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Physics 111 - Class 2B

Vectors II

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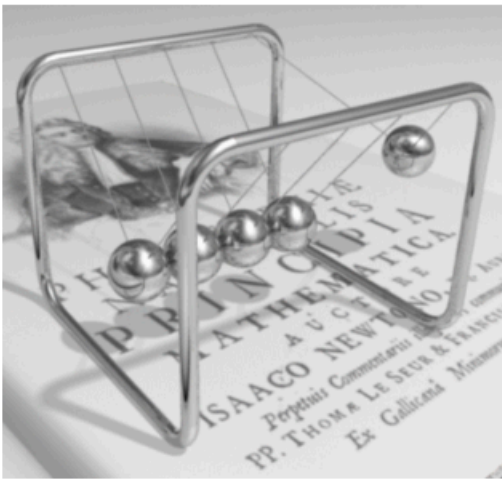
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Logistics/Announcements

- Lab this week: Introduction
- HW due this week on Thursday at 6 PM
 - I released it a bit late, so I added +24 hours to the grace period
- Test/Bonus Test: No test this week!
- Learning Log 2 due on Saturday at 6 PM
- HW and LL deadlines have a 48 hour grace period

Class Outline

- Introduction to Chapters 1 and 2
- Clicker Questions
- Problem Solving Template
- Activity: Ladybug Walker
- Debrief



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ABOUT THIS COURSE

Course Syllabus (Official)

Course Schedule

Accommodations

How to do well in this course

GETTING STARTED

Before the Term starts

After the first class

In the first week

Week 1 - Introductions!

PART 1 - KINEMATICS

Week 2 - Chapter 2

Readings

Videos

Homework

Lecture

Test

Lab

Learning Logs

COURSE FEEDBACK

Anonymous Feedback Form

Videos

Below are the assigned videos for this week. The videos are collapsible so once you're done with one, you can move to the next one. In the sidebar on the right, you can use the checklists to keep track of what's done.

Required Videos

1. Introduction to Significant Figures

Introduction to Significant Figures with Examples

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Watch on YouTube

- Notes
- Direct link to Mr. P's page

2. Working with Significant Figures

3. Introduction to Tip-to-Tail Vector Addition

Introduction to Tip-to-Tail Vector Addition, Vectors and Scalars

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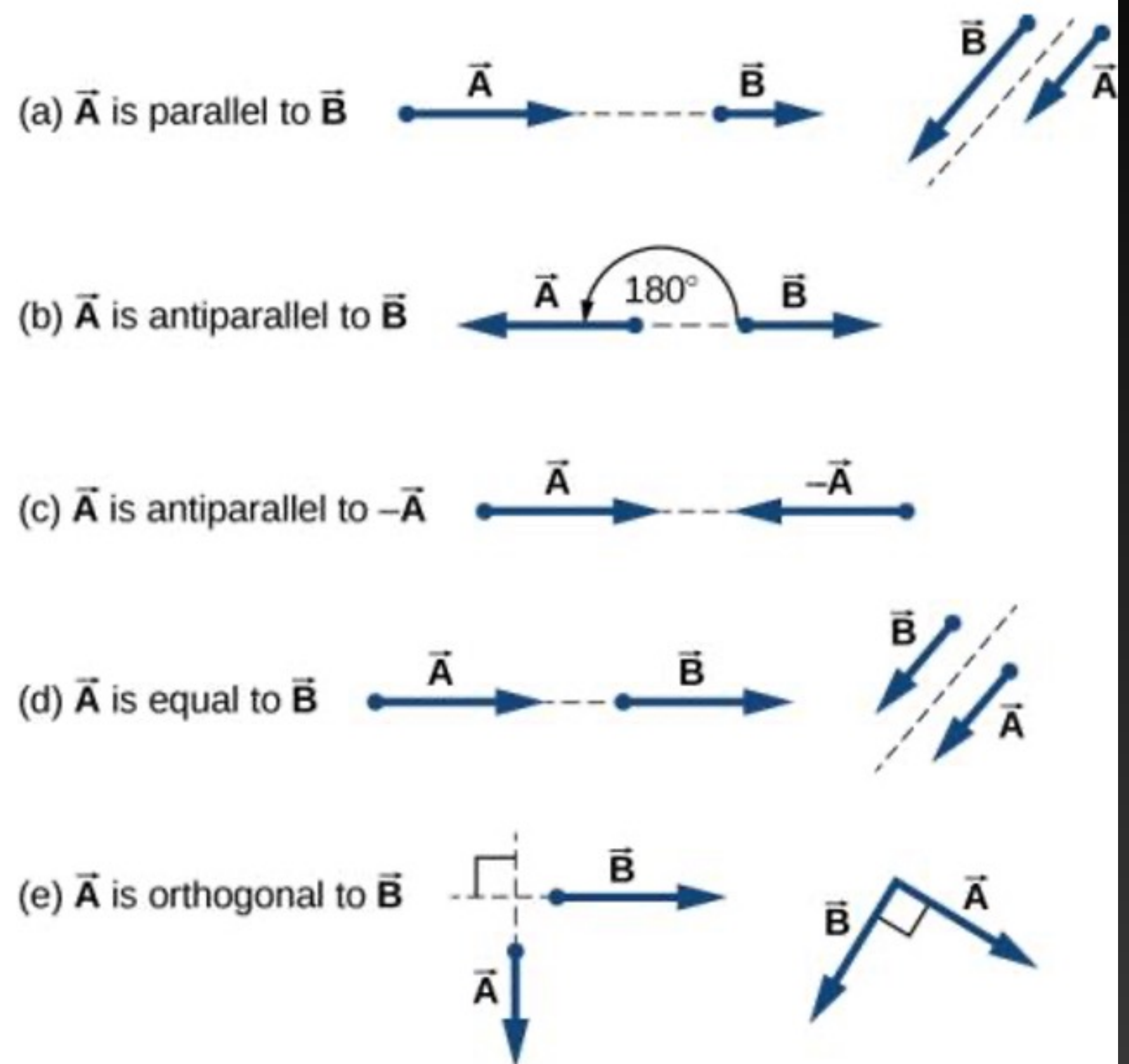
Checklist of items

- ☐ Video 1
- ☐ Video 2
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Vectors

Various relations between two vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} .

