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#### **Exercise 4D**

1 **a** 
$$F = (i + 4j), m = 2, a = ?$$
  
 $F = ma$   
 $(i + 4j) = 2a$   
 $a = \frac{(i + 4j)}{2}$ 

The acceleration of the particle is (0.5i + 2j) m s<sup>-2</sup>.





$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{0.5^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{4.25}$$

The magnitude of the acceleration is 2.06 m s<sup>-2</sup>. Using Z angles (see diagram), bearing =  $\theta$  $\tan \theta = \frac{0.5}{2}$  $\theta = 14^{\circ}$ 

The bearing of the acceleration is  $014^{\circ}$ .

2 
$$F = (4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}), \mathbf{a} = (20\mathbf{i} + 15\mathbf{j}), m = ?$$
  
 $F = m\mathbf{a}$   
 $(4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) = m \times (20\mathbf{i} + 15\mathbf{j})$   
 $m = \frac{(4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j})}{(20\mathbf{i} + 15\mathbf{j})} = \frac{1}{5}$ 

The mass of the particle is 0.2 kg.

3 a 
$$\mathbf{a} = (7\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}), m = 3, F = ?$$
  
 $F = m\mathbf{a}$   
 $= 3 \times (7\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})$   
 $= (21\mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j})$   
b  
 $\mathbf{b}$ 

**b**   $|\mathbf{F}| = \sqrt{21^2 + 9^2} = \sqrt{522}$ The force has a magnitude of 22.8 N (3 s.f.)  $\tan \theta = \frac{9}{21}$   $\theta = 23.19...^{\circ}$ But bearing = 90° +  $\theta$  (see diagram) The force acts at a bearing of 113° (to the nearest degree).

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4 **a**  $\mathbf{F}_1 = (2\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}), \mathbf{F}_2 = (-3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}), m = 0.25$   $F = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 = m\mathbf{a}$   $(2\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}) + (-3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) = 0.25\mathbf{a}$   $(-\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}) = 0.25\mathbf{a}$   $\mathbf{a} = \frac{(-\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j})}{0.25}$ The acceleration is  $(-4\mathbf{i} + 32\mathbf{j})$  m s<sup>-2</sup>.

**b** 
$$\mathbf{F}_1 = (3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}), \ \mathbf{F}_2 = (2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}), \ m = 6$$
  
 $F = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 = m\mathbf{a}$   
 $(3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}) + (2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) = 6\mathbf{a}$   
 $(5\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}) = 6\mathbf{a}$   
 $\mathbf{a} = \frac{(5\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})}{6}$   
The acceleration is  $\left(\frac{5}{6}\mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{6}\mathbf{j}\right) \text{m s}^{-2}$ .

c  $\mathbf{F}_1 = (-40\mathbf{i} - 20\mathbf{j}), \ \mathbf{F}_2 = (25\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j}), \ m = 15$   $F = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 = m\mathbf{a}$   $(-40\mathbf{i} - 20\mathbf{j}) + (25\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j}) = 15\mathbf{a}$   $(-15\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j}) = 15\mathbf{a}$   $\mathbf{a} = \frac{(-15\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j})}{15}$ The acceleration is  $\left(-\mathbf{i} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{j}\right)\mathbf{m} \ \mathrm{s}^{-2}$ .

**d** 
$$\mathbf{F}_{1} = 4\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{F}_{2} = (-2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}), m = 1.5$$
  
 $F = \mathbf{F}_{1} + \mathbf{F}_{2} = m\mathbf{a}$   
 $4\mathbf{j} + (-2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}) = 1.5\mathbf{a}$   
 $(-2\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j}) = 1.5\mathbf{a}$   
 $\mathbf{a} = \frac{(-2\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j})}{1.5}$   
The acceleration is  $\left(-\frac{4}{3}\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}\right)\mathbf{m} \, \mathrm{s}^{-2}$ 

5 a Resultant force,  $F = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{F}_3$  $F = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$ 



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5 a  $|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{0.5^2 + 0.75^2} = \sqrt{0.8125}$   $\tan \theta = \frac{0.75}{0.5}$   $\theta = 56^{\circ}$ But bearing = 90° +  $\theta$  (see diagram) The acceleration has a magnitude of 0.901 m s<sup>-2</sup> and acts at a bearing of 146°.

**b** 
$$s = 20, u = 0, a = 0.901$$
  
 $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^{2}$   
 $20 = (0 \times t) + (\frac{1}{2} \times 0.901 \times t^{2})$   
 $t^{2} = \frac{20 \times 2}{0.901} = 44.39$ 

The particle takes 6.66 s to travel 20 m.

