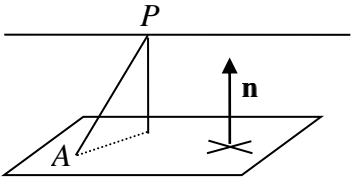




## H2 Mathematics (9758)

### Chapter 6 3D Vector Geometry

### Extra Practice Questions Solutions

Qn 1	
	<p> <math>l: \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ and } \pi: \mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 5</math> </p> <p> <math>\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 - 5 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow l \text{ and } \pi \text{ are parallel.}</math> </p> <p> <math>P(2, -2, 3)</math> is a point on <math>l</math>.  <math>A(0, 1, 0)</math> is a point on <math>\pi</math>.         </p> <p>Shortest distance between <math>l</math> and <math>\pi</math></p> <p> <math>=  \overrightarrow{PA} \cdot \mathbf{n}  = \left  \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{27}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right  = \frac{1}{\sqrt{27}} \left  \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right  = \frac{10}{\sqrt{27}} = \frac{10}{9} \sqrt{3} \text{ units}</math> </p> 
Qn 2	2007/IJC/I/5
(i)	<p> <math>\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \overrightarrow{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}</math> </p> <p>Find any 2 of the 3 vectors: <math>\overrightarrow{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \overrightarrow{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} -11 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}</math></p> <p>Since <math>\overrightarrow{AB}</math> not parallel to <math>\overrightarrow{BC}</math> (or equivalent), therefore <math>A, B</math> &amp; <math>C</math> not collinear.</p>
(ii)	<p> <math>\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}</math> or <math>\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}</math> or equivalent, Vector <math>\perp</math> to plane <math>ABC = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}</math> </p> <p>(or <math>-\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}</math>)</p>

(iii)	$\overrightarrow{OP} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \overrightarrow{OQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{PQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ <p><b>Method 1:</b></p> $\text{Length of projection} = \frac{ \overrightarrow{PQ} \times \vec{n} }{ \vec{n} } = \frac{\left  \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \right }{\sqrt{1+4+49}} = \frac{\left  \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 13 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right }{\sqrt{54}}$ $= \frac{\sqrt{4+169+16}}{\sqrt{54}} = \sqrt{\frac{7}{2}} \text{ or } \frac{\sqrt{14}}{2}$ <p><b>Method 2:</b> Length of projection of <math>\overrightarrow{PQ}</math> onto <math>\vec{n} = \frac{ \overrightarrow{PQ} \cdot \vec{n} }{ \vec{n} } = \frac{\left  \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \right }{\sqrt{1+4+49}} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{54}}</math></p> <p>Using Pythagoras' Theorem, length of projection of <math>\overrightarrow{PQ}</math> onto plane</p> $= \sqrt{5 - \frac{81}{54}} = \sqrt{\frac{7}{2}} \text{ or } \frac{\sqrt{14}}{2}$
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Qn 3	2007/PJC/I/6
(i)	$l_1 : \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ <p>Given <math>q=1</math> and <math>p=4</math>,</p> <p>Since <math>C</math> lies on <math>l_1</math>, <math>\overrightarrow{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}</math>;</p> $\overrightarrow{AC} = \overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\overrightarrow{AC} \perp l_2 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4+\lambda \\ \lambda \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$ $\Rightarrow \lambda = -12$ $\overrightarrow{OC} = -8\mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$
(ii)	$\overrightarrow{AB} = q\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k}$ <p>Given acute angle between <math>l_1</math> and <math>l_2</math> is <math>60^\circ</math>,</p> $\cos 60^\circ = \frac{\left  \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} q \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right }{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{q^2+4}}$

	$\sqrt{2}\sqrt{q^2+4} = 2q \Rightarrow q = \pm 2$
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Qn 4 2008/JJC/I/3	
(i)	$l_1: \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ <p>since <math>P</math> lies on <math>l_1</math>,</p> $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ 1 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for some suitable } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ $\Rightarrow 3 - \lambda = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2$ $\Rightarrow a = 1 + \lambda = 3 \text{ (proven)}$
(ii)	<p>since <math>Q</math> lies on <math>l_2</math>,</p> $\overrightarrow{OQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for some suitable } \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \overrightarrow{OQ} - \overrightarrow{OP} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -14 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 - 4\mu \\ -14 + 3\mu \end{pmatrix}$ <p>since <math>PQ \perp l_2</math></p> $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 - 4\mu \\ -14 + 3\mu \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$ $(0) + (-8 + 16\mu) + (-42 + 9\mu) = 0$ $\Rightarrow \mu = 2$ $\Rightarrow \overrightarrow{OQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \text{ (ans)}$
(iii)	$\left  \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right  = \sqrt{1+1+49} \sqrt{0+16+9} \cos \theta$ $\cos \theta = \frac{25}{5\sqrt{51}} \Rightarrow \theta = 45.6^\circ \text{ (to 1 d.p.)}$

