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3 In this question the unit vectors \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} are pointing east and north respectively.

(i) Calculate the bearing of the vector $-4\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j}$. [2]

The vector $-4\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} + k(3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j})$ is in the direction $7\mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j}$.

(ii) Find k . [4]

- 4 A small box has weight W N and is held in equilibrium by two strings with tensions T_1 N and T_2 N. This situation is shown in Fig. 2 which also shows the standard unit vectors \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} that are horizontal and vertically upwards, respectively.

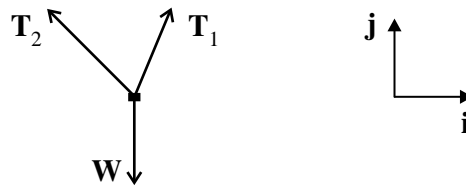


Fig. 2

The tension T_1 is $10\mathbf{i} + 24\mathbf{j}$.

- (i) Calculate the magnitude of T_1 and the angle between T_1 and the vertical. [3]

The magnitude of the weight is w N.

- (ii) Write down the vector \mathbf{W} in terms of w and \mathbf{j} . [1]

The tension T_2 is $k\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j}$, where k is a scalar.

- (iii) Find the values of k and of w . [3]

- 5 A particle has a position vector \mathbf{r} , where $\mathbf{r} = 4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$ and \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} are unit vectors in the directions east and north respectively.

- (i) Sketch \mathbf{r} on a diagram showing \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} and the origin O . [1]

- (ii) Calculate the magnitude of \mathbf{r} and its direction as a bearing. [4]

- (iii) Write down the vector that has the same direction as \mathbf{r} and three times its magnitude. [1]

6 Force \mathbf{F}_1 is $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix}$ N and force \mathbf{F}_2 is $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$, where $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are vectors east and north respectively.

(i) Calculate the magnitude of \mathbf{F}_1 , correct to three significant figures. [2]

(ii) Calculate the direction of the force $\mathbf{F}_1 - \mathbf{F}_2$ as a bearing. [3]

Force \mathbf{F}_2 is the resultant of all the forces acting on an object of mass 5 kg.

(iii) Calculate the acceleration of the object and the change in its velocity after 10 seconds. [3]