Perpendicular Components of a Vector



Example:









Handout - Perpendicular Components

Physics 111 Vectors - Components

1. For each vector below, draw a sketch showing its components and calculate the magnitudes of the components.



- The velocity of an ambulance is 28 m/s, 35" N of E. What are the components of the ambulance's velocity?
- 3. The displacement of a plane is 289 km, 31.0° S of W. What are the components of the plane's displacement?
- 4. Sally pulls on the handle of a wagon with a force of 65 N. If the handle makes an angle of 35^{*} with the horizontal, what is the magnitude of the vertical component of the force?
- 5. A cannon ball is shot from a cannon with a velocity of 350 m/s at angle of 55° to the ground. Fizzicks calculates the magnitude of the horizontal component of the cannon ball's velocity to be 287 m/s. Is Fizzicks correct?
- 6. The magnitude of a force is 72 N. If the magnitude of one of its perpendicular components is 43 N, what is the magnitude of the other component?
- 7. Three forces act simultaneously on point P: the first force is 12 N north, the secondforce is 18 N west and the third force is 15 N, 20^a north of east. Calculate the components of each vector, the components of the resultant and the resultant force.
- 8. You kick a soccer ball 6.22 m north. An opponent kicks it 5.10 m in a direction 28.2 south of west and then one of your teammates kicks it 2.08 m in a direction 56.0 north of west. Whatis the resultant displacement of the ball?
- 9. You are giving your younger brother driving lessons in an empty parking lot on a Sunday afternoon. He drives at 24 m/s in a direction 75° N of E, then 35 m/s S and 58 m/s 64° S of W before you tell him to stop. What is the resultant velocity?



- 2. The horizontal component is 23 m/s east and the vertical component is 16 m/s north.
- 3. The horizontal and vertical components of the plane's displacement are 248 km west and 149 km south respectively.
- 4. The magnitude of the vertical component is 37 N.
- 5. No. The magnitude of the horizontal component is 201 m/s. Fizzicks actually calculated the vertical component of the cannon ball's velocity. Perhaps Fizzicks should have taken the time to draw a sketch of the situation.
- 6. The other component has a magnitude of 54 N.
- 7. The resultant force is 18 N, 77[®] N of W.
- 8. The resultant displacement of the ball is 7.91 m, 44.4 $^{\rm e}$ N of W.
- 9. The resultant velocity is 67 m/s, 73^a S of W.

Terms to Know

Distance

- the separation between two points (how far an object has traveled)
- scalar quantity
- symbol: d
- units: nm, μm, cm, m, km, Mm, etc.

Position

- separation between an object and a reference point
- vector quantity
- symbol: $\overline{\mathbf{x}}$
- units: cm, m, km, etc.

Note: Instantaneous position is the location of an object at an instant (at a single time, t)

 $\mathbb{A}\vec{d} = \vec{d}_2 - \vec{d}_1 = \vec{d}_1 - \vec{d}_1$

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Displacement

- change in position (the difference between two positions) $f = \vec{x}_2 - \vec{x}_1$ $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_2 - \vec{x}_1$
- vector quantity
- symbol: $\Delta \mathbf{x}$
- units: cm, m, km, etc.







<u>Time Interval</u>

- the amount of time that passes between two instants of time
- symbol: Δt

 $\Delta t = t_2 - t_1 \implies t$

- units: s, h
- scalar quantity

Speed

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 the distance an object travels divided by the time interval during which the object was traveling (how fast an object is traveling)

$$\underline{\text{speed}} = \underline{\text{distance}}_{\underline{\Delta t}}$$



- scalar quantity
- symbol: v
- units: cm/s, m/h, km/h, m/s
- Note: *Instantaneous speed* is the speed at which an <u>object</u> is traveling at time, t.

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(Average) Velocity

- describes how fast an object moves from one position to another *and* indicates the direction in which the object is travelling
- the rate of change of position or the displacement of an object over a time interval
- vector quantity
- symbol: \vec{v}
- units: cm/s, m/s, km/h, etc.



(Average) Acceleration

- the rate of change of velocity of an object over a time interval
- vector quantity

- units: m/s²

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1}{\Delta t} = \frac{\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1}{t}$$

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