RVHS H2 Mathematics Remedial Programme

Topic: Vectors I, II

Basic Mastery Questions

1. ACJC Promo 9758/2021/Q10(i)

Referred to the origin O, the points A, B and C have position vectors $4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$, $\alpha \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and

 $-\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j} + \beta \mathbf{k}$ respectively, where α and β are constants.

Given that A, B and C are collinear, show that $\alpha = 5$, and find the value of β . [3]

Answer: $\beta = -10$

2. JPJC Prelim 9758/2021/01/O2

Referred to the origin O, the points A and B have position vectors **a** and **b** such that

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$
 and $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$.

(i) Find the size of angle *OAB*.

The point C has position vector c given by $\mathbf{c} = \lambda \mathbf{a} + \mu \mathbf{b}$, where λ and μ are positive constants. Given that the area of triangle OAC is twice that of triangle OBC, [3]

(ii) find μ in terms of λ ,

(iii) hence, if $OC = \sqrt{118}$, find the position vector **c**.

(iii) $c = \begin{pmatrix} 3\sqrt{2} \\ 5\sqrt{2} \\ 5\sqrt{2} \\ 5\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$ Answer: (i) 144.7° (ii) $\mu = 2\lambda$

3. RI Prelim 9758/2021/02/Q4(a)(i)



Referred to the origin O, points A, B and C have position vectors **a**, **b** and **c** respectively. The three points lie on a circle with centre O and diameter AB (see diagram).

Using a suitable scalar product, show that the angle ACB is 90° .

[4]

[2]

[4]

Standard Questions

1. MI Promo 9758/2021/PU2/02/Q4

Referred to the origin *O*, the points *A* and *B* are such that $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$. The mid-point of *OA* is *P* and the point *M* on *PB* is such that *PM* : *MB* = 2:3.

By finding \overrightarrow{OM} , show that the area of triangle *OMP* can be written as $k |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|$ where k is a constant to be found. [5]

Given that $|\mathbf{a}| = 2$, $|\mathbf{b}| = \sqrt{2}$ and the angle *AOB* is $\frac{\pi}{4}$ radians, show that *PM* is perpendicular to *OA*. [4]

Answer: $k = \frac{1}{10}$

2. MI Promo 9758/2020/PU2/P1/Q7

In the parallelogram OABC, $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$ and $\overrightarrow{OC} = \mathbf{c}$. The point *M* on *OA* is such that OM : MA = 2: 1 and the point *N* on *AB* is such that AN : NB = 1 : 2. It is given that the lines *CM* and *ON* intersect at point *R*.

(i) Find \overrightarrow{OM} and \overrightarrow{ON} , giving your answers in terms of **a** and **c**. [2]

(ii) Show that
$$\overrightarrow{OR} = \frac{6}{11}\mathbf{a} + \frac{2}{11}\mathbf{c}$$
. [4]

(iii) Hence find the ratio CR : RM. [1]

(iv) State, with a reason, whether the points *O*, *B* and *R* are collinear. [2]

Answer: (i) $\overrightarrow{OM} = \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{a}$, $\overrightarrow{ON} = \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{c}$ (iii) 9:2