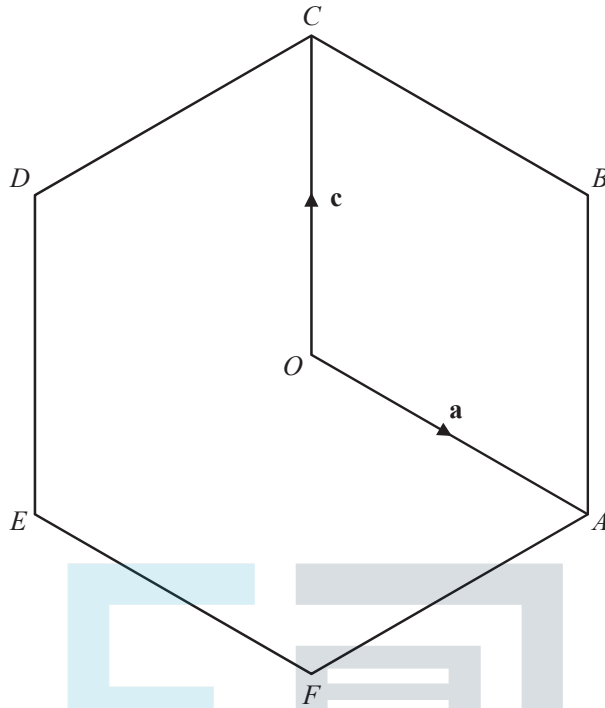




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## Vectors

### Model Answer



$O$  is the origin.

$ABCDEF$  is a regular hexagon and  $O$  is the midpoint of  $AD$ .

$$\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a} \text{ and } \vec{OC} = \mathbf{c}.$$

Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ , in their simplest form

(a)  $\vec{BE}$ ,

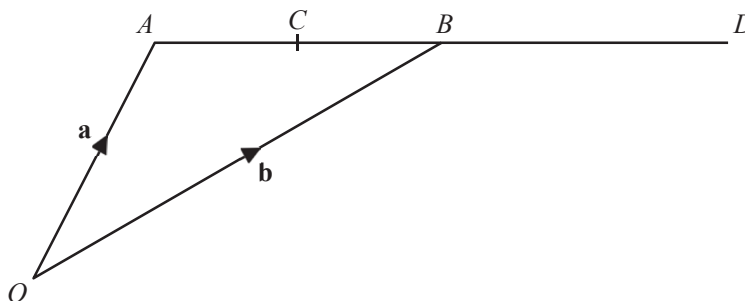
The vector  $\vec{BE}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  is  $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}$ . [2]

(b)  $\vec{DB}$ ,

In terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ , the vector  $\vec{DB}$  is  $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}$ . [2]

(c) the position vector of  $E$ .

The position vector of point  $E$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  is  $\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{c}$ . [2]



$A$  and  $B$  have position vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  relative to the origin  $O$ .  
 $C$  is the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $B$  is the midpoint of  $AD$ .

Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , in their simplest form

(a) the position vector of  $C$ , [2]

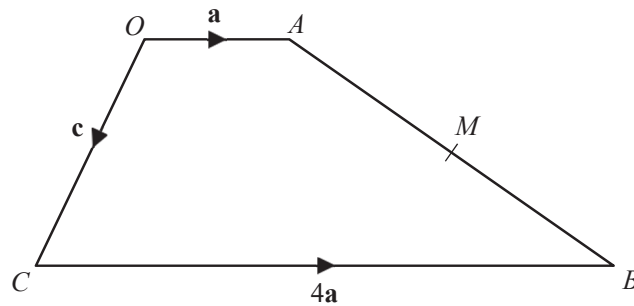
The position vector of point  $C$ , the midpoint of  $A$  and  $B$ , is given by  $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$ .

(b) the vector  $\overrightarrow{CD}$ . [2]

The vector  $\overrightarrow{CD}$  can be expressed in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  as follows:

$$\overrightarrow{CD} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) - \mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}.$$

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$O$  is the origin,  $\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$ ,  $\vec{OC} = \mathbf{c}$  and  $\vec{CB} = 4\mathbf{a}$ .  
 $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ .

(a) Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ , in their simplest form

(i) the vector  $\vec{AB}$ , [2]

Therefore, the vector  $\vec{AB}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  is  $\mathbf{c}$

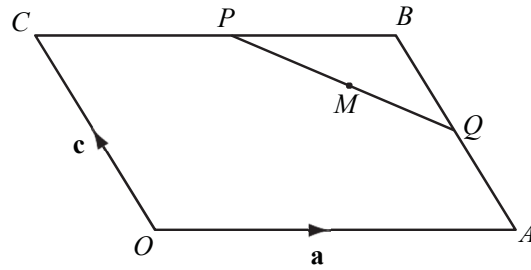
(ii) the position vector of  $M$ . [2]

the position vector of  $M$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  is  $3\mathbf{a}$ .

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(b) Mark the point  $D$  on the diagram where  $\vec{OD} = 3\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{c}$ . [2]

Question 4



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$O$  is the origin and  $OABC$  is a parallelogram.  
 $CP = PB$  and  $AQ = QB$ .

$\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$  and  $\vec{OC} = \mathbf{c}$ .

Find in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ , in their simplest form,

- (a)  $\vec{PQ}$ , [2]

in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ ,  $\vec{PQ} = \mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{c}$ .

