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Igniting imagination and innovation through learning.

Force Vectors

Vectors

Vector Quantities

Have both a magnitude and direction

Examples: Position, force, moment

Vector Notation

Vectors are given a variable, such as A or B

Handwritten notation usually includes an arrow, such as \vec{A} or \vec{B}

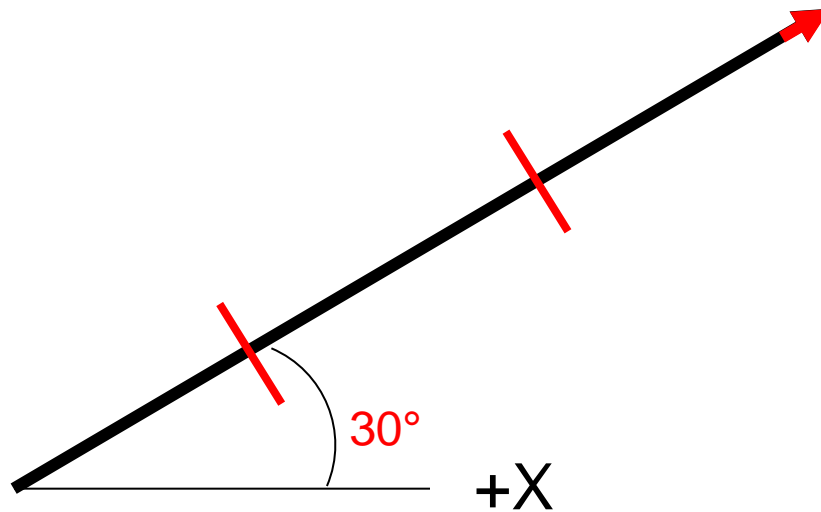
Illustrating Vectors

Vectors are represented by arrows.

Include **magnitude**, **direction**, and **sense**.

Magnitude: The length of the line segment

Magnitude = 3



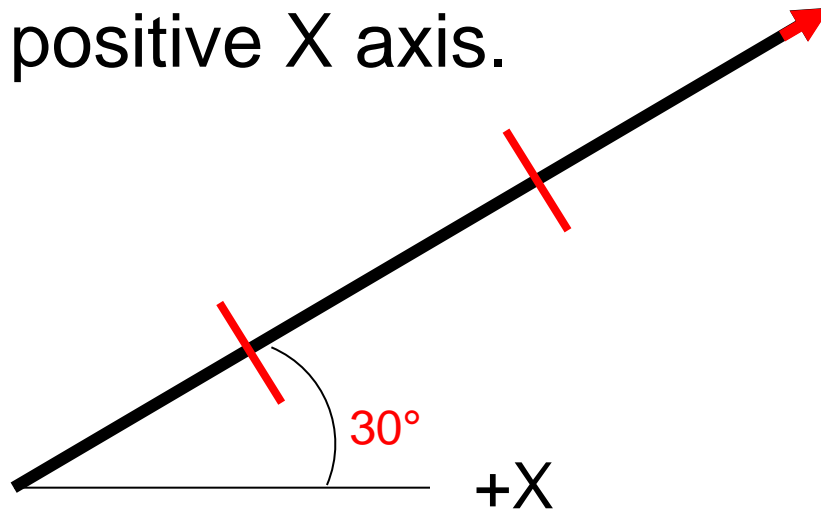
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Direction: The angle between a reference axis and the arrow's line of action.

Direction = 30° counterclockwise from the positive X axis.



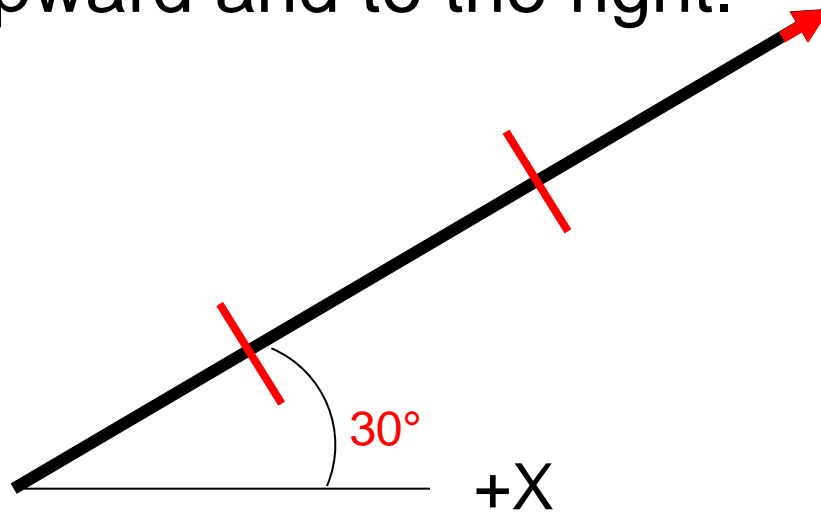
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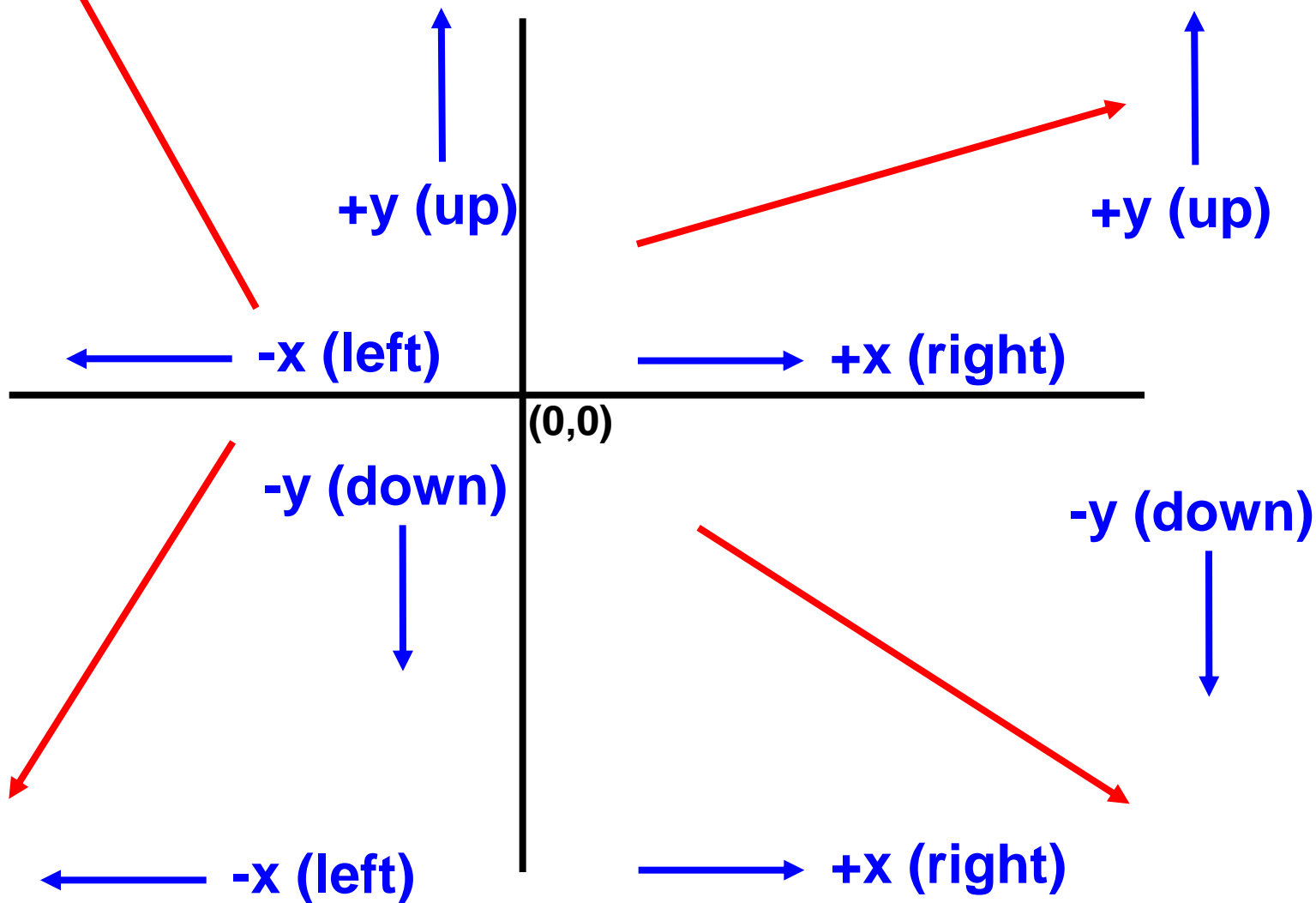
Include **magnitude**, **direction**, and **sense**

Sense: Indicated by the direction of the tip of the arrow.

