

**ASSIGNMENT: Unit Vectors, Magnitude, Parallel and Perpendicular Vectors****DIRECTIONS:**

To find magnitude: it's like the Pythagorean theorem:  $\sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2}$

To find unit vector: divide the vector by the magnitude

Parallel vectors have direction vectors that are scalar multiples  $d_1 \cdot d_2 = |d_1||d_2|$

Perpendicular vectors have direction vectors whose product is zero

31.) The position vector of point A is  $2i + 3j + k$  and the position vector of point B is  $4i - 5j + 21k$ .

(a) (i) Show that  $\overrightarrow{AB} = 2i - 8j + 20k$ .

(ii) Find the unit vector  $u$  in the direction of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ .

(iii) Show that  $u$  is perpendicular to  $\overrightarrow{OA}$ .

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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  $L_1$ .

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

(c) Explain why  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are not parallel.

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- 31.) (a) (i) Evidence of subtracting all three components in the correct order M1  
 eg  $\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} = (4i - 5j + 21k) - (2i + 3j + k)$   
 $= 2i - 8j + 20k$  AG N0
- (ii)  $|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-8)^2 + 20^2} (= \sqrt{468} = 6\sqrt{13} = 2\sqrt{117} = 21.6)$  (A1)  
 $u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{468}}(2i - 8j + 20k)$  A1 N2  
 $\left( = \frac{2}{\sqrt{468}}i - \frac{8}{\sqrt{468}}j + \frac{20}{\sqrt{468}}k, 0.0925i - 0.370j + 0.925k, \text{etc.} \right)$
- (iii) If the scalar product is zero, the vectors are perpendicular. R1  
*Note: Award R1 for stating the relationship between the scalar product and perpendicularity, seen anywhere in the solution.*  
 Finding an appropriate scalar product  $(u \cdot \vec{OA} \text{ or } \vec{AB} \cdot \vec{OA})$  M1  
 eg  $u \cdot \vec{OA} = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{468}}\right) \times 2 + \left(\frac{-8}{\sqrt{468}}\right) \times 3 + \left(\frac{20}{\sqrt{468}}\right) \times 1$   
 $\left( = \frac{4 - 24 + 20}{\sqrt{468}} \right)$   
 $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{OA} = 2 \times 2 + (-8) \times 3 + 20 \times 1$   
 $u \cdot \vec{OA} = 0 \text{ or } \vec{AB} \cdot \vec{OA} = 0$  A1 N0
- (b) (i) **EITHER**  
 $S\left(\frac{2+4}{2}, \frac{3-5}{2}, \frac{1+21}{2}\right)$  (M1)(A1)  
 Therefore,  $\vec{OS} = 3i - j + 11k$  (accept  $(3, -1, 11)$ ) A1 N3  
**OR**  
 $\vec{OS} = \vec{OA} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{AB}$  (M1)  
 $= (2i + 3j + k) + \frac{1}{2}(2i + 8j + 20k)$  (A1)  
 $\vec{OS} = 3i - j + 11k$  A1 N3
- (ii)  $L_1: r = (3i - j + 11k) + t(2i + 3j + 1k)$  A1 N1
- (c) Using direction vectors (eg  $2i + 3j + 1k$  and  $-2i + 5j - 3k$ ) (M1)  
 Valid explanation of why  $L_1$  is not parallel to  $L_2$  R1 N2  
 eg. Direction vectors are not scalar multiples of each other.  
 Angle between the direction vectors is not zero or 180.  
 Finding the angle  
 $d_1 \cdot d_2 \neq |d_1||d_2|$ .  
*Note: Award R0 for "direction vectors are not equal".*