

69. We adopt a coordinate system with \hat{i} pointed east and \hat{j} pointed north; the coordinate origin is the flagpole. With SI units understood, we “translate” the given information into unit-vector notation as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}_o &= 40\hat{i} & \text{and} & & \vec{v}_o &= -10\hat{j} \\ \vec{r} &= 40\hat{j} & \text{and} & & \vec{v} &= 10\hat{i} .\end{aligned}$$

- (a) Using Eq. 4-2, the displacement $\Delta\vec{r}$ is

$$\vec{r} - \vec{r}_o = (56.6 \angle 135^\circ)$$

where we have expressed the result in magnitude-angle notation. The displacement has magnitude $40\sqrt{2} = 56.6$ m and points due Northwest.

- (b) Eq. 4-8 shows that \vec{v}_{avg} points in the same direction as $\Delta\vec{r}$, and that its magnitude is simply the magnitude of the displacement divided by the time ($\Delta t = 30$ s). Thus, the average velocity has magnitude $56.6/30 = 1.89$ m/s and points due Northwest.

- (c) Using Eq. 4-15, we have

$$\vec{a}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\vec{v} - \vec{v}_o}{\Delta t} = 0.333\hat{i} + 0.333\hat{j}$$

in SI units. The magnitude of the average acceleration vector is therefore $0.333\sqrt{2} = 0.471$ m/s², and it points due Northeast.