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Relative Velocity I

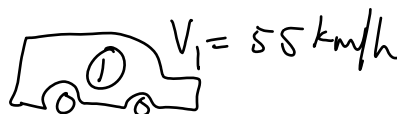
1. If you are walking at constant velocity of 5 km/h and a car passed you by at the speed of 20 km/h from behind, what is the car's velocity from your viewpoint?

$$V_{\text{person}} = 5 \text{ km/h}$$

$$V_{\text{car}} = 20 \text{ km/h}$$

$$V_{\text{car, person}} = V_{\text{car}} - V_{\text{person}} = 15 \text{ km/h}$$

2. How long, in seconds, does it take an automobile traveling 55.0 km/h to become even with a car that is traveling in another lane at 40.0 km/h if the cars' front bumpers are initially 126 m apart?



126 m

V_1 catches up to V_2 at 15 km/h because

$$V_{1,2} = V_1 - V_2 = 55 - 40 = 15 \text{ km/h}$$

$$V_{1,2} = \frac{.126 \text{ km}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Delta t = .0084 \text{ hrs}$$

$$\Delta t = 30.24 \text{ sec}$$

3. A plane can travel with a speed of 80 mph with respect to the air. Determine the resultant velocity of the plane (magnitude only) if it encounters a
- 10 mph headwind
 - 10 mph tailwind
 - 10 mph crosswind
 - 60 mph crosswind

$$a) \quad 80 - 10 = 70 \text{ mph}$$

$$b) \quad 80 + 10 = 90 \text{ mph}$$

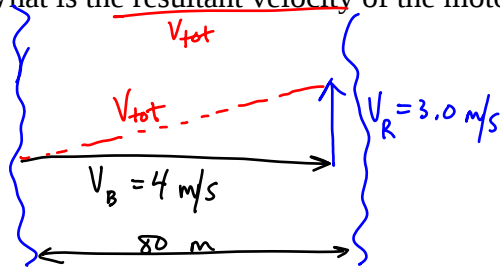
$$c) \quad \sqrt{80^2 + 10^2} = 80.62 \text{ mph}$$

$$d) \quad \sqrt{80^2 + 60^2} = 100 \text{ mph}$$

4.

A motor boat V_B traveling 4 m/s, East encounters a current traveling 3.0 m/s, North.

- a. What is the resultant velocity of the motor boat?



$$V_{\text{river}} = V_R = 3.0$$

$$V_{tot}^2 = 4^2 + 3^2$$

$$V_{tot} = 5 \text{ m/s}$$

- b. If the width of the river is 80 meters wide, then how much time does it take the boat to travel shore to shore?

$$\Delta x_{\text{east}}$$

$$\Delta x_{\text{east}} = 80 \text{ m}$$

$$V_{\text{east}} = 4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Delta t = 20 \text{ sec}$$

- c. What distance downstream does the boat reach the opposite shore?

$$V_{\text{north}} = 3 \text{ m/s}$$

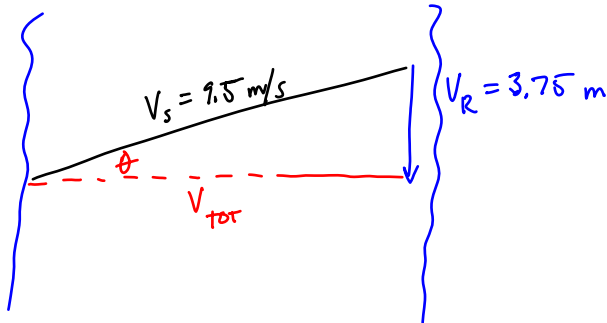
$$\Delta t = 20 \text{ sec}$$

$$\Delta x = 60 \text{ m}$$

5. A swimmer can swim at a speed of 9.5 m/s. If a river has a downstream current of 3.75 m/s:

- a. What direction must he swim to swim directly across the river?

$$V_R$$



$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3.75}{9.5}\right)$$

$$\theta = 23.25^\circ \text{ upstream}$$

- b. What would his resultant velocity be relative to the bank?

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$a^2 = c^2 - b^2$$

$$a^2 = 9.5^2 - 3.75^2$$

$$a^2 = 8.73 \text{ m/s}$$