

1.1 Vector notation and vector addition

1.1.1 Draw the vector $\vec{r} = (5\text{ m})\hat{i} + (5\text{ m})\hat{j}$.

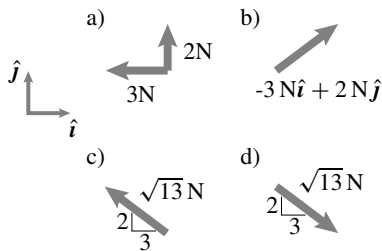
1.1.2 A vector $\vec{a}$ is 2 m long and points northwest at an angle 60° from the north. Draw the vector.

1.1.3 The position vector of a point B measures 3 m and is directed at 40° CCW from the negative x -axis. Show the position vector.

1.1.4 Draw a force vector that is given as $\vec{F} = 2\text{ N}\hat{i} + 2\text{ N}\hat{j} + 1\text{ N}\hat{k}$.

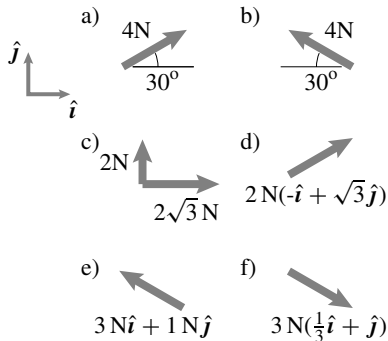
1.1.5 Represent the vector $\vec{r} = 5\text{ m}\hat{i} - 2\text{ m}\hat{j}$ in three different ways.

1.1.6 Which one of the following representations of the same vector $\vec{F}$ is wrong and why?



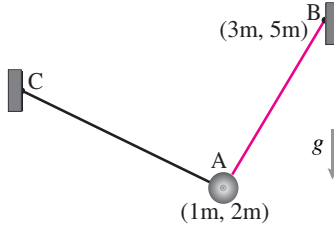
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1.1.7 There are exactly two pairs that describe the same vector in the following pictures. The other two don't match. Match the correct pictures into pairs.



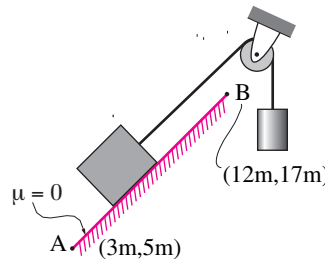
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1.1.8 A string connects a particle A at (1m, 2m) to a support B at (3m, 5m). The tension in the string is 10N. There are other strings also holding the particle in place. What is the force of string AB on the particle?



Problem 1.1.8

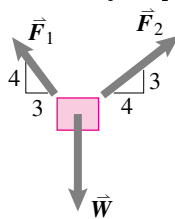
1.1.9 A frictionless ramp connects A at (3m, 5m) to B at (12m, 17m). The ramp pushes a block with a force of 50N normal to the ramp surface. Express the force from the ramp as a vector $\vec{F}$ (ignore the other forces that also act on the block holding it in place).



Problem 1.1.9

1.1.10 Find the sum of forces $\vec{F}_1 = 20\text{ N}\hat{i} - 2\text{ N}\hat{j}$, $\vec{F}_2 = 30\text{ N}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{j})$, and $\vec{F}_3 = -20\text{ N}(-\hat{i} + \sqrt{3}\hat{j})$.

1.1.11 The forces acting on a block of mass $m = 5\text{ kg}$ are shown in the figure, where $F_1 = 20\text{ N}$, $F_2 = 50\text{ N}$, and $W = mg$. Find the sum $\vec{F} (= \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{W})$.



Problem 1.1.11

1.1.12 Given that the sum of four vectors $\vec{F}_i$, $i = 1$ to 4, is zero, where $\vec{F}_1 = 20\text{ N}\hat{i}$, $\vec{F}_2 = -50\text{ N}\hat{j}$, $\vec{F}_3 = 10\text{ N}(-\hat{i} + \hat{j})$, find $\vec{F}_4$.

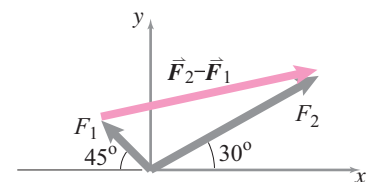
1.1.13 Three forces $\vec{F} = 2\text{ N}\hat{i} - 5\text{ N}\hat{j}$, $\vec{R} = 10\text{ N}(\cos\theta\hat{i} + \sin\theta\hat{j})$ and $\vec{W} = W\text{ N}\hat{j}$ with $W > 0$, sum up to zero. Determine θ and W and draw the force vector $\vec{R}$ clearly showing its direction.

