



Term 4 RTT2: Post-Promo Revision Lesson Worksheet
Session 3: C4A to C4C: Vectors

- 1 Referred to the origin O , the points A and B have position vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} respectively. The vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are given by

$$\mathbf{a} = 2p\mathbf{i} - 6p\mathbf{j} + 3p\mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k},$$

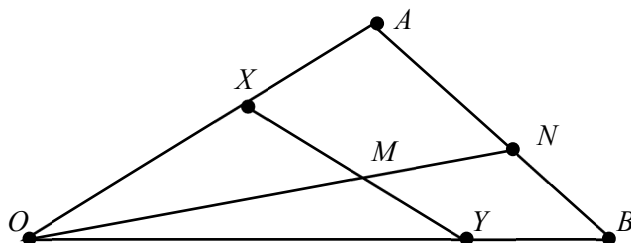
where p is a constant.

Find $\frac{|\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}|}{|\mathbf{a}|}$ and give a geometrical interpretation of $\frac{|\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}|}{|\mathbf{a}|}$. [2]

Find $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ and give a geometrical interpretation of $|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|$. [2]

Given that \mathbf{a} is a unit vector, find the possible value(s) of p . [2]

2 DHS Prelim 9758/2020/01/Q6b modified



With reference to the origin O , the points A and B are such that $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$.

It is given that $\overrightarrow{OX} = \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{a}$, $\overrightarrow{OY} = \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{b}$ and the line ON bisects the line XY at the point M .

- (i) By considering the ratio $XM : MY$, find the vector \overrightarrow{OM} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} . [1]
- (ii) Given that $AN : NB = \lambda : 1 - \lambda$ and $ON : OM = k : 1$ where λ and k are real constants, find the ratio $AN : NB$. [4]
- 3 (a) The non-zero vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} are such that $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}$. Given that $\mathbf{b} \neq -\mathbf{c}$, find a linear relationship between \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} . [3]
- (b) The variable vector $\mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}$ satisfies the equation $\mathbf{v} \times (\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{j}$. Find the set of vectors \mathbf{v} and describe this set geometrically. [3]

4 ACJC Promo 9758/2020/Q8

The lines l and m are defined by the equations

$$l: \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k} + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}),$$

$$m: \frac{x-1}{4} = \frac{a-y}{a} = \frac{z+3}{4}.$$

(i) Given that the lines intersect, show that $a = 6$. [2]

(ii) Find the position vector of N , the foot of perpendicular from the point $A(5, 0, 1)$ to the line l . [3]

(iii) Find the position vector of the two points on l that are 5 units from A . [3]

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The line L has equation $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k} + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k})$.

(i) Find the acute angle between L and the x -axis. [2]

The point P has position vector $2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k}$.

(ii) Find the points on L which are a distance of $\sqrt{33}$ from P . Hence or otherwise find the point on L which is closest to P . [5]

(iii) Find a cartesian equation of the plane that includes the line L and the point P . [3]

6 JPJC Promo 9758/2020/Q9 modified

The plane p_1 has equation $\mathbf{r} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, where λ and μ are real parameters..

(i) Find an equation of p_1 in the form $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = d$. [3]

The plane p_2 has equation $2x - y + z = 12$.

(ii) State the relationship between p_1 and p_2 . [1]

The line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = t \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, where t is a real parameter.

(iii) Find the acute angle between l and p_1 . [2]

(iv) Find the foot of perpendicular from the origin to p_2 . Hence, or otherwise, find the exact distance between p_1 and p_2 . [4]

More Practice Questions

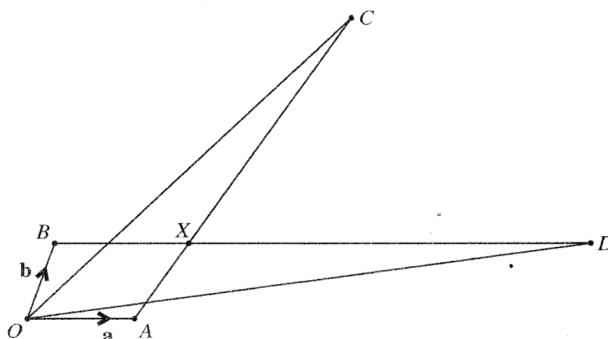
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Relative to the origin O , two points A and B have position vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} respectively. It is given that \mathbf{b} is a unit vector, $|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{3}$, and $|4\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b}| = \sqrt{41}$. θ is defined as the acute angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

(i) By considering the scalar product $(4\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b}) \cdot (4\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b})$, find θ . [4]

(ii) Give the geometrical meaning of $|(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \times \mathbf{b}|$ and find its exact value. [2]

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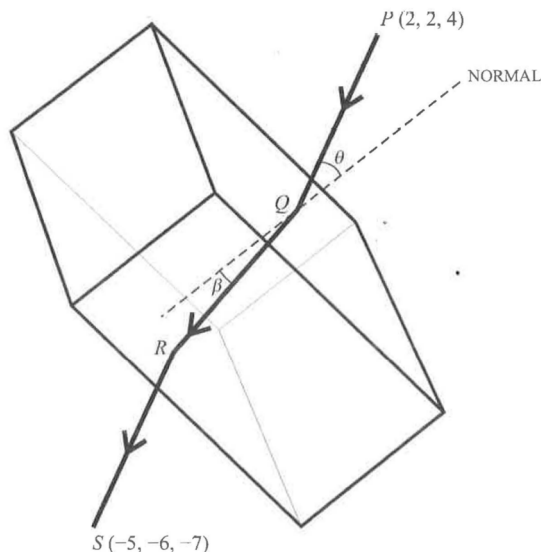
With reference to the origin O , the points A , B , C and D are such that $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$, $\overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$, $\overrightarrow{OC} = 2\mathbf{a} + 4\mathbf{b}$ and $\overrightarrow{OD} = \mathbf{b} + 5\mathbf{a}$. The lines BD and AC cross at X (see diagram).

(i) Express \overrightarrow{OX} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} . [4]

The point Y lies on CD and is such that the points O , X and Y are collinear.

(ii) Express \overrightarrow{OY} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} and find the ratio $OX : OY$. [6]

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A ray of light passes from air into a material made into a rectangular prism. The ray of light is sent in direction $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$ from a light source at the point P with coordinates $(2, 2, 4)$. The prism is placed so that the ray of light passes through the prism, entering at the point Q and emerging at the point R and is picked up by a sensor at point S with coordinates $(-5, -6, -7)$. The acute angle between PQ and the normal to the top of the prism at Q is θ and the acute angle between QR and the same normal is β (see diagram).

It is given that the top of the prism is a part of the plane $x + y + z = 1$, and that the base of the prism is a part of the plane $x + y + z = -9$. It is also given that the ray of light along PQ is parallel to the ray of light along RS so that P , Q , R and S lie in the same plane.

- (i) Find the exact coordinates of Q and R . [5]
 - (ii) Find the values of $\cos \theta$ and $\cos \beta$. [3]
 - (iii) Find the thickness of the prism measured in the direction of the normal at Q . [3]
- Snell's law states that $\sin \theta = k \sin \beta$, where k is a constant called the refractive index.
- (iv) Find k for the material of this prism. [1]
 - (v) What can be said about the value of k for a material for which $\beta > \theta$? [1]