

Vectors 2



Q1.

The points A, B, C have position vectors

$$-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}, \quad -2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}, \quad 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k},$$

respectively, relative to the origin O .

- (a) Find the equation of the plane ABC , giving your answer in the form $ax + by + cz = d$. [5]
 - (b) Find the perpendicular distance from O to the plane ABC . [2]
 - (c) Find the acute angle between the planes OAB and ABC . [4]
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Q2.

The points A, B, C have position vectors

$$-2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}, \quad -2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}, \quad -2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k},$$

respectively, relative to the origin O .

- (a) Find the equation of the plane ABC , giving your answer in the form $ax + by + cz = d$. [5]
- (b) Find the acute angle between the planes OBC and ABC . [4]

The point D has position vector $t\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$.

- (c) Given that the shortest distance between the lines AB and CD is $\sqrt{10}$, find the value of t . [6]
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Q3.

The points A, B and C have position vectors \mathbf{i} , $2\mathbf{j}$ and $4\mathbf{k}$ respectively, relative to an origin O . The point N is the foot of the perpendicular from O to the plane ABC . The point P on the line-segment ON is such that $OP = \frac{3}{4}ON$. The line AP meets the plane OBC at Q .

- (i) Find a vector perpendicular to the plane ABC and show that the length of ON is $\frac{4}{\sqrt{21}}$. [4]
 - (ii) Find the position vector of the point Q . [5]
 - (iii) Show that the acute angle between the planes ABC and ABQ is $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$. [5]
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Q4.

The position vectors of the points A, B, C, D are

$$2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}, \quad -2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + m\mathbf{k},$$

respectively, where m is an integer. It is given that the shortest distance between the line through A and B and the line through C and D is 3.

- (a) Show that the only possible value of m is 2. [7]
 - (b) Find the shortest distance of D from the line through A and C . [3]
 - (c) Show that the acute angle between the planes ACD and BCD is $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$. [4]
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Q5.

Let t be a positive constant.

The line l_1 passes through the point with position vector $t\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ and is parallel to the vector $-2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$. The line l_2 passes through the point with position vector $\mathbf{j} + t\mathbf{k}$ and is parallel to the vector $-2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$.

It is given that the shortest distance between the lines l_1 and l_2 is $\sqrt{21}$.

- (a) Find the value of t . [5]

The plane Π_1 contains l_1 and is parallel to l_2 .

- (b) Write down an equation of Π_1 , giving your answer in the form $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a} + \lambda\mathbf{b} + \mu\mathbf{c}$. [1]

The plane Π_2 has Cartesian equation $5x - 6y + 7z = 0$.

- (c) Find the acute angle between l_2 and Π_2 . [3]
 - (d) Find the acute angle between Π_1 and Π_2 . [3]
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Q6.

The lines l_1 and l_2 have equations $\mathbf{r} = -\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + s(2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})$ and $\mathbf{r} = 3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{k} + t(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$ respectively.

The plane Π_1 contains l_1 and the point P with position vector $-2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$.

(a) Find an equation of Π_1 , giving your answer in the form $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a} + \lambda\mathbf{b} + \mu\mathbf{c}$. [2]

The plane Π_2 contains l_2 and is parallel to l_1 .

(b) Find an equation of Π_2 , giving your answer in the form $ax + by + cz = d$. [4]

(c) Find the acute angle between Π_1 and Π_2 . [5]

(d) The point Q is such that $\overrightarrow{OQ} = -5\overrightarrow{OP}$.

Find the position vector of the foot of the perpendicular from the point Q to Π_2 . [4]

Q7.

The plane Π has equation $\mathbf{r} = -2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} + \lambda(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}) + \mu(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j})$.

(a) Find a Cartesian equation of Π , giving your answer in the form $ax + by + cz = d$. [4]

The line l passes through the point P with position vector $2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$ and is parallel to the vector \mathbf{k} .

(b) Find the position vector of the point where l meets Π . [3]

(c) Find the acute angle between l and Π . [3]

(d) Find the perpendicular distance from P to Π . [3]

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Q8.

The points A, B, C have position vectors

$$2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}, \quad -\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}$$

respectively, relative to the origin O .

- (a) Find an equation of the plane OAB , giving your answer in the form $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = p$. [3]

The plane Π has equation $x - 3y - 2z = 1$.

- (b) Find the perpendicular distance of Π from the origin. [1]

- (c) Find the acute angle between the planes OAB and Π . [3]

- (d) Find an equation for the common perpendicular to the lines OC and AB . [10]
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Q9.

The points A, B, C have position vectors

$$4\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}, \quad -4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}, \quad 4\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k},$$

respectively, relative to the origin O .

- (a) Find the equation of the plane ABC , giving your answer in the form $ax + by + cz = d$. [5]

- (b) Find the perpendicular distance from O to the plane ABC . [2]

- (c) The point D has position vector $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$.

Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of the line OD with the plane ABC . [3]

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Q10.

The position vectors of the points A, B, C, D are

$$7\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}, \quad 11\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}, \quad 2\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}, \quad 2\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j} + \lambda\mathbf{k}$$

respectively.

- (a) Given that the shortest distance between the line AB and the line CD is 3, show that $\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 4 = 0$. [7]

Let Π_1 be the plane ABD when $\lambda = 1$.

Let Π_2 be the plane ABD when $\lambda = 4$.

- (b) (i) Write down an equation of Π_1 , giving your answer in the form $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a} + s\mathbf{b} + t\mathbf{c}$. [2]
(ii) Find an equation of Π_2 , giving your answer in the form $ax + by + cz = d$. [4]
(c) Find the acute angle between Π_1 and Π_2 . [5]
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