

## 4.8B Vectors

AP Precalculus

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CA #1

**Instructions: Find the unit vector for the given vector.**

1)  $\langle -4, 8 \rangle$

2)  $\langle 9, -10 \rangle$

**Directions: Find the dot product for the following vectors.**

3)  $\langle 4, 8 \rangle$  and  $\langle -2, 3 \rangle$

4)  $\langle -5, -7 \rangle$  and  $\langle 4, 3 \rangle$

**Directions: Find the angle between the two vectors.**

5)  $\langle 4, 8 \rangle$  and  $\langle -2, 3 \rangle$

6)  $\langle -5, -7 \rangle$  and  $\langle 4, 3 \rangle$

**Instructions: Use the Law of Sines and Cosines to solve the following.**

7) A boat leaves the south bank of a river and heads  $50^\circ$  north of east at 30 mph. The river current flows at  $20^\circ$  east of north at 10 mph. What is the ground speed and direction of the boat as it heads for the north bank?

8) A plane flies at  $40^\circ$  south of east at 450 mph. Its fighting a wind that is blowing  $15^\circ$  north of east at 45 mph. What is the ground speed and direction the plane is flying?

ANSWERS

1)  $\langle -\frac{4}{\sqrt{80}}, \frac{8}{\sqrt{80}} \rangle$

2)  $\langle \frac{9}{\sqrt{181}}, -\frac{10}{\sqrt{181}} \rangle$

3) 16

4) -41

5)  $\theta = 60.3^\circ$

6)  $\theta = 162.4^\circ$

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$C^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \theta$   
 $= 30^2 + 10^2 - 2(30)(10) \cos 110$   
 $C^2 = 1205.21$   
 $C = 34.7 \text{ mph}$

$\frac{\sin 110}{34.7} = \frac{\sin x}{10}$   
 $15.7^\circ = x$   
 $50 - 15.7 = x$   
 $34.3^\circ = x$   
 NORTH OF EAST

8) A plane flies at  $40^\circ$  south of east at 450 mph. Its fighting a wind that is blowing  $15^\circ$  north of east at 45 mph. What is the ground speed and direction the plane is flying?

$C^2 = 450^2 + 45^2 - 2(450)(45) \cos 125$   
 $C^2 = 227754.85$   
 $C = 477.2 \text{ mph}$

$\frac{\sin 125}{477.2} = \frac{\sin x}{45}$   
 $4.4 = x$   
 $40 - 4.4 = 35.6^\circ$  south of east