Vectors

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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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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]

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]

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

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

(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]

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

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ -k \\ 2k \end{pmatrix},$$

where k is a constant.

(i) In the case where $k = 2$, calculate angle AOB. [4]

(ii) Find the values of k for which $\overrightarrow{AB}$ is a unit vector. [4]

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

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

(i) In the case where $p = 6$, find the unit vector in the direction of $\overrightarrow{AB}$. [3]

(ii) Find the values of p for which angle $AOB = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)$. [4]

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

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

(i) Use a vector method to find angle AOB. [4]

The point C is such that $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{BC}$.

(ii) Find the unit vector in the direction of $\overrightarrow{OC}$. [4]

(iii) Show that triangle OAC is isosceles. [1]

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]

The position vectors of points A and B, relative to an origin O, are given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ k \\ -3 \end{pmatrix},$$

where k is a constant.

(i) Find the value of k for which angle AOB is 90°. [2]

(ii) Find the values of k for which the lengths of OA and OB are equal. [2]

The point C is such that $\overrightarrow{AC} = 2\overrightarrow{CB}$.

(iii) In the case where $k = 4$, find the unit vector in the direction of $\overrightarrow{OC}$. [4]

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

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = 5\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = 2\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j} + p\mathbf{k},$$

where p is a constant.

(i) Find the value of p for which angle AOB is $90°$. [3]

(ii) In the case where $p = 4$, find the vector which has magnitude 28 and is in the same direction as $\overrightarrow{AB}$. [4]

(i) Find the angle between the vectors $3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{k}$ and $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k}$. [4]

The vector $\overrightarrow{OA}$ has a magnitude of 15 units and is in the same direction as the vector $3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{k}$. The vector $\overrightarrow{OB}$ has a magnitude of 14 units and is in the same direction as the vector $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k}$.

(ii) Express $\overrightarrow{OA}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB}$ in terms of **i**, **j** and **k**. [3]

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

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

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = 3\mathbf{i} + p\mathbf{j} + q\mathbf{k},$$

where p and q are constants.

(i) State the values of p and q for which $\overrightarrow{OA}$ is parallel to $\overrightarrow{OB}$. [2]

(ii) In the case where $q = 2p$, find the value of p for which angle BOA is $90°$. [2]

(iii) In the case where $p = 1$ and $q = 8$, find the unit vector in the direction of $\overrightarrow{AB}$. [3]

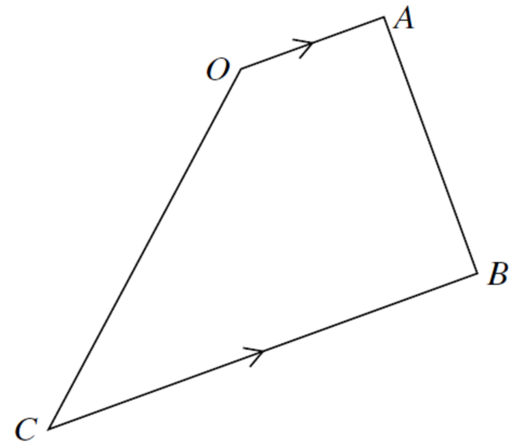
Relative to an origin O, the position vectors of three points A, B and C are given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = 3\mathbf{i} + p\mathbf{j} - 2p\mathbf{k}, \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = 6\mathbf{i} + (p+4)\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OC} = (p-1)\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + q\mathbf{k},$$

where p and q are constants.

(i) In the case where $p = 2$, use a scalar product to find angle AOB. [4]

(ii) In the case where $\overrightarrow{AB}$ is parallel to $\overrightarrow{OC}$, find the values of p and q. [4]



The diagram shows a trapezium $OABC$ in which OA is parallel to CB. The position vectors of A and B relative to the origin O are given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

(i) Show that angle OAB is 90°. [3]

The magnitude of $\overrightarrow{CB}$ is three times the magnitude of $\overrightarrow{OA}$.

