Past Year: Chapter 6 Vectors

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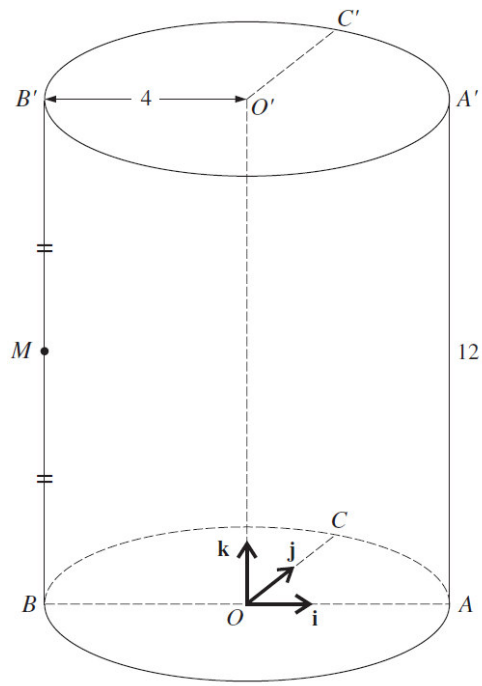

The diagram shows a solid cylinder standing on a horizontal circular base, centre O and radius 4 units. The line BA is a diameter and the radius OC is at $90°$ to OA. Points O', A', B' and C' lie on the upper surface of the cylinder such that OO', AA', BB' and CC' are all vertical and of length 12 units. The mid-point of BB' is M.

Unit vectors **i**, **j** and **k** are parallel to OA, OC and OO' respectively.

(i) Express each of the vectors $\overrightarrow{MO}$ and $\overrightarrow{MC'}$ in terms of **i**, **j** and **k**. [3]

(ii) Hence find the angle OMC'. [4]

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7 Given that $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ p \\ p+1 \end{pmatrix}$, find

(i) the angle between the directions of **a** and **b**, [4]

(ii) the value of p for which **b** and **c** are perpendicular. [3]

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8 The points A, B, C and D have position vectors $3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k}$, $2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$, $2\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$ and $-2\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$ respectively.

(i) Use a scalar product to show that BA and BC are perpendicular. [4]

(ii) Show that BC and AD are parallel and find the ratio of the length of BC to the length of AD. [4]

May/June 2004

9 Relative to an origin O, the position vectors of the points A, B, C and D are given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \overrightarrow{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ p \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OD} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ q \end{pmatrix},$$

where p and q are constants. Find

(i) the unit vector in the direction of $\overrightarrow{AB}$, [3]

(ii) the value of p for which angle $AOC = 90°$, [3]

(iii) the values of q for which the length of $\overrightarrow{AD}$ is 7 units. [4]

May/June 2005

11 Relative to an origin O, the position vectors of the points A and B are given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = 4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}.$$

(i) Use a scalar product to find angle AOB, correct to the nearest degree. [4]

(ii) Find the unit vector in the direction of $\overrightarrow{AB}$. [3]

(iii) The point C is such that $\overrightarrow{OC} = 6\mathbf{j} + p\mathbf{k}$, where p is a constant. Given that the lengths of $\overrightarrow{AB}$ and $\overrightarrow{AC}$ are equal, find the possible values of p. [4]

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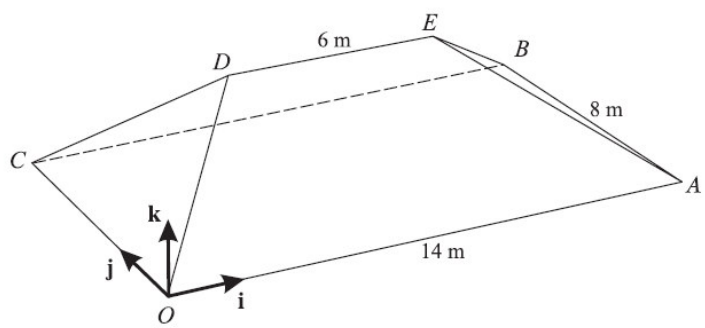

The diagram shows the roof of a house. The base of the roof, $OABC$, is rectangular and horizontal with $OA = CB = 14$ m and $OC = AB = 8$ m. The top of the roof DE is 5 m above the base and $DE = 6$ m. The sloping edges OD, CD, AE and BE are all equal in length.

