Questions

1. One car travels due east at 40 km/h, and a second car travels north at 40 km/h. Are their velocities equal? Explain.
2. Can you give several examples of an object's motion in which a great distance is traveled but the displacement is zero?
3. Can the displacement vector for a particle moving in two dimensions ever be longer than the length of path traveled by the particle over the same time interval? Can it ever be less? Discuss.
4. During baseball practice, a batter hits a very high fly ball and then runs in a straight line and catches it. Which had the greater displacement, the batter or the ball?
5. If $\vec{\mathbf{V}} = \vec{\mathbf{V}}_1 + \vec{\mathbf{V}}_2$, is V necessarily greater than V_1 and/or V_2? Discuss.
6. Two vectors have length $V_1 = 3.5$ km and $V_2 = 4.0$ km. What are the maximum and minimum magnitudes of their vector sum?
7. Can two vectors of unequal magnitude add up to give the zero vector? Can *three* unequal vectors? Under what conditions?
8. Can the magnitude of a vector ever (*a*) be equal to one of its components, or (*b*) be less than one of its components?
9. Can a particle with constant speed be accelerating? What if it has constant velocity?
10. A child wishes to determine the speed a slingshot imparts to a rock. How can this be done using only a meter stick, a rock, and the slingshot?
11. It was reported in World War I that a pilot flying at an altitude of 2 km caught in his bare hands a bullet fired at the plane! Using the fact that a bullet slows down considerably due to air resistance, explain how this incident occurred.
12. At some amusement parks, to get on a moving "car" the riders first hop onto a moving walkway and then onto the cars themselves. Why is this done?
13. If you are riding on a train that speeds past another train moving in the same direction on an adjacent track, it appears that the other train is moving backward. Why?
14. If you stand motionless under an umbrella in a rainstorm where the drops fall vertically, you remain relatively dry. However, if you start running, the rain begins to hit your legs even if they remain under the umbrella. Why?
15. A person sitting in an enclosed train car, moving at constant velocity, throws a ball straight up into the air in her reference frame. (*a*) Where does the ball land? What is your answer if the car (*b*) accelerates, (*c*) decelerates, (*d*) rounds a curve, (*e*) moves with constant velocity but is open to the air?
16. Two rowers, who can row at the same speed in still water, set off across a river at the same time. One heads straight across and is pulled downstream somewhat by the current. The other one heads upstream at an angle so as to arrive at a point opposite the starting point. Which rower reaches the opposite side first?
17. How do you think a baseball player "judges" the flight of a fly ball? Which equation in this Chapter becomes part of the player's intuition?
18. In archery, should the arrow be aimed directly at the target? How should your angle of aim depend on the distance to the target?
19. A projectile is launched at an angle of 30° to the horizontal with a speed of 30 m/s. How does the horizontal component of its velocity 1.0 s after launch compare with its horizontal component of velocity 2.0 s after launch?
20. Two cannonballs, A and B, are fired from the ground with identical initial speeds, but with θ_A larger than θ_B. (*a*) Which cannonball reaches a higher elevation? (*b*) Which stays longer in the air? (*c*) Which travels farther?

Problems

3–2 to 3–4 Vector Addition

1. (I) A car is driven 215 km west and then 85 km southwest. What is the displacement of the car from the point of origin (magnitude and direction)? Draw a diagram.
2. (I) A delivery truck travels 18 blocks north, 10 blocks east, and 16 blocks south. What is its final displacement from the origin? Assume the blocks are equal length.
3. (I) Show that the vector labeled "incorrect" in Fig. 3–6c is actually the difference of the two vectors. Is it $\vec{\mathbf{V}}_2 - \vec{\mathbf{V}}_1$, or $\vec{\mathbf{V}}_1 - \vec{\mathbf{V}}_2$?
4. (I) If $V_x = 6.80$ units and $V_y = -7.40$ units, determine the magnitude and direction of $\vec{\mathbf{V}}$.
5. (II) Graphically determine the resultant of the following three vector displacements: (1) 34 m, 25° north of east; (2) 48 m, 33° east of north; and (3) 22 m, 56° west of south.
6. (II) The components of a vector $\vec{\mathbf{V}}$ can be written (V_x, V_y, V_z). What are the components and length of a vector which is the sum of the two vectors, $\vec{\mathbf{V}}_1$ and $\vec{\mathbf{V}}_2$, whose components are (8.0, −3.7, 0.0) and (3.9, −8.1, −4.4)?
7. (II) $\vec{\mathbf{V}}$ is a vector 14.3 units in magnitude and points at an angle of 34.8° above the negative x axis. (*a*) Sketch this vector. (*b*) Find V_x and V_y. (*c*) Use V_x and V_y to obtain (again) the magnitude and direction of $\vec{\mathbf{V}}$. [*Note*: Part (*c*) is a good way to check if you've resolved your vector correctly.]
8. (II) Vector $\vec{\mathbf{V}}_1$ is 6.6 units long and points along the negative x axis. Vector $\vec{\mathbf{V}}_2$ is 8.5 units long and points at +45° to the positive x axis. (*a*) What are the x and y components of each vector? (*b*) Determine the sum $\vec{\mathbf{V}}_1 + \vec{\mathbf{V}}_2$ (magnitude and angle).