

# VECTORS PROBLEMS

1. In component form, a vector may be written (5, 49). What are the magnitude and direction of the vector?
2. In component form, a vector may be written (-3, -6). What are the magnitude and direction of the vector?
3. In component form, a vector may be written (5, -6). What are the magnitude and direction of the vector?
4. A vector has a length 27 at an angle of  $-145^\circ$ . How would that vector be written in component form?
5. What is the sum of the vectors (92,-6) and (60,-44)?
6. What is the sum of the vectors (13,86) and (-35,30)?
7. What is the sum of a vector of length 78 at  $13^\circ$  and a vector of length 53 at  $-161^\circ$ ?

## ANSWERS

1. The magnitude of the vector is, from the Pythagorean theorem  $\sqrt{(5^2+49^2)}=49.25$ . The direction is given by  $\arctan(49/5)=84.2^\circ$ .
2.  $6.71 @ 243.4^\circ$
3. The magnitude of the vector is, from the Pythagorean theorem,  $\sqrt{[5^2 + (-6)^2]}=7.81$ . The direction is given by  $\arctan[(-6)/5]=-50.2^\circ=+309.8^\circ$ .
4. The horizontal component is given by  $27 \times \cos(-145^\circ)=-22.12$ . The vertical component is given by  $27 \times \sin(-145^\circ)=-15.49$ . The component representation is, then, (-22.12,-15.49).
5. (152,-50)
6. (-22,116)
7. Adding vectors in component form,  $(76.00,17.55)+(-50.11,-17.26)=(25.89,0.29)$  corresponding to 25.9 at  $0.64^\circ$ .