

# Pure Maths 3

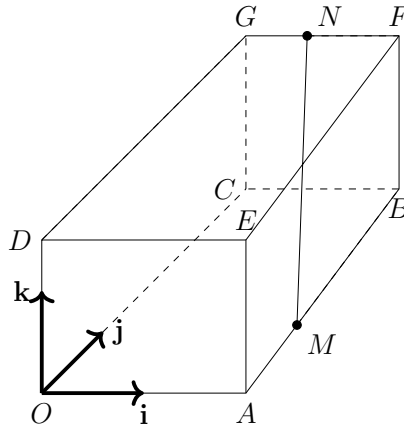
## 3.7 Vectors - Easy



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## Questions

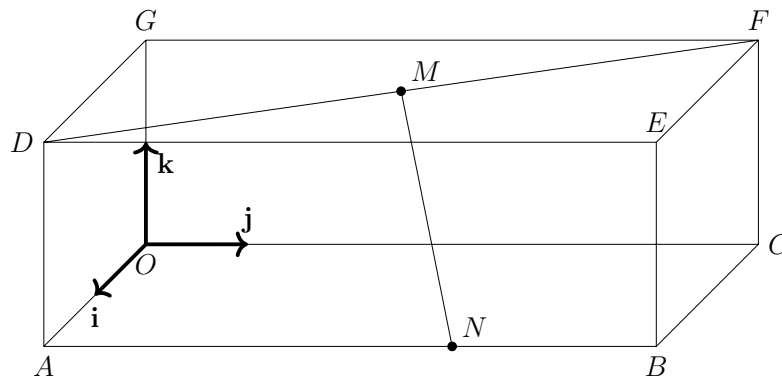
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- Express the vectors  $\overrightarrow{OM}$  and  $\overrightarrow{MN}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$ .
- Find a vector equation for the line through  $M$  and  $N$ .
- Find the position vector of  $P$ , the foot of the perpendicular from  $D$  to the line through  $M$  and  $N$ .

2.



In the diagram,  $OABCDEFG$  is a cuboid in which  $OA = 2$  units,  $OC = 4$  units and  $OG = 2$  units. Unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  are parallel to  $OA$ ,  $OC$  and  $OG$  respectively. The point  $M$  is the midpoint of  $DF$ . The point  $N$  on  $AB$  is such that  $AN = 3NB$ . (9709/31/M/J/22 number 9)

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- Show that the length of the perpendicular from  $O$  to the line through  $M$  and  $N$  is  $\sqrt{\frac{53}{6}}$ .

3. The lines  $l$  and  $m$  have vector equations

$$r = -\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \quad \text{and} \quad r = 5\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} + \mu(a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$$

respectively, where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants. (9709/32/M/J/22 number 9)

- (a) Given that  $l$  and  $m$  intersect, show that  $2b - a = 4$ .  
 (b) Given also that  $l$  and  $m$  are perpendicular, find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .  
 (c) When  $a$  and  $b$  have these values, find the position vector of the point of intersection of  $l$  and  $m$ .

4. With respect to the origin  $O$ , the point  $A$  has position vector given by  $\vec{OA} = \mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$ . The line  $l$  has vector equation  $r = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k} + \lambda(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$ . (9709/33/M/J/22 number 9)

- (a) Find in degrees the acute angle between the directions of  $OA$  and  $l$ .  
 (b) Find the position vector of the foot of the perpendicular from  $A$  to  $l$ .  
 (c) Hence find the position vector of the reflection of  $A$  in  $l$ .

5. With respect to the origin  $O$ , the position vectors of the points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are given by

$$\vec{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The midpoint of  $AC$  is  $M$  and the point  $N$  lies on  $BC$ , between  $B$  and  $C$ , and is such that  $BN = 2NC$ . (9709/33/O/N/22 number 9)

- (a) Find the position vectors of  $M$  and  $N$ .  
 (b) Find a vector equation for the line through  $M$  and  $N$ .  
 (c) Find the position vector of the point  $Q$  where the line through  $M$  and  $N$  intersects the line through  $A$  and  $B$ .

