

# Vectors

## Pt.1: 2D Vectors

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Pt. 2: 3D Vectors



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

- a.  $p + 2q$  (1)
- b.  $2p - 3q + r$  (1)

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

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

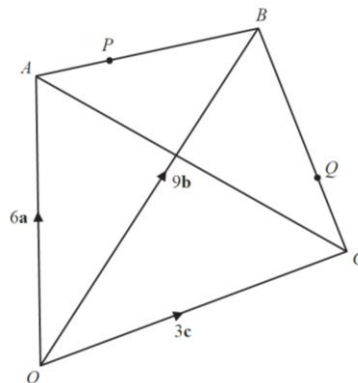
4. Given that the point A has position vector  $4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$  and the point B has position vector  $-5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$ .

- a. Find the vector  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  (2)
- b. 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  $\overrightarrow{BQ} = 2c - 6b$ .



- a. Find, in terms of  $b$  and  $c$ , the position vector of  $Q$ . Give your answer in its simplest form. (2)
- b. Find  $\overrightarrow{AC}$ , in terms of  $a$  and  $c$ , in its simplest form. (2)
- c. 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  $\overrightarrow{OC} = 8\mathbf{i} - 20\mathbf{j}$ .

- a. Find  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  (2)
- b. 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)	<b>M1</b>
$3a - 2b = 13$ (2) $(1) + 2 \times (2) \Rightarrow 7a = 21$	<b>M1</b>
$a = 3, b = -2$	<b>M1</b>

1b.

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

1c.

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

2a.

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

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

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

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

4a.

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

4b.

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

5a.

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

5b.

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

5c.

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

6a.

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

6b.

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

