
HL Paper 1

A point P , relative to an origin O , has position vector $\overrightarrow{OP} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + s \\ 3 + 2s \\ 1 - s \end{pmatrix}$, $s \in \mathbb{R}$.

Find the minimum length of \overrightarrow{OP} .

Three distinct non-zero vectors are given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$, $\overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$, and $\overrightarrow{OC} = \mathbf{c}$.

If \overrightarrow{OA} is perpendicular to \overrightarrow{BC} and \overrightarrow{OB} is perpendicular to \overrightarrow{CA} , show that \overrightarrow{OC} is perpendicular to \overrightarrow{AB} .

Consider the vectors $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$, $\overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$ and $\overrightarrow{OC} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$. Show that if $|\mathbf{a}| = |\mathbf{b}|$ then $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = 0$. Comment on what this tells us about the parallelogram $OACB$.

Consider the plane with equation $4x - 2y - z = 1$ and the line given by the parametric equations

$$x = 3 - 2\lambda$$

$$y = (2k - 1) + \lambda$$

$$z = -1 + k\lambda.$$

Given that the line is perpendicular to the plane, find

- the value of k ;
 - the coordinates of the point of intersection of the line and the plane.
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Two boats, A and B , move so that at time t hours, their position vectors, in kilometres, are $\mathbf{r}_A = (9t)\mathbf{i} + (3 - 6t)\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{r}_B = (7 - 4t)\mathbf{i} + (7t - 6)\mathbf{j}$.

- Find the coordinates of the common point of the paths of the two boats. [4]
 - Show that the boats do not collide. [2]
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O , A , B and C are distinct points such that $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$, $\overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$ and $\overrightarrow{OC} = \mathbf{c}$.

It is given that \mathbf{c} is perpendicular to \vec{AB} and \mathbf{b} is perpendicular to \vec{AC} .

Prove that \mathbf{a} is perpendicular to \vec{BC} .

The points A, B, C and D have position vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , \mathbf{c} and \mathbf{d} , relative to the origin O.

It is given that $\vec{AB} = \vec{DC}$.

The position vectors \vec{OA} , \vec{OB} , \vec{OC} and \vec{OD} are given by

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + p\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{c} = q\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{d} = -\mathbf{i} + r\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$$

where p , q and r are constants.

The point where the diagonals of ABCD intersect is denoted by M.

The plane Π cuts the x , y and z axes at X, Y and Z respectively.

- a.i. Explain why ABCD is a parallelogram. [1]
- a.ii. Using vector algebra, show that $\vec{AD} = \vec{BC}$. [3]
- b. Show that $p = 1$, $q = 1$ and $r = 4$. [5]
- c. Find the area of the parallelogram ABCD. [4]
- d. Find the vector equation of the straight line passing through M and normal to the plane Π containing ABCD. [4]
- e. Find the Cartesian equation of Π . [3]
- f.i. Find the coordinates of X, Y and Z. [2]
- f.ii. Find YZ. [2]
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- a. Show that the points $O(0, 0, 0)$, $A(6, 0, 0)$, $B(6, -\sqrt{24}, \sqrt{12})$, $C(0, -\sqrt{24}, \sqrt{12})$ form a square. [3]
- b. Find the coordinates of M, the mid-point of [OB]. [1]
- c. Show that an equation of the plane Π , containing the square OABC, is $y + \sqrt{2}z = 0$. [3]
- d. Find a vector equation of the line L , through M, perpendicular to the plane Π . [3]
- e. Find the coordinates of D, the point of intersection of the line L with the plane whose equation is $y = 0$. [3]

f. Find the coordinates of E, the reflection of the point D in the plane Π . [3]

g. (i) Find the angle \widehat{ODA} . [6]

(ii) State what this tells you about the solid OABCDE.

(a) Show that the two planes

$$\pi_1 : x + 2y - z = 1$$

$$\pi_2 : x + z = -2$$

are perpendicular.