- (a) $\vec{A} \neq \vec{B}$ because $A \neq B$.
- (b) $\vec{A} \neq \vec{B}$ because they are not parallel and $A \neq B$.
- (c) $\vec{A} \neq -\vec{A}$ because they have different directions (even though $\vec{A} = -(-\vec{A}) = A$).
- (d) $\vec{A} = \vec{B}$ because they are parallel and have identical magnitudes $A = B$.
- (e) $\vec{A} \neq \vec{B}$ because they have different directions (are not parallel); here, their directions differ by 90° —meaning, they are orthogonal.



Introduction

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My highlights

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Introduction

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2.2 Coordinate Systems and Components of a Vector

2.3 Algebra of Vectors

2.4 Products of Vectors

▼ Chapter Review

Key Terms

Key Equations

Summary

Conceptual Questions

Problems

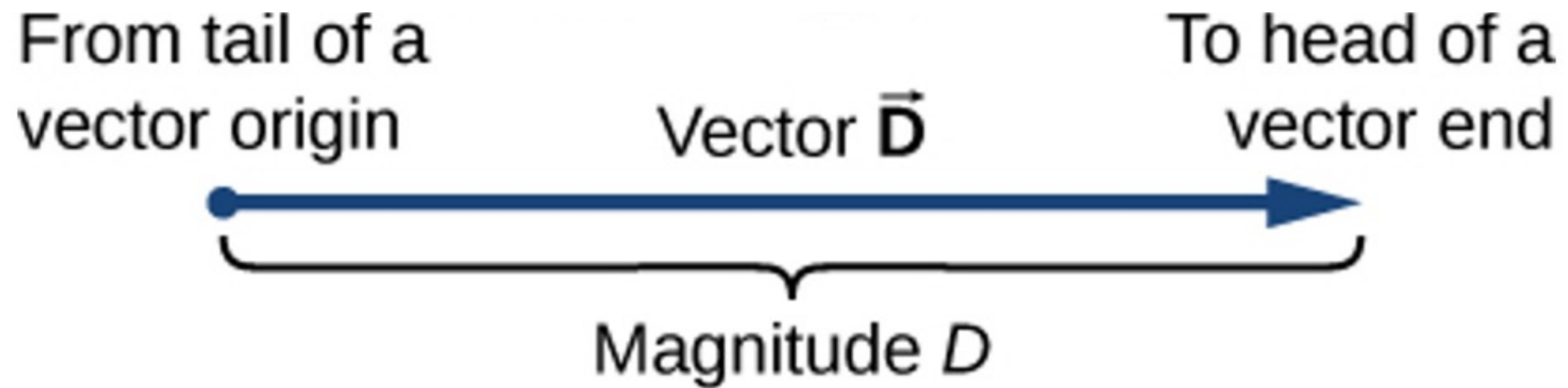
Additional Problems

Challenge Problems



Figure 2.1 A signpost gives information about distances and directions to towns or to other locations relative to the location of the signpost. Distance is a scalar quantity. Knowing the distance alone is not enough to get to the town; we must also know the direction from the signpost to the town. The direction, together with the distance, is a vector quantity commonly called the displacement vector. A signpost, therefore, gives information about displacement vectors from the signpost to towns. (credit: modification of work by "studio tdes"/Flickr, thedailyenglishshow.com)

What is a vector?