Unit vectors $\mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{j}$ are parallel to OA and OC respectively and the unit vector $\mathbf{k}$ is vertically upwards.

(i) Express the vector $\overrightarrow{OD}$ in terms of $\mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{k}$, and find its magnitude. [4]

(ii) Use a scalar product to find angle DOB. [4]

May/June 2007

9 Relative to an origin O, the position vectors of the points A and B are given by

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

(i) Given that C is the point such that $\overrightarrow{AC} = 2\overrightarrow{AB}$, find the unit vector in the direction of $\overrightarrow{OC}$. [4]

The position vector of the point D is given by $\overrightarrow{OD} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$, where k is a constant, and it is given that $\overrightarrow{OD} = m\overrightarrow{OA} + n\overrightarrow{OB}$, where m and n are constants.

(ii) Find the values of m, n and k. [4]

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10 Relative to an origin O, the position vectors of points A and B are $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and $3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + p\mathbf{k}$ respectively.

(i) Find the value of p for which OA and OB are perpendicular. [2]

(ii) In the case where $p = 6$, use a scalar product to find angle AOB, correct to the nearest degree. [3]

(iii) Express the vector $\overrightarrow{AB}$ is terms of p and hence find the values of p for which the length of AB is 3.5 units. [4]

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6 Relative to an origin O, the position vectors of the points A and B are given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = 7\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}.$$

(i) Find the value of $\overrightarrow{OA}.\overrightarrow{OB}$ and hence state whether angle AOB is acute, obtuse or a right angle. [3]

(ii) The point X is such that $\overrightarrow{AX} = \frac{2}{5}\overrightarrow{AB}$. Find the unit vector in the direction of OX. [4]

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7 Given that $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ p \\ p+1 \end{pmatrix}$, find

(i) the angle between the directions of $\mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{b}$, [4]

(ii) the value of p for which $\mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{c}$ are perpendicular. [3]

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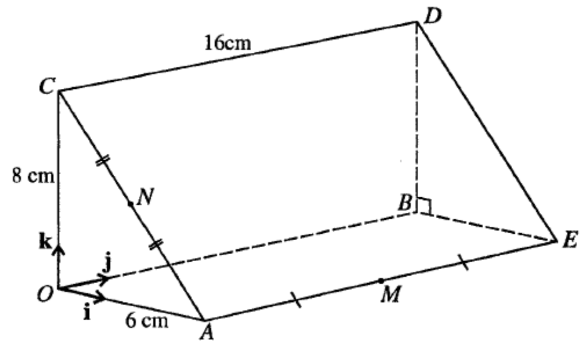

The diagram shows a prism with cross-section in the shape of a right-angled triangle OAC where $OA = 6$ cm and $OC = 8$ cm. The cross-section through E is the triangle BED. The length of the prism is 16 cm. M is the mid-point of AE and N is the mid-point of AC.

Unit vectors **i**, **j** and **k** are parallel to OA, OB and OC respectively as shown.

