

Vectors Past Papers Unit 3 outcome 1

Written Questions

[SQA] 1. A is the point (-3,2,4) and B is (-1,3,2). Find

- (a) the components of vector \vec{AB} ;
- (b) the length of AB.

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(a)	1	3.1					1		3.1.1		Source
(b)	2	3.1					2		3.1.3		1993 P1 qu.1

$\cdot^1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ $\cdot^2 \sqrt{(-3+1)^2 + (2-3)^2 + (4-2)^2}$ $\cdot^3 3$
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[SQA] 2. Vectors p, q and r are defined by
 $p = i + j - k, q = i + 4k$ and $r = 4i - 3j$.

- (a) Express $p - q + 2r$ in component form.
- (b) Calculate $p \cdot r$
- (c) Find $|r|$.

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(a)	2	3.1					2		3.1.1		Source
(b)	1	3.1					1		3.1.9		1998 P1 qu.3
(c)	1	3.1					1		3.1.1		

$\cdot^1 p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, r = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ s/i by \cdot^2 $\cdot^2 \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -5 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$ $\cdot^3 1$ $\cdot^4 5$

[SQA] 3. The vectors p , q and r are defined as follows:

$$p = 3i - 3j + 2k, q = 4i - j + k, r = 4i - 2j + 3k.$$

(a) Find $2p - q + r$ in terms of i , j and k .

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(b) Find the value of $|2p - q + r|$.

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			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a)	1	3.1					1		3.1.8		Source 1989 P1 qu.3
(b)	2	3.1					2		3.1.1		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $6i - 7j + 6k$ •² $\sqrt{6^2 + (-7)^2 + 6^2}$ •³ 11

[SQA] 4. The vector $ai + bj + k$ is perpendicular to both the vectors $i - j + k$ and $-2i + j + k$. Find the values of a and b .

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			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
.	3	3.1					3		3.1.8		Source 1990 P1 qu.12

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = a - b + 1$ or $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -2a + b + 1$ •² $a - b + 1 = 0$ or $-2a + b + 1 = 0$ •³ $a = 2$ and $b = 3$

[SQA] 5. The position vectors of the points P and Q are $p = -i + 3j + 4k$ and $q = 7i - j + 5k$ respectively.

(a) Express \vec{PQ} in component form.

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(b) Find the length of PQ.

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			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a)	2	3.1					2		3.1.8	3.1.1	Source 1997 P1 qu.4
(b)	1	3.1					1		3.1.3		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $q - p = 8i - 4j + k$ or $p = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, q = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ •² $\vec{PQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ •³ 9

[SQA] 6. Calculate the length of the vector $2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \sqrt{3}\mathbf{k}$.

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			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
.	2	3.1					2		3.1.8		Source 1995 P1 qu.1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2}$ stated or implied by •² •² 4

[SQA] 7. The vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} are defined as follows:

$$\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}.$$

(a) Evaluate $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$.

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(b) From your answer to part (a), make a deduction about the vector $\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$.

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			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a)	3	3.1					3		3.1.8	3.1.9	Source 1993 P1 qu.12
(b)	2	3.1					2	3.1.10			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ •² $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 1$ •³ $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} = -1$ •⁴ $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})$ •⁵ $\mathbf{a} \perp \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$
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[SQA] 8. Show that the vectors $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ are perpendicular.

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			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
.	3	3.1					3		3.1.8	3.1.1	Source 1991 P1 qu.3

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ strat: $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \dots\dots\dots$ •² $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0 \Rightarrow$ perpendicularity explicitly stated •³ $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 6 - 3 - 3 = 0$
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- [SQA] 9. If $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$, write down the components of $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ and $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$. Hence show that $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ and $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$ are perpendicular.

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part marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
		C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
3	3.1					3		3.1.2	3.1.1	Source 1994 P1 qu.7

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ •² $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) = 8 - 16 + 8$ •³ $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) = 0$ so $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ and $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$ are perpendicular
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- [SQA] 10. (a) Show that the points L(-5, 6, -5), M(7, -2, -1) and N(10, -4, 0) are collinear.
 (b) Find the ration in which M divides LN.

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part marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
		C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a) 4	3.1					4		3.1.7		Source
(b) 1	3.1					1		3.1.6		1991 P1 qu.7

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\vec{LM} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -8 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ or equivalent combinations for (a) •² $\vec{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ •³ $\vec{LM} = 4\vec{MN}$ •⁴ vectors are parallel and have common point so L, M, N are collinear •⁵ 4:1

- [SQA] 11. Show that P(2, 2, 3), Q(4, 4, 1) and R(5, 5, 0) are collinear and find the ratio in which Q divides PR.

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part marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
		C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
4	3.1					4		3.1.7	3.1.6	Source 1990 P1 qu.4

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\vec{PQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ •² $\vec{QR} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{PQ}$ •³ vectors parallel and have pt in common so pts collinear •⁴ PQ:QR = 2:1
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[SQA] 12. A is the point (2, -5, 6), B is (6, -3, 4) and C is (12, 0, 1). Show that A, B and C are collinear and determine the ratio in which B divides AC.

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part marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
		C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
4	3.1					4		3.1.7	3.1.6	Source 1996 P1 qu.6

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ or $\vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$ or $\vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ •² $\vec{AB} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{BC} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ or equivalent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •³ $AB \parallel BC$ and B is point in common •⁴ 2:3 (or equivalent e.g. 1:1½)
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[SQA] 13. The point Q divides the line joining P(-1, -1, 0) to R(5, 2, -3) in the ratio 2 : 1. Find the coordinates of Q.

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	3	C	NC	G25	(3, 1, -2)	2002 P1 Q2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ pd: find vector components •² ss: use parallel vectors •³ pd: process vectors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\vec{PR} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ •² $\vec{PQ} = \frac{2}{3}\vec{PR}$ •³ $Q = (3, 1, -2)$
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[SQA] 14. For what value of t are the vectors $u = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $v = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 10 \\ t \end{pmatrix}$ perpendicular?

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U3 OC1
	2	C	CN	G27	t = 4	2000 P2 Q7

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ ss: know to use scalar product •² ic: interpret scalar product 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $u \cdot v = 2t - 20 + 3t$ •² $u \cdot v = 0 \Rightarrow t = 4$
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- [SQA] 15. $A(4, 4, 10)$, $B(-2, -4, 12)$ and $C(-8, 0, 10)$ are the vertices of a right-angled triangle.

Determine which angle of the triangle is the right angle.

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part marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
		C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
3	3.1					3		3.1.10		Source 1989 P1 qu.6

•¹ $\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

•² $|\vec{AC}|$ is longest so $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{CB} = -36 + 32 + 4 = 0$

•³ $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$

- [SQA] 16.

Find the value of k for which the vectors $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ k-1 \end{pmatrix}$ are perpendicular.

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part marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
		C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
3	3.1					3		3.1.10		Source 1995 P1 qu.4

•¹ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ k-1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$

•² $1 \times -4 + 2 \times 3 + -1(k-1)$

•³ 3

- [SQA] 17. PQRS is a parallelogram with vertices $P(1, 3, 3)$, $Q(4, -2, -2)$ and $R(3, 1, 1)$.