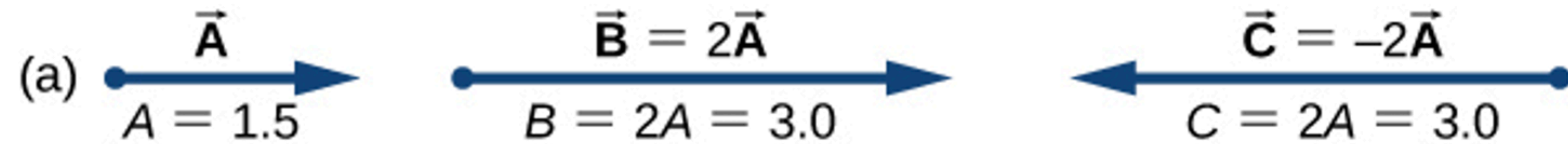
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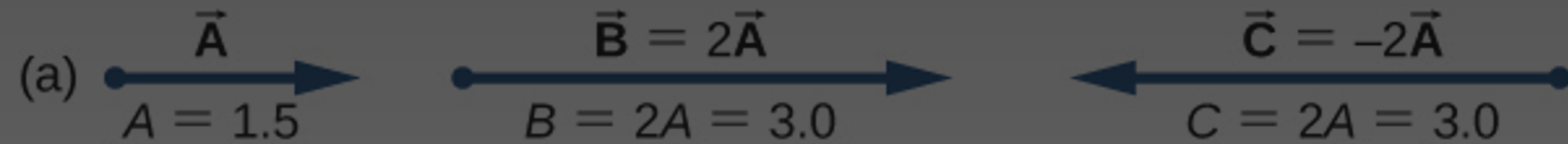
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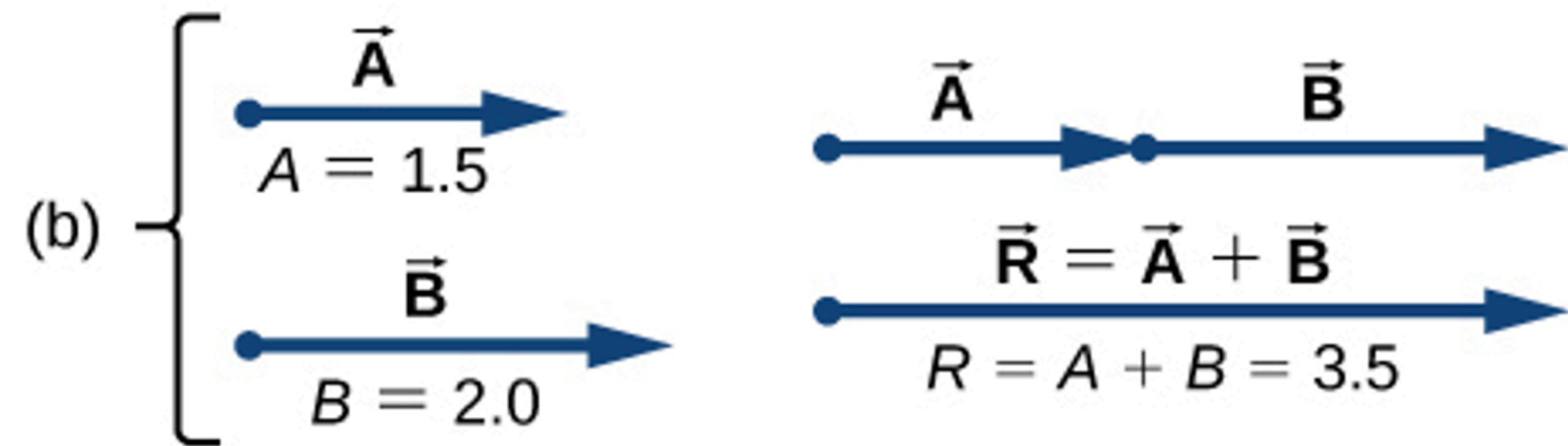
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(b) Addition of two vectors

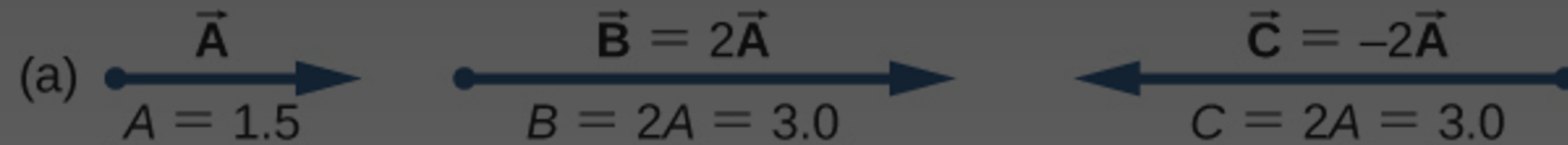
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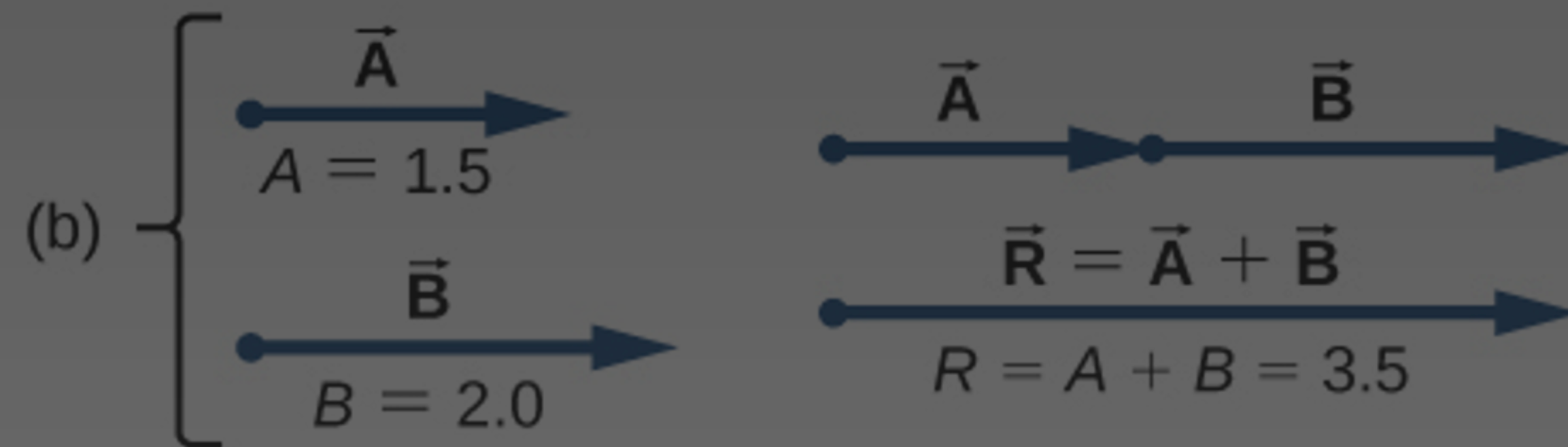
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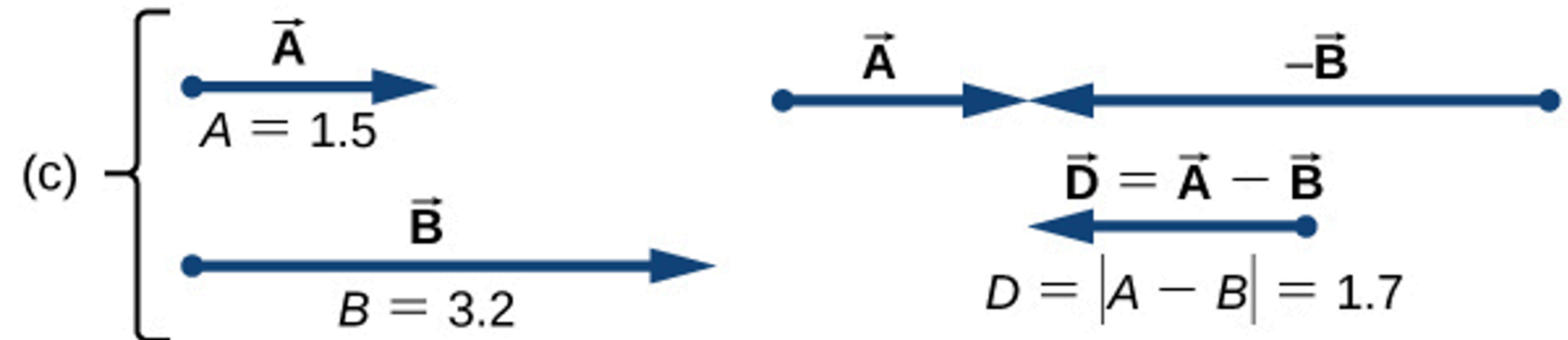
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(c) Subtraction of two vectors

