Physics 203

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• Physics – nature of things moving – Aristotle 350 BC •Spirit of physics --e.g. Pythagorean tradition ~ 550 BC • musical tones described by mathematics (exactly!) - all nature can be described by mathematics (approximations and limitations must be recognized) careful observation of natural phenomena essential • Physics Observation underlies all sciences & Experiment (quantitative) Theories & Laws Prediction(s) Simple physical rules + - Expand Applicability mathematical description - New phenomena describe experiments

> 'Beauty is truth, truth beauty,—that is all Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.' (Keats)

measure: Space, Time, & Matter

Units: SI or MKS System

Distance	Mass	Time
meter	kilogram	second
m	kg	s or sec

Originally:

1 m = 1/(10 Millionth) of distance from equator to North Pole

Now:

1 m = 1,650,763.7321 wavelengths of orange light emitted from Kr.

Derived units

speed = distance/time: m/sec

later will see

Weight (force of gravity on mass) = mass distance/ time² Newton = N= kg m/s² (unit of force)

Weight (in English units) = slug ft/s²=pound=lb

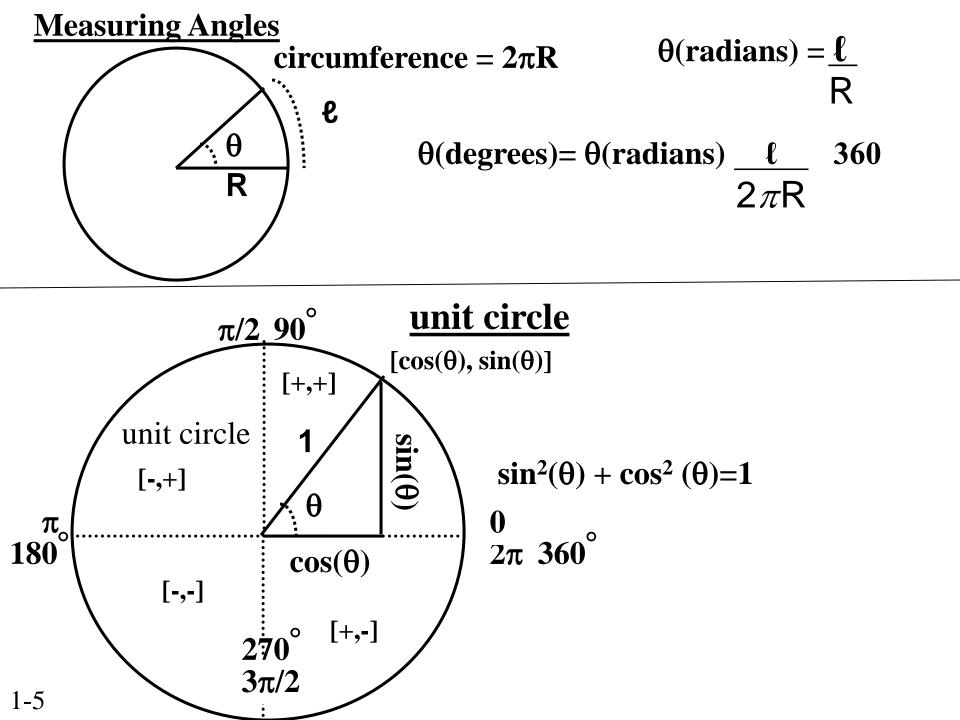
unit conversion- mole method 60 mi/hr= ? m/s

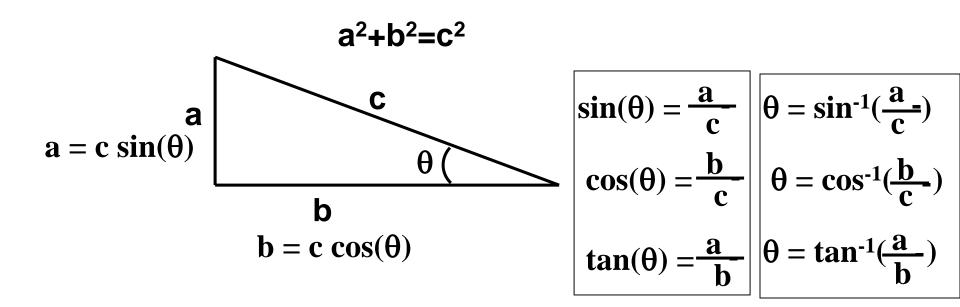
60 mi 1hr 1min 528054 12in 2.54cm 1mm = cancel 60.5280.12.2.54 = 5280 (12) 2.54 10001000 26823 60 100 1000 60 mi = 268 m/s hr. Note: the **units** start and finish with distance/time. All conversions are unity conversions 1 hr = 60 mine.g. 1hr / 60min = 1.