- (b) the position vector of  $M$ , where  $M$  is the midpoint of  $PQ$ . [2]

The position vector of  $M$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  is:

$$\mathbf{m} = \frac{\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q} - \frac{\mathbf{a}}{2} - \frac{\mathbf{c}}{2}}{2}$$

## Question 5

$\vec{AB} = \mathbf{a} + t\mathbf{b}$  and  $\vec{CD} = \mathbf{a} + (3t - 5)\mathbf{b}$  where  $t$  is a number.

Find the value of  $t$  when  $\vec{AB} = \vec{CD}$ .

[2]

Setting  $\vec{AB} = \vec{CD}$  and equating the corresponding components, we get:

$$\mathbf{a} + t\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} + (3t - 5)\mathbf{b}$$

$$t\mathbf{b} = (3t - 5)\mathbf{b}$$

Since  $\mathbf{b}$  is a vector and cannot be zero, we can cancel it from both sides of the equation, leaving:

$$t = 3t - 5$$

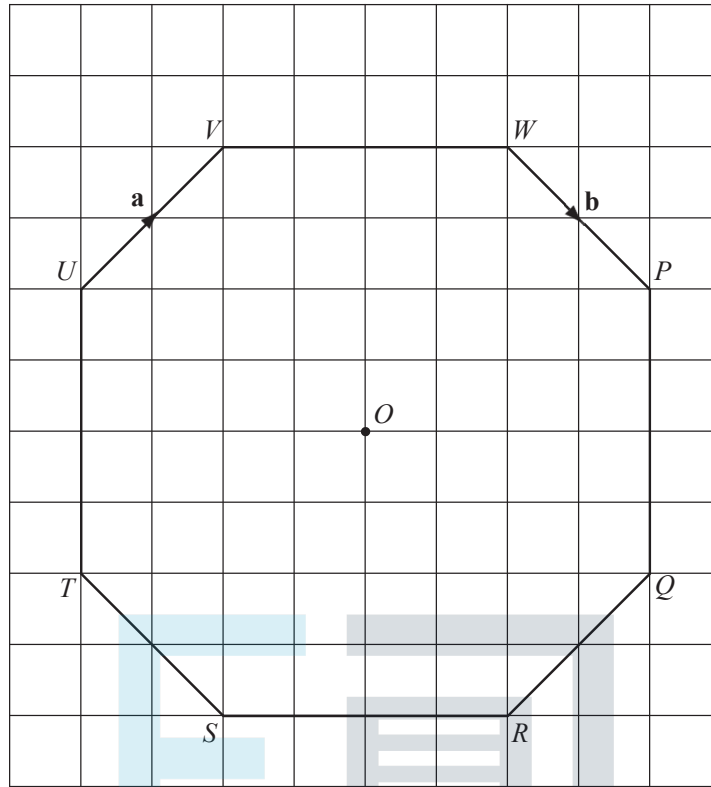
Solving for  $t$ :

$$2t = 5 \implies t = \frac{5}{2}$$

So, the value of  $t$  is  $\frac{5}{2}$ .



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The origin  $O$  is the centre of the octagon  $PQRSTUWV$ .  
 $\vec{UV} = \mathbf{a}$  and  $\vec{WP} = \mathbf{b}$ .

(a) Write down in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$

(i)  $\vec{VW}$ , [1]

In terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  :

$$\vec{VW} = -\mathbf{a}$$

(ii)  $\vec{TU}$ , [1]

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{TU} &= -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}) \\ &= -\mathbf{a} \end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $\vec{TP}$ , [2]

$$\vec{TP} = \vec{UQ} = \vec{WV} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{UV} + \vec{WP}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$$

(iv) the position vector of the point  $P$ . [1]

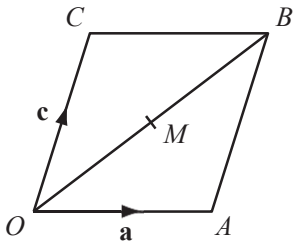
the position vector of point  $P$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is  $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$ .

(b) In the diagram, 1 centimetre represents 1 unit.

Write down the value of  $|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$ . [1]

Given that 1 centimeter represents 1 unit, if  $|\mathbf{a}| = 1$ , then  $|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}| \leq 2$ .

## Question 7



$OABC$  is a parallelogram.  $\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$  and  $\vec{OC} = \mathbf{c}$ .  
 $M$  is the mid-point of  $OB$ .  
 Find  $\vec{MA}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ .

[2]

In a parallelogram  $OABC$ , with  $OA = \mathbf{a}$  and  $OC = \mathbf{c}$ , the midpoint  $M$  of  $OB$  is given by  $\vec{MA} = \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{c}$ .



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- (a)  $D$  is the point  $(2, -5)$  and  $\overrightarrow{DE} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Find the co-ordinates of the point  $E$ .

[1]

**It seems there might be some confusion in the question, as the information about points  $D$  and  $E$  is not directly related to the previous parallelogram.**

- (b)  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $|\mathbf{v}| = 13$ .

Work out the value of  $t$ , where  $t$  is negative.

[2]

The magnitude (or norm) of a vector  $t$   
12 is given by:

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{t^2 + 12^2}$$

You're given that  $|\mathbf{v}| = 13$ , so you can set up the equation:

$$13 = \sqrt{t^2 + 12^2}$$

Now, solve for  $t$ :

$$13^2 = t^2 + 12^2$$

$$169 = t^2 + 144$$

$$t^2 = 25$$

$$t = \pm 5$$

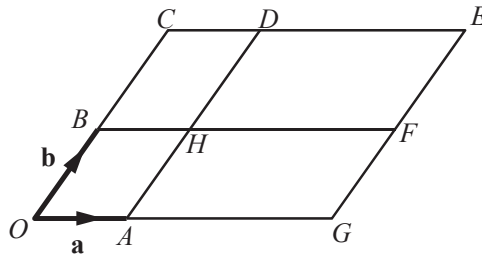
Given that  $t$  is negative, the solution is  $t = -5$ .

