

9. $ABCDEF$ is a regular hexagon. Express in terms of a single vector the sum of the vectors

(a) $\vec{AB}, \vec{AE},$

(b) $\vec{AB}, \vec{AC}, \vec{AE}, \vec{AF},$

(c) $\vec{AB}, \vec{AF},$

(d) $4\vec{AB}, 2\vec{AC}, \vec{AD}, \vec{AE}, 5\vec{AF}.$ (C)

10. $ABCDEF$ is a regular hexagon. Given that $\vec{AB} = \mathbf{p}$ and $\vec{BC} = \mathbf{q}$, express the following in terms of one, or both, \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} .

(a) $\vec{AD} + \vec{BE}$

(b) $\vec{BD} + \vec{CE}$

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VECTORS EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF TWO NON-PARALLEL VECTORS

In Example 4, \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} are non-parallel vectors and

$$\vec{FD} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q},$$

$$\vec{CD} = \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p} = -\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q},$$

$$\vec{BE} = 2(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}) = -2\mathbf{p} + 2\mathbf{q}.$$

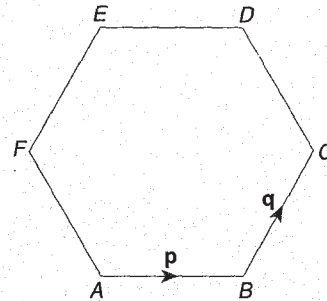


Fig. 23.16

Each of these vectors is expressed in terms of the non-parallel vectors \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} and is of the form $m\mathbf{p} + n\mathbf{q}$, where m and n are scalars.

In general:

If \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are two non-zero and non-parallel vectors, any vector \vec{OP} in the plane containing \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} can be expressed in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} . That is,

$$\vec{OP} = m\mathbf{a} + n\mathbf{b}, \text{ where } m \text{ and } n \text{ are constants.}$$

This result may be explained as follows:

For any vector \vec{OP} , there is a parallelogram $OA'PB'$ such that

$$\vec{OA'} = m\mathbf{a}, \quad \vec{OB'} = n\mathbf{b}$$

and
$$\vec{OP} = \vec{OA'} + \vec{OB'} \quad (\text{parallelogram rule})$$

$$= m\mathbf{a} + n\mathbf{b}$$

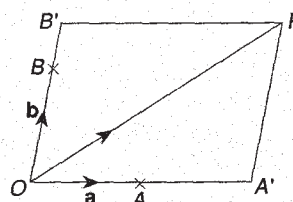


Fig. 23.17

An important nature of vectors is that two non-parallel vectors cannot be equal. This enables us to have the following results:

If non-zero vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are non-parallel, then

- (a) $\lambda\mathbf{a} = \mu\mathbf{a} \Rightarrow \lambda\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\mu\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0}$
 $\Rightarrow \lambda = 0$ and $\mu = 0$,
- (b) $p\mathbf{a} + q\mathbf{b} = r\mathbf{a} + s\mathbf{b} \Rightarrow (p - r)\mathbf{a} = (s - q)\mathbf{b}$
 $\Rightarrow (p - r) = 0$ and $(s - q) = 0$,

which gives

$$p\mathbf{a} + q\mathbf{b} = r\mathbf{a} + s\mathbf{b} \Rightarrow p = r \text{ and } q = s.$$

Example 6 Given that vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are non-parallel and non-zero, find the values of t and s if

$$\mathbf{a} + t(\mathbf{b} + 2\mathbf{a}) = 2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + s(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}).$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} + t(\mathbf{b} + 2\mathbf{a}) &= 2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + s(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \\ (1 + 2t)\mathbf{a} + t\mathbf{b} &= (2 + s)\mathbf{a} + (1 - s)\mathbf{b} \\ \Rightarrow 1 + 2t &= 2 + s \\ 2t &= 1 + s \dots\dots\dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } t = 1 - s \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Adding (1) and (2),

$$3t = 2 \Rightarrow t = \frac{2}{3} \text{ and so } s = \frac{1}{3}$$

Example 7 In Fig. 23.18, $\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$, $\vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$ and $\vec{OP} = 2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}$. Given that $\vec{OM} = \lambda\vec{OP}$ and $\vec{AM} = \mu\vec{AB}$, express \vec{OM}

(a) in terms of λ , \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} ,

(b) in terms of μ , \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

Hence find the values of λ and μ and express \vec{OM} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

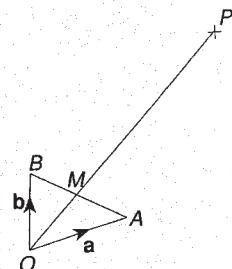


Fig. 23.18

Solution:

(a) $\vec{OM} = \lambda\vec{OP}$
 $= \lambda(2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}) \dots\dots\dots (1)$

(b) $\vec{AM} = \mu\vec{AB}$
 $= \mu(\vec{OB} - \vec{OA})$
 $= \mu(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a})$

By the triangle law,

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{OM} &= \overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{AM} \\ &= \mathbf{a} + \mu(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \\ &= \underline{(1 - \mu)\mathbf{a} + \mu\mathbf{b}} \dots\dots\dots (2)\end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2),

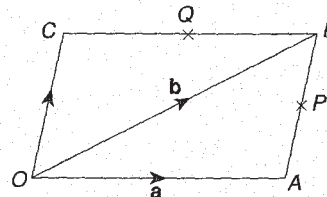
$$\begin{aligned}2\lambda\mathbf{a} + 3\lambda\mathbf{b} &= (1 - \mu)\mathbf{a} + \mu\mathbf{b} \\ \Rightarrow 2\lambda &= 1 - \mu \quad \text{and} \quad 3\lambda = \mu \\ \Rightarrow \lambda &= \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{5}}}, \quad \mu = \underline{\underline{\frac{3}{5}}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{and } \overrightarrow{OM} &= \frac{1}{5}(2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}) \\ &= \underline{\underline{\frac{2}{5}\mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{b}}}\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 23.2

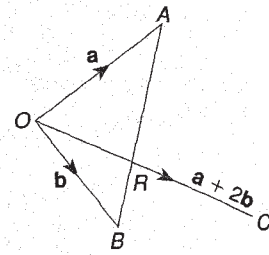
(Answers on p. 590)

1. $OABC$ is a parallelogram with $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$. P and Q are the midpoints of AB and BC respectively. Find \overrightarrow{OP} , \overrightarrow{OQ} and \overrightarrow{AQ} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .



2. $ABCDEF$ is a regular hexagon with centre O . Suppose $\overrightarrow{AB} = \mathbf{p}$ and $\overrightarrow{AF} = \mathbf{q}$, express \overrightarrow{AO} , \overrightarrow{AC} , \overrightarrow{AE} and \overrightarrow{CE} in terms of \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} .
3. Given that the non-zero vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are non-parallel and that $3\mathbf{a} + t(2\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + s(\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b})$, find the value of t and of s .
4. Two non-zero vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are non-parallel. If $2\mathbf{a} + t(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})$ and $2\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} + t\mathbf{b}$ are parallel, find the values of t .
5. $OABC$ is a square with $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$ and $\overrightarrow{OC} = \mathbf{c}$. M is the midpoint of BC and AM intersects OC produced at P . Given that $\overrightarrow{AP} = k\overrightarrow{AM}$ and $\overrightarrow{OP} = n\overrightarrow{OC}$, express \overrightarrow{OP}
- (a) in terms of k , \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{c} ,
 (b) in terms of n , \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{c} .
 Hence, find the value of n and of k .

6. Given that $\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$, $\vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$ and $\vec{OC} = \mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}$ as shown in the figure. AB meets OC at R so that $\vec{AR} = k\vec{AB}$ and $\vec{OR} = n\vec{OC}$. Express \vec{OR}



- (a) in terms of k , \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} ,
 (b) in terms of n , \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

Hence, find the value of n and of k .

7. Given that $\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$, $\vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$, $\vec{OP} = \frac{2}{3}\vec{OA}$ and $\vec{OQ} = 2\mathbf{b}$, express \vec{AB} and \vec{PQ} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

PQ meets AB at R so that $\vec{PR} = n\vec{PQ}$ and $\vec{AR} = k\vec{AB}$. Express \vec{OR}

- (a) in terms of n , \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} ,
 (b) in terms of k , \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

Hence find the value of n and of k .

23.3

POSITION VECTORS

In Fig. 23.19 the position of a point P with respect to an origin O is indicated by the directed line segment \vec{OP} . The vector \vec{OP} is called the **position vector** of P .



Fig. 23.19

Example 8 Relative to an origin O , the position vectors of the points A and B are \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} . C is the point such that $OACB$ is a parallelogram and M is the point of intersection of the diagonals OC and AB . Find the position vectors of C and M .

Solution: By the parallelogram law,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OC} &= \vec{OA} + \vec{OB} \\ &= \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\end{aligned}$$

The position vector of C is $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$.

Since the diagonals bisect each other,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OM} &= \frac{1}{2}\vec{OC} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})\end{aligned}$$

The position vector of M is $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$.