Sense = Upward and to the right.



Sense



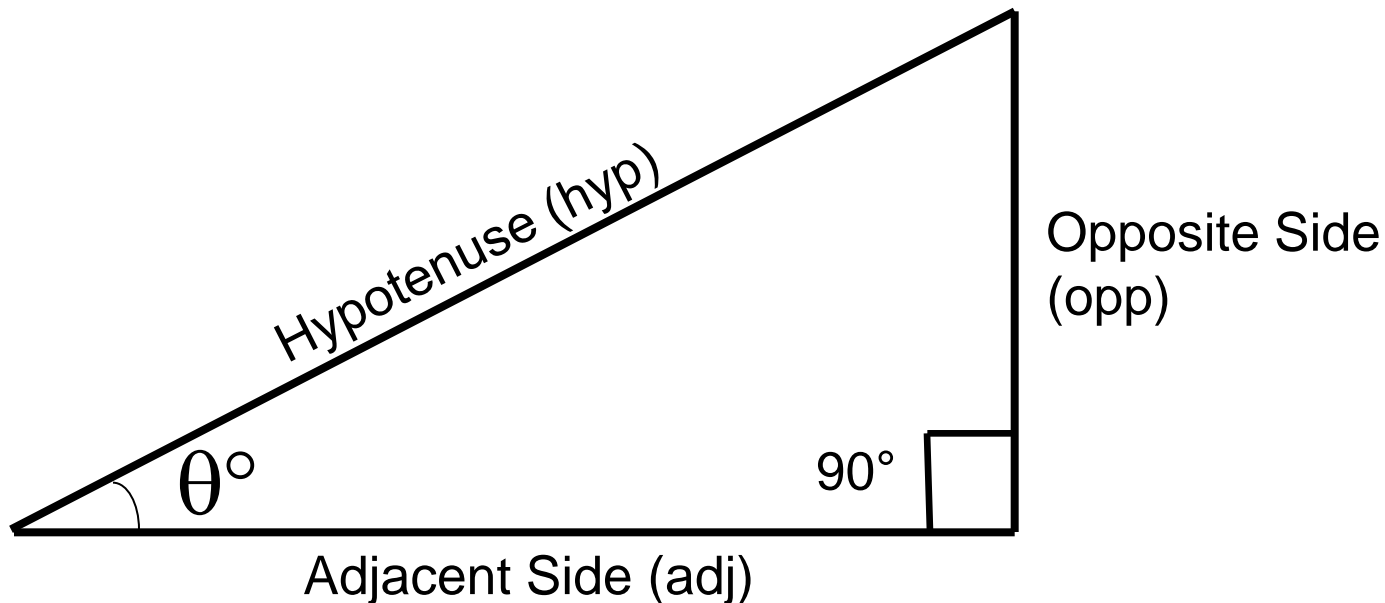
Trigonometry Review

Right Triangle

A triangle with a 90° angle.