Question 9



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The diagram shows a parallelogram  $OCEG$ .



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$O$  is the origin,  $\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$  and  $\vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$ .  
 $BHF$  and  $AHD$  are straight lines parallel to the sides of the parallelogram.  
 $\vec{OG} = 3\vec{OA}$  and  $\vec{OC} = 2\vec{OB}$ .

(a) Write the vector  $\vec{HE}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ . [1]

In terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\vec{HE} = 3\mathbf{b} - 4\mathbf{a}$ .

(b) Complete this statement. [1]

$\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}$  is the position vector of point **E**.....

(c) Write down two vectors that can be written as  $3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$ . [2]

Given that  $\vec{OG} = 3\vec{OA}$  and  $\vec{OC} = 2\vec{OB}$ , we can express  $\vec{OG}$  and  $\vec{OC}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  :

$$\vec{OG} = 3\mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{OC} = 2\mathbf{b}$$

Now, to find vectors in the form  $3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$ , we can subtract  $\mathbf{b}$  from  $3\mathbf{a}$  :

$$3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{a} - 1\mathbf{b}$$

Therefore, two vectors that can be written as  $3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$  are  $3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$  itself and  $2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$ .

## Question 10

(a)  $\vec{GH} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$

Find

(i)  $5\vec{GH}$ ,

[1]

To find  $5\vec{GH}$ , you simply multiply each component of  $\vec{GH}$  by 5:

$$5\vec{GH} = 5 \times \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 30 \\ -20 \end{pmatrix}$$

(ii)  $\vec{HG}$ .

[1]

$$\vec{HG} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Find the value of  $y$ .

[1]

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, add the corresponding components:

$$6 + 2 = 8$$

$$7 + y = 3$$

Solving the second equation for  $y$ :

$$y = 3 - 7 = -4$$

So, the value of  $y$  is  $-4$ .

## Question 11

$$\vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) Find  $\vec{CA}$ . [2]

$$\text{So, } \vec{CA} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) Work out  $|\vec{BA}|$ . [2]

The magnitude (or norm) of a vector  $\vec{BA}$  is given by the formula:

$$|\vec{BA}| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

In this case,  $-5$

6. The initial point  $B$  corresponds to  $(0, 0)$ , so  $x_1 = 0$  and  $y_1 = 0$ . The final point  $A$  corresponds to  $(-5, 6)$ , so  $x_2 = -5$  and  $y_2 = 6$ .

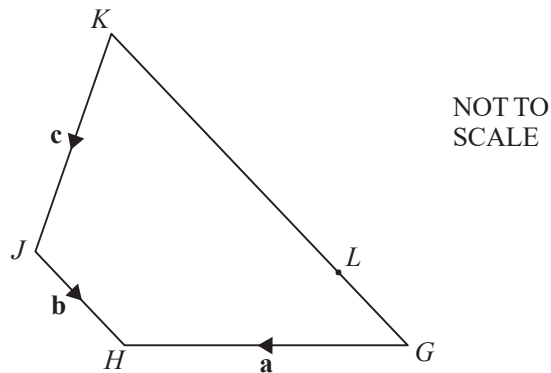
Now, plug these values into the formula:

$$|\vec{BA}| = \sqrt{(-5 - 0)^2 + (6 - 0)^2}$$

$$|\vec{BA}| = \sqrt{25 + 36}$$

$$|\vec{BA}| = \sqrt{61}$$

So, the magnitude of  $\vec{BA}$  is  $\sqrt{61}$ .



$GHJK$  is a quadrilateral.  
 $\vec{GH} = \mathbf{a}$ ,  $\vec{HJ} = \mathbf{b}$  and  $\vec{KJ} = \mathbf{c}$ .  
 $L$  lies on  $GK$  so that  $LK = 3GL$ .

Find an expression, in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ , for  $\vec{GL}$ . [2]

Given that  $L$  lies on  $GK$  so that  $LK = 3GL$ , we can express  $\vec{GL}$  in terms of  $\vec{GK}$  using the fact that  $LK = 3GL$ .

$$\vec{GL} = \frac{1}{3}\vec{GK}$$

Now, express  $\vec{GK}$  in terms of  $\vec{GH}$ ,  $\vec{HJ}$ , and  $\vec{JK}$ :

$$\vec{GK} = \vec{GH} + \vec{HJ} + \vec{JK}$$

Substitute the given vectors:

$$\vec{GK} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$$

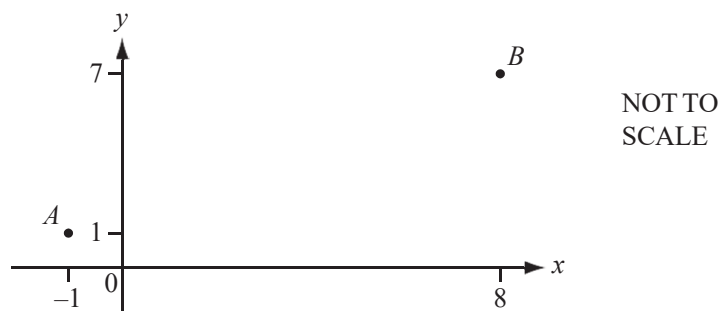
Now, substitute this into the expression for  $\vec{GL}$ :

$$\vec{GL} = \frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})$$

So, in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$ , the expression for  $\vec{GL}$  is:

$$\vec{GL} = \frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})$$

## Question 13



$A$  is the point  $(-1, 1)$  and  $B$  is the point  $(8, 7)$ .