(b) Find the equation of the plane π_3 that passes through the origin and is perpendicular to both π_1 and π_2 .

The following system of equations represents three planes in space.

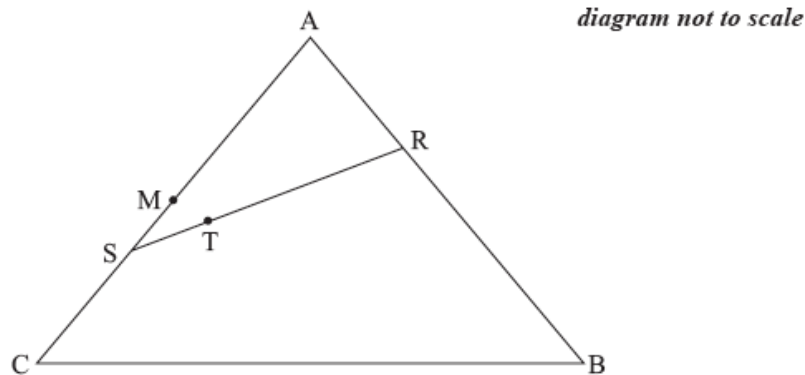
$$x + 3y + z = -1$$

$$x + 2y - 2z = 15$$

$$2x + y - z = 6$$

Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of the three planes.

The position vectors of the points A , B and C are a , b and c respectively, relative to an origin O . The following diagram shows the triangle ABC and points M , R , S and T .



M is the midpoint of $[AC]$.

R is a point on $[AB]$ such that $\overrightarrow{AR} = \frac{1}{3}\overrightarrow{AB}$.

S is a point on $[AC]$ such that $\overrightarrow{AS} = \frac{2}{3}\overrightarrow{AC}$.

T is a point on $[RS]$ such that $\overrightarrow{RT} = \frac{2}{3}\overrightarrow{RS}$.

- a. (i) Express \overrightarrow{AM} in terms of a and c . [4]
- (ii) Hence show that $\overrightarrow{BM} = \frac{1}{2}a - b + \frac{1}{2}c$.
- b. (i) Express \overrightarrow{RA} in terms of a and b . [5]
- (ii) Show that $\overrightarrow{RT} = -\frac{2}{9}a - \frac{2}{9}b + \frac{4}{9}c$.
- c. Prove that T lies on $[BM]$. [5]

Find the values of x for which the vectors $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \cos x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \sin x \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are perpendicular, $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Consider the vectors $\mathbf{a} = i - 3j - 2k$, $\mathbf{b} = -3j + 2k$.

- a. Find $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$. [2]
- b. Hence find the Cartesian equation of the plane containing the vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , and passing through the point $(1, 0, -1)$. [3]

The points $A(1, 2, 1)$, $B(-3, 1, 4)$, $C(5, -1, 2)$ and $D(5, 3, 7)$ are the vertices of a tetrahedron.

- a. Find the vectors \overrightarrow{AB} and \overrightarrow{AC} . [2]
- b. Find the Cartesian equation of the plane Π that contains the face ABC . [4]

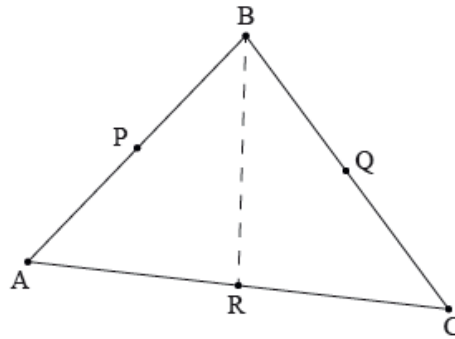
Consider the points $A(1, 0, 0)$, $B(2, 2, 2)$ and $C(0, 2, 1)$.

A third plane Π_3 is defined by the Cartesian equation $16x + \alpha y - 3z = \beta$.

