Chapter 3

Kinematics in Two Dimensions; Vectors

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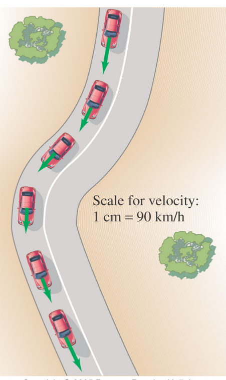
3-1 Vectors and Scalars



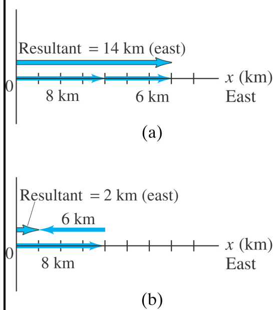
A vector has magnitude as well as direction.

Some vector quantities: displacement, velocity, force, momentum

A scalar has only a magnitude.

Some scalar quantities: mass, time, temperature

3-2 Addition of Vectors – Graphical Methods



For vectors in one dimension, simple **addition** and **subtraction** are all that is needed.

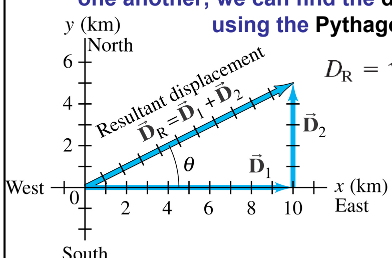
You do need to be careful about the **signs**, as the figure indicates.

3-2 Addition of Vectors – Graphical Methods

If the motion is in two dimensions, the situation is somewhat more complicated.

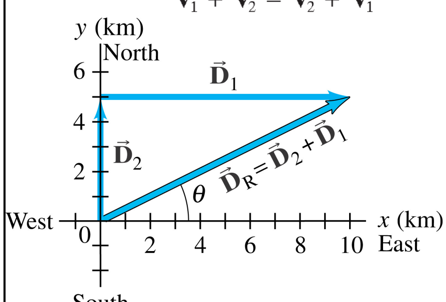
Here, the actual travel paths are at right angles to one another; we can find the **displacement** by using the **Pythagorean Theorem**.

$$D_R = \sqrt{D_1^2 + D_2^2}$$



3-2 Addition of Vectors – Graphical Methods

Adding the vectors in the **opposite** order gives the same result: $\vec{V}_1 + \vec{V}_2 = \vec{V}_2 + \vec{V}_1$



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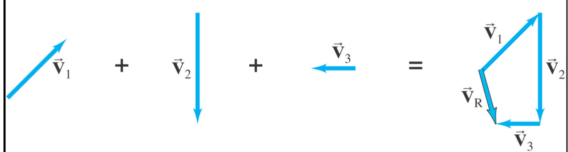
Even if the vectors are not at right angles, they can be added **graphically** by using the "**tail-to-tip**" method.



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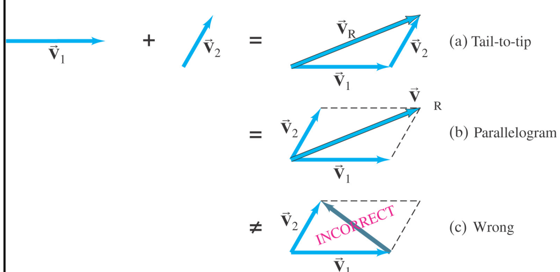
The **parallelogram** method may also be used; here again the vectors must be "tail-to-tip."



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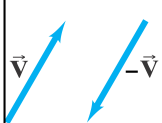
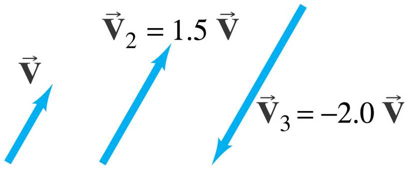


In order to **subtract** vectors, we define the **negative** of a vector, which has the same magnitude but points in the **opposite** direction.