Find the coordinates of S.

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		C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
3	3.1					3		3.1.4		Source 1989 P1 qu.4

•¹ $\vec{QP} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ •² $R = (3, 1, 1)$ and $\vec{RS} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ stated or implied by •³

•³ $S = (0, 6, 6)$

[SQA] 18. ABCD is a quadrilateral with vertices A(4, -1, 3), B(8, 3, -1), C(0, 4, 4) and D(-4, 0, 8).

- (a) Find the coordinates of M, the midpoint of AB. 1
- (b) Find the coordinates of the point T, which divides CM in the ratio 2 : 1. 3
- (c) Show that B, T and D are collinear and find the ratio in which T divides BD. 4

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			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a)	1	0.1					1		0.1		Source 1989 Paper 2 Qu. 2
(b)	3	3.1					3		3.1.6		
(c)	4	3.1					4		3.1.7, 3.1.6		

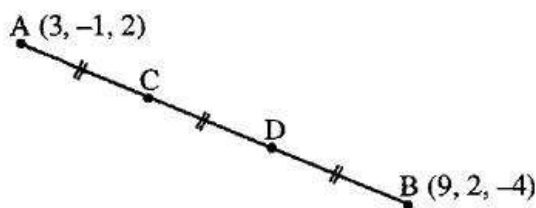
(a) •¹ (6, 1, 1) (c) •⁵ e.g. $\vec{BT} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) •² e.g. $\vec{CM} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ •⁶ $\vec{TD} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \times \vec{BT}$

•³ $\vec{CT} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ •⁷ TD is parallel to BT, T is common point so B, T, D collinear

•⁴ T = (4, 2, 2) •⁸ BT:TD = 1:2

[SQA] 19. The line AB is divided into 3 equal parts by the points C and D, as shown. A and B have coordinates (3, -1, 2) and (9, 2, -4).



- (a) Find the components of \vec{AB} and \vec{AC} . 2
- (b) Find the coordinates of C and D. 2

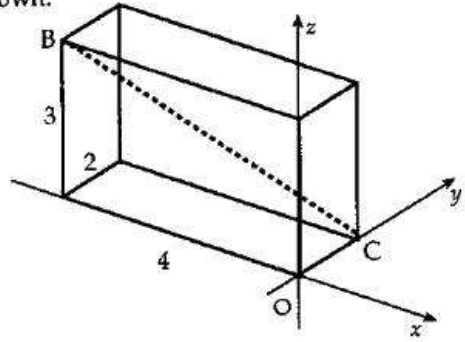
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(a)	2	3.1					2		3.1.1		Source 1998 P1 qu.5
(b)	2	3.1					2		3.1.1		

•¹ $\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$ •³ C = (5, 0, 0)

•² $\vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ •⁴ D = (7, 1, -2)

[SQA] 20. A cuboid crystal is placed relative to the coordinate axes as shown.

- (a) Write down \vec{BC} in component form.
- (b) Calculate $|\vec{BC}|$.



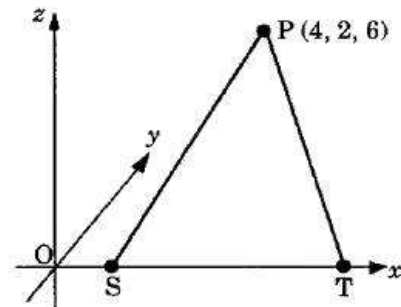
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(a)	1	3.1					1		3.1.1		Source 1990 P1 qu.5
(b)	1	3.1					1		3.1.3		

•¹ $\vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$

•² $\sqrt{29}$

[SQA] 21. The diagram shows a point P with coordinates (4, 2, 6) and two points S and T which lie on the x-axis. If P is 7 units from S and 7 units from T, find the coordinates of S and T.



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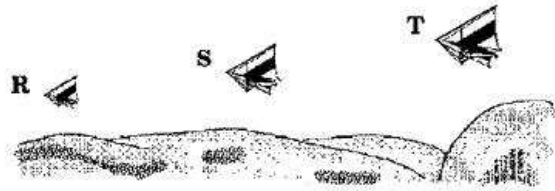
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.	3	3.1						3	3.1.3		Source 1994 P1 qu.18

•¹ $(x, 0, 0)$ or equiv. OR •¹ $PQ = \sqrt{40}$ OR •¹ $d^2 = 7^2 - 6^2 - 2^2$

•² $(x-4)^2 + 4 + 36 = 49$ or equiv. •² $d = 3$ •² $d = 3$

•³ $x = 1, 7$ •³ $(1, 0, 0), (7, 0, 0)$ •³ $(1, 0, 0), (7, 0, 0)$

- [SQA] 22. Relative to the top of a hill, three gliders have positions given by $R(-1, -8, -2)$, $S(2, -5, 4)$ and $T(3, -4, 6)$. Prove that R, S and T are collinear.

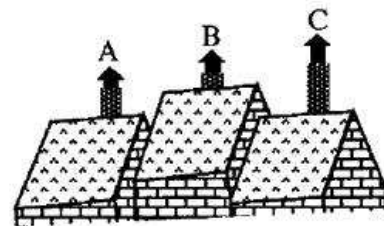


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		C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
3	3.1					3				Source 1994 P1 qu.4

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\vec{ST} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ or equivalent and $\vec{RS} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ or equivalent •² $\vec{RS} = 3\vec{ST}$ or equiv. •³ $RS \parallel ST$ and S is common.

- [SQA] 23. Relative to a suitable set of axes, the tops of three chimneys have coordinates given by $A(1, 3, 2)$, $B(2, -1, 4)$ and $C(4, -9, 8)$. Show that A, B and C are collinear.



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part marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
		C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
3	3.1					3		3.1.7		Source 1997 P1 qu.2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ •² $\vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -8 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ AND $\vec{BC} = 2 \times \vec{AB}$ •³ $\vec{AB} \parallel \vec{BC}$ & B is common hence A, B, C collinear
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- [SQA] 24. An aircraft flying at a constant speed on a straight flight path takes 2 minutes to fly from A to B and 1 minute to fly from B to C. Relative to a suitable set of axes, A is the point $(-1, 3, 4)$ and B is the point $(3, 1, -2)$. Find the co-ordinates of the point C.

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		C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
3	3.1					3		3.1.6		Source 1992 P1 qu.15
$\bullet^1 \vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$ $\bullet^2 \vec{BC} = \vec{AB}$ $\bullet^3 (5, 0, -5)$										

- [SQA] 25. The first four levels of a stepped pyramid with a square base are shown in Diagram 1.

