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# IB Math SL - Vectors [57 marks]

Consider the points A (1, 5, 4), B (3, 1, 2) and D (3k, 2), with (AD) perpendicular to (AB).

1a. Find

[3 marks]

(i)  
 $\vec{AB}$ ;

(ii)  
 $\vec{AD}$  giving your answer in terms of  $k$ .

[3 marks]

(i)  $\vec{AB} = \overset{B-A}{\begin{pmatrix} 3-1 \\ 1-5 \\ 2-4 \end{pmatrix}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii)  $\vec{AD} = \overset{D-A}{\begin{pmatrix} 3-1 \\ k-5 \\ 2-4 \end{pmatrix}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ k-5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

1b. Show that  $k=7$ .

→ solve for k

[3 marks]

$AD \perp AB$ , so

$$\vec{AD} \cdot \vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ k-5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 4 + -4(k-5) + (-2)(-2) = 0$$
$$8 - 4(k-5) = 0$$
$$8 = 4(k-5)$$
$$2 = k-5$$
$$\boxed{7 = k}$$

1c. The point C is such that  $\vec{BC} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{AD}$ .

Find the position vector of C.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_c - 3 \\ y_c - 1 \\ z_c - 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x - 3 = \frac{1}{2} \times 2$$

$$\boxed{x = 4}$$

$$y_c - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \times 2$$

$$\boxed{y_c = 2}$$

$$z_c - 2 = \frac{1}{2} \times (-2)$$

$$\boxed{z_c = +1}$$

$$\vec{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

point C = (4, 2, 1)

Origin = (0, 0, 0)

$$\vec{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 4-0 \\ 2-0 \\ 1-0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Position Vector

1d. Find  $\cos \hat{ABC}$ .

[3 marks]

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

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

$$\vec{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cos \hat{ABC} = \frac{\vec{BC} \cdot \vec{BA}}{|\vec{BC}| |\vec{BA}|} = \frac{-2 + 4 - 2}{\sqrt{3} \sqrt{24}}$$

$$= \frac{-0}{\sqrt{3} \sqrt{24}} = 0$$

$$\therefore \cos \hat{ABC} = 0$$

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Didn't ask for the angle value

only  $\cos \hat{ABC}$

2. The following diagram shows quadrilateral ABCD, with

$$\vec{AD} = \vec{BC},$$

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and}$$

$$\vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

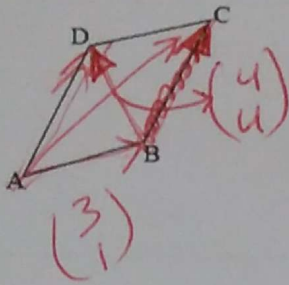


diagram  
not to scale

2a. Find  
 $\vec{BC}$ .

[2 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{BC} &= \vec{BA} + \vec{AC} \\ &= -\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

2b. Show that  
 $\vec{BD} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

[2 marks]

A diagram of a triangle ABD. Point A is at the bottom left, B is to its right, and D is at the top. Red arrows represent vectors: BA from B to A and AD from A to D.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{BD} &= \vec{BA} + \vec{AD} \\ &= -\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- 2c. Show that vectors  $\vec{BD}$  and  $\vec{AC}$  are perpendicular.

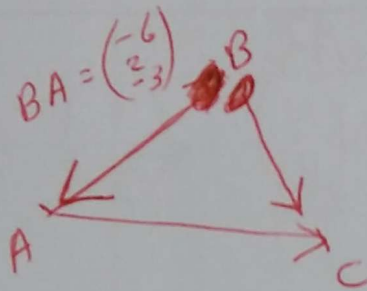
$$\vec{BD} \cdot \vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = -8 + 8 = 0$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\therefore \theta = 90$$

3.

Let  $\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .



- 3a. Find  $\vec{BC}$ .

[2 marks]

$$\vec{BC} = \vec{BA} + \vec{AC}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 3b. Find a unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{AB}$ .

