

# Notes

Pre-Calculus

Sec. 6.6 Vectors

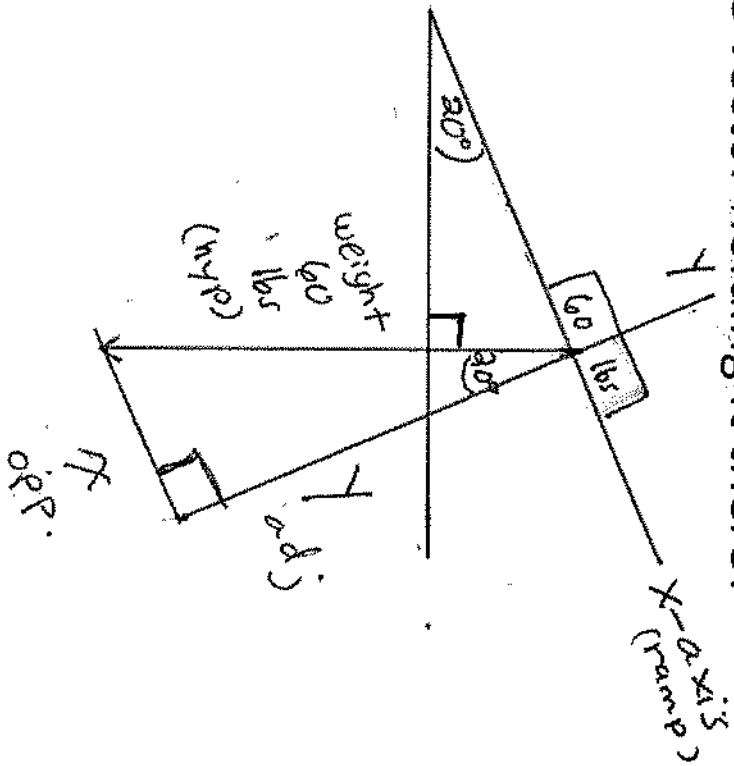
Day 3

## Ramp Problems:

Components of a ramp problem  $< X, Y >$

1. X-component: the magnitude of the force parallel to the ramp  
(this pulls the box up or down the ramp)
2. Y-component: the magnitude of the force perpendicular to the ramp  
(this holds the box against the ramp)

Ex. 1) A 60lb box sits on a ramp with a  $20^\circ$  incline. What are the components of the force vector holding it there?



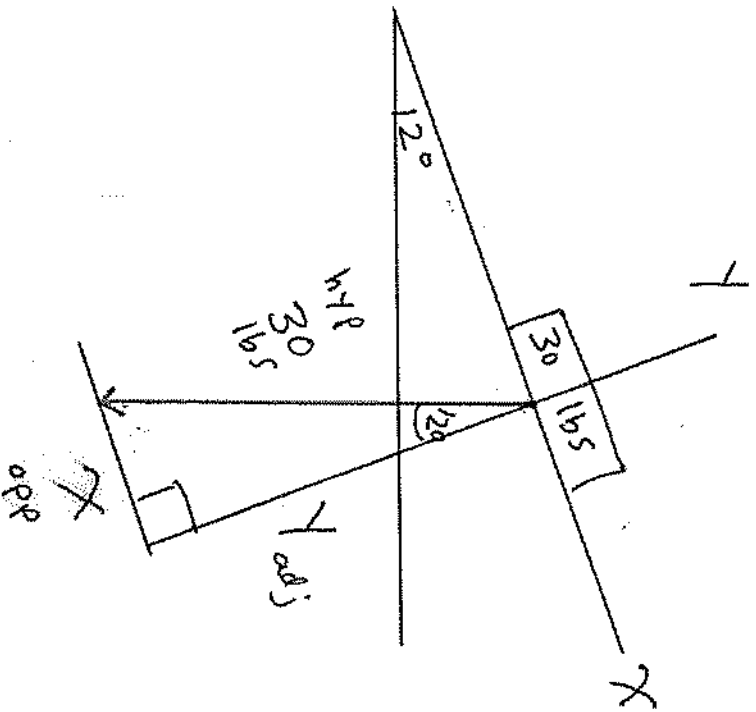
⊗ Basic right triangle is formed.

