

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
Mathematics: applications and interpretation

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EXERCISES [MAI 3.12-3.13]

EQUATIONS OF LINES

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A. Paper 1 questions (SHORT)

1. [Maximum mark: 7]

Complete the following table

Passing through	Parallel to	Equation of line
A(3,5)	$\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$	$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$
the origin	$\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	
A(3,5)	x-axis	
A(3,5)	y-axis	
A(1,3,5)	$\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$	$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$
the origin	$\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$	
A(1,3,5)	x-axis	
A(1,3,5)	y-axis	
A(1,3,5)	z-axis	

2. [Maximum mark: 8]

Complete the following table

Passing through	Equation of line
$A(3,5)$ and $B(4,12)$	$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$
$A(1,-4)$ and $B(7,6)$	
the origin and $B(7,6)$	
$A(1,3,5)$ and $B(2,10,7)$	$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$
$A(1,3,5)$ and $B(0,5,3)$	
the origin and $B(2,10,7)$	

3. [Maximum mark: 1]

Express the following 3D lines in the form $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a} + \lambda \mathbf{b}$

(i) x -axis

(ii) y -axis

(iii) z -axis

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4. [Maximum mark: 6]

Determine whether the line $\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$ passes through

- (i) A(5,19) (ii) B(5,20) (iii) the origin

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5. [Maximum mark: 4]

Find a vector equation of the line passing through $(-1, 4)$ and $(3, -1)$. Give your answer in the form $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{d}$, where $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

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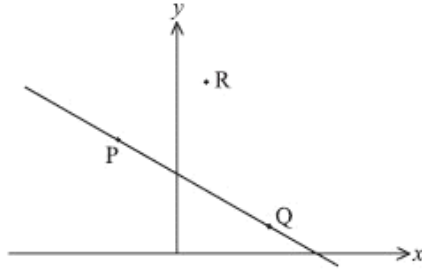
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6. [Maximum mark: 4]

The points $P(-2, 4)$, $Q(3, 1)$ and $R(1, 6)$ are shown in the diagram below.



(a) Find the vector \overrightarrow{PQ} . [2]

(b) Find a vector equation for the line through R parallel to the line (PQ). [2]

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7. [Maximum mark: 4]

The line L passes through the origin and is parallel to the vector $2i + 3j$.

(a) Write down a vector equation for L .

(b) Find the Cartesian equation of the line in the form $y=mx$

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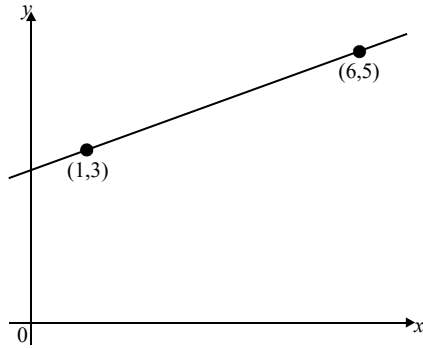
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8. [Maximum mark: 4]

The diagram below shows a line passing through the points (1,3) and (6,5).



Find a vector equation for the line in the form $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$, where $t \in \mathbb{R}$

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9. [Maximum mark: 6]

A vector equation of a line is $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Find the equation of this line in the form $ax + by = c$, where a , b , and $c \in \mathbb{Z}$.

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10. [Maximum mark: 4]

A line passes through the point $(4, -1)$. Its direction is perpendicular to the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$.

Find the equation of the line in the form $ax + by = p$, where a , b and p are integers.

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11. [Maximum mark: 5]

The line L passes through the points $A(3, 2, 1)$ and $B(1, 5, 3)$.

(a) Find the vector \overrightarrow{AB} . [3]

(b) Write down a vector equation of the line L in the form $r = a + tb$. [2]

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12. [Maximum mark: 4]

A vector equation for the line L is $r = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Which of the following are also vector equations for the same line L ?

A. $r = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

B. $r = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

C. $r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$.

D. $r = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

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13. [Maximum mark: 1]

Given the points $A(1,1,1)$ $B(2,2,2)$ $C(5,5,5)$ $D(4,5,6)$

- Find the vectors AB and BC and hence explain why A , B and C are collinear
- Find the vector equation of the line AD
- Find the cosine of the angle BAD

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14. [Maximum mark: 5]

Calculate the acute angle between the lines with equations

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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15. [Maximum mark: 5]

Two lines L_1 and L_2 have these vector equations.

$$L_1 : \mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + t(\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}) \qquad L_2 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + s(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$$

The angle between L_1 and L_2 is θ . Find the cosine of the angle θ .

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16. [Maximum mark: 6]

The lines L_1 and L_2 have parametric equations

$$L_1 : x = 1 + 2\lambda, y = 1 + 3\lambda, z = 1 - \lambda \qquad L_2 : x = 2 - \mu, y = 3 + 4\mu, z = 4 + 2\mu$$

Find the angle between L_1 and L_2 .

