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Tutorial: Question Difficulty Colour Code

Basic - straightforward application
(you must be able to do these)

Medium – Makes you think a bit
(you must be able to do these)

Hard – Makes you think a lot
(you should be able to do these)

Extreme – Tests your understanding to the limit!
(for those who like a challenge)

**Applied – Real-life examples of the topic, may sometimes
involve prior knowledge**
(you should attempt these – will help in future engineering)



**What do you get when you cross a
mosquito with a rock climber?**

**You can't. A mosquito is a vector,
but a rock climber is a scalar.**

*Medical maths joke

Tutorial 8

Vectors 1

Class Example (Applied)

E.g. 1

A particle of mass 0.5 kg is acted on by three forces.

$$F_1 = (2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) \text{ N}$$

$$F_2 = (-\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) \text{ N}$$

$$F_3 = (4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) \text{ N}$$

- Find the resultant force R acting on the particle.
- Find the acceleration of the particle, giving your answer in the form $(p\mathbf{i} + q\mathbf{j} + r\mathbf{k}) \text{ ms}^{-2}$.
- Find the magnitude of the acceleration.

Given that the particle starts at rest,

- Find the distance travelled by the particle in the first 6 seconds of its motion.

$$\text{a. } \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ N}$$

$$\text{b. } \mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = 0.5\mathbf{a} \quad \therefore \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

$$\text{c. } |\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{10^2 + (-2)^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{140} \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

$$\text{d. } u = 0, a = \sqrt{140} \text{ ms}^{-2}, t = 6 \text{ s}, s = ?$$

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times \sqrt{140} \times 6^2 = 36\sqrt{35} \text{ m} \approx 213 \text{ m}$$

Class Example

E.g. 2

Find a unit vector that is perpendicular to vectors \underline{a} and \underline{b}

where when $\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

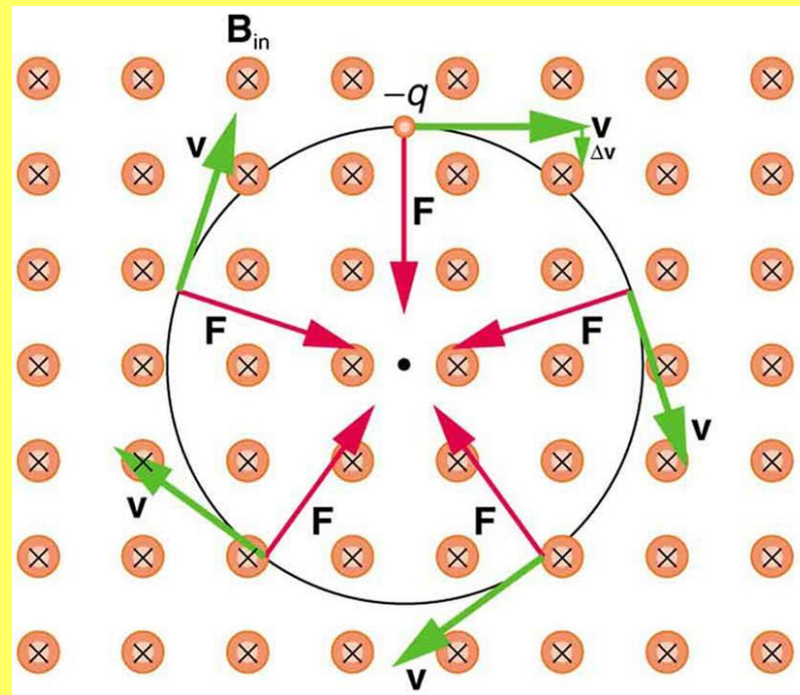
$$\underline{\hat{n}} = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{3\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Class Example (Applied)

E.g. 3

The Force experienced by a particle with charge q moving with velocity \mathbf{v} in a magnetic field \mathbf{B} is given by the formula $\mathbf{F} = q \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$ (Lorentz formula)

Calculate the force of a particle with a $0.5C$ charge moving in direction $\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$ in a magnetic field $\mathbf{B} = -\mathbf{k}$



