

MATH HL2 EXAM PREP – CORE TOPICS – VECTORS (SOLUTIONS)

1. (a) $\vec{AB} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$ A1
 $\vec{CB} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ A1

(b) $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{CB} = (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a})$ M1
 $= |\mathbf{b}|^2 - |\mathbf{a}|^2$ A1
 $= 0$ since $|\mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a}|$ R1

Note: Only award the A1 and R1 if working indicates that they understand that they are working with vectors.

so \vec{AB} is perpendicular to \vec{CB} i.e. $\hat{A}BC$ is a right angle AG

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2. (a) $\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ A1A1

Note: Accept row vectors.

(b) $\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -4 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 16 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}$ M1A1

normal $\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ so $\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ (M1)

$x + 2y + 2z = 7$ A1

Note: If attempt to solve by a system of equations:

Award A1 for 3 correct equations, A1 for eliminating a variable and A2 for the correct answer.

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$$(c) \quad \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ (or equivalent)} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$1(5 + \lambda) + 2(3 + 2\lambda) + 2(7 + 2\lambda) = 7 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$9\lambda = -18$$

$$\lambda = -2 \quad \text{A1}$$

Note: $\lambda = -\frac{1}{4}$ if $\begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 16 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}$ is used.

$$\text{distance} = 2\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2} \quad \text{(M1)}$$

$$= 6 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$(d) \quad (i) \quad \text{area} = \frac{1}{2} |\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{8^2 + 16^2 + 16^2} \quad \text{(M1)}$$

$$= 12 \text{ (accept } \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{576} \text{)} \quad \text{A1}$$

(ii) **EITHER**

$$\text{volume} = \frac{1}{3} \times \text{area} \times \text{height} \quad \text{(M1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \times 12 \times 6 = 24 \quad \text{A1}$$

OR

$$\text{volume} = \frac{1}{6} (\overrightarrow{AD} \bullet (\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC})) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= 24 \quad \text{A1}$$

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(e) $|\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}| = \sqrt{8^2 + 16^2 + 16^2}$

$$|\vec{AC} \times \vec{AD}| = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

M1

$$= |-19\mathbf{i} - 20\mathbf{j} + 16\mathbf{k}|$$

A1

EITHER

$$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{19^2 + 20^2 + 16^2} > \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{8^2 + 16^2 + 16^2}$$

M1

therefore since area of ACD bigger than area ABC implies that B is closer to opposite face than D

R1

OR

correct calculation of second distance as $\frac{144}{\sqrt{19^2 + 20^2 + 16^2}}$

A1

which is smaller than 6

R1

Note: Only award final R1 in each case if the calculations are correct.

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3. (a) $\vec{CB} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}, \vec{AC} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$

A1A1

Note: Condone absence of vector notation in (a).

(b) $\vec{AC} \cdot \vec{CB} = (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) \cdot (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})$

$$= |\mathbf{b}|^2 - |\mathbf{c}|^2$$

$$= 0 \text{ since } |\mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{c}|$$

M1
A1
R1

Note: Only award the A1 and R1 if working indicates that they understand that they are working with vectors.

so \vec{AC} is perpendicular to \vec{CB} i.e. $\hat{A}\hat{C}\hat{B}$ is a right angle

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4. METHOD 1

equation of journey of ship S_1

$$r_1 = t \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix}$$

equation of journey of speedboat S_2 , setting off k minutes later

$$r_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 70 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix} + (t - k) \begin{pmatrix} -60 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1A1}$$

Note: Award M1 for perpendicular direction, A1 for speed, A1 for change in parameter (e.g. by using $t - k$ or T , k being the time difference between the departure of the ships).

$$\text{solve } t \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 70 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix} + (t - k) \begin{pmatrix} -60 \\ 30 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(M1)}$$

Note: M mark is for equating their two expressions.

$$10t = 70 - 60t + 60k$$

$$20t = 30 + 30t - 30k \quad \text{M1}$$

Note: M mark is for obtaining two equations involving two different parameters.

$$7t - 6k = 7$$

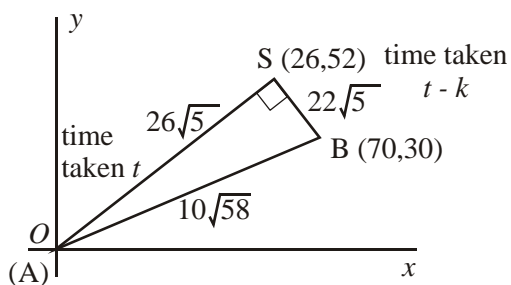
$$-t + 3k = 3$$

$$k = \frac{28}{15} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{latest time is 11:52} \quad \text{A1}$$

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METHOD 2



$$SB = 22\sqrt{5} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

(by perpendicular distance)

$$SA = 26\sqrt{5} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

(by Pythagoras or coordinates)

$$t = \frac{26\sqrt{5}}{10\sqrt{5}} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$t - k = \frac{22\sqrt{5}}{30\sqrt{5}} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$k = \frac{28}{15} \text{ leading to latest time 11:52} \quad \text{A1}$$

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5. (a)
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 - 2(-2 + 6) + (-1 + 2) = -7 \quad \text{M1A1}$$

since determinant $\neq 0 \Rightarrow$ unique solution to the system planes intersect in a point R1
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Note: For any method, including row reduction, leading to the explicit

solution $\left(\frac{6-5k}{7}, \frac{10+k}{7}, \frac{1-2k}{7}\right)$, award M1 for an attempt at

a correct method, A1 for two correct coordinates and A1 for a third correct coordinate.

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(b)
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & a+1 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & a+2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$= a((a+1)(a+2) - 3) - 2(-1(a+2) + 6) + (-1 + 2(a+1))$ M1(A1)
 planes not meeting in a point \Rightarrow no unique solution i.e. determinant = 0(M1)
 $a(a^2 + 3a - 1) + (2a - 8) + (2a + 1) = 0$
 $a^3 + 3a^2 + 3a - 7 = 0$ A1
 $a = 1$ A1

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(c)
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 & k \end{pmatrix} r_1 + r_2$$
 M1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 5 & 6+k \end{pmatrix} 2r_1 + r_3$$
 (A1)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4+4k \end{pmatrix} 4r_3 - 5r_2$$
 (A1)

for an infinite number of solutions to exist, $4 + 4k = 0 \Rightarrow k = -1$ A1

$x + 2y + z = 3$
 $y + z = 1$ M1

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 A1

Note: Accept methods involving elimination.