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17. [Maximum mark: 6]

The vector equations of two lines are given below.

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{r}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The lines intersect at the point P. Find the position vector of P.

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18. [Maximum mark: 6]

The lines l_1 and l_2 have equations

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

respectively, where λ and μ are parameters.

- (a) Show that l_1 passes through the point $(2, -7, 4)$.
- (b) Determine whether the lines l_1 and l_2 intersect.

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20. [Maximum mark: 7]

Consider the lines $L_1: \vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $L_2: \vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 9 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

- (a) Show that the two lines intersect. [4]
- (b) Find the point of intersection. [1]
- (c) Find the angle between the two lines. [2]

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21. [Maximum mark: 6]

The line L_1 is represented by $r_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and the line L_2 by $r_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$.

The lines L_1 and L_2 intersect at point T. Find the coordinates of T.

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22. [Maximum mark: 6]

The vector equations of the lines L_1 and L_2 are given by

$$L_1: r = i + j + k + \lambda(i + 2j + 3k); \quad L_2: r = i + 4j + 5k + \mu(2i + j + 2k).$$

The two lines intersect at the point P. Find the position vector of P.

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23. [Maximum mark: 6]

Consider the four points $A(1, 4, -1)$, $B(2, 5, -2)$, $C(5, 6, 3)$ and $D(8, 8, 4)$. Find the point of intersection of the lines (AB) and (CD) .

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24. [Maximum mark: 5]

Point $A(3, 0, -2)$ lies on the line $r = 3i - 2k + \lambda(2i - 2j + k)$, where λ is a real parameter. Find the coordinates of **one** point which is 6 units from A , and on the line.

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25. [Maximum mark: 6]

The line L passes through $A(0, 3)$ and $B(1, 0)$. The origin is at O . The point $R(x, 3-3x)$ is on L , and (OR) is perpendicular to L .

- (a) Write down the vectors \overline{AB} and \overline{OR} . [3]
- (b) Use the scalar product to find the coordinates of R . [3]

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26. [Maximum mark: 7]

Consider the points $A(1, 3, -17)$ and $B(6, -7, 8)$ which lie on the line l .

- (a) Find an equation of line l , giving the answer in parametric form. [4]
- (b) The point P is on l such that \overline{OP} is perpendicular to l . Find the coordinates of P . [3]

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27. [Maximum mark: 14]

The line L has vector equation $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

The coordinates of a point P on L are of the form $P(2+2\lambda, \lambda, 3+2\lambda)$

- (a) Determine whether the following points lie on L : (i) $A(8,3,8)$ (ii) $B(8,3,9)$. [2]
- (b) Find two points on L , 6 units far from B . [4]
- (c) Find two points on L , $\sqrt{89}$ units far from the origin. [4]
- (d) Find two points on L , $\sqrt{54}$ units far from $C(1,0,2)$. [4]

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28. [Maximum mark: 7]

The line L has vector equation $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$. The point $D(0,1,0)$ does not lie on L .

The coordinates of a point P on L are of the form $P(2+2\lambda, \lambda, 3+2\lambda)$.

- (a) Find the point on L which is closest to the point D . [4]
- (b) Find the distance between the line L and the point D . [1]
- (c) The point D' is the reflection of D in the line L . Find the coordinates of D' . [2]

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29. [Maximum mark: 6+6]

The line L is given by the parametric equations $x = 1 - \lambda, y = 2 - 3\lambda, z = 2$.

Find the coordinates of the point on L that is nearest to the origin.

Use two different methods.

METHOD A (use the fact that the vector OP is perpendicular to the line).

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METHOD B (use the formula of the distance d and then differentiation).

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30. [Maximum mark: 9]

The line L has vector equation

$$\vec{r} = 5\vec{i} + 9\vec{j} + 6\vec{k} + t(\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}) \quad \text{where } t \text{ is a scalar.}$$

- (a) Find the coordinates of the point on line L which is nearest to point $A(0, 2, 2)$. [5]
- (b) Calculate the shortest distance from the point $A(0, 2, 2)$ to the line. [2]
- (c) The point A is reflected in line L . Find the coordinates of the image A' . [2]

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31. [Maximum mark: 8]

Two lines L_1 and L_2 are given by $\mathbf{r}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 4 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 6 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{r}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 20 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 10 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$.

(a) Let θ be the acute angle between L_1 and L_2 . Show that $\cos\theta = \frac{52}{140}$. [3]

(b) (i) P is the point on L_1 when $s = 1$. Find the position vector of P.

