

1. To "**displace**" an object means to move it from one place to another. In Chapter II you learned that the "**displacement**" of the object is the distance to the object *from the origin of a coordinate system*. To be perfectly clear when describing a displacement, you must also describe its *direction*.
 - a. If you drive eastward at 60 mph for two hours, your change in displacement is _____ miles *east*.
 - b. If you walk 20 yards north and then go *back* 5 yd. then your change in displacement is 15 yd _____.

2. Something that can be described completely only by giving both a numerical value and a direction is called a *vector*. Displacements, velocities, accelerations, and forces are examples of vectors because they can be *measured* and because they always have *directions* such as eastward, northward, or upward. Is temperature a vector? _____ If so, what is the direction of the temperature in this room?

3. We have often described directions in a crude way by using *signs*. For example, in Ch. II forward displacements were " tive" and ward displacements were said to be "negative". Signs are a good language for describing directions in *one-dimensional* situations, where only two directions are possible. An elevator's displacement can be described conveniently by a number with a sign and a unit, because it can move only up or down. But signs are not *always* adequate, as in these examples:
 - a. What is your final displacement if you go 4.0 meters north, turn right, and then go 4.0 m east? (Give a number in *decimal form*, units, and direction. Round off properly.) _____
 - b. While riding northward at 20.0 mph, Dennis the Menace shoots a pebble out of the car window at 20.0 mph eastward relative to the car. With what velocity does the pebble hit its target? _____
 - c. The answer to 3b has _____ significant digits than the answer to 3a. (more, fewer)

4. Problems 3a and 3b are both solved by a procedure called "**vector addition**". Here are the steps:
 - a. Each vector is represented by an arrow drawn on a map. As on any map, a **scale** is necessary. For example, in 3a you might let one inch represent one mile. In 3b, 1 cm. could represent 1 mph. In each case the length of the arrow corresponds to the **magnitude** (amount) of the vector.
 - b. The arrows representing the given vectors are drawn **tail-to-head** on the map.
 - c. The "**vector sum**" is represented on the map by a new arrow drawn from the *tail* of the first arrow to the *head* (pointed end) of the last one. It is a good idea to make that new arrow look different from the others by drawing it as a *dotted line*, or by using a different color.
 - d. You can use geometry or trigonometry to *calculate* the length of the new arrow. If you prefer, you may *measure* it with a ruler. Just remember to use the scale that you chose in part "a" to express that magnitude in terms of the original units that were given in the question.
 - e. In physics we use *decimal notation*. (Answering with a radical would imply that your answer had perfect precision. That's not possible because the given values must have some uncertainty.)
 - f. The last blanks in 1b, 3a and 3b are for *direction* words, such as "up" or "southwest". Words which describe directions are *not* units. *When you multiply two vectors you always multiply their units but you never multiply their directions!*

5. Most automobiles have a speedometer, an odometer, a gas gauge, and a clock.
 - a. Which of those instruments can measure displacement? _____
 - b. Does it always measure displacement, or does it do so only under certain conditions? _____
 - c. What are those special conditions? (Clue: *The answer to 3a is not eight miles!*)

6. "Average velocity" is defined as $\Delta\text{displacement}/\Delta\text{time}$. If I drive 70.7 miles northeast and then 70.7 miles southeast, starting at 1 PM and finishing at 5 PM on the same day then my average *speed* is _____ mph, but my average *velocity* is _____ . *Begin with a diagram. Round off properly.*

7. What is my average velocity if I stand still for two hours at a spot 100 miles south of my home?

8. When you calculate a speed or a velocity do you use a *time*, or a *time interval*? _____
 -Do you use a displacement, or a *change* in displacement? _____
 -Does this agree with your answer to #7? _____

