

# Medical Physics

Lecture 2

Ch3: Kinematics  
in Two Dimensions  
(vectors)

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Kinematics in Two Dimensions  
(Vectors)

## \* Vectors and Scalars :

- A Vector is: a quantity that must have a direction along with its magnitude  
Such as [velocity, Force ... etc]

- A Scalar is: a quantity that has only magnitude  
Such as [Temperature, mass, Energy, time]  
so they have no direction

So  $\rightarrow$  vector: magnitude + Direction  
 $\rightarrow$  scalar: magnitude

Ex:  $U = -3 \text{ m/s}$

$\hookrightarrow$  means going at a speed of 3 m/s to the (-) direction or west

$F_g = -5 \text{ N}$

$\hookrightarrow$  means the force is 5 N to the (-) direction, in this case (down)

## \* Addition of vectors :

if we have vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  , Both to the same Direction , then :

ex:  $\vec{A} = 7m$  ,  $\vec{B} = 3m$  (X-axis)

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{R}$$

↳ means Resultant

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{R}$$

Symbol of a vector :

Vector sign  $\rightarrow$

Symbol  $\leftarrow X$

but if they aren't in the same direction :

ex:  $\vec{A} = 7m$  ,  $\vec{B} = \leftarrow 3m$  (X-axis)

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{R}$$

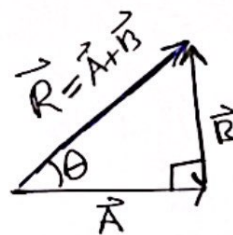
$$\vec{A} + (-\vec{B}) = \vec{R}$$

$$7 - 3 = \frac{4m}{\vec{R}}$$

if one is in the x-axis and the other is in the y-axis :

ex:  $\vec{A} = \rightarrow$  ,  $\vec{B} = \uparrow$

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{R}$$



\* to find the Resultant we measure it to the right scale and we get the magnitude represented by  $|\vec{R}|$  then we measure the angle  $\theta$  between  $\vec{R}$  and the x-axis

the magnitude can also be found by using Pythagoras theorem &  $R = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$

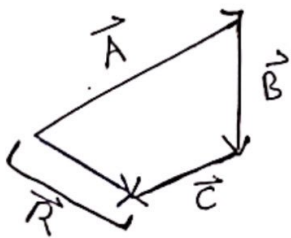
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## \* Representing the Resultant on a graphical scale :

- ① Draw the vectors to scale
- ② start by Drawing the first, then Put the next by Placing its tail at the tip of the first not changing directions  
-The rule is the same regardless of how many vectors there are
- ③ The arrow drawn from the tail of the first vector to the TIP of the last is the resultant we are looking for

ex:  $\vec{A} = \rightarrow$  ,  $\vec{B} = \downarrow$  ,  $\vec{C} = \swarrow$

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C} = \vec{R}$$



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# \* Subtracting Vectors & multiplication of a vector by a scalar

- Negative vector means the same magnitude but opposite Direction of the vector

ex<sup>o</sup>

$$\vec{A} = \nearrow \Rightarrow -\vec{A} = \searrow$$

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\* The subtraction of a vector means the sum of the negative

ex<sup>o</sup>  $\vec{A} = \nearrow, \vec{B} = \longrightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} - \vec{B} &= \vec{A} + (-\vec{B}) \\ &= \nearrow + \longleftarrow \approx \begin{array}{c} \vec{-B} \\ \nearrow \vec{A} \\ \vec{R} \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