- (a) Write  $\vec{AB}$  as a column vector. [1]

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 - (-1) \\ 7 - 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

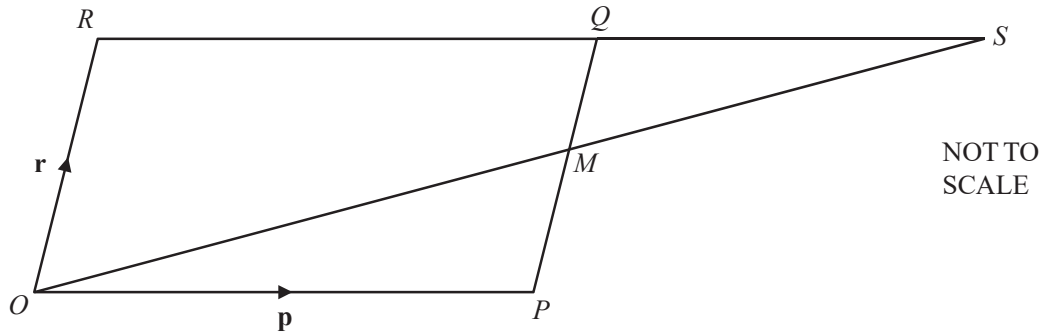
- (b) Find  $|\vec{AB}|$ . [2]

$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{117}$$

- (c)  $\vec{AC} = 2\vec{AB}$ . [1]

Write down the co-ordinates of  $C$ .

$$C = A + \vec{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 18 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix}$$



$OPQR$  is a parallelogram, with  $O$  the origin.

$M$  is the midpoint of  $PQ$ .

$OM$  and  $RQ$  are extended to meet at  $S$ .

$\vec{OP} = \mathbf{p}$  and  $\vec{OR} = \mathbf{r}$ .

(a) Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$ , in its simplest form,

(i)  $\vec{OM}$ , [1]  
 $\vec{OM} = \mathbf{0}$ , which is the vector at the origin.

(ii) the position vector of  $S$ . [1]

The position vector of  $S$  is  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{0}$ , which is simply  $\mathbf{0}$ .

(b) When  $\vec{PT} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r}$ , what can you write down about the position of  $T$ ? [1]

Given that  $OM$  is the midpoint of  $PQ$ , the vector  $\vec{OM}$  is half of the vector  $\vec{OP}$ :

$$\vec{OM} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{OP} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}$$

Now, you're given that  $\vec{PT} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r}$ . Notice that  $-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r}$  is the vector that connects the midpoint  $M$  to point  $T$  ( $\vec{TM}$ ).

So, you can express the position vector of  $T$  as:

$$\vec{OT} = \vec{OM} + \vec{TM}$$

Substitute the values:

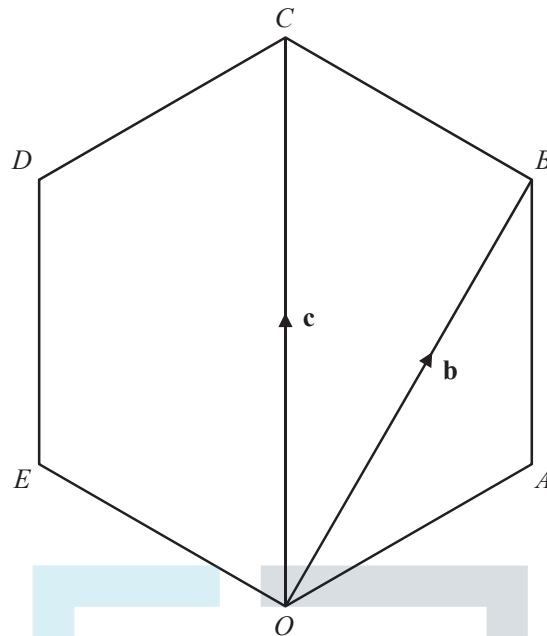
$$\vec{OT} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r}\right)$$

Combine like terms:

$$\vec{OT} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r}$$

$$\vec{OT} = \mathbf{r}$$

So, the position vector of point  $T$  is  $\mathbf{r}$ .



$OABCDE$  is a regular polygon.

- (a) Write down the geometrical name for this polygon. [1]

Regular polygon  $OABCDE$  is a hexagon.

- (b)  $O$  is the origin.  $\vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$  and  $\vec{OC} = \mathbf{c}$ .

Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ , in their simplest form,

- (i)  $\vec{BC}$ , [1]

$$\vec{BC} = \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b}$$

- (ii)  $\vec{OA}$ , [2]

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OA} &= \vec{OB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CD} + \vec{DE} + \vec{EA} \\ &= \mathbf{b} + (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b}) + (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b}) + (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b}) - \vec{OE} \\ &= 3\mathbf{c} - 5\mathbf{b} - \vec{OE} \end{aligned}$$

- (iii) the position vector of  $E$ . [1]

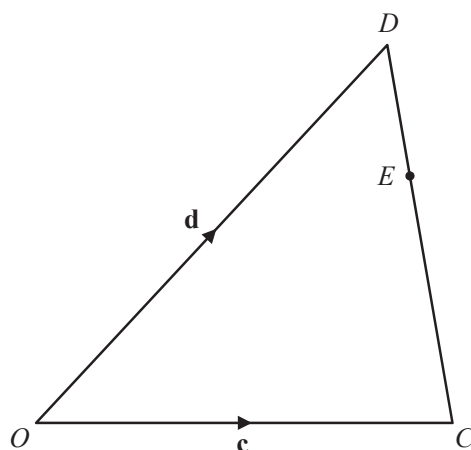
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OE} &= \vec{OB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CD} + \vec{DE} \\ &= \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \\ &= \mathbf{b} + 3\mathbf{c} \end{aligned}$$



## Question 16



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In the diagram,  $O$  is the origin.