(ii) Show that P is also on L_2 . [3]

(c) A third line L_3 has direction vector $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ x \\ -30 \end{pmatrix}$. If L_1, L_3 are parallel, find the value of x . [2]

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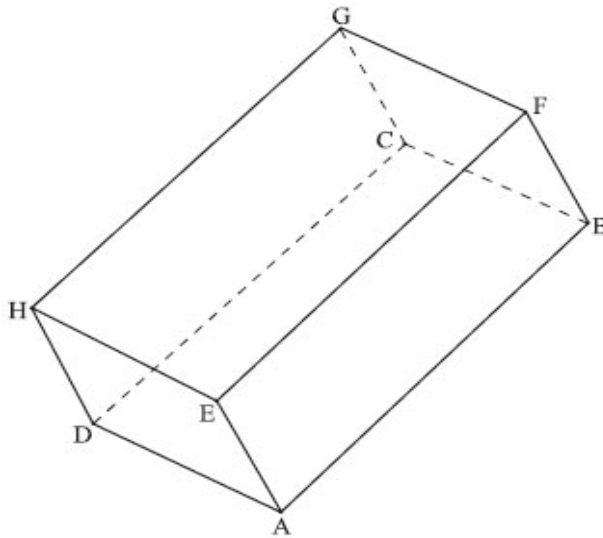
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B. Paper 2 questions (LONG)

32. [Maximum mark: 18]

The following diagram shows a solid figure ABCDEFGH. Each of the six faces is a parallelogram.



The coordinates of A and B are A (7, -3, -5), B(17, 2, 5).

- (a) Find (i) \overrightarrow{AB} ; (ii) $|\overrightarrow{AB}|$. [4]

The following information is given. $\overrightarrow{AD} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $|\overrightarrow{AD}| = 9$, $\overrightarrow{AE} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$, $|\overrightarrow{AE}| = 6$

- (b) (i) Calculate (a) $\overrightarrow{AD} \cdot \overrightarrow{AE}$ (b) $\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AD}$ (c) $\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AE}$
 (ii) Hence, write down the size of the angle between any two intersecting edges [5]
- (c) Calculate the volume of the solid ABCDEFGH. [2]
- (d) The coordinates of G are (9, 14, 12). Find the coordinates of H. [3]
- (e) The lines (AG), (HB) intersect at point P. Find the acute angle at P. [4]

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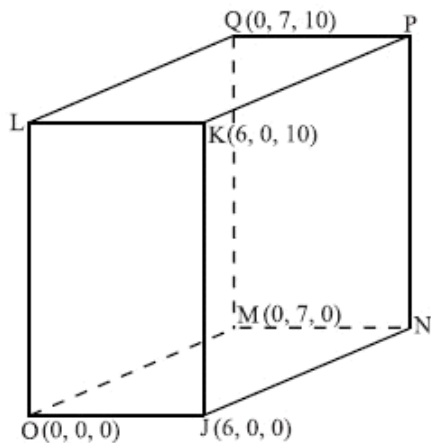
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33. [Maximum mark: 13]

The diagram below shows a cuboid (rectangular solid) OJKLMNPQ.

The vertex O is (0, 0, 0), J is (6, 0, 0), K is (6, 0, 10), M is (0, 7, 0) and Q is (0, 7, 10).



- (a) Find in the form $r = a + tb$ the equations of lines: (i) (JQ) (ii) (MK) [6]
- (b) Find the acute angle between (JQ) and (MK). [2]
- (c) The lines (JQ) and (MK) intersect at D. Find the position vector of D. [5]

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34. [Maximum mark: 13]

Points A, B, and C have position vectors $4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$ and $-5\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$. Let D be a point on the x -axis such that ABCD forms a parallelogram.

(a) (i) Find \overrightarrow{BC} . (ii) Find the position vector of D. [4]

(b) Find the angle between \overrightarrow{BD} and \overrightarrow{AC} . [4]

The line L_1 passes through A and is parallel to $\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$.

The line L_2 passes through B and is parallel to $2\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}$.

A vector equation of L_1 is $\mathbf{r} = (4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) + s(\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})$.

(c) Write down a vector equation of L_2 in the form $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{b} + t\mathbf{q}$. [1]

(d) The lines L_1 and L_2 intersect at the point P. Find the position vector of P. [4]

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35. [Maximum mark: 14]

The point O has coordinates (0, 0, 0), point A has coordinates (1, -2, 3) and point B has coordinates (-3, 4, 2).

(a) (i) Find \overrightarrow{AB} (ii) Find \widehat{BAO} . [5]

(b) The line L_1 has equation $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 6 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Write down the coordinates of two points on L_1 . [2]

(c) The line L_2 passes through A and is parallel to \overrightarrow{OB} .

(i) Find a vector equation for L_2 , giving your answer in the form $r = a + tb$.

(ii) Point C ($k, -k, 5$) is on L_2 . Find the coordinates of C. [5]

(d) The line L_3 has equation $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -8 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + p \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$, and passes through the point C.

