Physics Topics

Vectors

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Vectors

A <u>vector</u> is a quantity that involves both magnitude and direction.

- 55 mph north
- A downward force of 3 Newtons

 \approx A <u>scalar</u> is a quantity that does not involve direction.

- 55 mph
- 18 cm long



Wectors are often identified with arrows in graphics and labeled as follows:

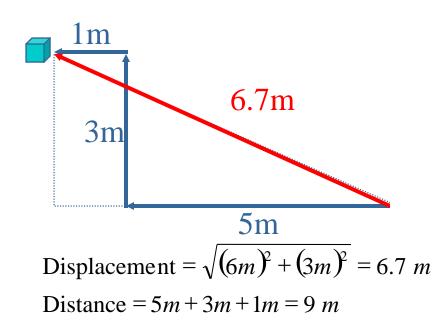
Vector A represents motion 10 cm to the right.

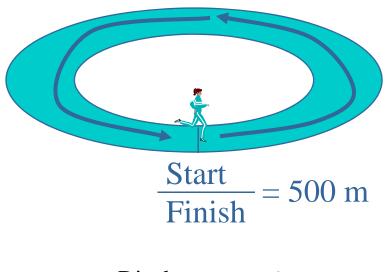
 $X = Y \neq Z$

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Displacement

Displacement is an object's change in position. Distance is the total length of space traversed by an object.

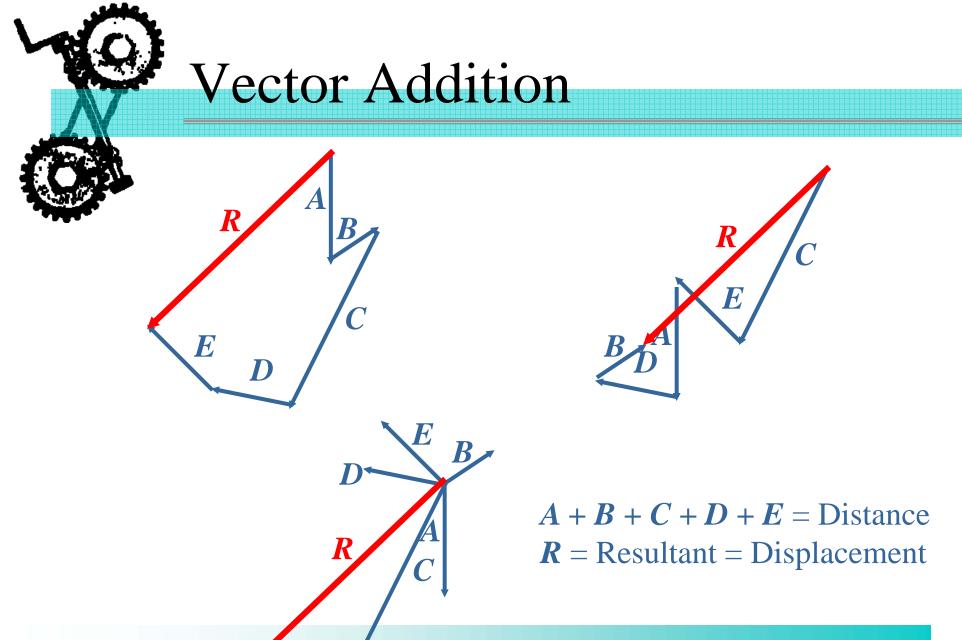




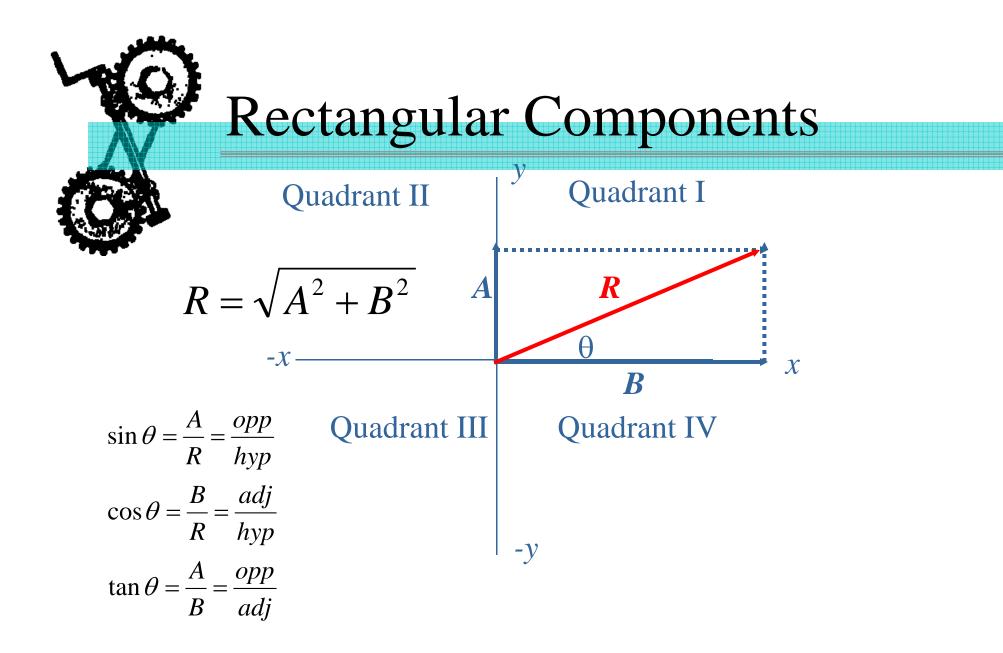
Displacement = 0 m

Distance = 500 m

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