1.1.14 Given that $\vec{R}_1 = 1\text{ N}\hat{i} + 1.5\text{ N}\hat{j}$ and $\vec{R}_2 = 3.2\text{ N}\hat{i} - 0.4\text{ N}\hat{j}$, find $2\vec{R}_1 + 5\vec{R}_2$.

1.1.15 Find the magnitudes of the forces $\vec{F}_1 = 30\text{ N}\hat{i} - 40\text{ N}\hat{j}$ and $\vec{F}_2 = 30\text{ N}\hat{i} + 40\text{ N}\hat{j}$. Draw the two forces, representing them with their magnitudes.

1.1.16 Two forces $\vec{R} = 2\text{ N}(0.16\hat{i} + 0.80\hat{j})$ and $\vec{W} = -36\text{ N}\hat{j}$ act on a particle. Find the magnitude of the net force. What is the direction of this force?

1.1.17 In the figure shown, $F_1 = 100\text{ N}$ and $F_2 = 300\text{ N}$. Find the magnitude and direction of $\vec{F}_2 - \vec{F}_1$.



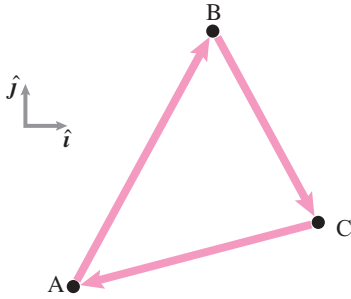
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1.1.18 Two points A and B are located in the xy plane. The coordinates of A and B are (4 mm, 8 mm) and (90 mm, 6 mm), respectively.

1. Draw position vectors $\vec{r}_A$ and $\vec{r}_B$.
2. Find the magnitude of $\vec{r}_A$ and $\vec{r}_B$.
3. How far is A from B?

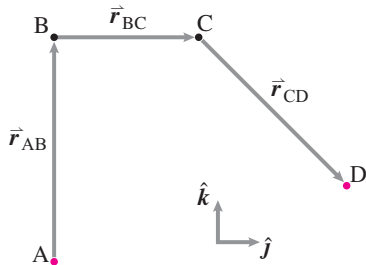
1.1.19 Three position vectors are shown in the figure below. Given that $\vec{r}_{B/A} =$

$3\text{ m}(\frac{1}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{j})$ and $\vec{r}_{C/B} = 1\text{ m}\hat{i} - 2\text{ m}\hat{j}$, find $\vec{r}_{A/C}$.



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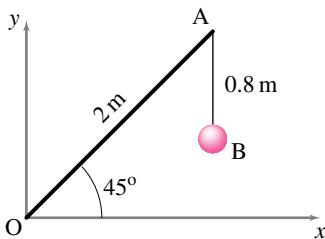
1.1.20 In the figure shown below, the position vectors are $\vec{r}_{AB} = 3\text{ ft}\hat{k}$, $\vec{r}_{BC} = 2\text{ ft}\hat{j}$, and $\vec{r}_{CD} = 2(\hat{j} - \hat{k})\text{ ft}$. Find the position vector $\vec{r}_{AD}$.



Problem 1.1.20

1.1.21 In the figure shown, a ball is suspended with a 0.8 m long cord from a 2 m long hoist OA.

1. Find the position vector $\vec{r}_B$ of the ball.
2. Find the distance of the ball from the origin.

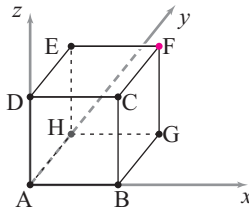


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1.1.22 A cube of side 6 ft is shown in the figure.

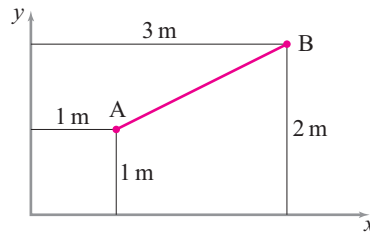
1. Find the position vector of point F, $\vec{r}_F$, from the vector sum $\vec{r}_F = \vec{r}_D + \vec{r}_{C/D} + \vec{r}_{F/C}$.