30 mph ~ 13.4 m/s

Problem Solving

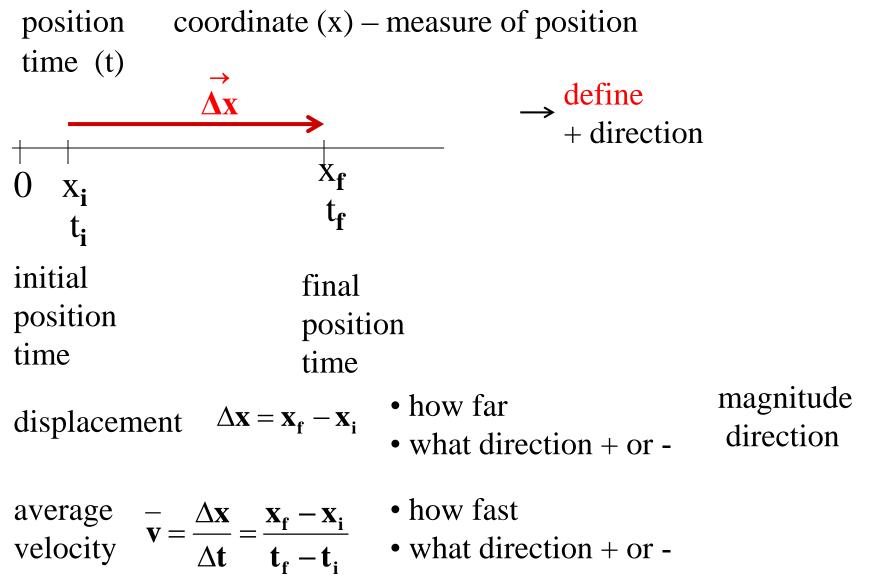
- 1. <u>Read</u> problem carefully, <u>reread</u>
- 2. Draw a diagram and label
- 3. Write question in symbols
- 4. Find (better derive) relevant mathematical relation
- 5. Solve Equation
- 6. Plug in <u>numbers</u>
- 7. Check whether answer is reasonable (Numbers & Units) (Should it be + OR ?)
- 8. Talk to someone about the problem and its solution





See link below for demo on Pythagorean theorem http://i.imgur.com/W8VJp.gif

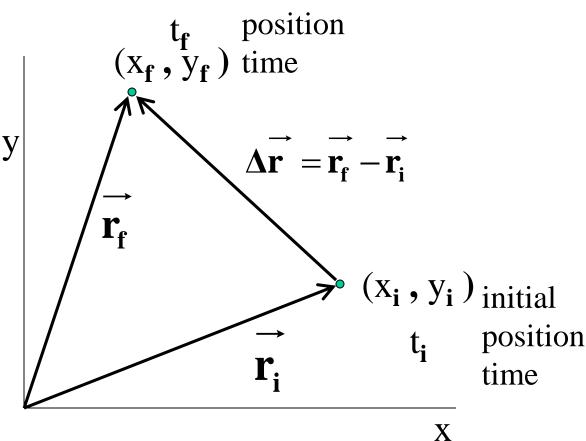
vector in 1D - magnitude (length) - direction one dimension motion



2 dimensions, 3 dimensions, ...

vector (position and displacement)

