

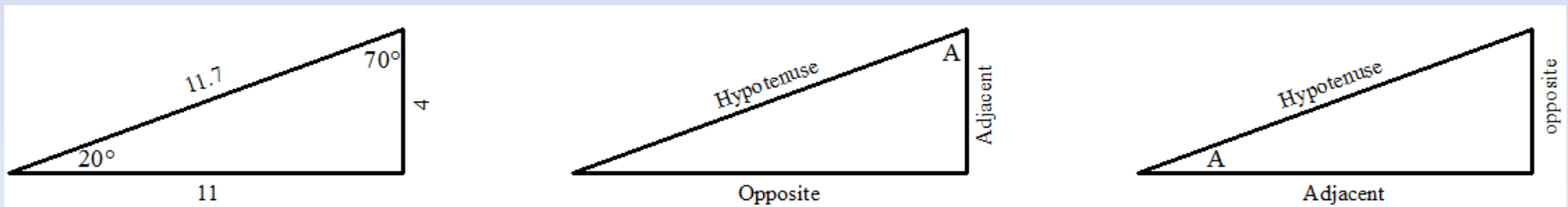
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Projectile Motion

Trig, Direction methods & scaling, 2-d
Nifty, solving horizontal projectiles

Trig Review

- **TRIG** is about right **TRI**angles
- A single side and an angle, or two sides define all sides and all angles
- Trig functions: put an angle in a ratio out
- Inverse trig functions: ratio in, get angle out
- Common error: opposite and adjacent mix-up (middle example)



What is a projectile?

How is this unit different?

- Motion in a plane (not in a straight line)
- A projectile is “a moving object whose motion is only affected by gravity”
 - Sound more like freefall or terminal velocity to you?
- Very different because two dimensions instead of one (not linear any more!)
- First: need rules on describing directions:

Describing Vector Direction

- Two ways of specifying vector direction
 1. Relative to horizon
 2. Mapping method
- You need to be able to recognize both
- You should be able to use both, but if you must be good at one, Mapping Method is more useful – know it

Vector Descriptions - Horizon Method

- Assume: Archer at right shoots her arrow at 75 m/s
- Horizon method says:
Speed + degrees
above/below horizon

In this case:

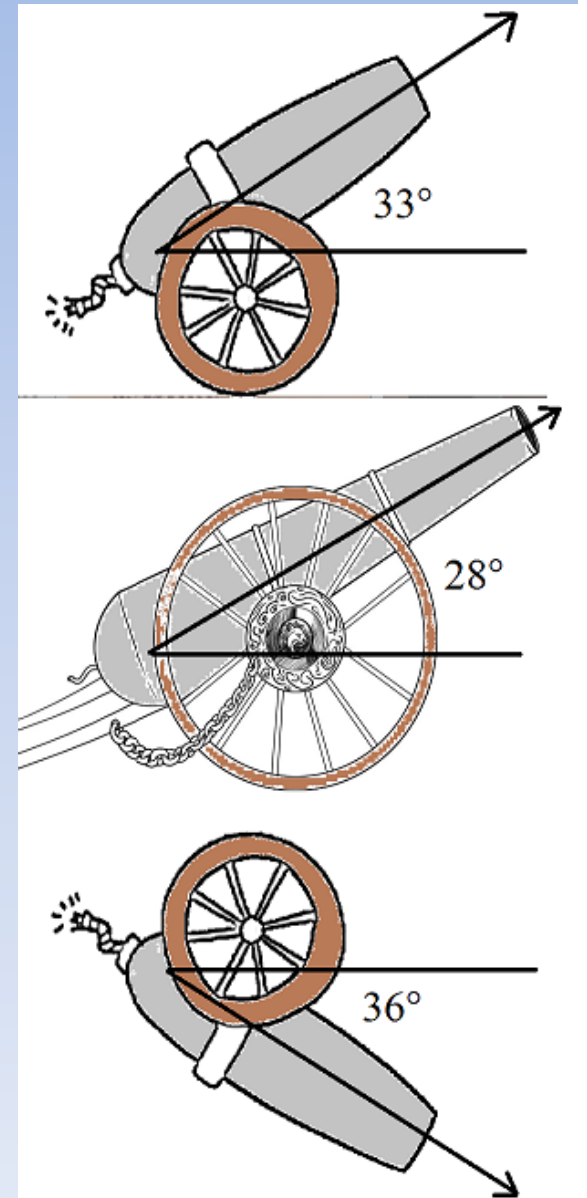
$\mathbf{V} = 75 \text{ m/s } 37^\circ \text{ above horizon}$