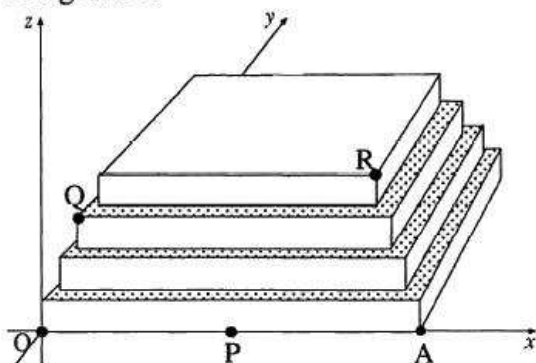


Diagram 1

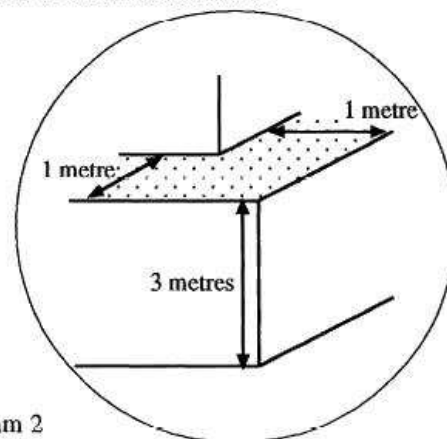


Diagram 2

Each level is a square-based cuboid with a height of 3 m. The shaded parts indicate the steps which have a “width” of 1 m. The height and “width” of a step at a corner are shown in the enlargement in Diagram 2.

With coordinate axes as shown and 1 unit representing 1 metre, the coordinates of P and A are (12, 0, 0) and (24, 0, 0).

- (a) Find the coordinates of Q and R.
 (b) Find the size of angle QPR.

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(a)	2	3.1			2				3.1.1		Source 1996 Paper 2 Qu.3
(b)	7	3.1			7				3.1.11		

(a) •¹ $Q = (2, 2, 9)$
 •² $R = (21, 3, 12)$

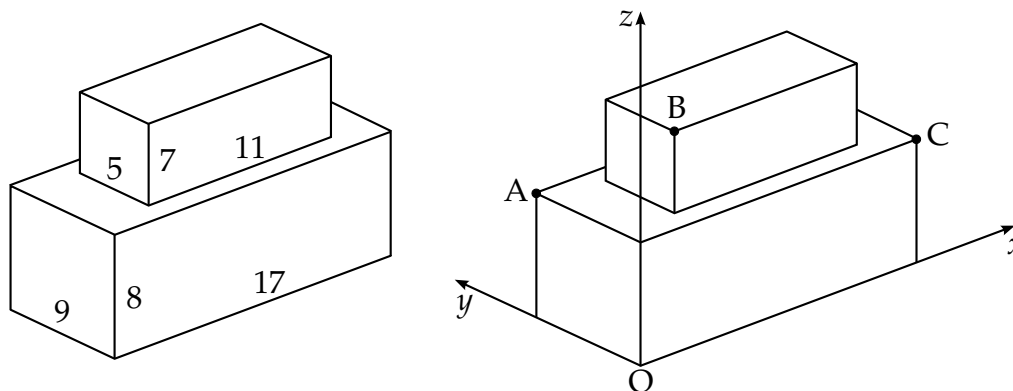
(b) •³ $\cos \theta = \frac{a \cdot b}{|a||b|}$ with some subsequent use
 eg $\cos \hat{QPR} = \frac{\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{PR}}{|\vec{PQ}||\vec{PR}|}$

•⁴ $\vec{PQ} = \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 2 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$ •⁵ $\vec{PR} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 3 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$

•⁶ $|\vec{PQ}| = \sqrt{185}$
 •⁷ $|\vec{PR}| = \sqrt{234}$
 •⁸ $\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{PR} = 24$
 •⁹ $\hat{QPR} = 83.4^\circ$

- [SQA] 26. A cuboid measuring 11 cm by 5 cm by 7 cm is placed centrally on top of another cuboid measuring 17 cm by 9 cm by 8 cm.

Coordinates axes are taken as shown.



- (a) The point A has coordinates $(0, 9, 8)$ and C has coordinates $(17, 0, 8)$.
Write down the coordinates of B.
- (b) Calculate the size of angle ABC.

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U3 OC1
(a)	1	C	CN	G22	$B(3, 2, 15)$	2000 P2 Q9
(b)	6	C	CR	G28	92.5°	

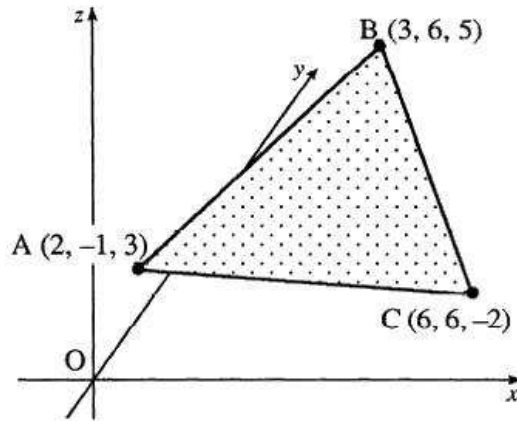
- ¹ ic: interpret 3-d representation
- ² ss: know to use scalar product
- ³ pd: process vectors
- ⁴ pd: process vectors
- ⁵ pd: process lengths
- ⁶ pd: process scalar product
- ⁷ pd: evaluate scalar product

- ¹ $B = (3, 2, 15)$ treat $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$ as bad form
- ² $\cos \widehat{ABC} = \frac{\vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC}}{|\vec{BA}| |\vec{BC}|}$
- ³ $\vec{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 7 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$
- ⁴ $\vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 14 \\ -2 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$
- ⁵ $|\vec{BA}| = \sqrt{107}, |\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{249}$
- ⁶ $\vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC} = -7$
- ⁷ $\widehat{ABC} = 92.5^\circ$

[SQA] 27.

A triangle ABC has vertices
A (2, -1, 3), B(3, 6, 5) and C (6, 6, -2).

- (a) Find \vec{AB} and \vec{AC} .
- (b) Calculate the size of angle BAC.
- (c) Hence find the area of the triangle.



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part	marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a)	2	3.1			2				3.1.1		Source 1998 Paper 2 Qu. 1
(b)	5	3.1			5			3.1.11			
(c)	2	0.1			2			0.1			

(a) •¹ $\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

•² $\vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) •³ $\cos \hat{BAC} = \frac{\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC}}{|\vec{AB}| |\vec{AC}|}$ *stated or implied by responses to •⁴ to •⁷*

•⁴ $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC} = 4 + 49 - 10$

•⁵ $|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{54}$

•⁶ $|\vec{AC}| = \sqrt{90}$

•⁷ $\hat{BAC} = 51.9^\circ$

(c) •⁸ **identify 2 sides and included angle**
e.g. $\sqrt{54}$, $\sqrt{90}$, \hat{BAC}

•⁹ 27.4

[SQA] 28. The diagram shows a square-based pyramid of height 8 units.

Square OABC has a side length of 6 units.

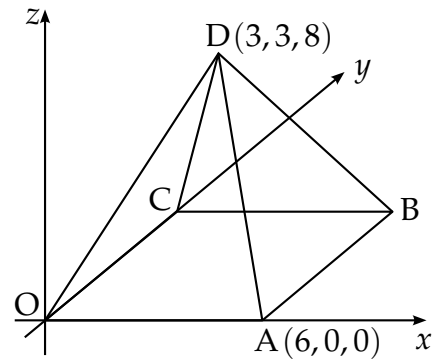
The coordinates of A and D are (6, 0, 0) and (3, 3, 8).

C lies on the y -axis.