(i) Express each of the vectors $\overrightarrow{MN}$ and $\overrightarrow{MD}$ in terms of **i**, **j** and **k**. [4]

(ii) Evaluate $\overrightarrow{MN}.\overrightarrow{MD}$ and hence find the value of angle NMD, giving your answer to the nearest degree. [5]

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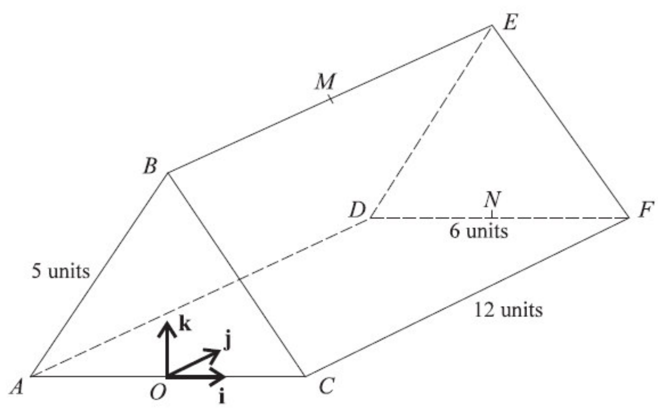

The diagram shows a triangular prism with a horizontal rectangular base $ADFC$, where $CF = 12$ units and $DF = 6$ units. The vertical ends ABC and DEF are isosceles triangles with $AB = BC = 5$ units. The mid-points of BE and DF are M and N respectively. The origin O is at the mid-point of AC.

Unit vectors **i**, **j** and **k** are parallel to OC, ON and OB respectively.

(i) Find the length of OB. [1]

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

(iii) Evaluate $\overrightarrow{MC}.\overrightarrow{MN}$ and hence find angle CMN, giving your answer correct to the nearest degree. [4]

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8 The points A and B have position vectors $\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and $-5\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$ respectively, relative to an origin O.

(i) Use a scalar product to calculate angle AOB, giving your answer in radians correct to 3 significant figures. [4]

(ii) The point C is such that $\overrightarrow{AB} = 2\overrightarrow{BC}$. Find the unit vector in the direction of $\overrightarrow{OC}$. [4]

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4 Relative to an origin O, the position vectors of points P and Q are given by

$$\overrightarrow{OP} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ q \end{pmatrix},$$

where q is a constant.

(i) In the case where $q = 3$, use a scalar product to show that $\cos POQ = \frac{1}{7}$. [3]

(ii) Find the values of q for which the length of $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ is 6 units. [4]

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4 The position vectors of points A and B are $\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ respectively, relative to an origin O.

(i) Calculate angle AOB. [3]

(ii) The point C is such that $\overrightarrow{AC} = 3\overrightarrow{AB}$. Find the unit vector in the direction of $\overrightarrow{OC}$. [4]

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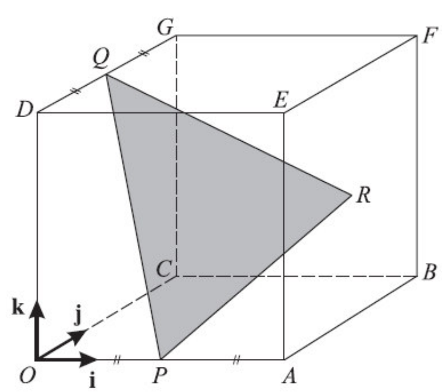

The diagram shows a cube $OABCDEFG$ in which the length of each side is 4 units. The unit vectors $\mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{k}$ are parallel to $\overrightarrow{OA}$, $\overrightarrow{OC}$ and $\overrightarrow{OD}$ respectively. The mid-points of OA and DG are P and Q respectively and R is the centre of the square face $ABFE$.