# \* Adding vectors by components :

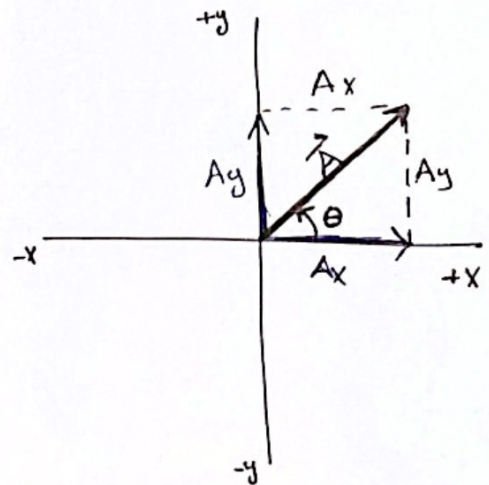
- Any vector can be resolved into two components along the x and y axes

ex:

we have vector  $\vec{A}$

- its components are

$A_x$  and  $A_y$  , it makes the angle  $\theta$  with the Positive x-axis



A here is the magnitude  $|\vec{A}|$

$\theta$  must always be measured from the (+) x-axis and counterclockwise

So:  $\sin \theta = \frac{A_y}{A} \approx \Rightarrow A_y = A \sin \theta$   
 same for  $\cos \theta \approx \Rightarrow A_x = A \cos \theta$

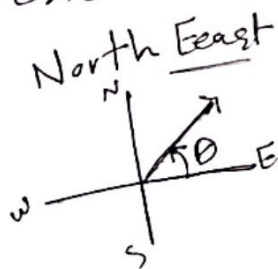
- There are two ways to specify a vector in a given coordinate system :

① we can give its components  $A_x$  and  $A_y$

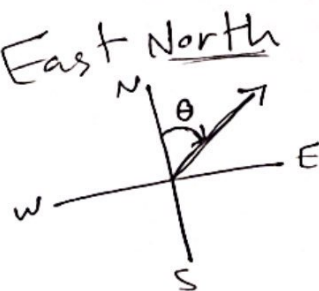
② we can give its magnitude  $A$  and  $\theta$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  measured from (+) x-axis

In directions, the last thing you say, you start with from

Ex:



while East North

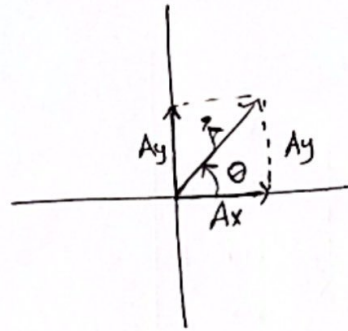


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\* if we have the components of a vector we can get the magnitude and the angle (direction) of the vector using the relation:

$$A = |\vec{A}| = \sqrt{(A_x)^2 + (A_y)^2}$$

↳ magnitude



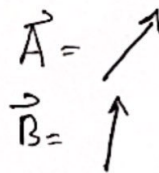
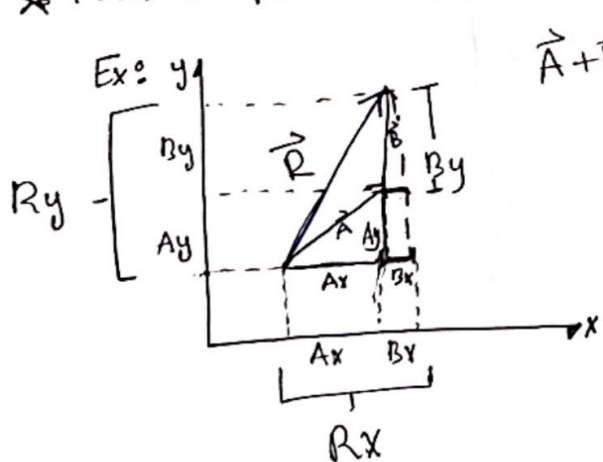
$$\tan \theta = \frac{A_y}{A_x} \quad (\text{direction})$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{A_y}{A_x} \right)$$

↳ tan inverse

Always for  $\tan \theta$ , the angle is measured from the axis of the denominator  
 piece ←

\* This is applicable to added vectors:



\* This works for however many vectors you want

to get  $\vec{R}$  we add the components that make it up, so:

$$R_x = A_x + B_x \dots$$

$$R_y = A_y + B_y \dots$$

$$|\vec{R}| = \sqrt{(R_x)^2 + (R_y)^2}$$

and for direction

$$\tan \theta = \frac{R_y}{R_x}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{R_y}{R_x} \right)$$

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