(ii) Find the position vector of C. [3]

(iii) Find the exact area of the trapezium $OABC$, giving your answer in the form $a\sqrt{b}$, where a and b are integers. [3]

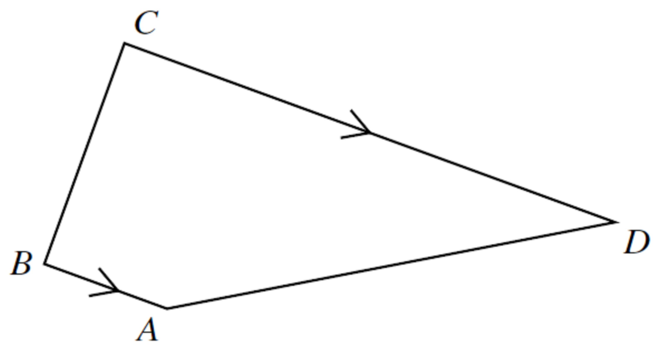
Relative to an origin O, the position vectors of points A, B and C are given by

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

(i) In the case where ABC is a straight line, find the values of p and q. [4]

(ii) In the case where angle BAC is $90°$, express q in terms of p. [2]

(iii) In the case where $p = 3$ and the lengths of AB and AC are equal, find the possible values of q. [3]



The diagram shows a trapezium $ABCD$ in which BA is parallel to CD. The position vectors of A, B and C relative to an origin O are given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(i) Use a scalar product to show that AB is perpendicular to BC. [3]

(ii) Given that the length of CD is 12 units, find the position vector of D. [4]

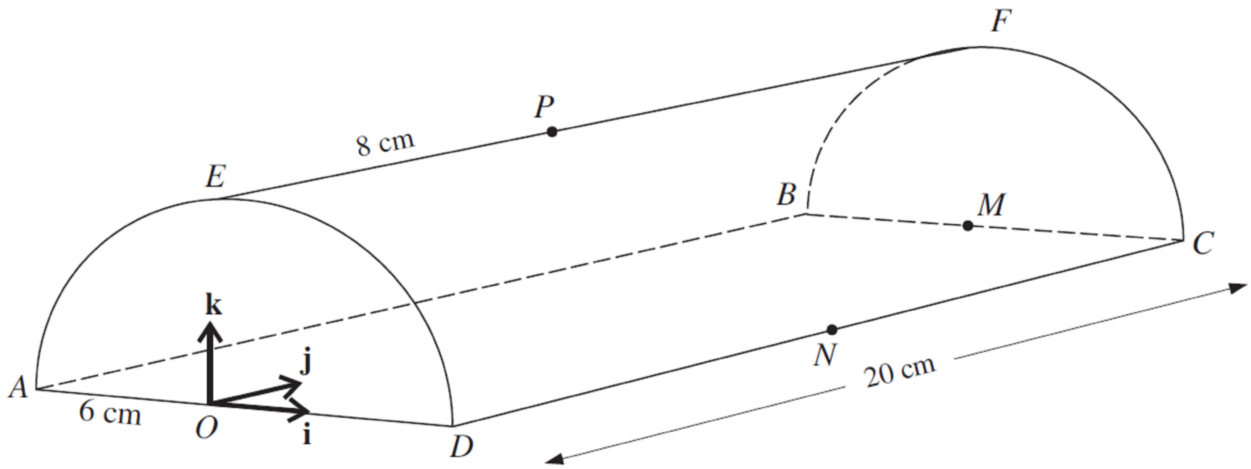
Relative to the origin O, the position vectors of the points A, B and C are given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(i) Find angle ABC. [6]

The point D is such that $ABCD$ is a parallelogram.

(ii) Find the position vector of D. [2]

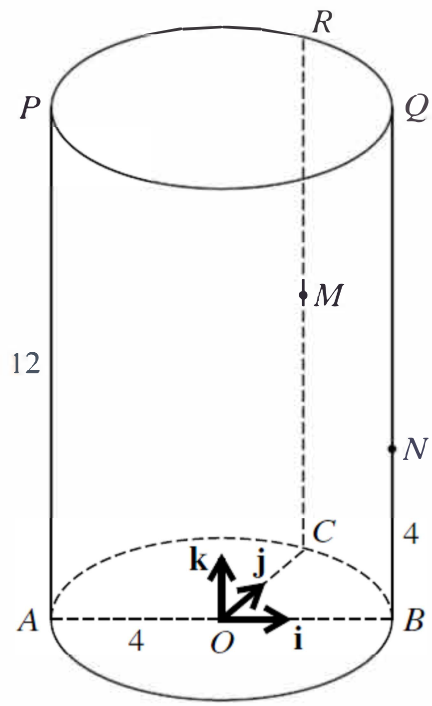


The diagram shows a semicircular prism with a horizontal rectangular base $ABCD$. The vertical ends AED and BFC are semicircles of radius 6 cm. The length of the prism is 20 cm. The mid-point of AD is the origin O, the mid-point of BC is M and the mid-point of DC is N. The points E and F are the highest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