\vec{D} is the difference of vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} .

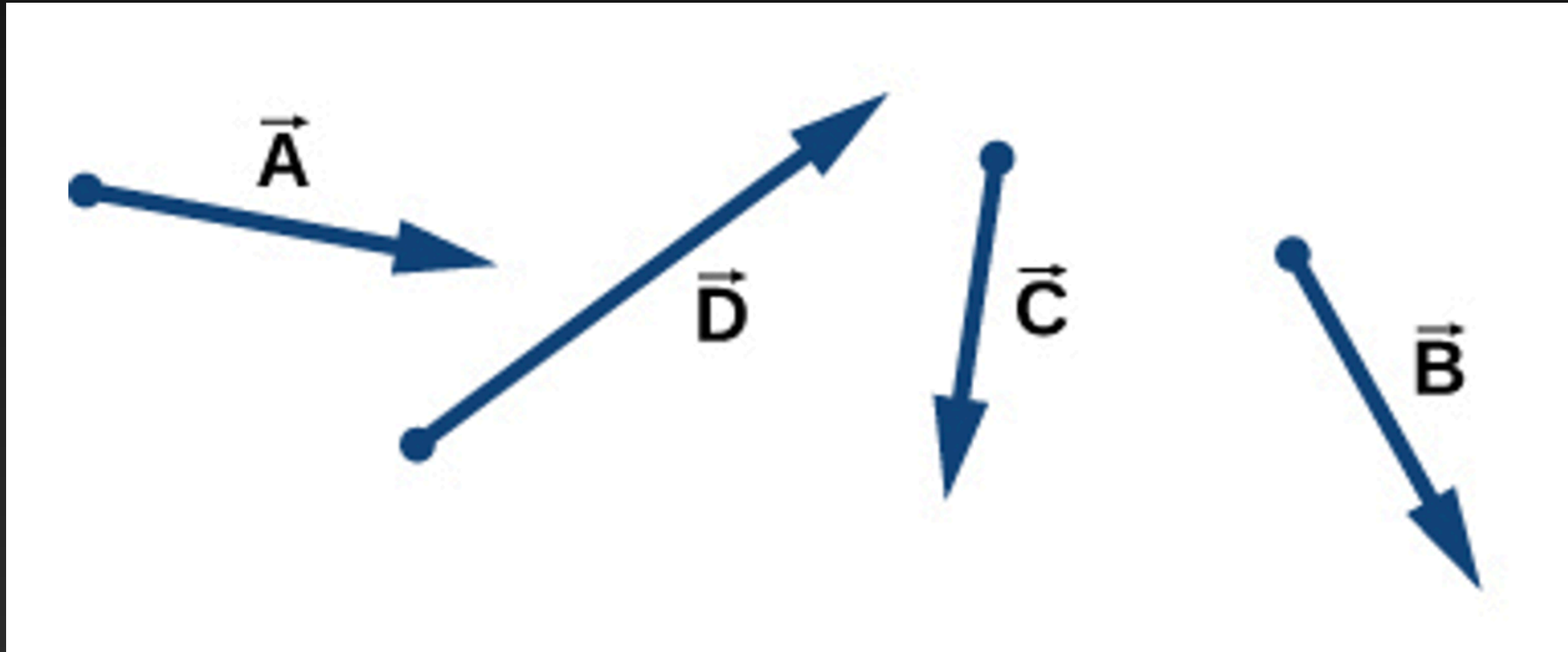


Tail-to-head Method

Here are four vectors, with varying lengths and directions.