$\vec{OC} = c$  and  $\vec{OD} = d$ .

$E$  is on  $CD$  so that  $CE = 2ED$ .

Find, in terms of  $c$  and  $d$ , in their simplest forms,

(a)  $\vec{DE}$ ,

[2]

$$\vec{DE} = \frac{1}{3}(c - d) = \frac{1}{3}c - \frac{1}{3}d$$

(b) the position vector of  $E$ .

[2]

Let's denote the position vector of  $E$  as  $\vec{OE}$ . Since  $E$  is on  $CD$  and  $CE = 2ED$ , we can express  $\vec{OE}$  in terms of  $\vec{OC}$  and  $\vec{OD}$ .

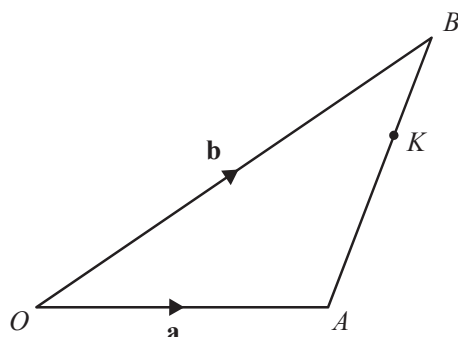
$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OE} &= \vec{OC} + \vec{CE} \\ &= \vec{OC} + 2\vec{ED}\end{aligned}$$

Now, substitute the given vectors:

$$\vec{OE} = c + 2d$$

So, in terms of  $c$  and  $d$ , the position vector of  $E$  is  $c + 2d$ .

## Question 17



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$O$  is the origin and  $K$  is the point on  $AB$  so that  $AK : KB = 2 : 1$ .  
 $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$ .

Find the position vector of  $K$ .

Give your answer in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  in its simplest form.

[3]

Since  $AK : KB = 2 : 1$ , we can express the position vector of  $K$  ( $\overrightarrow{OK}$ ) in terms of  $\overrightarrow{OA}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OB}$ :

$$\overrightarrow{OK} = \frac{1}{3}\overrightarrow{OA} + \frac{2}{3}\overrightarrow{OB}$$

Now, substitute the given vectors:

$$\overrightarrow{OK} = \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{a} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{b}$$

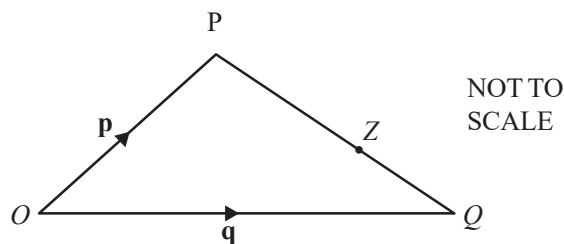
So, in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , the position vector of  $K$  is  $\frac{1}{3}\mathbf{a} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{b}$ .

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## Question 18



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$O$  is the origin,  $\overrightarrow{OP} = \mathbf{p}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OQ} = \mathbf{q}$ .  
 $Z$  is a point on  $PQ$  such that  $PZ : ZQ = 5 : 2$ .

Work out, in terms of  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ , the position vector of  $Z$ .  
 Give your answer in its simplest form.

[3]

Given that  $PZ : ZQ = 5 : 2$ , the position vector of  $Z$  ( $\overrightarrow{OZ}$ ) can be expressed as:

$$\overrightarrow{OZ} = \frac{2}{7}\overrightarrow{OP} + \frac{5}{7}\overrightarrow{OQ}$$

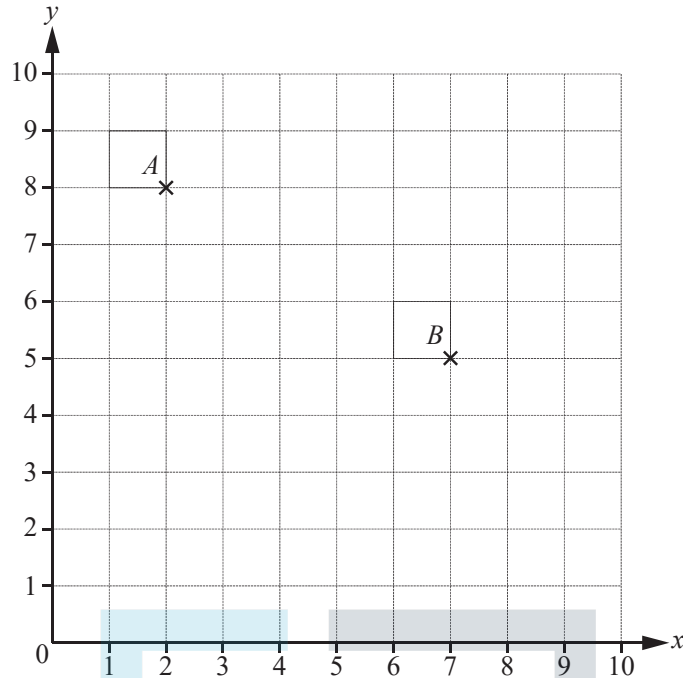
Now, substitute the given vectors:

$$\overrightarrow{OZ} = \frac{2}{7}\mathbf{p} + \frac{5}{7}\mathbf{q}$$

So, in terms of  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ , the position vector of  $Z$  is  $\frac{2}{7}\mathbf{p} + \frac{5}{7}\mathbf{q}$ .



