

Your solutions should be neat, correct and complete. Correct units must be given on answers and if you are omitting units in calculations then there should be a sentence explaining your custom. Finally, the answer must be boxed where appropriate. For full credit the solution must be written on a print-out of this pdf by hand.

**Suggested Reading** You may find the following helpful resources beyond lecture,

- (a.) Chapters 1, 2 of my lecture notes (pdf posted in Canvas)
- (b.) Lectures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 29 as posted on the course website  
(see <http://www.supermath.info/PhysicsI.html>)
- (c.) Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 of Young and Freedman (see <https://mylabmastering.pearson.com/> for the ebook, or better yet buy an old edition to read offline)

**Problem 1:** (4pts) For each  $\vec{\mathbf{A}} = \langle A_x, A_y \rangle$  given below find  $\hat{A}$  and the standard angle for  $\vec{\mathbf{A}}$ .

(a.)  $A_x = 3$  and  $A_y = 4$ ,

(b.)  $A_x = -8$  and  $A_y = 6$

(c.)  $A_x = 0$  and  $A_y = -11$

(d.)  $A_x = -2$  and  $A_y = -\sqrt{21}$

**Problem 2:** (2pts) Suppose  $\vec{\mathbf{A}}$  has  $A = 10$  directed at standard angle  $\theta_A = 30^\circ$  and  $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$  has  $B = 20$  directed at standard angle  $\theta_B = 225^\circ$ . If  $\vec{\mathbf{C}} = \vec{\mathbf{A}} - \vec{\mathbf{B}}$  then find the magnitude and standard angle of  $\vec{\mathbf{C}}$  and illustrate this vector addition with a tip-to-tail diagram.

**Problem 3:** (10pts) Let  $\vec{\mathbf{A}} = 2\hat{\mathbf{x}} - 3\hat{\mathbf{z}}$  and  $\vec{\mathbf{B}} = 4\hat{\mathbf{x}} + 5\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ .

(a.) calculate  $\vec{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{B}}$ ,

(b.) calculate  $\vec{\mathbf{A}} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}}$ ,

(c.) find  $\angle(\vec{\mathbf{A}}, \vec{\mathbf{B}})$ ,

(d.) find a vector length 7 which is perpendicular to both  $\vec{\mathbf{A}}$  and  $\vec{\mathbf{B}}$ .

(e.) If  $\vec{\mathbf{C}} = \langle \alpha, 1, 2 \rangle$  then find value for  $\alpha$  for which the right-handed triple  $\vec{\mathbf{A}}, \vec{\mathbf{B}}, \vec{\mathbf{C}}$  give the edges of a parallel-piped with a volume of 1.

**Problem 4:** (2pts) Suppose we have three vectors  $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}$  all of which are perpendicular to one another;  $\angle(\vec{A}, \vec{B}) = 90^\circ$ ,  $\angle(\vec{A}, \vec{C}) = 90^\circ$ ,  $\angle(\vec{B}, \vec{C}) = 90^\circ$ . Let  $\vec{D} = \vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C}$ . Prove that:

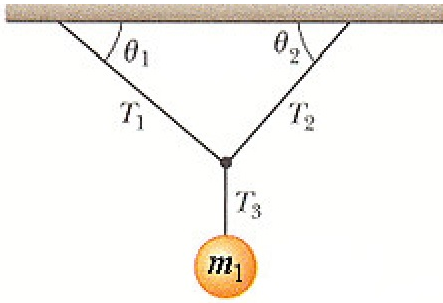
$$D^2 = A^2 + B^2 + C^2$$

where  $A, B, C$  denote the magnitudes of  $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}$  respectively. Hint: do **not** attempt a picture. Instead, use  $D^2 = \vec{D} \cdot \vec{D}$  and the properties of the dot-product to formulate your solution.

**Problem 5:** (2pts) Suppose  $\vec{A} = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$  and  $\vec{B} = \langle -2, 0, 7 \rangle$ . Find  $\vec{C}, \vec{D}$  such that  $\vec{B} = \vec{C} + \vec{D}$  where  $\vec{C} \cdot \vec{D} = 0$  and  $\vec{C}$  is parallel to  $\vec{A}$ .

**Problem 6:** (2pts) A ninja wanders through a dense cloud of hidden mist. He takes 40 steps northeast, then 80 steps  $60^\circ$  north of west, then 50 steps due south. The ninja then walks 20 steps up the northern face of a vertical tree and steps onto a platform. If the ninja wishes to ambush enemies who wander into his initial position then at what direction (in terms of degrees counter-clockwise from the east-direction) and at what angle below the horizontal should the ninja aim his attacks? Assume his attacks have laser-like precision and follow a straight line back from his final to his initial position.

**Problem 7:** (2pts) Suppose  $m_1$  is suspended by ropes as pictured this makes the tension  $T_3 = m_1g$ . Given  $\theta_1 = 39^\circ$  and  $\theta_2 = 51^\circ$ , find the values of  $T_1, T_2$  in terms of  $m_1g$ . Hint: the sum of the tension forces at the point of attachment must be zero.

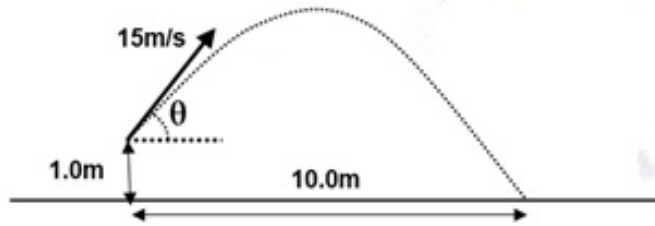


**Problem 8:** (2pts) A projectile is fired in such a way that its horizontal range is equal to four times its maximum height. At what angle of inclination was the projectile fired. Assume a level landscape and ignore air friction.



