

Chapter 3 Problems

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Prob. 3-4. Two points in a plane have **polar coordinates** (2.50 m, 30.0°) and (3.80 m, 120.0°). Determine (a) the Cartesian coordinates of these points and (b) the distance between them.

$$x_1 = r_1 \cos\theta \Rightarrow x_1 = 2.5 \cos 30 = 2.17 \text{ m}$$

$$y_1 = r_1 \sin 30 = 2.5 \sin 30 = 2.5 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1.25 \text{ m}$$

$$(x_1, y_1) = (2.17, 1.25) \text{ m}$$

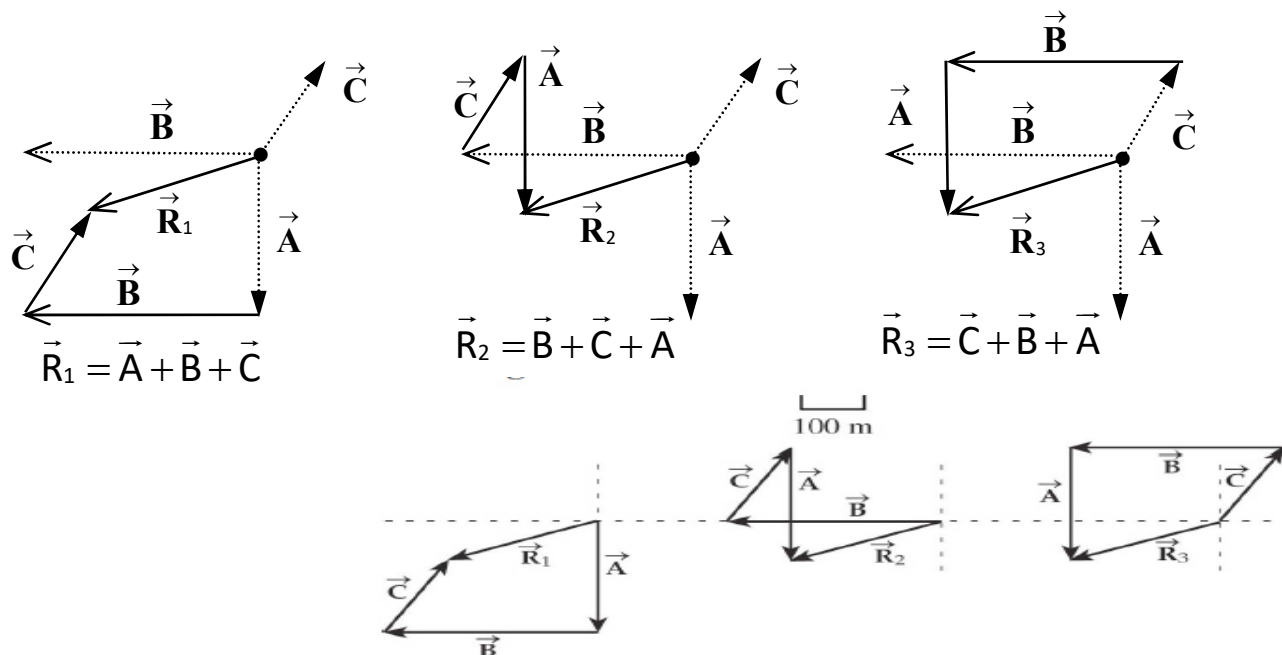
$$x_2 = r_2 \cos\theta \Rightarrow x_2 = 3.8 \cos 120 = -1.90 \text{ m}$$

$$y_2 = 3.8 \sin 120 = 3.29 \text{ m}, \quad (x_2, y_2) = (-1.90, 3.29) \text{ m}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2} = \sqrt{4.07^2 + 2.04^2} = 4.55 \text{ m}$$

Prob. 3-12. Three displacements are $\vec{A} = 200 \text{ m}$ **due south**, $\vec{B} = 250 \text{ m}$ **due west**, and $\vec{C} = 150 \text{ m}$ at 30° **east of north**

- (a) Construct a separate diagram for each of the following possible ways of adding these vectors: $\vec{R}_1 = \vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C}$; $\vec{R}_2 = \vec{B} + \vec{C} + \vec{A}$; $\vec{R}_3 = \vec{C} + \vec{B} + \vec{A}$
- (b) Explain what you can conclude from comparing the diagrams.