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Points  $A$  and  $B$  are marked on the grid.

$$\vec{BC} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) On the grid, plot the point  $C$ .

[1]

The point  $C$  is plotted on the  $x$ -axis, 7 units to the right of the origin.

- (b) Write  $\vec{AC}$  as a column vector.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c)  $\vec{DE}$  is a vector that is perpendicular to  $\vec{BC}$ .  
The magnitude of  $\vec{DE}$  is equal to the magnitude of  $\vec{BC}$ .

[2]

Write down a possible column vector for  $\vec{DE}$ .

Possible column vector for  $\vec{DE}$  as  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Work out

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

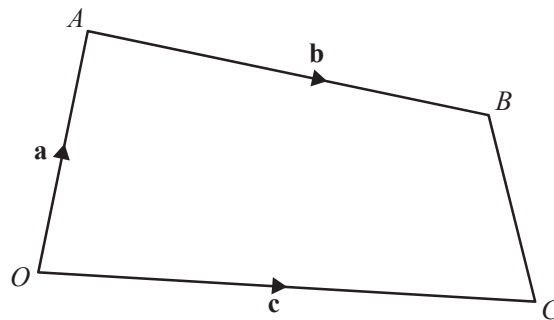
[1]

$$2\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot 3 - 1 \\ 2 \cdot 5 - 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So, } 2\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$



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SCALE

In the diagram,  $O$  is the origin,  $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{OC} = \mathbf{c}$  and  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \mathbf{b}$ .  
 $P$  is on the line  $AB$  so that  $AP : PB = 2 : 1$ .  
 $Q$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ .

Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ , in its simplest form

(a)  $\overrightarrow{CB}$ , [1]

$$\overrightarrow{CB} = \mathbf{c}$$

(b) the position vector of  $Q$ , [2]

$$\overrightarrow{OQ} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{c}$$

(c)  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ . [2]

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = \frac{3}{2}((\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) - \mathbf{a}) = \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{b}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find  $|\vec{AB}|$ .

[2]

$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 5^2}$$

$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{9 + 25}$$

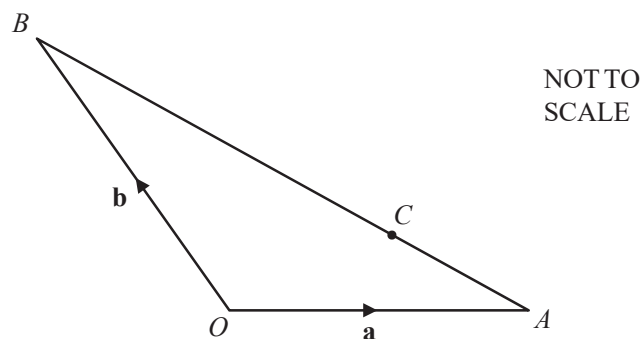
$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{34}$$

So, the magnitude of  $\vec{AB}$  is  $\sqrt{34}$ .



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## Question 23



In the diagram,  $O$  is the origin,  $\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$  and  $\vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$ .  
 $C$  is on the line  $AB$  so that  $AC:CB = 1:2$ .

Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , in its simplest form,

- (a)  $\vec{AC}$ , [2]

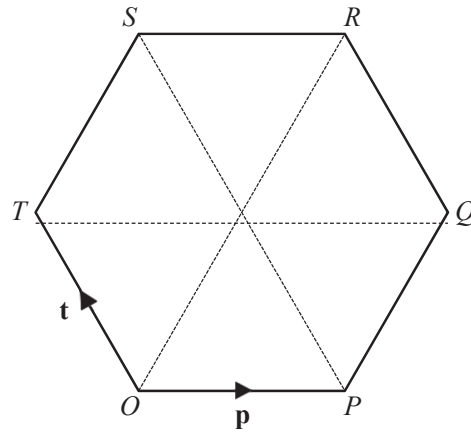
$$\vec{AC} = \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{b}$$

- (b) the position vector of  $C$ . [2]





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$O$  is the origin and  $OPQRST$  is a regular hexagon.

$$\vec{OP} = \mathbf{p} \text{ and } \vec{OT} = \mathbf{t}.$$

Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{t}$ , in their simplest forms,

(a)  $\vec{PT}$ , [1]

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{PT} &= \frac{1}{6}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{t}) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}\mathbf{p} + \frac{1}{6}\mathbf{t} \end{aligned}$$

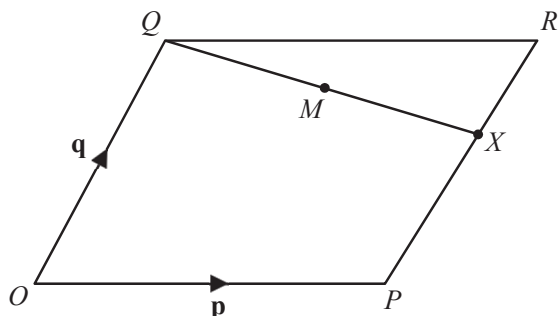
(b)  $\vec{PR}$ , [2]

$$\vec{PR} = \frac{1}{6}\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p} = -\frac{5}{6}\mathbf{p}$$

(c) the position vector of  $R$ . [2]

$$\vec{OR} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(p_x - \sqrt{3}p_y) \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}p_x + \frac{1}{2}p_y \end{pmatrix}$$

## Question 25

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$O$  is the origin and  $OPRQ$  is a parallelogram.  
 The position vectors of  $P$  and  $Q$  are  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ .  
 $X$  is on  $PR$  so that  $PX = 2XR$ .

Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ , in their simplest forms

(a)  $\overrightarrow{QX}$

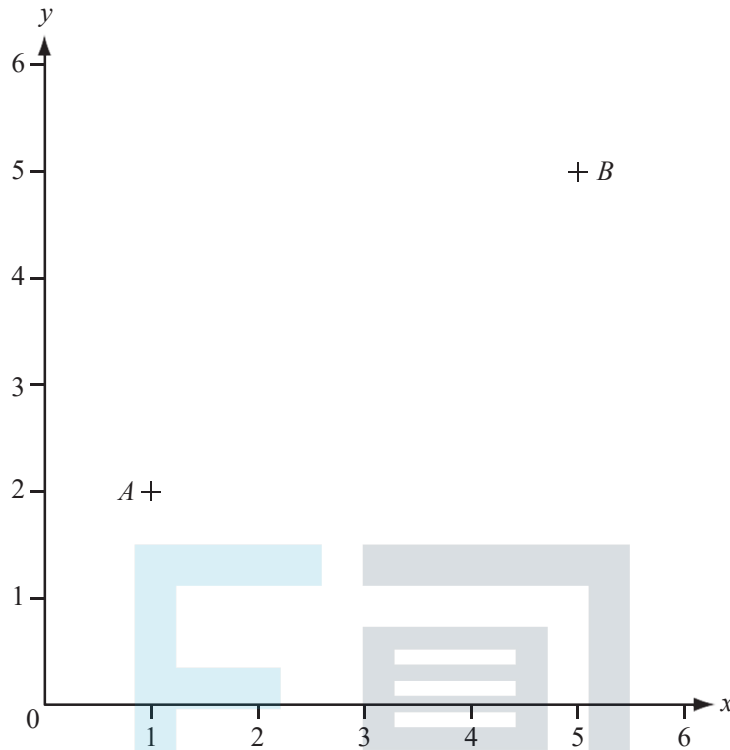
[2]

$$\overrightarrow{QX} = \mathbf{q} - \frac{2}{3}(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p})$$

(b) the position vector of  $M$ , the midpoint of  $QX$ .

[2]

$$\overrightarrow{OM} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p})$$



The points  $A(1, 2)$  and  $B(5, 5)$  are shown on the diagram .

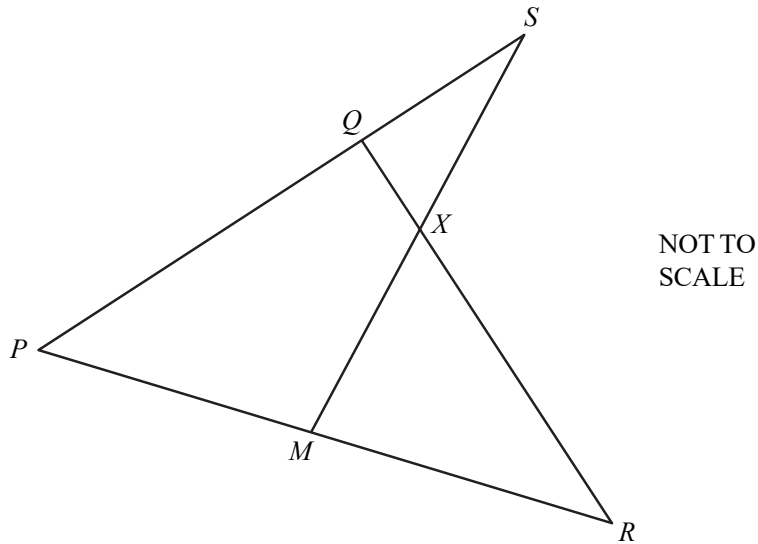
- (a) Work out the co-ordinates of the midpoint of  $AB$ . [1]

The midpoint of  $AB$  is  $(3, 3.5)$ .

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- (b) Write down the column vector  $\vec{AB}$ . [1]

The column vector  $\vec{AB}$  is:  
 $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$



In the diagram,  $PQS$ ,  $PMR$ ,  $MXS$  and  $QXR$  are straight lines.

$$PQ = 2 QS.$$

$M$  is the midpoint of  $PR$ .

$$QX : XR = 1 : 3.$$

$$\vec{PQ} = \mathbf{q} \text{ and } \vec{PR} = \mathbf{r}.$$

(a) Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{q}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$ ,

(i)  $\vec{RQ}$ , [1]

$$\vec{RQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(ii)  $\vec{MS}$ . [1]

$$\vec{MS} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} q \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2q \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) By finding  $\vec{MX}$ , show that  $X$  is the midpoint of  $MS$ . [3]

$$\vec{MX} = \vec{X} - \vec{M} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{S} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{M} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{MS}$$

## Question 28



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The position vector  $\mathbf{r}$  is given by  $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{p} + t(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})$ .

- (a) Complete the table below for the given values of  $t$ .

Write each vector in its simplest form.

One result has been done for you.

[3]

$t$	0	1	2	3
$\mathbf{r}$	$2\mathbf{p}$	$3\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}$	$4\mathbf{p} + 2\mathbf{q}$	$5\mathbf{p} + 3\mathbf{q}$

- (b)  $O$  is the origin and  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  are shown on the diagram.

The points are labeled as follows:

- (i) Plot the 4 points given by the position vectors in the table.