Note: Accept any equivalent form e.g. $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ or $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Award A0 if $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} =$ or r is absent.

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6. (a) $x^3 + 1 = \frac{1}{x^3 + 1}$
 $(-1.26, -1) \quad (= (-\sqrt[3]{2}, -1))$ A1

(b) $f(-1.259\dots) = 4.762\dots \quad (3 \times 2^{\frac{2}{3}})$ A1

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$$g'(-1.259\dots) = -4.762\dots \quad (-3 \times 2^{\frac{2}{3}}) \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{required angle} = 2\arctan\left(\frac{1}{4.762\dots}\right) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= 0.414 \text{ (accept } 23.7^\circ) \quad \text{A1}$$

Note: Accept alternative methods including finding the obtuse angle first.

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7. (a) $\vec{PQ} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{SR} = \begin{pmatrix} 0-x \\ 5-y \\ 1-z \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(M1)}$

point S = (1, 6, -2) A1

(b) $\vec{PQ} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{PS} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{A1}$

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PS} = \begin{pmatrix} -13 \\ 7 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$m = -2 \quad \text{A1}$

(c) area of parallelogram PQRS = $|\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PS}| = \sqrt{(-13)^2 + 7^2 + (-2)^2} \quad \text{M1}$

$$= \sqrt{222} = 14.9 \quad \text{A1}$$

(d) equation of plane is $-13x + 7y - 2z = d \quad \text{M1A1}$

substituting any of the points given gives $d = 33$

$$-13x + 7y - 2z = 33 \quad \text{A1}$$

(e) equation of line is $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -13 \\ 7 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{A1}$

Note: To get the A1 must have $\mathbf{r} =$ or equivalent.

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(f) $169\lambda + 49\lambda + 4\lambda = 33$ M1
 $\lambda = \frac{33}{222}$ (= 0.149...) A1

closest point is $\left(-\frac{143}{74}, \frac{77}{74}, -\frac{11}{37}\right)$ (= (-1.93, 1.04, -0.297)) A1

(g) angle between planes is the same as the angle between the normals (R1)
 $\cos \theta = \frac{-13 \times 1 + 7 \times -2 - 2 \times 1}{\sqrt{222} \times \sqrt{6}}$ M1A1

$\theta = 143^\circ$ (accept $\theta = 37.4^\circ$ or 2.49 radians or 0.652 radians) A1

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8. (a) for using normal vectors (M1)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 - 1 = 0$$
 M1A1

hence the two planes are perpendicular AG

(b) **METHOD 1**

EITHER

$$\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -2i - 2j - 2k$$
 M1A1

OR

if $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ is normal to π_3 , then

$a + 2b - c = 0$ and $a + c = 0$ M1

a solution is $a = 1, b = -1, c = -1$ A1

THEN

π_3 has equation $x - y - z = d$ (M1)

as it goes through the origin, $d = 0$ so π_3 has equation $x - y - z = 0$ A1

Note: The final (M1)A1 are independent of previous working.

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METHOD 2

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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9. $(a + b) \cdot (a - b) = a \cdot a + b \cdot a - a \cdot b - b \cdot b$ M1
 $= a \cdot a - b \cdot b$ A1
 $= |a|^2 - |b|^2 = 0$ since $|a| = |b|$ A1
the **diagonals** are perpendicular R1

Note: Accept geometric proof, awarding M1 for recognizing OACB is a rhombus, R1 for a clear indication that $(a + b)$ and $(a - b)$ are the diagonals, A1 for stating that diagonals cross at right angles and A1 for “hence dot product is zero”.

Accept solutions using components in 2 or 3 dimensions.

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10. (a) $2y + 8x = 4$ M1
 $-3x + 2y = -7$ A1
 $2x + 6 - 2x = 6$

Note: Award M1 for attempt at components, A1 for two correct equations. No penalty for not checking the third equation.

solving : $x = 1, y = -2$ A1

(b) $|a + 2b| = \left| \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right|$

$$= \left| \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -7 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow |a + 2b| = \sqrt{4^2 + (-7)^2 + 6^2} \quad \text{(M1)}$$

$$= \sqrt{101} \quad \text{A1}$$

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11. (a) (i) use of $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta$ (M1)
 $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = -1$ (A1)
 $|\mathbf{a}| = 7, |\mathbf{b}| = 5$ (A1)
 $\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{35}$ A1
- (ii) the required cross product is

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 6 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 18\mathbf{i} - 24\mathbf{j} - 18\mathbf{k}$$
 M1A1
- (iii) using $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n}$ the equation of the plane is (M1)
 $18x - 24y - 18z = 12$ ($3x - 4y - 3z = 2$) A1
- (iv) recognizing that $z = 0$ (M1)
 x -intercept = $\frac{2}{3}$, y -intercept = $-\frac{1}{2}$ (A1)
 $\text{area} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{6}$ A1
- (b) (i) $\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p} = |\mathbf{p}| |\mathbf{p}| \cos 0$ M1A1
 $= |\mathbf{p}|^2$ AG
- (ii) consider the LHS, and use of result from part (i)
 $|\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}|^2 = (\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}) \cdot (\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})$ M1
 $= \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{q}$ (A1)
 $= \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p} + 2\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{q}$ A1
 $= |\mathbf{p}|^2 + 2\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} + |\mathbf{q}|^2$ AG

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(iii) **EITHER**

use of $\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} \leq |\mathbf{p}| |\mathbf{q}|$

M1

so $0 \leq |\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}|^2 = |\mathbf{p}|^2 + 2\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} + |\mathbf{q}|^2 \leq |\mathbf{p}|^2 + 2|\mathbf{p}| |\mathbf{q}| + |\mathbf{q}|^2$

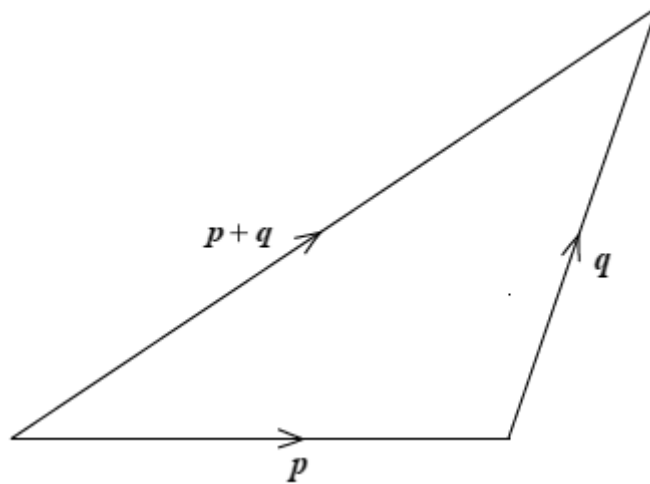
A1

take square root (of these positive quantities) to establish

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$|\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| \leq |\mathbf{p}| + |\mathbf{q}|$