Note that \mathbf{F} is perpendicular to both \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{B}

$$\mathbf{F} = (0.5\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})N$$

Class Example

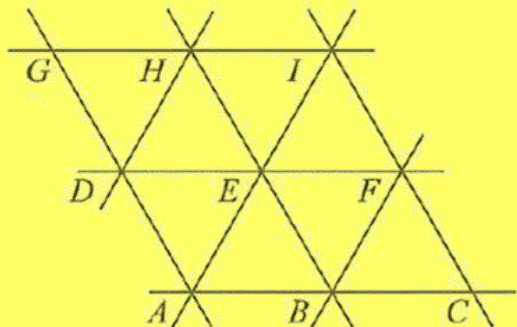
E.g. 4

Find $\underline{a} \cdot (\underline{b} \times \underline{c})$ when $\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$, $\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$, $\underline{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

(Answer 5)

Exercise A: Vectors Recap

1



The diagram shows three sets of equally-spaced parallel lines.

Given that $\overrightarrow{AC} = \mathbf{p}$ and that $\overrightarrow{AD} = \mathbf{q}$, express the following vectors in terms of \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} .

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| a \overrightarrow{CA} | b \overrightarrow{AG} | c \overrightarrow{AB} | d \overrightarrow{DF} | e \overrightarrow{HE} | f \overrightarrow{AF} |
| g \overrightarrow{AH} | h \overrightarrow{DC} | i \overrightarrow{CG} | j \overrightarrow{IA} | k \overrightarrow{EC} | l \overrightarrow{IB} |

2

Given that vectors \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} are not parallel, state whether or not each of the following pairs of vectors are parallel.

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|--|--|--|
| a $2\mathbf{p}$ and $3\mathbf{p}$ | b $(\mathbf{p} + 2\mathbf{q})$ and $(2\mathbf{p} - 4\mathbf{q})$ | c $(3\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})$ and $(\mathbf{p} - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{q})$ |
| d $(\mathbf{p} - 2\mathbf{q})$ and $(4\mathbf{q} - 2\mathbf{p})$ | e $(\frac{3}{4}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})$ and $(6\mathbf{p} + 8\mathbf{q})$ | f $(2\mathbf{q} - 3\mathbf{p})$ and $(\frac{3}{2}\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p})$ |

3

The points O, A, B and C are such that $\overrightarrow{OA} = 4\mathbf{m}$, $\overrightarrow{OB} = 4\mathbf{m} + 2\mathbf{n}$ and $\overrightarrow{OC} = 2\mathbf{m} + 3\mathbf{n}$, where \mathbf{m} and \mathbf{n} are non-parallel vectors.

- a Find an expression for \overrightarrow{BC} in terms of \mathbf{m} and \mathbf{n} .

The point M is the mid-point of OC .

- b Show that AM is parallel to BC .

4

Given that $\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$, find as column vectors,

- | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| a $\mathbf{p} + 2\mathbf{q}$ | b $\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{r}$ | c $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r}$ | d $2\mathbf{p} - 3\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r}$ |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|

Exercise A: Vectors Recap

5

Points P , Q and R have coordinates $(9,1,0)$, $(8, -3,5)$ and $(5,5,7)$ respectively.

- a) Find the position vectors of P , Q and R .
- b) Find \overrightarrow{PQ} and \overrightarrow{QR}
- c) Find the magnitudes (lengths) $|\overrightarrow{PQ}|$ and $|\overrightarrow{QR}|$

6

Given that vectors \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} are not parallel, find the values of the constants a and b such that

a $a\mathbf{p} + 3\mathbf{q} = 5\mathbf{p} + b\mathbf{q}$

b $(2\mathbf{p} + a\mathbf{q}) + (b\mathbf{p} - 4\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{0}$

c $4a\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p} = b\mathbf{p} - 2\mathbf{q}$

d $(2a\mathbf{p} + b\mathbf{q}) - (a\mathbf{q} - 6\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{0}$

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Relative to a fixed origin O , the points A , B and C have position vectors $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -7 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$ respectively.

- a** Find the position vector of the point M , the mid-point of BC .
- b** Show that O , A and M are collinear.

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- Find
- a** a unit vector in the direction $5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 14\mathbf{k}$,
 - b** a vector of magnitude 10 in the direction $2\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j} - 10\mathbf{k}$,
 - c** a vector of magnitude 20 parallel to $-5\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$.
 - d** a vector anti-parallel to $-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$

Exercise A: Vectors Recap

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Given that $\mathbf{r} = \lambda\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$, find the two possible values of λ such that $|\mathbf{r}| = 14$.

