

1 A particle rests on a smooth, horizontal plane. Horizontal unit vectors \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} lie in this plane. The particle is in equilibrium under the action of the three forces $(-3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})\text{N}$ and $(21\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j})\text{N}$ and $\mathbf{R}\text{N}$.

(i) Write down an expression for \mathbf{R} in terms of \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} . [2]

(ii) Find the magnitude of \mathbf{R} and the angle between \mathbf{R} and the \mathbf{i} direction. [4]

2 The position vector of a particle at time t is given by

$$\mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{2}t\mathbf{i} + (t^2 - 1)\mathbf{j},$$

referred to an origin O where \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} are the standard unit vectors in the directions of the cartesian axes Ox and Oy respectively.

(i) Write down the value of t for which the x -coordinate of the position of the particle is 2. Find the y -coordinate at this time. [2]

(ii) Show that the cartesian equation of the path of the particle is $y = 4x^2 - 1$. [2]

(iii) Find the coordinates of the point where the particle is moving at 45° to both Ox and Oy . [3]

3 The vectors \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} are given by

$$\mathbf{p} = 8\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} \text{ and } \mathbf{q} = 4\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j}.$$

(i) Show that \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} are equal in magnitude. [3]

(ii) Show that $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}$ is parallel to $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$. [2]

(iii) Draw $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}$ and $\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}$ on the grid.

Write down the angle between these two vectors. [3]

4 In this question, \mathbf{i} is a horizontal unit vector and \mathbf{j} is a unit vector pointing vertically upwards.

A force \mathbf{F} is $-\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}$.

(i) Calculate the magnitude of \mathbf{F} .

Calculate also the angle between \mathbf{F} and the upward vertical. [4]

Force \mathbf{G} is $2a\mathbf{i} + a\mathbf{j}$ and force \mathbf{H} is $-2\mathbf{i} + 3b\mathbf{j}$, where a and b are constants. The force \mathbf{H} is the resultant of forces $4\mathbf{F}$ and \mathbf{G} .

(ii) Find \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{H} . [4]

5 The resultant of the force $\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$ N and the force \mathbf{F} gives an object of mass 6 kg an acceleration of $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ m s⁻².

(i) Calculate \mathbf{F} . [4]

(ii) Calculate the angle between \mathbf{F} and the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. [2]

- 6 The force acting on a particle of mass 1.5 kg is given by the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$ N.
- (i) Give the acceleration of the particle as a vector. [2]
 - (ii) Calculate the angle that the acceleration makes with the direction $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. [2]
 - (iii) At a certain point of its motion, the particle has a velocity of $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ m s⁻¹. Calculate the displacement of the particle over the next two seconds. [3]
- 7 A force \mathbf{F} is given by $\mathbf{F} = (3.5\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j})$ N, where \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} are horizontal unit vectors east and north respectively.
- (i) Calculate the magnitude of \mathbf{F} and also its direction as a bearing. [3]
 - (ii) \mathbf{G} is the force $(7\mathbf{i} + 24\mathbf{j})$ N. Show that \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{F} are in the same direction and compare their magnitudes. [2]
 - (iii) Force \mathbf{F}_1 is $(9\mathbf{i} - 18\mathbf{j})$ N and force \mathbf{F}_2 is $(12\mathbf{i} + q\mathbf{j})$ N. Find q so that the sum $\mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2$ is in the direction of \mathbf{F} . [2]