2. Calculate $|\vec{r}_F|$.
3. Find $\vec{r}_G$ using $\vec{r}_F$.



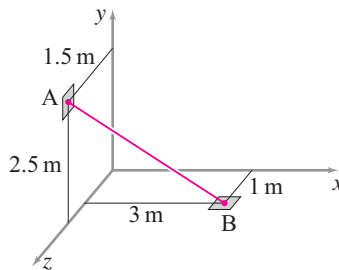
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1.1.23 Find the unit vector $\hat{\lambda}_{AB}$, directed from point A to point B shown in the figure.



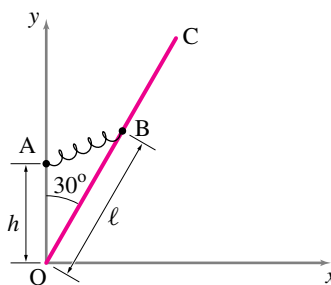
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1.1.24 Find a unit vector along string BA and express the position vector of A with respect to B, $\vec{r}_{A/B}$, in terms of the unit vector.



Problem 1.1.24

1.1.25 In the structure shown in the figure, $\ell = 2\text{ ft}$, $h = 1.5\text{ ft}$. The force on B from the spring is $\vec{F} = k\vec{r}_{AB}$, where $k = 100\text{ lbf/ft}$. Find a unit vector $\hat{\lambda}_{AB}$ along AB and calculate the spring force $\vec{F} = F\hat{\lambda}_{AB}$.



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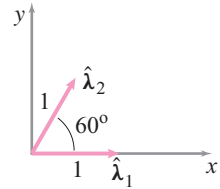
1.1.26 Express the vector $\vec{r}_A = 2\text{ m}\hat{i} - 3\text{ m}\hat{j} + 5\text{ m}\hat{k}$ in terms of its magnitude and a unit vector indicating its direction.

1.1.27 Let $\vec{F} = 10\text{ lbf}\hat{i} + 30\text{ lbf}\hat{j}$ and $\vec{W} = -20\text{ lbf}\hat{j}$. Find a unit vector in the direction of the net force $\vec{F} + \vec{W}$, and express the net force in terms of the unit vector.

1.1.28 Let $\hat{\lambda}_1 = 0.80\hat{i} + 0.60\hat{j}$ and $\hat{\lambda}_2 = 0.5\hat{i} + 0.866\hat{j}$.

1. Show that $\hat{\lambda}_1$ and $\hat{\lambda}_2$ are unit vectors.
2. Is the sum of these two unit vectors also a unit vector? If not, find a unit vector along the sum of $\hat{\lambda}_1$ and $\hat{\lambda}_2$.

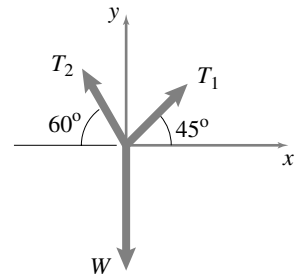
1.1.29 For the unit vectors $\hat{\lambda}_1$ and $\hat{\lambda}_2$ shown below, find the scalars α and β such that $\alpha\hat{\lambda}_1 - 3\hat{\lambda}_2 = \beta\hat{j}$.



Problem 1.1.29

1.1.30 If a mass slides from point A towards point B along a straight path and the coordinates of points A and B are $(0 \in, 5 \in, 0 \in)$ and $(10 \in, 0 \in, 10 \in)$, respectively, find the unit vector $\hat{\lambda}_{AB}$ directed from A to B along the path.

1.1.31 In the figure shown, $T_1 = 20\sqrt{2}\text{ N}$, $T_2 = 40\text{ N}$, and W is such that the sum of the three forces equals zero. If W is doubled, find α and β such that $\alpha\vec{T}_1$, $\beta\vec{T}_2$, and $2\vec{W}$ still sum up to zero.

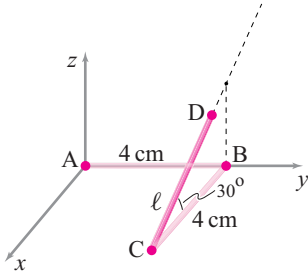


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1.1.32 In the figure shown, rods AB and BC are each 4 cm long and lie along y and x axes, respectively. Rod CD is in the xz plane and makes an angle $\theta = 30^\circ$ with the x-axis.