Archer above is the women's world record holder for distance, April Moon

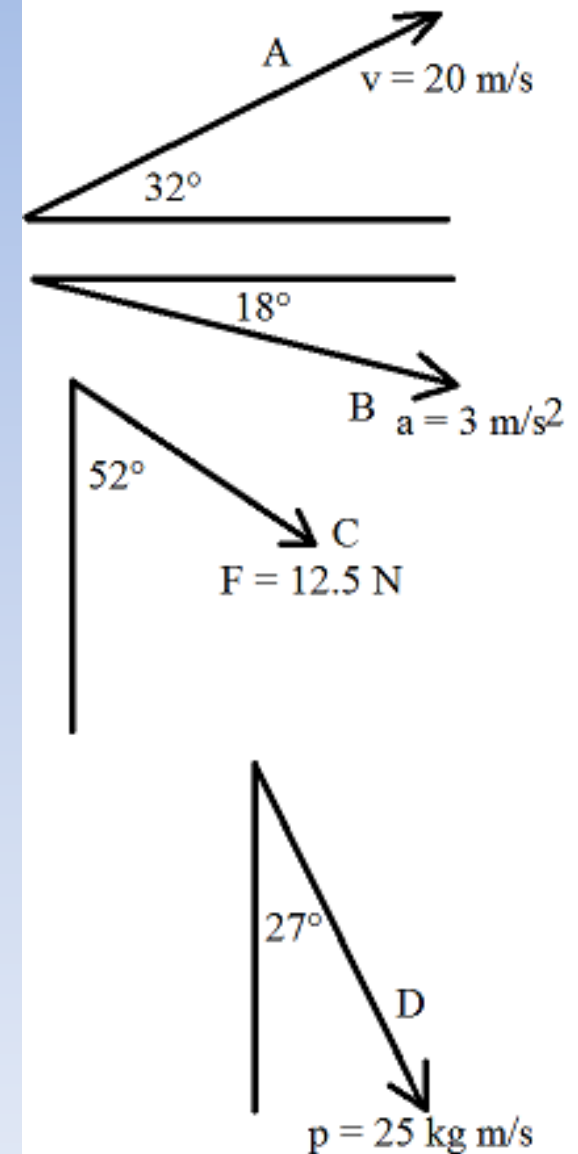
Vector Descriptions - Horizon Method

- Vectors are drawn with arrows, or northeast would be identical to southwest!
- Apply this method to find initial velocities at right
- Why do we call it, “initial”? Why would it change?



Vector Descriptions – Mapping Method

- Mapping method says:
Speed + degrees direction 1 of direction 2
- Directions are N, E, S, W
- Example: 30° N of E describes: East-pointing arrow rotated by 30° toward North
- Complete vector might be: $3.5 \text{ m/s } 30^\circ$ N of E
- Try the examples at right including “2nd method” (complementary angle)



Scales/Scaling

- Product of a vector and scalar is a vector
 - Example: doubling your velocity is multiplying velocity vector by scalar (2), result is a vector!
- Used to represent something very big or very small
 - Maps
 - Amoebas
- Pick a scale by ratio of actual size to room you have to represent it
 - Example: You have 10 cm width on paper and USA is 3000 miles wide: Your scale is 300 miles = 1 cm

Nifty (TNEOM)...2-d Version

- Notice we now have y AND x?
- Y will mean vertical from now on and X horizontal
- Good news: We have no new equations! None!
- Bad news: YOUR equations still say X, you will need to know when they mean Y
- Good news: We only have ONE equation for X (so all the rest must mean Y!)

Y-Equation	a	t	v _i	v _f	Δy
$\Delta y = \frac{(v_i + v_f)}{2} t$	☹	✓	✓	✓	✓
$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta y$	✓	☹	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta y = v_i t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$	✓	✓	✓	☹	✓
$\mathbf{v_f} = \mathbf{v_i} + \mathbf{a}t$	✓	✓	✓	✓	☹

X direction (where velocity is not changing): $\Delta x = v_x t$

Nifty (TNEOM)...2-d Version

- Time (t) is the common link between X and Y directions
- There is a v_i (v_{y_i}) and v_f (v_{y_f}) in Y, but not in X...can anyone clever figure out why?
- Patterns are exactly the same: Each equation only involves 4 of the 5 variables
- Huge concept: X and Y are independent!
 - you can examine one independently of the other
- Bad news: Table (below) not yours on test; look at packet eqn. list & find equivalent eqns. for all 4 below

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$v_f = v_i + at$	✓	✓	✓	✓	☹

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Horizontal Projectiles

- $V_{yi} = \text{zero} \dots$ 'nuff said?
- Combine this concept with independence of X and Y to solve this:

If a bullet is dropped from 2 m high and a bullet is fired at 300 m/s from 2 m high, which will strike the ground first?

- What's happening in the Y direction in both cases (list all five variables and solve for time)
 - What does the physics tell you will happen?

