

1. Relative to a fixed origin O ,

the point A has position vector $(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k})$,

the point B has position vector $(4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$,

and the point C has position vector $(a\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$, where a is a constant and $a < 0$

D is the point such that $\vec{AB} = \vec{BD}$.

(a) Find the position vector of D .

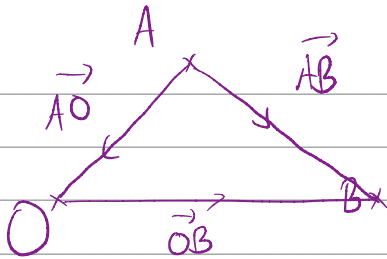
(2)

Given $|\vec{AC}| = 4$

(b) find the value of a .

(3)

a) $\vec{AB} = \vec{BD}$



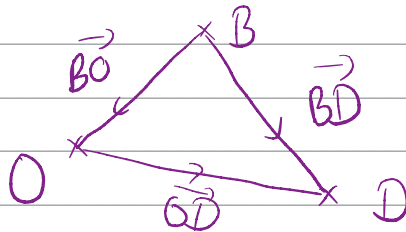
$$\vec{AB} = \vec{AO} + \vec{OB}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{BD} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\vec{BD} = \vec{BO} + \vec{OD}$$

$$\vec{OD} = \vec{BD} - \vec{BO}$$

$$= \vec{AB} - \vec{BO}$$



$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -7 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

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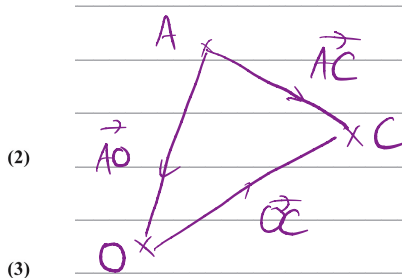
and the point C has position vector $(a\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$, where a is a constant and $a < 0$

D is the point such that $\vec{AB} = \vec{BD}$.

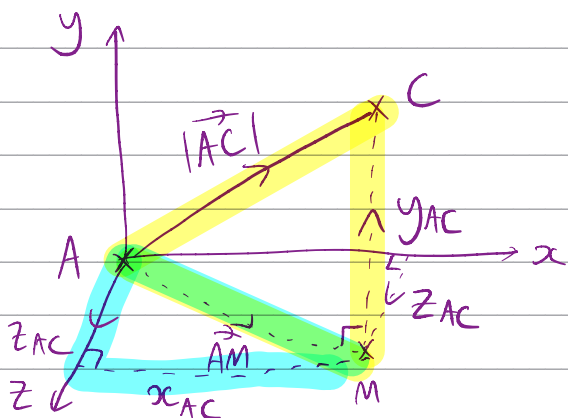
(a) Find the position vector of D .

Given $|\vec{AC}| = 4$

(b) find the value of a .



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b) } \vec{AC} &= \vec{AO} + \vec{OC} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a-2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$|\vec{AM}|^2 + y_{AC}^2 = |\vec{AC}|^2$$

$$|\vec{AM}|^2 = x_{AC}^2 + z_{AC}^2$$

$$x_{AC}^2 + z_{AC}^2 + y_{AC}^2 = |\vec{AC}|^2$$

$$(a-2)^2 + (2)^2 + (2)^2 = |\vec{AC}|^2$$

$$(a-2)(a-2) + 8 - 16 = 0$$

$$(a-2)^2 + 4 + 4 = 16$$

$$a^2 - 2a - 2a + 4 - 8 = 0$$

$$a^2 - 4a - 4 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$a^2 - 4a = 4$$

$$(a-2)^2 - 2^2 = 4$$

$$(a-2)^2 = 8$$

$$a-2 = \pm\sqrt{8}$$

$$\sqrt{8} = \sqrt{4 \times 2}$$

$$a = 2 \pm \sqrt{8}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$a = 2 - \sqrt{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{a = 2 - 2\sqrt{2}} \quad \checkmark$$

2. Relative to a fixed origin O

- point A has position vector $2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k}$
- point B has position vector $3\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$
- point C has position vector $2\mathbf{i} - 16\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$

(a) Find \vec{AB}

(2)

a)

$$\vec{AB} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} = \underline{\underline{\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}}}$$

(b) Show that quadrilateral $OABC$ is a trapezium, giving reasons for your answer.