Sum of all interior angles = 180°

Pythagorean Theorem: $A^2 + B^2 = C^2$



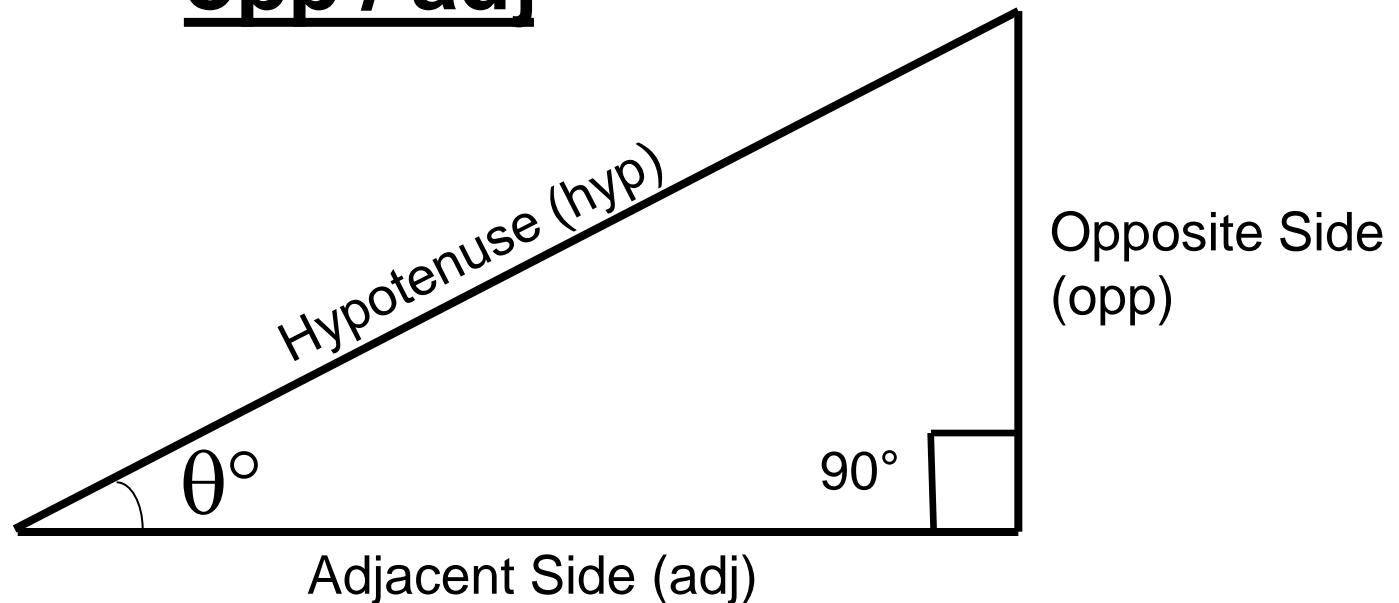
Trigonometry Review

Trigonometric Functions *soh cah toa*

$$\sin \theta^\circ = \underline{\text{opp} / \text{hyp}}$$

$$\cos \theta^\circ = \underline{\text{adj} / \text{hyp}}$$

$$\tan \theta^\circ = \underline{\text{opp} / \text{adj}}$$

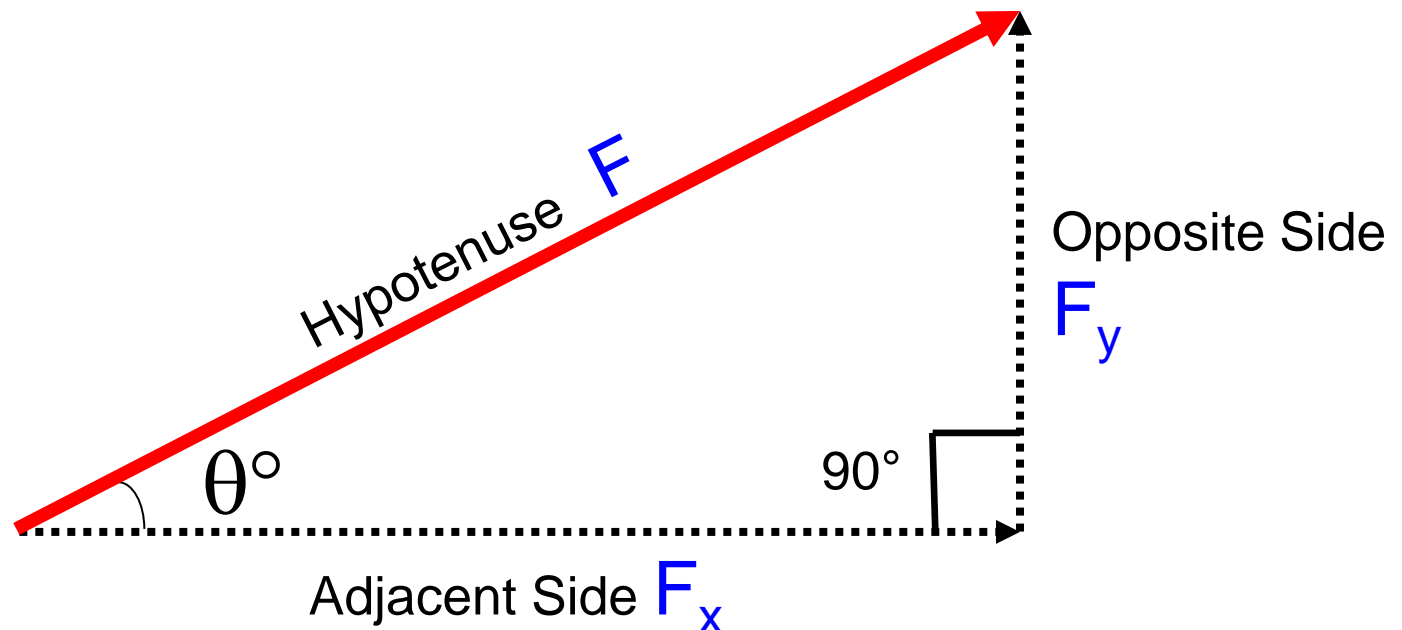


Trigonometry Application

The **hypotenuse** is the *Magnitude* of the Force, F .

The **adjacent side** is the x-component, F_x .

The **opposite side** is the y-component, F_y .

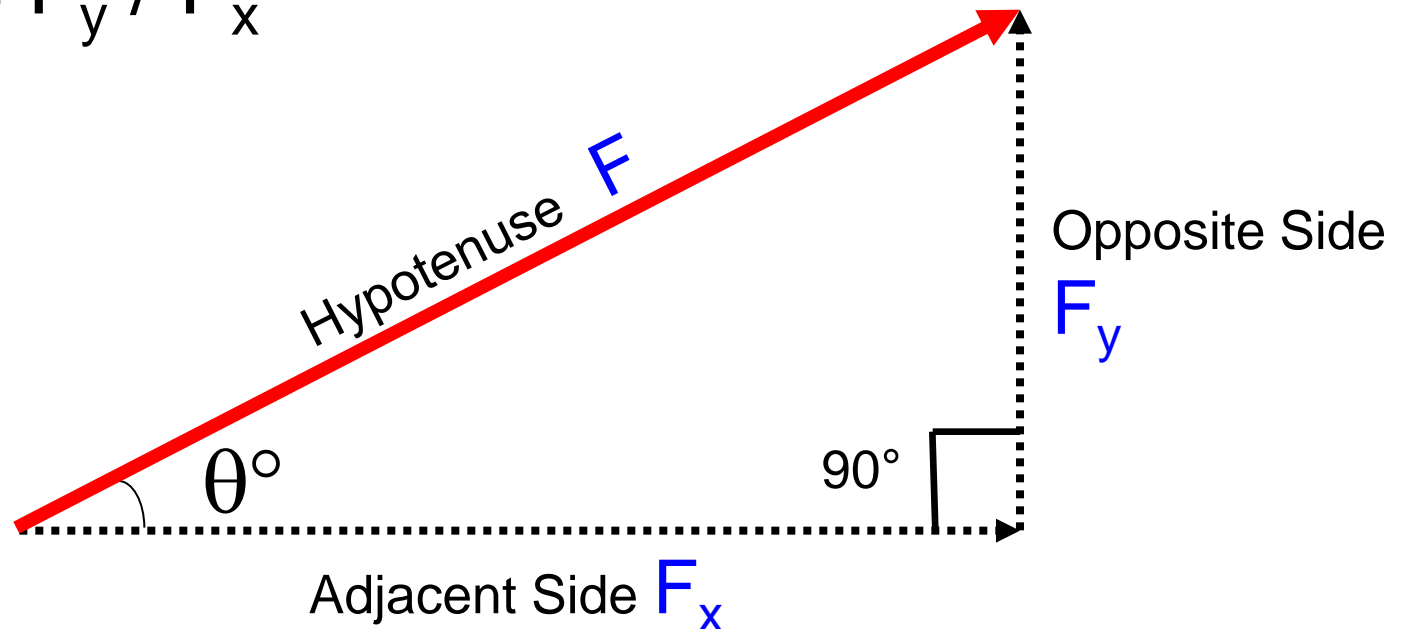


Trigonometry Application

$$\sin \theta^\circ = F_y / F \quad \text{.....} \rightarrow \quad F_y = \underline{F \sin \theta^\circ}$$

$$\cos \theta^\circ = F_x / F \quad \text{.....} \rightarrow \quad F_x = \underline{F \cos \theta^\circ}$$