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Given that $\mathbf{r} = -2\mathbf{i} + \lambda\mathbf{j} + \mu\mathbf{k}$, find the values of λ and μ such that

a \mathbf{r} is parallel to $4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 8\mathbf{k}$

b \mathbf{r} is parallel to $-5\mathbf{i} + 20\mathbf{j} - 10\mathbf{k}$

11

Given that $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{q} = -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}$,

a find $|2\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}|$,

b find the value of k such that $\mathbf{p} + k\mathbf{q}$ is parallel to \mathbf{r} .

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Given that $\mathbf{r} = \lambda\mathbf{i} - 2\lambda\mathbf{j} + \mu\mathbf{k}$, and that \mathbf{r} is parallel to the vector $(2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k})$,

a show that $3\lambda + 2\mu = 0$.

Given also that $|\mathbf{r}| = 2\sqrt{29}$ and that $\mu > 0$,

b find the values of λ and μ .

13

The position vector of a model aircraft at time t seconds is $(9 - t)\mathbf{i} + (1 + 2t)\mathbf{j} + (5 - t)\mathbf{k}$, relative to a fixed origin O . One unit on each coordinate axis represents 1 metre.

a Find an expression for d^2 in terms of t , where d metres is the distance of the aircraft from O .

b Find the value of t when the aircraft is closest to O and hence, the least distance of the aircraft from O .

Exercise B: Scalar Product

1

Calculate

a $(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) \cdot (3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$

b $(6\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$

c $(-5\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k})$

d $(3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 8\mathbf{k}) \cdot (-\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k})$

e $(3\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (9\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$

f $(7\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}) \cdot (-3\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k})$

2

Given that $\mathbf{p} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{r} = 6\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$,

a find the value of $\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q}$,

b find the value of $\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}$,

c verify that $\mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}$

3

Simplify

a $\mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{r})$

b $\mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{q} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{p})$

4

Show that the vectors $(5\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$ and $(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k})$ are perpendicular.

5

Relative to a fixed origin O , the points A , B and C have position vectors $(3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k})$, $(\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$ and $(8\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$ respectively. Show that $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$.

Exercise B: Scalar Product

6

Find in each case the value or values of the constant c for which the vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are perpendicular.

a $\mathbf{u} = (2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}), \quad \mathbf{v} = (c\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ **b** $\mathbf{u} = (-5\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}), \quad \mathbf{v} = (c\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3c\mathbf{k})$

c $\mathbf{u} = (c\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{k}), \quad \mathbf{v} = (c\mathbf{i} + c\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k})$ **d** $\mathbf{u} = (3c\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}), \quad \mathbf{v} = (5\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 2c\mathbf{k})$

7

Find, in degrees to 1 decimal place, the angle between the vectors

a $(3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{k})$ and $(7\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})$

b $(2\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$ and $(\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$

c $(6\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 9\mathbf{k})$ and $(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})$

d $(\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k})$ and $(-3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$

8

$\mathbf{a} = -5\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{b} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j}$

Given that the resultant force of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} is $-2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$ find the values of x and y

9

Given vectors $\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ calculate:

a) The component of \underline{a} in the direction of \underline{b}

b) The component of \underline{b} in the direction of \underline{a}

10

The points $A(7, 2, -2)$, $B(-1, 6, -3)$ and $C(-3, 1, 2)$ are the vertices of a triangle.

a Find \overrightarrow{BA} and \overrightarrow{BC} in terms of \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} and \mathbf{k} .

b Show that $\angle ABC = 82.2^\circ$ to 1 decimal place.

c Find the area of triangle ABC to 3 significant figures.

Exercise C: Vector Product

1 If $\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ calculate $\underline{a} \times \underline{b}$

2 If $\underline{c} = 12\mathbf{i} + 13\mathbf{j}$ and $\underline{d} = 7\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$ calculate $\underline{c} \times \underline{d}$

3 If $\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ show that $\underline{a} \times \underline{b} = -\underline{b} \times \underline{a}$

4 Given the three points $A(9, 1, -2)$, $B(3, 1, 3)$ and $C(1, 0, -1)$, find $\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}$

5 a) Find a vector which is perpendicular to both $\underline{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$ and $\underline{b} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$
b) Hence, find a **unit vector** perpendicular to both \underline{a} and \underline{b} .

