bearing of  $280^\circ$ , determine the velocity and direction of the plane relative to the ground.

$\vec{a} = \langle 0, 500 \rangle$   $\vec{w} = \langle -49.240, 8.682 \rangle$   $\left. \vec{w} = \langle -49.240, 8.682 \rangle \right.$

$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \vec{w}$   $\left. \vec{r} = \langle -49.240, 508.682 \rangle \right.$

velocity (magnitude)  $|\vec{r}| = \sqrt{49.240^2 + 508.682^2}$   $\left. |\vec{r}| = 511.060 \text{ mph} \right.$

Direction:  $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{508.682}{-49.240}\right)$   $\left. \theta = -84.529 + 180 \right.$

$\theta = 95.529^\circ$

$$* \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{p}| \cdot |\vec{c}|}$$


6.11 Applications of Vectors Practice Day 1

1. Two clay pigeons are thrown at the same time. If the path of the clay pigeons can be represented by the vectors  $p = \langle 42, 58 \rangle$  and  $c = \langle 59, 73 \rangle$ , what is the measure of the angle between the clay pigeons?

$$\cos \theta = \frac{42(59) + 58(73)}{\sqrt{42^2 + 58^2} \cdot \sqrt{59^2 + 73^2}} \quad \left| \quad \cos \theta = \frac{6712}{\sqrt{5128} \cdot \sqrt{8810}} \quad \left| \quad \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{6712}{\sqrt{45177680}} \right) \right.$$

$$\left. \theta = 3.036^\circ \right.$$

2. A hiker is walking a trail at 2.5 miles per hour at a bearing of  $N50^\circ W$ . Find the component form of the velocity of the hiker.



$$\theta = 90 + 50 \quad \left| \quad \langle 2.5 \cos 140, 2.5 \sin 140 \rangle \right.$$

$$\theta = 140^\circ \quad \left| \quad \langle -1.915, 1.607 \rangle \right.$$

3. An airplane is traveling 300 kilometers per hour due east. A wind is blowing 35 kilometers per hour at an angle of  $255^\circ$ . A) What is the resulting speed of the airplane? B) What is the direction of the plane?

$$* \vec{a} + \vec{w} = \vec{r} \quad \vec{w} = \langle 35 \cos 255, 35 \sin 255 \rangle$$

$$\vec{a} = \langle 300, 0 \rangle$$

$$+ \vec{w} = \langle -9.059, -33.807 \rangle$$


$$\vec{r} = \langle 290.941, -33.807 \rangle$$

$$A) |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{290.941^2 + 33.807^2} \quad \left| \quad B) \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-33.807}{290.941} \right) \right.$$

$$|\vec{r}| = 292.899 \text{ kph} \quad \left. \theta = -6.628 + 360 \right.$$

$$\left. \theta = 353.372^\circ \right.$$

4. A helicopter is moving at a bearing of  $105^\circ$  with a velocity of 52 km/h. If a 30-kilometer per hour wind is blowing at  $S25^\circ E$ , find the helicopter's resulting velocity and direction.

$$* \vec{h} + \vec{w} = \vec{r} \quad \text{helicopter } \theta = 450 - 105 = 345^\circ$$


$$\vec{h} = \langle 52 \cos 345, 52 \sin 345 \rangle \quad \left| \quad \vec{h} = \langle 50.228, -13.459 \rangle \right.$$

$$\vec{w} = \langle 30 \cos 295, 30 \sin 295 \rangle \quad \left| \quad + \vec{w} = \langle 12.679, -27.189 \rangle \right.$$

$$\vec{r} = \langle 62.907, -40.648 \rangle$$

$$\text{wind } \theta = 270 + 25$$

$$\theta = 295^\circ$$

$$\text{velocity } |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{62.907^2 + 40.648^2}$$

$$|\vec{r}| = 74.967 \text{ km/hr}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-40.648}{62.907} \right)$$

5. Meredith is skateboarding along a path at a bearing of  $70^\circ$  for 35 meters. She then changes paths and travels for 45 meters along path at a bearing of  $60^\circ$ . A) Find the resulting distance, and B) the direction (bearing) of her path.

$$* \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 = \vec{r}$$

$$\vec{p}_1 = \langle 35 \cos 20, 35 \sin 20 \rangle \rightarrow \langle 32.889, 11.971 \rangle$$

$$+ \vec{p}_2 = \langle 45 \cos 30, 45 \sin 30 \rangle \rightarrow \langle 38.971, 22.5 \rangle$$

$$\vec{r} = \langle 71.860, 34.471 \rangle$$

$$\theta_1 = 20^\circ \quad \theta_2 = 30^\circ$$

$$B) \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{34.471}{71.860} \right)$$

$$\theta = 25.627$$

$$\text{bearing} = 90 - 25.627$$

$$A) \text{ magnitude } |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{71.860^2 + 34.471^2} = 79.700 \text{ m}$$

$$\theta = -32.869 + 360$$

$$\theta = 327.131^\circ$$

$$= 64.373^\circ$$