(a) Write down the coordinates of B.

(b) Determine the components of \vec{DA} and \vec{DB} .

(c) Calculate the size of angle ADB.



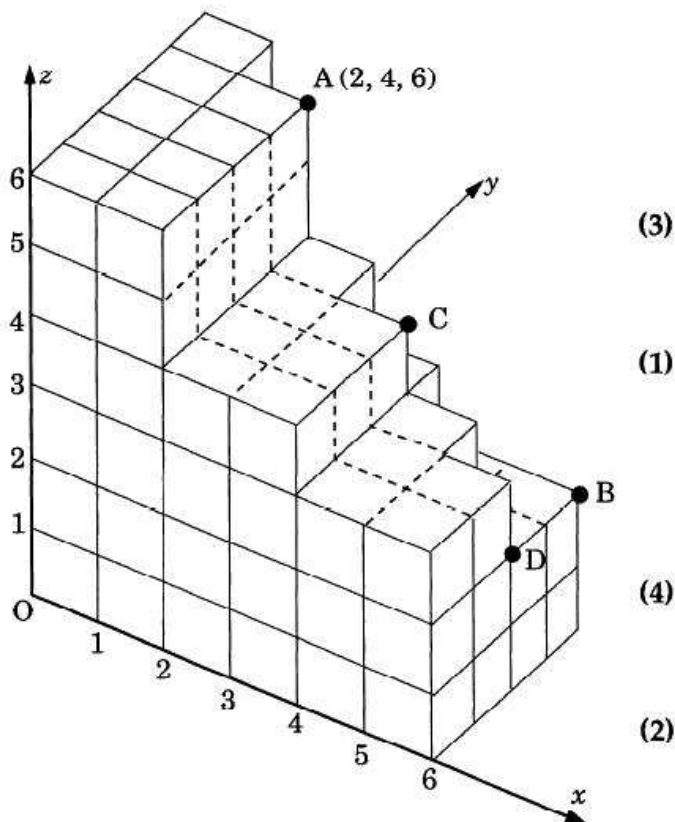
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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U3 OC1
(a)	1	C	CN	G22	(6, 6, 0)	2002 P2 Q2
(b)	2	C	CN	G17	$\vec{DA} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix},$ $\vec{DB} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$	
(c)	4	C	CR	G28	38.7°	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ ic: interpret diagram •² ic: write down components of a vector •³ ic: write down components of a vector •⁴ ss: use e.g. scalar product formula •⁵ pd: process lengths •⁶ pd: process scalar product •⁷ pd: process angle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ B = (6, 6, 0) •² $\vec{DA} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$ •³ $\vec{DB} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$ •⁴ $\cos \widehat{ADB} = \frac{\vec{DA} \cdot \vec{DB}}{ \vec{DA} \vec{DB} }$ •⁵ $\vec{DA} = \sqrt{82}, \vec{DB} = \sqrt{82}$ •⁶ $\vec{DA} \cdot \vec{DB} = 64$ •⁷ $\widehat{ADB} = 38.7^\circ$
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[SQA] 29. With coordinate axes as shown, the point A is (2,4,6).

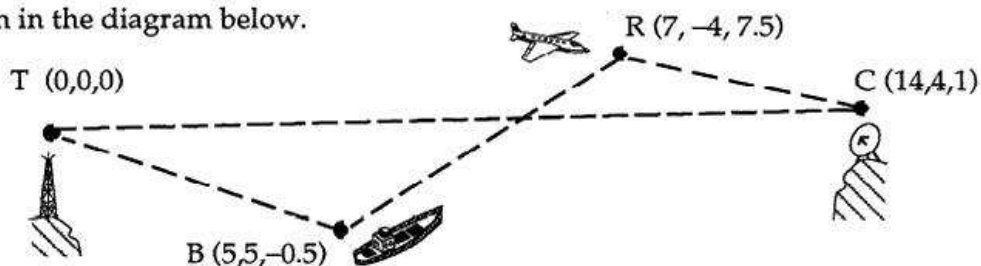
- (a) Write down the coordinates of B, C and D.
- (b) Show that C is the midpoint of AD.
- (c) By using the components of the vectors \vec{OA} and \vec{OB} , calculate the size of angle AOB, where O is the origin.
- (d) Hence calculate the size of angle OAB.



part	marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1 Source 1994 Paper 2 Qu.3
			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a)	3	3.1			3				3.1.1		
(b)	1	3.1			1				3.1.6		
(c)	4	3.1			4				3.1.11		
(d)	2	0.1			2				0.1		

(a)	• ¹	One of B, C or D									
	• ²	Remaining two of B, C and D									
	• ³	B(6, 4, 2), C(4, 3, 4), D(6, 2, 2)									
(b)	• ⁴	$\left(\frac{2+6}{2}, \frac{4+2}{2}, \frac{6+2}{2}\right)$									
(c)	• ⁵	$\cos \hat{AOB} = \frac{\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{OB}}{ \vec{OA} \vec{OB} }$ or $\frac{OA^2 + OB^2 - AB^2}{2 \times OA \times OB}$ or equivalents									
	• ⁶	$\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{OB} = 40$ or $AB^2 = 32$									
	• ⁷	$OA = \sqrt{56} = OB$									
	• ⁸	44°									
(d)	• ⁹	strategy: e.g. use isosceles Δ									
	• ¹⁰	68°									

- [SQA] 30. Relative to a suitable set of co-ordinate axes with a scale of 1 unit to 2 kilometres, the positions of a transmitter mast, ship, aircraft and satellite dish are shown in the diagram below.



The top T of the transmitter mast is the origin, the bridge B on the ship is the point $(5, 5, -0.5)$, the centre C of the dish on the top of a mountain is the point $(14, 4, 1)$ and the reflector R on the aircraft is the point $(7, -4, 7.5)$.

- (a) Find the distance from the bridge of the ship to the reflector on the aircraft. (3)
- (b) Three minutes earlier the aircraft was at the point $M(-2, 4, 8.5)$. Find the speed of the aircraft in kilometres per hour. (2)
- (c) Prove that the direction of the beam TC is perpendicular to the direction of the beam BR. (3)
- (d) Calculate the size of angle TCR. (5)

part	marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1 Source 1992 Paper 2 Qu.2
			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a)	3	3.1			3				3.1.3		
(b)	2	3.1			2				3.1.3		
(c)	3	3.1			3				3.1.10		
(d)	5	3.1			5				3.1.11		

(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ Strategy: use vectors or 3-D distance formula •² $\vec{BR} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ or $BR^2 = 2^2 + 7^2 + 4^2$ •³ answer 	(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •⁹ Strategy: know to use $\cos \hat{TCR} = \frac{\vec{TC} \cdot \vec{RC}}{ \vec{TC} \vec{RC} }$ or equiv. •¹⁰ $\vec{TC} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{RC} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ •¹¹ $\sqrt{161}$ and $\sqrt{65}$ •¹² $\vec{TC} \cdot \vec{RC} = 82$ •¹³ 36.7°
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •⁴ $\vec{MR} = \sqrt{115.25}$ or equivalent •⁵ answer 		
(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •⁶ know to use a scalar product •⁷ $\vec{TC} \cdot \vec{BR} = 0$ •⁸ communication: $0 \Leftrightarrow$ perpendicularity 		

- [SQA] 31. Diagram 1 shows a christmas tree decoration which is made of coloured glass rods in the shape of a square-based prism topped by a square pyramid. Diagram 2 shows the decoration relative to the origin and rectangular coordinate axes OX, OY and OZ.