6 Find a unit vector which is perpendicular to the plane containing $6\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$ and $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$

Exercise C: Vector Product

7

For vectors $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$, evaluate:

- a) $(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{a}$
- b) $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \times \mathbf{c}$
- c) Comment on the results of parts (a) and (b)

8

For an unknown vector \underline{a} and the vector $\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$, $\underline{a} \times \underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -6 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$. Find the value of k .

9

Given that $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2c \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$, find the values of a , b and c

10

For all vectors \underline{a} and \underline{b} , show that

$$(\underline{a} \times \underline{b}) \cdot (\underline{a} \times \underline{b}) = |\underline{a}|^2 |\underline{b}|^2 - (\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b})^2$$

11

Three distinct points P , Q and R have position vectors \mathbf{p} , \mathbf{q} and \mathbf{r} respectively. Show that P , Q and R are collinear (lie on a straight line) if

$$\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$$

ANSWERS

Exercise A: Answers

1

a) $-\mathbf{p}$

b) $2\mathbf{q}$

c) $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}$

d) \mathbf{p}

e) $-\mathbf{q}$

f) $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}$

g) $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} + 2\mathbf{q}$

h) $\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}$

i) $2\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}$

j) $-\mathbf{p} - 2\mathbf{q}$

k) $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}$

l) $-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} - 2\mathbf{q}$

2

a) parallel, $3\mathbf{p} = \frac{3}{2}(2\mathbf{p})$

b) not parallel

c) parallel, $(\mathbf{p} - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{3}(3\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})$

d) parallel, $(4\mathbf{q} - 2\mathbf{p}) = -2(\mathbf{p} - 2\mathbf{q})$

e) parallel, $(6\mathbf{p} + 8\mathbf{q}) = 8(\frac{3}{4}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})$

f) not parallel

3

a) $\begin{aligned} &= (2\mathbf{m} + 3\mathbf{n}) - (4\mathbf{m} + 2\mathbf{n}) \\ &= \mathbf{n} - 2\mathbf{m} \end{aligned}$

b) $\overrightarrow{OM} = \frac{1}{2}\overrightarrow{OC} = \mathbf{m} + \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{n}$

$\overrightarrow{AM} = (\mathbf{m} + \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{n}) - 4\mathbf{m} = \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{n} - 3\mathbf{m}$

$\therefore \overrightarrow{AM} = \frac{3}{2}\overrightarrow{BC}$

$\therefore AM$ is parallel to BC

4

a) $= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + 2\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

b) $= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

c) $= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$

d) $= 2\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - 3\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ 17 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$

5

a) $\overrightarrow{OP} = \underline{p} = 9\underline{i} + \underline{j}$ $\overrightarrow{OQ} = \underline{q} = 8\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} + 5\underline{k}$ $\overrightarrow{OR} = \underline{r} = 5\underline{i} + 5\underline{j} + 7\underline{k}$

b) $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \underline{q} - \underline{p} = -\underline{i} - 4\underline{j} + 5\underline{k}$ $\overrightarrow{QR} = \underline{r} - \underline{q} = -3\underline{i} + 8\underline{j} + 2\underline{k}$

c) $|\overrightarrow{PQ}| = \sqrt{42}$ $|\overrightarrow{QR}| = \sqrt{77}$

Exercise A: Answers

6

a $a = 5, b = 3$

c $-1 = b$ and $4a = -2$
 $\therefore a = -\frac{1}{2}, b = -1$

b $2 + b = 0$ and $a - 4 = 0$
 $\therefore a = 4, b = -2$

d $2a + 6 = 0$ and $b - a = 0$
 $\therefore a = -3, b = -3$

7

a $\overrightarrow{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -7 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 8 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\overrightarrow{OM} = \overrightarrow{OB} + \frac{1}{2} \overrightarrow{BC}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -7 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 8 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

b $\overrightarrow{OM} = \frac{3}{2} \overrightarrow{OA}$

$\therefore \overrightarrow{OM}$ and \overrightarrow{OA} are parallel
common point O