$$\tan \theta^\circ = F_y / F_x$$



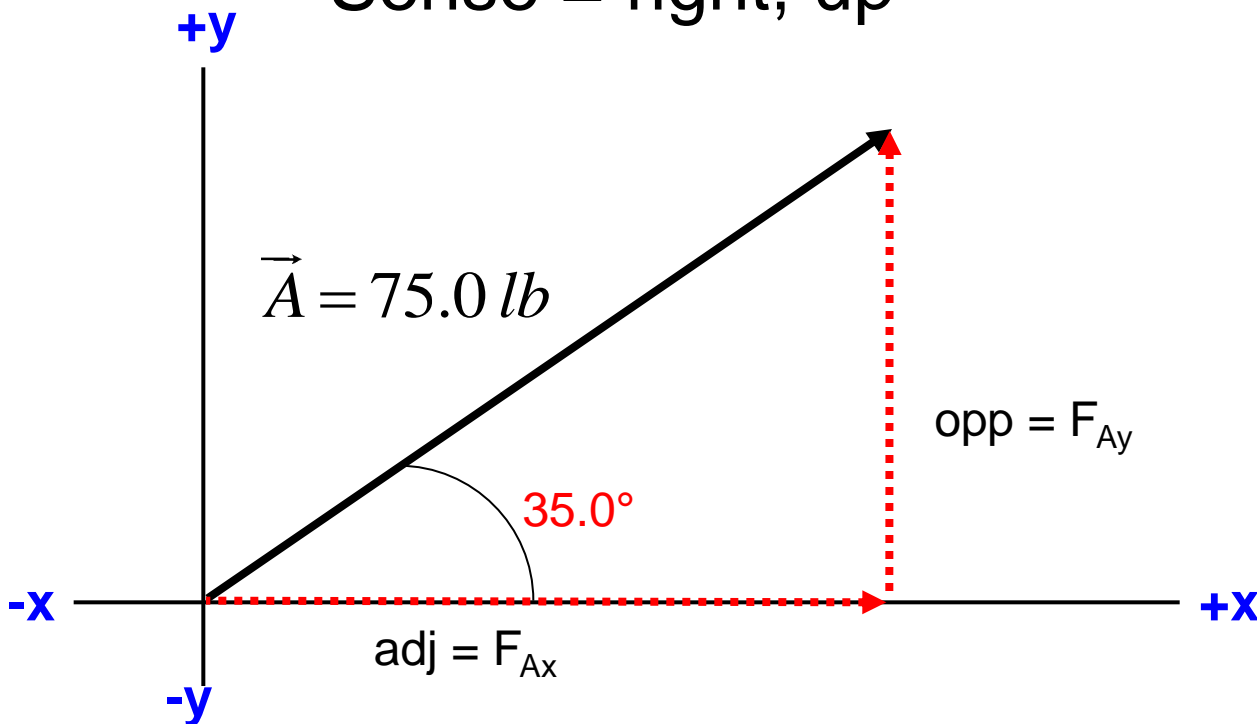
Vector X and Y Components

Vector \vec{A}

Magnitude = 75.0 lb

Direction = 35.0° from the horizontal

Sense = right, up



Vector X and Y Components

Solve for F_{AX}

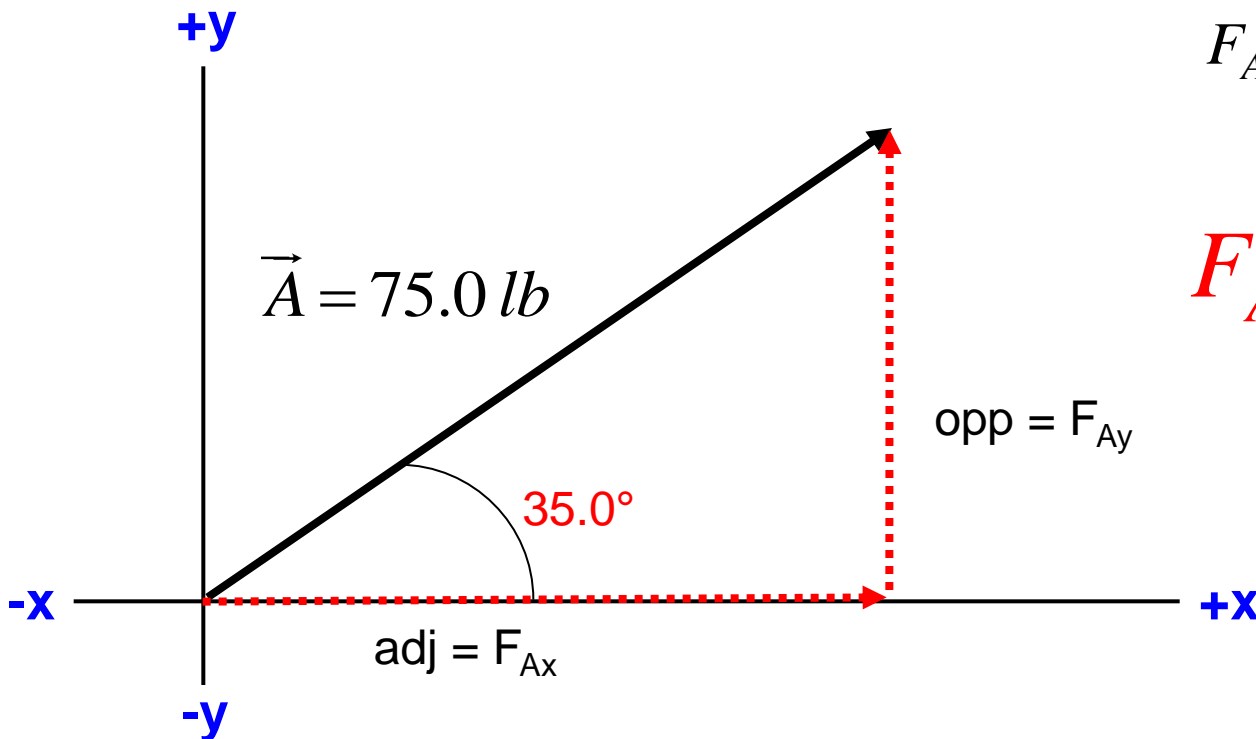
$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{F_{AX}}{A}$$

$$\cos 35.0^\circ = \frac{F_{AX}}{75.0 \text{ lb}}$$

$$F_{AX} = 75.0 \text{ lb} \cos 35.0^\circ$$

$$F_{AX} = 61.4 \text{ lb}$$



Vector X and Y Components

Solve for F_{AY}

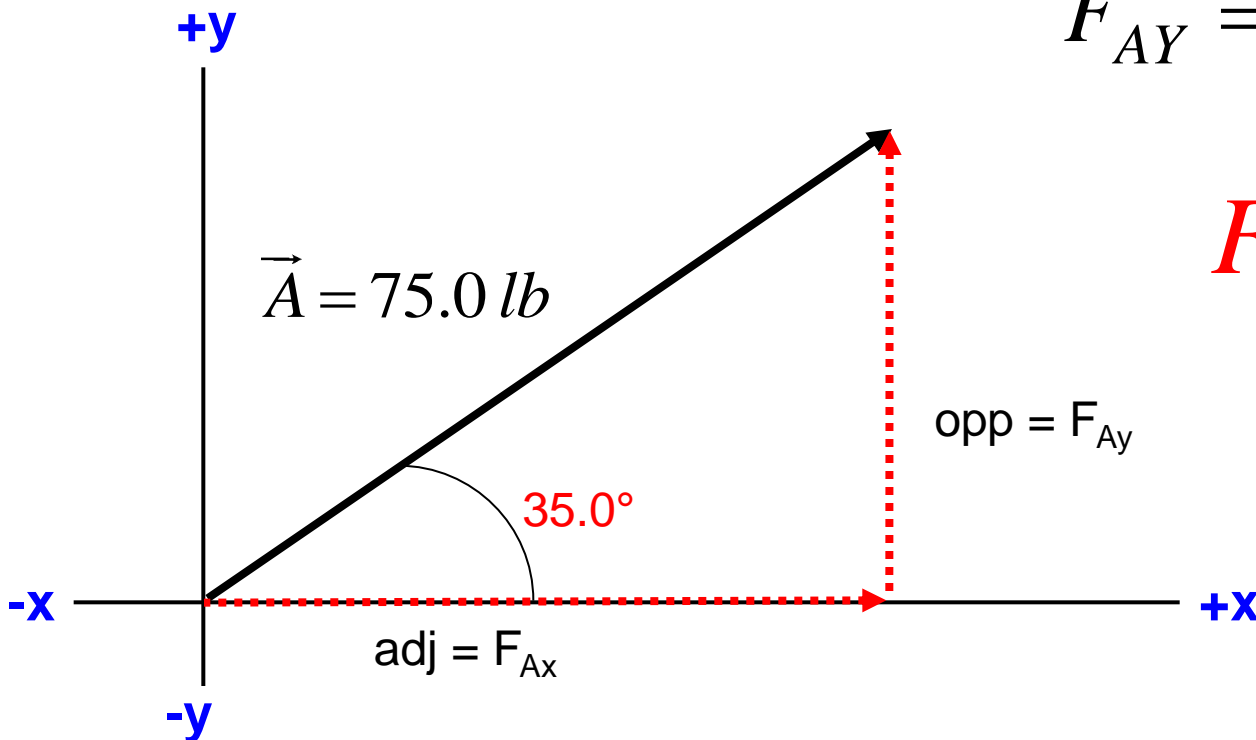
$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{F_{AY}}{A}$$