OR



M1M1

Note: Award M1 for correct diagram and M1 for correct labelling of vectors including arrows.

since the sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side,

$|\mathbf{p}| + |\mathbf{q}| > |\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}|$

A1

when \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} are collinear $|\mathbf{p}| + |\mathbf{q}| = |\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}|$

$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}| \leq |\mathbf{p}| + |\mathbf{q}|$

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12. EITHER

using row reduction (or attempting to eliminate a variable)

M1

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & a & b \end{array} \right) \rightarrow 2R2 - 3R1$$

$$\rightarrow 2R3 + R1$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & -5 & -10 \\ 0 & 3 & 2a+3 & 2b+2 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow R2/5$$

A1

Note: For an algebraic solution award A1 for **two** correct equations in two variables.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 2a+3 & 2b+2 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow R3 - 3R2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2a+6 & 2b+8 \end{array} \right)$$

Note: Accept alternative correct row reductions.

recognition of the need for 4 zeroes

M1

so for multiple solutions $a = -3$ and $b = -4$

A1A1

OR

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & a \end{array} \right| = 0$$

M1

$$\Rightarrow 2(a - 4) + (3a + 2) + 3(6 + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5a + 15 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -3$$

A1

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & b \end{array} \right| = 0$$

M1

$$\Rightarrow 2(b + 4) + (3b - 2) + 2(6 + 1) = 0$$

A1

$$\Rightarrow 5b + 20 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = -4$$

A1

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13. (a) **EITHER**

normal to plane given by

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 6 & -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

M1A1

$$= 12\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j} - 24\mathbf{k}$$

A1

equation of π is $3x + 2y - 6z = d$

(M1)

as goes through $(-2, 3, -2)$ so $d = 12$

M1A1

$$\pi : 3x + 2y - 6z = 12$$

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OR

$$x = -2 + 2\lambda + 6\mu$$

$$y = 3 + 3\lambda - 3\mu$$

$$z = -2 + 2\lambda + 2\mu$$

eliminating μ

$$x + 2y = 4 + 8\lambda$$

$$2y + 3z = 12\lambda$$

M1A1A1

eliminating λ

$$3(x + 2y) - 2(2y + 3z) = 12$$

M1A1A1

$$\pi : 3x + 2y - 6z = 12$$

AG

(b) therefore $A(4, 0, 0)$, $B(0, 6, 0)$ and $C(0, 0, -2)$

A1A1A1

Note: Award A1A1A0 if position vectors given instead of coordinates.

(c) area of base OAB = $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 6 = 12$

M1

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \times 12 \times 2 = 8$$

M1A1

(d) $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 3 = 7 \times 1 \times \cos \phi$

M1A1

$$\phi = \arccos \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\text{so } \theta = 90 - \arccos \frac{3}{7} = 25.4^\circ \text{ (accept 0.443 radians)}$$

M1A1

(e) $d = 4 \sin \theta = \frac{12}{7}$ (= 1.71)

(M1)A1

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(f) $8 = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{12}{7} \times \text{area} \Rightarrow \text{area} = 14$ M1A1

Note: If answer to part (f) is found in an earlier part, award M1A1, regardless of the fact that it has not come from their answers to part (c) and part (e).

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14. (a) use GDC or manual method to find a , b and c (M1)
 obtain $a = 2$, $b = -1$, $c = 3$ (in any identifiable form) A1

(b) use GDC or manual method to solve second set of equations (M1)
 obtain $x = \frac{4-11t}{2}$; $y = \frac{-7t}{2}$, $z = t$ (or equivalent) (A1)

$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -5.5 \\ -3.5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ (accept equivalent vector forms) M1A1

Note: Final A1 requires $\mathbf{r} =$ or equivalent.

[6]

15. (a) $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \perp$ to the plane $\mathbf{e} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$ is parallel to the line (A1)(A1)

Note: Award A1 for each correct vector written down, even if not identified.

line \perp plane $\Rightarrow \mathbf{e}$ parallel to \mathbf{a}

since $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ k \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{2}$ (M1)A1

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$$(b) \quad 4(3 - 2\lambda) - 2\lambda - \left(-1 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda\right) = 1 \quad (M1)(A1)$$

Note: FT their value of k as far as possible.

$$\lambda = \frac{8}{7} \quad A1$$

$$P\left(\frac{5}{7}, \frac{8}{7}, -\frac{3}{7}\right) \quad A1$$

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$$16. (a) \quad \cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{\sin 2\alpha \cos \alpha + \sin \alpha \cos 2\alpha - 1}{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}} \left(= \frac{\sin 3\alpha - 1}{2} \right) \quad M1A1$$

$$(b) \quad \mathbf{a} \perp \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = 0 \quad M1$$

$$\sin 2\alpha \cos \alpha + \sin \alpha \cos 2\alpha - 1 = 0$$

$$\alpha = 0.524 \left(= \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \quad A1$$

(c) **METHOD 1**

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \sin 2\alpha & -\cos 2\alpha & 1 \\ \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & -1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (M1)$$

$$\text{assuming } \alpha = \frac{7\pi}{6}$$

Note: Allow substitution at any stage.

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -1 \end{vmatrix} \quad A1$$

$$= \mathbf{i} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \mathbf{j} \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) + \mathbf{k} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

$$= 0 \quad A1$$

\mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are parallel R1

Note: Accept decimal equivalents.

