Vectors in 3D

Material for Assignment

1 The lines l and m have vector equations

$$\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} + s(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \qquad \text{and} \qquad \mathbf{r} = -2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + t(-2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$$

respectively.

(i) Show that l and m do not intersect. [4]

The point P lies on l and the point Q has position vector $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}$.

(ii) Given that the line PQ is perpendicular to l, find the position vector of P. [4]

(iii) Verify that Q lies on m and that PQ is perpendicular to m. [2]

2 With respect to the origin O, the points A and B have position vectors given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}.$$

The line l has vector equation $\mathbf{r} = 4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} + s(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$.

(i) Prove that the line l does not intersect the line through A and B. [5]

3 The points A and B have position vectors, relative to the origin O, given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The line l passes through A and is parallel to OB. The point N is the foot of the perpendicular from B to l.

(i) State a vector equation for the line l. [1]

(ii) Find the position vector of N and show that $BN = 3$. [6]

4 The points A and B have position vectors, relative to the origin O, given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \overrightarrow{OB} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}.$$

The line l has vector equation

$$\mathbf{r} = (1 - 2t)\mathbf{i} + (5 + t)\mathbf{j} + (2 - t)\mathbf{k}.$$

(i) Show that l does not intersect the line passing through A and B. [4]

(ii) The point P lies on l and is such that angle PAB is equal to $60°$. Given that the position vector of P is $(1 - 2t)\mathbf{i} + (5 + t)\mathbf{j} + (2 - t)\mathbf{k}$, show that $3t^2 + 7t + 2 = 0$. Hence find the only possible position vector of P. [6]

5 The lines l and m have vector equations

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + s(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r} = 4\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + t(2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$$

respectively.

(i) Show that l and m intersect. [4]

(ii) Calculate the acute angle between the lines. [3]

6 With respect to the origin O, the points A and B have position vectors given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$. The point P lies on the line AB and OP is perpendicular to AB.

(i) Find a vector equation for the line AB. [1]

(ii) Find the position vector of P. [4]

7 With respect to the origin O, the lines l and m have vector equations $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k} + \lambda(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$ and $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k} + \mu(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$ respectively.

(i) Prove that l and m do not intersect. [4]

(ii) Calculate the acute angle between the directions of l and m. [3]

8 With respect to the origin O, the position vectors of two points A and B are given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$. The point P lies on the line through A and B, and $\overrightarrow{AP} = \lambda\overrightarrow{AB}$.

(i) Show that $\overrightarrow{OP} = (1 + 2\lambda)\mathbf{i} + (2 + 2\lambda)\mathbf{j} + (2 - 2\lambda)\mathbf{k}$. [2]

(ii) By equating expressions for $\cos AOP$ and $\cos BOP$ in terms of λ, find the value of λ for which OP bisects the angle AOB. [5]

(iii) When λ has this value, verify that $AP : PB = OA : OB$. [1]

9 The point P has coordinates $(-1, 4, 11)$ and the line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$.

(i) Find the perpendicular distance from P to l. [4]

10 The lines l and m have equations $\mathbf{r} = 3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + \lambda(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ and $\mathbf{r} = 4\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} + \mu(a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$ respectively, where a and b are constants.

(i) Given that l and m intersect, show that

$$2a - b = 4.$$ [4]

(ii) Given also that l and m are perpendicular, find the values of a and b. [4]

(iii) When a and b have these values, find the position vector of the point of intersection of l and m. [2]

11 With respect to the origin $\boldsymbol{O}$, the points $\boldsymbol{A}$, $\boldsymbol{B}$ and $\boldsymbol{C}$ have position vectors given by

$$\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{OA}} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{OB}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{OC}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The plane $\boldsymbol{m}$ is parallel to $\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{OC}}$ and contains $\boldsymbol{A}$ and $\boldsymbol{B}$.

(ii) Find the length of the perpendicular from $\boldsymbol{C}$ to the line through $\boldsymbol{A}$ and $\boldsymbol{B}$. [5]

12 Two lines have equations

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + s\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + t\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix},$$

where p is a constant. It is given that the lines intersect.