(i) Express each of the vectors $\overrightarrow{PR}$ and $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ in terms of $\mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{k}$. [3]

(ii) Use a scalar product to find angle QPR. [4]

(iii) Find the perimeter of triangle PQR, giving your answer correct to 1 decimal place. [3]

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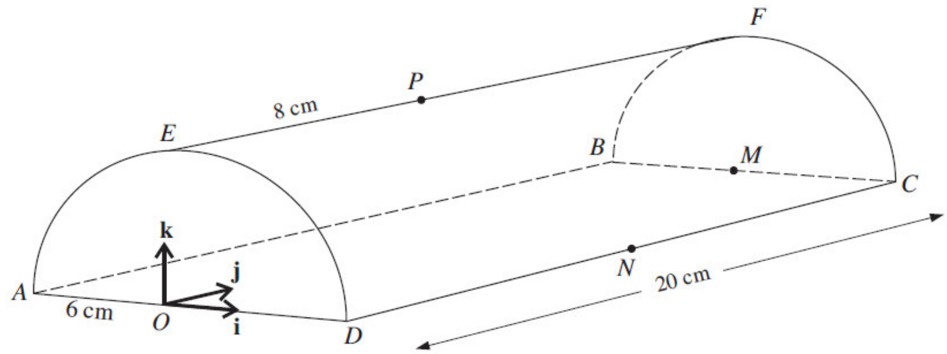

The diagram shows a semicircular prism with a horizontal rectangular base $ABCD$. The vertical ends AED and BFC are semicircles of radius 6 cm. The length of the prism is 20 cm. The mid-point of AD is the origin O, the mid-point of BC is M and the mid-point of DC is N. The points E and F are the highest points of the semicircular ends of the prism. The point P lies on EF such that $EP = 8$ cm.

Unit vectors **i**, **j** and **k** are parallel to OD, OM and OE respectively.

(i) Express each of the vectors $\overrightarrow{PA}$ and $\overrightarrow{PN}$ in terms of **i**, **j** and **k**. [3]

(ii) Use a scalar product to calculate angle APN. [4]

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9 Relative to an origin O, the position vectors of the points A, B and C are given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -6 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(i) Find angle AOB. [4]

(ii) Find the vector which is in the same direction as $\overrightarrow{AC}$ and has magnitude 30. [3]

(iii) Find the value of the constant p for which $\overrightarrow{OA} + p\overrightarrow{OB}$ is perpendicular to $\overrightarrow{OC}$. [3]

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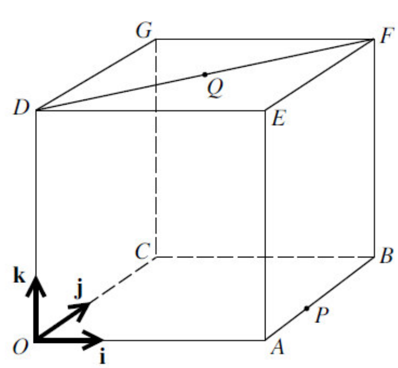

In the diagram, $OABCDEFG$ is a cube in which each side has length 6. Unit vectors **i**, **j** and **k** are parallel to $\overrightarrow{OA}$, $\overrightarrow{OC}$ and $\overrightarrow{OD}$ respectively. The point P is such that $\overrightarrow{AP} = \frac{1}{3}\overrightarrow{AB}$ and the point Q is the mid-point of DF.

(i) Express each of the vectors $\overrightarrow{OQ}$ and $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ in terms of **i**, **j** and **k**. [3]

(ii) Find the angle OQP. [4]

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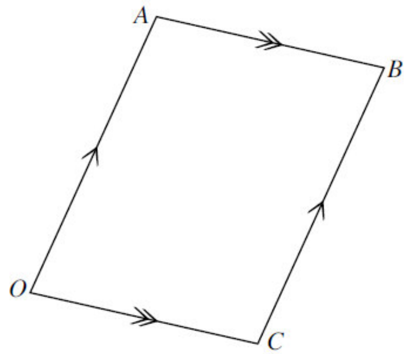

The diagram shows the parallelogram $OABC$. Given that $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{OC} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$, find

(i) the unit vector in the direction of $\overrightarrow{OB}$, [3]

(ii) the acute angle between the diagonals of the parallelogram, [5]

(iii) the perimeter of the parallelogram, correct to 1 decimal place. [3]

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5 Relative to an origin O, the position vectors of the points A and B are given by