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METHOD 2

from (a) $\cos \theta = -1$ (and $\sin \theta = 0$)

$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$

\mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are parallel

M1A1

A1

R1

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17. (a) $\overrightarrow{OM} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \overrightarrow{ON} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\overrightarrow{OP} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

A1A1A1

(b) $\overrightarrow{MP} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\overrightarrow{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$,

A1A1

$\overrightarrow{MP} \times \overrightarrow{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(M1)A1

(c) (i) area of MNP = $\frac{1}{2} |\overrightarrow{MP} \times \overrightarrow{MN}|$

M1

$= \frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right|$

$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

A1

(ii) $\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \overrightarrow{OG} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\overrightarrow{AG} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

A1

since $\overrightarrow{AG} = 2(\overrightarrow{MP} \times \overrightarrow{MN})$ AG is perpendicular to MNP

R1

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$$(iii) \quad \mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \text{ (accept } -x + y + z = 3) \quad \text{A1}$$

$$(d) \quad \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2-2\lambda \\ 2\lambda \\ 2\lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$-2 + 2\lambda + 2\lambda + 2\lambda = 3$$

$$\lambda = \frac{5}{6} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{5}{6} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\text{coordinates of point } \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{5}{3} \right) \quad \text{A1}$$

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18. METHOD 1

for finding two of the following three vectors (or their negatives)

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \overrightarrow{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(A1)(A1)}$$

and calculating

EITHER

$$\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$\text{area } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} |\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}| \quad \text{M1}$$

OR

$$\overrightarrow{BA} \times \overrightarrow{BC} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$\text{area } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} |\overrightarrow{BA} \times \overrightarrow{BC}| \quad \text{M1}$$

OR

$$\overrightarrow{CA} \times \overrightarrow{CB} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$\text{area } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} |\overrightarrow{CA} \times \overrightarrow{CB}| \quad \text{M1}$$

THEN

$$\text{area } \Delta ABC = \frac{\sqrt{24}}{2} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$= \sqrt{6} \quad \text{AG} \quad \text{N0}$$

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METHOD 2

for finding two of the following three vectors (or their negatives)

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)(A1)$$

EITHER

$$\cos A = \frac{\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC}}{|\vec{AB}| |\vec{AC}|} \quad M1$$

$$= \frac{6}{\sqrt{5}\sqrt{12}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{60}} \left(\text{or } \frac{3}{\sqrt{15}} \right)$$

$$\sin A = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} \quad A1$$

$$\text{area } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB}| |\vec{AC}| \sin A \quad M1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{5}\sqrt{12} \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{24} \quad A1$$

$$= \sqrt{6} \quad AG \quad N0$$

OR

$$\cos B = \frac{\vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC}}{|\vec{BA}| |\vec{BC}|} \quad M1$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}\sqrt{5}} = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\sin B = \sqrt{\frac{24}{25}} \left(\text{or } \frac{\sqrt{24}}{5} \right) \quad A1$$

$$\text{area } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{BA}| |\vec{BC}| \sin B \quad M1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{5}\sqrt{5} \sqrt{\frac{24}{25}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{24} \quad A1$$

$$= \sqrt{6} \quad AG \quad N0$$

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OR

$$\cos C = \frac{\vec{CA} \cdot \vec{CB}}{|\vec{CA}| |\vec{CB}|} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \frac{6}{\sqrt{12}\sqrt{5}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{60}} \left(\text{or } \frac{3}{\sqrt{15}} \right)$$

$$\sin C = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{area } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{CA}| |\vec{CB}| \sin C \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{12}\sqrt{5} \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{24} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$= \sqrt{6} \quad \text{AG N0}$$

METHOD 3

for finding two of the following three vectors (or their negatives)

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(A1)(A1)}$$

$$AB = \sqrt{5} = c, AC = \sqrt{12} = 2\sqrt{3} = b, BC = \sqrt{5} = a \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$s = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}}{2} = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\text{area } \Delta ABC = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$$

$$= \sqrt{(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})(\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{3})}$$

$$= \sqrt{3(5-3)} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$= \sqrt{6} \quad \text{AG N0}$$

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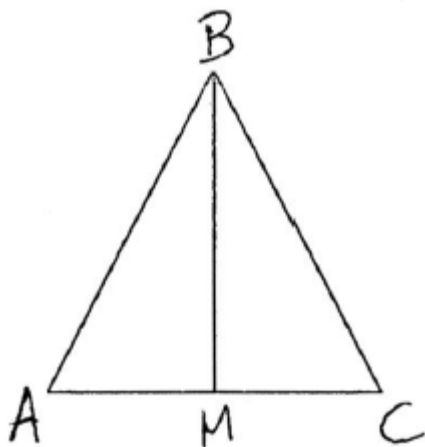
METHOD 4

for finding two of the following three vectors (or their negatives)

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A1)(A1)$$

$$AB = BC = \sqrt{5} \quad \text{and} \quad AC = \sqrt{12} = 2\sqrt{3} \quad M1A1$$

ΔABC is isosceles



let M be the midpoint of $[AC]$, the height $BM = \sqrt{5-3} = \sqrt{2}$ M1

$$\text{area } \Delta ABC = \frac{2\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{2}}{2} \quad A1$$

$$= \sqrt{6} \quad AG \quad N0$$

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19. (a) identifies a direction vector e.g. $\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ or $\vec{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ A1

identifies the point $(1, -1, 2)$ A1

line $l_1: \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{1} = \frac{z-2}{1}$ AG

(b) $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$1 + 2\lambda = 1 + \mu, -1 + \lambda = 2 + 2\mu, 2 + \lambda = 3 + \mu \quad (M1)$$

equating two of the three equations gives $\lambda = -1$ and $\mu = -2$ A1A1

check in the third equation

satisfies third equation therefore the lines intersect R1

therefore coordinates of intersection are $(-1, -2, 1)$ A1

(c) $\mathbf{d}_1 = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{d}_2 = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ A1

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$$d_1 \times d_2 = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -i - j + 3k \quad \text{M1A1}$$

Note: Accept scalar multiples of above vectors.

- (d) equation of plane is $-x - y + 3z = k$ M1A1
 contains $(1, 2, 3)$ (or $(-1, -2, 1)$ or $(1, -1, 2)$) $\therefore k = -1 - 2 + 3 \times 3 = 6$ A1
 $-x - y + 3z = 6$ AG

- (e) direction vector of the perpendicular line is $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ (M1)

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + m \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{A1}$$

Note: Award A0 if r omitted.

- (f) (i) find point where line meets plane M1
 $-(3 - m) - (1 - m) + 3(-4 + 3m) = 6$ A1
 $m = 2$ A1
 point of intersection is $(1, -1, 2)$

- (ii) for T' , $m = 4$ (M1)
 so $T' = (-1, -3, 8)$ A1

(iii) $\overline{TT'} = \sqrt{(3+1)^2 + (1+3)^2 + (-4-8)^2}$ (M1)
 $= \sqrt{176} (= 4\sqrt{11})$ A1

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20. consider a vector parallel to each line,

e.g. $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ A1A1

let θ be the angle between the lines

$$\cos \theta = \frac{|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}|}{|\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{|12 - 6 + 1|}{\sqrt{21}\sqrt{19}}$$
 M1A1

$$= \frac{7}{\sqrt{21}\sqrt{19}} = 0.350\dots$$
 (A1)

$$\text{so } \theta = 69.5^\circ \left(\text{or } 1.21 \text{ rad or } \arccos\left(\frac{7}{\sqrt{21}\sqrt{19}}\right) \right)$$
 A1 N4

Note: Allow FT from incorrect reasonable vectors.

