

Set up the coordinate axes so that north is the positive  $y$ -direction, and east is the positive  $x$ -direction. The wind is blowing at 50 km/h from the direction N45°W, so that its velocity vector is 50 km/h S45°E, which can be written as  $\mathbf{v}_{\text{wind}} = 50(\cos(45^\circ)\mathbf{i} - \sin(45^\circ)\mathbf{j})$ . With respect to the still air, the velocity vector of the plane is 250 km/h N60°E, or equivalently  $\mathbf{v}_{\text{plane}} = 250(\cos(30^\circ)\mathbf{i} + \sin(30^\circ)\mathbf{j})$ . The velocity of the plane relative to the ground is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} &= \mathbf{v}_{\text{wind}} + \mathbf{v}_{\text{plane}} \\ &= (50 \cos(45^\circ) + 250 \cos(30^\circ))\mathbf{i} + (-50 \sin(45^\circ) + 250 \sin(30^\circ))\mathbf{j} \\ &= (25\sqrt{2} + 125\sqrt{3})\mathbf{i} + (125 - 25\sqrt{2})\mathbf{j} \approx 251.9\mathbf{i} + 89.6\mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

The ground speed is  $|\mathbf{v}| \approx \sqrt{(251.9)^2 + (89.6)^2} \approx 267.4$  km/h. The angle the velocity vector makes with the  $x$ -axis is  $\theta \approx \arctan\left(\frac{89.6}{251.9}\right) \approx 19.6^\circ$ . Therefore, the true course of the plane is about N(90 - 19.6)°E = N70.4°E.