

DETERMINE RESULTANT USING TRIG FUNCTIONS (QUICK REVIEW)

Net Force (resultant, Hypotenuse) acting upon an object is determined by computing the vector sum of all the individual forces acting upon that object

- Use trig functions for angles
- Pythagorean Theorem

$$A^2 + B^2 = C^2$$
- Only good for right angles

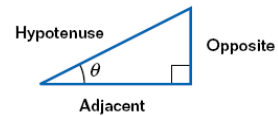
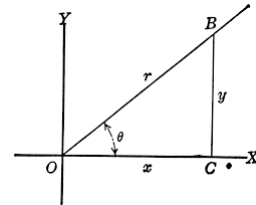
$$\text{sine of angle } \theta = \frac{\text{opposite leg}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

$$\text{cosine of angle } \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent leg}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

$$\text{Tan} = y/x$$

$$\text{Sin} = y/r$$

$$\text{Cos} = x/r$$

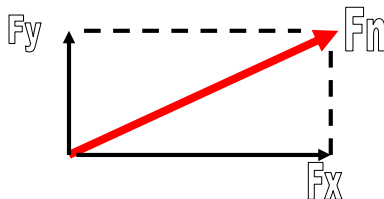


ANY VECTOR CAN BE EXPRESSED AS A SERIES OF COMPONENTS

You can often describe an object's motion more conveniently by breaking a single vector (F_n) into two **components** (F_x , F_y), or **resolving the vector**.

The **components of a vector** are the projections of the vector along the axes of a coordinate system.

Resolving a vector allows you to **analyze the motion in each direction on the X and Y axis**.



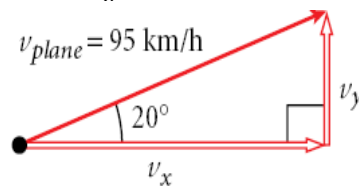
RESOLVING VECTORS INTO COMPONENTS

Consider an airplane flying at 95 km/h at 20 degrees north of east

The **hypotenuse** (v_{plane}) is the **resultant vector** that describes the airplane's **total velocity**.

The **adjacent leg** represents the **x component** (v_x), which describes the airplane's **horizontal speed**.

The **opposite leg** represents the **y component** (v_y), which describes the airplane's **vertical speed**.

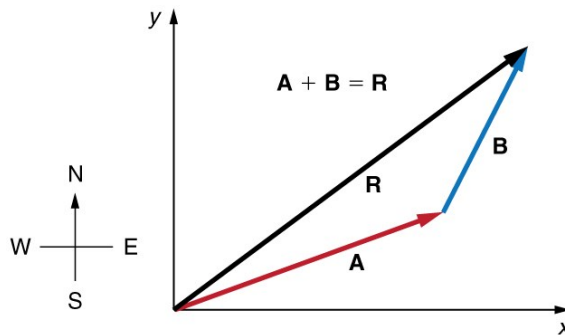


$$V_x = V \cos \theta \quad V_y = V \sin \theta$$

Adding Vectors That Are Not Perpendicular

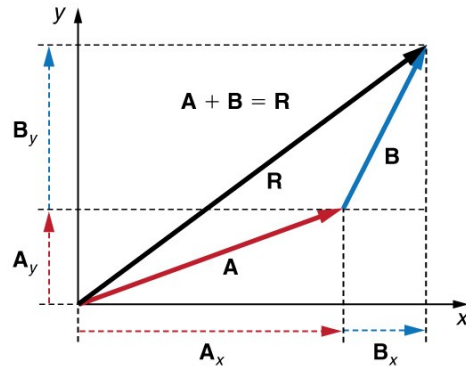
Vectors **A** and **B** are two legs of a walk, and **R** is the resultant or total displacement. You can use analytical methods to determine the magnitude and direction of **R**.

Because the original displacement vectors do not form a right triangle, you can not directly apply the tangent function or the Pythagorean theorem



ADDING VECTORS THAT ARE NOT PERPENDICULAR

- To add vectors **A** and **B**
 - First determine the horizontal and vertical components of each vector.
 - These are the dotted vectors A_x , A_y , B_x and B_y shown in the image.



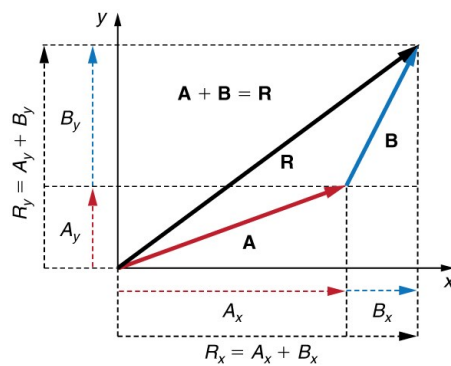
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R_x X horizontal vector

- Add the magnitude of the vectors A_x and B_x

R_y Y vertical vector

- Add the magnitudes of the vectors A_y and B_y

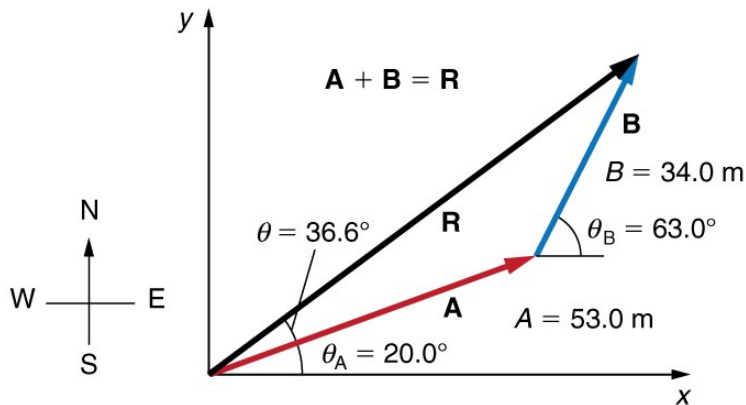


EXAMPLE PROBLEM

Given:

Vector **A** has magnitude 53.0 m, direction 20.0° north of east

Vector **B** has magnitude 34.0 m, direction 63.0° north of east



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$$A_x = 53\text{m} \cos(20) = 49.8 \text{ m}$$

$$A_y = 53\text{m} \sin(20) = 18.1 \text{ m}$$

$$B_x = 34\text{m} \cos(63) = 15.4 \text{ m}$$

$$B_y = 34\text{m} \sin(63) = 30.3 \text{ m}$$

$$X_{\text{total}} = A_x + B_x = 49.8 \text{ m} + 15.4 \text{ m} = 65.2 \text{ m}$$

$$Y_{\text{total}} = A_y + B_y = 18.1 \text{ m} + 30.3 \text{ m} = 48.4 \text{ m}$$

$$R^2 = X_{\text{total}}^2 + Y_{\text{total}}^2 = 81.2\text{m}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} = Y_{\text{total}}/X_{\text{total}} = 36.6^\circ \text{ North of east}$$