6  $\mathbf{R} = (2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) + (p\mathbf{i} + q\mathbf{j})$ Since **R** is parallel to  $(-\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})$ ,  $\mathbf{R} = (-k\mathbf{i} + 4k\mathbf{j})$  where k is a constant  $(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) + (p\mathbf{i} + q\mathbf{j}) = (-k\mathbf{i} + 4k\mathbf{j})$ 

> Collecting **i** terms: 2 + p = -kso k = -2 - p

Collecting **j** terms: 3 + q = 4kSubstituting for k: 3 + q = 4(-2 - p)so 3 + q = -8 - 4p4p + q + 11 = 0



- 7 **a**  $\theta = 90^{\circ} 45^{\circ}$  (see diagram)  $\tan 45^{\circ} = \frac{b}{6}$   $b = 6 \times \tan 45^{\circ} = 6 \times 1$ The value of b is 6.
  - **b**  $|\mathbf{R}| = \sqrt{6^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{72}$

The magnitude of **R** is  $6\sqrt{2}$  N (8.49 N to 3.s.f)

c 
$$F = 6\sqrt{2}$$
,  $m = 4$ ,  $a = ?$   
 $F = ma$   
 $6\sqrt{2} = 4a$ 

The magnitude of the acceleration of the particle is  $\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$  m s<sup>-2</sup> (2.12 m s<sup>-2</sup> to 3 s.f.)

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7 **d** 
$$t = 5, u = 0, a = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}, s = ?$$
  
 $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^{2}$   
 $s = (0 \times 5) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \times 5^{2}\right)$   
 $s = \frac{75\sqrt{2}}{4}$ 

In the first 5 s the particle travels  $\frac{75\sqrt{2}}{4}$  m (26.5 m to 3 s.f.).

8 a Since particle is in equilibrium,  $\mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{F}_3 = 0$ 

 $(-3\mathbf{i}+7\mathbf{j}) + (\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}) + (p\mathbf{i} + q\mathbf{j}) = 0$ Collecting  $\mathbf{i}$  terms: -3 + 1 + p = 0Collecting  $\mathbf{j}$  terms: 7 - 1 + q = 0

The value of p is 2, and the value of q is -6.

**b** When  $\mathbf{F}_2$  is removed, resultant force,  $F = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_3$   $F = (-3\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}) + (2\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j}) = (-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$ The magnitude of this force is  $\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$ 

$$s = 12, t = 10, u = 0, a = ?$$
  

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^{2}$$
  

$$12 = (0 \times 20) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times a \times 10^{2}\right)$$
  

$$12 = 50a$$
  

$$a = \frac{12}{50} = \frac{6}{25}$$
  

$$F = \sqrt{2}, a = \frac{6}{25}$$
  

$$F = ma$$
  

$$\sqrt{2} = m \times \frac{6}{25}$$
  

$$25\sqrt{2}$$

The mass of the particle is  $\frac{25\sqrt{2}}{6}$  kg.

9 Resultant force,  $F = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{F}_3$ 

 $F = (5\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}) + (2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) + (-\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}) = 6\mathbf{i}$ Since this has only a single component, the magnitude of the force is 6 N. a = 7F = ma $6 = m \times 7$  $m = 6 \div 7$ The mass of the particle is 0.86 kg.

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**10 a**  $\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix}$ Since **R** is parallel to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  $\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ k \end{pmatrix}$  where k is a set

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2k \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } k \text{ is a constant}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ -2k \end{pmatrix}$$
Collecting **i** terms:  $2 + p = k$ Collecting **j** terms:  $5 + q = -2k$ Substituting for  $k$ :  $5 + q = -2$  ( $2 + p$ ) so  $5 + q = -4 - 2p$   
 $2p + q + 9 = 0$ 

**b** 
$$p = 1$$

From **a** above, 
$$k = 2 + p$$
  
so  $k = 2 + 1 = 3$   
so  $\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ -2k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $|\mathbf{R}| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{45}$   
 $a = 15\sqrt{5}, F = \sqrt{45}$   
 $F = ma$   
 $\sqrt{45} = m \times 15\sqrt{5}$   
 $m = \frac{\sqrt{45}}{15\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{9 \times 5}}{15\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{15\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$ 

The mass of the particle is 0.2 kg.

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#### Challenge

Resultant force,  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2$  $\mathbf{R} = -4\mathbf{i} + (k\mathbf{i} + 2k\mathbf{j})$ 

$$R$$
  
 $(k-4)i$   $2kj$ 

F = ma  $m = 0.5, a = 8\sqrt{17}$ So magnitude of the resultant force  $= 0.5 \times 8\sqrt{17} = 4\sqrt{17}$   $|\mathbf{R}|^2 = (k-4)^2 + (2k)^2$   $(4\sqrt{17})^2 = 16 \times 17 = k^2 - 8k + 16 + 4k^2$   $272 = 5k^2 - 8k + 16$   $5k^2 - 8k - 256 = 0$   $k = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$   $k = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{8^2 - 4 \times 5 \times (-256)}}{2 \times 5} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{5184}}{10} = \frac{8 \pm 72}{10}$ k = -6.4 or 8

Since *k* is given as a positive constant, the value of *k* is 8.