Then we add the negative vector:

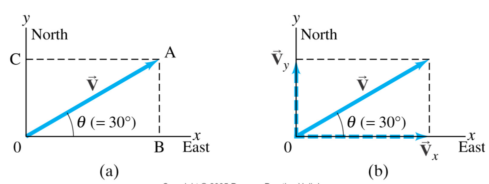
3-3 Subtraction of Vectors, and Multiplication of a Vector by a Scalar

A vector V can be multiplied by a **scalar** *c*; the result is a vector *c*V that has the same **direction** but a **magnitude** *cV*. If *c* is **negative**, the resultant vector points in the opposite direction.



3-4 Adding Vectors by Components

Any vector can be expressed as the **sum** of two other vectors, which are called its **components**. Usually the other vectors are chosen so that they are **perpendicular** to each other.



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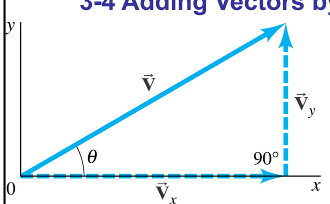

$$\sin\theta = \frac{V_y}{V}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{V_x}{V}$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{V_y}{V_x}$$

$$V^2 = V_x^2 + V_y^2$$

If the components are **perpendicular**, they can be found using **trigonometric** functions.

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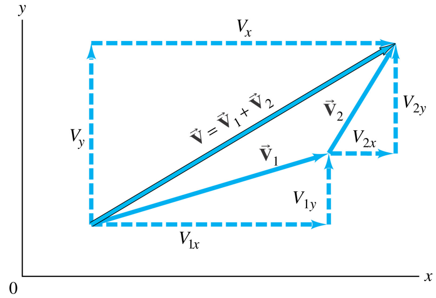
The **components** are effectively one-dimensional, so they can be added **arithmetically**:



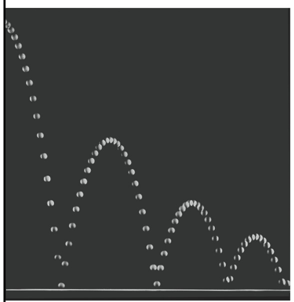
3-4 Adding Vectors by Components

Adding vectors:

1. Draw a **diagram**; add the vectors **graphically.**
2. **Choose** *x* and *y* axes.
3. **Resolve** each vector into *x* and *y* **components.**
4. **Calculate** each component using sines and cosines.
5. **Add** the components in each direction.
6. To find the **length** and **direction** of the vector, use:

$$V = \sqrt{V_x^2 + V_y^2} \qquad \tan\theta = \frac{V_y}{V_x}$$

3-5 Projectile Motion



A **projectile** is an object moving in two dimensions under the influence of Earth's **gravity**; its path is a **parabola.**

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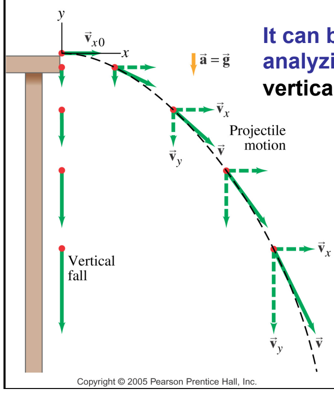

It can be understood by analyzing the **horizontal** and **vertical** motions separately.

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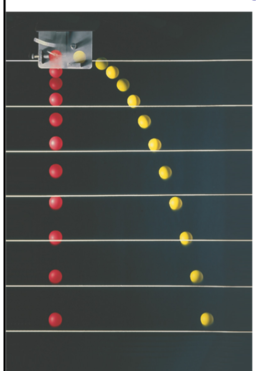
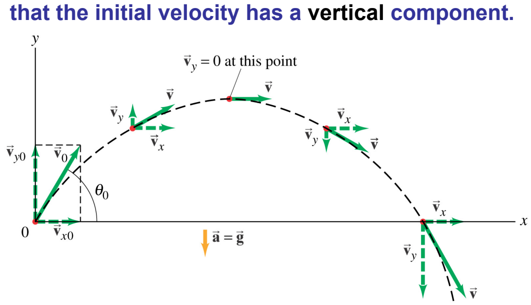


The **speed** in the *x*-direction is constant; in the *y*-direction the object moves with constant **acceleration** *g*.