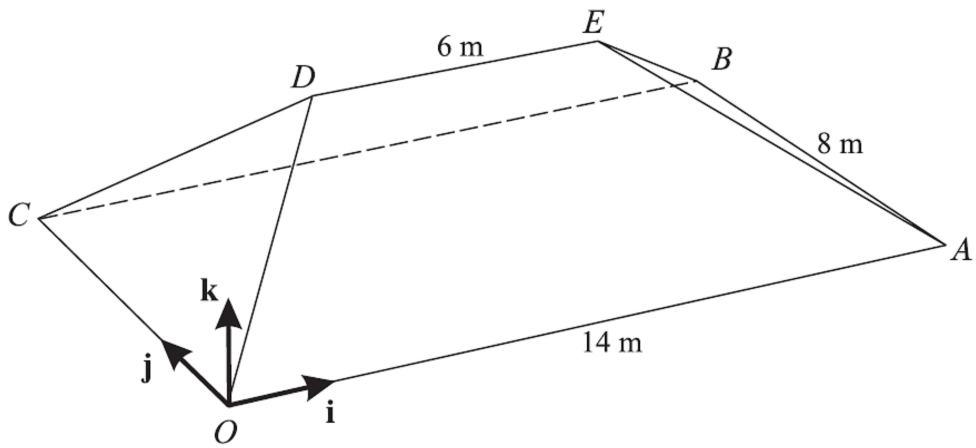
(ii) Use a scalar product to calculate angle APN. [4]



The diagram shows a solid cylinder standing on a horizontal circular base with centre O and radius 4 units. Points A, B and C lie on the circumference of the base such that AB is a diameter and angle $BOC = 90°$. Points P, Q and R lie on the upper surface of the cylinder vertically above A, B and C respectively. The height of the cylinder is 12 units. The mid-point of CR is M and N lies on BQ with $BN = 4$ units.

Unit vectors **i** and **j** are parallel to OB and OC respectively and the unit vector **k** is vertically upwards.

Evaluate $\overrightarrow{PN}.\overrightarrow{PM}$ and hence find angle MPN. [7]

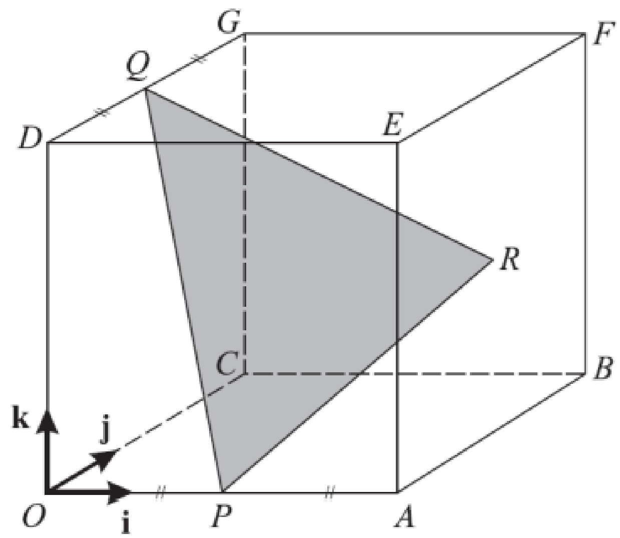


The diagram shows the roof of a house. The base of the roof, $OABC$, is rectangular and horizontal with $OA = CB = 14\,\text{m}$ and $OC = AB = 8\,\text{m}$. The top of the roof DE is 5 m above the base and $DE = 6\,\text{m}$. The sloping edges OD, CD, AE and BE are all equal in length.

Unit vectors **i** and **j** are parallel to OA and OC respectively and the unit vector **k** is vertically upwards.