- a. Find the vector $\overrightarrow{CA} \times \overrightarrow{CB}$. [4]
- b. Find an exact value for the area of the triangle ABC . [3]
- c. Show that the Cartesian equation of the plane Π_1 , containing the triangle ABC , is $2x + 3y - 4z = 2$. [3]
- d. A second plane Π_2 is defined by the Cartesian equation $\Pi_2 : 4x - y - z = 4$. L_1 is the line of intersection of the planes Π_1 and Π_2 . [5]
- Find a vector equation for L_1 .

e. Find the value of α if all three planes contain L_1 . [3]

f. Find conditions on α and β if the plane Π_3 does **not** intersect with L_1 . [2]



Consider the triangle ABC . The points P , Q and R are the midpoints of the line segments $[AB]$, $[BC]$ and $[AC]$ respectively.

Let $\vec{OA} = a$, $\vec{OB} = b$ and $\vec{OC} = c$.

a. Find \vec{BR} in terms of a , b and c . [2]

b. (i) Find a vector equation of the line that passes through B and R in terms of a , b and c and a parameter λ . [9]

(ii) Find a vector equation of the line that passes through A and Q in terms of a , b and c and a parameter μ .

(iii) Hence show that $\vec{OG} = \frac{1}{3}(a + b + c)$ given that G is the point where $[BR]$ and $[AQ]$ intersect.

c. Show that the line segment $[CP]$ also includes the point G . [3]

d. The coordinates of the points A , B and C are $(1, 3, 1)$, $(3, 7, -5)$ and $(2, 2, 1)$ respectively. [9]

A point X is such that $[GX]$ is perpendicular to the plane ABC .

Given that the tetrahedron $ABCX$ has volume 12 units^3 , find possible coordinates of X .

Consider the lines l_1 and l_2 defined by

$$l_1 : \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ a \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } l_2 : \frac{6-x}{3} = \frac{y-2}{4} = 1-z \text{ where } a \text{ is a constant.}$$

Given that the lines l_1 and l_2 intersect at a point P ,

a. find the value of a ; [4]

b. determine the coordinates of the point of intersection P . [2]

Consider the plane Π_1 , parallel to both lines L_1 and L_2 . Point C lies in the plane Π_1 .

The line L_3 has vector equation $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} k \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

The plane Π_2 has Cartesian equation $x + y = 12$.

The angle between the line L_3 and the plane Π_2 is 60° .

- a. Given the points A(1, 0, 4), B(2, 3, -1) and C(0, 1, -2), find the vector equation of the line L_1 passing through the points A and B. [2]
- b. The line L_2 has Cartesian equation $\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y+2}{1} = \frac{z-1}{-2}$. [5]
Show that L_1 and L_2 are skew lines.
- c. Find the Cartesian equation of the plane Π_1 . [4]
- d. (i) Find the value of k . [7]
(ii) Find the point of intersection P of the line L_3 and the plane Π_2 .
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Given any two non-zero vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , show that $|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|^2 = |\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})^2$.

The points A and B are given by A(0, 3, -6) and B(6, -5, 11).

The plane Π is defined by the equation $4x - 3y + 2z = 20$.

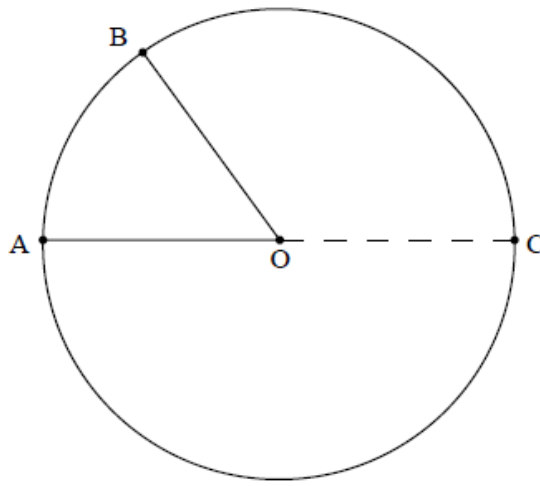
- a. Find a vector equation of the line L passing through the points A and B. [3]
- b. Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of the line L with the plane Π . [3]
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The three vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} are given by

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2y \\ -3x \\ 2x \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 4x \\ y \\ 3-x \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -7 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (a) If $\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$, find the value of x and of y .
- (b) Find the exact value of $|\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}|$.
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The diagram below shows a circle with centre O. The points A, B, C lie on the circumference of the circle and [AC] is a diameter.