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21. (a) let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ (M1)

point of intersection is $\left(\frac{11}{12}, \frac{7}{12}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$ (or (0.917, 0.583, 0.25)) A1

(b) **METHOD 1**

(i) $\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 & a \end{pmatrix} = 0$ M1

$$\begin{aligned} -3a + 24 &= 0 & \text{(A1)} \\ a &= 8 & \text{A1 N1} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) consider the augmented matrix $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & -1 & 8 & 5 \end{array} \right)$ M1

use row reduction to obtain $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right)$ or $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$

(or equivalent) A1
 any valid reason R1
 (e.g. as the last row is not all zeros, the planes do not meet) N0

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METHOD 2

use of row reduction (or equivalent manipulation of equations) M1

e.g.
$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & -1 & a & 5 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -6 & a-10 & -5 \end{array} \right)$$
 A1A1

Note: Award an A1 for each correctly reduced row.

(i) $a - 10 = -2 \Rightarrow a = 8$ M1A1 N1

(ii) when $a = 8$, row 3 $\neq 2 \times$ row 2 R1 N0

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22. (a) $\vec{OP} = i + 2j - k$ (M1)
the coordinates of P are (1, 2, -1) A1

(b) **EITHER**

$x = 1 + t, y = 2 - 2t, z = 3t - 1$ M1

$x - 1 = t, \frac{y - 2}{-2} = t, \frac{z + 1}{3} = t$ A1

$x - 1 = \frac{y - 2}{-2} = \frac{z + 1}{3}$ AG N0

OR

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
 M1A1

$x - 1 = \frac{y - 2}{-2} = \frac{z + 1}{3}$ AG

(c) (i) $2(1 + t) + (2 - 2t) + (3t - 1) = 6 \Rightarrow t = 1$ M1A1 N1

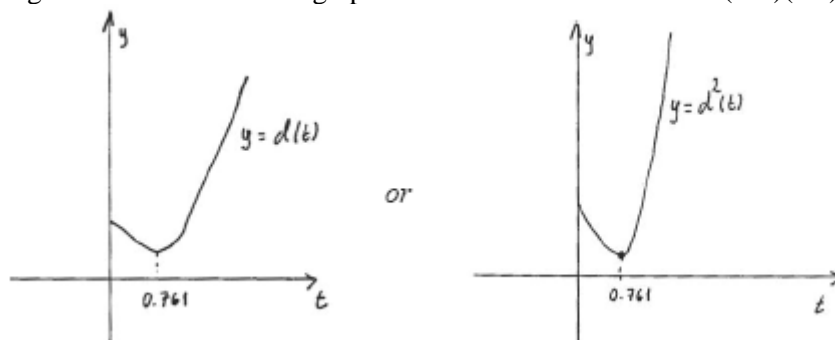
(ii) coordinates are (2, 0, 2) A1

Note: Award A0 for position vector.

(iii) distance travelled is the distance between the two points (M1)
 $\sqrt{(2-1)^2 + (0-2)^2 + (2+1)^2} = \sqrt{14} (= 3.74)$ (M1)A1

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- (d) (i) distance from Q to the origin is given by
 $d(t) = \sqrt{t^4 + (1-t)^2 + (1-t^2)^2}$ (or equivalent) M1A1
 e.g. for labelled sketch of graph of d or d^2 (M1)(A1)



the minimum value is obtained for $t = 0.761$ A1 N3

- (ii) the coordinates are (0.579, 0.239, 0.421) A1

Note: Accept answers given as a position vector.

- (e) (i) $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ (M1)A1

substituting in the equation $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = k(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})$, we have (M1)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = k \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \right) \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = k \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

A1

$$\Rightarrow k = 1 \text{ and } k = \frac{1}{3} \text{ which is impossible}$$

so there is no solution for k R1

- (ii) \overrightarrow{BA} and \overrightarrow{CB} are not parallel R2
 (hence A, B, and C cannot be collinear)

Note: Only accept answers that follow from part (i).

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23. direction vector for line = $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ or any multiple A1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \sin \theta \\ 1 - \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$2 \sin \theta - 1 + \sin \theta = 0 \quad \text{A1}$$

Note: Allow FT on candidate's direction vector just for line above only.

$$3 \sin \theta = 1$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\theta = 0.340 \text{ or } 19.5^\circ \quad \text{A1}$$

Note: A coordinate geometry method using perpendicular gradients is acceptable.

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24. **EITHER**

l goes through the point (1, 3, 6), and the plane contains A(4, -2, 5)
the vector containing these two points is on the plane, i.e.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(M1)A1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 7\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 25 \quad \text{(M1)}$$

hence, Cartesian equation of the plane is $7x + 4y + z = 25$ A1

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OR

finding a third point

M1

e.g. (0, 5, 5)

A1

three points are (1, 3, 6), (4, -2, 5), (0, 5, 5)

equation is $ax + by + cz = 1$

system of equations

$$a + 3b + 6c = 1$$

M1

$$4a - 2b + 5c = 1$$

$$5b + 5c = 1$$

$$a = \frac{7}{25}, b = \frac{4}{25}, c = \frac{1}{25}, \text{ from GDC}$$

M1A1

$$\text{so } \frac{7}{25}x + \frac{4}{25}y + \frac{1}{25}z = 1$$

A1

$$\text{or } 7x + 4y + z = 25$$

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25. (a) on l_1 $A(-3 + 3\lambda, -4 + 2\lambda, 6 - 2\lambda)$

A1

$$\text{on } l_2 \quad l_2 : \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -7 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(M1)

$$\Rightarrow B(4 - 3\mu, -7 + 4\mu, -3 - \mu)$$

A1

$$\overrightarrow{BA} = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3\lambda + 3\mu - 7 \\ 2\lambda - 4\mu + 3 \\ -2\lambda + \mu + 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

(M1)A1

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EITHER

$$BA \perp l_1 \Rightarrow BA \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(3\lambda + 3\mu - 7) + 2(2\lambda - 4\mu + 3) - 2(-2\lambda + \mu + 9) = 0 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 17\lambda - \mu = 33 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$BA \perp l_2 \Rightarrow BA \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -3(3\lambda + 3\mu - 7) + 4(2\lambda - 4\mu + 3) - 2(-2\lambda + \mu + 9) = 0 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda - 26\mu = -24 \quad \text{A1}$$

solving both equations above simultaneously gives

$$\lambda = 2; \mu = 1 \Rightarrow A(3, 0, 2), B(1, -3, -4) \quad \text{A1A1A1A1}$$