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

(i) Find the value of p for which $\overrightarrow{OA}$ is perpendicular to $\overrightarrow{OB}$. [2]

(ii) Find the values of p for which the magnitude of $\overrightarrow{AB}$ is 7. [4]

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6 Relative to an origin O, the position vectors of the points A, B and C are given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}, \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = 3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{k}, \quad \overrightarrow{OC} = -\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 10\mathbf{k}.$$

(i) Use a scalar product to find angle ABC. [6]

(ii) Find the perimeter of triangle ABC, giving your answer correct to 2 decimal places. [2]

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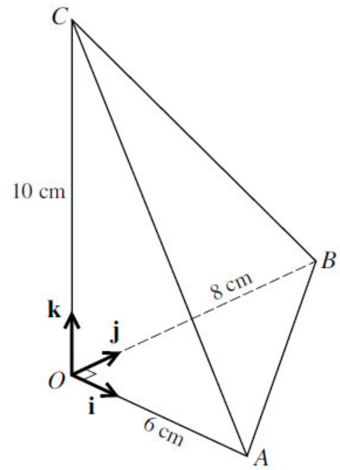

The diagram shows a pyramid $OABC$ with a horizontal base OAB where $OA = 6$ cm, $OB = 8$ cm and angle $AOB = 90°$. The point C is vertically above O and $OC = 10$ cm. Unit vectors **i**, **j** and **k** are parallel to OA, OB and OC as shown.

Use a scalar product to find angle ACB. [6]

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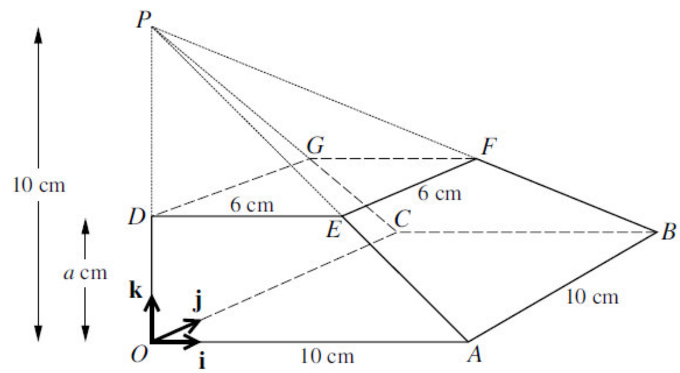

The diagram shows a pyramid $OABCP$ in which the horizontal base $OABC$ is a square of side 10 cm and the vertex P is 10 cm vertically above O. The points D, E, F, G lie on OP, AP, BP, CP respectively and $DEFG$ is a horizontal square of side 6 cm. The height of $DEFG$ above the base is a cm. Unit vectors **i**, **j** and **k** are parallel to OA, OC and OD respectively.

(i) Show that $a = 4$. [2]

(ii) Express the vector $\overrightarrow{BG}$ in terms of **i**, **j** and **k**. [2]

(iii) Use a scalar product to find angle GBA. [4]

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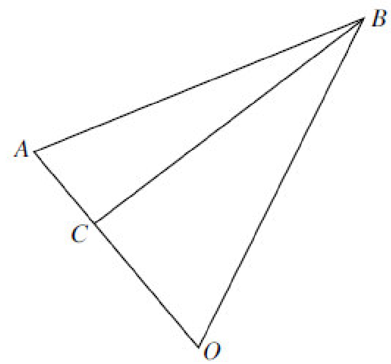

The diagram shows triangle OAB, in which the position vectors of A and B with respect to O are given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = -3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}.$$

C is a point on OA such that $\overrightarrow{OC} = p\overrightarrow{OA}$, where p is a constant.

(i) Find angle AOB. [4]

(ii) Find $\overrightarrow{BC}$ in terms of p and vectors $\mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{k}$. [1]

(iii) Find the value of p given that BC is perpendicular to OA. [4]