The vertex F has position vector $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$

and the vertex V has position vector $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

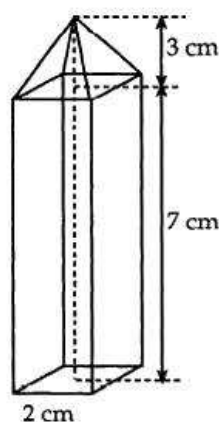


Diagram 1

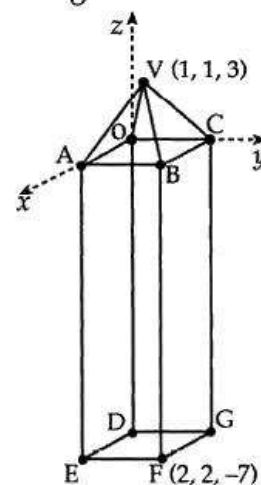


Diagram 2

- (a) Find
- (i) the components of the vectors represented by \vec{VF} and \vec{VE} ;
 - (ii) the size of angle EVF. (7)
- (b) To make the decoration more attractive, triangular sheets of coloured glass VEF and VDG are added to it.
- Calculate the area of the glass triangle VEF. (3)

part	marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a)	7	3.1					7		3.1.11,	3.1.1	Source 1991 Paper 2 Qu. 5
(b)	3	0.1					3		0.1		

(a)

- ¹ $\vec{VF} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix}$
- ² $E = (2, 0, -7)$
- ³ $\vec{VE} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix}$
- ⁴ $\cos \hat{E}VF = \frac{\vec{VE} \cdot \vec{VF}}{|\vec{VE}| |\vec{VF}|}$ This may appear as $\frac{100}{102}$ after the completion of •⁵ and •⁶.
- ⁵ $\vec{VE} \cdot \vec{VF} = 100$
- ⁶ $|\vec{VE}| |\vec{VF}| = 102$
- ⁷ 11.4°

(b)

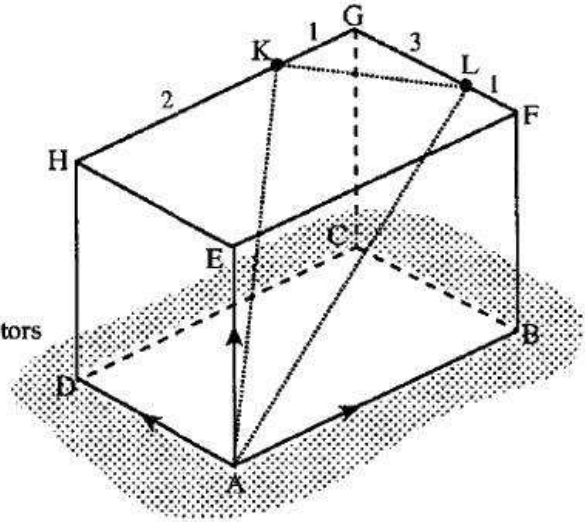
- ⁸ $\frac{1}{2} VE \times VF \sin \hat{E}VF$
- ⁹ $\frac{1}{2} \times 102 \times \sin 11.4^\circ$
- ¹⁰ 10.02

[SQA] 32. ABCDEFGH is a cuboid.

K lies two thirds of the way along HG.
 (i.e. HK:KG = 2:1).
 L lies one quarter of the way along FG.
 (i.e. FL:LG = 1:3).

\vec{AB} , \vec{AD} and \vec{AE} can be represented by the vectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ respectively.}$$



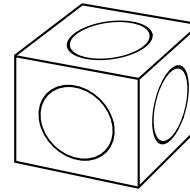
- (a) Calculate the components of \vec{AK} .
- (b) Calculate the components of \vec{AL} .
- (c) Calculate the size of angle KAL.

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			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a)	2	3.1					2		3.1.2		Source 1999 Paper 2 Qu. 3
(b)	2	3.1					2		3.1.2		
(c)	5	3.1					5		3.1.11		

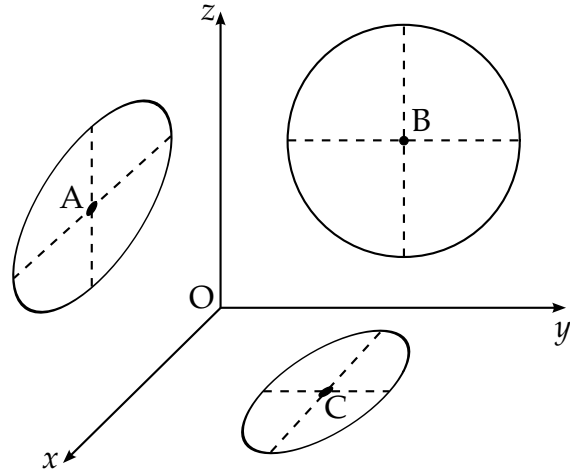
<p>(a) •¹ obtaining for example $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p>•² $\vec{AK} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 5 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$</p>	<p>(c) •⁵ strategy e.g. $\cos \hat{KAL} = \frac{\vec{AK} \cdot \vec{AL}}{ \vec{AK} \vec{AL} }$</p> <p>•⁶ 109</p> <p>•⁷ $\sqrt{171}$</p> <p>•⁸ $\sqrt{101}$</p> <p>•⁹ $\hat{A} = 34.0$</p>
OR	
<p>(b) •³ obtaining for example $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p>•⁴ $\vec{AL} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$</p>	<p>•⁵ strategy e.g. $\cos \hat{KAL} = \frac{AK^2 + AL^2 - KL^2}{2AK \times AL}$</p> <p>•⁶ $\sqrt{54}$</p> <p>•⁷ $\sqrt{171}$</p> <p>•⁸ $\sqrt{101}$</p> <p>•⁹ $\hat{A} = 34.0$</p>

[SQA] 33. A box in the shape of a cuboid is designed with circles of different sizes on each face.



The diagram shows three of the circles, where the origin represents one of the corners of the cuboid. The centres of the circles are $A(6,0,7)$, $B(0,5,6)$ and $C(4,5,0)$.

Find the size of angle ABC .

