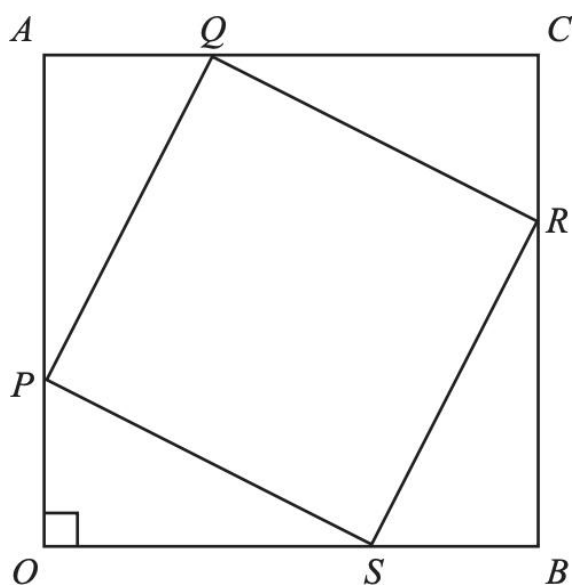


Question 20

(9 marks)

Consider square $OACB$ where point O is the origin. Let the position vectors for points A, B be defined as \vec{a}, \vec{b} respectively i.e. $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}$ and $\vec{OB} = \vec{b}$.

Let points P, Q, R and S be defined so that $\vec{OP} = k\vec{a}$, $\vec{AQ} = k\vec{b}$, $\vec{RC} = k\vec{a}$ and $\vec{SB} = k\vec{b}$ where $0 \leq k \leq 1$. This means that points P, Q, R and S are positioned along their respective sides in equal proportion.



- (a) Using vector methods, prove that the size of $\angle PQR = 90^\circ$.

(5 marks)

Now suppose that in square $OACB$, it is known that $OA = 10$ cm and that point P is moving away from the origin at a speed of 0.2 cm per second. This means that points Q , R and S are moving at the same speeds along their respective sides.

Let x = the distance OP .

- (b) Determine the rate at which the area of square $PQRS$ is changing when $x = 3$ cm.
(4 marks)