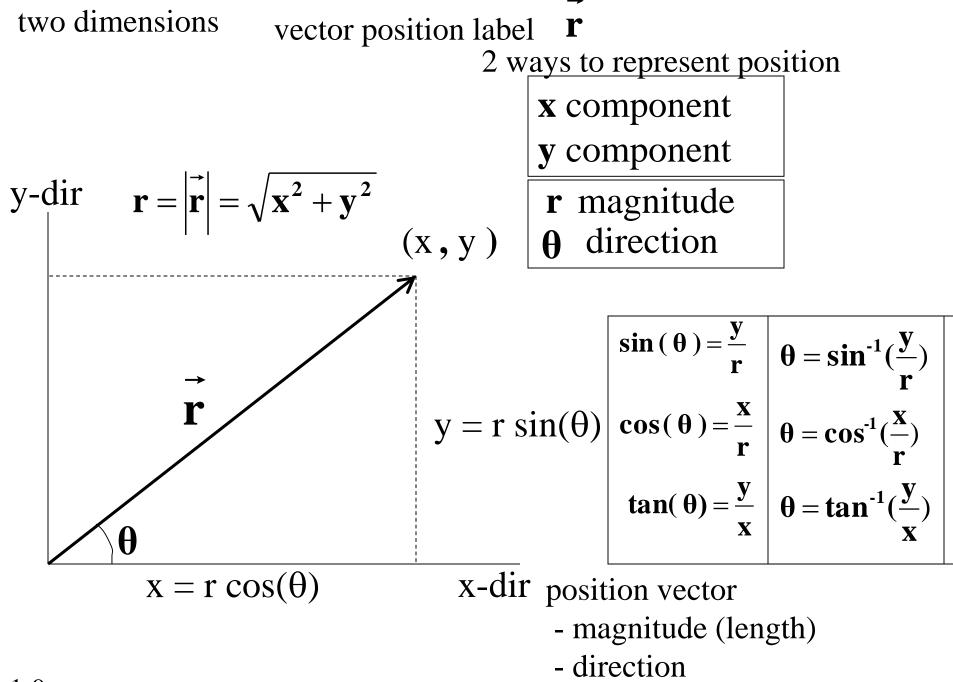
- magnitude (length)
- direction final



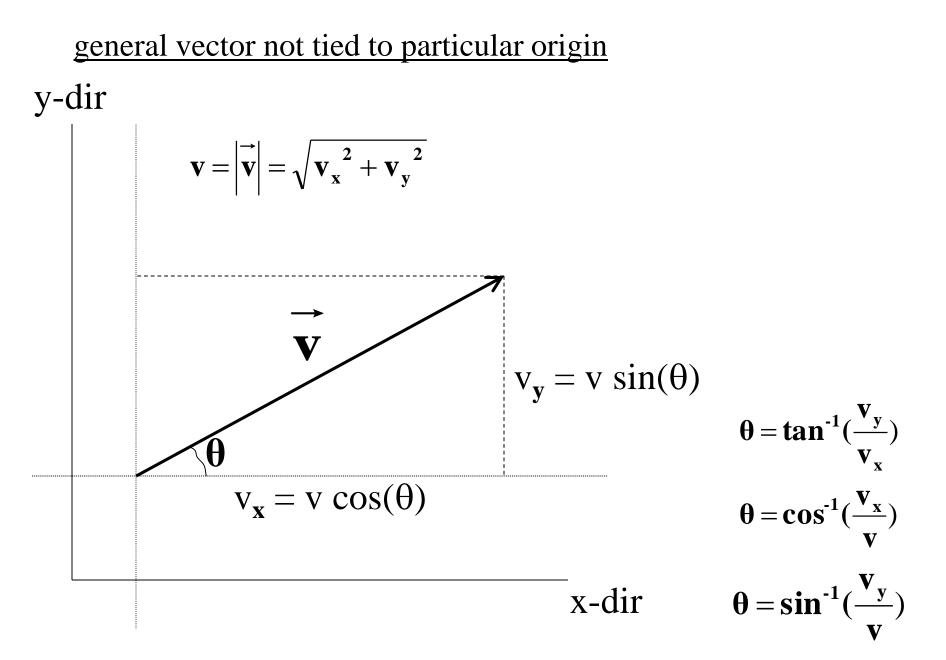
Note: unit vector notation discussed at end of lecture

$$\vec{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{x} \ \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{y} \ \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