**Qn 5    2008/HCI/I/12**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Required Distance} &= \frac{(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r}_1) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{|\mathbf{n}|} = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{|\mathbf{n}|} - \frac{\mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}}{|\mathbf{n}|} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{13}{\sqrt{21}} = \frac{42}{\sqrt{21}} = 2\sqrt{21}\end{aligned}$$

**Alternatively**

Take a point in  $\Pi_1$ , say  $C(13, 0, 0)$  which satisfies  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = 13$

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = \overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -7 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Length of projection of } \overrightarrow{AC} \text{ onto } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{|\overrightarrow{AC} \cdot \mathbf{n}|}{|\mathbf{n}|} = \left| \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -7 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \right| = 2\sqrt{21}$$

**Alternatively: Finding foot of perpendicular first (Long Method)**

Vector equation of a line through A and parallel to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ :

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

Let C be the foot of the perpendicular from A to  $\Pi_1$

$$\text{Then } \overrightarrow{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \lambda \\ 7 + 2\lambda \\ -10 - 4\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C \text{ lies on } \Pi_1: \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \lambda \\ 7 + 2\lambda \\ -10 - 4\lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = 13 \Rightarrow \lambda = -2$$

$$\overrightarrow{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \lambda \\ 7 + 2\lambda \\ -10 - 4\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}; \overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \lambda - 1 \\ 7 + 2\lambda - 7 \\ -10 - 4\lambda + 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

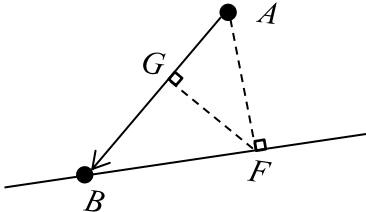
	$\Rightarrow$ Required distance $= AC = \sqrt{84} = 2\sqrt{21}$
(ii)	<p>Since <math>d</math> is positive, the angle between <math>(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{r}_1)</math> &amp; <math>\mathbf{n}</math> is acute</p> $\overrightarrow{OB} = \overrightarrow{OA} - 2d \frac{\mathbf{n}}{ \mathbf{n} } = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} - 2(2\sqrt{21}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ <p><b><u>Alternatively: Finding foot of perpendicular first (Long Method)</u></b></p> <p>Vector equation of a line through A and parallel to <math>\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}</math>:</p> $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ <p>Let C be the foot of the perpendicular from A to <math>\Pi_1</math></p> <p>Then <math>\overrightarrow{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+\lambda \\ 7+2\lambda \\ -10-4\lambda \end{pmatrix}</math></p> <p>C lies on <math>\Pi_1</math>: <math>\begin{pmatrix} 1+\lambda \\ 7+2\lambda \\ -10-4\lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = 13 \Rightarrow \lambda = -2</math></p> $\overrightarrow{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+\lambda \\ 7+2\lambda \\ -10-4\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ <p>By ratio theorem : <math>\overrightarrow{OC} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB}) \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{OB} = 2\overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OA} \therefore \overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}</math></p>
(iii)	<p><math>\Pi_1 : x + 2y - 4z = 13</math> ..... (1)</p> <p><math>\Pi_2 : x + 3y + 3z = -8</math> ..... (2)</p> <p>By G.C. solve equations (1) &amp; (2)</p> <p>The vector equation of the line of intersection is</p> $l : \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 55 \\ -21 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 18 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 18 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ etc}$
(iv)	<p>Since B and l lie on the image plane of <math>\Pi_2</math> so the equation of image plane is</p> $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 18 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 55 \\ -21 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right]$ $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 18 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 29 \\ -10 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } \alpha \text{ and } \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