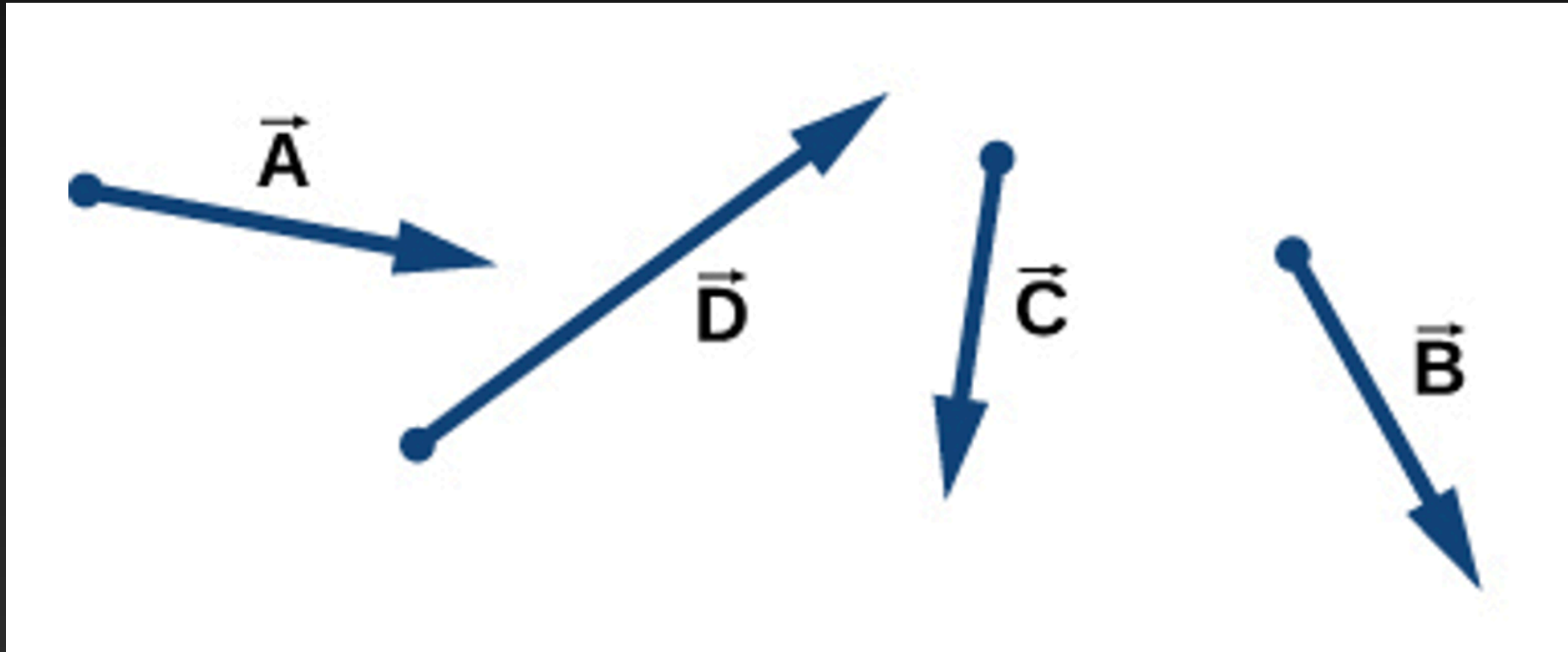
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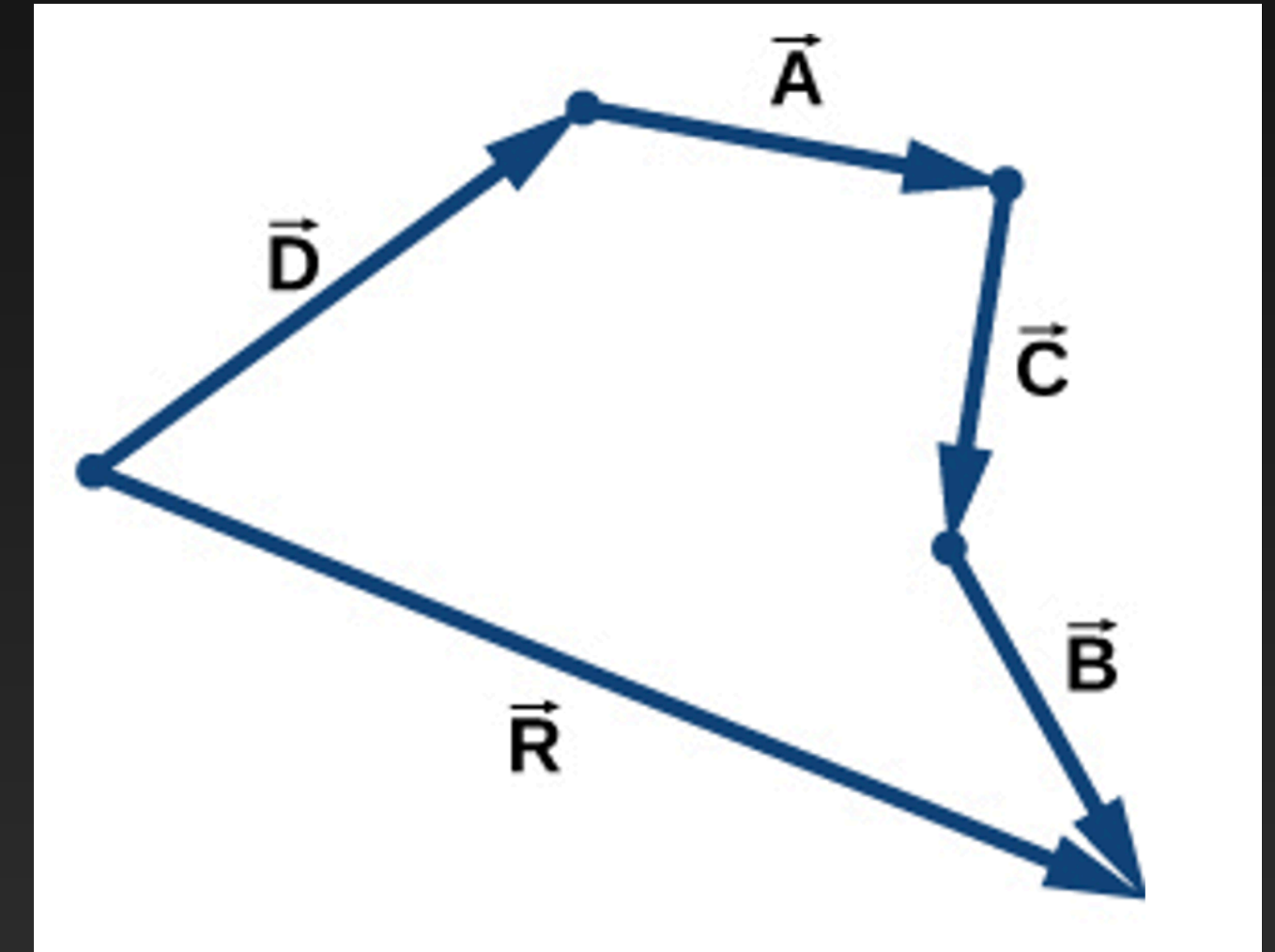
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- b) Displacement of the ball is zero, while the distance is twice the length of the lane.
- c) Both the displacement and distance for the ball are equal to zero.
- d) Both the displacement and distance for the ball are twice the length of the lane.

