

USING VECTORS IN GEOMETRIC PROOFS

3. OABC is a parallelogram in which $\overrightarrow{OA} = 6\vec{i}$ and $\overrightarrow{OC} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$. Find:

a) \overrightarrow{AB} and \overrightarrow{CB}

b) the diagonal vectors \overrightarrow{OB} and \overrightarrow{CA}

c) the vectors \overrightarrow{ON} and \overrightarrow{OM} , where N is the midpoint of OB and M is the midpoint of CA . What conclusion can you make?

d) the vectors \overrightarrow{CP} and \overrightarrow{BP} , where P is the midpoint of OA

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6 $OABC$ is a quadrilateral, $\vec{OA} = 4\vec{i}$, $\vec{OB} = 6\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$ and $\vec{OC} = 8\vec{j}$.

- (a) If P and Q are the midpoints of AB and BC respectively, find \vec{OP} , \vec{OQ} and \vec{PQ} .
- (b) Show that $\vec{PQ} = k\vec{AC}$. What geometrical conclusion can you now make?

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- 7 The position vectors of the vertices A , B , C and D of a quadrilateral are $\underline{i} + 2\underline{j}$, $5\underline{i} + 2\underline{j}$, $4\underline{i} - \underline{j}$ and $2\underline{i} - \underline{j}$ respectively. Show that the diagonals intersect at right angles.

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- 15** P and Q are the midpoints of the sides OA and OB of triangle OAB . Use a vector method to prove that PQ is parallel to AB and half its length.

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17 O is any point on the diagonal BD of the parallelogram $ABCD$. Prove that $\vec{AO} + \vec{OB} + \vec{OC} = \vec{OD}$.

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- 21 $ABCD$ is a trapezium in which $AB = x$, $DC = 2x$, $DA = y$. If E is a point in BC such that $BE = \frac{1}{3}BC$, prove that $\vec{AC} \cdot \vec{DE} = \frac{2}{3}(4x^2 - y^2)$.

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Prove that:

26 The midpoint of the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle is equidistant from the three vertices.

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Prove that:

27 If the diagonals of a parallelogram are equal in length, then the parallelogram is a rectangle.

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Prove that:

31 For any triangle PQR , $|\overrightarrow{PQ}| = |\overrightarrow{PR}| \cos P + |\overrightarrow{QR}| \cos Q$.

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Prove that:

- 32** The sum of the squares of the distances from a point A to two opposite vertices of a rectangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the distances from A to the remaining two vertices.