OR

$$\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 3 & 2 & -2 \\ -3 & 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 6i + 9j + 18k \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$\text{so } \overrightarrow{AB} = p \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3\lambda + 3\mu - 7 \\ 2\lambda - 4\mu + 3 \\ -2\lambda + \mu + 9 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$3\lambda + 3\mu - 2p = 7$$

$$2\lambda - 4\mu - 3p = -3$$

$$-2\lambda + \mu - 6p = -9$$

$$\lambda = 2, \mu = 1, p = 1 \quad \text{A1A1}$$

$$A(-3 + 6, -4 + 4, 6 - 4) = (3, 0, 2) \quad \text{A1}$$

$$B(4 - 3, -7 + 4, -3 - 1) = (1, -3, -4) \quad \text{A1}$$

$$(b) \quad AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(A1)}$$

$$|AB| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-3)^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{49} = 7 \quad \text{M1A1}$$

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(c) from (b) $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$ is normal to both lines

$$l_1 \text{ goes through } (-3, -4, 6) \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = 18 \quad \text{M1A1}$$

hence, the Cartesian equation of the plane through l_1 , but not l_2 , is $2x + 3y + 6z = 18$ A1

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26. (a) (i) METHOD 1

$$\vec{AB} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(A1)}$$

$$\vec{AC} = \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(A1)}$$

$$\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \mathbf{i}(-1 + 1) - \mathbf{j}(0 - 2) + \mathbf{k}(0 - 2) \quad \text{(A1)}$$

$$= 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Area of triangle ABC} = \frac{1}{2}|2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}| = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{8} (= \sqrt{2}) \text{ sq. units} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

Note: Allow FT on final A1.

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METHOD 2

$$|AB| = \sqrt{2}, |BC| = \sqrt{12}, |AC| = \sqrt{6} \quad \text{A1A1A1}$$

Using cosine rule, e.g. on \hat{C} M1

$$\cos C = \frac{6+12-2}{2\sqrt{72}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\therefore \text{Area } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{12} \sqrt{6} \sin \left(\arccos \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \right)$$

$$= 3\sqrt{2} \sin \left(\arccos \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \right) (= \sqrt{2}) \quad \text{A1}$$

Note: Allow FT on final A1.

(ii) $AB = \sqrt{2}$ A1

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{1}{2} AB \times h = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2} \times h, h \text{ equals the shortest distance} \quad \text{(M1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 2 \quad \text{A1}$$

(iii) **METHOD 1**

$$\pi \text{ has form } \mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = d \quad \text{(M1)}$$

Since (1, 1, 2) is on the plane

$$d = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 - 4 = -2 \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$\text{Hence } \mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = -2$$

$$2y - 2z = -2 \text{ (or } y - z = -1) \quad \text{A1}$$

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$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{M1})$$

$$x = 1 + 2\mu \quad (\text{i})$$

$$y = 1 + \lambda - \mu \quad (\text{ii})$$

$$z = 2 + \lambda - \mu \quad (\text{iii}) \quad \text{A1}$$

Note: Award A1 for all three correct, A0 otherwise.

$$\text{From (i) } \mu = \frac{x-1}{2}$$

$$\text{substitute in (ii) } y = 1 + \lambda - \left(\frac{x-1}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = y - 1 + \left(\frac{x-1}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{substitute } \lambda \text{ and } \mu \text{ in (iii)} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = 2 + y - 1 + \left(\frac{x-1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{x-1}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y - z = -1 \quad \text{A1}$$

(b) (i) The equation of OD is

$$\mathbf{r} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \left(\text{or } \mathbf{r} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad \text{M1}$$

This meets π where

$$2\lambda + 2\lambda = -1 \quad (\text{M1})$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{1}{4} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Coordinates of D are } \left(0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{(ii) } \left| \vec{\text{OD}} \right| = \sqrt{0 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (\text{M1})\text{A1}$$

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27. METHOD 1

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$$\text{Use of } |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta \quad (\text{M1})$$

$$|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|^2 = |\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 \sin^2 \theta \quad (\text{A1})$$

Note: Only one of the first two marks can be implied.

$$= |\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta) \quad \text{A1}$$

$$= |\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 - |\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 \cos^2 \theta \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$= |\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 - (|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta)^2 \quad (\text{A1})$$

Note: Only one of the above two A1 marks can be implied.

$$= |\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})^2 \quad \text{A1}$$

Hence LHS = RHS AG N0

METHOD 2

$$\text{Use of } \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta \quad (\text{M1})$$

$$|\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})^2 = |\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 - (|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta)^2 \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$= |\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 - |\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 \cos^2 \theta \quad (\text{A1})$$

Note: Only one of the above two A1 marks can be implied.

$$= |\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta) \quad \text{A1}$$

$$= |\mathbf{a}|^2 |\mathbf{b}|^2 \sin^2 \theta \quad \text{A1}$$

$$= |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|^2 \quad \text{A1}$$

Hence LHS = RHS AG N0

Notes: Candidates who independently correctly simplify both sides and show that LHS = RHS should be awarded full marks.

If the candidate starts off with expression that they are trying to prove and concludes that $\sin^2 \theta = (1 - \cos^2 \theta)$ award M1A1A1A1A0A0.

If the candidate uses two general 3D vectors and explicitly finds the expressions correctly award full marks. Use of 2D vectors gains a maximum of 2 marks.

If two specific vectors are used no marks are gained.