6. With respect to the origin  $O$ , the points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  have position vectors given by

$$\vec{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{OD} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

(9709/32/F/M/23 number 10)

- (a) Find the obtuse angle between the vectors  $\vec{OA}$  and  $\vec{OB}$ .  
 The line  $l$  passes through the points  $A$  and  $B$ .  
 (b) Find a vector equation for the line  $l$ .  
 (c) Find the position vector of the point of intersection of the line  $l$  and the line passing through  $C$  and  $D$ .

7. Relative to the origin, the points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  have position vectors given by

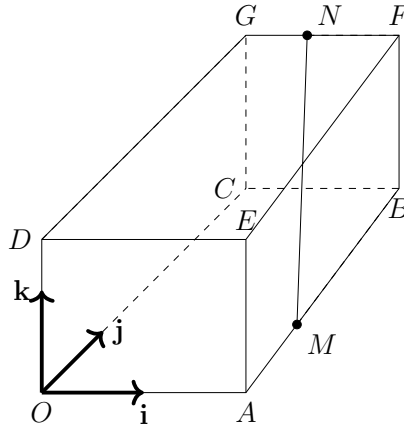
$$\vec{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

The quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram. (9709/31/M/J/23 number 6)

- (a) Find the position vector of  $D$ .  
 (b) The angle between  $BA$  and  $BC$  is  $\theta$ .  
 Find the exact value of  $\cos \theta$ .  
 (c) Hence find the area of  $ABCD$ , giving your answers in the form  $p\sqrt{q}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers.

## Answers

1.



In the diagram,  $OABCDEFG$  is a cuboid in which  $OA = 2$  units,  $OC = 3$  units and  $OD = 2$  units. Unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  are parallel to  $OA$ ,  $OC$  and  $OD$  respectively. The point  $M$  on  $AB$  is such that  $MB = 2AM$ . The midpoint of  $FG$  is  $N$ . (9709/32/F/M/20 number 8)

(a) Express the vectors  $\overrightarrow{OM}$  and  $\overrightarrow{MN}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$ .

We can write  $\overrightarrow{OM}$  as,

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{OM} &= \overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{AM} \\ \overrightarrow{OM} &= 2\mathbf{i} + \overrightarrow{AM}\end{aligned}$$

$AM$  is a third of  $AB$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{AM} &= \frac{1}{3} \times 3\mathbf{j} \\ \overrightarrow{AM} &= \mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

Now let's evaluate  $\overrightarrow{OM}$ ,

$$\overrightarrow{OM} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$$

We can write  $\overrightarrow{MN}$  as,

$$\overrightarrow{MN} = \overrightarrow{ON} - \overrightarrow{OM}$$

Let's first find  $\overrightarrow{ON}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{ON} &= \frac{1}{2}\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OC} + \overrightarrow{CG} \\ \overrightarrow{ON} &= \frac{1}{2} \times 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \\ \overrightarrow{ON} &= \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

Now let's evaluate  $\overrightarrow{MN}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{MN} &= \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} - 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} \\ \overrightarrow{MN} &= -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\overrightarrow{OM} = 2\mathbf{i} + j \quad \overrightarrow{MN} = -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$

- (b) Find a vector equation for the line through  $M$  and  $N$ .

$$r = a + tb$$

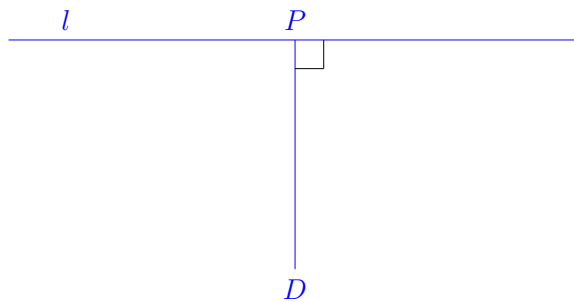
$a$  is point on the line. Let's use  $\overrightarrow{OM}$ .  $b$  is the direction vector, in this case  $\overrightarrow{MN}$ . Therefore, the final answer is,

$$r = 2\mathbf{i} + j + t(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$$

- (c) Find the position vector of  $P$ , the foot of the perpendicular from  $D$  to the line through  $M$  and  $N$ .

$$r = 2\mathbf{i} + j + t(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$$

Let's sketch a diagram of our problem,



Note:  $l$  represents the line through  $M$  and  $N$ .