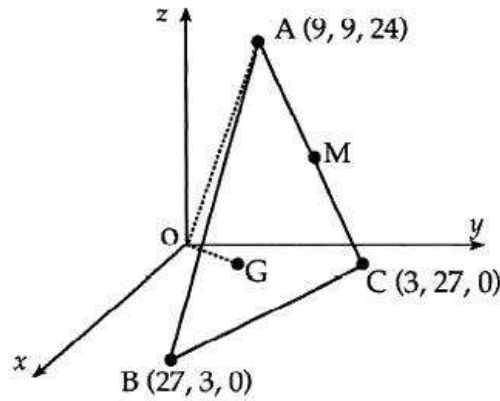


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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U3 OC1
	5	C	CR	G17, G16, G22		2001 P2 Q4
	2	A/B	CR	G26, G28	71.5°	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ ss: use $\frac{\vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC}}{ \vec{BA} \vec{BC} }$ •² ic: state vector e.g. \vec{BA} •³ ic: state a consistent vector e.g. \vec{BC} •⁴ pd: process \vec{BA} •⁵ pd: process \vec{BC} •⁶ pd: process scalar product •⁷ pd: find angle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ use $\frac{\vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC}}{ \vec{BA} \vec{BC} }$ stated or implied by •⁷ •² $\vec{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ •³ $\vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$ •⁴ $\vec{BA} = \sqrt{62}$ •⁵ $\vec{BC} = \sqrt{52}$ •⁶ $\vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC} = 18$ •⁷ $\hat{A}BC = 71.5^\circ$
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- [SQA] 34. (a) Relative to mutually perpendicular axes Ox , Oy and Oz , the vertices of triangle ABC have coordinates $A(9, 9, 24)$, $B(27, 3, 0)$ and $C(3, 27, 0)$. M is the mid-point of AC .
 Find the coordinates of G which divides BM in the ratio 2:1. (3)
 (b) Calculate the size of angle GOA . (5)

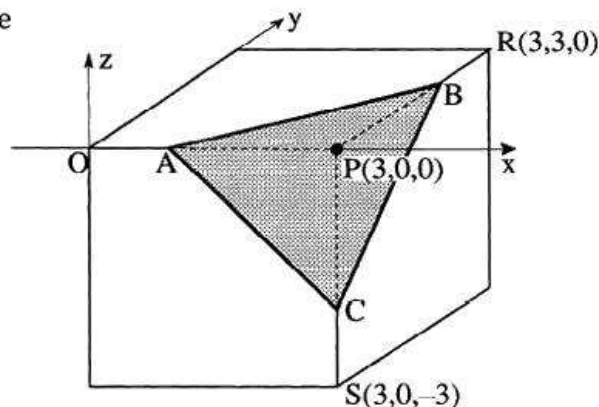


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			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a)	3	3.1			3				3.1.6		
(b)	5	3.1			5				3.1.11		

(a) •¹ $M = (6, 18, 12)$
 •² e.g. $\vec{BG} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -21 \\ 15 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$
 •³ $G = (13, 13, 8)$

(b) •⁴ $\cos \hat{AOG} = \frac{\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{OG}}{|\vec{OA}| |\vec{OG}|}$
 •⁵ $\vec{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 9 \\ 24 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{OG} = \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ 13 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$
 •⁶ $\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{OG} = 426$
 •⁷ $|\vec{OA}| = \sqrt{738}$ and $|\vec{OG}| = \sqrt{402}$
 •⁸ 38.5°

- [SQA] 35. A model of a crystal was made from a cube of side 3 units by slicing off the corner at P to leave a triangular face ABC. Coordinate axes have been introduced as shown in the diagram. The point A divides OP in the ratio 1:2. Points B and C similarly divide RP and SP respectively in the ratio 1:2.



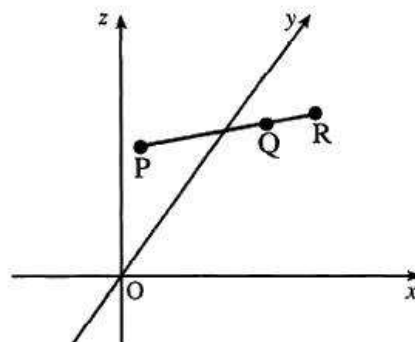
- (a) Find the coordinates of A, B and C. (3)
- (b) Calculate the area of triangle ABC. (4)
- (c) Calculate the percentage increase or decrease in the surface area of the crystal compared with the cube. (5)

part	marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1 Source 1993 Paper 2 Qu.5
			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a)	3	3.1			3				3.1.6		
(b)	4	3.1			4				3.1.3, 0.1		
(c)	5	0.1			5				0.1		

- (a)
- ¹ A(1,0,0)
 - ² B(3,2,0)
 - ³ C(3,0,-2)
- (b)
- ⁴ strategy for area of triangle and attempt to calculate parts
 - ⁵ 60° or altitude = $\sqrt{6}$
 - ⁶ side = $2\sqrt{2}$
 - ⁷ using chosen formula correctly
- (c)
- ⁸ 54 unit² for cube
 - ⁹ know how to calculate s.a of crystal
 - ¹⁰ area of 1 pentagonal face = 7 unit²
 - ¹¹ 51.5 unit² for crystal (48 + 2√3)
 - ¹² strategy for finding % decrease

[SQA] 36.

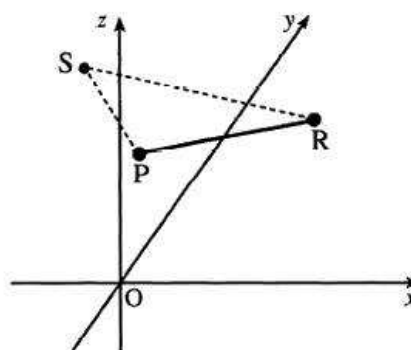
Relative to the axes shown and with an appropriate scale, $P(-1, 3, 2)$ and $Q(5, 0, 5)$ represent points on a road. The road is then extended to the point R such that $\vec{PR} = \frac{4}{3}\vec{PQ}$.



(a) Find the coordinates of R .

(3)

(b) Roads from P and R are built to meet at the point $S(-2, 2, 5)$. Calculate the size of angle PSR .



(7)

part	marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
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(b)	7	3.1			7			3.1.11			

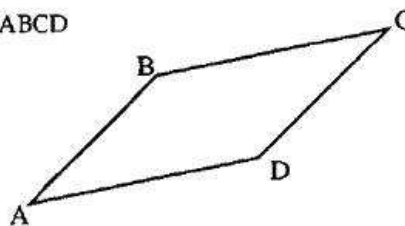
(a)

- ¹ $\vec{PQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$
- ² $\begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$
- ³ $R = (7, -1, 6)$

(b)

- ⁴ $\vec{SP} \cdot \vec{SR} = |SP||SR|\cos \hat{PSR}$
- ⁵ $\vec{SP} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$
- ⁶ $\vec{SR} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- ⁷ $|SP| = \sqrt{11}$
- ⁸ $|SR| = \sqrt{91}$
- ⁹ $\vec{SP} \cdot \vec{SR} = 3$
- ¹⁰ $\hat{PSR} = 84.6^\circ$

- [SQA] 37. A is the point $(2, -1, 4)$, B is $(7, 1, 3)$ and C is $(-6, 4, 2)$. If ABCD is a parallelogram, find the coordinates of D.