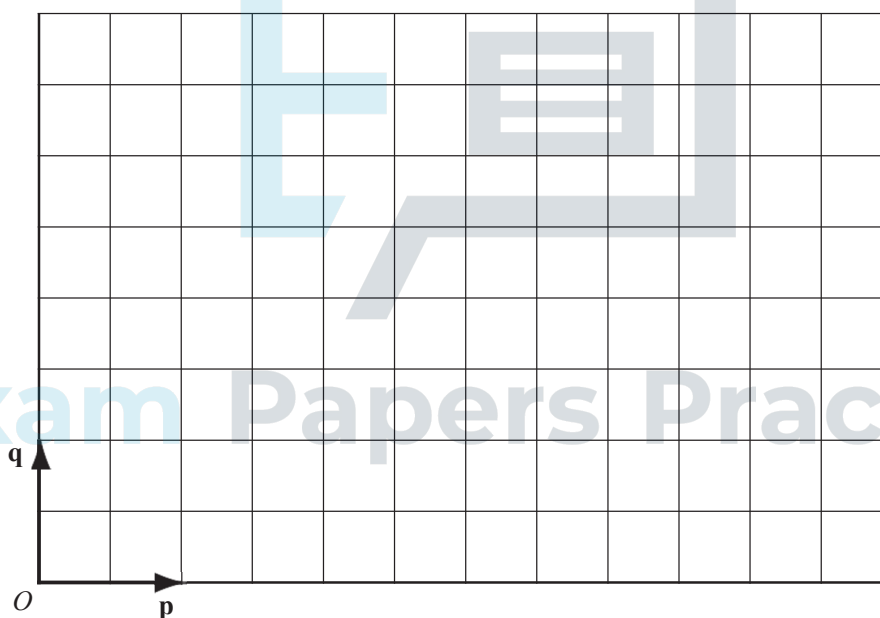
-  $P = (2, 1)$

-  $Q = (4, 3)$

-  $M = (3, 2)$

-  $R = (5, 2)$

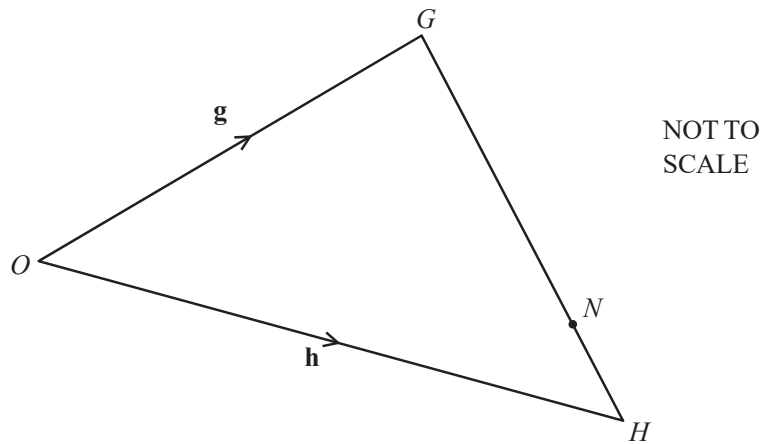
[2]



- (ii) What can you say about these four points?

[1]

The four points are collinear, evenly spaced, and divide the line segment joining  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  into four equal parts.



In triangle  $OGH$ , the ratio  $GN : NH = 3 : 1$ .

$\vec{OG} = \mathbf{g}$  and  $\vec{OH} = \mathbf{h}$ .

Find the following in terms of  $\mathbf{g}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$ , giving your answers in their simplest form.

(a)  $\vec{HG}$

[1]

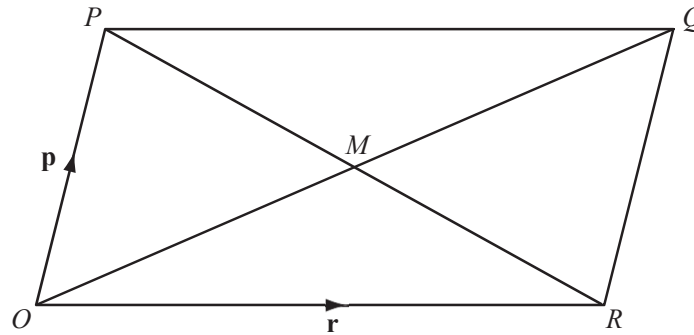
$\vec{GH} = \vec{GH}$ . The vector  $\vec{HG}$  is equal to  $\vec{GH}$ .

(b)  $\vec{ON}$

[2]

$$\vec{ON} = \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{g} + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{h}$$

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$O$  is the origin and  $OPQR$  is a parallelogram whose diagonals intersect at  $M$ .

The vector  $\vec{OP}$  is represented by  $\mathbf{p}$  and the vector  $\vec{OR}$  is represented by  $\mathbf{r}$ .

(a) Write down a single vector which is represented by

(i)  $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r}$ ,

[1]

$$\vec{OP} + \vec{OR} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r}$$

So, the single vector represented by  $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r}$  is  $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r}$ .

(ii)  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{r}$ .

[1]

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$$\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{r})$$

(b) On the diagram, mark with a cross ( $\times$ ) and label with the letter  $S$  the point with position vector

[2]

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{r}$$

To mark the point  $S$  with the given position vector  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{r}$ , we can find its coordinates in terms of the vectors  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$ .

The coordinates of  $S$  are given by  $(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{r})$ .

To find the coordinates, we can use the components of vectors  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$ . If  $p_x$

$p_y$  and  $\mathbf{r} = r_x$

$r_y$ , then the coordinates of  $S$  are:

$$(\frac{1}{2}p_x + \frac{3}{4}r_x, \frac{1}{2}p_y + \frac{3}{4}r_y)$$

Now, mark the point  $S$  on the diagram at these coordinates with a cross ( $\times$ ) and label it as  $S$ .