## Answer on Question \#64034, Physics / Mechanics | Relativity

A river is flowing from west to east with a speed of $5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{min}$. A man can swim in still water with a velocity $10 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{min}$. In which direction should the man swim to take the shortest possible path to go the south?

## Solution:



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\begin{aligned}
& \sin (\alpha)=v_{r} / v_{m} \\
& \sin (\alpha)=10 / 5=0.5 \\
& \alpha=\arcsin (0.5)=30^{\circ} \\
& v_{m}=\sqrt{ } v_{r}^{2}+v_{m}^{2}=11.2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{min}
\end{aligned}
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Answer: He should swim in direction $30^{\circ}$ east of north