$\therefore O, A$ and M are collinear

8

a $|5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 14\mathbf{k}| = \sqrt{25 + 4 + 196} = 15$
 $\therefore \frac{1}{15}(5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 14\mathbf{k})$

b $|2\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j} - 10\mathbf{k}| = \sqrt{4 + 121 + 100} = 15$
 $\therefore \frac{10}{15}(2\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j} - 10\mathbf{k}) = \frac{2}{3}(2\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j} - 10\mathbf{k})$

c $|-5\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}| = \sqrt{25 + 16 + 4} = \sqrt{45} = 3\sqrt{5}$
 $\therefore \frac{20}{3\sqrt{5}}(-5\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) = \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{5}(-5\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$

d $|-i + 2j - k| = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 1} = \sqrt{6}$
Antiparallel vector is $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(-i + 2j - k)$ or $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(i - 2j + k)$

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$$\lambda^2 + 144 + 16 = 14^2 = 196$$

$$\lambda^2 = 36$$

$$\lambda = \pm 6$$

10

a $-2\mathbf{i} + \lambda\mathbf{j} + \mu\mathbf{k} = -\frac{1}{2}(4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 8\mathbf{k})$
 $\therefore \lambda = -1, \mu = 4$

b $-2\mathbf{i} + \lambda\mathbf{j} + \mu\mathbf{k} = \frac{2}{5}(-5\mathbf{i} + 20\mathbf{j} - 10\mathbf{k})$
 $\therefore \lambda = 8, \mu = -4$

Exercise A: Answers

11

a $2\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q} = 2(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) - (-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$
 $= 3\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$

$$\therefore |2\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}| = \sqrt{9 + 36 + 36} = 9$$

b $(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) + k(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$
 $= l(2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k})$

$$\therefore 1 - k = 2l \quad (1)$$

$$-2 + 2k = -4l \quad (2)$$

$$4 + 2k = -7l \quad (3)$$

[(1) and (2) are the same equation]

$$(2) - (3) \Rightarrow -6 = 3l$$

$$\therefore l = -2$$

$$\therefore k = 5$$

12

a $(\lambda\mathbf{i} - 2\lambda\mathbf{j} + \mu\mathbf{k}) = k(2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k})$

$$\therefore \lambda = 2k \quad (1)$$

$$-2\lambda = -4k \quad (2)$$

$$\mu = -3k \quad (3)$$

[(1) and (2) are the same equation]

$$3 \times (1) + 2 \times (3) \Rightarrow \underline{3\lambda + 2\mu = 0}$$

b $\lambda^2 + (-2\lambda)^2 + \mu^2 = (2\sqrt{29})^2$

$$5\lambda^2 + \mu^2 = 116$$

$$\mu = -\frac{3}{2}\lambda \Rightarrow 5\lambda^2 + \frac{9}{4}\lambda^2 = 116$$

$$\lambda^2 = 16$$

$$\lambda = \pm 4$$

$$\mu = -\frac{3}{2}\lambda \text{ and } \mu > 0 \therefore \lambda = -4, \mu = 6$$

13

a $d^2 = (9 - t)^2 + (1 + 2t)^2 + (5 - t)^2$
 $= 81 - 18t + t^2 + 1 + 4t + 4t^2 + 25 - 10t + t^2$
 $= 6t^2 - 24t + 107$

b $d^2 = 6(t^2 - 4t) + 107 = 6[(t - 2)^2 - 4] + 107$
 $= 6(t - 2)^2 + 83$

\therefore closest when $t = 2$

$$\text{min. } d = \sqrt{83} = 9.11 \text{ m (3sf)}$$

Exercise B: Answers

1

$$\mathbf{a} = 3 + 2 + 8 = 13$$

$$\mathbf{c} = -5 + 0 - 6 = -11$$

$$\mathbf{e} = 27 - 28 - 1 = -2$$

$$\mathbf{b} = 6 + 6 - 2 = 10$$

$$\mathbf{d} = -3 + 22 + 32 = 51$$

$$\mathbf{f} = 0 + 9 + 0 = 9$$

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$$\mathbf{a} = (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) = 2 + 5 + 3 = 10$$

$$\mathbf{b} = (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) \cdot (6\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) = 12 - 2 + 9 = 19$$

$$\mathbf{c} \quad \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) + (6\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) = 7\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r}) = (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) \cdot (7\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}) = 14 + 3 + 12 = 29$$

$$\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r} = 10 + 19 = 29$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}$$

3

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r} \\ &= 2\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} &= \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{p} \\ &= \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} \\ &= \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r} \\ &= (\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}) \cdot \mathbf{r} \end{aligned}$$

4

$$(5\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) \cdot (3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k}) = 15 - 3 - 12 = 0$$

\therefore perpendicular

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$$\overrightarrow{BA} = (3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k}) - (\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = (8\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) - (\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) = 7\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BA} \cdot \overrightarrow{BC} = (2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}) \cdot (7\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) = 14 + 2 - 16 = 0$$

$\therefore \overrightarrow{BA}$ and \overrightarrow{BC} are perpendicular $\therefore \angle ABC = 90^\circ$

Exercise B: Answers

6

a $(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (c\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) = 0$
 $2c - 9 + 1 = 0$
 $c = 4$

c $(c\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{k}) \cdot (c\mathbf{i} + c\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) = 0$
 $c^2 - 2c - 24 = 0$
 $(c + 4)(c - 6) = 0$
 $c = -4, 6$

b $(-5\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) \cdot (c\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3c\mathbf{k}) = 0$
 $-5c - 3 + 6c = 0$
 $c = 3$

d $(3c\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}) \cdot (5\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 2c\mathbf{k}) = 0$
 $15c - 8 + 2c^2 = 0$
 $2c^2 + 15c - 8 = 0$
 $(2c - 1)(c + 8) = 0$
 $c = -8, \frac{1}{2}$

7

a $|(3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{k})| = \sqrt{9+16} = 5$
 $|(7\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})| = \sqrt{49+16+16} = 9$
 $(3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{k}) \cdot (7\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) = 21 + 0 - 16 = 5$
 $\therefore \text{angle} = \cos^{-1} \frac{5}{5 \times 9} = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{9} = 83.6^\circ$

c $|(6\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 9\mathbf{k})| = \sqrt{36+4+81} = 11$
 $|(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})| = \sqrt{9+1+16} = \sqrt{26}$
 $(6\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 9\mathbf{k}) \cdot (3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) = 18 - 2 - 36 = -20$
 $\therefore \text{angle} = \cos^{-1} \frac{-20}{11 \times \sqrt{26}} = 110.9^\circ$

b $|(2\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})| = \sqrt{4+36+9} = 7$
 $|(i - 3j - k)| = \sqrt{1+9+1} = \sqrt{11}$
 $(2\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) = 2 + 18 - 3 = 17$
 $\therefore \text{angle} = \cos^{-1} \frac{17}{7 \times \sqrt{11}} = 42.9^\circ$

d $|(i + 5j - 3k)| = \sqrt{1+25+9} = \sqrt{35}$
 $|(-3i - 4j + 2k)| = \sqrt{9+16+4} = \sqrt{29}$
 $(i + 5j - 3k) \cdot (-3i - 4j + 2k) = -3 - 20 - 6 = -29$
 $\therefore \text{angle} = \cos^{-1} \frac{-29}{\sqrt{35} \times \sqrt{29}} = \cos^{-1} \left(-\sqrt{\frac{29}{35}} \right) = 155.5^\circ$

8

Resultant of \underline{a} and \underline{b} is $\underline{a} + \underline{b}$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x = 3, y = -10$$

Exercise B: Answers

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a) The component of \underline{a} in the direction of \underline{b} is $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{\hat{b}}$

$$\underline{\hat{b}} = \frac{\underline{b}}{|\underline{b}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{29}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{a} \cdot \underline{\hat{b}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{29}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{29}}$$

b) The component of \underline{b} in the direction of \underline{a} is $\underline{b} \cdot \underline{\hat{a}}$

$$\underline{\hat{a}} = \frac{\underline{a}}{|\underline{a}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{b} \cdot \underline{\hat{a}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{10}} = \sqrt{10}$$

Notice these are not the same (imagine the shadow of one vector on the other, they would not look the same)

10

a $\overrightarrow{BA} = (7 + 1)\mathbf{i} + (2 - 6)\mathbf{j} + (-2 + 3)\mathbf{k} = 8\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = (-3 + 1)\mathbf{i} + (1 - 6)\mathbf{j} + (2 + 3)\mathbf{k} = -2\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$$

b $|\overrightarrow{BA}| = \sqrt{64 + 16 + 1} = 9$

$$|\overrightarrow{BC}| = \sqrt{4 + 25 + 25} = 3\sqrt{6}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BA} \cdot \overrightarrow{BC} = (8\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (-2\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}) = -16 + 20 + 5 = 9$$

$$\therefore \angle ABC = \cos^{-1} \frac{9}{9 \times 3\sqrt{6}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}} = 82.2^\circ$$

c $= \frac{1}{2} \times 9 \times 3\sqrt{6} \times \sin 82.18^\circ = 32.8$

Exercise C: Answers

1

$$\underline{a} \times \underline{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & -1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

Don't forget the negative on \underline{j}

$$= \underline{i}[(2 \times 4) - (-1 \times -1)] - \underline{j}[(3 \times 4) - (-1 \times 5)] + \underline{k}[(3 \times -1) - (2 \times 5)] \\ = 7\underline{i} - 12\underline{j} - 13\underline{k}$$

2

$$\underline{c} \times \underline{d} = -55\underline{k}$$

3

$$\underline{a} \times \underline{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -5\underline{i} + 10\underline{j} - 5\underline{k}$$

$$\underline{b} \times \underline{a} = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 5\underline{i} - 10\underline{j} + 5\underline{k}$$

$$\therefore \underline{a} \times \underline{b} = -\underline{b} \times \underline{a}$$

4

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ -6 & 0 & 5 \\ -8 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 5\underline{i} - 34\underline{j} + 6\underline{k}$$

5

a) $\underline{n} = \underline{a} \times \underline{b} = -11\underline{i} + 9\underline{j} - \underline{k}$ is perpendicular to both \underline{a} and \underline{b} .

b) Unit vector $\hat{\underline{n}} = \frac{\underline{n}}{|\underline{n}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{203}}(-11\underline{i} + 9\underline{j} - \underline{k})$

Exercise C: Answers

6

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{n} = (6\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}) \times (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 6 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{Unit vector } \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{\mathbf{n}}{|\mathbf{n}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{41}}(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k})$$

7

Both give $-29\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ (they are the same) - from identity in lecture notes

8

$$\underline{a} \times \underline{b} \text{ is perpendicular to } \underline{b} \text{ so } \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -6 \\ k \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow 16 - 24 + 6k = 0 \Rightarrow k = \frac{4}{3}$$

9

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ a & b & c \end{vmatrix} = (2c - b)\underline{i} - (c - a)\underline{j} + (b - 2a)\underline{k} = \begin{pmatrix} 2c - b \\ a - c \\ b - 2a \end{pmatrix}$$

And we were given

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2c \\ -5 \end{pmatrix},$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} 2c - b &= 3 \\ a - c &= 2c \\ b - 2a &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

Solve simultaneous equations:

$$a = \frac{3}{2}, b = -2, c = \frac{1}{2}$$

Exercise C: Answers

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Using the definitions: $\underline{a} \times \underline{b} = |\underline{a}||\underline{b}| \sin \theta \hat{n}$, $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = |\underline{a}||\underline{b}| \cos \theta$
where θ is the angle between \underline{a} and \underline{b} and \hat{n} is a unit vector.

$$\begin{aligned}(\underline{a} \times \underline{b}) \cdot (\underline{a} \times \underline{b}) &= |\underline{a} \times \underline{b}|^2 \\&= |\underline{a}|^2 |\underline{b}|^2 \sin^2 \theta \\&= |\underline{a}|^2 |\underline{b}|^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta) \\&= |\underline{a}|^2 |\underline{b}|^2 - |\underline{a}|^2 |\underline{b}|^2 \cos^2 \theta \\&= |\underline{a}|^2 |\underline{b}|^2 - (\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b})^2\end{aligned}$$

11

The three points are collinear if \overrightarrow{PQ} and \overrightarrow{QR} are parallel (as they already share point Q)

Two vectors are parallel if their vector product is zero $\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{QR} = \mathbf{0}$

As $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}$ and $\overrightarrow{QR} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{q}$

$$\text{So } \overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{QR} = (\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}) \times (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$$

Since $\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{r} = -\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$

$$\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{as required}$$