Let $\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$ and $\vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$.

- a. Write down expressions for \vec{AB} and \vec{CB} in terms of the vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} . [2]
- b. Hence prove that angle \hat{ABC} is a right angle. [3]

Two planes have equations

$$\Pi_1 : 4x + y + z = 8 \text{ and } \Pi_2 : 4x + 3y - z = 0$$

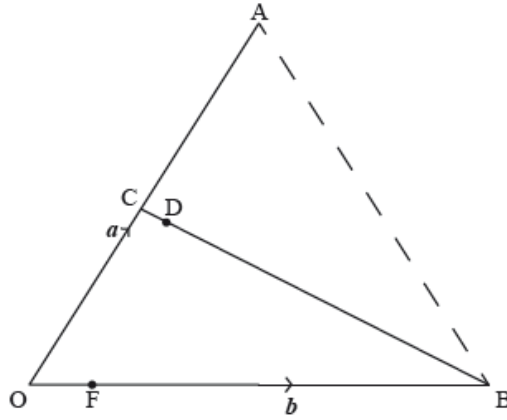
Let L be the line of intersection of the two planes.

B is the point on Π_1 with coordinates $(a, b, 1)$.

The point P lies on L and $\hat{ABP} = 45^\circ$.

- a. Find the cosine of the angle between the two planes in the form $\sqrt{\frac{p}{q}}$ where $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$. [4]
- b. (i) Show that L has direction $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$. [6]
- (ii) Show that the point A $(1, 0, 4)$ lies on both planes.
- (iii) Write down a vector equation of L .
- c. Given the vector \vec{AB} is perpendicular to L find the value of a and the value of b . [5]
- d. Show that $AB = 3\sqrt{2}$. [1]
- e. Find the coordinates of the two possible positions of P . [5]

In the following diagram, $\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$, $\vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$. C is the midpoint of [OA] and $\vec{OF} = \frac{1}{6}\vec{FB}$.



It is given also that $\vec{AD} = \lambda\vec{AF}$ and $\vec{CD} = \mu\vec{CB}$, where $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$.

- a.i. Find, in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} \vec{OF} . [1]
- a.ii. Find, in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} \vec{AF} . [2]
- b.i. Find an expression for \vec{OD} in terms of \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and λ ; [2]
- b.ii. Find an expression for \vec{OD} in terms of \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and μ . [2]
- c. Show that $\mu = \frac{1}{13}$, and find the value of λ . [4]
- d. Deduce an expression for \vec{CD} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} only. [2]
- e. Given that $\text{area } \Delta OAB = k(\text{area } \Delta CAD)$, find the value of k . [5]

The vertices of a triangle ABC have coordinates given by A(-1, 2, 3), B(4, 1, 1) and C(3, -2, 2).

- a. (i) Find the lengths of the sides of the triangle. [6]
- (ii) Find $\cos \hat{BAC}$.
- b. (i) Show that $\vec{BC} \times \vec{CA} = -7\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - 16\mathbf{k}$. [5]
- (ii) Hence, show that the area of the triangle ABC is $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{314}$.
- c. Find the Cartesian equation of the plane containing the triangle ABC. [3]
- d. Find a vector equation of (AB). [2]
- e. The point D on (AB) is such that \vec{OD} is perpendicular to \vec{BC} where O is the origin. [5]
- (i) Find the coordinates of D.
- (ii) Show that D does not lie between A and B.

