

vectors and planes [96 marks]

1. The plane Π has the Cartesian equation $2x + y + 2z = 3$ [7 marks]

The line L has the vector equation $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ p \end{pmatrix}$, $\mu, p \in \mathbb{R}$. The acute angle between the line L and the plane Π is 30° .

Find the possible values of p .

The lines l_1 and l_2 have the following vector equations where $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and $m \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$l_1 : \mathbf{r}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix} \quad l_2 : \mathbf{r}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ -2m \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ -m \end{pmatrix}$$

- 2a. Show that l_1 and l_2 are never perpendicular to each other. [3 marks]

The plane Π has Cartesian equation $x + 4y - z = p$ where $p \in \mathbb{R}$.

Given that l_1 and Π have no points in common, find

- 2b. the value of m . [2 marks]

- 2c. the condition on the value of p . [2 marks]

The points $A(5, -2, 5)$, $B(5, 4, -1)$, $C(-1, -2, -1)$ and $D(7, -4, -3)$ are the vertices of a right-pyramid.

- 3a. Find the vectors \overrightarrow{AB} and \overrightarrow{AC} . [2 marks]

- 3b. Use a vector method to show that $\widehat{BAC} = 60^\circ$. [3 marks]

3c. Show that the Cartesian equation of the plane Π that contains the triangle ABC is $-x + y + z = -2$. [3 marks]

The line L passes through the point D and is perpendicular to Π .

3d. Find a vector equation of the line L . [1 mark]

3e. Hence determine the minimum distance, d_{\min} , from D to Π . [4 marks]

3f. Find the volume of right-pyramid $ABCD$. [4 marks]

Consider the three planes

$$\Pi_1 : 2x - y + z = 4$$

$$\Pi_2 : x - 2y + 3z = 5$$

$$\Pi_3 : -9x + 3y - 2z = 32$$

4a. Show that the three planes do not intersect. [4 marks]

4b. Verify that the point $P(1, -2, 0)$ lies on both Π_1 and Π_2 . [1 mark]

4c. Find a vector equation of L , the line of intersection of Π_1 and Π_2 . [4 marks]

4d. Find the distance between L and Π_3 . [6 marks]

Consider the vectors a and b such that $a = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$ and $|b| = 15$.

5a. Find the possible range of values for $|a + b|$. [2 marks]

Consider the vector p such that $p = a + b$.

5b. Given that $|a + b|$ is a minimum, find p . [2 marks]

Consider the vector q such that $q = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

5c. Find q such that $|q| = |b|$ and q is perpendicular to a .

[5 marks]

Two airplanes, A and B , have position vectors with respect to an origin O given respectively by

$$r_A = \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$r_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where t represents the time in minutes and $0 \leq t \leq 2.5$.

Entries in each column vector give the displacement east of O , the displacement north of O and the distance above sea level, all measured in kilometres.

6a. Find the three-figure bearing on which airplane B is travelling.

[2 marks]

6b. Show that airplane A travels at a greater speed than airplane B .

[2 marks]

6c. Find the acute angle between the two airplanes' lines of flight. Give your answer in degrees.

[4 marks]

The two airplanes' lines of flight cross at point P .

6d. Find the coordinates of P .

[5 marks]

6e. Determine the length of time between the first airplane arriving at P and the second airplane arriving at P .

[2 marks]

6f. Let $D(t)$ represent the distance between airplane A and airplane B for $0 \leq t \leq 2.5$.

[5 marks]

Find the minimum value of $D(t)$.

Three points $A(3, 0, 0)$, $B(0, -2, 0)$ and $C(1, 1, -7)$ lie on the plane Π_1 .

7a. Find the vector \overrightarrow{AB} and the vector \overrightarrow{AC} . [2 marks]

7b. Hence find the equation of Π_1 , expressing your answer in the form $ax + by + cz = d$, where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$. [5 marks]

Plane Π_2 has equation $3x - y + 2z = 2$.

7c. The line L is the intersection of Π_1 and Π_2 . Verify that the vector equation of L can be written as $r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$. [2 marks]

The plane Π_3 is given by $2x - 2z = 3$. The line L and the plane Π_3 intersect at the point P .

7d. Show that at the point P , $\lambda = \frac{3}{4}$. [2 marks]

7e. Hence find the coordinates of P . [1 mark]

The point $B(0, -2, 0)$ lies on L .

7f. Find the reflection of the point B in the plane Π_3 . [7 marks]

7g. Hence find the vector equation of the line formed when L is reflected in the plane Π_3 . [2 marks]