http://phet.colorado.edu/sims/vector-addition/vector-addition_en.html 1-8

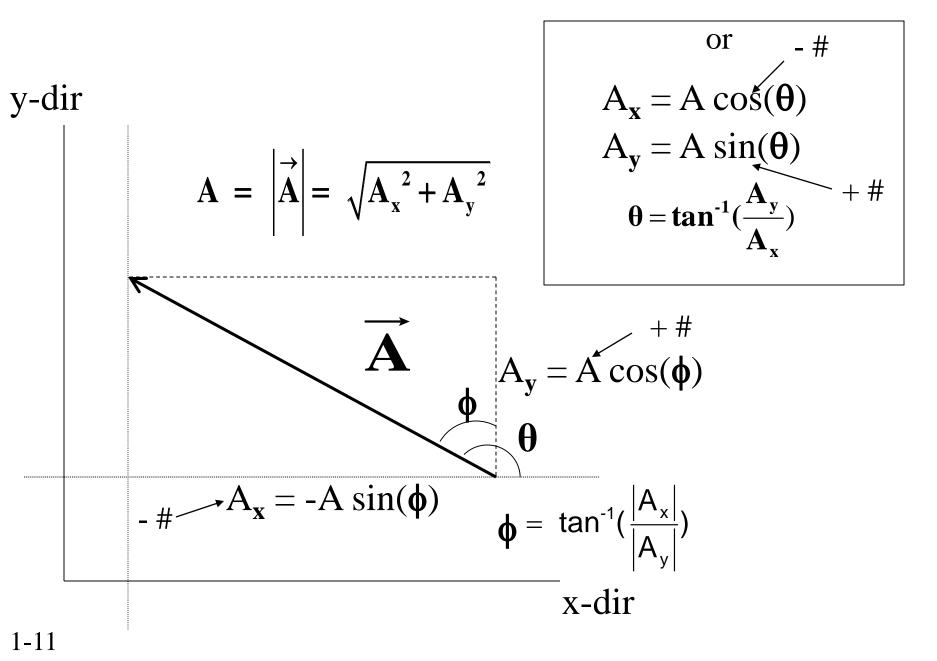


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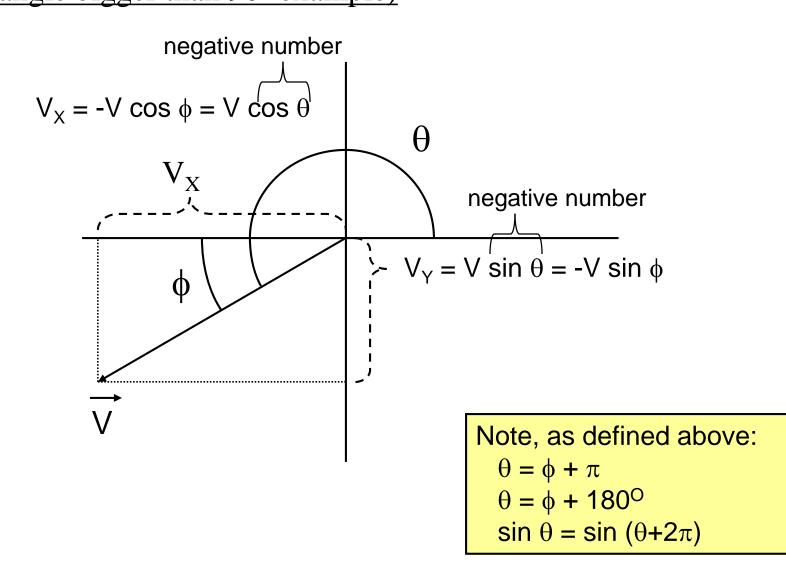


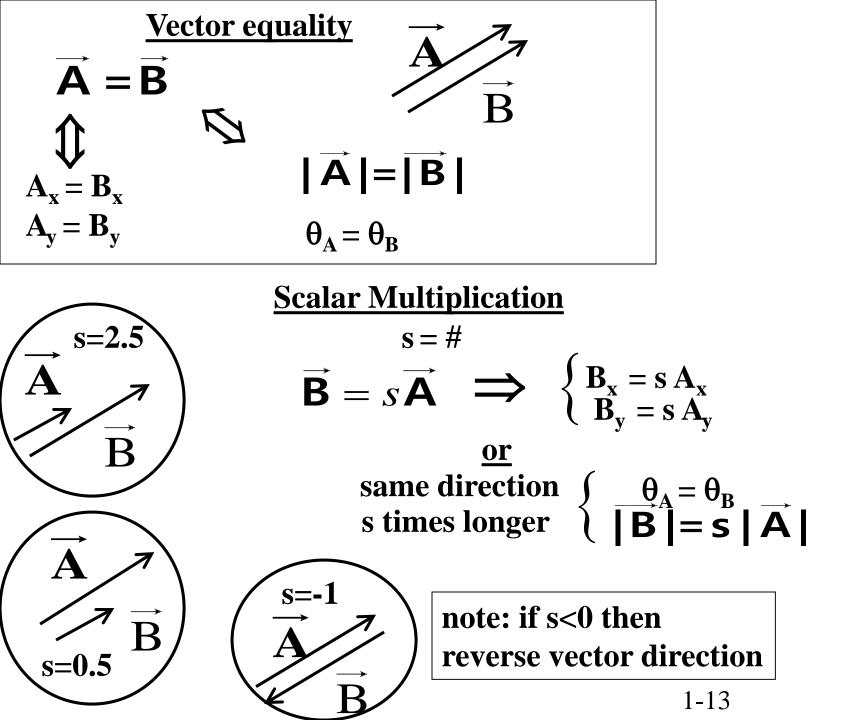
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vector components can be found using different angles