Use SOH CAHTOA

and/or  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

	X-component    to ramp	Y-component ⊥ to ramp
SOH	$\frac{\sin 20^\circ}{1} X = \frac{60}{60}$	$\frac{\cos 20^\circ}{1} X = \frac{Y}{60}$
	$X = 60 \sin 20^\circ$	$Y = 60 \cos 20^\circ$
	$X \approx 20.521 \text{ lbs}$	$Y = 56.382 \text{ lbs}$

Ex. 2) A 30lb box is sitting on a ramp at a  $12^\circ$  incline from the horizontal. Find the magnitude of the force keeping the box from sliding down the ramp.



$X$ -component  
• up/down  
the ramp (parallel)

SOH

$$\frac{\sin 12^\circ}{1} = \frac{X}{30}$$

$$X = 30 \sin 12^\circ$$

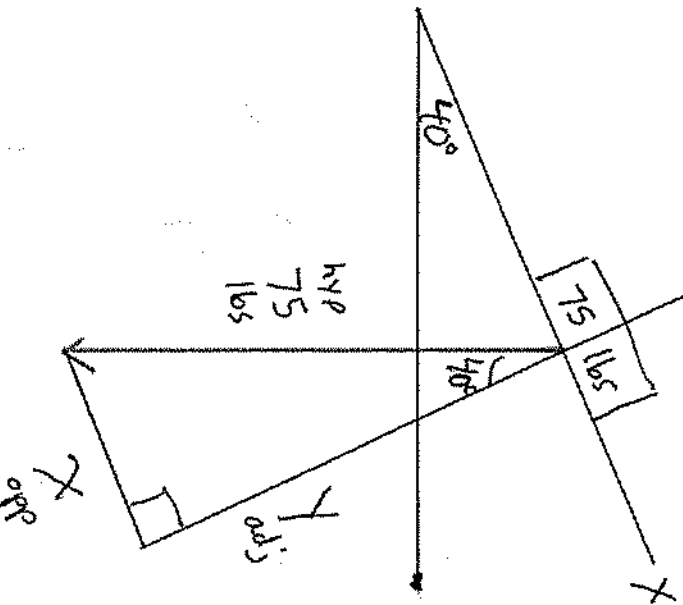
$$X \approx 6.237 \text{ lbs}$$

"RAMP"

Ex. 3) You are standing on top of a hill with a 40° incline. It is a snowy day and you decide to go sledding, but you let your younger sibling go first to test the slope. Your sibling and the sled together are a total of 75lbs.

a) Find the components of the force vector.

b) What is the magnitude of the force keeping the sled from sliding down the hill?