Let's find the general coordinates of  $P$ . We can use the equation for the line through  $M$  and  $N$ , since  $P$  lies on that line,

$$\overrightarrow{OP} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-t \\ 1+2t \\ 2t \end{pmatrix}$$

Now let's find the general coordinates of  $\overrightarrow{DP}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{DP} &= \overrightarrow{OP} - \overrightarrow{OD} \\ \overrightarrow{DP} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2-t \\ 1+2t \\ 2t \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \overrightarrow{DP} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2-t \\ 1+2t \\ 2t-2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

When two lines are perpendicular, their scalar product is equal to zero. This means that the scalar product of  $\vec{DP}$  and the direction vector of the line through  $M$  and  $N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 2-t \\ 1+2t \\ 2t-2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} &= 0 \\ -2+t+2+4t+4t-4 &= 0 \\ -4+9t &= 0 \\ 9t &= 4 \\ t &= \frac{4}{9} \end{aligned}$$

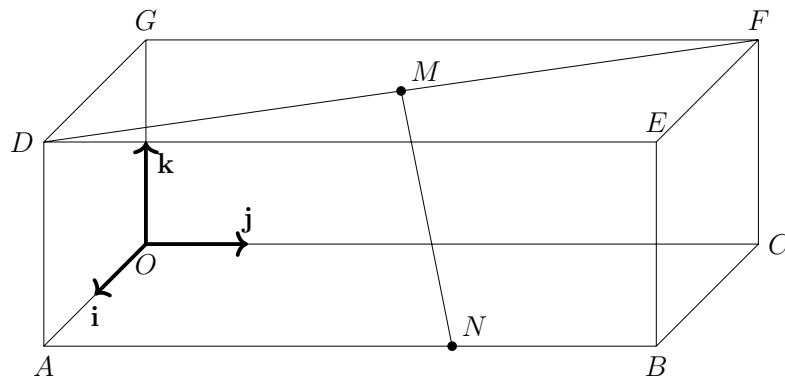
Now let's evaluate the coordinates of the position vector of  $P$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OP} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 - \frac{4}{9} \\ 1 + 2\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) \\ 2\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{OP} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{14}{9} \\ \frac{17}{9} \\ \frac{8}{9} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\vec{OP} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{14}{9} \\ \frac{17}{9} \\ \frac{8}{9} \end{pmatrix}$$

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(a) Express the vectors  $\vec{OM}$  and  $\vec{MN}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$ .

We can write  $\vec{OM}$  as,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OM} &= \frac{1}{2}\vec{OA} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{OC} + \vec{OG} \\ \vec{OM} &= \frac{1}{2} \times 2\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{2} \times 4\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \\ \vec{OM} &= \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

We can write  $\overrightarrow{MN}$  as,

$$\overrightarrow{MN} = \overrightarrow{ON} - \overrightarrow{OM}$$

Let's first find  $\overrightarrow{ON}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{ON} &= \overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{AN} \\ \overrightarrow{ON} &= 2\mathbf{i} + \frac{3}{4}\overrightarrow{AB}\end{aligned}$$

**Note: Remember that  $AN = 3NB$ .**

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{ON} &= 2\mathbf{i} + \frac{3}{4} \times 4\mathbf{j} \\ \overrightarrow{ON} &= 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

Now let's go back to  $\overrightarrow{MN}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{MN} &= \overrightarrow{ON} - \overrightarrow{OM} \\ \overrightarrow{MN} &= 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k} \\ \overrightarrow{MN} &= \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\overrightarrow{OM} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \quad \overrightarrow{MN} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$$

