Lecture 3

- **Vectors**
- **Free Fall again**
- **Intro to the Motions in Two and Three Dimensions**

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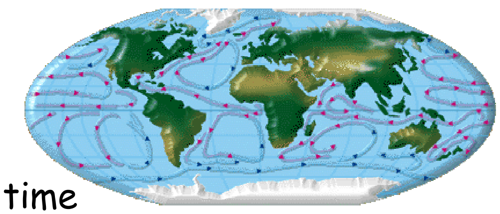
Velocity is a vector !



Velocity has direction !
Velocity can change with time

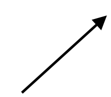
Chapter 3: Vectors

- Vectors and Scalars
- Adding Vectors Geometrically
- Components of Vectors
- Unit Vectors
- Adding Vectors by Components
- Vectors and the Laws of Physics
- Multiplying Vectors
  - Scalar Product
  - Vector or Cross Product

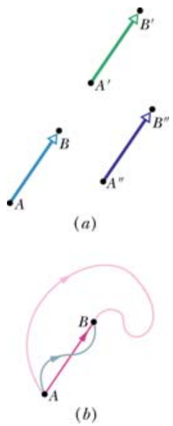
Writing Vectors

We need to distinguish vectors
From other quantities (scalars)

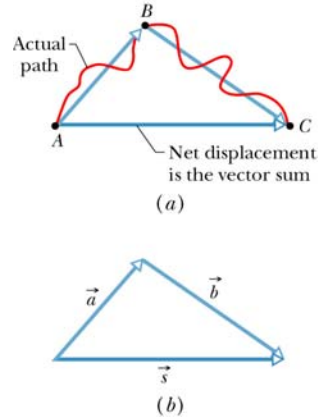
Common notation:
Bold face: **c** or Arrow: $\vec{c}$



Vectors and Scalars



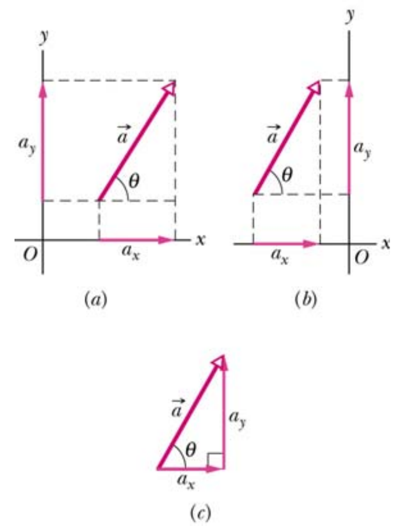
Displacement

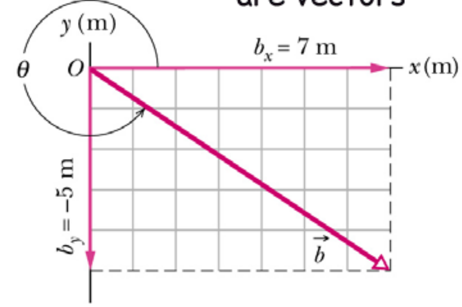


Path length and Displacement

Components of Vectors:

- aligned along axis
- add to give vector
- are vectors



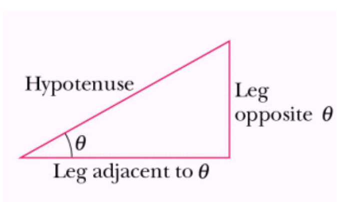


$a_x = a\cos\theta$ and $a_y = a\sin\theta$

$a = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2}$ and $\tan\theta = \dfrac{a_y}{a_x}$

Length (Magnitude)

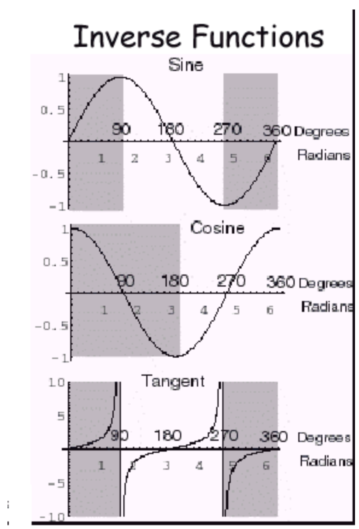
Trig Review



$$\sin\theta = \frac{\text{leg opposite } \theta}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

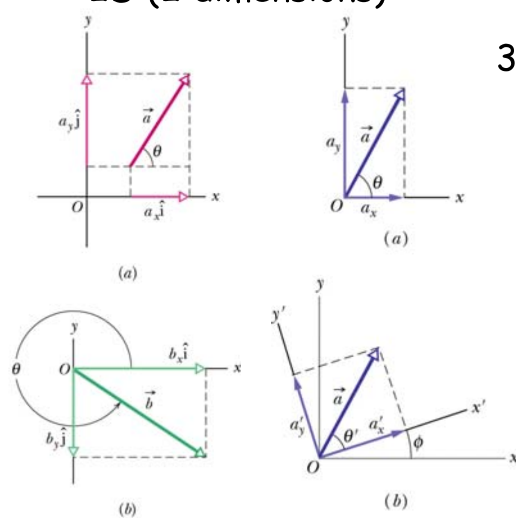
$$\cos\theta = \frac{\text{leg adjacent to } \theta}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{\text{leg opposite } \theta}{\text{leg adjacent to } \theta}$$

