

1.3 Answers

A-Level Pure Mathematics Vectors II : Year 1 and Year 2

1.3.1 Solutions (1.1 Examples)

Answer 1

(i)

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{a}t$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \times 4$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 26 \end{pmatrix} \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = -5\mathbf{i} + 26\mathbf{j} \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{speed} &= |\mathbf{v}| \\ &= \sqrt{(-5)^2 + (26)^2} \\ &= 26.5 \text{ ms}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Answer 2

(i)

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{u}t + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}t^2$$

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \times 5 + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \times 5^2$$

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{pmatrix} -10 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 12.5 \\ -25 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{pmatrix} 2.5 \\ -20 \end{pmatrix}$$

(ii)

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2.5 \\ -20 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 5.5 \\ -16 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } 5.5\mathbf{i} - 16\mathbf{j}$$

1.3.2 Solutions (1.2 Exercise)

Answer 1

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} &= \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{a} t \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} 7 \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{v} &= -4 \mathbf{i} + 15 \mathbf{j} \text{ ms}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{speed} &= |\mathbf{v}| \\ &= \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (15)^2} \\ &= 15.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

Answer 2

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{s} &= \mathbf{u} t + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a} t^2 \\ \mathbf{s} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \times 3 + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \times 3^2 \\ \mathbf{s} &= \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 18 \\ -4.5 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{s} &= \begin{pmatrix} 27 \\ 1.5 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r} &= \begin{pmatrix} -20 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 27 \\ 1.5 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 3.5 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{or } &7 \mathbf{i} + 3.5 \mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

Answer 3

To get to the $t = 2$ location, move for 4 s from the $t = 6$ s position back down the path using the reversed velocity vector.

Note : The acceleration is zero as the question states the velocity is constant.
i.e.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -15 \end{pmatrix}$$

which is the particle's displacement from the origin when $t = 2$ s

Question asks for *distance* which is the magnitude of the *displacement* vector
i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{distance} &= \sqrt{8^2 + (-15)^2} \\ &= 17 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Answer 4

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{at}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{u} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \times 3$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

Question requests the initial speed which is the magnitude of the velocity vector
That is,

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sqrt{(-12)^2 + 16^2} \\ &= 20 \text{ ms}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Answer 5

(a) 9.43 ms^{-1}

(b) 328°

(c) Work out where particle is at $t = 3$ seconds

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \times 3 = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

New constant velocity from this point places particle at origin after 4 s

$$\begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \times 4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore u = 2 \text{ and } v = -3.5$$

(d) To be due south of A

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3.5 \end{pmatrix} \times t = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ \text{don't care} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$t = 3.5$$

$\therefore$ Total time is 10.5 seconds

Answer 6**(a)** As we have no acceleration, just constant velocity...

$$\text{velocity} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time}} \quad \left(\text{Vector version of speed} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 21 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}}{4}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{speed} = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}$$

$$= 5 \text{ kmh}^{-1}$$

(b) 037° **(c)**

$$\mathbf{s} = (\text{start location}) + (\text{velocity}) \times t$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \times t$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3t + 9 \\ 4t - 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (3t + 9) \mathbf{i} + (4t - 6) \mathbf{j}$$

(d)

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} 3t + 9 \\ 4t - 6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 18 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right| = 10$$

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} 3t - 9 \\ 4t - 12 \end{pmatrix} \right| = 10$$

$$\sqrt{(3t - 9)^2 + (4t - 12)^2} = 10$$

square both sides

$$(3t - 9)^2 + (4t - 12)^2 = 100$$

$$9t^2 - 54t + 81 + 16t^2 - 96t + 144 = 100$$

$$25t^2 - 150t + 125 = 0$$

divide through by 25

$$t^2 - 6t + 5 = 0$$

$$(t - 1)(t - 5) = 0$$

$$t = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad t = 5$$

Answer 7**(a)** As we have no acceleration, just constant velocity...

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{velocity} &= \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time}} \quad \left(\text{Vector version of speed} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}}{2.5} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= 2\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{b} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \times t \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 2t + 3 \\ 6t - 4 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= (2t + 3)\mathbf{i} + (6t - 4)\mathbf{j}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) At intercept...

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2t + 3 \\ 6t - 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6t - 9 \\ \lambda t + 20 \end{pmatrix}$$

First solve the upper $\mathbf{i}$ component line;

$$2t + 3 = 6t - 9$$

$$4t = 12$$

$$t = 3$$

Use this answer in the lower $\mathbf{j}$ component line;

$$6 \times 3 - 4 = 3\lambda + 20$$

$$14 - 20 = 3\lambda$$

$$\lambda = -2$$

(d) From part (a), B has speed $\sqrt{2^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{40}$ Knowing that $\lambda = 2$, C has speed $\sqrt{6^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{40}$ $\therefore B$ and C had the same speed.