(b) Find a vector equation for the line through  $M$  and  $N$ .

$$r = a + tb$$

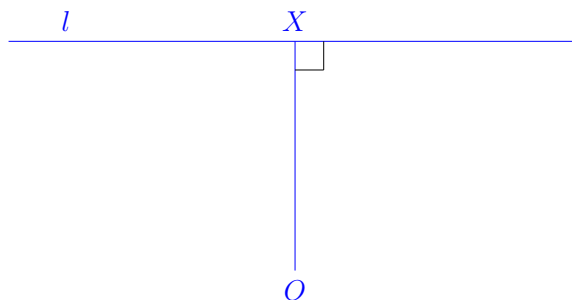
We will use the point  $\overrightarrow{ON}$  and our direction vector  $\overrightarrow{MN}$ . Therefore, the final answer is,

$$r = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + t(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$$

(c) Show that the length of the perpendicular from  $O$  to the line through  $M$  and  $N$  is  $\sqrt{\frac{53}{6}}$ .

$$r = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + t(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$$

Let's sketch a diagram of our problem,



**Note:**  $l$  represents the line through  $M$  and  $N$ .

Let's by finding the general coordinates of  $\overrightarrow{OX}$  since it lies on the line,

$$\overrightarrow{OX} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+t \\ 3+t \\ -2t \end{pmatrix}$$

When two lines are perpendicular to each other their scalar product is equal to 0. In this case the line is perpendicular to  $\overrightarrow{OX}$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2+t \\ 3+t \\ -2t \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$2+t+3+t+4t=0$$

$$5+6t=0$$

$$6t=5$$

$$t = -\frac{5}{6}$$

Now let's find the exact coordinates of  $\overrightarrow{OX}$ ,

$$\overrightarrow{OX} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + \left(-\frac{5}{6}\right) \\ 3 + \left(-\frac{5}{6}\right) \\ -2\left(-\frac{5}{6}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OX} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{6} \\ \frac{13}{6} \\ \frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Now let's find the length of  $\overrightarrow{OX}$ ,

$$|OX| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{13}{6}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^2}$$

$$|OX| = \sqrt{\frac{53}{6}}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$|OX| = \sqrt{\frac{53}{6}}$$

3. The lines  $l$  and  $m$  have vector equations

$$r = -\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \quad \text{and} \quad r = 5\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} + \mu(a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$$

respectively, where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants. (9709/32/M/J/22 number 9)

(a) Given that  $l$  and  $m$  intersect, show that  $2b - a = 4$ .

$$r = -\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \quad \text{and} \quad r = 5\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} + \mu(a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$$



Let's write out the equations we get from the vector equations,

$$x = -1 + 2\lambda \quad x = 5 + a\mu$$

$$y = 3 - \lambda \quad y = 4 + b\mu$$

$$z = 4 - \lambda \quad z = 3 + \mu$$

Equate each set of equations,

$$-1 + 2\lambda = 5 + a\mu$$

$$3 - \lambda = 4 + b\mu$$

$$4 - \lambda = 3 + \mu$$

Let's make  $\mu$  the subject of the formula in the third equation,

$$\mu = 1 - \lambda$$

Substitute into the second equation,

$$3 - \lambda = 4 + b(1 - \lambda)$$

$$3 - \lambda = 4 + b - b\lambda$$

Let's solve for  $\lambda$  in terms of  $b$ ,

$$b\lambda - \lambda = 4 - 3 + b$$

$$\lambda(b - 1) = 1 + b$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1 + b}{b - 1}$$