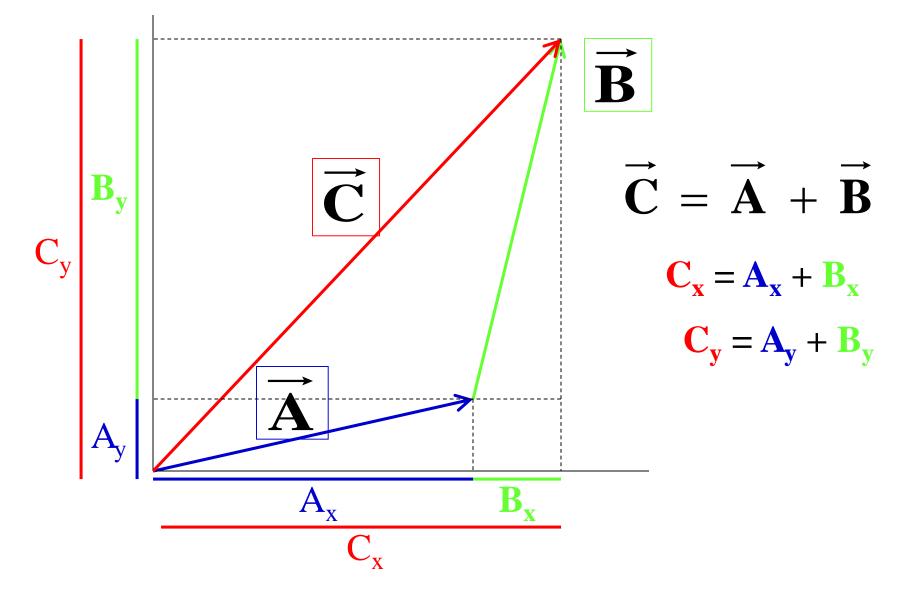


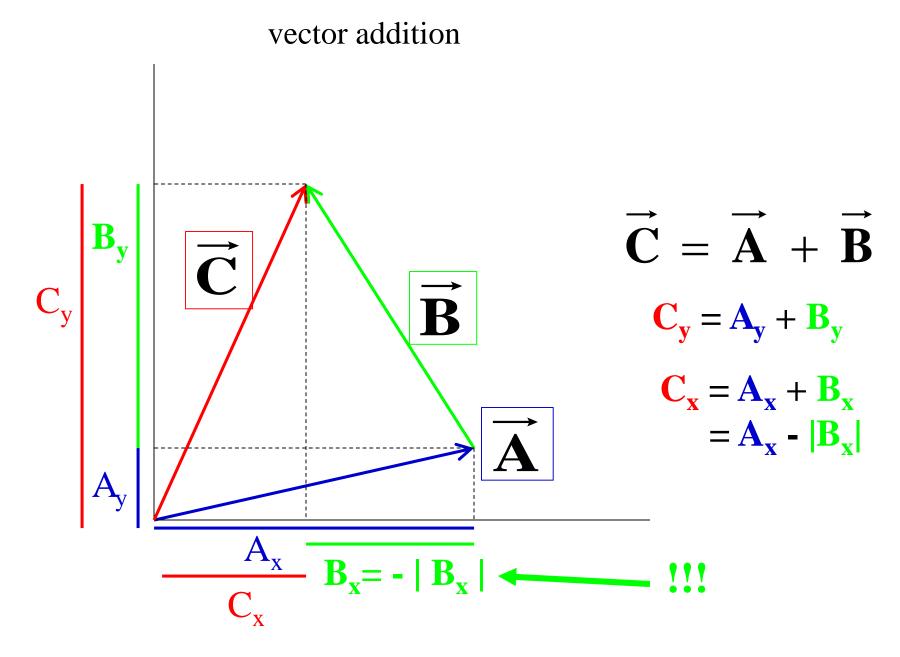
vector components can be found using different angles (angle bigger than 90° example)