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

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

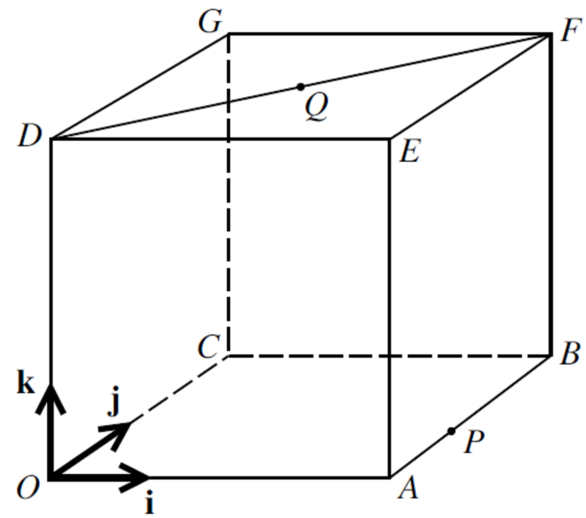


The diagram shows a cube $OABCDEFG$ in which the length of each side is 4 units. The unit vectors $\mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{k}$ are parallel to $\overrightarrow{OA}$, $\overrightarrow{OC}$ and $\overrightarrow{OD}$ respectively. The mid-points of OA and DG are P and Q respectively and R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

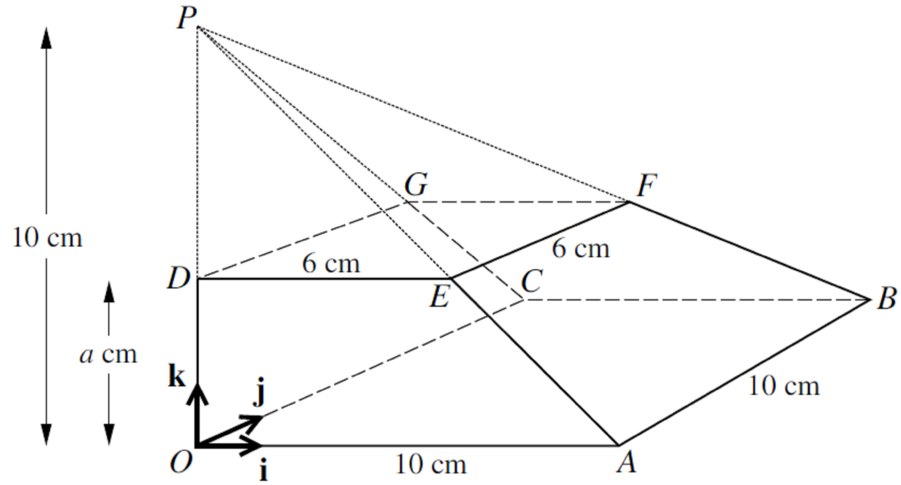
(iii) Find the perimeter of triangle PQR, giving your answer correct to 1 decimal place. [3]



In the diagram, $OABCDEFG$ is a cube in which each side has length 6. Unit vectors $\mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{k}$ 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 $\mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{k}$. [3]

(ii) Find the angle OQP. [4]

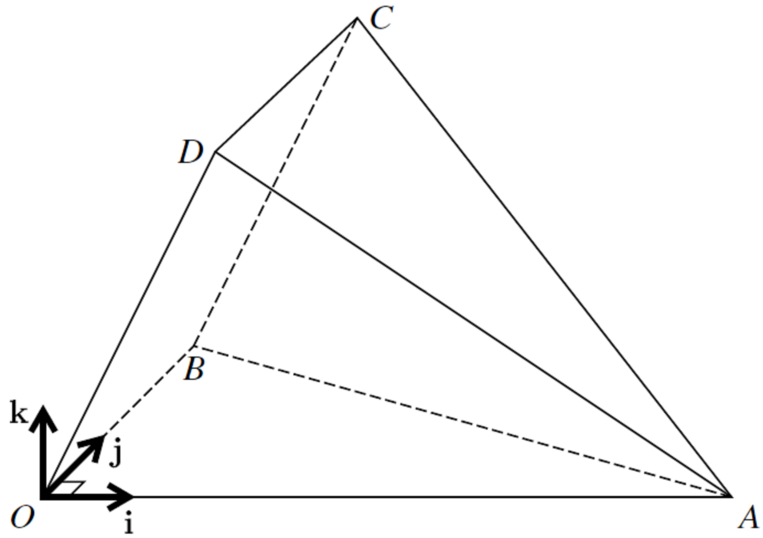


The diagram shows a pyramid $OABCP$ in which the horizontal base $OABC$ is a square of side 10 cm and the vertex P is 10 cm vertically above O. The points D, E, F, G lie on OP, AP, BP, CP respectively and $DEFG$ is a horizontal square of side 6 cm. The height of $DEFG$ above the base is a cm. Unit vectors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