A

B

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D

E

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Detailed solution: Displacement of the ball is zero, while the distance is twice the length of the lane.

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CQ.2.3

Terry walks south 39 m, then north 27 m, and then north again 16 m. What are the distance and displacement of her motion?

- a) Terry covers a total distance of 82 m, and her displacement is 4 m towards east.
- b) Terry covers a total distance of 82 m, and her displacement is 4 m towards west.
- c) Terry covers a total distance of 82 m, and her displacement is 4 m towards north.
- d) Terry covers a total distance of 82 m, and her displacement is 4 m towards south.

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Detailed solution: Displacement $= \Delta d = d_f - d_o = (-39 \text{ m} + 27 \text{ m} + 16 \text{ m}) - 0 = +4 \text{ m}$, or 4 m north; distance $= 39 \text{ m} + 27 \text{ m} + 16 \text{ m} = 82 \text{ m}$

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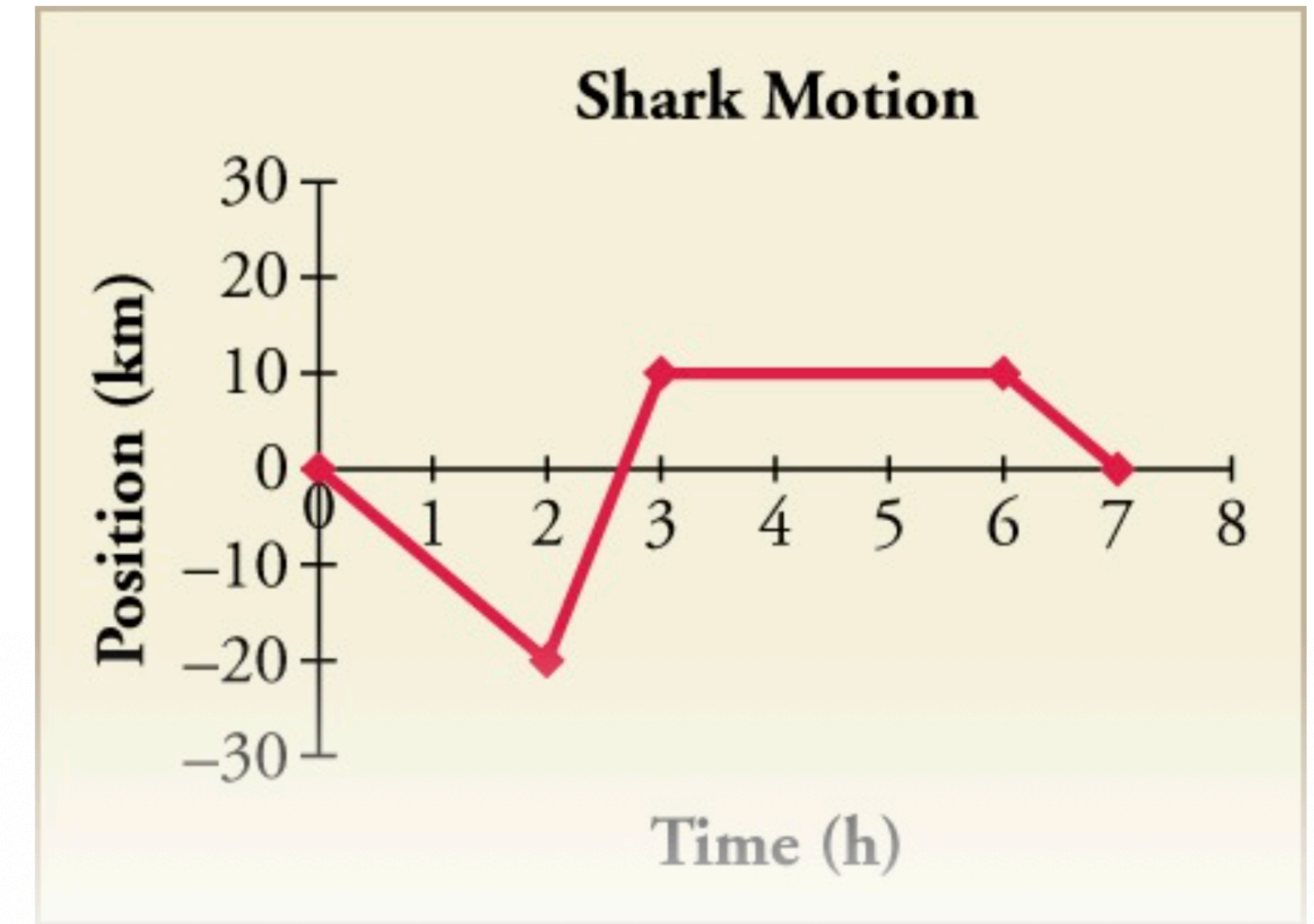
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CQ.2.4