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Definitions, NIFTY tips, motion changes & angle variation, resolving vectors and solving angled projectiles

Vectors & Projectiles definitions

- **Projectile Motion** – Two-dimensional motion only affected by gravity (zero air resistance is assumed)
- **Resolve** – Process of finding the X and Y components of a vector
- **Resultant** – The sum of two or more vectors
- **Horizon** – Line where the earth appears to meet the sky
- **Ground speed/velocity** – motion of an object relative to the ground
- **Air speed/velocity** – motion of an object relative to the air it's moving in
- **Wind speed/velocity** – motion of air relative to the ground
- **Range** – The horizontal distance a projectile travels (Δx)

Solving Projectile Motion Problems

- X and Y motion are at right angles (independent of each other)
- Time (t) is the variable they have in common
- Nifty works the same as before (four variable, you must know 3, sad face our same friend)
- One X direction equation (must know two to use)
- v_x doesn't change, v_y does (that why there's v_{yi} and v_{yf})
- Symmetry assumptions (same time up as down, final speed = initial speed, same distance up as distance down)

Y direction (where velocity is changing)

Equation	a	t	v_i	v_f	Δy
$v_f = v_i + at$	✓	✓	✓	✓	☹
$\Delta y = \frac{(v_i + v_f)}{2} t$	☹	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\Delta y = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$	✓	✓	✓	☹	✓
$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta y$	✓	☹	✓	✓	✓

X direction (where velocity is not changing): $\Delta x = v_x t$

Solving Projectile Motion Problems

- Two kinds of problems:
 - Horizontal motion problems
 - $v_{yi} = 0$
 - Shoots a gun horizontally, rolls off of a table, etc.
 - Projectiles shot at angles....hard!
- Two part problems:
 - Use X equation to find t , then use t as third Y direction known
 - Use Nifty to find t , then use t as second X direction known

Y direction (where velocity is changing)

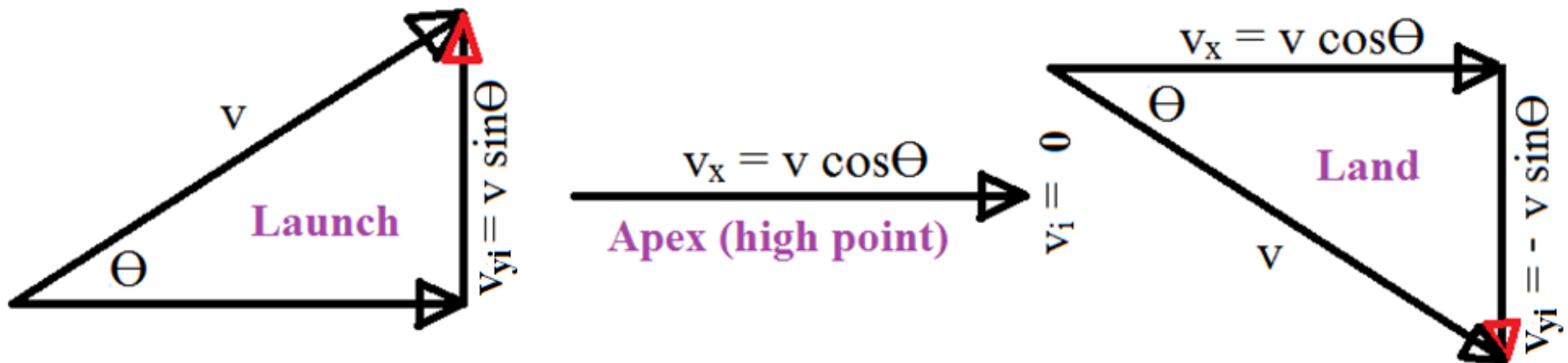
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How motion changes during projectile's lifetime

- When is speed a maximum? A minimum?
- Is speed increasing with altitude gain? Why?
- If $v > 0$, what angles produce zero range?
- What angle produces min and max hang time?
- What angle is “best” compromise between big V_x and big hang time producing biggest range?