A line L has equation $\frac{x-2}{p} = \frac{y-q}{2} = z - 1$ where $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$.

A plane Π has equation $x + y + 3z = 9$.

Consider the different case where the acute angle between L and Π is θ

where $\theta = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}\right)$.

- a. Show that L is not perpendicular to Π . [3]
- b. Given that L lies in the plane Π , find the value of p and the value of q . [4]
- c. (i) Show that $p = -2$. [11]
- (ii) If L intersects Π at $z = -1$, find the value of q .

a. For non-zero vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , show that [8]

(i) if $|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|$, then \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are perpendicular;

(ii) $|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|^2 = |\mathbf{a}|^2|\mathbf{b}|^2 - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})^2$.

b. The points A, B and C have position vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} . [7]

(i) Show that the area of triangle ABC is $\frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}|$.

(ii) Hence, show that the shortest distance from B to AC is

$$\frac{|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}|}{|\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a}|}.$$

Consider the points A(1, -1, 4), B(2, -2, 5) and O(0, 0, 0).

(a) Calculate the cosine of the angle between \overrightarrow{OA} and \overrightarrow{AB} .

(b) Find a vector equation of the line L_1 which passes through A and B.

The line L_2 has equation $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k} + t(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$, where $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

(c) Show that the lines L_1 and L_2 intersect and find the coordinates of their point of intersection.

(d) Find the Cartesian equation of the plane which contains both the line L_2 and the point A.

ABCD is a parallelogram, where $\overrightarrow{AB} = -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{AD} = 4\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$.

a. Find the area of the parallelogram ABCD. [3]

b. By using a suitable scalar product of two vectors, determine whether $\hat{A}BC$ is acute or obtuse.

[4]

The points A, B, C have position vectors $i + j + 2k$, $i + 2j + 3k$, $3i + k$ respectively and lie in the plane π .

- (a) Find
- the area of the triangle ABC;
 - the shortest distance from C to the line AB;
 - the cartesian equation of the plane π .

The line L passes through the origin and is normal to the plane π , it intersects π at the point D.

- (b) Find
- the coordinates of the point D;
 - the distance of π from the origin.

Consider the points A(1, 2, 3), B(1, 0, 5) and C(2, -1, 4).

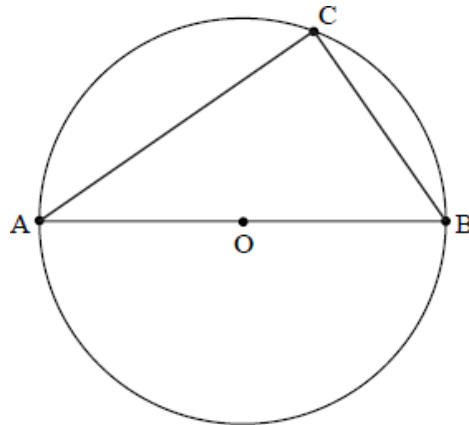
a. Find $\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}$.

[4]

b. Hence find the area of the triangle ABC.

[2]

In the diagram below, [AB] is a diameter of the circle with centre O. Point C is on the circumference of the circle. Let $\vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$ and $\vec{OC} = \mathbf{c}$.



a. Find an expression for \vec{CB} and for \vec{AC} in terms of \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} .

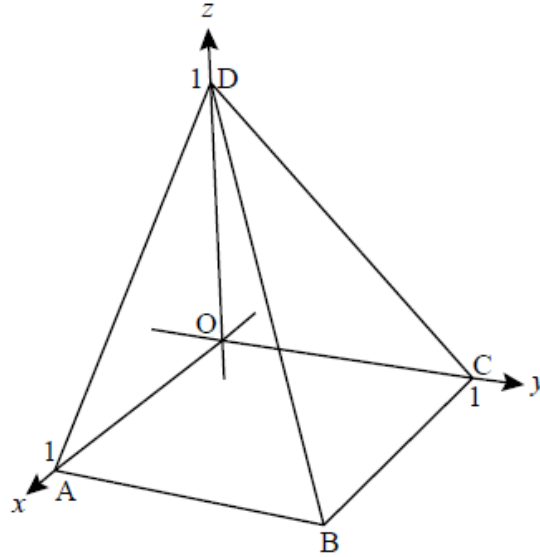
[2]

b. Hence prove that $\hat{A}CB$ is a right angle.

