

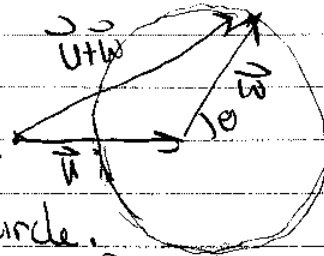
(Two acceptable solutions here!)

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Example: [C2S.2]

Use a diagram for general \vec{u}, \vec{w}

If we imagine rotating \vec{w} with all possible θ , the tip will be on the circle.

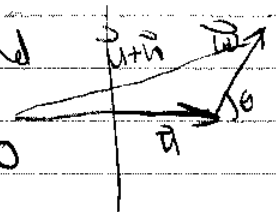


The circle gets furthest from the beginning of \vec{u} , maximizing $\text{mag}(\vec{u}+\vec{w})$, when \vec{u} and \vec{w} are parallel $\Rightarrow \theta=0$. Only in this case will $\text{mag}(\vec{u}+\vec{w}) = \text{mag}(\vec{u}) + \text{mag}(\vec{w})$

So $\text{mag}(\vec{u}+\vec{w}) = \text{mag}(\vec{u}) + \text{mag}(\vec{w})$ when \vec{u}, \vec{w} are parallel and pointing in the same direction and $\text{mag}(\vec{u}+\vec{w})$ is always less than or equal to $\text{mag}(\vec{u}) + \text{mag}(\vec{w})$. To get zero, we must have them equal and opposite $\Rightarrow \vec{u} = -\vec{w}$.

Alternative solution with components:

Choose \vec{u} along the x-axis, $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and \vec{w} at angle θ : $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_x \\ w_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w \cos \theta \\ w \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$ where $w = \text{mag}(\vec{w}) > 0$



Then the magnitude of $\vec{u}+\vec{w}$ is

$$\text{mag}(\vec{u}+\vec{w}) = \sqrt{(u_x+w_x)^2 + (u_y+w_y)^2} = \sqrt{(u+w \cos \theta)^2 + (0+w \sin \theta)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{u^2 + 2uw \cos \theta + w^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)} = \sqrt{u^2 + 2uw \cos \theta + w^2}$$

But $\text{mag}(\vec{u}) = u$ and $\text{mag}(\vec{w}) = w$, so only if $\cos \theta = 1$ does $\text{mag}(\vec{u}+\vec{w}) = \text{mag}(\vec{u}) + \text{mag}(\vec{w})$. Otherwise $u^2 + 2uw \cos \theta + w^2 < (u+w)^2$.

For $\text{mag}(\vec{u}+\vec{w}) = 0$, $u=w$ and $\cos \theta = -1$, or $\vec{u} = -\vec{w}$.

Since $-1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$, $\text{mag}(\vec{u}+\vec{w})$ is always less than or equal to $u+w$.

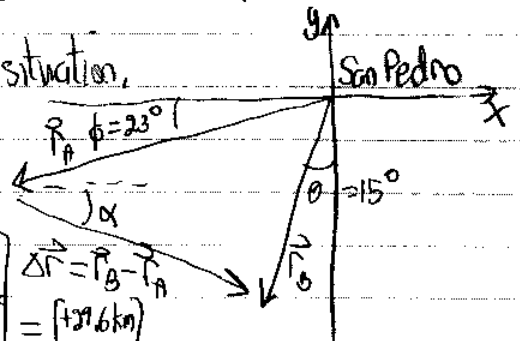
Example: [C2S.6] The diagram shows the situation.

$\text{mag}(\vec{r}_A) = 42 \text{ km}$ and $\text{mag}(\vec{r}_B) = 35 \text{ km}$.

We want the magnitude and angle of $\Delta \vec{r}$.

Use components:

$$\Delta \vec{r} = \begin{bmatrix} -r_B \sin \theta \\ -r_B \cos \theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -r_A \cos \phi \\ -r_A \sin \phi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -(35 \text{ km}) \sin 15^\circ \\ -(35 \text{ km}) \cos 15^\circ \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -(42 \text{ km}) \cos 23^\circ \\ -(42 \text{ km}) \sin 23^\circ \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} +29.6 \text{ km} \\ -17.4 \text{ km} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Then $\text{mag} \Delta \vec{r} = \sqrt{(29.6 \text{ km})^2 + (-17.4 \text{ km})^2 + 0^2} = 34.3 \text{ km}$ and $\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \right| = \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{-17.4 \text{ km}}{29.6 \text{ km}} \right| = 30.4^\circ$

Sample Answers to H131 Homework

- Two-minute questions: Your answer can be one or two sentences - only. This is not easy to do well!

Example: [C2T.7] False: The magnitude $|\vec{u}| = \sqrt{u_x^2 + u_y^2 + u_z^2}$ is the positive square root. Note that u_x^2, u_y^2, u_z^2 are always ≥ 0 even if $u_x, u_y,$ or u_z is negative.

- Basic Problems: These do not require detailed explanations, but you must include intermediate steps.

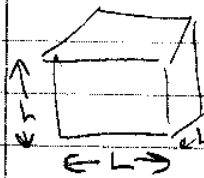
Example: [C2B.10] Find $\vec{u} + 2\vec{w}$ by multiplying and adding components:

$$\vec{u} + 2\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x + 2w_x \\ u_y + 2w_y \\ u_z + 2w_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2m + 2(-4m) \\ 3m + 2(-1m) \\ 1m + 2(3m) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6m \\ -5m \\ 7m \end{bmatrix}$$

- Synthetic, Rich Context, and Advanced Problems

Your solutions should have words explaining your strategy and important intermediate steps. You should draw and label appropriate diagrams. State your assumptions.

Example: [C1S.5] Let the rock be length L on a side and total mass M_{rock} . Take mass $M_{\text{person}} \approx 60 \text{ kg}$ from Figure C1.8c



• Given density $\rho_{\text{rock}} \approx 3\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \approx 3\rho_{\text{person}}$, assuming that a person is mostly water.

• Density is mass per volume, so $m = \rho \cdot V$.

So $m_{\text{rock}} > m_{\text{person}} \Rightarrow \rho_{\text{rock}} V_{\text{rock}} > m_{\text{person}}$ or $V_{\text{rock}} > \frac{60 \text{ kg}}{3000 \text{ kg/m}^3} = 0.02 \text{ m}^3$

The rock is cubic so $L = \sqrt[3]{V_{\text{rock}}} > \sqrt[3]{0.02 \text{ m}^3} = 0.27 \text{ m} \left(\frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} \right) = \boxed{27 \text{ cm}}$

So the rock should be bigger than about 27 cm on a side.

[bigger or smaller for different size people!]

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