

Topic 1: Vectors

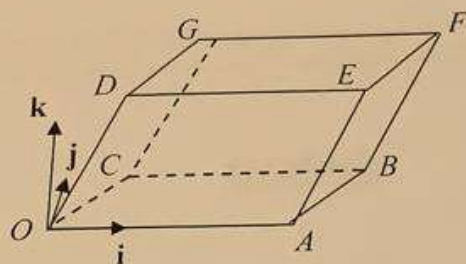
1. [JC/2013/Promo/6]

Referred to the origin  $O$ , the points  $A$  and  $B$  are such that  $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$ . The point  $P$  on  $AB$  is such that  $AP:PB = 2:3$ . It is given that  $|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{5}$ ,  $|\mathbf{b}| = 3$  and  $OP$  is perpendicular to  $AB$ .

- (i) Show that  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = -3$ . [3]  
 (ii) Find the size of angle  $AOB$ . [2]  
 (iii) Find the length of projection of  $\overrightarrow{OB}$  onto  $OA$ . [1]

2. [HCI/2013/Promo/12 (modified)]

An art structure, which is a parallelepiped (made of 6 faces of parallelograms) has a horizontal base  $OABC$ , with  $OA$ ,  $OC$  and  $OD$  as its three sides and remaining vertices are  $B$ ,  $E$ ,  $F$ , and  $G$  as shown in the diagram below.



It is given that  $\overrightarrow{OA} = 5\mathbf{i}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OC} = \mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}$ . The lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  have equations given by

$$l_1: \mathbf{r} = (5 + \lambda)\mathbf{i} + (7\lambda - 14)\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}, \text{ where } \lambda \text{ is a real parameter and}$$

$$l_2: 3x = z + 15, y = 0.$$

$E$  and  $F$  are on line  $l_1$  and  $A$  and  $C$  are on line  $l_2$ .

- (i) Show that  $\overrightarrow{OE} = 7\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{k}$ . [2]  
 (ii) Find the equation, in scalar product form, of the plane  $ABFE$ . [3]  
 (iii) Find the length of projection of  $\overrightarrow{AE}$  onto the base  $OABC$ . Hence, or otherwise, find the area of the projection of the plane  $ABFE$  onto the base. [3]  
 (iv) Find the equation of the line  $l_3$ , which is the reflection of line  $AE$  about the base  $OABC$ . [2]  
 (v) An architect wants to add a shelter which has the plane equation  $x + ay + bz = c$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are unknown constants. He wants the shelter to meet the plane  $ABFE$  at  $EF$ . What can be said about the values of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ ? [2]

3. [IJC/2013/Promo/ 11]

- (i) Find a vector equation of the line through the points  $A$  and  $B$  with position vectors  $3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$  and  $-\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j} + 9\mathbf{k}$  respectively. [2]
- (ii) The perpendicular to this line from the point  $C$  with position vector  $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$  meets the line at the point  $N$ . Find the position vector of  $N$ . [3]
- (iii) Find a Cartesian equation of the line  $AC$ . [2]
- (iv) Use a vector product to find the exact area of triangle  $OAB$ . [3]

4. [AJC/2012/I/10 (modified)]

The two planes  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ , given by the equations  $2x + y = 1$  and  $8x + ay + z = 4$  respectively, meet at a line  $L$  which contains the point  $A(0, 1, 0)$ .

- (i) Show that  $a = 4$  and hence find the vector equation of the line  $L$ . [3]
- (ii) Another point  $B$  lies in the plane  $p_1$  such that  $AB$  is perpendicular to the line  $L$ . Show that

$$\overline{AB} \text{ is parallel to } \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

If the distance of  $B$  from  $p_2$  is 5 units, find the possible position vectors of point  $B$ . [5]

- (iii) Find the acute angle between line  $AB$  and  $p_2$ . [2]

5. Points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are such that  $\overline{OA} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\overline{OB} = -3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$  and  $\overline{OC} = \mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ .  $M$  is on  $BC$  and the ratio of  $BM : MC$  is  $\lambda : 1$ .

- (i) Find an expression for  $\overline{OM}$  in terms of  $\lambda$ . [1]
- (ii) Calculate the angle  $AOB$ . [2]
- (iii) Find the shortest distance from  $B$  to  $\overline{OA}$  produced in exact form. [2]
- (iv) Show that the line passing through  $B$  and  $C$  is parallel to  $\overline{OA}$ . [2]
- (v) Hence, find the area of  $\Delta AOM$  in exact form, stating your reasons clearly. [2]

6. [SRJC/2013/JC1 Midyear/8]

The line  $l_1$  has equation  $x+1=y=2-z$ . The line  $l_2$  passes through the point  $A(3,0,-6)$  and is parallel to the vector  $\mathbf{i}-2\mathbf{k}$ .

- (i) Given that the point  $B(-1,0,2)$  lies on  $l_1$ , show that it also lies on  $l_2$ . [1]
- (ii) Given that the acute angle between the lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  is denoted by  $\theta$ , find  $\cos \theta$  in exact form. Hence find the shortest distance from  $A$  to the line  $l_1$  in exact form. [5]
- (iii) Find the position vector of  $F$ , the foot of the perpendicular from the point  $C(-2,1,5)$  to  $l_2$ . Hence find the coordinates of the reflection of  $C$  in the line  $l_2$ . [6]

7. [NYJC/2013/JC1 Mid-year/8]

The points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  have coordinates  $(1, -1, 3)$ ,  $(2, -2, 1)$  and  $(10, -5, 1)$  respectively.

- (i) Show that a vector equation of the line  $l$  passing through  $B$  and  $C$  can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}. \quad [1]$$

- (ii) Determine the possible coordinates of the point  $D$  on  $l$  such that  $CD = 2\sqrt{73}$  units. [4]

The plane  $\Pi_1$  passes through the point  $A$  and contains  $l$ . Show that the equation of  $\Pi_1$  can be

written in the form  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 16 \\ a \end{pmatrix} = b$  where the values of  $a$  and  $b$  are to be determined. [3]

The plane  $\Pi_2$  has equation  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -16 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \beta$ . Determine the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $\Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2$

are parallel, at a distance  $\frac{30}{\sqrt{317}}$  units apart and on the opposite sides of the origin. [5]

8. The line  $l_1$  has equation  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , and the plane  $p_1$  has equation

$$7x - 12y + z = -16.$$

- (i) Find the acute angle between  $l_1$  and  $p_1$ . [2]
- (ii) Show that the plane  $p_2$ , which is perpendicular to  $p_1$  and contains  $l_1$ , has the equation  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) = 17$ . [4]
- (iii) The planes  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  intersect in a line,  $l_2$ . Find the vector equation of  $l_2$ . [2]
- (iv) Given a point  $A$  with coordinates  $(-7, 13, -5)$ , find the position vector of the foot of perpendicular from  $A$  to  $p_1$ . Hence, or otherwise, find the coordinates of the point  $B$ , which is the mirror image of  $A$  in  $p_1$ . [5]