

Unit 3:
Kinematics in Two Dimensions; Vectors
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1. One car travels due east at 40 km/h, and a second car travels north at 40 km/h. Are their velocities equal? Explain.
2. Can the displacement vector for a particle moving in two dimensions ever be longer than the length of path traveled by the particle over the same time interval? Can it ever be less? Discuss.
3. If $\vec{V} = \vec{V}_1 + \vec{V}_2$, is V necessarily greater than V_1 and/or V_2 ? Discuss.
4. Can two vectors of unequal magnitude add up to give the zero vector? Can *three* unequal vectors? Under what conditions?
5. Can a particle with constant speed be accelerating? What if it has constant velocity?
6. It was reported in World War I that a pilot flying at an altitude of 2 km caught in his bare hands a bullet fired at the plane! Using the fact that a bullet slows down considerably due to air resistance, explain how this incident occurred.
7. If you are riding on a train that speeds past another train moving in the same direction on an adjacent track, it appears that the other train is moving backward. Why?

8. A person sitting in an enclosed train car, moving at constant velocity, throws a ball straight up into the air in her reference frame. (a) Where does the ball land? What is your answer if the car (b) accelerates, (c) decelerates, (d) rounds a curve, (e) moves with constant velocity but is open to the air?

9. How do you think a baseball player “judges” the flight of a fly ball? Which equation in this Chapter becomes part of the player’s intuition?

10. A projectile is launched at an angle of 30° to the horizontal with a speed of 30 m/s. How does the horizontal component of its velocity 1.0 s after launch compare with its horizontal component of velocity 2.0 s after launch?

Problems

3–2 to 3–4 Vector Addition

1. (I) A car is driven 215 km west and then 85 km southwest. What is the displacement of the car from the point of origin (magnitude and direction)? Draw a diagram.

2. (II) \vec{V} is a vector 14.3 units in magnitude and points at an angle of 34.8° above the negative x axis. (a) Sketch this vector. (b) Find V_x and V_y . (c) Use V_x and V_y to obtain (again) the magnitude and direction of \vec{V} . [Note: Part (c) is a good way to check if you’ve resolved your vector correctly.]

3. (II) An airplane is traveling 735 km/h in a direction 41.5° west of north (Fig. 3–31). (a) Find the components of the velocity vector in the northerly and westerly directions. (b) How far north and how far west has the plane traveled after 3.00 h ?
4. (II) The summit of a mountain, 2450 m above base camp, is measured on a map to be 4580 m horizontally from the camp in a direction 32.5° west of north. What are the components of the displacement vector from camp to summit? What is its magnitude? Choose the x axis east, y axis north, and z axis up.

3–5 and 3–6 Projectile Motion (neglect air resistance)

5. (I) A tiger leaps horizontally from a 6.5-m -high rock with a speed of 3.5 m/s . How far from the base of the rock will she land?
6. (II) A ball is thrown horizontally from the roof of a building 45.0 m tall and lands 24.0 m from the base. What was the ball's initial speed?

7. (II) A football is kicked at ground level with a speed of 18.0 m/s at an angle of 35.0° to the horizontal. How much later does it hit the ground?
8. (II) The pilot of an airplane traveling 180 km/h wants to drop supplies to flood victims isolated on a patch of land 160 m below. The supplies should be dropped how many seconds before the plane is directly overhead?
9. (II) A projectile is fired with an initial speed of 65.2 m/s at an angle of 34.5° above the horizontal on a long flat firing range. Determine (a) the maximum height reached by the projectile, (b) the total time in the air, (c) the total horizontal distance covered (that is, the range), and (d) the velocity of the projectile 1.50 s after firing.

***3–8 Relative Velocity**

- *10. (II) A boat can travel 2.30 m/s in still water. (a) If the boat points its prow directly across a stream whose current is 1.20 m/s , what is the velocity (magnitude and direction) of the boat relative to the shore? (b) What will be the position of the boat, relative to its point of origin, after 3.00 s ?

***11.** (II) Two planes approach each other head-on. Each has a speed of 785 km/h, and they spot each other when they are initially 11.0 km apart. How much time do the pilots have to take evasive action?

***12.** (II) An airplane is heading due south at a speed of 600 km/h. If a wind begins blowing from the southwest at a speed of 100 km/h (average), calculate: (a) the velocity (magnitude and direction) of the plane relative to the ground, and (b) how far from its intended position will it be after 10 min if the pilot takes no corrective action. [*Hint*: First draw a diagram.]

***13.** (III) An unmarked police car, traveling a constant 95 km/h, is passed by a speeder traveling 145 km/h. Precisely 1.00 s after the speeder passes, the policeman steps on the accelerator. If the police car's acceleration is 2.00 m/s^2 , how much time elapses after the police car is passed until it overtakes the speeder (assumed moving at constant speed)?