Vectors – 2020 A2

1. Nov/2020/Paper_9709/31/No.11

Two lines have equations $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + \lambda(a\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$ and $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k} + \mu(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$, where a is a constant.

(a) Given that the two lines intersect, find the value of a and the position vector of the point of intersection. [5]

(b) Given instead that the acute angle between the directions of the two lines is $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$, find the two possible values of a. [6]

2. Nov/2020/Paper_9709/32/No.8

With respect to the origin O, the position vectors of the points A, B, C and D are given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \overrightarrow{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OD} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Show that $AB = 2CD$. [3]

(b) Find the angle between the directions of $\overrightarrow{AB}$ and $\overrightarrow{CD}$. [3]

(c) Show that the line through A and B does not intersect the line through C and D. [4]

3. June/2020/Paper_9709/32/No.9

With respect to the origin O, the vertices of a triangle ABC have position vectors

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{k}, \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = 3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OC} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}.$$

(a) Using a scalar product, show that angle ABC is a right angle. [3]

(b) Show that triangle ABC is isosceles. [2]

(c) Find the exact length of the perpendicular from O to the line through B and C. [4]

4. June/2020/Paper_9709/32/No.10

With respect to the origin O, the points A and B have position vectors given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = 6\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$. The midpoint of OA is M. The point N lying on AB, between A and B, is such that $AN = 2NB$.

(a) Find a vector equation for the line through M and N. [5]

The line through M and N intersects the line through O and B at the point P.

(b) Find the position vector of P. [3]

(c) Calculate angle OPM, giving your answer in degrees. [3]

5. June/2020/Paper_9709/33/No.8

Relative to the origin O, the points A, B and D have position vectors given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}, \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = 2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OD} = 3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k}.$$

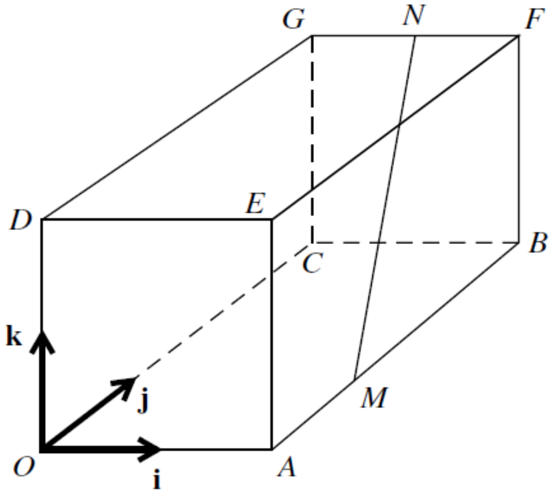
A fourth point C is such that $ABCD$ is a parallelogram.

(a) Find the position vector of C and verify that the parallelogram is not a rhombus. [5]

(b) Find angle BAD, giving your answer in degrees. [3]

(c) Find the area of the parallelogram correct to 3 significant figures. [2]

6. March/2020/Paper_9709/32/No.8



In the diagram, $OABCDEFG$ is a cuboid in which $OA = 2$ units, $OC = 3$ units and $OD = 2$ units. Unit vectors **i**, **j** and **k** are parallel to OA, OC and OD respectively. The point M on AB is such that $MB = 2AM$. The midpoint of FG is N.

(a) Express the vectors $\overrightarrow{OM}$ and $\overrightarrow{MN}$ in terms of **i**, **j** and **k**. [3]

(b) Find a vector equation for the line through M and N. [2]

(c) Find the position vector of P, the foot of the perpendicular from D to the line through M and N. [4]