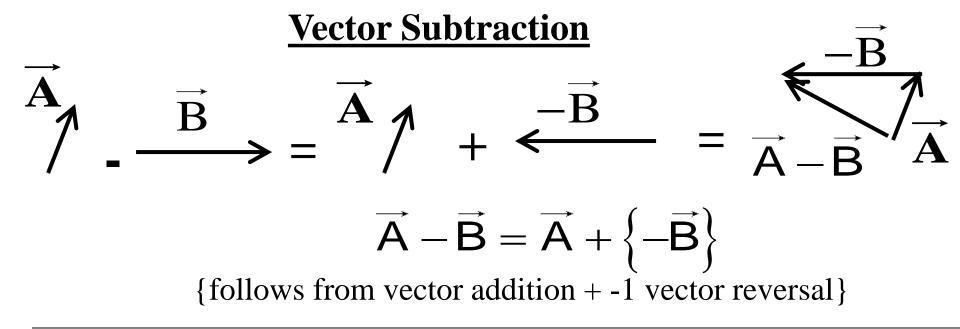




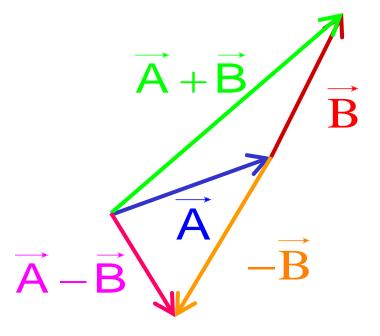
vector addition

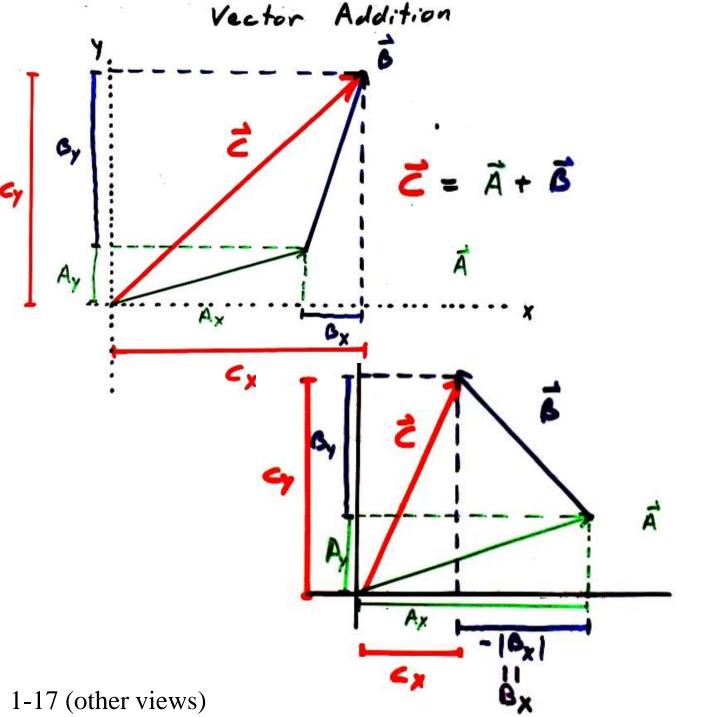






Comparison vector addition subtraction





 $C_{x} = A_{x} + B_{x}$ $C_{y} = A_{y} + B_{y}$

 $c_y = A_y + B_y$ $c_x = A_x + B_x$ $= A_x + (-x) B_x |$

Unit vectors their uses (book sometimes uses)

1-18 (book notation)

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Physics/engineering and advanced students should be aware of the following.

J Dot product (or inner product, or scalar product) of 2 vectors is defined as

$$A \cdot B = |A||B| \cos \Theta_{AB}$$

 $\overrightarrow{A} = A_x x + A_y y$

Here $A_x (A_y)$, is the x (y) component of \overrightarrow{A} along the x (y) axis and x (y) is the unit vector along the x (y) direction. (Note $A_x (A_y)$ are just scalar numbers.).

For unit vectors one has
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} \bullet \hat{\mathbf{y}} = 0$$
 $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \bullet \hat{\mathbf{x}} = |\hat{\mathbf{x}}|^2 = 1$ $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \bullet \hat{\mathbf{y}} = |\hat{\mathbf{y}}|^2 = 1$
Therefore $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \bullet \vec{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A}_x$ $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \bullet \vec{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A}_y$

Thus the dot product with a unit vector can be obtain ("project out") the component of the vector in the direction of the unit vector.

Advanced (not required for this course) topic. For physics, engineering, math, ... majors "An introduction to generalized vector spaces and Fourier analysis" see below

http://www.physics.rutgers.edu/~croft/lectures/zFOURIER%20ANALYSIS.pdf