

**Year 11 Mathematics Specialist  
 Test 2 2016**

Calculator Assumed  
 Vectors Chapters 3,4,8

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE:

TIME: 50 minutes

MARKS: 47

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Standard Items: Pens, pencils, ruler, eraser.

Special Items: Three calculators, drawing instruments, notes on one side of a single A4 page (these notes to be handed in with this assessment)

Questions or parts of questions worth more than 2 marks require working to be shown to receive full marks.

1. (6 marks)

Given  $\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 24 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$ , determine

(a) a unit vector parallel to  $\vec{b}$  [2]

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{8^2 + 15^2} = 17 \quad \therefore \hat{b} = \frac{1}{17} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) a vector parallel to  $\vec{b}$  and four times as long [2]

$$4 \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 32 \\ 60 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) the size of the acute angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  [2]

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 24 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}}{25 \cdot 17} = \frac{87}{25 \cdot 17}$$

$$\theta = \underline{78.19^\circ}$$

2. (4 marks)

The unit vector  $\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ -b \end{pmatrix}$  is perpendicular to  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $a > 0$ , determine the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ -b \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow 4a - 3b = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

and  $a^2 + b^2 = 1$  --- (2)

solving (1) & (2) get

$$a = \cancel{-0.6} \text{ or } 0.6$$

$$b = \cancel{-0.8} \text{ or } 0.8$$

$$\therefore a = 0.6, \quad b = 0.8$$

$$\left( \frac{3}{5} \right) \quad \left( \frac{4}{5} \right)$$

3. (5 marks)

Given that  $|\underline{\mathbf{a}}| = 7$ ,  $|\underline{\mathbf{b}}| = 4$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{b}} = 11$ , determine

(a)  $\underline{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{a}}$  [1]

$$= 7^2 = 49$$

(b)  $\underline{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{b}}$  [1]

$$= 4^2 = 16$$

(c)  $(\underline{\mathbf{a}} - \underline{\mathbf{b}}) \cdot (\underline{\mathbf{a}} - \underline{\mathbf{b}})$  [2]

$$= |\underline{\mathbf{a}}|^2 - \underline{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{b}} - \underline{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{b}} + |\underline{\mathbf{b}}|^2$$

$$= 49 - 2(11) + 16 = 43$$

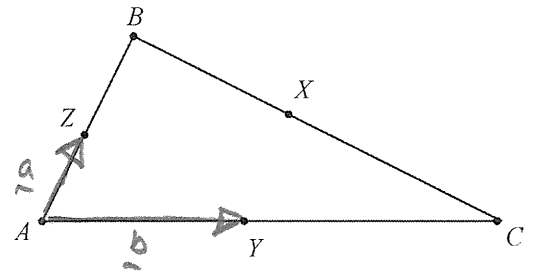
(d)  $|\underline{\mathbf{a}} - \underline{\mathbf{b}}|$  exactly [1]

$$\sqrt{43}$$

4. (6 marks)

The diagram shows a triangle  $ABC$ . Points  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are the mid-points of  $BC$ ,  $CA$  and  $AB$  respectively.

Vector  $\vec{AZ} = \underline{\underline{a}}$  and vector  $\vec{AY} = \underline{\underline{b}}$



(a) Express in terms of  $\underline{\underline{a}}$  and  $\underline{\underline{b}}$

(i) the vector  $\vec{YZ}$

[1]

$$\vec{YZ} = \underline{\underline{a}} - \underline{\underline{b}}$$

(ii) the vector  $\vec{CB}$

[1]

$$\vec{CB} = 2\underline{\underline{a}} - 2\underline{\underline{b}} = 2(\underline{\underline{a}} - \underline{\underline{b}})$$

(b) Using your answers to part (a), write down two facts about the relationship between the lines  $YZ$  and  $CB$ .

[2]

parallel and  $CB$  is twice as long as  $YZ$

(c) Express in terms of  $\underline{\underline{a}}$  and  $\underline{\underline{b}}$ , the vector  $\vec{AX}$ .

[2]

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AX} &= 2\underline{\underline{b}} + (\underline{\underline{a}} - \underline{\underline{b}}) \\ &= \underline{\underline{a}} + \underline{\underline{b}} \end{aligned}$$

6. (5 marks)

The position vectors of the points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are  $\underline{a}$ ,  $\underline{b}$  and  $\underline{c}$  respectively.

Given that  $\underline{a} = 5\underline{c} - 4\underline{b}$  determine, in terms of  $\underline{b}$  and  $\underline{c}$  only.

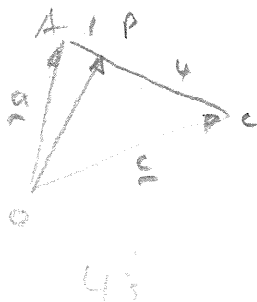
(a) the position vector of  $M$ , the mid-point of  $AB$ .

