

## Vector-ish problems

### Question 1

Given that  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , find  $3\mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v}$  in component form.

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### Question 2

The point Q divides the line joining P(-1, -1, 0) to R(5, 2, -3) in the ratio 2 : 1.  
Find the coordinates of Q.

**Question 3**

A, B and C have coordinates  $(-3, 4, 7)$ ,  $(-1, 8, 3)$  and  $(0, 10, 1)$  respectively.

(a) Show that A, B and C are collinear.

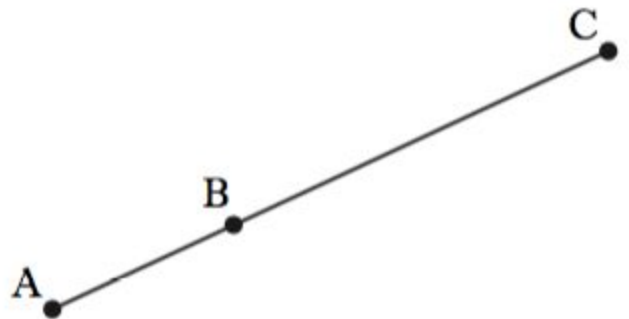
(b) Find the coordinates of D such that  $\vec{AD} = 4\vec{AB}$ .

**Question 4**

Relative to a suitable coordinate system A and B are the points  $(-2, 1, -1)$  and  $(1, 3, 2)$  respectively.

A, B and C are collinear points and C is positioned such that  $BC = 2AB$ .

Find the coordinates of C.



**Question 5**

$E(-2, -1, 4)$ ,  $P(1, 5, 7)$  and  $F(7, 17, 13)$  are three collinear points.

$P$  lies between  $E$  and  $F$ .

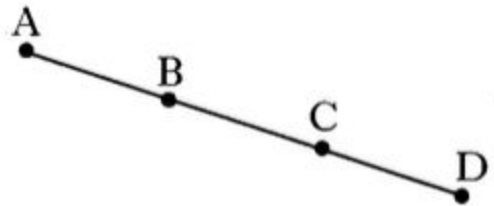
What is the ratio in which  $P$  divides  $EF$ ?

**Question 6**

$A$  and  $B$  are the points  $(-1, -3, 2)$  and  $(2, -1, 1)$  respectively.

$B$  and  $C$  are the points of trisection of  $AD$ , that is  $AB = BC = CD$ .

Find the coordinates of  $D$ .



Question 7

The vector  $\mathbf{u}$  has components  $\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Which of the following is a unit vector parallel to  $\mathbf{u}$ ?

A  $-\frac{3}{5}\mathbf{i} + \frac{4}{5}\mathbf{k}$

B  $-3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{k}$

C  $-\frac{3}{\sqrt{7}}\mathbf{i} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{7}}\mathbf{k}$

D  $-\frac{1}{3}\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{k}$

Question 8

P is the point  $(-1, 2, -1)$  and Q is  $(3, 2, -4)$ .

(a) Write down  $\vec{PQ}$  in component form.

(b) Calculate the length of  $\vec{PQ}$ .

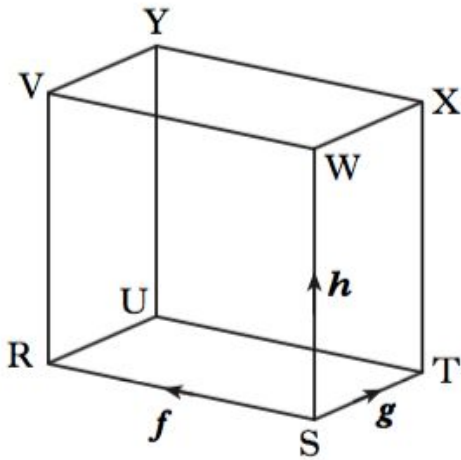
(c) Find the components of a unit vector which is parallel to  $\vec{PQ}$ .

**Question 9**

In the diagram RSTU, VWXY represents a cuboid.

$\vec{SR}$  represents vector  $f$ ,  $\vec{ST}$  represents vector  $g$  and  $\vec{SW}$  represents vector  $h$ .

Express  $\vec{VT}$  in terms of  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$ .