[3]

Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of the planes defined by the equations $x + y + z = 3$, $x - y + z = 5$ and $x + y + 2z = 6$.

The following figure shows a square based pyramid with vertices at $O(0, 0, 0)$, $A(1, 0, 0)$, $B(1, 1, 0)$, $C(0, 1, 0)$ and $D(0, 0, 1)$.



The Cartesian equation of the plane Π_2 , passing through the points B, C and D, is $y + z = 1$.

The plane Π_3 passes through O and is normal to the line BD.

Π_3 cuts AD and BD at the points P and Q respectively.

- Find the Cartesian equation of the plane Π_1 , passing through the points A, B and D. [3]
- Find the angle between the faces ABD and BCD. [4]
- Find the Cartesian equation of Π_3 . [3]
- Show that P is the midpoint of AD. [4]
- Find the area of the triangle OPQ. [5]

PQRS is a rhombus. Given that $\vec{PQ} = \mathbf{a}$ and $\vec{QR} = \mathbf{b}$,

- express the vectors \vec{PR} and \vec{QS} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} ;
- hence show that the diagonals in a rhombus intersect at right angles.

The vectors \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , \mathbf{c} satisfy the equation $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$. Show that $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}$.

a. Consider the vectors $\mathbf{a} = 6\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = -3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$.

[11]

(i) Find the cosine of the angle between vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

(ii) Find $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$.

(iii) **Hence** find the Cartesian equation of the plane Π containing the vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} and passing through the point $(1, 1, -1)$.

(iv) The plane Π intersects the x - y plane in the line l . Find the area of the finite triangular region enclosed by l , the x -axis and the y -axis.

b. Given two vectors \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} ,

[8]

(i) show that $\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p} = |\mathbf{p}|^2$;

(ii) hence, or otherwise, show that $|\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}|^2 = |\mathbf{p}|^2 + 2\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} + |\mathbf{q}|^2$;

(iii) deduce that $|\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| \leq |\mathbf{p}| + |\mathbf{q}|$.

(a) Show that a Cartesian equation of the line, l_1 , containing points A(1, -1, 2) and B(3, 0, 3) has the form $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{1} = \frac{z-2}{1}$.

(b) An equation of a second line, l_2 , has the form $\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z-3}{1}$. Show that the lines l_1 and l_2 intersect, and find the coordinates of their point of intersection.

(c) Given that direction vectors of l_1 and l_2 are \mathbf{d}_1 and \mathbf{d}_2 respectively, determine $\mathbf{d}_1 \times \mathbf{d}_2$.

(d) Show that a Cartesian equation of the plane, Π , that contains l_1 and l_2 is $-x - y + 3z = 6$.

(e) Find a vector equation of the line l_3 which is perpendicular to the plane Π and passes through the point T(3, 1, -4).

(f) (i) Find the point of intersection of the line l_3 and the plane Π .

(ii) Find the coordinates of T' , the reflection of the point T in the plane Π .

(iii) Hence find the magnitude of the vector $\overrightarrow{TT'}$.

The acute angle between the vectors $3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$ and $5\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ is denoted by θ .

Find $\cos \theta$.

Let α be the angle between the unit vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , where $0 \leq \alpha \leq \pi$.

(a) Express $|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$ and $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|$ in terms of α .

(b) Hence determine the value of $\cos \alpha$ for which $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}| = 3|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$.

A triangle has vertices $A(1, -1, 1)$, $B(1, 1, 0)$ and $C(-1, 1, -1)$.

Show that the area of the triangle is $\sqrt{6}$.