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part	marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
.	3	3.1					3		3.1.4	3.1.1	Source 1994 P1 qu.3
<p>•¹ $\vec{OD} = \vec{OA} + \vec{AD}$ or equivalent, stated or implied by •³</p> <p>•² $\vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} -13 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ or \vec{CB} or \vec{AB} or \vec{BA}</p> <p>•³ $D = (-11, 2, 3)$</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>•¹ $\vec{OD} = \vec{OM} + \vec{MD}$, M is midpoint of AC</p> <p>•² $\vec{BM} = \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p>•³ $D = (-11, 2, 3)$</p>											

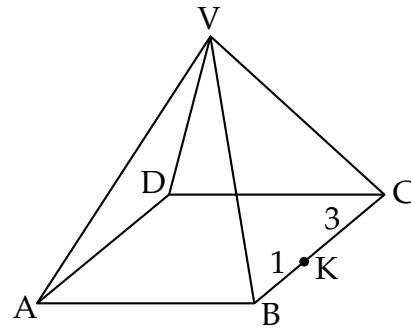
[SQA] 38. VABCD is a pyramid with a rectangular base ABCD.

Relative to some appropriate axes,

$$\vec{VA} \text{ represents } -7i - 13j - 11k$$

$$\vec{AB} \text{ represents } 6i + 6j - 6k$$

$$\vec{AD} \text{ represents } 8i - 4j + 4k.$$



K divides BC in the ratio 1 : 3.

Find \vec{VK} in component form.

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U3 OC1
	3	C	CN	G25, G21, G20	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -8 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix}$	2000 P1 Q7

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ ss: recognise crucial aspect •² ic: interpret ratio •³ pd: process components 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\vec{VK} = \vec{VA} + \vec{AB} + \vec{BK}$ or $\vec{VK} = \vec{VB} + \vec{BK}$ •² $\vec{BK} = \frac{1}{4}\vec{BC}$ or $\frac{1}{4}\vec{AD}$ or $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ or $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -7 \\ -17 \end{pmatrix}$ •³ $\vec{VK} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -8 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix}$
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[SQA] 39. VABCD is a pyramid with rectangular base ABCD.

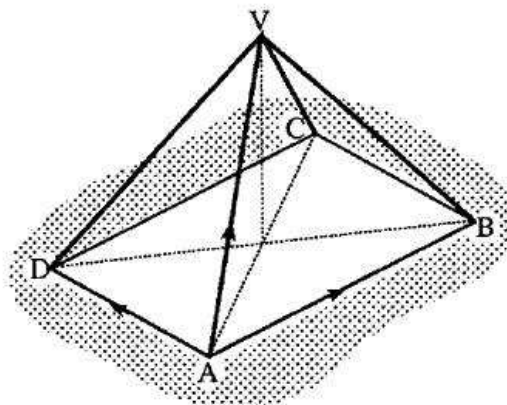
The vectors \vec{AB} , \vec{AD} and \vec{AV} are given by

$$\vec{AB} = 8i + 2j + 2k$$

$$\vec{AD} = -2i + 10j - 2k \quad \text{and}$$

$$\vec{AV} = i + 7j + 7k.$$

Express \vec{CV} in component form.

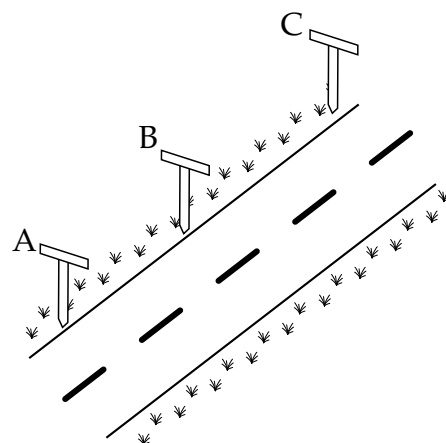


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			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
	3	3.1					3		3.1.8		Source 1999 P1 qu.6
<p>•¹ pathway for \vec{CV}: $\vec{CV} = \vec{CA} + \vec{AV}$</p> <p>•² e.g. $\vec{CB} = 2i - 10j + 2k$</p> <p>or $\vec{BA} = -8i - 2j - 2k$</p> <p>or $\vec{AC} = 6i + 12j$</p> <p>•³ $\begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$</p>											

- [SQA] 40. (a) Roadmakers look along the tops of a set of T-rods to ensure that straight sections of road are being created. Relative to suitable axes the top left corners of the T-rods are the points $A(-8, -10, -2)$, $B(-2, -1, 1)$ and $C(6, 11, 5)$.

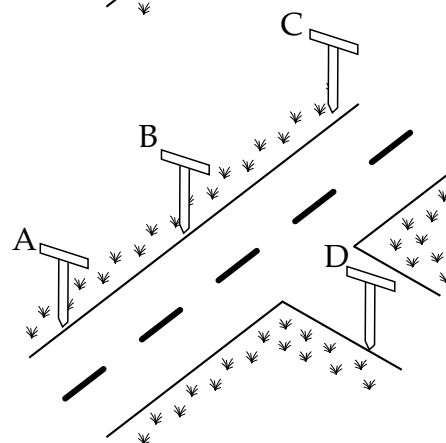
Determine whether or not the section of road ABC has been built in a straight line.



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- (b) A further T-rod is placed such that D has coordinates $(1, -4, 4)$.

Show that DB is perpendicular to AB.



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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U3 OC1
(a)	3	C	CN	G23	the road ABC is straight	2001 P1 Q3
(b)	3	C	CN	G27, G17	proof	

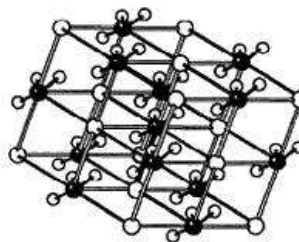
- ¹ ic: interpret vector (e.g. \vec{AB})
- ² ic: interpret multiple of vector
- ³ ic: complete proof
- ⁴ ic: interpret vector (i.e. \vec{BD})
- ⁵ ss: state requirement for perpend.
- ⁶ ic: complete proof

- ¹ e.g. $\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$
- ² e.g. $\vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 12 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{4}{3}\vec{AB}$ or
 $\vec{AB} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{BC} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- ³ a common direction exists **and** a common point exists, so A, B, C collinear
- ⁴ $\vec{BD} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$
- ⁵ $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{BD} = 0$
- ⁶ $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{BD} = 18 - 27 + 9 = 0$

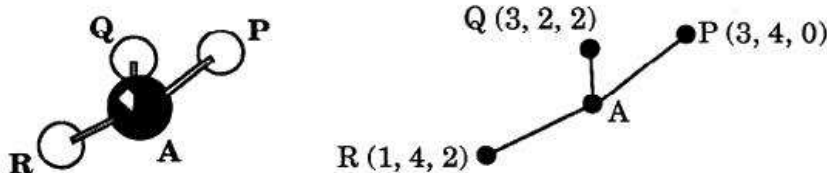
or

- ⁵ $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{BD} = 18 - 27 + 9$
- ⁶ $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{BD} = 0$ so AB is at right angles to BD

- [SQA] 41. The diagram shows the rhombohedral crystal lattice of calcium carbonate.



The three oxygen atoms P, Q and R around the carbon atom A have coordinates as shown below.