$$\sin 35.0^\circ = \frac{F_{AY}}{75.0 \text{ lb}}$$

$$F_{AY} = 75.0 \text{ lb} \sin 35.0^\circ$$

$$F_{AY} = 43.0 \text{ lb}$$



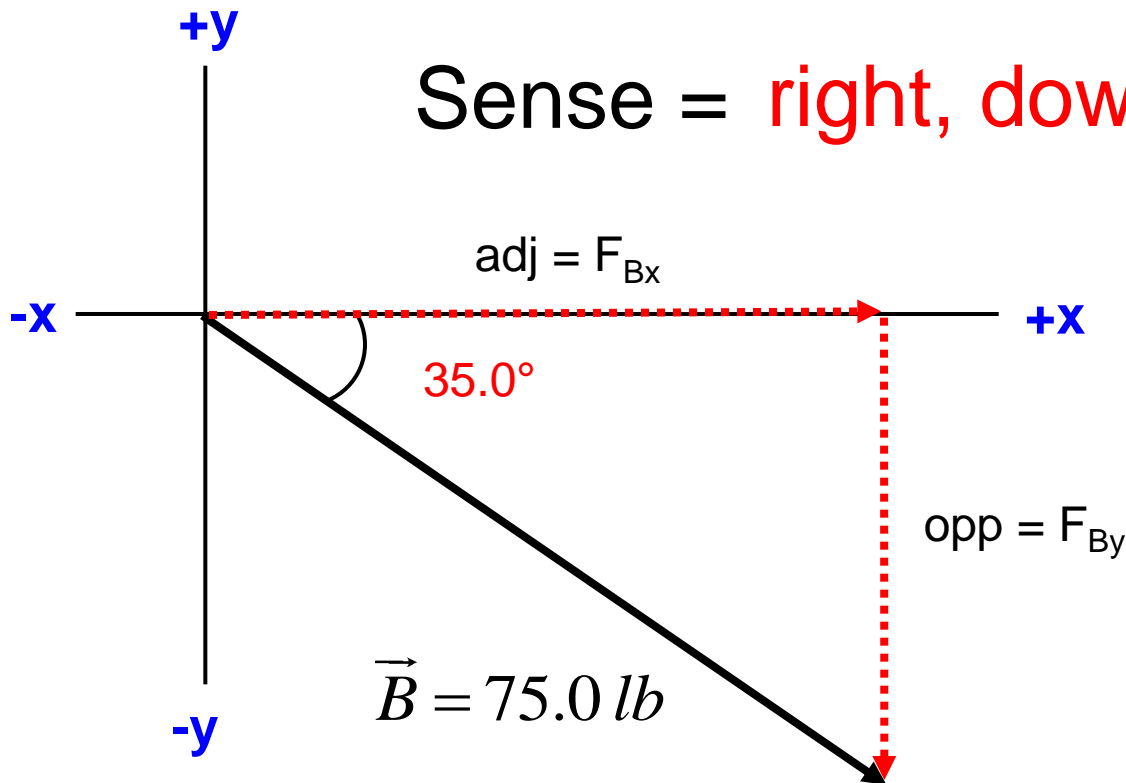
Vector X and Y Components – Your Turn

Vector \vec{B}

Magnitude = 75.0 lb

Direction = 35.0° from the horizontal

Sense = right, down



Vector X and Y Components – Your Turn

Solve for F_{BX}

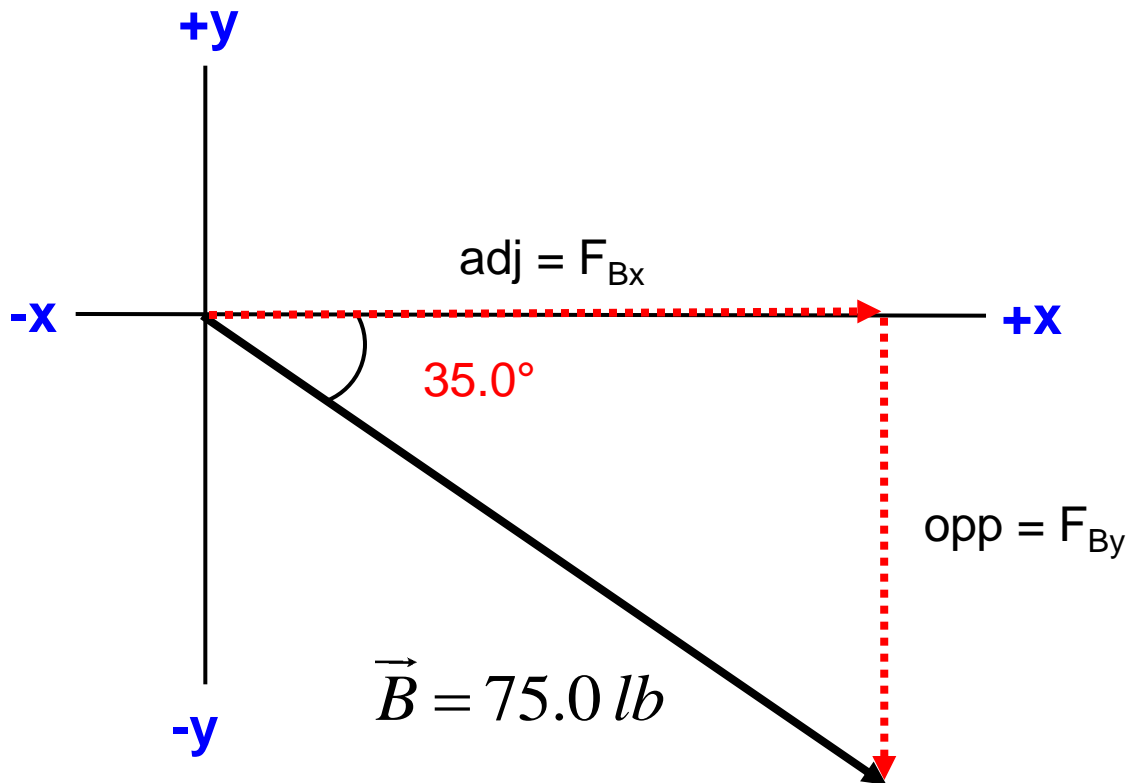
$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{F_{BX}}{B}$$