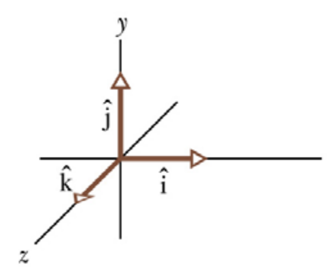


Unit Vectors and Coordinate Systems

2D (2 dimensions)



3D (3 dimensions)



Unit Vectors

Components of a vector are still vectors

$$\vec{D} = \vec{D}_x + \vec{D}_y$$

Vectors have units (i.e. m/s)

$\hat{i} \to x$

$\hat{j} \to y$

$\hat{k} \to z$

Used to specify direction

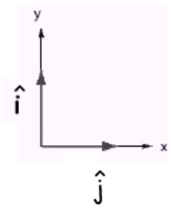
Unit vectors

Unit Magnitude
Dimensionless

$$\vec{D} = D_x\hat{i} + D_y\hat{j}$$

Magnitude + sign

Unit Vector



Vector Addition

Consider Two Vectors

$$\vec{A} = A_x\hat{i} + A_y\hat{j}$$

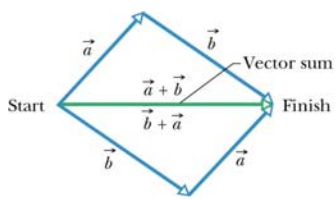
$$\vec{B} = B_x\hat{i} + B_y\hat{j}$$

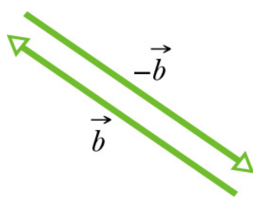
$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \left(A_x\hat{i} + A_y\hat{j}\right) + \left(B_x\hat{i} + B_y\hat{j}\right)$$

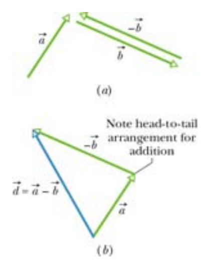
$$= \left(A_x + B_x\right)\hat{i} + \left(A_y + B_y\right)\hat{j}$$

Just add components.

Laws of Vector Addition

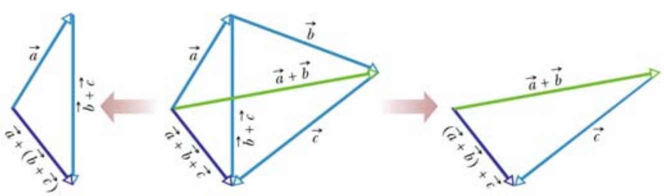






$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \vec{b} + \vec{a}$

$\vec{d} = \vec{a} - \vec{b} = \vec{a} + (-\vec{b})$



$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) + \vec{c} = \vec{a} + (\vec{b} + \vec{c})$

Example

$$\vec{A} = 12m \cdot \hat{i} + 5m \cdot \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B} = 2m \cdot \hat{i} - 5m \cdot \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$$

$$= \left(12m \cdot \hat{i} + 5m \cdot \hat{j}\right) + \left(2m \cdot \hat{i} - 5m \cdot \hat{j}\right)$$

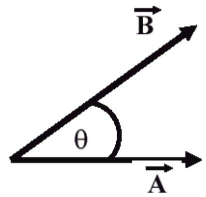
$$= 14m \cdot \hat{i}$$

Vector Multiplication

Scalar product

$$\vec{A} \bullet \vec{B} = AB\cos\theta = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

θ is the angle between the vectors if you put their tails together



$\vec{A} \bullet \vec{B} = \vec{B} \bullet \vec{A}$

since $\cos(\theta) = \cos(-\theta)$

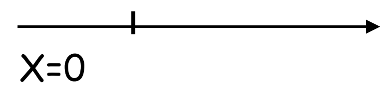
Last Lecture:

Motion along the straight line + Vectors

One dimension (1D)

Position:	x(t) m
Velocity:	v(t) m/s
Acceleration:	a(t) m/s^2

All are vectors: have direction and magnitude.



