

1. [AJC 18 J2 MYE]

Two non-zero vectors, $\mathbf{a} + k\mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{a} - k\mathbf{b}$ are perpendicular to each other, where k is a positive constant and \mathbf{a} is a unit vector.

Find the magnitude of \mathbf{b} in terms of k .

2. [AJC 18 J2 MYE]

The plane Π contains the origin O and is parallel to vectors $-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$.

(a) Find an equation of the plane Π in scalar product form. [2]

The point P has coordinates $(3, 1, 2)$.

(b) By finding the foot of perpendicular, N , of point P to the plane Π , show that the position vector of the mirror image of P in Π is $-\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$. [3]

The point Q has coordinates $(4, 0, 1)$.

(c) Find the exact length of projection of PQ on to the plane Π . [3]

(d) Hence, or otherwise, find the exact area of the triangle PNQ . [2]

3. [DHS J2 18 MYE]

Relative to the origin O , two points A and B have position vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} respectively, where \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are non-parallel vectors. The points C and D lie on the midpoints of OA and AB respectively. The line segments OD and BC intersect at the point P such that $OP : PD = \lambda : 1 - \lambda$.

(a) Find \overrightarrow{OP} in terms of λ , \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} . [1]

(b) Show that the ratio of $BP : PC$ is $2 : 1$. [4]

4. [MI J2 18 MYE]

Referred to the origin O , a laser beam l_1 is fired from the point A with coordinates $(1, -2, 4)$ and passes through the point B with coordinates $(2, -1, s)$. Another laser beam can be modelled as the line l_2 with equation $\frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y+2}{4}, z = 4$.

(a) Find the cosine of the acute angle between the two laser beams, leaving your answer in terms of s . [3]

It is given that $s = 3$.

(b) Find the coordinates of the point corresponding to the shortest distance from the point B to the laser beam l_2 . Hence find the shortest distance. [4]

The laser beams are fired at a glass block. One of the surfaces of the glass block can be modelled as a plane with equation $\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1$.

(c) Find the position vector of the point where the laser beam l_1 meets the glass block. [3]

(d) Another surface of the glass block has equation $\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 6$. Find the exact thickness of the glass block. [2]

Answers

1. $\frac{1}{k}$.

2. (a) $\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$.

(c) $\frac{\sqrt{26}}{3}$.

(d) $\frac{\sqrt{26}}{2}$.

3. $\frac{\lambda}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$.

4. (a) $\frac{1}{5\sqrt{(s-4)^2+2}}$.

(b) $(\frac{22}{25}, -\frac{46}{25}, 4), \frac{\sqrt{74}}{5}$.

(c) $\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$.

(d) $\frac{7\sqrt{6}}{6}$.