(b) $\vec{R} = \vec{R}_1 = \vec{R}_2 = \vec{R}_3$

Prob. 3-21. While exploring a cave (استكشاف كهف), a spelunker (مغاورى) starts at the entrance (مدخل) and moves the following distances in a horizontal plane. She goes 75.0 m north, 250 m east, 125 m at an angle $\theta = 30.0^\circ$ north of east, and 150 m south. Find her **resultant displacement** from the cave entrance.

Figure P3.21 suggests the situation but is not drawn to scale.

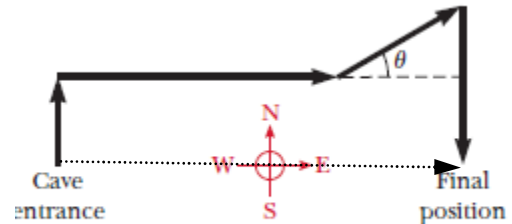


Figure P3.21

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{d}_1 &= 75\hat{j} \text{ m}, & \vec{d}_2 &= 250\hat{i} \text{ m}, \\ \vec{d}_3 &= (125\cos 30^\circ\hat{i} + 125\sin 30^\circ\hat{j}) \text{ m}, \\ \vec{d}_4 &= (-150\hat{j}) \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

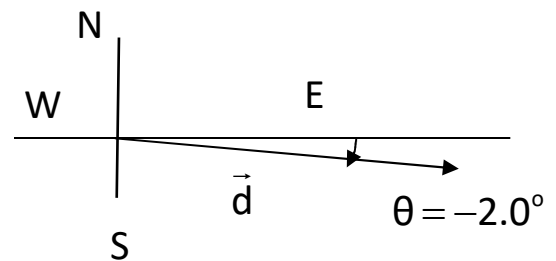
$$\vec{d} = (385\hat{i} - 12.5\hat{j}) \text{ m}$$

$$d_x = 250 + 125 \cos 30 = 358 \text{ m},$$

$$d_y = 75 + 125 \sin 30 - 150 = -12.5 \text{ m},$$

$$R = \sqrt{358^2 + (-12.5)^2} = 358.2 \text{ m},$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{R_y}{R_x} = \frac{-12.5}{358} = -0.0349, \quad \theta = -2.0^\circ$$



Prob. 3-23 Consider the two vectors $\vec{A} = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j})$ and $\vec{B} = -\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}$. Calculate (a) $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$, (b) $\vec{A} - \vec{B}$, (c) $|\vec{A} + \vec{B}|$, (d) $|\vec{A} - \vec{B}|$, and (e) the direction of $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$ and $\vec{A} - \vec{B}$.

$$(a) \vec{A} + \vec{B} = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}) + (-\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}) = 2\hat{i} - 6\hat{j}$$

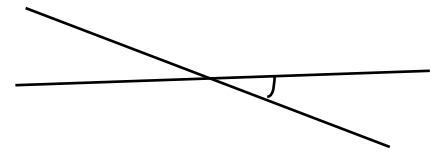
$$(b) \vec{A} - \vec{B} = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}) - (-\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}) = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$$

$$(c) |\vec{A} + \vec{B}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 6^2} = 2\sqrt{10} = 6.32$$

$$(d) |\vec{A} - \vec{B}| = \sqrt{4^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{20} = 4.47$$

$$(e) \theta_{|A+B|} = \tan^{-1}(-6/2) = \tan^{-1}(-3) = -71.6^\circ = 287.4^\circ$$

$$\theta_{|A-B|} = \tan^{-1}(2/4) = \tan^{-1}(0.5) = 26.6^\circ$$



Prob. 3-37. (a) Taking $\vec{A} = (6.0\hat{i} - 8.0\hat{j})$ and $\vec{B} = -8.0\hat{i} + 3.0\hat{j}$ units, and $\vec{C} = 26.0\hat{i} + 19.0\hat{j}$ units, determine a and b such that $a\vec{A} + b\vec{B} + \vec{C} = 0$.