Now evaluate  $\mu$  in terms of  $b$ ,

$$\mu = 1 - \frac{1 + b}{b - 1}$$

$$\mu = \frac{b - 1 - 1 - b}{b - 1}$$

$$\mu = \frac{-2}{b - 1}$$

Substitute  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  into the first equation,

$$-1 + 2\left(\frac{1 + b}{b - 1}\right) = 5 + a\left(\frac{-2}{b - 1}\right)$$

Get rid of the denominator,

$$-1(b - 1) + 2(1 + b) = 5(b - 1) - 2a$$

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

$$b + 3 = 5b - 5 - 2a$$

$$5b - b - 2a = 5 + 3$$

$$4b - 2a = 8$$

$$2b - a = 4$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$2b - a = 4$$

(b) Given also that  $l$  and  $m$  are perpendicular, find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$r = -\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \quad \text{and} \quad r = 5\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} + \mu(a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$$

If  $l$  and  $m$  are perpendicular then the scalar product of their direction vectors is equal to 0,

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

Now we have two equations in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ ,

$$2b - a = 4 \quad 2a - b - 1 = 0$$

Let's solve them simultaneously,

$$a = 2b - 4$$

$$2a - b - 1 = 0$$

$$2(2b - 4) - b - 1 = 0$$

$$4b - 8 - b - 1 = 0$$

$$3b - 9 = 0$$

$$3b = 9$$

$$b = 3$$

Let's evaluate  $a$ ,

$$a = 2(3) - 4$$

$$a = 2$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$a = 2 \quad b = 3$$

(c) When  $a$  and  $b$  have these values, find the position vector of the point of intersection of  $l$  and  $m$ .

$$x = -1 + 2\lambda$$

$$y = 3 - \lambda$$

$$z = 4 - \lambda$$

Our position vector has the general coordinates that we deduced in part (a). We also determined that,

$$\lambda = \frac{1 + b}{b - 1}$$

Evaluate  $\lambda$ ,

$$\lambda = \frac{1+3}{3-1}$$
$$\lambda = 2$$

Substitute into the general coordinates,

$$x = -1 + 2(2)$$

$$y = 3 - 2$$

$$z = 4 - 2$$

This simplifies to give,

$$x = 3$$

$$y = 1$$

$$z = 2$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$

4. With respect to the origin  $O$ , the point  $A$  has position vector given by  $\vec{OA} = \mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$ . The line  $l$  has vector equation  $r = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k} + \lambda(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$ . (9709/33/M/J/22 number 9)

(a) Find in degrees the acute angle between the directions of  $OA$  and  $l$ .

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a \cdot b}{|a||b|}$$

Let's find the scalar product of the directions of  $OA$  and  $l$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-1 + 10 + 18$$

$$27$$

Let's find the magnitude of each vector,

$$|OA| = \sqrt{1^2 + 5^2 + 6^2}$$

$$|OA| = \sqrt{62}$$

$$|l| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}$$

$$|l| = \sqrt{14}$$

Let's substitute into the formula,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{27}{\sqrt{62} \times \sqrt{14}}$$
$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{27}{\sqrt{62} \times \sqrt{14}} \right)$$
$$\theta = 23.6^\circ$$

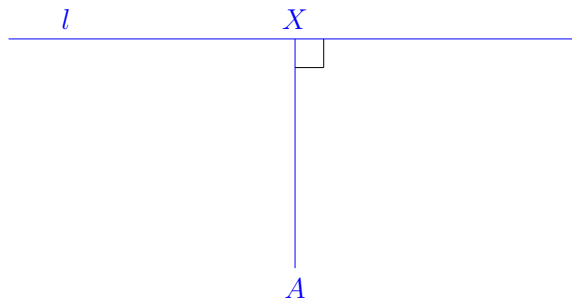
Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\theta = 23.6^\circ$$

(b) Find the position vector of the foot of the perpendicular from  $A$  to  $l$ .

$$r = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k} + \lambda(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$$

Let's sketch a diagram of our problem,



Let's find the general coordinates of  $X$  since it lies on the line  $l$ ,

$$\overrightarrow{OX} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 - \lambda \\ 2\lambda \\ 1 + 3\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

Now let's find the general coordinates of  $\overrightarrow{AX}$ ,

$$\overrightarrow{AX} = \overrightarrow{OX} - \overrightarrow{OA}$$
$$\overrightarrow{AX} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 - \lambda \\ 2\lambda \\ 1 + 3\lambda \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\overrightarrow{AX} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - \lambda \\ -5 + 2\lambda \\ -5 + 3\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

