

51. We choose $+x$ east and $+y$ north and measure all angles in the “standard” way (positive ones counter-clockwise from $+x$, negative ones clockwise). Thus, vector \vec{d}_1 has magnitude $d_1 = 3.66$ (with the unit meter and three significant figures assumed) and direction $\theta_1 = 90^\circ$. Also, \vec{d}_2 has magnitude $d_2 = 1.83$ and direction $\theta_2 = -45^\circ$, and vector \vec{d}_3 has magnitude $d_3 = 0.91$ and direction $\theta_3 = -135^\circ$. We add the x and y components, respectively:

$$\begin{aligned}x : \quad & d_1 \cos \theta_1 + d_2 \cos \theta_2 + d_3 \cos \theta_3 = 0.651 \text{ m} \\y : \quad & d_1 \sin \theta_1 + d_2 \sin \theta_2 + d_3 \sin \theta_3 = 1.723 \text{ m} .\end{aligned}$$

- (a) The magnitude of the direct displacement (the vector sum $\vec{d}_1 + \vec{d}_2 + \vec{d}_3$) is $\sqrt{0.651^2 + 1.723^2} = 1.84 \text{ m}$.
(b) The angle (understood in the sense described above) is $\tan^{-1}(1.723/0.651) = 69^\circ$. That is, the first putt must aim in the direction 69° north of east.