[3 marks]

$$\vec{AB}_{\text{unit}} = \frac{1}{|\vec{AB}|} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{6^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{36 + 4 + 9}$$

$$= \sqrt{49} = 7$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6/7 \\ -2/7 \\ 3/7 \end{pmatrix}$$

3c. Show that

[3 marks]

$\vec{AB}$  is perpendicular to  
 $\vec{AC}$ .

$$\vec{AB} \perp \vec{AC}$$
$$\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC} =$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = -12 + 6 + 6 = 0$$

4a. Let  $\vec{u}$

[3 marks]

$$\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{w} =$$

$$\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ p \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Given that } \vec{u} \text{ is perpendicular to } \vec{w}, \text{ find the value of } p.$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} = 0 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ p \end{pmatrix} = 6 - 3 - p = 0$$
$$\boxed{3 = p}$$

4b. Let

[3 marks]

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ q \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Given that}$$

$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{42}$ , find the possible values of  $q$ .

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{1^2 + q^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{42}$$
$$\sqrt{26 + q^2} = \sqrt{42}$$
$$26 + q^2 = 42$$
$$q^2 = 16$$
$$q = \pm 4$$

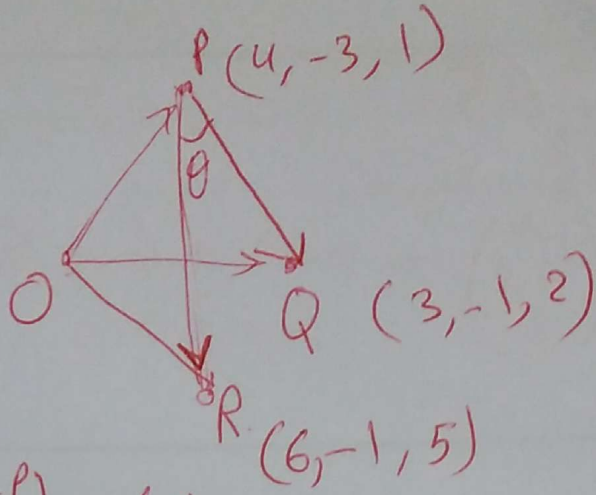
Important

5. The vertices of the triangle PQR are defined by the position vectors

$$\vec{OP} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\vec{OQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$\vec{OR} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$



5a. Find

(i)  $\vec{PQ}$ ;

(ii)  $\vec{PR}$ .

[3 marks]

i)  $\vec{PQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 3-4 \\ -1-(-3) \\ 2-1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ +2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

ii)  $\vec{PR} = \begin{pmatrix} 6-4 \\ -1-(-3) \\ 5-1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ +2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

5b. Show that  $\cos \hat{RPQ} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

[7 marks]

$$\cos \hat{RPQ} = \frac{\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{PR}}{|\vec{PQ}| |\vec{PR}|} = \frac{-2 + 4 + 4}{\sqrt{6} \sqrt{24}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{24 \times 6}}$$

$$= \frac{6}{\sqrt{6 \times 4 \times 6}} = \frac{6}{2 \sqrt{6^2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

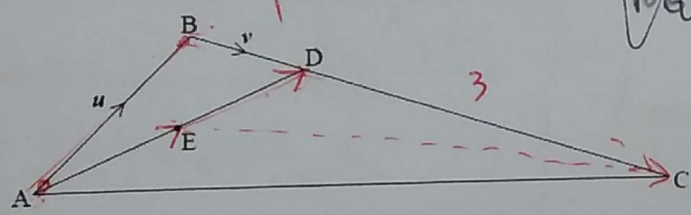
5a. (i) Find  $\sin \angle RPQ$ .

(ii) Hence, find the area of triangle PQR, giving your answer in the form  $a\sqrt{3}$ .

$\sqrt{2} \cos \angle RPQ = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\therefore \sin \angle RPQ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$A_{\Delta} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{PR} \times \vec{PQ}| \sin \theta$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{6} \cdot \sqrt{24} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} (12) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$   
 $= 3\sqrt{3}$

6. In the following diagram,  
 $u = \vec{AB}$  and  
 $v = \vec{BD}$ .



The midpoint of  $\vec{AD}$  is E and  $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{1}{3}$ .

Express each of the following vectors in terms of  $u$  and  $v$ .

6a.  $\vec{AE}$

[3 marks]

$\vec{AE} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{AD} = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{u} + \vec{v})$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \vec{u} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{v}$

**6b!**  $\vec{EC} = \vec{ED} + \vec{DC}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + 3\vec{v}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \vec{u} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{v} + 3\vec{v}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \vec{u} + 3.5\vec{v}$

$\vec{ED} = \vec{AE}$   
 $\vec{DC} = 3\vec{BD}$

*Important*