This photograph shows two balls that start to fall at the same time. The one on the right has an initial speed in the *x*-direction. It can be seen that vertical positions of the two balls are identical at identical times, while the horizontal position of the yellow ball increases linearly.

3-5 Projectile Motion

If an object is **launched** at an initial angle of θ_0 with the horizontal, the analysis is similar except that the initial velocity has a **vertical** component.



3-6 Solving Problems Involving Projectile Motion

Projectile motion is motion with constant acceleration in two dimensions, where the acceleration is *g* and is down.

TABLE 3–2 Kinematic Equations for Projectile Motion
(y positive upward; $a_x = 0$, $a_y = -g = -9.80\ \text{m/s}^2$)

Horizontal Motion ($a_x = 0$, v_x = constant)		Vertical Motion† ($a_y = -g$ = constant)
$v_x = v_{x0}$	(Eq. 2–11a)	$v_y = v_{y0} - gt$
$x = x_0 + v_{x0}t$	(Eq. 2–11b)	$y = y_0 + v_{y0}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$
	(Eq. 2–11c)	$v_y^2 = v_{y0}^2 - 2g(y - y_0)$

† If y is taken positive downward, the minus (−) signs in front of g become + signs.

3-6 Solving Problems Involving Projectile Motion

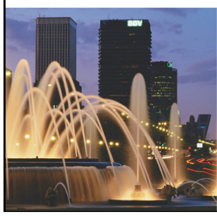
1. **Read** the problem carefully, and choose the object(s) you are going to analyze.
2. **Draw** a diagram.
3. **Choose** an origin and a coordinate system.
4. **Decide** on the **time** interval; this is the same in both directions, and includes only the time the object is moving with constant acceleration *g*.
5. **Examine** the *x* and *y* motions separately.

3-6 Solving Problems Involving Projectile Motion

6. **List** known and unknown quantities. Remember that v_x never changes, and that $v_y = 0$ at the highest point.
7. **Plan** how you will proceed. Use the appropriate equations; you may have to combine some of them.

3-7 Projectile Motion Is Parabolic

In order to demonstrate that projectile motion is **parabolic**, we need to write *y* as a function of *x*. When we do. we find that it has the form: $y = Ax - Bx^2$



This is indeed the **equation** for a parabola.

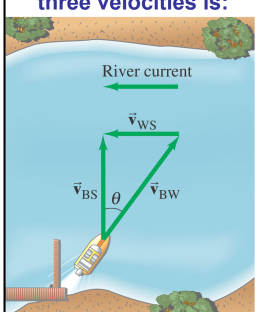
3-8 Relative Velocity

We already considered **relative speed** in one dimension; it is similar in two dimensions except that we must add and subtract velocities as **vectors**.

Each velocity is labeled first with the **object**, and second with the reference **frame** in which it has this velocity. Therefore, v_{WS} is the velocity of the water in the shore frame, v_{BS} is the velocity of the boat in the shore frame, and v_{BW} is the velocity of the boat in the water frame.

3-8 Relative Velocity

In this case, the relationship between the three velocities is:



$$\vec{v}_{BS} = \vec{v}_{BW} + \vec{v}_{WS} \qquad (3\text{-}6)$$

Summary of Chapter 3

- A quantity with magnitude and direction is a vector.
- A quantity with magnitude but no direction is a scalar.
- Vector addition can be done either graphically or using components.
- The sum is called the resultant vector.
- Projectile motion is the motion of an object near the Earth's surface under the influence of gravity.