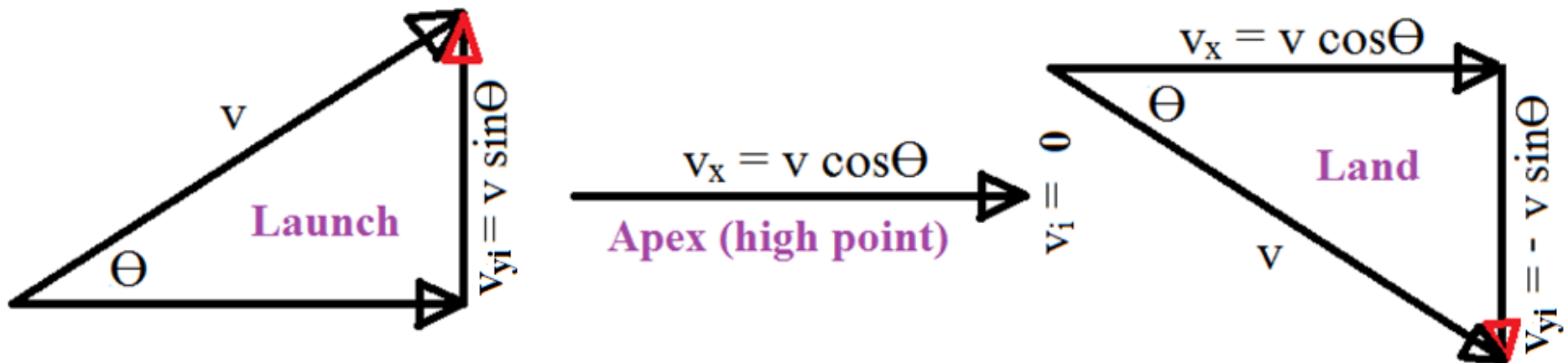
Velocity triangle - motion changes for symmetric projectile



More conclusions: Effects of angle variations

- Small angles = big V_x and make rapid X directions progress, but don't stay airborne long, so small range
- Big angles = big hang times, stay up a long time, but have tiny V_x , so small range
- Best range is equal compromise between hang time and big V_x (45° angle)
- Complementary angles have equal trade-offs, so have equal ranges
- See how $V_y=0$ at max height? Does the acceleration switch directions when that happens?

Velocity triangle - motion changes for symmetric projectile



Effect of angle above horizon on...

- What angle(s)
 - Maximizes hang time?
 - Maximizes range?
 - Give equal ranges?
 - Maximizes peak height?
 - Maximizes V_x ?
 - Makes a football go farthest?
 - Tennis players only: Is hardest for a tennis player to hit? (Think John Isner vs. Andy Roddick)

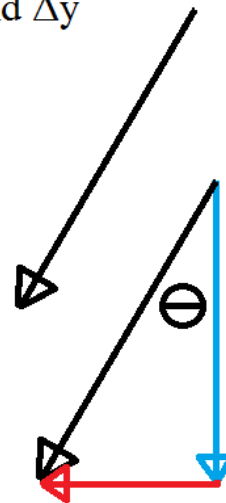
Resolving Vectors

- Finding the x and y components of a vector
- Useful to find V_y and V_x (why do you want V_y and V_x anyway?)
- For finding resultants (adding vectors)

Resolving Vectors

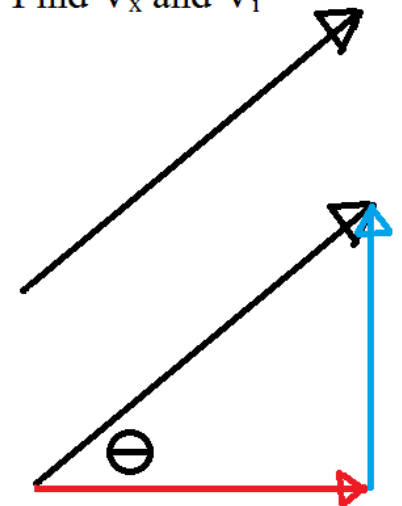
- Process:
 1. Sketch vector to be resolved
 2. Vector becomes hypotenuse, finish triangle (one side is totally x and the other side is totally y)
 3. Use trig to find values (careful!)

Displacement, $R = 3.7 \text{ km } 30^\circ \text{ W of S}$
Find Δx and Δy



Can you do the trig to find Δx and Δy ?

$V = 30 \text{ m/s } 41^\circ \text{ N of E}$
Find V_x and V_i



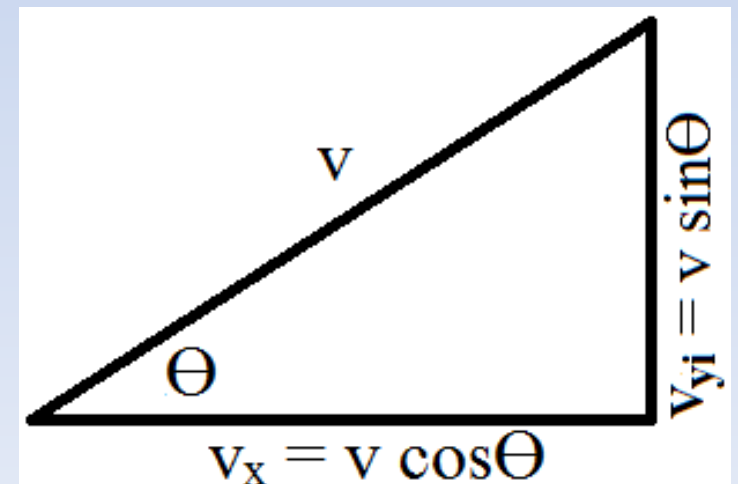
Can you do the trig to find V_x and V_i ?

