

1 The position vectors of three points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  relative to an origin  $O$  are given by

$$\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k},$$

$$\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j},$$

and

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$

respectively.

(a) Find:

(i)  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ ; (2 marks)

(ii)  $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c}$ . (2 marks)

(b) State a geometrical relationship between the points  $O$ ,  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ . (1 mark)

3 Given that

$$\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{i} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{j},$$

express

$$(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + 5\mathbf{c})$$

in terms of  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ .

(6 marks)

Q	Solution	Marks	Total	Comments
1 (a)(i)	$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	M1A1	2	
(ii)	$(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 6 - 8 + 2 = 0$	M1A1F	2	
(b)	$O$ , $A$ , $B$ and $C$ are coplanar	E1	1	no ft here
<b>Total</b>			<b>5</b>	

3	Sensible expansion	M1	6	if $\mathbf{a}^2 + \mathbf{ab} + 5\mathbf{ac}$ ... used M0 unless some indication of understanding, e.g. $\mathbf{a}^2 = 0$ . $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{j}$ , $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i}$ , $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{k}$ or similar: 0
	Cancelling out $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a}$ etc.	M1		
	Cancelling out $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}$	M1		
	$\mathbf{a} \times 5\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{b} \times 5\mathbf{c}$	A1		
	$5\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j}$	A1A1		
<b>Total</b>			<b>6</b>	All A's depend on M3

5 The position vectors  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  of three points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

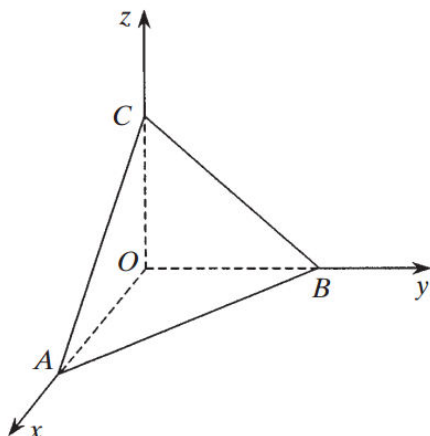
respectively.

(a) Calculate  $(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \times (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a})$ . (4 marks)

(b) Hence find the exact value of the area of the triangle  $ABC$ . (3 marks)

5 (a)	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ or $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ seen $\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a}$ $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$ $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ or $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	B1		Either
		M1		
		A1A1	4	A1 1 correct (or all -ve) ft A1 all correct
(b)	$\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \times (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a}) $	M1		$\frac{1}{2}$ prev. result
	$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}$	M1A1	3	$\sqrt{\quad}$ M1 A1 CAO allowing -ves in (a)
<b>Total</b>			<b>7</b>	

- 6 The four vertices of a tetrahedron  $OABC$  are at the points with position vectors  $\mathbf{0}$ ,  $a\mathbf{i}$ ,  $b\mathbf{j}$  and  $c\mathbf{k}$ .



- (a) Express  $(b\mathbf{j} - a\mathbf{i}) \times (c\mathbf{k} - a\mathbf{i})$  in the form  $p\mathbf{i} + q\mathbf{j} + r\mathbf{k}$ . (3 marks)

- (b) Hence show that the area of the triangular face  $ABC$  is

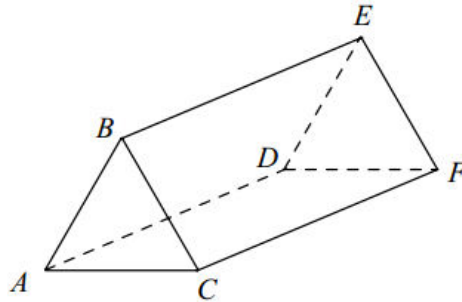
$$\left[ \left( \frac{ab}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{bc}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{ac}{2} \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

(4 marks)

6 (a)	$b\mathbf{j} \times c\mathbf{k} - a\mathbf{i} \times c\mathbf{k} - b\mathbf{j} \times a\mathbf{i} + a\mathbf{i} \times a\mathbf{i}$ $= bc\mathbf{i} + ac\mathbf{j} + ab\mathbf{k}$	M1 M1A1	3	a.e.f
(b)	$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}  \overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC} $ $= \frac{1}{2} (b\mathbf{j} - a\mathbf{i}) \times (c\mathbf{k} - a\mathbf{i})$ $= \left  \frac{bc}{2}\mathbf{i} + \frac{ac}{2}\mathbf{j} + \frac{ab}{2}\mathbf{k} \right $ $\left[ \left( \frac{ab}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{bc}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{ac}{2} \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$	B1√  M1A1√		[√ on -ve signs from (a)]
(c)	$(\text{Area } \triangle ABC)^2 =$ $(\triangle OAB)^2 + (\triangle OAC)^2 + (\triangle OBC)^2$	E2	4  2	a.g.  E1 if recognises $(\text{area } \triangle ABC) = \frac{abc}{2}$
<b>Total</b>			<b>9</b>	

- 6 The triangular prism  $ABCDEF$  has parallel triangular ends  $ABC$  and  $DEF$ , and the edges  $AD$ ,  $BE$  and  $CF$  are parallel.

The coordinates of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  are  $(1, 2, 0)$ ,  $(-1, 2, p)$ ,  $(3, 0, 2)$  and  $(4, 1, 5)$  respectively.



- (a) Find the coordinates of the point  $E$  in terms of  $p$ . (2 marks)
- (b) (i) Find  $\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}$ . (3 marks)
- (ii) Hence find  $\vec{AD} \cdot (\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC})$ , giving your answer in terms of  $p$ . (2 marks)
- (c) (i) Determine the volume of the prism  $ABCDEF$  when  $p = 1$ . (2 marks)
- (ii) Describe the configuration of  $ABCDEF$  when  $p = -4$ . (2 marks)

Q	Solution	Marks	Total	Comments
6 (a)	$\vec{AD} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$	B1		at any stage
	$\therefore E$ is $(2, 1, p+5)$	B1F	2	
(b)(i)	$\vec{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ p \end{bmatrix}$ $\vec{AC} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$	B1		
	$\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ p \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2p \\ 4+2p \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$	M1A1F	3	
(ii)	$\vec{AD} \cdot \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{bmatrix} 2p \\ 2p+4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$			
	$= 6p - 4 - 2p + 20$	M1		
	$= 4p + 16$	A1F	2	
(c)(i)	$p = 1$ $\vec{AD} \cdot \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = 20$	B1F		
	Volume of prism is 10	B1F	2	
(ii)	$p = -4$ $\vec{AD} \cdot \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = 0$	B1		must equal zero for this B1
	$\therefore \vec{AB}, \vec{AC}, \vec{AD}$ are coplanar	E1	2	OE
<b>Total</b>			<b>11</b>	