$$\cos 35.0^\circ = \frac{F_{BX}}{75.0 \text{ lb}}$$

$$F_{BX} = 75.0 \text{ lb} \cos 35.0^\circ$$

$$F_{BX} = 61.4 \text{ lb}$$



Vector X and Y Components – Your Turn

Solve for F_{By}

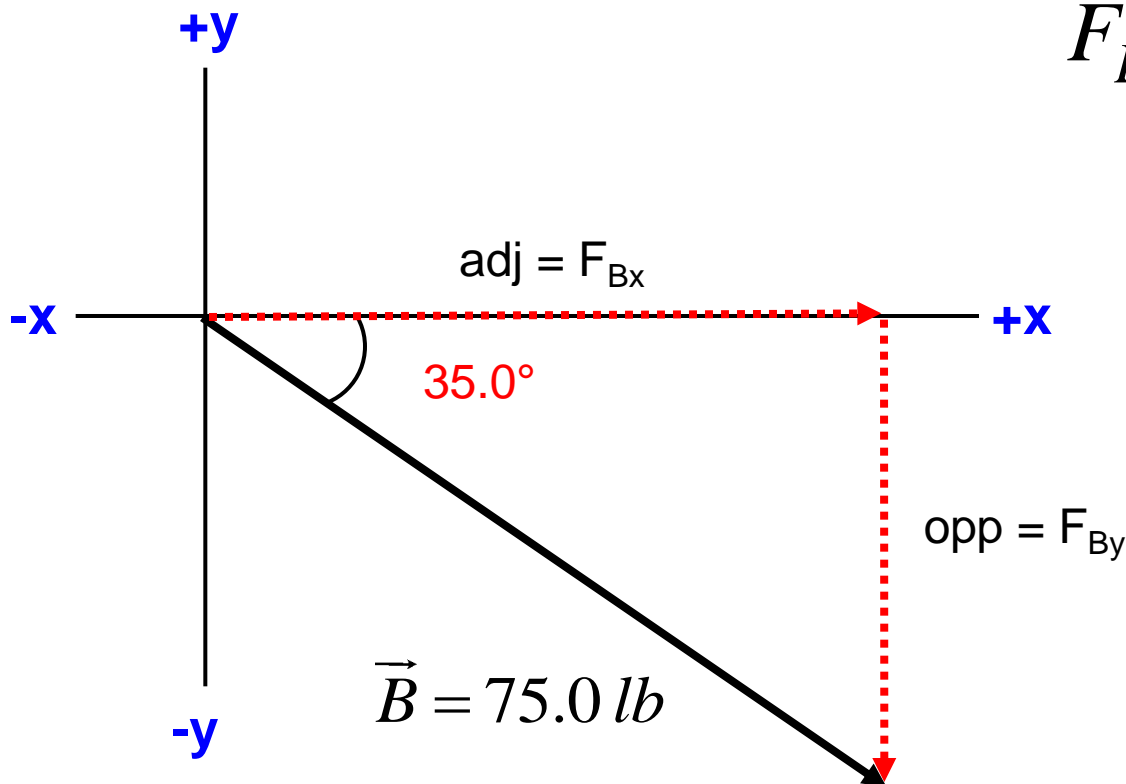
$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\sin \theta^\circ = \frac{-F_{By}}{\vec{B}}$$

$$\sin 35.0^\circ = \frac{-F_{By}}{75.0 \text{ lb}}$$

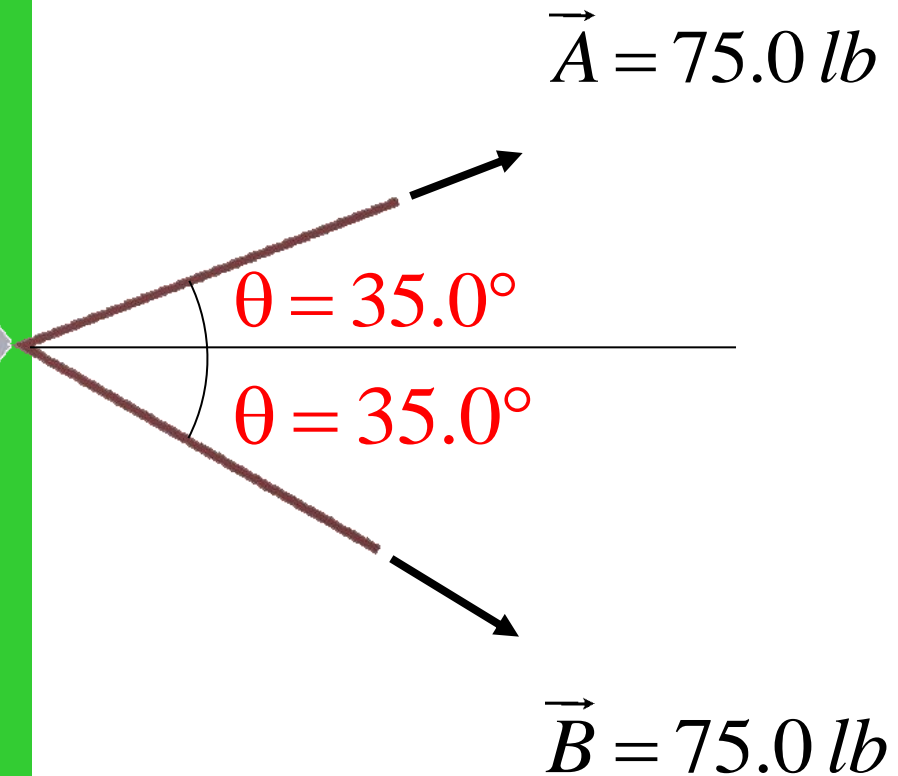
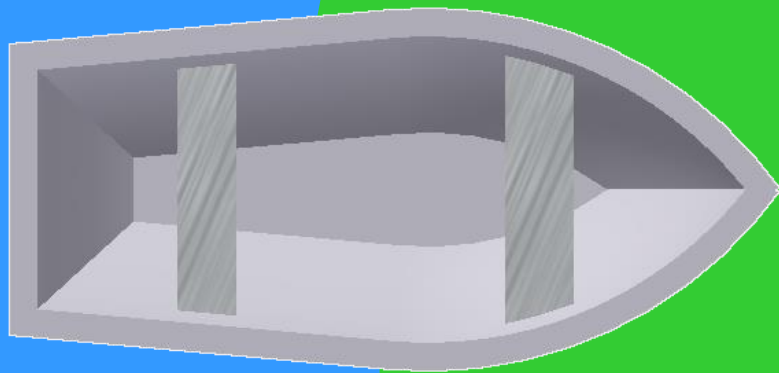
$$F_{By} = -75.0 \text{ lb} \sin 35.0^\circ$$

$$F_{By} = -43.0 \text{ lb}$$

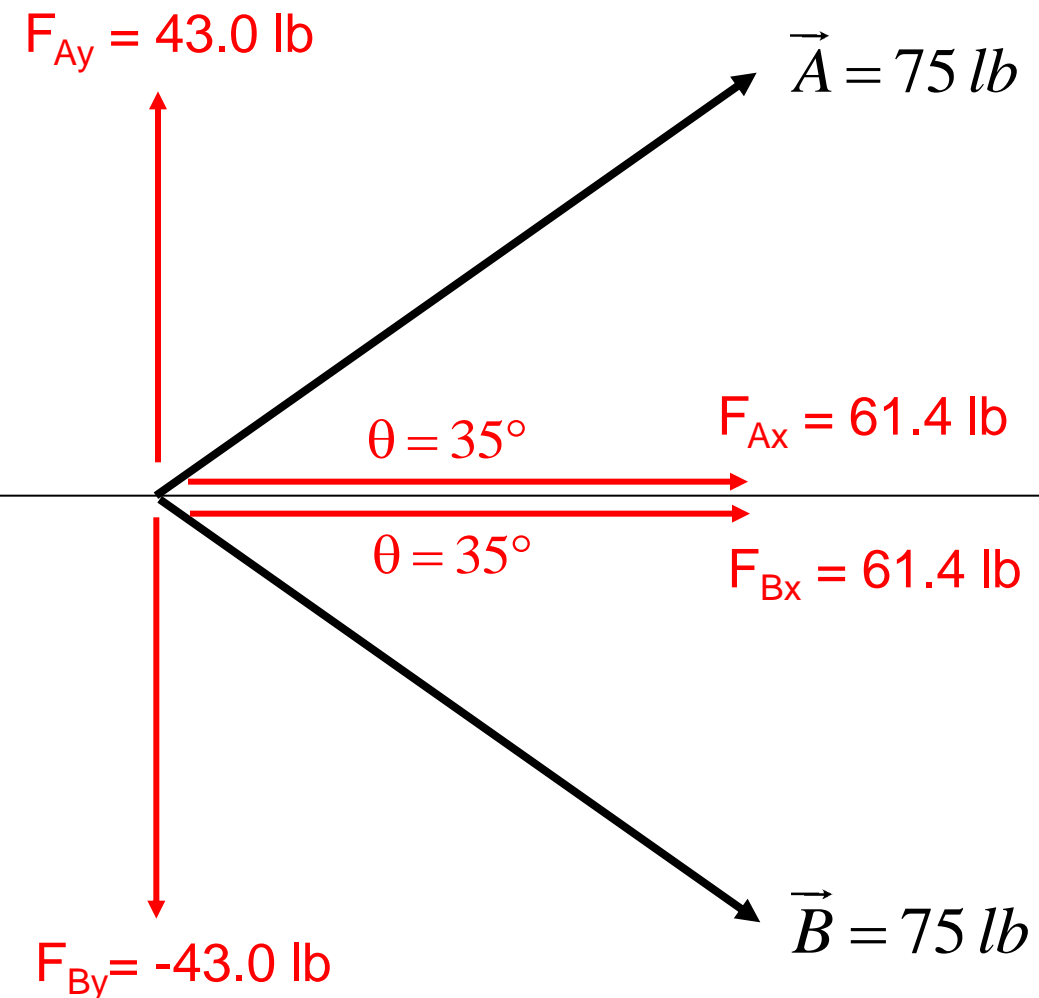


Resultant Force

Two people are pulling a boat to shore.
They are pulling with the same magnitude.