When two lines are perpendicular to each other, their scalar product is equal to 0. In this case  $\vec{AX}$  and  $l$  are perpendicular,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 - \lambda \\ -5 + 2\lambda \\ -5 + 3\lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$-3 + \lambda - 10 + 4\lambda - 15 + 9\lambda = 0$$

$$-28 + 14\lambda = 0$$

$$14\lambda = 28$$

$$\lambda = 2$$

Now let's evaluate the coordinates of  $X$ ,

$$\vec{OX} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 - 2 \\ 2(2) \\ 1 + 3(2) \end{pmatrix}$$

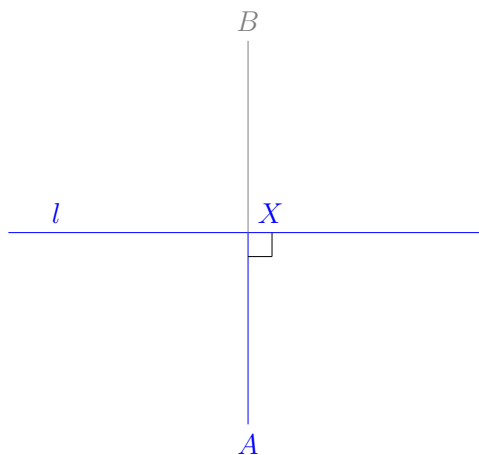
$$\vec{OX} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\vec{OX} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Hence find the position vector of the reflection of  $A$  in  $l$ .

If you reflect  $A$  in  $l$  you get  $B$ ,



Since  $B$  is a reflection of  $A$  in the line  $l$ . This means that  $\vec{AX}$  should be equal to  $\vec{XB}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AX} &= \vec{XB} \\ \vec{AX} &= \vec{OB} - \vec{OX} \end{aligned}$$

We want to find  $\vec{OB}$ , so make it the subject of the formula,

$$\vec{OB} = \vec{OX} + \vec{AX}$$

We already evaluated  $\vec{OX}$  in part (b). We didn't finish evaluating  $\vec{AX}$  in part (b), so let's evaluate it now that we know that  $\lambda = 2$ ,

$$\vec{AX} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - \lambda \\ -5 + 2\lambda \\ -5 + 3\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{AX} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - 2 \\ -5 + 2(2) \\ -5 + 3(2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{AX} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now let's evaluate  $\vec{OB}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OB} &= \vec{OX} + \vec{AX} \\ \vec{OB} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{OB} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\vec{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

5. With respect to the origin  $O$ , the position vectors of the points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are given by

$$\vec{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The midpoint of  $AC$  is  $M$  and the point  $N$  lies on  $BC$ , between  $B$  and  $C$ , and is such that  $BN = 2NC$ . (9709/33/O/N/22 number 9)

(a) Find the position vectors of  $M$  and  $N$ .

Let's start with the position vector of  $M$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OM} &= \vec{OA} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{AC} \\ \vec{OM} &= \vec{OA} + \frac{1}{2}(\vec{OC} - \vec{OA}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OM} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$\overrightarrow{OM} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -8 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OM} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OM} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now let's find the position vector of  $N$ ,

$$\overrightarrow{BN} = 2\overrightarrow{NC}$$

$$\overrightarrow{ON} - \overrightarrow{OB} = 2(\overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{ON})$$

$$\overrightarrow{ON} - \overrightarrow{OB} = 2\overrightarrow{OC} - 2\overrightarrow{ON}$$

$$3\overrightarrow{ON} = 2\overrightarrow{OC} + \overrightarrow{OB}$$

$$\overrightarrow{ON} = \frac{2}{3}\overrightarrow{OC} + \frac{1}{3}\overrightarrow{OB}$$

$$\overrightarrow{ON} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{ON} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{8}{3} \\ -2 \\ -\frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{ON} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\overrightarrow{OM} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \overrightarrow{ON} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Find a vector equation for the line through  $M$  and  $N$ .

$$r = a + tb$$

We will use the point  $\overrightarrow{OM}$ . Let's find the direction vector  $\overrightarrow{MN}$ ,

$$\overrightarrow{MN} = \overrightarrow{ON} - \overrightarrow{OM}$$

$$\overrightarrow{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) Find the position vector of the point  $Q$  where the line through  $M$  and  $N$  intersects the line through  $A$  and  $B$ .

