AP PHYSICS I

Vector Practice

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1. Add the following vectors and determine the resultant. Angles are on a unit circle.

a. 5.0 m/s, @ 45° and 2.0 m/s, @ 180° b. 5.0 m/s, 45° and 2.5 m/s, 135°

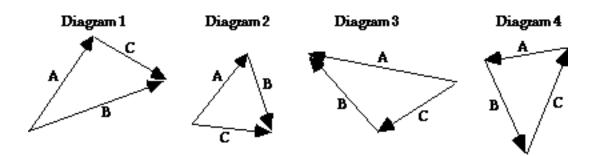
2. When adding vector B to vector A geometrically (or graphically) using the head to tail method, the resultant is drawn from _____ to the _____.

a. head of A, tail of B

c. head of B, tail of A

d. tail of B, head of A

b. tail of A, head of B



Use the diagrams above to answer questions 3-6.

- 3. Diagram 1 represents A + B = C by the tail to tail method.
- a. True. b. False.

4. Which one of the following vector addition equations is shown in Diagram 2?

a. A + B = Cb. A + C = Bc. B + C = Ad. B + A = Ce. C + B = A

- 5. Which one of the following vector addition equations is shown in Diagram 3?
- a. A + B = Cb. A + C = Bc. B + C = Ad. B + A = C
- e. C + B = A

6. If the direction of vector C were reversed in Diagram 4, the correct equation for the vector addition would be

a. A + B = Cb. A + C = Bc. B + C = Ad. B + A = C

e. none of these

7. Vector A: +8 units. Vector B: -20 units. Add them head to tail and draw the resultant, R.

8. Vector A, with a magnitude of 32 units, points 65° with respect to the +x axis. What are the magnitudes of the x and y components of this vector?

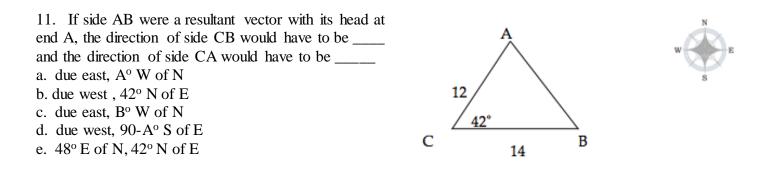
9. Vector A, 10 units @ 0° with respect to the +x-axis; Vector B, 5 units at @ 180° ; Vector C, 20 units @ 135° . What is the magnitude and direction of the resultant vector? Sketch a diagram to help visualize it.

10. Which of the following statements are true of scalars and vectors? Choose all that are TRUE.

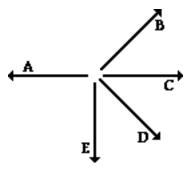
a. A vector quantity always has a direction associated with it.

b. A scalar quantity can have a direction associated with it.

c. Vectors can be added together; scalar quantities cannot.



Use the following diagram to answer the next 2 questions. The letters on the diagram represent vector names. All angles are with respect to the +x axis.



12. Vector B is 45° and vector D is 315°. Vector A is due 180° and E is 270°. If vectors A and E are added head to tail, the direction of the resultant is the same as _____. If vectors A and E are added tail to tail, the direction of the resultant is the same as _____.

a. \vec{D} , $-\vec{D}$ b. $-\vec{D}$, \vec{D} c. \vec{B} , \vec{B} d. $-\vec{B}$, $-\vec{B}$ e. \vec{C} , \vec{D}

13. The direction of vector C is 0° , the direction of vector B is 45° with respect to C and the direction of vector D is 315° with respect to vector C. The direction of the resultant of B + D is a 90°

- b. 45°
- c. 180°
- d. the same as vector C.
- e. none of these.

Solve problem 14 analytically using the head-to-tail vector addition method. Draw a neat, well-labeled diagram. Show work neatly.

14. A bullet traveling 920 m ricochets (bounces back at angle) from a rock. The bullet travels another 400 m, but at an angle of 42° from its previous forward motion. What is the resultant displacement of the bullet?