

Answer on Question #38399, Physics, Mechanics

Question:

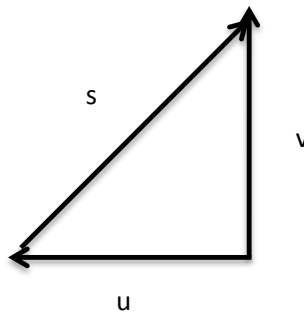
Wind is blowing from south at 5m/s to a cyclist it appears to be blowing from east at 5m/s the velocity of cyclist

Answer:

Velocity-addition formula:

If a wind is blowing relative to the cyclist with velocity 5 m/s from east (\vec{v}) and wind is blowing relative to the ground with velocity 5 m/s from south (\vec{u}), then the velocity of the cyclist relative to the ground equals the vector sum:

$$\vec{s} = \vec{v} - \vec{u}$$



Pythagorean theorem:

$$s^2 = u^2 + v^2 = \sqrt{50} \frac{m}{s} = 5\sqrt{2} \frac{m}{s}$$

And directed to north-east.

$$\text{Answer: } 5\sqrt{2} \frac{m}{s}$$