1. Find $\vec{r}_{AD}$ in terms of the variable length ℓ .
2. Find ℓ and α such that

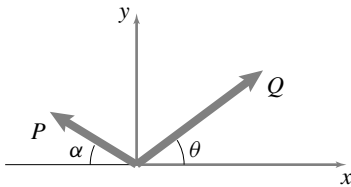
$$\vec{r}_{AD} = \vec{r}_{AB} - \vec{r}_{BC} + \alpha \hat{k}.$$



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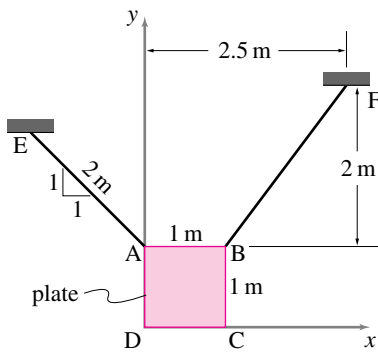
1.1.33 In Problem 1.1.32, find ℓ such that the length of the position vector $\vec{r}_{AD}$ is 6 cm.

1.1.34 Let two forces $\vec{P}$ and $\vec{Q}$ act in the directions shown in the figure. You are allowed to change the direction of the forces by changing the angles α and θ while keeping the magnitudes fixed. What are the values of α and θ that maximize the magnitude of $\vec{P} + \vec{Q}$?



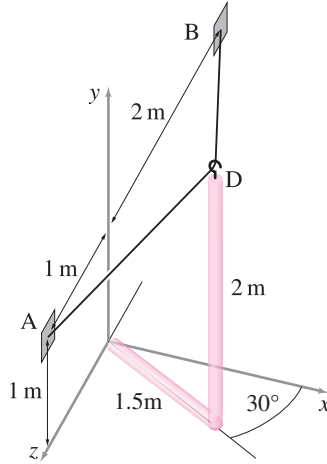
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1.1.35 A 1 m $\times$ 1 m square board is supported by two strings AE and BF. The tension in the string BF is 20 N. Express this tension as a vector.



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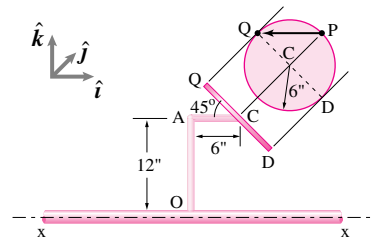
1.1.36 The top of an L-shaped bar, shown in the figure, is to be tied by strings AD and BD to the points A and B in the yz plane. Find the length of the strings AD and BD using vectors $\vec{r}_{AD}$ and $\vec{r}_{BD}$.



Problem 1.1.36

1.1.37 A circular disk of radius 6 in is mounted on axle x-x at the end of an L-shaped bar as shown in the figure. The disk is tipped 45° with respect to the horizontal bar AC. Two points, D and Q, are marked on the rim of the disk; with CP directly into the page, and Q at the highest point above the center C. Taking the base vectors $\hat{i}$, $\hat{j}$, and $\hat{k}$ as shown in the figure ($\hat{j}$ into the page), find

1. the relative position vector $\vec{r}_{Q/P}$,
2. the magnitude $|\vec{r}_{Q/P}|$.



Problem 1.1.37

1.1.38 Write the vectors $\vec{F}_1 = 30 \text{ N}\hat{i} + 40 \text{ N}\hat{j} - 10 \text{ N}\hat{k}$, $\vec{F}_2 = -20 \text{ N}\hat{j} + 2 \text{ N}\hat{k}$, and $\vec{F}_3 = -10 \text{ N}\hat{i} - 100 \text{ N}\hat{k}$ as a list of numbers (rows or columns). Find the sum of the forces using a computer.

1.1.39 Let $\alpha \vec{F}_1 + \beta \vec{F}_2 + \gamma \vec{F}_3 = \vec{0}$, where $\vec{F}_1$, $\vec{F}_2$, and $\vec{F}_3$ are as given in Problem 1.1.38. Solve for α , β , and γ using a computer.

1.1.40 Let $\vec{r}_n = 1 \text{ m}(\cos \theta_n \hat{i} + \sin \theta_n \hat{j})$, where $\theta_n = \theta_0 - n\Delta\theta$. Using a computer generate the required vectors and find the sum

$$\sum_{n=0}^{44} \vec{r}_n, \quad \text{with } \Delta\theta = 1^\circ \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_0 = 45^\circ.$$

1.1.41 Find two non-zero and non-parallel vectors $\vec{A}$ and $\vec{B}$ so that $|\vec{A} + 2\vec{B}| = 2|\vec{A} + \vec{B}|$. *