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28. (a) Use of $\cos\theta = \frac{\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{AB}}{|\vec{OA}| |\vec{AB}|}$ (M1)
- $\vec{AB} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ A1
- $|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{3}$ and $|\vec{OA}| = 3\sqrt{2}$ A1
- $\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{AB} = 6$ A1
- substituting gives $\cos\theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \left(= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \right)$ or equivalent M1 N1
- (b) $L_1: \mathbf{r} = \vec{OA} + s\vec{AB}$ or equivalent (M1)
- $L_1: \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} + s(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ or equivalent A1
- Note:** Award (M1)A0 for omitting “ $\mathbf{r} =$ ” in the final answer.
- (c) Equating components and forming equations involving s and t (M1)
- $1 + s = 2 + 2t, -1 - s = 4 + t, 4 + s = 7 + 3t$
- Having two of the above three equations A1A1
- Attempting to solve for s or t (M1)
- Finding either $s = -3$ or $t = -2$ A1
- Explicitly showing that these values satisfy the third equation R1
- Point of intersection is $(-2, 2, 1)$ A1 N1
- Note:** Position vector is not acceptable for final A1.
- (d) **METHOD 1**
- $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ (A1)
- $x = 1 + 2\lambda - 3\mu, y = -1 + \lambda + 3\mu$ and $z = 4 + 3\lambda - 3\mu$ M1A1
- Elimination of the parameters M1
- $x + y = 3\lambda$ so $4(x + y) = 12\lambda$ and $y + z = 4\lambda + 3$
- so $3(y + z) = 12\lambda + 9$
- $3(y + z) = 4(x + y) + 9$ A1
- Cartesian equation of plane is $4x + y - 3z = -9$ (or equivalent) A1 N1

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METHOD 2

EITHER

The point (2, 4, 7) lies on the plane.

The vector joining (2, 4, 7) and (1, -1, 4) and $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ are parallel to the plane. So they are perpendicular to the normal to the plane.

$$(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) - (2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}) = -\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k} \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -1 & -5 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= -12\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 9\mathbf{k} \quad \text{or equivalent parallel vector} \quad \text{A1}$$

OR

L_1 and L_2 intersect at D (-2, 2, 1)

$$\vec{\text{AD}} = (-2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) - (\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) = -3\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k} \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= -12\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 9\mathbf{k} \quad \text{or equivalent parallel vector} \quad \text{A1}$$

THEN

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) \cdot (-12\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 9\mathbf{k}) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= 27 \quad \text{A1}$$

Cartesian equation of plane is $4x + y - 3z = -9$ (or equivalent) A1 N1

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29. The normal vector to the plane is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$. (A1)

EITHER

θ is the angle between the line and the normal to the plane.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{21}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{21}} \left(= \frac{3}{7\sqrt{6}} \right) \quad \text{(M1)A1A1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 79.9^\circ (= 1.394 \dots) \quad \text{A1}$$

The required angle is $10.1^\circ (= 0.176)$ A1

OR

ϕ is the angle between the line and the plane.

$$\sin \phi = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{21}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{21}} \quad \text{(M1)A1A1}$$

$$\phi = 10.1^\circ (= 0.176) \quad \text{A2}$$

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30. METHOD 1

(from GDC)

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{6} & -\frac{1}{12} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad \text{(M1)}$$

$$x + \frac{1}{6}\lambda = -\frac{1}{12} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$y - \frac{2}{3}\lambda = -\frac{1}{6} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \left(-\frac{1}{12}\mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{6}\mathbf{j} \right) + \lambda \left(-\frac{1}{6}\mathbf{i} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \right) \quad \text{A1A1A1 N3}$$

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METHOD 2

(Elimination method either for equations or row reduction of matrix)

Eliminating one of the variables	M1A1	
Finding a point on the line	(M1)A1	
Finding the direction of the line	M1	
The vector equation of the line	A1	N3

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31.	$\vec{BC} = c - b$	
	$\vec{CA} = a - c$	
	$\Rightarrow a \cdot (c - b) = 0$	M1
	and $b \cdot (a - c) = 0$	M1
	$\Rightarrow a \cdot c = a \cdot b$	A1
	and $a \cdot b = b \cdot c$	A1
	$\Rightarrow a \cdot c = b \cdot c$	M1
	$\Rightarrow b \cdot c - a \cdot c = 0$	
	$c \cdot (b - a) = 0$	A1
	$\Rightarrow \vec{OC}$ is perpendicular to \vec{AB} , as $b \neq a$.	AG

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32.	$a \cdot b = a b \cos \theta$	(M1)
	$a \cdot b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ m \end{pmatrix} = 7 + 3m$	A1
	$ a = \sqrt{14} \quad b = \sqrt{13 + m^2}$	A1
	$ a b \cos \theta = \sqrt{14}\sqrt{13 + m^2} \cos 30^\circ$	
	$7 + 3m = \sqrt{14}\sqrt{13 + m^2} \cos 30^\circ$	A1
	$m = 2.27, m = 25.7$	A1A1

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33. (a)
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & k \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 0 & 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$
 M1

$R_1 - 2R_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 & 0 & -7 & k-8 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 0 & 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (A1)

$R_1 + R_3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & k-3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 0 & 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (A1)

Hence no solutions if $k \in \mathbb{R}, k \neq 3$ A1

(b) Two planes meet in a line and the third plane is parallel to that line. A1

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34. (a) $x = 3 + 2m$
 $y = 2 - m$
 $z = 7 + 2m$ A1

$x = 1 + 4n$
 $y = 4 - n$
 $z = 2 + n$ A1

(b) $3 + 2m = 1 + 4n \Rightarrow 2m - 4n = -2$ (i)
 $2 - m = 4 - n \Rightarrow m - n = -2$ (ii) M1

$7 + 2m = 2 + n \Rightarrow 2m - n = -5$ (iii)
 (iii) - (ii) $\Rightarrow m = -3$ A1

$\Rightarrow n = -1$ A1

Substitute in (i), $-6 + 4 = -2$. Hence lines intersect. R1

Point of intersection A is $(-3, 5, 1)$ A1

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$$(c) \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(M1)}$$

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 29 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$x + 6y + 2z = 29 \quad \text{A1}$$

Note: Award M1A0 if answer is not in Cartesian form.

$$(d) \begin{aligned} x &= -8 + 3\lambda \\ y &= -3 + 8\lambda \\ z &= 2\lambda \end{aligned} \quad \text{(M1)}$$

Substitute in equation of plane.
 $-8 + 3\lambda - 18 + 48\lambda + 4\lambda = 29 \quad \text{M1}$

$$55\lambda = 55 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\lambda = 1 \quad \text{A1}$$

Coordinates of B are $(-5, 5, 2) \quad \text{A1}$

$$(e) \text{Coordinates of C are } \left(-4, 5, \frac{3}{2}\right) \quad \text{(A1)}$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 5 \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

Note: Award M1A0 unless candidate writes $\mathbf{r} =$ or $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} =$

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Let s be the distance from the origin to a point on the line, then

$$s^2 = (1 - \lambda)^2 + (2 - 3\lambda)^2 + 4 \quad (\text{M1})$$

$$= 10\lambda^2 - 14\lambda + 9 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\frac{d(s^2)}{d\lambda} = 20\lambda - 14 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{For minimum } \frac{d(s^2)}{d\lambda} = 0, \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{7}{10} \quad \text{A1}$$