Solving Projectiles At Angles

- What the heck does this even mean?
- Examples:
 - Tom throws a ball 30 m/s at an angle of 20° above horizontal from an initial height of 1.4 m. How far will the ball go when striking the ground?
 - What minimum speed must a pass be thrown to reach a receiver 30 m downfield when caught at the same height as thrown? (YES, this implies a specific angle!)
- We're not solving these *yet!*

Solving Projectiles At Angles

- Find as many of X/Y motion variables as possible
 - If you have two horizontal knowns, you can find 3rd
 - If you have three vertical knowns, you can find other 2
- If possible, RESOLVE the velocity vector in the x-direction and y-direction components
- Takes place on earth?
- ΔY is negative if down, 0 if same level
- Time ties X and Y together
- What equation can I use?
- HARD: Algebra substitution



Solving Projectiles At Angles

- Wanna try these now? (*harder than horizontal*)
 - The strongest arms out there can hurl a baseball about 45 m/s (100 mph). Assuming projectile motion, what distance could this baseball go?
 - If a soccer ball is kicked at a 30° angle at 30 m/s and is considered to be a projectile, what is the hang time of the ball and its final velocity?
(answers to these are on the next slide)

Solving Projectiles At Angles

- Wanna try these now? (*harder than horizontal*)
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 - If a soccer ball is kicked at a 30° angle at 30 m/s and is considered to be a projectile, what is the hang time of the ball and its final velocity? *(3.06 sec, $V_f = 30$ m/s, 30° below the horizon)*

Solving Projectiles At Angles

Challenging problems!

- Wanna try these now? (*harder than horizontal*)
 - Tom throws a ball 30 m/s at an angle of 20° above horizontal from an initial height of 1.4 m. How far will the ball go when striking the ground?...*More than one way to do it, use $t_{up} + t_{dn}$ or use quadratic (62.7 m, $t = 2.22$ sec ($t_{up} = 1.05$ sec, $t_{dn} = 1.17$ sec))*
 - What minimum speed must a pass be thrown to reach a receiver 30 m downfield when caught at the same height as thrown? (YES, this implies a specific angle!)...*hint: solve for t in terms of V using X-stuff*
 - (*$V_{minimum} = 17.15$ m/s*)

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Projectile Motion

Adding Vectors Mathematically to find Resultants (“Hardest thing in the world”)

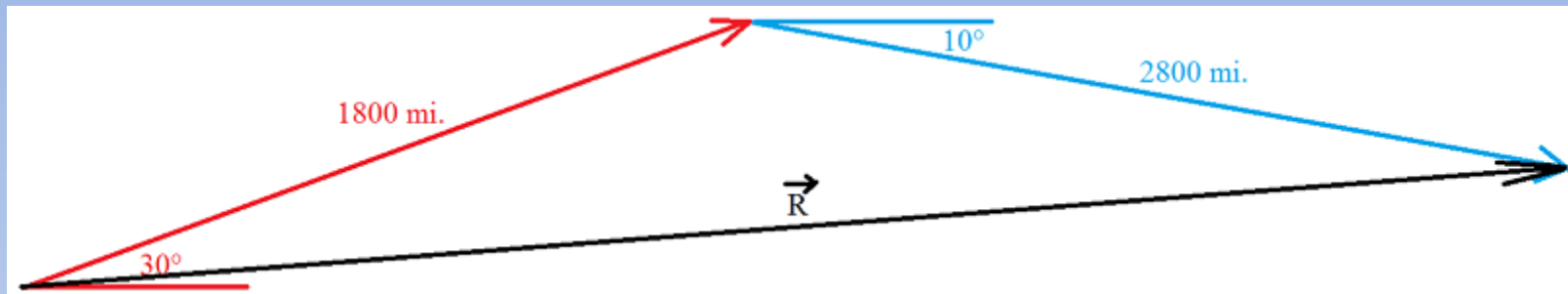
Finding Resultants Mathematically

- Make a sketch
- Resolve each vector for X and Y
- IMPORTANT: Keep + or – correct
- Sum all X values in X column & Y values in Y column
- Find, R, the resultant vector using
 - Pythagorus
 - Trig

Finding Resultants Mathematically

- Example: Alex takes a trip to France! On the first part of his trip, his displacement is 1800 miles, 30° N of E. On the second part of his trip, his displacement is 2800 miles, 10° S of E. Find the resultant, R, that describes his overall displacement.