a)  $x$  || to ramp

SOH

$$\sin 40^\circ = \frac{x}{75}$$

$$x = 75 \sin 40^\circ$$

$$x \approx 48.209 \text{ lbs}$$

$y$   $\perp$  to ramp

CAH

$$\cos 40^\circ = \frac{y}{75}$$

$$y = 75 \cos 40^\circ$$

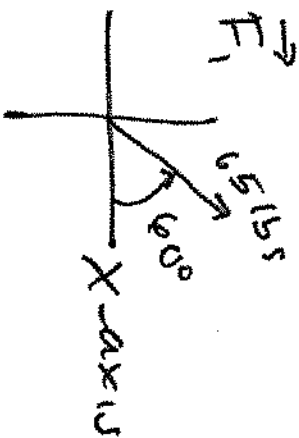
$$y \approx 57.453 \text{ lbs}$$

b) Up/down hill (ramp)  $\rightarrow$   $x$ -component

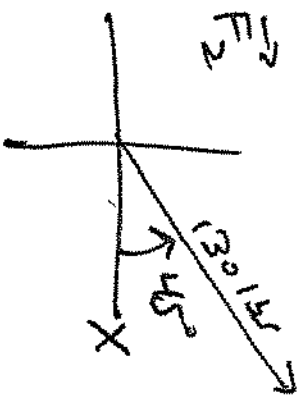
$$48.209 \text{ lbs}$$

Ex. 4) Three forces of 65 pounds, 130 pounds, and 55 pounds act on the same object at angles of  $60^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ , and  $150^\circ$  respectively, with the positive x-axis. Find the direction angle and magnitude of the resultant of these forces.

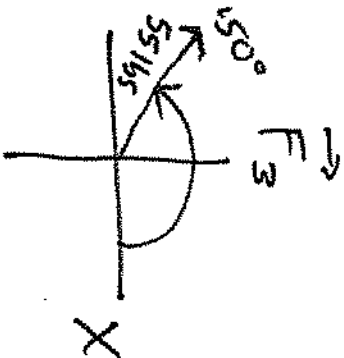
$\vec{F}_1$



$\vec{F}_2$



$\vec{F}_3$



$$\vec{F}_1: \langle 65 \cos 60^\circ, 65 \sin 60^\circ \rangle$$

$$\vec{F}_2: \langle 130 \cos 45^\circ, 130 \sin 45^\circ \rangle$$

$$\vec{F}_3: \langle 55 \cos 150^\circ, 55 \sin 150^\circ \rangle$$

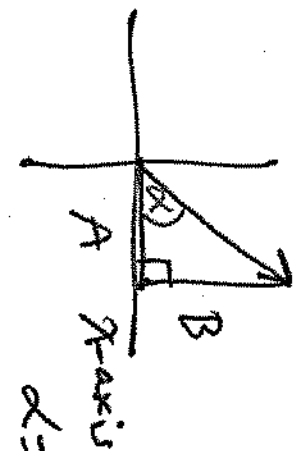
$$\vec{r} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3$$

$$\vec{r} = \langle 76.7924\dots, 175.7155\dots \rangle$$

$$\text{Magnitude} = \|\vec{r}\|$$

$$= \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$$

$$\approx \boxed{191.763 \text{ lb}}$$



$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{B}{A}\right)$$

$$\alpha = 66.393^\circ$$

Direction:  $66.393^\circ$  from the positive x-axis

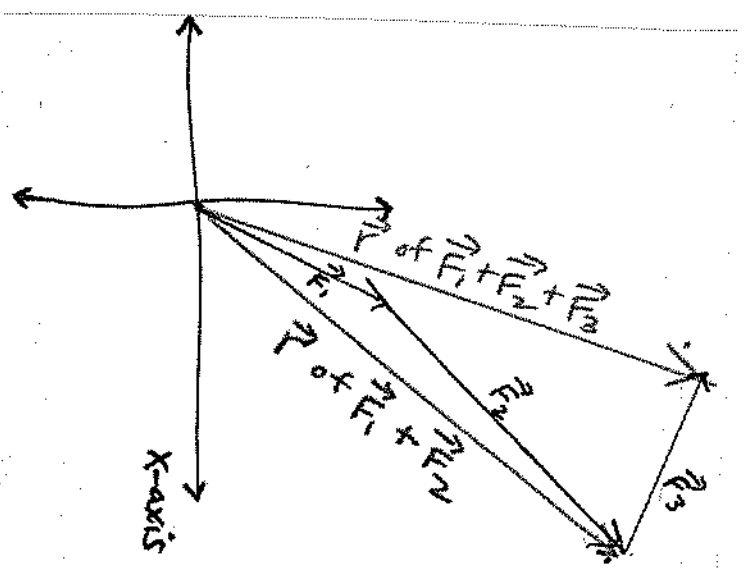
Trig. angle only

NOT A NAVIGATION QUESTION! MIN PROBLEMS.

