

Section 1: The scalar product

Exercise level 1

1. Find the following scalar products.

(i) $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) $(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) \cdot (-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})$

2. Find the following scalar products.

(i) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) $(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) \cdot (4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{k})$

3. The vectors $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$ are perpendicular.

Find the value of k .

4. Find the angle between the vectors

(i) $3\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$ and $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$

(ii) $\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ and $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$

5. Three points have coordinates A (2, 3, -1), B (1, 4, 0) and C(1, 8, -3).

(i) Find \overrightarrow{AB} and \overrightarrow{AC}

(ii) Find $\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AC}$

(iii) Find the angle between \overrightarrow{AB} and \overrightarrow{AC} .