(i) Find the value of p and determine the coordinates of the point of intersection. [5]

13 Referred to the origin O, the points A, B and C have position vectors given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}, \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = 2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OC} = 3\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}.$$

(i) Find the exact value of the cosine of angle BAC. [4]

(ii) Hence find the exact value of the area of triangle ABC. [3]

14 The line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = 4\mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j} + 9\mathbf{k} + \lambda(-2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$. The point A has position vector $3\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$.

(i) Show that the length of the perpendicular from A to l is 15. [5]

15 The equations of two straight lines are

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k} + \lambda(\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{k}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r} = a\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k} + \mu(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3a\mathbf{k}),$$

where a is a constant.

(i) Show that the lines intersect for all values of a. [4]

(ii) Given that the point of intersection is at a distance of 9 units from the origin, find the possible values of a. [4]

16 The straight line l_1 passes through the points $(0, 1, 5)$ and $(2, -2, 1)$. The straight line l_2 has equation $\mathbf{r} = 7\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + \mu(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k})$.

(i) Show that the lines l_1 and l_2 are skew. [6]

(ii) Find the acute angle between the direction of the line l_2 and the direction of the x-axis. [3]

17 The points A and B have position vectors given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$. The line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} + \mu(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$.

(i) Show that l does not intersect the line passing through A and B. [5]

18 The points A, B and C have position vectors, relative to the origin O, given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The plane m is perpendicular to AB and contains the point C.

(i) Find a vector equation for the line passing through A and B. [2]

19 The points A, B and C have position vectors, relative to the origin O, given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$, $\overrightarrow{OB} = 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{OC} = 2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$. A fourth point D is such that the quadrilateral $ABCD$ is a parallelogram.

(i) Find the position vector of D and verify that the parallelogram is a rhombus. [5]

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20 The points A and B have position vectors, relative to the origin O, given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{k}$. The line l has vector equation $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k} + \mu(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$.

(i) Show that the line passing through A and B does not intersect l. [4]

(ii) Show that the length of the perpendicular from A to l is $\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$. [5]

21 The line l has vector equation $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$.

(i) Find the position vectors of the two points on the line whose distance from the origin is $\sqrt{(10)}$. [5]

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22 Relative to the origin O, the point A has position vector given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$. The line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = 9\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{k} + \mu(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$.

(i) Find the position vector of the foot of the perpendicular from A to l. Hence find the position vector of the reflection of A in l. [5]

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23 The points A and B have position vectors given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$. The line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + m\mathbf{k} + \mu(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k})$, where m is a constant.

(i) Given that the line l intersects the line passing through A and B, find the value of m. [5]

24 The equations of two lines l and m are $\mathbf{r} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k} + \lambda(-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})$ and $\mathbf{r} = 4\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k} + \mu(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$ respectively.

(i) Show that the lines do not intersect. [3]

25 The point P has position vector $3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$. The line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = 4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k} + \mu(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$.

(i) Find the length of the perpendicular from P to l, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [5]

26 Two lines l and m have equations $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + s(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$ and $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} + t(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ respectively.

(i) Show that the lines are skew. [4]

27 The points A and B have position vectors $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ and $4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ respectively. The line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = 4\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + \mu(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$.

(i) Show that l does not intersect the line passing through A and B. [5]

The point P, with parameter t, lies on l and is such that angle PAB is equal to 120°.

(ii) Show that $3t^2 + 8t + 4 = 0$. Hence find the position vector of P. [6]

28 The points A and B have position vectors $\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ and $3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ respectively. The line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + \mu(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$.

(i) Show that l does not intersect the line passing through A and B. [5]

29 The line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} + \mu(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$.

(i) The point P has position vector $4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$. Find the length of the perpendicular from P to l. [5]

30 Two lines l and m have equations $\mathbf{r} = a\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} + \lambda(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$ and $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} + \mu(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ respectively, where a is a constant. It is given that the lines intersect.

(i) Find the value of a. [4]