

General Physics REAL LIFE VECTORS

What is your final position relative to the initial position?

What is the Displacement Vector?

ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- A. OUTSIDE: Physically measure the displacement of each step using the meter stick and protractor. Use a marker for the start and finish locations.
- B. OUTSIDE: Measure the overall displacement and angle from the start to the finish point.
- C. Draw the path of the students on graph paper and attach.
Label each step & resultant. Clearly indicate your scale. (ie. 1 box = 1 m.)
- D. Mathematically calculate the resultant X . vector and Resultant Y-vector.
- E. Find the percent error for the x values. Find the percent error for the y values.

FIELD DIRECTIONS

1. Walk 10 m North
2. Walk 3 m East
3. Walk 3.5 m at 45° North of East
4. Walk 4 m South
5. Walk 7 m at 30° West of South

OUTSIDE Results

Length: _____ meters

Direction: _____ $^\circ$ _____ of _____

R_x _____ R_y _____

Theoretical Calculations

ΣX

ΣY

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

$R_x =$

$R_y =$

Percent Error = ([Measured Outside – Theoretical] / Theoretical) x100