**Question 10**

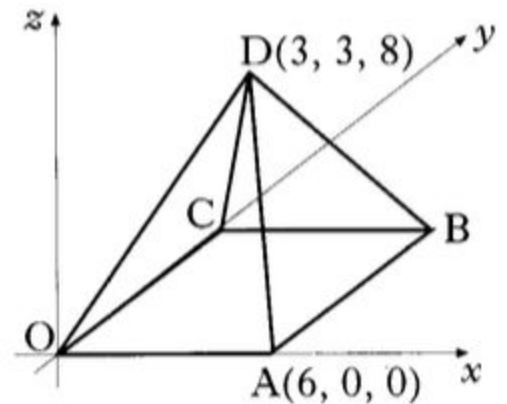
The diagram shows a square-based pyramid of height 8 units.

Square OABC has a side length of 6 units.

The coordinates of A and D are (6, 0, 0) and (3, 3, 8).

C lies on the  $y$ -axis.

- (a) Write down the coordinates of B.
- (b) Determine the components of  $\vec{DA}$  and  $\vec{DB}$ .



Question 11

The diagram shows a cuboid OABC, DEFG.

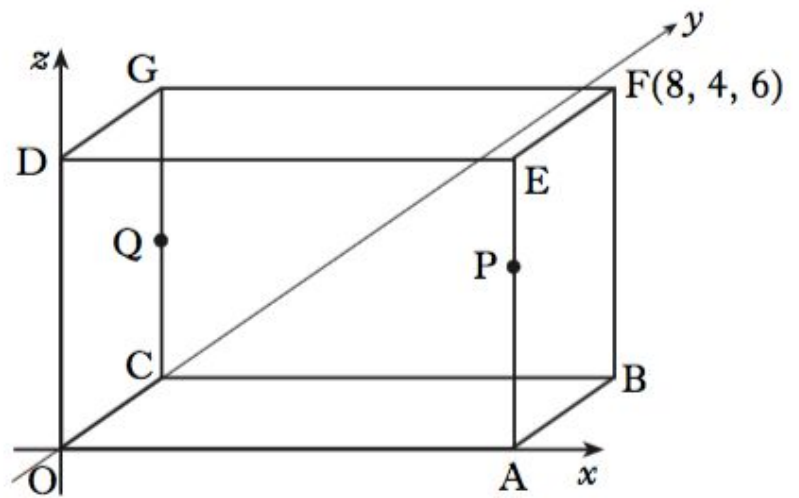
F is the point (8, 4, 6).

P divides AE in the ratio 2:1.

Q is the midpoint of CG.

(a) State the coordinates of P and Q.

(b) Write down the components of  $\vec{PQ}$  and  $\vec{PA}$ .

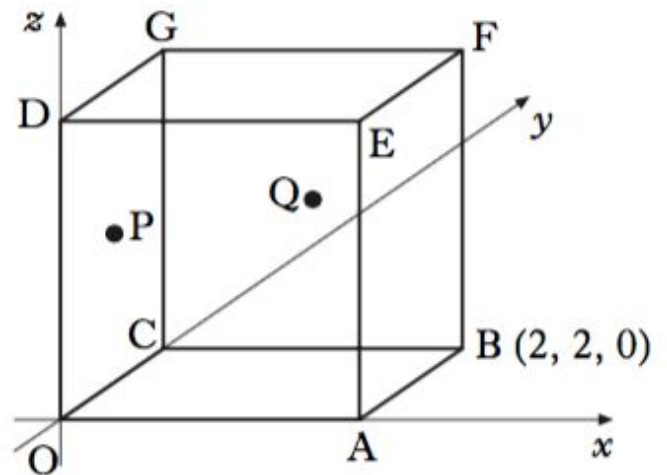


Question 12

OABCDEFG is a cube with side 2 units, as shown in the diagram.

B has coordinates (2, 2, 0).

P is the centre of face OCGD and Q is the centre of face CBFG.



(a) Write down the coordinates of G.

(b) Find  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ , the position vectors of points P and Q.

Question 13

The diagram shows a cuboid OABC, DEFG.