OR

The position vector for the point nearest to the origin is perpendicular to the direction of the line. At that point:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda \\ 2 - 3\lambda \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (\text{M1})\text{A1}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 10\lambda - 7 = 0 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \lambda = \frac{7}{10} \quad \text{A1}$$

THEN

$$x = \frac{3}{10}, y = -\frac{1}{10} \quad (\text{A1})(\text{A1})$$

$$\text{The point is } \left(\frac{3}{10}, -\frac{1}{10}, 2 \right). \quad \text{N3}$$

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36. (a)

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -5 & 2-a & 9-a^2 \end{array} \right] \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & 3-a & 9-a^2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1 \end{array} \quad \text{(M1)}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a-1 & 9-a^2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \times -\frac{1}{2} \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2 \end{array} \quad \text{M1}$$

When $a = -1$ the augmented matrix is

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{A1} \\ \text{R1} \end{array}$$

Hence the system is inconsistent $\Rightarrow a \neq -1$

(b) When $a \neq -1$, $(-a-1)z = 9-a^2$

$$(a+1)z = a^2-9$$

$$\therefore z = \frac{a^2-9}{a+1} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$2y-z=0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}z = \frac{a^2-9}{2(a+1)} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$x = -3y+z = \frac{-3(a^2-9)}{2(a+1)} + \frac{2(a^2-9)}{2(a+1)} = \frac{9-a^2}{2(a+1)} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

The unique solution is $\left(\frac{9-a^2}{2(a+1)}, \frac{a^2-9}{2(a+1)}, \frac{a^2-9}{a+1} \right)$ when $a \neq -1$

(c) $2-a=1 \Rightarrow a=1$ M1

\therefore The solution is $\left(\frac{8}{4}, -\frac{8}{4}, -\frac{8}{2} \right)$ or $(2, -2, -4)$ A1

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37. (a) $\vec{AB} = -i - 3j + k, \vec{BC} = i + j$ A1A1

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(b) $\vec{AB} \times \vec{BC} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ M1
 $= -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ A1

(c) Area of $\triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} |-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}|$ M1A1
 $= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1+1+4}$
 $= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$ A1

(d) A normal to the plane is given by $\mathbf{n} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{BC} = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ (M1)
 Therefore, the equation of the plane is of the form $-x + y + 2z = g$
 and since the plane contains A, then $-1 + 2 + 2 = g \Rightarrow g = 3$. M1
 Hence, an equation of the plane is $-x + y + 2z = 3$. A1

(e) Vector \mathbf{n} above is parallel to the required line.
 Therefore, $x = 2 - t$ A1
 $y = -1 + t$ A1
 $z = -6 + 2t$ A1

(f) $x = 2 - t$
 $y = -1 + t$
 $z = -6 + 2t$
 $-x + y + 2z = 3$
 $-2 + t - 1 + t - 12 + 4t = 3$ M1A1
 $-15 + 6t = 3$
 $6t = 18$
 $t = 3$ A1
 Point of intersection $(-1, 2, 0)$ A1

(g) Distance $= \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{54}$ (M1)A1

(h) Unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{n} is $\mathbf{e} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{n}|} \times \mathbf{n}$ (M1)
 $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$ A1

Note: $-\mathbf{e}$ is also acceptable.

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- (i) Point of intersection of L and P is $(-1, 2, 0)$.

$$\overrightarrow{DE} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(M1)A1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overrightarrow{EF} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{coordinates of F are } (-4, 5, 6) \quad \text{A1}$$

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38. (a) $L_1 : x = 2 + \lambda; y = 2 + 3\lambda; z = 3 + \lambda$ (A1)

$L_2 : x = 2 + \mu; y = 3 + 4\mu; z = 4 + 2\mu$ (A1)

At the point of intersection (M1)

$$2 + \lambda = 2 + \mu \quad (1)$$

$$2 + 3\lambda = 3 + 4\mu \quad (2)$$

$$3 + \lambda = 4 + 2\mu \quad (3)$$

From (1), $\lambda = \mu$ A1

Substituting in (2), $2 + 3\lambda = 3 + 4\lambda$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \mu = -1 \quad \text{A1}$$

We need to show that these values satisfy (3). (M1)

They do because LHS = RHS = 2; therefore the lines intersect. R1

So P is $(1, -1, 2)$. A1 N3

- (b) The normal to Π is normal to both lines. It is therefore given by the vector product of the two direction vectors.

Therefore, normal vector is given by $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ M1A1

$$= 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \quad \text{A2}$$

The Cartesian equation of Π is $2x - y + z = 2 + 1 + 2$ (M1)

i.e. $2x - y + z = 5$ A1 N2

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- (c) The midpoint M of [PQ] is $\left(2, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right)$. M1A1
- The direction of \overrightarrow{MS} is the same as the normal to Π , i.e. $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ (R1)
- The coordinates of a general point R on \overrightarrow{MS} are therefore
- $$\left(2 + 2\lambda, \frac{3}{2} - \lambda, \frac{5}{2} + \lambda\right)$$
- (M1)
- It follows that $\overrightarrow{PR} = (1 + 2\lambda)\mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{5}{2} - \lambda\right)\mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \lambda\right)\mathbf{k}$ A1A1A1
- At S, length of \overrightarrow{PR} is 3, i.e. (M1)
- $$(1 + 2\lambda)^2 + \left(\frac{5}{2} - \lambda\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \lambda\right)^2 = 9$$
- A1
- $$1 + 4\lambda + 4\lambda^2 + \frac{25}{4} - 5\lambda + \lambda^2 + \frac{1}{4} + \lambda + \lambda^2 = 9$$
- (A1)
- $$6\lambda^2 = \frac{6}{4}$$
- A1
- $$\lambda = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$
- A1
- Substituting these values,
the possible positions of S are (3, 1, 3) and (1, 2, 2) (M1)
A1A1 N2

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39. (a) Finding **correct** vectors $\overrightarrow{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ A1A1
- Substituting correctly in scalar product $\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AC} = 4(-3) + 3(1) - 1(1)$ A1
 $= -10$ AG N0
- (b) $|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{26}$ $|\overrightarrow{AC}| = \sqrt{11}$ (A1)(A1)
- Attempting to use scalar product formula, $\cos \hat{BAC} = \frac{-10}{\sqrt{26}\sqrt{11}}$ M1
- $= -0.591$ (to 3 s.f.) A1
- $\hat{BAC} = 126^\circ$ A1 N3

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