Qn 6	2010 DHS Prelim/P2/Q4
(i)	<p>Let <math>\theta</math> be acute angle between the 2 planes.</p> $\cos \theta = \frac{ \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 }{\ \mathbf{n}_1\  \ \mathbf{n}_2\ } = \frac{\left  \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right }{\sqrt{21}\sqrt{11}} = \frac{15}{\sqrt{21}\sqrt{11}}$ <p><math>\therefore \theta = 9.3^\circ</math>.</p>
(ii)	<p><math>2x + 4y + z = 10</math>  <math>x + 3y + z = 8</math>          Using GC,          Let <math>z = t \in \mathbb{R}</math>,</p> $\Rightarrow x = -1 + \frac{t}{2}, \quad y = 3 - \frac{t}{2},$ $\therefore l_1: \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha = \frac{t}{2} \in \mathbb{R}$
(iii)	<p>Since the point with co-ordinates (6,m,5) lies on the first plane,  <math>\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{d}_1 = D_1</math>  <math>\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ m \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 10</math>  <math>\Rightarrow 12 + 4m + 5 = 10</math>  <math>\Rightarrow m = -\frac{7}{4}</math></p>
(iv)	$l_2: \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a}_2 + \beta \mathbf{d}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ m \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta \in \mathbb{R}.$ $\mathbf{d}_1 \cdot \mathbf{d}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 2 - 2 = 0 \quad (\text{independent of the value of } m)$ <p>Therefore lines <math>l_1</math> and <math>l_2</math> are perpendicular for all real values of <math>m</math>.</p>

Qn 7	2009/CJC/I/11
(i)	<p>Let <math>\mathbf{n}_1</math> and <math>\mathbf{n}_2</math> be the normals of <math>p_1</math> and <math>p_2</math> respectively.</p> $\mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\mathbf{n}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ <p>Therefore <math>l</math> is parallel to <math>5\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}</math></p>
(ii)	$\text{Acute angle bet. } p_1 \text{ and } p_2 = \cos^{-1} \frac{\left  \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \right }{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{22}}$ $= 75.7^\circ \quad (1 \text{ d.p.})$
(iii)	$\text{Perpendicular distance} = \frac{\left  \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \right }{\sqrt{22}}$ $= \frac{\left  \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \right }{\sqrt{22}}$ $= \frac{ -22 }{\sqrt{22}} = \sqrt{22}$
(iv)	$p_1: \mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad p_3: \mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = b$ $\text{Distance between } p_1 \text{ and } p_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ $\left  \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{b}{2\sqrt{3}} \right  = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ $\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{b}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{b}{2\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ $b = 6 \text{ or } 10$

Qn 8	2009/MJC/I/9
(i)	<p>Sub <math>(\alpha, \beta, 0)</math> into <math>\Pi_1</math> and <math>\Pi_2</math>.</p> $\pi_1: 1(\alpha) + 3(\beta) + a(0) = 8$ $\pi_2: 3(\alpha) + 1(\beta) + b(0) = 0$ <p>Using GC, <math>\alpha = -1, \beta = 3</math></p>
(ii)	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ a \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3b - a \\ 3a - b \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$ $l_1: \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3b - a \\ 3a - b \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$
(iii)	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3b - a \\ 3a - b \\ -8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{1}{4}$ <p>Sub <math>a = -b</math> and <math>\lambda = -\frac{1}{4}</math>, we have</p> $-1 - \frac{1}{4}(-4a) = 5 + 4\mu$ $3 - \frac{1}{4}(4a) = 2 + \mu$ $\therefore \quad a = 2$ $b = -2$



Qn 9	2014 SRJC P2 Q1
(i)	<p>Vector equation <math>l</math> is <math>\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}</math></p> <p>A unit vector <math>\mathbf{c}</math> parallel to <math>l = \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}</math> (OR <math>\frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}</math>)</p> $ \overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \mathbf{c}  = \left  \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 + \sqrt{5} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right $ $= \frac{1}{5} \left  \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -\sqrt{5} \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right  = 4$ <p><math> \overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \mathbf{c} </math> is the length of projection <math>\overrightarrow{AB}</math> onto <math>l</math> (or onto <math>\mathbf{c}</math>)</p>
(ii)	$ \overrightarrow{AB}  = \left  \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -\sqrt{5} \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right  = 5$ <p>By Pythagoras' Theorem, The shortest distance from <math>A</math> to <math>l = \sqrt{5^2 - 4^2} = 3</math></p>
(iii)	<p><math>\triangle AGF</math> and <math>\triangle BGF</math> are similar triangles. Since <math>AF</math> corresponds to <math>BF</math>,</p> $\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle AGF}{\text{Area of } \triangle BGF} = \frac{3^2}{4^2} = \frac{9}{16}$ 
(iv)	$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle AGF}{\text{Area of } \triangle BGF} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(AG)(GF)}{\frac{1}{2}(BG)(GF)} = \frac{AG}{BG}$ <p>From above, <math>\frac{AG}{BG} = \frac{9}{16}</math></p>

$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{OG} &= \frac{9\overrightarrow{OB} + 16\overrightarrow{OA}}{25} \\ &= \frac{1}{25} \left( 9 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + 16 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 + \sqrt{5} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{25} \begin{pmatrix} 32 \\ 25 + 16\sqrt{5} \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$
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