Find Resultant: Draw a picture, make a table



- Graphically:
 - Add head-to-tail
 - R: from tail of 1st to head of 2nd
 - Order doesn't matter (parallelogram rule)
- Mathematically:
 - Call 1st vector P and 2nd Q
 - Resolve P and Q
 - Find total X and Y
 - Pythag finds magnitude of R
 - Trig finds angle of R

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_x &= 1800 \cos 30^\circ = +1559 \text{ mi} \\
 P_y &= 1800 \sin 30^\circ = +900 \text{ mi} \\
 Q_x &= 2800 \cos 10^\circ = +2757 \text{ mi} \\
 Q_y &= 2800 \sin 10^\circ = -486 \text{ mi}
 \end{aligned}$$

	X	Y
P	+1559	+900
Q	+2757	-486
Tot	+4316 mi	+414 mi

$$\text{Pythagoras: } R^2 = X^2 + Y^2 = 4316^2 + 414^2, R = 4336 \text{ mi}$$

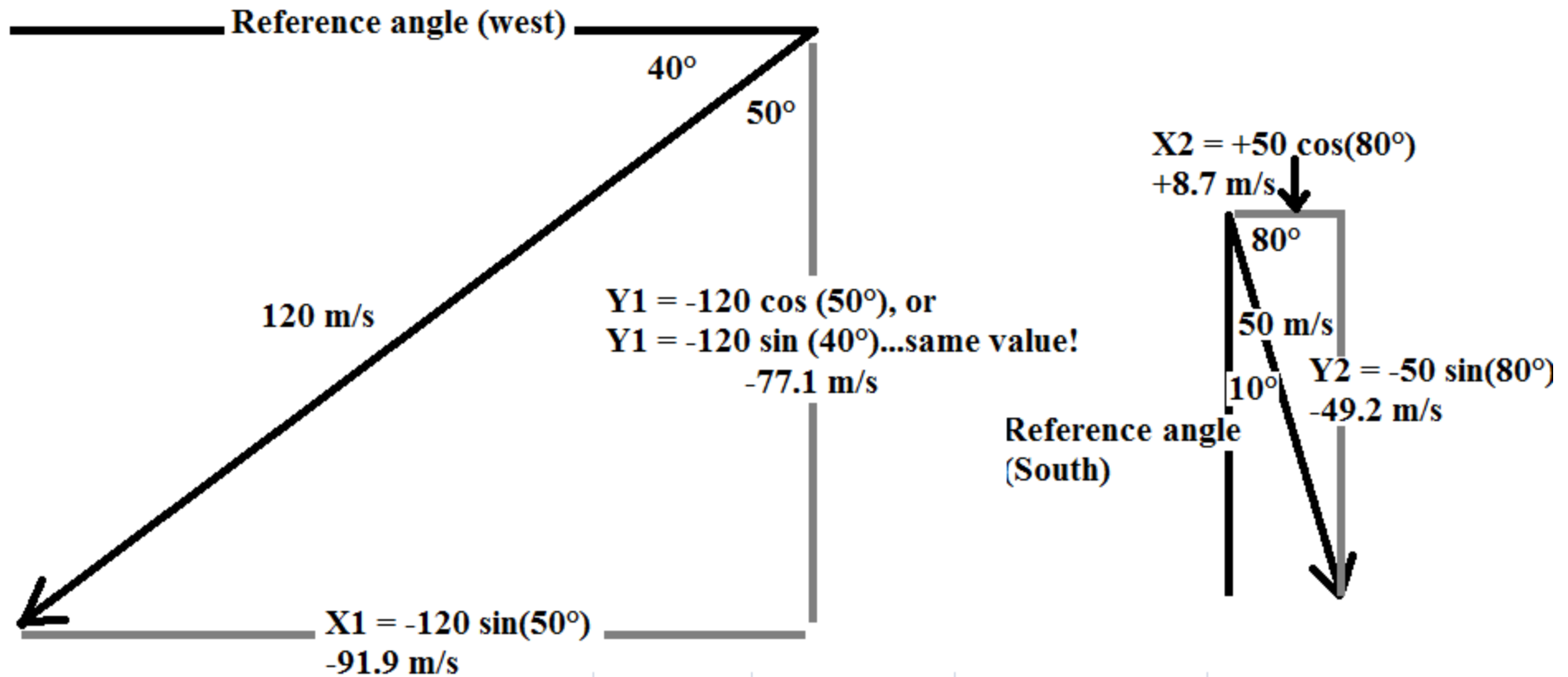
$$\Theta = \text{Tan}^{-1}(414/4316) = 5.5^\circ$$

$$R = 4336 \text{ mi}, 5.5^\circ \text{ N of E}$$

Try another?

