

## W5 – Resolution of Vectors in to Rectangular Components

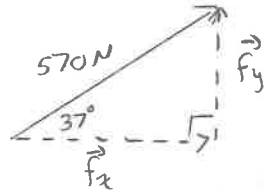
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1) Determine the horizontal and vertical components of each force.

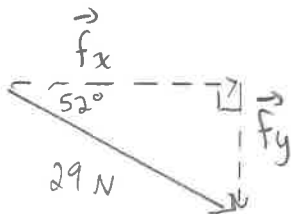
a) magnitude of 570 N,  $\theta = 37^\circ$  counterclockwise from the horizontal



$$|\vec{F}_x| = 570 \cos(37) \approx 455.2 \text{ N}$$

$$|\vec{F}_y| = 570 \sin(37) \approx 343.0 \text{ N}$$

b) magnitude of 29 N,  $\theta = 52^\circ$  clockwise from the horizontal



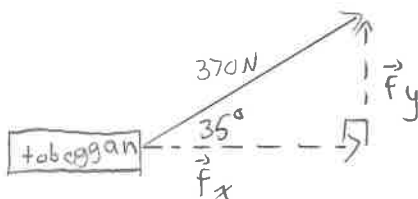
$$|\vec{F}_x| = 29 \cos(52) \approx 17.9 \text{ N}$$

$$|\vec{F}_y| = 29 \sin(52) \approx 22.9 \text{ N}$$

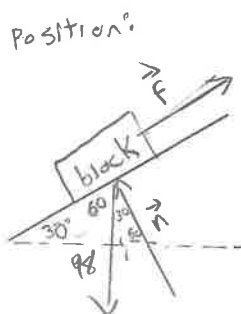
2) A woman is pulling on a rope attached to a toboggan with a 370 N force at an angle of  $35^\circ$  to the horizontal. Find the magnitude of the force pulling the sled forward and the magnitude of the force pulling the sled upward.

$$|\vec{F}_x| = 370 \cos(35) \approx 303.1 \text{ N forward}$$

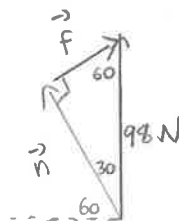
$$|\vec{F}_y| = 370 \sin(35) \approx 212.2 \text{ N upward.}$$



3) A 10 kg block lies on a smooth ramp that is inclined at  $30^\circ$ . What force, parallel to the ramp, would prevent the block from moving. (Assume that 1 kg exerts a force of 9.8 N)



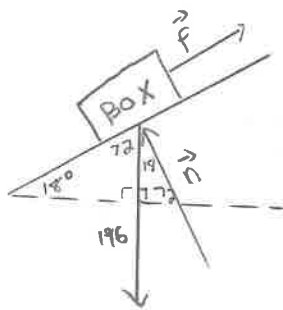
Vector:



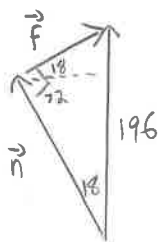
$$|\vec{F}| = 98 \sin(30) = 49 \text{ N}$$

4) A 20 kg box rests on a ramp that is inclined  $18^\circ$ . Resolve the weight into rectangular vector components that keep the box at rest.

Position:



Vector:

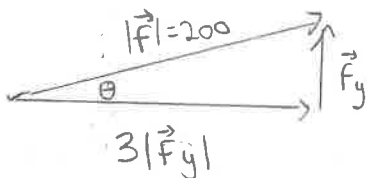


$$|\vec{n}| = 196 \cos(18^\circ) \approx 186.4 \text{ N}$$

$$|\vec{f}| = 196 \sin(18^\circ) \approx 60.6 \text{ N}$$

186.4 N perpendicular to the ramp  
60.6 N parallel to the ramp.

5) Resolve a 200 N force into two rectangular vector components such that the ratio of their magnitudes is 3:1. Calculate the angle between the greater component and the 200 N force.



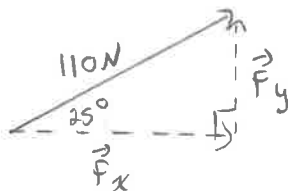
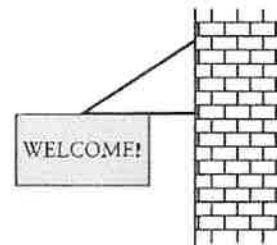
$$\tan \theta = \frac{|\vec{F}_y|}{3|\vec{F}_y|}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\theta \approx 18.43^\circ$$

6) A sign is supported as shown in the diagram. The tension in the slanted rod supporting the sign is 110 N at an angle of  $25^\circ$  to the horizontal.

a) Draw a vector diagram showing the vector components of the tension vector.



b) What are the vertical and horizontal vector components of the tension?

$$|\vec{F}_x| = 110 \cos(25^\circ) \approx 99.7 \text{ N}$$

$$|\vec{F}_y| = 110 \sin(25^\circ) \approx 46.5 \text{ N}$$

**ANSWER KEY:**

1) a)  $\vec{F}_h = 455.2 \text{ N}$ ,  $\vec{F}_v = 343.0 \text{ N}$     b)  $\vec{F}_h = 17.9 \text{ N}$ ,  $\vec{F}_v = -22.9 \text{ N}$

2) forward: 303.1 N; upward: 212.2 N

3) 49 N

4)  $|\vec{n}| = 186.41 \text{ N}$      $|\vec{f}| = 60.57 \text{ N}$

5)  $18.4^\circ$

6) a)      b) 99.7 N    c) 46.5 N