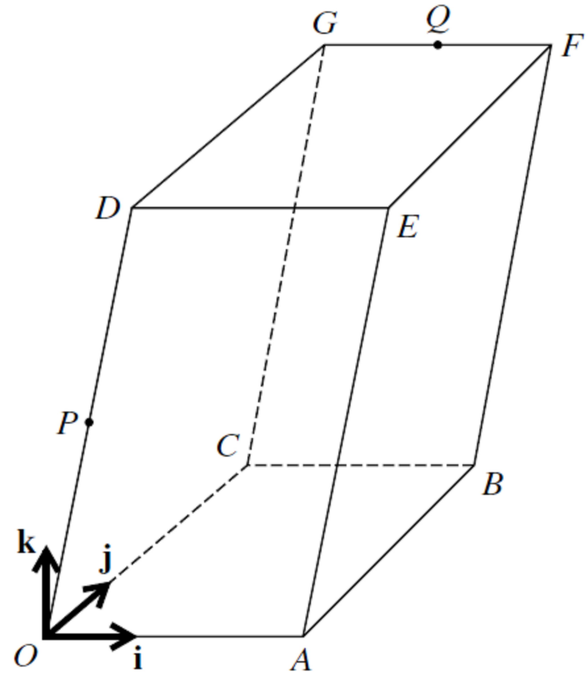
(iii) Use a scalar product to find angle GBA. [4]



The diagram shows a three-dimensional shape. The base OAB is a horizontal triangle in which angle AOB is 90°. The side $OBCD$ is a rectangle and the side OAD lies in a vertical plane. Unit vectors **i** and **j** are parallel to OA and OB respectively and the unit vector **k** is vertical. The position vectors of A, B and D are given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = 8\mathbf{i}$, $\overrightarrow{OB} = 5\mathbf{j}$ and $\overrightarrow{OD} = 2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{k}$.

(i) Express each of the vectors $\overrightarrow{DA}$ and $\overrightarrow{CA}$ in terms of **i**, **j** and **k**. [2]

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



The diagram shows a three-dimensional shape $OABCDEFG$. The base $OABC$ and the upper surface $DEFG$ are identical horizontal rectangles. The parallelograms $OAED$ and $CBFG$ both lie in vertical planes. Points P and Q are the mid-points of OD and GF respectively. Unit vectors $\mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{j}$ are parallel to $\overrightarrow{OA}$ and $\overrightarrow{OC}$ respectively and the unit vector $\mathbf{k}$ is vertically upwards. The position vectors of A, C and D are given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = 6\mathbf{i}$, $\overrightarrow{OC} = 8\mathbf{j}$ and $\overrightarrow{OD} = 2\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{k}$.

(i) Express each of the vectors $\overrightarrow{PB}$ and $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ in terms of $\mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{k}$. [4]

(ii) Determine whether P is nearer to Q or to B. [2]

(iii) Use a scalar product to find angle BPQ. [3]

With respect to the origin O, the points A and B have position vectors given by

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

The line l has vector equation $\mathbf{r} = 4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} + s(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$.

(i) Prove that the line l does not intersect the line through A and B. [5]

The points A and B have position vectors, relative to the origin O, given by

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

The line l has vector equation

$$\mathbf{r} = (1 - 2t)\mathbf{i} + (5 + t)\mathbf{j} + (2 - t)\mathbf{k}.$$

(i) Show that l does not intersect the line passing through A and B. [4]

The points A and B have position vectors given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$. The line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} + \mu(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$.

(i) Show that l does not intersect the line passing through A and B. [5]

Two lines l and m have equations $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + s(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$ and $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} + t(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ respectively.

(i) Show that the lines are skew. [4]

The points A and B have position vectors $\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ and $3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ respectively. The line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + \mu(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$.

(i) Show that l does not intersect the line passing through A and B. [5]

The points A and B have position vectors, relative to the origin O, given by

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

The line l passes through A and is parallel to OB. The point N is the foot of the perpendicular from B to l.

(i) State a vector equation for the line l. [1]

(ii) Find the position vector of N and show that $BN = 3$. [6]

With respect to the origin O, the points A and B have position vectors given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$. The point P lies on the line AB and OP is perpendicular to AB.

(i) Find a vector equation for the line AB. [1]

(ii) Find the position vector of P. [4]

Relative to the origin O, the point A has position vector given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$. The line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = 9\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{k} + \mu(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$.

(i) Find the position vector of the foot of the perpendicular from A to l. Hence find the position vector of the reflection of A in l. [5]