Which of the following statements about the shark's motion is correct?

- a) Total distance is 0 km, and the net displacement is 0 km.
- b) Total distance is 10 km, and the net displacement is 0 km.
- c) Total distance is 20 km, and the net displacement is 10 km.
- d) Total distance is 60 km, and the net displacement is 0 km.

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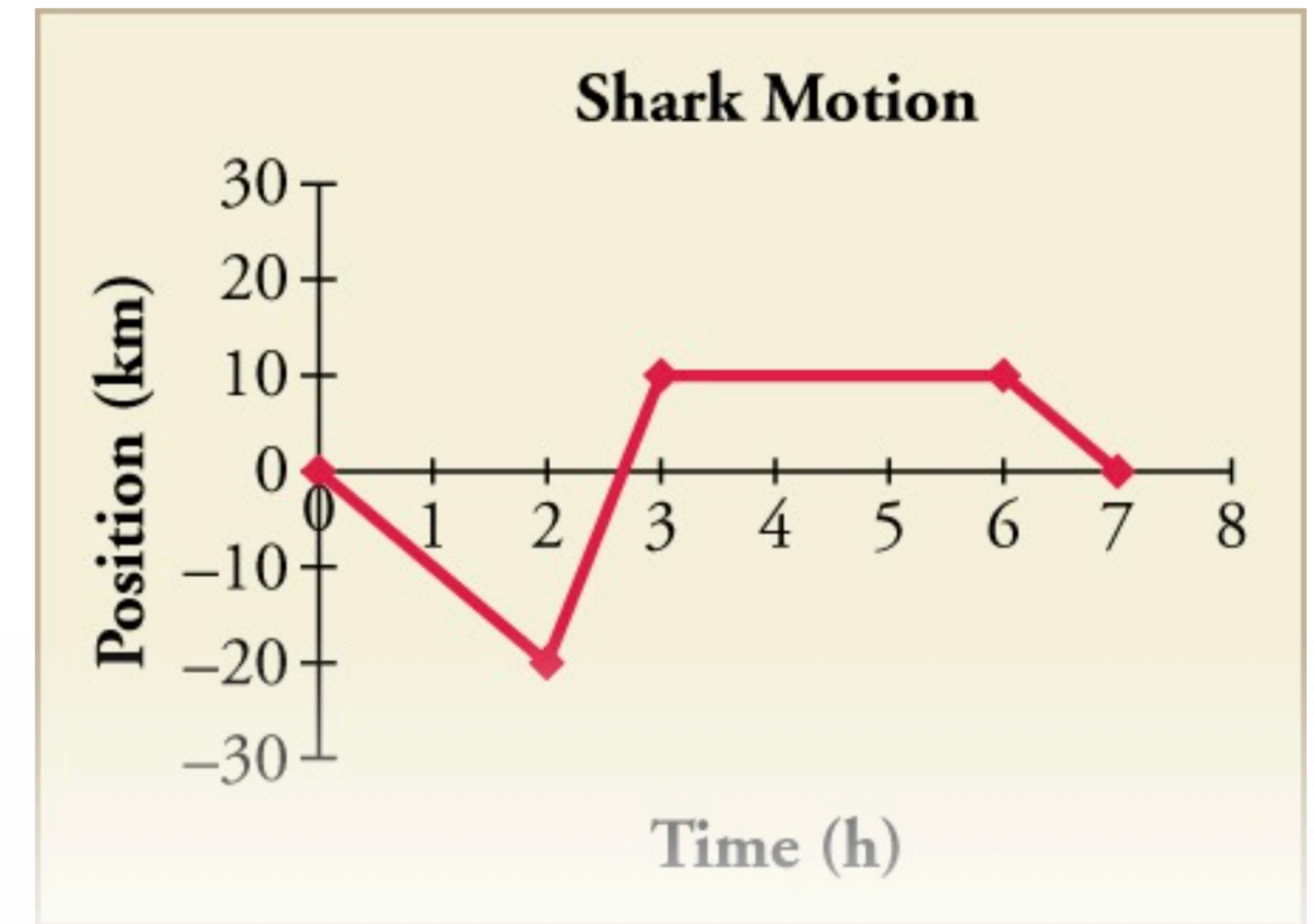
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CQ.2.4



The graph shows the motion of a shark through the water near the surface of

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Detailed solution: The total distance is 60 km, and the net displacement is 0 km.

A

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E

EXAMPLE 2.1

A Ladybug Walker

A long measuring stick rests against a wall in a physics laboratory with its 200-cm end at the floor. A ladybug lands on the 100-cm mark and crawls randomly along the stick. It first walks 15 cm toward the floor, then it walks 56 cm toward the wall, then it walks 3 cm toward the floor again. Then, after a brief stop, it continues for 25 cm toward the floor and then, again, it crawls up 19 cm toward the wall before coming to a complete rest ([Figure 2.8](#)). Find the vector of its total displacement and its final resting position on the stick.

