PHYS 170 Section 101 Lecture 3 September 10, 2017

SEP 10—ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tutorials start tomorrow
- Mastering Engineering:
 - Introductory assignment due Friday at 11:59 PM
 - First assignment due next Monday at 11:59 PM

Lecture Outline/Learning Goals

- Sample problems: coplanar force systems
- Cartesian vectors (3 dimensions or 3D)
 - Right handed coordinate systems, rectangular components, unit vectors
 - Cartesian vector representation, magnitude of Cartesian vector
 - Cartesian vector: direction, coordinate direction angles, direction cosines
 - Addition and subtraction of Cartesian vectors

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• We now wish to consider summing an arbitrary number of vectors in the *xy* plane. For example: $\mathbf{F}_{R} = \mathbf{F}_{1} + \mathbf{F}_{2} + \mathbf{F}_{3}$



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General case (arbitrary number of forces)

$$F_{Rx} = \Sigma F_x$$
$$F_{Ry} = \Sigma F_y$$

REPRESENTATION AS MAGNITUDE & DIRECTION





Problem 2-51 (page 41, 13th edition)

Determine the magnitude and direction measured counterclockwise from the positive *x*-axis of the resultant force of the three forces acting on the ring *A*.

Take $F_1 = 500$ N and $\theta = 20^{\circ}$.



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Problem 2-51 (page 41, 13th edition)





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Problem 2-44 (page 41, 13th edition)

The magnitude of the resultant force acting on the bracket is 400 N. Determine the magnitude of $\vec{F_1}$. Take $\phi = 30^\circ$. Disregard the *u* axis.







- Determine F_1 so that $F_R = 400$ N: $\vec{F}_R = \sum \vec{F}$
- **Cartesian Vector Method** (suppressing units)

$$F_{Rx} = \sum F_{x} = -650 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) + F_{1} \cos 30^{\circ} + 500 \cos 45^{\circ}$$

$$F_{Ry} = \sum F_y = 650 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) + F_1 \sin 30^\circ - 500 \sin 45^\circ$$



$$F_{R} = \sqrt{F_{Rx}^2 + F_{Ry}^2}$$

 $\vec{F}_R = F_{Rx}\vec{i} + F_{Ry}\vec{j}$

 $400 = \sqrt{\left(-390 + F_1 \cos 30^\circ + 500 \cos 45^\circ\right)^2 + \left(520 + F_1 \sin 30^\circ - 500 \sin 45^\circ\right)^2}$

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- This is a nonlinear equation in the single unknown *F*₁ which we could solve by squaring both sides and solving the resulting quadratic equation (leave as an exercise)
- Alternatively, we can use the **solver** function on a TI graphing calculator to get

$$F_1 = 314$$
 N or $F_1 = -417$ N

Note that the negative sign tells us that for that answer *F*₁ must be in the direction opposite to that shown in the figure. Also, to get the two distinct roots from **solver**, I used a large positive number as a guess in the first instance (1000), and a large (in magnitude) negative number in the second (-1000)

2.5-2.6: CARTESIAN VECTORS (3 DIMENSIONS or 3D)

- TRICKY TO MASTER FOR MANY STUDENTS
- PRACTICE WILL HELP!!
- Work through examples/problems in text, and additional problems online (Canvas)
- Discussion applies to vectors in general, but will have specific application of force vectors in mind

RIGHT HANDED COORDINATE SYSTEM



"Squeeze" (rotate) x axis into y axis with fingers of right hand—thumb then points in direction of z axis

Also note that by convention will orient axes so that positive direction is upwards

RECTANGULAR COMPONENTS OF A VECTOR





UNIT VECTOR



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CARTESIAN UNIT VECTORS



CARTESIAN VECTOR REPRESENTATION & MAGNITUDE OF A CARTESIAN VECTOR



$$\mathbf{A} = A_x \mathbf{i} + A_y \mathbf{j} + A_z \mathbf{k}$$

$$A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$

Note that despite what the text might imply (if not state explicitly), components A_x , A_y and A_z can have either sign in general.