Determination of Axis

Axis: Defined as the mean vector of ventricular depolarization.

Normal Axis: A mean vector between +90 and -30 degrees (down & to the left).

Right Axis Deviation: A mean vector of > +90 degrees.
Left Axis Deviation: A mean vector more negative than -30 degrees.

Determining the axis of the mean vector:

* Check lead aVF.
  * if aVF is positive, check lead I
    * if lead I is positive, axis is normal
    * if lead I is negative, there is right axis deviation
  * if aVF is negative, check lead II.
    * if lead II is positive, it is normal
    * if lead II is negative, there is left axis deviation
Concentrate on the axis for the following tracings.