Ex. 4) Three forces of 65 pounds, 130 pounds, and 55 pounds act on the same object at angles of 60°, 45°, and 150° respectively, with the positive x-axis. Find the direction angle and magnitude of the resultant of these forces.

$$\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3$$

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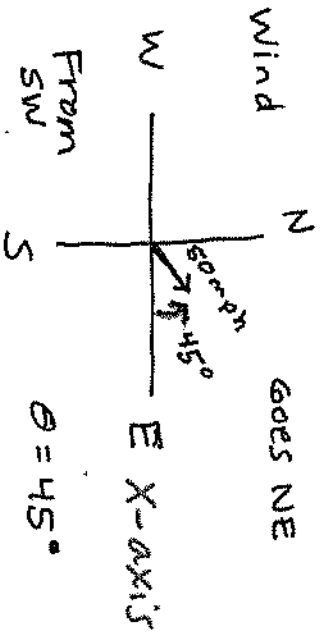
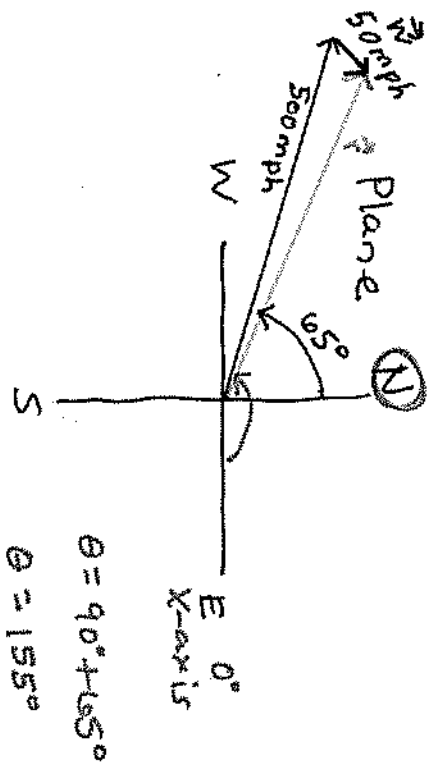


Round to 3 decimal places.

$\vec{P}$

Ex. 5) A plane is at N65°W with the speed of 500 mph. The wind is blowing from SW with the speed of 50 mph. Find the resultant speed and direction angle.

opposite



$$\vec{P} : \langle 500 \cos 155^\circ, 500 \sin 155^\circ \rangle$$

$$\vec{W} : \langle 50 \cos 45^\circ, 50 \sin 45^\circ \rangle$$

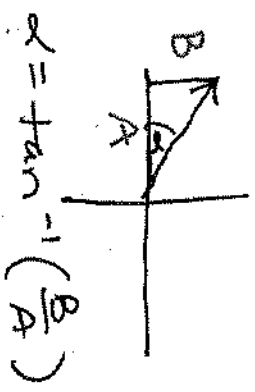
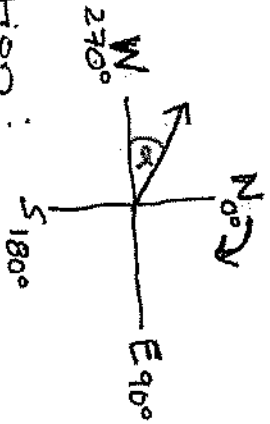
$$\vec{R} = \vec{P} + \vec{W}$$

$$\vec{R} : \langle -417.7986 \dots, 246.6645 \dots \rangle$$

$$\text{Speed} = \|\vec{R}\| = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$$

$$\text{Speed} \approx 485.179 \text{ mph}$$

Direction:



$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{B}{A}\right)$$

$$\alpha = 30.557^\circ$$

300.557° from North  
or N 59.443° W  
←  $\theta = 270^\circ + \alpha$   
← N  $90^\circ - \alpha$  W