

Homework No. 03 (Spring 2021)

PHYS 205A: University Physics

Due date: Friday, 2021 Feb 5, 11:55 AM, on D2L

Instructions

- Describe your thought process in detail and organize it clearly. Make sure your answer has the correct units and the right number of significant digits.
- After completion, scan the pages as a single PDF file, and submit the file on D2L (under Assesments → Assignments).

Problems

0. (**Notation:**) Quantities in boldface represent vectors. For example, the vector quantity \mathbf{A} in typography, when written on your notebook or on a blackboard, is represented as \vec{A} . Many textbooks use the combined representation $\vec{\mathbf{A}}$. The quantity A stands for the magnitude of the vector $\vec{\mathbf{A}}$ (in textbooks, or \mathbf{A} in typography, or \vec{A} on your notebook).
1. (**10 points.**) Two vectors $\vec{\mathbf{A}}$ and $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ have equal magnitudes of 5.00 m. Vector $\vec{\mathbf{A}}$ is pointing along the negative x axis, and vector $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ makes an angle of 60° with positive x axis. Determine the magnitude and direction of the vector $\vec{\mathbf{A}} + \vec{\mathbf{B}}$.
2. (**10 points.**) Given that vector $\vec{\mathbf{A}}$ has magnitude $A = |\vec{\mathbf{A}}| = 15$ m and direction $\theta_A = 30.0^\circ$ counterclockwise w.r.t x -axis, and that vector $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ has magnitude $B = |\vec{\mathbf{B}}| = 20.0$ m and direction $\theta_B = 45.0^\circ$ counterclockwise w.r.t x -axis. Determine the magnitude and direction of the sum of the vectors.
3. (**10 points.**) An explorer is caught in a whiteout (in which the snowfall is so thick that the ground cannot be distinguished from the sky) while returning to base camp. He was supposed to travel due north for 4.4 km, but when the snow clears, he discovers that he actually traveled 7.8 km at 54° north of due east.
 - (a) How far must he now travel to reach base camp?
 - (b) In what direction must he travel?
4. (**10 points.**) A golfer takes two strokes to putt a golf ball into a hole. On the first stroke, the ball moves 5.0 m at an angle 60° West of North. On the second, it moves 3.0 m at an angle 70° South of West. If the golfer had instead hit the ball directly into the hole on the first stroke, what would have been the magnitude and direction of the ball's displacement?

5. (10 points.) If three vectors satisfy the relations

$$\vec{\mathbf{A}} - \vec{\mathbf{B}} = 2\vec{\mathbf{C}}, \quad (1)$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{A}} + \vec{\mathbf{B}} = 4\vec{\mathbf{C}}, \quad (2)$$

where

$$\vec{\mathbf{C}} = 3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 4\hat{\mathbf{j}}, \quad (3)$$

then what are $\vec{\mathbf{A}}$ and $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ in component form?