Three dimension (2D)

Position:	$\vec{r}(t)$ m
Velocity:	$\vec{v}(t)$ m/s
Acceleration:	$\vec{a}(t)$ m/s^2

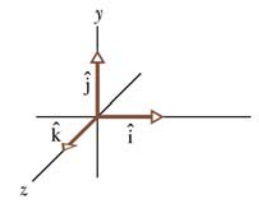
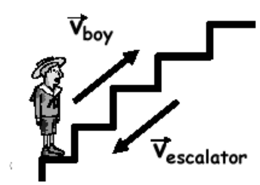


TABLE 2-1 Equations for Motion with Constant Acceleration[a]

Equation Number	Equation	Missing Quantity
2-11	$v = v_0 + at$	$x - x_0$
2-15	$x - x_0 = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$	v
2-16	$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$	t
2-17	$x - x_0 = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v)t$	a
2-18	$x - x_0 = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2$	v_0

[a] Make sure that the acceleration is indeed constant before using the equations in this table.

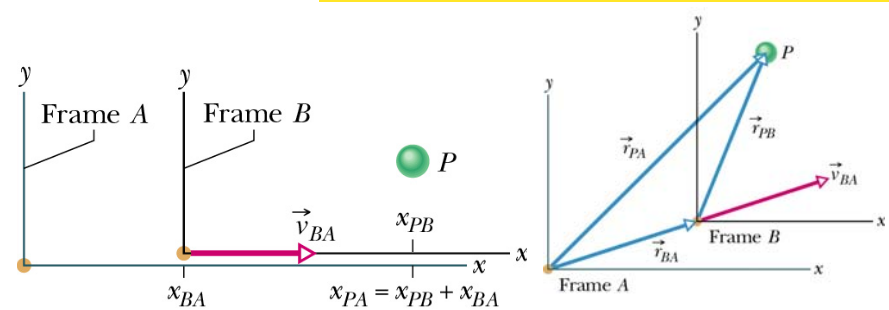
Relative Motion/Reference Frames



$$\vec{r}_{PA} = \vec{r}_{PB} + \vec{r}_{BA}$$

$$\vec{v}_{PA} = \vec{v}_{PB} + \vec{v}_{BA} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{v}_{BA} = \text{const.}$$

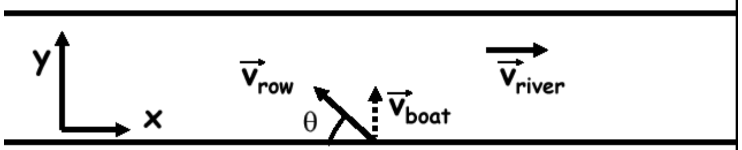
$$\vec{a}_{PA} = \vec{a}_{PB}$$



Relative Motion/Reference Frames

Relative Velocity: Rowing a Boat

You can row a boat at v_{row} = 3 m/s, and you want to go straight across a river which flows with v_{river} = 2 m/s. At what angle should you row?



$\vec{v}_{boat} = \vec{v}_{row} + \vec{v}_{river}$

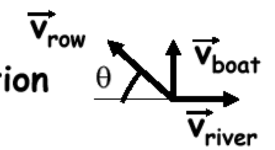
you want $\vec{v}_{boat}$ in y-direction to go straight across

Relative Motion/Reference Frames

Rowing a Boat (continued)

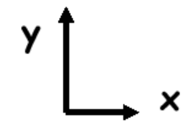
$\vec{v}_{boat} = \vec{v}_{row} + \vec{v}_{river}$

you want $\vec{v}_{boat}$ in y direction



need $v_{row,x} = - v_{river,x}$

$v_{row} \cos\theta = v_{river}$

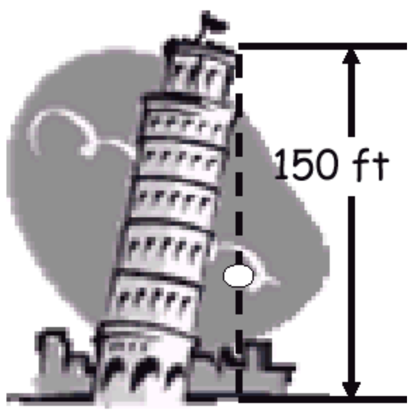


Gravitation is universal

Most important case of constant acceleration: Free fall

$a = -g$ where $g = 9.8\ m/s^2$

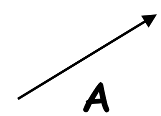
(defining "up" as the positive direction)

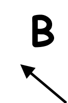


Gravitational acceleration does not depend on the nature of the material or the mass of the object.

Lecture QZ3

A=(4m)·**i** + (2m)·**j** and **B** = (–1m)·**i** + (2m)·**j**





1. What is the length (or magnitude) of the vector **C** if **C**=**A**+**B**
   |C|=???
2. What is the angle between vectors **A** and **B**
   θ=???
3. What is the scalar (dot) product of the same vectors **A** and **B:**
   (A·B)=???
4. **(huge extra credit)** What is the magnitude of the vector (cross) product of the same vectors **A** and **B:**
   |A×B|=???

Hint: **i** and **j** are the unit vectors.