- These problems are so much fun, they're like Saturday at your BFF's house!
- Relative to the wind it's in, a plane is flying at 120 m/s, 40° S of W. The wind velocity is 50 m/s, 10° E of S. What is the ground velocity of this plane?

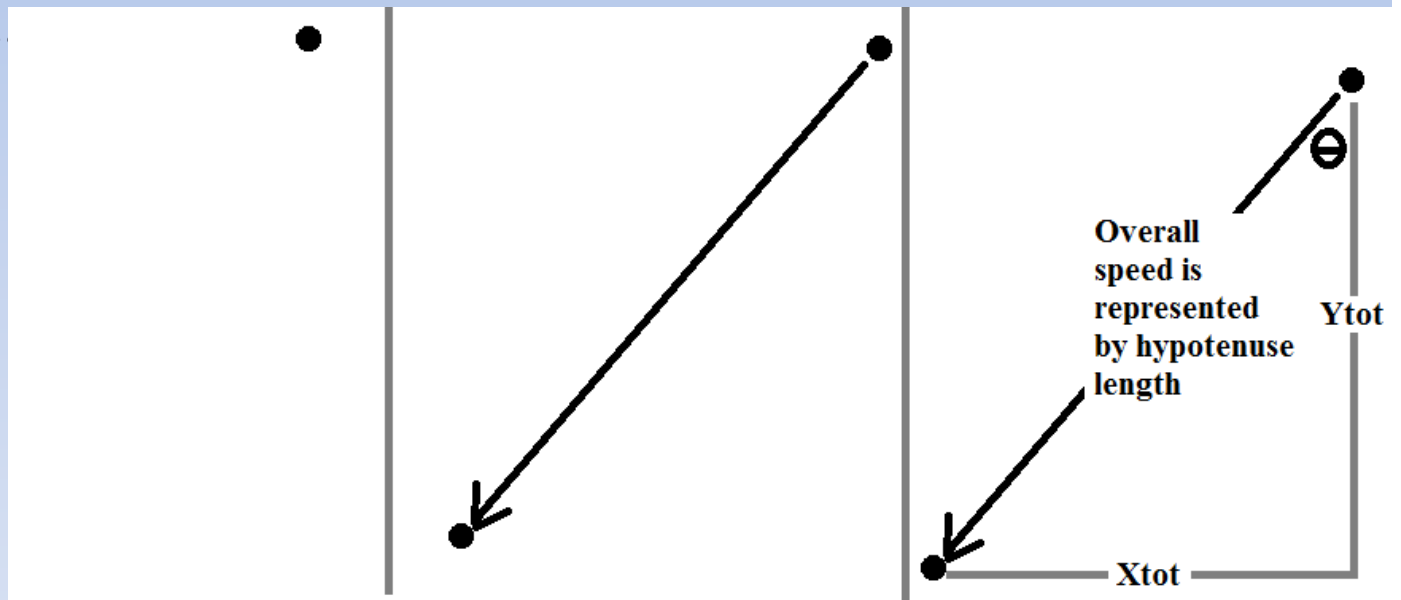
Relative to the wind it's in, a plane is flying at 120 m/s, 40° S of W. The wind velocity is 50 m/s, 10°E of S. What is the ground velocity of this plane?



	X	Y
1	-91.9	-77.1
2	+8.7	-49.2
Tot	-83.2	-126.3

Now, how do I make a vector from my total results?

- First, look at your totals. Your X total is negative, so your resultant (total) will have to go left. Leave room for going left.
- Second, Your Y total is negative, so your resultant will have to go downward. Leave room for going downward.
- To have room to go left and downward, pick a starting point up and right...



$$\text{Speed: } R = \sqrt{(83.2^2 + 126.3^2)} = 151.2 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Direction: } \Theta = \tan^{-1}(83.2/126.3) = 33.4^\circ$$

$$\text{Resultant} = 151.2 \text{ m/s } 33.4^\circ \text{ W of S}$$

Uno mas?

- Want to: Amaze your friends? Strike fear in your enemies? Get the attention of that person you have a crush on? Adding vectors to find resultants will do all that and more!
- A river flows at 4.5 m/s, 60° N of W. A boat moves relative to the river at 6.0 m/s, 30° S of E. What's the velocity of boat relative to the shore?