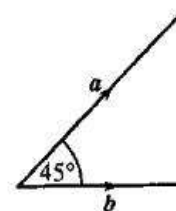


- (a) Calculate the size of angle PQR. (4)
- (b) M is the midpoint of QR and T is the point which divides PM in the ratio 2:1.
- (i) Find the coordinates of T. (6)
- (ii) Show that P, Q and R are equidistant from T.
- (c) The coordinates of A are (2, 3, 1).
- (i) Show that P, Q and R are also equidistant from A (2)
- (ii) Explain why T, and not A, is the centre of the circle through P, Q and R.

part	marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a)	4	3.1					4		3.1.11		Source 1995 Paper 2 Qu.5
(b)	6	3.1					6		3.1.6, 3.1.3		
(c)	2	3.1					1	1	3.1.3, 0.1		

<p>(a) •¹ $PQ = \sqrt{8}, RQ = \sqrt{8},$</p> <p>•² Use s.p.: $\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{RQ} = \vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{RQ} \cos \theta$</p> <p>•³ $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 4$</p> <p>•⁴ 60°</p>	<p>(b) •⁵ $M = (2, 3, 2)$</p> <p>•⁶ $\vec{PT} = \frac{2}{3} \vec{PM}$ or equivalent</p> <p>•⁷ $\vec{PT} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ or equiv.</p> <p>•⁸ $T = (\frac{7}{3}, \frac{10}{3}, \frac{4}{3})$</p>
<p>•⁹ $\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2 + (z_1 - z_2)^2}$ stated or implied</p> <p>•¹⁰ $PT = 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, QT = 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, RT = 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$ or equivalent</p>	<p>(c) •¹¹ $PA = QA = RA = \sqrt{3}$</p> <p>•¹² A is in a different plane</p>

[SQA] 42. The diagram shows two vectors a and b , with $|a| = 3$ and $|b| = 2\sqrt{2}$. These vectors are inclined at an angle of 45° to each other.



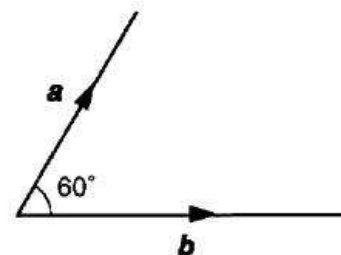
- (a) Evaluate (i) $a \cdot a$
 (ii) $b \cdot b$
 (iii) $a \cdot b$
- (b) Another vector p is defined by $p = 2a + 3b$. Evaluate $p \cdot p$ and hence write down $|p|$.

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part	marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
(a)	2	3.1					2		3.1.9		Source
(b)	4	3.1					4		3.1.9		1999 P1 qu.17

- ¹ $a \cdot a = 9$ and $b \cdot b = 8$
- ² $a \cdot b = 6$
- ³ $(2a + 3b) \cdot (2a + 3b)$
- ⁴ $4a \cdot a + 9b \cdot b + 12a \cdot b$
- ⁵ 180
- ⁶ $\sqrt{180}$

[SQA] 43. The diagram shows representatives of two vectors, a and b , inclined at an angle of 60° . If $|a| = 2$ and $|b| = 3$, evaluate $a \cdot (a + b)$



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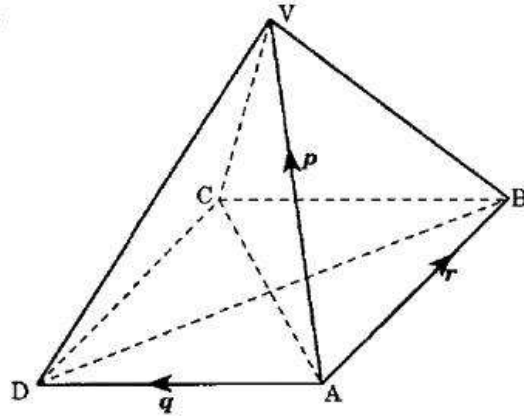
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			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
.	3	3.1					3		3.1.9		Source
											1992 P1 qu.18

- ¹ $a \cdot a + a \cdot b$
- ² $2 \times 3 \times \cos 60^\circ$
- ³ 4

[SQA] 44. In the square-based pyramid, all the eight edges are of length 3 units.

$\vec{AV} = \mathbf{p}$, $\vec{AD} = \mathbf{q}$, $\vec{AB} = \mathbf{r}$.

Evaluate $\mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r})$.

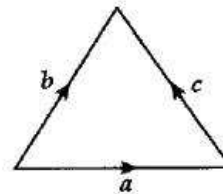


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part marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
		C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
4	3.1					1	3	3.1.9		Source 1995 P1 qu.16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}$ •² $\angle VAD = 60^\circ$ or equiv. •³ $\mathbf{p} \mathbf{q} \cos VAD + \mathbf{p} \mathbf{r} \cos VAB$ •⁴ 9 <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="border-left: 1px dashed black; width: 10px; height: 100px; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 10px;"> <div>•¹ $r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, q = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$</div> <div>•² $p = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$</div> <div>•³ $(-\frac{3}{2}) \times (-3) + (\frac{3}{2}) \times 3 + \frac{3}{2} \times 0$</div> <div>•⁴ 9</div> </div> </div>										

[SQA] 45. The sides of this equilateral triangle are 2 units long and represent the vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} as shown.

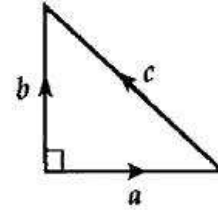
Evaluate $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})$.



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part marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
		C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
5	3.1	1	4					3.1.9		Source 1989 P1 qu.9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$ •² $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a} \cos 0$ •³ $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} \cos 60$ •⁴ $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \mathbf{c} \cos 120$ •⁵ 4 										

- [SQA] 46. The diagram shows a right-angled isosceles triangle whose sides are represented by the vectors a , b and c .
The two equal sides have length 2 units.
Find the value of $b \cdot (a + b + c)$

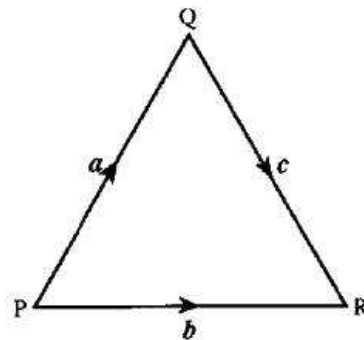


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part	marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
.	5	3.1					5		3.1.9	3.1.1	Source 1991 P1 qu.17

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $b \cdot a + b \cdot b + b \cdot c$ •² $b \cdot a = 0$ •³ $b \cdot b = 4$ •⁴ $c = 2\sqrt{2}$ •⁵ $b \cdot c = 4$
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- [SQA] 47. PQR is an equilateral triangle of side 2 units.
 $\vec{PQ} = a$, $\vec{PR} = b$ and $\vec{QR} = c$.
Evaluate $a \cdot (b + c)$ and hence identify two vectors which are perpendicular.



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part	marks	Unit	non-calc		calc		calc neut		Content Reference :		3.1
			C	A/B	C	A/B	C	A/B	Main	Additional	
.	4	3.1					1	3	3.1.9	3.1.1	Source 1997 P1 qu.13

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $a \cdot b + a \cdot c$ •² $a \cdot b = 2 \times 2 \times \frac{1}{2}$ •³ $a \cdot c = 2 \times 2 \times -\frac{1}{2}$ •⁴ 0 and a is perpendicular to $(b + c)$
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[END OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS]