

Homework: Vectors (Paper 1 problems)

**1a.** Let  $u = 6i + 3j + 6k$  and  $v = 2i + 2j + k$ .

[5 marks]

Find

(i)  $u \bullet v$ ;

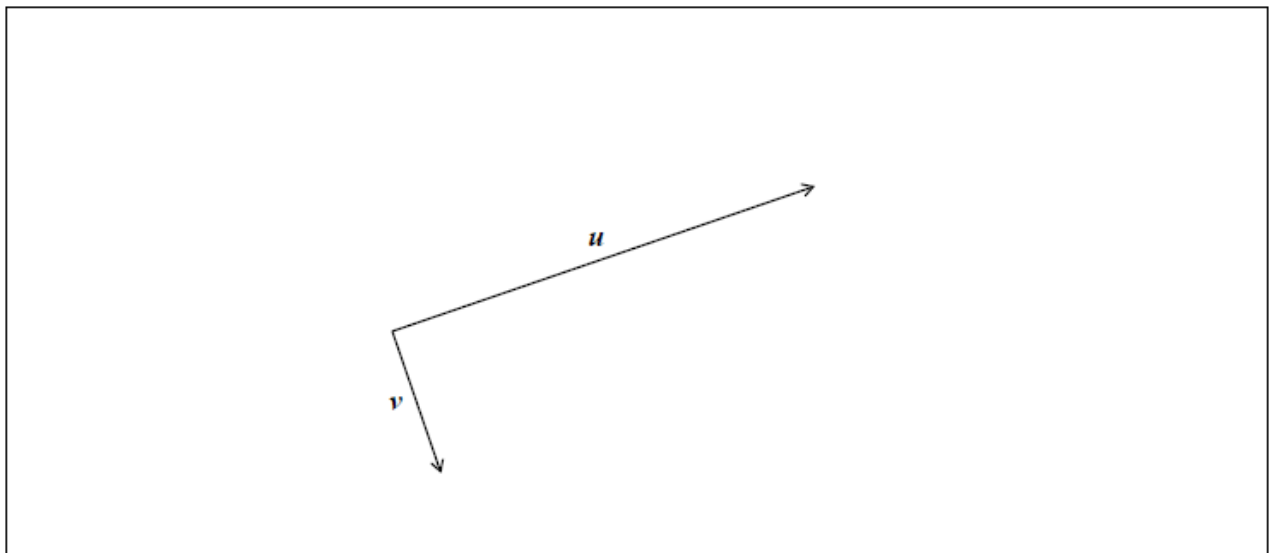
(ii)  $|u|$ ;

(iii)  $|v|$ .

**1b.** Find the angle between  $u$  and  $v$ .

[2 marks]

**2a.** The following diagram shows two perpendicular vectors  $u$  and  $v$ .



Let  $w = u - v$ . Represent  $w$  on the diagram above.

[2 marks]

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad v = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ n \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**2b.** Given that  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ n \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , find  $n$ .

[4 marks]

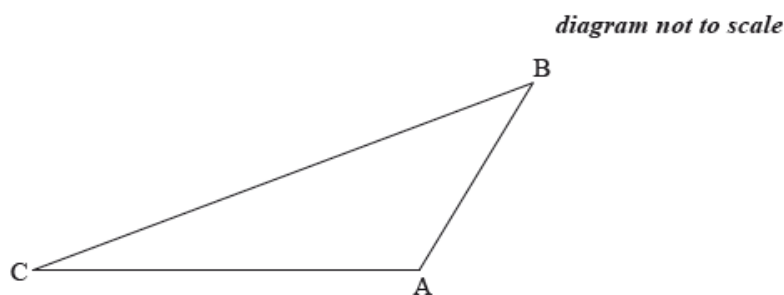
3a. The vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} k+3 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$  are perpendicular to each other. [4 marks]

Find the value of  $k$ .

3b. Given that  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}$ , find  $\mathbf{c}$ . [3 marks]

4. Let  $\mathbf{u} = -3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = m\mathbf{j} + n\mathbf{k}$ , where  $m, n \in \mathbb{R}$ . Given that  $\mathbf{v}$  is a unit vector perpendicular to  $\mathbf{u}$ , find the possible values of  $m$  and of  $n$ . [7 marks]

5. The following diagram shows triangle  $ABC$ .



Let  $\vec{AB} \bullet \vec{AC} = -5\sqrt{3}$  and  $|\vec{AB}| |\vec{AC}| = 10$ . Find the area of triangle  $ABC$ . [6 marks]

6a. Consider the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . [6 marks]

(a) Find

(i)  $2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ ;

(ii)  $|2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|$ .

[4 marks]

6b. Let  $2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$ , where  $\mathbf{0}$  is the zero vector.

(b) Find  $\mathbf{c}$ .

[2 marks]

**7a.** [2 marks]

**Note: In this question, distance is in metres and time is in seconds.**

Two particles  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  start moving from a point A at the same time, along different straight lines.

After  $t$  seconds, the position of  $P_1$  is given by  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find the coordinates of A.

**7b.** [3 marks]

Two seconds after leaving A,  $P_1$  is at point B.

Find  $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{AB}}$ ;

**7c.** [2 marks]

Find  $\left| \overrightarrow{\mathbf{AB}} \right|$ .

**7d.** [5 marks]

$$\overrightarrow{\mathbf{AC}} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Two seconds after leaving A,  $P_2$  is at point C, where

Find  $\cos \hat{\mathbf{BAC}}$ .

**7e.** [4 marks]

Hence or otherwise, find the distance between  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  two seconds after they leave A.