	X	Y
1	-2.25	+3.90
2	+5.20	+3.00
Tot	+2.95	+6.90

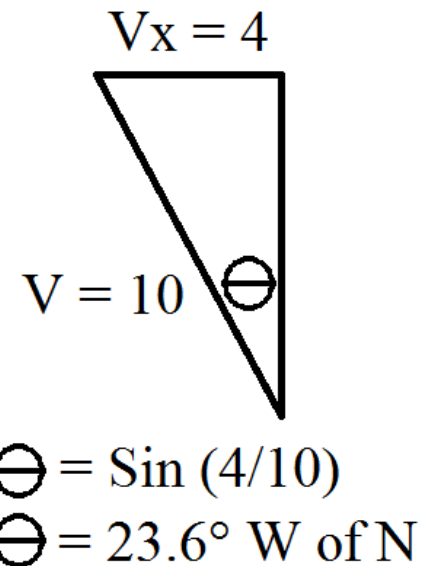
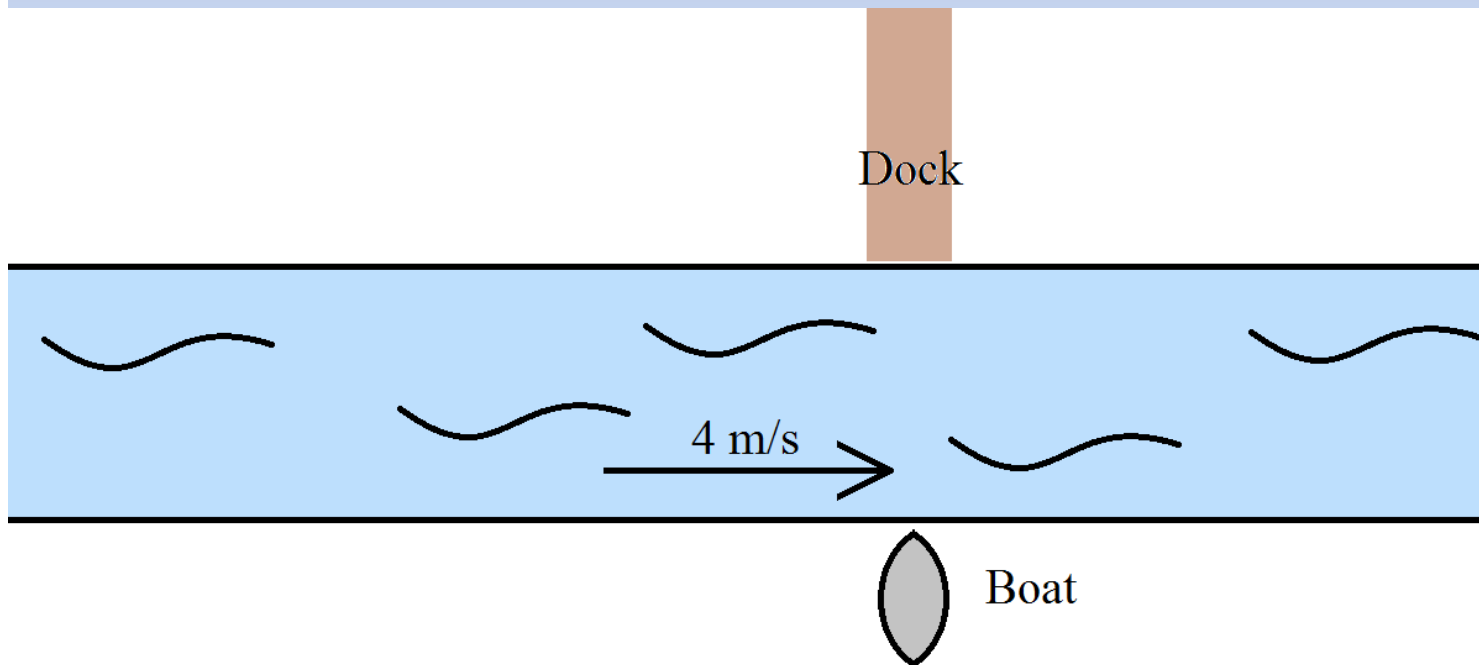
Speed: 7.50 m/s

Direction: $\theta = 66.9^\circ$ S of E...SAME as $\theta = 23.1^\circ$ E of S

Resultant = 7.50 m/s 66.9° S of E

Crossing a river in a boat

- A boat needs to directly cross a river (below). The boat will move 10 m/s relative to the water stream. What launch angle is needed?
- Solution: In order to cross DIRECTLY, the boat must be tilted to the left so that it will have a westward velocity component of 4 m/s. This will exactly cancel out the eastward 4 m/s stream velocity, resulting in a direct crossing! The overall speed is the hypotenuse (10 m/s)



Crossing the river...how long to cross?

- How long will it take to cross the river to reach the dock? (assume the river is 200 m wide)
- $\Delta Y = 200$, $V_y = 10 \text{ m/s} \cos(23.6) = 9.16 \text{ m/s}$
- V_y represents the rate of northward progress
- Your displacement will be 200 m north
- $\Delta Y = V_y \times \Delta t \rightarrow \Delta t = 200/9.16 = \underline{\underline{21.8 \text{ s}}}$