Problem Solving Template

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Template for teaching and assessment of problem solving in introductory physics

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1. Framing

Visual Representation

Assumptions and Simplifications

Relevant Concepts

Information Needed

Similar Problems

2. Planning

Solution Plan

Rough Estimate

3. Execution

Carry-out Plan for solving

- Work in algebra/symbols until the BITTER end
- Plug in numbers at the LAST step

4. Answer Checking

Compare to Estimate

Units Check

Limits Test

Getting (UnStuck)

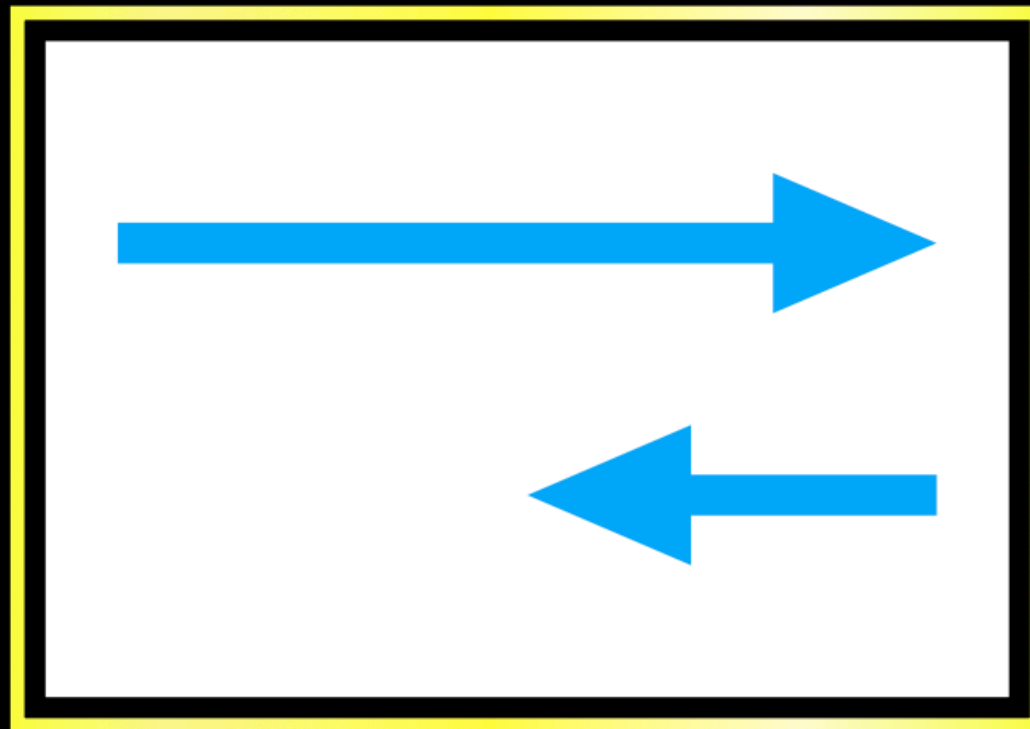
Solution

The resultant of all the displacement vectors is

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\mathbf{D}} &= \vec{\mathbf{D}}_1 + \vec{\mathbf{D}}_2 + \vec{\mathbf{D}}_3 + \vec{\mathbf{D}}_4 + \vec{\mathbf{D}}_5 \\ &= (15 \text{ cm})(+\hat{\mathbf{u}}) + (56 \text{ cm})(-\hat{\mathbf{u}}) + (3 \text{ cm})(+\hat{\mathbf{u}}) + (25 \text{ cm})(+\hat{\mathbf{u}}) + (19 \text{ cm})(-\hat{\mathbf{u}}) \\ &= (15 - 56 + 3 + 25 - 19)\text{cm}\hat{\mathbf{u}} \\ &= -32 \text{ cm}\hat{\mathbf{u}}.\end{aligned}$$

In this calculation, we use the distributive law given by [Equation 2.9](#). The result reads that the total displacement vector points away from the 100-cm mark (initial landing site) toward the end of the meter stick that touches the wall. The end that touches the wall is marked 0 cm, so the final position of the ladybug is at the $(100 - 32)\text{cm} = 68\text{-cm}$ mark.

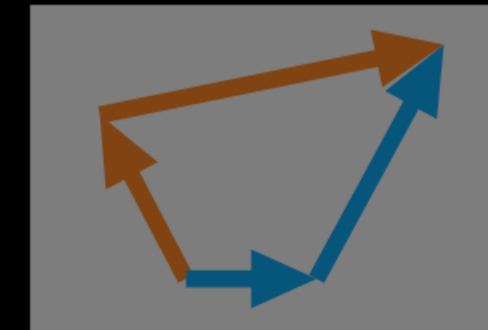
Vector Addition



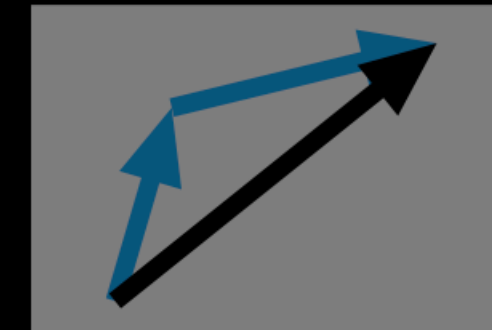
Explore 1D



Explore 2D



Lab



Equations

See you next class!