(b) A student has learned that a single equation cannot be solved to determine values for more than one unknown in it. How would you explain to him that both a and b can be determined from the single equation used in part (a)?

$$a\vec{A} - b\vec{B} + \vec{C} = 0$$

$$a\vec{A} = 6a\hat{i} - 8a\hat{j},$$

$$b\vec{B} = -8b\hat{i} + 3b\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{C} = 26.0\hat{i} + 19.0\hat{j} \quad \text{Add them}$$

$$a\vec{A} + b\vec{B} + \vec{C} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 0 = (6a - 8b + 26)\hat{i} + (-8a + 3b + 19.0)\hat{j}$$

$$6a - 8b + 26 = 0, \quad \Rightarrow \quad a = 1.33b - 4.33$$

$$-8a + 3b + 19 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -8(1.33b - 4.33) + 3b + 19 = 0$$

$$7.67b = 53.67 \quad \rightarrow b = 7.00$$

$$a = 1.33(7.00) - 4.33 = 5.00.$$

Prob. 3-51. A person going for a walk follows the path shown in Fig. P3.51. the total trip consists of four straight-line paths. At the end of the walk, what is the person's resultant displacement measured from the starting point?

$$\vec{d}_1 = 100\hat{i} \text{ m},$$

$$\vec{d}_2 = (-300\hat{j}) \text{ m}$$

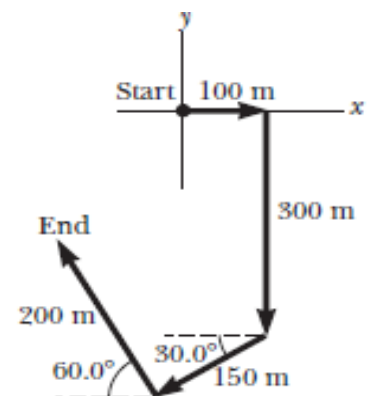


Figure P3.51

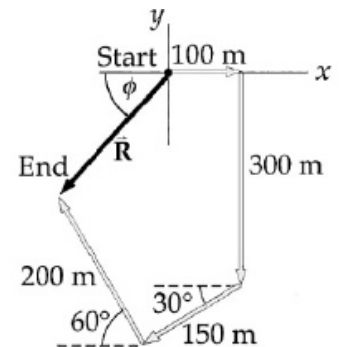
$$\vec{d}_3 = (-150\cos 30^\circ \hat{i} - 150\sin 30^\circ \hat{j}) = (-130 \hat{i} - 75 \hat{j}) \text{ m}$$

$$\vec{d}_4 = (-200 \cos 60^\circ \hat{i} + 200 \sin 60^\circ \hat{j}) = (-100 \hat{i} + 173 \hat{j}) \text{ m}$$

$$\vec{d} = \vec{d}_1 + \vec{d}_2 + \vec{d}_3 + \vec{d}_4 = (-130 \hat{i} - 202 \hat{j}) \text{ m}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(-130)^2 + (-202)^2} = 240 \text{ m}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-202}{-130}\right) = 57.2^\circ + 180 = 237.2^\circ$$



The resultant points into **the third quadrant** instead of the first quadrant. The angle counterclockwise from the $+x$ axis is

$$(\theta^0 = 180 + 57.2 = 237.2^\circ)$$

Prob. 3-24. A map suggests that **Atlanta** is **730 miles** in a direction of **5.00° north of east** from **Dallas**. The same map shows that **Chicago** is **560 miles** in a direction of **21.0° west of north** from **Atlanta**. Figure P3.22 shows the locations of these three cities. Modeling the Earth as flat, use this information to find the **displacement from Dallas to Chicago**.



Figure P3.24

$$d_x = 730\cos 5^\circ - 560 \sin 21^\circ = 527 \text{ miles}$$

$$d_y = 730 \sin 5^\circ + 560 \cos 21^\circ = 586 \text{ miles}$$

$$\vec{d} = (527 \hat{i} + 586 \hat{j}) \text{ m}$$

$$|d| = \sqrt{527^2 + 586^2} = 788 \text{ mi}$$

$$\text{at } \theta = \tan^{-1}\frac{586}{527} = \tan^{-1}(1.11) = 48^\circ$$