Find the value of p at C. [2]

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36. [Maximum mark: 15]

Three of the coordinates of the parallelogram STUV are S(-2, -2), T(7, 7), U(5, 15).

- (a) Find the vector \vec{ST} and hence the coordinates of V. [4]
- (b) Find a vector equation of the line (UV) in the form $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{d}$ where $t \in \mathbb{R}$. [2]
- (c) Show that the point E with position vector $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$ is on the line (UV), and find the value of t for this point. [2]

The point W has position vector $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ 17 \end{pmatrix}$, $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (d) (i) If $|\vec{EW}| = 2\sqrt{13}$, show that one value of a is -3 and find the other possible value of a .
- (ii) For $a = -3$, calculate the angle between \vec{EW} and \vec{ET} . [7]

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37. [Maximum mark: 16]

Points P and Q have position vectors $-5\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j} - 8\mathbf{k}$ and $-4\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$ respectively, and both lie on a line L_1 .

(a) (i) Find \overrightarrow{PQ} .(ii) Hence show that the equation of L_1 can be written as

$$r = (-5 + s)\mathbf{i} + (11 - 2s)\mathbf{j} + (-8 + 3s)\mathbf{k}. \quad [4]$$

The point R $(2, y_1, z_1)$ also lies on L_1 .

(b) Find the value of y_1 and of z_1 . [3]

The line L_2 has equation $r = 2\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j} + 13\mathbf{k} + t(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$.

(c) The lines L_1 and L_2 intersect at a point T. Find the position vector of T. [5](d) Calculate the angle between the lines L_1 and L_2 . [4]

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38. [Maximum mark: 19]

The position vector of point A is $2\mathbf{i}+3\mathbf{j}+\mathbf{k}$ and the position vector of point B is $4\mathbf{i}-5\mathbf{j}+21\mathbf{k}$

- (a) (i) Show that $\overrightarrow{AB} = 2\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j} + 20\mathbf{k}$.
- (ii) Find the unit vector \mathbf{u} in the direction of \overrightarrow{AB} .
- (iii) Show that \mathbf{u} is perpendicular to \overrightarrow{OA} . [6]

Let S be the midpoint of [AB]. The line L_1 passes through S and is parallel to \overrightarrow{OA} .

- (b) (i) Find the position vector of S.
- (ii) Write down the equation of L_1 . [4]

The line L_2 has equation $\mathbf{r} = (5\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j} + 10\mathbf{k}) + s(-2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k})$.

- (c) Explain why L_1 and L_2 are not parallel. [2]
- (d) The lines L_1 and L_2 intersect at the point P. Find the position vector of P. [7]

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39. [Maximum mark: 22]

The lines l_1 and l_2 have vector equations

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{r}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

respectively, where λ and μ are parameters.

- (a) Find the acute angle between l_1 and l_2 . [2]
- (b) Find the acute angle between l_1 and z -axis. [2]
- (c) Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of l_1 and l_2 . [4]
- (d) Find the reflection of point A(1,4,3) in line l_2 . [5]
- (e) Find the reflection of line l_1 in line l_2 . [2]

Let \mathbf{d}_1 and \mathbf{d}_2 be the direction vectors of the two lines.

- (f) (i) Show that $|\mathbf{d}_1| = |\mathbf{d}_2|$.
- (ii) Write down the vectors $\mathbf{d}_1 + \mathbf{d}_2$ and $\mathbf{d}_1 - \mathbf{d}_2$.
- (i) **Hence** find the equations of the two bisector lines between l_1 and l_2 . [7]

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40. [Maximum mark: 17]

The triangle ABC has vertices at the points A(-1, 2, 3), B(-1, 3, 5) and C(0, -1, 1).

- (a) Find the size of the angle θ between the vectors \overrightarrow{AB} and \overrightarrow{AC} . [4]
- (b) Hence, or otherwise, find the area of triangle ABC. [2]

Let l_1 be the line parallel to \overrightarrow{AB} which passes through D(2, -1, 0) and l_2 be the line parallel to \overrightarrow{AC} which passes through E(-1, 1, 1).

- (c) (i) Find the equations of the lines l_1 and l_2 . [5]
- (ii) Hence show that l_1 and l_2 do not intersect. [5]
- (d) Find the shortest distance between l_1 and l_2 . [6]

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41. [Maximum mark: 14]

Consider the points $A(1, -1, 4)$, $B(2, -2, 5)$ and $O(0, 0, 0)$.

- (a) Calculate the cosine of the angle between \overrightarrow{OA} and \overrightarrow{AB} . [5]
- (b) Find a vector equation of the line L_1 which passes through A and B . [2]

The line L_2 has equation $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k} + t(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$, where $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (c) Show that the lines L_1 and L_2 intersect and find the coordinates of their point of intersection. [7]

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