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We already have the equation of the line through  $M$  and  $N$ . Let's find the equation of the line through  $A$  and  $B$ . Let's start by finding its direction vector  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{AB} &= \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} \\ \overrightarrow{AB} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \overrightarrow{AB} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This means the vector equation for the line through  $A$  and  $B$  is,

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we have the two vector equations,

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let's solve them simultaneously,

$$\begin{aligned} 2 + t &= s \\ 1 - 3t &= 5 - 5s \\ -t &= 2 - s \end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $s = 2 + t$  into the second equation,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - 3t &= 5 - 5(2 + t) \\ 1 - 3t &= 5 - 10 - 5t \\ 2t &= 5 - 10 - 1 \\ 2t &= -6 \\ t &= -3 \end{aligned}$$



The coordinates of the point of intersection  $Q$  are,

$$\vec{OQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+t \\ 1-3t \\ -t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{OQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-3 \\ 1-3(-3) \\ -(-3) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{OQ} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 10 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\vec{OQ} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 10 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. With respect to the origin  $O$ , the points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  have position vectors given by

$$\vec{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{OD} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

(9709/32/F/M/23 number 10)

(a) Find the obtuse angle between the vectors  $\vec{OA}$  and  $\vec{OB}$ .

$$\cos \theta = \frac{OA \cdot OB}{|OA||OB|}$$

Let's find their scalar product,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \\ 3 - 2 - 6 \\ -5$$

Let's find their magnitudes,

$$|OA| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-1)^2 + 2^2}$$

$$|OA| = \sqrt{14}$$

$$|OB| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + (-3)^2}$$

$$|OB| = \sqrt{14}$$

Substitute into the formula,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-5}{\sqrt{14} \times \sqrt{14}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-5}{\sqrt{14} \times \sqrt{14}} \right)$$

$$\theta = 110.9^\circ$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\theta = 110.9^\circ$$

The line  $l$  passes through the points  $A$  and  $B$ .

- (b) Find a vector equation for the line  $l$ .

$$r = a + tb$$

Let's start by finding the direction vector  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{AB} &= \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} \\ \overrightarrow{AB} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \overrightarrow{AB} &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) Find the position vector of the point of intersection of the line  $l$  and the line passing through  $C$  and  $D$ .

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

We already have the equation of line  $l$ . We need to find the equation of the line passing through  $C$  and  $D$ . Let's start by finding the direction vector  $\overrightarrow{CD}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{CD} &= \overrightarrow{OD} - \overrightarrow{OC} \\ \overrightarrow{CD} &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \\ \overrightarrow{CD} &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

This means the equation of the line through  $C$  and  $D$  is,

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we have the two vector equations,

$$r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let's solve the two equations simultaneously,

$$1 - 2t = 1 + 4s$$

$$2 + 3t = -2 - 4s$$

$$-3 - 5t = 5 + 6s$$

Let's make  $t$  the subject of the formula in the first equation,

$$2t = 1 - 1 - 4s$$

$$2t = -4s$$

$$t = -2s$$

Substitute  $t = -2s$  into the second equation,

$$2 + 3(-2s) = -2 - 4s$$

$$2 - 6s = -2 - 4s$$

$$2s = 4$$

$$s = 2$$

The coordinates of the point of intersection are,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + 4s \\ -2 - 4s \\ 5 + 6s \end{pmatrix}$$

Substitute  $s$  with 2,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + 4(2) \\ -2 - 4(2) \\ 5 + 6(2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -10 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -10 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix}$$

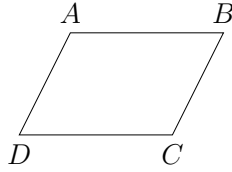
7. Relative to the origin, the points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  have position vectors given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{OC} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

The quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram. (9709/31/M/J/23 number 6)

(a) Find the position vector of  $D$ .

