

THE CARPET RIDE PROBLEM

Name _____ Group Members _____

You are a young traveler, leaving home for the first time. Your parents want to help you on your journey, so just before your departure, they give you two gifts. Specifically, they give you two forms of transportation: a hover board and a magic carpet. Your parents inform you that both the hover board and the magic carpet have restrictions in how they operate:



We denote the restriction on the *hover board's* movement by the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

By this we mean that if the hover board traveled “forward” for one hour, it would move along a “diagonal” path that would result in a displacement of 3 miles East and 1 mile North of its starting location.



We denote the restriction on the *magic carpet's* movement by the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

By this we mean that if the magic carpet traveled “forward” for one hour, it would move along a “diagonal” path that would result in a displacement of 1 mile East and 2 miles North of its starting location.

SCENARIO ONE: THE MAIDEN VOYAGE

Your Uncle Cramer suggests that your first adventure should be to go visit the wise man, Old Man Gauss. Uncle Cramer tells you that Old Man Gauss lives in a cabin that is 107 miles East and 64 miles North of your home.

TASK:

Investigate whether or not you can use the hover board and the magic carpet to get to Gauss's cabin. If so, how? If it is not possible to get to the cabin with these modes of transportation, why is that the case?

As a group, state and explain your answer(s) on the group whiteboard. Use the vector notation for each mode of transportation as part of your explanation and use a diagram or graphic to help illustrate your point(s).