Physics 122

Vectors Activity

Goal: To determine the component forces to see if any trends arise.

Question: What trends do you believe will happen to the components of a vector as the angle is increased?

Hypothesis:

Materials: Make a list of all materials used. (No pictures are needed)

Procedure:

- 1. Begin by collecting materials needed for the activity
- 2. Using the materials provided, tie a string to the board and attach the force scale.
- 3. Using the protractor, measure the angle of the incline and record on the data table
- 4. Begin walking at a constant speed to get an accurate measurement of the force scale. Record this value in the data table.
- 5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for all subsequent measurements of angle and force.
- 6. Using vector principles, calculate the horizontal (A_x) and vertical (A_y) components of each trial.

**** Reminder **** When recording numbers, make sure to record to one place value further than your instrument will allow. For example, if using a protractor go to the tenths place.

Trial	Force (N)	Angle of Incline (A)	$ec{A}_{ m x}$ (N)	$\vec{A}_{ m v}$ (N)
1		(0)		
2				
2				
3				
4 с				
5				
0				
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8				

Data Table:

Analysis: What actually happened? Was your hypothesis correct? Were there any sources of error?