

1. Give the velocity vector for wind blowing at 10 miles/hr toward the south-east. (Assume north is the positive y -direction.)

Solution. Since the wind blows 10 miles/hr south-east, the velocity vector, \vec{v} , points in a direction that is 45 degrees below the positive x -axis. Thus in components,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v} &= 10 \cos(-45^\circ)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 10 \sin(-45^\circ)\hat{\mathbf{j}} \\ &= 10 \cos(45^\circ)\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 10 \sin(45^\circ)\hat{\mathbf{j}} \\ &= \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{\mathbf{j}}.\end{aligned}\quad \square$$