

Vectors, 11 Mixed Exercise

1 a $\mathbf{R} = -3\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$

$$= -2\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}$$

$$|\mathbf{R}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 6^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{40}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{10}$$

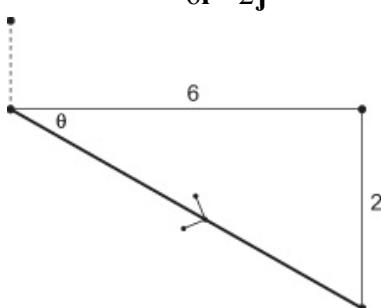
The magnitude of \mathbf{R} is $2\sqrt{10}$ N

b $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$$

= 18° (nearest degree)

2 a (Path of S) = $(4\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j}) - (-2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j})$
 $= 6\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$



$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \theta = 18.43\dots^\circ$$

$$\text{Bearing} = 90^\circ + \theta = 108^\circ$$

b Expressing velocity, \mathbf{v} , in km h^{-1} :

$$\mathbf{v} = (6\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) \times \frac{60}{40}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = 9\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$$

Then the speed is:

$$\sqrt{9^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{90} = 3\sqrt{10}$$

Speed is 9.49 km h^{-1} (3 s.f.) to the left.

3 a Speed = $\sqrt{9^2 + 4^2}$

$$= \sqrt{97}$$

$$= 9.85 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$
 (3 s.f.)

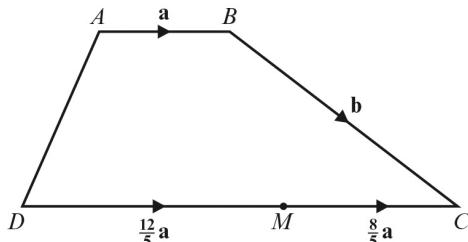
b Distance = speed \times time

$$= \sqrt{97} \times 6$$

$$= 59.1 \text{ m}$$

c This model becomes less accurate as t increases because it ignores friction and air resistance.

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a $\overrightarrow{AM} = \overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BC} + \overrightarrow{CM}$
 $= \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} - \frac{8}{5}\mathbf{a}$
 $= \mathbf{b} - \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{a}$

b $\overrightarrow{BD} = \overrightarrow{BC} + \overrightarrow{CD}$
 $= \mathbf{b} - 4\mathbf{a}$

c $\overrightarrow{MB} = \overrightarrow{MC} + \overrightarrow{CB}$
 $= \frac{8}{5}\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$

d $\overrightarrow{DA} = \overrightarrow{DC} + \overrightarrow{CB} + \overrightarrow{BA}$
 $= 4\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$
 $= 3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$

5 As the vectors are parallel

$$5\mathbf{a} + k\mathbf{b} = \frac{5}{8}(8\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b})$$

$$k = \frac{5}{8} \times 2$$

$$= 1.25$$

6 a $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

b $\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} -18 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

c $2\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b} - 3\mathbf{c} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 49 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix}$

7 a
$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{BC} &= \overrightarrow{BA} + \overrightarrow{AC} \\ &= -(3\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}) + 6\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} \\ &= 3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

b
$$\begin{aligned}\tan x &= \frac{5}{3} \\ x &= \tan^{-1} \frac{5}{3} \\ &= 59.036\dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tan y &= \frac{1}{2} \\ y &= \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \\ &= 26.565\dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\angle BAC = 59.036\dots - 26.565\dots = 32.5^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

c Area = $\frac{1}{2}bc \sin A$

$$b = \sqrt{6^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{45}$$

$$c = \sqrt{3^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{34}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2} \times \sqrt{45} \times \sqrt{34} \times \sin 32.5^\circ \\ &= 10.508\dots \\ &= 10.5 \text{ units}^2 \text{ (3 s.f.)}\end{aligned}$$

8 a $4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 2p\mathbf{i} - p\mathbf{j} = \lambda(2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})$
 $(4 + 2p)\mathbf{i} - (3 + p)\mathbf{j} = 2\lambda\mathbf{i} - 3\lambda\mathbf{j}$

Equating coefficients:

$$4 + 2p = 2\lambda \text{ and } 3 + p = 3\lambda$$

Solving simultaneously:

Rearranging the $3 + p = 3\lambda$

$$p = 3\lambda - 3$$

Using substitution:

$$4 + 2(3\lambda - 3) = 2\lambda$$

$$4 + 6\lambda - 6 = 2\lambda$$

$$4\lambda = 2$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$p = -1.5$$

b
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} &= 4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{i} + 1.5\mathbf{j} \\ &= \mathbf{i} - 1.5\mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

9 a i a unit vector is $\frac{\mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a}|}$

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{8^2 + 15^2} = \sqrt{289} = 17$$

9 a ii
$$\frac{\mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a}|} = \frac{1}{17} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{17}(8\mathbf{i} + 15\mathbf{j})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tan \theta &= \frac{15}{8} \\ \theta &= \tan^{-1} \frac{15}{8} \\ &= 61.9^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.) above}\end{aligned}$$

b i a unit vector is $\frac{\mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|}$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 24 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}|\mathbf{b}| &= \sqrt{24^2 + 7^2} \\ &= \sqrt{625} \\ &= 25\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|} &= \frac{1}{25} \begin{pmatrix} 25 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{25}(24\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j})\end{aligned}$$

ii
$$\tan \theta = \frac{7}{24}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \tan^{-1} \frac{7}{24} \\ &= 16.3^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.) below}\end{aligned}$$

c i a unit vector is $\frac{\mathbf{c}}{|\mathbf{c}|}$

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ 40 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}|\mathbf{c}| &= \sqrt{9^2 + 40^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1681} \\ &= 41\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathbf{c}}{|\mathbf{c}|} &= \frac{1}{41} \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ 40 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{41}(-9\mathbf{i} + 40\mathbf{j})\end{aligned}$$

ii
$$\begin{aligned}\tan x &= \frac{40}{9} \\ x &= \tan^{-1} \frac{40}{9} \\ &= 77.3^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.)} \\ \theta &= 180^\circ - 77.3^\circ \\ &= 102.7^\circ \text{ above}\end{aligned}$$