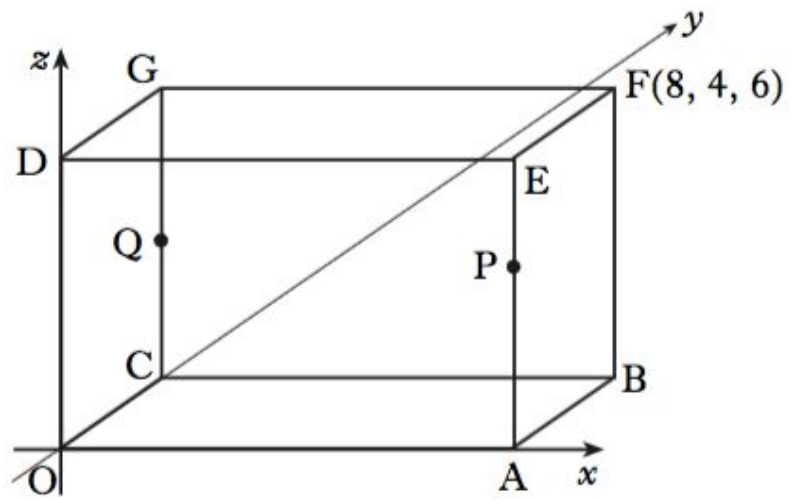
F is the point (8, 4, 6).

P divides AE in the ratio 2:1.

Q is the midpoint of CG.

(a) State the coordinates of P and Q.

(b) Write down the components of  $\vec{PQ}$  and  $\vec{PA}$ .

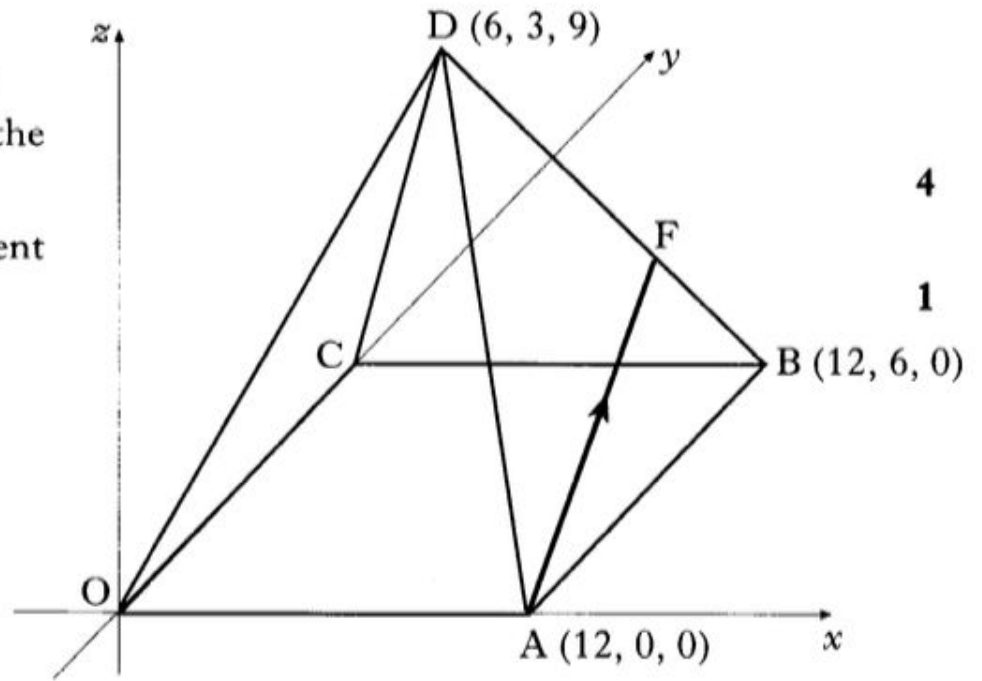


**Question 14**

$DOABC$  is a pyramid.  $A$  is the point  $(12, 0, 0)$ ,  $B$  is  $(12, 6, 0)$  and  $D$  is  $(6, 3, 9)$ .

$F$  divides  $DB$  in the ratio  $2:1$ .

- (a) Find the coordinates of the point  $F$ .
- (b) Express  $\vec{AF}$  in component form.



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