(2)

$$\text{b) } \vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -16 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{OC} = 2\vec{AB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{OC} \text{ is parallel to } \vec{AB} \Rightarrow OABC \text{ is a trapezium.}$$

3.

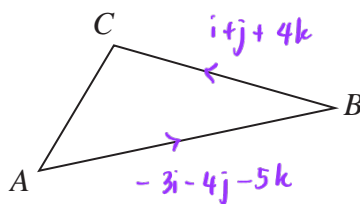


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a sketch of triangle ABC .

Given that

- $\vec{AB} = -3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$
- $\vec{BC} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$

(a) find \vec{AC}

(2)

(b) show that $\cos ABC = \frac{9}{10}$

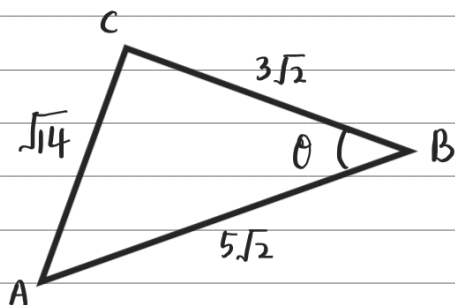
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(a) $\vec{AC} = \vec{AB} + \vec{BC}$

$= -3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$ (1)

$= -2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ * (1)

(b)



$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-4)^2 + (-5)^2}$
 $= 5\sqrt{2}$

$|\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (4)^2}$
 $= 3\sqrt{2}$

$|\vec{AC}| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-3)^2 + (-1)^2}$
 $= \sqrt{14}$

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Question continued

$$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 - 2 \times AB \times BC \times \cos ABC$$

$$14 = (5\sqrt{2})^2 + (3\sqrt{2})^2 - 2(5\sqrt{2}) \times 3\sqrt{2} \times \cos ABC$$

$$= 50 + 18 - 60 \cos ABC$$

$$60 \cos ABC = 50 + 18 - 14$$

$$= 54$$

$$\cos ABC = \frac{54}{60}$$

$$\cos ABC = \frac{9}{10} \neq \text{①}$$

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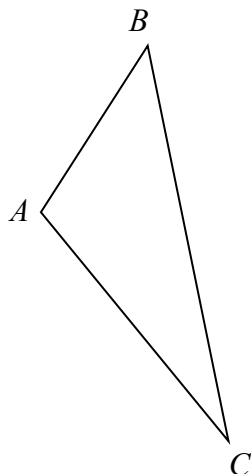


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of a triangle ABC .

Given $\vec{AB} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ and $\vec{BC} = \mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$,

show that $\angle BAC = 105.9^\circ$ to one decimal place.

$$\vec{AC} = \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -9 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}|} \quad \text{let } \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{14}, \quad |\mathbf{b}| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-6)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{61} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = (2 \times 3) + (3 \times -6) + (1 \times 4) = 6 - 18 + 4 = -8 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{-8}{\sqrt{14} \times \sqrt{61}} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-8}{\sqrt{14} \times \sqrt{61}} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 105.887\dots$$

$$\theta = 105.9^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\angle BAC = 105.9^\circ} \text{ as required.}$$

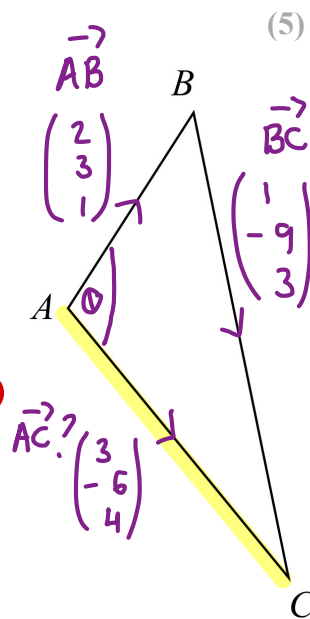


Figure 2