**Problem 9:** (3pts) Imagine you shoot an arrow at a speed of  $v_o$  at an angle of inclination of  $\theta = 30^\circ$ . If the arrow leaves the bow at a height of  $2.0\text{ m}$  above the ground and you are trying to shoot a cat (it's evil, in case you're worried) in a tree  $200\text{ m}$  away in a branch  $22\text{ m}$  above the ground. Find the speed  $v_o$  needed in order to shoot the cat.

**Problem 10:** (3pts) Ron Swanson mistakenly orders a *sausage* sandwich at a vegan run donut shop. After taking a bite he recoils in horror and throws the faux-meat entree at  $15\text{ m/s}$  as shown below. At what  $\theta$  did Ron Swanson throw the pathetic veggy sandwich?



**Problem 11:** (3pts) You shoot a cannon on earth (ignore friction). The cannon ball lands  $1000m$  away and you hear the explosion of the cannon ball hitting the level ground some  $7.0s$  later than what speed and angle of inclination did you shoot the cannon? You are given that the speed of sound is  $333.3m/s$  in the given atmospheric conditions.

**Problem 12:** (2pts) A ninja on horseback throws a shuriken horizontally to hit a target  $1.25m$  below the release point. If the horse is galloping at  $15m/s$  then how far from the target must he throw the shuriken? Assume the ninja can throw a shuriken at  $20m/s$  when seated.

**Problem 13:** (2pts) A rocket car accelerates with a net-force of four times its weight over a distance of  $L$ . Then the car applies brakes which give  $a = -g$  until the car comes to rest. Find the total distance the car travels. Your answer should be in terms of the given distance  $L$ .

**Problem 14:** (2pts) The force exerted by the wind on the sails of a sailboat is  $390\text{ N}$  north. The water exerts a force of  $180\text{ N}$  east. If the boat (including its crew) has a mass of  $270\text{ kg}$ , what are the magnitude and direction of its acceleration ?

**Problem 15:** (2pts) Let  $\hat{u}$  be a unit-vector directed  $30^\circ$  north of west. Suppose forces

$$\vec{F}_1 = (3.0\text{ N})\hat{x} + (6.0\text{ N})\hat{y} \quad \& \quad \vec{F}_2 = (20\text{ N})\hat{u}$$

act on a body with mass  $M = 10\text{ kg}$ . Find the magnitude and direction of the resulting acceleration of the mass.

**Problem 16:** (3pts) Consider coordinate systems  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and  $(y_1, y_2, y_3)$  and  $(z_1, z_2, z_3)$ . Suppose a given particle has the following trajectories as measured by the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  observers respective:

$$\begin{aligned}(x_1, x_2, x_3) &= (1 - t, 2 + 2t, 3 - 7t + t^2) \\(y_1, y_2, y_3) &= (3t, 4, 8t + (t - 1)^2) \\(z_1, z_2, z_3) &= (4 - t, 4t, t^3)\end{aligned}$$

- (a.) Calculate velocities with respect to the given coordinate systems:  $\vec{v}_X, \vec{v}_Y, \vec{v}_Z$ .
- (b.) Calculate accelerations with respect to the given coordinate systems:  $\vec{a}_X, \vec{a}_Y, \vec{a}_Z$ .
- (c.) Suppose that  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  is an inertial coordinate system. Which of the other coordinate systems *could* be inertial as well ?

*Remark:* if  $\vec{a}_Y = R\vec{a}_X$  where  $R$  is a rotation matrix then we can calculate, using linear algebra,  $\vec{a}_Y \cdot \vec{a}_Y = (R\vec{a}_X) \cdot (R\vec{a}_X) = \vec{a}_X \cdot \vec{a}_X$ . Thus, in the case  $\vec{a}_Y \neq \vec{a}_X$  we can check if they accelerations are inertially related by checking if they have equal magnitudes.



**Problem 17:** (3pts) A  $55\text{ kg}$  physics student stands on a bathroom scale in an elevator. As the elevator starts moving, the scale reads  $45\text{ kg}$ . For the questions below take up to be the positive direction.

- (a.) Find the acceleration of the elevator.
- (b.) What is the acceleration if the scale reads  $67\text{ kg}$  ?
- (c.) If the scale reads zero, what is the acceleration of the elevator ?  
Should the student worry in this case ?

**Problem 18:** (2pts) Suppose the acceleration of Bob is given by  $\vec{a} = \langle \cos(2t), t, 4e^{2t} \rangle$ . If Bob is at  $\langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$  with velocity  $\langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$  at time  $t = 0$  then find Bob's position and velocity and speed as functions of time  $t$ . (forgive me for omitting units to reduce clutter here)

**Problem 19:** (2pts) Suppose  $\vec{c}$  is a constant vector. Further, suppose the initial position of a particle is  $\vec{r}_o$  and the initial velocity is  $\vec{v}_o$  at time  $t = 0$ . Given that the acceleration  $\vec{a} = t\vec{c}$ , find the velocity and position as a function of time  $t$  in terms of the given vectors.

**Problem 20:** (2pts) Suppose the net-force on a mass  $M$  is given by  $F = -\beta v$  where  $v$  is velocity and  $\beta > 0$  is a constant. Let  $v_o$  and  $x_o$  denote the velocity and position at  $t = 0$ .

(a.) Calculate the velocity as a function of position  $x$ .

(b.) Calculate the velocity as a function of time  $t$ .

*Hint: for part (a.), assume the motion is one-dimensional,  $a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dv}{dx} = v \frac{dv}{dx}$ .*