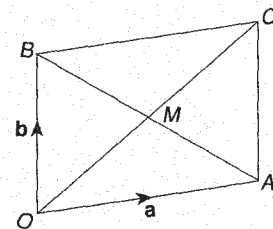


Fig. 23.20

CHAPTER 23

Exercise 23.1 (p. 481)

1. (a) \overrightarrow{AP} (b) \overrightarrow{AB} (c) \overrightarrow{AD} 3. $\frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA}), \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB})$
4. (a) $\frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB}), -\frac{3}{2}\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB}, -2\overrightarrow{OA} + \frac{1}{2}\overrightarrow{OB}$
 (b) $\frac{1}{2}\overrightarrow{OC} + 2\overrightarrow{OA}, \overrightarrow{OC} + \frac{3}{2}\overrightarrow{OA}, \frac{1}{2}\overrightarrow{OC} - \frac{1}{2}\overrightarrow{OA}$
5. $2\overrightarrow{OB}$ 6. (a) $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}$ (b) $\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}$ (c) $\mathbf{q} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}; \sqrt{2}$ units
8. $\mathbf{q} - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{p}$ 9. (a) \overrightarrow{AD} (b) $2\overrightarrow{AD}$ (c) $\frac{1}{2}\overrightarrow{AD}$ (d) $5\frac{1}{2}\overrightarrow{AD}$
10. (a) $4\mathbf{q} - 2\mathbf{p}$ (b) $3(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p})$

Exercise 23.2 (p. 485)

1. $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}), \mathbf{b} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} - \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{a}$ 2. $\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}, 2\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p} + 2\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}$
3. $s = \frac{4}{7}, t = -\frac{5}{7}$ 4. -1
5. (a) $(1 - \frac{1}{2}k)\mathbf{a} + k\mathbf{c}$ (b) $n\mathbf{c}; n = 2, k = 2$
6. (a) $(1 - k)\mathbf{a} + k\mathbf{b}$ (b) $n\mathbf{a} + 2n\mathbf{b}; n = \frac{1}{3}, k = \frac{2}{3}$
7. $\overrightarrow{AB} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}, \overrightarrow{PQ} = 2\mathbf{b} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{a}$
 (a) $\frac{2}{3}(1 - n)\mathbf{a} + 2n\mathbf{b}$ (b) $(1 - k)\mathbf{a} + k\mathbf{b}; n = \frac{1}{4}, k = \frac{1}{2}$

Exercise 23.3 (p. 490)

1. $\frac{1}{3}(2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}), \frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b})$ 2. $m\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ 3. $2(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}), 5(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})$
4. $\overrightarrow{AB} = 2\mathbf{p} - 3\mathbf{q}, \overrightarrow{AC} = 5\mathbf{p} + (k - 1)\mathbf{q}; k = -\frac{13}{2}, \lambda = \frac{2}{5}$
6. $(\lambda - 1)\mathbf{p} + (\lambda + 1)\mathbf{q}, (\lambda + 1)\mathbf{q}, \lambda = 1$
7. (a) $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})$ (b) $\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}$ (c) $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}$
8. (a) $(1 - n)k\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}n\mathbf{b}$ (b) $\frac{n - 2}{2(n - 1)}$
9. (a) $(m + 1)\mathbf{q} - m\mathbf{p}$ (b) $(3 + n)\mathbf{q} - 9\mathbf{p}; m = 9, n = 7, 10\mathbf{q} - 9\mathbf{p}$
10. $\overrightarrow{AQ} = 2\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}, \overrightarrow{BP} = 3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$
 (a) $(1 - \lambda)\mathbf{a} + 2\lambda\mathbf{b}$ (b) $3\mu\mathbf{a} + (1 - \mu)\mathbf{b}; \lambda = \frac{2}{5}, \mu = \frac{1}{5}; \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{a} + \frac{4}{5}\mathbf{b}$
11. $\frac{2}{5}(1 - l)\mathbf{a} + \frac{2}{5}l\mathbf{b}, \frac{4}{5}(\mathbf{b} - k\mathbf{a}); k = \frac{1}{4}, l = \frac{1}{2}$
12. $\overrightarrow{OG} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{d}, \overrightarrow{OC} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{d}, \overrightarrow{OE} = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{d}, \overrightarrow{OF} = \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{d}$
13. $\overrightarrow{OD} = 3(\mathbf{p} - 2\mathbf{q}), \lambda = -4$ 14. $\overrightarrow{OD} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b}, \overrightarrow{OM} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{c})$