Resultant Force



List the forces according to **sense**.

Label right and up forces as **positive**, and label left and down forces as **negative**.

F_x

$$F_{Ax} = +61.4 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_{Bx} = +61.4 \text{ lb}$$

F_y

$$F_{Ay} = +43.0 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_{By} = -43.0 \text{ lb}$$

Resultant Force

F_x

$$F_{Ax} = +61.4 \text{ lb}$$

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F_y

$$F_{Ay} = +43.0 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_{By} = -43.0 \text{ lb}$$

Sum (Σ) the forces

$$\Sigma F_x = F_{Ax} + F_{Bx}$$

$$\Sigma F_x = 61.4\underline{36} \text{ lb} + 61.4\underline{36} \text{ lb}$$

$$\Sigma F_x = \mathbf{122.9 \text{ lb (right)}}$$

$$\Sigma F_y = F_{Ay} + F_{By}$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 43.0\underline{18} \text{ lb} + (-43.0\underline{18} \text{ lb}) = \mathbf{0}$$

Magnitude is **122.9** lb.

Direction is **0°** from the x axis

Sense is **right**.

Resultant Force

Draw the resultant force (F_R)

Magnitude is 123 lb

Direction is 0° from the x axis

Sense is right

$$F_{Ay} = 43.0 \text{ lb}$$



$$F_{By} = -43.0 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_{Ax} = 61.4 \text{ lb}$$

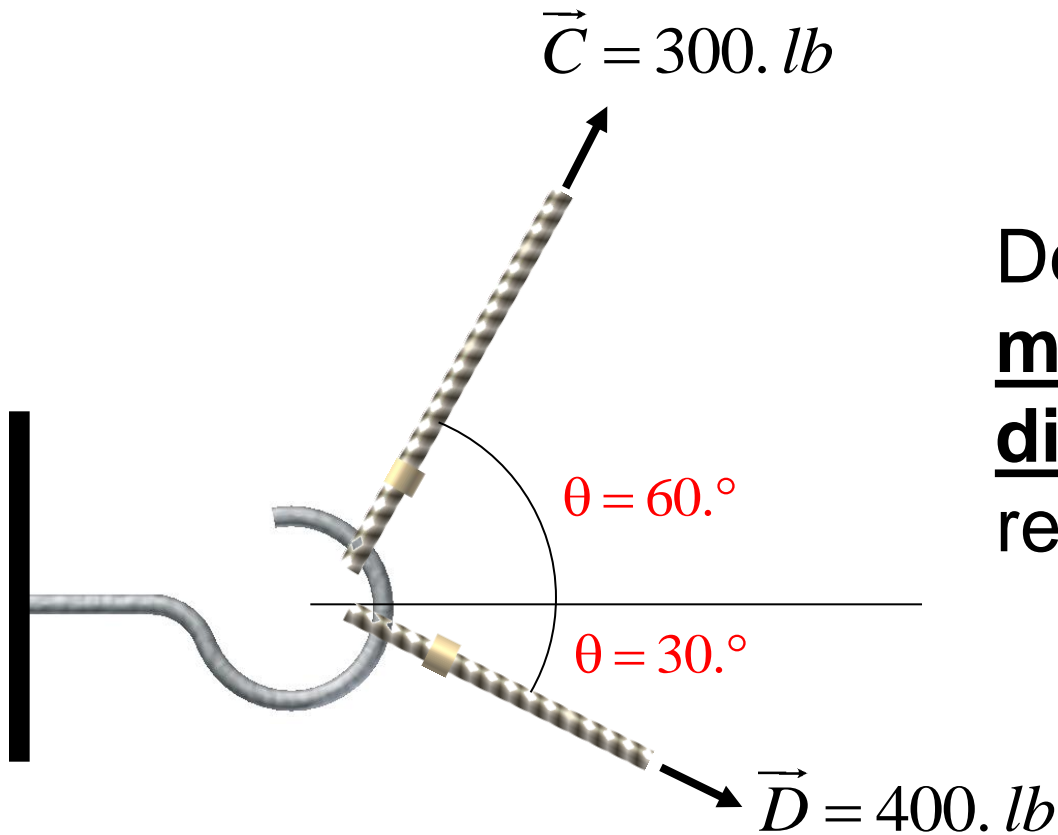
$$F_{Bx} = 61.4 \text{ lb}$$



$$F_R = 122.9 \text{ lb}$$



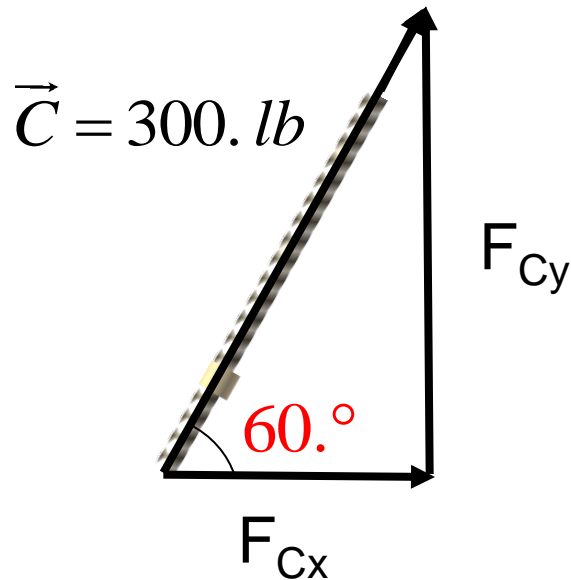
Resultant Force



Determine the sense, magnitude, and direction for the resultant force.

Resultant Force

Find the x and y components of vector C.



$$F_{Cx} = 300. \text{ lb} \cos 60.^\circ$$

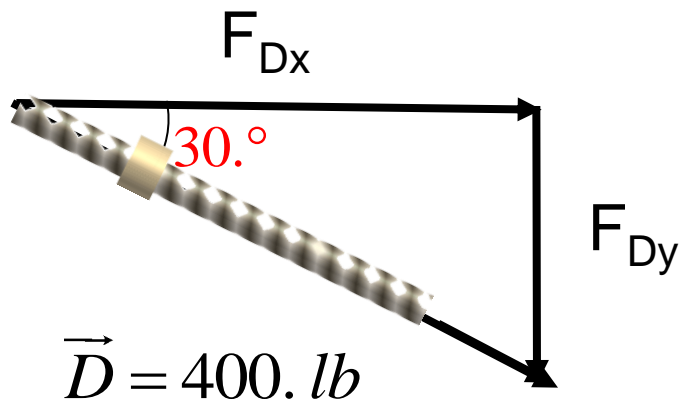
$$F_{Cx} = \underline{\underline{150 \text{ lb}}}$$

$$F_{Cy} = 300. \text{ lb} \sin 60.^\circ$$

$$F_{Cy} = \underline{\underline{260 \text{ lb}}}$$

Resultant Force

Find the x and y components of vector D.



