

Vectors

Pt.1: 2D Vectors

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Pt. 2: 3D Vectors



- Given that $p = \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$ and $q = 4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$,
 - Find the values of a and b such that $ap + bq = -5\mathbf{i} + 13\mathbf{j}$. (3)
 - Find the value of c such that $cp + q$ is parallel to the vector \mathbf{j} . (2)
 - Find the value of d such that $p + dq$ is parallel to the vector $3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$. (3)

2. Given that $p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$, $q = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $r = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$, find as column vectors,

- $p + 2q$ (1)
- $2p - 3q + r$ (1)

3. A car is driving with a velocity of $(7\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

- Find the speed of the car (2)
- Find the bearing the car is travelling on (2)

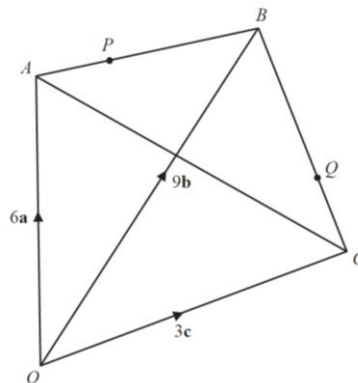
4. Given that the point A has position vector $4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$ and the point B has position vector $-5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$.

- Find the vector \overrightarrow{AB} (2)
- Find $|\overrightarrow{AB}|$. Give your answer as a simplified surd. (2)

5. In the diagram, O , is the origin and $\overrightarrow{OA} = 6a$, $\overrightarrow{OB} = 9b$ and $\overrightarrow{OC} = 3c$.

The point P lies on AB such that $\overrightarrow{AP} = 3b - 2a$.

The point Q lies on BC such that $\overrightarrow{BQ} = 2c - 6b$.



- Find, in terms of b and c , the position vector of Q . Give your answer in its simplest form. (2)
- Find \overrightarrow{AC} , in terms of a and c , in its simplest form. (2)
- Explain what your answers in part (b) tell you about PQ and AC . (2)

6. The quadrilateral $OABC$ has $\overrightarrow{OA} = 4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$, $\overrightarrow{OB} = 6\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$ and $\overrightarrow{OC} = 8\mathbf{i} - 20\mathbf{j}$.

- Find \overrightarrow{AB} (2)
- Show that quadrilateral $OABC$ is a trapezium. (2)

Mark Scheme

1a.

$a(\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) + b(4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) = -5\mathbf{i} + 13\mathbf{j}$ $a + 4b = -5$ (1)	M1
$3a - 2b = 13$ (2) $(1) + 2 \times (2) \Rightarrow 7a = 21$	M1
$a = 3, b = -2$	M1

1b.

$c(\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) + (4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) = k\mathbf{j}$	M1
$c + 4 = 0$ $c = -4$	M1

1c.

$(\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) + d(4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) = k(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$ $1 + 4d = 3k$	M1
$3 - 2d = -k$ (1) + 2 × (2) $7 = k$	M1
$d = 5$	M1

2a.

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + 2\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	M1
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2b.

$2\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - 3\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ 17 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$	M1
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3a.

Speed = $\sqrt{7^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{74} \text{ ms}^{-1}$	M1
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3b.

$\tan x = \frac{5}{7}$ $x = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)$ $x = 35.5^\circ$	M1
Bearing = $90 + 35.5 = 126^\circ$ (to the nearest degree)	M1

4a.

$\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA}$	M1
$= (-5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) - (2\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j})$ $= -9\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$	M1

4b.

$ \overrightarrow{AB} = \sqrt{9^2 + 3^2}$ $= \sqrt{90}$	M1
$= 3\sqrt{10}$	M1

5a.

$\overrightarrow{OQ} = \overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{BQ}$ $9b + (2c - 6b)$	M1
$= 3b + 2c$	M1

5b.

$\overrightarrow{AC} = -\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OC}$	M1
$= 3c - 6a$	M1

5c.

$\overrightarrow{PQ} = \frac{3}{2}\overrightarrow{AC}$	M1
Therefore, PQ and AC are parallel	M1

6a.

$\overrightarrow{AB} = -\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB}$ $= (-4 + 6)\mathbf{i} + (-2 - 3)\mathbf{j}$	M1
$= 2\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$	M1

6b.

OC is parallel to AB because,	M1
$\overrightarrow{OC} = 4\overrightarrow{AB}$ They are not the same length, hence $OABC$ is a trapezium.	M1