9 d i a unit vector is $\frac{\mathbf{d}}{|\mathbf{d}|}$

$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\mathbf{d}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 2^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{13}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{d}}{|\mathbf{d}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}} (3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j})$$

ii $\tan \theta = \frac{2}{3}$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3}$$

= 33.7° (3 s.f.) below

10 $\cos 55^\circ = \frac{p}{15}$

$$p = 15 \cos 55^\circ$$

$$p = 8.6$$

Using Pythagoras' theorem:

$$q = \sqrt{15^2 - 8.6^2}$$

$$= 12.3$$

$$p = 8.6 \text{ and } q = 12.3$$

11 $|3\mathbf{i} - k\mathbf{j}| = \sqrt{3^2 + k^2}$

$$= \sqrt{9 + k^2}$$

$$= 3\sqrt{5}$$

$$\sqrt{9 + k^2} = \sqrt{45}$$

$$k^2 + 9 = 45$$

$$k^2 = 36$$

$$k = \pm 6$$

Q12 has been replaced in the summer 2020 impression of the book onwards. This is the answer to the updated question.

12 a $\overrightarrow{AB} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$, $\overrightarrow{AP} = 3\overrightarrow{AB} = 3\mathbf{b} - 3\mathbf{a}$

$$\overrightarrow{MP} = \overrightarrow{MA} + \overrightarrow{AP}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{AP}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b} - 3\mathbf{a}$$

$$= 3\mathbf{b} - \frac{5}{2}\mathbf{a}$$

b $\overrightarrow{ON} = \overrightarrow{OM} + \overrightarrow{MN}$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a} + k\left(3\mathbf{b} - \frac{5}{2}\mathbf{a}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{5}{2}k\right)\mathbf{a} + 3k\mathbf{b}$$

c Since \overrightarrow{ON} is parallel to \mathbf{b} , component of \mathbf{a} is 0:

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{5}{2}k = 0 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{5}$$
 so $\overrightarrow{ON} = \frac{3}{5}\overrightarrow{OB}$,

so $ON : NB = 3 : 2$ as required.

This is the answer to Q12 from older impressions of the book.

12 a Using $\overrightarrow{ON} = \overrightarrow{OM} + \overrightarrow{MN}$

$$\overrightarrow{ON} = \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{a} + \lambda\mathbf{b}$$

$$(1-\lambda)\mathbf{a} + \lambda\mathbf{b} = \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{a} + \lambda\mathbf{b}$$

Equating coefficients

$$1 - \lambda = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\overrightarrow{ON} = \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{a} + \frac{2}{5}\mathbf{b}$$

b $\overrightarrow{MN} = \lambda\mathbf{b}$

$$= \frac{2}{5}\mathbf{b}$$

c $\overrightarrow{AN} = \frac{2}{5}(-\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = -\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$$

Therefore, $AN : NB = 2 : 3$

13 a $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$$

$= 18.4^\circ$ below

b $4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} + p\mathbf{i} + q\mathbf{j} = \lambda(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$

$$(4+p)\mathbf{i} + (q-5)\mathbf{j} = 3\lambda\mathbf{i} - \lambda\mathbf{j}$$

$$4+p = 3\lambda \text{ and } q-5 = -\lambda$$

Multiplying the second equation by 3:

$$3q - 15 = -3\lambda$$

Solving simultaneously:

$$4+p = -3q + 15$$

$$p+3q = 11$$

c When $p = 2, \lambda = 2$.

$$\mathbf{R} = 2(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$$

$$= 6\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$$

$$|\mathbf{R}| = \sqrt{6^2 + 2^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{40}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{10} \text{ N}$$

14 $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u} = (15\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}) - (3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})$

$$= 12\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j}$$

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \frac{\sqrt{12^2 + 7^2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{193}}{2}$$

Challenge

$$y = 5 - \frac{5}{3}x$$

Using Pythagoras' theorem:

$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{17}{2}$$

Solve the equations simultaneously.

Substitute $y = 5 - \frac{5}{3}x$ into $x^2 + y^2 = \frac{17}{2}$.

$$x^2 + \left(5 - \frac{5}{3}x\right)^2 = \frac{17}{2}$$

$$x^2 + 25 - \frac{50}{3}x + \frac{25}{9}x^2 - \frac{17}{2} = 0$$

$$18x^2 + 450 - 300x + 50x^2 - 153 = 0$$

$$68x^2 - 300x + 297 = 0$$

Using the quadratic formula:

$$x =$$

$$x = \frac{300 \pm \sqrt{9216}}{136}$$

$$x = \frac{300 \pm 96}{136}$$

$$x = \frac{99}{34} \text{ or } x = \frac{51}{34}$$

$$\text{When } x = \frac{99}{34}, y = \frac{5}{34}$$

$$\text{When } x = \frac{51}{34}, y = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OB} = \frac{99}{34}\mathbf{i} + \frac{5}{34}\mathbf{j} \text{ or } \overrightarrow{OB} = \frac{51}{34}\mathbf{i} + \frac{5}{2}\mathbf{j}$$