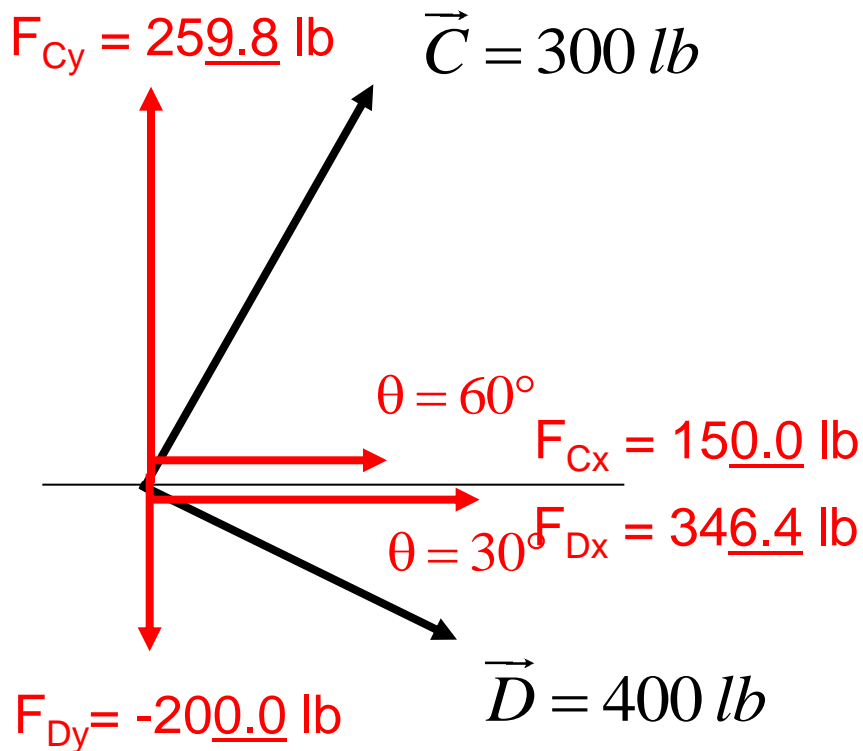
$$F_{Dx} = 400 \text{ lb} \cos 30^\circ$$

$$F_{Dx} = \underline{\underline{350 \text{ lb}}}$$

$$F_{Dy} = -400 \text{ lb} \sin 30^\circ$$

$$F_{Dy} = \underline{\underline{-200 \text{ lb}}}$$

Resultant Force



List the forces according to sense.

Label right and up forces as **positive**, and label left and down forces as **negative**.

F_x

$$F_{Cx} = +150.0\text{ lb}$$

$$F_{Dx} = +346.4\text{ lb}$$

F_y

$$F_{Cy} = +259.8\text{ lb}$$

$$F_{Dy} = -200.0\text{ lb}$$

Resultant Force

Sum (Σ) the forces

F_x

$$F_{Cx} = +150.0 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_{Dx} = +346.4 \text{ lb}$$

F_y

$$F_{Cy} = +259.8 \text{ lb}$$

$$F_{Dy} = -200.0 \text{ lb}$$

$$\Sigma F_x = F_{Cx} + F_{Dx}$$

$$\Sigma F_x = 150.0 \text{ lb} + 346.4 \text{ lb} = 496.4 \text{ lb (right)}$$

$$\Sigma F_y = F_{Cy} + F_{Dy}$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 259.8 \text{ lb} + (-200.0 \text{ lb}) = 59.8 \text{ lb (up)}$$

Sense is right and up.

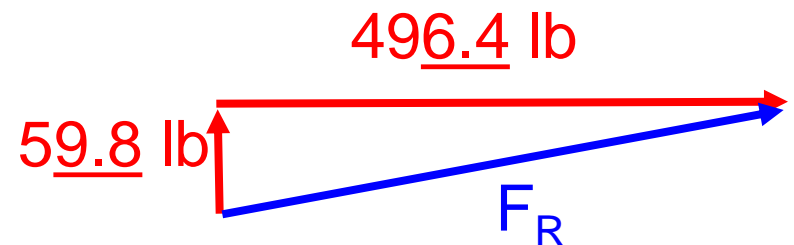
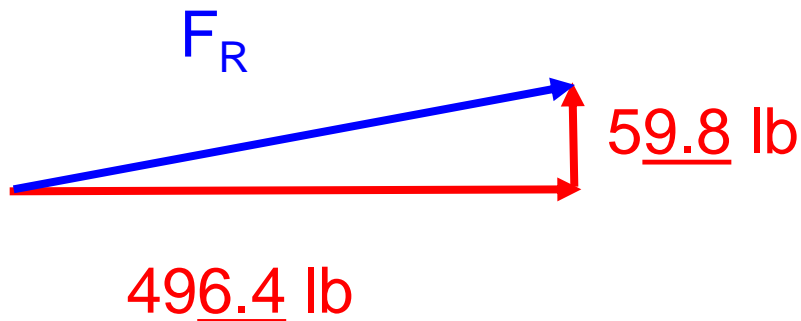
Resultant Force

Draw the x and y components of the resultant force.

$$\Sigma F_x = \underline{496.4} \text{ lb (right)}$$

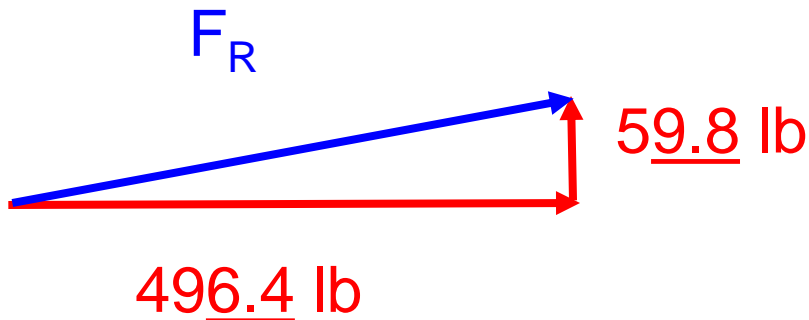
$$\Sigma F_y = \underline{59.8} \text{ (up)}$$

Two ways to draw the X and Y components



Resultant Force

Solve for magnitude.



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

$$(\underline{59.8 \text{ lb}})^2 + (\underline{496.4 \text{ lb}})^2 = F_R^2$$

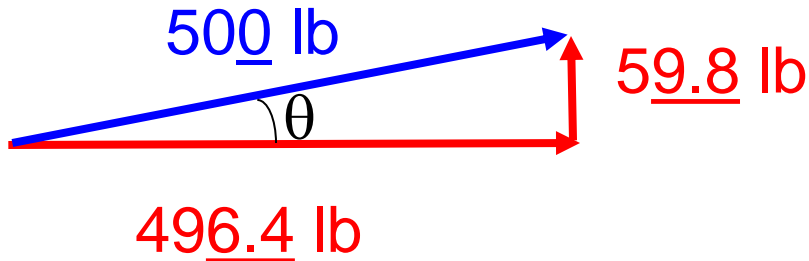
$$\sqrt{(\underline{59.8 \text{ lb}^2}) + (\underline{496.4 \text{ lb}^2})} = F_R$$

$$F_R = \underline{500 \text{ lb}} \text{ or } 5.0 \times 10^2 \text{ lb}$$

Magnitude is 5.0x10² lb (500 lbs)

Resultant Force

Solve for direction.



$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{59.8 \cancel{\text{lb}}}{496.4 \cancel{\text{lb}}}$$
$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{59.8}{496.4} \right)$$

$$\theta = 7^\circ$$

Direction is 7° counterclockwise from the positive X axis.

Resultant Force

Draw the resultant force (F_R)

Magnitude is 500 lb.

Direction is 7° counterclockwise from the positive x axis.

Sense is right and up.