Let's sketch a diagram of our problem,



You will notice that,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AB} &= \vec{DC} \\ \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} &= \vec{OC} - \vec{OD} \\ \vec{OD} &= \vec{OC} + \vec{OA} - \vec{OB} \\ \vec{OD} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{OD} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\vec{OD} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) The angle between  $BA$  and  $BC$  is  $\theta$ .

Find the exact value of  $\cos \theta$ .

$$\cos \theta = \frac{BA \cdot BC}{|BA||BC|}$$

Let's find  $\vec{BA}$  and  $\vec{BC}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{BA} &= \vec{OA} - \vec{OB} \\ \vec{BA} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{BA} &= \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{BC} &= \vec{OC} - \vec{OB} \\ \vec{BC} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{BC} &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Let's find their scalar product,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -5 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$2 + 10 - 6$$
$$6$$

Let's find their magnitudes,

$$|BA| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2}$$
$$|BA| = 3$$
$$|BC| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-5)^2 + (-6)^2}$$
$$|BC| = \sqrt{62}$$

Substitute into the formula,

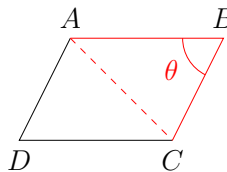
$$\cos \theta = \frac{6}{3\sqrt{62}}$$
$$\cos \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{62}}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{62}}$$

- (c) Hence find the area of  $ABCD$ , giving your answers in the form  $p\sqrt{q}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers.

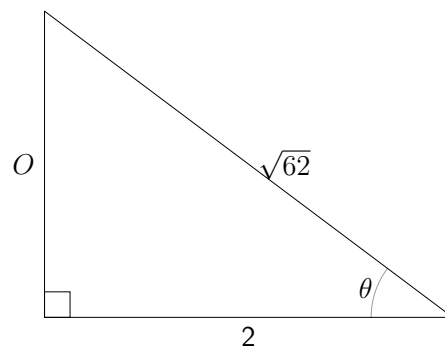
Let's sketch a diagram of our problem,



The area of the parallelogram is twice the area of the triangle. Let's find the area of the triangle,

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times \sqrt{62} \times \sin \theta$$

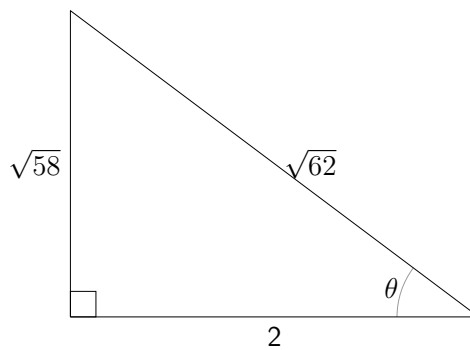
Let's find  $\sin \theta$  first. To do that, let's draw a right angled triangle and use *SOHCAHTOA* and the fact that  $\cos \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{62}}$ ,



Let's find the length of the opposite side,

$$O = \sqrt{\sqrt{62}^2 - 2^2}$$

$$O = \sqrt{58}$$



Let's read off the exact value of  $\sin \theta$  from the diagram,

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{58}}{\sqrt{62}}$$

Now let's go back to the triangle inside the parallelogram,

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times \sqrt{62} \times \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times \sqrt{62} \times \frac{\sqrt{58}}{\sqrt{62}}$$

$$\frac{3\sqrt{58}}{2}$$

Remember that 2 of these triangles make up the parallelogram,

$$2 \times \frac{3\sqrt{58}}{2}$$

$$3\sqrt{58}$$

Therefore, the final answer is,

$$3\sqrt{58}$$