SPH3U – Motion in 2 Dimensions

SCALE DIAGRAM AND ALGEBRAIC APPROACHES

TWO DIMENSIONAL MOTION

- × Objects can move in two dimensions, such as in a horizontal plane and a vertical plane
- A compass rose can be used to express directions in a horizontal plane, such as [E30⁰N] - wow !! That's Gr. 9 Geography!
- To determine total displacement in 2 dimensions, displacement vectors can be added together using a scale diagram

COMPASS ROSE



CONVENTION FOR DESCRIBING VECTOR DIRECTIONS



RESULTANT VECTOR

- **×** Resultant Vector:
 - A vector that results from adding two or more given vectors
 - + Add vectors from the tail of the first vector to the tip of the final vector

Vector 1

ADDING VECTORS A GRAPHICAL APPROACH

Choose a suitable scale to represent the vectors (ex. 1cm to 100m)
Use a protactor to measure angles

EXAMPLE #1

Strian walks 1.0 m [N] and 2.0 m [E]. Determine the resulting displacement.

EXAMPLE #2

× A car drives 300.0 km [E] and 400.0 km [NE]. Determine the displacement of the car.

ADDING VECTORS AN ALGEBRAIC APPROACH

- Perpendicular vectors can be added algebraically using the Pythagorean theorem and the tangent function
- By using the component method of vector addition, all vector addition problems can be converted into a problem involving two perpendicular vectors

COMPONENT VECTOR

The x-vector or the y-vector that can be broken down into an overall vector

ADDING TWO PERPENDICULAR VECTORS USING ALGEBRA

A jogger runs 400.0 m [W], turns and continues for an additional 900.0 m [S]. Determine the joggers total displacement.

BREAKING DOWN VECTORS INTO TWO PERPENDICULAR COMPONENTS

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WORK FOR THE DAY

- × Pg. 65 #1,2,4,5
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