[2]

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OM} &= \underline{a} + \frac{1}{2}(\underline{b} - \underline{a}) = \frac{1}{2}(\underline{a} + \underline{b}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(5\underline{c} - 4\underline{b} + \underline{b}) \\ &= \frac{5}{2}\underline{c} - \frac{3}{2}\underline{b}\end{aligned}$$

(b) the position vector of the point  $P$  which divides  $AC$  in the ratio 1 : 4

[3]



$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OP} &= \underline{a} + \frac{1}{5}(\underline{c} - \underline{a}) \\ &= \frac{4}{5}(5\underline{c} - 4\underline{b}) + \frac{1}{5}\underline{c} \\ &= \frac{21}{5}\underline{c} - \frac{16}{5}\underline{b}\end{aligned}$$

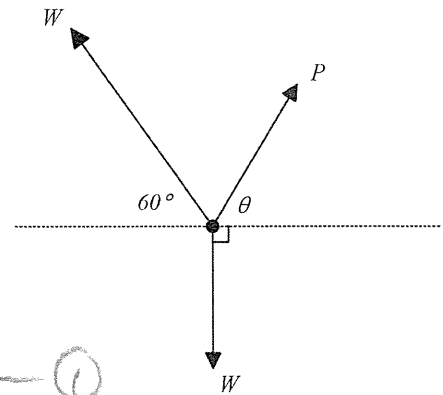
7. (3 marks)

Solve for the vector  $\underline{a}$  if  $2\underline{a} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ -36 \end{pmatrix} - 5\underline{a}$

$$\begin{aligned}7\underline{a} &= \begin{pmatrix} 21 \\ -44 \end{pmatrix} \\ \underline{a} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -\frac{44}{7} \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

8. (5 marks)

The diagram below shows a particle in equilibrium under the forces shown. Determine the exact value of  $\tan \theta$ .



$$\rightarrow P \cos \theta = W \cos 60^\circ$$

$$\uparrow P \sin \theta + W \sin 60^\circ = W$$

$$P \sin \theta = W - W \sin 60^\circ \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$P \cos \theta = W \cos 60^\circ \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\div \text{ (1) by (2)} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{W(1 - \sin 60^\circ)}{W \cos 60^\circ}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \underline{\underline{2 - \sqrt{3}}}$$

OR in component form

$$\text{for } P : \begin{pmatrix} P \cos \theta \\ P \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{for } \nearrow W : \begin{pmatrix} -W \cos 60^\circ \\ W \sin 60^\circ \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{for } \downarrow W : \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -W \end{pmatrix}$$

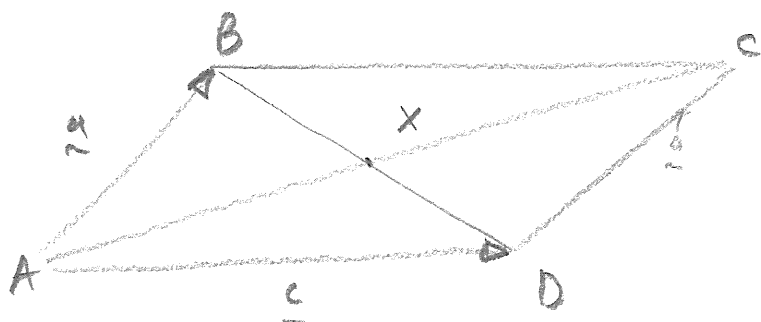
$$\text{now } \begin{pmatrix} P \cos \theta \\ P \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -W \cos 60^\circ \\ W \sin 60^\circ \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -W \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{for equilibrium}$$

as above

9. (6 marks)

To prove: The diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other.

$ABCD$  is a parallelogram with  $\vec{AB} = \underline{a}$  and  $\vec{AD} = \underline{c}$ . The diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$  meet at  $X$ .  
If  $\vec{BX} = k\vec{BD}$  and  $\vec{AX} = t\vec{AC}$ , use the fact that  $\vec{AX} = \vec{AB} + \vec{BX}$  to show that  $k = t = \frac{1}{2}$



$$\vec{BX} = k\vec{BD}$$
$$\vec{AX} = t\vec{AC}$$

$$\vec{BX} = k(\underline{c} - \underline{a}) \quad \vec{AX} = t(\underline{a} + \underline{c})$$

Now  $\vec{AX} = \vec{AB} + \vec{BX}$

$$t(\underline{a} + \underline{c}) = \underline{a} + k(\underline{c} - \underline{a})$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 1 - k \quad \text{and} \quad t = k$$

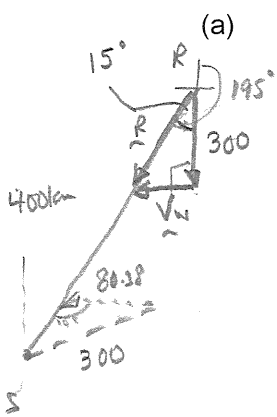
$$\therefore t = 1 - t$$

$$\therefore 2t = 1$$

$$t = \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore k = \frac{1}{2}$$

5. (7 marks)

An aircraft, whose speed in still air is  $300 \text{ kmh}^{-1}$ , flies in a straight line from  $R$  to  $S$ , a distance of  $400 \text{ km}$ . The bearing of  $S$  from  $R$  is  $195^\circ$ . There is a wind blowing from the east. Given that the pilot needs to set a course due south, calculate



(a) the speed of the wind

$$\tan 15^\circ = \frac{|V_w|}{300} \quad \therefore |V_w| = \underline{80.38 \text{ kmh}^{-1}}$$

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(b) the time, in minutes, of the flight

$$|R| = \frac{300}{\cos 15^\circ} = 310.58$$

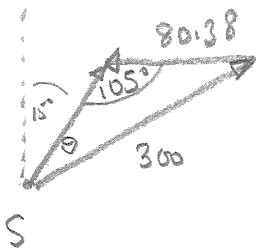
$$t = \frac{400}{|R|} = \frac{400}{310.58} = 1.29 \text{ h} = \underline{77.3 \text{ min}}$$

[2]

If the speed and direction of the wind are unchanged

(c) What course does the pilot need to set on the return flight from  $S$  to  $R$ ?

[3]



$$\frac{300}{\sin 105^\circ} = \frac{400}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\theta = 14.999^\circ \approx 15^\circ$$

$$\text{bearing} = \underline{030^\circ}$$